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Sparks & Dixon are opening in the hardware line at Belmont.

David Brown, hardware, Portage la Prairie: Stock to be sold.

F. W. Huokell & Co., will open up a grocery store at Carberry.

P. R. Young, general store, St. Andrews, has assigned in trust.

A. Rosen, general store, Deloraine, has been sold out by sheriff at 55c.

James White, hardware, etc., Rapid City, contemplates selling out.

D. J. McBean, grain shipper, Winnipeg, has returned from Montreal.

Hood & Cooper, general store, Roland, have been granted an extension.

F. L. Harvey, printer and publisher, Melita, has sold out to H. L. Elliott.

McDougall has purchased the Commercial House, at Austin, from Thompson.

J. W. Lannin, millinery, Virden; stock sold at 41c to T. Finkelstein.

The local legislature is called for Thursday, March 10th, for the dispatch of business.

A. W. Bailey, harness and boots and shoes, Rapid City, is reported giving up business.

W. F. Flummerfelt, of Brandon, will engage in the lumber and real estate business at Oxbow.

J. A. Oras, manager of the flour and woollen mills at Rapid City, was in Winnipeg last week.

M. Hughes & Co., furniture and undertakers, Winnipeg: Stock sold at 37c to M. E. Hughes.

The directors of the Banque Nationale of Quebec contemplate opening a branch of that institution in Winnipeg.

M. E. McGregor, cattle dealer, Rapid City, has admitted H. M. Rhodes as partner, under the style of McGregor & Rhodes.

F. Nanton, Brandon, will take stock and close out his business on Friday 25th, and Mr. Rankin will take possession of the business on Saturday the 27th Feb.

The Princess Opera House block, Winnipeg, has been sold to W. Gray, of this city, and D. G. Gray, of Tacoma, Wash., both members of the firm of Gray Bros., contractors.

J. H. Braden & Co., butchers, Winnipeg, have sold their business on Portage avenue to W. Donnelly, late superintendent of the C. P. R. dining and sleeping car service, and others.

Robert C. Smith, until lately in the employ of George Munro, tinsmith, Brandon, has opened out a store on Resser avenue, and will carry on a tinsmith business on his own account.

A movement is on foot to organize a board of trade at Virden. Letters patent for this purpose were granted a couple of years ago, but owing to some hitch organization was deferred.

F. W. Sprado has been appointed manager of the Manitoba hotel, Winnipeg, vice W. J. Gunning resigned. Mr. Sprado will enter on his new duties on Tuesday, the first of March. The appointment is a popular one.

The stock of W. J. Smale & Co., boots and shoes, Carberry, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, by public auction on Tuesday, 1st day of March, at Winnipeg. Stock and fixtures amount to \$3,350, book accounts \$1,000.

A. N. Boire, who has been appointed manager of the branch of the Hochelaga Bank, which is about to be opened in Winnipeg, arrived in this city last week. A. J. Costigan, who is to take a position in the same bank, also arrived.

The first colonist train of the season arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday from Ontario. It comprised several loads of stock and effects and a couple of coaches which were occupied by settlers. A party of European immigrants for Manitoba also arrived. Over fifty of them remained in the city. Most of them were English.

Committees from the Winnipeg board of trade and city council, met last week with Hugh J. Macdonald, M. P. for Winnipeg, and discussed the question of improving the navigation of the Red river. City engineer Ruttan, who was present, said he had prepared plans which showed the work could be carried on at an expenditure of \$500,000, whereas the Dominion government estimate was \$913,000. Mr. Macdonald was requested to use his influence in Parliament to secure the carrying out of this important work.

The committee on grounds and buildings of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association, have recommended the expenditure of \$20,000, for improving the grounds and erecting new or improving old buildings. It is proposed to erect a new main building, instead of enlarging the old one, for which 12,000 is recommended as a first appropriation. The experience of last fall shows that the main building is alto gether too small, but if a new building is erected, the old one will still be used for special exhibits. It has been proposed to ask the legislature to legalize a by-law allowing the city to borrow \$20,000, for these improvements. Though the cause is a good one, the principle of going to the legislature to legalize a by-law which the voters of the city have refused to endorse, cannot be recommended as a proper course to pursue.

Thos. Clearihue, of Brockville, Ontario, arrived in Winnipeg last week, on a business trip, and will do the country through to the Pacific. Mr. Clearihue is well known in the west having travelled through the country with samples for many years. Since his last western trip, last fall, he has launched out into business for himself, having established himself as a wholesale dealer in gloves, mitts and moccasins, with headquarters at Brockville. Mr. Clearihue will for the present look after the west

himself, as he has rather a fondness for the road here. He made his first trip west in 1833, going as far as Moose Jaw, which was then the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific. Since then he has followed up railway construction each year, until the coast was reached. In 1838 he travelled overland to Edmonton, Alberta, and rowed down the Saskatchewan in a skiff from that place to Pelly, a distance of 800 miles, visiting intermediate points. Mr. Clearihue has, therefore, had quite an experience in this country, and should be well posted as to the requirement of the trade here.

At a recent meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade a committee was appointed to act with one from the city council in taking steps to urge on the Dominion Government the pressing necessity of improving the navigation of the Red river. Jno. Galt and F. W. Stobart who were elected as members of the council at the late annual meeting, having resigned, N. Bawlf and W. D. Pettigrew were elected in their stead. J. H. Ashdown, D. L. Elliott, M. Bull, Wm. Martin, D. W. Bole and W. B. Scarth were appointed as a committee to consider correspondence from the Quebec board of trade concerning the more regular and equitable valuation of goods by the custom officials at Canadian ports of entry, and also a proposed method of overcoming the liability of the negotiation of fraudulent bills of lading referred to the board by the French consul. Messrs. Steen, Martin, Strang, Elliott, Maclou, Housser and Fraser were appointed a committee to consider the list of subjects to be laid before the congress of boards of trade of the empire, which will assemble in London in June next, and report to the council on necessary instruction to the delegates from the Winnipeg board who will attend the conference.

Saskatchewan.

G. R. Russell, Prince Albert, has moved his butcher business from his old stand to the one recently occupied by John Macdonald & Co., who have retired from business. The business will be conducted by Russell, and known as Geo. R. Russell & Co.

The following officers were elected at the recent annual meeting of the Prince Albert board of trade: President, J. E. Young; vice-president, J. R. McPhail; secretary, A. S. Stewart; treasurer, E. J. Cann. Council: S. J. Donaldson, G. S. Davison, T. O. Davis, F. C. Baker, J. D. Maveety, J. Taylor, J. Stewart, Dr. Jardine, J. W. Toogood, H. J. Montgomery, G. C. Macleod and A. Londoun.

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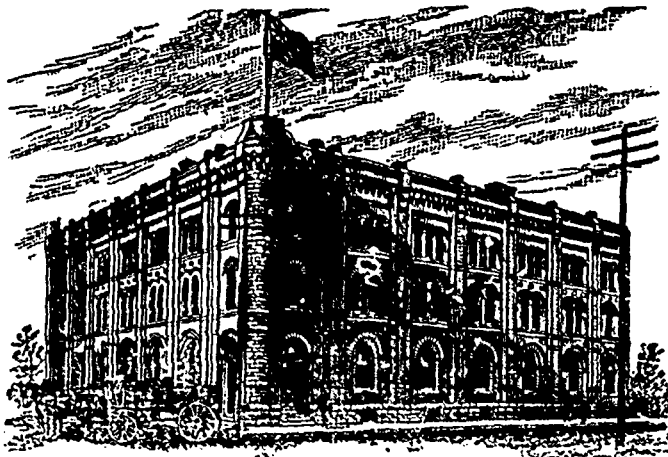
The first car load of grain was taken into the Annex elevator at Fort William on Saturday.

Johnston Whaley, late of the firm of Walsh, Murphy & Whaley, has rented a store in Piper's block, Fort William, and will shortly open out in the boot and shoe business.

A deputation consisting of Geo. McDonald, M.P., for Algoma, C. W. Chadwick, president of the board of trade, J. Colcough and W. M. Creighton, of Rat Portage, waited on C. H. Tupper, at Ottawa, last week, asking that the Lake of the Woods may be thrown open for fishing licenses. They also waited on the public works department asking improvements in Rainy River.

The Fort William board of trade have elected officers as follows: President, Geo. A. Graham; vice-president, Allan McDougall, and the secretary, E. A. Morton, were elected by acclamation and the ballot for the council resulted in the election of the following members: C. C. Abbott, Thos. A. Bell, R. Bowman, E. A. Carpenter, A. H. Dickins, B. G. Hamilton, J. T. Horne, C. W. Jarvis, John McKellar, Don McKellar, E. Rochon and A. D. Sutherland. The question of incorporation was discussed.

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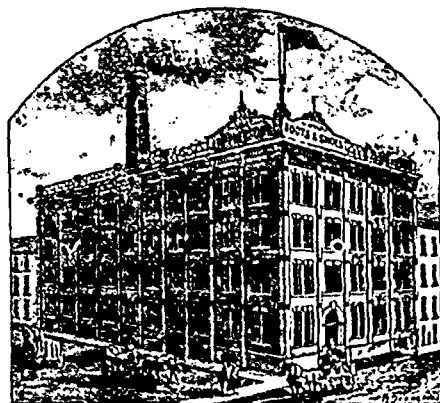
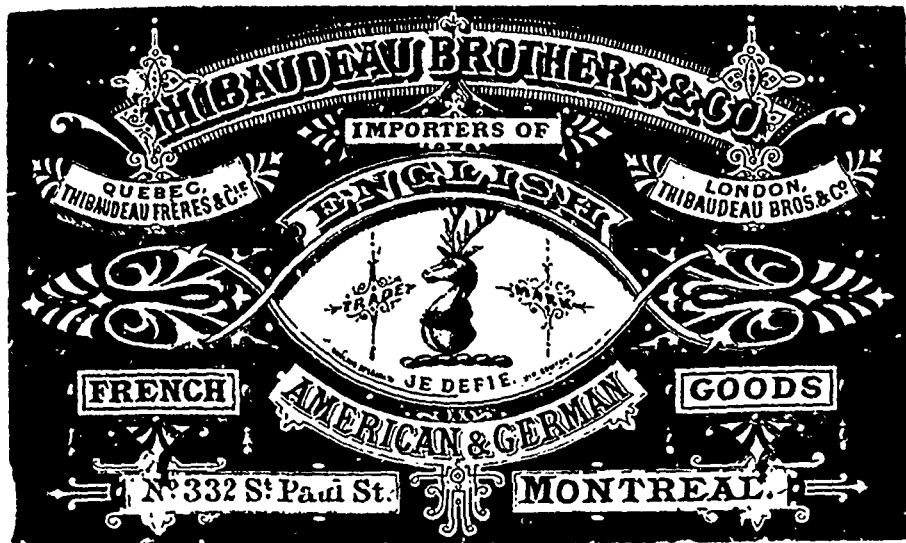
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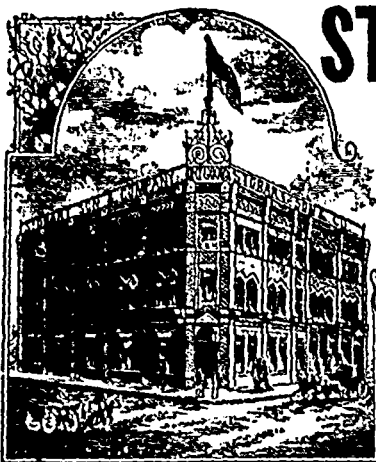
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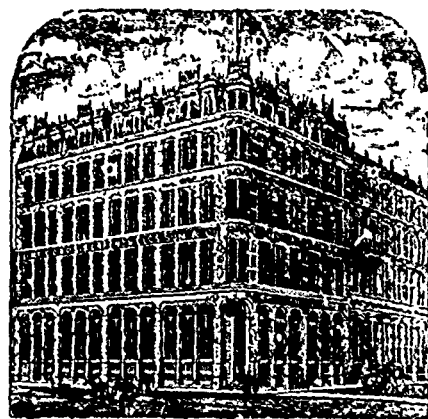
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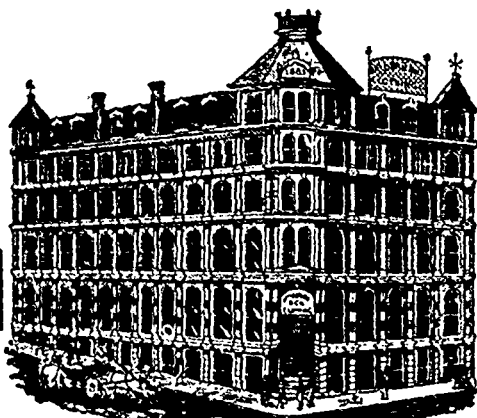
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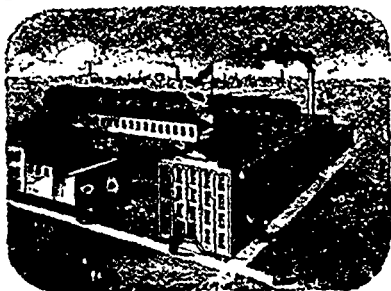
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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 20, 1892.

