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WINNIPEG, MAY 25, 1891.

Manitoba.

Bowers, of Morden, has opened a harness shop at Hartney.

Alphonse Jean, of St. Boniface, merchant, has made an assignment.

W. J. Brown has opened in the tailoring business at Hartney.

George Morton, general store, Boissevain, stock sold at 44¢ on the dollar.

The Lake Winnipeg fish companies are resuming operations for the season.

W. Hamilton has purchased the livery stables at Pilot Mound formerly owned by Dickson.

Chas. Holden, of Boissevain, has gone to Melita, where he intends opening a furniture store.

W. Saults and B. Steele, of Deloraine, contemplate going into the hotel business at Melita.

Carman, says the *Standard*, is, no doubt, the most progressive and rapidly growing town in Manitoba.

The Virden *Advance* is six years old, and it has recently been improved. It is now all printed at home.

H. A. Seed, fruits, Winnipeg, has disposed of his branch store to Mr. Hough, a recent arrival from Ontario.

E. S. White & Co., general store, Carberry; Carberry stock sold at 65 and Medicine Hat branch at 57¢ on the dollar.

Moodie Bros., Gladstone, have sold their printing plant to Nee-pawa parties, who propose starting an Opposition paper.

S. L. Taylor, of Portage la Prairie, has purchased the drug stock of Drs. Scott & Lamonte at Treherne, and will open a drug store there.

S. Fairbairn, furniture dealer, Minnedosa, has increased his wareroom accommodation by putting up an addition to his already extensive building.

A. B. & H. Wood, of Birtle, contemplate going out of the general trade, and carrying stationery and fancy goods only, as formerly, before they branched into the general trade.

Bush fires have been running north of Manitou in the woods along the line of the Northern Pacific railway. A number of settlers have been burned out, and a quantity of cordwood destroyed.

A surveying party left Brandon last week for the end of the Souris branch railway, of the C. P. R. to commence locating the line of the proposed extension of that branch to the Souris coal fields.

THE COMMERCIAL is always pleased to receive items of news of a business nature from its subscribers. Quite a number of communications of this nature are to hand this week, but we have time and room for more.

E. F. Head, architect, has prepared plans for the addition to the Western hotel, at Carberry. The building will be solid brick with 81 feet plate glass front. The ground floor is divided off into stores, bank, etc. The work will be commenced about the first of June, at a cost of \$10,000.

Delegates from South Dakota were in Rapid City district last week spying out the land with a view to selecting a district in which to locate a colony of Dakota settlers. Mayor Ovas says the *Spectator*, showed the party around town and through the mills. They were favorably impressed with this locality and were very much interested in the woolen mills.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Medical association will take place at Winnipeg, on June 10th and 11th. A number of important papers will be read, and a large attendance of provincial doctors is expected. Arrangements have been made with the railway companies for a reduced round trip fare from all parts of the province.

Market Supt. Marshall of Winnipeg has been going into statistics. The result of his work shows that a large volume of business is done on the market annually. In 1889-90, 8,207 wood tickets and 12,360 weigh tickets were issued, making a total of 20,567 loads. The fees collected amounted to \$1,850.19. In 1890-91, 9,565 wood tickets and 12,689 weigh tickets were issued, making a total of 22,254, producing fees to the amount of \$2,045.70.

Dawson, Bole & Co., wholesale druggist, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Dawson retires. The business will be continued as formerly in all its departments, by D. W. Bole, under the old firm name. There is every reason to believe that the business will be as energetically and successfully conducted in the future under the direction of Mr. Bole, as it has been in the past, he having had a large share in the management of the business since its first establishment.

JOSEPH HEMOND, manufacturer of boots and shoes, Montreal, under the firm of P. Hemond & Fils has assigned with liabilities of about \$160,000 of which \$75,269 is direct.

Alberta.

A tobacco store has been opened at Calgary, by Geo. A. Allen.

A. E. McDiarmid will open a photographic studio at Calgary.

A party named Hamilton is establishing a foundry, for light work, at Calgary.

George C. McGregor, of the Molsen's Bank Toronto, has been appointed manager of the new branch of this bank at Calgary.

Owing to ill-health, E. H. Taaffe, clothier, has decided to give up business in Lethbridge and return to Winnipeg. He advertises the business for sale by tender, up to June 10.

Brick-laying on the walls of the Lethbridge hospital has commenced. The plan of the building makes provisions for the erection of a building which will be an ornament to the town.

W. R. Hull has returned to Calgary from British Columbia. He will return in a short time to Vancouver with another band of 200 head of cattle for the British Columbia Cattle Company.

Work on the Calgary and Edmonton railway is being pushed through with rapidity. The bridge across Blindman is now in position and the grading has been completed for five miles further on. The rails are being put down.

Leeds & Elliott are asking for tenders for the construction of an irrigation ditch on their ranche on Willow Creek. The water is to be taken out of Willow Creek, and the ditch will have a total length of about two miles.

During the past winter, says the *Macleod Gazette*, range cattle, contrary to their usual habit, drifted north, owing probably to the mild weather. Cattle from this immediate neighborhood are reported as far north as the Red Deer river. The Willow Creek stock men have arranged to send a round-up party into that country. The party will start on the 20th instant.

Assiniboia.

C. E. Carthew, drugs and stationary, Qu'Appelle, has assigned in trust.

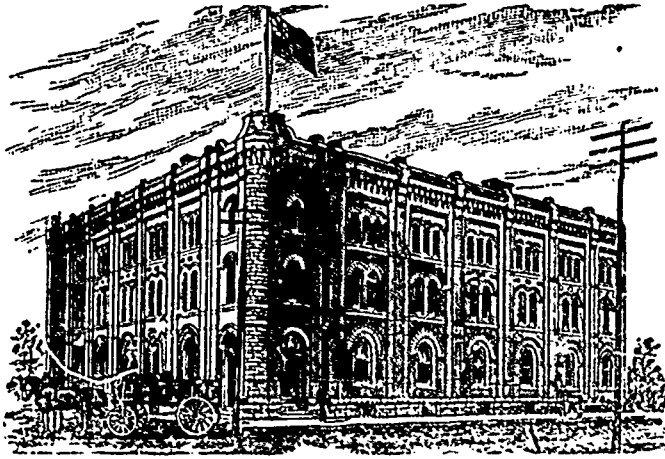
W. Newton, of Qu'Appelle, has left for Yorkton, where he will open a harness shop.

The cash principle is making headway at Regina, among the merchants. Several of the leading business men have adopted this system. They claim to give a reduction of ten per cent. under former prices.

Hathaway, photographer, Moosomin, is reported away. Under pretence of taking photographs he is said to have fleeced the residents of that district considerably. His mode of procedure says the *Courier* was to arrange his sitter and make all the usual preparations with the important exception of putting the plate in his camera; then with a "Now, look pleasant, please," to his customer, he would uncap the lens, smile for a moment, and, bowing graciously, recover the lens, pocket the cash and bid adieu to the victim. Moosomin loses a horse and buggy, besides other goods supplied. The "professor" was last seen in the neighborhood of Rosecurvis, heading for the U. S.

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British Columbia.

Brown & Griffiths, saloon, etc., Victoria, sold out.

W. J. McBride has started in business at Vancouver, in electrical goods.

Napoleon Latremouille, from Ottawa, has started a bakery at Revelstoke.

The Victoria Board of Trade contemplates the erection of a board building.

The Vancouver council is moving to purchase the water works, by arbitration.

Losee & Morrison, lumber, etc., Shawnigan, have dissolved; W. E. Losee retires.

Smith & Burton, produce, etc., Vancouver, (also Brandon, Man.), have closed up this branch.

Schubert & McDougall, hotel, Vernon, have dissolved partnership. J. A. Schubert continues alone.

J. S. Shearer & Co., coal, etc., Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. J. S. Shearer continues alone.

T. W. Kerr, sawmill, Ladner's Landing, admitted one Grant into partnership. Style now Grant & Kerr.

Simkins & Simpson have opened a merchant tailoring establishment at 86 Government street, Victoria.

The contract for the erection of the Alexander

Hospital, at Vancouver, for women and children has been awarded to Saul & Taullman.

Ald. Templeton intends shortly to put a handsome brick and stone block at the corner of Hastings and Carrall streets, Vancouver.

The Lulu Island Cannery has commenced to can spring salmon. This is the first cannery on the Fraser river, to commence work this season.

Steeves & Burpee, commission and produce, Vancouver, have admitted Captain Farquhar into partnership. Style now Steeves, Burpee, & Co.

Many of the leading merchants at Vancouver are opposed to the Wednesday half holiday. It is probable that the matter will be reconsidered.

Robertson Bros., tins, etc., Vancouver, have admitted one French into partnership. Style now Robertson Bros. & Co. They have also added hardware.

The store and the stock of the late firm of E. S. Wilson & Co., at Revelstoke, has been purchased by R. E. Lemon, in the general store trade at the same place.

A fine three-storey brick and stone block is to be built for J. Burr, on Columbia street, Westminster, between the Queen's hotel and the new block now being erected for Chief Justice Begbie.

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hardware, Westminster, has been destroyed by fire. Loss about \$4,000; not insured. G. W. Walker, tailor, and W. A. Dashwood-Jones, fruits, etc., received slight damage to their stocks.

The steamer Danube has brought to Victoria Captain Hanson and the crew of the sealing schooner Adole, which had been wrecked on North Island, a small island to the northwest of Queen Charlotte. The Adole was on her way to the sealing grounds.

Victoria Times: "The last finishing touches are now being put to R. T. William's fine four-story block on Broad street, and some of the offices are already being taken. The building presents a fine appearance, and is a structure that Victoria should be proud of.

O. Wickenson, architect for the new building of the Hudson's Bay Company at Vancouver, is now calling for tenders for the building which will be on Granville street. The building is to be four storeys, instead of three, as was originally intended.

The annual meeting of the Nanaimo Gas Company was held recently, and a dividend of 7 per cent. on the capital stock of the Company was declared. The board of directors, consisting of A. A. Green, Dr. Milne, C. Rand, John Mahrer and Morgan Harris was elected.

Ledger: "The northern cannery men are very hard up for good men to work in the canneries, as most of the Indians have gone into the woods and mountains to hunt bear. The skins of these animals fetch good prices and pay the Indians better than working in the canneries.

Henry Brown, of the old established dry goods firm of Brown and White of Victoria and Vancouver, died at his residence at Victoria, on May 15. Mr. Brown had an attack of la grippe about a month ago. He was recovering, but



ventured out too soon, with the result that he had a relapse.

A telegram to the *Victoria Colonist* from Ottawa says: B. C. members on behalf of the British Columbia Cattle Co., waited on Hon. Mr. Bowell on Thursday, and urged that a flock of 10,000 sheep be admitted free of duty, to enable the company to embark extensively in the business of sheep raising along the Fraser river. The present duty is thirty per cent.

Kamloops Sentinel: "The first experiment, on an extensive scale, of Artesian well boring in this province, has been completed, and can not be pronounced a success. Under the supervision of Mr. Morrison, who is conducting the work for the government, the operations at J. McMin's, commenced last year, were resumed a few weeks since, when it was found that borings to a depth of 1,500 feet had not struck a sufficient flow of the precious fluid to make it of practical use, nor were there any indications which would justify further operations. At a depth of 600 feet last year water was struck, and in the hope of increasing the flow, the drill was again set in motion. As matters now stand an attempt will be made to tunnel through the face of the ground, when it is almost certain that the water originally struck can be obtained. It is a pity that while the machinery was so near Kamloops an effort was not made to have it tried here."

Vancouver News: "The sugar refinery has been partially shut down for a short time in order that some alterations and a few necessary repairs may be carried out. Another large boiler will be put in. The management are now considering the advisability of adding another story to the present building, as they have scarcely sufficient room for their business. A large addition is being made to their warehouse for storing raw sugar, and when this is completed, it will be nearly twice as large as formerly. Two ships are now on the way from Manilla with raw sugar. The *Vedovice* left with 1,250 tons on the 4th of March, and the *Robert S. Bererrero* sailed on the 7th of April with 1,750 tons. Several cars of sugar have been shipped up the line, and one will leave today for Ashcroft. B. T. Rogers, the manager,

left yesterday on a trip to Portland, to see what was the state of the U. S. market, and it is expected that they will shortly ship some sugar there.

