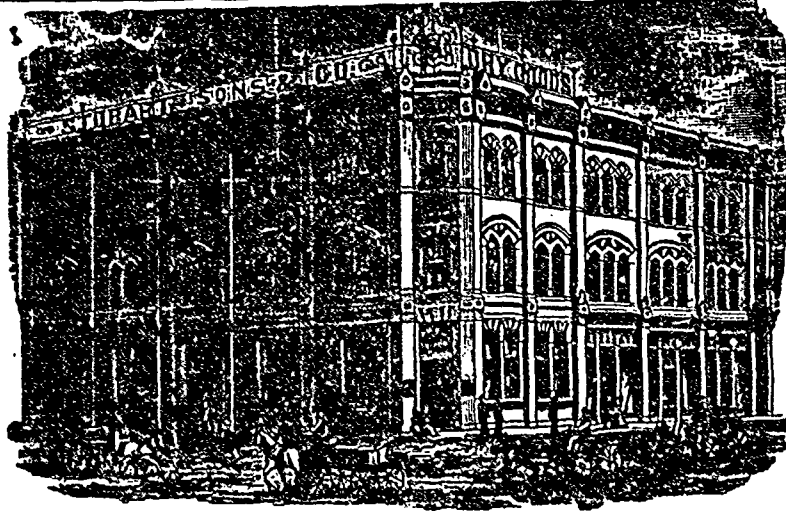


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Rates and Rates.

A good many changes in freight rates have been made of late, due to the inauguration of railway competition in Manitoba. A few weeks ago the C.P.R. Co. announced a new special tariff on grain, millstuffs, etc., giving a cut of three cents from Winnipeg and other Red River Valley points in Manitoba, to Port Arthur and Fort William. This tariff was last week superseded by a new list, which gives further reductions in grain, flour and millstuffs rates from all Manitoba points to Port Arthur, with the exception of Winnipeg and points which were given the three cent cut in the first tariff. This tariff is published in another column of this issue.

The first tariff issued by the Northern Pacific and Manitoba gave the local rates from Winnipeg to points on the Red River line as far as the international boundary, as follows:

Rates in cents per hundred pounds between Winnipeg and the boundary:

Winnipeg to	Morris.	West Lynne.	Boundary.
Class 1.....	34	44	46
" 2.....	29	37	29
" 3.....	27	30	32
" 4.....	19	24	25
" 5.....	18	22	23
" 6.....	12½	17½	18
" 7.....	11	13	14
" 8.....	12	14½	15
" 9.....	8	10½	11

	Cattle, Hogs or Sheep.	Horses and Mules.	Grain, Flour and Millstuffs.
	Dollars	Dollars	Cents per 100 lbs.
per car.			

Winnipeg to			
Morris.....	20	22	10
West Lynne.....	26	30	12
Boundary.....	26	32	12½

Cartage—First, second, third, fourth and fifth class rates include collection and delivery by the company's cartage agents, within the usual cartage limits, at Winnipeg. When traffic in sixth, seventh, eighth or tenth classes is teamed by the company's cartage agents, the expenses of the same will be added and collected in addition to the rate.

The local distance tariff, governing all business between local stations south of Winnipeg, is as follows:

Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
10 miles or under.	15	13	10	8	7	6½	6	7	5
20 miles or under.	21	18	14	11	10	8½	8	9	6
30 miles or under.	27	23	18	14	13	10½	9	11	7
40 miles or under.	31	26	21	16	15	12½	11	12	8
50 miles or under.	35	29	24	18	17	14½	12	13	9
60 miles or under.	39	33	26	20	18	16½	13	14	10
65 miles or under.	41	34	27	21	19	17½	13	14½	10½

Special carload rates are quoted: For grain, flour and millstuffs, 5 cents per 100 lbs. will be charged for ten miles and under; 7 cents for twenty miles, 9 cents for thirty miles, 10 cents for forty miles, 11 cents for fifty miles and 12 cents for sixty-five miles.

Following these announcements the N.P. published its tariff between Winnipeg and St. Paul, the same rate also applying to Minneapolis, Duluth and West Superior. The rate to and from points between Winnipeg and the boundary will be the same as from Winnipeg. Following are the N.P. rates as announced from Winnipeg to St. Paul, Duluth, etc., as compared with the rates charged by the C.P.R. from Winnipeg to Port Arthur, also showing the reduction:

Classes ..	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C.P.R. rate.	1.33	1.12	90	69	63	49½	35	35½	49½	29
N.P. rate.	1.16	98	80	66	57	47	35	35	35	27
Saving.....	17	14	10	03	06	02½	00	00½	14½	02

Of course it was not to be expected that the C.P.R. Co. would maintain their old rates in the face of this cut. A new tariff was at once issued, giving precisely the same rate to Lake Superior ports, as the N.P. had announced to St. Paul, Duluth, etc. The following shows the new C.P.R. rates as reduced, from Winnipeg to Port Arthur:

Classes ..	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Old rate...	1.33	1.12	90	69	63	49½	35	35½	49½	29
New rates.	1.16	98	80	66	57	47	35	35	35	27

These rates are available to base on in calculating lake and rail rates to and from eastern points. The present lake and rail rates from Toronto to Port Arthur, are:

Classes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rates	50	44	33	31	25	25	20	20	..	20

Adding rates from Winnipeg to Port Arthur to rates from Toronto to Port Arthur, and we have the following new through rates, lake and rail, from Toronto, Montreal, etc., to Winnipeg, as compared with the old rates.

Classes ..	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
Old rates.	1.82	1.55	1.27	99	87	72	55	56	49
New rates.	1.66	1.42	1.18	87	82	72	55	55	47
Saving....	16	13	09	02	05	00	00	01	02

Rates over the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba road from Winnipeg (connecting with the C.P.R. at the boundary) to Duluth, St. Paul, etc., will be the same as by the Northern Pacific.

The Northern Pacific has not yet published its rates from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast points, nor through rates to the East. It is expected that rates to the coast will show considerable reduction. It is also rumored that the C.P.R. will issue a new through all rail tariff; also a new general merchandise tariff from Winnipeg to western points.

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