

PORK

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BACON.

The stock of last season is getting very low and rules steady at 8c to 8½c for long clear in tons and cases; Cumberland 7½c to 8c; new rolls are quoted at 11½c for car lots; 12c for tons and cases; bellies at 14c.

HAMS

There have been none in the market; smoked are wanted at 15c.

LARD

is quiet and unchanged at 11c to 11½c for tinnets and pails. Tierces of new have sold at 10½c.

APPLES

No movement in car lots. Choice cooking are worth \$3.25. On the street \$2.50 to \$3.00 is paid for fair to good, for very choice \$3.50.

SUNDRIES.

Dried apples 9½c to 10c; oatmeal per 136 lbs, \$4.25 to \$4.40; cornmeal \$3.55 to \$3.62.

THE engineers of the Rapid City Central Railway have reached Rapid City. The distance from Brandon to Rapid City by the stakes is 18½ miles. An easy grade out of the Assiniboine valley has been obtained; also a good crossing of the Little Saskatchewan. It is expected that the line will be located as far as Fort Ellice this season.

MORDEN is progressing rapidly. Penner & Schultz have furnished a fine new store and warehouse; Johns & Shipman have completed a fine store with plate glass front; Clerihue's new store is approaching completion. Joseph Rinn is putting up a large livery and sale stable; McKay's new hotel is about furnished; Mr. Brown, late of Mountain City, is putting up a handsome store, which will be completed in about two weeks. Several fine private residences are built and occupied. Ogilvie and McMillan Bros., of Winnipeg, both have buyers at this point. The price paid for wheat is 70c.

The *Gazette* of the 23rd ult., speaking of the state of business at Fort Macleod says: sales have been very steady and active; no grain is being marketed, probably on account of the bad roads. Prices of provisions are quoted as follows: Flour per sack \$6 to \$8; oats per lb 3c; potatoes per lb 4c; onions 14c; butter 50c; cheese 35c; hams 25c; bacon 23c; beefsteak 15c; eggs per doz \$1; brown sugar per sack \$15; granulated \$18. Men are very scarce; wages are: Cowboys, per month with board \$50 to \$60; wagon boss \$100 to \$125; teamsters \$50; cooks \$50 to \$60; farm laborers \$40 to \$50; carpenters, per day, \$5; blacksmiths \$5; laborers, with board, \$2; board at the restaurants, per week, \$8 to \$9.

THE Department of Agriculture have shipped to Great Britain nine half bushel samples of the Red Fife wheat which carried off the first prizes at the recent Provincial Exhibition at Portage la Prairie. These samples will be exhibited in Great Britain at the following offices and places: 1—The High Commissioner for Canada, 9 Victoria Chambers, London, S.W.; 2—The Corn Exchange, Mark Lane, London; 3—The Corn Exchange, Liverpool; 4—The Dominion Government Immigration Agency, 15 Water street, Liverpool; 5—The office of the Miller, 24 Mark Lane, London; 6—The Hud-

son's Bay Company's office, 1 Linco street London; 7—The Canadian Pacific Railway offices, 101 Cannon street London; 8—The Highland Agricultural Society's offices, George the Fourth Bridge, Edinburgh; 9—The Corn Exchange, Edinburgh. Three similar sized samples have also been sent to the corn exchanges at Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton respectively.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade, to discuss the customs and tariff acts, the following resolutions were passed:—That a memorial be presented to the Minister of Customs, requesting: 1st, That the customs act and tariff act be consolidated; 2nd, That an addition be made to the staff of Dominion appraisers; 3rd, That a classification or tabular schedule of merchandise and rates of duty imposed thereon be published under the authority of the Minister, similar to that in use in the States; 4th, That greater publicity be given to Orders-in-Council and departmental regulations; 5th, That the power of appraisers be limited in respect to similitude clauses and be instructed to make their application more definite; 6th, That the appraisement at the port of entry be made final, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Customs where no dispute between appraisers occurs; 7th, That forfeiture of enclosures be made imperative only where evidences of intent to fraud are shown; 8th, In refund sections that longer time be given within which to apply for the same.

