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Calgary Flour Mills.

An important change has recently taken place in the Calgary Milling Company (Limited), according to the Herald. The company has been strengthened by the addition of two more shareholders, Messrs. Prince and Kerr, who are already largely interested in local enterprises, and who together with the gentlemen previously at the head of the company should certainly succeed in making this one of the most important of Calgary's local industries.

At a meeting of the company the following directors were appointed: W. Carson, P. A. Prince, J. B. Prince, I. K. Kerr, F. H. Brown and T. G. Wanless. Subsequently a meeting of the directors was held, when the following officers were elected: I. K. Kerr, president; P. A. Prince, vice-president, treasurer and manager; T. G. Wanless, secretary. It is the intention of the company to run the Calgary flour mills to their fullest capacity the year round, and to increase the company's plant at Calgary and other places in Alberta as fast as trade justifies the expenditure. It is the expectation of the company to have a milling and elevator plant at Calgary of very considerable size in the near future, as well as a complete line of modern, up-to-date elevators in other parts of Alberta.

The power required to run the mills and elevator at Calgary will be furnished by the Calgary Water Power Company.

An electric motor has already been installed in the elevator to operate the elevator and chopper.

The company has an excellent trade connection all through the west which is rapidly growing.

Boundary Mining News.

On October 17, the Miner-Graves mines—Old Ironsides, Victoria and Knob Hill—increased their daily shipments to the Granby Co.'s smelter at Grand Forks, B. C., from 300 tons to 600 tons. This would have been done earlier but that the smelter was not ready to start its second 300 ton furnace, chiefly owing to not having sufficient coke on hand to make it certain that no stoppage would take place by reason of fuel running short. With 600 tons of ore going out daily from one group of mines alone, this giving a total of about 18,000 tons a month, and with the B. C. mine, in Summit camp, maintaining an average of 100 tons per day, or 3,000 tons per month, it will readily be realized that the ore shipments from the Boundary district will soon attain to considerable proportions. The total shipments from the whole district to Oct. 17 aggregates about 43,000 tons. It is estimated that the shipments from the Mother Lode mine to the British Columbia Copper Co.'s smelter, at Greenwood will, after December, average about 300 tons per day, and this added to shipments at above mentioned rate will give a total of 30,000 tons, to which will be added shipments from several mines not yet sufficiently developed to send out on a comparatively large scale. This showing for a district that has only now fairly entered upon the shipping stage is a very creditable one.

An erroneous statement was published recently respecting the smelters of the Boundary country. There is only one smelter in the district in actual operation—that owned by the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Ltd., of Montreal, Que., and situate at Grand Forks. The smelter of the British Columbia Copper Company, Ltd., of New York, is establishing near Greenwood, primarily for treatment of ore from its Mother Lode mine, is not yet completed. The buildings have been erected and part of the plant has been installed, but it is not probable that it will be possible for actual smelting operations to be entered upon until about the first of the new year. The Standard Pyritic Smelting Company, Ltd., of Quebec, has commenced the erection of a pyritic smelter on a site about three miles south of Greenwood, but it is scarcely likely that it will be practicable to treat ore at this smelter until early next year.

Mrs. Dresser—Do you think this dress is long enough behind, Jack?
Mr. Dresser—Plenty! Any microbes that can escape that isn't worth catching.—London Modern Society.

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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 27.

UNSATISFACTORY BUTTER WEIGHTS.

Considerable dissatisfaction exists among Winnipeg produce and commission houses in regard to butter weights. Unpleasantness sometimes arises between country shippers and receivers here in regard to weights, as a result of the present somewhat unsatisfactory system of handling butter. It has been customary in this market to allow six, eight and ten pounds tare for small, medium and large butter packages, respectively, but the experience of the trade goes to show that this tare often does not cover the actual difference between the net and gross weights of butter packages. Many packages of butter reach this market with a quantity of salt placed on top of the butter. It is also known that tubs are frequently soaked with brine until their weight is materially increased. The makers of the butter are evidently up to tricks of this nature to increase the weight of the packages and thus secure the price of butter for an added weight of salt and water. In some cases a quantity of salt has even been found placed in the centre of packages. While no doubt in many cases the farmer or maker of the butter is responsible for this added weight, it is possible that in some cases country shippers have also adopted the same tactics, such as adding salt on top of butter and soaking tubs with brine.

The result of this is, that receivers here have frequently found that the net weight of lots of butter has turned out considerably less than the shippers' weight. On one lot of a few tons handled by a commission house, there was a shrinkage of nearly 500 lbs in the net weight of the butter, after making the usual allowance for weight of packages. Produce dealers contend that they should not be expected to pay butter prices for salt, brine and cloth, and there is a movement on foot to have the custom of butter weights changed, so that payment will only be made for net weight of butter. It is not likely that any change will be made this season, as the bulk of the trade is over for this year, but it is likely that next season a rule will be established to adhere more closely to actual net weights in making returns to country shippers.

In the past this discrepancy in weights was not felt so closely by the

produce houses as it now is. Business now, however, is done on a closer margin than formerly, and any loss in weights is felt more keenly. Another reason is, that the quantity of butter made here has increased and this year there has been a surplus for shipment east. When a dealer here ships a lot of butter to Montreal, for instance, the butter will go through the hands of a public weigher at Montreal, and the actual net weight only will be allowed to the Winnipeg shipper. Dealers here, therefore, think that they should buy on the same basis as they are compelled to sell on, and allow only for the actual net weight, instead of allowing a uniform tare according to the size of packages.

To avoid misunderstandings between country shippers and produce and commission dealers here, country receivers of butter can arrange to take in butter on the same basis. When a customer comes to the store with a package of butter, the contents can be turned out and weighed, and the actual net weight should be marked on the package. If this custom were followed, many misunderstandings between shippers and receivers in regard to weights, would be prevented. In taking in butter from customers, merchants should always draw a sample with the tryer, and any defects, such as lack of uniformity in color, etc., could be pointed out to the maker, with a view to encouraging efforts to improve quality in future.

CHEESE.

A well informed Winnipeg cheese buyer says that there must be in the neighborhood of 300,000 pounds of cheese held yet by factories in Manitoba, which is a large quantity for this time of year. The make has been large this year, and with a further increase in the output next year, there will be more cheese made than will be required for the western market. In fact there is a liberal supply now for the western market, though some Ontario cheese was shipped through to British Columbia earlier in the season. Notwithstanding the increase in the make, buyers have purchased freely at prices very remunerative to the producer. If the cheese industry continues to expand, so that a decided surplus over western requirements is produced, it will evidently mean that keener discrimination as to quality will have to be practiced in buying the Manitoba product. Heretofore almost anything offered in a cheese box has been taken, with little or no discrimination as to quality, and the result has been that the quality of Manitoba cheese has not improved with increasing experience in the industry as it should have done. Where the buyer does not discriminate as to quality, there is not the same encouragement for the producer to try to excel in turning out his goods. Greater discrimination in purchasing would be a good thing for the Manitoba cheese industry, as it would put factorymen on their metal and encourage them to put forth their best efforts in the matter of securing high quality. A lot of poor cheese has been made this season. A Montreal dairy produce man who was here recently, said that the Manitoba cheese industry was in about the same position that the industry in Ontario occupied twenty or more years ago. The Ontario cheese industry has certainly made wonderful progress in twenty years, and what has been accomplished there can be accomplished here, in quality at least, if not in quantity. Quality, at

any rate, is the first thing desirable in the dairy industry, whether it be cheese or butter.

HIGH EXPRESS RATES.

In the course of its weekly rounds of the trading community in Winnipeg The Commercial generally hears a great many things that it would not be wise to use in the way of giving publicity to them, and it is generally only when a matter has become common experience that it is made a subject of remarks in these columns. For a considerable time back the trading community of the west, both in and out of the city, have been complaining in forcible terms of what they are pleased to call the extortionate rates being charged for carriage of parcels by express to the various parts of the west. The complaint is most commonly raised by dealers in low priced lines of goods as they find that a small parcel consigned to a country point will often eat up more than its value in express charges. This, of course, is something that is bound to occur in certain cases where the value of the goods is exceptionally low, but it is claimed by the present complainants that owing to the high rates charged under the present schedule it occurs entirely too often, to the exclusion of a good deal of trade that should be handled through express channels. It is hard for a person not conversant with the business to know what it costs an express company to handle the ordinary run of parcels, and it may be that the present scale of rates in this country is not any more than enough to cover cost of doing the work, but the opinion seems to be pretty generally held that the express people have what is vulgarly called "a fat thing," and that they could easily lop 25 or more per cent. off their rates and still make good returns on their investment. A general reduction in rates would certainly have the effect of largely increasing the volume of business handled in this way and would probably result in the end in a net gain to the company. As it is all sorts of schemes have to be resorted to to get small consignments of goods to their destinations economically. A common method is to divide the goods up into a number of small parcels so that they can be shipped by post. To compete for this business the express people have made a rate corresponding to the postal rate, which is very much lower in proportion than their regular schedule, which shows that they can if they like handle the business a good deal cheaper than they are doing at present.

COLLECTIONS.

The credit season is now practically over for this year in the west so far as retail accounts are concerned. Most country merchants annually notify their customers that after the crop is off terms are cash, and this year the rule will be more rigidly adhered to than ever. This looks at first sight like a hard proposition, but it is absolutely essential in the case of most country merchants if they are to continue in business. A farmer who cannot pay his store bill after harvest is likely to never be in a position to pay it unless in very exceptional cases, and the average general merchant cannot afford to have many such accounts on his books. With the closing of the year's credit accounts comes the difficult task of getting in the money outstanding and of doing so without unpleasantness with the customer if this can be avoided. There are always on every

merchant's books a certain number of accounts which will come in of their own accord without dunning or any sort of pressure. A certain percentage of the remaining accounts will come in as a rule after one or two askings and the others have to be rustled for. These are the ones that give the merchant anxious care and often more or less trouble. The time to deal with them is when the money is moving and if the storekeeper does not get his share before heavier obligations are paid the chances are in a year like this he will eventually get nothing at all.

Selling Goods by Lottery.

The charge against J. Johnson, merchant, Winnipeg, accused of disposing of goods by lottery, was argued yesterday at the police court. Mr. Geo. Patterson taking the case for the crown. The point on which the defence argued their case is that defendant, who runs a bankrupt stock sale, gave away with each five dollars' worth of goods certain coupons which entitled the receiver to free articles and that there was nothing any more unlawful in this than in giving trading stamps for goods. A test of skill in shooting at a turkey with a gun had also to be made before the "free articles," among them a horse and rig, could become the property of the successful marksman. Examination was made of Mr. Johnson's assistant, who described the methods of conducting the sales of the bankrupt stock and in distributing the coupons, with certain numbers. The newspapers were utilized to advertise that a prize would be offered for the purchaser securing a certain coupon and customers of the store were told of the agreement.

Mr. Patterson claimed that the method was a gambling device to entice business and it allowed to continue would necessitate other tradesmen adopting similar methods, which would injure trade on a business basis.

Mr. E. H. Macklin, business manager of the Free Press, gave evidence in regard to the publication of the Bankrupt Stock company's advertisement in the Evening News Bulletin of Oct. 6. He produced the manuscript of the advertisement, handed into the office for publication.

Arthur Dulmage, a clerk in the Free Press business office, testified in regard to the manner of receiving advertisements. Mr. Johnston, he said, had brought advertisements into the office.

Edward Hawke, another clerk, was called. His evidence was much the same.

Lawrence Ogden, being recalled, could not remember whether it was he or Mr. Johnston took the advertisement to the Free Press office. He considered the writing of the advertisement to be much similar to Mr. Johnston's.

This concluded the evidence and the lawyers each briefly addressed the court.

Mr. Patterson in his address contended that the defendant had clearly broken the lottery law by advertising his scheme of drawing, as had been presented to the court. Mr. Patterson said that the case was brought on more as a test case.

Mr. Bonnar, counsel for the defendant, contended that the lottery law had not been broken. He claimed that as shown in the advertisement, no property was given to those holding the tickets, but a chance to shoot at turkeys, and it depended upon the skill of the shooter whether he got the prize or not. It was simply intended as an advertising scheme and not as a means to make money.

His worship said he would take the case into consideration and give his opinion a week from to-day.

The information was laid by the chief of police under the criminal code and the title of the case is the Queen vs. Johnson.

The Manitoba Milling Company is erecting a flour and feed store at Franklin. The company has also sheeted its elevator and placed new sills under it.

Mining stocks slumped badly in the Montreal market last week. War Eagle lost 35 points, selling down to 100. Republic, Virtue, Montreal and London were among the other stocks which declined.

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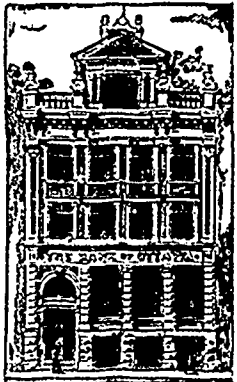
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 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, 1890---1900.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Jan. 1st, 1890	Jan. 1st, 1900.	Jan. 1st, 1890	Jan. 1st, 1900
Quick Assets.....\$ 2,432,135.38	\$ 8,274,182.14	Capital paid in.....\$ 1,114,300.00	\$ 1,780,900.00
Loans and bills discounted. 5,903,094.20	11,270,924.09	Reserve & undivided profits 572,973.81	2,193,136.57
Other assets..... 44,856.41	74,689.61	Notes in circulation..... 1,325,270.68	1,670,368.50
Bank premises..... 94,975.77	18,640.59	Other liabilities..... 194,238.36	198,632.96
		Deposits..... 5,268,378.91	13,815,358.40
\$ 8,475,161.76	\$ 19,638,306.43	\$ 8,475,161.76	\$ 19,638,396.48

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The Candidates.

The candidate is again abroad in the land, with his pleasant smile and winning ways. Even the poorest voter in the district is now considered worthy of a warm recognition by the candidate and his skirmishers. We present this week half-tone portraits of the two candidates in Centre Winnipeg for the local house. T. W. Taylor is



T. W. Taylor,
Government Candidate for Centre Winnipeg.

seeking the votes of the people to return him as a supporter of the government, while Robt. Muir is the opposition candidate. Mr. Taylor is perhaps the better known of the two as a public man, in Winnipeg. He has taken an active interest in municipal affairs in past years and occupied the honorable position of mayor of the city for two terms. At the provincial general elections five years ago, Mr. Taylor contested North Winnipeg unsuccessfully. Mr. Muir has not been before



Robert Muir,
Opposition Candidate for Centre Winnipeg.

the public heretofore in a political capacity, but he served the city a short time as alderman. In a business way both gentlemen are well known and highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Muir was interested in the machinery business in Winnipeg in the early days, when the young city had only started on its career of progress and development. Of late years he has been in the grain and milling business. Mr. Taylor, who carries on a book binding establishment, has also been in business here ever since Winnipeg had any use for such an institution.

Winnipeg City Council.

The Winnipeg city council met on Monday night. Among the communications was a writ on behalf of E. B. Lemon, demanding \$250 for damage to trees and shrubbery on his property caused by city employees. The city engineer presented a report dealing with the question of cost of new waterworks. The works committee recommended the construction of a number of public improvements. The committee appointed to deal with the question of a subway under the C. P. R. tracks on Main street, reported recommending that a 52-foot subway be constructed. The report was discussed at length and some of the aldermen were strongly in favor of increasing the width of the proposed subway to 60 feet and a motion to this effect was finally adopted. A by-law to grant one per cent rebate for prompt payment of taxes was passed through its three readings.

Government Dairy Course.

The home dairy course will begin on Jan. 7, 1901, and continue until Feb. 2. The second course will begin on March 4, and continue until March 30. The butter and cheese makers' courses begin Feb. 4, and continue until March 30.

Many farmers have kept their sons and daughters from the dairy school because they felt they could not afford it, but more have been kept away because they did not know what a dairy school course meant. The question is often heard, "What benefit will it be to me to take a dairy course?" Many people believe that a dairy school is a place in which to learn to make butter and cheese, and as they have made it for years, they know all there is to know, and it is a rest from such they are now wanting. If you are making butter in the home dairy, you will receive lessons in setting and skimming milk, operating all the hand cream separators on the Winnipeg market, care and ripening of separator cream, coloring, churning, salting, washing, working, printing and packing butter, the testing of milk and cream by the Babcock test, the value of milk and cream for butter making, and the methods of dividing proceeds by the per cent. of fat.

Special instructions will be given in composite milk testing for the payment of milk according to its butter or cheese value. The injustice of the "pooling system" by which all kinds of milk receive the same price, is evident from the proceeding; if the milk of a certain patron is richer than that of others, it will make a higher grade of cheese, and more of it per hundred-weight, hence a higher price should be paid for it. Most of the cheese factories in Manitoba are still paying the patrons by this pooling system. It will be to your advantage to attend, as the factories are going to pay by the per cent. of fat and casein.

Anyone wishing to enter any or all of these courses will be furnished with the addresses of suitable places for board and lodging, and information in reference to the work and instruction will be readily furnished on application.

Every effort will be used to help the students and give them instruction that will be of the most importance to them.

For application and information, address letters to C. A. Murray, Dairy Superintendent, Winnipeg

Winter Fur Styles.

The season for fur garments is again opening and much attention is being given by merchants and furriers to the fashions which are to rule during the coming winter. The season is to be one of greater variety than ever in the matter of what may be worn and there will also be a great deal of combination of various kinds of furs in coats, collars, capes, etc. Most of the old favorite furs are to be in vogue again, such as seal, Persian lamb, beaver, mink, marten, astrachan and coon, while stone marten, Russian sable, electric seal, etc., will meet with increased favor. The indications are that there will be a better sale than ever this season for black Persian lamb coats for ladies' wear. These are cheaper than they have been in other years, which will help to popularize them. The regular selling price at Winnipeg seems to range around \$110 for best grades. One of the latest patterns for a lady's Persian lamb jacket is shown

herewith. It will be noticed that the waist has been shortened to Elton length and the sleeves are the newest shape. The trimming about the collar and down the front may be of any other good fur which suits the taste of the wearer. Next to the coat or jacket the regular full length cape will be the favorite this season. These are made up in seals, beavers, astrachan, etc., and vary in price according to the fur and expense of making. A good black astrachan should not cost more than \$30.00 retail here. A very stylish looking cape is being shown of electric seal 30 inches long with full sweep deep storm collar and fronts edged with marten and lined with satin. Capes and coats of cloth, plush, etc., with fur trimmings will also be worn this winter as usual. These usually cost a very modest sum and look well.

Collarettes and caperines are being



A Fashionable Fur Jacket.

shown in a variety of styles. Some of the collarettes are very elaborate and showy. One of the most showy is a combination tab collarette of electric seal and Persian lamb, trimmed with 10 full fox tails and lined with satin. This costs about \$12.00.

