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#### WINNIPEG, APRIL 29, 1889.

G. A. FARRELL, barber, Winnipeg, has sold out to Illingsworth& Co.

THE new factory of the Vancouver Soap Co., B. G., has been completed.

McDonald & Young, real estate agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved.

A. J. HIPPERSON, of Guelph, Ont., will open a tin shop at Lethbridge, Alberta.

McKnight Bros. have opened a stock of gents' furnishings at Boissevain, Man.

G. A. WATSON has sold out his law business at Edmonton, Alberta, to S. S. Taylor, recently from St. John, N.B.

THE number of entries at the Dominion Lands office, Regina, since March 20th is 198, representing 31,690 acres.

THE real estate firm of Graveloy & Barker, Yancouver, B. C., has been dissolved. Graveley will continue the business.

. It was expected that the Manitou cheese factory would commence operations for the season, about the end of last week.

BURTON BROS., two young men from Toronto, are fitting up.a store at Regina, Assa., where they will open in the tailoring line.

The failures in British Columbia for the first quarter of 1889 were six in number, amounting to \$46,200. Last year, for the same period, there were eight, with \$85,048 liabilities.

The Medicine Hat Coal Co. has commenced to develop its property, near Medicine Hat, Assa. A contract has been let and work commenced on sinking a shaft. The mine is eight miles due west of the town.

THE by-law to borrow \$14,000 by debentures to build a public market, to replace the one burned, has been carried by a vote of the electors of Winnipeg.

SHERLOCK, FREEMAN & Co. is the name of the firm which has purchased the Botterill estate, at Lethbridge. They are adding new lines and will carry on the business as a full general store.

A TEST will be made of the Banff coal, with a view to discovering its suitability for use by the ships of the British squadron in the Pacific. If the coal is found satisfactory, it will be used by Pritish war ships visiting British Columbia ports.

THE weather forecast service will not be extended to Manitoba this year. The telegraph-companies would not carry out the service at less than \$5,000, and the Government decided to hold the matter over for another year.

THE directors of the Bank of Montreal have declared a dividend of five per cent. The profits of the year were unsatisfactory, but a bonus is withheld. A bonus of one per cent was looked for, and disappointment was expressed at the decision of the directors.

THE Government will not grant the increased mail facilities on the Southwestern Railway on the score of expense. The matter was very fully represented to the Government, but they showed the revenue and expenditure on that line, and said that the expense was altogether too great.

THOMAS FOSTER, a traveller for J. W. Mac-Kedie & Co., Montreal, while driving from Carberry to Neepawa, Man., last week lost the trail. The team ran into a wire fence, throwing Foster on the barbs head first. He was cut badly about the mouth and received a smaller cut on the neck.

A BOLD attempt was made one night last week to burglarise W. F. Doll's wholesale jewelry establishment at Winnipeg. The burglars who had gained an admittance into the premises, were disturbed by one of the clerks who sleeps in the building. Shots were exchanged, the clerk receiving a flesh wound in the arm. The burglars decamped without receiving anything.

Ar a labor meeting at Vancouver, B. C., held recently. a motion was unanimously passed, "that the tradesmen and laborers here present pledge themselves to refuse to work for any contractor who employs Chinese labor.' It was also moved and carried "that on and after the first day of May next, nine hours shall constitute a days work, and bricklayers' and stonemasons' wages shall be \$5 per day, and laborers' wages \$2.50 per day.

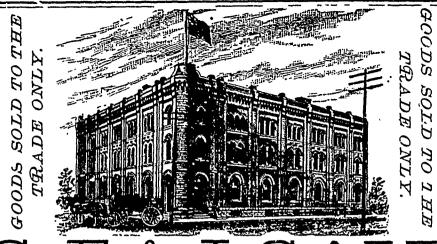
The creditors of Messrs. Marks, Dobie & Co., Thessalon, Algoma district, met last week to the number of twenty-five, representing houses in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Collingwood. A statement was presented showing liabilities amounting to almost \$100,000, with assets at \$95,000. The assets consists of \$40,000 stock in the firm's store at Thessalon, real estate and personal property. Samuel Marks, who recently entered the firm when his father George Marks retired, now goes out and his father returns. The new firm offered a settlement of 60c at 4, 8, 12 and 16 months.