Editorial Notes.

THE COMMERCIAL supplementary number, issued a week ago, has received many splendid complimentary notices from the press, east and west. Several of our contemporaries say that it is the best thing ever published, as a description of Western Canada, its resources and development, and that it is much superior to the usual class of immigration literature. It gives us pleasure to know that this effort to circulate reliable information about the West, is appreciated by our exchanges, who will accept thanks for kind notices.

OUR British Columbia department contained an item last week which is of interest to real estate men. A British Columbia jury has thrown out the suit of a real estate man, to compel payment upon property sold defendant, because it was shown that misrepresentation of a very common character had been made concerning the property in question. In a pamphlet and maps concerning the property, various statements were made as to the location of railways and other improvements, which the jury decided were misleading to the purchasers. Misrepresentations of this kind have been freely made in Manitoba as well as in British Columbia, and this case should prove a warning.

SEVERAL complaints have reached THE COMMERCIAL that men employed in threshing have not been paid their wages. It is customary to allow the wages to accumulate until the end of the season, and then receive it in a lump sum. This a heavy loss results to those who have not received their pay. The cases which have been called to our attention are of men who came up from the east last fall with the harvest excursions. These men will certainly go back with bad reports as to their treatment, which may prevent others from coming here. If practical, legislation should be devised for the protection of threshing hands. Men who hire out in this or for other employment should not allow their wages to accumulate for such a length of time.

A Rapid City merchant is said to have struck a customer with his fist, through a dispute over the value of some article. Salesmen undoubtedly have to put up with great annoyance from customers, who think they know more about the value of goods than the salesman himself. There is nothing more trying than to have a man argue upon the value and quality of goods, when the salesman knows well that the customer can have no knowledge of the subject. It is a difficult matter to argue with an ignorant person, or a person who is ignorant at least of the subject under discussion, and maintain a patient disposition, for the more ignorant the person is, the more unreasonable and irritating will be his contentions. The best way for salesmen to get along with such customers, is just to smile, and let them have it all their own way.

THERE is one district in Manitoba which has been long neglected in the matter of railway accommodation. We refer to a splendid farming section lying to the north of Winnipeg and to the south-west of the southern extremity of Lake Winnipeg. A railway runs northward from Winnipeg to Stonewall, a distance of 20 miles, and stops there. It has stopped there for the last ten years or more. Beyond Stonewall, northward, there is a splendid farming country, which has contained a considerable number of settlers all these years, and some of them have been in the district longer. There is urgent need for the continuation of the railway northward from Stonewall for a distance of at least twenty miles, in order to give these settlers the advantage of a market. The district is equal to any in Manitoba for grain and stock, with wood and water abundant. There are several hundred settlers in the district, and there is room for and would soon be many more if railway facilities were afforded the settlers.

A LETTER from a medical doctor appeared in the Winnipeg Tribune last week regarding bluestone, which caused considerable comment and some uneasiness. The doctor asserted that pure bluestone could not be sold under 8 to 9 cents per pound wholesale, and that therefore the article being sold wholesale in Winnipeg at a much lower price, must be spurious or adulterated. Vast quantities of bluestone have been sold to country dealers, to supply the demand from the farmers for this article, for the purpose of treating their seed wheat as a preventative of smut. It would be a very serious matter indeed if the article sold for bluestone were spurious, and therefore not valuable for the purpose for which it is now required in such immense quantities. Upon investigation we learn there is no cause whatever for alarm. The article handled by Winnipeg wholesale houses is undoubtedly good bluestone, and the dealers we spoke to are prepared to guarantee its purity. There is an article known as "agricultural bluestone" which is not pure, but this is not handled here this year. The commodity handled is the pure bluestone crystals, and there need be no uneasiness whatever that it will not have the desired result. The M.D. is simply astray in his valuation of the chemical.

THE COMMERCIAL was the first to refer to the early necessity of a double track on the Canadian Pacific railway between Winnipeg and Lake Superior. The company has not announced when double tracking this portion of the line will begin, but an important announcement has been made which indicates that the matter is under serious consideration. A great deal of work will be done this year in improving the road between Winnipeg and Lake Superior, such as filling in trestle work, bridging, etc., and it has been announced that these improvements will be made on a scale sufficiently large to accommodate a double track. This shows that the railway managers contemplate double tracking this portion of the road at an early date. And still Canada has many pessimists left yet! No undertaking ever attempted in this country, was subject to more pessimistic criticism than the Canadian Pacific railway. Its opponents claimed that it must be a failure

from the start; but the road is scarcely completed, when it is discovered that 500 miles must be double tracked in order to handle the vast traffic. What amusement it would have caused, if some one had proposed, at the time the road was under construction, that this portion be built with a view to accommodating a double track in the future. How the pessimists would have boiled over with derisive amusement. But a very few years has shown that it would have been a wise thing to have built the road bed between Winnipeg and Lake Superior, on a scale to accommodate a double track.

There is no disguising the fact that the recent reverses have proved extremely disappointing to the leaders of the Liberal party. The gains which the party made in the last general elections, led the leaders to believe that the tide had at last turned in their favor, and that they would soon find themselves in office again. This feeling was freely expressed by the Liberal press and Liberal leaders. But what disappointment has been in store for the Liberals! In the by-elections, the government has swept everything before it, and the Liberals, who a few months ago, were so elated at the prospect of an early return to power, are again at the bottom of the pit of despair. Their unrestricted reciprocity or commercial union policy must now be acknowledged a failure, at least so far as it can be made a lever to overturn the government. At the time of the general elections, vast numbers of the electors did not understand very clearly what the Liberal policy of unrestricted reciprocity or commercial union meant. To this may be attributed the gains then made by the Liberals. To a better understanding of the question may be attributed the many reverses which the party is now receiving. If the recent elections mean anything, they mean that commercial union is dead, and the Liberals should now drop it off their programme and allow it to be quietly buried. Canada wants greater freedom of trade with the United States, but not on the exclusive and humiliating basis proposed by the Liberals. The government is now assured of a strong majority when parliament meets. The commercial union proposals were absurdly impractical, and if practical, were humiliating to this country. They only required to be understood to be rejected.

MANITOBA farmers have reason to be thankful to the Winnipeg grain exchange for asking and to the railway companies for granting free transport for seed wheat. There is a foolish idea abroad, that grain men make a better proportionate profit from handling low grade or damaged grain, than they do from handling the best qualities. How this idea gained such wide belief, it is hard to say. THE COMMERCIAL knows well that quite the opposite is the case, and that losses to Manitoba shippers have almost invariably occurred in handling poor qualities. The frequent action of the Winnipeg grain exchange, in endeavoring to encourage the production of choice grain, should be sufficient to show the foolishness of the belief that it pays the grain men best to handle low grade stuff. The exchange has several times issued circulars, which have been distributed

broadcast all over the country, giving instructions which if followed would improve the quality of our grain crops. Recently a circular was issued, showing how the production of smutty wheat might be avoided. Following this up, a deputation of the exchange interviewed the managers of the railway companies, and asked them to transport seed wheat free of charge, from one point in the country to another. It is well known that it is desirable for farmers to change their seed occasionally. The object of the exchange was to induce farmers to change their seed wheat, so that the best qualities of grain would be produced. The railways agreed to the request, so that a farmer whose wheat is run down, or not of choice enough quality to be used safely for seed, may procure seed from another district, and have it carried free of freight charges. It is to be hoped the farmers will take advantage of this valuable concession made to them by the railway companies, and secured for them through the instrumentality of the grain men.

LADOGA WHEAT.

There is still a good deal of discussion going on in Manitoba as to the desirability of growing ladoga wheat. A few weeks ago THE COMMERCIAL published a full account of the testing of Ladoga wheat at the experimental farm in Minnesota, with the object of discovering its milling qualities. This test proved very unsatisfactory to the ladoga, as THE COMMERCIAL'S report showed. Out of six varieties and qualities of wheat tested, ladoga stood the lowest, badly frosted red fye, proving superior as a milling wheat. The test was from Minnesota grown ladoga, and as the wheat only weighed fifty-seven pounds to the bushel, it is evident that it was not a choice sample. In view of this, THE COMMERCIAL remarked at the time, that a northern grown sample of ladoga might make a much better showing.

THE COMMERCIAL has recently received some additional information regarding the milling value of ladoga wheat. R. McGinn, of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s mill at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory, has been making an experiment with ladoga wheat. His experience was, that it took thirteen pounds more ladoga wheat to make a bag of bakers flour, than of red fye, while the ladoga made 20 per cent. more low grade than the red fye. The ladoga flour had the same disadvantage in this test, as was so apparent in the Minnesota test, namely: very red color. The ladoga made a small percentage of high grade flour, and a very large percentage of low grade and bran and shorts, while the low grade flour was so red as to be almost unsaleable. The ladoga, however, baked well, appeared as strong as the red fye, and made a rich, sweet bread, but the dark color seemed to be intensified in the bread. A sample of straight grade flour, of the ladoga and also of the red fye, were forwarded from Prince Albert to the Hudson's Bay mill at Winnipeg, where another baking test was made. The ladoga baked as well as the red fye, and made sweet, good flavored bread, but the color was saffron, and had about the shade of cornmeal.

Thus it appears, that while the best grade of ladoga flour may make good bread, the color is

so bad that it would seriously reduce its commercial value. The large proportion of offal and very low grade flour from ladoga wheat, also make it an undesirable milling variety.

OUR EXPORT CATTLE TRADE.

THE COMMERCIAL has recently given a good deal of information showing the development which has been going on in Western Canada of late years. There is one industry which we have referred to frequently, as one well adapted to this country, and which has made considerable advancement, namely; raising cattle. Manitoba has many advantages as a cattle country. Our natural meadow-lands, of such vast extent, provide unequalled summer pasturage for grazing animals, and also abundance of food for winter. Those who are not well acquainted with Manitoba, sometimes imagine that our long winters would prove a serious drawback to raising cattle. This is a great mistake. The snow-fall on our prairies is usually light, especially during the early portion of winter. So long as the ground is bare of snow, cattle will do well grazing on the prairie. The grass does not lose its substance here the same as it does in the moister climates of the east, and cattle will keep in good condition on the dry prairie grass. In this way they may often be left to graze for their living until well into the winter season, sometimes up to the close of December. The length of time which cattle have to be fed in winter, is therefore not as long as many people would imagine. Indeed, the old native cattle and horses, especially the latter, had little or no care during the winter, and were often obliged to pick their living from the prairie all winter. Horses seemed to thrive well under this treatment, and would come out fat in the spring. Straw is not fed to any extent in Manitoba, but in case of a shortage of the natural hay crop, there is always plenty of straw, which could be used to help out the hay through the winter.

