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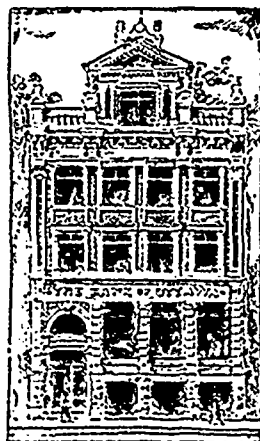
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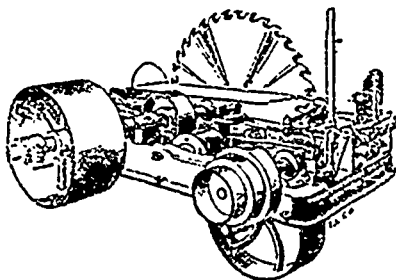
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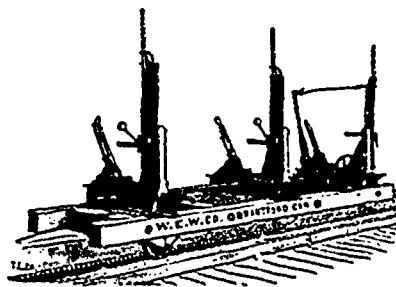
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WINNIPEG, FEB. 17, 1900.

WATERWAY TO LAKE SUPERIOR.

In the United States there is talk of opening a canal from the Red River to Lake Superior. A bill for this object has actually been introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington. The object is to establish a cheap transportation route for the products of the Red River valley. The proposed route is via the St. Louis river, thence to the upper Mississippi and a series of lakes to Red Lake and down Red Lake river to the Red River. No survey, however, has yet been made of the route and the feasibility of the proposed canal is therefore merely a matter of speculation. As far as is known, the route mentioned would appear to be not nearly as easy of development as a route via Rainy lake, Rainy river and Lake of the Woods, mainly in Canadian territory.

GOOD ROADS.

It is pleasing to note that the farmers in some districts at least are awakening to the importance of the question of improving the country roads. At a recent meeting of the Farmers Institute of Posen, the first matter for discussion was, "Our Roads," with the result that it was decided to petition the government to improve the condition of the main road of the locality.

The government should certainly take up this matter energetically. While a great deal must be left to the municipalities themselves, the government can come to their assistance by appointing instructors and in other ways. The abolition of the antiquated statute labor system by the legislature would also be an important step in the right direction. Progress-

sive municipalities in the east have abandoned this system, which has been a hindrance rather than an assistance in securing good roads.

C. P. R. Land Sales.

	1899.	1898.
January	14,718	22,014
February	13,747	20,650
March	24,045	33,421
April	36,626	43,145
May	39,673	43,148
June	54,225	49,203
July	47,402	39,512
August	35,214	19,448
September	25,317	18,007
October	30,473	17,026
November	42,633	25,979
December	52,255	17,039
	416,428	348,612

	1899.	1898.
January	\$ 46,411.35	\$ 72,924.83
February	43,371.00	66,399.00
March	74,430.00	109,010.00
April	116,835.00	149,276.00
May	125,862.00	137,535.00
June	169,231.00	160,200.00
July	149,546.00	123,010.00
August	110,705.00	63,911.00
September	83,719.70	56,336.43
October	99,429.09	55,570.67
November	140,491.39	82,918.61
December	161,762.38	54,703.01
	\$1,324,796.91	\$1,123,691.58

Last year's land business was the largest in the history of the company. In addition to the above figures the Canada Northwest Land company's sale for 1899 are approximated at 82,000 acres, the proceeds of which will total \$115,000. In 1898 the C. N. W. L. Co. sold 71,000 acres for \$383,000. Its business is now administered in connection with the C. P. R. land department.

Fish in the North.

Some interesting information as to the extent of the fishery industry in the north and the number of fish caught in Great Slave lake, and the Mackenzie river was given to the Edmonton Bulletin by W. E. Reid, who returned a few days ago after an extended sojourn in the north country. Fish, of course, constitute the diet of the north, and the number which are caught and consumed yearly are surprising. The following figures were supplied by Mr. Reid. They represent the catch last season at the points named:

Fort Simpson	15,000
Providence, Catholic mission	40,000
Providence, Hudson's Bay Co.	9,000
Baptiste Boviere, trader	5,000
Ray River, mission	35,000
Resolution, Hislop & Nagle and H. B. Co.	20,000
	124,000

This catch, large as it is, does not include those taken by the Indians and half-breeds, who constitute 90 per cent. of the inhabitants of the north and whose diet is almost exclusively whitefish.

The fish are caught in nets just as winter is setting in. After being caught they are "hung" which consists of stringing them on sticks without being either cleaned or scaled, and hanging the string up out of the reach of the dogs. The most palatable way of eating them, Mr. Reid states, is to take a fish frozen, and hang it up alongside your campfire until it is roasted, when the skin is peeled off and the fish is eaten much as one would eat a cob of corn. The natives also make a very edible "spawn bread"

out of the fish spawn. The average weight of the whitefish is two and a half and three-quarter pounds. In the winter trout of excellent quality are caught through the ice with lines. Notwithstanding the great number of fish which are taken from the lake every year the number does not appear to be diminishing. In fact the natives report that the fisheries for the past few years have been better than they ever were before.

Cordwood Tenders Accepted.

At the meeting of the Winnipeg city council on Monday night last, tenders for cordwood, previously accepted by committees, were confirmed by the council as follows:

The tenders of D. D. Wood for 500 to 800 cords of jack pine at \$4.35 per cord, delivered at the various city buildings as required. The tender of W. Henry & Son for 200 to 400 cords of poplar wood for rollef purposes at \$3.70 per cord, to be delivered as required.

The Winnipeg school board called for tenders recently for from 300 to 500 cords of jack pine, and a like quantity of tamarac, and awarded the contract for the former to D. D. Wood at \$4.25 per cord, and the tamarac to T. D. Robinson at \$4.73 per cord.

Fur Trade Notes.

The great advance in raw furs, as shown at the recent London sales, may cause some sharp changes in fur fashions, as there will be a tendency to seek cheaper lines or imitations.

The impression prevails, says the New York Fur Trade Review, that the collection of raw furs for the season is quite small, and that it is too late to change this condition. The situation, we think, impresses the necessity for close study and great deliberation in action for the remainder of the season to insure stability in values.

The next public raw fur sales in London will be as follows: Hudson's Bay Company, March 19 to 22, C. M. Lampson & Co., March 19 to 30. Latest dates for forwarding shipments from New York to March sales are: For silver, blue and cross fox, otter, beaver, fisher, lynx, wolverine, musk-ox, dry fur seal, and sea otter, March 2, all other articles, March 9.—Fur Trade Review.

It is said that there has been an increase in the number of furs marketed in the state of Michigan, as a result of a law protecting fur-bearing animals. Undoubtedly it is a proper and wise course to protect fur-bearing animals, so as to prevent the killing of them out of season. A great waste is occasioned by the slaughtering of animals at a time when their pelts are of little value. Not only has the number of skins increased in Michigan, but there has been a more marked increase in the average value of the skins marketed. One dealer places the increase in the average value at nearly 100 per cent, as worthless or almost worthless skins, killed out of season, are not now offered.

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Among the number of fine new wholesale warehouses which have been occupied recently by Winnipeg concerns one of the largest and finest is that of Merrick, Anderson & Co., manufacturers' agents, on Bannatyne Avenue East, near the Red river and backing on the transfer railway track. This firm is one of the oldest in its line in Winnipeg, having started here in 1882 in a small building near the south end of Main street. Later they moved to a brick block on Princess street opposite the end of Ross avenue which was destroyed by fire in 1891. Since then they have occupied one of the warehouses in a brick block on the southwest corner of Princess and William streets. Ever since the fire of 1891 the firm have been very much cramped for room and have had their stocks stored in two or three different buildings. In the new building they will be able to carry all their goods under one roof, and can handle their growing trade to best advantage.

The heads of this firm are G. A. Merrick and T. A. Anderson, both of whom are regarded as leading men in their line in the city. Some of the agencies of the firm are as follows: Caverhill, Learmont & Co., Montreal, shelf and heavy hardware of all kinds. The D. Moore Co., Hamilton, stoves, hollow ware, etc.; Burrows, Stewart & Milne, Hamilton, makers of "Grand Jewel" stoves, ranges, furnaces, and Imperial standard scales; The Canada Paint Co., Ltd., Montreal, makers of "Elephant" brand white lead and ready mixed paints; The Consumers Carriage Co., Ltd., Montreal, binder twine, rope, etc.; The Thos. Davidson Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Montreal, stamped tin and enameled ware; The Manitoba Bulking Paper Co., Winnipeg, plain and tarred building paper, etc.; The Dominion Bag Company, Ltd., Montreal, jute and cotton bags of all kinds, and the National Sewing Machine Company, of Belvidere, Ohio. This will give the reader an idea of the range of goods handled by this firm and the amount of stock carried may be judged when we say that all the goods mentioned are kept regularly in store here. Five travellers are constantly on the road between Port Arthur and the coast handling these various lines.

The new building, a cut of which is shown herewith, is 75 by 90 feet in dimension, with five storeys and basement. Its walls are of brick on stone foundations. The ground floor contains the offices and shipping room, vaults, toilet rooms, etc., also a stock of cut and wire nails, tin, Canada plates, galvanized iron and various other heavy metals. The general offices, which are roomy, specially well lighted and ventilated are approached through a large hallway which also provides access to the private offices of the heads of the firm and to the warehouses. The finishing on this floor is done in British Columbia fir and the ceilings in metal. The ventilation of the offices is accomplished by a specially constructed system leading from the vaults to the roof of the building. The plan is new and gives most thorough results, besides insuring coolness in the vaults in case of fire.

The basement is a well lighted, roomy apartment where stocks of binder twine, building paper, wire, furnaces, castings, etc., are stored. From the rear of the basement goods can be loaded and unloaded right from

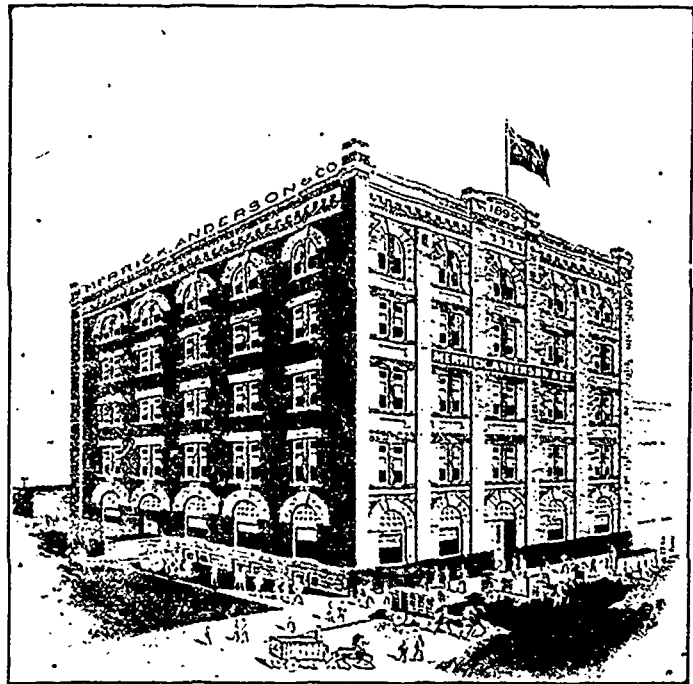
the railway cars. The platform at the back of the building is long enough to permit of two cars being handled at a time.

The second floor of the building is divided into sample rooms mainly, and the balance is used for storage of bags. The third floor contains stocks of paints, brushes, granite, tin and stamped ware. The fourth floor contains stoves, ranges, furnaces, all descriptions of tinware, lanterns, sewing machines and bicycles. The top floor is devoted to wooden ware, stove pipes, ellows, tinware, wringers, washers, and other light goods.

From the description it will be seen that this new building is fully occupied. The weight of such a stock as has been described will suggest itself at once to the reader. To meet this both walls and floors are of unusual strength and thickness. The building is fitted with a powerful elec-

A complaint from A. C. Giers, of Cartwright, that no cars had been received at that town from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2 last, was replied to by a letter from the station agent, who said that between the dates named 11 cars of wheat had been shipped from Cartwright. Mr. Shaw gave the receipts, shipments and storage capacity at Cartwright, showing that no serious inconvenience could have occurred, as there was ample storage accommodation, and shipments were equal to half the amount marketed during the basiest season.

Evidence was next given as to the procedure in distributing cars. Cars were always sent out in the order of demand, one car being given to each applicant first, and then the others distributed by the chief dispatcher between stations, in proportion to the average daily shipments from such stations. Orders the company found in-



Merrick, Anderson & Co.'s New Warehouse, Winnipeg.

tric freight elevator protected against accident by automatic doors and other safety devices. In fact, in every way it is a thoroughly up to date warehouse and will furnish ample accommodation for the growing business of its owners for many years to come.

The Elevator Commission.

The elevator commission closed its labors so far as hearing evidence is concerned, last week. The closing sessions of the commission were occupied in hearing evidence of railway officials.

Geo. H. Shaw, assistant general freight agent of the C. P. R., replied to some charges of delays of grain in transit and car shortages.

In regard to a complaint by John A. Keller, of Brandon, that a carload of wheat shipped March 2 last had not reached its destination at Fort William until April 22, Mr. Shaw had made enquiries but could not trace that any such person had shipped a car of wheat over the C. P. R.

possible to fill were cancelled each week on Saturday, after which the orders must be renewed.

Regarding shrinkage, Mr. Shaw submitted a statement showing that the custom of grain trade is to sell grain to continental ports and London, guaranteeing full outturn, but to other United Kingdom ports, they sell subject to outturn within one per cent on through or ocean bills of lading. On grain shipped from Fort William elevators to St. John and Boston for export, the usual allowance made by the trade for shrinkage is one-quarter of one per cent. The rule to be adopted for grain shortages on the opening of navigation this coming season will be one-half of one per cent, instead of one-quarter of one per cent. On grain shipped from interior Manitoba points to St. John and Boston for export the outturn weights at seaboard govern. The average ocean shrinkage is five-eighths to three-quarters of one per cent.

Mr. Shaw also submitted a statement showing freight rates on grain from Manitoba points to Fort Wil-

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ham, compared with rates from Minnesota and Dakota points to Duluth over the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads, showing that rates were considerably higher in the States south of the boundary than in Manitoba. The following shows the rate from Canadian Pacific Railway points to Fort William on wheat in car lots, per 100 lbs.:

Station.	Miles.	Rate.
Winnipeg	426	14
Portage la Prairie	481	15
Carman	483	15
Morden	506	15
Gretna	496	15
Emerson	490	15
Snowflake	562	16
Killarney	590	16
Boissevain	608	16

Rates to Duluth, from Great Northern railway points:

Station.	Miles.	R.
Crookston	263	1-
Grand Forks	288	14.1-2
Manoel	301	15
Grafton	328	15
Glasston	348	16
Neche	369	16
St. Vincent	324	16
Wahballa	376	16.1-2
Hanna	413	17
St. John	450	19
Bottineau	474	19

Rates to Duluth from Northern Pacific railway points in Minnesota and Dakota:

Station.	Miles.	Rate.
Crookston	299	14.
Grand Forks	327	14.1-2
Gilby	352	15
Grafton	375	15
Drayton	391	15.1-2
Pembina	420	16

Mr. Shaw further said the rate from Brandon to Fort William was 16c per 100 lbs, a distance of 559 miles, or .571 per ton per mile. From St. Paul to Chicago, 109 miles, the rate was 12 1-2c, or .615 per ton per mile, which was higher, though the traffic between St. Paul and Chicago was much heavier and there was freight both ways, whereas they have to haul empty cars back from Fort William.

Canada Cycle and Motor Co.

The Canada Cycle and Motor Co. has made preparations for handling a big bicycle trade in the west this year. The company has taken a lease of the large warehouse on Princess street, Winnipeg, recently occupied as a wholesale warehouse by the Ames Holder Co., and this building has been fitted up with every convenience for the bicycle trade. The intention is to make it the permanent headquarters for the company here, as a lease has been taken of the building for several years. In this building the company will have ample accommodation for handling a large trade. Three floors, including the basement, the full size of this large warehouse, will be occupied. On the ground floor large and handsome office quarters have been provided, with a sample room in a separate apartment, where the large line of wheels made by the company are shown to good advantage. An apartment has also been fitted up on the ground floor specially for bicycle supplies. In this department a large stock of bicycle parts of every description will be constantly carried, so that agents and others handling wheels will be able to secure anything desired on short notice. The balance of the floor is fitted up with racks for bicycles, the racks extending in tiers one above the other, three deep. The arrangement is very convenient, and any class of bicycles required can be taken out without disturbing the stock.

