

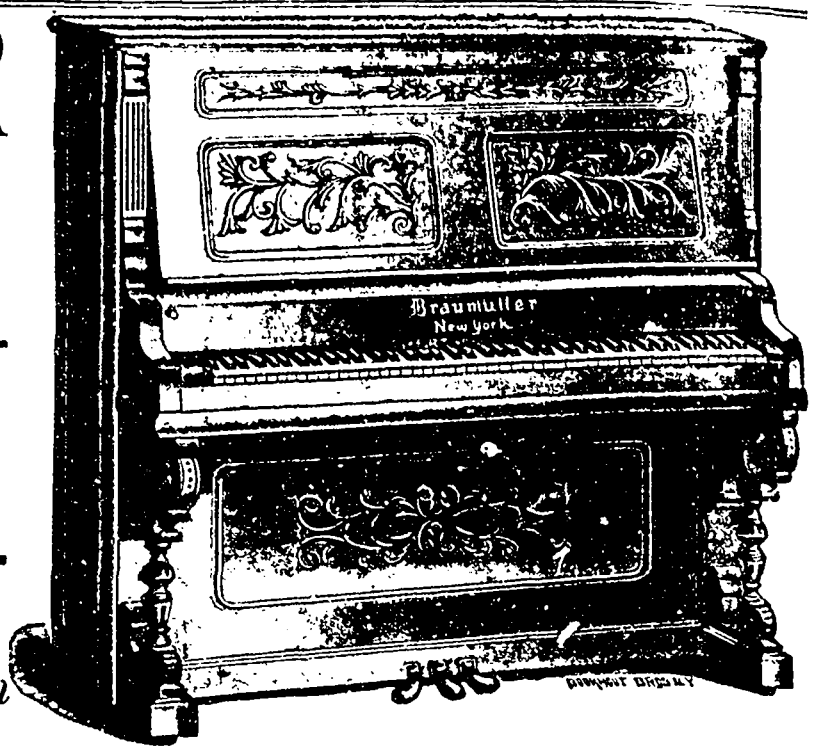
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considered too high to encourage operations. Consumers appear to have loaded up before the advance and some claim to have sufficient to last until midsummer.

GROCERIES.—Business has been quiet in all lines. Jobbers have some orders in for shipment by first boat and May should be a busy month in the trade. Scarcely any movement is taking place in teas in a large way and brokers and importers have rarely found matters so dull and uninteresting. As stated last week stocks of teas are light, much lighter than in many former years at this date, but as one operator stated there is no scarcity, and there will be more than enough on hand when new crop arrives in June. Sugar has been in fair demand, but there is no rush for it, and prices are unchanged. Refiners appear desirous of bringing their stocks of refined into fuller compass without regard to the condition of affairs elsewhere. A London cable quote: Sugar, Centrifugal, 96 test, 13s 9d; Muscovado, fair refining, 12s to 12s 6d; beet, April, 12s 8d; June, 12s 10d.

GREEN FRUITS.—The cold weather has hurt business. Valencia oranges \$5 to \$5.25 per case; Messinas, \$2.75 to \$3.75 per box, and Californians \$4 to \$4.50 per box. Bloods \$4.75 to \$5 per box, and Jamaicas \$7 to \$7.50 per bbl. Lemons \$3 to \$3.50 per box for fancy, and \$2.50 to \$2.75 for choice. Strawberries 50 to 60c per quart box, and pineapples 18 to 30c, according to size. Bananas \$1 to \$2 per bunch. A good movement is noted in onions, which bring from \$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. for red globes, \$1.75 to \$2 per crate for Bermudas and 50c do. for Spanish. Cocoanuts in bags sell at \$4.50, and cranberries are worth from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per bushel box.

GRAIN.—The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada shows a decrease of 847,000 bushels with a week ago and a decrease of 10,143,000 with a year ago. Seeding is not expected to be general in Manitoba before the 1st prox., weather being cool. About 50,000 bushels of low grade Manitoba wheat have recently been sold on private terms afloat at Fort William. On spot some car lots of Ontario oats were placed at 28½c. The Indian exports of wheat were 304,000 since April 1, 1896, against 768,000 a year ago. Russia last week exported 1,952,000 bushels, against 1,168,000 the previous week. Heavy shipments of wheat and corn by water are reported from Chicago. A Lon-

don cable reports wheat a corn cargoes as quiet. Wheat off coast, rather easier; on passage, quiet and steady. English country markets, quiet and steady. Liverpool—Wheat on spot, quiet; futures steady, at 5s 5d April and May, 5s 4½d June, July and August. Maiz: on spot, quiet, futures steady, at 3s 1d April, May and June, 3s 1½d July, 3s 2d August and September 3s 2½d. Minneapolis first bakers flour, 13s. French country markets, firm. A Chicago dispatch says:—Liquidation of the May option, due to continued favorable weather and crops reports threw the wheat market into a weak and semi-panicky condition, and resulted in a decline of 1½c to 1½c. Corn declined ¾c, and oats ½c to ¾c. Lake rates were steady, at 1½c to 1½c for corn to Buffalo. Leading features closed: Wheat, No. 2 April, 62½c to 62½c; May, 63½c to 63½c, July, 64½c.