That the cattle-raising industry has made steady and rapid progress in Manitoba, the following figures of exports of cattle from the province will show:—

Exports in 1889	2,492 head
" " 1890	8,016 "
" " 1891	7,331 "

This shows good progress, such as would not be made were the conditions not favorable for the industry. These exports are from Manitoba alone, and these cattle were about all raised by farmers, who operate as mixed farmers, in grain and stock-raising. In the territories, stock-raising is mostly conducted on a different system from that of Manitoba. In Alberta and western Assiniboia, stock-raising is conducted on the ranching principle, and quite separate from other farming operations. In Manitoba it is a part of the business of most farmers to do more or less in stock, while in the ranching sections cattle are raised by companies or individuals on a large scale, as a business by itself. In agricultural settlements in the territories, however, cattle are raised by farmers the same as in Manitoba. Following are the shipments of cattle from the territories, west of Manitoba, for three years:—

Shipments in 1889	2,411 head
" " 1890	4,625 "
" " 1891	5,506 "

These exports from the territories only include cattle shipped eastward. During the last year, a considerable trade in cattle has grown up between the territories and British Columbia. The latter province does not raise cattle in sufficient number to supply the home market. The British Columbia market, by reason of the rapid increase in population during the past few years, has become an important one. Considerable numbers of cattle have been imported from the Pacific coast states, to supply the British Columbia demand, but this is now being largely filled from our own ranges in Alberta. Adding the cattle shipped from Alberta to British Columbia, the exports of the territories, for the year 1891, would be approximately the same as exports from Manitoba. Manitoba shipments have gone eastward, mostly to Montreal, and thence across the Atlantic to England and Scotland.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMING IN THE WEST.

Last week we gave space to an account of a number of tests carried on at the Manitoba experimental farm last year, at Brandon. We will follow this up with a few additional tests. Sixteen one-acre lots were sown with oats, with press drill, on summer follow, nine pecks of seed to the acre, with the following result

VARIETY.	SOWN.	HARVESTED.	YIELD.
			bush lbs.
English White	May 8	Aug. 20	93 05
Banner	" 8	Sept. 3	81 33
Early Racehorse	" 6	Aug. 22	77 08
White Russian	" 6	Sept. 1	74 14
Early Blossom	" 7	" 4	74 09
Archangel	" 6	Aug. 25	72 29
Welcome	" 6	" 22	72 27
Holstein	" 7	Sept. 5	70 26
Black Champion	" 6	" 5	69 09
Swedish	" 7	" 9	68 30
Glenrothorn	" 6	" 5	67 25
Black Tartarian	" 6	" 5	66 28
Winter Grey	" 6	Aug. 22	66 26
Prize Cluster	" 8	" 26	66 08
American Triumph	" 7	Sept. 7	64 02
Australian	" 8	" 4	59 26

Eight plots of barley were sown, all on April 23, with press drill, on backsetting. Result as follows:—

VARIETIES.	HARVESTED.	YIELD.
		bush. lbs.
California Prolific	Aug. 14	68 47
Danish Chevalier	" 19	68 16
Odessa Six-rowed	" 12	66 14
Webb's Chevalier	" 18	61 17
Goldthorpe	" 18	65 21
Beardlss	" 18	58 34
Rennie's Six-rowed	" 12	56 39
Two-rowed Naked	" 16	50 18

A number of very interesting and valuable tests were also made at the Indian Head experimental farm. The result of the test for the cure of smut, which showed the great value of bluestone in preventing smut, was given in THE COMMERCIAL of Feb. 15. The tests with wheat at the Indian Head farm were as follows:—

Red Fye—Sown on April 11th in one tenth acre plots, ripened on Sept. 12th, and yielded at the rate of 44 bushels 20 pounds per acre; sown April 8th on turnip land (5-acre plot), ripe Sept 9th, yield 51 bushels 10 pounds per acre; small plot, sown April 6th, yielded 43 bushels 10 pounds.

Ladoga—Sown April 6th, 30-acre plot, yielded 36 bushels 46 pounds; sown April 8th, 36 bushels; sown April 11th, 33 bushels 20 pounds.

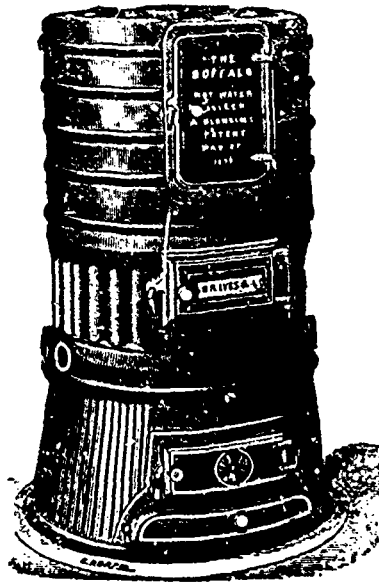
Of the newer sorts, Campbell's White Chaff, originated near Owen Sound, Ontario, sown April 6th, on one-tenth acre plots, yielded 30 bushels 26 pounds; sown April 15th, 35 bushels 30 pounds; sown April 20th, 34 bushels, and on April 27th, 37 bushels 46 pounds; on May 4th, 35 bushels 30 pounds; May 11th, 30 bushels 10 pounds. A 5-acre plot, sown April 18th, yielded 52 bushels per acre. The marked increase in yield in the latter instance was due to the protection afforded by a railway bank from 10 to 15 feet high, thus preventing the uncovering of seed by the wind, which had the effect of reducing the other yields generally. This emphasizes once more the very great importance of windbreaks and the urgent necessity of setting out shelter belts of hardy trees suitable for that purpose.

Red Fern wheat, sowed April 11th, gave 35 bushels 60 pounds; on April 17th (fall plowing), 32 bushels 30 pounds, and on summerfallow land 34 bushels 20 pounds. White Russian, sowed April 11th, gave 34 bushels 10 pounds; White Connell, 33 bushels 40 pounds; Campbell's Triumph, 33 bushels 20 pounds. The East India wheats, which in 1890, gave such good returns, in 1891 were very poor, failing to stand the spring winds and frosts as well as the other wheats. In point of earliness, Ladoga ranks first, and Campbell's White Chaff next, but the latter is a soft wheat, though it shows improvement in the matter of hardness, compared with 1890. It is considered a promising wheat.

Broadcast seeding yielded 33 bushels, 20 pounds; common drill, 32 bushels, 40 pounds; press drill, 30 bushels, 10 pounds; thus making broadcast seeding appear the best in this case, though at Brandon the common drill gave the best results. In a test as to the quantity of seed to be sown per acre, 1 bushel per acre gave 33 bushels, 40 pounds; 1½ bushels gave 31 bushels, 40 pounds; 1¾ gave 34 bushels, 10 pounds, and 1¾ gave 29 bushels, 15 pounds. Wheat sown one inch deep gave 30 bushels per acre, sown two inches deep gave 31 bushels, and sown three inches deep gave 32 bushels, 40 pounds, and sown four inches deep gave 28 bushels per acre.

In oats the earliest variety was the prize cluster (white), yielding 86 bushels 24 pounds on one tenth acre plots; banner, yielding 88 bushels, 4 pounds, but was about one week later in ripening than the prize cluster. Another excellent oat was the bonanza, yielding 89 bushels, 16 pounds, an early ripener also. The cream Egyptian is an excellent oat, yielding on 5 acre stubble plot 80 bushels per acre. The welcome oat also yielded 80 bushels per acres and the black tartarian 78 bushels. The potato, a white oat, gave 80 bushels.

Peas, a crop not grown largely here, are said to have done well in some years, up to 30 bushels per acre having been obtained.



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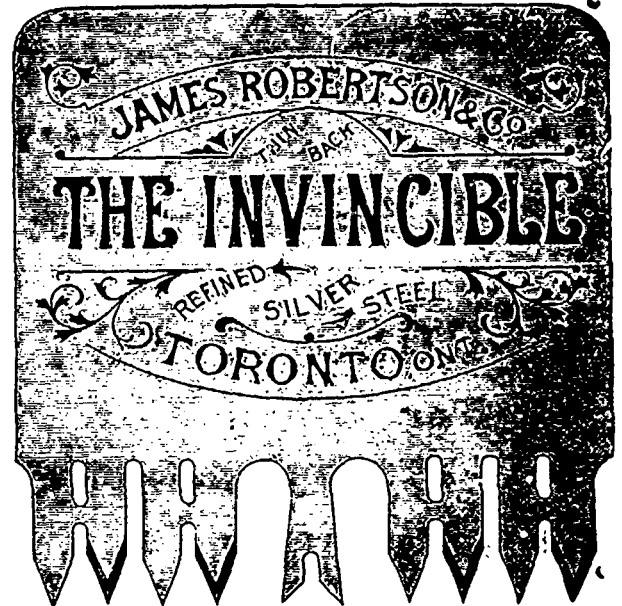
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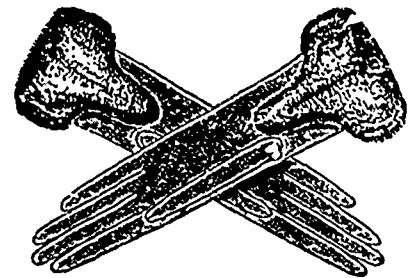
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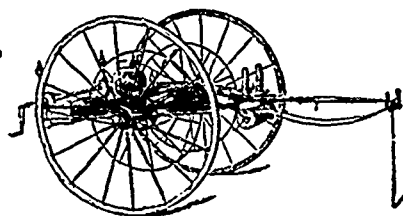
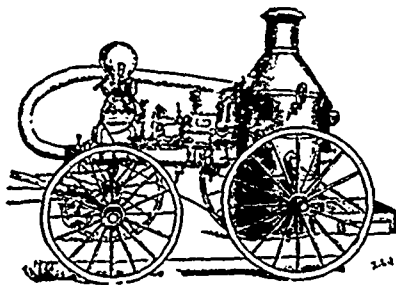
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WINNIPEG MARKETS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 27.

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

Reports generally indicated increased activity in business generally, which is no doubt traceable to a considerable extent to the weather. The week was mostly mild and pleasant, and coming after a long period of cold and stormy weather, with country roads drifted, the change enabled farmers to come out more freely. Offerings of grain and other farmers' produce on the Winnipeg street market, were much larger than during the two previous weeks. Advices from country points also indicated a larger movement of grain to market, but after allowing for this, the movement was still very much lighter than might have been looked for. Farmers are evidently still inclined to hold their grain. Prices for wheat and oats were firmer, wheat prices having been advanced 2c per bushel in country markets. Oats were also in better demand at higher prices, and there was a little better demand for barley. City wholesale houses report an improvement in business. Trade in green fruits was brisk. Hardware and building lines show a tendency to increased activity, and the outlook is considered very good. Several building contracts of importance have been reported.

The Manitoba agricultural department has been endeavoring to obtain reports from threshers as to the yield of crops. So few replies have been received from threshers that the conclusions based thereon cannot be considered very representative of the whole province. They indicate, however, a wheat yield of 24 bushels per acre, as compared with 25.3 bushels as reported in the last crop bulletin, making a reduction of about 1,000,000 bushels in the crop, or a total of 22,191,599 bushels. Oats are increased four bushels per acre to 52.3 bushels, which increases the crop by 1,222,576 bushels, making the total 15,985,180. Barley is reduced three bushels per acre to 32.7, making a reduction in the crop of 269,484, or a total yield of 3,467,360 bushels.

DRIED FRUITS—Dried apples, 6 to 6½c; evaporated, 8½ to 9c; figs, layers, 12 to 13c; figs, cooking, 5 to 7c; dates, 6 to 8c. Valencia raisins, \$1.90 to \$2.00. Urrants, 6½ to 7½c; prunes, 6½ to 10c. Evaporated fruits are quoted: apricots, 11½ to 12c; peeled peaches, 17½ to 18c; unpeeled peaches, 12 to 13c; pitted plums, 11 to 11½c; cherries, 13 to 13½c; pears, 12½ to 13c; nectarines, 11½ to 12c; raspberries, 19 to 19½c.

