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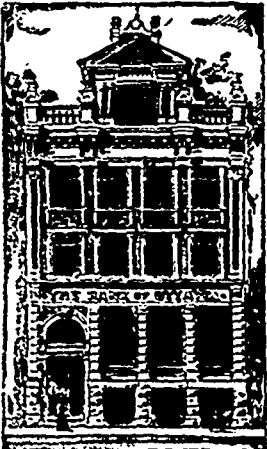
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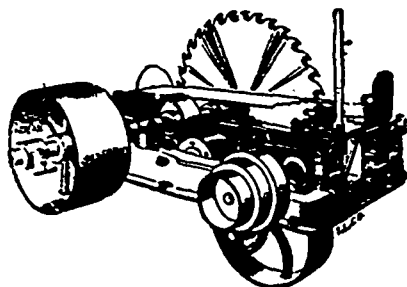
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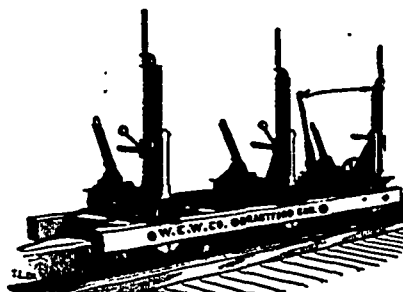


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WINNIPEG, MARCH 4, 1899.

## THE PETROLEUM MONOPOLY

We have heard a good deal about the coal oil monopoly of late. The Standard Oil company of the United States went about the work of securing a monopoly of the oil trade in Canada so quietly, that the whole business was successfully carried through before the public had any knowledge of what was going on. It seems nevertheless certain that the Standard Oil company now has complete control of the refining industry in Canada, and is carrying on the business in this country under the name of the Imperial Oil Co.—an old and well known Canadian company.

One of the first effects of the monopoly in our oil trade, is a compact between the oil company and the railway companies, whereby an additional protection has been secured to the Canadian refiners, against competition from the United States. The Standard Oil company does not control all the refining business in the United States. Some of these independent refiners have been sending their oil into Canada, to compete with the monopoly here. Monopolies of course do not like competition, and it is a part of their creed to destroy all such competition, by fair means or foul. The Standard Oil company is an old hand at the business and is no doubt well versed in the ways of monopoly. To choke off the competition

from the independent refiners in the United States, they succeeded in inducing the two big Canadian railway companies (the Canadian Pacific Railway and Grand Trunk Railway companies) to make a discriminating freight rate against oil coming from the United States. Not content with the enormous duty of 5 cents per gallon on refined petroleum, the railway companies were induced to add to this by means of discriminating freight tariffs. The companies by their tariff issued on October last advanced the through rate per 100 pounds on oil from Toledo to Montreal from 20 1-2 cents to 46 1-2 cents, from Buffalo to Montreal from 17 1-2 cents to 35 1-2 cents, and from Buffalo to Hamilton from 10 1-2 cents to 16 1-2 cents. By a later tariff the railway companies on Jan. 6 advanced the local rates in Ontario on United States petroleum and its products over 50 per cent, while the local rates on Canadian petroleum and its products remained the same as formerly. These railway discriminations were brought before the railway committee at Ottawa, when the railways agreed to withdraw the discrimination against United States oil in their local tariff of January 6, but the tariff on oil from points in the United States has been maintained, and will receive further consideration from the committee.

It would be interesting to know by what means the oil monopoly was able to influence the railway companies to resort to such scandalous discrimination. That the monopoly has been able to induce two powerful railway companies to resort to such questionable practice, should be an eye-opener to the people of Canada, giving as it does such a striking lesson of the baneful effects of monopoly.

The Canadian oil industry has long enjoyed a very heavy rate of protection from foreign competition, the duty of 5 cents per gallon on refined petroleum being equal to a tax of 50 to 90 per cent on the first cost of the oil at United States refineries. If the industry could not thrive with such heavy protection, it should be allowed to die. Such a heavy tax against the consumer, on such a staple article as illuminating oil, would appear to be a greater detriment to the country than the destruction of the oil industry. When it comes to adding a few cents per gallon to this protection, in the shape of discriminating railway freights, it is time to see that protection to this industry should cease. The plea that the discrimination is made in favor of a Canadian industry against a foreign competitor, should not be considered for a moment. It is a rascally piece of business, directed against the consumer. If we wish

to add to the enormous protection enjoyed by our oil industry, there is a legal way of doing it. This underhand business, at which the Standard Oil company has proved such an adept in the United States, must not be tolerated in Canada.

## WASTING OUR HERITAGE.

It is announced from Victoria that the new government of British Columbia will repeal the railway subsidies voted by the previous administration. This is a bold, but in the opinion of The Commercial a very wise move. Our governments, both federal and provincial, have been altogether too lavish in their voting away of the public domain to railway corporations. In no part of the Dominion has this nefarious policy been carried to greater excess than in British Columbia. Take for instance the British Columbia Southern railway. In this case a charter was granted to a syndicate of schemers for a railway through East Kootenay, and along with the charter the company was voted a large area of rich mineral territory, including the famous coal deposits along the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The company sold the charter and a portion of the territory for a large sum of money and still retained a property worth an enormous amount. The coal deposits of East Kootenay are believed to be amongst the most valuable in the world. The territory retained by the owners of the British Columbia Southern charter is undoubtedly worth many millions of dollars. Thus by the grace of the British Columbia legislature a few schemers are made millionaires, while the province is virtually robbed of its natural wealth. There is probably wealth enough in the coal deposits of East Kootenay to build hundreds of miles of railway even through the mountains of British Columbia, besides providing a rich revenue for the people. Why should not the province have retained this vast wealth and used it for the development of the country. It is high time that this granting of the public domain to railways and corporations should entirely cease. If we must bonus railways, let it be in cash. This granting of the public domain is sowing seeds of evil for the future of our country. Those who so lightly vote away the great heritage which should be the glory of our country, are committing a crime which will bring upon them the curse of posterity. The resources in land, minerals, timber, etc., which is of was our national heritage (for much has been already squandered), if properly administered and conserved for the benefit of the nation, would no doubt in time provide all the revenue required by the country, without assistance from any other mode of taxation.

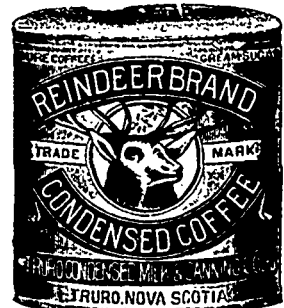
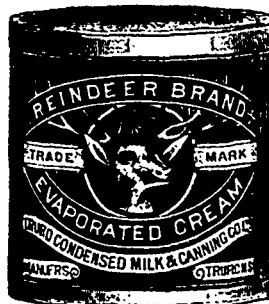
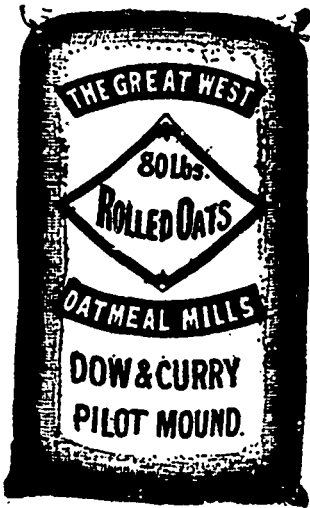
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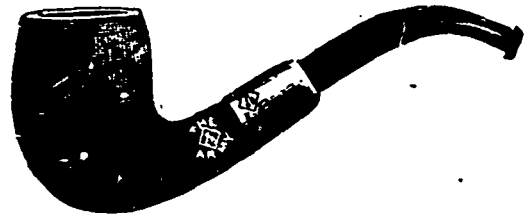


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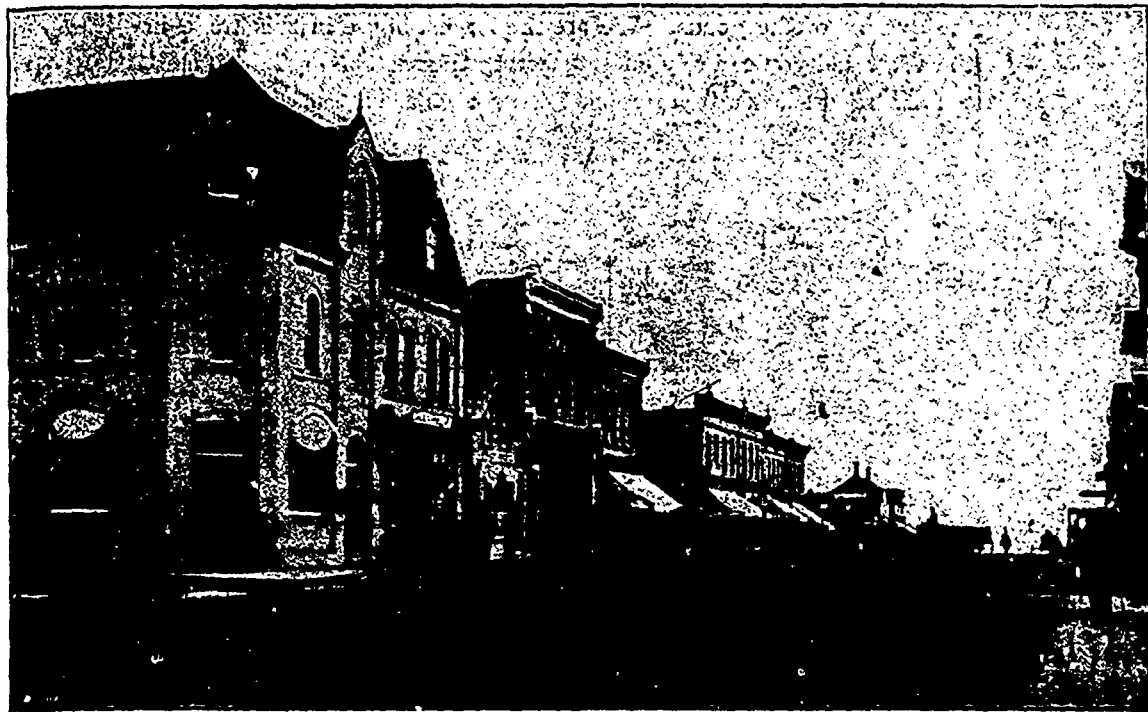
### Eastern Assinibola Towns.

