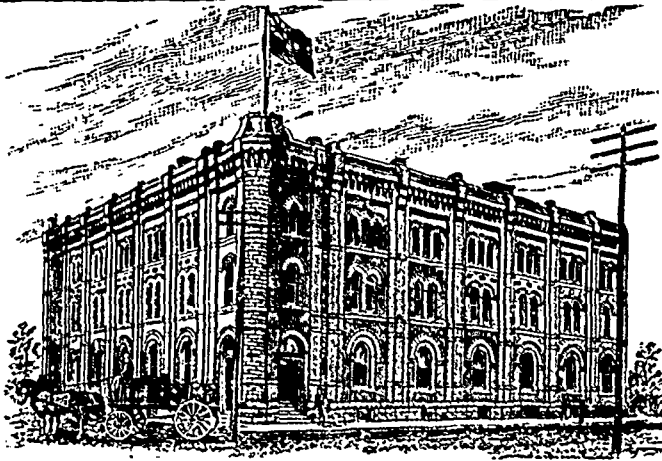


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### State of Trade at Montreal.

In dry goods the houses have not as yet got their travellers' out, so that the prospects for the spring trade are so far an unknown quantity as yet. Several houses report, however, one feature which they consider a very favorable one, and that is that of certain lines of woollen specialties orders placed with travellers some time ago have been duplicated by mail since, which they think goes to show that buyers recognize the strong position of the market on these and other articles of a similar class. In the iron trade the strength in Europe seems to intensify instead of relax as time progresses, and now the American market is beginning, and has already begun, to give very significant signs in the same direction. The British market the other day took another upward turn, and prices were advanced, the tone being excited. Dealers are well stocked up in sufficient quantity to last them until March, hence it is unlikely that they will touch anything until after then. There is every probability, though, that prices will be quite as high then, if not higher, than they are now. It is an admitted fact that stocks in dealers' hands here are very light, so that there is very little possibility of any iron being sacrificed, and the same remarks apply to almost every other line of metals. Of course all these strong symptoms are not without their effect upon the nail market, and there is very great probabilities that makers will advance their prices shortly on all lines of nails and iron pipe. Indeed it is known that they are now considering the advisability of doing so. Therefore although we have no actual change to report at present, it is not at all unlikely that we shall have to do so shortly, perhaps next week. Apples continue firm, while dried and evaporated are quiet at 5 to 6c and 10 to 11c respectively. Raisins here are almost all held in one hand, Valencia selling at 7½ to 7¼c. Currants are at 5¼c in barrels and 5½c in half barrels. The first car of frozen fresh herring from Newfoundland is now on the way, and has sold to arrive at \$1.25 and is jobbing out at \$1.35 to \$1.50. The recent weather has been against any great movement of fresh fish and tommy cod, which have been selling at \$1.25, were firmer owing to the charge at \$1.40 to \$1.50. Smolts are selling

at 3 to 5c and cod and haddock at 3¼c. In furs it is well to recognize the fact that the larger proportion of our raw furs are marketed in Europe, hence the condition of the foreign markets should guide the local trade. Some lines must lower, and caution is advised in handling mink, muskrat, marten and skunk. Glass continues firm, and the figures are firmly held at \$1.60 for first and \$1.70 for second break. Recent advices announce an advance of 5s per ton in bleaching powder. Tar has advanced 5c, which raises the price of turpentine here nominally about ¾c. There has been a fair demand for sugars lately, and of a legitimate kind, as speculators do not appear to be taking hold at present. The general opinion seems to be that the country is bare of sugar and that a demand will shortly set in. Jobbers, too, are buying more freely, though only in a hand to mouth way. The tone of the market is steady, and, if anything, a little easier. Granulated is now selling at 6½ to 7c, unbranded yellow at 5c, and other yellows at 5½ to 5¾c. The demand for molasses is moderate, and the tone steady, while syrups are quiet and dull at 47½ to 52c. The tea market has been generally quiet, but there was a good demand for Japans, and some 700 or 800 packages changed hands at 12½ to 14c. Blacks were moving quietly in grades ranging from 12½ to 23 to 24c. All the anti-pyrene in the city has been bought up as a cure for the prevailing influenza, and not an ounce is now obtainable, even at fancy prices. The normal price of this drug is about \$1.10 to \$1.15 per ounce, but it went as high as \$2 before all was sold. In the States the situation is not much better, and until a fresh supply can be obtained from Germany some other remedy will have to be used. Quinine is stiff and an advance is expected shortly. Cream of tartar and camphor are also firm and steady, the advance in the latter appearing to be a genuine one in all the markets.—*Montreal Gazette.*

### Business in British Columbia.

The Vancouver *News* sums up the state of trade at that place as follows: In wholesale trade business has improved since the holidays. Flour has an upward tendency. The market is weak in sugars. Rutter is weakening. Beans

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are higher. The coal oil famine in Victoria has caused that market to be supplied from Vancouver. There is little doing in fruit. Apples are a little easier on account of consignments having been received and the high prices having checked the demand. They are quoted from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per box. Japanese oranges are still plentiful at from 75c to \$1 a box. Hitherto the market has been demoralised by the supply exceeding the demand. Further shipments have arrived by the Parthia, and are expected to be of excellent quality. The fish market is characterised by scarcity and high prices. Salmon and halibut are selling at 12½c per pound, and small fish at 8c.

The flour market is steady, notwithstanding the stiffening in the east, and no changes are to be noted. Spokane Falls flour is \$5; Manitoba patents, \$5.60 to \$5.65; premier, \$5.75. Business in the flour and feed line is good. Wheat is \$35 per ton; oats \$36; barley \$30; peas \$32. With the exception of wheat, the supply in grains is equal to the present demand. Oatmeal, granulated, is \$3.25 per sack; standard, \$3.40 per gunny; cornmeal, \$2.85; buckwheat flour, \$5; rye flour, \$6 per barrel; rolled oats, \$3.50 per sack. Bran is \$24 per ton; shorts \$28; chopped feed \$30; oilcake meal \$37.50; hay \$18 per ton and supply limited.

There are no eggs in the city, but a carload is on the way, and consequently no definite quotations can be given until they arrive. Quotations will probably be at from 28 to 30c. Butter is not moving very quickly. There is a good deal of dairy in the market at 20c and 22c according to the quality. Good creamery is not so plentiful and is quoted at 28c. Potatoes are higher, being quoted at from \$35 to \$40 per ton, but the market is not so stiff since thaw of this week on account of the prospect of consignments being received. In Tacoma, a syndicate lost 600 tons by frost and enquiries have been received from there in Vancouver.

The Medicine Hat *Times* has been enlarged.

WALTER BOLE has purchased from Dawson, Bole & Co., of Regina, their branch drug business at Moose Jaw, Assa. W. A. Richards, who has managed the store at Moose Jaw, has accepted the position of commercial traveller for the wholesale firm of Dawson, Bole & Co.