DRUGS—In addition to the large demand for bluestone, there has also been a heavy call for strychnine, which is used in the spring for poisoning gophers. Prices for strychnine rule about the same as last year.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples continue to advance, and are again quotable higher, fancy stock being held at \$3.75 to \$1 per barrel, though common cooking stock may be had at lower prices. Oranges are arriving freely, but California stock has not been choiced. Bananas are commencing to move again. Prices are:—California fruits—Winter pairs, 40 lb boxes, \$3.50 to \$4; Naval oranges, \$4 to \$1.50 per box; Riverside seedling, \$3.50 per box; Ontario barrel apples, \$3.50 to \$4. Lemons—Now Messina, \$6.75 to \$7 per box; bananas, \$4 to \$5 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$4 to \$1.50 per box. Cranberries, \$10 per barrel. Magala grapes, \$7.50 to \$10 per keg, as to size of keg.

FUEL—The supply of wood has been more liberal, and prices are not so stiff. Settlers have been offering large quantities of wood on the street market, which reduces sales of dealers.

FISH—The market is more liberally supplied than usual with fresh and cured fish, though like Winnipeg, white have not been so plentiful as they usually are at this season. British Columbia salmon, halibut, black cod, etc., have been received more freely, and a car lot or so of eastern salt water stock has arrived. Fresh water fish are quoted per lb: Whitefish, 5½c; pickerel, 5c; sturgeon, 6c; pike, 2½c; trout, 9c, Lake Superior herring, 35c per dozen; brook trout 25c per lb. Fresh salt water fish: Salmon, 14c; smelts, 12c; halibut, 14c; cod, 10c; haddock, 10c; smoked haddies, 5½c; boneless cod 7 to 7½c. Oysters are quoted at \$2.15 for standards, and \$2.35 for selects per gallon, for Providence river stock, with Baltimores at \$2 to \$2.20.

NUTS—Good stock is quoted. Taragona almonds, per pound, 18 to 19c; Grenoble walnuts, 17 to 18c; polished pecans, 20c; Sicily filberts, large, 14 to 15c; Brazils, 15c; chestnuts, 15c; peanuts, green, 14 to 15c; peanuts, roasted, 16 to 17c; coconuts, per hundred, \$10.00.

GROCERIES—The principal features of interest in the grocery trade still centre about the breaking up of the sugar agreement, and the falling through of the starch manufacturers' combine. The starch manufacturers are now engaged in a bitter war of cutting prices, the British American Co., which took the aggressive in withdrawing from the agreement and cutting the price, being opposed by the two remaining Canadian companies—the St. Lawrence and the Edwardsburg companies. Prices have been cut heavily, and big discounts are also offered, and it is said that present prices leave no profit to the manufacturers. The Edwardsburg and St. Lawrence companies sell at 10 per cent. off the list for any quantity, and through the wholesale trade. The British American quote 15 per cent. discount off 10 boxes, and 17½ per cent. off 40 boxes. The latter company are pushing their business among the retailers. The Quebec branch of the wholesale grocers' guild has followed the action of the Ontario section and suspended the sugar agreement for the present. One Montreal merchant is said to have secured \$300,000 worth of sugar, and then withdrew from the guild, and this led to the suspension of the sugar agreement by the guild. Heavy cutting in prices will now result. Willett & Gray, New York, in their *Weekly Sugar Trade Journal* say: "Another week of unchanged conditions with a constant excess of supply over demand, keeping prices at the extreme low point of no profit to the business. A careful reading of the raw market makes it certain that present prices for refined are low beyond precedent, and that there are ten chances of an advance on merits to one chance of their continuance. We repeat our suggestion as to carrying a full line of stock. The season of larger demand is near, and may be the signal for an advance."

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION—Monday was an off day in wheat, as owing to the day being the anniversary of Washington's birthday in the United States, it was observed as a holiday. On Tuesday United States markets were dull and lower, closing about 1c lower than the close of the Saturday previous. Cables were all lower. Liverpool cabled ½ to 2d lower, Berlin ½ to ¾c lower; Paris ½ to 1½c lower. The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 1,036,000 bushels, and the loadings for European markets were reported 5,960,000 bushels. India shipments were reported 120,000 bushels larger than during the preceding week. The imports into the United Kingdom and English Farmers' deliveries during the week fell short of the estimated consumption about 575,000 bushels—that is the English supply is estimated to have

decreased about that quantity. The visible supply in the United States and Canada decreased about 328,000 bushels, making the total 41,473,832 bushels, as compared with 22,975,397 bushels a year ago. Receipts at Duluth for three days, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were 269 cars, and at Minneapolis were 1,025, a total of 1,294, as compared with 502 cars the same time a year ago. On Wednesday United States markets made some recovery, though not particularly active, gaining ½ to 1c for the day. Closing cables quoted Liverpool ½ to ¾d higher, but London was quoted 9d to 1s lower for cargoes. *Broadstreets* reported the visible supply, both coasts, at a decrease of 1,204,000 bushels. Duluth receipts were 99 cars, and Minneapolis 631 cars. On Thursday it was the turn for United States markets to be lower again, and they accordingly closed about ½c lower for the day. There was fear on Wednesday of crop damage to winter wheat from a cold wave, but evidently this did not amount to much. Minneapolis receipts were 508 cars and Duluth 67 cars. On Friday United States markets were weak and declining, with little support and light trading. Cables were lower and foreigners were selling in New York. Heavy receipts in Minnesota and Dakota added weakness to the situation. United States markets were very weak and lower on Saturday.

LOCAL WHEAT SITUATION—The weather was mild and favorable during the week, and there was a little more going in the way of farmers' deliveries at country markets, but there was no marked improvement in this respect, and in spite of favorable weather for marketing grain, the situation in the country was dull. Grain men who are buying at country points, complain that what they are getting is costing them a good deal in the nature of buying expenses, on account of the light movement. The expense of keeping buyers on the market and operating elevators has to be borne by the limited quantities of wheat received, instead of being distributed over a large quantity. Grain men say that it is costing them 10 cents per bushel to buy wheat at most Manitoba country markets. Prices are again higher. Millers who are buying in country markets, advanced prices to farmers 2c per bushel on Monday, making 4c advance for the last two weeks. The price to farmers in Manitoba country markets may now be quoted at 64 to 66c for good samples of hard wheat, equal to about No. 2 hard. In Winnipeg millers were paying 69c per bushel for farmers' deliveries at the mills, for choicest samples, and 66c for No. 2 hard. The higher prices, as noted, did not have the effect of drawing out much wheat, and farmers are evidently bent on holding. As to the quantity of wheat to be threshed yet, opinions differ widely, some stating that one half the crop is in stack yet, but this is a maximum estimate. Opinions also differ widely as to the condition of the wheat in stack, and fear is occasionally heard expressed that it will turn out badly in the spring. The general opinion, however, is, that it is by all odds better to allow the stacks to stand, than to attempt to thresh them while there is danger of getting ice or snow mixed with the wheat. Damp wheat, such as has occasionally been offered at country points, dealers do not want at any price. Better let the stacks stand until summer, if they cannot be threshed sooner except at the risk of having damp grain. There is not much grain moving eastward, beyond Fort William for storage. A few car lot transactions are made on eastern milling account, but shippers have the old complaint that there are invariably claims of shortages on transactions with eastern millers, and some of them do not care for eastern Canada business at all, on this account. Export business is about at a standstill. The last weekly report showed that stocks in store at Fort William were 1,691,638 bushels, being an increase of 42,595 bushels for the week. A year ago Fort William stocks were 567,249 bushels. Following are the records of the call board of the Winnipeg grain exchange for the week:—

Monday—2 hurd, afloat May, offered at 91c; 2 hard, North Bay, offered at \$1; 3 hard, North Bay, offered 91c; 3 regular, offered 35c.

Tuesday—1 hard, North Bay, 1.01 bid; 2 hard, North Bay, 98c bid; 2 hard, at point shipment, 70½c bid; 3 hard, North Bay, 90 sellers, 88½c bid; 1 regular, 52½c sellers, 52½c bid; 2 regular, North Bay, basis point shipment, 42½c sellers; same basis, in store, Fort William, 42 bid.

Wednesday—No. 1 hard, North Bay, \$1.02½ bid; No. 2 hard, North Bay, offered at \$1.01; No. 2 hard, N. P. R., offered at \$1.03; No. 2 hard, in store, at Fort William, offered at 85c; 85c bid; No. 3 hard, North Bay, 90c bid; No. 3 hard, 5,000 bushels afloat, May, offered at 85c; No. 2 northern, point shipment, offered at 63c; No. 1 regular, point shipment offered at 55c, 52½c bid; No. 1 regular, 2 cars, February shipment, 53c bid; No. 1 regular, North Bay, offered at 82c; No. 2 regular, N. P. R., offered at 43c; No. 2 regular, 5,000 bushels Fort William, offered at 45c; No. 2 regular, point shipment, offered at 43½c; No. 3 regular, point shipment, N. P. R., offered at 33c, 30c bid.

Thursday—No. 1 hard, offered at \$1.04 North Bay, \$1.02 bid; No. 2 hard, 5,000 bu. afloat Fort William, May delivery, offered at 93c, 9c bid; offered \$1 North Bay; offered \$1.01 Grand Trunk points Ontario; No. 3 hard offered 91c North Bay, 89c bid; offered 92c Grand Trunk points western Ontario; No. 1 regular offered 53c point shipment Manitoba, 51c bid; offered 81c North Bay; No. 2 regular 15 cars offered 42c point shipment, 41c bid; 5 cars do, 41½c bid.

Friday—No. 2 hard offered \$1 North Bay, 99c bid; No. 3 hard offered 91c North Bay, 90c bid; No. 2 northern, offered 63c basis country point freight; No. 1 regular offered 82c North Bay; 51c bid February shipment, basis country point. No. 2 regular, offered 42 country

point, 39c bid for 10,000 bushels, 42c bid for 5 cars. On Saturday cables were ½d higher. Some bids on change, Winnipeg, were: No. 1 hard, \$1.02 bid North Bay, No. 2 hard 93c bid North Bay, No. 3 hard 90c bid North Bay, No. 1 regular 51½ bid for 10,000 bushels, or 5 cars, Manitoba point, No. 2 regular 42 bid Manitoba point, No. 3 regular 30c bid Manitoba point.

Flour—No further change to note in prices. Millers, however, have decided to demand 5c per 100 pounds advance for smaller packages than 100 pounds. There has been a growing demand from the local trade for 50 pound sacks, which are easier to handle. These were put in at the same price as 100 pound sacks, though there is and additional expense to millers on these sizes, in cost of sacks, and also extra cost of sacking. Jobbing prices to the local trade in broken lots are as follows per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.40; strong bakers', \$2.20; second, do \$1.70 to \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.20 to \$1.40; superfine, \$1.10 to \$1.15. Less than 100 pound sacks 5c extra per hundred. These prices are for well known brands. Some brands selling under quotations.

MILLSUFF—We quote bran unchanged at \$10 to \$11, and shorts at \$12 to 13 per ton, in broken lots, locally.

FEED—Ground feed held at \$13.00 to \$16.00 per ton, as to quality.

OATS—There was quite a firmer feeling in oats, with a brisker demand. Bidding on change was much livelier, at a higher range of prices. On Wednesday 17½c was offered for cars on track at country points, which is 1c higher than previous week. Holders were at 18½c. On Thursday 1 car feed oats sold at 18c per bushel of 34 pounds, on track country point. On Friday 17½c was bid same way and held at 18c. On the Winnipeg street market farmers received 20 and occasionally 21c per bushel, with offerings more liberal. On Saturday 20c

was bid for car delivered at Winnipeg, without sellers.