Storm collars and ruffs will be as fashionable and popular as ever judging by the variety shown by furriers. Grey and black Persian lamb, electric seal, prairie wolf, fox, and all the native furs will be used in the collars. Ruffs are shown in mink, marten, sable, blue and red fox, etc. A very pretty ruff of stone marten, which sells at \$18.00 retail is popular in these. Mink ruffs to sell at \$12 to \$15 are also popular. These are not made with the heads on this year, but have three or four black tails by way of embellishment.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

	Oct. 19, 1900.	Oct. 20, 1900.	Oct. 20, 1900.
Flour	\$3.40	\$3.60	\$3.55
Wheat	77 1/2	77 1/2	73 1/2
Corn	46	46	39 1/2
Oats	25	25	23 1/2
Rye	58 1/2	58 1/2	65 1/2
Cotton	4 1/2	4 1/2	7 1/2
Printcloths	3 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Wool, No. 1	28 1/2	28 1/2	34 1/2
Wool, Ohio	25 1/2	25 1/2	30 1/2
Pork, mess	13.25	14.50	9.00
Lard	7.55	7.55	5.55
Butter	22 1/2	22 1/2	24
Cheese	11	11	12
Sugar, 96	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 5/16
Sugar, gran.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Coffee, No. 7	5 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2
Petroleum, reg.	7.45	7.45	8.95
*Iron, Bes. pig	13.25	13.25	21.50
*Steel bill. ton.	17.00	17.00	40.00
Steel rails	26.00	26.00	35.00
Copper, lb.	16.75	16.75	18.00
Lead, lb.	4.37 1/2	4.37 1/2	4.60
Tin, lb.	23.00	23.00	30.50

*Pittsburgh -Bradstreet's

The Winnipeg Free Press reports that a steel plant is to be established in an Ontario town, by a company with a capital of \$12,000,000.00. With an election campaign on hand, party papers must be allowed considerable latitude, which no doubt accounts for the extensive capital of the alleged company.

Profits of 1899 and 1900.

"It is reported unofficially that the profits of the largest steel manufacturer in the United States and in the world, for the year 1900 will exceed by some 10 per cent. those for the year 1899. Interest attaches to this showing from the fact that a year ago the estimate of this year's profits was placed at nearly 100 per cent. over those for 1899. The balance on the right side of the ledger is doubtless satisfactory to this manufacturing company, for it represents a very neat profit, but," says Iron and Steel, "the difference between the aspect of trade a year ago and now is most forcefully illustrated by the gap which intervenes between the estimated and actual earnings. In other words, the trade is down to earth again, or within safe distance thereof. Three quarters of the year have passed away, a year that has been only less remarkable in iron and steel than that of 1899, and the decline has been uninterrupted from start to finish. The descent was skilfully conducted, makers paying out the ropes that held quotations just enough to keep the business moving at a fairly good gait. The year from present signs will average up well with 1899. Many business men in iron and steel have already estimated their trade for the year. With some the volume will be slightly less, with others slightly more. The general result will be that the two years will be nearly enough alike to be twins, twins of herculean build and marvelous girth. During the year 1899 the prices grew and grew. The apex was reached near the close of the year, and the less dizzy altitude of the present brings trade down to about where it was when the crescendo movement began in 1899. These will be two most noteworthy years, in truth."

Care of Health.

In matters of health, paradoxical as the statement is, says the Youth's Companion, the battle is not always to the strong. Indeed, it is by no means rare to see cases where the direct cause of premature breakdown and death was an inherited good constitution. It is with health as with wealth—that which an ancestor has labored long to accumulate may be dissipated in a short time by a spendthrift heir; while, on the other hand, men are apt to be careful of that for which they have personally struggled.

It is an undoubted physiological fact that people who have inherited good constitutions may, if they choose and barring accidents, live long lives, yet how often we see such people wasting their great gift in needless imprudences, priding themselves on the impunity with which they overtax nerve force on foolish pleasures, claiming that they "never take cold," and boasting of their recuperative powers, in the possession of which they continue to insult nature.

But sooner or later nature always resents insult, and the day of retribution inevitably comes to the man who uses his principal of health to gamble with instead of contenting himself with the legitimate use of his interest.

This, of course, does not alter the fact that one man may do things with impunity that would be suicidal in another. Our parable still holds good. His principal is larger, and consequently his income is larger; nevertheless, let him be satisfied with his comfortable 6 per cent. and not tempt fate with wilder schemes.

Still clinging to our metaphor, we may say that, as there are many Dick Whittingtons, who come to town with a penny in the pocket, but with careful thrift end by being Lord Mayors, so it may be with many who are poor in physical health. Recognizing their limitations, and living wholesome sanitary lives, they may actually create a constitution enabling them to enjoy long years of health and happiness.

This end is not to be attained by a fussy over-occupation with questions of hygiene, but by a brave determination, daily carried out, to eat properly, sleep properly, breathe properly and pay due heed to nature's admonitions.

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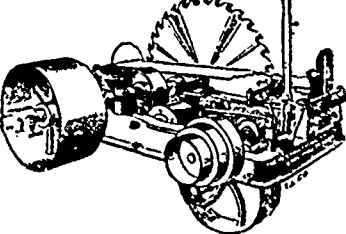
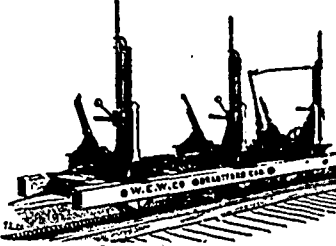
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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS:

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ended Oct. 25, 1900 .. \$2,281,110
 Corresponding week, 1899 .. 2,250,039
 Corresponding week, 1898 .. 2,327,331
 The monthly totals are as follows:

	1900.	1899.	1898.
Jan. ..	\$1,068,607	\$7,083,032	\$9,347,168
Feb. ..	6,722,648	6,291,471	6,517,340
Mar. ..	7,320,062	6,780,121	6,968,276
April ..	7,091,610	6,910,431	6,240,113
May ..	9,762,677	7,472,835	8,083,304
June ..	9,612,081	8,211,718	7,306,799
July ..	8,395,425	8,169,605	6,310,238
Aug. ..	8,173,036	7,995,291	6,180,383
Sept. ..	7,320,147	8,231,159	6,414,651
Oct. ..	12,680,000	12,680,000	9,347,032
Nov. ..	14,436,210	11,834,689	
Dec. ..	12,066,003	10,708,731	
Totals ..	\$107,786,814	\$90,674,323	

SILVER.

Indian and other demands for silver were not as large as they have been, says Bradstreet, and the London market at the beginning of the week experienced a further fractional reaction in the quotation for bars. This was followed by the New York prices for silver. A slightly firmer feeling, however, soon asserted itself, due apparently to the belief that India will be obliged to purchase on a large scale during the remainder of the year owing to the demand for silver currency in that country.

PRICES.

	Oct. 13.	Oct. 10.
London ..	29 3/4d	29 3/4d
New York ..	62 3/4c	63 3/4c

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Cowdry Bros., private bankers, Macleod, have opened a branch at Cardston, with Chas. Gigot in charge.

The Bank of Montreal has declared a dividend of 5 per cent. for the current half-year, which will be paid on and after the first day of December next.

The premises heretofore occupied by the Bank of Commerce at Winnipeg are being fitted up for Carruthers, Brock & Johnston, insurance and financial agents, who will take possession in a few weeks.

For some years a movement has been on foot to establish a mint in Canada. Efforts have been made, particularly in British Columbia, to induce the federal government to establish a mint. It is now announced from Ottawa that the government will establish a mint, and that an arrangement has been effected with the imperial government whereby the Canadian mint will be allowed to coin British sovereigns in addition to Canadian metallic money. The proposed Canadian institution will therefore be established as a branch of the royal mint.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Granby smelter at Grand Forks has been treating 350 tons of ore daily. Thus far 14 carloads of matte have been shipped to New York.

H. T. & M. Jackson have bought the Contact group of claims in Burnt Basin, about midway between the Grand Forks and Trull smelters.

Last week the Payne mine, New Denver district, shipped 220 tons of ore to the smelter; Last Chance, 100; Slovan Star, 60; Ruth, 52; Coin, 16; Arlington, 180 tons. For the week ending Oct. 7, the Whitewater shipped 132 tons.

The Imperial Development Syndicate, of Nelson, have bonded a group of claims at the junction of Pool and Fish Creeks in the Lardeau districts. The property consists of four claims, the ore being free milling. The names are Highland Mary, Eva, Iron Dollar, and Last Chance.

The Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited, of Bullion, Cariboo district, completed the clean-up for the second run on the 1st instant and have shipped the result thereof in one large ingot of solid gold, weighing 9,040 troy ounces (753 lbs. 4 ounces) valued at \$151,765. This, we are informed, is the product of a run of 48 days washing with 2,760 miners inches of water, and is probably the largest ingot of gold ever shipped east across the continent from an hydraulic mine.—Ashcroft Journal.

The directors of the Winnipeg Mining and Smelting Company, Limited, Rossland, have decided to reorganize the company and to make the stock assessable to the extent of 5 cents per share. In addition to this the capital stock is to be increased from 1,000,000 shares of \$1 each to \$1,250,000 shares of \$1 each. The intention is to use the assessments for the purpose of development.

Beginning on the 17th the shipments of ore from the properties of the Miner-Graves syndicate in Phoenix camp increased from 300 to 600 tons each 24 hours. This ore all goes to the syndicate's own smelter at Grand Forks, where the second 300-ton furnace has been blown in. The syndicate's properties that are now shipping steadily from the camp are the

Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Victoria mines.

The first ordinary general (statutory) meeting of the shareholders of Le Roi No. 2, Limited, was held at Winchester House, Old Broad street, E. C., under the presidency of Sinclair Macleay, chairman of the company. The secretary pro tem, W. B. Mitchell, having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said: "Gentlemen, as this is the statutory meeting required by law to be held within four months of registration, I have little to say beyond reporting progress, and the fact that everything in regard to the company is in a very satisfactory condition." A statement of progress to date was then given showing that development work is proceeding.

The Rossland Bonanza Gold Mining and Milling Co., Limited, held its first meeting of shareholders last week. After electing a board of directors it was decided to pool all the promoters' stock (400,000 shares) and of the remaining 600,000 shares of treasury stock the directors were authorized to sell 100,000 shares as follows: 40,000 at 3 cents and the balance at 5 cents. The company's property consists of the Bonanza No. 3 mineral claim on St. Thomas mountain in the Trull Creek division, three and a half miles from Gladstone on the main trail from Rossland. The claim contains several ledges of free milling gold ore.

The Sakoose gold mine, in the Rainy River district, has been bought for \$275,000 by the Ottawa Gold Milling and Mining Co.

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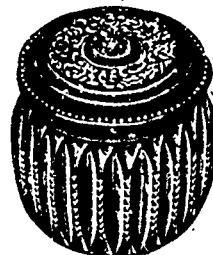
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Interesting Legal Decision.

Justice Dubuc delivered judgment this week in the case of Stobart & Sons vs. Forbes, an action brought by the plaintiffs against the defendant to recover the purchase price of goods furnished him, and they also claimed amounts due by him to the firms of Peck & Co., and Codville & Co., under an assignment, this being done to avoid the cost of bringing several actions. The defence raised was that the plaintiffs could not maintain the action, as they were not empowered by their letters of incorporation to act as assignees. His Lordship held that the defendant could not raise this question, and entered a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$3,201.52, and interest.

Broom Corn Booming.

In its issue of last week, American Elevator and Grain Trade says: If the broom corn trust, so called, otherwise the Central Broom Supply Company, which was so much in evidence on broom corn a year ago, maintains its command of the trade, it will have to go down into its purse for more money than it took last year to secure the stock. The new crop of brush is this year undeniably short, and the farmers know it, and have been holding the corn against offers much higher than was paid by brokers for most of the crop last year. Prices have consequently stiffened rapidly since harvest, and on September 18 reached \$100 per ton for brush in the field. Some brush has been sold at this figure, but as broom makers are practically without stock and the farmers are not in a rush to sell, even at \$100, the price may go still higher without giving the brokers, who have hitherto taken the cream of the profits, any great amount of picking from this year's crops.

Coal in Abundance.

One of the most valuable assets the Similkameen country possesses is her enormous deposits of coal, says the Similkameen Star. Starting at Princeton the coal seams owned by the Vermillion Forks Co. are within a stone's throw of the town. Development shows about eight feet wide of solid, clean, coal. Travelling up the Similkameen river for 10 miles, strong outcroppings are met with on either bank. The same showings are found on the Tulameen. Leaving Princeton, about three miles up the river, the fields now being prospected by George McCoskery's syndicate, are showing some good seams. Ten miles further on some of the best coal in the country is found.

A strong syndicate of Vancouver gentlemen is located 3,810 acres, and Mr. George De Wolf, F. F. S., of Vancouver, made a thorough examination of the property this week. He was very enthusiastic about the showings and claims there is enough coal in sight to warrant the early construction of a railroad to the district, even if the coal was the only inducement offering. Several coking tests are now being made from samples taken from different properties. From an analysis of several samples the coal has been found to contain from 34 to 72 per cent. carbon. The coal fields of Similkameen, he claims, will yet rival the celebrated Crow's Nest Pass collieries.

J. B. Chadson, superintendent of construction of the Quesselle-Dawson telegraph line, reports the line complete and in working order to a point 570 miles north of Quesselle, and the trail cut and cleared five miles further north. This is as far as the work was contemplated, and completes the section of work from this end. Mr. Chadson states that the construction outfit building south from Telegraph Creek had but 67 miles to build on September 15th to complete connections with the intervening uncompleted section through an unexplored country. A couple of runners from the north end reached the south end last Saturday, and report the country very mountainous, rough and heavily timbered. The weather has been most unfavorable, the rainfall being unprecedented this year in this section. Notwithstanding these natural and unforeseen obstacles, it is expected that the last connection in this most unique work in the history of telegraph construction will be made at an early date.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

ANVILS—Per lb, 10¢; 12½¢; anvil and vice combined, each, \$34.50.

AUCTIONS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, \$8.75.

AXES—Hatch, 30 and 10 per cent; chopping axen, per dozen, \$7¢; double bit, per dozen, \$12¢.

BAIRS—Crow, \$6.00 per 100 lb.

BELLOWS—20-24, \$1.60; 20, \$4.05; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$8.85; 32, \$9.30; 34, \$7.25; 30, \$8.10; 32, \$9; 40, \$10.35.

BUILDING—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 40 per cent; extra, 60 per cent off new list.

BLAS. AD'CTR—American, 60 per cent; Jennings' Accelerator, 45 per cent.

BOLTS—Carriage, 12½¢ per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 65 per cent; tire, 65 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor, Cyclone and Jubilee, plain, 65¢; Cyclone and Jubilee, tarred, 80¢; Anchor, plain, 60¢ per roll; Anchor, tarred, 70¢; Shield, tarred, 65¢.

BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com, 60 per cent; Peterboro, 35 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 65 per cent; loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 45¢ up.

CARTRIDGES—Rim fire, American discount 40 per cent; Doolittle, 60 and 6 per cent; central fire, plain, American discount 10 per cent; Dominion discount 20 per cent; military and sporting, American net list, Dominion 15 per cent.

CEMENT—Portland barrel, \$4.25; \$4.50.

CHAIN—Coll., proved, 3-10 in., per 100 lb, \$11; do., ½ in., \$8; do. 6-10 in., \$10.25; ½ in., \$9; 7-10 in., \$5.75; ½ in. and up, \$4.50. Jack, iron, single, per dozen yards, 10¢; double, per dozen yards, 20¢.

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Mantoba.

L. Brown is opening a store at Headingly.

W. F. Thompson, hotelkeeper, Brandon, has made an assignment.

W. B. Nicholson has opened a flour and feed store at Gilbert Plains.

Field & Co. have opened a general store at Swan River. They will also handle farm-implements.

Col. T. C. Scoble, C. E., a well known citizen of Winnipeg, died suddenly on Friday morning of apoplexy.

John Eagle, of Eagle Bros., Dauphin, has opened a blacksmith shop at the new town of Gilbert Plains.

Mrs. Geo. Rogers, of Sidney, Man., has bought out the bakery and confectionery business of R. E. Lewin, at MacGregor.

A. G. Stewart, formerly of Teeswater, Ont., has erected a store at Gilbert Plains, and is opening in the stationery line.

J. H. Abercrombie, of the firm of Heming & Abercrombie, druggists, Swan River, has opened a drug store at Grand View.

Notice is given that Jacob Udow, merchant of the city of Winnipeg, did on the 24th of October, make an assignment of his estate and effects for the benefit of his creditors to C. H. Newton, assignee.

Robert Bullock, general merchant, of the town of Selkirk, has made an assignment to Geo. H. Monkhouse, Winnipeg. The customary creditors' meeting will be held in Montreal on the 3rd of November.

The Rat Portage Lumber company is opening a lumber yard at Portage la Prairie, on the corner of Pacific and Main streets. The yard will be under the management of A. Stevens, formerly of Cypress River.

The stock of gents' furnishings, clothing, etc., belonging to the estate of D. E. Traynor, of Deloraine, was sold on Monday at the offices of Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg, to W. A. Rolston, at a rate of 6 1/2c on the dollar.

The stock and fixtures of Garton & Farquhar, grocers, Winnipeg, insolvent, will be sold by auction at a rate on the dollar, at Newton & Davidson's office, Winnipeg, on Monday, the 29th inst. The total value is \$2,700.

The firm of Stewart & Hyndman, clothing and furnishings, Winnipeg, has undergone some changes. Geo. Stewart retiring, and his son, G. C. Stewart, and Frank Hyndman, brother of the present proprietor, being taken in. The firm will be known in future as George J. Hyndman & Co.

The mayor of Neepawa states to the ratepayers of that town that there is a serious deficit in connection with the construction and operation of the new electric light and telephone plant. Debentures to the amount of \$10,000 were issued to buy the plant, which up to date has cost \$7,000 more than this. The earnings have been \$3,650, which is enough to cover costs of operation, but makes no provision for interest, sinking fund, or depreciation.

Saskatchewan.

A. J. Adamson has opened a private bank at Rosthern.

H. J. Spurr is fitting up premises and will open a restaurant at Prince Albert.

T. C. Groves is opening up a stock of dry goods and gents' furnishings at the same stand as his fruit and confectionery business on River street, Prince Albert.

Assiniboia.

King & Co., butchers, Maple Creek, are going to build a new store.

Robinson & Son, will open in the carriage business at Maple Creek next spring.

J. Dundas has bought out the butchering business of J. S. Smith, at Indian Head.

J. Kidd, Jr., and C. H. Clements have formed a partnership to take over G. Nugent's implement business at Wapella at the beginning of next year.

Alberta.

A. Cotton, contractor, late of Lethbridge, is opening up a coal mine on McGillivray's hill, three miles west of Blairmore, Alberta.

The liabilities of Larue & Picard, general merchants, Edmonton, who recently made an assignment, are placed at about \$70,000, and the total

assets at \$101,000. This firm has been in business at Edmonton for a number of years and were well known throughout all the north country.

Norman B. James, who carried on a tobacco, fruit and candy store at Lethbridge, assigned a few days ago to C. B. Bowman and has left for the States.

Northwest Ontario.

E. G. Hull has opened in dry goods boots and shoes and gents' furnishings at Keewatin.

Shaw & Holmes, butchers, Keewatin, have dissolved partnership. A. J. Holmes continuing the business.