E. J. DIGNUM, of Dignum, Wallace & Co., manufacturers' agents and commission merchants, Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg last week. The firm represents a number of British and foreign manufacturers of linen goods, cloths, underwear, linings and dress goods, fancy lines, etc. Mr. Dignum, who is an old resident of Winnipeg, has not been west for three years, and expresses himself as pleased with the prospects here and delighted with Manitoba weather.

Manitoba must be rapidly coming to the front as a stock country, judging from the constant stream of importations of fine stock being brought in this season. A large number of horses, cattle, and other animals have been brought in this spring, and every issue of the country papers tells of additional importations of fancy stock for breeding purposes, working horses, etc. In some of the provincial towns from five to twenty cars of horses have been imported and sold within the last few weeks. New settlers have also brought a great deal of stock in with them.

THE publishers of the Dominion Illustrated, G. E. Desbarats & Son, Montreal, announce their intention of giving special prominence to matters affecting Western Canada, with a view of disseminating knowledge concerning the resources, scenery and people of the Great West. There is certainly an ample field here for subjects which may be taken up to advantage, by our excellent illustrated journal. People in the East, who nearly all have friends in the West, will also be interested in anything concerning this country. A simple illustration will often convey to the mind more distinct knowledge than can be imparted in columns of reading matter. J. H. Brownlee, of Brandon, has been appointed special agent in the West for the Dominion Illustrated, and correspondence concerning the journal, photographs, sketches, etc., should be forwarded to him. It will certainly be in the interest of this country to have its resources and features set forth in this excellent journal.

Ir is quite a common thing for the journals in the West to publish "boom" issues, but special numbers of this nature do not often come from the East. When the eastern journalist does go in for something of this nature, however, he does not do it by halves, if the special number of the Daily Sun, of St. John, New Brunswick, which has reached this office, is a fair sample. The special number of the Sun is really a splendid sample, twenty-four large pages in size, and . printed on fine paper. The number describes the progress, position and prospects of St. John, mainly from a commercial standpoint. From a glance over the paper it would appear that things are not moving along so slowly down east, at least in the neighborhood of St. John, as we westerners are inclined to suppose. Throughout, the paper exhibits and tells of 2 spirit of progress which has often been considered as peculiar only to western towns. The paper contains a map of the three Maritime Provinces, showing the position of St. John as a winter port, the Chignecto ship railway, railway and steamship lines, etc. There is also a map showing the course of the St. John river, with points along the river, from the Bay of Fundy to Frederickton.



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Folders giving a description of the city and district of New Westminster are being distributed.

On May 17, Vancouver will vote on a by-law to raise \$125,000 by debentures, for permanent improvements.

Coal shipments to San Francisco from Nanaimo and Departure Bay for the month of March were 30,414 tons, valued at \$183.484.

The actual debenture debt of Westminster is just \$5,500 A bonus of \$156,000 has been voted to the Southern railway, but the debentures have not yet been issued.

Kamloops Sentinel :- Matheson & Armstrong, proprietors of the Dominion House, have extended their business by assuming possession of the Kamloops House. The two houses will be run conjointly by the firm.

The new Beaver cannery, built by J. H. Todd & Son. of Victoria, is completed. The cannery is situated on the south side of Lulu island, rear the mouth of the river. The cost of the buildings and plant runs close to \$25,000.

Victoria Times :- In the list of exports to 26 different destinations from California, British Columbia ranks the ninth best customer of that state. In the last three months the province has imported goods from California amounting in value to \$231,600.

The will of the late Hon. Robt. Dunsmuir, of Victoria, leaves everything to his wife, who is appointed executrix without bonds. The will is a very brief instrument and was made some time ago. The estate is valued at from \$10,-000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Westminster Columbian: - The company which has been boring for coal on Jumbo island, near Plumpers pass, have been so fortunate as to strike a large vein of superior quality coal. The prospects look so favorable that a force of

30 men have been set to work to sink a shaft for the development of the mine.

The Victoria Colonist has been again improved, and is now printed from new type, of a modern design. The Colonist is in every respect a very creditable journal. When the cost of publishing a daily paper at Victoria is taken into consideration, in comparison with the value of the field, the wonder is that so fine a paper can be published.

