

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says Very little headway has been made in grain charters at this port during the week, the only engagement of any importance being that of a cargo to Rotterdam at 2s. Freight to British ports are lower, Glasgow being quoted at 1s 8d to 1s 4½d; Liverpool and London 1s 4½d to 1s 6d; and Bristol nominally 1s 6d. Space for sack flour is obtainable at 7s to 7 6d to all U. K. ports. In deals we hear of another cargo being engaged at 40s to a U. K. port.

The C. P. R. has just issued a special joint through freight tariff from Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Brandon, in connection with the Columbia and Kootenay Steam Navigation company, the Naskusp and Slocan railway and the Columbia and Kootenay railway. Following are the rates per 100 pounds, exclusive of marine insurance, from the points above named: To Naskusp, Robson, Trail Creek Slocan, Kootenay Crossing, Forty-Nine Mile Creek, Nelson, Ainsworth, Mondryx, Balfour, Pilot Bay, Kaslo, first class, 195; second class, 174; third class, 152; fourth class, 125; fifth 118. To Beaver Creek and Waneta, first class, 210; second class, 189; third class, 167; fourth class, 140; fifth class, 139. To Summit, Slocan Lake, Rosebery, New Denver and Three Forks, first class, 210; second class, 212; third class, 182; fourth class, 148; fifth class, 139.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says "Business men are up in arms against the manner in which Canadian railway companies are discriminating against Canadian traders, which is shameful in the extreme; and it is about time that steps were taken to remedy these disgraceful abuses, which form a constant theme of warm discussion in our counting houses and on 'Change, in which the railway companies are roundly denounced for their unfairness in discriminating in favor of foreigners at the expense of Canadians. For instance, our railways will bring flour for the benefit of United States millers from Chicago to Montreal at the low rate of 24c per bbl or 12c per 100 lbs; but if Canadian millers want to ship their flour from Guelph and other points west of Toronto to Montreal, they are charged 33c per 100 pounds. United States provision men can bring their products from Chicago to Montreal at 28c; but if Canadian provision men require to send similar products to Montreal for about one-half the distance, from, say, Chatham and such points in Ontario, they are charged 35c."

The railway committee of the privy council, at Ottawa, sat, on April 10, with Messrs. Haggart, Howell, Caron and Daly in attendance. Chapman, a Toronto grain dealer, complained of the C.P.R. freight rate on Manitoba wheat from Brandon. The rate to North Bay was, in 1891, 47 cents and from North Bay to New York and Boston 7½ cents. The rate to North Bay was reduced to 41½ cents and Chapman went on the assumption that the cost to the seaboard would consequently be 2½ cents less and filled orders on that basis. He discovered that the company charged 10 cents from North Bay in order to maintain the rate to the seaboard at 51½ cents. Mr. Haggart told Chapman that there was no discrimination and he admitted it and that the committee had no jurisdiction to inquire into the case.

A movement is on foot to establish a cold storage and general warehousing business in Winnipeg, something which is apparently needed here, as there is no public cold storage plant in the city. Manufacturers of dairy products or others who would like information in regard to the project, or who would care to take stock in the enterprise can receive full information by addressing J. J. Philp, Winnipeg.

THE ROSEBUD CLEARED ALL UP.

He had just finished the addition of fourteen columns of tantalizing figures, and was brain weary, when a friend and customer entered his private room. There was temper plain upon the intruder's face, for he was a man easily irritated, though generous to a fault. There was a misunderstanding, and he came not to clear it up, but to mix it up worse in a loud and useless wrangle. Ere he had finished his first burst of temper in loud words, his friend handed out the box containing "Reliance Rosebuds." The visitor grasped one bit the end off savagely, and wasted three matches ere he got it lighted. This act interrupted for a little his voluble irritation, but his first puffs were nervous and quick in succession. Before he was well seated and prepared for more loud talk, his friend had got in a few calm sentences, and as the misunderstanding was simple, the explanation was short and lucid. Few men have the blunt moral courage to acknowledge their mistake the moment after it is made, but as the smoke curled up from that cigar, the visitor saw clearly and acknowledged his, and a few minutes later left the room with expressions of perfect satisfaction, and avowals of continued friendship. This is but one of a hundred such instances. Cigars made from a coarse rank tobacco only increase the ill-temper of an irritated man, but the "Reliance Rosebud" contains the finest Havana tobacco, and smoking it never fails to soothe the nerves, and calm the temper. Try one when you are bothered and annoyed, and all doubt upon the matter will quickly vanish. This cigar is manufactured only by TASSER, WOOD & Co., RELIANCE CIGAR FACTORY, MONTREAL.

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