The Dymont branch of the Canadian Pacific railway has been completed to the terminus at the mines, about 12 miles beyond the main line.

The Superior Printing Company, Limited, has succeeded the Rutledge-Smith Company in the publication of the Fort William Times-Journal. The company was gazetted last Saturday. T. W. Rutledge, David Smith, F. A. Trautman, Jas. McLaren and F. R. Morris are the provisional directors.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Table with 2 columns: Location and Quantity. Includes Montreal (103,000), Toronto (41,000), Galt, Que. (303,000), Detroit Harbor, Ont. (231,000), Kingston (101,000), Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin (1,173,000), Winnipeg (315,000), Manitoba elevators (1,173,000).

Summary table for Oct. 13: Total Oct. 13 (3,515,000), Total previous week (3,253,000), Total a year ago (7,374,000).

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Oct. 13, were 77,403,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 69,218,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Oct. 1 were 10,203,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Oct. 20, was 58,313,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,335,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 48,555,000 bushels, two years ago 14,848,000 bushels, three years ago 24,621,000 bushels, and four years ago 57,285,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 12,310,000 bushels, compared with 6,742,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 8,014,000 bushels, compared with 14,020,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

Table with 2 columns: Year and Bushels. Shows a steady increase from 1900 (154,170,000) to 1905 (153,888,000).

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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Table with 3 columns: Location, This crop, Last crop. Includes Minneapolis (21,746,070 vs 22,277,340), Milwaukee (2,339,040 vs 2,728,072), Duluth (6,224,622 vs 19,929,487), Chicago (20,723,720 vs 4,474,820).

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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Table with 3 columns: Location, This crop, Last crop. Includes Toledo (6,107,678 vs 6,323,042), St. Louis (12,239,480 vs 5,750,157), Detroit (1,470,310 vs 2,418,124), Kansas City (31,022,317 vs 8,187,250).

Grain and Milling Notes.

By vote of 410 to 329 the Chicago board of trade last week defeated an amendment calling for the abolition of the rule, recently adopted,

limiting trading in grain futures to 60 days.

The Dominion Elevator Co. have opened their elevator at Balmoral, Man.

Advices from Buffalo state that the grain elevators there are full, owing to want of cars to take the grain to the seaboard.

The Ogilvie Milling Company has a fire-brigade of its own at its Winnipeg mills. Every Tuesday morning it is drilled by Capt. Code, of the Central fire hall.

On Thursday of last week the Farmer's elevator and mill at Yorkton, Assa., was completed and commenced the season's run. The mill is up-to-date in every way and has a capacity of 75 barrels.

The western grain standards board met in Winnipeg this week to make standards for grades not provided for by the grain inspection act. All the regular high grades are now fixed by act of parliament, and are not subject to annual change by the standards board, as formerly was the case. Any grades required by crop peculiarities are fixed by the board. A number of samples of wheat from different parts of the country were examined by the board and a standard for No. 3 hard was fixed. The sample is a little darker in color, but about equal in milling value to last year's 3 hard.

At a meeting of the members of the Winnipeg grain exchange, held Thursday morning, the following resolution of condolence was passed: 'Resolved, that the members of the Winnipeg grain exchange, on the occasion of the death of Mr. Stephen Nairn, desire to express to his family their deep sympathy. Mr. Nairn was one of the charter members of this association, and since its inception has as an officer and member taken a most active part in its affairs. Long association with him enabled our members to thoroughly appreciate his sterling character and kindly disposition, and his removal is a distinct loss to the exchange.'

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 944,703 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Oct. 20. Receipts for the week were 123,570 bushels, and shipments were 55,772 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 1,877,000 bushels and 800,000 bushels two years ago. Stocks in store at Keewatin, Winnipeg, and interior points were estimated approximately at 2,450,000 bushels, compared with 6,800,000 bushels a year ago, and 2,700,000 bushels two years ago.

Grain Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin—Business with east bound roads is large and the supply of cars is inadequate. There is a marked car shortage at Buffalo. Rates are somewhat irregular. The present tariff is 15c on grain from Chicago to New York domestic, 15c for export, 12c domestic to Philadelphia and 11 1/2c to Baltimore and New York. From the Mississippi river for export: To Boston and New York, 15 1/2c; Philadelphia, 14 1/2c; Baltimore, 14c. Lake and rail rates from Chicago to New York are 12c per 100 lbs on flour, 4 1/2c per bushel on wheat, 4 1/2c on corn, and 4c on oats. Ocean rates are lower and a good business placed at a decline of 1/2d. Rates 3/4d per bushel on grain from New York, and 3d from Boston to Liverpool.

The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 13.23c per bushel, lake and rail, via New York, and 12.13c via Boston. Flour is 24.06@23c per 100 lbs, and provisions 44c@45 1/2c. Lake rates are lower at 1 1/2c for wheat, and 1 1/2c for corn, and 1 1/2c for clipped oats to Buffalo.

Shipments of cattle from the port of Montreal last week numbered 1,019.

J. H. Plummer, assistant general manager of the Bank of Commerce, accompanied by John Aird, manager of the Winnipeg branch, left for the Pacific coast on Thursday.

The Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has been moved to the handsome new building of the bank on Main street, which forms such a conspicuous addition to the fine blocks of the city.



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British Live Stock Markets.

London, Oct. 22.—The trade in cattle was firmer but prices show no change from a week ago. Choice States sold at 12 1/2c and the Canadians at 12c.

Liverpool, Oct. 22.—The tone of this market was stronger and prices are 1/2c higher than a week ago. Canadian cattle sold at 12c and sheep at 11 1/2c.

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The output of ore from Rossland last week totalled 6,270 tons.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, October 27.

The business situation maintains the strength which it gained from the improved weather conditions of last week and the week before, but things are still pretty quiet in most lines of trade. The weather this week has been favorable to threshing operations and grain marketing and deliveries of wheat at country points have improved, but are still very much short of what they were at this time last year. Deliveries of coarse grains are also light. Trade will not improve very much in the west until the cold weather sets in, which will start an influx of heavy goods moving. Wholesale dealers in heavy goods are giving a good deal of attention to receipts of winter stocks, which are coming forward lake and rail. Values have been unusually steady this week in all lines. Prices of country produce have stiffened a little excepting for cheese. Collections are poor and there is a good demand for money. The weekly clearing house statement which is given in our financial column, shows a decided improvement over last week, but is still considerably under a year ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, October 27.

(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.)

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Sorting trade is moving in moderate volume only. Travellers out for spring orders are meeting with considerable success and the volume of business booked so far is above expectations. There will be a better sorting trade when colder weather sets in, which may come any time now.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

There is still a good demand for building material and prices remain firm as follows: Stone-wall rubble, \$3.50 per cord, Stonewall loam, \$0.50 per cord, Stony Mountain rubble, \$1.00 per cord. White lime is worth 20c per bushel, and grey lime 15c per bushel, all f.o.b. at quarry and kiln. Brick quoted here at \$10 per thousand for kiln run and \$11 per thousand for veneer.

DRY GOODS.

Trade is quieter and not much more business will be done by jobbing houses until the cold weather creates a demand for heavy woolen goods such as underwear, hosiery, etc. It is confidently expected that the sorting trade in winter goods will be good this year if the winter sets in early as most country merchants have bought very lightly of these so far and will have to begin sorting earlier than usual. The markets are very firm for most staple lines and the outlook is that present range of values will be maintained for a long time. Buyers now in the old country have found manufacturers there quite as busy as they were at time of last visits in the spring and not a bit more disposed to shade prices.

FISH.

Demand is good for all lines, especially for city trade. We quote: Whitefish, fresh caught, 50c per lb. pickerel, 4c pickerel, 3c, trout, 10c, salmon, 12c, mackerel, 15c, salt cod, 7c; Labrador herring, 1/2-barrel, \$3.00; oysters, select, \$2.25 per gallon; standards, \$2.00.

GREEN FRUITS.

Green fruits are still moving freely as there is a good demand from all parts of the country. Apples are still firming up and some in the trade are predicting sharp advances. It is said that the feeling in Ontario is so firm that many growers are refusing to supply goods at prices named in early contracts finding some pretext or other for not doing so. It is evident that the trade have been fooled a little as to the quantities of apples available for shipment by the stories of unprecedented crops which were industriously circulated by United States dealers in the early part of the season. A heavy frost in Ontario last

week destroyed the remainder of the grape crop, and Concord and Niagara are n.s. out of this market in consequence. Rogers' grapes are still to be had in limited quantities. Cape Cod cranberries have advanced 50c per barrel owing to the short crop. Apples, Nova Scotia, winters, per barrel, \$1.50, spies, extra fancy, \$1.25, other varieties, \$1, greenings, \$2.75, snow apples, \$3.50, oranges, Mexicans, per 300 in case, \$8, cranberries, per bbl., \$3, tokay grapes, per crate, \$3, California, winter nells pears, per case, \$3.00, Washington, winter nells pears, per case, \$2.00; late red plums, Cal., \$1.50, Washington plums, \$1.25, Rogers', 40 cents, Rogers' blacks, 40c, Malaga grapes, per keg, \$8.50; onions, per pound, 3c; or in 5-case lots, 2 1/2c; Spanish onions, per crate, \$1.50, with 10c off 5-case lots; figs, cold storage stock, \$1-case per box of 10 lbs; California figs, new, per 10-lb box, \$1.30; dates, 7c; sweet potatoes, \$0.50; mince meat in 25-lb pails, 10c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Trade is fairly good but collections are poor, which acts as a damper in a good many ways. New stock canned tomatoes are now in and quoted from \$2.15 to \$2.25. Dried currants still maintain their strength and further advances in the near future would not surprise the trade. Stocks of new muscatel raisins will be in the course of a week or so. Bright yellow sugars are 10c lower than our figures of a week ago. Other lines are unchanged here. For prices see elsewhere in this issue.

HARDWARE.

The hardware market is quiet and prices stationary. Recent eastern changes have not affected this market and it is doubtful if any further changes will be made before navigation closes as the amount of factory declines will be more than offset by higher freight rates. All present stocks in the west having been bought at old prices it is not possible to follow declines closely. Winnipeg prices current are given elsewhere in this issue.

IMPLEMENTS.

Travellers recently returned from the country report sales very slow and the outlook none too good for future business. Fall sleigh trade has been decidedly light and there is no disposition to buy freely for spring either. Collections are occupying most attention now. These are, of course, slow as yet and nothing much has been accomplished so far. Wagon and plow trade is over for the season so far as wholesale houses are concerned.

LUMBER.

There is some demand for lumber for finishing work and dealers here report a fair trade still doing, especially for city consumption. Quite a lot of work yet remains to be finished up. Sash and door trade is dull.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

A drop in the price of refined petroleum is the feature of the week. Silver Star is now quoted at 19c per gallon as against 20c before, and other grades, excepting sunlight, are proportionately lower. Sunlight is unchanged. This decline is attributed to the lower prices now ruling for crude oil at wells. Eldorado castor, Atlantic red and E. Engine lubricating oils have declined in price and are now quoted 4c per gallon lower. This is due to competition. Linseed oil remains unchanged in this market, notwithstanding the much stronger tone imparted by last week's advance of 10c per gallon at New York. While no United States oil is now used in this market the two markets are usually similarly affected and the sharp advance at New York noted above is due to causes which may at any time similarly affect prices in Canada, that is the failure of the flaxseed crop. The Manitoba crop this year is a very poor one indeed and oil of home manufacture will be very scarce as a result. The glass market is firm and we notice that there have been further advances in United States manufacturer's prices. For Winnipeg quotations see elsewhere.

PAPER AND STATIONERY.

The principal feature in this line is an advance of about 10 cent in the price of cotton twine. Notice to this effect was given by Canadian mills a short time ago and local dealers are now selling on the new basis. The advance is attributed to the high price of

cotton. Jobbers here are busy at present with numerous orders for staple and fancy lines. Country merchants are taking advantage of the excellent stocks carried in Winnipeg to buy goods which in other years they have been in the habit of buying east. When it is considered that on most lines exactly the same prices can be obtained here as in the east and the freight is saved the wonder is that so much western trade in these lines is allowed to go east.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat market continues to languish under steadily declining prices. We have had another week of slow dragging business without support from any quarter, and the result is a loss of 2 to 3c per bushel in values. The movement of wheat keeps as large as at same time a year ago, and visible reserve stocks being much larger and still accumulating buyers of actual wheat hold off to a large extent, working only sufficient for current requirements and there being neither speculative or investment buying to help the market, prices keep getting gradually lower. It has been expected that primary receipts in the United States would fall off considerably before this time, but they daily run about the same as a year ago, and the visible supply continues to pile up, being now as high as the highest point reached all last season. Recently reports have been coming on the market regarding damage to the Argentine crop through excessively wet weather, but not much notice has been taken of them yet. If serious damage takes place to that crop it will be a strong factor on the market, but the reports are not well corroborated yet, and besides, there is plenty of time between this and harvest in Argentina for the crop to recover from too much wet. The seeding of winter wheat in the States is about completed. Early districts are green and some parts are reporting the appearance of the Hessian fly in large numbers. In Europe seeding is well advanced, but has been delayed in several counties by too much dry weather. In Australia the crop is doing exceptionally well and a large yield is looked for. The prospects in India continue good and new crop Calcutta wheat is still being offered in London. There has been favorable weather over Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest for threshing, but the movement of the crop is very small yet. Farmers seem inclined to hold their wheat, and are putting in their time plowing, etc., rather than hauling wheat to market. Last week the American visible supply increased 1,335,000 bushels compared to an increase previous week of 1,577,000 bushels and an increase for same week a year ago of 1,241,000 bushels. The aggregate visible is now 58,313,000 bushels against 48,570,000 bushels a year ago. The world's shipments last week were smaller at 6,951,000 bushels compared to 9,203,000 bushels previous week and 7,449,000 bushels a year ago. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's increased 2,156,000 bushels last week, compared to an increase of 4,273,000 bushels the week previous and an increase of 4,575,000 bushels same week a year ago.

The local market remains in the same stagnant condition noted in previous reports. The requirements of local millers absorb a considerable portion of the quantity marketed, and prices are kept some cents above export value. There is very little hard showing up and the trade such as it is, is becoming more confined to the lower grades. Prices at the close of the week is as follows: 1 hard, 82c; 2 hard, 76c; 3 hard, 70c; tough 2 hard, 70c; tough 3 hard, 66c; tough 3 northern, 63c, all in store Fort William. Damp and wet wheat 3 and 3c under tough in store Port Arthur.

FLOUR—Demand in the city is good and mills report good sales. We quote: Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, \$2.50, Patent, \$2.15, Medora, \$1.70, XXXX, \$1.55 per sack of 35 pounds, Ogilvie Milling Co., Hungarian, \$2.30, Glenora Patent, \$2.15, Manitoba, \$1.70, and Imperial XXXX \$1.30 per sack of 35 pounds.

MILLFEED—Supplies are increasing and we note a decline of 1¢ per ton this week. Mills are now quoting \$11.50 for bran and \$12.50 for shorts in bulk delivered.

GROUND FEED—Oil cake has become very scarce and is practically out of the market. Corn chop is \$1 per ton cheaper at \$21. We quote: oat chop, \$25 per ton barley chop, \$21.50; mixed barley and oats, \$25, corn chop, \$21; oil cake, very scarce.

COUNTRY WHEAT—Deliveries are improving. Buyers have been paying 95 to 65c per bushel for farmers' loads of No. 1 hard, according to rate of freight.

OATS—The market remains in much the same position as a week ago. Offerings have increased somewhat but are still very light, and the great bulk of the oats this year will never keep, being all more or less damp. Some very good lots of white oats have offered but there is a suspicion in the case of some of these that they are not new oats and that sellers are trying to make a good showing for their district with a view to future sales of new oats of inferior quality. Judging from present indications most of the oat business this year will have to be done on sample as the grain is too damp to grade. Prices now being paid vary all the way from 35 to 40c per bushel in carlots on track, and the best of the new oats might bring 38c in certain cases but the general idea of value is 36c. These prices are for immediate delivery. Oats to arrive are worth 34 to 35c. Carlots at country points range from 28 to 32c per bushel on cars, according to quality and rate of freight.

BARLEY—Offerings are extremely light and the market has hardly opened yet. Dealers are offering from 36 to 38c per bushel for carlots of feed grades on track here. Malting grades would be worth about the usual proportion more.

CORN—A few carlots of new corn for feed purposes are arriving. The price has dropped 3c during the week and we quote No. 3 corn on track at 46c per bushel.

FLAX—Offerings are very poor and it looks as if the crop has been almost a failure. Dealers say they have never seen such poor seed offering for sale. High prices are paid for flaxseed this year that would not ordinarily bring one-half of the top prices. The regular range throughout the week has been \$1.30 to \$1.40 per bushel at country points.

HAY—The quality of offerings is poor. Fresh baled is now quoted at \$7.00 to \$7.50 per ton on track here and loose hay is worth about the same figure.

OATMEAL—Imports from the south have ceased owing to higher prices there. This market is being supplied with Ontario meal, which costs in carlots laid down here about \$1.55 per sack of 80 pounds. A reduction of 3c per pound in the freight rate from Ontario, which has just gone in to effect has materially improved the position of the Ontario miller in this market. The freight rate on oatmeal in carlots is now 30c per 100 pounds.

BUTTER—Creamery—Some of the butter factories stopped shipping for the season this week and others will follow a. u. e. early date, so that the season is now pretty well over. Dealers are paying 21c per pound for strictly fresh goods at the factory.

BUTTER—Dairy—Finest qualities are very scarce and are eagerly bought up whenever offered at 10c per pound, commission basis, but the general run of dairy butter will not fetch over 14 or 15c, which is about the same as a week ago. Most of the butter coming in has to be exported as there is no market for it here. We quote: Choice dairy, in rolls or tubs, 16c per pound, strictly fresh, 14 to 15c; second grades, 10 to 14c commission basis.

CHEESE—The market is weaker, largely owing to the poorer quality of offerings. Dealers say they find it hard to sell much of the stuff offering at good prices owing to its doubtful quality. About 9 to 9 1/2c per pound is the regular quotation for factory cheese now. Dairy grades are not worth over 8c.

EGGS—Receipts have fallen off and the market is firm at 16c per dozen for fresh case eggs subject to candling, delivered at Winnipeg.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes seem to be holding firm at last week's prices and the general opinion is that the potato crop justifies higher prices than usual this year. Some carlots have been offered this week at country points for which 25c has been bid, or equal to 32c per bushel here. Farmers' loads at the market are worth 35 to 40c according to quality. We quote other lines of vegetables as follows: Lettuce, 10c per dozen; parsley, 20c; green onions, 10c per dozen; carrots and beets, 25c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; cabbage, 25c to 40c per dozen; ripe tomatoes, 3c per lb; imported tomatoes, 50c per basket, green tomatoes, 30c per bushel; celery, 20 to 25c per doz

DRESSED MEATS—All kinds of meat is plentiful, excepting hogs, which are scarce and dear. We quote: Choice beef, 5½ to 6c per lb. Inferior and medium quality, 4½ to 5½c; veal, 6 to 8c; mutton, 8½ to 9c; lamb, 10 to 11c; hogs, 7½ to 8½c for best weights.

