

posed dam on the river alone would tax the money-raising power of the city to its last dollar, and as the scheme is incomplete without the connection with Lake Manitoba, which would raise the water power from 3,500 to 10,000 horse, it does look like folly to expend the last dollar the city can raise to secure a half completed work, especially when such work if undertaken by the city is a speculation outside of actual wants.

The Board of Trade at a well attended meeting held last Thursday pronounced in a most decided manner against the city making the expenditure for this work, and an overwhelming majority of the heavy tax payers agree with the Board. Still if the matter is submitted to the vote of the ratepayers it is hard to say what would be the result. The vote of the man assessed for \$500 has the same weight as that of the man assessed for \$500,000, and it is quite a conundrum how the mass of small property owners would vote, notwithstanding the fact that heavy tax payers are decidedly against adding more to the present large indebtedness of the city.

Montreal Markets.

GRAIN—The *Gazette* says: There was no important feature in the local grain market. Business continued quiet in Manitoba wheat on account of the light offerings and the high prices asked by holders, and such are away above and export basis. Quotation: No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.17 to \$1.18; No. 2 do. \$1.12

to \$1.14; peas, 77 to 78c per 66 lbs.; oats, 29 to 30c; barley, 50 to 55c.

Flour—Spring patent was quoted at \$5.00 to \$6.00.

Butter—Butter quiet and steady. Creamery is said to be held above the views of buyers. Quotations are given as follows: Creamery, 19 to 20c; Townships, 16 to 17½c; Morrisburg, 15 to 16c; Brockville, 15 to 16c; Western, 13½ to 14½c.

Cheese—The situation and course of prices very uncertain. Quotations are: finest colored 9 to 9½c; finest white, 8½c; medium to fine 8 3¼c.

Provisions—Prices are firm and the market mainly supplied with imported western. Prices are: Mess pork, western, per brl, \$15; hams, per lb, 11 to 11½c; bacon, per lb, 10 to 10½c; tallow, per lb, 6½ to 6.

Live stock—In butchers' stock a large volume of business was transacted. The bulk of the cattle offered for sale was grass-fed and the quality good. A few small lots of export cattle sold at 4½ to 4¾c; good butchers at 3½ to 4c; fair at 3½c to 3¾c, and common at 3c per lb. live weight. Live hogs were scarce, and what few were offered sold at 5½c to 5¾c per lb.

It is stated that the Brandon-Souris branch of the C. P. R. will only be constructed as far as Plum Creek this year. This portion of the road, however, will be a great help to the farmers of the district, in shortening their distance to market.

GRADSTONE Age: The amount of machinery brought here this season is something unprecedented. It is to be hoped that the crop will enable the farmers to meet their notes promptly, for it is easier getting into debt than out of it.

ONE of the most prolific crops of gophers is being harvested this year in Manitoba. At Crystal City the other day, the farmers brought in so many that the municipal treasury was cleaned right out—over 50,000 tails being offered in one day, so it is supposed that what the farmers will lose by the drought this year they will gain by gopher tails.—*Morden Monitor*.

PILOT MOULD Sentinel: A shower of rain on Tuesday has added to the improvement that has been taking place in the appearance of the crops. There are many good fields of wheat in this neighbourhood, and judging from these there should be a good yield where the ground is new. Wm. Moffat has a field of seventy acres that looks as if it might produce about 25 bushels to the acre. J. Moffat has two large fields of very good wheat. Robinson has a very fine field of sixty acres.

The contract for the construction of the Winnipeg Transfer railway along the river front, has been awarded to J. W. Buchanan, railway and bridge contractor.

THE partnership subsisting between W. G. Hulse and Thomas Manley, blacksmiths and carriage builders, Winnipeg, has been dissolved. The business will in future be carried on by W. G. Hulse alone.

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