BARLEY—There was some little demand for barley. On change on Friday 1 car feed quality sold at 20c per bushel of 48 pounds, on track Manitoba country point, and more were wanted at same price; 21c was offered for choice samples feed quality; 19 to 20c was bid on other days, without sales.

MEALS—Jobbers are selling mostly at \$2.50 for rolled oats and granulated meal, and \$2.40 for standard per sack. Some brands of standard are quoted at \$2.30, and granulated at \$2.40. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23 per ton, these prices for five ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Split peas, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$1.75 to \$2 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 pounds.

BUTTER.—A little roll is being received, but as a rule not of very good quality, and does not command any more than good dairy tubs, except when choice quality. We quote medium to good dairy 12 to 20c, with a little better for choice selections in small quantities.

CHEESE.—Unchanged at 10½ to 11½c.

EGGS.—A little country stock has been offered, called fresh, at 24 to 25c per dozen, but quality at this time of year is always doubtful. Imported fresh stock from the States is held at 25 to 26c.

CURED MEATS.—Prices are locally unchanged. Dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c; smoked hams, 12½c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna sausage, 8c per pound; German sausage, 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb.

LARD.—Compound held at \$1.80 to \$1.85 per pail. Pure at \$2.20 per 20-lb. pail.

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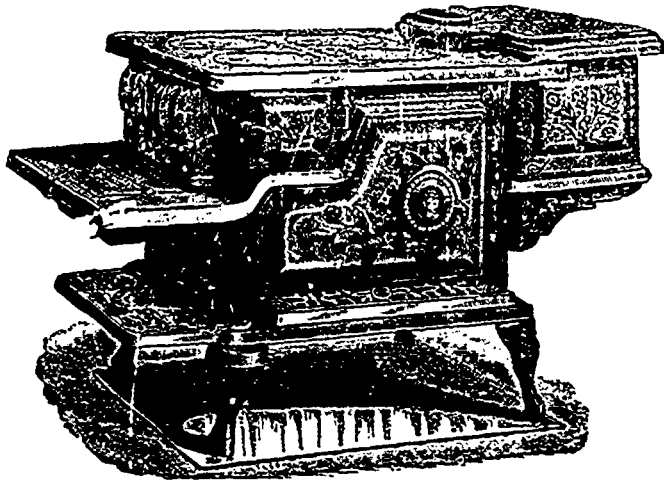
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DRESSED POULTRY—There is a dearth of poultry, and up to 13c has been paid for choice chickens, though ordinarily quoted at 11 to 12½c for country stock. Turkeys bring 14 to 15c.

FRESH MEATS—Meats hold firm at about last week's quotations, with choice mutton held 1c higher. There was considerable country dressed beef offering last week, and selling at 4 to 5c per pound for fair to good quality. Fresh city beef is steady at 6c. mutton, 9 to 10; veal scarce at 8 to 9c. Pork, 6½ to 7½c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes were easier, owing to larger offerings, on account of mild weather. Cabbage are scarce and dearer. Celery is very scarce, stocks being about used up. Parsnips are higher, and onions are scarcer and higher. Following are prices paid by dealers, on the street market: Potatoes, 35 to 40c; carrots, 40 to 50c; beets, 40c per bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 2c per pound; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 60c to \$1 per dozen; onions, 2½ to 3½c per pound; horseradish 8c per pound. Dealers are selling Spanish onions at \$1.35 per crate.

HIDES—Frozen hides quoted at 3 to 3½. No. 1 cows, 3½c; steers, 4½c. Sheep and lamb skins, 50 to 75c each. Tallow, 4½c rendered and 2½c for rough.

HAY—Loose offering freely at \$4 to \$6 per ton. Pressed in car lots, \$6 to \$7 per ton on track here, and at \$5 to \$5.50 at point of shipment.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

(Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.)

Washington's birthday anniversary coming on Monday, the day was observed as a holiday, and the board did not meet. On Tuesday trading in wheat was light, and the market was described as dull and easy. Wheat started ½ to ¾c lower than Saturday's close, and declined 1c more, closing 1½c lower than Saturday. Corn steady. Oats a trifle firmer. Pork closed 25c lower than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	89½	—	92½
Corn.....	40½	40½	41½
Oats.....	29	—	31½
Pork.....	11.32½	—	11.67½
Lard.....	6.40	—	6.55
Short Ribs.....	6.75	—	6.90

On Wednesday wheat was rather quiet, but firmer, and prices steadily advanced about 1c, closing ¾c higher. Wheat receipts 263 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	90½	—	93
Corn.....	41½	41½	42½
Oats.....	29½	—	31½
Pork.....	11.50	—	11.75
Lard.....	6.50	—	6.65
Short Ribs.....	6.80	—	6.95

On Thursday there was a spurt in buying caused by the news from Washington that the senate committee were seemingly hostile to option buying, but the bulge brought out free selling and in addition the late cables were easier. Closing quotations were about ¾c lower. Receipts, 193 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	90	90½	92½
Corn.....	41½	41½	42½
Oats.....	—	—	31½
Pork.....	11.25	—	11.50
Lard.....	6.45	—	6.55
Short Ribs.....	6.80	—	6.95

On Friday wheat was quiet and weak, closing ½ to ¾c lower. Receipts, 199 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	89½	90	91½
Corn.....	41	41½	42½
Oats.....	—	—	31
Pork.....	10.30	—	11.52½
Lard.....	6.45	—	6.55
Short Ribs.....	6.82½	—	6.92½

On Saturday wheat was weak and declining. May wheat opened at 91½c and declined to 90½, where it stood at the close.

Duluth Wheat Market

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

Monday—Holiday.
 Tuesday—Cash, —; February, 85½c; May, 90½c.
 Wednesday—Cash, —; February, 85½c; May, 90½c.
 Thursday—Cash, —; February, 85½c; May, 90½c.
 Friday—Cash, —; February, 85½c; May, 90c.
 Saturday—Cash, —; February, 85c; May, 89c.

A week ago February closed at 86½c and May at 91½c.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, February 27, wheat prices closed as follows: No. 1 hard, in store, Feb. 85c; No. 1 northern, Feb. 84c; May, 85½c; No. 2 northern, Feb. 80c. A week ago February closed at 87c, and May 88½ for No. 1 northern.

New York Wheat Market.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, wheat at New York closed at \$1.04½ for February and \$1.02½ for May. A week ago the close was at \$1.03 for February and \$1.05 for May wheat.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—There has been a little more enquiry during the week with steadier feeling, straight rollers selling at \$4.50 to \$4.55 in car lots, on track, and at \$4.60 to \$4.65 delivered. Extra has changed hands at \$4.20, and superfine at \$3.90 to \$4.10. In strong bakers' the nominal price of city branches is \$4.90, but it has sold at \$4.80 to \$4.85. Manitoba strong bakers' has changed hands at \$4.50 to \$4.75 as to quality. Regarding the export trade a lot of 500 bbls. of low grade was shipped from this city to England last week.

Oatmeal—The oatmeal market is quiet, and prices remain in favor of buyers, car lots of granulated being offered by some Western millers at \$3.90 per bbl. laid down here, while other millers refuse to take less than \$4, and prices here are at \$4 to \$4.10, and in bags \$1.95 to \$2.05. Standard is offered in car lots laid down here at \$3.80 to \$3.90, and at \$3.95 to \$4 to the trade here, bags being quoted at \$1.85 to \$1.90, and at \$1.95 to \$2 to the trade. Split peas are selling at \$3.80 to \$3.70 in bbls. and at \$1.75 to \$1.85 in bags.

Millfeed—Sales of Ontario and Manitoba bran are reported at \$15 to \$15.50 in car lots. Shorts have sold at \$16 to \$16.50, and Moulis \$21 to \$24 as to grade.

Wheat—Under a more active enquiry from millers, there has been an advance of 1 to 2c per bushel in the price of wheat in Ontario. Sales of red and white winter wheat at points west of Toronto being reported at 83 to 89c. Here prices are purely nominal at \$1 to \$1.02 for No. 2 hard. Feed wheat is offered at 55c, and 52c bid.

Oats—Sales are reported of 5,000 bushels of Manitoba mixed oats at 32c to arrive, and seven cars of choice white oats at 33c per 34 lbs. Anything extra choice it is said might command a fraction more.

Barley—There has been a little more enquiry during the past few days, and sales of feed barley are reported at 43 to 44c to arrive, and we quote 42 to 45c. Malting barley is quoted at 55 to 62c as to quality.

Pork, lard, etc.—Hog products continue to rule steady with further sales of Canada short cut mess pork reported at \$16.50 to \$17, the latter price for round lots. The price of Canada pork is being kept down by offerings from Chicago. Western short cut is being offered at \$16 for round lots, although the Canadian product is preferred even at the higher price. In lard a fair business is reported at \$1.45 to \$1.50 per pail for compound, and at \$1.75 to \$1.80 for pure Canadian. Hams, city cured, per lb., 10½ to 11c; bacon, per lb., 9½ to 10c; shoulders, per lb., 8½ to 9c.

Dressed hogs—The market remains firm with further sales of car lots at \$6.50 per 100 lbs.;

but at prices holders are now asking in the West they could not be laid down under \$6.05.

Butter—It appears that after all there is plenty of creamery left for home consumption, especially as there is no further outlet for it for export. Sales are reported of good sized lots of creamery at 22 to 24c as to quality, jobbing lots of finest of course commanding a cent or so more money. In Eastern Townships there have been sales at 19 to 20c, small lots bringing 1c more. Western is quoted at 16 to 18c. The sharp decline in prices in England of 12s to 11s per cwt. has shut off the export enquiry.

Cheese—The drop of 1c in the English market as reported by cable has had no effect upon the market here, for the reason that there is so very little stock left for sale. Sales of finest white have been made at 11½c. Under-priced goods are quoted at 11 to 11½c.

Eggs—Lined at 14 to 15c, the former for round lots and the latter figure for smaller quantities. Quite a lot of stock held over from last fall have been coming in, sales of which have been made at 11c.

Apples—The market is quiet and unchanged, car lots bringing \$1.95 to \$2.25 per bbl. Dried apples 4½ to 5c per lb. as to quality. Evaporated apples 8 to 9c per lb. as to quantity.

Hides—No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners are paying ½c more; lamb skins, 80c to \$1; calfskins, 5c.—*Trade Bulletin*, Feb. 19.

Freight Rates and Traffic.

The *Chicago Trade Bulletin* of Feb. 22 says: There was an improvement in the railroad situation during the past week, and although cars are more plentiful there is no surplus. Rail rates were unchanged, but there were rumors of reductions being made on the quiet. Rates were 25c for flour and grain, and 30c for provisions to New York. Through business was larger than during the previous week. Through rates to Liverpool were stronger and higher, owing to the advance in ocean freights. Flour ranged at 36½ to 37½c, grain at 34½c, and provisions at 44½ to 46½c. Lake freights were dull at 3½c for wheat and 3½c for corn to Buffalo.

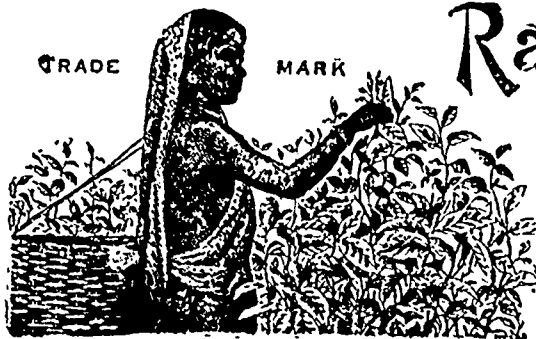
Wheat Prices in England.