Editorial Notes.

Advices from the Pacific coast state that the salmon pack on the Columbia river is 50,000 cases behind the same date last year, and fish were very scarce in the river. Indications pointed to a large reduction of the pack this season. In British Columbia the run of fish has been lighter than the two previous years, but it is early yet, and packers do little or nothing up to this date.

Winnipeg and Vancouver are moving to obtain control of the systems of water works in these cities, and Toronto's civic rulers have taken steps to acquire the street railways of that city. In the latter case the arbitrators valued the property at \$1,453,000, which the city was prepared to pay, but the company refused the award, and the matter will go to the courts. Whatever may be said in the case of street railways, it is necessary that the water works system should be under the control of the civic government. The need of this has been seriously felt in Winnipeg for some time, and action has not been taken to soon, with the object of acquiring the system.

The cool spell experienced in Manitoba a short time ago, extended over a vast region of country to the south of us. The cold wave was felt as far as the gulf of Mexico. While the frosts did but little damage to staple crops, it is generally believed that nearly all fruits have been seriously damaged in the central Mississippi and Ohio valley. Grapes were greatly injured, corn and potatoes were cut to the ground. In Dakota high winds with frosts did some injury to wheat, oats, barley and fruits; rain did little damage in grain districts. Probably by far the greater damage is to the fruit crop, and if this is as serious as reported, it will mean the third short fruit crop in succession on this continent. From Ontario damage by frost is also reported to fruits. It looks as if we are to have another year of scarcity and high prices for fruits.

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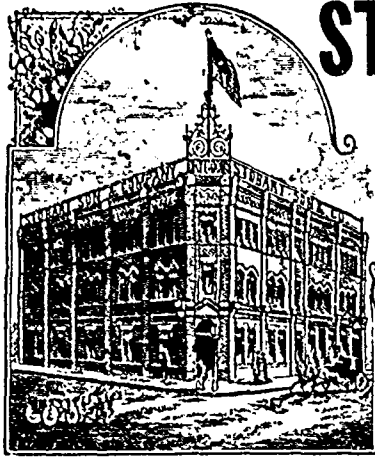
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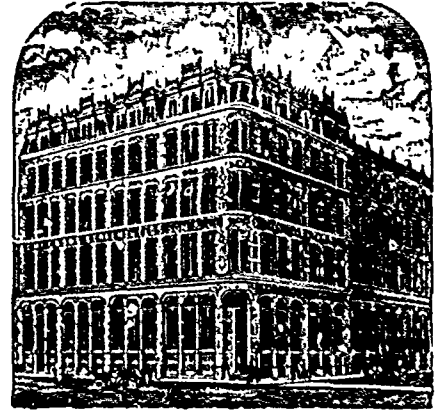
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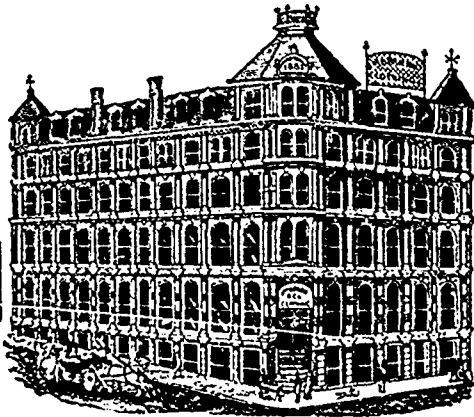
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THE EXHIBITION.

It is a matter of the deepest regret that anything should have occurred at the outset to mar the prospects of the Winnipeg exhibition. A great deal of hard work has been done to work up the undertaking, by citizens who have had no selfish ends to serve, and who have given their time solely for the public good, in this matter. The incident which occurred at the recent meeting for the election of a board of directors, has certainly cast a damper upon the ardor of many of those upon whom the enterprise depends very largely for ultimate success, while it is to be feared it has injured the prospect for the exhibition, with the general public. When voting by proxy was provided for in the constitution of the association, it was never imagined for a moment that this privilege would be used in such a way as was the case at the meeting referred to. It seemed rather a cheeky thing for a shareholder to do, to gather up a large number of proxy votes, and cast them at meeting for the election of directors, thereby, practically exercising a preponderating individual influence in the election of directors. Such action was certain to have introduced a disturbing factor into the association itself, if not to injure its influence with the general public. We can only conceive of two reasons for such a course, namely; to injure the association, or to secure undue personal influence in the management, at the risk of destroying largely the usefulness of the organization. The right course to overcome this difficulty would seem to have been for the board to have resigned in a body, thereby permitting the elections to be done over again. However, as this has not been done, it is to be hoped some other way of introducing complete harmony into the board will be devised. The board of directors as first constituted, is a good one, and if it is decided to go ahead, the gentlemen composing it are mostly such as have the full confidence of the public

HUDSON BAY ROUTE.

The *Miller*, the great British milling journal, of London, England, has reproduced an exact copy of the map published in *THE COMMERCIAL* some time ago, showing the position of the town of Prince Albert, with the possible railway connections with that district to Hudson bay. The intention of publishing this map in the *Miller*, is to convey an idea of the Hudson bay route, by which British millers could be supplied with wheat grown in the Prince Albert district, by this short and direct route. The *Miller* publishes an article from *THE COMMERCIAL*, in connection with the map, giving information as to distances, etc. The influence of this leading British trade journal in favor of the Hudson bay route, is something that will be appreciated in Western Canada. Such journals are able to give great assistance by directing attention to the matter. We are convinced that the Hudson bay route is of vastly greater import-

ance to British millers, than they have any idea of. It would bring them into direct and comparatively close communication with the hard wheat regions of Western Canada, and would place them upon a better footing in competition with imported hard wheat flours. It is therefore in the interest of the British millers to advocate the opening of this route

MANITOBA FRUITS.

Last year Manitoba produced a wonderfully large crop of wild native fruits. Imported fruits were scarce and dear, on account of the short crop elsewhere, and on this account the native fruits were doubly welcome. Tons of wild fruits were handled in the Winnipeg market during last season. This year it is feared the crop of wild fruits will be light. The spring set in early, and growth was forced ahead by extremely warm weather for the season, early in April the thermometer ranging on some days between 80 and 90 in the shade. This was followed by a cool spell, with frost, which it is feared has damaged fruits severely. The warm weather earlier had brought on the growth rapidly, and left the trees and bushes in a condition susceptible to damage from frost. The loss of the wild fruit crop, if it appears later on that the crop is destroyed, as some fear it is, will be quite an inconvenience to many. Though Manitoba is not generally considered a fruit growing country, there are few regions which produce a greater variety and larger yield of wild fruits. These fruits are gathered very extensively, both for private use and for sale, affording employment to the gatherers, and healthful delicacies to the users.

THE EGG TRADE

The McKinley bill tax on eggs has not depressed prices in Canada as much as was expected, at least to the present time. Lower values has created an enormous consumptive demand in the east. Large quantities are also being pickled for winter use. On this account egg packers in the west will have to exercise caution, as it is quite possible that eastern pickled eggs may appear in western markets. On the egg question the *Toronto Trade* says:—

"The price of eggs has ruled remarkably steady for a month past. It was generally supposed that the McKinley Bill, in putting a duty of five cents a dozen on them, would have had the effect of reducing the price to the Canadian farmer. The bill has now been in operation seven months, but during the winter months it could of had no effect on our markets, as during that season there are few shipments, the supply for domestic use being hardly sufficient for the demand. Our shipments in the spring, however, are usually large to the United States, but this season they have been greatly curtailed, owing to the duty. And yet present prices here are as high, if not a shade higher, than they were at the corresponding period of last year. The fact is, that dealers are putting more than the usual supply in pickle, relying upon selling them in the winter season when prices generally are much higher."

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

All sorts of rumors and reports have been in circulation of late, to the effect that the Northern Pacific Railway company intended to withdraw from Manitoba, the idea being that the lines of the company in this province would fall

into the hands of the Canadian Pacific. The question was discussed at a meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade last week, and a resolution which is published elsewhere in this issue, was passed, calling upon the company for specific information upon the matter. In reply to the resolution, the following telegram was received by Secretary Bell, of the board of trade, from Mr. McNaught, solicitor for the Northern Pacific Company:

NEW YORK, May 20, 1890.

CHAS. N. BELL,

Secretary Board of Trade, Winnipeg.

The Northern Pacific intends to hold and operate its Manitoba lines. They have not been and will not be either sold or offered for sale. It will not be possible for either Mr. Oakes or myself to meet the Board during the next month. The general manager may be able to meet the Board at an early date.

THE EXPORT CATTLE TRADE.

There was a grave fear among Canadian cattle shippers, that the export cattle trade would be seriously hampered, as a result of proposed legislation of the British government, concerning the shipment of live stock. The Plimsoll agitation regarding the alleged cruelties practiced upon animals during shipment, it was feared would lead to such restricted legislation as would seriously hamper the trade. A committee was appointed by the British government to enquire into the matter, and the report of this body, which has been recently published, would indicate that there is little ground for fear that any serious obstruction will be placed in the way of the trade. Though instances of cruelty were reported to the committee, the information obtained was not such as to bear out Mr. Plimsoll's wholesale denunciation of the whole cattle-shipping business. The committee considered that ships were often used which were unsuited for the cattle trade, and that men in charge were not properly experienced. In the opinion of the committee, cattle should not be carried in poop decks or in temporary shelters erected on the upper decks, as the comfort, safety and healthfulness of the animals was largely dependent on the strength and efficiency of the pens and other outfitting for their protection, also the committee decides that where it is found impossible to secure ample and perfect ventilation vessels should be considered unfit for the trade. Each foreman should have assigned to him at least four competent assistants for every 100 head of cattle entrusted to his care. These assistants should be required to sign articles and be under the absolute control of the captain of the vessel. The class of men known as "atiffs," the report says, should under no circumstances be employed.

The Manitoba.

THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE C. P. R. LAKE FLEET.

An Owen Sound reporter recently inspected the new steamer *Manitoba* lying at the docks there. He says: "The *Manitoba* was visited, that queen of lakes—the first fruits of the most magnificent industry ever established on Canadian soil. To the average landsman there is a decided sensation in standing at one end of the saloon and looking down its ninety yards of

length. A ninety yard expanse of Wilton carpet and costly furnishings framed in delicate tints and beautiful design would be imposing in a house or a church. In a travelling palace destined to brave all the chances of wind and weather on our wild lakes it stirs a deeper feeling than admiration. Stewart Masterson was found with an assistant engaged in laying linen canvas along the sides of the dining saloon to protect the costly carpet, and did the honors with the ready courtesy which has contributed to make him one of the most popular officials in our lake marine. The saloon has fourteen tables, which will seat 140 at once. The stateroom accommodation provides for 200 passengers, there being ten staterooms more than on the eister vessels. The pantry arrangements embody the latest science, including a steam table off the dining saloon, on which the various dishes will be kept hot. Three handsome cauldrons at the end of the saloon will contain supplies of tea, coffee, hot water and hot milk. The silver room is most liberally stocked. Each of the fourteen tables will have a double service containing 50 pieces of the handsomest quality. There are ladies' and gentlemen's baths, the former quite large, and the staterooms are models of comfort and space economy. One of the new features is the separate short curtains for upper and lower berths, a simple but important improvement on the old, long curtain. Every stateroom has its electric light produced by simply touching a button. The cabin woodwork is beautifully, though not elaborately, finished, mainly in white and gold. The saloon cabin furniture is upholstered in dark green plush, and the piano is a Weber. Captain E. B. Anderson and his first officer, Neil Campbell, late captain of the Cambria, were found on the hurricane deck superintending some finishing touches. The captain frankly expresses his pleasure in returning to the old route as commander of the finest steamer on fresh waters. Congratulations are showering on him from every hand. May success attend the palace steamship and her captain during the season of '91." The Manitoba is the new steamer built at Owen Sound for the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., to ply on the Lake Superior route.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A special meeting of the board of trade was held Tuesday afternoon and was well attended. The first order of business was a discussion of the rumored withdrawal of the Northern Pacific railway company from Manitoba, and most of those present had something to say on the subject. The majority of those who spoke seemed to place little value on the telegram of Mr. McNaught, wherein he states that negotiations have not taken place, and are not now taking place, with the Canadian Pacific railway company or other persons, concerning a sale of the Northern Pacific railway lines in Manitoba to the Canadian Pacific railway company, as according to their charter the former are not allowed to sell. Some other form of transfer would have to take place than that of sale, so that Mr. McNaught's denial of a sale practically does not meet the case at all. Following the discussion the following resolution was carried unanimously:—

"That the communication from Mr. McNaught, through Mr. McArthur, is not definite, inasmuch as it only covers the sale of the

Northern Pacific and Manitoba lines, therefore, this board would ask Mr. McNaught to answer more specifically as to the intention of the Northern Pacific to continue to hold and operate their lines in Manitoba, and, if such is the case, to invite Mr. McNaught or Mr. Oakes to meet this board to discuss any points of interest existing to the road and the business community here, and that the secretary is instructed to communicate this resolution to Mr. McNaught by wire." It was then moved and carried, "That a deputation of five members of the board, to be named by the chairman, wait on the Provincial Government to ascertain whether they have any information regarding the reported transfer of the lines of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway to the Canadian Pacific railway company, or of any negotiations pending." The deputation appointed consists of Messrs. J. H. Ashdown, K. McKenzie, Wm. Hespeler, James Porter and M. Bull. The committee are also to communicate with the C.P.R. authorities if they deem it advisable, after interviewing the Local Government.

