

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William May. 66 to 67. To farmers Manitoba points 50 to 55c.  
 Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.85; Bakers, \$1.65.  
 Bran.—Per con, \$12.  
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.  
 Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 29 to 30c.  
 Barley.—Per bushel, 35 to 40c, local freights.  
 Flax Seed.—  
 Butter.—Country lairy 8 to 14c in a small way.  
 Cheese.—Small lots 10c.  
 Eggs.—Fresh, 9 to 10c in small lots.  
 Beef.—City dressed, 5½c.  
 Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 6 to 7c.  
 Hogs.—Dressed, 4½c.  
 Cattle.—Butchers, 2½ to 3½c.  
 Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.  
 Sheep.—4c.  
 Seneca Root.—  
 Poultry.—Chickens, 8c, turkeys, 10c, geese, 10c, ducks 8c.  
 Hides.—No. 1 cows, 4½c.  
 Potatoes.—35c per bushel.  
 Hay.—\$1.00 per ton, car lots, country freights.

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for the week ending March 26 were \$933,169; balances, \$170,565. For the previous week clearings were \$926,547. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$601,910, and for the week two years ago, \$607,555. For the month of February clearings were \$4,052,581 as compared with \$2,721,028 for February, 1895, and \$3,132,537 for February, 1894.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	March 19.
Montreal .....	\$3,905,379
Toronto .....	6,223,079
Halifax .....	973,254
Winnipeg .....	926,517
Hamilton .....	570,966

Total ..... \$17,599,219

**Winnipeg Board of Trade.**

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade, held on Tuesday, it was decided to communicate with the department of public works re the promise of the late minister of public works to move the Winnipeg customs house to a place convenient to the centre of the city.

A committee was appointed to collect information regarding claims of the settlers in the Foxton district for the extension of the Stonewall or Selkirk branches of the Canadian Pacific Railway and if necessary to wait upon the local government and urge that they open communication with the Canadian Pacific Railway on the matter.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the board: T. A. Bell, W. Blackwood, H. Leadly, J. Patterson, A. E. Scott, F. W. Sprado, S. M. Barro, D. R. Dingwall and Ald. Bannerman.

A letter was read from the Japanese consul for Canada in which he informed the board that he would be in Winnipeg shortly, and would be glad to meet the members of the Board of Trade to discuss the matter of trade between Canada and Japan.

The resignation of T. Ryan as a member of the council was accepted.

It was decided to urge upon the Dominion minister of public works in view of his statement in the house a few days ago re the improvement of St. Andrew's rapids, the desirability of placing a sufficient sum in the

estimates to make a substantial beginning with the work this year.

A motion was also passed urging upon the department of interior that the quarantine of cattle belonging to settlers coming into Manitoba from the United States be abolished and some form of inspection by competent veterinary be substituted.

**Comparative Prices in Staples.**

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Mar. 20 1896.	Mar. 22, 1895.
Flour, straight spring	\$3.10 to \$3.60	\$2.75 to \$3.35
Flour, straight winter	\$3.30 to \$3.80	\$2.40 to \$2.90
Wheat, No. 2 red	77½c	59½c
Cor'n, No. 2 mixed	37c	60c
Do, No. 2	25c	3¼c
Rye, No. 2, Western	48 c	.....
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	45c	.....
Cotton, mid. upld.	7 5-16c	6 5-16c
Print cloths, 64x64	.....	27-16
Wool Ohio & Pa., X	18c	15½ to 16c
Wool, No. 1 comb	22 to 23c	20 to 21½c
Pork, mess new	\$9.75 to \$10.25	\$13.00 to 13.50
Lard, westn. stim.	6.47½c	7.15c
Butter, creamery	22c	20c
Cheese, ch. east ft.	10½c	11½c
Sugar, centrif. 90°	43-10c	30c
Sugar, granulated	5½c	8 15-16c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	14½c	17½c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	\$1.43	1.12½c
Petroleum, rid. gal.	7 5/8c	6 85
*Iron, Bes. pg.	\$12.25	\$10.15
*Steel bl-ets, ton	\$17.00	\$14.90
Oats, steam freight	.....	2d
Grain, Liverpool	1½d	7-8d
Cotton	.....	.....