The *Corn Trade News*, of February 9, quotes wheat prices, etc., as follows in the Liverpool market, prices being in shillings and pence:

Wheat, per 160 lbs.		
No. 1 Call.....	7 11	8
" choice.....	8 2	8 2
No. 2 Red Winter new.....	7 6	7 8
Kansas winter.....	7	7 0
No. 2 spring new.....	7 12	8 0½
No. 1 northern Duluth, new.....	7 11½	8 1½
No. 2 ".....	7 8	7 9½
No. 1 hard Duluth, new.....	8 2½	8 4½
Soft white Chilian.....	7 8	7 11
Hard Chilian.....	7	7 3
Choice Bombay.....	7 6	7 7½
No. 1 Bombay.....	7 4	7 5½
Kurrachee, choice.....	7 1	7 2
White ".....	6 10	6 11
Red ".....	6 3	6 9½
No. 1 Calcutta.....	7 1	7 2½
White Delhi.....	7 2	7 3½
Fair to good Azima.....	7 5	8
Fair Ghirka.....	7 6	7 10

Flour, per 250 lbs.		
English patents.....	29	32
" bakers.....	26	29 0
Best Milwaukee patents.....	30 6	
" bakers.....	27 0	
" St. Louis patents.....	30 6	
" fancy.....	29 0	
" Minnesota patents.....	30	31 6
" bakers.....	29 0	27 6
Low grades.....	19	23
Red dog.....	18	19
Arcadians.....	32	
Casodias.....	32	
Best Hungarian.....	40	

Oats, per 45 lbs.		
English, choice.....	3 5	
" new black.....	2 8	2 10
" new white.....	3	3 3
" new yellow.....	2 9	2 11
Sligo & W. Ireland, new.....	2 10	3
Canadian & American.....	2 9	2 11



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British Columbia Business Review.

FEBRUARY 23.

The annual report of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association for 1891-2 will be one of the most valuable ever issued in this province both in point of information to the outside world and benefit to the members of the association. Despite the forebodings of not a few, the association is doing a good work and affording to the industry in this province a great stimulus. This year a supplement will be embedded on fruit pests and their remedies taken largely from the reports of the Oregon and Washington State Boards of horticulture. The pests treated and illustrated will include the codlin moth, apple tree borers, woolly aphids, apple tree aphid, apple tree tent caterpillars, forest tent caterpillars, San Jose scale, black spot or fungus, pear and cherry tree slug, oyster shell louse, hot plant louse, tomato blight, currant and gooseberry slug or worm, cabbage worm and cut worm. These are the pests peculiar to the Pacific coast states and to which British Columbia will be liable. It must be remembered that the conditions of fruit-growing are very much different on the west than at the east coast. In some instances, even a direct contradiction is noted, so that the experience of the east is hardly applicable here, except in a general way. The only item taken from the bulletins issued at Ottawa is one relating to plum curculio, which has already made its appearance in our orchards, although its advent is probably unknown to many. Its ravages are not so much feared now as formerly, since good preventative methods have been discovered, but it must be looked after or otherwise the chief fruit of the province will suffer most materially. The association is also petitioning the government for a prevention act similar to the one in force in Washington and Oregon and also for a board of commissioners. It is altogether possible a move will be made in the direction of appointing a commission to visit the Pacific coast states and report on the details of fruit-growing. As will be seen vigorous steps are being taken to promote fruit culture in this province by the Fruit Growers' Association, which is to be congratulated on its efficient directorate and secretary.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting the Salmon Fishing Commission down to work. At first Mr. Wilmot found himself in the position of the man between "the devil and the deep sea." One of the commissioners, Hon. D. Higgins, is Speaker of the Provincial Legislature now in session and unless the investigation was held in Victoria he could not very well attend. The other, Sheriff Armstrong, of Westminster, was not well enough to go to Victoria and at any time would be disinclined to leave Westminster which he regards as the centre of the salmon canning industry. However, Mr. Higgins yielded the point and made arrangements to go to Westminster where the preliminary session opened on Friday of last week. After all the local evidence obtainable is taken at Westminster, the commission will shift to Victoria and take evidence there. A local paper suggests, endorsing the remarks of THE COMMERCIAL on the same point, that the investigation be so thorough that Mr. Wilmot, Superintendent of Fisheries in the Dominion, shall thoroughly understand what this province requires in the way of legislation and regulations suitable to local conditions.

As indication of building activity for the season of 1892 it may be stated that contracts for five million bricks have already been made

in connection with new buildings to be erected in Vancouver. Many of these, too, will be largely built of stone. A great impetus to building has been received by the remarkably beautiful weather that has been enjoyed for nearly two months, which has had a decidedly invigorating effect on business as well as building operations.

The *Herald of Trade and Grocer and Canner*, of San Francisco, states that: "The salmon market is getting into better shape. The firm attitude of leading packers is justified by the strong position of the article, and the recent sale of 50,000 cases at the full prices (\$4 to \$4 30), established by the Alaska Salmon Packers' Association, shows that confidence in the future of the market is gradually being restored."

No movement has yet been made to have the British Columbia boards of trade represented at the approaching congress of boards of trade and chamber of commerce of the Empire in London, England. It is most important that this province should be fully and well represented, as many of the questions to be discussed at that convention will decidedly affect British Columbia from its peculiar position in the commercial relation to the British trade routes now developing.

Prominent among the legislation introduced at this session of parliament is the amendment to the land act, by which speculation in land is reduced to a minimum. The clause which meets with opposition is the one giving discretionary powers to the government in dealing with the disposal of lands. Land speculation has been rather brisk of late, somewhat, it may be in anticipation of the impending measure. At the present time there are some 216 persons making application in the British Columbia *Gazette* to purchase lands, the total acreage applied for being in the neighborhood of 70,000 acres, or on an average over 320 acres to each man. There are, too, 13 applications for timber limits, the aggregate of which is about 60,000 acres or over 4,500 acres in each case. Returns brought down show 933 pre-emption records for 1891, 616 in 1890, and so on back to 77 in 1882. There were 260 certificates of improvement granted in 1891, 169 in 1890, 132 in 1889 and 29 in 1882. Certificates of purchase were granted to 863 persons in '91, 829 in 1890 and gradually less to 1892, when 201 were granted. The total acreage decided in 1891 was 143,455 acres, being an increase from 99,334 the previous year.

It is interesting to note in the same report that 57 saw mills are now built or in course of construction in the province and 64 timber leases in existence, comprising 273,428 acres, yielding an annual rental of \$20,404.23. According to statement rendered by saw mill men there were 83,107,335 feet of timber cut during the year. The inspector in making his report regrets that although an expansion in local supply has taken place the export trade has been very much depressed. Mr. Ramsdale, manager of the Moodyville mill, it may be added, states in an interview that the outlook for the present year is not much better. He says that a good time is bound to come, but British Columbia must wait. During 1891, 20 timber leases were issued, comprising 51,112 acres. The daily capacity of the saw mills now constructed is 1,796,000 feet, or about 533,800,000 feet annual capacity.

Dyking improvements are now general. The people of Sumas are very much interested in the rival schemes promulgated there, and several meetings have been held. One on a large scale has received a charter and a grant of land in connection with the reclamation of Sumas Lake which is part of the project, but local feeling is strong in opposition. Lumsden Bros. have another scheme, while a number of land owners want to reclaim their own lands. However, there is a very evident necessity for a reclamation scheme on a comprehensive scale, and towards that end considerable capital will be required. A by-law is being introduced in

the Delta council to provide for the dyking of lands there, and Lulu Island is working to have a dyke placed all around it, the top of the dyke to form a roadway. The dyking of a portion of the island is already underway. A tract of land of 4,000 acres of Pitt meadows has already been dyked, and another dredge is being built for the acceleration of the remainder of the work.

Gesner Allan, of Nelson, was interviewed by THE COMMERCIAL the other day as to prospects in Kootenay. Mr. Allan is one of the journalistic fraternity who helped to promote that very lively little paper the *Miner*, speculated in Nelson property and did well. He is now in the private banking business and looking forward to greater financial heights. The Bank of Montreal is already established in Nelson and doing a good business. The Bank of British Columbia will get there just as soon as spring opens. The city is applying for incorporation, has waterworks and electric light plant is on the way. Preparations generally are being made for a big summer. Mr. Allan has unbounded faith in the richness of the mines in that section of West Kootenay. What is wanted now are men with money and practical miners. No other need apply as Nelson or the interior generally has no use for social parasites and men looking for soft snaps. There are plenty of laboring men and mechanics, he says, to supply the wants of the country there at present and a rush in of any but the classes named would be but a big mistake. The people up there look to the American side for the right kind of men and the sympathy generally is strongly American. Canadians are thought to be too slow and besides have not the mining experience to make the same success as Americans. When good claims are located and prospected English capital is needed to develop them. A large smelter at Pilot Bay will be in operation by next September and plenty of ore in sight to keep it running. Mr. Allan thinks there is money in buying claims at the present time, and thinks a man with ordinary prudence cannot make a mistake.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET QUOTATIONS.

At Ladner's Landing hay is moving off briskly, and commands \$12 a ton. Potatoes are quoted at \$15 on the wharf: oats, \$27 to \$32 on wharf. Cattle are wintering well in the Delta.

In the fresh meat market there is nothing special to report, no change being made since previous quotations. The supply is easier and much better than anticipated. The B. C. Cattle Co. is still getting large future supplies from up country. Hayes & McIntosh are bringing in a carload of dressed meats from Calgary each five days. Consignments of Oregon sheep have been received in Westminster and Victoria.

There is likely to be a break in the egg market. Portland eggs are coming in and the market there is weakening and quoted at 25c. The market is full of British Columbia fresh eggs at from 25 to 30c. Lined eggs and eastern fresh are scarce at 20 to 22c and 24 to 26c, respectively. There is a good supply of dairy and creamery butter at old prices, viz.: 20 to 22c and 28 to 29½c. Fresh ranch butter is scarce and firm. California butter in San Francisco is quoted: fresh roll, fancy 32 to 32½c per lb; fair to choice, 29 to 31c; California firkin, 22 to 24c. Recently small sample shipments of winter made butter were received by Major & Eldridge, Vancouver, from the Dominion experimental farm. It sold readily at 30c and is highly spoken of. As is well known an effort has been made in the eastern dairy conventions to induce dairymen to go into winter making more extensively and thus equalize the supply, and the above is the result of an experiment in that line, which if followed up is likely to be successful and will avoid a surplus of summer butter and provide the market with a fresh article during the winter.

Gregon apples are scarce and sales were made at \$1.35 per box. Eastern apples are from \$6 to \$6.50 and scarce. There is no change in oranges, which are still at \$2.75 for seedlings and \$3.75 to \$4 for navels. California lemons \$1.25. It is said that good oranges are likely to go up on account of so much bad stock in California. This statement, however, may result from inferences from the quality of one or two shipments which were quite inferior.

Dried fruits and nuts—California stock quoted as follows: Peaches, 10c; apricots, 11c; plums, 10c; prunes, 11c; evaporated apples, 12c; raisins, \$2.25 to \$3. Loose muscatels, \$2.00; Smyrna figs, 16c; Cala. black figs, 8c; peanuts, 12c; pine nuts, 20c; Brazils, 15c; walnuts, (Cal.) 15c; almonds, soft shel, 18c. Honey, 20c in comb; 12c strained; bottled, \$2.25 per doz.

Ashcroft potatoes have risen to \$25. Fraser River potatoes are coming in freely and the market is weak at \$16 to \$18 per ton, and stocks large. British Columbia onions are also plentiful at 1 1/2c and 3c. Roots, carrots, turnips at 6c, and bablage 1 1/2c, are in good supply. California stock is being imported: Cabbage, 2c; celery, \$1.10 per doz; cauliflower, \$1.50 per doz.

Business in the wholesale grocery line remains quiet. Prices of sugar are somewhat depressed and the British Columbia refinery is reducing the output. Mc. Prentice, secretary, has gone to Winnipeg to look after the market there and handle the stock in store. There is a large stock of raw sugar now on hand and a third sugar ship is expected daily. Cube sugar has dropped one-eighth cent per pound. Quotations are as follows: Cube, 6 1/2 cents per lb; powdered, \$2.25; granulated, 5 1/2 cents per lb; extra "C," 5 cents; fancy yellow, 4 1/2 cents; yellow, 4 1/2 cents. Quotations are for 1/2 barrels or bags, kegs being 1/4 cent more.