RED RIVER NAVIGATION.

J. E. Steen, vice-president, made the following report on the situation regarding the proposed Red river improvements:—

To the President and Council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade.

GENTLEMEN,—Being commissioned at your April meeting to wait upon the Honorable the Dominion Minister of Public Works, in the interest of improving the channel of the Red river, from Winnipeg to the lake level water below, I have to report to you that I proceeded to Ottawa and arrived there two days after the opening of the present session of the Dominion Parliament. Through the medium of our city representative, Mr. Hugh John Macdonald, M.P., I secured, four days after my arrival, an interview with the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, and accompanied by Mr. Hugh J. Macdonald, Mr. Robert Watson, member of Marquette, Mr. Wm. McGregor, a former Winnipegger, but now member for Essex, Ontario, and the Honorable Senator Sutherland, the question was thoroughly talked over with the Honorable Minister.

From the conversation with the honorable gentleman, who called in Chief Engineer Perley to give explanations, I learned that the idea of building one permanent dam below the Saint Andrew's rapids had been decided against by the engineer who had made the survey, and that two moveable dams, which would open up with any flood of water, was considered about the only scheme which would secure navigation, and not cause unnecessary danger of floods over the country above the point of damming. Mr. Perley, Chief Engineer, stated that another survey had been made this spring, the full report of which he was in daily expectation of receiving from Mr. Gouin. He knew enough of the result, however, to state authentically that it would pronounce against the one dam below the rapids project, as fraught with great danger of floods in case of high water, and in favor of the double moveable dam, such as had proved to be a success on a number of rivers in the United States, which were subject to sudden rises and falls of water. He also stated that while the estimated cost of the one dam would be between \$500,000 and \$600,000, this double moveable dam would be much more expensive.

I learn also that there was no provision in the regular estimates, and no avowed intention of the Government to go on with construction this year, and that any financial provision would have to be made in the supplementary estimates, which were not likely to be prepared for weeks after the time of my list. In short, I learned enough to convince any business man that the honorable minister and the Government of which he is a member had not the slightest intention of making any practical move this session towards the construction of this much needed work, unless something more than ordinary pressure is brought to bear upon them, and that their treatment of the question will be a continuation of the survey kaleidoscopic views for our entertainment, in order to cover up their thorough insincerity in connection with the whole subject.

That this board and city council of Winnipeg might get some practical results by having a representative or representatives proceeded to Ottawa at an early date to keep pressing the matter on the Government, and members of the House, I am not prepared to deny; but I have but little hopes of success being reached by such means, or in fact any means this session. From a week's association with members of the House from different provinces of the Dominion I was forced to the conclusion, that the present session of the Dominion parliament would prove one during which liberal appropriations could be secured to allay ruffled and irritated race prejudice or religious rancours, but one in which there would be but poor chance of securing aid to make of a shoaly river a great highway of traffic, especially in a province which has only five members in the House of Commons.

I take this opportunity of testifying to the courtesy and consideration I received from the gentlemen who went with me to meet the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, and I have no doubts but other representatives of the province are prepared to use their strongest efforts in the interests of the work of Red River improvement.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
Your obedient servant,

JAMES E. STEEN.

The board adjourned to meet again when the committee appointed secure information.

Saskatchewan.

Prince Albert is calling for tenders for \$7,000 debentures issued by the municipality. The school board of the same place also has \$4,000 debentures to dispose of.

THERE is no change in the condition of the nail market, says the *Montreal Gazette*, of May 18, which continues as mixed up as it could possibly be. The general idea appears to be that no sales are being made under \$2 15 to \$2.20, which the mills claim means a loss to them, as they cannot manufacture to sell at these prices.

CURRENTS are firm and in good demand, says the *Toronto Empire*, of May 18. Valencia raisins are weak and unsettled; for well known brands jobbers are getting 6 to 6½c, but for the best other packs they cannot get over 5½c to 6c for sound fruit; inferior can be bought for much less. Prunes are steady and in good demand.



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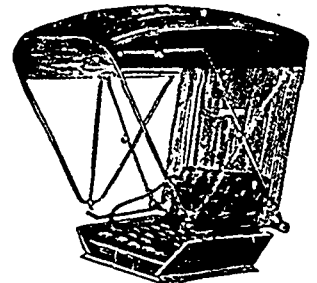
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DRUGS.

There is no change to note in prices. Quotations are as follows: Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65c; English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.75; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c. Insect powder, pure, 40c.

DRIED FRUITS.

Prices are quotable as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.10 to \$2.25; Valencia layers, \$2.75; currants, 7½c; figs, cooking, in bags, 6½c; inboxes, 7c; choice do., 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 22 to 24c; peeled peaches, 35c; pitted plums, 22c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 8½c to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitis, \$5.

FUEL.

There has been no change in prices of fuel since the early spring. Tamarac wood is quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cord, on track as to quality, the lowest price for mixed spruce and poor quality. Good poplar is worth from \$2.40 to \$2.50.

GREEN FRUITS.

A brisk trade was done in fruits. California cherries were about the only new thing in the market, and these sold at \$3 to \$3.50 per two lb box, but will likely be at about \$2.50 to \$3 this week. Considerable trade was done in strawberries, at from \$4 to \$6 per crate of 24 quart boxes. Nothing fit for re-shipment to country points sold as low as the bottom quotations, such qualities being sold at \$5 upward. California seedling oranges \$3.25 to \$4 per box; do., Navels, \$5.25 to \$5.50; do., St. Michael, \$5.75 to \$6; do., Mediterranean sweets, \$4.75 to \$5; do., Messinas, \$5 to \$5.50; Messina blood, ½ boxes, \$3.75 to \$4; lemons, Messina, \$6.50 to \$7; strawberries, \$4 to \$6 per 24 quart case. Bananas are quoted \$3 to \$3.50 per bunch. Pineapple, \$3.50 dozen. Comb honey, 23c a lb; maple sugar, new, 10 to 12c per lb; new maple syrup \$1 to \$1.25 per gallon, as to quality.

GROCERIES.

Standard granulated sugar at New York dropped to 4c, in order to close the market against Scotch sugar. Later refiners were firmer at 4½c. The weakness in the general situation of raw sugars was attributed to financial troubles, and the recent decline is regarded as the very lowest point likely to be reached this season. The sugar situation in Canada is one of waiting for the expected customs charges. Prices here are:—Sugars—Yellow, 6 to 6½c; granulated, 7½c. Coffees, green, Rios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Gov., 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas—Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c; T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s. 52c; diamond solace,

12s, 48c; P. of W. butts, 47c; P. of W. caddies 47½c; Honoyauklee, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co.'s plug tobacco; Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do., dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1,000. Mauricia, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$40; Turkish Caps, \$35; Commercial Traveller \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby \$36c; Sports, \$30. Mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.25 to \$2.50; do., 5 gallons, \$3 to \$3.50; do., 10 gallon kegs, \$6 to \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

Prices are: Cut nails, 10l and upwards, \$3.25, wire nails \$4.50; I.C. tin plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50 as to grade; I.C. tin plates double, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch 13½c; 2 inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.20 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6c; sisal rope, 12½c per pound; manilla rope, 16c per lb.

LIQUORS.

There has been no recent change in prices in this branch. Some dealers are expecting that there may be some revision of the duties on liquors this session, which may necessitate a revision of quotations. In the meantime prices will likely remain steady and as follows: Whiskies—Canadian rye in barrels, \$1.55 per gallon; do., five year old, \$2.40; do., seven year old, \$2.80; Club, in cases, \$9; Mackie's pure Scotch whiskies, Islay Blend, in cases of 12 bottles, \$9.50; do., Rare Old Special, \$11; do., pure Lagavulin, 10 year old, \$11.50; brandies—Cognac, in bulk, \$4 per gallon; in cases, \$9; do., Martel and Hennessy, in cases, \$14; do., V. O., \$20. Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$12 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7 per case; Tom gin, \$9 to \$10.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

In this branch there has been a good trade in harness goods, and a fair call for leather. Quotation here are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; France calf, \$1.25 to \$1.50; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z. kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c 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.

NUTS.

Taragona Almonds, per lb. 20c; Grenoble Walnuts, per lb 19c; Sicily Filberts, per lb 15c; Peanuts, White Virginias, green, per lb 15c; Peanuts, do roasted, per lb 17c; Pecans, large, polished, per lb 20c; Cocoanuts, per hundred, \$10.00.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business fairly good. Quotations are: Turpentine, in barrels, 72c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 78c; boiled, 80c; ben-

zine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$8 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 per barrel Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt. White leads—Decorator's pure, \$7.00; Charter Oak, \$6.50; Birmingham Star, \$5.25; Elephant, genuine white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1, do, \$6.40; Bull's Head, do, \$6.00; Royal Crown, do, \$5.00; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Red Star, \$5.50; calomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.

RAW FURS.

Competition for offerings is fairly keen. There is likely to be no important feature until the June sales. The following quotations will give a fair index to the range of values for very inferior to prime skins:—Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, 50c to \$35; do., brown, 50c to \$32; do., grizzly, \$1 to \$20; beaver, 50c to \$8.25; beaver castor, \$2.50 to \$4 per per pound; ermines, 1 to 2c; fisher, \$1.30 to \$7.75; fox, cross, 75c to \$7.25; fox, kit, 10 to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.70; fox, silver, \$5 to \$90; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$1.85; mink, 5c to \$1.20; musquash, 3c to 18½c; otter, \$1.50 to \$10.15; raccoon, 50c to \$6c; skunk, 5c to 95c; wolf, large, \$1.50 to \$1.90; wolf, small, 25 to 65c; wolverine, \$2 to \$3.25.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Wheat has experienced a weak and uncertain feeling, the principal influence to this end being favorable crop news. In districts in the States threatened by drought, good rains have fallen. Prices on Friday at the close, at Chicago were 2 to 3c lower than a week ago. Duluth was more steady, but lower. *Braistree's* weekly report, dated New York, May 22nd, says: "Late rains have done the growing crops much good, rendering the expected heavy harvest of cereals more probable. This is the most favorable feature of the week. From July 1st to date, 47 weeks, the United States have exported 97,998,498 bushels of wheat and flour against 97,429,000 bushels in a like share of 1888-90, and 78,515,680 bushels in 1888-89."

