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WINNIPEG, MAY 5, 1890.

Manitoba.

Killarney wants a doctor.

Herron, of the Revere house, Gladstone, has sold out to Wilson.

James Land, of Winnipeg, has opened a butcher shop at Carman.

The Brandon electric light company has a capital stock of \$50,000.

J. Walker, of Neepawa, has opened a boot and shoe shop at Portage la Prairie.

Thomas Mrrdock, late proprietor of the Tecumseh house, Winnipeg, is dead.

R. B. Wish is erecting a building at McGregor to be used as a general store.

A. C. Fraser intends to commence the erection of a brick store at Brandon at once.

D. C. McKinnon, of the Grand Union hotel, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to Wm. Lyons.

H. Fryer, of Portage la Prairie, is starting a hardware store at McGregor, for which a building is being erected.

Wm. Bennett, late proprietor of the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, left for Ontario last week, where he will reside in the future.

The Portage la Prairie paper mill will be prepared to purchase a quantity of flax straw this fall for manufacturing paper.

Thomas Taylor, book binder, Winnipeg, had his premises and stock damaged to the extent of about \$100 recently by fire.

Mr Bennett has sold his lease of the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, to Rutley and McCaffrey, who will take charge of the business at once.

J. M. Fitzgerald, of the Union hotel, Portage la Prairie, has purchased the Woodbine hotel of the same place, lately conducted by Capt. Sheppard, who will now follow farming.

James Thompson, M.P.P., and B. Steves. C.P.R. agent, have formed a partnership in the agricultural implement trade at Emerson.

Mehlenbacher and Dafoe, tailor and shoemaker respectively, have located at Killarney, where they have commenced business in their lines.

The Real Estate Exchange, published monthly, by Crossthwaite & White, is the latest addition to the rapidly increasing list of Winnipeg publications.

A. C. Sewell, butcher, flour and feed, etc., Minnedosa, has taken a partner in the person of Joseph Burgess. After May 1st last the business will be conducted by Sewell & Burgess.

Saunders & Talbot, painters and decorators, Winnipeg, have been awarded the contract for painting and glazing the Northern Pacific & Manitoba hotel, which will amount to about \$12,000.

W. A. Allen, of Ottawa; Henry Lejune, J. H. Secretan, A. Eden and H. Archibald, of Winnipeg, have been incorporated by letters patent, as the Crowfoot Coal Company, limited, with a capital of \$250,000.

Plans are being prepared for an opera house, to be erected in Winnipeg, at a cost of \$40,000. Work on the structure will be commenced, it is said, early in June. Several local parties are interested in the enterprise.

Supt. Murray of the C.P.R. went over the new Souris branch last week. The track laid last fall is being ballasted and prepared for trains, and it is expected the further extension of the road will be gone on with at once.

The estate of Lyle, merchant tailor, Portage la Prairie, was sold at Winnipeg on Tuesday at auction, and was bought in by Lyle at 58c on the dollar for the stock; 20c on the dollar for the book debts; and \$150 for the building.

The close season for mink, fisher and martin commenced on the 15th of April. For plover and snipe the close season commenced on May 1st. Wild ducks, geese, otter beaver and muskrat may not be shot or trapped after May 14th.

The return of the Dominion savings bank, Winnipeg, for April are as follows:—

Deposits.....	\$18,091 00
Withdrawals	33,292 95

Excess of withdrawals.....\$15,311 95

The estate of R. B. Wish, of McGregor, Man., is offered for sale by tender, up to May 9th, by F. A. Fairchild, assignee, Winnipeg. Stock consisting of hardware, tinware, crockery, etc., valued at \$1,170; notes and accounts, \$1,275.

A Carman correspondent writes: "There is a great deal of building going on here. Nine stores, a public hall and six dwellings are in course of erection, and arrangements are being made for the building of two more grain elevators."

The Manitoba & Northwestern Railway will build a branch line from Westbourne to a point on the shore of Lake Manitoba, in the vicinity of Totogan. The branch will be a great accommodation to the growing trade on Lake Manitoba and its water connections.

J. H. Ashdown, the well known Winnipeg hardware merchant, has secured a verdict against the *Free Press* for \$500 for malicious libel. The proprietors of the *Free Press* are not satisfied with the verdict, and it is under-

stood they will appeal the case to the higher court.

A meeting of the patrons of the cheese factory at Royal, Man., was held last week. James Christie, John Radford and J. Galarneau were selected directors for the coming season. The factory will resume operations on the 19th of May, with considerable increase in patronage.

The Pilot Mound *Sentinel* reports that wild geese and other birds have been killed by poison put out to destroy gophers. Great care should be taken in depositing poison for gophers. The proper way is to place the poison in the gopher holes, where it will be out of the reach of other animals.

It is expected the mail difficulty on the Manitoba Northwestern railway will be remedied shortly. The Postmaster General said in Parliament last week his attention had been called to this matter and he was looking into it and hoped to be able to arrange for the rapid dispatch of mails along the railway.

Brandon *Sun*: On Friday last General Manager Graham, of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway, drove into the city from the end of the track, which at that time was about eight miles out. He assured the citizens that the road would be in a position to carry and deliver freight into Brandon by the 15th of May. Passenger arrangements will be completed about the same time. It is the intention of the company to proceed with all expedition in the completion of the terminal arrangements here.

R. Muir & Co., dealers in machinery, Winnipeg, have moved to the large building on Main street immediately north of the Canadian Pacific track, and formerly occupied as a planing mill. These premises will afford better accommodation for the goods handled. Mr. Muir has been appointed agent for the Hercules Manufacturing Company, of Petrolia, Ontario, manufacturers of an excellent line of flour-milling and other machinery, which is now being introduced into Manitoba. Saw mill and other machinery is also handled.

Brandon *Sun*: "Throughout this entire district the brightest prospects are in store for the farmers. The seed has never been placed in the ground under more favorable conditions. It has been well covered, and the rains that followed have secured it against any possible windstorm, which in previous seasons have blown the earth from the newly planted seed, and rendered the crop more or less a matter of speculation. This year we are pretty safe in saying it is now beyond any fear of danger from that source."

Northwestern Ontario.

Thompson & Roehon, fruits, etc., Keewatin, have dissolved partnership. George Thompson will continue the business.

Rat Portage wants a bank. To the important lumbering industry of the place especially such an institution would be a great convenience.

At a meeting of the town council of Port Arthur on Monday night it was decided to expend \$6,000 in purchasing a site suitable for municipal buildings.

The Port Arthur *Herald* says: "Inquiries have been received by the secretary of the board of trade from a New York company, as to the possibilities of their securing all the high grade silver ore produced in the district."

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Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Robert White, dyer, Kingston, is dead.
W. N. Shaver, grocer, Lucan, has sold out.
Chas. Grant, liquors, Simcoe, has sold out.
W. B. Cooke, bookseller, Toronto, is dead.
H. R. Ranks, furniture, Ayr, has assigned.
W. R. Vardon, stationery, Toronto, has sold out.
W. B. Tisdale, banker, Teeswater, has sold out.
W. H. Sutherland, woolen, Napier, is burnt out.
J. H. Dufton, stationery, etc., Stratford, is dead.
W. Jennings, shoes, Bowmanville, has assigned.
Hugh Brownlee, grocer, Smiths Falls, has sold out.
Stephen Clark, grocers, Niagara Falls, has sold out.
Beatrice L. Tait, fancy goods, Trenton, has assigned.
G. Unser, carpet manufacturer, Toronto, has assigned.
A. Moses & Co., clothing, Brockville, have assigned.
Lewis Thompson, merchant, Ingersoll, has assigned.
S. F. Weaver, general store, El Dorado, has assigned.
J. H. Alderson, general store, Dessert Lake, has assigned.
Mary A. Douglas, jeweler, St. Catharines, has assigned.
W. H. Stephenson, general store, Norwood, has assigned.
Michael McGuire, grocer, St. Catharines, has assigned.
N. A. Lindsay & Son, shoes, St. Catharines, have assigned.
Keys & Hallett, hardware, etc., Woodbridge, have sold out.
Hemsted & Price, bankrupt stocks, Aylmer, have sold out.
Mrs. John Kinnon, grocer, Orillia, is offering 20c in the dollar.
John Mathews, general store, Port Colborne, is out of business.
E. L. Thom, general store, North Williamsburg, has assigned.

Wm. Risk, general store, Highgate, leaving for the United States.

W. C. Myers & Co., general store, Thornbury, stock sold at 63½c.

S. W. Bradshaw, groceries and provisions, Brantford, has assigned.

Broad & Son, machine tool factory, Port Colborne, bailiff in possession.

Wegenast & Robertson, general store, Plattsville, a meeting of creditors held.

T. D. Stauley, groceries and shoes, St. Mary's, is removing stock to Lucan.

Lynch, Beatty & Co., general store, etc., Hagersville, damaged by fire; insured.

Markham Woollen Mills, Markham, former item was an error; business is continued as usual.

The following have suffered by fire at Cobourg:—J. Hayden, hardware, etc.; Isaac Herrington, hotel; Thos. Morrow, saddler and shoes; Alex. Pratt, flour and feed; Mrs. Woods, hotel.

QUEBEC.

T. Cadotte, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.

Pare & Bousquet, grocer, Lachine, have dissolved.

J. B. Lalumiere, hotel, Montreal, has assigned.

A. Gagnon & Co., dry goods, Levis, have assigned.

Ludger Gamache, grocer, Quebec, has assigned.

Leandre Proulx, grocer, Sherbrooke, has assigned.

Louis Roussil, general store, Terrebonne, has sold out.

Louis Leveille, general store, Yomaska, has assigned.

F. X. Labelle, general store, St. Janiver, has assigned.

Ubalde Senecal, general store, Upton, has assigned.

New York Suspender Co., Montreal, have dissolved.

W. J. McKenzie, general store, Buckingham, has sold out.

A. D. Porcheron, groceries, etc., Coaticook, has assigned.

Tancrede Robitaille, tailor, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned.

Jos. Desaulniers, general store, Shawanegan, has assigned.

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Frank Popin, general store, Stanfold, has compromised.

W. R. Thompson & Co., shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.

John O'Donnell, general store, North Onslow, curator appointed.

J. T. Robinson, printer, Montreal, damaged by fire and water.

H. Charlebois, wholesale and retail grocer, Montreal, is dead.

Mrs. M. Guillet, fancy goods, etc., St. Johns, has assigned.

B. Est. Sauvage, dry goods, St. Johns, meeting of creditors held.

O. Boucher, general store, St. Barnabe, is offering to compromise.

Lucis Lupien, general store, St. Ursule, demand of assignment.

Jos. Poisson, general store, St. Pierre les Becquets, has assigned.

R. McNabb & Co., manufacturers whitewear, Montreal, have assigned.

Hilaire Ricard, general store, St. Guillaume, demand of assignment.

Prime Houle, general store, St. Perpetue, demand of assignment.

R. McCaffery, general store, Dewittville, is offering to compromise.

De Gruchy & Raphael, manufacturers agents, Montreal, have dissolved.

P. Leroux & Co., vermicelle manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.

I. A. Quintal, bankers, etc., Montreal, a meeting creditors 22nd ult.

Cottingham & Robertson, dye stuffs, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

C. Martineau, general store, St. Felix de Valois, demand of assignment.

R. Mitchell & Co., brass founders, Montreal, stock partially damaged by water.

James Hoolahan, wholesale fancy goods, Montreal, has changed style to Hoolahan Broc.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Mrs. C. Devey, millinery, Halifax, has sold out.