Columbian :- Drysdale & Co., of Westminster have commenced the erection of a new cannery on Canoe Pass, which is to be known as the Canoe Pass Cauning Company. The capacity of the new cannery will be 20,000 cases, which Mr Drysdale hopes to be able to pack this season. This will make the third new cannery to be established on the Fraser River this year.

#### Price of Binder Twine.

EDITOR OF THE COMMERCIAL .-- Our attention has been drawn to any number of ridiculous rumors and reports, that have been freely circulated of late, regarding binder twine. It has been claimed that the manufacturers are working under a combination, are controlling the raw material are using extortion on the consumer, etc. This is all absurd and absolutely false, as we can positively state that under no consideration will we become identified with any association of manufacturers, organized for the avowed purpose of advancing values or creating a monopoly.

Regarding the above, we would draw your atten to the fact that Mr. N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., promoter of the "Combines Bill," used the following significant language regarding our firm before the House of Commons a few days ago:-

Mr. Wallace said that he had received from Mr. A. W. Morris, of Montreal, a protest against, and denial of the accuracy of the assertion that a combination existed, and as he desired to misrepresent no one, he had dooked into the matter closely, and found that his impression as to binder twine was wrong. There has been an advance in the manufacturer's price, but on the other hand, the price of raw

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material, manilla hemp, had undergone a still greater advance. Mr. Wallace quoted from the report of the committee on combinations, wh ch met last year, to show that no animus against the manufacturers of twine existed, the report having fully exonerated them from any due advance in the price of their products. Yours truly,

A 'V. Morris & Bro.

#### Telephones in Sweden.

In probably no country in the world, says an English exchange, "has the telephone come into more general use than in Sweden. Not only can Stockholm boast the most perfect telephonic arrangements of any capital, in addition to the largest percentage of telephone subscribers, but the east coast and the west coast will soon be in telephonic communication, a line between Stockholm and Gothenburg being in course of erection. Many small towns are in telephonic communication with each other, and the number of subscribers is constantly increasing. In Malmo, for instance, which has about 40,000 inhabitants, there are 600 subscribers. This town is connected with about thirty smaller towns and country places, with subscribers between 200 and 10.

#### A Great australian Railway.

"The Government of Western Australia," says the American Manufacturer of Pittsburgh, "has come to definite terms with the promoters of the gigantic railway project for the construction of a line from Eucla to connect with the west Australian system, a distance of 800 miles, which, when completed, will bring into railway communion Perth, Adelade, Melboure, Sidney and Brisbane. It is expected that the work will occupy ton years. The contractors have agreed to construct the railway on the understanding that for every mile completed they shall receive from the government the gift of 20,000 acres of land. Should they keep their promises the contractors will become the owners of an estate of 16,000,000 acros equal in size to one forth the territory of Victoria."

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#### THE TIDE OF IMMIGRATION.

Manitobans have for years back listened to the oft expressed opinion, that settlement was the greatest, if not the only necessity, to secure progress and prosperity to this province and the adjoining territories. It is unnecessary to say, that they have long ago been fully convinced of the truth of the statement, but they found the settler to be quite as important as the hare in hare soup, regarding the manufacture of which certain old cookery books wisely state, that the first thing to do is to catch your hare. Manitobans have found from experience, that the soup of progress depends upon the main ingredient, the settler, and to catch him has been the greatest difficulty. For a time after the collapse of our 1881-82 boom the difficulty seemed insuperable, but last year and this year it has gradually been disappearing, and now the tide of immigration from Eastern Canada at least is sweeping towards the Canadian Northwest.

The cause, or rather causes, of this tide of settlement turning in favor of the Northwest may be looked for and found in various directions. In the first place Manitobans, while they growled and fumed plenty over securing no reasonable share of the settlement which has been sweeping to the West for years, never made any direct effort to secure their share until within the last three years or Of course the Dominion Government, the C. P. R. Land Department, the Canada Northwest Land Company and other corporations interested in the country, made efforts in the direction of settlement, but the people of the province were absolutely inactive, and could agree upon no concerted action, while the Provincial Government then in power were as inactive as the people, and the head thereof openly stated that they, the Government, did not want settlers, as they were no immediate source of revenue to the province as a province. It was folly to expect immigration under such circumstances, and a great change was necessary before it could be expected. That change has come, and some of its fruits are now being had in the thousands of settlers who have this spring located in the province. Nearly every portion of the country has, during the past three years, been working either as combinations of municipalities, as organizations of districts, or in some other way; while the present Local Government, whatever other promises they may have failed to fulfil, have certainly redeemed their pledge as to a vigorous munigration policy.