Advices from the winter wheat districts are generally favorable. There is a large stand of straw, and in some parts the grain is now heading out. Harvesting will commence inside a month. Damage between now and harvest is possible, but the crop is past a great deal of the danger, and is in good condition. Drought was reported from Dakota, where spring wheat was said to be suffering, but this has been at least partially relieved. The Dakota acreage is estimated to be 25 to 50 per cent. less than last year. A frost scare in the central wheat region was worked up on Thursday, but the threatened danger refused to materialize.

The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 1,250,000 bushels, making a total of 36,540,000 bushels, against 29,920,000 bushels a year ago, and 15,840,000 bushels two years ago. Of this week's total 14,880,000 was destined for the continent, against 7,040,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply de-

creased 1,619,000 bushels, and a year ago decreased 107,440 bushels. The total supply is 19,243 bushels, and a year ago was 22,695,000 bushels.

In Manitoba there has been very little doing. The expected movement of wheat after seeding has not set in to any considerable extent. A few loads were marketing at some points, but scarcely anything to speak of, and at many country points the elevators are closed up. Dealers are beginning to think that there is little wheat held by farmers. The seeding season has been very favorable, consequently farmers have got in a large acreage. In many cases more land has been sown than was at first contemplated, and this has used up the wheat more closely than was intended. The weather for the week was somewhat changeable, varying from cool to warm. There were no general rains, but local showers were reported from sections, principally in the south. Rain would be beneficial, but it is not urgently needed yet.

FLOUR.

There has been no further change in prices. Quotations per 100 lbs to the local trade are: Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers', \$2.70; Imperial, \$2.25; second bakers', \$2.10; XXXX, \$1.75; superfine, \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

There has been quite a shaking up in prices, and considerable cutting, especially by outside mills. In fact the market for these products was somewhat demoralized. City mills were quoting \$10 for bran and \$12 for shorts, which is a drop of \$2 per ton from prices given a week ago. It is understood, however, that offerings were made on track at 50c to 75c under these quotations.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Quotations are: Oil cake, in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26 to \$27; in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$3 15; granulated, \$3.25 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$3.25 per sack of 30 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$2 to \$2.25 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$3 00 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.25; fine, do., in 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per sack.

GROUND FEED.

Prices held at the decline reported a week ago, pure feed being quoted at \$25 per ton, and mixed qualities somewhat lower.

OATS.

A considerable number of loads were offering on the market, and all required for local use, and taken at 45 to 47c per 34 lbs. Quite a quantity of oats were offering in car lots at country points, but these are stock that has been held in store for some time, by country shippers, in expectation of higher prices. Now that prices have declined considerably in the east these stocks are being offered, but at prices generally above a value which would permit of shipment to eastern markets. Holders ask 40 to 42c, which is 5 to 10c above buyers.

BARLEY.

Easier at 40 to 45c per bushel, for local use, with a very trifling quantity offering.

BUTTER.

The situation in butter has changed very quickly from a dearth to a plethora. It cannot be said that there is a glut of butter in the market, but the article is actually now slow sale, while a week or ten days ago anything fairly good was immediate sale at high prices. A large quantity of butter was brought in during the week by farmers, and so quickly have offerings of this nature increased, that the quantity was almost sufficient to supply the city retail store trade. Dealers therefore found it suddenly more difficult to make sales. Prices were again 2 to 4c lower, dealers quoting about 15c for choice

new, and retailers paying 18 to 20c to farmer customers for the same quality.

EGGS.

Prices have held steady at 13c for small jobbing lots. Receipts have not been as large, and with packers buying freely, there is a steady feeling. Larger lots are worth 11 to 12½c per dozen.

CURED MEATS.

We repeat last quotations as follows:—Dry salt bacon, 9c; smoked ham, long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c; smoked hams, 13c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna, do., 9c per pound, German, do., 9c per pound.

LARD.

Pure lard held at \$2.20 for 20 pound pails; compound, \$1.90.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens are still scarce and sell readily at 60 to 80c per pair; turkeys, 17c per pound.

HIDES.

Receipts light. No. 1 cows are quoted here at 4½ to 4¾, inspected, and No. 1 steers at 5c per pound; calfskins, 4 to 5½c per pound, the highest price for best quality for local tanning, sheep pelts are worth from 65c to \$1 each, as to value of wool on skin.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes sell all the way from from 30 to 40c per bushel for local use. Little or nothing doing in shipping and at lower prices, season being too far advanced. A car was reported sold at 30c. Other old vegetables are becoming scarce. Turnips, 25 to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 3c per pound; carrots, about \$1 per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c; Egyptian onions, new, 5c per pound; sweet potatoes, \$7.00 to \$7.50 a barrel; common onions, \$6 per 100 pounds; lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; radishes, 40c per dozen; rhubarb, lower at \$1.50 per 50 pound box; cucumbers, \$2 per dozen.

DRESSED MEATS.

Veal scarce at times and worth from 8 to 10c per pound; mutton was very scarce and quoted at 14c; beef is steady at 6½ to 7c per pound for good to choicest city dressed; pork, 7 to 7½c, with city dressed held at 8c.

WOOL.

Little offering yet. Dealers quote 9½c for poor quality to 10½c per pound for ordinary unwashed. Choice wool would probably find buyers at a little better figure.

HAY.

Offered fairly freely, and selling at \$6 to \$8 per ton for loose on the market. Baled quoted at \$8 to \$10.

The Exhibition

At a meeting of the Winnipeg exhibition association, A. MacDonald was elected president, and C. N. Bell, secretary-treasurer. The following standing committees were appointed:

On prize list: N. Bawlf, W. Risk, Ald. M. Bull, W. S. Grant, W. Martin, W. H. Bartlett, Archibald Wright, J. Hooper, T. B. Hamilton, N. Boyd, W. G. Fonseca, E. F. Hutchings, L. Hibbard, S. Spink, S. Narin, and the delegates from the Pure-Bred Cattle association of Manitoba, and the Southern Manitoba Poultry association.

On programme and attractions: F. A. Fairchild, W. Georgeson, Ald. J. B. Mather, J. W. Harris, W. H. Bartlett, L. Dwight, F. G. Conklin, S. S. Cummins, John Baird, M. H. Miller, R. P. Roblin, W. W. McMillan, D. E. Sprague, Fred Morse, Isaac Campbell, and Acton Burrows.

On transportation: W. B. Scarth, N. Bawlf, Acton Burrows and N. Boyd.

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On site and buildings: D. E. Sprague, Wm. Brydon, Alex. Black, Alex. Brown, Wm. Risk, Wm. Martin and L. A. Hamilton.

On finance: The President, Ald. Taylor, J. H. Houssor, A. Strang, Wm. Small, James Porter, A. M. Nanton, Donald Fraser and Mayor Pearson.

Weekly meeting of the board will be held until everything is running smoothly.

Grain and Milling.

Canada's greatest mill centre is Montreal, which now has four mills with a total capacity of 4,400 barrels a day. The "Royal Mill" has a capacity of 1,700 barrels, "Glenora," 1,000 barrels, City "A," 900, and City "B," 800 barrels per day. These mills give employment to two head millers, two second millers, and 36 operative millers, besides sweepers, oilers and packers. In all about 150 men are given steady employment.

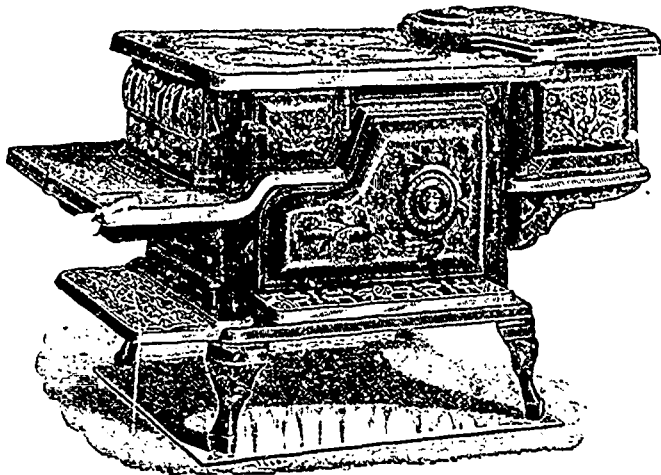
J. W. Criss, deputy grain inspector at Minneapolis, was the only witness examined by the "Wheat Stool" investigating committee to-day. The committee adjourned at noon to convene at Duluth Monday morning. Criss testified that he worked in all the Duluth elevators, and knew of no elevator having been inspected at night. He knew that screenings and material were sold by the elevator, but he had nothing to do with that. He inspected nothing but grain. He never knew of his own personal knowledge of grain being taken out of Duluth elevators without inspection, but heard that it was done. He did know that grain was shipped out at a higher grade than than it was received at. He thought that about 500,000 bushels were thus received. This raise would make a difference of 4 or 5 cents a bushel or about \$25,000 which would benefit the companies.

Adam Brown, the Canadian commissioner to the Jamaica exhibition, says over 150,000 pieces of bread made from Canadian flour were distributed from the Canadian court at the exhibition. He says:—"We did not commence to bake bread until the flour had been 60 days on the island, and on the 23rd of April in consequence of a circular being placed in my hands from United States parties questioning the keeping qualities of the flour made from western wheat, I caused bread to be made from Manitoba wheat flour which had been four months in the island. It was as sweet as a nut. The people of the island are now all calling upon their bakers to use Canadian flour, and price for price and quality the millers of Canada now have that market if they embrace the opportunity."

Toronto advices to Bradstreet last week report no improvement in the general trade with the fruit business very active and collections poor. Dispatches from Montreal report trade quiet with a moderate sorting demand in dry goods and hardware. The Dominion reports 15 business failures against 30 last week and 28 this week last year. The total number from January 1 to date is \$52, against 768 last year.

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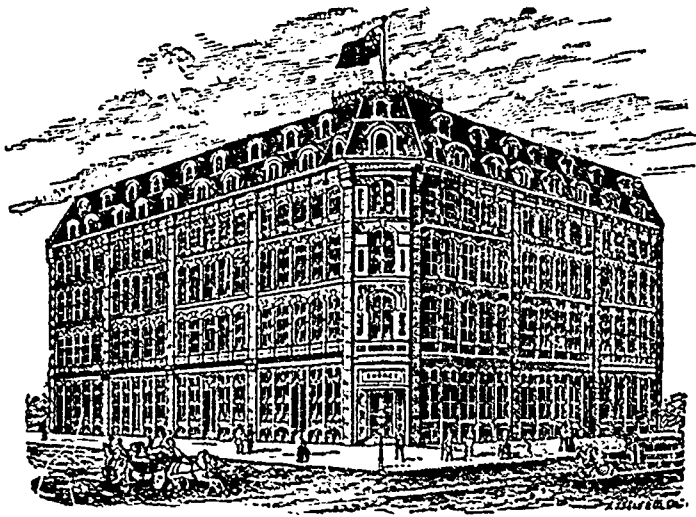
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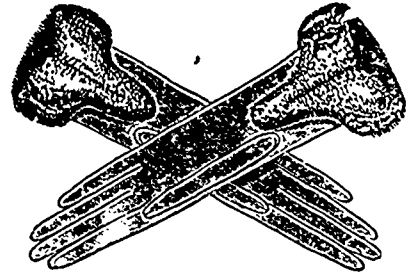
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday May 18, trading was quiet and of a local nature. Prices were stronger, but without special features. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	\$1.00½	\$1.00½	\$1.02½	—
Corn	61½	59½	63½	—
Oats	51	50½	46½	—
Pork	11.20	—	11.35	11.60
Lard	6.40	—	6.52½	6.75
Short Ribs	5.85	—	6.00	6.30

The market continued rather slow on Tuesday. Prices were higher and steady, but the close about the same as yesterday. July wheat sold as high as \$1.03½. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	\$1.00½	\$1.00½	\$1.02½	—
Corn	61½	59½	63½	—
Oats	51½	50½	47	—
Pork	11.42½	—	11.57½	11.77½
Lard	6.50	—	6.62½	6.85
Short Ribs	6.00	—	6.15	6.47

Prices of wheat took a tumble on Wednesday. The principal news was that rain had fallen freely in some districts where it was badly needed. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	\$1.03½	\$1.03	\$1.00	—
Corn	60	57½	60½	—
Oats	50½	49½	45½	—
Pork	11.15	—	11.25	11.50
Lard	6.40	—	6.50	6.75
Short Ribs	5.87½	—	6.02½	6.30

Wheat was strong on Thursday, closing 1½c higher on good export demand. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	\$1.04½	—	\$1.01½	96½
Corn	59½	—	55½	74½
Oats	49	—	44½	35
Pork	11.10	—	11.20	11.42½
Lard	6.40	—	6.50	6.52½
Short Ribs	5.67½	—	6.02½	6.30

Wheat was weak and closed 1½c lower on Friday. There was a heavy selling under favorable crop weather. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	\$1.04	—	\$1.00	—
Corn	57½	—	53½	63
Oats	47½	—	42½	31½
Pork	10.90	—	11.05	11.25
Lard	6.32½	—	6.42½	6.45
Short Ribs	5.82½	—	5.97½	6.25

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, May 21:—

	May.	June.	July.	On track.
No. 1 hard	1.07	—	—	1.07½
No. 1 northern	1.05	1.06½	92½	1.05½
No. 2 northern	1.02	—	—	1.02½

Flour—The flour market was flat, and no sales could be made excepting to supply some immediate want without reduction of prices below current quotations. Patents can be bought, it is claimed, below cost of making, even since the last drop in wheat. Speculation in wheat seems to hold it above its present value for flour making, millers say and that inclines them to reduce the output. Sales do not seem to take away the production as fast as made. Quoted at \$5.30 to \$5.60 for first patents; \$5.10 to \$5.25 for second patents; \$4.25 to \$5.00 for fancy and export bakings; \$2.00 to \$2.50 for low grades, in bags, including red dog.

