per dozen bunches; celery, 60c per dozen bunches; onions, 4c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS—We quote: beef, city dressed, 6½ to 7½c per pound, country, 5@6c under these prices; veal, 8 to 9c; mutton, 8c; lambs 8c; hogs 7½c.

HIDES—Business is limited owing to light receipts and poor quality of offerings. We quote: No. 1 hides, 6c per pound, delivered here; No. 2, 5c; No. 3, 4c; frozen hides, 5½c per pound, at country points less 5-pound lots; less, same price as hides; calf, 7½c; deakins, 25 to 40c; slunks, 10 to 15c; horse hides, 50c to $1.00.

WOOL—Market nominal.

TALLOW—The local price for tallow is 4½ to 5c per pound.

SENEGA ROOT—Market nominal.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Beef cattle are scarce at 4½c per pound for best quality. The range for the better grades is from 4 to 4½. Stockers are worth $14 to $16 for yearlings at country points, and $18 to $20 for two-year-olds.

SHEEP—There is no movement at present as butchers are plentifully supplied with frozen mutton.

HOGS—The market is weak and ¼c lower, making the price now 6c per pound for choice packing hogs delivered at Winnipeg.

MILCH COWS—There is a good demand for new milkers at from $35 to $45 each.

HORSES—The market for horses is in an unsatisfactory state owing to difficulty of securing supplies. There is a good demand for them here with every prospect for a big spring trade if the horses could be had, which is not the case. Both Ontario and the States have been pretty well scoured for horses without much success and the result is that high prices and poor animals will be the rule this year.

Religions in Canada.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—A bulletin was issued by the census department today giving the religions of the people. The number of specified denominations and sects is 142, embracing a population of 5,326,716. There are 30 other sects, represented by nine or two individuals each, or, in all, 149 persons. The principal religions of the Dominion are for 1901, compared with 1891.

Denominations.	1901.	1891.
Adventists	8,064	81,354
Anglicans (Church of England)	680,346	646,059
Baptists	292,485	257,449
Baptists (free will)	13,229	45,116
Brethern	8,071	11,637
Congregationalists	28,293	28,151
Disciples of Christ	14,872	12,763
Friends (Quakers)	4,087	4,660
Jews	16,432	6,414
Lutherans	92,594	59,982
Methodists	916,862	847,765
Presbyterians	842,301	755,326
Protestants	11,667	12,253
Roman Catholics	2,228,997	1,902,017
Salvation Army	10,307	13,949
Tunkers	1,531	1,274
Unitarians	1,934	1,777
Universalists	2,959	3,186
Unspecified	44,186	81,355
Various sects	141,474	337,756
Total	5,371,051	4,833,239

Religions in Manitoba.

In Manitoba the religions of the people are:

Denominations	1901.	1891.
Adventists	519	32
Anglicans (Church of England)	44,874	30,853
Baptists	9,098	15,829
Baptists (free will)	18,278	15,829
Brethern	467	389
Congregationalists	1,885	1,815
Disciples of Christ	470	361
Friends (Quakers)	124	124
Jews	1,497	743
Lutherans	16,473	6,545
Methodists	49,909	28,437
Presbyterians	63,310	29,901
Protestants	646	1,874
Roman Catholics	35,622	20,571
Salvation Army	744	399
Tunkers	2	5
Lutherans	221	74
Universalists	11	5
Unspecified	638	4,824
Various sects	26,419	448
Total	254,947	152,506

A bill to incorporate the Prudential Life Insurance Company has been passed in committee of the whole of the Manitoba legislature and read the third time.

E. V. Cox, son of Senator Cox, and assistant general manager of the Canada Life Assurance Company for several years, has been promoted to the general managership in succession to Wm. Ramsay.

British Columbia

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British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Feb. 24.

There was a fair attendance at the weekly Westminster market on Friday. There was an abundant supply of all provisions, and the quantity of fresh eggs on hand caused the price to drop. The egg market throughout the coast, however, is scarce of this commodity, and in Vancouver 30 cents is being given for the best California eggs. To make matters worse, eggs in California are also temporarily scarce, owing to an unlooked for demand in the eastern States. In Vancouver there is not a held egg in the market, and word comes from Victoria that the same state of affairs exists there. Manitoba butter is still quoted at the lower prices prevailing for some time. This is always an offset to the inferior grades of held Manitoba and Northwest butter which This butter has not been kept in proves recently reached these markets per refrigerator compartments, and has arrived much the worse for wear. But for these consignments the prices quoted would be erased as the local markets in Victoria and Vancouver are almost free of held butter.

