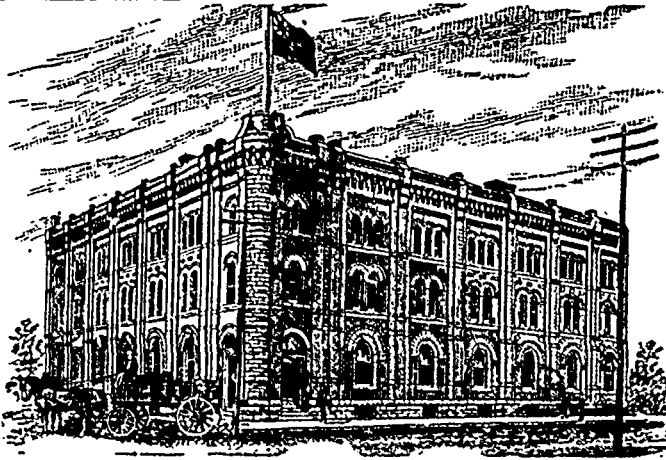


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The Depression in Flour.

For some time past the flour trade in this city has been disappointing to holders, shippers and commission men alike, owing to large offerings, and the great difficulty in finding a market therefor in consequence of an absence of demand. This depression has been intensified of late by the action of Western millers, in ordering their flour to be sold for what it would bring, thus forcing the market and breaking prices beyond what some of our dealers think there is any need of. At present there is little or no demand for round lots, business being restricted to filling the hand-to-mouth wants of retail dealers and bakers. In behalf of Western millers on the other hand, it is contended that they now see a good crop of winter wheat making excellent headway towards an early harvest, and that this fact in conjunction with the recent break of 27½c per bushel in Chicago wheat, has caused them to lose heart and force their holdings. This may account for a large line of straight rollers being offered on this market at 35, although it is stated by some that the brand is not choice; still it inspects straight rollers. It is the opinion of some of our leading dealers that after the opening of navigation a change for the better will set in, and that it is useless forcing the market at present in the absence of demand. The stocks in this city continue large, amounting to 104,319 bbls, against 32,330 bbls. at this time last year, showing an increase of 72,489 bbls, but these stocks are expected to show a considerable reduction after navigation is fairly opened.

—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

The Lobster Pack.

Reports to hand from the lobster-packing districts throughout the lower provinces advise the season to be from four to six weeks earlier than usual. The fish are running well, the industry is being actively pushed, and undoubtedly the pack will be larger than last year. Notwithstanding the more favorable indications, however, the packers are indifferent sellers at anything below present prices, which are about \$1.50 per dozen f.o.b. It appears that English

and German buyers have been free to contract this season, and already large quantities have been placed for shipment thither; therefore, it is largely for this reason that the firmness is exhibited, packers feeling assured that there will be a demand sufficient to absorb readily any reasonable quantity they may put up during the season. A favorable feature of the market this year is the absence of any considerable stocks of old, the packers' hands being bare, and in the principal distributing markets there is nothing of any consequence to disturb the situation.

Canned Goods at Toronto.

Tomatoes are selling from 75c up, but there are not many to be had at that price; in fact, holders would not sell more than a few cases at that price. The ruling price is 85c to \$1 10. Corn is hardening; a round lot of good brand sold to jobbing house at 9½c to-day. Prices are:—

FISH.

Salmon, 1's	\$1 70 to \$1 80
Lobster, star 1's	1 60 to 1 70
Lobster, other 1's	1 45 to 1 60
Sardines, French ½'s	0 09 to 0 11
Sardines, French ¼'s	0 14 to 0 22
Sardines, American ½'s	0 06 to 0 08
Sardines, American ¼'s	0 09 to 0 11

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples, 3's	\$0 80 to \$1 00
Apples, galls	1 95 to 2 10
Corn, 2's	0 90 to 1 10
Corn, cream, 3's	1 75 to 1 80
Praches, 2's	2 00 to 2 40
Peaches, pic	1 35 to 1 60
Pears, 2's	0 85 to 1 00
Plums, greengages, 2's	2 40 to 2 55
Plums, blue, 2's	2 25 to 2 40
Strawberries, 2's	2 35 to 2 45
Tomatoes, 3's	0 75 to 1 10

—Empire.

Mysterious Fires.

The Herald, of Selkirk, Manitoba, a short time ago, reported an unusual occurrence which

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took place in Dagg & Hunter's store, at that place. About two o'clock in the afternoon a fire broke out in one of the front windows, which in a moment consumed part of the curtains, and would have resulted more seriously if it were not for the presence of several customers who extinguished the flames. Upon investigation, it was found that the fire originated from the effects of the sun striking on a lamp reflector which was in the window, near which the curtain hung. Several cases of mysterious fires in shop windows and in other places have come to the knowledge of the writer, caused by the action of the sun's rays, concentrated upon and reflected from some bright object. In one instance a pile of cotton goods which were lying upon the floor, were set on fire by the reflection from a mirror, and in another instance lace curtains in a shop window were consumed, probably caused by lamp reflectors which were in the window. This is one cause of many mysterious fires, which a little scientific knowledge will explain. Merchants could study this phenomenon to advantage.

A. McKAY, barrister, Emerson, Man., has moved to Superior, Wisconsin, where he intends practising.

ALLAN HUBER, of Berlin, Ont., was in Winnipeg last week on his way to Japan, where he will make an effort to open up trade in several branches of Canadian manufactured goods.

A K. BARRETT, inspector of Inland Revenue for the west, says the Lethbridge News, passed through town yesterday on his way to Macleod. We understand that he has informed the breweries here that they will have to discontinue the manufacture of all kinds of beverages, and that final action will be taken on his return.

THE Calgary Tribune says:—Major Walker, who returned from Canmore yesterday morning, informed us of an important coal find made by Brinckendorf the preceding day. The seam is 14 feet in thickness, of clean, good anthracite, and is located on Mr. Brinckendorf's own property, and is said to be free of shale and other impurities and very much superior to any previously found in the mountains.