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at \$11.25 to \$11.50 for bran, \$14 to \$14.50 for shorts, and \$15.00 to \$16.50 for middlings.

Oats—Quoted at 47 to 49c by sample.

Barley—Quoted at 60 to 70c for poor to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed—Millers held at \$24.50 to 25.00; less than car lots, \$25.00 to \$26.00, with corn meal at \$23.50 to \$24.50.

Potatoes—Slow at 45 to 60c per bushel, in car lots, for mixed stock and rose.

Vegetables—Good fresh stock is quoted as below Asparagus—2 dozen box, 60 to 75; cabbage, southern crate, \$2.75 to \$3.25; radishes, per dozen, 20 to 30c, cucumbers per dozen, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spinach, per barrel, \$1.25 to \$1.50; onions, new, per dozen, 15 to 20c; cauliflower, per dozen, \$2.50 to \$3.00; lettuce, per dozen, 30 to 40c; pie-plant, per pound, 1 to 1½c; parsley, per dozen, 25 to 35c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

At noon on Saturday, May 23, No. 1 hard wheat at Duluth was as follows: May, \$1.09½; June, \$1.09½; July, \$1.10½. A week ago May closed at \$1.10½; June at \$1.11, and July at \$1.11½.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At noon at Minneapolis on Saturday, May 23, No. 1 northern wheat was as follows: June, \$1.02½. A week ago May closed at \$1.03½; June at \$1.07 and July at \$1.07½.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express*, of May 18, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: "English wheat declined 1s. Foreign wheats were less depressed and showed a fractional improvement. Californian was quoted at 4½s. and American Red Winter at 40s. 6d. Corn was steady at the recent fall."

Lumber Cuttings.

Cameron & Kennedy have put in 45 lights 32 candle power each, in their mill at Rat Portage.

C. O. Card, of the Mormon settlement at Lee's Creek, who has been to Utah, is expected back. He has made arrangements for taking a saw mill to Lee's Creek.

The new Chemainus saw mill, Chemainus, B. C., is now ready for work. The mill starts with an output of 150,000 feet a day, and working up to 200,000 feet. About 150 men will be employed at the start.

D. H. Cameron & Co., of Ottawa, have secured a site at Liverpool opposite Westminster, B. C., and will shortly commence the erection of a large saw mill to work for both local and export trade. Cameron & Co., have lately secured some large limits, the timber from which will supply the mill for some years at least.

It Steadily Improves.

The energy and ability which characterizes the present management of the *Dominion Illustrated* are more and more apparent each succeeding week and month. Lumbering in Canada, the great Chignecto Ship Railway, the formal opening of the Dominion Parliament, are the subjects that have been taken up recently and exhaustively illustrated. Both from the literary and artistic point of view this journal is a pronounced success, and in the fullest sense deserving of its steadily growing popularity. The great prize competition is

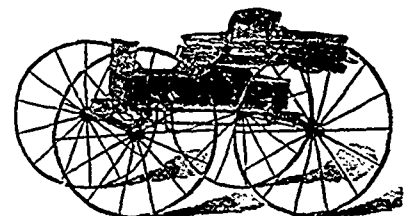
still open to new subscribers. The publishers of the *Dominion Illustrated* are the Sabiston Litho. and Pub. Co., Montreal.

Brandon Board of Trade.

It would look, writes a correspondent of the *Free Press*, as if the Brandon board of trade, which for some time has been conspicuous for what it was not doing, has gained a new lease of life which it once was, thanks to the energy and snap of the president, Wm. Johnston. At the meeting called for and held on Tuesday night over forty members were enrolled which meant a considerable swelling of the coffers of the board. The sitting of the board was occupied by the election of officers for the coming year. The following gentlemen were elected: President, Wm. Johnston; vice-president, E. S. Phillips; secretary, J. F. Howard; council, A. C. Fraser, Chas. Adams, K. Campbell, Thos. Thompson, D. G. Stewart, E. B. Smith, A. Kelly and A. Jukes.

Europe's Increasing Wheat Supplies.

Stock of available wheat on May 2 in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky mountains, as reported to *Bradstreet's*, aggregated 33,662,016 bushels, a trifle more than the total so held on May 1, 1890, and slightly less than the aggregate on May 1, 1889. One month ago total stocks available occupied similar positions with relation to accumulations or one and of two years ago. The decrease of eastern stocks during April was the heaviest of any month this year, 6,963,069 bushels, equaling the total net decrease during January, February and March, and being almost exactly equal to the falling off in April, 1890. On the Pacific coast stocks of wheat declined 2,799,294 bushels, an exceptionally heavy decrease for April as compared with preceding years. Uniting totals for both coasts it is seen that wheat supplies decreased 9,762,363 bushels during April, 1891, three-quarters as much as the total decline for three months of the current calendar year, an aggregate 1,708,513 bushels larger than the decrease in April, 1890, and 4,071,550 bushels larger than that during April, 1889. For four months of the calendar year accumulations have fallen away 22,960,891 bushels, as compared with 24,635,771 bushels in a like portion of 1890, with 22,292,435 in four months of 1889, and as contrasted with a decrease of 33,467,570 bushels from January 1 to May 1, 1888.—*Bruce's Reports*.



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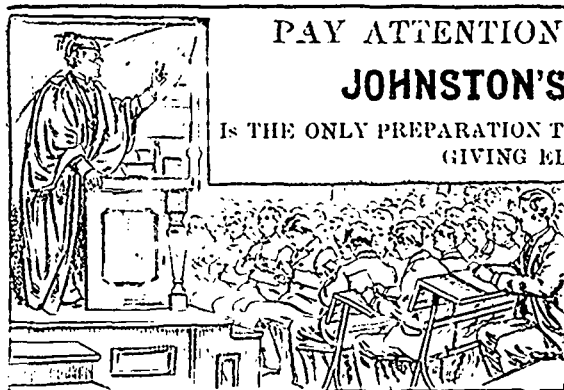
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Prices at Montreal.

Last week there was an inclination to talk prices down, owing to the break in wheat, but since the wheat market has subsequently shown greater strength holders have become more confident and consequently last week's prices are maintained. City strong bakers' have been sold at \$8 in broken lots and car lots have been placed at 10 to 15c less money, although some refuse to sell car lots at under \$6, as they say prices will be higher still shortly. In straight rollers there have been sales of car lots at \$5.40, and in broken lots at 5 to 10c more money. We quote prices as follows: Patent, winter, \$6 to \$6.25; patent, spring, \$5.85 to \$6.30; straight roller, \$5.40 to \$5.50; extra, \$5.10 to \$5.20; superfine, \$4.70 to \$5.00; fine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; city strong bakers' \$5.95 to \$6.00; Manitoba bakers', \$5.60 to \$5.85; Ontario, bags, extra, \$2.40 to \$2.50.

Oatmeal—The market continues in a weak and unsettled condition, and what sales have been made were on a lower basis of prices. We quote \$6.15 to \$6.25 for car lots of standard and granulated, and at 10 to 15c more for jobbing lots. It is said, however, these prices have been shaded. Rolled oats are quoted the same as granulated.

Feed—The easier feeling in bran has been emphasized by a further decline, sales being reported at \$17 to \$18 per ton in car lots. Shorts are still said to be scarce and are quoted at \$20 to \$21. Moullie has sold at \$26 to \$28 per ton as to quality.

Wheat—The market is more or less unsettled. No. 2 hard being quoted at \$1.17 to \$1.18 probably \$1.17 representing fair value. No. 2 white and red winter wheat is quoted here at \$1.15 to \$1.16 nominally.

Oats—Market decidedly weak and lower, No. 2 Ontario oats having been reported at 54 to 55c per 34 pounds. Manitoba mixed oats were offered at 51c per 34 pounds, but buyers are not willing to go above 50c.

Barley—Market has further receded, feed descriptions being quoted at 58 to 60c per bushel. Malting grades are quoted at 68 to 70c as to quality.

Provisions—Canada short cut, \$17.50 to \$18 per barrel in jobbing parcels, a lot of 70 barrels being reported sold at \$17. Chicago heavy clear mess steady at \$17 to \$18 per barrel as to quantity. Chicago new mess pork is quoted at \$16 to \$16.50, and old do. at \$14 to \$14.50 per barrel; hams, 11c; breakfast bacon, 10c, and pic-nic hams, 9c. Lard is held at \$1.60 to \$1.65 per pail.

Butter—Creamery butter is selling to the local jobbing trade at 23c for the May make. In dairy butter there is no accumulation of supplies, and all choice western is picked up on arrival at 20 to 22c. Western rolls are now about over for the season, but the few lots that have been received have gone off at 16 to 18c; a few small packages of Morrisburg rolls bringing 19 to 20c.

Cheese—A few sales have taken place at 10½ to 10¾c. It is expected the supply for next week's steamers will run short as factory men are not free sellers. Last year at this time sales were made on this market at 11 to 11½c per pound.

Eggs—There is a little easier feeling in the market, and we still quote 11½ to 12c for jobbing lots. A round lot sold at 11c. It is believed that the large western packers are about

through with their pickling. Further consignments of eggs are going forward by this week's steamers to England.

Maple products—Sales are difficult to effect. A lot of about 20 kegs of rather thin syrup was offered at 4½c per pound, and the very best can be had at 5c, but even at this figure it does not sell readily. Syrup in cans is quoted at 60 to 65c, one lot selling at 55c. In sugar the demand is also slow, a few moderate sized lots being placed at 7 to 7½c per pound, dark sugar in large and ungainly shapes selling at 6 to 6½c per pound.

Hides—Easier. We learn of one or two sales at 6½c for No. 1 to Quebec tanners, which is a concession of ½c per pound, former transactions being at 6½c. Dealers are still paying 6c, 5c and 4c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and tanners prices are 6½ to 6¾; for No. 1, 5½ to 5¾c for No. 2 and 4½ to 4¾c for No. 3.

Leather—The market continues very dull, sales of manufacturers' sole have been made at 15½ to 16½c for No. 2 and at 17 to 19c for No. 1 Choice plump selected B.A. is quoted at 20 to 21c for No. 1. A lot of 100,000 pounds of sole leather is being shipped from this port to England this week. In black a few sales of waxed upper have transpired at from 23 to 24c for common, and at 25 to 27½c for the best qualities. A round lot of Quebec splits was sold at 12½c. In other lines there is no particular change.