In a previous letter, which appeared in *The Commercial* a few weeks ago, observations were made upon the most noticeable evidences of progress in the towns along the main line of the C.P.R. in Manitoba between Winnipeg and the western boundary of the province. It is now proposed to take up the same

era Canada. Moosomin supports two lumber yards and these each report a large volume of business for 1898. Both in town and country a great deal of building was done. *The Spectator*, the local paper here, is a widely read and influential publication. Among the projected enterprises for 1899 is a new and independent elevator which the local merchants propose to erect.

Wapella has a flour mill which brings considerable business to its merchants.

Whitewood is a most interesting place. It is best known for an experiment of some years ago in the cultivation of chicory and sugar beets, an industry which was established by a number of French colonists who settled in this neighborhood. It is also



VIEW IN MOOSOMIN FROM UNION BANK BUILDING

theme in its application to the business centres of Assinibola as far west as Indian Head, as seen during the short visit to each of these by a Commercial representative.

Moosomin is the gateway town of Assinibola in the east. It is the centre of a well-settled and prosperous farm-

This is to counteract the keen competition of neighboring towns in wheat buying.

Wapella is a town of about 400 inhabitants. It is splendidly situated with a commanding view of the surrounding country. Although not so large as some of its neighbors

a ranching centre of considerable importance. The town bears evidence of the foreign ideas of many of its inhabitants and contains some very quaint looking buildings, the homes of its French citizens, built after the models to which they have been accustomed in the old country. It must not



PRINCIPAL BUSINESS STREET IN INDIAN HEAD

ing district and bears evidence in the plan of its streets and buildings of unusual care and taste in their construction. Some of its stores are exceptionally large and well stocked, that of H. L. McNaughton, general merchant, being most conspicuous in this respect. Very few finer establishments can be found anywhere in west-

Wapella is an important grain market and will no doubt in time become an important centre. As showing the rate at which it is growing it may be said that during the past two years no less than thirty-two business and private buildings have been erected. G. E. Nugent is now adding a large addition to his implement prem-

be supposed that French is the preponderating nationality here, as in reality there are not many of these people left. English-speaking people are now largely in the majority. It is interesting to note, though, in passing, that there are no less than thirteen different nationalities represented in this town,

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each having a considerable sprinkling of representatives. The industries above mentioned have not so far been found to be successful and many of the settlers have turned their attention in other directions. Sheep farming, which was entered into by some, has also been unprofitable so far, but it is thought that hereafter with greater knowledge of the requirements that returns will be secured for the labor and capital expended. The business community of Whitewood is a very representative and enterprising one and shows some growth as a result of the prosperity of 1898. Duquette & Co., general merchants, are selling out and E. Rollins has purchased the Windsor hotel business. These are the latest business changes.

Grenfell is unique for the number of stone buildings which it possesses. Some of these are of handsome design and give an unusually substantial appearance to the town. Much of the business done here comes from a German settlement which lies on its north side and which contains upwards of 300 families. The town boasts now of a splendidly equipped flour mill, up-to-date in both its machinery and arrangements. It has also a private bank. The latest addition to the business community is E. A. Walker, who bought out the hardware business formerly owned by Franks about two months ago. D. D. Macdonald, general merchant, opened here in March, 1899.

Wolseley is an important town and a well known grain market. It is growing rapidly and has recently added some new business blocks. One of these is occupied by the drug hall of A. D. Ferguson. Another is the Banbury block, occupied by a hardware store. A. P. Manson, a leading general merchant here, has recently formed a partnership with one of his brothers and has added to his already extensive stock the whole of the bankrupt stock of F. Hockin, of this place. Manson Bros., also carry on a store at Sintaluta, the next town west. This is also an important milling point. Sintaluta is one of the newest towns in Assinibola and one of the most flourishing. Last year it received several additions to its business community and a number of others are expected this year. The number of build-

ings was more than doubled during 1898. The oldest concern here is the general store of E. J. Brooks & Co., a branch of their Indian Head business, D. J. Dutton & Co. were also among the first comers. They propose doubling their store capacity this year. G. L. Hunt opened a butcher shop in July last. E. H. Williams, hardware merchant, moved here from Binscarth, Manitoba, last summer and immediately commenced the erection of a new store building. This is now ready for use. D. Clayton is the latest comer, having opened a harness shop on Jan. 10th. Magee & Thompson, lumber dealers, of Wolseley, have a yard at this point and report their sales in both town and country for 1898 as have been unusually large.

Indian Head is famous as a market town of the Bell and Brassey farms, the former being at one time one of the largest wheat farms in America. These are now being broken up and parcelled out to smaller holders with considerable advantage to the town, as it was found that the to-zanza farms prevented settlement and stifled the growth of the town. Within the past year Indian Head has made rapid progress. Its buildings are of brick mostly, and are large and substantial. One of the largest busi-

ness buildings in the Territories is located here, a three storey brick block, one end of which is occupied by the Royal hotel, of which A. Davidson is proprietor, and the balance of the block is divided into stores. The stores of Indian Head are stocked with the finest and most fashionable goods, and some of them were obliged to increase their capacity last year. Among others E. J. Brooks & Co. have moved into more commodious quarters. R. W. McLeod, general merchant, moved here from Portage la Prairie in November last. It is expected that a flour mill will be erected at this point this year.

The views of Indian Head, given herewith, are from a handsome special number recently published by the Indian Head Vidette, and kindly loaned to The Commercial.

In a future issue some other towns of Assinibola, including Regina, the capital of the Northwest Territories, and Prince Albert, in Saskatchewan, will be dealt with.

### Manitoba Produce in British Columbia.

J. Y. Griffin, of J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, returned recently from a trip to British Columbia, where his firm have extensive business interests. He reports that great improvements have been made at Victoria and Vancouver since his last visit to these coast cities and building is very active this season. Business was good, and a large trade was being done at these points in outfitting mining parties, though there was not the same Klondike rush as a year ago.

Naturally Mr. Griffin gave special attention to the trade in Manitoba and Territorial products in the British Columbia market. In this respect he found a great deal of dissatisfaction on the part of the British Columbia jobbers, in regard to the quality of the produce shipped to these markets. These complaints were much more emphatic than at the time of his last visit about a year ago, from which it would seem that our shippers have not been exercising proper care in many instances. Mr. Griffin suggested that possibly the unusually wet weather last summer and fall had affected the keeping quality of dairy goods to some extent, though this, he thought, was only a partial cause of the trouble. The difficulty, he felt sure, has its origin in the custom of holding goods too long in the hope of obtaining a little better price.



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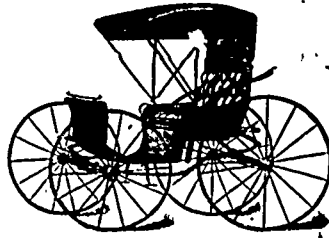
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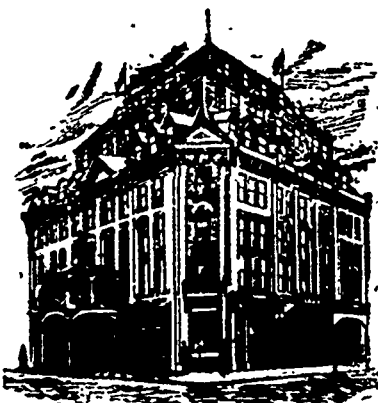
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Another feature Mr. Griffin noticed at the coast cities is the extreme competition in the produce trade. There were altogether too many in this business. The conditions were similar to what they were in Winnipeg years ago, when men and firms in other lines of trade also handled produce. It would be far better for this branch of trade in the coast cities if it were left to those who understand the produce business and have proper facilities for handling it.


The public cold storage warehouse in Vancouver, Mr. Griffin said, will be enlarged this year at a cost of \$30,000.

**Business at Vancouver.**

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—There was a nervousness in the British Columbia wholesale market this week which might indicate rapid fluctuations in the near future. Although cheese is quoted at 10c in the east on the other side of the long haul it can scarcely be sold here at 12c, but the early makes bought when cheese was much cheaper in Ontario and Winnipeg are about consumed and jobbers say that when these stocks are exhausted the advance will be very sharp. That will likely be within the next 15 or 20 days. Creamery butter is selling at 25c, the best being firm at that price. The stock of creamery is very low, but jobbers are afraid of purchasing in any quantity, as this commodity costs 24c to lay down at British Columbia points on the coast, and they fear the influx of California butter. The United States article is too high yet to warrant British Columbia shipments, but wholesalers state that they expect an early decline in San Francisco when the California butter may for a short time entirely take the place of the Manitoba butter and will sell much lower than the present prices. The mild weather is enabling the British Columbia ranchers to bring their eggs to market, which is having an effect on the market and excellent fresh local eggs are being retailed at 35 cents. Potatoes are scarce and Ashcroft are about off the market. \$20 being cheerfully offered for the few that are obtainable. Fruit is becoming much cheaper. Oats have made a sharp advance of \$2 a ton.


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pect in the scheme to erect a saw mill on a portion of Stanley Park, Vancouver—known as Dead Man's Island—the additional industry in Vancouver will be a great boon to the city. The scheme is backed by millionaire capitalists of Chicago, and their representative here, Mr. Ludgate, states that the mill will employ about 800 hands counting those employed in the lumber camps, and will have a capacity of 200,000 feet per day. The Hastings mill, in spite of the fact that Japanese were largely employed, was worth to Vancouver thousands of dollars a month, and now that three mills capable of turning out half a million feet a day will soon be running in Vancouver harbor—one of them employing white labor only—an era of added prosperity seems to be imminent. The opposition to the alleged desecration of Stanley Park by a noisy, smoky, industry, is very strong, but comes mainly from residents who have spent large sums for the purpose of securing a picturesque view of the Inlet from their breakfast rooms, and who will now get the full benefit of the screech of the mill whistle and the orchestra of hammers and saws—and those politicians who wish to make capital out of the fact, that the concession was secured from the government on the quiet, in the face of the fact that the city itself was striving to get the island for the city. The deal, however, is closed and the lease is in the possession of Mr. Ludgate. It is for 25 years at \$500 a year.