It is beyond a doubt that this combination of effort has been the main power in turning the tide of immigration towards Manitoba, and the power has been all the greater on account of the earnestness of the effort, an earnestness whice could not always be accredited to the land-owning corporations, who formerly made such efforts, as frequently speculation more than a desire for colonization was the prompting power with them.

Another pressure in favor of Manitoban settlement is to be found in the fact that the Northwest has fewer bitter opponents than formerly. While this country was bound down by C. P. R. monopoly. The Grand Trunk, Northern Pacific, and other railway companies were interested in diverting immigration to other fields. Now they have an entrance to the Northwest, and have not only ceased their opposition, but are to a great extent interested in drawing settlement here. The cheap excursions to the East of last winter, for which we are indebted to railway competition, let loose over Eastern Canada hundreds of the very best immigration agents, namely the farmers who within a few years have made progress and laid the foundations of wealth in Manitoba, and the result is that in many portions of the East, the youth and enterprise of the agricultural population comprehend the great advantages this country offers, and the present season's arrivals are only the beginning of a stream of desirable settlers, that will make this province and the territories to the west in a very few years a power in the population and wealth of Canada.

Now that immigration affairs are moving in the right direction, the aim should be to keep them so. Our Local Government must not relax in the least the vigor of their immigration policy, and the people in local organizations must second the provincial efforts. Now that we have railway competition, there is no fear but the railways will do their share of the work, and the more railways we can get to come into our country the more numerous will be the interests at work in our behalf. The tide is un-

doubtedly turned in the interests of Manitoba, and Manitobans will have themselves to blame if it is not kept flowing freely in that direction.

There is just one great danger that must be guarded against, and that is the one of land booms. The Northwest can take in twenty millions of settlers, and not be so crowded as are the settled portions of Ontario at present. There is therefore no natural law of supply and demand that will in a quarter of a century raise prices of land to one fourth of what they are now held at in Ontario, even if the Northwest were to settle up faster than have any districts of the United States west of the Mississippi river. Of course it is folly to expect that lands here will remain at the low prices they have stood at during the past three years. They must henceforth be held at a natural value, and will be saleable at such; but citizens generally should strenuously oppose any effort to boom them above such a level. There was a time when the industrious and permanent residents of Manitoba were powerless to fight against the schemes of land speculators, and the result was the boom of 1881-82 and its collapse, which proved a heavy set back to settlement. Times are changed, however, and permanent residents are organized and powerful. They can use that power wisely in the suppression of any attempt at land booming on the part of speculators.

#### DEVELOPING ALBERTA.

The scheme to build a railway from north to south, through our valuable Territory of Alberta, is one which is now attracting a good deal of attention. The proposed road, known as the Alberta & Athabasca Railway, would open up an excellent agricultural, dairy and pastoral country, now entirely without railway communication. It would also connect the distant settlements now formed along the North Saskatchewan river, in the Edmonton district, with the railway system of the country. The road, as projected, would cross the Saskatchewan river, and in time pass on into the vast territory beyond, now almost unknown except to the few traders who inhabit or make occasional voyages through the The Dominion Government has just given a large grant of land to this road to induce its early construction. Ten thousand acres of land per mile is mentioned as the amount of

the grant. This is a larger grant than has been given to other western roads, but the importance of this project is such that it is considered worthy of more than the usual amount of rssistance.

Though the road has not yet been commenced, the people up on the North Såskatchewan are already figuring upon the point where the proposed road is likely to cross the river. The residents of Fort Saskatchewan and vicinity recently held a meeting and decided to memoralize the company, setting forth the advantages of that place as the most desirable point for crossing the river. They claim that Fort Saskatchewan affords the best crossing of any point on the river, and offer a free town-site to the company as an additional inducement. the residents of that place see in their imagination a large city springing up around them.