E. B. Elliott, commission, etc., Halifax, has assigned.

J. H. Crowe, stationery, etc., Windsor, has assigned.

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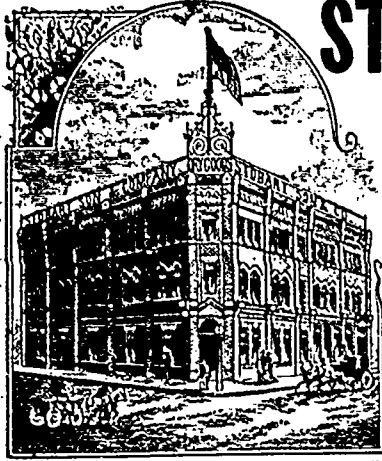
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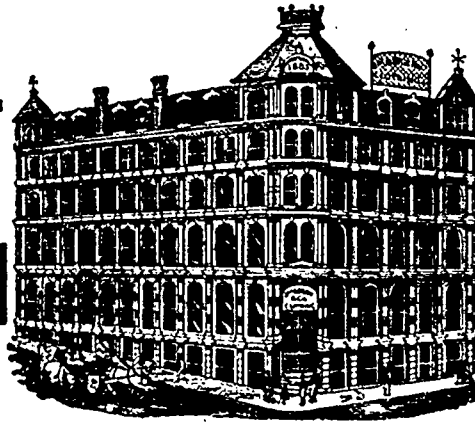
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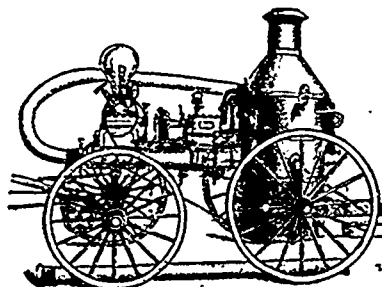
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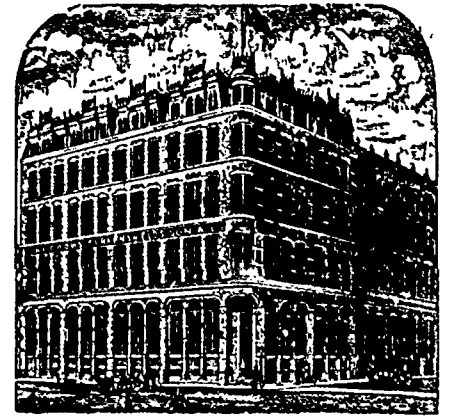
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FIRE INSURANCE.

The Brandon *Mail* recently devoted a column to fire insurance, urging that the Manitoba Legislature should adopt a stringent measure to prevent insurance companies from shirking payment in cases of loss from fires. The article enumerates some of the various loop-holes through which the companies endeavor to escape payment of claims. One mentioned is the repudiation of the acts of agents. In this respect it may be said that no respectable company will repudiate the legitimate acts of its duly appointed agents, and for that matter the companies should not be permitted to repudiate the acts of their agents, after such have been duly authorized and endorsed.

"In case of loss," says the *Mail*, "the next attempt is to question value. From every point of reason the questioning ought to take place before the insurance receipt is issued and not after the loss." This is sound common sense and straight business principle. It hits the matter squarely on the head. Companies are often altogether too reckless in accepting risks, and in this respect they are a menace to the community. If there were no such a thing as fire insurance, it is certain there would not be nearly as many fires. In the first place people would be more careful about guarding against fires without insurance. Where a man has his property insured for all or more than it is worth, he is not likely to exercise quite as much care in securing his premises against possible danger from fire.

But aside from this it is not going too far to say that all fires are not accidental. All men are not honest, and some who are regarded as fairly honest in a general way, would not think it an unpardonable crime to sell out to an insurance company when they were certain of getting 100 cents or more on the dollar for the value of their property. The proportion of fires started for the purpose of realizing on the insurance to the total of course cannot be accurately estimated, but it would require great faith in human nature to believe that it is not considerable. There would be no room for the doctrine of total depravity in the mind of the man who does not believe that such is the case. Therefore, when an insurance company accepts a risk equal or in excess of the value of the property so insured, they are establishing a menace to the community. The man who destroys property to realize the insurance, may ruin a dozen other persons, and perhaps entail the loss of life as well. In such a catastrophe the insurance company which by over-insuring the property led to such a result, is not without responsibility for what has happened.

There are cases where it is very difficult for the companies to accurately estimate the value of a property for purposes of insurance, especially in the case of stocks of merchandise. Then there are cases where the insured is willing to "sell out" to the company at a price considerably less than the supposed value of the property. But making every allowance

for cases of this nature, it would still appear that there is often carelessness in accepting risks. If the companies were compelled to meet the full amount of policies, regardless of the value of the property destroyed, they would probably be more careful about accepting risks, and the number of fires would be reduced.

Business men are often careless about examining their policies. Every insurance policy should be read over carefully, and re-read if necessary, until its provisions are thoroughly understood and impressed upon the mind. Many business men never think of reading a policy, the length of the document being so great that they will not take the time to make themselves familiar with its provisions and exceptions. This is a great mistake. A business man should know to what extent he is insured, in the matter of conditions as much as in the amount reckoned from a money standpoint.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS.

The great congress of American nations, which came together at Washington some time ago with such a great flourish of trumpets, has concluded its meetings and the participants have quietly dispersed. A great deal more was heard about this wonderful gathering before it met than has been said since the representatives came together. Before the Congress met the papers were full of accounts about the affair, and what great things were to be accomplished. Since the conference met very little has been heard about it, and in fact it has almost been forgotten. It is evident from this that the conference has not been a success, or at least, that the deliberations and the results therefrom have not been of such a nature as was expected by the press and people of the United States, hence the general silence on the subject.

The conference was evidently engineered in the interest of the high-tariff party in the United States. The vague idea seemed to have been entertained that the independent American states would permit themselves to be drawn into some commercial compact with the United States, whereby goods from the latter country would be allowed to come into those countries free, while a duty would be placed upon goods from European and other nations. The representatives of the South American states, however, showed by their statements at the outset, that no such plan would be considered. This no doubt had the effect of cooling the ardor of those in the United States who were so enthusiastic before the conference met, hence the slight attention which has been given to the gathering of late. This plan of arranging for discriminating duties against European countries, would no doubt have been a fine thing for the United States, but it was absurd to suppose that the representatives from the other American countries would entertain such proposals. Those who imagined that they would, were doomed to early disappointment, for it was shown at the outset that any such proposals would be severely sat upon.

The conference, it has been already remarked, was engineered in the interest of protection. A family compact of a commercial union nature would have helped to keep down the rising

opposition in the United States against the high tariff. These highly protected manufacturers are unable to compete with free trade Britain in supplying the people of South America with manufactured goods, and so they had recourse to a plan to draw the southern countries into a family compact, which would prevent them from buying from their former source of supply in Great Britain and Europe. The luxurious trip which the South American delegates were given to the great cities of the United States, was expected no doubt to dazzle the delegates, and make them ready to enter into any commercial arrangement which might be proposed. On the assembling of the congress, however, it was soon discovered that this feature of the affair would have to be abandoned, as the delegates would have none of it. The conference was therefore obliged to confine itself to other questions, some of which are very important in themselves, but none of them of such importance to the United States as the trade question. The benefit which the conference would be from a commercial point of view, was the main point discussed before the conference was convened. Before adjourning a resolution was adopted by the conference in favor of reciprocity treaties between the various American republics, whereby material tariff concessions would be made upon the natural products of the respective countries. Beyond this, however, the representatives of the southern republics were not prepared to go.

GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE.

It is understood that the Dominion Government proposes formulating a plan for a system of Government life insurance. The details of the proposed system have not been made known, but it is supposed it will provide for insurance on a limited scale, probably mainly for the benefit of workmen and people of small means. As a rule the undertaking of business enterprises by a government are not to be commended. Business matters in almost any line can usually be conducted more economically and profitably by private parties than by governments. In life insurance, however, and entirely different aspect is presented from that of ordinary commercial undertakings. Life insurance is a trust fund provided either for the benefit of the insured at some future time, during old age, or for his family or heirs. The first thing required in life insurance is security. The more absolutely safe the security the more valuable the insurance. Absolute security in life insurance is a necessity. A trust fund to provide for the needs of infirm old age, or for helpless orphans, should be as absolutely secure as it can possibly be made. In this respect a government system of insurance would have the advantage over private enterprises of this nature.

In the matter of cost, life insurance should be made as cheap as possible, for the same reasons already noted. Men who are unable to get ahead in life sufficiently to lay by something for the future, or for their helpless families in case of their death, should not be compelled to pay a high price for insurance. They should have it at cost. In order to obtain insurance at cost, or as near thereto as possible, recourse has been had to the organiza-

tion of mutual benefit insurance societies of one kind and another. These efforts are very commendable in their nature, but in many cases they do not carry with them that security which is necessary in life insurance.

In view of the great army of agents employed by the regular companies, and the vast wealth amassed by some of these institutions, it is evident that the cost of insurance to those holding the policies is considerably in excess of what it might be. There is no reason why the government could not and should not provide a system of insurance which would combine the maximum of safety with the minimum of cost. Such a system planned specially for workingmen and people of limited means would encourage such persons to provide something for old age or for their families in case of their death, and it would be encouraging them to make an effort in a very laudible cause. The great expense of canvassing and other outlays as the business is now carried on, would be saved by a government system, and insurance would be so cheapened that it would be brought within the reach of many who are hardly able to carry a policy even for a small amount in the regular way.

The growth of life insurance is intimately associated with advancing civilization. It is a feature of advanced civilization and a very deserving feature at that. It is something in which we are or should be all interested. To perfect a system of safe and cheap life insurance for the benefit of the people, and especially the working people, is a wise and legitimate sphere of action for the Government. It would be carrying out a movement in the interest of the people in keeping with the efforts of the Government in providing education for the young, houses of charity for the destitute, security for life and property, and other great features which it is generally understood to be the duty of the state to provide, in the interest of the people.

LAKE SUPERIOR NAVIGATION.

The ice went out of the river at Fort William on April 23. The *Fort William Journal* thinks that if an ice crusher were stationed at that port, to break a passage from the harbor through the bay in the spring, navigation could be opened a week or two earlier than to wait for the ice to go out of the bay of its own accord. This is an important matter in which the whole West is interested, as a couple of weeks added to the season of navigation would be of great value to all the country west of Lake Superior. The opening of navigation means a considerable reduction in rates of transportation, and this is a direct saving to the people. Importers hold their shipments as long as possible in the spring, in order to take advantage of the lake freight tariff. The ice remains hemmed in at Thunder Bay often long after the lake beyond is safe for navigation, and long after the ice has gone out of the rivers. Boats sometimes arrive in sight of Port Arthur days and even weeks before they can get into the harbor. This causes a serious delay and loss to shippers and importers. The question is one of such importance that it might be considered by our boards of trade and other bodies, with a view to bringing the matter to

the attention of the Dominion Government. If a week or two could be gained in opening the harbors of Thunder Bay in the spring, by stationing an ice crusher at that point, it would be well worth some outlay to accomplish this end.

RAT PORTAGE MINING DISTRICT.

The country tributary to Rat Portage and known as the Lake of the Woods district has long been talked about as a mining region of more or less importance. Since the early days of exploration throughout the section there has been an impression that the country was valuable for its mineral deposits. About the time the Manitoba land "boom" was on its last legs an attempt was made to turn the current of the "boom" into speculation in mining stocks, based upon certain alleged mines in the Lake of the Woods country. If the country possessed any real merit as a mining region the prospects for early development of its mineral wealth were certain to be injured by this procedure. Speculation in land and lots had run wild and loose until it was about exhausted. People were beginning to discover the depth of the recklessness to which they had carried the land craze, and it only needed the shadow of a speculative mining craze to settle the business and make sensible people keep clear of the thing. Besides the attempt at that time to work up interest in the Rat Portage mining country was of a speculative nature, and not one of development. What the projectors wanted was to sell mining stock. Naturally therefore failure followed these efforts.

