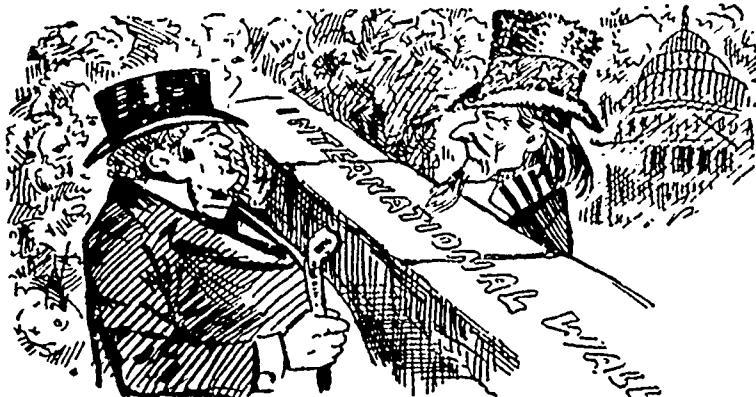


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John Bull on one side of the wall, Uncle Jonathan on the other. Find Sir John Thompson's face in the above cut.

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played havoc generally. The fourth of the month has passed without any trouble. There has been considerable financing, but generally the day was got over nicely.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are very scarce in the city and the price is quite high in the meantime. There are said to be large quantities in pits in the country which will be brought forward when the weather becomes fine enough to open the pits. Onions are also scarce and high. Advice has been received that a combination has been formed among the orange growers of Riverside, Cal. In view of this, dealers in Los Angeles oranges are offering their fruit at figures away below those asked for the celebrated Riverside brands, and stating that they are equal in quality. They are evidently anticipating, in view of the combination to sell their fruit at a greater profit than in former seasons. The orange crop in California is very prolific this season, and in all probability this market will feel the benefit of lively competition among the jobbers and consequently cheap oranges. The general indications are that small fruits will also be in large supply this summer.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Navels	3 50 @ 4 00
Riverside Seedlings	2 50 @ 3 00
Lemons—California	5 00 @ 0 00
Sicily	6 00 @ 0 00
Bananas, bunch	2 50 @ 3 50
Apples—Red	1 50 @ 1 75
Green	1 50 @ 0 00
Canadian, bbls	6 00 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local	per ton 18 00 @ 20 00
Onions—Red California	2 1/2 @
Oregon Silverskins	2 1/2 @

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 77 50
Best China rice	100 00
China rice No. 1	70 00
Rice flour	70 00
Chit rice	25 00
Rice Meal	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The butter market is slightly firmer. It is said that there is quite a heavy stock of eastern creamery in the Province, almost sufficient, it is believed, to last until the new Manitoba butter comes in. Some dealers are of the opinion that there will be very little California roll imported this spring; an effort will certainly be made to keep it out as much as possible with eastern creamery. Eggs are very scarce and high in the meantime. Smoked meats and lard continue scarce. Quotations are to a great extent nominal, as stock is scarce and prices are high. California dried fruits are still advancing, and the feeling is quite strong. Prices are a shade higher, and as the visible supply for the season grows less, there will probably be a steady advance in prices. The third advance in American canned meats has taken place. Corned and roast beef, 1 lb., has advanced 20c per doz., do., 2 lbs., 25c per doz; lunch tongue, 1 lb., 45c, do., 2 lbs, 55c, and other varieties in proportion. American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows: Roast corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., \$1.30; do. 2's per doz., \$2.10; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.35; do. 2's, \$5.00. Ar-

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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Although business has suffered considerably in several lines during the past week, on account of the stormy weather, still there has been a corresponding activity in

other lines. The impeding of traffic by the snow has done more than anything else to depress trade. Grocery, provision and feed dealers have done their usual steady trade. Coal dealers have had a boom, in fact it was almost impossible to supply the immediate demands during the week. Boot and shoe dealers have felt the benefit of the cold snap in the heavy demand for rubber goods. The dry goods trade have not derived the benefit they would have enjoyed had this cold spell been a month earlier. The demand for winter clothing has been light, for the great majority of consumers have contented themselves to pull through a short spell without incurring the expense of winter clothing. The plumbing trade will have a rushing business, as the frost has