The basement will be used for general storage purposes and surplus stock. The second floor is fitted up partly with racks, the same as part of the ground floor, for bicycles, altogether providing accommodation for 3,000 wheels. Some car lots have already arrived and been placed in stock. A part of the second floor has also been fitted up specially for storing bicycles for owners, during winter or any time when the wheels are not in use. On the second floor also a separate apartment has been provided for a repair shop. A motor, lathes and all the plant required for a first class repair shop is being put in. Parties handling any of the wheels made by the company will therefore be able to have any repairs made on short notice in the repair department. This will be a great convenience to agents handling these wheels. An elevator connects the ground floor with the repair department above.

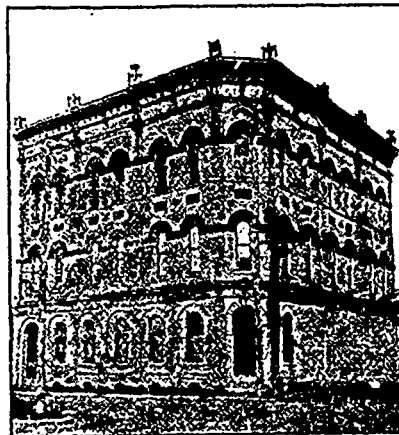
The company is manufacturing all the wheels which were last year made by the five separate companies which are now amalgamated as the Canada Cycle and Motor Co., maintaining the distinctive features of the different wheels. A word about the wheels will

male rider, the chain has often been the cause of an ugly tumble, on occasions when clips have been forgotten or have accidentally slipped off unnoticed.

There is also no chain to adjust or keep clean in the case of the chainless wheel. All chain wheels, however, made by this company, may be fitted with a gear case, at a slight extra cost. If desired, which protects the chain from dust, and in the case of ladies' wheels is a safeguard against skirt entanglements.

The Cleveland wheel retains, the ball and roller bearings, as last year. The Red Bird also retains the separate cage arrangement for the ball bearings. The Wellauic Vale again has the one-piece crank, and retains the position of bearings, which were distinctive features of this wheel. Purchasers have the option of 25 or 30 different seats and handle bars, which should be range enough to suit the most fastidious in these features at least.

The Winnipeg branch of the Canada Cycle and Motor Co. is under the management of J. Laisley, who last year managed the Winnipeg branch of the Geol! Bicycle Co. Mr. Laisley expects about the first of July to show samples here of the horseless carriages, which the company will also manufacture in all the patterns and styles desirable.



Canada Cycle and Motor Co.'s Warehouse, Winnipeg.

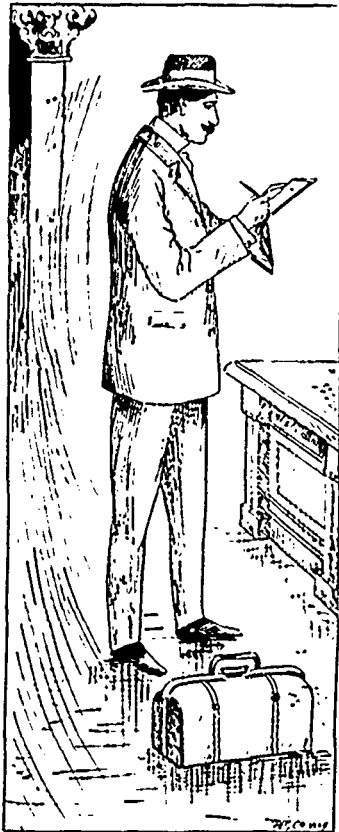
be in place here. There have not been any important or radical changes in the wheels this year, as compared with last season. The bearings, frames and models are much the same. No freaks have been introduced by the company and nothing of an experimental nature is shown. Every feature of the wheels is such as has been tested and is known to be good. The changes made are in the direction of securing greater perfection in detail. In the sample room all the different wheels are shown, there being five models in each line, making a great range to select from. Great attention has been given to the production of a racer bicycle, resulting in a nineteen pound wheel which is claimed to be as near perfection as it is possible to make anything. Ladies' and gent's chainless wheels in five models each are shown. The price of chainless wheels has been considerably reduced, and no doubt this class of wheel will have a much larger sale this year. As to the advantage of the chainless wheel, as compared with the chain wheel, there is still a difference of opinion, each class still having its ardent advocates among professional bicycle men and riders. One thing, for ladies, there is no chain to entangle the skirt, and even with the

Is Commission Property Dutiable?

To the Editor of The Commercial.
Sir,—The board of customs at Ottawa have recently given a ruling that where a charge for commission is shown on an invoice of goods, such charge should form part of the value on which duty is exacted. This is an altogether new construction placed on the customs act. For over twenty years the customs department have allowed this charge to go untaxed. Under the able administration of Mr. Jas. Johnson as commissioner, and, later, under that of Mr. Parmelee, such a decision was never arrived at, although the customs act of those days was identical with that of today, in so far as the clauses affecting value for duty was concerned. Now the department have decided differently, and commission charges must pay duty. The unfortunate part of it is that importers have no redress against such a decision except by appeal to the minister of customs. The amount involved in most cases is, doubtless, only small but the principle of the thing is what interests all importers more or less—a new interpretation having been put upon an old law.

The explanation given by the department is that the charge for commission is the "exporter's profit," and that, as the invoice produced represents only the transaction as between the exporter and the Canadian importer, duty must be paid upon the full amount which such exporter receives for the goods.

A charge for commission cannot properly be called the "exporter's profit"—commission being very distinct from profit and loss. A firm in Winnipeg buys a quantity of tapioca, say, in the Straits Settlements, through another firm acting as agents in Singapore for this very purpose. This second firm actually buys the tapioca on account and at the risk of the first named firm, and forwards an account showing: (1) Amount paid in the open market for the goods; (2) charges incurred in shipping the same, viz., postage, telegrams, boat and



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coolie hire, consul's fee, interest, insurance, export duty, etc., etc., and then (3) a charge of 2 1/2 per cent on the whole amount for their trouble, calling this by its proper commercial term—commission. Now, the customs act distinctly says that the value for duty is to be the value of the goods when sold for home consumption in the principal markets of the country whence, and at the time when, the same are exported to Canada. As has been previously pointed out, this clause of the act was not formerly so interpreted as to include commission charges, and it will not easily bear such an interpretation when the facts are made clear. Suppose that, for ex-

consul's fees, insurance, export duty, etc., etc., which the consumer in the country of export is not called upon to pay. This is really the gist of the whole matter, for against the rating of the department, it may well be claimed that the commission in these instances is a charge which the consumer in the country of export does not have to pay, and therefore, should not be subject to customs duty.

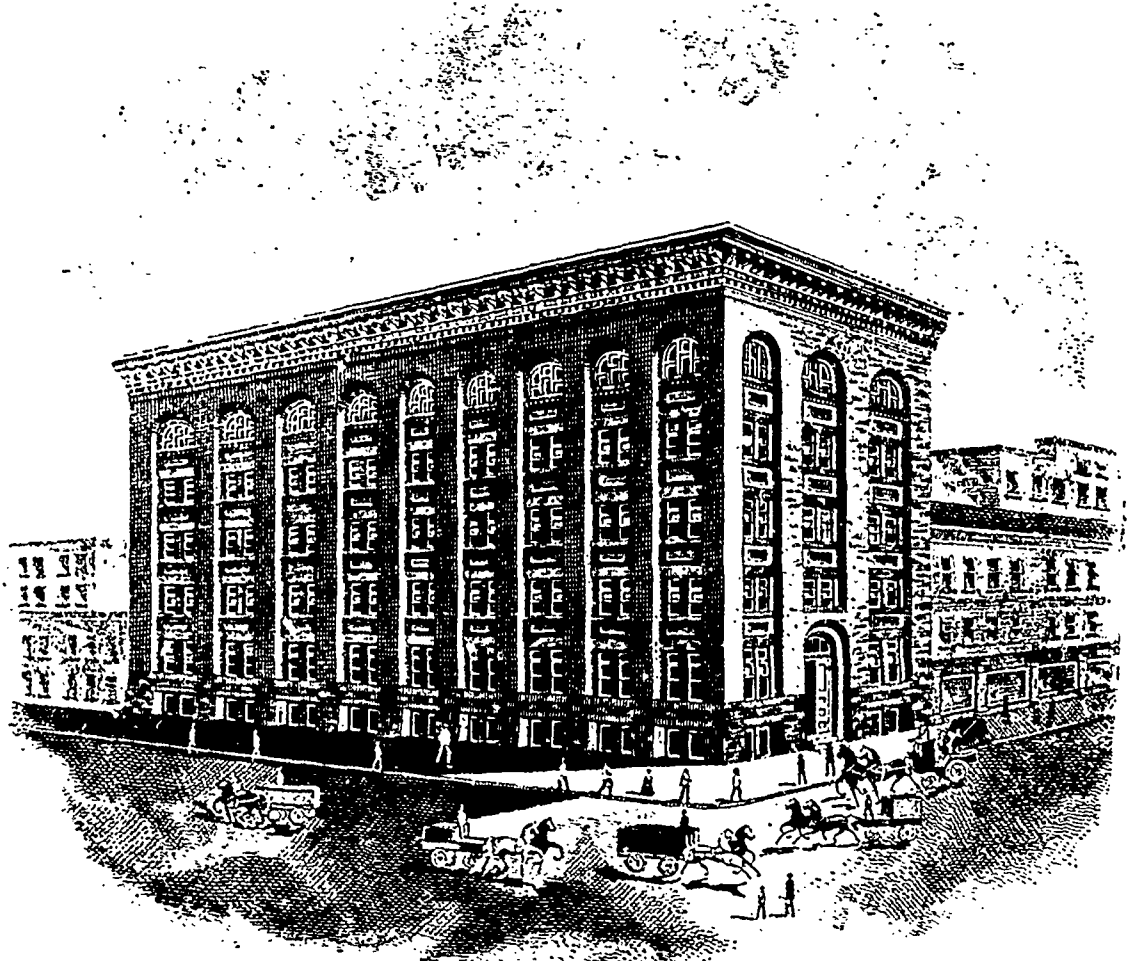
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February 8th, 1900.

New Dry Goods Warehouse.

A good deal of space has been devoted in these columns of late to illustrations

thing but unbounded faith in the future of the country. Their old warehouse on the corner of McDermott avenue and Albert Streets is still one of the most imposing looking buildings in the city notwithstanding that it has been there for nearly eighteen years and is now overshadowed by several others in size. The new warehouse is one block further west on McDermott avenue, cornering on Arthur street. From the accompanying cut it will be seen to be a five storey brick building with stone basement. It is splendidly lighted throughout with rows of double windows on the east and north sides. The main entrance is from McDermott Avenue by massive and very handsome



R. J. Whittla & Co.'s New Warehouse, Winnipeg.

ample. Instead of dealing through agents in Singapore, a member of a Winnipeg firm journeyed thither once a year to personally purchase his stock, as certain dry goods merchants are accustomed to do in their business, there would then be no charge for commission, although the expenses for travelling would more than cover it. As concerning the claim of the department that the importer should pay duty upon the full amount which the exporter receives for the goods, this appears indeed, to be something altogether new in customs law. In almost every case which comes before the customs authorities, the invoice bears charges which do not form part of the dutiable value, as, for instance, charges for outside cases, cartage, prepaid freight, charges for bills of lading, lighterage, postage, and telegrams,

and descriptions of various new wholesale warehouses which have been erected in Winnipeg during the past year and several of them have been shown to be handsome and commodious buildings. This week we have the pleasure of presenting a cut of the new wholesale dry goods warehouse of R. J. Whittla & Co., one of the oldest and best known jobbing concerns in the west. It is a safe thing to say that nowhere in Canada is there a finer or more completely up to date dry goods warehouse than this, and further it is safer to say that nowhere in Canada is there a concern that has worked harder for or better deserves it. R. J. Whittla & Co. have been in the wholesale business here since 1882, and previous to that had three years' experience in the city retail trade, and in all that time have never manifested any-

oak doors which lead into a vestibule and from there into the ground floor ware room. To the right is Mr. Whittla's private office, to the left Mr. Elliott's office and further on the general business office. The remainder of this floor is devoted to stocks of fancy colored cottons, imported and Canadian cottons and woollen goods. This floor communicates also with the shipping and receiving rooms and through it with an extensive shipping platform at the rear end of the building.

The basement floor, which is finely lighted, contains the stock of heavy domestic goods, brackets, cottons, sheetings, etc., and is quite as attractive as any other department.

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All these storeys with the exception of the top, are finished with metallic ceilings.

The building is heated by steam from a 35 horse power boiler and is amply protected against fire. Besides a powerful freight hoist it is provided with a light passenger elevator for the more speedy conveyance of employees and visitors to the various floors.

The Brandon Convention.

Brandon, Feb. 9.—A convention of representative men of western Manitoba, under the auspices of the Brandon board of trade, was held in the council chamber, Brandon, last evening. Over a hundred business men from Brandon and surrounding towns, together with representatives from the municipalities to the north, attended. Among those present from Brandon were: Jas. Sherriff, of the Brandon Implement works; John Hanbury, wholesale lumber manufacturer; T. Adams, wholesale harness; F. Smith, wholesale groceries; J. A. Robinson, manufacturer of beverages; A. White-law, wholesale produce; A. F. Campbell, furnitur.; D. M. McMillan, wholesale coal; A. D. Rankin and A. Shewan, dry goods; A. E. McKenzie, wholesale grain and seed; H. Latmore, trees; A. C. Fraser, dry goods.

A resolution passed by the Reeves in the afternoon was re-affirmed by this meeting, and it was also decided to send a delegate to be appointed by the council of the Board of trade to accompany the delegation.

A petition was read by the secretary which was largely signed. The petition was addressed to the house of commons, and asked that the system of discrimination in freight rates by railroads be forbidden; that a uniform passenger rate of not less than three cents per mile in Manitoba be established; that a railroad commission be appointed, and that surveys be required and companies be compelled to show their ability to carry out the construction of the road before being granted a charter.

Mr. A. C. Fraser, ex-M. P., moved a resolution which was seconded by John Inglis, and unanimously carried. It dealt with the matter of freight rate discriminations and urged strongly that this injustice be removed. Mr. Fraser stated that his resolution applied most directly to the city of Brandon, but that it also applied directly to the farmers in the western portion of the province to whom the development of Brandon meant cheaper prices for their necessities. He thought that the city of Winnipeg was now strong enough to exist without assistance in freight discrimination. Brandon wanted no assistance, simply fair play, and a chance to develop on even terms.

A resolution was moved by Mayor McDonald, seconded by Reeve Pentland asking the government to compel the C. P. R. to give a three cent rate on all its branches as does the N. P. and M. and N. W., and the C. P. R. on a portion of its road.

The following resolution was moved by G. D. Wilson, seconded by Reeve

Pool, of Archie: "Whereas the principle of the public management of rail ways is recognized and adopted the world over, except in Canada, Great Britain and the United States, and whereas in Great Britain and the United States the principle of regulating the private management of railways by means of a national board of trade and interstate commerce commission, is acknowledged and adopted; and, whereas, the federal government has partially recognized the principle of public regulation by constituting the railway committee of the privy council; and, whereas, the railway committee has neither the power nor the machinery necessary to effectually regulate the railways; and, whereas, the unrestricted and unregulated management of railways in Canada has led to numerous and serious grievances, which demand redress; therefore, be it resolved, that this convention strongly urge the federal government to appoint a railway commission, with full powers to regulate and control railway rates, and to redress the grievances of the public."

Alderman Caldwell moved a vote of thanks to those who had so largely attended from a distance.

The attendance at the meeting was a strong evidence of the interest taken in the subject of freight rates and railway extension. The city council chamber was filled with men interested in the subject, some of them having driven 65 miles to be present.

Reeve Pool, of the Municipality of Archie stated in a short but pointed speech that not 50 per cent of their municipality was assessable, simply because they had no transportation facilities. Ald. Caldwell emphasized the fact that the Northern Pacific was the road wanted. The N. P. wanted more mileage in Manitoba and it was the road that would give competition. He pointed out that it was to the interests of those in the west that the road should come from Brandon. The development of Brandon into a populous centre would be directly aiding to all residents of the western portion of the province. Reeve Rodgers, of North Cypress, said the farmers had been drawing their wheat 20 miles for 20 years. They wanted a railroad at all cost. Councillor McNaughton stated that it took the farmers from the time they had threshed until spring to haul their grain to market. Reeve Taylor, of Minota, said many good settlers had moved away because farming could not be profitable so great a distance from market. D. M. McMillan said he understood the N. P., and C. P. R. had entered into an agreement whereby the N. F. for concessions in the state of Washington, would extend their Manitoba lines no farther. He thought they should call upon the government to build the road. R. E. H. Leech, had it on good authority that the N. P. would not extend their Manitoba lines this year. He thought it would be better to have the road built by the government. Reeve Pool of Archie, said it was no time to talk of anything but the immediate building of the road. His people were entirely opposed to the principle of bonusing but they would knuckle down to anything in order to get a railroad.