It was unfortunate we say that attention was drawn to this region at that particular time, when reaction from a speculative craze had already set in, especially as the movement was to keep up the spirit of speculation by turning it into a new channel. The result, as might have been expected, has been to injure the prospects for the development of the region. Still the opinion has been maintained that considerable mineral wealth exists in the Rat Portage district, though in the absence of any very important work in the direction of practical development, these opinions differ materially as to extent and value of the mineral deposits of the region.

Some prospecting has been quietly going on during the years that have passed since the attempt to "boom" the region, and it is evident that there are a number who have faith in the country. Another important move is now to be made to develop the mineral resources of the district. This is not, like the last effort, of a speculative nature. It is one of practical development. Reduction works are being established at Rat Portage, and when these are put in operation, the real value of the country will probably soon be learned. Those who are investing their capital in the enterprise have no doubt carefully investigated the case and decided that prospects are good. This is one of the difficulties in the way of developing a mining territory. It requires the outlay of a large amount of capital before the real value of the country can be faithfully made known. In this case the undertaking the establishment of the Rat Portage works have evidently had proof convincing to their minds that the mineral

value of the territory is sufficient great to make the enterprise a success.

Rat Portage is advantageously situated for the works, having both water and railway communication. A considerable portion of the territory which is supposed to be valuable for its minerals, is situated close to the lake or upon the innumerable islands in the lake. These mines can therefore be reached by steamers on the lake, and the ores can be conveyed by a cheap means of transit direct to the reduction works. It is understood the buildings and works at Rat Portage will be on quite an extensive scale, and they will be ready to commence operations this season. When the works are put in operation ores from the various mines of the district will be tested, and it will soon be possible to speak with authority as to the mineral wealth of the Lake of the Woods country.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.

The name "Northwest Territories," as applied to the organized territories of Canada, has been changed. At Ottawa last week some amendments were made to the Northwest Territories Act, and among these it was decided to change the name to the Western Territories of Canada. The name Northwest, as applied to the organized territories, has always been a geographical contradiction. An examination of the map of Canada will show at a glance that these territories form the southwestern portion of Canada. It has always been a wonder how the term "Northwest" was applied to what is really the southwest. Northwest, however, being the official name, it has come into general use, notwithstanding the manifest absurdity of the appellation. Now that the name has been officially changed, the term "Northwest" will gradually be dropped, though it will take some time to do away with the old name. Hereafter, however, the name "Northwest" will be incorrect, politically as well as geographically, and those who speak and write about Western Canada should govern themselves accordingly.

WINNIPEG BUTCHERS.

Winnipeg butchers are doing a good deal of grumbling of late. Meats are very high wholesale this spring, but the butchers are unable to advance retail prices in proportion to the advance in wholesale figures. Competition, jealousy and fear of losing customers has the effect of preventing an advance in retail prices. A number of the butchers did come to an agreement to advance prices 2 to 3 cents on different cuts, but it fell through, as some did not hold to it long. In addition to reduced profits, trade is dull and money very scarce. There is a good deal more business than cash, and a good many dead-beats and poor pay customers lurking about, anxious to get meat on credit. Credit business is the bane of the retail meat trade, and the butchers loose so much by bad debts, that a large profit is necessary from their cash and good-pay customers, in order to make up for losses in bad accounts. Of course this is hard on the cash customers, as well as the butchers. What with high prices for meats wholesale, slow trade and scarcity of cash, the butchers are not getting rich fast these days, and according to reports more than one knight of the cleaver would like to sell out, and get out of the business.

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EARLY CLOSING.

The annual spring early closing agitation has been going on in Winnipeg during the past few weeks, and it has been more than usually lively this year. The clergymen have preached sermons upon the subject, street processions have been held, and meetings have been convened at which numerous resolutions have been passed, bearing upon every phase of the question.

It seems remarkable that so much difficulty should be experienced in securing the early closing of stores in Winnipeg, when it has been clearly shown that the people are almost unanimously in favor of the movement. Nearly all the merchants of the city claim to be in favor of early closing. The plea that it is necessary to keep open to accommodate laborers and mechanics has been knocked in the head by these people themselves, for they have taken up the agitation in favor of early closing, to assist the clerks. This annual rumpus over the closing of stores seems therefore altogether unnecessary. The common sense way to accomplish the end would seem to be for the leading merchants to close up their places of business at seven, or better still at six o'clock, regardless of what two or three small dealers may do. The state of public feeling upon the question is such that those who would undertake to close early would not lose anything, but rather the contrary, while those who would persist in keeping open would do themselves an injury. This plan of holding off until the signatures of all the dealers in a given branch of trade have been secured to an agreement to close at a stated hour, and then abandoning the agreement the first time it has been violated by an individual merchant, is not at all worthy of the merchants of a city like Winnipeg. Let the merchants who are in favor of early closing be independent and liberal enough to close up continuously at a reasonable hour, independent of any agreement to bind others, and they will be benefitting themselves and their employees, and putting an end to this periodical hubbub over early closing.

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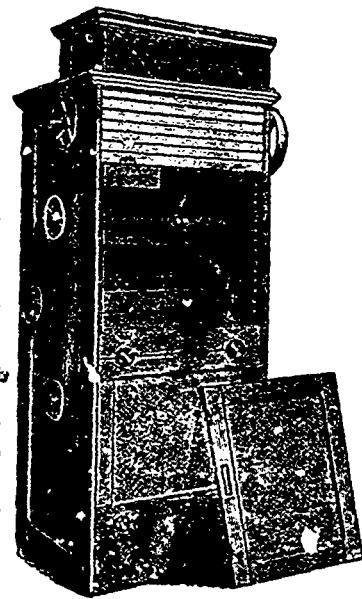
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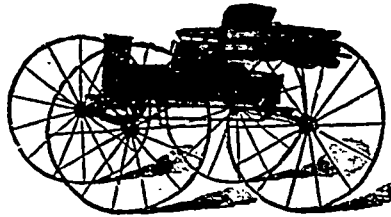
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The usual complaints are heard in trade circles about slow collections, and generally the situation is close, the supply of the circulating medium being decidedly lighter than the demand. At the banks there is no change to note, and commercial discount rates are holding at the old quotations of 7 to 9 per cent. as to quality of security. There is considerable mortgage loan business doing, at about 8 per cent. for small farm loans, and 6 to 9 per cent. on city property, the bottom rate in the latter case usually being for irregular business, outside of the loan companies.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The city was decidedly quiet last week in a business way. The busy seeding time is evidently having its usual effect upon trade. The prevalence of considerable cold, chilly weather also exerts a quieting influence. Speaking generally business in wholesale branches is decidedly backward, but this is in accordance with the season, which is also backward, there having been very little warm weather to speak of yet. This is shown especially in the arrival of spring produce, which has not been sufficient to supply the city consumption.

DRUGS.

Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4 1/2 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75. English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; coppers, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRY GOODS.

Business is generally dull and the season backward. In clothing travellers have been on the road for some weeks with full samples, and reports sent in do not indicate that they are doing very well. If they had waited a couple of months longer before going out, it would have been better for all concerned. As it was some travellers were out with full samples before their customers had received their full complement of spring goods, and in a backward season like the present retailers are not likely to feel like ordering under such circumstances. The first of June would have been better than the first of April to start with full samples. As it is the ground will have to be worked over a second time.

Reports from eastern Canada indicate that the woollen mills are not busy, as orders for fall goods are light. This is owing to the mild weather in the east last winter, which seriously affected the sale of heavy goods, causing large quantities to be carried over to next winter.

DRIED FRUITS.

The situation in dried fruits continues very strong both locally and in outside markets. All fresh importations cost too high here to admit of sales at prices lately ruling in this market. Stocks of Valencia raisins in Canada and the United States it is claimed will not last more than a couple of months, and new fruit is a long way ahead yet, with no stocks to speak of in first hands. California dried fruits are away

up. Prices here are as follows:—California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. 1/2 boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.70 to \$2.80 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.00 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 7 to 7 1/2c per lb.; evaporated apples, 13 1/2c; choice new Elme figs in 10 lb. boxes, 18c per lb.; choice figs, 15c per lb.; fancy Elme layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 20c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz, \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 21 to 23c per lb.; peeled peaches, 30 to 32c per lb.; pitted plums, 14c; raspberries, 35c; French prunes, 4c per lb.; nectarines, 18 to 20c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Prices are steady and the variety in the market about the same as a week ago. Lake Winnipeg fresh fish are selling as follows: Whitefish, 8c per pound, sturgeon, 8c per pound; jackfish, 1c, pickerel 4c. Lake Superior trout, 10c. Fresh salt water fish are quoted: Salmon, 18c; halibut, 20c; cod, 8c; haddock, 10c per pound; B C. black cod, 15c. Fresh brook trout, 25c per pound. Smoked finnan haddies, 12 1/2c per pound; smoked white fish, 10c per pound; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, in 100 lbs kegs, 5c per pound. Oysters. \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects. Can oysters are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Cold weather interferes with a very free movement in fruits. Oranges have not advanced as yet, but are firm and dealers are talking of an advance soon. Messina blood oranges are out of the market. Some California bloods are obtainable. All good apples are now held at well up to \$7 per barrel, though damaged lots are selling at \$2 and upward. Several vessels are billed to arrive at Montreal with Mediterranean oranges and lemons, which will be put up at public sale, commencing this week. Prices here are: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6.00; 300 count, \$6.50 per box. California seedling oranges, \$4.50 to \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per box; California blood oranges, \$7 to \$7.50 a box; Apples, \$7 per barrel for good stock Bananas \$3.25 to \$3.75 per bunch. Comb honey 22c per pound. Maple syrup, gallon cans, \$1.25c each; maple sugar, 14 to 15c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 18c; coconuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

GROCERIES.

The local situation is steady and quiet, and no further changes to note in prices. The situation in sugars is strong in eastern Canada and New York, and a further increase of 40,000 tons in the beet crop estimate has not influenced the situation. Consumption has increased nearly 50,000 since January 1, in the United States, as compared with last year. Further purchases of refined have been made for export to Australia. According to Willett & Gray the total stock in all the principal countries is 1,494,795 tons against \$34,865 tons at same time last year. Low grade teas are scarce and strong in eastern markets. Canned vegetables are firmer, and it is claimed that fall prices are being readily obtained in the east. Prices here are:—Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 7c, as to quality; granulated, 7 1/2 to 8; lumps, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4. Coffee, green,—Rios, from 22 to 23c;

Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government, 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 50c per pound; Lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47 1/2c; Honeyuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnetto Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchon, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$32.50; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

The hardware trade is backward, and the general disposition is to hold off. The immediate future of iron and steel is very uncertain. The reaction from the rapid speculative advance has left the situation extremely nervous and unsettled. Prices have continued downward in British markets, and in this condition buyers are holding off. Some British manufacturers are in difficulties owing to the heavy decline in values. Tin plates are depressed on the other side. Those who take the bright side of the question claim that the statistical position in iron and steel is strong and improving, and that shipments are large. In the United States the outlook is considered to be improving and it is hoped that bottom has been reached. Quotations here are: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 11.20c; 1 1/2 inch, 14 1/2c; 1 3/4 inch, 18 1/2c; 2 inch, 25c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 8 to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 1/2 nett.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 24 to 28c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, \$5; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 der dozen; long straw, \$33 per dozen; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston teau (thong), \$27 per dozen.

LUMBER.