Though it is uncertain how soon railway communication may be extended northward in Alberta to the Saskatchewan river, yet it is but a matter of time when not only one, but several roads will be built through the district. So valuable a country is not likely to long remain entirely without railway facilities. Quite a settlement is now being formed in the Red Deer country, through which the proposed Alberta and Athabasca road would pass. Farther north in the Edmonton district a settlement was established years ago, and notwithstunding the distance from a railway, this is one of the most important settlements in the Territories. The formation of these settlements at points distant from railways, may be taken as indicating the great value of the country. In addition to the other advantages of the country, coal is found in abundance in this region.

A railway constructed northward to the North Saskatchewan river, would have its northern terminus at the river probably for some years, but in time it would certainly be extended probably many hundreds of miles north of the river. Attention has only recently been drawn to the vast domain away to the north of the Saskatchewan, through the efforts of Governor Schultz, of Manitoba. If this immense territory is to be opened out and its valuable resources utilized, it will be by the construction of railways into the region. These railways will be built in time. At present there are some settlements, mostly of half breeds and Indians; around mission stations in

the portion of Alberta north of the Saskatchewan, but the country will not be developed to any extent until it is opened up by railways.

#### BINDING TWINB.

The binder twine question is one which has recently attracted a great deal of attention. Some time ago it became known that the price of binder twine would be very high this season, and the idea got abroad that this was brough about by a combination of the manufacturers of twine. Great has therefore been the outcry against the alleged monopolists, on the part of a large section of the press. Monopolies and combinations in general have been loudly denounced, and binder twine monopolies in particular.

The binder twine question is a very important one in Manitoba, and we have therefore taken some pains to investigate the matter. So far as Canada is concerned, it is safe to say that there is no combination existing between manufacturers of binder twine. Notwithstanding this statement, prices of twine are certain to be very high this season. The advance, however, is due to natural causes, namely, a scarcity of the raw material. The best binder twine is made from manilla hemp. Cheaper qualities are mixed with sisal. The qualities of binder twine principally used and manufactured in Canada are manilla twines. There has been a rapid and heavy advance in mani.la hemp during the past few months, and though manufacturers have advanced the price of twine, yet they claim that they have not advanced in proportion to the advance in the raw material. In May last manilla hemp was quoted at 29 pounds sterling per ton. From that time forward there was a steady advance in the price up to the end of August last, when the price was £41 per ton. Prices declined a couple of pounds during September, but again advanced rapidly during October, November and December, mounting up to £60 per ton in the latter month. It will be seen from this enormous advance in the raw material. that there is every reason for a heavy legitimate advance in the price of the twine.

Last year binder twine sold retail to farmers in Manitoba at 16 cents per pound. This year prices have not been fully fixed yet, but it is believed that they will rule at 21 to 22 cents per

pound, the lower figure for spot cash, and 22 cents on note. Prices may possibly be one cent lower in Manitoba. This is certainly a steep advance in prices, and it will make the cost of the season's supply of twine amount up to quite an item to many farmers, but evidently there is no help for it. So far as the local dealers in twine are concerned, it is well to say that they are doing the best they can to make the increased cost of the article tell as lightly as possible upon the farmers. At the prices named above, the local dealers are making a very much smaller profit than they did last year. In fact they are handling twine and selling it retail on a margin of less than ten per cent. This is certainly a very low margin to work upon, when it is considered that all expenses incidental to handling the article have to be paid out of this margin. Besides, a great deal of the twine is sold on credit. All things considered, the dealers who handle twine this season will not make anything out of it, as the margin allowed will not more than cover the cost of handling and selling in small quantities. The farmers therefore have no reason to grumble with the local dealers because of the advance in prices. The twine is largely handled by the agricultural implement companies, and as these companies are doing a large business with the farmers in their other implement lines, they have decided to handle the twine for about enough to clear themselves, so that the high prices will not bear so heavily upon the farmers. In the United States prices will be equally as high as here, so far as can be learned, prices to farmers being placed at about 20 to 22 cents per pound. Some twines are offered lower, but these are of inferior quality, containing a large percentage of sisal. Good manilla twines are not offered at lower prices than those likely to rule here.