THE REEVES IN SESSION.

At a meeting composed of representatives of Daly, Woodworth, Minnola, Elton, and North Cypress, held in the afternoon, there were present: From Daly, Reeve Sargent, Councillors Chisholm and Lockhart; from Woodworth,

Reeve Kent, and Councillor McKay; from Minnola, Reeve Taylor and Councillor Thompson; from Elton, Messrs. Waunup and Carswell; from North Cypress, Reeve Rogers and Councillor McNaughton. The purpose of the meeting was the discussion of railway extension, and the following resolution was passed: Moved by A. W. Kent, Reeve of Woodworth, and seconded by D. McNaughton, of North Cypress: "That, whereas the Northern Pacific Railway company, in the building of its line from Portage la Prairie west, has not, in our opinion, received the encouragement from the late government that the importance of the case demands; and, whereas, the introduction of the Northern Pacific railway, in accordance with its proposed charter, would give to the public a colonization road, and also a trunk line; and, whereas, such a line would develop this large stretch of country, relieving the settlers of those heavy burdens they now bear, among which are hauling their grain to market, in some cases a distance of 20 miles; therefore, be it resolved, that a delegation, composed of the Reeve and one councillor from each municipality interested, be sent to Winnipeg to urge upon the government to grant such aid and give such inducements as are necessary for the completion of the road to a point at or near Beulah in time to remove next season's crop." This was carried unanimously.

It was also resolved that Hon. C. J. Meikle, T. C. Norris, M. P. P. Wm Howard, A. Fenwick, Thos. Greenwood M. P. I., and R. F. Lyons be requested to accompany the above delegates.

The resolution was endorsed at the general meeting held in the evening.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 69c February delivery.
Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.35; best bakers', \$1.75.
Oatmeal—\$1.90 per 80 pound sack.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12 delivered to city dealers.
Oats—Carlots on track, 30c.
Flaxseed—Per bushel, retail, 70 to 80c.
Barley—21 to 25c per bushel for feed grades in carlots on track. Malting barley in carlots on track, 27 to 30c per bushel.
Corn—In carlots, 41 to 43c per bushel of 56 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' selling at 15 to 17c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.

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

Eggs—Dealers asking 20 to 22c per dozen for fresh candled eggs. Lined, 16 to 17c.

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

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

Hay—Baled, \$7 to \$7.50 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$6 to \$7.50 per ton.

Potatoes—40 to 45c per bushel on the street.

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

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

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 6 to 6 1-2c; country frozen beef, 5 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; hogs, 5 3-4c; veal, 6 to 7c.

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

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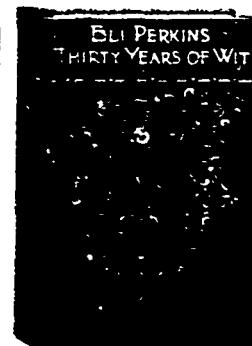
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WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	56,000
Toronto	46,000
Kingston	50,000
Coteau, Que.	156,000
Deput Harbor, Ont.	428,000
Winnipeg	345,000
Manitoba elevators	4,816,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,590,000

Total Feb. 3.	9,461,000
Total a year ago	8,501,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's February 2, were 87,473,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,752,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Feb. 1 were 8,923,000 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 Feb. 10, was 53,804,000 bushels, being a decrease of 558,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 30,761,000 bushels, two years ago 35,634,000 bushels, three years ago 46,658,000 bushels, and four years ago 63,926,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,568,000 bushels, compared with 7,115,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 13,709,000 bushels, compared with 30,624,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1908	162,496,000
1899	118,476,000
1895	127,473,000
1897	148,597,000
1896	177,281,000
1895	201,125,000

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	33,441,560	58,999,986
Milwaukee	6,822,292	9,526,285
Duluth	34,118,729	58,559,586
Chicago	18,080,657	26,571,183

Total	112,463,238	153,457,290
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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:

Toledo	10,232,512	11,099,147
St. Louis	7,420,889	12,329,496
Detroit	3,153,578	3,971,868
Kansas City	11,263,740	21,776,813

Total	32,070,719	49,177,324
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Grain Trade Statistics.

The annual report of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange has been issued, in pamphlet form with the usual statistical information added. The total grain storage capacity, including Canadian Lake Superior terminal elevators and points west thereof, is placed at 26,968,000 bushels, showing an increase of 950,000 bushels over a year ago. The capacity of flour mills in Manitoba and the Territories is placed at 10,230 barrels per day. This does not include the large mill of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., at Keewatin. The average capacity of oat meal mills is placed at 750 barrels per day, there being four oatmeal mills in Manitoba, and one at Edmonton, in Alberta, about 8,000,000 bushels of the wheat crop of 1898 were inspected at Winnipeg. Up to the end of December last the large quantity of 17,369,410 bushels of the wheat crop of 1899 had been inspected at Winnipeg. The large increase in inspection is due to the new regulations making inspection at Winnipeg compulsory. The quality of the crop of 1899 is shown to be 11.72 per cent grading No. 1 hard compared with 35.12 per cent in 1898, 64 per cent in 1897, 55 per cent in 1896, 31 per cent in 1895, 76 per cent in 1894, 53 per cent in 1893 and only 8 per cent in 1892. The crop now being handled is the best, except that of 1894, in any of the years shown in the record. The export of wheat—including flour—for the 1898 crop is placed at 23,000,000 bushels. The estimated exportable surplus of the 1899 crop is placed at 25,000,000, for Manitoba and the Territories.

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Foreign and American Wheat Supplies.

Weather and crop conditions have played an unusually important part in the wheat market of late, and have been largely instrumental in bringing about the recent small advance. Reports of unsatisfactory French crop conditions, of deductions from earlier expectations as to the Indian crops, present and prospective, and some uncertainty as to the possible effect of winter weather upon our own winter-sown area have been effective in stimulating the interest of foreign consumers in the cereal. Additionally strengthening features have been reports of the outbreak of the plague in Argentina, with the possibility of interruption to shipments from South America, and claims that the high price of wool in Australia would militate against any expansion in the wheat yield of that country.

Contributing to the nervous feeling with which foreigners particularly have viewed the possibility of reduced yields or exports from the countries mentioned may be the realization of the fact that while American wheat supplies are large as compared with one and two years ago, comparison with earlier periods are not so bearish, and when the position of European supplies is considered some reason for nervousness is found to exist. The total stock of wheat in and afloat for Europe on February 1, as reported by cable to Bradstreet's by Broomhall's Corn Trade News, was 66,600,000 bushels. This compares with a total stock on January 1 of 68,200,000 bushels and with a total of 61,700,000 bushels on February 1 a year ago. With the single exception noted, however, the European stock is the smallest held on that date for seven years past, the discrepancy ranging from about 8,000,000 bushels decrease as compared with 1893. American stocks, on the other hand, while decreasing slowly during January, are still heavily in excess of those held on the same date in past years. Notable gain in Australian stocks during January is reported and a slight increase in Argentine supplies is also noted. The following table shows the world's visible supply compared with a year ago.

	Feb. 1 1900.	Feb. 1 1899
U. S. & Canada	96,396,000	56,867,000
Europe & afloat	66,000,000	61,700,000
Australia	7,400,000	6,000,000
Argentina	5,520,000	1,810,000

Totals ... 175,316,000 126,227,000

An aggregate supply of 175,316,000 bushels is reported from Feb. 1, a gain for the month of 239,000 bushels, comparing, however, with a gain of 3,000,000 bushels in the same month a year ago. The entire increase, occurred outside of Europe and America, in Argentina and Australia, which gives point to the reports of possible interruption to shipments from those countries from plague or from other causes. European and American stocks combined fell off over 5,000,000 bushels during the month.

Combined European and American supplies are 44,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago, 35,000,000 bushels heavier than in 1898 and 14,000,000 bushels heavier than in 1897, but 15,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896 and 42,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1895. American stocks decreased nearly 3,000,000 bushels during January, against a gain of less than 1,000,000 bushels in the same month a year ago, but compare with a decrease of

4,411,000 bushels in 1898, of 6,362,000 bushels in 1897, and 6,974,000 bushels in 1895. The position of American stocks on February 1 this year as compared with the same date in preceding years is shown in the following table:

Feb. 1	Totals.
1900	96,396,000
1899	56,867,000
1898	56,423,000
1897	71,097,000
1896	103,181,000
1895	129,000,000
1894	108,895,000
1893	118,362,000

American stocks, it will be seen, are fully 40,000,000 bushels larger than in 1899 or 1898, and are 25,000,000 bushels larger than in 1897, but are 7,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896, and 24,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1895. From the above it will be gathered that American holders of wheat are in a position to view with equanimity any possible curtailment of supplies from European or South American sources.—Bradstreet's.

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The subject of our sketch this week cannot be described as one of the old timers on the road in the west, but we may safely say that he is now one of the best known western travellers, and a general favorite among his fellows. Mr. Crawford came to Winnipeg direct from his home in Ireland and was first employed for a time in the "Cheapside" retail dry goods store in Winnipeg, then carried on by McKiechan. Later he engaged to go on the



F. G. Crawford.

road for Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., and spent two years in this position, which he finally relinquished to take the samples of Gault Bros. & Co. about four years ago, and he has continued with this house to the present time. In a few weeks Gault Bros. & Co. will open business in Winnipeg in their new warehouse, now approaching completion, and Mr. Crawford will become assistant manager, a position which he has well earned by his success in working up the business of his house in the west. This change will necessitate his remaining in the city much of the time in the future, instead of on the road, as in the past.

Mr. Crawford, as we have already intimated, is an Irishman by birth, and he has been brought up to the dry goods trade, his father before him having been in the retail dry goods business in Ireland.

Business Pointers.

- "Do not lose your temper in conversation."
- "Never consider time wasted that is spent in learning."
- "It should be a source of pride, in all vocations, to do one's best."
- "Be punctual in your engagements."
- "Profane language should never be used."
- "Never praise or speak ill of yourself, in either case, others will do it for you."
- "What promotes the efficiency of clerks reacts to the benefit of the employer."
- "Familiarity with the line of goods in your charge is essential to the success of a salesman."

"Charge an article to a customer at the moment of sale, no matter if other customers are needing your attention."

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"The inattention, not to say discourtesy of clerks, is often a matter of great loss to the employer, for the experience of hundreds of customers goes to prove that they will trade where they receive the promptest and politest attention."

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"The personality of the salesman has very much to do with his success; he should present a neat appearance, should put his heart into his work, and strive to please the people with whom he comes in contact, and try from the commencement of his career to make friends with his customers."

"A careless and disobliging clerk will wreck any business if he is employed long enough, and all the advertising in the world will not help matters. If there is one thing more than any other that annoys a person it is to be waited upon by such a clerk. One experience is enough for the average person to invariably go somewhere else."

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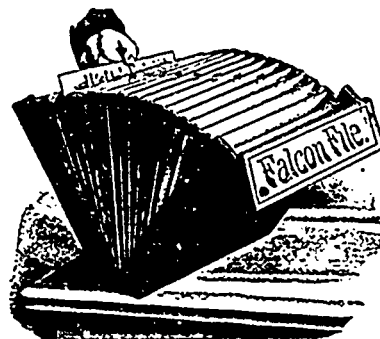
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Burmah has 2,100,000 tons of rice for export from the new crop.

A deputation of cigarmakers will wait on the minister of customs, and request that the duty on imported cigars be increased.

Japan teas are expected to open high when the new crop comes in owing to the fact that the market has been swept bare of old stocks.

There has been a decided scarcity of wooden syrup pails in Winnipeg lately, and dealers here have not been able to fill all orders.

Both Indian and Ceylon teas are 1-4 to 1-2d. lower in London, Eng., on medium and low-grades, due to heavy offerings at auctions.

The New York market for Messina lemons have been weakening steadily for about two months, and is now in bad shape owing to the competition of the California fruit.

The New York market for coffee futures opened steady on February 8, at 5c to 10 points advance on expected firmer European cables and small receipts at Rio and Santos.

New Crop Barbadoes molasses is expected to open about the same figure as a year ago, favorable weather having improved the condition of the canes considerably of late. The opening price of 1899 was 12c per gallon.

The Canadian Packers' Association has decided to revise its action re prices on this year's pack of fruit and vegetables and instead of withholding quotations until June will name them some time in March.

The Empire Tobacco Co. has placed a new line or size of chewing tobacco on the market, which will be known as Currency 6s, at 40 cents. This will retail at 10 cents per plug or three for 25 cents, making it a very desirable line for the trade.

The market for raw sugar in London gained rapidly in strength last week, and prices for beet advanced 2 1-2c for the week. Cane sugar held strong throughout. In New York the situation was much the same, and accordingly Canadian factories hold their refiner article firm.

Taploca is one of the firmest articles in the grocery list at present, both here and in the east. Stocks at producing points and in London, England, which is the chief distributing centre are very light and in America conditions are even worse. United States houses have been endeavoring to replenish their stocks by purchases in Canada, but so far have been unsuccessful.

There are thousands of retail grocers who have been in trade for many years, and yet are as ignorant to-day of the articles they sell as when they began business. They are not good buyers,

because they are content to depend on somebody else's judgment. They never test goods for themselves, therefore are unable to determine the relative value of a mark of tea, coffee, or different grades of other goods. The successful buyer is a continuous and enthusiastic student, always testing, studying, comparing, and possessed of a mind of his own.—American Grocer.

The sharp advance in the price of live and dressed hogs has forced up the price of products all round, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin of last week. Canada short cut mess pork has advanced another 50c per barrel, sales having occurred to day at \$15 to \$15.50 as to size of lot. Lard is also firm and 1-2c higher, sales of round lots being mentioned at 7 1-2c in pairs, and at 7c in tierces. Compound lard has advanced to 6 3-4c in lots of 500 to 1,000 pigs. In smoked meats hams have appreciated 1c per lb., heavy selling at 10c, medium at 11c, and light at 12c. Bacon has also gone up 1c to 1 1/2c for boneless, and 1 1/4c for Windsor. Rolled bacon 8 1-2c.

Coffee is one of the strongest lines on the grocery lists at present. There has been a tremendous boom in prices within the past few months, the advance since October last amounting to about 80 per cent on green Rio. This remarkable advance is based partly on the supposed shortage of 500,000 bags in the Rio crop, while the prevalence of the bubonic plague in Brazil has further tended to advance prices. No doubt, too, there is a considerable element of speculation about the advance. Other coffees are higher, in sympathy with Rio. Coffees have been selling in Winnipeg lately at less than they could be laid down for here in round lots, but jobbers have now become alarmed and have advanced prices this week.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

THE COTTON SITUATION.

New York, Feb. 8.—Price, McClellan & Co.'s, weekly cotton review, says: "The cotton market today touched the highest prices of the season thus far, and higher prices than have been reached since September 10, 1896, when the world most acutely felt the shortage in supply, resulting from the deficient crop of 1896. August contracts have sold at \$37 cents per lb., and so far as the New York market is concerned the activity here has been to a certain extent transferred to the August option, in which there has been an increased volume of trading and concerning the manipulation of which rumor has been rife and suggestions numerous.

The bald facts of the situation are expressed in the following figures:—The world's visible supply, as made up by the Financial Chronicle last Friday evening, was 3,634,000 bales. This is smaller than any figure since 1891. In that year, on the corresponding date, the world's visible supply of cotton was 3,540,000 bales; and cotton sold at 9 1-2 cents per lb. in New York. In the year previous, viz., 1890, the visible supply for the corresponding week was 2,966,000 bales, and cotton sold in New York at 12 3-4 cents per lb. Since 1890 the world's consumption of cotton has increased fully 18 per cent. Since 1891 the estimated increase is about 15 per cent.

DRY GOOD TRADE NOTES.

Five hundred dollars and \$800 were offered recently by Canadian manu-

facturers for the privilege of being allowed to cancel two large orders for staple woollen goods that had been placed by an eastern firm.

The Canada Woollen Mills, Limited, is the name of the new concern which represents an amalgamation of five Ontario mills, including A. W. Brodies' at Hespeler, and the Waterloo, Maple Leaf, Lambton and Hawthorne mills. The combined capital is \$2,000,000, none of which will be offered to the public. The president of the new company is W. R. Brock, of Toronto.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Barn door hangers of United States manufacture have advanced 20 to 33 1-3 per cent at factories.

The amount of last week's advance in varnish prices at Canadian factories is from 10 to 20 per cent over old prices.

United States manufacturers have made advances in their prices of steel squares which amount to from \$2 to \$1 per dozen.

Belgium makers have advanced their prices for glass again since the first of this month to an amount which makes the cost laid down in Canada 7 1-2 to 8 per cent higher.

The advances in tin plates at eastern wholesale centres of 25c per box have not been followed by any changes in the Winnipeg market and local jobbers are still selling at old prices.