Following are list of quotations f.o.b. at the Lake of the Woods mills. Dimension: 2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do. 10, 18 and 20 ft long, \$15; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12in surface; 50c per M on each foot over the above lengths to 24ft long; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24ft long; surfacing, 50c per M; surfacing and sizing, \$1 per M. Boards: 1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common, rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; Culla, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do. 8 and

10in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, stock, 12in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; 10ft long and under, \$1 less per M. Shipplap: 10in, \$10; 8in, \$15.50; 8 and 10in flooring and siding at \$1 per advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring: 1st, 6in, \$29; 2nd, 6in, \$25; 3rd, 6in, \$21; 4th, 6in, \$18; 1st, 5in, \$29; 2nd, 5in, \$25; 3rd, 5in, \$20; 4th, 5in, \$17; 1st, 4in, \$29; 2nd, 4in, \$25; 3rd, 4in, \$19; 4th, 4in, \$16; \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides; \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding: No. 1, 1st siding, $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd siding, $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 6 in, \$17. Finishing ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and 2in): 1st and 2nd clear, \$45; 3rd clear, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25; 1 inch, 1st and 2nd clear, \$40; 3rd clear, \$32; No. 1 stock, \$35; No. 2 do. \$30; No. 3 do. \$25. Mouldings: window stops, per 100 ft lineal, \$1; parting strips, do, 60c; $\frac{1}{2}$ round and cove, do., 75c. Casing: 4 in O G, per 100ft lineal, \$1.75; 5in O G, do, \$2.25; 6in O G, do, \$2.50; 8in O G, base, do, \$3.50; 10in O G, base, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2. Shingles: No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.50; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business very dull, and quotations unchanged as follows: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 75c per gal; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 80c gallon, linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled 80c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.50; Elephant No. 1. do., \$6.50; Bulls head do., \$6; Calsomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.20.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

Prices in this branch are given as follows:— Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquit Debonche & Co., \$4.50; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$10.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.50.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat was rather slow and uninteresting early last week. On Wednesday signs of strength were shown, resulting in a heavy bulge in prices on Thursday. The visible supply statement on Monday last showed a decrease of 531,000 bushels. Northwestern state country elevator stocks show a reduction of 665,000 bushels during the week, and the total is now 3,600,000 bushels, against 3,700,000 bushels a year ago. Duluth stocks are moving out and will soon go into consumption. The active movement at Chicago on Wednesday was started by the publication by the *Farmers' Review* of a bulletin showing a deterioration of

three or four points in the condition of winter wheat during the past two weeks. The bulge on Thursday seems to have been a spontaneous upward movement, without any clearly definable cause, though there were rumors of crop damage, and export business was good.

Locally the weather has averaged rather chilly, with frosts at night, but fairly favorable for seeding, which was going on steadily throughout the country. Wheat is appearing above ground to some extent, but the weather has not been warm enough yet to encourage much growth. Navigation opened at Port Arthur last week, and wheat held there will be moving eastward. The total quantity in store at Lake Superior, however, is less than 400,000 bushels, and nearly all this is held on account of millers. It will not, therefore, be placed on the market. Wheat at country elevators in Manitoba and in Winnipeg is nearly all held in the same way, and the opening of navigation will let loose but a very small quantity of wheat to go on eastern markets. Practically all in store this side of Lake Superior is held by millers.

FLOUR.

The local market continues to advance, and people are wondering where it is going to stop. Prices on patents and strong bakers were put up 15c per hundred last week. Low grades were not changed, but are strong in consequence of the advance on high qualities, and a further advance in these grades is expected. In eastern Canada market prices are strong and holders are trying to obtain advances, but quotations there are considerably under prices demanded here. At Winnipeg prices are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents \$3.00; strong bakers, \$2.75; second bakers, \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.25 Graham flour, 2 75; middlings, \$3.00 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Prices held unchanged at \$14 per ton for bran and \$16 for shorts, in small lots, and the demand good. Ground feed steady at \$21 per ton, in small lots.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Steady at the advance noted last week. Prices are quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.40; granulated, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.60 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.50. Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

Hold firm on the spot, though lower prices south were expected by some, now that the demand for seed oats is about over. Lots from store were held at 46 to 48c for feed, and at 50c and upward for seed qualities. The demand for seed oats in car lots is about over, though there was a considerable local demand for small lots of such qualities. Car lots ordinary quality quoted at 44 to 47c.

BARLEY.

There has been considerable local demand for seed barley. Some has been brought in from the south, but of very poor quality as a rule, and hardly fit for the purpose, costing 55 to 62c.

CHEESE.

Jobbing in small lots at about 13c per pound, and mostly Ontario make in the market. Some has been brought in from the south.

BUTTER.

The movement in new butter continues very backward, and very little new is arriving. What comes sells readily at 17 to 20c as to quality, and a good deal more wanted. In the absence of new, old has to be taken, bringing from 10 to 15c as to quality, the latter an outside quotation for choice in small lots only. If receipts for new continue so light for long, stocks of old will be reduced considerably yet

before there is enough spring make to supply the demand.

EGGS.

Arriving slowly, and local receipts not excessive of the demand. Jobbing prices last week ranged from 12 to 13c.

LARD.

Steady and unchanged at \$2.20 per pail of 20 lbs.

CURED MEATS.

Prices hold at about last week's quotations, with the feeling firm and tendency strong. Prices here are as follows: Long clear dry salt bacon, 9 to 9½c; spiced rolls, 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 13 to 13½c per pound; mess pork, \$13 per bbl.; bologna sausage, 7c, German bologna, 9c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Hardly anything doing in hides. Very few country hides coming in, and not many city butchers' offering. Judging from the quantity of hides offering, very few cattle are being killed, and this agrees with the statements of the butchers that the consumption of meats is away below the average this spring, for some reason or another. Local prices are unchanged, and are proportionately higher than eastern markets. Prices are strong at Montreal and Toronto, and slightly better prices are being realized in those markets. In the United States there is a firm upward movement. Country hides in the Winnipeg market are worth about 2½ to 3c per pound. Heavy steers are worth 4½c for No. 1, and 3½c for No. 1 cows; No. 2, 3c for heavy steers and 2½c for No. 2 cows; No. 3, 2c. Calfskins, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c. Sheepskins, 50 to 55c. Tallow, 2½ to 3c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

LIVE STOCK.

Not much doing in cattle last week. A load of western cattle, costing it is understood, considerable over 4c per pound, arrived, but were not up to the expectations of the purchaser, who will not more than clear himself on the transaction. The load spoken of in our last report as offered at 4c without takers, sold on an average at considerably under that price. There were some cows in the lot, however. A very poor lot of western sheep arrived in the market, proving a poor speculation for the purchaser.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed meats hold at about last week's prices. There was some little cutting in mutton, but some of the stuff offered was not of choice quality. Beef appears to be plentiful, notwithstanding the scare that there would be a shortage. Pork is none too plentiful and good veal is rather scarce, though plenty of poor is offering. The fresh meat trade all around is slow, and the consumption does not appear to be near the average for this season of the year. Butchers are all grumbling about the dullness. Beef is held generally by wholesalers at about 8c for good, with some offering at 7½, and very little going over 8c. Mutton has ranged from 12 to 14c as to quality and desire to sell. About 13c per pound is the usual price. Pork has a wide range, but is generally bought at within the range of 7½ to 8½c, and has been held at 9c. Veal, 7 to 10c as to quality.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens in demand at 80c to \$1 per pair. Turkeys will bring 20 to 22c per pound. Wild ducks plentiful, and bringing 15 to 20c per pair.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes have been offering freely in car lots, and have sold at 60 to 65c per bushel as to quality, the higher prices for sacked, and others loose in cars. From store small lots sell at 70c. There is a little more green stuff in the market, but prices are high. Carrots are not obtainable at any price. Quotations are as follows. Carrots, \$1.50; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets,

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BEANS.

White beans higher and held at \$2.10 to \$2.25 per bushel.

HAY.

Higher at \$12 to \$13 in car lots for pressed. Very little loose on the market.

SENECA ROOT.

A little green root has been offering, and brought 12 to 15c. Good dry would bring 25c, but it will be some weeks before any quantity will be offering.

Sale of a Wholesale Business.

The Mitchell Drug Company, of Winnipeg, is about selling out its business to two gentlemen from the East. A deposit has been made as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the parties making the purchase, and negotiations toward the completion of the transfer of the business are going on. Mr. Martin, recently in the drug trade at Ottawa, and Mr. Rosser, late traveller for Kenneth Campbell & Co., Montreal, are the parties who are making the purchase. Mr. Martin is a brother of Hon. Jas. Martin, Attorney-General of Manitoba. The new firm expect to take over the business by the 15th of this month, and will continue in the old premises, which they will lease from Mr. Mitchell.

A Manitoba Town Suffers.

Treherne, on the Manitoba Southwestern Railway, received a severe visitation from fire early last week. The fire originated in J. R. Spear's hardware store and destroyed a large portion of the town. The parties burned out are J. R. Spear, hardware; Geo. Patterson, baker; Wm. Nelson, general store; Fred Rock-

ett, hotel; J. M. McLachlan and R. S. Alexander, lumber office and lumber. There is strong evidence that the fire was incendiary. The Massey company's warehouse was saved with considerable damage to the stock and office.

The losses and insurance as far as known are: J. R. Spear, loss, \$6,000, insurance, \$4,000; G. Patterson, loss, \$300, no insurance; W. Nelson's store and dwelling, loss, \$1,500, insurance, \$850; Fred Rockett, Lorne house, loss, \$1,000, insurance, \$500; J. M. McLachlan, no insurance; R. S. Alexander, no insurance.

THE Manitow cheese factory resumed operations for the season last week. Manager Rockett says the prospects for a good year's work are very bright.

NAVIGATION opened at Port Arthur on May 2, by the arrival of the steamer Sitka with coal from Cleveland. The steam barge Fay and Consort Martin, also arrived during the night.

THE Winnipeg corporation laborers have been granted a reduction of one hour per day in the length of the day's work. Nine hours is now becoming recognized as a day's work in Winnipeg.

THE representatives of five knitting factories met at Toronto last week to consider the condition of the knitting trade. They represented Toronto, Montreal, Galt, Thorold and Strathroy. The industry is suffering from over production. No decision was come to.

General Notes.

A. Chisholm has opened in the flour and feed business at Port Arthur.

The British America Starch Company have notified the trade that they will prepay freight on all orders for 10 boxes and upward.

The wholesale woolen firm of Mills & Hutchison, Montreal, has been dissolved. R.

B. Hutchison retires. J. W. Mills and Jas. McDougall will continue the business, under the style of Mills & McDougall, in the same premises as formerly occupied.

The latest scheme for insuring rejected lives has been formulated in England. The medical examination is waived, and the applicant pays only the ordinary premium, but if he dies before five years are up his heirs do not get the amount he assures for. They only get his premiums back with interest.

The Montreal Gazette says: The trade in maple sugar is quiet, and the demand at present rather disappointing. Stocks are commencing to accumulate and dealers have now quite a stock on hand. In consequence there is an easier tendency to prices. Bright one pound blocks are quoted at 8c, and irregular and discolored lots at 6 to 7c per pound. Syrup is in good demand at 5 to 5½c in wood, and 60 to 65c per tin of one wine gallon.

Bradstreet's, New York, April 25: Wool has been in fairly active request for the first time in a year or more. Manufacturers actually buying for future requirements, but prices are as yet no higher. The dry goods demand is fair. Staple cottons are firm and print cloths, bleached sheetings and demins are higher. The cutting of prices by jobbers is noted. Men's wear woolen goods are quiet, while dressing goods for fall wear are in better demand. Raw cotton is 1-16 to ¼ cents higher on good demand and light crop movement.