The cultivation of both manilla hemp and sisal is confined to a limited area, the latter principally in the Bahama Islands. As the consumption of the articles is increasing, high prices are likely to be permanent, unless a substitute can be found. Flax has been tried for binder twine, but it has not been received with favor by the farmers. It is probable, however, with the present high prices, a good deal of flax twine would be used, were the article obtainable at considerably lower prices, but there is not the machinery nor the material in readiness to manufacture any large quantity of flax twine on short notice. Should the price of twine keep up for a few years, it is altogether likely that flax or some other cheaper substitute will be found to answer the purpose. If flax can be made to work, Manitoba should not go abroad for her supply of twine, as the country is admirably adapted to the growth and preparation of this article.

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#### WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The present month is winding up without any improvement in the financial situation, but this can hardly be said to be disappointing, as it was difficult to see what there is to bring about a very radical change at present. Still this is one of the matters in which there is always a hope that things will improve. Wholesale dealers tell the same story of closeness in collections, and with business at a standstill almost in country towns, while seeding progresses, any improvement could not be looked for. The real estate market shows signs of considerable activity, and following the movement in farm land, city properties have also began to change hands more freely. Quite a number of sales of good city properties have been reported during the last week or two, but prices obtained in most instances have been really below a reasonable value upon the properties. In farm lands frequent sales are reporter, and at good prices in many instances, where the better class of properties were purchased for actual settlement.

### WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Matters have moved along steadily in wholesale trade circles. Textile lines have shown a little better demand in a sorting way for seasonable dry goods, but the clothing branch is yet rather dull. The feature in the grocery trade has been the "boom" in sugar prices. Receipts of country produce were very light last week, as farmers cannot spare the time from their seeding operations to market produce, and all the horses are kept working on the farms, so that even the female population are prevented from driving in with their customary supply of butter, eggs, etc. Business at country towns was therefore dull. Other wholesale branches in this city were without any important feature. Retail trade in the city is not altogether satis. factory, and so far this season trade has not been active.

#### DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

The local dry goods trade has shown some signs of movement during the last week or so, and a little sorting trade was doing. There is a great deal of complaint, however, about very great difficulty in making collections. The clothing branch is still quiet. The Gray Cotton Manufacturers' Association met on April 25 at Montreal and decided to continue the combine. An advance of one or two cents was made in prices. The "aw material has advanced from 6 to 7 per cent., which gives occasion for an advance in the manufactured goods. The longcredit system is under consideration by eastern houses in the dry goods trade, and it has been suggested that dating ahead be stopped, and cirdits be restricted to not over four months. Though shorter credits would be in the interest of both wholesalers and retailers, yet it is to be feared that concerted action, so necessary to success in this matter, will hardly be taken to correct the evil. The cotton trade is declared to he in a healthy condition. Nearly \$500,000 worth of cotton was sent to China last year, and the trade premises great developments.

#### FRUITS-GREEN.

Stocks of apples were rather low last week, and especially so for good qualities. It is ex-

pected, however, that further supplies may come in yet this season. Oranges were in good supply at last quotations. There was not much new stuff in the market, and prices were steady for old lines. Quotations were: Apples, in good condition, \$3.00 to \$1.00 per barrel. All apples are now picked over. Damaged lots were selling as low as \$100 per barrel. Messina lemons are quoted at \$5.00 to \$5.50 per box. Messina oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. California fancy Riverside seedless oranges, \$4,50 to \$5.00 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$6.00 pc. box. Bananas, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per bunch. Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at about \$16 per keg. Cranberries are quoted \$7 to \$8.00 per barrel for sound fresh fruit. Pie plant, or rhubarb, 8c per pound. Southern red onions, \$1 25 per crate of 50 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate of about 50 pounds. Cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon. New maple sugar, cakes, 13 to 14c per lb. Maple syrup, in tins or bulk, \$1.25 per gallon.

#### GROCERIES.

The sugar market has continued to "boom" in prices since our last report, and one advance has followed another in rapid succession, both in foreign and domestic markets. The advance appears to be perfectly legitimate, and due to the strong statistical situation of the commodity generally. Rio coffee is quoted 1c higher in this market from the causes previously noted, but other coffees are unchanged. Quotations here are: Sugars, yellows, 81 to 89c; granulated, 10 to 101c; lumps 101c. Coffees-Rios, from 22 to 25c: Java, 25 to 30c: Old Government 33 to 34c: Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 471c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c: Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c: Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$59; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

#### HIDES AND TALLOW.

Prices continue at old quotations here. Outside markets are dull and low. At Chicago green salted hides range at about 4½ to 59c, actual prices obtained on sales. Calfskins sold at Chicago at 6 to 6½c. Prices here are: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 3, 2c. per pound. Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 23 to 3c rendered 5c.