Groceries—Mostly all the common Japan teas have been picked up, although it is surprising how cheap they can be had when a buyer who means business puts in an appearance. It is stated that nothing in Japan can now be had under 16c by dealers and yet a lot was offered at 15c this week without finding a buyer. Sales, however, have been reported at 16 to 18c for common to medium qualities and at 17½ to 19c for good medium. Fine to finest are quoted at 20 to 2½c and choicest 26 to 30c. The coffee market continues very firm for most kinds, especially for Rio, Java and Jamaica. A lot of 50 bags of Jamaica was sold on pt. supposed to be very close to 20½c, and we quote 20½ to 22c; Java, 25 to 30c; Mocha, 26 to 30c. There is no change from the dull tone in sugars, refiners selling very little out of stock. This is not to be wondered at considering that consumers are getting cheaper sugars from across the border in spite of the extra vigilance of the customs authorities in trying to put a stop to the extensive smuggling that has been going on. Prices here are unchanged at 6½c for granulated, and 5 to 5½c for yellows, less the usual cash discounts. There has been a further decline in New York, refiners there having been compelled to adopt that course in order to compete with the Scotch sugars now coming into American markets. The demand for syrups has been quiet, but prices are firm in sympathy with molasses, and we quote 3½ to 4c in wood as to quality. In molasses the strong feeling has been maintained, the market in Barbadoes having advanced ½c on the week to 22½c f.o.b. which is equal to about 37c here, and we quote 37c to 39c for Barbadoes as to quantity. In canned goods, buyers of salmon are anxiously awaiting offers from agents of British Columbia packers. Prices from store in this market are quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.40 per dozen. Canned lobsters are steady at \$7.30 to \$7.40 per case, and mackerel at \$4.24 per case. Tomatoes continue firm at \$1.40 to \$1.45. A strong market continues for currants which

have sold at 5½ to 6c for Provincials in barrels. The market for Valencia rasins is demoralized, owing to the large quantities of inferior fruit offering from New York. Twenty three samples of these rasins were seen in Quebec a few days ago, costing 2½ to 3c in New York, and all of them were pronounced sour. It is stated that as soon as the hot weather sets in these goods will be worthless and then the good brands will be called for. Sales of common fruit have transpired at 5½ to 5¾c, but choice brands are still held at 5½c.

Money—Locally shows signs of hardening. Call loans have been made at 4½ and Time loans (3 months) at 5 per cent. Commercial paper at 6 to 7 per cent.

Ocean Freights—Ocean grain freights are dull and lower, engagements having been made at 1s 6d per quarter to Liverpool and Glasgow, London and Bristol being quoted at 1s 9d to 2s. It is reported that as low as 1s 3d has been taken for Liverpool.—*Traude Bulletin*, May 15.

Toronto Cattle Market

About 20 loads were offered for sale and among them were a few loads of export cattle and stockers. All the cattle fit for export were rapidly taken up at prices ranging from 4½ to 5½c per pound but mostly at about 5½c, only a few head of rather inferior stuff, touching the lower quotation. Local butchers were good buyers, and by noon nearly all the stock offered found a market. Prices were well maintained ranging from \$4.75 to \$5.12 per cwt. for good to choice cattle, and from \$4.25 to \$4.75 for fair to good. Very few head of inferior cattle were to be seen on the market, and they were sold in bunches and car lots so that quotations of that class of stock could not be given.—*Empire*, May 18.

The Trans Continental Railway Association has decided to increase second-class passenger rates from the Pacific coast to points in the east \$5, and also to increase round trip tickets from the coast \$10. This will affect tickets to Winnipeg. The increase went into effect on the 18th instant.

The paint manufacturers of Canada, says a report from Toronto, are organizing a combine. The firms already agreeing to the terms include several of Toronto and Montreal, and one or Halifax. The conditions of the combine are said to be three factories, one each in Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

The publishers of *The Dominion Illustrated* offer the sum of \$130 in four prizes for short stories from Canadian writers: 1st prize, \$60; 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$20; 4th, \$10. On the following conditions: 1st. All stories must be delivered at the office of *The Dominion Illustrated* not later than 1st June next. 2nd. Each story to contain not less than 5,000 words, and not to exceed 8,000 words. 3rd. All MS. sent in for this competition to become the property of *The Dominion Illustrated*. 4th. Each story must contain a motto on top of first page, and be accompanied by a sealed envelope, inside of which is stated the name and address of the writer. The outside of envelope to bear motto used on story. 5th. MS. to be written in ink, and on one side of paper only. 6th. Stories on Canadian subjects are preferred. The Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Publishers "The Dominion Illustrated," Montreal.

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

G. S. Ames, tailor, Toronto has assigned.
 Geo Rogers, wagons, Auburn, has sold out.
 John Craig, merchant, Petrolia, has assigned.
 E. S. Phillip, photos, Aylmer, has sold out.
 Sanders & Son, shoes, Watford, have assigned.
 I. Ault, physician, Georgetown, has assigned.
 G. E. Husband, grocer, Kingsville, has sold out.
 McBean Bros., grocers, London, have assigned.
 C. P. McKenna, butcher, Parkhill, skipped out.
 E. J. Lasalle, jeweler, Danville, is under seizure.
 Jas. McNichol, general store, Allensville; is dead.
 Jas. A. Elms, builder, London, has gone away.
 J. H. Pickles, teas, &c., Hamilton, has assigned.
 W. G. Hewson, merchant, Oakville, has assigned.
 John O'Regan, merchant, Oshawa, has assigned.
 H. W. Perry, merchant, Streetsville, has assigned.
 F. Owen, furniture, &c., Toronto, has assigned.
 G. A. Ball, hotelkeeper, McKellar, has assigned.
 Fax & Co., tailor, &c., Woodstock, have assigned.
 G. T. Sackville, general store, Bewdley, has assigned.
 J. W. Shields, general store, Cobocok, has sold out.
 J. B. Philips, furniture, Hamilton, has assigned.
 H. H. Dickson, grocer, &c., Pakenham, has assigned.
 H. Yost, wagons, &c., Sebringville, has assigned.
 S. J. Mitchell, grocer, St. Thomas, is out of business.
 W. J. Pace, grocer, etc., Springfield, has sold out.
 Munro B. os., general store, Parkhill, is compromising.
 E. F. Dwyer, grocer, etc., Port Dalhousie, has sold out.
 A. C. Jackson, flour and feed, &c., Auburn, has sold out.
 Jas. W. Green, printer, Parkhill, has sold out to Robt. T. White.
 Herbert & Murphy, builders, Toronto, John Herbert, is dead.
 Gould & Co. general store, Havelock; stock sold by the sheriff.
 Chas. Clarke, liquors, Sault Ste Marie, has assigned to Carney
 A. B. Saylor, mills, Bloomfield, is burned out; insurance small.
 John Tracy, cigar maker, Toronto, considerably damaged by fire.
 E. Bourguin, jewelry, Tavistock, loss from burglary said to be \$1,000.
 H. C. Cockburn, coal and wood, Guolph, premises damaged by fire.
 John Stinson, general store, Singhampton, obtained an extension of time.
 E. Leonard & Sons, engines, &c., London, Hon. Elijah Leonard, is dead.

James Anderson, hotel, Thamesford, is away.
 T. W. Walley, Millbrook Reporter, Millbrook, is burned out; partially insured.

J. T. Harvie, sawmill; Frank Wasley, Albion Hotel, stables, &c., have been destroyed by fire.

Charles Little, saw mill and handle factory, Maidstone Cross, handle factory burned; no insurance.

Finfold & Ricks, groceries and liquors, St. Thomas, have sold out their grocery business to G. G. Steele

White Ave. & Co., lumber, Ottawa, have amalgamated with R. Hurdman & Co., under the style of Buell, Orr, Hurdman & Co.

The following have been burned out: John Atkins, shoes; Wm Cowan, general store; Jas Holmes, wagons; Alex. Wannan, V S, Blackstock.

QUEBEC.

S. J. Demers, foundry, Quebec, has assigned.

J. D. Latour, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.

C. Roberts, hats and furs, Montreal, has assigned.

E. Lucas & Co., photos, Montreal, has assigned.

Gaspard Germain, tanner, Quebec, has assigned.

Chas. Dubois, trader, Victoriaville, has assigned.

Cusson & Forest, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. M. Dorion, hay, &c., Staynerville, has assigned.

J. Morrison, grocer & cabinet, Montreal, has assigned.

J. S. Savard & Co., dry goods, Quebec, have assigned.

N. Girouard, general store, St. Guillaume, has assigned.

F. H. Parsons, trader, Tp. Coleraine, has assigned.

Decarie & Lanier, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Louis Benier & Fils, traders, Weedon, have assigned.

C. J. Covernton & Co., drugs, Montreal, have dissolved.

Jos. Dagenais & Co., grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Edmond Julien & Co., curriers, Quebec, have assigned.

N. L. Vincent, harness, Coaticook, has compromised.

J. R. E. Danjou, general store, Rimouski, has assigned.

Isaie Charbonneau, general store, St. Therese, has assigned.

N. Dubuc, general store, St. Isidore, demand of assignment.

J. T. & F. H. Warrington, cheese, Montreal, have dissolved.

Jos. E. Dion, general store, Robertson Station, have assigned.

Joseph Longpre, general store, St. Jovite, offering compromise.

N. Girouard, general store, St. Guillaume, demand of assignment made.

M. Laing & Sons, wholesale produce, &c., Montreal, M. McL. Laing, is dead.

A. W. Ogilvie & Co., millers, Montreal, have changed style to W. W. Ogilvie.

Geo. Gilmour, manufacturer of chairs, etc., Coaticook, is offering to compromise.

P. Hemond & Fils, manufacturer of boots and shoes, Montreal, demand of assignment.

Chas. Lacaille & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, have admitted G. Lacaille as a partner under same style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Alex Hawley, saddler, Mabou, has assigned.
 H. A. Ellison, physician, Weymouth, is dead.

Douglas Bent, trader, Aylesford, has assigned.

Arch. Campbell, lumber, &c., Tatamagouche, is dead.

J. F. Crowe & Son, grocers, Halifax, have sold out.

Muirhead & Co., plumbers, &c., Halifax, have dissolved.

Dartmouth Iron Foundry, Dartmouth, has sold out.

Daniel McLean, general store, Orangedale, has assigned.

Weatherbee & Donkins, stoves, &c., Springhill, have dissolved.

C. A. Robertson & Co., crockery, Halifax, C. H. Robertson is dead.

J. N. Freeman, general store, Liverpool, has compromised at 20 per cent.

L. N. Marcon, jeweler, Antigonish, stock, &c. transferred to his wife, A. L. Marcons.

W. K. McHaffey & Co., dry goods, Windsor, W. K. McHaffey, of this firm, is dead.

H. E. Ellison, M.D. and drugs, Weymouth, is advertising property and business for sale.

R. Craig & Co., grocers, Truro, dissolved.
 Rich. Craig, sr., retires; Richard T. Craig continues under old style.

Jack & Bell, manufacturers of fertilizers, and W. L. Lowell & Co., bankers and brokers, Halifax; J. Lyle of these firms is dead.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

T. & E. Taylor, grocers, Moncton, have assigned.

G. M. Hillman, blacksmith, Canterbury, has sold out.

Ann Mays, grist mills, Prince William, has sold out.

J. A. Magilton & Co., dry goods, St. John, have assigned.

T. B. Hannington, auctioneer, St. John; succeeded by Lesters & Charters.

W. W. Black, picture frames, Moncton, offering compromise—40c on the dollar.

D. & J. Ritchie & Co., lumber mills, New Castle, was burned out; insured for \$6,000

James H. Dunlap, wholesale grocer, Moncton, is offering to compromise at 48c on the dollar.

Stewart & Co., W. and A. R. confectionery, St. Stephen, are offering to compromise at 10c on the dollar.

A. F. Randolph & Son, wholesale grocers, Fredericton, have admitted Robert F. Randolph as a partner; firm now A. F. Randolph & Sons.

G. & G. Flewelling, manufacturers of matches, Hampton, have admitted J. Titus as a partner; firm now The G. G. Flewelling Manufacturing Company.

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COMMUNICATION.