POULTRY—Owing to the warm weather the poultry market has become somewhat demoralized and a good deal of stuff has been sold this week for whatever it would bring. A cold turn in the weather would restore prices to the normal level which is about as follows:—Live hens, 9c per pound; dressed, 10c; dressed chickens, 12c; ducks, live weight, 8c, dressed, 10c, turkeys, live, 10c; dressed, 13c.

GAME—Wild ducks are plentiful. Dealers pay 15 to 30c per pair, according to size and variety. Geese are selling at from 60 to 75c each, according to size.

HIDES—The market is steady and without change. We quote: No. 1 hides, 6½c; No. 2, 5½c; No. 3, 4½c; shearlings sheepskins, 20 to 40c each; calfskins, 8c per pound; deakins, 25 to 35c each; horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

WOOL—Market is nominal as practically all the season's clip is already bought up. Dealers quote 8 to 8½c per pound for unwashed fleece and 12½c per pound for washed.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3½ to 4c for good to best grades delivered here.

SENECA ROOT—The root business seems to be about over for this season. Receipts this week have been almost nil and we hear of no more lots to come in. One or two country merchants have been making requests for quotations but it is not thought that they have any root on hand themselves. For good, clean, dry root 33c would be paid delivered here, and the market may be quoted as ranging from 32 to 33c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Shipments of exporters are going forward actively and the market here is a little firmer in sympathy with the better prices received this week from the old country markets. Exporters are worth ½c more and other grades remain unchanged. We quote: Export steers, best grades, 3½c per lb., weighed off cars; second grades, 3 to 3½c, butchers' cattle, 2½ to 2¾c per lb., stockers and feeders, 2½ to 2¾c per lb.

SHEEP—The movement has been very light this week as the market was well supplied to start with. Butchers are getting ready to kill their winter's supply of mutton as soon as cold weather sets in. Choice grades of sheep are worth about 4c per pound, off cars here, lower grades in proportion.

HOGS—Hogs are very scarce and in good demand at higher prices. Buyers are now offering \$5.60 to \$5.75 per 100 pounds for best weights, and from \$4.50 to \$5 for other grades.

MILCH COWS—There is an active enquiry for milking cows, but the supply is very limited. From \$30 to \$45 is being offered for these.

HORSES—There is very little sale for horses, owing to the poor country demand. A few western horses are being taken for winter breaking and some have been sold for shipment east. Western horses are worth from \$50 to \$90 each, according to quality, halter broken. Heavy horses are not in demand.

Dried Wheat.

Mr. King, who operates the grain drying and cleaning elevator at Port Arthur, was in the city this week, and brought along with him several bags of dried wheat, which he had on view along with the samples gathered for the grain standards' board meeting, which was also held this week. The samples of dried wheat look clean and good. The cost of drying ordinary tough wheat is 1½ cents per bushel. The shrinkage in the weight of the wheat ranges from 4½ to 10 per cent, according to the amount of moisture. Ordinary "tough" wheat, which is the term used to designate slightly damp grain, will shrink in drying from 4½ to 5 per cent, or equal to about 3 pounds per bushel. Damp and wet grain will show a much greater shrinkage, as stated. Once the grain is dried, it is perfectly safe to hold it in store without fear of heating, and it is thoroughly cleaned while undergoing the drying process.

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The Money Market.

The money markets this week have presented a number of varying features which makes it hard to make a general summing up of the situation. At New York there has been a remarkable absence of any of the panicky feelings which usually precede a presidential election and it is reported that the slightest indication of anything like panic brings out strong buying interests which immediately steady the market again. Railway stocks are possibly the weakest line owing to decreased earnings as compared with last year, but there is no expectation of important declines in these. At Montreal and other Canadian centres conditions are somewhat different. Street railways are the strong feature of the market, while mining stocks have weakened. Locally money is moving very slowly owing to the backward grain movement. Banks are holding interest rates for mercantile loans firm at 7 to 8 per cent, the bulk of the business going at the latter figure. Mortgage companies ask 7 to 8 per cent for city loans and 8 per cent straight for farm property.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c lower, oats ½c lower, corn ½c lower, eggs 1c higher, butter ½c to 1c higher, flaxseed, 5c lower. Flour prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00; second patents, \$3.75 to \$3.85. Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$11.75 to \$12.00 per ton; bran in bulk, \$11.50 to \$11.75 per ton; corn feed, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton. Oats—No. 3, 22½ to 23c, No. 3 white, 23½c. Barley—32 to 45c as to quality. Corn—Quoted at 38 to 38½c per bushel for No. 3, new, 35c. Flax seed—Cash flax, \$1.76, Dec., \$1.62½. Eggs—17½ to 18c for strictly fresh, including cases. Butter—Creamery, 19 to 21½c for choice to extras; seconds, 15 to 15c; dairy, 17 to 19c for choice to fancy seconds, 16 to 17c. Cheese 8 to 11c per pound. Poultry—Roosters, 4 to 5c, hens, 6c; spring chickens, 7c to 8c, turkeys, 6c to 7c, geese, 6c, ducks, 6 to 7c. These prices are live weight. Dressed Meats—Veal, 5 to 8c, mutton, 5 to 7c; lamb, 8½c. Vegetables—Potatoes, 23 to 27c, onions, red, 60 to 65c; white, 70 to 75c per 100 lbs. Hides—Green salted hides, light, 8c for No. 1; 7c for No. 2; steers, over 60 lbs., No. 1, 8½c, No. 2, 7½c; sheepskins, 25c to \$1.10 each; veal, calf, 7½ to 9c for No. 2 and No. 1. Seneca root, 30 to 34c, according to quality; tallow, 3½ to 4c. Wool—Unwashed, fine, 13 to 14c; medium fine, 14 to 15c, medium, 15½ to 16½c; coarse, 14 to 15c. Hay—Timothy \$11 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, prairie, \$7 to \$10. Beans—Fancy hand picked, \$2.25; medium, hand picked, \$2, medium, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Apples—\$2 to \$3 per barrel, as to variety.

Tenders.

Tenders for boulevard construction are called for by the Winnipeg city parks board to Nov. 7. Tenders for the construction of a granolithic sidewalk are called by the Winnipeg city works committee, to October 31. Tenders for 500 cords of wood will be received up to 6 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, Nov. 8th, at the office of the Winnipeg Public School Board. Sealed tenders, addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, for the supply of 500 tons of lime will be received up to 8.30 p. m., on Monday, October 29. Tenders addressed to the secretary department of Interior, Ottawa, and marked on the envelope "Tender for Big Eddy Mill Site," will be received at this department until noon of Monday, the 3rd of December, 1900, for certain land known as the Big Eddy Mill Site, on the Columbia river, opposite Revelstoke, B. C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Oct. 22.

The bank clearings continue to fall off, as compared with the year 1899. The clearings for the past week were \$901,511. The feature of the week in the local market was the sharp advance in lard. Iron goods are east. The grain market is dull and shows little change. The Thanksgiving market was well supplied with poultry, as a carload of live birds was shipped in in time for this market. The chickens brought \$6.50 a dozen and turkeys \$21 a dozen. The live stock trade continues very active. During the last few days ten carloads of lumber and shingles were shipped to points east of the mountains, besides the heavy foreign shipments by boat.

British Columbia Markets.

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.) Vancouver, Oct. 27.

Eggs are steady. Butter unchanged. Grain, flour and feed are the same as quoted a week ago. Ashcroft potatoes are higher. Live hogs are ½c lower, lard ½c lower and long clear and roll bacon ½c lower. New California dried fruits are coming into market freely. New raisins are offering at ½c advance on old prices. Pitted plums are 1½c lower for new stock and dried pears are 1½c lower, as compared with old prices. New neotaries are 3c lower.

GRAIN—Oats, \$23 per ton, wheat, \$23 FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.40; strong baker's, \$4.80; Oregon, \$4.24 per barrel; Enderby, B. C., patents, \$5.25.

FEED—National mill's chops, \$24 per ton, bran, \$23, shorts, \$20, oil cake meal, \$32 ton, l. b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$12. MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, \$2.60; 120lb sack, \$2.70; four 24lb sacks, \$2.90; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$3.00 per 100lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4.75 per 100lb, butchers' cows, \$3 per 100lb, sheep, \$1.50 per 100lb, lambs, \$4.00-\$4.50 each, hogs, \$6.00 per 100lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 7½c, mutton, 10 1/10c, pork, 8 1/10c, veal, 11c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, 65c per pair grouse, \$1 per pair, venison, 8c.

CURED MEATS—Ham, 14 1/2c; break fast bacon, 15 1/2c; hocks, 14c; long clear, 11 1/2c; rolls, 11 1/2c; smoked sides, 13c.

LARD—Tins, 12 1/2c per lb, pails, 12 1/2c; tubs, 11 1/2c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c, Manitoba creamery, 29 1/2c; fresh dairy, 18 1/2c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 40c, eastern eggs, 24 1/2c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 13 1/2c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser Valley \$1 1/4c per ton, Ashcroft potatoes, \$18 per ton, silver skin onions, 1 1/2c per lb; California onions, 1 1/2c per lb.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 5c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 6c per dozen.

GREEN FRUITS—Pomegranates, \$1.50, lemons, \$1.00-\$1.50, pears, \$1.50, tomatoes, 50c; California apples, \$1.50-\$1.75 per box; quinces, \$1.25 box; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c lb.

DRYED FRUITS—Apricots, 11c; peaches, 10c; pitted plums, 11c; prunes, French, 5 1/2c; London layer raisins, \$2.25 per box, Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 5 1/2c; 3 crown, 3c; 4 crown, 3 1/2c; dates, 2c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1/2c; layer figs, 10 1/2c; \$1.25; silver prunes, 5 1/2c; quartered pears, 10 1/2c; half pears, 11 1/2c; neotaries, 11c, saltanas 11 1/2c, blackberry rais, 18c, raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 11c.

FRUITS—Almonds, 17c, filberts, 12 1/2c, peanuts, 5 1/2c; Brazil, 6c; walnuts, 11c per lb; coconuts, 9c; \$1.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 7 1/2c; Paris lump, 6 1/2c; granulated, 5 1/2c; extra C, 5 1/2c; fancy yellows, 5c; yellow, 4 1/2c per lb.

SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 2 1/2c lb; 10 gal. kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each, 1 gal. tin, \$4.30 case of 10, 1 1/2 gal. tin, \$5.25 case of 25.

lta, 15 1/2c, Dotted oil, \$1.00, White lead, \$9, Putty, \$3.50, Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, \$1.70.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, Oct. 27. Business throughout the Kootenay districts continues very good, and some improvement in the boundary district is also noticeable. The feature of the market this week is the scarcity of fresh eggs and prices have advanced 3c per dozen to 20c. Choice dairy butter is quoted at 19c. Creamery unchanged. Oats have declined \$2 per ton to \$30.

Butter Choice dairy, 19c, creamery, 24 to 25c. Cheese—New cheese, 13 1/2c. Eggs—Ontario fresh, 26c. Oats—Per ton, \$30. Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton. Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.60. Hay—New, per ton, \$23. Potatoes—New, \$18 per ton.

British Columbia Notes.

The Cariboo Lumber Co., Ltd., of 150-Mile creek, has assigned.

G. E. Johnson, hotelkeeper, Ashcroft, has made an assignment.

J. F. Nowat & Company, commission merchants, of Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

The Kootenay Lumber Co., Ltd., with headquarters at Victoria, has assigned, owing, it is said, to difficulties arising out of the failure of H. Bos-tock.

The Silver Queen Mines, Limited, have been incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, with a capital of \$375,000.

Hall & Noble, butchers, Chilliwack, have dissolved partnership. Hall continues the business in company with Wm. Smith, who has purchased Noble's interest.

A large gang of men is employed on the construction of the new wagon road between Phoenix and Summit City. The grade will not exceed six per cent. The road will cost \$2,500.

The steamer Garonne was purchased last week by Frank Waterhouse & Co., of Victoria, for \$150,000. This is a British boat, which has been employed by the United States government as a transport. She will now be employed in B. C. trade.

It is reported in Montreal that the Great Northern Railway Company has under contemplation a scheme for extending its New Westminster branch to Stevenson, crossing from that point by ferry to Sidney and to enter the British Columbia capital over the Victoria & Sidney railway.

Weather and Crops.

The weather has remained for the most part fine this week. There was a little break about the middle of the week when rain fell in some districts. The rain, however, was not general, and was light in most parts where it was experienced, making only a slight interruption to harvest work. Farmers have now had a good opportunity to complete the stacking of their grain, and threshing in some districts is already well on toward completion. While there is much damp wheat, the quality of the crop is turning out decidedly better than could have been expected, considering the prolonged wet weather earlier in the season. Damp grain is not as great a calamity as it would have been a few years ago, as there are now ample facilities for drying the grain, at the various drying plants established in the country, and the cost of 1½ cents per bushel for drying is not excessive. Good prices are being paid in the country for the wheat that is offering, but the farmers are too busy with fall plowing and threshing to give much attention to the marketing of grain.

Grain Grades.

A meeting was held in the grain exchange rooms yesterday afternoon, at which the members of the western grain standards board were present, to discuss the advisability of reducing the number of grades into which Manitoba wheat is now classified. It is thought by some that there are too many grades, and that it would be a convenience to the trade to have the number reduced. Others are opposed to the proposed reduction. No decision was arrived at, at the meeting, but the matter will likely be taken up again by the exchange.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE
Special to The Commercial

Toronto, Oct. 27

Dry Goods—Dealers have more orders for heavy goods. Trade is better this week. The new list of Dominion Cotton Mills Company shows advances in grey cottons, including cheese cloth, of $\frac{1}{4}$ c on lower lines and $\frac{1}{8}$ c on better lines. Bleached sheetings and grey sheetings are $\frac{1}{4}$ c higher, pillow cotton $\frac{1}{8}$ c higher. Sateen, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher. A big demand for gray woollens is reported, including overcoatings for men as well as for ladies, as it is becoming a staple color.

Hardware. Trade is active, especially for fall lines. Sporting goods are in big demand. Prices steady. Owing to the higher prices abroad for window glass and difficulty in getting orders placed in Belgium for present delivery, prices here have been advanced 5 per cent. Discounts in Belgium are smaller than for years. Prices here are first break 50 foot boxes \$2.20, 100 foot \$1.25, double diamond, \$8.25. Turpentine, which steadily advanced all the week in the south, advanced 2 here to-day, to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$. Linseed oil, in sympathy with the extraordinary advance in flaxseed, has advanced here 2c for large lots.

Groceries—Business is largely of a sojaring nature. Sugars are steady. New currents are selling as follows: Filindra, 12 to 14c; Vostizzas, 16 to 17c; Patras, 15c; Valencia raisins, selected, $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c, off stalk, 9c.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 27.

Grain deliveries have been light. Wheat is 1c to 2c lower on the week for Ontario winter. Red is selling at 63c country points, and is offering at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c west. Manitoba wheat is 1c lower on the week. Flour is weaker. Cables received here report flour one shilling lower since the recent advance, at equal to \$2.60 for Ontario 90 per cent. patent, without bags, Manitoba flour is unchanged. Oats are $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher. Large roll butter is now offering freely at 17c, and the feeling is easier for butter. Eggs unchanged. Dried new and evaporated apples are offering at lower prices.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$4.65, Manitoba bakers, \$4.40 for carlots at Toronto Ontario patent, \$2.65 to \$2.85.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 63 to 66c for red and white, west, Ontario spring, 67 to 68c; No. 1 hard, 92c, grinding in transit; Toronto and west, 90c.

Oats—23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c as to quality. No. 2 white 2c, on cars at western Ontario points.

Barley—37c for No. 3 extra at country points west.

Milled Shers \$13.50 to \$14 per ton for cars west, bran, \$11.50 to \$12.

Oatmeal—\$3.10 in bags per barrel, and \$3.20 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track, \$9 to \$9.50 per ton.

Eggs—17 to 18 for fresh gathered per dozen, limed and held fresh, 16 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, in tubs, and pails, 17 to 18c, as to quality; pound rolls, 18 to 19c, second grades, 13 to 16c; creamery packages, 20 to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, prints, 22 to 23c.

Cheese—11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12c for job lots.

Hides—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 1 cows, No. 1 heavy steers, 8c, country hides $\frac{1}{2}$ c under these prices, calfskins, 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2, lambskins, 70c each, tallow, 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 to 16c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.45 to \$1.50 per bushel for handpicked, job lots.

Dried Apples—3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c for round lots, evaporated, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c.

Honey—9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 35c to 45c per pair, turkeys, 9 to 11c per pound; ducks, 50 to 60c per pair; geese 6 to 7c per lb.

Potatoes—25c per bushel for carlots.

Dressed Hogs—Car lots for future delivery here sold yesterday at \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET
Special to The Commercial

Toronto, Oct. 27.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 700 cattle, 2,000 sheep and lambs and 400 hogs.

Export cattle—Market dull, quality of offerings poor. Quotations range from 7 to 11c.

Butchers' cattle—Market dull and prices easy. Good many poor quality offerings. Picked lots sold at \$4.35 to \$4.75 per cwt. and choice at \$4 to \$4.30. Good \$3.25 to \$4 medium, \$2.75 to \$3.25, and common, \$2.25 to \$2.75.

Feeders—Were in good demand and firmer at \$3 to \$3.40 per cwt. for light and \$3.50 to \$4 for heavy.

Feeding bullocks—Were steady at \$2.50 to \$3.25.

Steekers—Light, unchanged at \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt., poor grades dull at \$1.75 to \$2.25.

Export bulls—The supply included four very fine animals. They weighed 2,050 lbs. each and sold at \$4.25 per cwt. Others sold at \$3.50 per cwt. Light were a shade firmer at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Milch cows—50 would be paid for first-class cows.

Sheep and lambs—Market good, at steady to firmer prices. Export ewes sold at \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt., bucks at \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt. and butchers' sheep were 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher at \$2.50 to \$3.50 each. Lambs were 15 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower at \$3.75 to \$4.00 per cwt. and \$2.50 to \$3 each.

Hogs—Receipts light. Prices steady. Selects of 160 lbs to 200 lbs, natural weight, sold at \$6 per cwt.; light, \$5.02 $\frac{1}{2}$, heavy, \$5.75, corn fed, \$5.62 $\frac{1}{2}$.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Oct. 27.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 70 carloads, including 1,500 sheep and lambs and 3,000 hogs. Export cattle were firmer, with sales at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Butchers' cattle were slow, except for choice. The best sold at \$4.15 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Lower grades same as on Tuesday. Feeders were firmer at 3 to 4c. Stockers same as Tuesday. Sheep were firmer. Export sheep sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Lambs advanced to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c. Hogs sold at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for choice bacon and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for heavy and light fat.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 27.