Manufacturers are selling direct to consumers in certain lines of hardware in eastern Canada, notably horsehoes, and there is friction between them and the jobbing concerns in consequence.

Lined oil advanced 1c per gallon in eastern Canada last week. This advance is due to the generally firm position of linseed both in America and Europe, which makes it likely that seed will rule higher until another crop comes in at least.

The market for window glass in the United States is in a very unsatisfactory condition owing to the troubles between the glass trust and independent factories. The number of skilled hands available in the country is not sufficiently large to operate all the factories and competition for this help is therefore very keen. Factories are unable to fill their orders fast enough with the help they have and are very indifferent about booking anything but choice orders. Notwithstanding the cut of one-third which was recently made in glass by the trust prices are still much higher than in Canada.

"The pig-iron production is far more valuable than the gold yield of this country," says the Philadelphia Record. "If we estimate the value of the crude pig iron at \$20 a ton, we find that the total value is nearly four times that of the native gold produced in 1899. If we should attempt to estimate the value of the finished products of iron and steel the sum would be so stupendous that it would make the value of the gold appear very small by comparison, for we must remember that, with the exception of a comparatively small quantity of gold used by jewellers and in the arts, the ultimate value of native gold is not greatly enhanced by the labor expended upon it, as is the case with crude iron. And yet the yield of gold in 1899 in this country exceeded that of all former years, and the annual increase during the past three or four years, not only in the United States but in the whole world, has been enormous."

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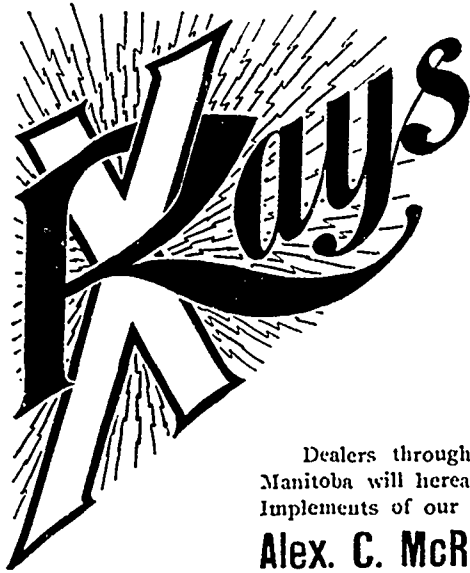
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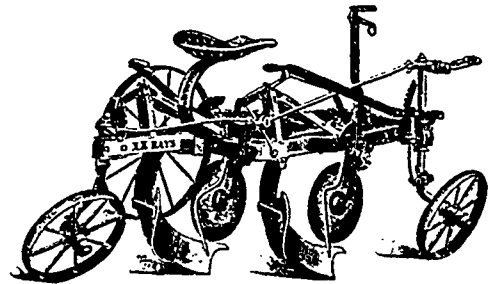
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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

GUARANTEES.

There is a disposition on the part of manufacturers and jobbers of both implements and binder twine this year to remove some of the objectionable features which have surrounded trade in these lines in the past. The unaccustomed demand for the goods and the advancing tendency of prices of materials which necessitates higher prices for the finished products from time to time has given them this opportunity. One of the practices which the trade is not sorry to see go is that of guarantee prices on binder twine. This year we understand there have been no guarantees given to the retail trade such as have been customary in other years and the only semblance of it left in the twine contracts is a clause in some which gives a guarantee until the first of May. This is generally regarded as of little or no value as compared with the old arrangement. Some other contracts are said to contain a clause that might be termed a guarantee but is in reality a reservation on the part of the vendor of the right to fill the order at current market price or cancel it according as he chooses.

On the other hand some jobbers south of the line are adopting a guarantee clause in connection with their implement contracts which it is thought will steady the market. This is explained as follows by the Minneapolis Commercial Bulletin.

"A new feature of the situation in regard to implements is the guaranteeing of present prices by some jobbers. These guarantees are made on lines which are quotably higher and which are much in demand. They are given with the understanding that retailers who buy now will have the price guaranteed until the selling season to the farmer is over, so if there should be a decline they will receive the benefit of it on all unsold machines at the time the decline goes into effect. No decline is expected, nor is it believed one is possible in the present state of the iron and steel market and other material markets, so that jobbers are reasonably safe in making these guarantees, while it relieves the retailers from any possibility of a loss due to this cause."

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

The Massey-Harris company will erect a new warehouse at Hartwoy, Man.

The Massey-Harris Company has subscribed \$2,500 to the Canadian National Patriotic fund.

The Boyce carriage works, Winnipeg, are filling orders for over 75 sleighs for shipment to Lake Bennett, for the Klondike trade.

Recent comparisons show that the prices now prevailing for agricultural machinery, vehicles, etc., in the United States correspond very nearly with those of 1894.

H. F. Anderson, implement agent, Winnipeg, will go to Europe to introduce Moline plows and other implements for a syndicate of manufacturers.

Twine prices at Minneapolis continue steady and firm. Quotations there are as follows: Sisal, 500 feet, 11 1-2c per lb.; standard, 500 feet, 11 1-2c per lb.; manilla, 600 feet, 14 1-2c per pound, pure manilla, 16c per lb. These are carload prices. Less than carlots are worth 1 4c more.

Notwithstanding the fact that United States troops have taken possession of and garrisoned five or six of the closed Philippine ports which are said to contain about 200,000 bales of manilla hemp, it is not likely that any of the hemp can reach America in time to be made into twine for this year's crop as the hemp is not fit for shipment in its present shape and will have to be all taken to Manila or Cebu, and re-packed before it can be said to be available for export.

J. D. Balfour, of the Balfour Implement Co., Winnipeg, returned the first of the week from a series of trips throughout the west. Mr. Balfour says he has visited every district between the Red river and the mountains, and the only place in all this region where there was enough snow for sleighing was at Edmonton. Everywhere else on the open prairie the roads were in bad shape, but in the woods there was fair sleighing. He visited the Mormon settlement at Cardston, south of Lethbridge, and found quite a large and prosperous community there, with prospects of a further large immigration to this district this year.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

HARDWOOD.

The American Lumberman reviews the hardwood situation at Chicago, and producing points in its last issue as follows:

"The wholesale trade in hardwoods in this market which has remained steadily large throughout the usual dull season is now showing symptoms of a still further increase. Local dealers say that they have lately been having extensive inquiries for stock, many of them of an urgent character, and the scope of the demand appears to be even at this early stage of spring trade unusually widespread. Inquiries and orders are coming in from every section of the union, besides a good many from abroad. Many consuming manufacturers who have for some time stood aloof from the market, probably to give the impression that their stocks were sufficient for present use are now beginning to feel the pulse of the market, so as to speak, stating that they are short of a few items and would like to know what the prospects are for securing them. As a rule the dealers on receiving these inquiries make quotations, and find that everything they offer is snapped up rather quickly, considering that the idea conveyed by the manufacturers was that their wants were not urgent. It really looks as if raw material were a scarce article with most of the hardwood consuming industries, but that they are afraid to let that fact become known. At all events from the way lumber is going out at wholesale the inference is safely made that there is a very urgent demand for it some where.

"Among some of the prices being asked for this season's manufacture of lumber may be quoted \$14 to \$15 for log run maple, or if on grade \$7 for culls, \$12 for common and \$17 for firsts and seconds, with \$6 for mill culls and hearts, the prices quoted being for delivery on the rail of the vessel. Some of the asking prices for lumber in Wisconsin are quoted at \$15 for pile run basswood, \$18 for pile run rock elm and 25 for pile run oak, the term "pile run" being used to include every thing cut from the log, including mill culls

Some sales of Michigan lumber have lately been reported at \$19.50 on dock at the mill for soft elm shipping culls and better; \$16.50 for log run basswood, \$19.50 for log run ash and \$12 for log run birch. These prices will serve to show the strength of the market for stock in first hands. As far as southern stocks are concerned the manufacture as a rule has not been progressing favorably although some mills are turning out considerable stock.

"Oak shows the greatest amount of strength, and can be sold readily at the best of prices. Basswood is being sought for, and those who are fortunate enough to have assortments of dry stock are able to turn it over quickly and at the very best of prices. The impression seems to gain ground that a great deal of the viable supply of basswood will be wiped out before the new stock can be ready for shipment. A first-rate demand has lately been shown for both black and white ash, the former being in particularly good demand at eastern points where but little is to be found in stock. There seems to be a good market for all the white ash in all thicknesses that can be gotten out."

LUMBER TRADE IN ONTARIO.

In the address at the opening of the Ontario legislature this week, the following reference to the lumber industry is made: The lumbering industry of the province is in a flourishing condition. The legislature of 1893 requiring all pine logs cut under license to be manufactured in Canada, took effect the first of the season of 1893-94. The practical operation of this legislation has proven beneficial. The quantity of pine lumber cut last season showed little if any diminution as compared with previous years. The saw milling business of the province on the other hand, has received a powerful stimulus. Many existing mills have been enlarged, idle ones have resumed work and a number of new mills have been built and equipped to fill demand for sawn lumber.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

The Ottawa Valley lumber cut of last year was smaller than usual.

The total production of pine lumber in Ontario last year was about one hundred million feet greater than in 1895.

An order-in-council has been passed in Ontario that pulp wood cut on crown lands must be manufactured in Canada.

Some of the Ottawa river lumbermen have already sold their entire cuts for next season, for export to the United States and Great Britain.

The forests in the districts not adapted for agriculture in Ontario, are to be preserved, by order of the provincial government. The districts capable of being reforested are being set apart as forest reserves.

New mills with a cutting capacity of about 75,000,000 feet will operate in northern Ontario this year. Besides these additions a number of old mills with a combined capacity of about 115,000,000 feet will be put in operation.

According to the cost of logs in the hardwood forests of Michigan and other states this winter it does not seem possible that there can be any reduction in the present prices of hardwood lumber. Oak logs are worth from \$15 to \$20 per 1,000 feet; basswood, \$10 to

\$12; soft elm, \$10 to \$12; ash, \$14 to \$16, birch, \$12 to \$14, and rock elm, \$14 to \$16.

There has been a slackening off in the demand for sash and doors in nearly United States markets since the new and higher list went into effect. Mills are, however, confident of their position and hold firmly for the higher prices.

Some of the mills in Wisconsin are experimenting with jack pine for making pulp. Considerable success has attended these experiments, and when more effective methods are perfected for eliminating the pitch in which the wood abounds, a great deal of it may be used. There is a large area of jack pine in western Canada, which could be utilized for pulp, if the experiments prove successful.

The absence of snow this winter, it is said, will greatly curtail the cut of logs in Minnesota and Wisconsin. This is exerting a further strengthening influence on the already strong market. Manufacturers at lumber centres south are expecting a large trade this year, and the prospect of a shortage in the cut at such a time will have more influence on the market than it would have in recent past years.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The elevator commission which completed its work at Winnipeg last week examined in all over two hundred witnesses.

Dr. Douglas has again introduced a bill at Ottawa to regulate the grain trade in Manitoba and the west. It will affirm the principle of freedom in trade in grain, and will make provisions that elevators, or flat warehouses, or chutes may be provided where the railway or elevator companies fail to do so.

Montreal trade journals and market reporters are finding great difficulty in correctly reporting the flour market of that city this winter, particularly for Manitoba brands. A variation of as much as 50c in the price of patents is not an uncommon occurrence even when the flour is of precisely the same quality.

Manager Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, confirms the report that a cleaning elevator will be built at Fort William by his company. At present, while all the big storage elevators are at Fort William, the only cleaning elevator at Lake Superior terminals of the company is at Port Arthur. This necessitates sometimes considerable delay in transferring cars of grain from Fort William to Port Arthur to be cleaned. To obviate this a cleaning elevator will be built at Fort William.

G. V. Hastings, manager and director of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, is in the city on the company's business, and was presented on 'Change this morning, says a recent issue of the Montreal Witness. Mr. Hastings says that the company is increasing the capacity of the Keewatin flour mills, already the largest in Canada, from 3,000 to 3,500 barrels daily, much of the new machinery being now on the spot. Referring to the deliveries of wheat, Mr. Hastings says that farmers have already delivered 80 per cent of the crop, and those who are holding the 20 per cent balance are in a strong enough financial position to hold it indefinitely. He agrees that last year the crop was generally over-estimated, owing to damage done before it was harvested. Manitoba, says Mr. Hastings, is advancing by leaps

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Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Apples, Gallons (per doz.)	3 20	3 5
Black or Lawton berries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	2 00	2 10
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 40	2 40
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	3 00	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 85	1 85
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 25	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	4 50
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 00	5 50
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50	4 50
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 50	6 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 90	4 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	6 25	6 50
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	2 75	3 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	4 50
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	3 30	3 40
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 25	5 00
Salmon, Colocoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	7 5	6 00
Per tin.		
Sardines, domestic 1/4s.	0 1 1/2	0 5
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	0 0 1/2	1 5
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	1 5	2 5
Sardines, imp. 1/4s, boneless.	2 0	3 1
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/4s.	1 0	1 1
Per doz.		
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 50	1 50
Imp. Kipper Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 75	1 85
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 50	1 90
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 50	1 90
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	2 00	2 00
Canned Meats		
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 20	3 25
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 50	3 00
Lunch Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 90	3 00
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 00	6 25
Lunch Tongue, U.S., 2 doz.	6 75	7 00
Lunch Tongue, Can., 2 doz.	6 00	6 00
Brawn, 25, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	2 50	2 90
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 50	3 00
Per doz.		
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 50	2 60	2 60
Potted Ham, 1/4s.	65	70
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	65	70
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	65	70
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Coffee		
Green Rio, 11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Inferior grades, 10 1/2	10 1/2	11
Coronals		
Per sack		
Split Peas, sack 95	2 50	2 50
Port Barley, sack 95	3 30	4 00
Veil Barley, sack 95	3 75	4 00
Rolled Oatmeal, sack 50	1 75	2 25
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	2 25	2 50
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 25	2 25
Beans (per bushel)	2 10	2 15
Commeal, sack 95	1 20	1 20
Commeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 65	0 65
Per pound		
Rice, B.	4 1/2	4 1/2
Patna	5 1/2	5 1/2
Rice, Japan	5 1/2	5 1/2
Sago	4 1/2	5 1/2
Tapioca	5 1/2	5 1/2
Cigarettes		
Per M		
Old Judge	\$ 7 50	
Atlanta	8 50	
Sweet Caporal	8 50	
Sweet Sixteen	5 50	
Derby	6 30	
T. & B.	8 20	
Curod Fish		
Boneless Hake, per lb.	05	05 1/2
Colfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 50	6 50
Codfish, Pure per lb.	7 1/2	7 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels	4 00	4 00
Digby clticks	16	16
Dried Fruits.		
Currents, new, Prov'l Bbls.	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels.	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Filistria, bbls	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Filistria, cases	05 1/2	6
Currents, cleaned, cases	07 1/2	7 1/2
Dates, Cases	07 1/2	08
Figs, Klame, about 10 lb box.	20	22
Figs, Glove Box, per doz.	1 50	2 00
Figs, Cooking, S-V.	06 1/2	07
Figs, boxes.	07 1/2	07
Figs, Tappets	05	05 1/2
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	06 1/2	07
Sultana Raisins	10 1/2	11

Dried Fruits		Per pound
Raisins, Val, fine, off stalk	2 10	2 15
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	2 30	2 30
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 25	2 25
Clusters, 3 Crown.	2 75	2 75
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	3 1/2	3 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	9	9
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	9 1/2	9 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	90	2 00
Apples, Dried.	07 1/2	08
Rvap Apples, finest quality.	08 1/2	09
California Evaporated Fruits		
Peaches, peeled	17	18
Peaches, unpeeled	11	12
Pears	12 1/2	13
Apricots	17 1/2	18
Pitted Plums	11	11 1/2
Nectarines	12	12 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120.	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100.	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90.	6	6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80.	7 1/2	7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70.	8 1/2	8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50.	10	11
Matches		
Per case		
Telephone	\$ 4 15	
Tiger	4 00	
Parlor Matches, Eagle	1 75	
Nuts		
Per pound		
Brazils	11	12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	15	15 1/2
Peanuts, roasted	11	11 1/2
Peanuts, green	9	9 1/2
Greenoble Walnuts	14 1/2	15
French Walnuts	13	14
Sicily Filberts	13	11
Shelled Almonds	30	35
Syrup		
Extra Bright, per lb.	30	34c
Medium, per lb.	2 1/2	30
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	6 75	7 00
Molasses, per gal. (New Orh.)	34c	35c
" Porto Rico	40	40
" Barbadoes	45	50
Sugar		
Extra Standard Gran.	5	20
German Granulated	5	10
Extra Ground	7c	7c
Powdered	6 1/2	6 1/2
Lumps	5 1/2	6c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 40	4 50
American	4 34	4 34
Maple Sugar	13 1/2	15c
Salt		
Per pound		
Rock Salt	1 1/2	1 1/2
Per barrel		
Common, fine	2 00	2 00
Common, coarse	2 00	2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15	3 30
Per Sack		
Dairy, white duck sack	00	45
Common, fine jute sack	00	43
Spices		
Per doz.		
As-sorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins.	75	90
Per pound		
Allspice, whole	15	20
Allspice, pure ground	15	22
Allspice, compound	15	15
Cassia, whole	15	20
Cassia, pure ground	20	25
Cassia, compound	13	15
Cloves, whole	17	20
Cloves, pure ground	25	30
Cloves, compound	15	20
Pepper, black, whole	15	15
Pepper, black, pure ground	15	15
Pepper, black, compound	10	13
Pepper, white, whole	23	25
Pepper, white, pure ground	25	30
Pepper, white, compound	18	20
Pepper, Cayenne	25	30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica.	25	30
Ginger, whole, Cochin.	20	25
Ginger, pure ground	23	25
Ginger, compound	15	25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55	80
Mace (per pound)	1 00	1 25
Teas		
Per pound		
China Blacks—		
Choice	35	40
Medium	25	35
Common	13	20
Indian and Ceylon—		
Choice	32	40
Medium	25	32
Common	10	22
Young Hysons—		
Choice	35	45
Medium	25	35
Common	22	30
Japan—		
Finest May Picking	35	40
Choice	30	35
Fine	25	30
Good Medium	20	25
Common	15	20