Fish is more plentiful. Some shipments of cod and salmon are being made east. Quotations are: Salmon, 10c; black cod, 6c; halibut, 5 to 6c; herrings, 5c; smelts, 6c; flounders, 5 and 6c; pickled cod in 200 lb barrels, \$8 to \$10. Sturgeon is very scarce. One of the finest fishes in the market has recently been introduced, and of which considerable quantities have been caught in the expeditions north for halibut. It is a deep sea fish, and is reported very plentiful. It has been sold as black cod, and is locally known as "skil," but so far it has not been properly classified, and is entirely different from anything now on the market. It is of exquisite flavor and surpasses anything for cooking texture sold anywhere. The "skil" has been sold in the California market as Spanish mackerel, but so far as known is peculiar to the British Columbia coast, and if it can be exported successfully, will lead the market as a choice fish. It is too tender and delicate a texture to ship for fresh and requires great care in curing. Being new to the world it will be some time before its merits will become recognized.

No change has occurred in flour and feed, etc. Prices are: Oats, \$32.50 per ton; barley, (bright), \$32 per ton; second grade, \$27.50 per ton. In car lots, bulk oats are \$25 and in sack, \$28.50; wheat, in bulk, \$28, in sacks, \$30; barley chop, \$27. Jobbing sales are: Manitoba Hungarian, \$5.85; strong bakers', \$5.50; Oregon, \$6 to \$6.25; Spokane, \$5.75; Enderby, \$5.75 three star, \$5.35 two star. Hay, \$15 to \$16. California oatmeal, \$4.25; Canadian, \$3.50; California rolled oats, \$3.90; Canadian, \$3.50; California cornmeal, \$3.25; chop feed, \$3.4; bran, \$23; shorts, \$25; oats, \$28 to \$30; wheat, \$33 to \$38; oil cake, \$40. Local prices in Victoria for grain feed are higher in most instances than those quoted. Rolled oats are supplied by the National mills at \$3 to \$3.25 per sack; oatmeal at \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

BRIEF BUSINESS NOTES.

Colonial hotel, Kamloops, is for sale.

The Red Lion brewery, Nanaimo, is for sale.

George Edward Hawes, grocer, Victoria, has assigned.

Gordon & Roale, Kamloops, have dissolved partnership.

Oliver and Numa Demers, grocers, Victoria, have assigned.

C. H. Archibald, Kamloops, has assigned to Wm. Cochrane.

Kenneth Sweet is starting a butchering business at Stoveston.

The machinery for the Alberni paper mills is going up this week.

Marshall & McRae, Vancouver, are now manufacturing rubber stamps.

Rumor has it that Geo. Gerosche will open another bank in Victoria.

H. A. Airschfield is going into the gents' furnishing business Victoria.

Civic census of Westminster, taken one night, will show 8,400 population.

James Pauch has leased the Merchants' Exchange business, Westminster.

W. E. McCartney intends moving his drug store from Vancouver to Nanaimo.

John Bickle & Co., Nanaimo, have opened a branch general store at Wellington.

Wm. Chadsey has purchased the stock and business of Jas. Edwards, Chilliwack.

C. M. Banks, Detroit, is erecting a sawmill at Mission. Daily capacity, 100,000 feet.

The Hotel-Victoria has been leased by P. T. Paton, and expects to open in about a month.

H. F. W. Belinsen has been admitted a partner of the firm of Kurtz & Co., cigar manufacturers.

Fraser River Canning Co. has received cable order for a carload of frozen salmon from England.

E. A. Morrissey, merchant, Huntingdon and Riverside, has assigned to A. W. Draper, Vancouver.

T. J. Trapp & Co., and Shirley & Hoy, New Westminster, are advertising clearance sale of hardware.

Low & Alice, wholesale commission agents, Victoria, have dissolved partnership; Alice continues.

M. Gaglietto and F. Scales, merchants Kamloops, have dissolved partnership, the former continuing.

John B. Wilson, Spokane, Wash., is buying goods for his store at Koslo from Victoria merchants.

Some \$30,000 worth special machinery is on the way to British Columbia for the Alberni paper mill.

Lewis & Greigg, job printers, New Westminster, have dissolved partnership. Lewis continues the business.

Wm. Hill, representing B. Saunders & Co., Toronto; was fined \$50 in Victoria for taking orders for clothing.

Geo. Chambers and Tupper Thompson, livery stable keepers, Vancouver, dissolve partnership, the latter continuing.

J. A. Johnston, late of the firm of Johnston, Walker & Flett, Victoria, has gone east to purchase a stock of hardware.

Jos. Coupland is now conducting the commission business known under the style of T. W. Clark & Co., Vancouver.

Mr. Pritchard got \$700 damages and costs against Vancouver on account of a leg broken on the sidewalk last fall.

The Whitelaw difficulty in connection with raising the wrecked San Pedro, was settled by captain paying duty under protest.

McLaren, Ross Lumber Co. has made preliminary survey of tramway line from its timber limits on Cultus Lake to Fraser river.

J. T. Sich, who was in the cigar business in Vancouver has sold out to J. M. Buxton and is going into the hop raising business.

The Edison General Electric Co. (foreign), is registering in British Columbia, with head office at Vancouver. Capital, \$12,000,000.

Robt. Skinner, of the wholesale crockery and glassware firm of Skinner & Co., Vancouver, has returned from a purchasing trip to Europe.

Robert Teckis, son of the wholesale ship-chandler, Toronto, and C. W. Shaw, of the same place, are starting a shipchandlery in Vancouver.

The Department of Public works, Ottawa, will ask for \$20,000 appropriation to dredge outer harbor of Victoria, and \$10,000 more for the inner harbor.

F. R. Stewart, wholesale commission merchant, Vancouver, has returned from a business trip east and brought three cars of apples and eggs with him.

Elford & Smith have taken the contract of erecting a three storey brick building for Simon Leiser, Victoria, on corner of Johnson and Store streets, cost about \$25,000.

D. Donaldson, lately of Ottawa and in business there as merchant tailor, has taken a partner in the Sehl-Hastie furniture business and has arrived in Vancouver.

Thos. Castley, Kamloops, has taken the contract for putting up 1,700 tons of ice and will fill all the ice houses from Revelstoke to Vancouver on the lines of the C.P.R.

Mr. Macaulay, of the Victoria Manufacturing and Lumber Co., has returned from a trip to Europe and South America. He speaks hopefully of the lumber trade in Chili.

One hundred tons of semi-anthracite smoke less coal from Canmore, was sent aboard the Empress of Japan for trial, and, if satisfactory, it will be recommended for the steam ship line.

The Edison Electric Light Co. has sold a large purchase of electrical machinery, including a 208 h.p. railway generator, and two complete car equipments to the Victoria Tramway Company.

A party, composed principally of members of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, and their families, paid the province a visit the other day, being part of a trip which takes in the whole Pacific coast.

James McGreer, formerly of Winnipeg, has sold out his dairy business, Vancouver, out of which he made considerable money, and is going to live on his ranch at Langley, where he intends starting a creamery, the first in the province, and a hop yard.

Victoria's new daily paper the *News* has been issued, and it is what it promised to be a live, newsy journal supporting both governments. It is generally understood to be the special mouth-piece of Hon. Theodore Davie, between whom and the other government organ there is no love lost.

G. F. Chapman, E. H. Hcaps, T. R. Lane and D. L. Beckingsale, Vancouver, are incorporating as the Vancouver Trading Company (ltd.), with a nominal capital of \$250,000. The object of the company is stated as catching, curing, canning fish and manufacture glue, oil, etc.

G. F. & J. Galt have gone out of the commission business in Vancouver and Victoria, and are succeeded by Martin & Robertson, who have taken over their agencies and will continue as wholesale commissioners and brokers. Robt. Martin, the late manager, will continue in Vancouver and Arthur Robertson in Victoria.

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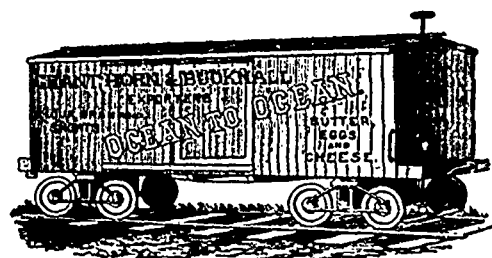
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Mining Development in British Columbia.

The mining development of British Columbia is of special interest and as 1892 promises more in this respect than has characterized the province for some years past, an extended reference will be justified. The Nelson *Miner*, specially devoted to the mining of the interior has the following review for the Nelson division of the West Kootenay district:

While the hopes of the people who live in the Nelson division of West Kootenay district were not realized during the year as regards mine development, they should be fairly well satisfied with the general results obtained. While a large number of men were not employed for wages, fully 200 men did more or less work that went to show that the mineral deposits and ledges of the division go down. While large shipments of ore were not made, the work done proved that the ore was in sight. Silver King was not sold, as many hoped it would be, its owners expended more money in development work than any other mine management in the province (excepting, of course, the coal companies on Vancouver Island). While direct railway connection was not made so as to give the lake country uninterrupted communication with the outside, trains were run over the entire length of the Columbia & Kootenay railway, a branch of the Canadian Pacific. While no new machinery (except one rammel) was brought in, none that was already in was allowed to rust. While no one got rich, no one who attended strictly to business went broke. The readjustment of the mining laws worked no hardship, other than compelling mine owners to pay \$6 for recording assessment work where \$2.50 only should be paid. The money set apart for public works in the division was economically and judiciously expended. The group of mines locally known as the "Hall mines" must still be accorded the palm of being the greatest in the Kootenay Lake country. The work done during the year on one of the group, (the Silver King) proved that the ore body is not only continuous but that it goes down. The main tunnel is now through the Silver King ground and 25 feet into the Kootenay Bonanza, it being 750 feet in all, with the face fully 300 feet below the surface. A winze was sunk in the tunnel to a depth of 64 feet, and a 100-foot crosscut run from its bottom. Five crosscuts were run from the main tunnel, the last showing the ore body to be 35 feet in width. In all, about 1000 feet of tunnelling, and crosscutting was done during the year, and including the money expended on the wagon road fully \$50,000 were disbursed for wages, supplies, &c. Twelve men are now employed in the tunnel. On the Dandy, over 500 feet of tunnels, drifts, and crosscuts were run, at an expense of \$15,000. On the Grizzly Bear, about 300 feet of tunnels and crosscuts were run, at a cost of \$9,000, and 8 men are still employed. An aggregate of 1000 feet more of tunnels and shafts were run and sunk on the Whitewater, Wild Cat, Vinita Boy, Royal Canadian, Lizzie C., Hidden Treasure, Democrat, Sunrise, Muldoon, Majestic, Evening, and other claims in the division. The amount of money expended during the year can safely be placed at \$100,000 for development work, and of the assessment work being done by claim owners themselves. For that expenditure there is fully \$100,000 worth of ore on dumps, where it will probably remain until reduction works are erected in the district.

To the Hussy bank failure at Spokane is attributed the cause for the non-resumption of operations at the Poorman, the best known claim in the gold belt southwest of Nelson, and the fact of its lying idle had a depressing effect on the owners of contiguous claims. Considerable work was done on the Wild Cat, and a trial run made on its ore. The trial run proved the ore too low grade to pay, unless the cost of milling was reduced to a minimum. On the Royal Canadian work was carried on in the tunnel during the winter

and spring. A few tons of ore were run through the Poorman mill during the summer, with a result that was satisfactory to the owners, for it proved that the ore was higher grade than pronounced by many experts who examined the property. Work was resumed in the tunnel in the fall, and its face is now reported in good looking ore, the ledge being from 3 to four feet wide, between well-defined walls. Development work was also done on the Majestic and Muldoon, the latter being the south extension of the Royal Canadian. Two men are now at work on it. On Rover creek the Whitewater company began operations in the spring by packing in the Huntington mill from the Gold King property. The mill was run about three months during the summer; and while the run showed the ore equally as rich as that from the Poorman, (which averages about \$25 a ton), it was not satisfactory to the owners, because of the loss in the tailings. While operations were carried on, 8 to 14 men found employment at the mill. Little more than assessment work was done on the other claims, numbering about 50 in the belt.

