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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, April 12.

The markets are barren of interest this week, there being no change in prices. The outfitting trade has revived after a period of comparative dullness and merchants say that it is quite brisk at present. It is stated, however, that perhaps the bulk of the trade comes from United States citizens, Canadians to a considerable extent doing their outfitting in eastern Canada before getting here. A great many strangers mostly young men, are in town looking for employment, which at present is almost impossible to secure. Probably the cheap rates have been the means of bringing these people from the east, who seem possessed with a vague idea on their arrival that they merely had to ask for employment to their own liking and they would get it. In the mechanic class in numerous cases public charity has had to be extended while those who sought positions of clerks and office hands in many cases have been obliged to return. Some of these have only stopped over one train, content with having made a cheap trip and having visited the coast. Although the question of numerous idle hands in the city is a serious one, Vancouver is very prosperous nevertheless. A great deal of public work is going on. A very large number of houses are being built and it is somewhat difficult to secure houses to rent, even in the suburbs of the city, while all rents have advanced. Money is easy and business in all lines is good.

The Live Stock Trade.

H. J. Burton, of Carman, Man., has purchased 400 horses in Montana for the Manitoba market.

A train load of stockers went south from Winnipeg on Wednesday to St. Paul. They were purchased in the province by Mr. Blatowsky.

There is much objection in some quarters to the shipment of so many stocker cattle out of Manitoba, but with the high prices being paid for stockers and the poor outlook for fat cattle, it is questionable if the farmers are not getting the best of it by selling their young cattle.

Don Mills, of Carman, Man., is shipping 100 fat oxen to Dawson City, via Vancouver and Dyea. He is also feeding 200 head of cattle for the British Columbia market, which will be shipped early in May. He has 1,000 head of stockers now bought up, at Carman.