The Agricultural Implement Manufacturer vs. the Farmers and Merchants.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 14th inst., a communication signed "Manitoba Merchant" and headed as above appeared. The article is so unfair, unjust and misleading that I have felt constrained to point out some of the more unfair statements and deductions made therein.

His first complaint is that the Canadian manufacturer is protected by a 35 tariff and he states that "by means of the extravagant duty the implement maker is enabled to charge prices absurdly disproportionate to the inherent value of his wares."

I join issue on this statement and would point out to "Manitoba Merchant" that his theory might have some force if he could show that there is no competition whatever between Canadian manufacturers, which of course is absurd, and which absurdity "Merchant" emphasizes when he later on in his article speaks of the eager competition there is in Manitoba between Canadian manufacturers and dealers. So much for "glittering generalities."

Now to descend to details and hard facts, will "Manitoba Merchant" answer this one question, viz.; if, as he states, (substantially) the prices of Canadian implements are simply fixed by ascertaining the prices same can be purchased for in the United States and adding thereto the duty of 35% and thus give the Canadian manufacturer a profit of 35% (less duty on raw material) over and above an ordinary profit. Then why are Canadian binders and other implements sold at figures so much lower than American implements of same description and quality? I deny that prices of Canadian implements are fixed in any such way. They are regulated by home competition as can be readily and simply proven by reference to either of the retail price lists of the dealers handling the Deering and McCormick American Binders in Manitoba, and which lists give the price of these binders at \$210.00 on two January payments, whereas, a first class Canadian binder can be purchased on same terms for \$165.00, or a difference of \$45.00 in favor of the Canadian machine. Why, if "Merchant's" theory be correct, does the Canadian manufacturer not raise his price to the level of the American? The plain common sense answer is that the inexorable law of supply and demand which prevents "Manitoba Merchant" from overcharging his customer over the counter prevents the implement dealer from having it all his own way. The only farmers (and they are comparatively only a handful) who pay 35% duty on implements in Manitoba or the Northwest, are those who buy American implements at prices enhanced by the duty necessarily paid thereon; when there are as good Canadian implements which can be and are purchased at a price less by the whole duty paid (in most cases) than the American article can be bought for, as will be seen in the example of the binder mentioned above. Should the United States farmers insist on buying Canadian binders they would have to pay as much for them as Canadians do who buy American binders. This therefore, disposes of that statement and of all the fancied grievances built thereon.

The next charge against Implement Dealers is that they actually take notes in settlement for their goods instead of leaving them in the form of open or outstanding accounts. This is really a serious charge, but the writer believes that to most sensible men this course will never-the less commend itself, but "Merchant" says the most important and dangerous provision of all (in their notes) is the cause by which the maker surrenders his exemption privileges. This is really too bad but it might ease "Merchants," mind to know that this provision is and always has been entirely void and of no effect being against the policy of the law and it cannot be shown that it has ever been taken advantage of. This, therefore, disposes of this element which "Merchant" describes as unsettling the whole business of the country, but it will nevertheless serve as an instance of how little "Manitoba Merchant" really knows of the subject as to which he has taken upon himself to enlighten his supposed benighted and down-trodden associates in trade.

"Merchant's" next complaint is that the implement dealer gets all the cash the farmer has and he would make it appear that the implement manufacturer and dealer almost invariably get paid up in full. Even were this the case it would not be a serious charge, but what are the facts; I believe I am safe in saying of all dealers and manufacturers of implements, as I know I am of the company I am connected with, that out of the 1839 crops they did not receive more than about 33 per cent. of every \$100 due out of that crop and had to carry over therefore till the fall of 1890 67 per cent. and even out of the crop of 1890 not over about 60 per cent will be collected out of every dollar due. These are well known facts and can be substantiated on oath if necessary.

Will "Merchant" say that the implement dealers should not be paid on an average 50 per cent. of their total indebtedness due them in any year; if so let him conduct his business on this principle if he choose but let him not whine should others fail to imitate his course.

"Merchant" makes one more suggestion and that is that the farmer should buy all his implements for cash. If "Merchant" can bring about this state of affairs he will earn the everlasting gratitude of all implement manufacturers and dealers the whole Dominion over and he will have, I am sure, the hearty co-operation of every implement dealer and manufacturer in the country. It is needless, however, to add that this is not at all practicable, unless credits of all kinds should be abolished, (in which case "Merchant's" whole wail would be groundless, and it is more than absurd to suggest such a course in a new province like Manitoba where farmers and everyone else (merchants included) need all the credit they can get and sometimes more. Even the Dakota farmers (who by inference from "Merchant's" letter are revelling in low prices for implements and surplus cash to pay down therefor) are not able to pay cash for their implements, but as "Merchant" may not know how, say, binders are sold in Dakota, I will say that on every McCormick binder sold in Dakota the rule is to take a chattel mortgage to the implement dealer to secure the sale at the time of making it, and as the drawing, executing and filling of chattel mortgages costs something it is safe to assume that the farmer pays it. This is the inevitable consequence of doing away

with the equitable and just lien on an implement which obtains in this country and which costs nothing.

"Merchant" further states that the implement dealer realizes a profit three, four, five, and even ten times as great as that averagedly realized by the merchant. Now the whole force of this statement lies in its being true. I deny that it is so, and as all such statements, if they have been considered at all before being made, (which is extremely doubtful in this case) must have figures on which they are based; I should be glad if "Merchant" would again descend to details and figures showing how he arrives at this conclusion, and I will undertake to prove that he is mistaken; but, of course, in dealing with a matter of figures and percentages of profit there is only one way to discuss the question intelligently and that is by reference to the figures upon which the general statements are made.

In conclusion I think "Manitoba Merchant" should sign his own name to such a communication as is in question, and in this way add weight or otherwise as the case might be to statements which seem to have little in the of themselves. As "Merchant" promises more light in the future I will reserve anything further that might be said until he answers the questions of fact I have raised and gives the figures asked for. Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in publishing the above, I am,

Yours truly,
E. W. H. VAN ALLEN.

Mining in British Columbia.

R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific, was in Nelson on Wednesday. He stated that his company had made a \$6-a-ton rate on ore from Nelson to the smelter at Revelstoke. There is no excuse now for that smelter to remain idle, provided its owners are prepared to purchase ore and make reasonable charges for smelting. They claim, however, that until separating works are erected in Canada, the product of the smelter must be shipped to either the United States or to Great Britain. The duty of \$30 a ton on lead prevents its shipment to the United States at a profit and the low price which lead sells in Great Britain prevents its shipment to that country. Canada consumes thousands of tons of lead annually, the product of the mines of the United States and of Spain. If the United States discriminates against our product by placing a \$30-a-ton duty on it, Canada cannot afford to handicap our lead mines by allowing the product of the United States to be admitted at an \$8-a-ton rate. Our trade with Spain is not important enough to warrant the Dominion Government in allowing the product of the lead mines of that country to come in competition with the product of the lead mines of Canada. Now that Canada is on the eve of producing enough lead to supply the demands of home consumption, there is no good reason why foreign lead should be practically admitted free of duty. The duty on pig lead should be raised to \$30 a ton; the duty on lead in bars, blocks, and sheets to \$50; and a uniform duty of 30 per cent placed on all lead products. If the change is made, the mines of British Columbia will alone support a hundred thousand people and produce every dollar's worth of crude and manufactured lead used in the Dominion.—Nelson Times.

British Columbia Trade Letter

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, May 18.—Business is steadily improving as the fine weather advances. There is little to note of special importance. The fine weather now fairly set in for nearly two weeks has been of inestimable advantage to the farming community, the long spell of wet weather having dehydrated vegetation. Now, however, the prospects of a good crop all around are excellent, with harvesting a little later than usual.

Mining matters at Nelson are very active and the first approach to a boom is being realized there. It is not anticipated that mining development will proceed rapidly this summer for lack of smelting facilities, but enough will be done to assure us of the rich character of the mines. It is said that the celebrated Hull mine has been bonded for two million dollars, and other claims for large sums. Building is very active and promises to continue so during the summer. There are high hopes of Nelson becoming a Denver.

Shipping is brisk. The S. S. Eon went out on Friday with 1,765,714 feet of rough lumber for Australia. She is one of the largest freight carriers afloat on the Pacific, with all modern facilities for handling goods, and has been chartered for two years for this trade.

A telephone line has been run to Steveston from Vancouver. Work is proceeding rapidly on the Westminster—Vancouver tramway. Large sales of Mission, Steveston, Chilliwack and Abbotsford properties are being advertised. Land hunting is just now a special feature of business and large numbers of persons go out daily in search of favorable farm locations. Settlers are filling up the New Westminster district very rapidly.

On Saturday the second annual meeting of the provincial exhibit association was held in Mayor Oppenheimer's office, at which the reports of the president, secretary and commissioner were read and adopted, officers elected and other business transacted. The feeling of the meeting was that the exhibits sent east from British Columbia had been productive of much good to the province and that there should be no relaxation of the efforts put forth. The intention was, if possible, to send a larger and finer exhibit this year than ever before.

Butter, cheese and eggs remain the same as last as follows:— Californian, 25 to 28c, fresh ranch, 30 to 35c; cheese, 13 to 13½c; eggs, case, 16 to 20c; fresh, 25 to 30c. Flour, feed and provisions still maintain the advance.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$7; bakers' \$6.50; Oregon flour, \$6.25 to \$6.50; catmeal, \$4; cornmeal, \$3.75 to \$4; rolled oats, \$4.25; shorts, \$2.7; bran, \$2.5; wheat, \$3.6 to \$4.9; oats, \$4.0 to \$4.5.

There is a slight drop in quotations of B. C. sugar refinery: Granulated, 7½c; yellow, 6½c; white cube, 8c.

Fish has been limited supply for a week or so and prices have advanced.

Meats—Dry salt, 11½c; roll bacon, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; back, 13c; hams, 14½c; pickled pork bellies, 11½c; mess pork, 22½c; lard, in tubs, 12c; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13c; lard compound, 12c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$23 per ton; California cabbage, 2½c per pound.

Fruits—Navals, \$5 to \$5.25; Riverside seedlings, \$3 to \$3.25. Sicilian lemons are quoted from \$7 to \$7.50 per box, and Californian from

\$1.25 to \$1.70. Rhubarb is selling freely at 5½ to 6c. Californian cherries are now on the market at \$2.25 per box.

North West Ontario.

A. Jean, general store, Keewatin; stock sold at 51c

E. Lemarbre, bakery, Fort William, has sold out

We believe says the *Journal*, that there is not an unoccupied dwelling house in Fort William.

Port Arthur *Sentinel*. A few sales of lands, taken up under the old Mining Act have lately taken place. O. N. Murdoch, of Minneapolis, has purchased, through Russel and Co., the iron mining claims situated south and southwest of Kaministiquia station, at a large advance. Several other deals of iron properties, located under the old Act, are on the tapis.

The reduction works is about ready to run, says the *Rat Portage News*. The shafting is about all up, pulleys connected, and belting laced to machinery, and operation can be commenced in a few days. A few miner details are now being fixed up, and the only work yet to be done is the laying of rails for running ore cars. These rails are on some of the two cars that are delayed in transshipment at Winnipeg, but are expected any time soon.

From a letter in the *Port Arthur Sentinel* we take the following:—"At some of the mines in the Thunder Bay district the employees of the mine are compelled to buy at the mine store or are discharged. To your readers a general description of this system as carried on here may be of interest. The storekeeper has coupon books or cheques for various amounts, some \$5, \$10, \$15 and so on. The purchaser calls for one of these, the value thereof being charged against him and deducted from his earnings. The store has, of course, no opposition, none other being allowed on the location and in many articles the prices are exorbitant; peddlars of any description are forbidden to offer their wares for sale, and though butter, eggs, potatoes, and farm produce generally may, at the store, be of an inferior quality, the people run the risk of immediate discharge if they buy from the farmers. This rule also applies to clothing and drygoods generally. Most especially is the iniquity of this system seen at the Badger mine; the store being the property of Mr. Shear, where, if a man's store bill does not reach a certain figure, he is told that his bill is too small, and I know positively that men have had to leave this mine for not buying at the store."

Strikes and Strikers.