#### WOOL.

A little new cli; wool has already been offered, coming mostly from Southern Manitoba points. It is yet early, however, for the movement, and only a few farmers have so far sheared their sheep. The Mennonite settlers usually are in advance of other farmers in this matter. Prices quoted here are 8 to \$2c per pound for unwashed Cotswold and Leicester

wool, and about 14je for average lots of washed wool. These prices, however, may change, as regular quotations for this season have not been fixed yet.

#### GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

#### WINNIPEG.

#### WHEAT.

The gradual decline in wheat prices in the leading wheat markets, has not been very cheerful news to our grain men a number of whom are holding casiderable quantities of grain. purchased on a basis of much higher prices than those ruling at present. If the wheat were forced to sale now, it would be at a loss to holders. Some try to maintain a cheerful disposition in the face of the adverse situation, and they argue that all the wheat held will vet be wanted at fair prices. This may be a case of the wish being father to the thought. The season throughout has been rather an unsatisfactory one to holders of wheat. Prices this year in Manitoba have all been in favor of the . farmer, against the dealer, prices having ruled high during the time the bulk of the wheat was being marketed by farmers, but declining just about the time dealers were loaded up with the stuff. Prices at Chicago have declined about 45 cents from the top figure reached this season, and nearly half of this decline has been within the last few weeks. Montreal is quoted now at about 15c under the top price of a few weeks ago. Present quotations at Montreal for No. 1 hard are \$1.20 to \$1.22, but these figures are nominal, and it is doubtful if \$1.20 could be obtained for a cash sale. At any rate this would be an outside figure at present, and actual prices for cars could probably be quoted from \$1.20 downward. No sales are reported here. An occasional load was marketed by farmers during the week at provincial points, and 80c for No. I hard was about the usual price paid. Seeding operations progressed steadily last week. Most of the wheat was in the ground over a week ago, and is now showing up nicely. A few backward farmers, however, were sowing wheat last week. It is said that frozen grain sown is apparently coming on all right. Work on the farms last week was mostly given to plowing for later spring crops, such as oats and barley.

#### FLOUR.

The weakness in the wheat situation has influenced the flour market, and with some cutting, prices are lower all around. Patent and bakers are 10c lower, while the decline on low grades has been about 25c. Quotations to the local trade delivered in the city or f. o. h. cars are now given as follows:—Patents, \$2.90; second bakers, \$2.45 to \$2.55; superfine, \$1.40; middlings, \$2.90; Graham flour, \$2.70.

#### MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold unchanged at \$10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts.

#### OATS

There are so few transactions at present that reliable prices can hardly be given. There are practically no deliveries on the warket in loads. About 30 to 32c would still cover the full range of values for cars on track, though the lower quotation is probably under the mark at which sales would be made.

#### OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Quotations are unchanged as follows: \$2.60 for standard oatmeal and 2.75 for granu-

lated per hundred. Rolled oats, 80 pound sacks, \$3. Commeal is held at \$1.75 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

CHEESE.

Quiet, and selling in small lots usually at 101 cents.

#### BUTTER.

Some new rolls and prints are coming in, and also a few packages of new, but receipts all around are light. New rolls bring from 20 to 22c. The old butter held in the city is mostly not of very good quality. Anything really good will bring 20c, and perhaps a little more in small lots. Medium qualities have been sold at 15 and 16c. It is thought that stocks held are not very large, especially of good qualities, but the demand is not heavy enough to make large stocks necessary, the call being confined mostly to small lots for the local trade.

#### EGGS.

Receipts of eggs were quite light last week, in comparison with receipts a week or two ago. The falling off is attributed to the fact that farmers have been so busy seeding that they have not been marketing their produce. There was a good demand for eggs for packing, and also from the trade for case loss. Prices for case lois ruled at 12 to 12½c during the week. Packers, however, did not care to pay over 11c for round lots.

#### LARD.

Heme rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago at \$2.35.