J. H. Ashdown, of Winnipeg, is on his way, accompanied by other members of his family, for an extended trip to Europe and points of interest in the Mediterranean.

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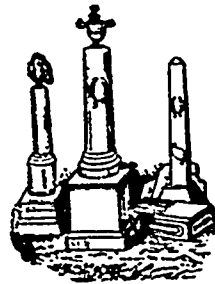


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# INSURANCE

## NORTH AMERICAN LIFE.

During the past year the North American Life has made gains in insurance in force, in assets, in net surplus and in insurance reserve, and good earning power is shown in the results of some of its investment policies. The business done last year was the largest it has ever done in twelve months. A statement in detail of the business and standing of the company is published in another column this week. In his testimony at the meeting as to the condition of the North American's affairs the consulting actuary paid a warm compliment to the management for its thoroughness of detail and promptness of returns, and spoke highly of the company's rate of earning.

From the annual statement we learn that the company contemplates extending its business to portions of the United States.

The North American Life has done a good business in the West for years, and Mr. McBride, manager at Winnipeg for the company, reports the outlook for his company as still very encouraging.

## THE EQUITABLE LIFE.

The figures dealt with in the annual statement of the Equitable Life Assurance Society are beyond ordinary comprehension. They can only be compared with the financial statement of a good sized nation. Think of outstanding assurance of \$957,157,184! Income for one year of \$50,249,256.75! Assets of \$278,369,298.54! Surplus of \$57,310,489.27! etc., etc. The income of this mammoth concern for last year amounted to more than double the customs revenue of Canada for the last fiscal year, by about \$6,000,000. This will give some idea of the magnitude of the business done by the society.

The Equitable Life has carried on business in Western Canada for many years, and is well known here. Mr. Correll, manager for this portion of the company's territory, has personally visited nearly all parts of his territory within the year, so that the interests of the company have been well looked after in this quarter.

Referring to this company the Insurance Monitor says:

Most in the extreme is the annual statement of the Equitable. There is not a line showing the real bearing of these figures on the work of the year. We simply see the outlines of an insurance Colossus, whose future obligations lack but a trifle of one billion of dollars. The money called for by the existing contracts of the Equitable would nearly pay the total funded debt of the United States at the close of the civil war. The thought of such liabilities being assumed by a single institution would be simply stunning if we had not grown used to such big figures.

Comparing them with the returns of 1897. It appears that the Equitable has increased its assets nearly twenty-three millions during the year, and its surplus nearly eight millions. Its income has grown by seventeen hundred thousand, and it has issued eleven million more of new insur-

ance, after declining nearly one-sixth of its applicants. One of these days we should not be surprised to see the company devise a plan by which this more than thirty millions of rejected insurance could be written. This rejected business of the Equitable alone would make a handsome showing for an ordinary company.

## LIFE INSURANCE IN 1898.

The following statement, compiled from the returns to the Dominion government, shows the business done in 1898 by the various companies operating in Canada. The large gains made by nearly all the companies indicates the increasing importance which is attached to life insurance by the public.

### CANADIAN COMPANIES.

Company.	Business taken.	Net gain in business.
Canada Life .....	2,859,896	1,290,070
Confederation Life ...	3,106,550	1,348,796
Dominion Life ...	619,250	311,008
Excelsior Life ...	1,095,095	380,038
Federal Life ...	2,104,185	175,479
Great-West Life ...	2,188,833	1,219,143
London Life ...	1,574,818	477,530
Manufacturers' Life ...	2,891,118	1,205,495
North American ...	3,901,850	2,031,271
Ontario Life ...	3,901,961	2,216,169
Sun Life ...	4,585,231	2,350,722
Temperance & Gen'l ...	1,916,750	723,573

### BRITISH COMPANIES.

London & Lancashire	1,070,000	478,624
Standard Life ...	1,729,850	871,862

### UNITED STATES COMPANIES.

Aetna Life ...	614,053	loss
Equitable Life ...	1,595,345	125,148
Mutual Life ...	1,515,937	527,273
New York ...	3,202,700	1,391,360
Travellers' ...	849,419	363,670
Union Mutual ...	776,853	242,701

## INSURANCE ITEMS.

The Northern Pacific Railway Co. had \$120,000 insurance on the Manitoba Hotel, burned in Winnipeg recently.

The Portage la Prairie, Man., Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company elected the following directors for 1899: T. Sissons, W. Winhart, J. Dunfield, D. W. McCuaig, J. Brydon, W. T. Muir, G. Lytle.

Geo. H. Bradbury, of Selkirk, Man., has been appointed manager for the West for the Manufacturers' Life, with headquarters as before in Winnipeg. Mr. Bradbury is a gentleman having something more than a local reputation, and he should make a successful insurance manager, as from both experience and instinct he seems well adapted to the insurance business.

A telegram from Hamilton says: On behalf of the Canada Life policy holders a writ has been issued in the name of Wm. Lees, of the legal firm of Scott, Lees & Hobson, against Senator Cox, claiming \$400,000 from him, alleged to have been received illegally in his capacity as agent of the company while also a director. The company is joined as a defendant, to meet the legal requirements, and the plaintiffs also ask for an injunction.

The application of the A. O. U. W. of Manitoba to do business in Ontario, has again been refused by the inspector of friendly societies on the ground it was practically the mother society in the United States which was seeking registration and that the Manitoba society had no statute to apply. The order in Manitoba is under the jurisdiction of the supreme lodge of the United States from which the Ontario lodge seceded and set up business for itself. The trouble is over the local lodge at Portage, which wishes to work with Manitoba.

# North American LIFE.

The annual meeting of this company was held in the company's building, Toronto, on the 2nd inst.

The directors' report, presented at the meeting, refers to continued and marked proofs of the great progress and solid prosperity of the company in every branch of its business.

### Summary of Annual Statement and Balance Sheet for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1898:—

New Business ...	\$4,002,300.00
Cash Income ...	785,130.81
Expenditure (including death claims, endowments, matured investment, policies, profits, and all other payments to policy-holders) ...	442,019.07
Assets ...	3,137,828.61
Reserve Fund ...	2,580,947.00
Net surplus for policy-holders ...	474,029.08

Some of the leading features of the year's business, as mentioned by the president, were the following:

(1) Looking at the company from every standpoint, the report submitted shows financial strength, productive assets, solid growth, and large relative surplus, which is the supreme point to policy-holders, as it is from this source alone that satisfactory returns can be made to them.

(2) The new business for the year exceeded that of any previous year.

(3) Another marked feature of this company is the relatively large amount of its net surplus to liabilities, when contrasted with that of its leading competitors. The president showed that this ratio was one of the best tests by which to judge of the relative merits of the different companies.

(4) The following marked increases were made during the year.

	Per Cent.
In Premium Income .....	11.56
In Interest Income .....	12.11
In Insurance in force .....	12.15
In Assets .....	10.01
In Net Surplus .....	10.73
In Insurance Reserve .....	15.18

The president stated that gentlemen representing the United States insurance departments had been in the city during part of last month, and had made a thorough and most searching investigation into the affairs of the company, with a view of its admission to do business in their respective states, and that these experts were extremely well satisfied with the soundness of the company, and expressed themselves as gratified with every aspect of its affairs.

The Hon Mr. Allan, in seconding the adoption of the report, called special attention to the excellent character of the investments of the company, of these over 37 per cent are in the first mortgage securities, nearly 20 per cent in debentures, nearly 14 per cent in stocks and bonds, loans and policies about 6 1-2 per cent, the balance consisting of cash in banks, interest accrued, etc.

He also called special attention to the fact that although the assets had increased very largely, the outstanding and accrued interest had been very

materially decreased, which is a proof of the excellent character of the investments of the company and the promptness with which the interest thereon has been paid.

James Thorburn, M. D., medical director, presented a full and interesting report of the mortality experience of the company from its organization, which showed that great care had been exercised in the selection of the company's business.

The consulting actuary reported that he had made an independent examination of the affairs of the company as at December 31st, 1898, having examined the books, accounts, and balance sheet, also a detailed copy of the annual report to the Insurance Department, and stated that he was very much gratified with the result of such examination, also with the thorough system of the work of every department throughout the office. He commended the company for closing its books promptly at the end of the year, as had been its custom from organization, and stated that notwithstanding the large amount paid the policy-holders during the year, another substantial gain had been made in the net surplus, now amounting to \$174,029.08 or if made up on the same basis as that generally used viz., by adding the difference between the cost and market value of debentures, etc., owned by the company, such surplus would be \$322,664.83.

I think you are to be congratulated upon the distribution of your business, so large a proportion of which is upon the 20 Payment Life and 20 Year Endowment Plans, with 15 or 20 year dividend distribution periods. These plans not only secure the maximum of persistence in business, but also give the Company the largest premium income for the longest term of years. This accounts largely for the increasing persistency of your business year by year—this marked stability comparing so favorably with other companies.

Every expert in life insurance business recognizes the fact that the persistency of the old business is what builds up a sound company upon a solid foundation.

A special vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the company's Provincial managers, inspectors, and agency staff, for their splendid work of the past year, during which the largest business ever done by the company had been secured, largely exceeding that of any other home company at the same age in its history.

After the usual vote of thanks had been passed, the election of directors took place, whereupon the newly elected board met, and Mr. John L. Blake was unanimously re-elected president, and the Honorable G. W. Allan and Sir. Frank Smith vice-presidents.