Trade is normal, but indications point to much activity in the different industries. There are indications of a revival in mining all over the province, particularly on Vancouver Island, where three smelters are being erected. In Vancouver ten new shingle mills under process of construction, and many more are being erected throughout the province. Much attention is also being given to deep sea fishing. One halibut company has been incorporated in Victoria, which will operate a steam trawler, raking the halibut from their mud beds on the bottom of the sea. Another halibut company will operate from Vancouver. The United States company operating here have been doing such an enormous business of late as to necessitate an entire train being made up to carry a big shipment of halibut to the eastern markets last week. This train was composed of refrigerator cars, and will have made almost as quick time as the continental express.

Building operations are very active in British Columbia, particularly in Vancouver, where, as a feature worthy of note, is that nearly all the principal hotels are enlarging their premises as being too small to accommodate transient trade. There are extensive preparations being made to accommodate the rush for the Cariboo diggings. Numerous companies have spent large sums to prepare to give every accommodation possible to the stampeders in exchange for their dollars. Prices in Ashcroft have already reached famine quotations, such as, shave 75 cents; freight, 7 cents a pound from Ashcroft to Horsefly Landing, 56 miles, and everything else in comparison. Several have pronounced the strikes of rich finds a fabrication—wilful lies for the sake of gain. Others declare the diggings undoubtedly rich. In any event, it may be anticipated that hundreds will be bitterly disappointed. It costs about $300 to make the trip from Vancouver.

Business at Vancouver.

Special to The Commercial.

Vancouver, March 1.

Chop feed is $1 dearer. Bran $1 lower. Local eggs are weaker. Manitoba creamery butter is in small supply. California butter is daily expected.

FEED—National Mills chop, $27 per ton; bran, $22; shorts, $23; oil cake meal, $35.

FLOUR—Manitoba patent, per barrel, $4.75; strong bakers, $4.45; Ogilvie, $4.50 per barrel; Enderby patents, $4.70.

FEED—National Mills chops, $27 per ton; bran, $22; shorts $23; oil cake meal, $35 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Fraser River Valley, $11@$12 per ton; straw, per bale, 50c.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb. sack, $2.90; two 45lb. sacks, $2.00; four 22½lb. sacks, $3.20; ten 7lb. sacks, $2.40; oatmeal in 10lb. sacks, per 100lb. $3.50; in 50lb. sacks $3.25 per 100lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, $5 per 100 lbs; sheep, $6.00 per 100lb.; hogs, $5.50@$6 per 100lb.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 15c per lb; geese, 13c; ducks, 13c.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 9@9½c; mutton, 11½c; pork, 8½@10c; veal, 8@10c;

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15 @ 15½c; breakfast bacon, 16@16½c; bacon, 14½c; long clear, 13c; rolls, 13@13½c; smoked sides, 14c.

LARD—Tins, 14@15c; pails, 13½@14c; tubs, 14c per lb.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 25c; Manitoba creamery, 22½25c; Manitoba dairy, 15@18c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c; California, 25c per dozen.

CHEESE—Manitoba, 12½@13c; Ontario, cheese, 13½c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, $11@$12 per ton for locals, $20 for Ashcrofts; onions, silver skins, 3½c per lb; cabbage, 1½c per lb, cauliflower, $1.25 doz.

FISH—Flounders, 5c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 5c; halibut, 8c; salmon, 5c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 8c lb.

GAME—Ducks, mallard, 75c; teal, 35c; widgeon and pintail, 50c pair.

GREEN FRUITS—Lemons, $2.50@$3.00; local apples 90c@$1.50; Oregon apples $1.75 @2 box; cranberries, local per bbl. $12; bananas $2.75@$3; Calif. navel oranges, $2@3; seedlings, $2 box.

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 11½@12c; walnuts, 2c@2½c; Brazil, 15@16c; walnuts 14 @15c per lb; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c; Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5½c; extra C, 4½c; yellows, 4½@4¾c per lb; SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 2¾c lb; 10 gal. kegs, 2¾c; 5 gal. kegs, $1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, $4.50 case of 10; ½ gal. tins, $5.25 case of 20.

HARDWARE—Bar Iron, base, $3. Horse shoe nails, discount 50 and 10 per cent; horse shoes, kegs, $5; nails, base price, cut $3.40, wire $3.85; rope, Manilla, 18c; white lead, $7.50; putty, $3.50; barbed wire, $4.50 per 100lb; glass, first break, $5.

B. C. Business Notes.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company will have three vessels plying on its Skagway route this year.

A report from Victoria, B. C., this week said: News from the sealers which have been sealing off the California and Oregon coast tells of very poor catches, the weather having been very stormy.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company has entered into a contract with Swan & Hunter, shipbuilders of Newcastle-on-Tyne, for a fast steamer to ply between Victoria and Vancouver. The new vessel will be much superior to the Charmer, which is now on that route. The contract calls for delivery in November. The company is also building a wooden screw steamer at Vancouver for service to British Columbia and Alaskan points.