\* Pittsburgh.

**M. Lefebvre & Co.**

Regarding the reported assignment of M. Lefebvre, of Montreal, the Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The People's Bank has made a demand of assignment upon the old and well known firm of Michel Lefebvre & Co., whose business proper is said to be in a good position, but the large amount of funds that is locked up in good real estate investments, and which cannot be realized on at a moment's notice, has taken the firm at a disadvantage. The firm, however, are stoutly contesting the demand, and M. Lefebvre persists in his intention not assign."

**Dairy Trade News.**

The Manitoba Dairy association has just issued the annual bulletin. It contains an illustration of a simple, cheap and very practical system of "cold storage" recommended by dairy superintendent Macdonald, for use in creameries and cheese factories. Free copies can be had on application to the department of agriculture, or the secretary, Miss E. Cora Hind, Winnipeg.

Mr. Macdonald, Manitoba dairy commissioner, says: "At Ninga, Man., the creamery has been in operation all winter and has given every satisfaction. This year all the old dairy factories in Manitoba, 52 in number, will be running and several new ones have been talked of in the districts hitherto without any. There were 19 creameries running in Manitoba last year and two new ones, at Carberry and Neepawa have this spring been organized." The output of butter and cheese will be much larger this year than ever before, as many of the new factories started last year, were not organized in time to do a full season's work. What is of more importance, the quality of the output will no doubt show a marked improvement this year, as many of the makers are taking a course this winter at the Manitoba dairy school.

**The World's Wine Production.**

The Moniteur Vinicole has recently published a statement showing the wine production of the various countries of the world. From this statement it appears the yield in France amounted in the years 1895 and 1894 to 537,127,000 gallons and 859,162,000 gallons

respectively; in Algeria to 83 519,000 gal and 80 121 000 gallons; Tunis 3,956,000 and 3 936,000; Italy 469 555,000 and 599,000,000; Spain 379,500,000 and 528,000,000; Portugal 48,890,000 and 33,000,000; Azores, Canaries and Madeira 4,620,000 and 2,640,000; Auara 66,000,000 and 88,000,000; Hungary 63 600,000 and 46,103,000, and Germany 80,190,000 and 110,000,000 gallons. In Turkey and Cyprus the production last year amounted to 52,800,000 gallons, and this compares with an average yield of 40,000,000 gallons. In Bulgaria the yield was 26,400,000 gallons. In Bosnia Servia 17,600 000; Greece 35,200,000; Romania 69,640,000; Switzerland 27,500,000; the United States 89,700,000; Mexico 1,800,000; Argentine Republic 29,700,000; Chile 33,000,000; Brazil 7,700,000; Cape of Good Hope 2,420,000; Persia 594,000, and Australia 3,300,000 gallons.

**Meat from Argentina.**

The official statistics from the Argentine are notoriously untrustworthy, but the following figures obtained from a private source may be accepted as correct. They represent the output of dead beef and mutton in 1895:

	Carcasses	Qrs of mutton
Sansinena Co.....	773,262	145
Las Palmas Produce Co. . .	623,953	45
River Plate Fresh Meat Co.	522,677	.....

Total ..... 1,922,892 1953  
 London Times

**Drummer Never Heard of Them.**

Bishop Watterson is so well known in Louisville that the following anecdote, which evidences his keen sense of humor, will be read with pleasure:

Bishop Watterson is not only the craziest fisherman of all the clergy, but the best story teller. The bishop tells a story of how the drummer of the train mistook him (the bishop) for another commercial tourist, and asked him if he represented a big house.

"Biggest on earth," said the bishop.

"What's the name of the firm?" queried the drummer.

"Lord & Church," replied the imperturbable bishop.

"Hum!" "Lord & Church"? Never heard of it. Got branch houses anywhere?"

"Branch houses all over the world."

"That's queer. Never heard of 'em. Got it boots and shoes?"

"No."


"Hats and caps?"

"Not that either."

"Dry goods, I suppose?"

"Well," said the bishop, "some call it notions."—Louisville Times.

A. J. Sharp & Co., tailors, Vancouver have assigned.

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