The Toronto Empire of April 24 says:— There is a better feeling in the market for canned vegetables. Tomatoes are firmer but no higher; there has been a good demand and sales of 100 case lots of 1888 have been made at \$1.10; for 1889's \$1.15 to \$1.20 is asked. Corn and peas steady at \$1.15 to \$1.20. Peaches are in good demand; dealers have been selling at \$2.25 for 2's and \$3.25 for 3's, with pines in 3's at \$1.75. New lobsters are offered at equal to \$2 here. Armon's meats are now quoted duty paid here.



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Montreal Stock Market.

Closing quotations for stocks at Montreal on Friday last were as follows:—

Banks	Sellers	Buyers
Bank of Montreal	223½	226
Ontario	—	122½
Molson's	170	160
Toronto	—	214
Merchants	146½	144½
Union	—	—
Commerce	128½	127½
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	96	95½
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	59	58
City Pass. Ry.	206	203½
Montreal Gas	195	194
Canada N. W. Land Co.	82½	81
C. P. R. (Montreal)	78½	78½
C. P. R. (London)	—	80½
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On call	5½	—

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened on Monday without any material change. The market was firm and dull. May ranged from 89½ to 90½c, June from 88½ to 89½c, and July from 86½ to 87½c. Provisions were dull and decidedly lower, pork declining fully 50c. Closing prices were:—

	April	May	June	July
Wheat	90	90	89	87
Corn	32½	32½	32½	33½
Oats	—	24½	24½	23½
Pork	—	12.85	13.05	13.00
Lard	—	6.22½	6.30	6.37½
Short Ribs	—	5.17½	5.27½	5.37½

Tuesday was another dull day in the wheat market, opening prices being the highest of the day. May ranged from 89½ to 90c, June from 88 to 89½c, and July from 86½ to 87½c. Corn was fairly active and averaged about ½c lower. Provisions were again very quiet and the feeling in pork and lard was rather weak. Closing prices were:—

	April	May	June	July
Wheat	89½	89½	88½	86½
Corn	32	32	32½	32½
Oats	24½	24½	23½	23½
Pork	—	12.85	13.02½	13.10
Lard	—	6.22½	6.30	6.37½
Short Ribs	—	5.22½	5.32½	5.40

Wheat opened fractionally lower on Wednesday, and ranged upward, May starting at 89½c and ranging from that price to 89½c. July ranged from 86½ to 87½c. Offerings of spring wheat and demand only moderate. No. 2 in store nominal, ranged at 88½ to 89c, closing about 88½c. A car of No. 4 (special house) sold at 68c. Spring wheat by sample was in fair request for choice wheat, and prices were easy early but closed steady. Free on board and switched lots sold as follows: No. 3 at 78c for fair, 80 to 81c for good; 82 to 86c for choice. No. 4 white at 80c. No. 4 at 65 to 68c. All other articles on the list were higher, in sympathy with wheat. Closing prices for futures were:

	April	May	June	July
Wheat	—	89½	89½	87½
Corn	32½	32½	32½	33½
Oats	—	24½	24½	24½
Pork	—	13.10	13.25	13.35
Lard	—	6.27½	6.37½	6.45
Short Ribs	—	5.32½	5.42½	5.52½

Wheat was excited and higher on Thursday. The reason given for the strength was dry weather in the spring wheat sections. Large exports from New York also increased the advance. At the close for July the option was four cents higher than last night. Closing prices were:—

	April	May	June	July
Wheat	—	93½	93½	91½
Corn	—	33	33½	33½
Oats	—	25½	24½	24½
Pork	—	13.32½	13.47½	13.57½
Lard	—	6.40	6.47½	6.57½
Short Ribs	—	5.37½	5.60	5.67½

On Friday wheat opened nervous and weak and prices continued to decline until near the close when reports of unfavorable weather in the Northwest caused a slight recovery. Closing prices were the same as the opening but a cent under yesterday's figures. Closing prices were:

	April	May	June	July
Wheat	—	92	92½	90½
Corn	—	33½	33½	35½
Oats	—	25½	25½	25½
Pork	—	13.10	13.25	13.35
Lard	—	6.37½	6.45	—
Ribs	—	5.42½	5.47½	5.55

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on April 30:

	April	May	July	On track
No. 1 hard	80	80½	83	87½
No. 1 northern	80	80	82½	86½
No. 2 northern	82	82	83½	82-83

These prices are fractionally lower than quotations of a week ago, but the difference is not material.

Flour was moving slowly in the way of domestic purchases, and they are chiefly relied on to take away the patents. Prices not materially changed from a week ago. The low price of bakers abroad is accepted and they are taken out. An occasional sale of patents abroad relieves the load so much to be carried by the home trade and sometimes such pay about as well as sales made on the basis of New England quotations.

Patents, sacks, to local dealers	85 00 to 85 20
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots	4 40 to 4 70
In barrels	4 65 to 4 95
D livered at New England points	5 40 to 5 60
New York points	5 30 to 5 50
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore	5 25 to 5 45
Bakers here	3 00 to 3 60
Superfine	1 70 to 2 50
Red dog, sacks	1 10 to 1 25
Red dog, barrels	1 25 to 1 50

Bran and shorts—Bran was in some request at about \$9, with some millers asking \$9.25. Shorts were rather quiet at \$9 to \$9.75 for the different qualities.

Corn—While some parties with stocks asked former prices others sold at 31½c for nice yellow and about 31c for fair mixed.

Oats—With the demand for seed grain moderate, sales of choice white at high prices were harder to make and 23 to 25½c was the range for dark mixed to nice white.

Barley—A few cars of indifferent quality brought 29c and more was offered at 30c.

Feed—Moved fairly from local mills at \$12.50 to \$13.

Hay—Sales were reported to range from \$6.50 to \$8.50 for moderate quality of common wild to nice upland.

Eggs—Packers buying freely at 10 to 10½c.

Potatoes—25 to 35c in car lots, fancy qualities being scarce.

Dressed meats—Veal fancy, 5c; do., medium to choice, 3½ to 4½c, do., thin to medium, 2½ to 3½c; mutton, good to choice, 7 to 8c; lambs, good to choice, 7½ to 8½c; beef, hind quarters, 5 to 7c.

Live stock—The cattle market is firm. Quoted: Good to choice grain-fed steers, \$3 to \$3.30; fair to good butchers' steers, \$2.80 to

\$3.40; heavy feeders, \$2.85 to \$3.25, stockers and light feeders, \$2.65 to \$2.90; tail ends, \$1.20 to \$2.75; fair to good cows, \$1.30 to \$2.35; common cows, \$1.40 to \$2; bulls and stags, \$1.60 to \$2.15; veal calves, \$2.50 to \$3.50; milch cows, \$15 to \$30. Hogs are 5c lower.

Quoted: Heavy and choice sorted heavy, \$3.30 to \$4.10; mixed and light sorted, \$3.80 to \$4.10. Sheep are steady. Quotations: Muttons, \$4.15 to \$5.25; lambs, \$4 to \$5.35.—Market Record, April 30.

Toronto Markets.

Flour—Was firmly held, but buyers would not come up to sellers' views, and transactions were limited in number. Straight roller offered in Montreal at \$4.75. Here it is quoted at \$4.30 to \$4.40 Toronto freights. Manitoba flour strong. The Keewatin mills report an advance of 15c per barrel to-day, their prices now being \$5.25 for strong bakers, and \$5.40 for patents.

Wheat—Strong and in demand. White was generally held at \$1 on the Northern. Sales were reported on the Grand Trunk west at 79c for white and red. Spring wheat has been selling at all prices; some sales were made to-day at 93c on the Midland, but yesterday 95c was paid, and the same would be paid to-day; holders were firm at 97c. No. 1 Manitoba hard was offered on spot at \$1.17, and it sold for May shipment at \$1.16 Toronto freights. A lot of 5,000 bushels No. 2 hard afloat Port Arthur last half May and first half June sold at \$1.05.

Oats—Scarce, firm and in demand at 37 to 38c on track. To-day 38c was bid for white on track, with sellers firm at 39c.

Products are firmly held. Mess pork, \$16.00 to \$17.00; bacon, long clear, per lb., 8½ to 8¾c; lard, Canadian, tubs and pails, per lb., 9 to 10c; smoked meats—hams, per lb., 11½ to 12c; bellies, per lb., 11c; rolls, per lb., 9½ to 10c; backs, per lb., 10½ to 11½c.

Butter fair. The market continues weak on all but the finest grades. The general run of fresh large rolls sold from 12½ to 14c, but a few fancy baskets realized 15 to 16c. There was an order in the market for a car of old tub with a limit of 6c for average quantities. Several dealers have cars to offer, but they would not accept 6c, but asked 8 to 10c.

Cheese was quiet and unchanged at 10½ to 11c for old and 10c for new.—Empire, April 30.

ISLAND revenue collections at Winnipeg for April were \$19,474.

R. MCKENZIE has opened a tent, awning and mattress factory at Virden.

E. MANEER, of Winnipeg, has opened a shop for carriage painting at Virden.

CHARTERS were made at Chicago last week at 1½c on corn to Buffalo and 3½c to Kingston.

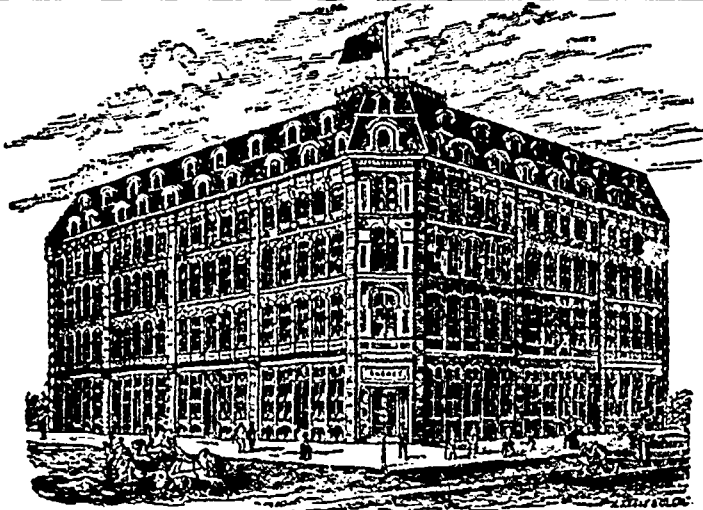
THE certificate of incorporation of the Qu'Appelle board of trade was received last week.

CARSLAW and Lepper have bought out the Palace stables at Calgary, formerly conducted by A. McNaughton.

TENDERS for the erection of the Saltcoats Dairy Association's buildings have been called for by Managing Director Crerar.

BRANDON Sun: Wheat was sold on the track here a few days since at 84c. As high as 80c has been paid for good samples from farmers' wagons.

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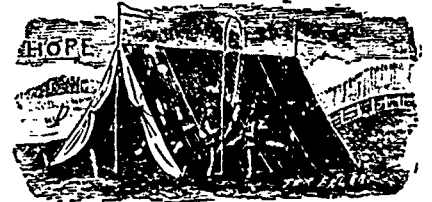
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Calgary Merchants' Association.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Calgary merchants. The report from the by-laws' committee was received and adopted. The credit committee reported that they had failed to arrive at any very satisfactory conclusion. The committee, while believing that a straight cash system would be the best for all, feel that in a new country where so many of the settlers arriving from time to time are not in a financial condition to carry on new farms and ranches on a cash basis, they cannot recommend the inauguration of such a system at once but earnestly commend it as one that should be adopted by degrees, as the inhabitants become more and more substantially located. They recommend the curtailment of all accounts from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1 to enable the merchants to take stock on January 1 each year. They recommend that members of the association bring in to the secretary for comparison, one week before the regular meeting, a list of delinquent debtors, such list not necessarily to state the delinquent's amount of indebtedness but to give the age of the claim, to state whether the claim is large or small, etc., the secretary to make a list of the same, to be open to the members of the association for reference. The committee could not recommend the adoption of the coupon system, as they do not think it would work satisfactorily at present.