The grain market was more active this week, but prices were lower all around. Wheat yesterday closed $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower than a week ago, barley was 1c lower and oats $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower. Flour has held steady, with fair demand. Oatmeal unchanged. Feed active and firm. Cheese dull and easier, quotations being about $\frac{1}{4}$ c off from the top of a week ago. Butter holds firm and the market is higher, creamery being up $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Eggs are active and firm. Honey is lower. Hides steady. Potatoes active and unchanged. Prices are as follows:—

Wheat No 1 spring wheat, 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 75c.

Barley—46 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 47c.

Oats—27 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28c.

Flour—in fair demand. Manitoba patent, \$4.70 seconds, do., \$4.50, Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.20 to \$4.40; straight rollers, \$3.35 to \$3.50.

Rolled Oatmeal—\$1.25 to \$1.30 per barrel, and \$1.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$1.60 for bags.

Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$14, shorts, \$18.

Baled Hay—Choice, \$9.50 to \$10, No. 2, \$8.25 to \$8.75.

C. e. s. c. Western, September, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, eastern 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c, eastern October, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.

Butter—Finest creamery, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21c, seconds, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, dairy, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18c.

Eggs—Prices firm. Strictly fresh, 20c, No. 1, candled, 18 to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, No. 2, 14 to 15c.

Maple Syrup—6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c in wood, tins, 50 to 60c.

Honey—White clover, comb, 10 to 12c, extracted, 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Hides—No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 7c; No. 3, 6c, calfskins, 9 to 7c, lambskins, 70c for good fresh skins.

Potatoes—15 to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per bag.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 27.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 600 cattle and 600 sheep and lambs.

The attendance of buyers was large and as the supply of desirable stock was more plentiful, the demand for such was good. In consequence, trade was fairly active and prices were maintained for this class of stock. The trade in common and inferior was slow and a number were left over until choice steers brought 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c good, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c, fair, 3c to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, common, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and inferior, 2c to 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ c per lb. In sheep trade was

quiet on account of the small supply and prices were steady. Good export stock sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and common at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. Lambs were scarce for which the demand was active; in consequence prices ruled higher. Choice lots sold at \$4.15 to \$4.40 per 100 lbs., and ordinary at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4c per lb. Calves met with a fair sale at prices ranging from 3c to 5c per lb., as to quality. Receipts of hogs were somewhat larger which had a depressing effect upon values and sales were made at from \$5 to \$5.35 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Oct. 26.

At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 900 cattle, 600 sheep, 600 lambs and 400 hogs.

Really choice cattle were scarce, and the market for such was steady. Other grades were lower. Trading was rather quiet. The best cattle sold at 4c, good at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, fair at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c, common at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and inferior at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 2c. Sheep declined 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Lambs firm at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4c. Hogs $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower, at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 27.

Sugar steady and firm. Valencia raisins easier, and demand quiet. Teas firm. Demand improving. Provisions fairly active.

Prices are: Sugar, granulated, \$3.00 per 100 lbs; yellows, \$4.20 to \$4.80; molasses, 40 to 41c. Valencia raisins, fine off stalk, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, selected, 9c, layers, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; currants, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c; canned goods, tomatoes, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 80c; peas, 75 to 80c; corn, 80 to 90c; salmon, \$6 to \$6.75 per case; Japan teas, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20c.

Provisions—The market is firm. Quotations are: Pork \$19 to \$21; lard, pure, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; hams, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 11c; bacon, 12 to 14c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 27.

The hardware market has been rather quiet. The principle change is a decline of 5c on bar iron. A sale of 25,000 barrels of German cement at 2.40, for a government contract, is reported.

Pig iron, summerlee, No. 1, \$24 to \$25.00; Nova Scotia, \$23.00 to \$23.50; bar iron, \$1.50 to \$1.60; tin plates, 3c, \$3.85 to \$4.00; charcoal, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Canada plates, \$2.80 to \$2.90;terne plates, \$7.50; Ingot tin, 32 to 33c; copper, 18 to 19c; lead, \$4.15 to \$4.25; Manila cordage, 12 to 13c, sisal, 9 to 10c; linseed oil, raw, 70 to 80c; boiled, 82 to 83c; seal oil, 50 to 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; turpentine 58 to 59c; cement, German, \$2.40 to \$2.60; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; Belgian, \$1.80 to \$2.00; Canadian, \$2.10 to \$2.25; white lead, standard, \$6.50; coal tar, \$4 to \$4.50.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Oct. 26.

Cheese quoted at 53s 6d for white and 54s 6d for colored, which shows an advance of 6d since last week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Oct. 26.

Cattle steady at 12 to 13c, dressed weight. Sheep, 12 to 13c per lb.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

London, Oct. 26.

Best sugar is quoted at 8s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

HOG PRODUCTS.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 27.

There is a decided scarcity of hog products here and the shortage will not be relieved until the new fall pack is ready for the market. Dressed and live hogs, however, are now offering liberally and the market is easier for these lines, with an expectation of materially lower prices before the end of next month. Lard is lower this week. Some lines of cured meats, particularly bacon and hams, are quoted $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher. Barrel pork is 50c higher.

D. Rodz, lumber miller, of Whitestock, Man., was in Winnipeg this week.

Coal Strike About Over.

A dispatch from Hazleton, Pennsylvania, dated October 25, conveyed the news that the executive officers of the coal miners' union had given out the following announcement for publication:—

"Temporary headquarters, United Mine Workers of America, Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 25.—To the miners and mine workers of the Anthracite region: Gentlemen,—After carefully canvassing the entire strike situation, we, your officers, district, and national, have concluded that your victory is so nearly complete that no good end can be served by continuing the strike longer. The contest has been in progress for 30 days, and the companies employing you have, with few exceptions, signified their willingness to pay the scale of wages formulated by the Scranton convention of Oct. 12 and 13."

Another dispatch dated the 26th, says that the miners at Shamokin are greatly dissatisfied because no notices have been posted at that place. It is presumed that this means notices by the mine companies announcing the advance of 10 per cent. in wages and other concessions. They say that they will not go to work next Monday unless they know what the companies intend to do in the matter. Local officials say that persons wanting to go to work will be given an advance of 10 per cent. in wages but no guarantee is made that the increase will stand until April 1, as demanded by the Scranton convention.

Another wire of the 26th says: The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co., Pottsville, is making preparations to resume work at its mine in the Schuylkill region on Monday morning.

The Commercial Men.

J. H. Glass, the well known shoe traveller, is in the city this week.

Walter Crane, traveller for Nelson & Sons, Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week returning from the coast.

One of the most widely known travellers in the west who is now being missed from the road is A. E. Forde, who covered the branch lines for the Ogilvie Milling Co. He has been transferred to a position on the office staff at Winnipeg.

R. J. Salisbury has returned from a trip to British Columbia, in the interest of Thos. Lee, cigar manufacturer, Winnipeg. Mr. Salisbury reports business conditions much improved in the interior districts of British Columbia. Personally he did a good business, having sold about two-thirds more goods than he had counted on before starting out. While business is quiet in the mountain towns during the winter, conditions are favorable for a good spring trade.

Stoves.

Prices for stoves are holding firm, and it is not at all likely that there will be any change for some time to come—not for the balance of this season at any rate. The advance in wages which has been maintained for some time in the stove trade, is an important factor with stove manufacturers in the direction of holding prices up. On the other hand there has of course been a considerable drop in the price of metals, but manufacturers, who carry heavy stocks in advance, do not get the full benefit of the decline in metals for some time after it has gone into effect. Easier prices next spring, however, may be a feature of the stove trade.

Grain Rates on Oatmeal Lower.

The C. P. R. has granted a reduction in the freight rate on rolled oats from Ontario points to the west which will be of some importance to the grocery trade. The rate has been lowered from 31 to 30c per 100 pounds.

Movements of Business Men.

J. W. Zallara, of Chicago, manager of the Deering Harvester Co., was in Winnipeg this week.

A recent visitor to Canada was W. R. Lyzaght, one of the directors of John Lyzaght, Limited, of Bristol, Eng., whose name is a familiar one in Canada, especially in connection with their well known "Queen's Head" brand of galvanized iron. Mr. Lyzaght inspected the business with which he is connected in Montreal and other eastern cities.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Oct 27
SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Taron to, 45.134/45.18, yellow, from 41.384/42.08

RYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 35c/42c.

MOLASSES—West India, barrels, 32c/40c; New Orleans, 28c/30c for medium, and 35c/47c for bright.

COFFEES—Hilo, green, 10c/14c; Mocha, 23c/25c; Java, 24c/32c.

TEAS—Jannas, low grade, 16c/20c per lb; young Hyasons, around 18c/20c; firsts, 25c/45c; Indian, 18c/20c; Congous, low grade, 10c/18c; medium, 22c/25c; finest, 40c/45c; Ceylons 17c/25c; Formosa oolongs 22c/35c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes 8c/12c; peas, 8c/12c; corn, 8c; beans, 8c/10c; sifted selected peas, 1.03c/1.20; pumpkins, 5c; mushrooms, 2s, 1.75c/2.12c; peaches, 2c, 1.80c/2.2c; apples, 2c, 1.50c/1.8c; pineapples, 2s, 2.75c/3.00c; plums, 2c, 1.25c/1.50c; Salmons—Cocones, primo dark pink fish, 1.15c; sockeyes, red, 1.00c/1.15c; lobsters, halves, 1.80c/2.00c, toll, lbs., 2.20c; hais, 2.25c.

RICES—Kitee bags, 3c/4c; Java, 6c/8c; Patna, 5c/6c; Japan, 6c/8c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Ceylon, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 20c/22c; Amboyaa, 25c/27c; Peppang, 30c/35c; allspice, 15c; nutmegs, 60c/81c; crown tartar, pure, 25c/28c; compound, 15c/20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 18c; Peppang, 15c; compound, 13c/14c; pepper, pure white, 28c/30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Haisins, Valencia, selected, 9c/10c; fine off stalk, 9c; California raisins, 12c/13c; Patras, 15c; Volozzias, 16c/17c; California dried fruits—Apricots, 11c/13c; peaches, 5c/8c/13c; prunes, 7c/8c, 8c/10c, 8c/10c; 10c/12c; Sultana, 11c/12c; hallower dates, 5c/7c; NITS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 40c; shelled Jordan almonds, 45c; Borden's walnuts, 11c/12c; shelled walnuts, 24c/28c; Grenobles, 12c/14c; Sicily Alberts, 12c/14c.

PEEL—Orange, 12c/13c, lemon, 10c/12c; citron, 17c/20c.

PROVISIONS.
PORK—Canada mess, short cut, 20c, heavy, 18c, 19c, shoulders, 14c/15c.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Loin clear h. con. car. lots, 9c; ton and case lots, 10c, breakfast bacon, 13c/14c; backs, 11c/12c; shoulders, 10c; hams, 12c/13c; rolls, 11c. Green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

LARD—Tierces, 9c, tubs, 10c, pulls, 10c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Oct 27.
ANTIMONY—11c/11c per lb for Cook soil.

BARBED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$2.85; Toronto, \$3 per 1000.

BAR IRON—Base for common, 11c/11c \$1.70 per 1000.

BLACK SHEETS—23 gauge, \$3.40.

BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full square, 7c per cent; common carriage bolts, full square, 6c per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 6c per cent; coach screws, 7c per cent; single shoe bolts, 7c per cent; blank bolts, 6c per cent, bolt ends, 6c per cent; nuts, square, 4c off; nuts, hexagon, 3c off; fire bolts, 6c per cent; stove bolts, 6c per cent; plough bolts, 6c per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 20c per roll; tarred building, 40c; tarred roofing, \$1.00 per 1000.

CANADA PLATES—All dull, \$3.15 per 1000; half-polished, \$3.25, and all bright \$3.80/4c per 1000.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.80/3.00; English, do, \$3.00; Belgian, \$2.75; \$3.00; Canadian hydraulic cement, \$1.25-\$1.50; calcined plaster, \$1.00; asbestos cement, \$2.25 per barrel.

CHAIN—1/2 in., \$1.50/1.80; 5-16 in., \$4.75 6/10 7/16 in., \$4.25/4.50; 7-16 in., \$4.80/5.25; 1/2 in., \$5.50/5.75; 3/4 in., \$5.50/5.75; 1 in., \$6.00/6.50; 1 1/8 in., \$6.25/6.50; 1 1/4 in., \$6.75/7.25.

COPPER—Ingots copper, 10c/20c per lb; sheet copper, 20c/25c.

CUT NAILS—2 1/2 in. keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton, and London.

FENCE WIRE—Woven, 7c/8c per rod. PINE TREE WIRE—Discount 15 per cent.

GALVANIZED IRON—Queen's Head brand, \$4.85 per 1000, and \$4.50 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—0 gauge, \$2.90; 12 gauge, \$3.15; 13 gauge, \$3.25, No. 10, \$2.90.

GLASS—Star, first break, in 50 foot boxes, \$2.20, and in 100 foot boxes, \$4.25; double diamond, under 25 united inches, in 100 foot boxes, \$4.25; Toronto, Hamilton, and London, Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$2.00 per 100 square feet.

HARVEST TOOLS—50, 10 and 5 per cent.

HOOPE STERIL—Base price, \$3.25.

HORSE NAILS—Standard oral head, 50 per cent; Acacia, 50 and 10 per cent.

HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.00 f.o.b.; snow-shoes, \$3.85.

IRON PIPE—1/2 in., \$3.30, 3/4 in., \$3.15, 1 in., \$3.10, 1 1/4 in., \$3.50, 1 1/2 in., \$4.00, 2 in., \$4.40, 2 1/2 in., \$4.80, the discount of 5c on ordinary and 6c on large lots.

HEAD PIPES—Ordinary pipe, 7c; discount 15 per cent.

OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 50c per cw.; machinery cast 60c per cw.;

stove scrap 40c; No. 1 wrought scrap 60c/1000; new light scrap copper, 12c per lb. bottom, 10c; heavy copper, 18c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 10c; scrap lead, 2c; zinc, 2c; scrap rubber, 1c; good country mixed rags, 5c/7c; clean dry bones, 40c/60c per 1000.

PIG IRON—Tombanda, No 2, on track here, duty paid, \$18; No. 3, \$17.50.

PIG LEAD—65c/65c per lb.

PIG TIN—34c/34c per lb.

POULTRY NETTING—Discount of 40 and 5 per cent.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Iron 60 per cent; iron burrs, 5c per cent; copper rivets, 3c and 5 per cent.

ROPE—Sisal, 8c; pure Manila, 12c.

SCREWS—Flat head bright, 80 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; round head zinc, 62 1/2 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—63c/7c for cask lots; 7c/17c for part casks.

SHOT—Common, \$5.60 per 1000; chilled, \$7. bull seal and ball, \$7.50, discount, 7 per cent.

SMOOTH STERIL WIRE—The base is \$2.50 per 1000 f.o.b. factory.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent.

SPLITTER—60c/6c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 21c/22c; red-lead, 20c/21c; wiring, 20c/21c.

STEEL—11000 steel, \$3.25; sleighshoe steel, \$1.80, fire steel, \$1.90; toe steel, steel \$3.20, and Firth's special cast steel, 12c per lb.

STOVES AND FURNACES—Discounts—Stoves and ranges, 4c and 5 per cent; furnaces, 40 and 5 per cent; registers 60 per cent.

TERRAZZO PLATES—20x28, 50.

TERRAZZO SLICES—23 gauge, 6c/10c.

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$2.75/2.85 f.o.b. Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, @10 1/2c per lb, and 10 1/4c/1c for single tins.

GUM GUMMOL—In cases, 22c; in less than cases, 25c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 5c; boiled, 6c.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.20/1.30 per gallon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—40c.

PARIS GREEN—Petroleum base, 18c; arsenic base, 18c; drums, 50 to 1000, 18c; drums, 25m, 10c; tins, 10, 20c; packages, 10, 18c.

PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick, \$1.30 per barrel.

PUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 1000 for barrels and 4c/5c per lb in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb in small lots; and 8c per lb in barrels.

PUTTY—Bladders, in barrels, \$2.10. bladders, in 1000 lbs, \$2.25; bulk in barrels, \$1.35; in less quantities, \$2.10.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lb, \$4.50; ditto, in kegs of 1000, \$4.75; No. 1, in casks of 560 lb, \$4.35/4.50; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$4.50; No. 4, \$4.75; dry white lead in casks, \$6.00.

REFINED OIL—American water white, 18c in barrels; Sarnia water white, 17c in barrels; Sarnia prime, 16c in barrels.

SEAL OIL—5c per gallon, and yellow seal at 4c.

TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 63c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 62c.

WETTING—10c per 1000; gliders' whitening, 7c/8c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$4.30/4c; No. 1, \$4.25; No. 2, \$4.57/4c; No. 3, \$4.50; No. 4, \$4.75; dry white lead in casks, \$6.00.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 73c, closed 73c. Nov. opened 74c, highest 74c, lowest 73c, closed 73c. Dec. opened 74c, highest 74c, lowest 73c, closed 73c. Corn, Oct. opened 40c, highest 40c, lowest 39c, closed 39c. Nov. opened 40c, highest 40c, lowest 39c, closed 39c. Oats, Oct. opened 21c, highest 21c, lowest 21c, closed 21c. Pork, Jan. opened 11.15, highest 11.17, lowest 11.14, closed 11.14. Lard, Jan. opened 31.25, highest 31.27, lowest 31.23, closed 31.25. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Wheat, Oct. opened 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened 11.35, highest 11.37, lowest 11.33, closed 11.35. Lard, Jan. opened 31.35, highest 31.37, lowest 31.33, closed 31.35. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened 11.35, highest 11.37, lowest 11.33, closed 11.35. Lard, Jan. opened 31.35, highest 31.37, lowest 31.33, closed 31.35. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened 11.35, highest 11.37, lowest 11.33, closed 11.35. Lard, Jan. opened 31.35, highest 31.37, lowest 31.33, closed 31.35. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened 11.35, highest 11.37, lowest 11.33, closed 11.35. Lard, Jan. opened 31.35, highest 31.37, lowest 31.33, closed 31.35. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened 11.35, highest 11.37, lowest 11.33, closed 11.35. Lard, Jan. opened 31.35, highest 31.37, lowest 31.33, closed 31.35. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened 11.35, highest 11.37, lowest 11.33, closed 11.35. Lard, Jan. opened 31.35, highest 31.37, lowest 31.33, closed 31.35. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened 11.35, highest 11.37, lowest 11.33, closed 11.35. Lard, Jan. opened 31.35, highest 31.37, lowest 31.33, closed 31.35. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened 11.35, highest 11.37, lowest 11.33, closed 11.35. Lard, Jan. opened 31.35, highest 31.37, lowest 31.33, closed 31.35. Flour, cash \$1.82, Oct. \$1.80.