### The Lumber Trade.

At the court house, Winnipeg, an application was made this week for a receiver to be appointed to wind up the business of H. B. Mitchell, lumber dealer, of Selkirk, Man. His lordship made an order that the partnership accounts be taken and that a receiver be appointed.

J. D. McArthur returned this week from a trip up Lake Winnipeg to Doré island, where he inspected a timber limit one mile square, belonging to H. B. Mitchell, of Selkirk, with a view to purchasing. The distance north is about 190 miles. He has since completed arrangements for taking over the mill business and the limit.

### Implements.

#### WILL TWINE ADVANCE?

The price of binder twine has held so tenaciously, through many fluctuations of the fibre market, to the figures quoted when the selling season was first announced, that the trade is beginning to wonder whether prices will advance or not, under the conditions now prevailing. One of the best posted men on the binder twine matters in the country is Charles E. Borden, vice-president of The Union Sealing company of New York city. He is constantly in touch with all branches of the trade, and his experience enables him to predict, with a great degree of certainty, the probable movement of the market. In reference to future prices Mr. Borden says:

"There seems to be a better demand for twine than there was thirty days ago; still there are some who are holding off, trusting that the market may decline, but I heard a hemp importer say the other day that the dealer who bought manila and sisal manufactured goods to-day would buy them cheaper than the one who bought them later on, as he was of the firm belief that both fibres would rule higher. There are many opinions, however, as to the future of the raw material; there is nothing to indicate, at the present time, lower prices for hemp that will affect the now current prices for twine but there are indications of higher prices for hemp that may put the price of twine up. If binder twine should go higher, it would only be natural, as everything is going up day by day. The season of the country's prosperity seems at hand. There is an impetus to business that has been lacking in late years, and when our security markets jump up, as they are done from week to week, and the purchasing of investment stocks and bonds is of such a substantial character, there must be an underlying, well grounded basis, as a foundation, and this is the prosperity of our farmer, dealer, jobber, merchant, manufacturer and the country at large. So if twine follows other commodities, it does seem as if it ought to go higher."—United States Exchange.

#### IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

T. Dunlop, blacksmith La Rivière, will add a full line of farm implements.

T. S. Wright has opened business in implements at 216 James street, Winnipeg.

Wm. Tecs, Massey-Harris agent at Prince Albert, died suddenly on Feb. 27th of erysipelas.

The Fairchild Co. have handled thirty-two carloads of carriages already this season.

Alex. Wilson, of Moose Jaw, has secured the agency for the Frost & Wood company for that district.

Most implement dealers now handle bicycles. Those who do not, might find this a profitable line to carry.

C. Aime has taken over the implement business carried on by Fraser & Walton at Emerson. He will add the Deering agency.

H. R. Keyes is erecting a large implement and furniture warehouse at Midway, in connection with his store.

Employees in all the factories of the Massey-Harris company have been notified that their wages will be increased 10 per cent, the increase to become operative March 2.

### Tenders.

Tenders will be received up to March 10 for the erection of a stone and brick building at Neepawa, Man., for the Union Bank of Canada.

Tenders will be received for the erection of a brick warehouse on Bannatyne avenue, Winnipeg, for J. H. Ashdown, up to March 17.

The municipality of Dufferin is advertising for tenders for printing certain supplies required for this year. Closing date, March 20.

Tenders are being called for for the supply of 30 suits of summer clothing for the members of the Winnipeg fire brigade. These are to be addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, and to be in by March 6.

Tenders are being called for by the municipality of Lorne, to be in by Friday, March 10th, next, for the erection of a bridge across Cypress river, between section 19 and 30, tp. 6, range 12. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of A. R. Stevens, Cypress River.

### Dry Goods Trade.

The D. McCall Co. will hold their spring millinery opening at their warehouse in Winnipeg on March 6, and following days.

Advices from the United States markets show a continued upward movement in the prices of cotton goods, and those who bring United States lines into Canada will in future have to pay more money for them. It is predicted that prices in the United States will go 5 to 10 per cent above their present average level before the present active demand reaches its height. With the exception of some of the more staple lines of prints all lines are 2-1-2 to 5 per cent higher than they were a few weeks ago.

### Grain and Milling News.

A small flour mill is to be erected at Egg Lake, Northern Alberta.

Atkinson & Son have taken charge of the flour mill at Minnedosa, Man. They are practical millers.

A. E. McKenzie & Co., grain merchants, Brandon, state that the deliveries of wheat to that market this season have been good. It is estimated that about 60 per cent of the grain already delivered would grade one hard and deliveries will be large in March. This firm buys largely on that market of both wheat and other coarse grains, having a large elevator at that point. They also do an extensive business in field seed grain and grasses.

### Bovril, Limited.

The second annual meeting of the shareholders in Bovril, Limited, was held recently at the company's new premises, Old street, City road, London, England, when a very satisfactory report was presented.

Of the Canadian business of the company, the chairman had the following complimentary words to say: "I may here mention that our Canadian business has made a remarkable increase, and that our factory there renders us good service. From a circular you will note that apart from Bovril, the company prepares a number of specialties, all of which are manufactured by skilled experts from formulae arrived at by exhaustive scientific experiments."

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 98c.
- Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.50; bakers, \$2.30.
- Millstuffs—Bran, \$11 per ton; shorts, \$13, in large lots.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 35 to 37c.
- Barley—35 to 38c for feed; malting, 38 to 48c.
- Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 17 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 28 1-2c.
- Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 to 10 1-2c.
- Eggs—Dealers selling at 10 to 19c for fresh.
- Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef city dressed, 6 to 6 1-2c; country, 3 to 4 1-2c; mutton, 6 to 7c; hogs, 6 1-4 to 6 1-2c.
- Live stock—Oattle, butchers' 31-2 to 3 3-4c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, none offered.
- Hides—Frozen hides, 7 to 7 1-4c.
- Hay—Baled, on track, at country points, \$8 to \$8.50.
- Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
- Poultry—Chickens, 9c per lb.; turkeys, 12 1-2c; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8c.

The C. P. R. land sales for the month of February aggregated 2,000 acres for which \$14,000 was realized.

Mr. Murdoch, well known in Manitoba as a newspaper writer, died at his home in Cypress River, Man., on February 25th, to the great regret of a large circle of readers in this country, who were familiar with his writings. Mr. Murdoch edited the Pilot Mound Sentinel for a number of years, through which medium he became very well known for his articles on natural history and kindred subjects. Latterly he has been living in Cypress River and contributing regularly to the columns of the local paper, Western Prairie, which is owned by his son.

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**Statistical Wheat Reports.**

**WHEAT IN CANADA.**

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	19,000
Toronto	101,000
Kingston	32,000
Winnipeg	490,000
Manitoba elevators	5,500,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Kewatim	2,597,000

Total Feb. 18 ... 8,739,000

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on Feb. 18, were 52,244,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 48,248,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Feb. 1 were 5,039,000 bushels, compared with 5,318,000 bushels a year ago.

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Feb. 25, was 29,920,000 bushels, being an increase of 302,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 34,088,000 bushels, two years ago 43,797,000 bushels, three years ago 41,089,000 bushels, and four years ago 78,761,000 bushels.

**WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.**

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,120,000
Duluth	6,712,000
Minneapolis	6,929,000
New York	3,908,000
Buffalo and afloat	2,774,000

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 8,676,000 bushels, compared with 13,346,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 31,820,000 bushels, compared with 39,907,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

**WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.**

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on Feb. 1, for a series of years were as follows. Bradstreet's report: Feb. 1, 1899, 118,787,000 bushels; Feb. 1, 1898, 127,723,000; Feb. 1, 1897, 148,597,000; Feb. 1, 1896, 176,981,000; Feb. 1, 1895, 204,185,000; Feb. 1, 1894, 213,605,000; Feb. 1, 1893, 203,302,000; Feb. 1, 1892, 167,587,000 bushels.

**CROP MOVEMENT.**

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	61,932,956	56,895,040
Milwaukee	9,892,385	6,676,672
Duluth	59,931,294	33,531,187
Chicago	27,476,433	27,017,169

Total ... 159,232,098 124,121,038

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	11,373,156	9,471,242
St. Louis	12,607,621	10,306,056
Detroit	4,102,364	4,119,677
Kansas City	23,345,793	25,392,766

Total ... 50,428,934 49,380,641

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## Manitoba

W. Bennett will open a butcher shop at Dauphin.

Wm. Bell, formerly of Souris, is opening a pump factory at Dauphin.

The Belmont Star is the latest addition to the country press of this province.

H. and T. Stevens are to open a new brickyard at Portage la Prairie this spring.

H. Bird, of Portage la Prairie, is opening a butcher shop at Swan River.

The Hudson's Bay company is adding millinery to its Portage la Prairie branch.

Mrs. F. E. White has disposed of her fine good business at Neepawa to Miss E. C. Smith.

C. E. Pattison, Sr., has disposed of his fruit and confectionery business at Neepawa to J. Smale.

P. McConnell has sold out his grocery and baker business at Deloraine to C. E. Gutteridge.

It has been decided to summon the Manitoba legislature for the dispatch of business on Thursday, March 16.

P. Winram & Co., of Manitou, are opening in general goods at Pilot Mound, with W. Winram as manager.

The Crawford Co., Ltd., Neepawa, have secured letters patent to carry on a general ranching business, the capital stock to be \$20,000.

Miller & Douglas, books and stationery, Portage la Prairie, are dissolving. H. W. B. Douglas continues the business, having bought his partner out.

Huston & Buck, proprietors of the Windsor hotel, Rapid City, have dissolved, and in future the business will be carried on by S. T. Huston.

Robt. Hales, of Hamilton, has been appointed manager of the Lake Du Bonet Press Brick company at Fort Alexander, on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg.

Application is to be made for a charter to build a railway from Morris, in a northwesterly direction through Manitoba, touching at the towns of Carman, Portage la Prairie, Carberry and Neepawa.

J. X. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, inform The Commercial that there is no truth in the statement made in a city paper that they were going into the meat canning business. Their large pork packing and produce business will continue to receive their undivided attention, as heretofore.