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00	70
Lily, 55, Cads.	00	61
Crescent, 85, Cads.	00	58
T. & B. Black Cheewing, 50 or 165	00	61 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Cheewing, 50 or 16	00	61 1/2
T. & B., 1 1/2 pkgs, cut	00	55
T. & B., 1 1/2 pkgs, cut	00	55
T. & B. in 1 1/2 tins.	00	56
T. & B. in 1 1/2 tins.	00	56
T. & B. in 1 1/2 tins.	00	56
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00	51
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00	50
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00	56
Tuckets Cherub Cigarette		
1-12	00	55
Cocaine, oz	7	30
Brier, 35, Cads.	00	61
Derby, 35 and 45, Cads.	00	65
Derby, 35, Cads.	00	65
P. & W. Cheewing, Cads.	00	65
P. & W. Cheewing, Butts	00	65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00	55
Tonka, 1-12 pkg	00	55
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21	
Lower grades	12 1/2	15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.		
BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.		
Pommero, 3 1/2 s.	72	
Sniatx, 1/2 lb. Bars	62	
Holly, 1 s.	55	
Holly, 5 s.	55	
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.		
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars	40	
Black Bass, Navy, 1 s.	42	
Black Bass, Navy, 8 s.	43	
Black Bass, Navy, 12 c.	42	
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.		
Virgin Gold, 4 s.	72	
Marigold, 3 s.	65	
Monarch, 5 1/2 s.	59	
Clover, Double Thick, 5 s.	54	
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List		
SMOKING.		
Empire, 35 @ 4 1/2	37	
Golden Plug, 35	50	
Royal Oak, 8 s.	53	
Something Good, 75	54	
CHEWING.		
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2 s.	40	
Currency, 6 s.	45	
Free Trade, 8 s.	45	
Snowshoe, Bars, 12 s.	45	
Wooden Ware		
Per doz.		
Pails, 2 hoop clear.	1 95	2 00
Pails, wire hoop.	2 20	2 25
Pails, Star fibre.	3 50	3 50
Tubs, No. 0: common	11	10 1/2
Tubs, No. 1: common	10	10 50
Tubs, No. 2: common	8	8 50
Tubs, No. 3: common	6	7 25
Per nest.		
Tubs, nests (3)	1 92	2 00
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 45	2 40
Per doz.		
Tubs, fibre, No. 0.	16	50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1.	14	50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2.	12	50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3.	10	50
Per nest		
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3	20
Batter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	57	
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	99	
Washboards, Globe, per doz.	2 00	
Perfection, per doz.	2 20	2 25
CURED MEATS, ETC.		
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	\$ 70	1 75
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, per case of 60 lbs.	5 50	5 75
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb.	7 1/2	7 1/2
Lard, 50 lb tubs	5 1/2	5 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	35	1 40
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 60 lbs.	4 50	
Smoked Meats		
per lb.		
Hams	11 1/2	
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11	11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	10	
Spiced rolls	9	
Shoulders	8 1/2	
Pic-nic Hams	9	
Dry Salt Meats		
Long clear bacon	5 1/2	
Shoulders	8	
Short Clear	5 1/2	
Backs	9	
Barrel Pork		
Per barrel		
Heavy mess	16	00
Short cut	16	00
Meat Sundrios		
Fresh pork sausage, lb.	5	
Bologna sausage, lb.	5	
Pickled pigs feet, kits.	\$ 1	40
Sausage casings, lb.	30	

DRUGS		Per pound
Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for unbroken packages.		
Alum, lb.	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5	25
Bleaching Powder, lb.	5	07
Bluestone, lb.	09	10
Borax	09	10
Bromide Potash	75	50
Camphor	70	75
Camphor, ounces	75	50
Carbolic Acid	55	65
Castor Oil	13	20
Chlorate Potash	18	20
Citric Acid	60	65
Coppers	03	01
Cocaine, oz	7	30
Cream Tartar, lb.	25	32
Cloves	25	32
Epsom Salts	20	25
Extract Logwood, bulk.	03	04
Extract Logwood, boxes	12	14
German Quinine	17	20
Glycerine, lb.	50	55
Ginger, Jamaica	22	25
Ginger, African	30	35
Howard's Quinine, oz.	15	20
Iodine	45	50
Insect Powder	1	50
Morphia, sul.	30	35
Opium	2	25
Oil, olive, Pure	4	50
Oil, U.S. Salad	2	10
Oil, lemon, super	1	60
Oil, peppermint	1	60
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1	50
Oxalic Acid	1	25
Potass Iodide	14	16
Paris Green, lb.	3	75
Saltpetre	08	10
Sal Rochelle	28	32
Shellac	28	32
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	01
Sulphur Roll, keg.	3 1/2	01
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs.	2	75
Sal Soda	2	00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40	30
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85	1 00
LEATHER		
Per pound		
Harness, oak	45	
Harness, union oak No. 1	36	
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	35	
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	36	
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	35	
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R	34	
Russet collar leather, per foot	40	
American Oak Sole	30	
Sole, union oak	40	
Listowell, sole	25	30
Penang, sole	25	30
Acton Sole	25	30
B. F. French calf	25	1 30
B. F. French kip	95	1 15
Canada calf	65	60
Canada Calf, Niagara	50	90
Niagara Brand Kip	65	75
Wax upper	42	46
Grain upper per foot	30	30
Karaguro, per foot	30	50
Dolgora, per foot	25	40
Dolgora, bright	30	40
Bag		

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EVERYTHING IN RUBBER.

Manitoba.

Armstrong is opening a general store at Stockton.

Thos. Crawford has purchased W. G. Brown's blacksmithing business at Minnedosa.

Jas. Osborne and Fred Byers have entered into partnership at Macgregor to handle implements.

R. H. Spedding has opened a printing office at Manitou and is reported to be starting a paper.

St. Boniface town council thinks of erecting a free passenger bridge between that town and Winnipeg.

B. H. Fraser has bought the Morden woollen mills and will operate them this season on his own account. New machinery is placed in the mill.

W. E. Avery, formerly partner in the firm of Wm. Brown & Co., tobacconists, Winnipeg, is now sole proprietor of the business and will continue it alone hereafter.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Veterinary association will be held on Tuesday, 20th inst., in the city hall. An attendance of about 40 out of 70 members is expected.

Frank D Stewart furniture dealer, Carman, has made an assignment to Chas. Williams, Winnipeg. A meeting of the creditors will be held in Winnipeg on the 26th inst.

Application has been made for the incorporation of the Geo. Velle Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg, to acquire and carry on a wholesale and retail liquor and cigar business. The capital stock of the company is to be \$10,000.

The Manitoba Health Food Co., Winnipeg, has discontinued the retail department, in order to give full attention to the jobbing trade. The company is working up a good trade for the cereal coffee and some other lines. The goods handled are fine quality and handsomely packed.

A deputation from Russell waited on the provincial minister of public works a few days ago for the purpose of urging the construction of a bridge in that municipality. The minister promised that an examination into the cost and engineering difficulties of the project would be made.

The stocks of Ballantine & Sons, general merchants, Neepawa, contained in two stores in that town, will be offered for sale by auction at a rate on the dollar, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 11 a. m. The stock in the north end store is valued at \$6,932.23 and that in the south end store at \$6,418.04.

Assinibola.

A tailor shop has been opened at Sintaluta by Woodman.

Geo. Nugent has added agricultural implements to his general business at Hazelcliff.

C. Waugh and Geo. Marshall have formed a partnership to carry on a contracting and building business at Moose Jaw.

A. B. Cook has sold out his business at Souris, Man., and is moving to Carlyle, in Assinibola, where he will engage in the implement business.

J. J. Smith is building a 75 barrel flour mill at Yorkton. The farmers in the district will be asked to contribute a bonus towards the scheme.

Alberta.

McCallum & Douglas, general merchants, Innisfail, are dissolving partnership.

H. Wilson has succeeded to the interest of W. Wilkin in the firm of Wilkin & Richards, dry goods and groceries, Edmonton.

E. S. Walker has taken over the jewellery and watch repairing business formerly carried on by S. C. Vick at Calgary.

Northwest Ontario.

Jno. H. Baker, flour and feed merchant, Fort William, died on the 15th inst., of pneumonia.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received up to March 1 for the erection of a church, 56x60, in the town of Killarney, Man. Plans at the office of H. T. Irvin, Killarney.

Tenders will be received by Wm. Whiteford, Virdon, until Feb. 20th for the erection of a church at the north-east corner of section 21, Tp. 11, range 26.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee of works, Winnipeg, for the supply of 1,000 cords of cedar paving wood will be received up to \$30 p. m. on Wednesday, February 21.

Tenders are wanted for the purchase of the creamery at Macdonald, Man. Tenders will be received for the machinery separate from the building, or for both building and machinery. Address D. W. McCuaig, Macdonald. Tenders close March 15.

Manager Whyte, of the C. P. R., states that the entire plans of the new hotel and station in Winnipeg, will be completed in a week, and tenders would be called then. He has notified a number of contractors in the city to go to Montreal if they wish to put in their estimates so as to save time.

Railway Construction Notes.

S. J. Jackson reports that the rails on the Southeastern have now been laid to Warroad, in Rosseau county, Minnesota, a distance of 119 miles from Winnipeg.

The Northern Pacific railway company has purchased 60 acres of land situated at Lake Manitoba, north of Portage la Prairie, which will be the terminal point of the company's spur line to the lake. It is eighteen miles northwest of Portage. It is also stated that the N. P. company will commence the erection of a commodious station house and depot at Portage la Prairie shortly.

On being interviewed a few days ago by a reporter of the Montreal Gazette Wm. Mackenzie, of the Manitoba Southeastern, said that eight miles of the United States section of the road has been graded, and that a thousand men are now at work on the first hundred miles west of Fort Arthur, rock and earth cuttings being carried on in winter. Next spring a heavier force will be put on the line, and through trains will be running by August or September, 1901.

We have received one of the most handsome calendars of the season from the Frost Wire Fence Co., of Welland, Ont.

Black sheets and Canada plates are higher in the east. The former are worth 10s more at Liverpool than heretofore and likely to go still higher. Canada plates have advanced a like amount in Wales, where they are manufactured. These advances bring prices to a point where new stock will cost laid down in Canada about what jobbers are now asking for these goods.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The cheese and butter associations of Ontario have partially arranged to amalgamate and a committee is now at work completing the scheme.

C. C. Macdonald, of the R. A. Lister Co., Winnipeg, has completed a month's tour through Alberta. He covered the territory from Cardston, near the southern boundary, to St. Albert in the north, and is greatly taken with the suitability of that region for dairying. Mr. Macdonald believes that Alberta has favorable conditions for the building up of a great dairy industry.

At a shareholders' meeting of the Oak Lake, Man., creamery, J. Bousfield & Co., rented the creamery for the term of three years. The company will arrange for the cream being taken to their central creamery at Portage la Prairie in the early and latter part of the season, while the local creamery will be kept going as long as the quantities of cream offered warrants.

The friends of John Dunbar will be pleased to hear that he has recovered from his recent attack of typhoid fever and will be able to leave for his home in the east within a few days.

Mackenzie & Mann are reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Kingston, Ont., locomotive works with a view to the use in conjunction with the various railway schemes of the firm.

It is predicted by some market reports that prices of United States bituminous coal will advance 25 or 30c ton in a few weeks at producing points. The reason for this prediction is not at present apparent as stocks of this coal at southern distributing centres are increasing and dealers have found some difficulty in disposing of their surplus.

The Standard Oil Company has declared a 20 per cent quarterly dividend. It will require \$20,000,000 to pay this dividend, which is the largest ever declared by this company. Last year the total dividends amounted to 30 per cent, and in 1897 to 31 per cent. The action of the directors sent the price of the stock up from 512 to 544.

The month of January trade returns show the following transactions between Canada and Great Britain: Increases in Canadian exports to England, cattle £33,000; wheat, £100,000; flour, £23,000; oats, £13,000; bacon, £35,000; hams, £4,000; cheese, £4,000; eggs, £2,000; fish, £6,000; timber, £6,000; lumber, £12,000. The decreases are as follows: Sheep, £1,000; peas, £3,000; corn, £28,000; butter, £4,000; pulp £2,000; horses, £1,000. Exports from Britain show a general increase, especially in woollens, carpets and metal materials.

Telegraphic communication between Vancouver City and Dawson City is to be completed this year, and a party of Dominion government experts and workmen are now on their way to commence the work. The links which remain to be constructed are a line from Athin to Telegraph Creek, a distance of 344 miles, a line from Telegraph Creek to Hazelton, a distance of 400 miles, and another from Hazelton, to Quesnelle, a distance of 300 miles. This makes a total distance of 1,044 miles to be bridged this year. It is expected that the work will be completed about November 1.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Feb. 17.

The volume of business is gradually increasing as spring approaches and shipments are now going forward in a number of lines for spring trade. Most wholesale houses have their travellers in for the conspici. A good many country merchants are in for this event. We note the usual quota of price advances this week, and the situation in this respect has lost none of its firmness. Railway traffic is better than usual for this season. Some building is going on in the city and men in this line are better employed than in other winters. Much inside work is being done. Bank clearings are \$211,371 larger than a year ago, and \$184,395 larger than two years ago. As compared with last week's increase this is a better showing. The weather continues seasonably cold. Snow is still wanted to make sleighing good and this fact, no doubt, accounts for some of the prevailing quietness of country trade and light grain movement. There have been several failures in Manitoba this month, partially due to the difficulty in making collections.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Feb. 17, 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.)

FOOTS AND SHOES.

Shipments of spring goods are now going forward actively to country retail merchants, and local houses have their attention fully occupied with these. The volume of these shipments is much larger than usual. They consist of spring and summer shoes of all kinds, rubber goods, etc.

CURED MEATS.

The activity and higher prices of other centres has not so far affected the market here visibly, and we report business steady and prices unchanged.

DRUGS.

Carbolic acid has advanced another five and is very firm at this price. Citric acid has advanced since the last selling season, that is last fall, about 15c and is now quoted firm at 60 to 65c here. Citrates of all kinds are also higher. Quinine has taken another turn upwards, both Howard's and German having advanced 5c. These are the only price changes. Business keeps good but collections are very unsatisfactory. Quotations for leading lines will be found on page 761.

GREEN FRUITS.

Bananas are arriving by express and sell at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per bunch. Good apples are firming up in price and best Spies sell readily at \$5 per barrel to the country trade. Prices are quoted as follows: California navel oranges, \$1.00 per case for regular sizes; California seedlings, \$1.50, California lemons per box, \$5.00, Messina lemons, \$5.00, California grape fruit, \$5.00 per case, apples, winter, \$3.50 to \$5.00 per barrel, Cape Cod cranberries per barrel \$7.50; coconuts per dozen, 80c;

Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragon 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, \$6.00; dates 7c per lb. in 1-lb. cartons 9c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; American red onions, 3c per lb.; jam, in 7 lb. pails, per dozen, \$6.50, in jars, 1-1/2 per dozen; in barrels, per dozen, \$2.25.

GROCERIES.

The grocery trade is steady and there are but few price changes this week. Green Rio coffee is again higher at 1-2c advance over last week and coffee could not now be laid down here for the old prices. Beans are up 5 to 10c, making the price now \$2.10 to \$2.15. A new line of chewing tobacco has been added to our tobacco list, known as currency 6s, which sells at 40c. Otherwise the market is unchanged.

HARDWARE.

