

## Important to Country Merchants

**W**E cannot too strongly advise our customers in country that it is in their interest to use only Tubs (either wire or wooden hoop) in shipping their Dairy Butter to market; and farmers should be asked to put up their Butter in tubs only. In the course of a year, we get a large quantity of Dairy Butter put up in boxes and Butter put up in this way, in most cases, has to be sold at a reduced price, on account of boxes breaking easily and separating at corners. The air gets in at butter and, to a large extent, destroys the flavor and, in many ways, injures the quality. The expense is large in putting these packages in proper shipping shape to go on the market. Butter boxes were made to put up Creamery Butter only and not intended for Dairy Butter.

**J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO.** WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANTS AND PORK PACKERS  
WINNIPEG

## Extra Fancy American Apples

We are to-day taking delivery another car EXTRA FANCY MISSOURI BEN DAVIS, which we can recommend as very fine, being well colored and of splendid flavor. Winnipeg Grocers are buying these apples in preference to choicest Ontario spys. No shrink. **Price \$6.50**

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Large Bunches, \$3.00

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Prompt attention to all letter orders.

137 Water St., - VANCOUVER, B.C.

### Railway and Traffic Matters.

The C. P. R. commenced laying rails and steel on its new Winnipeg Beach line on Tuesday.

The C. P. R. has awarded the contract for a new wing to its Blast hole to J. A. Tompkins, contractor, of Brockville.

It was reported from Montreal on Thursday that the C. P. R. management and the "trackmen" protective committee had agreed to refer for the wage schedule to a board of arbitration.

A Chicago report of last week and Lake navigation will start by April 1 and boats could probably pass the Straits now, the ice is so thin. But by April 15, as freights are scarce and lake insurance cannot be obtained before April 20.

Speaking of the railway situation in British Columbia, says the Montreal Gazette, Mr. E. Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, who arrived in the city yesterday, said that considerable interest was centred in the construction of the proposed line from the Kootenay to the coast, and he expressed the opinion that the Canadian Pacific should further the project as the natural extension of the Crow's Nest line, thus constituting a second road through the mountains from the plains to the Pacific ocean, and controlled by the company.

New York agents of English and Continental steamship lines received official notice on Saturday last that the agreement on the minimum of passenger rates would go into effect Monday, March 31. The agreement contains a provision lengthening the summer season. The season during which rates are 25 per cent. higher than in winter, will last from May 1 to October, on westbound rates, and from April 1 to October 1 on eastbound. The only important changes are a discriminative increase on some of the ships of the express lines. The signatories of the agreement are the American, Anchor, Atlantic, Transport, Allen, Cunard, Dominion, Ireland, French Trans-Atlantic, Hamburg-American, North German Lloyd, Red Star and Holland American lines. The Beaver line refused to sign.

One of the latest ideas is an umbrella-renting company. You pay a dollar a year for a check, which entitles you to borrow an umbrella when you get caught in the rain, from any one of scores of umbrella standers scattered about town. This is the umbrella thief check-mated.

Regarding the Canada Cycle Co. reorganization, the directors were displaying themselves to the question of reorganization. For a few months they would work off all the stock in the different factories, and they intended next year that all which should be made in one compact factory. Their purpose was to raise enough money to put the company in a strong and solvent position. The directors meant to stand by the business till they had worked out the problem. They proposed to remove the business in Australia, where they hoped to sell 7,000 wheels, and in England, where they hoped to sell 2,000 wheels this year.

"What Women Like in Men," "What Men Like in Women," and "Husbands and Wives," are the titles of a series of very interesting papers by Hated Pike, the third of which appears in "The Cosmopolitan for April. The series number treats of Prince Henry's visit with a series of beautifully printed photographs. F. Horklison, Benj. Israel Zangwill, Bret Harte and Maarten Maartens are among the other contributors to this number, which is unusually good in fiction.

The Canadian Magazine for April is called the Easter number. John E. Munro writes of curling in Canada as a way to interest both curlers and general readers. Arthur H. V. Cole has given many interesting reminiscences of Lord Dufferin. Albert E. Carman relates some political experiences in England under a "John Bull in Politics." The protective value of vaccination is told by John Ferguson. M. D. The career of John Hudson, the discoverer of Hesperia Bay, is described by George, John the Dominion statistician. No faultless reader of current literature could demand more than is contained in the excellent Easter number.

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