

### Denies the Charge.

Mr. F. Cloutier states that the report of the suit for recovery of certain goods purchased by him, shows many serious misrepresentations. He denies absolutely the allegation that he obtained any goods by false pretenses. When he went east in February he called on Doull & Gibson of Montreal, plaintiffs in the present action, and purchased \$375 worth of goods, which they shipped, and which Mr. Cloutier refused to accept when they reached here, a line of credit on which he had been depending having been withdrawn in the meantime. On the occasion of this visit to Montreal the question of a chattel mortgage or Mr. Cloutier's financial standing, Mr. Cloutier claims, never arose. Mr. Cloutier says he wished to reduce his order but Doull & Gibson's traveller persuaded him to take more; this and the fact that other wholesale dealers shipped more than he ordered, Mr. Cloutier maintains, is a strong evidence that they had every confidence in his integrity. He says that he challenges them to prove any of the allegations made in court reflecting on his honesty, and in order to clear himself of the imputations made he has instructed his solicitors to enter suit for \$10,000 for libel and slander.

### Oatmeal Duty.

The government evidently does not intend to do anything in regard to remedying the tariff discrimination against oatmeal milling in Canada, and which has led to the closing up of the oatmeal mills in Manitoba this season. This is a matter for regret. There seems to be no reason whatever why this discrimination should be retained. It could only have been an oversight in the first place in fixing the duty in the way it is, and when an error or oversight is discovered, there should be no hesitancy in remedying it. Not only are the western mills forced to close by this unjust and unreasonable discrimination, but the effect is also to give the western markets into the hands of United States millers, to the exclusion of the product of the mills of Eastern Canada.

### Alberta.

V. H. Mott, hotel, Lacombe, has given up business.

I. N. Burdick, has opened business in furniture at Lacombe.

Burch & Co., general store keepers, Red Deer, have sold out their hardware stock to Piper & Co.

Hughson & Mills, bakery, South Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Hughson.

Ira Worth, late of Bradley, Illinois, is opening a jewelry store at South Edmonton. M. A. Worth, of the same place, is opening in the real estate and loan business at South Edmonton.

### Northwest Ontario.

Gold discoveries are reported from North Bay district.

The store next to the Hotel at Port Arthur, is being fitted up for John McDonald, who will shortly open business in fruit and confectionery.

Abel Denley, late of the Rat Portage Lumber company, and P. H. Austin, late of the Hudson's Bay Company, Rat Portage, have formed a

partnership, and have opened in the commission and general agency line at Rat Portage.

### Dairy Trade Items.

The cheese cable advanced 1s on white to 42s on Saturday last.

Butter opened rather easier again at Montreal this week, with sales at 17c. The receipts are increasing.

J. W. Mitchell, who managed the creamery at Whitewood last year, will this year manage a new government creamery at Churchbridge, Assa.

### Winnipeg Inland Revenue Returns.

The inland revenue collections in the Winnipeg district during April were as follows:

Spirits .....	\$20,699.25
Malt .....	2,349.46
Tobacco, mfd. ....	14,795.50
Tobacco, raw leaf ..	144.30
Cigars .....	1,579.65
Petroleum insp. fees ..	95.40
Licenses .....	37.50

Total .....

Collections April, 1897 .....

Decrease .....

### Financial Notes.

The Manitoba Trusts Co. will increase their capital stock from \$100,000 to \$250,000 paid up.

There is an opening for a branch of a chartered bank or a private bank at Fort Frances, says the local paper of that place.

At the last meeting of the council the by-law to raise \$8,000 for an addition to the east ward school at Portage la Prairie, Man., was advanced.

### Tenders.

Smellie Bros. & Co., Russell, Man., ask for tenders for a store building.

Tenders for buildings and sidewalks at the Winnipeg Exhibition grounds are called for.

Tenders for the erection of a stone school house at Napinka, Man., are called. Estimated cost about \$4,000.

### Movements of Business Men

J. W. Peck returned Saturday from a trip to Vancouver.

D. C. Cameron, of the Rat Portage Lumber company, was in the city yesterday.

A. W. Lusher, representing W. R. Johnston & Co., Toronto, arrived from the west yesterday.

A. Allen, wholesale furs, of Toronto, who has been in the west for a few weeks, returned east this week.

A. A. Mackenzie, formerly of the firm of Mackenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, but now of Rosshead, B. C., was in the city last week.

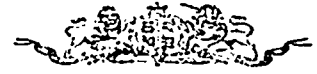
The commissioner of the Hudson's Bay company left Winnipeg this week for Vancouver to superintend arrangements for outfitting the Yukon field force, now en route west.

Bread is higher in Winnipeg, some bakers giving only 16 two-pound loaves of their best bread for \$1. Prices, however, are irregular, owing to competition among the bakers. Some bakers offer a second grade at 5c per loaf, retail prices.

### British Cattle Markets.

London, May 2.—Trade in cattle and sheep to-day was slower, and for United States and Argentine, prices declined 1c to 1 1/2c, but Canadians were sustained. Choice United States cattle sold at 11 1/4-1c; choice Canadian at 11c and Argentine at 9 1/2-2c. Sheep were 1c lower at 10 1/2c.

Liverpool, May 2.—Market unchanged at 11 1/4c for choice United States and 11c for choice Canadian cattle.



### TENDERS.

Sealed tenders marked "For Mounted Police Provisions and Light Supplies," and "Clothing Supplies," addressed to the Honourable the President of the Privy Council, Ottawa, will be received up to noon on Monday, 16th May, 1898.

Printed forms of tender containing full information as to the articles and approximate quantities required, may be had on application as follows:

"Provisions and Light Supplies," at any of the Mounted Police Posts in the Northwest, or at the office of the undersigned. "Clothing Supplies," at the office of the undersigned.

No tender will be received unless made on such printed forms.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Canadian bank cheque for an amount equal to ten per cent of the total value of the articles tendered for, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the service contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

No payment will be made to newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority having been first obtained.

FRED. WHITE,

Comptroller N. W. M. Police,  
Ottawa, April 26th, 1898.



### TENDERS.

Sealed tenders marked "For Mounted Police Provisions and Light Supplies, Yukon District," and addressed to the Honourable the President of the Privy Council, Ottawa, will be received up to noon on Saturday, 7th May, 1898.

Printed forms of tender containing full information as to the articles and quantities required, may be had on application to Superintendent A. B. Perry, N. W. Mounted Police, Vancouver, B. C., or at the office of the undersigned.

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Ottawa, 14th April, 1898.