Though less disturbed than earlier in the month, the general industrial situation is far from satisfactory. Many of the strikers who were idle on May 1, or who have gone out since that date, have returned to work; but the number remaining out is large. The situation in the building trades is disturbed, especially so in and about New York city. The dispute in the lumber trade has ended in a lockout by lumber dealers, which has caused considerable loss. If long continued this will cause a general cessation of those branches of building in which lumber forms an important part, and enforce the idleness of some thousands of building employees. The number of

men locked out in the lumber trade is variously estimated at 2,000 to 3,000. In addition to this the strike of 3,000 house-smiths continues to threaten to curtail the supply of structural and architectural iron. Outside of New York a number of smaller building trade strikes are reported; and these, with strikes of 1,200 dock men at Ashtabula, Ohio; 500 car-shop hands at Chicago, and 1,000 railroad switchmen locked out on the Northwesters Railway, give a total of fully 5,000 rendered idle this week. Among old strikes there are no features to report. The trouble in the coke region still drags along, and the number of men at work is estimated at not over 4,000. Of the 10,000 coal miners in Iowa, all but about 1,000 are idle. The Illinois coal miners will demand last season's prices. At Milwaukee the building trade situation is less favorable, and 2,000 union men remain out. A telegram from Duluth says that the carpenters' union, embracing all the carpenters at the head of the lakes, 3,000 or 4,000 in number, resolved to strike June 1 for an eight hour day, unless their demand for a nine hour day be granted before that time.—*Bradstreet's*

The Cattle Markets.

At Montreal on Monday, trade was dull and prices lower. The best butchers' cattle sold at 5c to 5½c, while fairly good stock could be had at 4½c. Shippers picked up about four loads to fill up with, but did not appear anxious and only took bargains, paying 5c to 5½c. The market on the whole was bad and unsatisfactory to the sellers.

A Liverpool cable to the *Montreal Gazette* on Monday last says:—Owing to the restrictions placed on this district by the Department of Agriculture for pleuritis pneumonia, the first shipments of Canadian cattle had to be sold at Birkenhead, and consequently under a forced sale prices were fully 1d lower than they were a week ago, and with the same restrictions at Glasgow present prospects for Canadians are not very favorable, as they can only be sold at Liverpool and Glasgow subject to the restrictions, consequently they lose the superior advantages of a sale on these markets. At Birkenhead to-day the ruling quotations for average mixed shipments of Canadians was 6½d.

The figures of the English census, so far as they have been made public, reveal the same general tendency as has been manifested in the United States, to an accelerating growth of the urban population of the country. The increase appears to be greatest in the most densely inhabited localities. At the same time there is shown a relatively smaller increase in the population of the distinctively rural districts. In some of these districts, indeed, there has been an absolute falling off. This is true of at least one county, Essex, where there has been a decrease of over 10 per cent. Enough figures are not yet at hand to render anything like an extended showing practicable, but it is clear that in England, as in most other countries which have felt the impulse of modern industrial activity, the tendency to the massing of men in cities is operating.

THE May bulletin of the Ontario bureau of industries gives a cheering forecast of the yield of fruits and grains for that province. So bright an outlook it says has not been presented for

many years for the fall wheat crops of Ontario. Winter rye is in fair condition; of the other crops little is said. In the great barley growing districts there is a decline of the area of barley sown owing to a fear of the McKinley bill interfering with the price. Some fields formerly devoted to barley have been sown to spring wheat, oats and peas. Fruit trees and grape vines came through the winter well and will likely have a large yield. Supplementary reports sent in after the late frost during the first week in May show that little harm was done. It may be added that frost has been experienced since this bulletin was issued.

The letter from "Manitoba Merchant" in our last issue, dealing with the agricultural implement trade, has drawn forth a reply which is published in this issue. THE COMMERCIAL had intended giving an editorial reference to the letter of "Manitoba Merchant" this week, but as an implement man, who is doubtless better posted in this line, has taken the letter in hand, we will not attempt anything in the nature of a reply thereto. So far as credit business and collections are concerned, however, we would desire to point out that the implement firms are doing exactly what THE COMMERCIAL has urged country merchants to do, namely: to sell at a liberal discount for cash, in order to encourage cash business, and charge interest on credit business. THE COMMERCIAL cannot therefore condemn the implement men for doing what it has advised country merchants to do. A great many farmers certainly overload themselves with implements, far beyond their requirements for the quantity of land they have under cultivation. Overloading, however, is also quite a marked feature of the mercantile trade generally. Regarding protection, the views of this journal are well known to its readers. If implement firms succeed better in their collections than other business men, it is creditable to their system of doing business.



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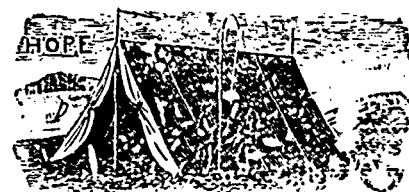
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Antimony—Cookson's, per pound, 18 to 18½c. other makes, 17 to 18c.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 56 and 1 29-lb. ingots, per lb. 23 to 24; Straits, 100-lb. ingots, 23 to 23½; strip, 25 to 27c.

Copper—Ingot, 13½ to 15c; sheet, 19 to 21c.

Lead—Bar, 4½ to 4½c; pig, 3½ to 4½c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75 to \$5.25; Can. dis. 7½ per cent.

Zinc—sheet, 6½ to 7½c; zinc spelter, 4½ to 5c; solder, hf and hf, 19½ to 21c.

Brass—Sheet, 21 to 29c.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$2. to \$2.10; bar, refined, \$2.60 to \$2.65c; Swedes, 1 in. or over, \$4 \$4.50; Lowmoor, 5½ to 6c; hoops, coopers', \$2.65 to \$2.80; do., band, \$2.60 to \$2.75; tank plates, \$2 to \$2.25; boiler rivets, best, \$4.50 to \$5; sheet, 11 to 20 gauge, \$2.75 to \$3; 22 to 24 do., \$2.75 to \$3; 26 do., \$3 to \$3.25; 28 do., \$3.50 to \$3.75; Russia, sheet, per pound, 10 to 12c.

Galvanized iron—16 to 24 gauge, 5½ to 6½; 26 do., 5½ to 6½c; 28 do., 5½ to 6½c.

Iron wire—Market bright and annealed, Nos. 1 to 16, net list from stock, 7½ per cent. discount from factory; market, tinned, per lb., 4½ to 5c; galvanized fence, 5 per cent advance on list; barbed wire, 4½ to 5c; coil chain, ½ in., 4½ to 4½c; 7.16 in., 5½ to 5½c; iron pipe, off list, 55 p.c.; do., galv., off list, 30 p.c.; boiler tubes, 2 in., 13c; do., 3 in., 18½c.

Steel—Cast, 13 to 14c; boiler plate, ½ in., \$2.75; 5 16 do., \$2.60; ¾ do., \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Nails—3 in. and upwards, \$3.35; brads and mouldings, disc., 70 to 70c and 10 p.c.; wire, 70c and 5 p.c. to 70c and 10 p.c. dis.

Horse nails—Can. dis, 50 to 60c and 5 p.c.

Horse shoes—Per keg, \$3.60.

Canada plates—Blain, \$3.20 to \$3.25.

Tin plates—IC coke, \$4.75 to \$5; IC charcoal, \$5.50 to \$5.75; IX charcoal, \$6.50 to 6.75; IXN charcoal, \$7.50 to \$7.75; DC charcoal, \$5.

Gunpowder—Can blasting, per keg, \$3.25 to \$3.50; can sporting FF, \$5; can do., FFF, \$5.25; can rifle, \$5.25.

Rope—Manilla, 13½ to 13½c; sisal, 9½ to 10c.

Axes—Per box, \$7 to \$12.

Twine—Binder, blue ribbon, 14; red cap, 12c; crown, 11c; composite, 9c.

Glass—Fourth quality star, 1st break, \$1.40 to \$1.50; 2nd do., \$1.50 to \$1.60; 3rd do., \$3.65 to \$3.75; 4th do., \$3.95 to \$4; 5th do., \$4.25 to \$4.30.

The Toronto Mill Stock and Metal Company quote dealers paying prices as follows: No. 1 heavy scrap, 65 to 70c per 100 pounds; stove cast scrap, 45 to 50c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 65 to 70c; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 20 to 25c; new scrap copper, 10 to 10½c; heavy scrap copper, 10½c; old copper bottoms, 8½ to 9c; light scrap brass, 5½c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 7½c; heavy red scrap brass, 9 to 9½c; scrap lead, 2½ to 2½c; scrap zinc, 2½ to 3c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 2½c; country mixed rags, \$1 to \$1.10 per 100 pounds, clean dry bones, 60c per 100 pounds.

Paint Prices at Toronto.

Linseed oil has been more active and prices have advanced 1c to 65c for raw and 68c for boiled. Turpentine is still very scarce and firm at 62 to 63c, but it can be bought to arrive at less. We quote on large lots only: Pure white lead, ground in oil, association guaranteed, 5½c.

Prepared paints (½, ¾ and gal tins)—Pure, per gal, \$1.05 to \$1.10; second qualities, per gal, 95 to 99c. Colors in oil (2½ lb tins, standard quality)—Venetian red, per lb, 5; chrom; yellow, per lb, 9; chroms green, per lb, 8; French imperial green, 11c. Colors, dry—Yellow ochre (J.C.) in bbls, per lb, 1½c; Venetian red. (R.O. 2), per bbl, 1½c; English oxides, in bbls, per lb, 3½c; American, in bbls, per lb, 2½c; Paris green, per lb, 15½ to 16; burnt umber, per lb, 6c; chrome yellows, per lb, 12c; chrome greens per lb, 12c. Linseed Oil, in bbls—Raw, per gal, 65; boiled, per gal. 68c; Turpentine, in bbls—Selected packages, per gal, 62 to 63c. Glue Common broken. in bbls, 16 to 11c; French medal, 12 to 13c; cabinetmakers', 17 to 18c; white, 16 to 17c. Castor oil, per lb, 10 to 12c. —Empire.

Wool and Hides at Toronto.

Several round lots sold for shipment to the States last week at 20 to 20½c here. Very little now fleece expected until the end of the month. Quotations—Fleece, selected, 19c; rejections, 16 to 17c; unwashed, 10 to 11c; Southdown, 25c; clothing, 22; pulled wools, supers, 22½ to 23c; extras, 27 to 27½c. Hides, cured, No. 1, 6 to 6½c; green, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, No. 3, 3c; calfskins, No. 1, 7 to 8c, No. 2, 6c; sheepskins, \$1.20 to \$1.40 according to quality: lambskins, 15 to 20c; tallow, rendered, 5½ to 6½c, rough, 2c —Trade.

UNDER the direction of Prof. Saunders, the staff of the Central Experimental Farm is preparing an exhibit of Canadian grain, grown in various parts of the Dominion, for exhibition at the Royal agricultural show in Doncaster, Yorkshire, England, next month. The grains, which will be thoroughly representative of the Dominion, will be shown both in the ear and in bulk.

A deputation from the northwest council consisting of Dr. Brett, and J. F. Batts, arrived at Ottawa last week to urge upon the government the necessity of giving the assembly full control of all money granted that body, and that the council be held responsible for its proper expenditure to the assembly. They will ask that power be given the lieutenant-governor to dissolve the house and that the Dominion Government erect and maintain an asylum in the territories.

CANNED peas are advancing at Toronto, says the Empire, and now \$1.35 is the inside for ordinary packs, with many houses firm at \$1.40. Tomatoes are also stiff at old prices. Corn is looking up, and dealers who have quoted \$1.10 for some weeks as the bottom price are pretty certain to make their limit \$1.15 in a few days. Fruits are more active. The reports of damage by frost are now known to have been much exaggerated. Canned meats are firm at the recent advance.

The Dominion Minister of Customs has decided that all packages containing goods exempt from duty per free list of the tariff, being the usual and ordinary packages which are commonly used for such free goods, when not otherwise provided for, may be admitted free of duty. The decision knocks off the duty formerly charged on packages containing free fruits, coconut oil, borax, alum, and a long list of free articles, and is considered quite a boon by the importers.



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