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poor, 5 to 5½c per pound. Very little frozen beef moving, and dull at 4½ to 5c per pound for good sides. A very little fresh killed city beef is handled at a ½ cent or so better. Butchers have plenty of frozen meat on hand, though stocks are not large. Yet with the very dull trade which has been experienced this winter, stocks are likely to last as long as they are wanted to, with what country frozen meat remains to be marketed. Mutton dull at 8c per pound.

#### DRESSED POULTRY.

Very little offering for some time back, and stocks are light. However the demand is dull. Prices are firmer and nice fresh birds will bring good prices. Quoted: Chickens, 8 to 10c; geese and ducks, 12½c for good; fresh turkeys, 14 to 15c per pound.

#### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes were scarce last week, stocks being nearly exhausted, and shipments on the road delayed. Up to 85c per bushel was paid for small lots sold from store, and retail prices were up to 90c to \$1.00. Last sales from lots imported were at 70c per bushel, but of poor quality and damaged by frost. Quotations are as follows:—Carrots, \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 50c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred pounds; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate; southern red, do, \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

#### HAY.

Loose on the market brings about the same price, \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality. Some pressed hay was sold from cars, delivered around the city, at \$12 per ton, but of rather indifferent quality. Holders of choice hay are still very strong, and are asking from \$13 to \$15 per ton. Talk of importing hay from the south has not materialized, though quotations are being asked for from that quarter. However, should holders here endeavor to further advance their views, importations would soon be moving in, as good hay can now be laid down here from the south at under the prices asked by some holders.

The *Saskatchewan*, a paper started at Prince Albert last fall has been enlarged to double its former size.

#### Fur Trade Notes.

The Hudson's Bay Company hold their March sales on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of March.

C. M. Lampson & Co.'s March sales will be held on the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 31st of March.

The Greenland Company's public sales will be held at Copenhagen on February 15; when white fox, blue fox and polar bear skins will be offered.

The New York *Fur Trade Review* says: Secretary Windom's action in reducing the catch of fur seals for 1890 to 60,000 will, in addition to the depressing effect on new bidders for the lease, result in an advance in the price per skin at the coming public sale, as in ordinary circumstances that number, 60,000 skins, will not meet the demand of the American market, and the usual foreign consumption may be expected. Under the manipulation that has hitherto prevailed, the advance would approximate about forty per cent. on the prices ruling at the last previous sale. An advance of about 40 per cent. may be expected in any event, and it would be well to bear this "point" in mind.

New York *Fur Trade Review*: The collection of raw furs to date has been extremely large, engrossing the general attention of the trade. While conditions at home and abroad are adverse to high prices, discrimination should be made in favor of some articles which have met with a good demand through the past, and which are likely to continue in request the coming season, noticeably "fine skunk" and good pale beaver. All skunk skins are not suitable for our manufacturing requirements, hence we make the distinction "fine" or "common;" the latter predominate in quantity, and may experience a decline in ruling values; the number of the former is, however, quite small, and will command a good price, as the demand has not been supplied. The catch of

beaver has perceptibly diminished in recent years; the popularity of the article, on the contrary, has been sustained, but has been limited to pale sorts; it is now believed that medium and dark shades will find more favor and meet with an increasing demand leading to firm rates.

REPRESENTATIVES of the coal company which is developing the coal beds at Turtle Mountain, Manitoba, waited on the Government Monday to ask assistance in building a railway from Deloraine to the mines. The Government discussed the question fairly, but did not make any promises. Samples of the coal have been tested all over Southern Manitoba in all kinds of stoves and steam furnaces, and the company has received a number of testimonials highly laudatory of the coal for heatings, cooking and steam making purposes. The coal burns free from clinkers or soot. The company calculates that it will be able to sell the coal in Winnipeg for \$5.50 or \$6 per ton.

A TELEGRAM from Toronto last week announced the death of Senator John Macdonald. Last week an operation was performed to relieve him of an abscess, and it was probably the result of the shock to the system that caused his death. Mr. Macdonald was appointed to the senate about a year ago by Sir John Macdonald, although a Liberal in politics. He was at the head of the well known wholesale dry goods firm of John Macdonald & Co., and was regarded as one of the merchant princes of Canada. He was a wealthy and public-spirited gentleman and has left in Toronto many evidences of his munificence.

RICHARDSON, baker, Neepawa, has lit out, according to the local paper. He borrowed \$75 from a friend before leaving, and owes other small bills around the town, in addition to his liabilities to wholesale houses.

WESTMINSTER, B. C., can boast of only one small failure in business in several years.