Coll chain has made further advances both in England and America with the result that jobbers have been obliged to advance their prices to correspond. The advance amounts to \$3 on 3-16 inch chain and on all other sizes proportionately. Spring steel has advanced 25c here, likewise machinery and toe calk steel. These are the only price changes. The hardware markets are still holding their own and are very firm, in fact there is not a solitary weak spot in any line. Any changes that have recently taken place have been in an upward direction and the prospects for lower prices seem further off now than at any time during several months past. In fact, the trade is now reconciled to this and the improved tone of business generally has made it certain that present level of prices will remain in force some time. From present appearances there seems no chance that the low price which have prevailed in years past when the bad times were on will return again for at least a long time. Wholesale men are now making contracts for the goods they will require at present values as it seems from all appearances that the same difficulties which have already been experienced in getting deliveries of leading lines of staples will still prevail.

IMPLEMENTS.

Dealers are busy with spring business. Engine and thresher men report orders in their line coming in freely and there is every prospect of an active season's trade in this line. Like all other lines these are costing more this year, the advance amounting to about 5 per cent, which seems modest in comparison with advances in some other lines. Implement men say they cannot begin shipping until the difficulty with the railways over freight rates is settled.

LEATHER GOODS.

The leather markets are all very firm and the tendency of prices is to advance still further. The demand for all manufactured lines into which leather enters is so large that there is difficulty in keeping up supplies and in the case of some kinds of leather this end is not nearly accomplished. Trunks and valises are now quoted higher by manufacturers. Saddlery hardware is also very firm. In England the war has created such an enormous demand for

everything in this line that factories have been obliged to double their output since November and are advertising for more hands. Prices there are 15 to 25 per cent higher.

LUMBER.

This week it has been the turn of sash and doors to advance in price and the trade have just been furnished with new lists showing advances of 10 to 15c on nearly all kinds of windows and of 15c on common o. g. doors. This is equivalent to 8 to 10 per cent on the old prices. Front doors remain unchanged and two-light windows. Manufacturers claim that this advance should have been made last summer, but they put it off until the season's trade, which had then opened, was finished. There are no changes in the lumber lists this week and trade remains steady.

PAPER AND STATIONERY.

All kinds of papers are held exceedingly firm by jobbers and manufacturers. In the United States 3c is the lowest quotation now for news grades. During the last couple of weeks quotations here have advanced several points. Wrapping papers are higher to the extent of about 1-2 to 1c per pound. Finer grades of book and stationery papers are also higher. The reason of these advances is not far to seek. Improved times and the consequent enlargement of requirements coupled with a not very elastic producing capacity is responsible. Pulp is growing scarcer too. In the case of newspaper the war has created such a large demand for this that makers are unable to keep pace.

SCRAP.

The movement of scrap is light. No. 1 stove plate is \$2 higher. Otherwise prices remain unchanged. We quote: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$7.00 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 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—The wheat market has continued during the past week in an indefinite and undecided state. There has been no feature of prominence noticeable, only the daily routine of a market that moves up and down within a narrow range, without accomplishing any decided change in position. Prices close at almost the same figures as a week ago. The demand for wheat either for domestic or for export keeps on a small scale, and while there is an undertone of strength in view of the possible changes in the wheat situation later on, the present lack of demand does not conduce to investment buying and encourages the buyers, who immediately supply consumers, to work on a hand to mouth basis. Anything that will bring about an advance of 2 to 3 cents will turn a waiting market into an active one. Primary receipts in the States have been showing slightly larger than for same days a year ago, otherwise weekly statistics favor holders of wheat. The American visible supply decreased last week 538,000 bushels, against a decrease previous week of 1,235,000 bushels and an increase last year of 1,177,000 bushels. Total now stands at 53,805,-

000 bushels, against 30,161,300 bushels last year. The world's shipments for last week were 5,590,000 bushels, against 5,148,000 bushels previous week and 7,800,000 bushels last year. The Argentine shipments this week are considerably enlarged being 1,624,000 bushels against 856,000 bushels last week. Crop prospects do not seem to be improved on the week as further reports of damage to French and German crops have been received, and on the States crop the Cincinnati Price Current this week says "Winter wheat moderately less promising than some weeks ago, mostly from the decline in Indiana and Ohio."

The local market is without change it continues dull and inactive, but firm. Holders are not willing to accept prices offered and the little wheat that does change hands is not cheap to the buyer. Exporters are doing no business, as prices in this market are about 3c above export value. From the lowest to the highest prices of the week there has been an advance of 1 1/2c, and the week closes with the price of 1 hard in store Fort William 1c over a week ago, although the price of wheat at Chicago and other markets is practically unchanged on the week. The price of 1 hard in store Fort William spot closed yesterday at 66 1/2 to 66 3/4c with both buyers and sellers scarce, and little or no disposition to do business. 2 hard and 1 northern continues 2 1/2c per bushel under 1 hard and 3 hard 5 1/2c under 1 hard. 1 frosted is worth 56c and 2 frosted 51c, all in store Fort William immediate delivery. For May delivery 1 hard is worth 70 1/2c in store Fort William.

FLOUR—Trade steady and prices unchanged as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.75; Glenora, \$1.65; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.40; A.A.N., \$1.10; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.85; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Medora, \$1.40; A.N.N., \$1.20 per sack of 95 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLEED—Another advance of \$1 per ton has been made, making prices the highest they have been for a long time. The Ogilvie Company are now quoting both bran and shorts at \$13.50, while the Lake of the Woods Company's prices are \$11.50 per ton for bran and \$13.50 for shorts. This advance is coupled with a growing scarcity of these feeds.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop is worth \$22 per ton; barley chop has advanced 50c to \$17; and mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$20 per ton. Corn chop unchanged at \$19. Olicake, \$25.

OATS—The market has gained further strength this week, although prices remain unchanged from a week ago. We only hear of one deal at a price above our quotations. This was a sale of a 10 car lot at 33c per bushel. Prices at country points range in the neighborhood of 25 to 26c for carlots. No. 2 white oats are worth 31c on track, Winnipeg, and No. 2 mixed, 30c. No farmers loads have offered. Some dealers quote as high as 32c for No. 2 white oats Winnipeg.

BARLEY—There is very little doing in this grain. Deliveries are light and there is a good demand for both malting and feed grains. Malting is worth from 30 to 35c in carlots on track here and feed from 28 to 30c.

CORN—Enquiry for corn is increasing. We quote carlots on track worth 2c higher at 41 1/2c per bushel.

WHEAT—Deliveries at country points are light. Prices are 1c higher

at 54c per bushel to farmers at 15c freight rate points, 53c at 18 to 17c points and 52c at others.

FLAXSEED—Farmers' loads are worth \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel at country points.

OATMEAL—Millers are quoting \$1.65 per sack of 50 pounds to the retail trade.

HAY—Hay has become a drug on the market, and some has actually been sold in the city this week for the freight. The supply is far in excess of the demand. Fresh baled on track is worth \$5.00 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay or the street \$3.00 to \$4.00 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—There is nothing doing in a wholesale way. Choice creamery is worth 24c per pound at Winnipeg.

BUTTER—Dairy—Offerings continue to increase. The quality of most of the butter coming in is very good. Finest dairy in rolls and prints worth from 18 to 20c per pound here, less freight and commission. Tubs are worth 18c for finest. Second grade butter is worth from 14 to 17c.

CHEESE—Market firm at 13 to 13 1/2c per pound. Some holders are asking 14c.

EGGS—There are a few nice, fresh eggs coming in and for these 20c is readily paid, delivered Winnipeg. Held Ontario and Manitoba stock has declined to 16 to 17c. Local fresh gathered eggs bring 35c per dozen. Receipts are improving as the month advances and a few warm days would, no doubt, start the hens laying quite freely, with a consequent increase in supply and reduction in price.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are becoming scarcer and have advanced this week to 50 to 60c per bushel wholesale. This is 10c over the price of a week ago. We quote potatoes, 50 to 60c bushel, turnips, 25c, beets, 55c to 40c; parsnips, 1 1/2c per pound; dry onions, \$1 per bushel; cabbage, 1 1/2c per pound, celery, 75c per dozen bunches; lettuce per dozen bunches, 49c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—Fresh veal is now in the market in limited quantities. Meat of all kinds is plentiful and there is an increasing quantity of fresh killed beef offering. We quote: Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per pound; country dressed, 5 to 6c; mutton, 8 to 9c, lamb, 5 to 6c; veal, 7 to 8c, hogs, 6c to 6 1/2c for best weights.

POULTRY—Very little little poultry is offering. Chickens are higher 1c per pound at 11c. Turkeys bring 11c, ducks 10c, and geese, 9c. These are the prices which dealers will pay for round lots.

GAME—Very little in the market. Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons 20c per pair.

HIDES—The movement has become very light and the hides are now much poorer. They contain an increasing amount of refuse. Prices are unchanged as follows: Frozen hides 6 1/2 to 7c per pound, five pounds tare; No. 1 inspected hides, 7 1/2c, No. 2, 6 1/2c; No. 3, 5 1/2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 9 1/2c; oakum skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—We quote prices here 8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

SENECA ROOT—37c per lb

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 3 1/2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 2 1/2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—No movement yet. Fat cattle are worth from 3 to 4c off cars here.

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

HOGS—Hogs are coming in quite freely and the market holds firm at 4 3/4c for choice weights off cars here. Second grades are worth 4 1/2c.

MILCH COWS—Very few offering. Quotations range from \$30 to \$40 each.

HORSES—Good work horses weighing about 1,300 pounds are worth from \$150 to \$175 each; roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each, and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of light weight run from \$100 to \$140 each, when halter broken.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Feb. 10 there were 164 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 75; 2 hard, 26; 1 northern, 0; 2 northern, 0; 3 hard, 11; 1 fr. seed, 31; 2 frosted, 0; 1 rejected, 1; 2 rejected 1, no grade, 1; white type, 2 cars.

Oats—2 white, 6; 2 mixed, 2; rejected, 1 car.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 3,263,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Feb. 10, compared with 2,097,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts for the week were 2,840 bushels. Shipment, 10,957 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Kenawin, Winnipeg and interior counts points were estimated approximately at 8,700,000 bushels, compared with about 8,350,000 bushels a year ago, and 5,000,000 bushels two years ago.

David Ripstein is taking a train load of cattle from Manitoba to Dawson City.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Company is to be held in the city of Winnipeg on the 15th of March at the company's offices.

Canadian Pacific railway stock sold at \$1.01 5/8 in London on Tuesday and in Toronto it sold at par. This is the highest price ever paid for this stock and the first time it has reached par in Canada. The advance is due to the favorable dividend declared a few days ago.

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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Feb. 12.

For the past week money has been tight, collections slow, and business rather dull. A cold snap lasting 48 hours made wholesalers hopeful of higher prices, but the weather has moderated again and prices have eased off instead of advancing with the exception of potatoes, which are advancing owing to large quantities being stored away for the purpose of bulging the market.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial,

Vancouver, Feb. 17.

Ontario creamery butter is held 1c higher. Eggs are easy. Milder weather has set in, with a prospect of easier prices for eggs.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 28 to 30c; Australian fresh grass butter, 27 1-2c; Ontario creamery, 28 to 30c. Manitoba dairy, 20 to 24c, as to quality.

EGGS—Fresh local, 27 to 28c; eastern case eggs, 18 to 20c, as to quality.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$2.75 to \$3.00, seedlings, \$2.00; California lemons, \$3.20 to \$4; bananas, \$2.85.

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

FLOUR—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.00; 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, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c; bladders, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 70c; ptarmigan, 40c; teal, 25c; wildgeon, 40c per pair.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$18 per ton; Askeroff potatoes, \$21 ton; cabbage, 2 1-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1 1-2c per lb.; silverskins, 2 1-2c.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$23 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 1-2 to 9c; mutton, 11c; pork, 8 1-2 to 9c; veal, 10 1-2 to 11c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.75 to \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.60 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 lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 to \$2.25 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.; Nascotel raisins, 2 crown 6c; 3 crown 8 1-2c; 4 crown 9c; dates 3c; 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 14c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seed-cd raisins, 9 1-2c.

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

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

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$1.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins \$6.25 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., Feb. 17.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 26 1-2c, choice dairy, 21c per lb.

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

Eggs—Fresh Washington eggs, 25c; pickled, 18c per dozen.

Oats—Per ton, \$27.

Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$1.80.

Hay—Per ton, \$28.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$23.

British Columbia Notes.

Barclay & Harris have opened a lively business at Midway.

J. L. Coles has opened in stationery and fancy goods at Greenwood.

D. H. Ferguson, Cascade City, builder and contractor, is giving up business.

Another daily paper has been started at Grand Forks to be called the Miner.

Atwood & Thomson, feed and produce, Greenwood City, has opened a branch at Midway.

H. Brown & Co., furniture dealers and auctioneers, have started business in Grand Forks.

D. Wilkins, Greenwood City, has sold his livery stable to Emmert & Gallo way.

Beattie, Muir & Co., have opened in men's furnishings and tailoring at Greenwood City.

J. H. Goodve, Grand Forks, has sold out his drug store to the Grand Forks Drug Company.

C. H. Mount and G. H. Coutrell, gent's furnishings, Vancouver, have made an assignment.

A. Erwin has closed up his confectionery and fruit business at Vernon, and will open a small general store at Mara.

The Grand Forks Book & Stationery Company has acquired the Grand Forks branch of the stationery business of J. H. Wallace, of Roseland.

S. Fader & Co., grocers, butchers, etc., Vancouver, are about to be incorporated, and will be known as the B. C. & London Trade Sales, Jobbing and Commission Co., Ltd.

Under the recent agreement between the salmon canners of British Columbia, the price of fish is to be fixed at the same figure to all canneries, and the size of each pack limited. Infringement of the agreement will entail the forfeiture of \$1,000 by the offending cannery. Any pack which exceeds the assigned limit will be scaled down by the distribution of its surplus among the other canneries.

The following companies have been incorporated. The Canadian Pacific Lumber Co., Ltd., capital, \$10,000; headquarters in the district of New Westminster. The Greenwood Miner Printing Co., Ltd.; capital, \$10,000; headquarters at Greenwood. B. C. The Porto Rico Lumber Co., Ltd.; capital, \$25,000; headquarters Nelson, B.

C. The Britannia Copper Syndicate, Ltd., capital, \$250,000, headquarters at Vancouver.

Reports from the Boundary Creek country up to last week say that "the weather continues delightfully mild there. There is no snow in the valley or on the foothills. An early spring is predicted. The indications are that the area of land in the valley to be placed under cultivation during the coming season will double that of last year. The last oat crop exceeded 35,000 bushels. The period is not far distant when the entire valley will be devoted to fruit culture and market gardening."

The report of the directors of the Cariboo Mining Company presented to the shareholders at the recent annual meeting stated that "since the company's organization in October, 1893, a large amount of necessary development work has been done in the mine and important and valuable additions made to the operating plant. Besides making the large expenditure necessary for above dividends at the rate of 1 per cent per month have been paid to the shareholders, making the total dividends paid to 31st December, 1899, \$409,337.52.

The volume of incoming freight at Grand Forks last month amounted to four million pounds. If the present volume of business is maintained this traffic will yield over two million dollars in revenue annually. All the machinery required for the various mines of Republic is coming to this point by rail. Four earloads have already arrived for the Republic reduction works, and seven or eight cars still remain to come for the same company. The Mountain Lion of Republic has already received twenty earloads, and consignments of machinery to arrive shortly for the Republic mine will occupy 50 cars.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

On Jan. 31 last the Board of Trade of Kaslo, B. C., forwarded to the lieutenant-governor in council and the legislature of British Columbia a petition praying for the repeal of the eight-hour day clause of the mines inspection act, and for the substitution of a clause providing that a longer day should be legal when a mutual agreement between employers and men called for it. The petition was a lengthy one, and went into details concerning the operation of the eight-hour law among the silver-lead mines of the Slokan and neighboring districts. It complained that the great majority of the mines had been idle since the law went into effect on June 1, 1899, and the ill-effects had been felt in every walk of business in Kaslo. The miners there had not desired the change, and they and the owners had regretted to hear of it. The owners had been compelled to reduce the miners' wages, and, as the latter refused to accept the reduction, the mines had been shut down. The interference of the Western Federation of Miners is given as the cause of the continuation of the trouble, and the methods adopted by that organization in its relations with the men are severely denounced. The union element, the petition claims, has stood in the way of a settlement of the difficulty, and the object of the Kaslo board is to remove this obstacle by the introduction of a longer day. The opinion is expressed that the longer day would obviate all the difficulties and leave the arrangement of hours and wages to arbitration between the employers and the men.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal

Prices.

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

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

AXES—Bench, 30 and 10 per cent, chopping axes, per dozen, \$7 to \$12 double bit, per dozen, \$12 to \$16.

BELLOWS—20-21, \$1.50, 20, \$1.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25, 36 \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.

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

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

BLUESTONE—6 1/2 lb.

BOLTS—Carriage, 12 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 35 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.

BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peterboro', 33 1-3 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent, loose pin, 60 per cent, arouse, 45c up.