NOTICE is given in the *Canada Gazette*, by William Lethbridge, A. T. Galt, W. Ford and E. T. Galt, for the incorporation of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company to construct a railway from a point on the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Medicine Hat to the coal mines on Belly river, now being worked by the Northwestern Coal and Navigation Company, with power to extend the same westwardly to Fort Macleod, with all necessary powers to lease or amalgamate with any other railway, and to build branches for the purposes of developing the settlement of the country and the company's business. Also, with power to purchase, acquire or amalgamate with the Northwestern Coal and Navigation Company, limited, and after such acquisition thereof, to operate the mines of the said company and generally exercise the powers belonging to the same. And further to acquire, purchase or amalgamate with any other company formed or to be formed under the "English Companies Acts, 1862 to 1880," for the purpose of constructing the said railway and operating the mines of the said Northwestern Coal and Navigation Company, limited.

The Raw Fur Trade.

In seals there has been an advance since the last March sales in London of about five per cent. There is a marked advance indicated in the American market, but as the Canadian market is always steady in comparison, it is not likely that prices here will go much above the present. Persian lamb, a great Canadian staple, has fallen 10 per cent. at the sales in Russia, owing chiefly to the supplies for the army having been filled last year. For this reason, also, a better class of material has been thrown on the market, so that for next season we will pro-

bably have not only lower prices, but a better quality of goods for our market. At the London sales bear has fallen ten per cent.; musk-ox rules at old prices, and, though dear, will still be in good request in Canada. The demand for mink for this market is markedly on the decrease, and will probably continue, though the supply of this fur is large. Martin, otter, skunk and muskrat will show little or no change in relation to this market.—*Dominion Dry Goods Report.*

European Telegraph Lines.

The following list shows the lengths in kilo, metres (1 kilometre $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) of the telegraph lines throughout the continent: Germany, 260,636, of which 37,604 are underground; France, 211,607, (11,656 underground); Russia, 223,538, (250 underground); Austria, 92,572, (571 underground); Italy, 89,150; Switzerland, 16,155, (327 underground); Hungary, 54,852; Belgium, 27,922, (232 underground); Sweden, 29,879; Netherlands, 14,133, (591 underground); Spain, 40,742; Denmark, 8,540, (79 underground); Norway, 15,601; Rumania, 8,662 (56 underground); Portugal, 10,964; Greece, 4,614; Bosnia, 3,180; Luxemburg, 536; Serbia, 3,134; Bulgaria, 3,400. In Germany there are 4,388 inhabitants to each telegraph station; in France, 6,442; in Russia, 27,091; in Austria, 8,504; in Switzerland, 10,850; in Sweden, 5,794; in Spain, 43,338; and in Norway 7,411.

Where he Gained.

Twenty years ago there was an old farmer living out about 100 miles from New York who took forty pounds of dried apples to the village merchant, and was told that the price was four cents per pound.

"I'll be darned if I submit to this extortion any longer!" he exclaimed. "Why, they are quoted in Horace Greeley's paper at 7 cents!"

"Hain't you better take 'em to New York?"

"I'll be kicked if I don't!"

And he did. When he came home and figured up, he said to his wife:

"Wall, Hanner, it cost me \$8 to come and go, \$2 tavern bill, and maybe a little extra for tobacco."

"Then you lost by the trip?"

"Yas, kinder lost one way, but in another I got my tea for four cents a pound less than Jackson sells it, and I tell you four cents don't grow on every thistle!"—*Wall Street News.*

PRINCE ALBERT.

Wymerskirch & Burke have dissolved partnership. Mr. Burke continues the business.

Robt. Elliott, the new mail contractor, has bought the outfit belonging to M. McLean, his predecessor. Mr. Elliott's contract commenced on the 6th. The mail arrives every Monday and leaves on Tuesday.

There is considerable excitement here over the location of the telegraph office. It is to be hoped that some central position will be taken. It is expected to have this line in operation very shortly. The poles are all up and the wires are being strung.