In that part of Nelson division lying north of the Kootenay river and west of Nelson the work done during the winter did not develop anything to justify continuing work during the summer. The croppings indicate large ledges but there is so little mineral in the vein matter that it will require both faith and capital to reach the "pay streak." The only claim on which work is now being done is the Peterborough, 2 men being employed.

Much was expected of the placer ground on Hall creek; but little, however, was realized. The hydraulic ground on 49 creek was also disappointing. The Chinese on Bird creek did not make fortunes. In all, about \$3,000 was taken from these creeks. Hall creek was rich in spots, and as high as \$20 a day to the man was made; but the area of the rich spots was small in comparison to that of the barren ground. The men who worked on 49 creek claim that ground will pay if properly worked; but no one with the requisite capital appeared willing to take hold. Bird creek was a good deal like Hall creek—rich in spots.

In the early part of the summer reports of rich finds came in from Rover creek, and although ore (galena and carbonates) ran high in silver, the ledges were small and locators poor, therefore but little work was done. Later in the season a party of prospectors made discoveries on one of the tributaries of the Salmon, but the Sloca excitement caused a suspension of work after a shaft had been sunk several feet on the discovery claim. Residents of Bal-four prospected a creek emptying into the outlet opposite that place, and near its head made several locations. The ore (galena) found was of good grade, but no work of consequence was done. The discovery of a 600-foot ledge on the north side of the Kootenay, 14 miles to the northeast of Nelson, created a little excitement, but it soon died out. Several locations were made, and three men are now at work on one of them, on which they have a tunnel in 40 feet. The ore is low-grade and pyritic, assaying \$3 in gold and \$27 in silver. No new finds worthy of note were made on Toad mountain. In October, the arrival at Nelson of a number of prospectors to record locations made on the headquarters of a creek (now named Carpenter) emptying into the east side of Sloca lake created no little excitement as their coming had been preceded by the rumors of the almost fabulous richness of the ore found in ledges of great width. From that time until the end of the year the new district was visited by probably 150 prospectors the greater number of whom made locations. While assays invariably showed the ore to be high-grade, no work was done on any of the claims. This was not because of a lack of faith, but because the discoveries were made so late in the fall that trails could not be cut from accessible points to them, so as to permit tools and provisions being packed in. Even now, the end of the nearest trail is distant 10 to 12 miles from

the discoveries. However, that section will be easily accessible in the early summer of this year, since there is great rivalry between the parties interested in the Kaslo creek and Sloca river routes, to say nothing of the route the people of Revelstoke will open by way of Nakusp creek.

About 50 sales of claims, of more or less value, were made during the year. Early in the spring A. M. Esler purchased an eighth interest in the Dandy for \$1,000 cash, and obtained a bond on the other seventh-eighths at a figure up in the thousands. Owing to the delay in beginning work on the wagon road from Nelson to Toad Mountain, which rendered it impracticable to place the machinery on the property, the terms of the bond were re-adjusted late in the fall and most of the working force laid off. The Iroquois was purchased by J. E. Ross for \$14,000 cash. Mr. Ross also purchased the Grizzly Bear and Silver Queen, paying \$3,000 for them. Other sales were made at figures ranging from \$250 to \$2,500, the latter price being paid for the Last Chance and the Jim Crow, and for interest in the Ollie. J. C. Cobaugh transferred his interest in the Hall mines for \$20,000 cash, the interest being a twenty-sixth. John Wallace's interest in the Whitewater on Rover creek was also sold during the year, at a figure said to be \$10,000. The sales for the year aggregated fully \$100,000.

But little development work was done in either Goat River or Trail Creek divisions during the year. In the former, about 60 locations in all have been made, the best known of which is the Alice. In the latter, the owners of the Le Roi did about all that was done, aside from assessments.

The gold commissioner's office for West Kootenay district was removed from Revelstoke to Nelson during the year, which largely increased the amount of business transacted at the Nelson office. T. H. Griffin, the mining recorder, recorded about 1,000 records and records of claims, records of assessment work, bills of sale, and other documents pertaining to the mining business.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The year 1891 opened with men doing development work on the Skyline, Number One, United, Neosho, Tenderfoot, Dictator, and several other claims of lesser note, and closed with men on the Skyline, United, Tenderfoot, Krao, and Neosho. The amount of work done, in the aggregate, was more than during the previous year, and was of a character that went to prove that the ore bodies go down. Ore was shipped from the Number One, Neosho, and Tam O'Shanter, the Number One shipments going to East Helena, Montana, and those from the Neosho and Tam O'Shanter to Tacoma. The first transfer of consequence was that of A. D. Wheeler's interests in the Skyline Krao, Crow Fledgling, Blackbird, Maestro, Banker, Pataha, Attended, Bugaboo, Libby, and two or three side locations to W. L. Hoge, of Anaconda, Montana, Mr. Wheeler receiving \$5,000 cash on a one-year bond for \$35,000. Later, a number of sales were made ranging from a few hundred dollars for prospects to several thousand dollars for claims like the Tam O'Shanter, Tenderfoot, and Neosho, the last named selling for \$10,000 cash, Dr. Coe, of Seattle, being the purchaser. The Tam O'Shanter was sold to a Montreal company, through Richard Irwin, a Colorado mining man, and the work done on it afterwards proved his judgment good. The Tenderfoot brought \$7,500, Richard Ashworth and Wilfred Jevons, Montana and Wyoming cattle men, being the purchasers. Since purchasing the property they have expended several thousand dollars in erecting a shaft-house and putting in hoisting works, and now have 12 men at work sinking a two-compartment shaft. While the ore shipped was not as high-grade as that shipped from the Skyline last year, the total amount obtained from its sale was about the same as that realized last year. In fact, owing to the specific wording of the McKinley

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bill, no ore could be shipped to the United States at a profit unless it was high-grade in silver and low in lead; and, as is well known to mining men, the great bulk of the ore of the division are high in percentage of lead and low-grade in silver. So to the McKinley bill can be attributed the small tonnage shipped during the year, and to the same measure is ascribed the cause why more work was not done, for owners of claims saw no uselessness of extracting ore merely to let it remain piled on dumps. No new strikes of consequence were made in the section of the division adjacent to Ainsworth, but the prospectors who make Ainsworth their headquarters are entitled to all the glory for making the new finds on Kaslo creek and for creating the stampede to the Sloca Lake country.

The most important work undertaken in the division during the year—and it might very properly be called the most important work yet undertaken in the whole Kootenay Lake country—was that of the Kootenay Mining & Smelting company at Pilot Bay. In October that company, under the personal management of Dr. Hendryx, began grading a site for an 80-ton smelter, to which will be added a concentrator and refinery. Some 25 men are now employed, and by spring the site will be ready for the buildings, wharves will be in, and everything in ship shape for the actual work of construction. Dr. Hendryx claims the smelter will be blown in by the middle of July.

In August reports began to fly around that rich finds were being made on Kaslo creek, 12 miles to the north of Ainsworth, and for two months there was quite a stampede in that direction. The best known locations made were the Beaver, Montezuma, Mexico, Silver Tip, Comstock, Liddordale Ibox, Quail, and Trapper on Kaslo creek and its tributaries, and the Mountain Dew, Prince Edward, British Lion, Argentine, White Heather, Tip Top, Republic, and Rover at the head of Schroder creek. In October a party of Ainsworth prospectors struck out for Sloca lake, and made discoveries to the east of it that are believed to be the richest yet made in the province.

By the completion of the Columbia & Kootenay branch of the Canadian Pacific mine owners were offered reasonably low rates on ore shipments. A \$6.50 rate per ton was given to Revelstoke, \$14.50 to Great Falls, and \$11.50 to Tacoma. These rates, however, did not tend to increase shipments. The bulk of the travel to and from the division was by way of the Little Dalles route, boats not making regular trips to Bonner's Ferry after the Galena was pulled off that route to run daily between Ainsworth, Pilot Bay, Balfour and Nelson. Until late in the season, the only way that Kaslo City could be reached was by rowboat; but during November and December the Galena made the run between Ainsworth and Kaslo once a week.

During the year 370 location notices and 170 bills of sale were recorded at the record office in Ainsworth by mining recorders G. B. Nagle and T. J. Lendrum, the latter being now the

recorder of the division. During the year crown grants were applied for for the Portland, Tenderfoot, Danira, Highland, Dictator, Fourth, and Libby.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the two weeks ended February 13 and February 20, 1892, is given below with the grading of the same.

Grade.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 20.
Extra Manitoba hard	1	0
No. 1 hard	11	3
No. 2 hard	54	46
No. 3 hard	05	63
No. 1 Northern	3	2
No. 2 Northern	13	7
No. 3 Northern	0	1
No. 1 White type	2	0
No. 1 Regular	77	71
No. 2 Regular	72	33
No. 3 Regular	5	7
No. 1 Rejected	19	11
No Grade	10	11
Rejected	43	35
Feed Wheat	2	2
Total	377	237

Total inspected for two weeks, as above, 604 cars. Total inspected for the corresponding two weeks of last year, 693 cars.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Feb. 22, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "English wheats are stronger at an average advance of 9d. In several of the provincial markets prices are 1s higher. Foreign wheats have risen 1s to 1s 6d. At Liverpool California is 7d dearer on the spot. Oregon is held for 41s 6d. The demand for corn is brisker. In London prices are steady. At Liverpool values are 2d per cental dearer. At Monday's market English wheats were slow, but were still saleable at 3d better. Foreign wheats did not move. English flour was firm and unchanged. Foreign flour advanced 6d.

The annual meeting of the Western Canada Loan and Savings company was held in Toronto recently. After paying two half-yearly dividends of 5 per cent and adding \$20,000 to the reserve fund, the report shows that a most successful business has been done, and that the prospects of the company are the most encouraging for many years. The harvest of last year has something to do with it, and considering a net profit of \$177,994.69 was the results of last year's business, it speaks highly and most commendably of the management. A clause in the annual reports reads: "The company is well served by a most capable and efficient staff of officers under the wise and experienced direction of our able managing director, Mr. Lee, and I have pleasure in alluding also to the energetic conduct of our business in Manitoba by the local manager, Mr. Fisher.

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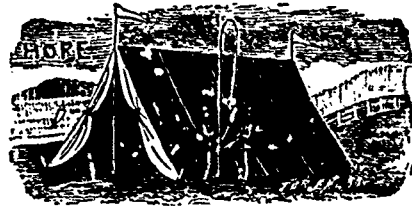
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3.43p	1.55p	9.3	St. Norbert	2.24p	10.21a	
3.3 p	12.42p	15.3	Cartier	2.30p	10.35a	
3.12p	12.22p	23.5	St. Agathe	2.55p	10.62a	
3.03p	12.18p	27.4	Union Point	3.03p	11.01a	
2.45p	12.00a	32.5	Silver Plains	3.18p	11.14a	
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	10.25a	68.1	Pembina	4.50p		
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7.00p	2.25p	0	Morris	11.50a	3.45a	
6.10p	1.54p	10.0	Lower Farm	12.14p	9.35a	
5.14p	1.24p	21.2	Myrtle	12.43p	10.34a	
4.50p	1.10p	25.9	Roland	12.55p	10.57a	
4.11p	12.50p	33.5	Rosebank	1.16p	11.37a	
3.47p	12.3 p	35.6	Miami	1.45p	12.10p	
2.53p	11.49a	49.0	Deerwood	2.11p	1.02p	
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1.40p	11.16a	62.1	Somersct.	3.45p	2.05p	
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