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

CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

CHAIN—Coil, proved, 2-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$11. do. 1-1 in. \$9.00, do. 5-16 in. \$6.50; 3-8 in. \$6.00, do. 7-16 in. \$5.75, do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25 to \$1. Log, 5-16, \$8.50, 3-8, \$8.00. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.

COPPER—Thinned sheets, 28c, planished, 33c, boiler and T. K. pits, plain thinned, 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 \$1.75 case, dark, \$1.75, mica, \$2.00.

GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.

HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.

HARVEST TOOLS—55 and 5 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$1.90; 2 and larger, \$4.65. Less than full keg, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20, 2 and larger, \$1.95.

HINGES—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lbs., \$6.25 to \$7.20; light do., 30 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., \$3.10 base.

Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. 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 Blain's, \$1.00. 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, \$1; 4 in., \$1.05; 3 in., \$1.10; 3 1-2 in., \$1.15; 2 in., \$1.20; 1 1-2 in., \$1.40; 1 1-4 in., \$1.65; 1 in., \$5. Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 box, No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6.10; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. discount on these prices, 40 per cent.

PAPER, RUBBING—Anchor brand, plain, 50c. do. tarred, 60c; Cyclone, 70c; Jubilee, plain, 55c; do., tarred 70c.

PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$3.82 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 1-2, \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 1-4 inch, \$8.80; 3-8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.35; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$18.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$21.20; 2 inch, \$32.45. Stove, 6 inch, \$9.25; 7 inch, \$10.00 per 100 lengths.

PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.

PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.

RIVETS AND BURS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black

and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

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

SHEAL 1 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 \$2.65.

SHOT—Soft, 6 1-4c per lb.; chilled, 6 3-4c; buckshot, 7 1-4c.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb., 20 1-2c.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring \$1.25 base; machinery, \$1.25 base; share com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe calk, \$4.25 base. Tire steel, \$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, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

TAR—Per barrel, \$6.

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

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 1C, 10 x 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; 1 X same size box, \$6.75; 1 C charcoal, 20 x 28 112 sheets to box, \$11.00; 1 X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$13.00.

TERNS PLATES—1C, 20x28, \$10.50.

TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; refined, 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 2c per foot; 2 1 2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.

VISES—B. S., Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-60 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.; thin 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, \$7.50. Galvanized, 4 barb. regular, \$4.60; galvanized, plain twist, \$4.00.

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 3 1-2c.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$1.50.

GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50, 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes, 41 to 50, \$6.00; 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 78c, 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, \$1.50 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, 3c lb.

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

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 84c, less than barrels, gal. 89c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

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

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.50 per 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$7.25.

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

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber:

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber, 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12 and 8x8 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 foot long, \$19; timber 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8 and 3x6 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 foot long, \$17.50; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 foot long, \$16.50; dimensions, 2x1, 10 foot long, \$17; dimensions, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 foot long, \$16.50; dimensions, 2x6, 10 foot long, \$15.50; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12, 6 and 8 foot long, \$14; cull plank, all widths, \$11; cull plank, re-sawn, \$11. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width, \$1 per M advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.

BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$22.50; second common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.50; third common, 10 to 18 feet, \$16.50, culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$14.50, 1-2 inch sheathing S.I.S., 10 to 18 feet, \$13.50, second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$19; second common stock, 8 to 10 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$18; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$27.50, No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20. \$2 per M less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawn boards \$1 per M extra.

SHIPLAP—Shiplap, 8 and 10 in., \$18.50; shiplap, 6 in., \$17.50; shiplap, culls, 8 and 10 in., \$16. culls, 6 in., \$13. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under.

FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$19.50; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$16; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$36.50; do., second white pine, \$31.50; do., third white pine, \$24.50; do., 5 and 6 in., first and second red pine, \$27; do., 4 in first and second red pine, \$25.50; do., 5 and 6 in., third red pine, \$22; do., 4 in third red pine, \$21; do., 5 and 6 in. fourth red and white pine, \$19; do., 4 in fourth red and white pine, \$17; do., 4, 5 and 6 in culls, \$15. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under. \$1 per M advance for dressing two sides 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 in. flooring \$1 per M advance over 1 in. bevel siding, No. 1, 1-2 in. x 6 in., \$21, bevel siding No. 2, 1-2 in. x 6 in., \$18.

FINISHING—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine \$45; do., select white pine \$35; do., shop, \$30. \$5 per M advance on 2 1-2 in. and thicker. 1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. clear red pine, \$31. do., select red pine, \$26.50; 1 in. first and second clear white pine, \$17.50; do. third, clear white pine \$36.50; do. B. select white pine, \$30; do., C select white pine \$25; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in., \$41.50; do. 8 and 10 in., \$39.50; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$36.50; do., 8 and 10 in., \$34.50; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$29.50; do., 8 and 10 in., \$27.50; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31; do., select, \$26. Selected widths, \$2 per M extra.

MOULDINGS—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c window stops, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c, quarter round and cove, do., 50c; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.00; 5 in. casing, do., \$2; 6 in. casing, do., \$2.40; 8 in. base, do., \$3.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings 50 per cent discount off universal moulding list. Lath, per M, \$3.60, pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

Winnipeg Industrial.

The ninth annual meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition was held Thursday afternoon in the city council chamber with President Brydon in the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Secretary Heubach, and adopted.

The election of directors resulted as follows: L. A. Hamilton, Wm. Brydon, F. W. Thompson, I. M. Ross, J. T. Gordon, G. F. Galt, A. J. Andrews, F. W. Drewry, G. J. Maulson, S. Nairn, G. H. Greig, R. H. Agur, Daniel Smith, D. E. Sprague, John Arbutnot, J. A. Mitchell, John McKechnie, Andrew Strang and T. W. Taylor. The last three names were ties, and only one of these is required to complete the board.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors A. J. Andrews was elected president, and F. W. Thompson, vice-president. The various committees were appointed and organization perfected for the year.

Manager Heubach read the ninth annual report of the council to the shareholders, which was as follows:

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

For your information the board submit their usual cash statement and balance sheet, duly certified by the auditor.

On the 17th February last, the board met for organization, when Mr. Wm. Brydon was elected president, and Mr. A. J. Andrews was elected vice-president, and the various standing committees were struck.

Early in the year the association was notified by the city that they would have to vacate the premises they had hitherto occupied as offices in the city hall. This necessitated the board renting their present offices, over the Bank of Hochelaga, on Main street.

As in the past, the statements attached deal very fully with the question of receipts and disbursements, and it is therefore unnecessary to make any extended reference thereto. In this connection, however, it may be pointed out that the sum of \$794.82 was expended in settlement of accounts properly chargeable to 1-93, and also that a period of fourteen months is covered by the accounts herewith presented.

It will be noticed, under the head of disbursements, that the large sum of \$13,230 was paid out in prizes and premiums, a very large per centage of which, as will be seen by referring to the details, being distributed amongst exhibitors outside of the city of Winnipeg.

The association has paid to the city of Winnipeg the sum of \$1,650, being the annual instalment of sinking fund and interest on the loan created for making permanent improvements, and in addition to this sum, nearly \$4,000 was spent in improvements to the buildings and grounds, which belong to the city.

The board was able to spend the large sum of nearly \$45,000 this year, in furthering the work of the association. This amount, with the exception of about \$1,500 private subscriptions to the prize list, and \$1,000 granted by the provincial government, and \$5,000 by the city of Winnipeg, was made up from the revenue derived through the holding of the exhibition.

The admissions this year amounted to over \$24,850.

Your board have much pleasure in announcing that negotiations are pending with the railways, by which it is hoped that exhibitors will be put to no expense this year in bringing their ex-

hibits to the fair, and this fact in itself should prove of very great advantage.

Shortly after last year's fair, four of the horse stables were burned down. A fifth stable was considerably damaged, but it has since been rebuilt out of the funds of the association. The loss was appraised at \$4,873.67, and this amount has been paid by the insurance companies to the city, and is still in their hands. These figures, however, do not show in the association's accounts in any way.

Your board have also to report that they have secured from the Dominion government a grant of \$1,000, to be applied towards the cost of constructing a Dominion government building on the grounds, to be used for displaying the products of the province of British Columbia, and the results of the work carried on at the government experimental farms, a condition of this grant being that the building must be constructed entirely of British Columbia lumber, and accommodation provided therein for an officer of the department of the interior, for the purpose of distributing immigration literature.

The board has again the pleasure of testifying to the great interest the railway companies have taken in promoting the welfare of the association.

To the Manitoba legislature and the Winnipeg city council the board also wish to express their thanks, for the grants which have been made them, and also to the firms and individuals whose contributions and assistance in other ways have again been most generous.

The association is certainly under a debt of the deepest gratitude to the press, as nothing could be more encouraging than the continual thoughtful attention devoted at all times by the press to the work and interests the board are endeavoring to promote.

The judges also are to be congratulated upon the satisfaction given by their awards, and thanked for so generously placing their services at the disposal of the association.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association is a joint stock company, but its members have no preliminary interest in its financial success or otherwise, beyond a philanthropic desire to encourage the promotion of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural and industrial pursuits; to stimulate inventions, fine arts and domestic economy, and to provide entertainment and enjoyment for its patrons. All profits from each year's exhibition must, by the requirements of the charter be expended in improving and adding to the grounds and buildings, which belong to the city of Winnipeg.

WM. BRYDON, President.

British Stocks.

London, Feb. 16.—4 p.m.—Closing. Consols for money 100 5-8; consols for the account 100 3-4; Canadian Pacific 101 1-2; Erie 133 1-4; Erie firsts preferred 38 3-8; Illinois Central 116 1-2; Union Pacific preferred 78 3-4; St. Paul common 126 3-4; N. Y. C. 138; Pennsylvania 69 1-2; Reading 9 5-8; N. P. preferred 77; Atchison 21 3-4; Louisville 83 1-2; Bar-silver 27 1-2d per ounce, steady. Money 3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 7-8; do. for three months bills 3 7-8 to 4 per cent. C. T. R. 81-4; Anaconda 9 3-8.

Martin, of McGregor, contemplates opening a bakery at Sidney, Man.

Smith & Burton, groceries, Brandon, are adding crockery and glassware. Their premises have been enlarged to accommodate the new branch.



WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns from the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending February 15 shows as follows:

Week ending Feb. 15, 1900\$1,582,311
Corresponding week, 1899 1,370,940
Corresponding week, 1898 1,186,546

The monthly totals for two years are as follows:

	1899.	1898
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,317,168
February	6,209,471	5,517,000
March	6,756,004	5,968,000
April	6,916,431	6,240,000
May	7,472,855	8,083,364
June	8,211,716	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,238
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,159	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,892
November	14,435,219	11,553,669
December	12,966,905	10,708,731

Totals.. .. . \$107,780,614 \$90,674,325
January, 1900.. .. . \$9,906,007

THE MONEY MARKET.

Money is reported easier by some banks, but general mercantile expectation does not bear this out and the situation is practically unchanged.

Interest rates on mercantile accounts in the city range from 5 to 8 per cent according to name, with the bank of business going at from 6 to 7 per cent. On Mortgage loans the current rate of interest is also 5 to 8 per cent for city and farm property.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The arrest of a gang of counterfeiters in the east was made just in time to prevent their issuing a quantity of counterfeit Molsons Bank bills, which they had in process of completion.

Stason's private bank in Hamilton, Ontario assigns as a reason for its recent failure "the protracted depression in the real estate market of the Western States," rather a startling reason for a bank failure.

The Imperial bank premises, Winnipeg have just been fitted with a handsome set of counters and metal screens which practically completes the remodeling of the interior of this building which has been going on since early last year. The new counters are veneered with San Domingo mahogany which makes a rich and pleasing contrast to the otherwise light finish of the interior. The ornamental metal work which surmounts the counters is also very handsome. This part of the work was made in Chicago while the woodwork is by John Heo'less & Son, of Hamilton, Ont.

An eastern correspondent suggests as a remedy for the crisis attendant upon bank panics such as that of La Banque Ville Marie through the losses to small depositors who cannot afford the money that the government establish a guarantee fund by exacting deposits of equal to 10 per cent of such monies held from very chartered bank doing business under the Canadian banking act, which fund would go to make good the losses to depositors in any bank that fails. On this guarantee fund the government would pay interest, so as to make it in the nature of an investment for the banks.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Feb. 17.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$1.58 to \$1.63; yellows, from \$3.83 to \$4.48.

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

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

COFFEE—Rio, green, 9 to 14 1-2c; Mocha, 25 to 28c; Java, 25 to 32c.

TEAS—Japans, low grade, 16 to 20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16 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, 90 to 95c; peas, 75c upwards; corn, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 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—Colours, 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, \$3.25.

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

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochlin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 18 to 20c; Amboyna, 22 to 25c; Penang, 28 to 35c; all- spice, 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, 23 to 30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencias, 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, three stars, 10's, 13c; two stars, 10's, 12c; one star, 10's, 11c; provincial currants, 4 1-2 to 5c; Philatras, 5 to 5 1-2c; Patras, 5 1-4 to 6c; Vostizzas, 7 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 19 to 20c; pears, 16 to 17c; peaches, 13 1-2 to 15c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 8c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 6 to 6 1-2c; Sultanas, 9 to 13c; Hallowee dates, 5 to 6 1-2c. 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. Dehesia, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 26 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 40c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 24 to 28c; Grenobles, 13 1-2 to 15c; Sicily filberts, 10 to 10 1-2c.

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

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Canada mess, \$14.00; short cut, \$13.50 to \$16; clear and shoulder mess, \$12.50 to \$13.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 6 3-4 to 7c; ton and case lots, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 10 to 11 1-2c; hams 10 to 11c; rolls, 9c. Green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

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

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Feb. 17.

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

BARBED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$1.17 1-2; less than cars, \$1.12 1-2 Cleveland and Toronto.

BAR IRON—\$2.45 to \$2.50 base.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge, \$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.; staghoe 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 per cent.; stove bolts, 60 and 10 per cent.; plough bolts, 50 per cent.

BRASS—Discount on roll and sheet, 10 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarred lining, 40c; tarred roofing felt, \$1.60 per 100 lbs.

CANADA PLATES—All dull, at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; half polished, \$3.35 to \$3.60; and all bright \$3.85 to \$4 per 100 lbs.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.65 to \$2.90; English, do., \$3.25; Belgian, \$3 to \$3.10; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.00 to \$1.10; calcined plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

COIL CHAIN—5-16 inch, \$6.

COPIER—Ingots copper, 19 to 20c 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 IRON—28 gauge, \$5.10 to \$5.15 per 100 lbs. for English, and \$4.75 to \$4.80 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—9 gauge, \$3.47 1-2; 12 gauge, \$3.62 1-2, 13 gauge, \$3.77 1-2; No. 16, \$5.05.

GLASS—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.15, and in 100 ft. boxes, \$1.05, double diamond under 25 united inches in 100 ft. boxes, \$6.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

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

HARVEST TOOLS—50 and 10 to 50, 10 and 5 per cent.

HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia, 50 and 10 per cent. and 10 per cent.

HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$4.05 f.o.b.; snowshoes, \$1.30.

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. Galvanized pipe—1-2 inch, \$6.50; 3-4 inch, \$8; 1 inch, \$11.50; 1 1-4 inch, \$16; 1 1-2 inch, \$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, 45c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 65c per 100 lbs.; new light scrap copier, 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 3-4c; zinc, 3c; scrap rubber, 6c; good country mixed scraps, 65 to 75c; clean dry bones, 40 to 50c per 100 lbs.

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

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

PIG TIN—33 to 34c per lb.

PLY 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, 12 1-2c; Manila 15 1-2c.

SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 50 per cent off the list; round head, bright 75 per cent; flat head brass, 75 per cent; round head brass, 67 1-2 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1-2 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1-2 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—7 to 7 3-4c 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, \$1.10 per dozen.

SPELTER—7 to 7 3-4c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 20 to 21c; refined, 19 to 19 1-2c; wiping, 18 1-2 to 19c.

TINNED SHEETS—24 gauge, 6 to 6 3-4c.

TINPLATES—I.C., 14 by 20, and I.X., 14 by 20, \$1.25 to \$1.60 per box.

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

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$3.40 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, 22 1-2c; in less than cases, 25c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels 65c; boiled, 68c.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.10 to \$1.20 per gallon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—90c.

PARIS GREEN—Petroleum bris., 18c; arsenic kegs, 18 1-4c. drums, 50 and 100 lbs., 18 3-4c; drums, 25c lbs., 19 1-4c; tins, 1 lb., 20 3-4c; packages, 1 lb., 19 3-4c.

PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick, \$1.90 per barrel.

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

PUTTY—We quote: bulk, \$1.75; bladders, in blbls., \$1.90; bladders in cases, \$2.05; in tins, \$2.15 to \$2.40.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lbs., \$5.50, ditto, in kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.75; No. 1 in casks of 560 lbs., \$5 to \$5.25; do. kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.25 to \$5.50.