72c, Nov. opened 72 1/4, highest 72c, lowest 71c, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 73 1/2, highest 73c, lowest 72c, closed 73c. Corn, Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39c, lowest 38c, closed 39c. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21c, lowest 20c, closed 21c. Pork, Oct. opened 11 1/2, highest 11c, lowest 11c, closed 11 1/2. Lard, Jan. opened 31 1/2, highest 31c, lowest 31c, closed 31 1/2. Flour, Jan. opened 50.52, closed 50.62, lowest 50.52, closed 50.62. \$5.80/53.02, highest 53.05, lowest 52.50, closed 52.55 a. Flour, Oct. \$1.70 b. Dec. \$1.65.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Wheat, Oct. opened at 72 1/2, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 71 1/2. Nov. opened 73 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72 1/2, closed 72 1/2. Dec. opened 74 1/2, highest 74 1/2, lowest 73 1/2, closed 73 1/2. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Nov. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2. Oats, Oct. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Oct. opened 11 1/2, highest 11c, lowest 11c, closed 11 1/2. Lard, Jan. opened 31 1/2, highest 31c, lowest 31c, closed 31 1/2. Flour, Jan. opened 50.52, closed 50.62, lowest 50.52, closed 50.62. \$5.80/53.02, highest 53.05, lowest 52.50, closed 52.55 a. Flour, Oct. \$1.70 b. Dec. \$1.65.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—No market here to-day, being a political holiday.

A week ago December option closed at 77c. A year ago December wheat closed at 70c, two years ago at 66c, three years ago at 57c, four years ago at 72c, five years ago at 55c, and six years ago at 63c.

New York Wheat.

New York, Oct. 22.—Wheat, Dec. opened 70c, highest 75c, lowest 75c, closed at 78c. May closed 82c a.

New York, Oct. 23.—Wheat, Dec. opened 78c, highest 78c, lowest 77c, closed at 77c.

New York, Oct. 24.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77c/11, highest 77c, lowest 77c, closed 77c bid.

New York, Oct. 25.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77c/11, highest 75c, lowest 77c, closed 78c a. May closed 81c a.

New York, Oct. 26.—Wheat, Dec. opened 78c, highest 78c, lowest 77c, closed at 77c a. May closed 80c a.

New York, Oct. 27.—December wheat closed at 77c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec, 70c; May, 70c.

Tuesday—Dec, 70c; May, 78c.

Wednesday—Dec, 71c; May, 78c.

Thursday—Dec, 75c; May, 79c.

Friday—Dec, 74c; May, 77c.

Saturday—Dec, 74c; May, 77c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 70c, and cash No. 1 northern at 74c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 74c. A year ago December wheat closed at 67c; two years ago at 63c; three years ago at 61c; four years ago at 73c; five years ago at 54c.

DULUTH FLAX MARKET.

Duluth, Oct. 27.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.75 for Oct. \$1.65 for Dec.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Oct. 26.—Wheat, spot steady; No. 2 red western winter 6s 11d, No. 1 northern spring 6s 4 1/2d, No. 1 California 6s 5d. Futures dull; Dec. 5s 11 1/2d, Feb. 6s 4 1/2d.

Liverpool, Oct. 27.—Wheat closed 12d lower.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Oct. 26.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 98 15-16; do. for the account 99 1-16; Atchison 3 1/4; C. P. R. 90; St. Paul 118 1/4; Illinois Central 122; Louisville 75 1/2; U. S. pd. 78 1/2; N. Y. C. 137; Erie 12 1/2; Pennsylvania 69; Reading 9 1/2; Erie 1st 11 1/2; Erie 2nd 7 1/2; Erie 3rd 7 1/2; Erie 4th 7 1/2; Erie 5th 7 1/2; Erie 6th 7 1/2; Erie 7th 7 1/2; Erie 8th 7 1/2; Erie 9th 7 1/2; Erie 10th 7 1/2; Erie 11th 7 1/2; Erie 12th 7 1/2.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Oct. 27.—Wheat closed at 74c for Dec. and 70c for May option. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 76c and cash No. 1 northern at 73c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market was quiet and easier to-day, closing at about 81c for No. 1 hard, in store Fort William.

Machinery is being taken in to work the gypsum deposits near Lake Manitoba.

Western Business Items.

Shera & Co., dry-goods merchants, Port Arthur, Ontario, have sold out to H. B. Dawson, late of J. L. Matthews' employ.

Mr. Jordan is erecting a new brick building at Thornhill, Man., which he will occupy with his general store business.

It is reported that a serious lockout is threatening among the

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES
Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.
Canned Goods
Apples, 3 1/2 doz 2 15 3 25
Apples, preserved, 3 1/2 doz 3 00 3 25
Apples, Gallons - (per doz) 1 70 2 00
Black or Lawton berries, 2 1/2 doz 3 25 3 50

Dried Fruits
Raisins, V. fine, off stalk 2 95
Raisins, Selected, off stalk 3 25
Raisins, Vul. Layers, per box 3 25 3 40
Clusters, 3 Crown 3 95
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown 09 95
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown 09 95
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown 10 10 95
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes 1 00 2 00

Tobacco
T. & B., 3 1/2, 4 1/2, and 5 1/2 Cads... 00 70
Tally, 3 1/2, Cads 00 61
T. & B., 4 1/2, Cads 00 68
T. & B. Black Cheewing, Scorlo 00 61 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Cheewing, 5 1/2 or 16 00 61 1/2
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut 00 85
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut 00 85
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4 00 85
T. & B. in 1 1/2 tins 00 85
T. & B. in 1 1/4 tins 00 85
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg 00 85
Orinoco, 1-5 tins 00 85
Orinoco, 1/2 tins 00 85
Tuckets Cherub Cigarette 00 85
T. & B. 1-12 pkg 00 85
Derby, 3 1/2 and 4 1/2, Cads 00 65
Derby 8 1/2, Cads 00 65
P. & W. Cheewing, Cads 00 65
P. & W. Cheewing, Butts 00 65
Tonka, 1/2 tins 00 65
Tonka, 1 1/2 pkg 00 65
Canada, 1 1/2 tins, 50 lb hales, 21
Very bright 12 1/2 15
Lower grades 12 1/2 15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.
WRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.
Pommy, 10 1/2 72
Smuax, Bars 3 62
Holly, 5 1/2 and 15 52
Caravel, Bars, 7 1/2 48
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.
Black Bars, Bars, 10 1/2 40
Black Bars, 6 1/2 and 8 1/2 40
WRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.
Virgin Gold, 3 1/2 68
Virgin Gold, 9 1/2 68
Bulls Eye, 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 40
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List
SMOKING.
Golden, 3 1/2 37
Empire Plug, 3 1/2 37
Royal Oak, 3 1/2 51
Something Good, 7 1/2 51
CURRENCY.
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2 40
Currency, 6 1/2 40
Free Trade, 5 1/2 45
Snowshoe, Bars, 12 1/2 45
WOODEN WARE.
Pails, 2 hoop clear 1 95 2 30
Pails, wire hoop 2 20 2 25
Pails, Star fibre 3 50
Tubs, No. 1 common 11 50 12 00
Tubs, No. 2 common 8 00 8 00
Tubs, No. 3 common 6 75 7 25
Tubs, nests (3) 1 90 2 00
Tubs, wire hoop (3) 2 25 2 40
Tubs, fibre, No. 0 16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1 12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2 12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3 10 50
Tubs, fibre, (3) 3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3) 5 75
Butter Tub, wire hoop (3) 9 00
Washboards, Globe, per doz 3 20 3 25
Perfection, per doz 3 20 3 25
CURED MEATS, ETC.
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend. 5 25 15
Lard, pure, in 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs 6 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb 10 10 10 1/2
Lard, 50 lb tubs 9 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails 10
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 60 lbs 10
Smoked Meats
Hams 11
Breakfast bacon, bellies 12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs 11
Spiced rolls 10 1/2
Shoulders 12
Picnic Hams 10
Dry Salt Meats
Long clear bacon 10
Shoulders 9 1/2
Smoked Long Clear 10 1/2
Bacon 10 1/2
Barrel Pork
Heavy mess 18 00
Short cut 10
Meat Sundries
Fresh pork sausage, lb 5
Pork sausage, lb 5
Pickled pigs feet, kits 5 25
Sausage castings, lb 5

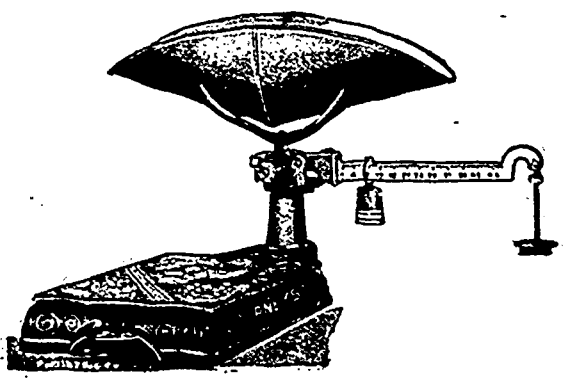
DRUGS
Following are prices for parcel lot with usual reductions for unbroken packages.
Alum, lb 3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal 5 25 5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb 05 1 0
Bluestone, lb 09 1 0
Ibraz 09 1 0
Bromide Potash 75 8
Camphor 85 90
Camphor, ounces 85 9
Carbolic Acid 45 5
Castor Oil 13 20
Chlorate Potash 18 20
Citric Acid 03 0
Copperas 03 0
Cocaine, oz 7 75 8 00
Cream Tartar, lb 23 3
Cloves 20 20
Epsom Salts 03 0
Extract Logwood, bulk 12 1
Extract Logwood, boxes 10 4
Formalin, per lb 10 4
German Quinine 13 50
Glycerine, lb 35 3
Ginger, Jamaica 30 3
Ginger, African 15 2
Iodine 01 06
Insect Powder 4 75 5 00
Morphia, sol 20 20
Opium 2 10 2 25
Oil, olive, Pure 2 10 2 10
Oil, U.S. Salad 2 10 2 10
Oil, lemon, super 1 60 1 50
Oil, peppermint 1 40 1 40
Oil, cod liver, gal 1 40 1 25
Oxalic Acid 14 14
Potass Iodide 3 75 4 00
Paris Green, lb 22 25
Sallpêtre 05 11
Sal Iochelle 35 32
Sulphur Flowers 3 1/2 3 1/2
Sulphur Holl, keg 3 1/2 3 1/2
Soda bicarb, keg of 112 lbs 3 75 4 00
Sal Soda 3 1/2 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb 40 40
Stychnine, pure crystals, oz 75 55
LEATHER
Per pound
Harness, oak 44
Harness, union oak No. 1 44
Harness, union oak No. 1 R 44
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand 33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R 33
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R 31
Russet collar leather, per foot 31
American Oak Sole 21
Sole, union oak 21
Listwell, sole 47
Penitang, sole 27
Acton Sole 47
B. F. French kip 25 1 1/2
H. F. French kip 25 1 1/2
Canada calf 25 1 1/2
Canada Calf, Niagara 25 1 1/2
Niagara Brand Kip 65 71
Wax upper 42 16
Ancher upper per foot 42 16
Brazos, per foot 30 10
Dolgora, per foot 30 10
Dolgora, bright 25 10
Bag sheepskins, per doz 8 00
FUEL
Coal
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards.
Per ton
Pennsylvania anthracite -
Stove, nut or lump 10 0
Pea size 9 0
Canadian anthracite, stove 9 0
Canadian anthracite, nut 8 10
Lethbridge bituminous 8 20
Crow's Nest bituminous 8 20
U. S. bituminous 7 50 8 00
Souris Lignite 4 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines 1 50
Smithing 9 50 10 00
Cordwood
These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.
Per cord
Tamarac 4 10 4 25
Pine 3 75 3 80
Poplar, green or dead, cut 2 60 3 00
Manitoba Oak 4 25 4 50
Birch 4 75
Minnesota Hard Maple 5 00
Slabs 8 1/2 3 00

Grain Rates Advance.
It is announced that grain freight rates between Buffalo and New York, will be advanced 3 to 4 cents per 100 pounds on Nov. 1. This will affect Manitoba wheat, which goes for export mostly over the Buffalo and New York route.

Valleyfield Trouble.
The clash between the troops and strikers at Valleyfield, Quebec, will be a cause of regret all over Canada. The strikers were employed building an addition to the Montreal Cotton Company's mills at Valleyfield and the strike was the result of a demand for higher wages. The calling out of troops in case of a strike, though sometimes necessary, invariably seems to have the result of arousing bitter feelings among the strikers, and often has the effect of aggravating the trouble. Whether or not troops were necessary in this case cannot be fairly ascertained at this distance from the scene of the trouble, though it may be here remarked that the number of the strikers was not very great. The employees of the cotton mill have now gone out on strike, out of sympathy for the builders, making in all about 2,000 hands on strike.

October Fur Sales.
The regular October fur sales of C. M. Lampson & Co., London, England, were held on the 17th and 18th insts. Cable advices of the results show as follows:
Fox, silver, 25 per cent lower than in March.
Fox, blue, 50 per cent lower than in March.
Fox, cross, 50 per cent lower than in March.
Fox, white, 35 per cent lower than in March.
Fox, red, 50 per cent lower than in March.
Otter, 25 per cent lower than in March.
Lynx, 40 per cent lower than in March.
Mink, 5 per cent lower than in March.
Canada calf 25 1 1/2
Canada Calf, Niagara 25 1 1/2
Niagara Brand Kip 65 71
Wax upper 42 16
Ancher upper per foot 42 16
Brazos, per foot 30 10
Dolgora, per foot 30 10
Dolgora, bright 25 10
Bag sheepskins, per doz 8 00

Beaver, same as in January.
Wolf, 50 per cent lower than in March.
Chinchilla, real same as in June.
Chinchilla, bastard, 15 per cent higher than in June.
Grebe, same as in March.
Bear, black, same as in March.
Bear, brown, same as in March.
Bear, grizzly, 15 per cent lower than in March.
Bear, Russian, 15 per cent lower than in March.
Raccoon, 5 per cent lower than in March.
Muskrat, spring, same as in January.
Muskrat, winter, same as in January.
Muskrat, fall, 15 per cent lower than in January.
Wildcat, 30 per cent lower than in January.
Hair seal, dry, 20 per cent lower than in March.
Rabbit, North American, 20 per cent lower than in March.
Opposum, Australian, 7 1/2 per cent lower than in June.
Wombat, 10 per cent lower than in June.
Wallaby, furriers, 30 per cent lower than in June.
Wallaby, tanners, same as in June.
Kangaroo, same as in June.
Salted fur seal, Cape Horn, same as in December last.



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The total cost of the Pan-American Exposition, to be held in Buffalo next year, is estimated at \$10,000,000, and John N. Scattergood, who is chairman of the executive committee, says that the resources now in sight amount to about \$6,000,000. Progress on the work of construction is proceeding rapidly, nearly 5,000 workmen now being employed.

Pan-American Exposition.

The Bureau of Publicity of the Pan-American exposition has just issued a very complete booklet descriptive of the enterprise to be held at Buffalo next year. The booklet contains 18 pages with 121 titles and 82 illustrations. The publicity up to the present time has been piecemeal, bringing out the various features as they have developed, but an examination of this booklet gives to the reader a very comprehensive idea of the splendid character of the Exposition.

The total cost of the Exposition, exclusive of exhibits, is now estimated at \$10,000,000. Of this amount about \$3,000,000 will be expended upon the Midway. The sum for the Midway is more than the total cost of some very pretentious expositions, so that by comparison one may gain a very fair idea of the work which Buffalo is carrying rapidly to completion. A beautiful landscape comprising 350 acres, half a mile wide and a mile and a quarter long, is devoted to this wonderful enterprise.

The word "Pan" as a prefix to American means All—that is to say, the exposition is for all the Americas, exhibits from European countries not being accepted. It is claimed for the Pan-American Exposition that it will be the most artistic creation of the kind ever brought into existence. It will excel all former expositions in its court settings having 33 acres of courts alone, upon which to bestow the wonderful embellishments of fountains and cascades, pools and lakes, canals and lagoons, lawns and gardens. The twenty or more great structures which are to shelter the exhibits gathered from all the corners of the western hemisphere and from all the island possessions of the United States will surround these courts. Every building is richly adorned with plastic ornamentation and tinted in accordance with a magnificent color scheme under direction of Charles Y. Turner, the leading artist of the world in this work.

No exposition has ever undertaken such an extensive use of sculpture for decorative purposes. This work is under the master direction of Kari Bitter, who has added to the vast knowledge and infinite skill which gave him the leading position at the World's Fair at Chicago, the experience of seven more years of activity in his profession. Under his direction thirty or more sculptors, embracing all the leading artists of this class in the United States, are at work upon more than 125 groups of original sculpture.

In the use of electric lights for decorative purposes this exposition will outshine all former undertakings. Owing to the nearness of Niagara Falls, with unlimited electric power, the Pan-American Exposition has at hand a large volume of energy which will be employed to whatever extent may be necessary to produce the most brilliant, fantastic and beautiful electric lighting effects the world has ever seen. The exhibits of the exposition are divided into about twenty classes and embrace every line of human activity.

The gates of the exposition will open on May 1, 1901, continuing six months. Buffalo, a city of nearly 400,000 population, one of the most charming cities of the world, and having a climate 10 degrees cooler than any other city of the northern states in summer, is preparing to welcome millions of strangers to its gates next year.

May Revolutionize Steel Manufacture.

H. B. Depoy, Indianapolis, has invented a process, after thirty-two years of study and experiments, that will revolutionize the manufacture of steel. With the new process, the inventor says, any piece of steel may have its tensile strength increased from 40 to 75 per cent. It can be made so hard that no tool will scratch it, and only a diamond can be used to cut it. Yet it cannot be cracked or broken by impact. The harder the steel is made the greater and more dense its tensile strength becomes. Railroad men say that, according to his representations, Depoy has discovered the very thing that railroads have been searching for in vain for years—a process by which steel rails can be hardened to resist the wear and tear of heavy trains without becoming so brittle as to crack easily. He will be given every opportunity to make practical tests of his process, and will be aided by the railroads in his experiments. A piece of cast

iron, Mr. Depoy says, may be welded as easily and securely after treatment in his solution as the best Norway or Sweden wrought iron, and any tool formed from cast iron by the regular casting process may be tempered so that it will carry an edge superior to the steel now manufactured by the best known processes. This means, he says, that tools that must have the keenest edge and the greatest tensile strength can be manufactured after having been cast from the cheapest iron on the market.—*Implement Age.*

The Fiber Market.

Lent & Rukenbrod, New York city, report conditions in the fiber market as follows:

The manila market has ruled strong during the past week, and prices have been steadily advancing. The holders of the spot stock in Manila are still sending the hemp forward to the United Kingdom and America, but they are distributing the supply over such a long period that there will be no danger of the market being forced at any time. At present there are perhaps about 100,000 bales on spot in this country; 11,000 bales are on the way, and 25,000 bales are being shipped by sailing vessel to this country. About the same quantity is being sent to London. The holders of hemp in Manila have entertained the idea that there will be a change in the administration this fall, and in the confusion which would no doubt take place in case of such an event they hope to realize handsome profits on the hemp which they now control. A rumor was current here late this week that the government was about to declare hemp contraband of war. Inquiry was made at Washington, and the officials of the war department declared the rumor to be without foundation. It was somewhat difficult to find out just where the report originated, but it is supposed to have been started by one of the houses in Manila who hold speculative hemp. The demand for hemp in all positions is very good, and a large business has been transacted during the past week. We estimate sales on spot at about 4,500 bales. Sales for shipment would perhaps aggregate at least 2,000 bales.