The following table shows the amount of wheat in sight on the dates mentioned:

Visible	April 18, 1896.	May 11, 1896.	April 9, 1895.
U.S. & Canada	58,483,000	59,330,000	68,626,000
On passage to U. K.	18,880,000	19,280,000	29,760,000
On passage to continent	7,600,000	7,680,000	11,260,000

Total in sight.....\$4,963,000 86,290,000 109,666,000

We quote:—

No. 1 hard Manitoba.....	0.00 @ 0.00
No. 2 hard Manitoba.....	0.00 @ 0.00
No. 3 hard Manitoba.....	0.00 @ 0.00
Peas, per 66 lbs., afloat.....	.58 @ .59
No. 2 oats, per 34 lbs.....	.28½ @ .28½
Corn, duty paid.....	.45 @ .47
Barley feed.....	.38 @ .39
Barley malting.....	.52 @ .54
Rye.....	.00 @ .00
Buckwheat, per 48 lbs.....	.88 @ .40

LEATHER AND HIDES.—The market is quiet and steadily favors buyers. Leather has been sold at low prices to good buyers. There has been another decline in hides, due to the fact that quality of hides is not so good at this season, and to dullness of trade. Dealers are paying butchers \$4 for No. 1, \$3 for No. 2 and \$2 for No. 3. No. 1 calfskins are worth \$6 and No. 2 \$4. Lambskins 10c and clips 10c. Sheepskins 70c to 75c.

DRY GOODS.—Business has been moderate with the wholesale trade. The orders booked from travellers are about equal to last year and it is thought that storekeepers will see an improvement next month. The weather has been too much on the cold side for several days but everybody now realizes that spring is here and that it is time to be up and doing. New York, cotton, spots, steady; Uplands, 7 1-16c, Gulf, 8 3 16. Futures, steady April, 7.68c, May, 7.69c, June, 7.74c, July, 7.73, Aug, 7.72c, Sept., 7.38c.

LIVE STOCK.—Prices locally were easy supplies being heavy and there being little shipping demand. Choice steers and heifers, 3½ to 3½c; good, 3c to 3½c, fair, 2½c to 3c, and common, 2c to 2½. Sheep scarce at 4c to 5c. Spring lambs \$2.50 to \$5 each. Calves \$1 to \$8. Live hogs higher at \$4.25 per 100 lbs. A few choice steers were bought by exporters at 3½c to 4c. The export trade is likely to be slow and freight space is said to be offering at 35s to 40s. A reported combination in ocean cattle space is denied. A Liverpool cablegram says:—There was an easier feeling in the cattle market owing to increased supplies, and although prices for best States show no change, Argentines have declined ¾c per lb. Trade was slower, best States selling at 10½c and Argentines at 9½c. The market for sheep was steady at 13c.

FLOUR.—A reduction in the price list will be noted. There is little doing and flour is certainly cheap with straight roller at \$3.75 to \$3.80; winter wheat patents at \$4.10 to \$4.25 Manitoba strong bakers at \$3.40 to \$3.60. We quote:—

Winter wheat.....	\$4 10 @ \$4 25
Spring wheat, patents.....	0.00 @ 0.00
Straight roller.....	.37 @ .38
Straight roller, bags.....	1.75 @ 1.80
Extra.....	0.00 @ 0.00
Extra bags.....	1.55 @ 1.65
Man. Strong Bakers.....	3.40 @ 3.60

SEEDS.—American timothy \$2.15 to \$2.25 per 45 lbs. and lower Canadian \$2.45, ditto. Western red clover \$8.50 to \$9.50 (per 100 lbs.); Vermont, \$9.50 to \$10, Alsike, \$7.50 to \$9.50. Choice American timothy has sold at \$2.30 and choice lower Canadian at \$2.60.

FEED.—Business was fairly active, especially for bran and shorts. We quote: Bran.....\$14.00 @ \$15.00
Shorts.....15.00 @ 16.00
Mouillie.....19.00 @ 20.00