

marked. Five years ago flour in Manitoba was at \$3.50 per hundred, now worth \$1.90. Hams which were then worth 20c. per pound are now worth 14 to 15c., and bacon which brought 19 to 20c. is now worth 11c. "Eggs (do not mention them). We had them in barrels stale as Egyptian mummies, and gathered from all parts at 35 to 40c., and during the dead of the winter the hens cornered the market up to 50c. What really fresh eggs brought we cannot give an estimate; but at the present time they sell at 20 to 22c. Prime butter was then sold at 33 to 35c., and a quality a little better than axle grease at about 25c. Now prime sells at 17 to 18c. and the other quality is unknown. Then our butchers supplied neckyoke steaks and mahogany roast beef at 25c. a pound, and now first-class steaks and roasts can be had at 14 to 15c." In all these articles except the butchers meat, wholesale quotations, have been given.

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Those of the residents or visitors, says the writer, who indulged in drinks can well remember the thimble-like glasses of beer at two-for-a-quarter, and compare them with the flowing goblet full that can now be had for five cents. But the expense of living was not all confined to the eating and drinking in these by gone days. Fuel was double the price it now is, and the supply was both irregular and poor in quality. As to the item of house rent, "A good seven or eight apartment house, frame built, rented in those days for \$40 to \$50 per month, and the same houses can now be had, overhauled, repaired and much improved, at \$15, and plenty at \$10 to \$12. The supply of good domestic servants now is as good as anywhere in Canada, and although their pay is much higher than in the east, the days of \$25 and \$30 a month for a competent domestic are past.

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—A stock company is being formed in Boston which expects to control the entire sorghum crop of the country. It will use a new patent process.

—Friend—"Don't you have a great many drummers coming in and boring you with their samples and their talk?" Merchant—"A good many drummers come in here, but they don't bore me." "Don't they ask you to look at their samples?" "No." "Don't they ask you to give them orders?" "No; they go right out without saying a word." "How do you manage to get rid of them?" "It's the simplest thing in the world. I put a plug hat and an open grip-sack on the counter every morning. When a drummer sees the signs of another drummer being on the premises he goes off. Every ten minutes in the day a drummer comes to the door, looks at the grip-sack, and then goes away, and I am left in peace."—*Texas Siftings.*

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