A committee was formed to interview those merchants who had not yet joined the association, there being about four of these. The secretary was instructed to write the C. P. R. calling their attention to parties bringing in merchandise to town to sale, which is afterwards hawked round town, and a committee was also named to look after such matters with power to act. It was decided that merchants of different lines of trade meet and consult regarding the terms of credit for their several branches of trade.—*Calgary Tribune.*

Manitoba Wheat for British Columbia.

With commendable enterprise, to cultivate home industry, the Victoria Rice Mill Company have undertaken a project which cannot fail to command the support of the farming population of this province and particularly of this island. The idea of the management is to induce the cultivation of sufficient wheat to supply the wants of British Columbia, and to keep in the province all that capital which is now necessarily spent in the purchase of wheat for our domestic wants. With this end in view they have purchased a car load, fifteen tons, of Red Fyfe wheat from Manitoba, which is to be distributed gratuitously among the neighboring tract. The only drawback is the risk of changing it farmers, and also those in the Fraser River disfrom the dry climate of Manitoba to that much milder one in which we live, but the farmers anticipate very favorable returns. The experiment will show them that they are able to grow sufficient wheat to keep a mill running here and also retain a large portion of capital in their own district.

Ten tons of this wheat have been sent to Ladner's Landing to be distributed in the Fraser district, while five tons will be sent to the Saanich district. Next year it is thought the company will experiment on the Ladoga wheat.

The mill company say there will be a market for six thousand tons a year. They are building their new flour mill with a view to an increase

but they want no less than that quantity now. Their idea, in effect, is to have everything grown in the country and retain the capital now going out. The mills are at present being put in readiness for their increased capacity, and the company expect to be running by September, when the yield from the present experiment will be coming in.—*Victoria Colonist.*

Manchester Dry Goods Trade.

The *Examiner and Times* reports: "In prints, ombres sell well. Linens are dull, the only encouraging feature being the presence of American buyers, who are now walking round the market. Heavy purchases for this quarter, in view of contemplated tariff legislation, are looked forward to. The home trade in linens is dull, and Barnsley makes, which in certain lines are shipped largely to South America through Manchester houses, are quiet. There is a dearth of business in carpets. Besides the advances already reported, there is a rise of 4d to 4d pence in tapestries. This firmness seems for the moment to have checked business, and the uncertainty with regard to the contemplated syndicate still exists, as there is the best reason for believing that notwithstanding the statements regarding the collapse of the scheme, the project will be carried through in some form or other. The fact of the matter is that things have already gone too far for the scheme to be dropped in a summary fashion, and we are able to state on the best authority that negotiations are now in progress for the reconstruction of the syndicate on a new basis. Laces are in slightly better request, but the firmness of quotations causes buyers to hesitate before placing repeats. Forty-eight inch lace nets, that cost until recently 4½d, are now quoted at 4½d. Curtains and blinds are principally in request. Generally speaking, fancy laces are slow. A little Spanish lace is enquired for, and apron- and pinafore manufacturers are using torchon and Maltese varieties rather freely.

British Columbia Salmon.

B. Young, a British Columbia canner, who was in Montreal recently on his way home from England, is reported to have said that while he was in England making a thorough inspection of the trade he found that dealers there were pretty well supplied with salmon, owing to the large pack in British Columbia and Alaska last year. But still good brands are turned over at very reasonable values, whereas poor goods are pushed off for whatever figures they will fetch. It seems that English buyers are not yet ready to take hold of the new pack, but in about a month or so it is expected that the bulk of the sales of the new pack will be consummated. The prices of course will rule considerably below those of last year. Mr. Young intends to curtail his pack this season to 10,000 cases in each cannery, whereas last year he packed in one cannery 25,000 cases. Most of his new pack has already been placed ahead in Canada where his brands have been known for years.

Toronto Dry Goods Trade.

The weather has made a decided improvement in the retail trade, and wholesalers are beginning to feel this to some extent, as there is an extra good demand for hosiery, gloves, parasols, embroideries, light dress silks, Victo-

ria lawns and the lighter classes of dress goods. Travellers are selling fairly good sorting parcels, and there is a much more hopeful feeling both in wholesale and retail centres.

Slight advances have followed the additional duties of 5 per cent. In gloves and hosiery there has been a slightly advancing tendency, also umbrellas and parasols, while woollen goods are stiffer.

Wholesale merchants are now placing their orders for cotton for July delivery with the Canadian mills. They find the mills rather firm in their views, and there is reported this week another advance in the price of raw cotton. It is to be remarked, however, that wholesalers are ordering only very cautiously, in a hand-to-mouth manner, and evince no disposition to anticipate their wants to any marked extent. Stocks appear to be in fair condition.—*Empire.*

Business in British Columbia.

The *Victoria Colonist* gives market quotations at that place as follows:—

Flour—Portland roller.....	\$5 25
Salem	5 25
Snowflake	5 25
Hungarian	6 25
Wheat, per ton.....	38 00
Oats, per ton.....	37 50
Oats, seed, per ton.....	45 00
Barley, per ton.....	35 00
Middlings, per ton.....	30 00
Bran, per ton.....	25 00
Ground feed, per ton.....	32 50
Oil Cake, per ton.....	37 50
Corn, whole	\$35 00 to 40 00
" cracked	45 00
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.,.....	2 50
Oatmeal " Local	3 75
Beans, per 100 lbs.....	\$4 00 to 7 00
Potatoes.....	40 00
Onions, per lb.....	8
Hay, baled, per ton	\$18 00 to 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	15 00
Apples, per box.....	\$2 50 to 3 00
Pears, per lb.....	6
Eggs, local, per dozen.....	25
" imported "	23
Butter, roll, local, per lb.....	25 to 30
" tub or firkin, creamery	27½ to 30
Cheese, Canadian, per lb.....	15½
" California	16
Hams, local, per lb.....	15
" imported "	15 to 16½
Bacon, local, Breakfast, per lb.....	14 to 16
" imported "	16
" rolled "	14½
Shoulders, per lb.....	12½
Lard "	11½ to 12
Meats—Beef, per lb.....	10 to 15
Mutton, per lb.....	12½ to 15
Pork, fresh "	15
Veal, dressed, per lb.....	15
Tallow, per lb.....	5
Ducks, per pair	\$2 00 to 2 50
Chickens, each.....	1 00 to 1 25
Hides, per lb.....	5½ to 8½
Skins, sheep, each.....	20 to 05
Fish—Salmon, per lb.....	10
Halibut "	10
Cod "	8
Miscellaneous (small)	8
Rhubarb.....	20
Lettuce, radishes, etc., per doz.....	50
Oranges, per box	\$3 10 to 5 50

Assiniboia.

R. Dundas Strong, lawyer, Qu'Appelle, is dead.

T. Street will open a blacksmith shop at Whitewood.

Thos. Scott will open a blacksmith shop at Whitewood.

J. Bell, butcher, Fort Qu'Appelle, has sold out to T. Hubbs.

T. J. Smith, of Wapella, is about to erect a large building to be used as a general store.

The C. P. R. Co. are laying out and preparing the ground for a fine garden at the Moose Jaw depot.

The estate of the late H. J. Ruffels, druggist, Moosomin, is offered for sale by R. Stephenson of that place. Stock and fixtures are valued at \$1,250.

The Regina Journal quotes eggs at 20 cents per dozen and butter at 25 cents per pound. Rather stiff prices, but they will soon be cheaper doubtless.

The Franco-Dutch Coffee company of Whitewood, are preparing for a large acreage of chicory this season; a number of farmers round here are also about to cultivate it.

The estate of Annable & Co., general merchants, Moose Jaw, sold recently by auction, brought a good price. The book accounts amounting to about \$1,700, were sold at 15 cents in the dollar, and the stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., for 71½ cents. Mrs. Annable was the purchaser. Winnipeg and local merchants bid on the stock.

The Regina Journal states a three storey solid brick block with a frontage of 55 feet will be built this summer by John D. Sibbald & Co., on three lots lately purchased on Scarth street. There has been a brisk movement in town real estate during the past few weeks and values are going up, and in consequence the town site trustees have raised the price of lots within the square from \$150 to \$250.

Alberta.

The daily output of coal at Lethbridge is 500 tons.

Capt. P. R. Neale has opened a real estate agency at Lethbridge.

T. F. Kirkham, stoves and tinware, Lethbridge, has sold out to J. Hawley & Co.

The Alberta Railroad & Coal Company are enlarging their depot at Lethbridge to meet the increase of traffic.

D. McEwen, tailor, Stonewall, Man., contemplates locating permanently in Lethbridge, where he has been visiting recently.

The Lethbridge board of trade has taken up the subject of incorporation for that town, and appointed a committee to report on the matter.

Lethbridge merchants have agreed to close their stores after May 2nd at 6.45 in the evening, excepting Saturday and days previous to holidays.

The Hudson's Bay Company paid out at Edmonton during the month of March about \$7,000 for freight on goods for the northern districts.

The Calgary Tribune says: "Real estate is beginning to move. A day or two ago Mr. Moody advertised the Rossin House and lot for sale at \$3,500 for three days. Yesterday he got takers in the persons of Mr. Cowen, of I.

Surveyors are working north of Calgary, locating the line of the Calgary & Edmonton railway. The line will be located through to Edmonton at once.

The Edmonton Bulletin says: The difficulty of crossing the river and bad weather have combined to prevent any work being done on the G. N. W. Central Railway survey from Clarke's Crossing to Battleford up to the present. The surveyors are here waiting; active work will begin as soon as the weather allows.

G. Baker & Co's. establishment, Macleod and W. H. Patrick, of Gleichen. This property, it will be remembered, was purchased last fall by John Field at public auction for \$2,520. Mr. Moody has also disposed of about \$5,000 worth of other property this week. T. S. Freeze sold a lot yesterday at the east end of the town for \$750.

The Galt railway have arranged for a sleeping car service between Lethbridge and Dunmore. This train leaves Lethbridge on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at eleven o'clock, arriving at Dunmore at 6.35 the next morning. Returning, it leaves Dunmore on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6.40 p.m., and arrives at Lethbridge at 12.5. The charge is \$1.50. Any one taking a berth can remain in the car after arriving at Dunmore until eight o'clock in the morning.

"Owing to the large number of people coming into town," says the Lethbridge News, "there is a great dearth of dwelling house accommodation. There is not at the present time a vacant building in the town and there are numbers of persons looking for houses. Considerable building going on, but this consists altogether of either business houses or private houses for parties putting them up for their own use, and we do not know of a single dwelling being erected for renting."

A deputation of cattle range owners from the Territories waited upon Hon. Mr. Dewdney recently to urge the importance of the early construction of the Hudson Bay railway. It was pointed out that the shrinkage in weight and deterioration in quality of beef in consequence of the long distance by rail to the seaboard as at present, was a great drawback to the cattle trade of the West, and that a shorter and cooler route via the Hudson Bay is what is desired to make cattle raising profitable. Mr. Dewdney it is said expressed himself strongly in favor of the proposed new route to Europe.

Saskatchewan.

Jardine & Co. are opening a store at Prince Albert.

T. O. Davis, general merchant, Prince Albert, will open a branch at Duck Lake.

Saskatoon is brisk since construction on the railway to Prince Albert has been resumed.

