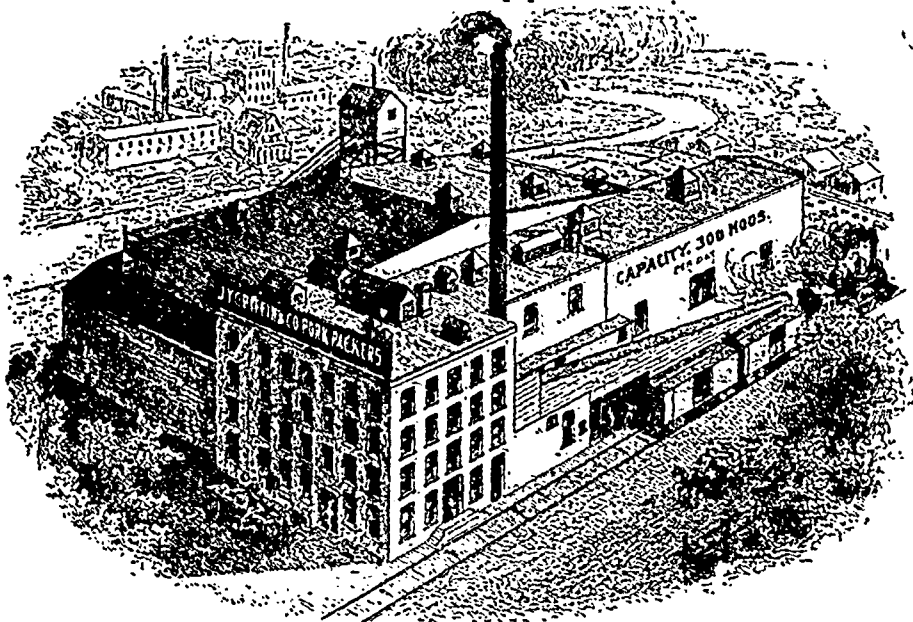


OUR 1898 PLANS



You'll know them soon enough, but a leading feature will be that a large portion of the produce business is to come our way; more than ever before.

J. Y. GRIFFIN & Co., WINNIPEG.

PORK PACKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

HIDES—Hides are stronger in the United States. Locally there is scarcely anything doing, offerings being very light. 61-2c is the general price for frozen hides, with 5 lbs. tare. We quote: Butcher hides, 7 to 7 1-4c. Green frozen hides, 61-2c; bulls, oxen, stags and brands, 5c to 6c; kip hides, 6 to 7c; calf, 3 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 10 to 75c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleece.

TALLOW—Quoted at 31-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—The market in Senece. About 16c is now offered.

VEGETABLES—Prices as follows. Potatoes, 35c to 40c per bushel; carrots, 90c to \$1 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; imported, 3c; celery, 60 to 75c per doz. bunches; cabbage, \$4 to \$5 per 100; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c.

HAY—\$6 per ton is the usual price for baled hay f.o.b. country points.

LIVE STOCK.

Butchers cattle are quiet at 3c for cows and heifers and 31-4 to 31-2c for choice well fed steers. Very few wanted. Sheep nominal at about 3c. There is some inquiry for stocker cattle to ship to the States, but very few are being shipped.

HOGS—The market for live hogs is firm at the last advance. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$5 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs. \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs. \$3.25 to \$4 as to quality, live weight.

Business at Toronto

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Business here is particularly good. The heavy snow-falls last week made good sleighing, a condition that has not prevailed so generally throughout the eastern part of Canada this winter as it does now. All departments of business are benefitted by the change. The payments due last week were accompanied by a considerable number of failures, and apparently the wholesale trade have peremptorily refused renewals, as a few insolvencies continued to come straggling along this week. The outlook for the spring trade was never better. It is confidently expected here that vast sums of money will be brought to the country for investment this year, and it will not be all in the direction of mining.

A leading wholesale grocer here told your correspondent to-day that Klondike parties could get their supplies relatively cheaper in the Northwest than in Toronto. It was not, he said, in his interest to make this statement, but it was nevertheless true. One reason for this is the fact that wholesale dealers in the Northwest can get better transportation from the railways than individuals. Manitoba merchants should profit by this.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour is 5c lower per barrel. Mill-feed 50c per ton higher. Corn 1-2c higher. Oats 1-4c higher. Eggs 2c lower. Butter 1-2 to 1c higher. Dressed hogs 1-2c higher. Hides firm and higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$4.85 to \$4.95; second patents, \$4.70 to \$4.80.

Mill-feed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.50 to \$9.75; bran in bulk, \$9.75 to \$10; corn feed, \$10.25 to \$11.25 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted 25.3-4 to 26c for No. 4; 26 1-4c for No. 3; 26 1-2c for No. 3 yellow per bushel of 56 pounds.

Oats—Held at 24.3-4 to 24 7-8c for 3 white, and 24.3-4c for No. 3 per bushel of 32 pounds.

Barley—Feed quoted at 27 1-4 to 27 1-2c.

Flax seed—\$1.23 1-2 for No. 1 per bushel.

Eggs—10 1-2 to 10 3-4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2 to 10c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 17 c. 1-2c; seconds, 13 to 15c, dairy, 10 1-2 to 17c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6c; lambs, 5 to 8c; hogs, 4 1-4c for heavy, and 5c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 36 to 38c; choice, named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chicken, 6 to 8c, old fowls, 4 to 7c; turkeys, 7 to 10c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 7 to 8c.

Hides—Green, frozen hides, 7 to 8c; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1-2 to 7c; sheepskins, 10 to 70c each.

Live stock—Hogs, \$3.25 to \$3.80; sheep, 3 1-2 to 4c; lambs, 4 1-2 to 5c. Some cattle sales were: 13 stockers, a 770, \$3.80; 10 cows, av 1,034, \$3.30; 15 heifers, av 384, \$3.30; 24 steers, av 1,088, \$4.20, 3 calves, av 154, \$5; 5 stockers, av 720 lbs, \$3.80; 0 steers, av 1,045 lbs, \$3.00; 12 cows, av 993 lbs, \$3.45; 2 cows, av 982 lbs, \$3.50; 3 calves, av 104 lbs, \$5.00.

Corneli, Spera & Co., jobbers in men's furnishings, Winnipeg, have assigned. No statement of the liabilities, etc., of the firm can be given at present.