Buckle & Morris, of the Franklin Press job printing office, have now got located in their new premises in the Martin, Bole & Wynne Co. block, corner Princess and Market streets, Winnipeg. Their new quarters are well adapted to the business, and they claim to have the best equipped job printing office in the city.

Mr. Mellen, president of the Northern Pacific Railway Co., was in Winnipeg last week. A special meeting of the board of trade was held during his visit, to which he was invited, and the matter of rebuilding the Manitoba hotel, burned recently, was talked over. Mr. Mellen did not make any promises, but he intimated that an architect had been engaged to make an estimate of the cost of rebuilding.

Stewart & Hyndman is the name of a new firm which is opening in the retail men's furnishing trade in Winnipeg, in the new Syndicate block, corner Portage avenue and Fort street. Mr.

Stewart is an old Manitoban, and was formerly in business at Methven, but has been living in California recently. Mr. Hyndman is a well-known commercial traveller, recently with Love & McAllister, Winnipeg. He has also had much experience in the men's furnishing trade.

The new wholesale warehouse of Cooville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, will be completed and ready for occupation about September 1 next. The building will be four stories and basement, giving five floors in all, size 50x135. The building will run back to the transfer railway track in the rear, thus affording facilities for loading and unloading directly into railway cars, from or to the warehouse. The firm find themselves crowded in their present quarters, owing to their extending business, hence the need of larger premises, which the new warehouse will afford.

The annual meeting of the Virden board of trade was held on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The reports presented showed that much was accomplished during the year in the line of furthering the trade interests of Virden and promoting the settlement of the surrounding country. 64 quarter sections were settled as a result of the work of the board. 330 cars of live stock were handled by Virden people last year, 365,000 bushels of wheat entered the town's elevators from last year's crop and \$39,189.62 worth of goods, free and dutiable, were entered for consumption. The amount of duty collected was \$8,621.58.

## The Commercial Men.

J. F. Boxall, of John Macdonald & Co., went east early this week.

R. H. Bryce, of Bryce & Co., Winnipeg, is east on his usual spring trip.

R. H. Climie, a well known western traveller, went east on Tuesday on his usual spring trip.

W. T. Smyth, of W. H. Storey & Son, Acton, Ont., was in the city this week on his way east.

F. G. Crawford, western representative of Gault Bros. & Co., has returned from a short trip to headquarters at Montreal.

Winnipeg city travellers had a pleasant social evening on Monday night in Unity hall, being the occasion of their fifth annual at home.

W. J. Mildrew, of J. E. Green & Co., was showing his millinery samples in Winnipeg this week. He had a very nice line of hats opened out in the Sanford block.

A. E. Dykes, of J. H. Ashdown & Co., has returned from a two months' trip through the Territories. Mr. Dykes reports having done a large amount of business with Territorial merchants.

W. S. Rough, of John Macdonald & Co., has finished his trips for the spring trade and is about ready to start for the east. He reports their spring orders fully up to and even a little better than last season.

W. S. Crone, of the H. A. Nelson & Sons Co., arrived in Winnipeg last week from the coast, to meet his import samples for the fall trade, which were forwarded to him here. The samples comprise a very fine line of goods drawn from many countries, including dressing sets, work boxes, etc., from England, tobaccoist supplies from Austria, and a great collection of toys from Germany and France, etc. Mr. Crone will remain in the city a couple of weeks and then go west again with his new samples.

## Live Stock News.

J. G. McConnell bought 240 head of stocker cattle in the Hamiota district last week.

The Ontario department of agriculture has received orders to send 200 thoroughbred cattle to the government of the Northwest Territories.

On February 18th H. Bonallack shipped two carloads of fat beef purchased from the Medicine Hat Ranch Co. to Winnipeg to be used on the local market.

D. W. Mills, of Carman, is arranging to ship one hundred head of stall fed cattle to the eastern markets. He has also recently purchased 500 head of stockers, which he is placing on his ranch near Carman.

Mr. Mathews, secretary of the Western Stock Growers' association furnishes the following details as to the number of cattle shipped from the various shipping points in our western range country last season: Cayley, 3,610; Lethbridge, 3,131; Claresholm, 2,078; Calgary, 2,285; Pincher Creek, 958; Strathmore, 471; Morley, 252; Cochrane, 155; Maple Creek, 3,158; Medicine Hat, 1,359; Stair, 1,359; Walsh, 837; Rush Lake, 316; other points, 463.

## Grocery Trade Notes.

Sardines are advancing in New York and quotations are around \$2.50 now, with another increase probable.

Unfavorable weather is making it next to impossible to get crops of rice out of the fields in Southwest Louisiana.

The foreign markets continue strong and prices for India and Patna rice have been steadily tending upward. The advance has been so great that prices for new crop goods are on a level now with old. Offerings of rice from Burmah are only moderate and generally for late shipment. It is expected that the shipments from Siam to European markets will be very small this season.

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**THE BUSINESS SITUATION**

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 4.

A great deal of uneasiness is being felt in regard to the keeping quality of the wheat crop after warm weather sets in. While this feeling is not so noticeable outside of the grain trade and banking circles, yet it is a considerable factor in the general situation. Some openly express their conviction that there will be a considerable loss which will fall upon the farmers and dealers, on account of wheat going off condition. As for the farmers, they have had ample time to sell their grain, and they have been warned over and over again regarding the risk of holding any grain not thoroughly dry. The dealers, who are the largest holders of wheat, have become alarmed at the large quantity that has been declared tough or damp by the inspectors recently. Considerable wheat that was taken from the farmers for No. 1 or 2 hard, has been classed "tough," which means slightly damp, by the inspectors. This causes holders to fear for the keeping quality of their holdings. There is a large quantity of tough and damp wheat awaiting opportunity to be put through the drying machines at Fort Arthur, and if anything should happen this plant to stop its working, it would mean the loss of this wheat, besides also the new wheat that is continually moving eastward to be dried. Some even express their fear as to the keeping quality of the wheat that has been dried. Bankers interested in the grain trade naturally feel a little nervous as to the outcome.

The cold weather this week has had a quieting influence on several branches of trade, but there is a fair volume of business for the season.

**WINNIPEG MARKETS**

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 4.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

**DRUGS.**

In the drug market we have to report that bluestone is higher, being now quoted at \$1.75 to \$5. Camphor has also advanced, being now quoted at 60 and 70c, while ounces are up to 65 and 75c. German quinine has advanced to 35 to 45c, and Howards to 45 to 50c. The market for drugs is improving and prices on a number of lines are becoming very firm. Orders have not been large, but with the approach of spring it is expected that the volume of business will increase. Sorting orders are numerous.

**FISH.**

Lake Superior trout are out of the market for the time being. Stocks of Lake Winnipeg whitefish are greatly reduced and offerings at Winnipeg are small. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. For prices see another page.

**FUEL.**

Some Minnesota maple is now being offered on the local market. Minnesota oak has also been added to our list, being quoted at \$5 per cord. Maple is worth \$6 per cord. Prices will probably advance in a few weeks, when the roads begin to break up. Coal remains unchanged in price, but the market for Pennsylvania anthracite continues to stiffen.

**GROCERIES.**

The only changes to note in the prices locally are an advance of 5c on oatmeal, an advance of 1-4 to 1-2c on sage and an advance of 1-2 to 1c on tapioca. Business is active and prices for most lines firm. Eastern reports state that the crops of mild coffee will be about 1,000,000 bags smaller than last year. The Mexican crop is reduced about 30 per cent., the Central American crop about 35 per cent., and the Venezuelan about 25 to 30 per cent.

**GREEN FRUITS.**

Oranges have advanced 50c per box in California. This is the principal change in regard to fruits this week. Lemons are in good supply, although advices from the east report two cargoes having arrived at New York in a very bad shape. Havana pineapples are reported to be scarce and high. Dates have advanced in leading markets. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$1.00 to \$1.25, as to quality; Mexican oranges, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per box; lemons, per bunch, large, \$2.50 to \$3; medium, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Messina lemons \$4 to \$4.50, as to quality. California lemons, \$1 to \$4.50 per box. Apples, spies, \$5.50 to \$6 barrel. Other varieties obtainable \$4 to \$5 as to quality. Almeria grapes, nominal; frozen cranberries, \$6.00 per barrel; cranberries, unfrozen, \$5 barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 14 to 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c per lb.; shell walnuts, 24-1-2 to 28c per pound; comb honey, \$2.00 to \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, 8 1-2c to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 7 1-2c per pound; celery, California, \$1.00 per dozen bunches.

**HARDWARE.**

The hardware market remains about as reported last week. Wholesale houses are getting into shape for spring trade and anticipate a very busy season. Travellers recently in from the country report orders larger than usual at this season and prospects good for spring trade. The only change in the local quotations is an advance of 25c in the price of wire staples which are now quoted at \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

**LEATHER.**

Wholesale dealers predict an early advance in quotations here as prices elsewhere are steadily moving upwards. So far we have no change to record and quotations remain as given on another page.

**LUMBER.**

Prices promise to be very firm, and stocks are not large. It is expected that a new list will be issued shortly showing some advances in prices.

**IMPLEMENTS.**

The jobbing houses have been very

busy receiving and shipping implements for the spring trade, including drills, harrows, plows, etc. There has also been a large movement in carriages.

**RAW FURS.**

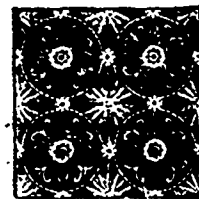
Furs continue to be in active demand, except musk rats, which are dull and weak. There is the usual keen competition for such lots as are offered and good prices are paid for all merchantable furs.

**GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**

**WHEAT**—Not for a long time has there been such a dull week in the wheat markets as the past week has proved to be. The speculative markets have moved up and down within very narrow limits and the trading therein has been confined for the most part to the professional element, with very little support from the outside. These markets close at practically the same figure as a week ago. In the absence of reliably authentic information as to whether the American winter wheat has or has not been much injured by recent severe cold there seems to be a disposition to hold off from either buying or selling which causes current markets to be quiet and featureless. In the States, opinion in a general way tends to disbelief in serious damage having been done, but it will take a little while yet before the changing season fully discloses the situation in this respect. Trade in actual wheat pursues the even tenor of its way. The consumer shows no enthusiasm over the situation, and continues to withstand all temptation on the part of the holder of wheat to relieve him prematurely of his load. The flour market is also very slow, and the difficulty in selling flour undoubtedly helps to hold back the demand for wheat. The movement of wheat during the past week, has been about the same as in recent weeks as regards the primary receipts and shipments in the United States. They continue to be considerably larger than for same

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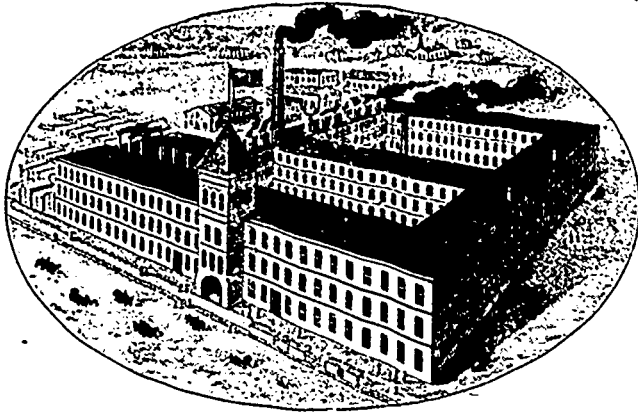
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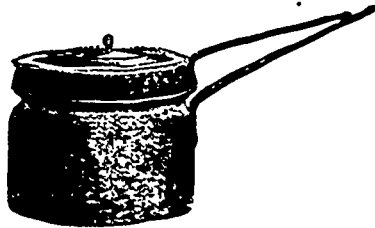
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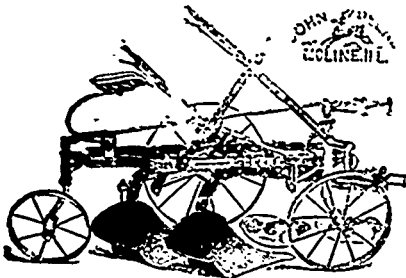
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time last year. The American visible supply increased last week 302,000 bushels. The world's visible supply increased 291,000 bushels against a decrease of 1,500,000 for corresponding week last year. Export shipments to Europe for the week 7,000,000 bushels, against only 4,701,000 bushels the previous week. The Argentine shipments for present week are reported 1,410,000 bushels.

Local market remains steady but very little business is doing. Holders are not inclined to sell at present prices, and shippers cannot see any margin of profit to warrant their making attempts to awaken activity in business. The situation is also complicated by the uncertainty of inspection owing to so much tough and damp grain and dealers are inclined to be unusually slow and cautious. In the early part of the week the price of 1 hard was steady at 70c spot Fort William, and at the close the value is 69 3/4c. No. 1 northern has been in some request and the spread between 1 hard and 1 northern has in some instances been narrowed to 3c for straight 1 northern, while sales on basis still retain the spread of 3 1/2c for 1 northern and 2 hard. Three hard 2 northern and 1 spring are held at about 64c, but these grades are not plentiful. Dried wheat is not in demand, and only one firm has been regularly in the market for it, and that only for dried 2 northern, the price for which has varied between 61c and 61 3/4c in store Fort William. Shippers at country points all over the west complain of the want of cars, and the movement of wheat to Fort William would be much heavier were sufficient cars supplied.

**FLOUR**—Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: Patents, \$1.95 strong bakers, \$1.75; XXXX, \$1.05 to \$1.15 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

**MILLFEED**—Prices are steady. Bran is quoted at \$9, and shorts at \$11 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

**GROUND FEED**—Prices vary widely all the way from \$7 to \$18 a ton as to quality. Ollcake has advanced \$1 per ton this week and so also has ground corn. Other prices remain the same. Oat chop is quoted at \$15 to \$16 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$13 to \$14, and wheat and mill mixtures at \$7 to \$10 per ton as to quality; ollcake, \$24 per ton; ground corn, \$19 to \$20.

**OATS**—Quotations for oats are still high, but somewhat irregular. The prospect of increased importations of corn is having the effect of making prices uncertain. One quotation gives feed oats at 32c, but others put the price at 29 to 31c. Some Alberta oats have been in the market. Good milling oats still command high prices but there are few offering.

**OATMEAL**—Wholesale grocers advanced the price of oatmeal 5c per sack this week, as will be seen by reference to prices under heading of "Winnipeg Prices Current" on another page. Some further business is reported in car lots for importation. Two car lots were reported sold here on Monday to come in from the States at \$1.80 delivered here for rolled meal per sack, this price showing an advance of 15c over last sales reported for import. Later agents of United States mills were asking \$1.85 to \$1.90 delivered.

**BARLEY**—Very little barley is offering. We quote 28 to 29c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here, feed

grades, and 28 to 30c for malting samples.

**FLAX SEED**—Nominal. This article is scarce and in a small way will bring 70 to 80c here, from retail dealers.

**CORN**—Car lots on track here are worth about 49 to 48c per bushels of 56 lbs., as to grade on the basis of prices at Minneapolis this week.

**WHEAT**—Country markets—Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets have ranged about 50 to 58c.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—An easy feeling continues to prevail in this market. Rolls and prints are being offered by jobbers at 15 to 17c as to quality. The latter price is asked for choice pound prints. Good tubs are worth about the same. Buyers are offering 12 1/2 to 17c for dairy tubs or rolls. Choice pound prints bring 1c more.

**CHEESE**—Jobbers quote 9 1/2c for large and 10c for small sizes. The market is nominal.

**EGGS**—Fresh candled eggs are worth about 22c in this market and hined 15 to 16c. For held fresh eggs 20c will be paid if they are of best quality. Inferior stock is worth 18c. Strictly new laid eggs are in the market in small quantities and are worth 35c per dozen.

**POULTRY**—Poultry of all kinds is very scarce and quotations are largely nominal. Live chickens will bring 60 to 70c, but are very scarce. Buyers are offering 10 to 12c per lb. for good mixed lots of chickens, as to quality. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality; geese, 9c; ducks, 10c.

**GAME**—Rabbits 8 1/2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes, 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips 1 1/4c per pound; carrots, 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; native celery, 50 to 75c per dozen; cabbage, 1 1/2c to 2c per pound; onions, 2 to 2 1/2c per pound.

**SENECA ROOT**—Nominal at 21c.

**WOOL**—Nominal at 8 to 8 1/2c per pound.

**HIDES**—Prices remain unchanged this week. Hides are coming in very slowly and the quality of those offering is steadily deteriorating as the season advances, the hair being longer and dung present in greater quantities. Inspected hides are quoted as follows: No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip 8c to 6 1/2c; calf 8c; deer skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

**HAY**—Baled is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on track here and loose on the street market at \$3 to \$7.50 as to quality.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Stocks of frozen beef are getting low and some dealers are practically sold out. This means a much larger demand for fresh killed meat and the prices are becoming firmer. Ontario pork has ceased to be a novelty in the market and dealers say that they are being offered more than they can handle. The offerings of eastern holders are so large that packers here can pick and choose. Prices in Ontario which firmed up a little while ago are now back to their old level and dealers can lay Ontario pork down here at \$5.00. Manitoba hogs will bring \$5.75 to \$6.00 if of

good weight and quality. The best frozen beef is quoted at 5 1/2c, and fresh killed at 6 to 6 1/2c; a little choice beef has sold at 7c in a small way. Mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 0 to 7 1/2c. Hogs, country lots, 5 3/4c to 6c as to quality.

**LIVE STOCK.**

About all the business that is doing in the cattle market is on local butchers' account. Good stall fed domestic cattle are scarce and bring 33 1/2 to 4c for butchers use. Some western range cattle have been in the market, but it is doubtful if any more will be brought in, as the last in show a falling off in quality.

**SHEEP**—Practically no sheep are being offered. Those butchers who have sheep are naturally not willing to part with them and are holding them until stocks of frozen mutton are cleaned up.

**HOGS**—Quoted at 4 3/4c off cars for selected weights. Practically none are offered.

**MILCH COWS**—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

**HORSES**—There is a good demand for farm horses for the spring work and sales have been quite brisk this week. A number of the horses which were used on the construction work of the Crow's Nest Pass road last year and which were wintered in Manitoba by a local dealer are now being sold for general purposes and are giving satisfaction. A considerable number of horses are being brought in from Ontario and the United States. The general range of prices for horses suitable for farm work is from \$200 to \$250 per team.

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**British Columbia Markets.**

[All quotations unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, March 4.

The market is bare of creamery butter and no consignments are expected for two weeks. Creamery price has advanced 1-2c in consequence. Local eggs have declined 5c, while Washington eggs have advanced 2c. Potatoes are up to \$20.00 per ton. Ashcroft potatoes are out of the market. Flour has declined 20c, owing to the suspension of new freight tariff. Oats are now worth \$20.00 per ton straight. Following are quotations:

Butter—California fresh grass butter, 60c; creamery, good, jobbers price, 25c choice dairy, jobbers price, 18@19c; Off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 80c; Washington fresh, 26c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18@19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12½c, jobbers price Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11@12½c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; bloaters, 7c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$20.00 per ton, California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$2.75 @ \$3 box; apples, 65c@ \$1.25 per 50 lb. box; navel oranges, \$2.75@ \$3.00 box; seedlings, \$1.75@ \$2.00 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pound sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.70; strong bakers \$4.30; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.30. Grain—Oats, \$20.00 per ton; wheat, \$23.00@ \$25.00 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton. Dressed Meats—Beef, 7½@8c; mutton 9@10c; pork 9@9½c; veal 10@10½c; Penniman 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; cows, \$3.50 @ 3.75; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$8.00 per lbs.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C-4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon and India: Fair, 20c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

**Minneapolis Markets.**

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c per barrel higher. Grains and

flax seed have undergone only slight fractional changes. The big "boom" in eggs noted a week ago has collapsed and prices are about 12c lower per dozen. The sharp advance in butter of a week ago has also not held and prices are 1c lower per pound. Poultry is firm. Potatoes are up 5c. Apples have advanced 50c per barrel.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.65 to \$3.75; second patents, \$3.45 to \$3.55.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00; bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00; corn feed, \$12.50 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 31 3-4c for No. 3 yellow, and 31 1-2c for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 37 to 40c; feed quoted at 40 to 43c.