The sisal market is weak, and only a small business has been done during the past week.

Handsome Calendar.

From W. P. Sweatman, manager at Winnipeg for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, comes the first pictorial calendar for next year, and it is a very handsome one. A large separate sheet is given for each month, and on each sheet is a handsome colored engraving, showing some phase of the transportation question. The whole form a series of illustrations showing the evolution of transportation methods from primitive modes of travel, to the modern steamship, railway train and horseless carriage.

Latest advices from Liverpool report prices there for apples which are equal to an advance of 50 to 75c per barrel over prices which have prevailed for several weeks in leading American markets.

More than \$100,000,000 worth of India rubber has been imported into the United States during the past four years, and more than \$60,000,000 worth in the last two years. A decade ago the annual importations of India rubber amounted to about \$15,000,000, now they exceed \$30,000,000, and are steadily increasing. Practically all of the importations of rubber come in crude form for use of manufacturers. Northern Brazil, Southern Mexico, the West Indies, Central Africa, India, the Straits Settlements and the Dutch East Indies supply this increasingly important feature of our importations. Probably no single article has made a more rapid growth in its relations to manufactures in the past few years than rubber. India rubber is not, as is generally supposed, the product of a single tree, but, on the contrary, is produced from a variety of trees and plants. Java, Sumatra, Penang, Singapore and French Indo-China are already large producers of crude India rubber or capoutchou, and its production in the West Indies has been sufficient to indicate the entire practicability of its being made an important industry in Cuba and Porto Rico, as well as in the Hawaiian, Philippine and Samoan Islands.—*Canadian Manufacturer.*

Siberia.

The British Commercial agent in Russia, in a report just issued by the foreign office, which is reproduced by the London Globe, gives an account of the physical feature of the country through which the Trans-Siberian railway is to pass. He declares that it is not too much to say that the completion of the gigantic thoroughfare, which is to bring Paris into direct overland communication with Vladivostok, will, commercially and otherwise, be one of the greatest events of the opening years of the new century.

Proceeding to describe Siberia, he states that, broadly speaking, under the name of Siberia is usually included all the territories of Russia beyond the Urals, all Asiatic Russia, except the Trans-Caucasus, Caspian and Turkestan regions, or, in other words, the expanse of territory stretching from the Polar ocean to the Chinese frontiers and from the Urals to the Pacific. It embraces two vast governments of the Obi basin, Tobolsk and Tomsk, known as western Siberia; two belonging to the basin of the Yenisei, those of Yeniseisk and Irkutsk, as well as the Yakutch territory, washed by the Lena, Yana, Indirka and Kolym rivers, all forming the so-called eastern Siberia, and from an administrative point of view the governor-generalship of Irkutsk; two "oblasts," or regions, those of Akmolnisk and Semipalatnisk, the northwestern part of the Central Asian steppes, and, administratively, the governor-generalship of the steppes, and, lastly, the Amur-Primorskina borderland, or governor-generalship of the Amur, consisting of the extreme northeastern frontier zones along the Behring sea, Sea of Okhotsk and Kamtchatka, with the Island of Sakhalin. The total area covered within the boundaries enumerated is over 12,000,000 square versts, or, in other words, is an expanse of territory one and a half times the size of Europe.

The population, according to the census of January, 1897, was 7,091,244, as against 3,430,930 in 1858. The increasing number of immigrants has probably now brought the total population up to over 8,000,000. The densest parts, comparatively speaking, are the governments of Tomsk and Tobolsk. The average distribution is 0.63 per square verst. Males predominate as regards numbers, the proportion of women varying according to the province, from 37 to 102 per 100 men, coming to a total average of 93 per 100 of the stronger sex. Among the larger towns, two of which exceed 50,000 inhabitants, are Tomsk and Irkutsk, with 52,430 and 51,434 respectively, followed by Omsk with over 40,000, Barnoul, Blagovestchensk and Tiumen with 30,000 each, Krasnoyarsk with 26,600, and Petropavlovsk and Tobolsk with about 20,000 each. The inhabitants of the towns form but 8 per cent of the general population, a small proportion, speaking little for the industrial activity of Siberia generally.

Dealing with a vast expanse of territory, exceeding in area the whole of Europe and some forty times the size of the British Isles, it would require a bulky volume to give any adequate idea of the diversities of the country and climate, its peoples and customs, its old and new land routes and innumerable waterways, or in general to describe the resources and possibilities included in the term Siberia. What it is, and at the same time what it might be, even when duly considering its extensive polar wastes, is seen from the fact that the total population of this Greater Russia has but lately begun to exceed that of London.

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NOTICE.

School Land Sales Commission.

Notice is hereby given that, acting under the powers and authority conferred upon me by an Order of His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, appointing me a commissioner to investigate certain irregularities in the public sales of school lands made in the month of June last, I will proceed to investigate the said matters, and hear all complaints relating thereto, at the following times and places, namely:

- Manedosa, at the Municipal hall, Monday, Oct. 22, at 4 p.m.; Birle, at the Municipal hall, Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m.; Rapid City, at the Municipal hall, Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 8:00 p.m.; Gladstone, at the Municipal hall, Monday, Oct. 29, at 2:30 p.m.; Portage in Prairie, at the Court House, Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. Notice of sittings at other points of the province will follow.

Dated at Winnipeg, this 5th day of October, A. D. 1900.

JAMES E. P. PRENDERGAST, Commissioner.



Investigation of School Land Sales.

Notice is hereby given that, acting under the powers and authority conferred upon me by an order of His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, appointing me a commissioner to inquire into, and report upon, certain alleged fraudulent practices or irregularities at public sales of school lands in this province, I will proceed with the investigation of the said matters and hear complaints relating thereto, at the following times and places, namely:

- McGregor—At or near the School House, Monday, Nov. 5th, at 1:00 p.m.
- Carberry—At the Municipal Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 13th, at 10:30 a.m.
- Brandon—At the Court house, Wednesday, Nov. 14th, at 10:30 a.m.
- Oak Lake—At or near the School House, Thursday, Nov. 15th, at 1:00 p.m.
- Virden—At or near the School House, Friday, Nov. 16th, at 1:30 p.m.
- Alamogordo—At or near the School House, Monday, Nov. 19th, at 3:00 p.m.
- Baldwin—At or near the School House, Wednesday, Nov. 21st, at 7:00 p.m.
- Winnipeg—At the Court House, Nov. 27th, at 2:30 p.m.
- Emerson—At the Municipal Hall, Thursday, Dec. 6th, at 4:30 p.m.
- Holland—At the Municipal Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at 3:00 p.m.
- Souris—At or near the School House, Thursday, Dec. 13th, at 7:30 p.m.

The inquiry will be continued at all other points where sales have taken place, concerning which further notice will follow.

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THE GROCERY TRADE.

DRIED FRUIT.

Private mail advices from Patras, under date of October 1, says the Montreal Gazette, state that the season's shipments will amount to about 4,000 tons in all, including the shipments to come forward on the Abbazia. "Up to date," says the advices, "30,000 tons have been shipped and 8,000 tons are being prepared for shipment. There will remain in Greece, after the export of the above quantity, 10,000 tons, of which 5,000 tons are Gulf and Vostizza and 2,500 tons Calamata. The balance of the fruit is Pyrgos, and generally, poor stuff. The Provincial and Amalia currants have almost all been shipped. The Hills Bros. Company says:—

The market has ruled quiet during the week, buyers apparently pursuing the policy of buying only for their immediate requirements. The James Turple is due in this market tomorrow, bringing 10,000 barrels, and 8,100 cases. A portion of this cargo has been sold to arrive. The steamer Abbazia sailed from Greece on the 8th, bringing 900 tons, or, say, the equivalent of 5,100 barrels, and is due about November 1. Our advices from England note a quiet market there, and it is surprising to note in reports from Liverpool that the clearances from that market have been larger than in the previous year, or, say, 2,511 as against 2,111 tons in 1899. A prominent London house, writing under date of the 29th ultimo, says:—

"The average English consumption, which varies very little whether price is high or low, is about 60,000 tons, consequently England can easily take all the remaining fruit in Greece, in addition to the 20,000 tons already shipped, even if the consumption should fall off 50 per cent." And a large shipper in Greece, writing to England, says: "By the end of this month about 35,000 tons will have gone forward, and we reckon that the 10,000 tons remaining will be shipped off by the end of October, and that we shall see the extraordinary phenomenon of ten months passing without a pound of currants being shipped from Greece, the United States, Germany and Holland are holding off, evidently thinking they may buy cheaper in Greece later on, but they will have to come to you," i. e., the English markets. Our advices from Greece indicate that holders there are very firm in their ideas, and that in view of the small stock selection of suitable qualities for the different markets is very difficult.

Regarding raisins, a leading house states "The markets in Denla has declined somewhat, but business is difficult in view of the short supplies remaining in that market, and it is very probable that the Denla market will be practically cleared in the near future. Mail advices from Malaga note that bad weather has damaged the crop, but it is probable that the weather is now more favorable in view of the fact that shippers are offering more freely.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

The United States supreme court some weeks ago ruled that the bounty on exports of beet sugar offered by the State of Michigan was unconstitutional and its payment has, therefore, ceased. It is further announced now that the State must take action to recover all the monies which have been paid to factories under the bounty law.

Mail and cable advices from Sicily indicate that the outturn of silberts is not as large as expected, and, according to one authority, it is possible that the yield will not show even as much as last year, which was a short crop, giving only 55,000 bags, as against an average crop of 70,000 bags. The new goods are being shipped somewhat earlier than usual.

The tea merchants of St. Petersburg have received news from Han-Kau that in consequence of the disorders and military operations the tea trade in China is at a standstill, and if the present state of things continues much longer there will probably be a great scarcity of China tea next year. The warehouses are full, but there are no steamers for transport, the insurance companies will not insure on account of the risks, the banks are closed and fear to make advances, and the Chinese have no money to work their plantations. The former overland trans-

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Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Linen and Jute fabrics are stronger in price owing to shortage of raw material.

Foreign made embroideries will be higher in price owing to factory advances.

Raw silk has advanced in the foreign markets lately and there is a corresponding stronger feeling in regard to the finished article.

Covert cloths will be popular for next spring wear in coats. The leading colors will be greys, browns, blues and reds and the lighter weights will be most popular.

The cotton goods market loses none of its strength with the approach of winter. During the past fortnight Canadian mills have shopped up their prices as much as 7½ to 10 per cent. on some lines.

The near approach of winter has stimulated the demand for all kinds of heavy underwear and there is a fairly active demand for such goods now at retail stores which in turn is improving the sorting trade. Spring lines of underwear are going to be higher in price according to latest advices from manufacturing centres.

The warm weather of the first three weeks of this month retarded sales of all kinds of fall and winter clothing, underclothing, etc., in a retail way and business has been a little slack in consequence. The cooler weather of this week has started a fair buying movement and it is expected that the sales for last half of October will be quite large. The working people of the city are all well employed and at better wages than in previous years which means that a lot of money is finding its way into circulation through their pockets.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Manufacturers of ammunition in the United States have notified their Canadian customers of an advance in prices in the way of withdrawal of rebate.

Unsettled conditions in the United States have resulted in another decline in the price of bolts to the jobbing trade in Canada. The drop amounts to as much as 14 per cent in some lines.

A report is current that an immense steel plant is to be established at Welland, Ont., by Pittsburg capitalists. As an election contest is now on, reports of this nature may not be as reliable as at other times.

A new jobbing list on glass has been put into effect in the Northwestern States which shows an advance of about five per cent. over former prices to the trade. Discounts have also been changed.

A wire from Hamilton, Ont., on October 20, said: It is expected that the deal by which a syndicate will secure control of most of the stove foundries in western Ontario will be closed next month, the negotiations being about completed. Several of the outside foundries will be closed up. It is expected that Hamilton will be the headquarters of the syndicate.

As might well be expected, President Bullington, of the Illinois Steel Company, takes an optimistic view of the present and future iron and steel situation. The outlook, says Mr. Bullington, is steadily growing brighter, and hesitancy on the part of buyers, which was so pronounced a fortnight ago, has been materially relieved, and they are coming into market with orders. Eastern roads have placed large orders for rails, and the granger lines have also placed a large aggregate of orders. The consumption of rails next year will be between 1,500,000 and 2,500,000 tons. By reason of heavier equipment roads are compelled to use heavier rails. They now run eighty to eighty-five pounds, whereas only a few years ago sixty-pound rails

were considered standards.—Brad-streets.

There is a better enquiry for iron and steel in the United States and it seems likely that after the elections a strong buying movement will set in which will have the effect of strengthening prices. It is known that many of the large orders for 1901 use have not yet been placed and it only needs the steady effect of a Republican victory in the elections to draw these orders out.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

IMPLEMENT TRADE IN THE NORTHWESTERN STATES.

Writing of the implement trade in that city up to Oct. 16, the Minneapolis correspondent of The Farm Implement News, of Chicago, says Business is about as near a standstill as it ever is on Implement Row. The trade in fall goods is over, except that here and there a few plows are going out and a few vehicles are sold. There is a fair movement also in pump goods, such as move every week in the year. The beginning of winter trade is also here, though as yet it is not large. This includes feed mills and fodder machinery, but it does not include many sleighs and cutters. This Northwest has been fooled two years in succession on sleighs and cutters, and as this is a very conservative season at the best it is not expected that many goods of this sort will be sold till the sleighing is actually in sight. Moreover, a good many people are predicting a snowless winter for the reason that all the moisture due this country in twelve months has fallen in the past three months.

While little is being done in the way of new business, little else is being done in the way of collecting for old business. Some settlements have been made, but as a rule the wholesalers are waiting a little before beginning the task of collecting. A good many dealers are now taking little vacations, either visiting their manufacturers in the east and southeast, going hunting, or fishing, or taking some other recreation before beginning the long, hard pull for that which is due them from the retailers. Every one admits that the matter of collections will be a disagreeable task. As an opener for the campaign a dealer named Moss, of Webster, S. Dak., has failed for \$10,000, with nothing to show for it except a "hard luck" story. He had a little fire, which was followed by a flyer in wheat, which took all he had of his own and other people's property. At least three of the wholesalers here were caught, one for about \$3,000.

Threshing has been resumed in the more favorable parts of this state. In some of the less drenched southern counties work has been in progress a week. But it will be another week yet, if dry weather prevails, before the greater part of the Northwest can go to work to save what is left of the grain. No wheat in shock is worth going after. In many parts, particularly in the Red River valley, the farmers are hauling their stacks out of the fields on sledges to higher ground, or to the turnpikes of the public highways, in order to dry out the bundles. These are set out in long rows to get the sun and wind. Many fields are yet so soft that even this cannot be done, because horses will mire down in the fields. A good many stacks still stand in water. Large areas of flax are still uncut. A very large part of the flax crop of North Dakota was caught by the frost. This did not in all cases completely ruin the seed, and the crop was harvested where the weather and the land permitted. Some of the frost-bitten flax seed is coming to market.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

LUMBER CONDITIONS IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

The Minneapolis correspondent of the American Lumberman writes as follows on Oct. 16: As the end of the white pine sawing season approaches, figures on the white pine cut in this and neighboring surveying districts begin to assume more importance. It is apparent that in the Minneapolis district the total cut so far this year has been fully 20 per cent smaller than it was a year ago, which was the largest in the history of saw-

ing operations at this point. On the other hand, however, compared with previous years the quantity of logs turned up to Oct. 1 (which predicates that the sawing operations have kept proportionate pace with the survey of logs) shows that 1900 has thus far nearly equaled the record in previous normal years. In 1898 the quantity of logs turned up to Oct. 1 was 275,753,610 feet, last year up to the same date the quantity turned was 332,000,490 feet, and this year the figures show that only 263,114,390 feet were scaled. Considering the operators lost about a month out of the early part of the season, owing to inability to secure logs, due to the drouth, the record this year is a satisfactory one, and the difference between the quantity of logs surveyed and presumably sawed at the end of the season will be less in percentage as compared with 1899 than at present is supposed, for the reason that mill owners and operators are crowding the capacity of their mills to the utmost in order to make a good sawing record under adverse circumstances, and because demand is absorbing large quantities of white pine lumber. In other districts in the state the percentage of falling off in the quantity of logs surveyed is less than in the Minneapolis district. The report of the surveyor-general of the St. Paul district shows that up to Oct. 1 441,078 logs aggregating 52,693,830 feet were surveyed, as against 461,224 logs aggregating 58,200,030 feet for the corresponding period a year ago, a decrease this year under last of a trifle over 10 per cent.

A month and a half or two months of the sawing season yet remains. While operators and owners are operating to their capacity and anticipate there will be no obstacles to prevent their sawing until the rivers are frozen, they cannot expect to equal the record in 1899. The facts that demand has averaged fairly good and that production has been curtailed will no doubt be strong factors in determining prices at the next meeting of the price list committee of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's association. While these conditions may not have the effect of resulting in an advance in values they certainly will have a stimulating influence on the situation and are likely to keep prices on white pine firm in this section at about the same mark as they are now held at.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

A new power plant has been placed in McKeaney's sash and door factory at Carman, Minn.

Hardwood lumber trade in the western and northwestern states is picking up and it is expected that the total movement of October will be quite large. It will certainly be much larger than the September business. There is also a good deal of inquiry for hardwood for delivery after the elections.

The Backus-Brooks Lumber Company, of Minneapolis, is having 8,000,000 feet of logs brought from a point 200 miles distant to their mills at Minneapolis by rail. The Northern Pacific Railway has the contract for hauling these. It is expected that if the experiment proves successful hauling logs by rail will be a regular thing with the Minneapolis mills hereafter.

Property valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars was destroyed in the lumber district of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on October 16th. Starting at 7 o'clock the flames spread rapidly, in spite of twenty-five engines pumping water into them from every side, and not until 10.30 a.m. was their headway checked. At least 13,000,000 feet of lumber was destroyed, together with part of the Hollister-Ames Company's mill and of the plant of Challoner & Sons Company. The losses are fully covered by insurance. Following is an estimate of the losses: Hollister-Ames Company, saw mills, lumber, logs and shingles, \$80,000; Diamond Match Company, lumber yards containing between five million and six million feet of lumber, \$175,000; Challoner & Sons Company, pattern shops and warehouses, \$20,000. Several small losses will probably bring the total up to \$300,000.

Owing to increased competition from buyers at country points receipts of live hogs at Toronto have been falling off this year. The decrease to date as compared with a year ago is 32,000, the month of August showing the largest falling off.

Crop and Threshing Notes.

MacGregor: Threshing is being rapidly pushed forward, the weather continuing fine and mild. The wheat is turning out better than expected, both in quality and quantity.

Grand View: Threshing is well under way. The yield is turning out better than was hoped for. The amount of sprouted grain is not large, however, and the great bulk of the wheat will grade well.