Battleford Herald says: "Grain sown on Mr. Fitzpatrick's reserve on the 4th was well above the ground on the 14th. Early seeding followed by so ready, a growth is in this case likely to yield a satisfactory crop."

Dairy Matters.

A cheese factory is to be established at Langley Prairie, B.C., by an Ontario man.

W. H. Ditch and others have been working up a creamery at Minnedosa, Man. It is pro-

posed to erect a suitable building and ice house and get the plant ready for an early start next spring.

The imports of butter at Liverpool from the United States and Canada from 1st October to April 11 were 12,663 packages, against 89,978 in 1889. The imports of cheese from Canada and the United States for the same period were 691,920 boxes, against 437,925 in 1889.

The Toronto Empire of April 26 says:—"There was no change in the market for butter to day. Fine eastern dairy tubs were firm and in demand at 17 to 18c, and choice new rolls sold at 14 to 15c. There was also a fair movement in creamery at 20c. Old butter was dull and weak. It is being gradually worked off in small lots at 5 to 8c for low and 10 to 12c for medium grades."

Prof. Saunders, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, writes John Beddome, of Minnedosa, Man., as follows: The subject of the condition and quality of butter made in Canada has long been under consideration of the Government, and a special Dairy Commissioner has been appointed lately, Prof. Robertson, whose duty it will be to endeavor to stimulate the butter-makers to better practices. He will issue bulletins and have them sent to different parts of the Dominion, and I believe good results will accrue from his efforts, as he is a thoroughly practical man. He will no doubt visit Manitoba in the summer.

Lumber Cuttings.

Peter Thornton, Winnipeg, has been appointed accountant for the Minnesota & Ontario Lumber company of Rat Portage.

The sawmill at Whitemouth, Man., owned by D. Ross, has been running for some time. It was the first mill in this district to be put in operation this year.

At Northern Pacific Junction recently, 5,000,000 feet of lumber was burned, valued at sixty to seventy-five thousand dollars. The lumber belonged to Paine & Co., and was insured for about \$20,000.

The huge 150 horse-power engine for the new Brunette Sawmill, Westminster, B.C., is being placed in position. The foundation for the gang saw has been laid, four of the new boilers placed, and work in other portions of the mill is progressing.

D. Sprague, of the Winnipeg sawmill, will cut 5,000,000 feet of lumber this year. His logs will be brought down the Red River from Minnesota, and he expects they will be here to commence sawing by the middle of May. He states that the Red River was three feet lower when the ice went out this year than it was last year. The heavy snow fall of last winter seems to have had little effect upon the river, the ground being so dry that the water was all absorbed.

Within the next four years the Northern Pacific will expend between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 in the northwestern states. Henry Villard so informed the Twin City Commercial club at a banquet given in his honor at the Ryan hotel in St. Paul last night. The bulk of this money will be laid out in Montana and Washington. Besides this, Mr. Villard and his associates will expend several millions in St. Paul and Minneapolis in the erection of plants for the generation of electricity.

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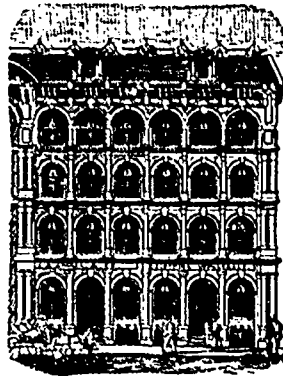
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Grain and Milling.

The building for the new flour mill at Russell, Man., is being erected.

The C. P. R. elevators at Fort William have 231,352 bushels of wheat in store.

The *Sentinel*, of Pilot Mound, Man., of April 24, reports wheat beginning to show above ground.

A correspondent at Killarney, Man., writes that there is fifty per cent. more land under crop this year than there was last.

R. Muir & Co., Winnipeg, have received the contract for supplying the machinery for the new roller mill at Russell, Man. The machinery will be from the Hercules Manufacturing Company, of Petrolia, Ont. The mill will have a capacity of sixty to seventy barrels, and is to be completed by August first. J. G. Bolton is the proprietor.

The *Toronto Empire* of April 26 says: "Wheat was firm. No. 2 white held at 96c on the Northern and 35c was bid. No. 2 spring was unchanged at 92c on the Midland. Choice No. 1 spring sold here at \$1. Manitoba wheat firm. No. 1 hard held at \$1.16 May. A lot of 20,000 to 30,000 bushels No. 1 hard was offered at \$1.10 afloat Port Arthur. Sales of oats were made on track at 36 to 37c for mixed and white."

The mill of Alexander Kelley & Co., at Brandon, Man., will be re-modeled this summer, and the capacity increased to 200 bbls. Jas. Pye, of Minneapolis, who looks carefully after the Manitoba mill-furnishing trade, and who has done considerable work in this province, will furnish the machinery. Allis rolls and Smith purifiers and reels are to be used. Work will begin about June 1, it being the intention to get the job done in time for the new crop.

Trade Review: "The hope of Montreal grain men that Montreal might become the port of export for Western grain as well as Canadian, seems in a fair way to be realized. The Ogdensburg Transit Company has entered into an agreement with the Kingston and Montreal Forwarding Company to forward their grain by the latter company to Montreal, and, with this end in view, an elevator is to be built at Ogdensburg with a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels, where the grain will be stored till required."

The Cat Wept.

The store cat is about as common in the country store as the famous family cat, without which no chromo of a home scene is complete. A good story is told of a commercial traveller who came into contact with one of these store pets. The proprietor of the establishment, who was a country storekeeper, had a passion for cats, and his principal companion during dull days was a large, slick specimen of the genus feline. The commercial traveller in question, who by the way was not a lover of cats, happened in on his usual rounds, and while displaying his wares to the storekeeper he was somewhat annoyed with the attentions of the cat, which was persistently endeavoring to work up a friendly acquaintance with the gentleman of the grip. Knowing the regard which the storekeeper had for his pet, the commercial man was restrained from any demonstration against the familiarity of the cat, but watching his chance he quietly pressed the lighted end of his cigar against its nose at a moment when the storekeeper's eyes were turned the other way.

Poor Tommy! His misplaced confidence had a rude awakening, and he jumped into the air like a rocket, spitting and yowling like a small steam engine, lighting in the storekeeper's lap and tearing over his shoulder with such force that the good man, with the shock, tipped over into the barrel of brooms, brung it, himself and the chair down to the floor with noisy celerity.

"Bless us," said the drummer, innocently, "has the cat gone mad?"

Tommy in his pain and rage bounded upon the counter and scudded toward an ancient maiden who was making some purchases in the other end of the store, with blazing eyeballs and tail of a monstrous size, and hearing the word "mad" from the drummer's lips, she gave one horrified scream, bounded up on a chair, and gathering her skirts in one hand she waved her parasol, which she had caught up as a weapon of defence, with the other.

An old lady was just entering the door with a basket of eggs as Tommy went out, and, not looking to the ways of his going, he rushed between her feet so unexpectedly that she lost her balance, and over she went, eggs and all.

The clerk had his hands full between the old lady, the eggs and the hysterical maiden in the chair, while the deceitful drummer in the rear was officiously active in assisting the storekeeper to his feet, dusting his clothing, and exclaiming upon the surprising performance of the cat, with an air of innocence which only the commercial man is capable of, after he has performed some practical joke.

Sad to relate, after order was restored once more, the guily traveller received his expected order from his unsuspecting patron, though if he could have seen the blister which poor Tommy was nursing behind the barn he would no doubt have received a liberal supply of boot leather instead, and justly enough it must be allowed.

Returning Goods.

The dry goods section of the Toronto board of trade, as an experiment, last year issued a circular to the retail trade in reference to returning goods, and they have now, by reason of the partial success accruing from the circular, repeated it, and in doing so take occasion "to ask those merchants who are still continuing this pernicious habit to cease the practice."

As with nearly every other question, so with this, there are two sides to it. When goods ordered are not up to sample, the retailer is justified in returning them. No one will gainsay this; but a mere supposition that they are not up to grade, should not suffice. And when the disparity is patent, care should be taken in repacking, as negligence in this particular often results in loss to the wholesale merchant through the good being returned in a damaged condition.

Although there is sometimes sufficient reason for returning goods, we opine that, as a rule, the excuse for doing so is, more or less, insufficient and flimsy. The plea that you could buy cheaper elsewhere (as the traveler for an opposition house has probably told you), is a lame one. As also is the one that you have bought heavier than you should have done. These are largely, or altogether, mistakes of your own making, and you, on the principle of doing unto others as you would be done unto, ought to bear the burden, not the wholesaler.

Then, not only is the habit of returning goods

injurious to the wholesale man, but it often proves a boomerang in more ways than one to him who practises it. Directly, this is seen in the natural diffidence on the part of the wholesaler to again sell him goods, or in the efforts which are put forth to "get even" something which, as a rule, it is not very hard to accomplish. Indirectly, he is the loser, because each time goods are returned the wholesaler incurs a loss, for which he must recoup himself by a higher percentage of profit on his sales. Therefore, it stands to reason that the less a merchant has to annually lay aside for losses incurred in this or any other way, the cheaper can he supply the retail trade. The duty, then, of the latter is obvious.—*Toronto Merchant*.

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The hard working classes ask Foster for cheaper bread and tools to make a livelihood, and he gives them a (precious) stone.—*Grip*.

General Notes.

Great Britain has well earned its title of the "tight little island." The British Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in his recent budget speech that 275,000,000 drahmms were consumed there last year—enough liquor to have made an entire continent uproariously drunk.

A farmer named Patterson, who lives a short distance south of Brandon, Manitoba, has a number of apple trees, which he has raised from the seed. The trees are now five years old and are about six feet high; they have never been injured by frost or suffered from any other cause and have grown vigorously every summer.

W. K. Mollison for twenty-four years with Daniel & Boyd, wholesale dry goods, St. John, N. B., has formed a partnership with his brother who has had ten years experience in the dry goods trade of Toronto, under the style of Mollison Bros. & Co. The new firm has secured premises at St. John, and will open on May 1st, in the wholesale dry goods trade.

The Barnum wire and architectural iron works at Walkerville, Ont., are working to their full capacity. They have a lot of miscellaneous work, besides a \$4,000 contract for Tuckett & Co., the Hamilton tobacco manufacturers, and a \$4,000 contract for the Royal Insurance Company, of Montreal. In connection with the latter contract they will have to build seven flights of stairs, one directly above the other.—*London Free Press*.

A telegram was received in Winnipeg on Monday from G. H. Campbell, who has been in New York negotiating for money to build the railway from Deloraine to the Turtle Mountain coal fields, that the arrangements were completed. Just as soon as the financial matters are definitely settled work will be commenced on the road. The company, it is said, will order a complete mining outfit and have it set up ready to work by the time the railway to the mines is completed.

British Columbia.

It is proposed to spend \$74,000 in street improvements at Vancouver.

F. J. Miller has resigned the management of the Moodyville Saw Mill Company's store.

John McLeod has been appointed superintendent of the Columbia & Kootenay Railway.

A car of fine thoroughbred stock, from Ontario, has been brought in for the Chilliwack district.

Men and supplies have been sent to Sicamous to commence work on the Shuswah and Okanagan Railway.

A fire broke out in Adderton & Sons bakery, Nanaimo, but it was put out before much damage was done.

Knight Bros. of Popcum, are getting in machinery for grinding wood into fibre, to be used by upholsterers.

T. F. Sinclair has opened a slate quarry near Golden on the C. P. R., which he will operate on an extensive scale.

Chas. Watson has taken possession of the business lately carried on by W. Bently, stationer, at Kamloops.

Nearly one hundred new dwelling houses are being erected in this city at the present time, says New Westminster Truth.

A potato famine is threatened at Westminster. Prices are quoted at 2½ to 2⅓ cents per pound, and some are talking 3 cents.