The plans for the construction of the railway, vehicle and foot bridge to be erected across the Fraser river at New Westminster, B. C., by the B. C. government, provide for a double-deck bridge, the lower deck being for the railway and electric car tracks, and the upper deck for vehicles and pedestrians. The location of the bridge in New Westminster will be, so far as the highway approach is concerned, about where a continuation of Twelfth street would strike the bank of the river, and the railway deck will be connected with the track by a T. The plans and specifications were prepared by J. H. Waddell, consulting engineer of Kansas City, Mo., under whose general supervision the bridge will be erected. The B. C. legislature, in 1901, voted $500,000 for the erection of this bridge, and the engineers estimate that the total cost of the completed structure will be about $750,000.

MINING

British Columbia.

The Great Britain group of mines in the Lardeau district has been sold to United States people for $10,000.

According to current reports from Skagway a smelter is to be erected at Taku Arm, near Atlin River, for the reduction of Atlin ores.

Pittsburg people who held an option on the Ottawa mine, a Slocan property, have paid over their money and taken possession of the mine.

The Sunset mine, a Boundary property, has declared its fifth dividend, the amount being $6,000. This makes $30,000 distributed by this mine.

The Cinnabar Mining Company of British Columbia, Limited, at a recent meeting of shareholders, decided to reorganize and increase the capital stock from $100,000 to $500,000. This company has twelve claims near Kamloops Lake, and several years ago erected a furnace, with a capacity of 30 tons a day, for the treatment of their ore.

The Vancouver assay office received on Thursday last from the Bank of British North America $30,000 in gold dust, which arrived from the north on the steamer Amur. Not since the fall has such a large single shipment been received at the local assay office. The office has, however, been working constantly all winter on the reduction of gold arriving from all sections of the province, the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Negotiations for the sale to the Montreal & Boston Copper Company, owners of the Sunset mine in the Boundary district, of the pyritic smelter near Greenwood controlled by Price Brose, of Quebec, are practically completed. The price is believed to be in the neighborhood of $100,000. The present capacity of the smelter is 250 tons a day, but this will be increased by the new owners and the smelter improved in other ways. The output of the Sunset and other properties in Deadwood camp owned by the Montreal & Boston Company, will keep the smelter busy, but the company intends to increase its capacity to such an extent that they will be able to treat custom ore as well.

Northwestern Ontario.

Mining location AL282, on the Upper Seine River, will be worked this year.

The Ash Rapids Gold Company will operate some of its claims on the Lake of the Woods this year.

The machinery for the Twentieth Century stamp mill has arrived at Dinorwic, and is now being transported to the Manitou.

Interest is being revived in the platinum deposits which have been known for some years to exist on certain islands in the Lake of the Woods.

At a meeting of the directors of the Ottawa Gold Milling and Mining Company, held recently, it was decided to suspend operations at the Sakoose mine for an indefinite period.

Some of the ore from the Herman-Larson mine, near Dryden, was recently assayed at the government assay office, Belleville, and showed a value of $79 per ton. Early in the spring a compressor and stamp mill will probably be installed.

Miscellaneous.

Gradually the mind of the more farseeing investor is grasping the rich future that lies before the few companies having real estate in Johannesburg, or even in its immediate surroundings. During the past week we have seen a demand for Johannesburg and Barnato Consolidated shares from sources which represent the shrewdest and most far-seeing city men, and they are trying, of course, to obtain their interest without causing too sharp an upward movement in prices. We deal with the land position elsewhere in this week's issue, so that we need not refer again to the future prospects of the Gold City under a strong and stable government. It is, however, an undoubted fact that many of the mines just near the city will, when worked out, have a "further life" as building estates, and this is why those who hold the shares will not part with them even at a price which only gives a return of 6 to 7 per cent., which, it must be allowed, is distinctly poor for a mining venture.—London Stock Market Report.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received for all trades for a brick and stone residence for M. McManus, Winnipeg, corner Sutherland and Edmonton streets, up till 5 o'clock, March 7th inst., by S. Hooper, architect.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of from 10,000 to 15,000 barrels of cement will be received up to 8.30 p. m. on Thursday, March 20th.

The annual report of the Dominion department of agriculture, which was presented to parliament on Monday, shows that the department has forwarded the following to South Africa: Hay, 96,320 tons; flour, 38,255 bags; oats, 50,200 bags; beef, 40,722 cases; jams, 11,743 cases. The expenditure of the war office for this was $4,000,000. Before all the contracts are completed the amount will be about $7,000,000.