Flax seed—\$1.14 per bushel. Eggs—13 to 14 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 10c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 12 1-2c; fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1-2 to 19c; for choice to extras, seconds, 13 to 14c; dairy, 13 to 16c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lamb 5 to 8c; veal, 6 1-2 to 8 1-2c; hogs, light, 4 1-2c; medium, 4 1-2c; heavy, 4c.

Poultry—Chickens, 8 1-2 to 11c; hens, 7 to 9c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 8 to 11c; ducks, 6 to 10c; geese, 5 to 9c. Frozen stock 1c less.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9c for 1; 8c for No. 2; green salted steers, 9 1-4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c; each; veal, calf, 9 3-4 to 11 1-4c; tallow, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 45c; mixed, white, 40 to 43c; mixed, red, 35 to 40c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$5 to \$5.50 per barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$7.00 to \$7.50 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight, \$3.40 to \$3.55. Lambs, \$4.25 to \$5. Stockers, \$2.75 to \$4.75; stock cows from \$2.50 to \$3.60; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50; butcher cows, \$2 to \$4; steers, \$3.85 to \$4.25.

**Tenders**

Tenders will be received by S. Hooper, Winnipeg, up to March 11, for the erection of a brick building on the corner of Main and Thistle streets.

Tenders are asked, up to March 9, for clothing for the Winnipeg city police.

The city council of Winnipeg is calling for tenders, to be in by March 22, for the supplying of an asphalt plant, in whole or in part.

**Alberta.**

O. S. Moore, rancher, is opening a general store at Olds.

R. Smith, tinsmith, Innisfail, has taken in as a partner R. M. Miller, and the style is now Smith & Miller.

J.T. Macdonald, superintendent of the government creamery at Calgary, has bought an interest in the bakery and fruit business of W. H. Kinniston & Co., at that place, and will assume the management of the same.

Frances Scholes, managing director of the Canadian Rubber Co., Montreal, is dead, at the ripe age of 86 years. Mr. Scholes was well known at Montreal as one of its leading citizens.



**WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.**

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended March 2, 1897.....	\$1,568,413
Corresponding week, 1896.....	1,566,141
" " 1897.....	911,595

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ....	\$6,317,108	\$5,009,819	\$1,977,200
Feb. ....	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March ....	5,988,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April .....	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May .....	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,246,201
June .....	7,398,000	5,532,000	4,094,000
July .....	6,316,288	5,616,008	4,961,277
Aug. ....	6,180,385	6,295,574	4,640,959
Sept. ....	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ....	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ....	11,553,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec. ....	10,708,781	9,784,498	7,736,945

Year ...90,672,798 83,485,121 64,143,935

	1899.
Jan. ....	\$ 7,689,052

**FINANCIAL NOTES.**

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings bank in Winnipeg during the month of February were as follows: Deposits, \$19,503; withdrawals, \$16,286.12; deposits exceeding withdrawals by \$3,216.88.

The work of removing the old building from the lot on which the new Bank of Commerce building is to be erected this year will be commenced at once. The new building in architectural design will be something entirely new in this city.

The council of Rat Portage will submit a by-law to raise \$7,000 by a debenture issue, to complete the waterworks system. They have also under way another debenture by-law to raise \$4,000, which will be used to buy a half interest in the Citizens Electric company.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has three branches of their bank in the Yukon, having recently located a third at Atlin City. Skagway and Dawson City are the locations of their other branches, so that with a new one at Atlin City they will have an important part of their system in the mining country, and will be a strong factor in the development of the mining industry.

The name under which the new consolidated loan company of Toronto, which will consist of the Canada Permanent, the Freehold, the Western Canada and the London and Ontario, is to be known, if the shareholders of the four companies interested approve of the move, is to be the Canadian Mortgage and Investment Corporation.

**Northwest Ontario.**

There is some likelihood that a pulp factory will shortly be established at Rat Portage by a company of eastern people. It is thought that the location is a favorable one.

Leancy & Arthurs intend opening a grocery, fruit and confectionery store at Port Arthur shortly.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Table of grocery prices including Canned Goods, Dried Fruits, Nuts, Syrup, Salt, Spices, Cereals, Coffee, Cigarettes, Cured Fish, Dried Fruits, and Teas.

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Table of prices for Tobacco, Wooden Ware, Cured Meats and Lard, and Smoked Meats.

Table of prices for Drugs and Leather, including various medicinal and material items.

Table of prices for FRESH FISH, OYSTERS, and FUEL (Coal).

**New York Wheat**

New York, Feb. 27.—Wheat: Receipts 50,100 bushels; exports 61,689 bushels. Options opened steadier and were generally firm all day, but quiet. The bulls were favored by weather conditions, big clearances, cables and export demand. Scalpers covered the short wheat put out Saturday, while foreign houses traded on both sides. The close was steady, 1-8 to 1-4 net decline.

New York, Feb. 28.—Wheat, March opened 84 1-4c, closed 42 1-2c. May opened 77 1-8c, closed 78 1-4c n. July 75 7-8c, closed 76 3-8c.

New York, March 1.—Wheat, receipts, 110,100 bushels; exports, 94,907 bushels. Options opened steady, and, until weakened in the afternoon by the bearish Samoan report, were fairly well supported on cable news. Argentine damage rumors and crop complaints. The late market was inactive and rather easy, closing 1-8 net lower.

New York, March 2.—Wheat — Receipts: 79,200 bushels; exports 140,000 bushels. Options opened easy, and were influenced by bearish news most of the day. Among the chief selling motives were lower cables, warmer temperatures west, moderate clearances, and lack of outside support. Near the close shorts became suddenly alarmed over the big export rumors, and rallied the market sharply; closed firm, but 1-2 to 1c net lower.

New York, March 3.—Wheat — Receipts, 104,800 bushels; exports, 210,691 bushels. Options opened steady, and for a time were favorably affected by cold wave predictions over the winter wheat, following a rain storm and heavy clearances. A set-back under realization started in this afternoon, and the closing tone was steady at a partial 1-2c net advance.

New York, March 4.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 82 3-4c; May, 77c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Wheat—May opened 73 3-8 to 1-2, closed 73 3-8a; July opened 71 1-2 to 5-8, closed 71 3-8b. Corn—February closed 35 1-8a; May opened 36 7-8, closed 36 5-8a; July opened 36 7-8 to 37, closed 37. Oats—February closed 27 to 27 1-8, May opened 28 1-8c, closed 28 to 28 1-8; July opened 26 1-8, closed 26 to 26 1-8. Pork—February closed \$9.20; May opened \$9.55, closed \$9.37 to \$9.40.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Wheat, May opened 73 3-8c, closed 73 3-4 to 7-8c b. July opened 71 1-2c, closed 71 7-8 to 7-2c. Corn, Feb. opened 35 1-2c n. May opened 36 \$4.87 b, closed \$4.75 to \$4.77 n. Pork, Feb. \$9.15 n. May opened \$9.30, closed \$9.35 n. Lard, May \$5.35, closed \$3.35 to \$3.37. July opened \$5.45, closed \$5.47.

Chicago, March 1.—Wheat, May opened 73 7-8c, closed 73 1-2c a. July opened 71 7-8c a, closed 71 3-4 to 7-2c. Corn, May opened 37 1-8c, closed 36 7-8 to 37c. July opened 37 1-2c, 3 closed 37 1-4c b. Sept. closed 37 7-8c n. Oats, May 26 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 28 1-4c. July 26 1-4c, closed 26 1-8 to 1-4c. Pork, July closed \$9.62 n. May opened \$9.32, closed \$9.42 to \$9.45.

Chicago, March 2.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-8c, closed 72 7-8c b. July opened 71 3-8c, closed 71 1-8 to 1-4c b. Corn, May opened 36 3-4c closed 36 3-4c a. July opened 37 1-8c, closed 37 5-8c n. Sept. opened 37 5-8c, closed 37 5-8c n.

Oats, May opened 28 to 1-8c, closed 28c. July closed 26 to 1-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.55, closed \$9.00. July closed \$9.07.

Chicago, March 3.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-8c, closed 73c b. July opened 71 1-4c, closed 71 7-8c n. Corn, May opened 36 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 36 3-4 to 7-8c a. July opened 37 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 37 1-8 to 1-4c. Sept. opened 37 3-4c, closed 37 3-4c. Oats, May opened 28 1-4c, closed 28 1-8c n. July opened 26 1-8c, closed 26 1-8c a. Pork, May opened \$9.47, closed \$9.45. July closed \$9.55 to \$9.57.

Chicago, March 4.—Wheat opened at about 72 3-4c for May, and ranged from 72 3-8 to 72 3-4c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May 72 5-8c; July, 71 to 71 1-8c.

Corn—May 36 1-4 to 36 3-8c, July, 36 5-8 to 56 3-4c.

Oats—May, 27 7-8 to 28c; July, 26c.

Pork—May, \$9.32, July, \$9.32.

Lard—May, \$5.35 to \$5.37; July, \$5.47 to \$5.50.

Ribs—May, \$4.75 to \$4.77; July, \$4.87.

A week ago May option closed at 74c; a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.05 3-4, two years ago at 76 1-8c, three years ago at 65 1-4c, four years ago at 55c.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—May, 72 3-8c.

Tuesday—May, 72 3-4c.

Wednesday—May, 72 5-8c.

Thursday—May, 72 1-8c.

Friday—Cash, 69 5-8c; May, 72 1-8c.