REFINED OIL—Pratt's astral, 20c in bulk; American water, white, 20c in barrels; photogene, 19c; Sarnia water white 18 1-2c; in barrels; Sarnia prime, 17c in barrels.

SEAL OIL—54c per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 81c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 80c.

WHITING—60c per 100 lbs.; gliders' whitening, 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, \$5.00; dry white lead in casks, \$5.75.

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

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.45 to \$3.55; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.45.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$12.25; bran in bulk, \$11.00; corn feed, \$11.75 to \$13.50 per ton, as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 21c.

Barley—32 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 31 1-4c for No. 3.

Flax seed—\$1.56 per bushel.

Eggs—13c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 22 to 24c for choice to extras; seconds, 21 to 22c; dairy, 20 to 21c for choice to fancy, seconds, 19 to 19c.

Cheese—9 to 12 1-2c.

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

Potatoes—35 to 38c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 1-4c for No. 1, 8 1-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 pounds, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c; sheepskins, 40c to \$1.10 each; veal calf, 10 1-4c and 11 3-4c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 43-8 to 5 1-4c; sawca root, 37 to 40c.

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

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

Dressed meats—Veal 6 to 9c; mutton, 5 to 7c; lambs, 5 to 9c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per bushel, good medium, \$1.50.

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

Live stock—Sales of hogs were at \$4.70 to \$4.85. Sheep, choice \$1.75 to \$4.85; lambs, choice, \$6.50.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 17.

Dry Goods—Large shipments of spring lines is going on. Orders are numerous and the market for all lines is strong. Repeats on linens cost more. Advance in raw cottons is exciting Canadian markets. Mills refuse to quote on colored goods for fall. Lace curtains have advanced and are strong and in good demand, especially for fine lacey designs.

Hardware—Trade is active. Payments satisfactory. Market firm. Large shipments made to the west. Advances in English tea trays of 5 per cent; milling kettles 12 1-2 to 15 per cent. hay forks, pulleys, 20 per cent. garden syringes and spray pumps 33 1-3 to 50 per cent. Parker's coffee mills 10 per cent. Hercules sash cord 11-2c per lb., solder 1 2c. castor oil 1-2 to 1c. orange mineral 12c. Axle grease is dearer at \$5.50 to \$6. Pig iron is 2c dearer.

Groceries—Business is moderate and prices steady. Teas are steadier, sugars steady and unchanged. Large lots of canned tomatoes have been sold for British Columbia at a good deal above market. Prices are advanced 5c now to 90c to 95c. Round lots 85c. Pens, 75c up. Corn \$1 to \$1.10. Hog products firmer. Cheese is 1-2c dearer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 17.

Cheese is 1-2c dearer here and jobs at 12 1-2 to 13c. Dairy butter is very scarce and firm. Select tubs would bring 26 to 21c. Grain deliveries are light and Ontario wheat 1-2c dearer. Manitoba wheat is up 2 cents. Oats dearer at 27c for white west. Manitoba flour declined 5 to 10c early in the week.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$3.50 to \$4; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.60, car lots, Ontario roller, \$2.85 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65 1-2c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 66 1-2; No. 1 hard, 81 1-2c; grinding in transit, North Bay.

Oats—26 to 27c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights.

Barley—No. 2, 40 to 41c, country points.

Milled—Shorts, \$16 to \$17 per ton; bran, \$15 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.20 to \$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.30 to \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 13 to 15c; new laid, 18c; lined, 12 to 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 20 to 21c, medium, 17 to 18c; large dairy rolls, 20 to 20 1-2c; creamery, tubs, and boxes, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—12 1-2 to 13c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9 1-2c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured hides, 9 3-4 to 11c. Sheepskins and lambskins, \$1 to \$1.25; calfskins, 11 1-2c for No. 1 and 10c for No. 2; tallow, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 20c.

Beans—\$1.50 to \$2 per bushel for hand picked.

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

Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 to 50c per pair; turkeys, 9 to 11c per pound; geese, 5 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 75c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 38 to 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds for car lots, freight paid to Toronto.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bushel; red clover, \$5 to \$6; alsike, \$4.00 to \$5.50.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 14.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,000 cattle, 600 sheep and lambs, and 1,800 hogs.

Export Cattle—Prices easier. Choice \$4.75, light, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Butchers' Cattle—Poor stock; dull. Choice grades ready sale at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Good cattle \$3.60 to \$3.90, common to medium, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Stockers—Buffalo market reported weaker and prices here were lower. Light steers, 500 to 700 pounds, sold at \$2.90 to \$3.40 per cwt. and 700 to 900 pounds at \$3.25 to \$3.60.

Sheep and Lambs—Offerings in excess of demand. A lot were left unsold. Export ewes were 10c per cwt. Lambs 10c lower at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt. the latter price for picked ewes and wethers.

Hogs—Advanced 12 1-2c per cwt. all round to \$5 for selections of 169 to 200 pounds natural weight and \$4.50 per cwt. for thick and light fat sows, \$3; stags, \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Feb. 17.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 400 cattle, 300 sheep and lambs, and 700 hogs.

Export cattle steady. **Butchers'** weaker at \$4.25. **Stockers** weak at \$3.40 top. **Sheep** sold slow. **Lambs** 5 1-2 to 6c. **Hogs** unchanged.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 13.

Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle and 75 sheep and lambs.

The supply was a little larger than last Thursday and general quality of the stock was good. The demand from butchers' was good trade on the whole was fairly active. **Choice** beefs sold at 43-4c to 5c; good, at 4c to 41-2c; fair, at 31-2c to 4c, and lower grades at 21-2c to 31-4c per lb. live weight. Receipts of sheep and lambs were light, but prices ruled steady. **Sheep** sold at \$1-4 to \$1-2c, and lambs at 41-2c to 5c per lb. live weight. At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles the receipts of live hogs were fair, for the season, for which the demand was good and sales were made at 4 1-2 to 43-4c per lb. weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 16.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle, and 150 sheep and lambs.

Cattle market stiffer. Good stock active. Common dull. Extra choice cattle brought 51-4c, choice 5c, fair to good 31-2 to 41-2c, others 21-2 to 3c. **Sheep** active and scarce at 31-2 to 4c. **Lambs** 41-2 to 5c. **Hogs** unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 17.

The grain market is steady and oats stronger at 31c. Flour dull and unchanged. Feed firm and stock low. Bran \$15.50 to \$16, an advance of

50c to \$1.00. Meal is dull. Hides unchanged. Eggs quiet and steady. Butter firm at 1-2c advance. Creamery steady. Cheese stronger and 1-2c higher. Beans firm and quiet. Potatoes dull. Dressed poultry and meats steady.

Oats—21c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.65; Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00.

Milled—Bran, \$15.50 to \$16 per ton; shorts, 17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.65 to \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 10 1-2c, No. 2, 8 1-2c; lambskins, 90 to 95c; tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 25c; candled, 16 to 17c second grade, 13 to 14c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 20 to 21c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 22 to 23c. **Cheese**—Finest, 12 to 12 1-2c.

Beans—\$1.60 to \$1.75 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—15c per bag on track.

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

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 31-2 to 3c per pound, hind quarters, 5 to 7c; lamb, 6 to 6 1-4c, mutton, 4 1-2 to 5c, hogs, \$5.30 to \$5.60 per cwt.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 17.

The grocery market remains steady and fairly active.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 17.

Hardware strong. Paints and oils very firm and advances are expected. Rope is firm. General trade seasonably active.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Feb. 16.

The sugar market is quiet, February selling at 10s and March at 10s.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 16.

Cheese shows an advance for the week on white, this grade being quoted today at 58s. Colored steady at 59s.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 16.

The cattle market is steady at 12 1-4 to 13 1-4c per pound, estimated dressed weights. **Sheep**, 11 3-4 to 12 1-4c.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London, Feb. 12.—There was a strong feeling in the market for American cattle owing to short supplies and prices for such show an advance of 1-2c since this day week, tops selling at 13 3-4c. Argentine cattle were unchanged at 12 1-2c and sheep are quoted 1-2c lower than last Monday, at 11 1-2c.

Liverpool, Feb. 12.—The market was again bare of Canadian stock, but prices for States cattle were 1-2c higher, at 13c.

He—What would you do if I should die and leave you?
She—Leave me how much?

New York Wheat.

Monday, Feb. 12—Holiday, no market.

New York, Feb. 13.—Wheat, May opened 75 1-8c, closed 75 1-2c a. July opened 74 7-8c, closed 75 1-4c a.

New York, Feb. 14.—Wheat, May opened 75 1-4c, closed 75 1-2c. July opened 74 7-8c, closed 75 3-8c a.

New York, Feb. 15.—Wheat, May opened 75 1-2c, closed 75 5-8c b. July opened 75 3-8c, closed 75 1-2c a.

New York, Feb. 16.—Wheat, May opened 75 3-8c, closed 75c b. July opened 75 3-8c, c, closed 74 3-4c b.

New York, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed at 74 3-4c for May option, and 74 1-2c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Monday, Feb. 12—Holiday, no market.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Wheat, May opened 68 7-8c, closed 68 5-8c. July opened 69 7-8c, closed 69 1-4c b. Corn, May opened 34 3-4c, closed 34 1-2c b. July opened 35 1-8 to 3-8c, closed 35 1-8c. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 3-4c. July opened 22 5-8c, closed 22 5-8c a. Pork, May opened \$11.10, closed \$10.92 1-2. July opened \$11.15, closed \$10.97 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.12 1-2, closed \$6.07 1-2. July opened \$6.22 1-2, closed \$6.15 b. Ribs, May opened \$6.05, closed \$5.97 1-2. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6 b.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Wheat, May opened 68 1-4c, closed 68 7-8c a. July opened 68 7-8c, closed 69 3-8c. Corn, May opened 34 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 34 5-8c a. July opened 35c, closed 35 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 3-4c b. July opened 22 5-8c, closed 22 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$10.85, closed \$10.85 b. July opened \$10.90, closed \$10.90. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.05. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.12 1-2 b. Ribs, May opened \$5.97 1-2, closed \$5.97 1-2. July opened \$6, closed \$6. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.60 a.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Wheat, May opened 68 3-4c, closed 68c b. July opened 69 3-8c, closed 69 5-8c b. Corn, May opened 34 3-4c, closed 34 1-4c. July opened 35 1-4c, closed 35 3-4c b. Oats, May opened 23 3-4c, closed 24c a. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 23c a. Pork, May opened \$10.90, closed \$11. July opened \$10.95, closed \$11.02 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.07 1-2. July opened \$6.12 1-2c b, closed \$6.15. Ribs, May opened \$5.95, closed \$6.02 1-2. July opened \$6, closed \$6.05 b. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.60 a. Sept. \$1.16 a. Oct. \$1.14 a.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Wheat, May opened 69 3-4c, closed 68 1-2c a. July opened 69 3-8c, closed 69c. Corn, May opened 35 1-8c, closed 34 3-4c b. July opened 35 5-8c, closed 35 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 3-4c b. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$11 to \$11.05, closed \$10.95. July opened \$10.07 1-2, closed \$10.97 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.07 1-2, closed \$6.05. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.15. Ribs, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.02 1-2c a. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6.02 1-2c b. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.60 a. Sept. \$1.15.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—May wheat opened at 68 3-8c, and ranged from 68 1-4 to 68 1-2c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Feb., 66 1-2c; May, 68 1-8c; July 68 3-4c.

Corn—May, 34 5-8c; July, 35c.

Oats—Feb., 22 1-4c; May, 23 5-8c; Pork—Feb., \$10.75.

Lard—Feb., \$5.92 1-2.

Ribs—Feb., \$5.72 1-2.

A week ago May option closed at 68 1-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 72c; two years ago at \$1.06; three years ago at 76 1-2c; four years ago at 64 5-8c; five years ago at 53c.

The Carberry board of trade held its annual banquet on the evening of Friday, the 9th inst.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.60 for cash and \$1.60 for May; Sept. \$1.12 1-2.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Holiday.

Tuesday—May, 68 3-8c; July, 69 3-8c.

Wednesday—May, 68 3-8c; July, 69 1-2c.

Thursday—May, 68 1-2c; July, 69 5-8c.

Friday—May, 68 1-8c; July, 69 1-4c.

Saturday—May, 67 7-8c; July, 69c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 67 7-8c and cash 1 northern at 66 3-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 68 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 3-8c, two years ago at \$1.00,

three years ago at 76 1-2c, four years ago at 61 7-8c, five years ago at 57 7-8c, and six years ago at 60 3-8c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 16.—Wheat, futures closed quiet; March 5s 10 5-8d; May 5s 10 1-4d; July 5s 10 3-8d.

Liverpool, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed 1-6d lower.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed at 65 1-2c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 66 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 65 1-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market was very flat to-day, and absolutely no business reported. Easter and nominal at about 60 1-2c.

LATER WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

L. Kinley has purchased the watch-making and jewelry business of A. Tomlinson at Wapella, Assiniboia.

Fac stock of the late firm of Morrison Bros., Boisvein, Man., has been secured by T. N. Morrison, who has re-opened the store.

C. C. A. Dott, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Fort William Ont., is to be transferred to the managership of the Cornwall branch.

J. H. Midgley & Co. have taken over the good will and business of J. H. Midgley, plumber, Brandon. The firm is composed of J. H. Midgley and T. D. M. Osborne.

Insurance Notes.

The fir loss of the United States and Canada for January amounted to \$11,755,360, as against \$10,718,000 last year. During the first four days of this month the losses amounted to one million dollars per day. This bad record makes it seem inevitable that fire insurance companies doing business in America will be obliged either to raise their rates or see the profits of the business wiped out to a large extent. Competition has been so keen for fire insurance business that rates have been cut down in many cases to a point that leaves very little in the business for the companies.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Fire Insurance company was held at the head offices, Winnipeg, on Tuesday last. The report showed that the premium income for the year 1899 amounted to \$107,898,18, an increase over the previous year of \$37,249,67. The balance of the revenue account increased from \$49,585.52 to \$89,863.50. All the members of the existing board were re-elected as follows: J. H. Ashdown, F. W. Stobart, John Galt,

G. R. Crowe, E. F. Hutchings, R. J. Campbell and H. T. Riley. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, J. H. Ashdown was re-elected president of the company, and F. W. Stobart vice-president.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Fire Insurance Company was held in Winnipeg on February 8. The financial statement was considered very satisfactory by the shareholders. A half yearly dividend was declared at the rate of 4 per cent per annum on paid up capital of the company. The following were re-elected directors of the company for the ensuing year: W. R. Allan, Geo. W. Baker, W. R. Dick, Thos. Gilroy, J. S. Hough, Collin Inkster, D. E. Sprague, R. Ross Sutherland, Winnipeg, W. Clifford, Austin; J. C. Kavanagh, Brandon, E. M. Williams, Russell, and at a subsequent meeting of the new board Collin Inkster was re-elected president; Thos. Gilroy, vice-president, and G. O. Woodman, secretary-manager, of the company.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A detailed statement of Rossland output (approximately) for week ending Feb. 10, shows as follows: La Roi, 2,142 tons, War Eagle, 1,354 tons; Centre Star, 787 tons, Iron Mask, 34 tons. Total, 4,378 tons.

The provincial gazette contains the notice of the incorporation of the following companies: The Banner Group Gold Mining Co., Ltd., capital \$1,500,000; headquarters at Rossland, B. C. The Black Bear Mining Co., Ltd., capital \$500,000; headquarters at Kimberley, East Kootenay, B. C.

The Republic mine, of Republic, Wash., is now making daily shipments by rail from Grand Forks to the Trad smelter. The ore is conveyed to Grand Forks on sleighs. During the week ending Feb. 3 shipments amounting to 63 tons were dispatched. The B. C. mine, in Summit Camp, is shipping an average of 20 cars a week to the same smelter. The Yankee Boy and the Yankee Girl will also shortly begin regular shipments to Trad. The mine is situated in Hardy Mountain, two miles from Grand Forks.

The closing down of a number of mines in the Kootenay region of British Columbia, is likely to prove a serious matter, if the mines remain long idle. The laying off of the men at three of the big Rossland mines, is attributed to faulty or inadequate machinery, though many believe that it is due to the eight hour law. The closing down of the Hall mines and smelter at Nelson is attributed to troubles between the shareholders and directors, though it is said by some that the eight hour law has also had something to do with it. The closing of work on the Dominion Copper Co.'s properties at Greenwood is directly attributed to the eight hour law. While opposition to the law may not be the direct cause in the case of all the mines, the fact that a petition is now before the legislature asking for the repeal of the law, would give foundation to the belief that this is at least partly the cause of the trouble. The mine owners declare that the law has excluded capital and deprived owners of profit.

She—I suppose you were presented at court while in London.

He—Yes, twice, but I was acquitted both times.