Cuthbert & Weeks have commenced the manufacture of marmalade, etc., at Vancouver, and contemplate manufacturing pickles shortly.

Henry Croft, M.P.P., has let the contract for the erection of a palatial residence on the Esquimalt Road, Victoria. It will cost about \$30,000.

The new Clyde-built steamer, Kutch, the property of the Union Steamship Company, is expected to arrive in Vancouver about May 10. She will at once be put upon the Nanaimo route.

Work has been begun on the wharf and hotel at Port Crescent, near Victoria, and the contract for a roadway from the wharf to the leading street of the new town has been let, the price being about \$20,000.

Contracts are now under way on the extension of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern 31 miles north of Sedro. The connection with the C.P.R. at Mission station, east of Vancouver, is expected to be made early this fall.

The foundry and machine shop of Robt. Law, of Westminster, has been purchased by a syndicate of local men, who will at once extend and improve it. It is the intention of the new company to build a boiler shop in connection with the foundry.

"The supply of beef from the interior of the province," says the Vancouver World, "is apparently now nearly at an end, and one butcher said to-day that the last received was of rather poor quality. The company which had contracted to supply him till the 1st of June had instructed him to purchase in Oregon, and charge them the difference in cost."

The British war ship Amphion is expected to leave the dock by May 10th. This is the iron ship which was so seriously damaged with the Governor on board some time ago. The repairs, costing \$150,000, have been done by the Albion Iron Works, of Victoria, in competition with

San Francisco firms, and are very creditable to the capabilities of the Victoria works.

Victoria Colonist: "It is reported upon excellent authority that the next three or four weeks at the latest will see the foundation for the long-looked-forward-to sugar refinery laid on R. P. Rithet's property, at the outer wharf. The start being made construction will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and by the end of the year it is probable that the refinery will be in operation."

Kamloops Sentinel: "Recent investigation shows that there is in Keremeos and Similkameen gold quartz assaying from \$24 to \$174 per ton. Rock Creek also has gold quartz assaying from \$35 to \$300 per ton. G. Douglas has been working one of the principal mines for a New York company for the last four years, and is now in the east to bring out machinery for the purpose of reducing ore, of which there is a great amount already on the dump for milling."

Victoria Colonist: Very few people not in the cannery business, have any idea of the large amount of tin that is yearly imported by Victorians to be used in the canneries of the Fraser, and the Northern rivers. The amount received this year, with more to follow, is:—Per bark Archer, 4,500 cases; per bark Early Derby, 15,298 cases; per bark Dunscore, 6,620 cases; per bark Glenbervie, 7,655 cases; total, 34,073 cases. Besides the tin there is a proportionately large amount of lead and salt, also for the canneries.

The Nanaimo Free Press says: "Operations for the manufacture of leather by the British Columbia Tanning Company have been commenced. One hundred hides and two hundred calf skins were placed in the vats, for the first process, and everything will be in full swing in another two weeks. This tannery is at present the only one in British Columbia, and its future prospects appear to be exceptionally bright. The shares of this company are held by our residents and is therefore a purely local enterprise, and it is to be hoped it will be liberally patronized.

The Westminster Columbian of April 22, says: "The wonderful run of spring salmon still continues, last night's catch being the largest of the season. All the boats made splendid hauls, the catches running from 30 to 71 fish, the latter being one of the largest night's work ever made during the spring salmon run. Ever since the beginning of the season the run has been larger than ever before, and, notwithstanding the immense quantities of fish shipped east daily, the supply has been much larger than the market demanded. Since Fwen's cannery commenced packing the surplus catch has been taken up by it."

Canadian Pacific in Chicago.

A Chicago telegram says: The Canadian Pacific has announced that early in June it will open its new line to Chicago. The route is from the Canadian Pacific line at London, Ont., to Windsor over a new extension, where connection is made at Detroit with the Wabash railroad, and thence over the Wabash, with which the Canadian Pacific has made arrangements for the joint use of its track to Chicago. The intention is to open the line with a vestibule service, leaving Chicago about 4 p.m. and arriving in Montreal the evening following in

time for connections with the other lines west bound. The train will depart from Montreal in the evening about 9 o'clock, arriving in Chicago on the next day in time to make west bound connections. The Canadian Pacific comes into the field determined to secure an equal share of the business between Detroit, Chicago and points west to Eastern Canada, the Maritime Provinces, and New England States. This will be stoutly contested by the Grand Trunk and Michigan Central and may lead to a vigorous rate war in the east.

Brandon Board of Trade.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Brandon board of trade took place last week, there being a good attendance of the merchants of the city. E. E. Smith, the retiring president of the board occupied the chair, while the election of officers for the current year took place, with the following result: President, Wm. Johnston; vice-president, E. S. Phillips; secretary-treasurer, E. Fitz Bucke. Council—I. R. Strome, John Murray, Kenneth Campbell, R. Butt, P. E. Durst, F. Nation, E. B. Smith, and C. A. Larkin.

The most of the evening was taken up with the discussion of the new freight tariff. Finally, on motion, the matter was left in the hands of the board's council to take what action they deemed advisable.

An Electro-magnet placed in seats of bar-room chairs covered by thin iron plate, which Electro is connected by wire with a good battery behind the bar, has been found an effectual "hoister" of lounging tramps in bar-rooms.

Chicago Daily Business says: "One explanation of the probable decreased wheat acreage in the Dakotas may be found in the fact that the state is requiring rent for the school section (one section in every eighteen), whereas heretofore the land has been used rent free by squatters. The farmers of Dakota cannot cultivate their own land this year, much less pay rent."

The Toronto Empire of April 25, says: Flour was quiet but firm. Bids of \$1.25. Toronto freights, were made for straight rollers and \$1 for extras. Local mills are firm, and are making sales of 10 to 100 barrels as follows: Manitoba patents, \$5.55 to \$5.75; Ontario \$5.25 to \$5.35; Manitoba strong bakers, \$5.30 to \$5.45; family, \$4.60 to \$5.10, and graham flour at \$4.10.

The Sarnia, Ont., Canadian says "The last issue of stock by the Lambton Loan & Investment Company, \$50,000, was promptly taken up by the stock holders at a premium of 35 per cent. The majority of the stock holders of the Company are farmers, and there does not appear to be any of the 'distress' of which we hear so much among them when they can pay such a high premium for stock."

Late reports state that speculation in canned lobsters in the English market is running wild. Fancy flats are said to have been sold at as high as 45s for prompt delivery, which is equivalent to \$2.70 per dozen, whilst new pack contracts are stated to have been placed at 35s 6d to 37s. This state of affairs naturally has a pronounced effect upon packers, and prices in the primary markets are up to a point that seems to surprise even the most enthusiastic believers in high prices for lobsters.

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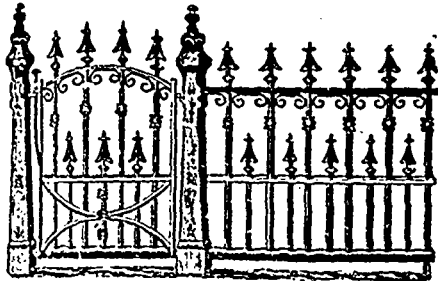
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Time Table taking effect Sept. 1, 1890.

North Bound		STATIONS.		South Bound	
Daily except Sunday.	Daily Passenger			Daily Passenger	Daily except Sunday
No. 55	No. 53	Central Standard Time.		No. 54	No. 56
1:30p	4:15p	0 A	Winnipeg	10:50a	4:30p
		1.0	Kennedy Avenue		
1:25p	4:07p	3.0	Portage Junction	10:57a	4:45p
12:47p	3:54p	0.5	St. Norbert	11:11a	6:08p
		15.3	Cartier		
11:32a	3:24p	23.5	St. Agathe	11:42a	6:05p
11:12a	3:16p	37.4	Union Point	11:50a	6:20p
10:47a	3:05p	32.5	Silver Plains	12:02p	6:40p
10:11a	2:45p	40.4	Morris	12:20p	7:00p
9:42a	2:33p	48.8	St. Jean	12:51p	7:35p
8:58a	2:15p	56.0	Letellier	12:55p	8:12p
8:15a	1:59p	65.0	W. Lynne	1:15p	8:50p
7:00a	1:40p	68.1	Pembina	1:25p	9:05p
		10.10	Grand Forks	5:20p	
		5.25a	Winnipeg Junction	9:50p	
		8.35a	Minneapolis	6:35a	
		8:00p	St. Paul	7:05a	
Westward.		Eastward.			
	10:20a		Bismarck	12:35a	
	10:11p		Miles City	11:06a	
	2:50p		Helena	7:20p	
	10:50a		Spokane Falls	12:40a	
	5:40p		Pasco Junction	6:10p	
	6:40a		Portland	7:00a	
			(via O. R. & N.)		
	6:45a		Tacoma	6:45a	
			via Cascade div.		
	3:15p		Portland	10:00p	
			(via Cascade div.)		

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Daily ex Su	STATIONS.	Daily ex Su
11:10a	0	4:00p
	Winnipeg	
	Kennedy Avenue	
10:57a	3.0	4:25p
10:24a	13.5	5:00p
10:00a	21.0	5:30p
	Headingly	
	Forse Plains	
	Gravel Pit Spur	
9:15a	25.0	6:17p
8:52a	42.1	6:52p
8:25a	50.7	7:07p
8:10a	55.5	7:20p

MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH

Mixed from Thurs.	Miles from Morris.	STATIONS.	Mixed to Friday.
2:30p	0	Morris	2:30p
3:00p	10.0	Lowe's	1:55p
3:30p	21.0	Myrtle	1:15p
4:20p	25.9	Roland	12:55p
5:00p	33.5	Rosebank	12:25p
5:20p	39.6	Miami	12:05p
5:53p		Deerwood	11:45a
6:10p	49.0	Alta	11:10a
6:41p	(54.1)	Someret	10:25a
7:30p	(62.1)	Swan Lake	10:02a
	68.4	Indian Springs	9:41a
	74.6	Maricopolis	9:21a
	79.4	Greenway	9:00a
	84.1	Balder	
	92.3	Belmont	8:04a
	102.0	Hilton	7:38a
	106.7	Wawanesa	7:00a
	120.0		

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N. W. C. & N. Co's Railway

TIME TABLE.

Road Down. Coors East. No. 1 Daily.	STATIONS.	Road Up. Coors West. No. 2 Daily.
14:00 De	Lethbridge	Ar 1:30
15:55	Woodpecker	23:35
18:50	Purple Springs	22:40
17:45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21:45
15:00 De	Cherry Coulee	20:55
15:50	Winnifred	De 20:00
20:00	Seven Persons	Ar 19:55
22:10 Ar	Dunmore	De 17:30

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Manitoba and Northwestern Ry.

CHANGE OF TIME.

Pass Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	Pass Monday, Wednesday and Friday
LEAVE		Portage la Prairie	ARRIVE
16 15		..... Gladstone	14 15
18 00	35	..... Neepawa	12 50
19 00	61	..... Minnedosa	11 23
20 00	79	..... Rapid City	10 40
21 00	94	..... Shoal Lake	9 15
21 40	115	..... Hirtle	8 45
23 38	155	..... Binscarth	7 45
24 15	168	..... Russell	6 10
24 45	180	..... Langenburg	5 40
1 45	206	..... Saltcoats	4 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

Meals.

*Trains for Binscarth leave Hirtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 23.00; returning leave Binscarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 6.47. For Russell leave Hirtle Tuesdays only at 23.00, returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 6.10. For Langenburg and Saltcoats leave Hirtle Saturdays only at 23.00; returning leave Saltcoats Mondays only at 4.40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20.10, returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.15.

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