Saturday—May, 71 5-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 71 1-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 69 1-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 72 1-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at 99 1-4c; two years ago May option closed at 76 1-8c; three years ago at 63c; four years ago at 60 3-8c, and five years ago at 61 1-2c.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, March 3.—Wheat—Spot dull. No. 1 red northern spring 6s 11-2d.

Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter steady at 6s 1d; No. 1 red northern spring steady at 6s 2d.

**Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.**

The following prices cover the range as to size and color for prime skins. Very small and pale skins bring the lowest price, and very large the top range. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger ... ..	\$ .25	\$ .50
Bear, black ... ..	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown ... ..	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings ...	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings...	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly ... ..	4.50	20.00
Beaver, large ... ..	5.00	7.00
Beaver, medium ... ..	3.00	5.00
Beaver, sma'l ... ..	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cubs ... ..	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb. ....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark ... ..	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale ... ..	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large ...	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale ... ..	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt ... ..	.25	.75
Fox, red ... ..	1.00	2.00
Fox, silver dark ... ..	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale ... ..	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large ... ..	1.50	2.50
Lynx, medium ... ..	1.00	1.75
Lynx, small ... ..	.50	1.00
Marten, dark ... ..	3.00	6.00
Marten, pale or brown...	2.50	5.00
Marten, light pale ... ..	1.00	3.25
Mink, dark ... ..	.75	2.25
Mink, pale ... ..	.75	1.50
Musquash, winter ... ..	.04	.11
Otter, dark ... ..	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale ... ..	5.00	8.00
Skunk ... ..	.25	.90

Wolf, timber, ... ..	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie ... ..	.40	1.00
Wolverine, dark ... ..	3.00	4.00
Wolverine, pale ... ..	1.25	2.00

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

The market closed dull and nominal. No. 1 hard spot 69 1-2 to 70c, in store Fort William.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, March 4.—Wheat closed 1-1d lower.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, March 4.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.18 1-2 for cash and May \$1.18.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Saturday, March 4.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70 3-4c for March, and 70 1-2c for May; cash No. 1 northern, 70 3-8c; cash No. 2 northern, 68 3-8c.

**WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.**

J. D. Skinner, printer and stationer, has opened business at South Edmonton.

P. Ehrlich, has opened a general store at Winkler, Man.

J. Heppell, stationery, is opening a business at Minnedosa, Man.

J. Udow, grocer, is leaving Moosomin to open up business in Oxtow, Assa.

J. K. McLennan, general store, Neepawa, Man., is closing this business.

The Crawford Co., Ltd., implement dealers, Neepawa, Man., has been incorporated.

Bowles, Gunn & Co., stone and lime, Stonewall, Man., are succeeded by John Gunn.

H. V. Boote has purchased the lumber yard of Thos. Rutherford at La Riviere, Man.

Brownrigg & Co., grocers and butchers, Winnipeg, has been sold to Frank Brownrigg, who will continue in groceries alone.

H. A. Palmer, late of Dolson & Palmer, and J. B. Brown, formerly with the Free Press, have opened a job printing office in Winnipeg.

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### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 4.

Dry goods—Active. House sales large, and numerous buyers are here. Millinery openings a splendid success. Prospects are bright. Values H. M. in hardware a larger trade is coming. Further advances are looked for this week. The market is buoyant. Bar iron is 5c lower. Barbed wire has advanced and is now \$2.50 per cwt. Tin plates 10c higher. Scrap copper and brass is 2c higher, while the total down cost of Canada plates has increased 17c. Lead, quarter us, 3-8c dearer. Smooth steel wire and wire staples 25c dearer. American manufacturers have advanced prices of galvanized iron 25c and black sheets, 10c.

Groceries—Improved demand. Canned goods are selling freer, particularly tomatoes. Corn is firmer at 90 to 95c. Meas stronger and excited owing to an advance in low grades in London. Locally tea is dearer than a week ago. Advanced bids by local firms brought no reply from Colombo

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 28.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 55 carloads, including 400 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 hogs. Choice cattle were firm, but there were too many of the common class, though all sold.

Export Cattle—Heavy exporters quoted at \$1.60 to \$5, bulls, \$4 to \$1.25.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice, \$1; common grades, \$2.50 to \$1.25 per cwt. Stockers and Feeders—Stockers were weaker. Heavy stockers about 10c lower, or \$1.50 to \$1.60 per cwt. Feeders, \$1.50 to \$1 stock bulls, \$2.50 to \$1.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Lambs were 20c per cwt. higher, at \$1.40 to \$1.70. Sheep for export and butchers, steady at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Bucks, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Hogs—Prices were weak for choice and light, the former being quoted 25c per cwt. lower, and the latter 15c per cwt. lower; choice, \$1.25 per cwt.; light, \$1. Thick fat were a little lower, at \$1.75 to \$1.85, \$1 per cwt. Stags, 8c.

### FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 3.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 40 car loads of all kinds, including 150 sheep and lambs and 500 hogs. Cattle were firmer all around. Stockers and feeders were also firmer. Prices the same as at Tuesday's market. Hogs were easier at Tuesday's prices.

### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 4.

Grain deliveries continue rather light. Prices are firm. Oats are 1-2c higher. Dressed hogs are weaker and 10c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$1.10 to \$1.20, Manitoba bakers, \$3.75 to \$4; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per bbl. Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 69 to 70c for cars at country points. No 1 hard 79c Midland, and \$2 1-2c to \$3c North Bay.

Oats—White, 50 1-2c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 46c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton;

bran, \$12 to \$14 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.50 in bags per barrel and \$3.60 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 21c, lined, 14 to 15c, held fresh, 12 to 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13 1-2c, creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Hides—Cows, green, 81-2c, green steers, 9c, cured hides, 9 1-4c, sheepskins and lambskins, 50c to \$1. calf-skins, 8 to 10c, tallow, 4 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 1-2c.

Beans—\$1.10 per bushel for hand picked, and 80 to 95c for ordinary quality.

Dressed hogs—\$1.85 to \$1.95 100 lbs for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots, evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Honey—6 to 7 1-2 in bulk, sections \$1 to \$1.20.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c for frozen, chickens, 40 to 60c a pair; geese, 6 to 7c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$1.50 to \$3.75; a-sike, \$3.50 to \$4.

### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 4.

Oats are strong and higher. Flour is quiet and rather easier. Oatmeal is firmer. Some are asking 5 to 10c higher. Eggs are firm and not materially changed in price. Dairy butter is offering freely and prices are easier. Fresh dairy is 1-2c lower. The export demand for creamery is dull, and prices are 1-4 to 1-2c lower. Potatoes firm. Dressed meats and poultry unchanged, except dressed hogs, which are lower.

Oats—No. 2 white 35 1-2 to 34c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are Manitoba strong makers, \$1.75 to \$3.90; Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran \$14 to \$14.50 per ton shorts \$15.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.85 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9 to 9 1-2c. No. 2, 8 to 8 1-2c; No. 3, 7 to 7 1-2c; calfskins, 8 to 9c; sheepskins, 60 to 70c; lambskins, 70 to 75c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh candied, 15 to 16 1-2c per dozen as to quality.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 to 14 1-2c, rolls, 14 to 16c; held stock, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 to 20 1-4c, tubs, 19 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice western 10c, eastern, 9 3-4c.

Beans—\$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 1-2 to 11c; ducks, 7 to 9c; geese, 4 to 6c; chickens, 7 to 8c.

Dressed meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c; lores, 3 to 4 1-2c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$5.75; country dressed, \$5 to \$5.15 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c; lambs, 6 1-2 to 7c.

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### THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 3.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 300 head, sheep and lambs, 50. Offerings of cattle were light. There was a fair demand. The best cattle sold at 1 1-2 to 5c; fair to good, 3 1-2c to 4 1-4c; common, 2 1-2 to 3c. Sheep were quoted at 3 to 3 3-4c; lambs, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c. Hogs, 4 to 4 5-8c per lb.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 4.

No changes in prices of staples. Granulated sugar quoted at \$1.30 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellow, \$3.75 to \$4.15; molasses, 51c in car lots; syrups, 1 3-4 to 2 1-4c as to quality; Valencia raisins, 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c.

### LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool March 4.—Cheese is quoted at 49s for both white and colored.

### SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial. London, March 4.—Market firmer. Beet, March option, 9s 8d; April, 9s 9d.

### LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool: March 4.—Cattle easier. Quoted at 12 to 12 3-4c, estimated dressed weight.

### WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week report 368 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 55 cars; 2 hard, 6; 2 hard, 3; 1 northern, 108; 2 northern, 12; 3 northern, 3; 1 spring, 3; 1 white fine, 1; 1 Ladoga, 1, rejected, 11; no grade, 165 cars.

### MANITOBA WHEAT STOCKS.

There were 2,341,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Feb. 25. Increase for the week 70,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,740,000 bushels, compared with about 4,540,000 bushels a year ago.

Montreal, March 3.—The cattle trade in Glasgow this week, according to private cables, was much better than it has been of late, but shippers state that the prices realized for cattle will just about let them out, as the stock was landed in a bruised condition.

H. A. Mullins, the well known cattle man, has returned to Manitoba after a two months' visit to Toronto.

W. E. Hazley, of the Consolidated Stationery company, Winnipeg, left this week for a visit to his old country.

The manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Rubber Co., Mr. Johnson, who has been in the east, is expected home early next week.

G. F. Galt, of G. F. & J. Galt, Winnipeg, left a week ago for Montreal. F. W. Stobart, of Winnipeg, accompanied by his wife, left Saturday last for England.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 28.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 400 head, and 25 sheep and lambs.

The supply of cattle was not large, but trade was rather slow. Values were firmly held. There was a fair demand from shippers at 4 3-4c to 5c. Choice sold at 4 3-4c to 5c; good at 4c to 4 1-2c; fair at 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c, and lower grades at 2 1-4c to 3c. Sheep and lambs were scarce, and