Kerfoot, Man.: A number of oats which were planted for feeding purposes have had time to ripen and be cut. Nearly all the farmers have had their grain stacked. Some, however, are having it threshed from the stook. Fall plowing is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The recent rains have somewhat delayed the farmer. Threshing has been going on busily during the past week. The crop is not up to the average owing to the two storms of hail which threshed out a lot of the grain.

The following crop news is from the Moravian settlement in the Edmonton district: Here at Bruederfeld farmers are at work early and late at present, stacking grain and cutting belated oats. We have had so many wet and unfavorable days that everybody is trying to catch up with his work, now that fair weather has at last set in. I never saw our settlement so lively as it was last week. One man told me that he stacked grain till 2 o'clock one moonlight morning. Another, standing by, said that was nothing; he got up at 2 in the morning and went to work. Even one of my easy-going neighbors has been seen pitching bundles before 7 a. m. on several occasions of late. It is wonderful what a knack our Northwest climate has of coming out on top, in spite of set-backs. Almost 10 inches of snow to date, and yet my neighbor across the street was cutting some fine oats to-day with a self-binder! But for a while things looked blue, or rather white, with 8½ inches of snow on the ground, and 15 degrees below the freezing point. Even the firmest believers in Alberta began to have their doubts. But it now seems as though the farmers would pull out all right, losing comparatively little of their immense crop, although obliged to do almost double the work to save it. Mice are doing much damage. As many as 15 or 20 are often seen under a single shock. The twine of many bundles has been cut, and many heads of grain, especially wheat, gnawed off in many a stook. They are a regular Egyptian plague. But our people have a saying that mice are a sign of good prices for the farmer.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Oct 20 there were 373 cars of grain inspected, compared with 288 the previous week, which graded as follows

Wheat—1 hard, 20, 2 hard, 45, 3 hard, 53; 1 white soft, 2; 2 northern, 1, 3 northern, 3, rejected, 2, no grade, 212 cars.

Oats—Feed, 8; no grade, 5 cars.

Barley—Feed, 1 car.

Flax seed—Rejected, 3 cars.

For the corresponding week of last year there were 1,355 cars of grain inspected.

The grain movement is gradually increasing, as will be seen by the inspection returns given above, but the movement is still away below the corresponding period of last year. This week's figures, though not complete yet, will probably exceed 400 cars. The figures above show that the bulk of the new wheat moving is off grade, owing to excessive moisture. What is grading runs mostly to No. 3 hard. This is owing to the fact that most of the grain has some sprouted stuff mixed with it, and consequently it cannot be graded above No. 3 hard. The law says that the higher grades must be composed of sound wheat, and any admixture of sprouted stuff, which is not sound grain, compels the inspector to give the grain a lower grade. A good deal of the dump or tough wheat is going to the drying plants to be dried. Storage space for tough grain has been set aside at Fort William, separate from dry wheat.

A Dominion government engineer has been locating the site of the proposed government wharf at Selkirk. The structure will be located at the foot of Manitoba avenue north and will be 100 feet in width and 600 feet long.

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Public Works in Paraguay.
 Much interest is being shown in public improvements in Paraguay. The president has just sent to congress a project of law to create a fund to construct roads, build bridges, deepen river channels, improve the port, etc. For these improvements he asks that \$500,000 be annually taken from the income of the nation. The finance minister asks that 30 per cent. be devoted to the construction of roads and bridges, and 70 per cent. to dredging rivers and constructing port walls. The pass at Angostura in summer is almost impassable for boats coming to Asuncion, involving expense in transferring cargo. The mayor of Asuncion has expressed a desire to have an American engineer open new streets and broaden old ones in the city. Arrangements are being made to build a narrow-gauge railroad from San Pedro to the river. There is an opportunity for good returns on capital invested in the construction of short railways. Parties interested should communicate with Senor Carlos R. Santos, who speaks and writes English, and was the government delegate to the Philadelphia commercial congress. A representative of German bridge and road building firms is now conferring with the administration relative to the projects above referred to. There is a plan to open up ports at the towns of San Pedro, Rosario, Villotta, and Paso de Patria. San Pedro and Rosario are important points for shipment of tobacco, skins, hides, and yerba mate. Villotta has considerable commerce in the exportation of oranges, and would make much progress with a port. Paso de Patria, situated at the south end of the republic, is the doorway of the river Alta Parana and the extensive zone of the Misiones—the rich cattle section. Studies are being made to ascertain the cost of constructing a system of water works for Asuncion. (United States Consular Report.)

Keep Your Stock Well Insured.
 As the season is at hand when stoves and furnaces will again be called into requisition for heating purposes, it is well for business people to bear in mind that these things are a fruitful source of many of the fires that occur in the winter and early fall. Clogged and defective flues are apt to be met with, when they have been out of use for a few months, and besides the wisdom of having them well inspected and put in order, it is of the utmost importance for every merchant to protect his stock by adequate insurance. Frequently there is too much carelessness and indifference on this subject and often the results are disastrous. Speaking of the matter of fire insurance, a writer in Business Topics says:
 "The yearly loss by fire is immense, and where no insurance is carried it falls upon the jobber and manufacturer. The country merchant in many cases is careless about this, one of the most important features of his business. It so affects his credit that many houses will not sell goods to a dealer who does not carry insurance on his stock, except for cash in advance. It is an easy matter for a merchant to do business in the right way, and the only way in this direction is to keep insured. Many excuses are offered for not carrying insurance. Some say the rate is too high, others that they have been in business a number of years and met with no loss by fire, but excuses do not pay bills, and a loss by fire leaves a merchant in a position where he has nothing to pay bills with if he does not carry insurance. Good insurance on stocks of merchandise protects the merchant as well as the jobber and manufacturer and makes it safe to do business with such a dealer.—Farm Machinery.

The catch of cod liver oil off the Newfoundland banks this season has been unusually light owing probably to the heavy storms which have beaten upon the Atlantic coasts during the fishing season, which has resulted in great loss of life and destruction of fishing property. The market for this product is accordingly firm.

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Cinchona Cultivation in India and Java.

The cultivation of the cinchona tree for the sake of its quinine-yielding bark, forms one of the most important and successful industries of Java, which now supplies eighty per cent of the cinchona bark used in the world. This commanding position is due to the skill and care with which the planters have selected their trees, using for the production of seed and cuttings, only those plants showing on analysis a high percentage of the alkaloid.

A report on the cinchona industry of Java was drawn up last year by Mr. Standen, Quinologist to the Madras government, who paid a visit of inspection to the plantations of that island. The report states that in the early days of the industry the trees grown were of the species now planted in India, viz., *Cinchona calisaya*, officinalis, and *succirubra*, but in 1865 the director of the government plantations was fortunate in securing a quantity of seeds, from which seedlings of a new species were raised. This species was named *C. ledgeriana*, and since, on analysis, it was found that the bark contained a very high percentage of quinine, it was adopted in preference to all other species, and is now practically the only cinchona tree grown in Java. From the trees grown from the original *ledgeriana* seed, cuttings and seeds were at first distributed free to private planters, but since 1893 this practice has been discontinued, the available seed being now sold by auction and Mr. Standen remarks, for the benefit of Indian planters anxious to grow this species of cinchona, that the only way to obtain seeds is to authorize an agent to buy it at these auctions.

Full particulars are given in the report regarding the climate of Java, the kind of labor available, and the methods of cultivation adopted, but it is sufficient here to say that the climate is moist and that the rain is well distributed over the year, while the mean shade temperature is 62 degrees Fah. The labor is supplied by Japanese who are particularly expert at "grafting" one variety of tree upon another.

Special attention is directed in the report to the methods of propagation in general use. The work of selection was at first in the hands of the government officials, who controlled the stock of seed, but as has already been mentioned, the *ledgeriana* species is now also grown by private planters who raise their own seedlings. No special treatment appears to be necessary for the trees which are used for producing seed and so far no deterioration in quality has been observed. Growing from seedlings is always practised where the condition of the soil will admit of this procedure. In other cases recourse is had to the grafting of *C. ledgeriana* shoots upon stocks of *C. succirubra*. The latter is a robust plant which will grow under comparatively unfavorable conditions, and for this reason it is used as the stock upon which to graft the more valuable *ledgeriana*. This operation is carried out in the following manner: A cutting of a *ledgeriana* tree is prepared, and the end cut in a sloping manner for about one-and-a-half inches; this cut end is placed in a slit made in a *succirubra* seedling by cutting out a flap of bark about one-and-a-half inches long. This piece of bark is slit into two and the pieces folded round the cutting, the whole being secured in position and at the same time shaded from the sun by a covering of jute fibre and leaves. After three or four weeks the cutting begins to grow and the *succirubra* seedling is then gradually cut down until the whole of it above the point of union of the two species has been removed.

It has been shown by Mr. Van Leersum, director of the Dutch Government Cinchona Plantations, that cinchona differs from most other cultivated plants in that fresh trees raised from cuttings do not always resemble the parent plant, but show the same variations as those raised from seed. Thus, in plants raised from cuttings of a tree yielding 11.63 per cent. of quinine, the amount of quinine varied from 4.7 to 9.7 per cent., while grafts from a tree whose bark yielded 10.3 per cent. of the alkaloid, gave amounts varying from 3.3 to 11.4 per cent., and since in a given time more bark is obtained from grafts and seedlings than from cuttings, the latter method of propagation has been abandoned. The

"ledger" plant is liable to attacks of "canker." The only remedy for this disease is the excision of the affected part, which is subsequently burned to prevent spread of the disease. The trees are also attacked to some extent by the tea-mosquito (*Heliopelepis antonii*) and by a caterpillar (*Euprocilis flexuosa*).

The bark is harvested, in general, from the branches and stems cut off in "pruning" the trees and thinning the plantations. The "stripping and mossing" system of Mr. McIvor, and the "shaving" system of Moens have both been extensively tried and given up, because they adversely affected the health of the trees. The plan now adopted is the following:—The seedlings are planted out, each in a space 4 feet square, which allows 2,722 trees per acre of ground. After about four years' growth the plants have become overcrowded, and it is necessary to uproot some and to prune most of them. From the branches, stems and roots so obtained, about 100 lb. of bark per acre can easily be collected, and this process is repeated yearly, and the yield of bark gradually increasing until the eighth year, after which it remains stationary at about 600 lb. per acre in a satisfactory plantation. This procedure eventually exhausts the trees, and they have to be either removed to make room for new plants or are interplanted with seedlings. Neither of these methods gives a satisfactory second crop, and the future success of the cinchona industry seems to require that new ground should be broken in, since a second crop on the same ground is always poor. The yield of bark obtained per acre is higher than in India, because the branches of "ledger" trees can be used for its production, since such bark yields 5 per cent. of quinine and is therefore well worth harvesting. Special attention is paid to the harvesting of the small amount of *succirubra* bark grown. It is carefully collected and dried by curling it round bamboos, in order to give it a form which makes it popular among pharmacists. Such bark has been sold at Amsterdam auctions for as much as two shillings per lb. It is generally assumed in India by planters that the higher yields of quinine obtained in Java are due to the climate being more suitable for the trees, but Mr. Standen remarks that trees of the same species grown in India and Java under similar conditions yield bark of the same alkaloidal value, and he is of opinion that the difference is to be accounted for by the fact that Javanese planters have always selected for propagation plants whose bark gave high alkaloidal results on analysis. The remarkable fluctuations in the price of bark and quinine last year, made it clear to the

planters in Java that by combining among themselves it would be possible for them to control the market in cinchona, and there is evidence now that such a combination has been formed, since a market has been established at Batavia at which all the locally grown bark will be sold.

Budget From Boundary District, B. C.

Greenwood, B.C., Oct. 17.—The mercantile firm that recently opened a general store in Phoenix, near Greenwood, is to be known as the Law-McQuaid Co., Ltd., not as W. M. Law & Co., as previously announced. The new company is being incorporated by W. M. Law, H. J. McQuaid and W. S. Masey, Mr. Law, who came to the Boundary country from Portland, Oregon, was for a time, in 1896-'97, in business at Anaconda, adjoining the town of Greenwood, with F. J. Miller, trading as Miller & Law, general merchants. This partnership was dissolved about three years ago, since which time Mr. Law has done a good and safe business as a merchant at Greenwood. Mr. McQuaid, who had been associated with Mr. Law in this latter business, is now in charge of the Phoenix store. Mr. Masey is managing partner in the Old Ironsides mine boarding house at Phoenix, which boards 150 to 200 men daily, so the new store starts with one good customer at least. Mr. Law also having an interest in the boarding house business.

D. McMillan, W. D. McMillan and Louis J. Smith, who have been in the general storekeeping business at Greenwood for the past year, under the style of McMillan & Co., have dissolved partnership. The Messrs. McMillan have retired from the business and Mr. Smith is continuing it.

For several months inconvenience has been experienced in the province owing to there having been no license commissioners empowered by law to grant new licenses to intending applicants for same, the Liquor License Act passed by the provincial legislature when Hon. Joseph Martin was attorney-general having been disallowed by the governor-general, thus leaving the province without a Liquor License Act. Last week commissioners were appointed under a new act passed by the legislature at its last sitting. The commissioners for the Boundary creek license district are: W. B. Townsend, Rossland, H. Cannon, Grand Forks, and E. Jacobs, Greenwood, with Provincial Constable I. A. Dinsmore, of Grand Forks, as chief license inspector.

On Monday, 15th inst., the C. P. R. Co. commenced running passenger trains regularly to and from Midway, which is the western terminus of the

company's system in the Boundary district. In anticipation of increased freight business between Midway and parts of the newly opened north half of the Colville Indian reservation arrangements have been made to place a United States customs officer at Midway, to facilitate dealing with freight coming over the C. P. R. lines, and consigned to points south of the international boundary line. It is stated that the influx of intending settlers into the newly opened territory has been larger than was anticipated, but coming from all sides and by many different routes, the volume of travel inwards was not fully realized, owing to its being scattered over a very large area.

J. Lukov, in the men's furnishing goods line, at Greenwood, is stated to have purchased the stock of men's wear and boots and shoes in the assigned estate of Olson & Phelan, late of Greenwood.

G. H. Naden, manager of the Bealey Investment and Trust Co., Ltd., Greenwood, has assumed charge of the affairs of W. S. Fletcher, whose health has broken down, necessitating his wintering in California. Mr. Fletcher has real estate, mining and sawmill interests.

As the line of the Algoma Central railway is pushed northward into the wilderness the surveyors find most substantial proofs of the wisdom of the promoter of this enterprise. Extensive tracts of splendid agricultural lands, belts of pine, maple, oak and other valuable timber, wide areas of pulpwood, and great bodies of minerals are brought to light, of which the world had not heard but for the courage of a Clergue to dare an expenditure of millions to show Canada the enormous value of her long neglected natural resources in this very wonderful Algoma district, of which the half has not yet been told.—Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Pioneer.

Ferguson—Don't you think it wrot-her taste to spend so much money on a book's binding instead of upon its contents?

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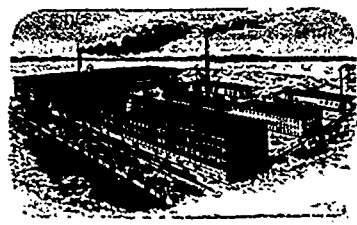
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A New Quick-Firing Gun.

A Newcastle inventor claims to have produced a new quick-firing gun that will fire 300 shots per minute, with a muzzle velocity approaching 2,000 feet per second. These shots are impelled without explosives by centrifugal motion; consequently during process of firing there is an absence of both noise and gun recoil. The gun can also be placed upon a light carriage, or motor platform for field purposes, the power being generated by a small oil motor mounted on a light gun carriage with generative electric machine, thus supplying any number of guns, over any area, from the one reservoir. The gun is worked by two men, who are effectually protected behind a light shield. It will fire round a complete circle, and possesses a vertical range of 90 deg. It stands 5 feet 1" height, and weighs about 6 cwt.

Aluminum as a Substitute for Copper.

Advances in the price of largely used materials suggest in a very natural way the possibility of finding substitutes for them, and we find Professor Trowbridge, the director of the Jefferson Physical Laboratory in Harvard University, led by the rise in the price of copper to discuss in the current Independent the question whether a substitute for that metal can be found. Aluminum is the metal selected for consideration, a natural choice enough when regard is had to its growing use in industry. The price of aluminum has steadily declined. In 1859 it cost \$90 a pound and thirty years later it had declined to \$2, while to-day aluminum castings can be produced for 65 cents a pound. The metal is being employed in the making of kitchen utensils, and a great number of small articles are made from it. In France it is used experimentally in the making of camp utensils, apparently with satisfactory results.

Aluminum is generally commended for its lightness, strength and comparative freedom from oxidization. At the same time, it has certain defects which it is well to bear in mind. These defects are largely due to the presence of impurities, a particular in which, however, commercial aluminum has much improved of late. Still the fact remains that commercial aluminum is generally impure and it is acted upon by moisture, especially if there is salt present. In regard to weight and strength, it cannot compete in price with various kinds of wood. It is not so easily worked, and is not made so homogeneous as steel. It does not enter yet into carriage manufacture or bicycle industries, or rolling stock in general, but in the electrical industries its prospects appear to be brighter than in other directions. Occasionally we hear of the employment of aluminum on a large scale in such

industries. At Niagara Falls, for example, great conductors of aluminum are used to transmit electrical currents from the power house to the works. The amount of aluminum in the conductors weighs 22,000 pounds. The same work in copper would require 48,000 pounds. The conductivity of the aluminum as compared with copper is 63 per cent., but for the same weight it is more than double. Aluminum cables require more insulation, but enable longer spaces to be used, thus reducing the number of poles and insulators.

One important obstacle to the use of aluminum as a substitute for copper exists, however, in the difficulty of soldering and brazing two pieces of the metal together. Many solders or fluxes are described for accomplishing this connection, but they cannot be said to be commercially practicable, and the necessity of such an art of connection is imperative in electrical industries. Professor Trowbridge suggests that although aluminum may be used for overhead telegraph lines, it seems to be effectually barred from competition with copper in cable work for the reason that, in order to compete in electrical conductivity with copper, an aluminum wire must have nearly twice the section of a copper wire of the same conductivity. This increases the size of the cables and also increases the electrical capacity, which is detrimental to the speed and proper transmission of electrical waves. In general, it is suggested that the use of aluminum wire instead of copper would lead to a greater size of apparatus, since the conducting parts would have to be approximately twice as big. So also the element of labor in working the material in comparison with a similar employment in the case of copper and brass would have to be considered, for no mechanic would work with aluminum if he could take copper or brass. In summing up, Professor Trowbridge holds that, while aluminum may be said to be increasing in use, it has not yet become a dangerous competitor of copper.—Bradstreets.

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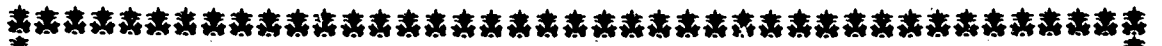
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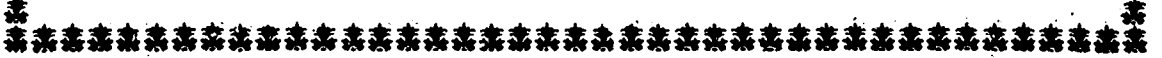
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