#### CHIDED MEATS

There has been some cutting in prices in cured meats, by 4 quotations are not materially changed. Quinations are:—Mess pork, \$19 to \$20 per orl; long clear dry salt bacon, 10½ per lb; smoked breakfast bacon, 13½ to 14c; rolls, 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c per lb. Bologna sausage, 9c per lb. For smoked meats, sales at close cash prices are being made at ½ to ½c per pound under above quotations.

#### PRESSED MEATS.

The market is pretty heavily supplied with beef, and mostly of good quality. Very little common or poor beef has been offered, and any such would be hard sale, with the large supply of choice on hand. Prices were easier. Really good sides and carcasses have sold as low as 6½c, though 7c is usually quoted for choice. Pork is still held at from 8½ to 9c per pound, choice light hogs bringing the latter price. Fresh dressed mutton is quoted at 12½c. Old winter stocks of mutton are nearly used up, though a little was still held last week, and selling as low as 6 to 7c. Veal is again easier, and now brings from 8 to 9c

#### POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens are about the only poultry obtainable, and they still bring from 75c to \$1 per pair. Wild ducks sold as low as 25c per pair last week, but the close season is now at hand, and no more will be offered.

#### LIVE STOCK.

Cattle were dull and slow sale last week, and several rail lots in the market were offered at 4c for some time without takers. Dealers, however, were very slow to take held, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the dressed meat trade. As high as 4c per pound could hardly now be relied upon for even choice an mals. Some small lots of hogs brought fic. Good spring lambs sold for \$5 per head. The city packers are not doing anything at present, as the supply of hogs is too light and prices are too high. All the hogs arriving are wanted by butchers. About Sc per pound dressed is the very top price packers could pay for choice light hogs, and compete with the imported provisions. Even this figure would hardly leave any margin. For heavy hogs, suitable for dry salt bacon, 7c is the top price packers could pay, at present prices ruling here for dry salt meats.

#### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes were a little firmer, offerings being light From 23 to 25c was about the value of loads on the market, with few offering, farmers being busy. Other prices are: Some green stuff is offering, including lettuce and onions, home grown, at 50c per dozen bunches. Other prices are unchanged as follows: Onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50; carrots, 75c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, \$1.20; beets, 50 to 60c, all per bushel. Cabbage average \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen for good.

#### Wheat Statistics.

#### TAIR VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The following shows the stocks in bushels, of wheat at the principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains; also, in transit by lake and rail, on the dates named, according to the Chicago statement:—

	1880	1888.	1887.
January 5	37,923,398	43,857,1.1	63,345,595
February 2	.31,871,548	41,088,580	01,769,520
February 16	33,435,081	39,565,687	59,880,370
February 23	32,739,834	38,462,924	57,627,308
March 2	32,000,075	37,516,274	55,781.594
March 9	31,769,355	36,660,966	54,266,178
March 16	31,152,430	36,253,024	53,172,927
March 23	.30,266,421	35,441,742	52,411,947
March 30	. 29,430,756	34,337,380	51,586,214
April 6	.29,793,821	33.551,152	51,916,824
April 13	.27,787,030	32,989,097	50,613,000
April 20	.26,939,444	32,633,531	48,677,625
Decrease for the	week ended	April 20, 797.	586 bushels.

#### WHEAT IN STORE

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the points mertioned, on April 20;-	
Chicago,	4,252,952
Minneapolis	6,040,657
Duluth,	2,228,759
Montreal	454 359
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#### WHEAT AT FRINARY MARKETS.

The following table shows the receipts of spring wheat at the markets mentioned from June 30, 1888, to April 20, 1889, compared with two previous years:—

roints.	1888-89	1887-88	1880-87
Chicago	11,470,000	11,534,000	17,678,000
Milwaukee	5,587,000	\$,000,000	7,313,000
Minnerpolis	33,531,000	20,938,000	32,001,000
Duluth	5,370,000	15,166,000	18,977,000
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Total bu	25,330,000	23,561,000	28,175,000
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Cincinnati	1,542,000	1,302,000	2,749,000
Kansas City	1,562,000	1,345.	2,906,000
Detroit	6,497,000	5,025 ^	9,000,000
Tolcdo	7,165,000	8,371,000	12,115,000
St. Louis	11,454,000	11,528,000	11,305,000
POINTS.	1888-80	1597-55	1886-87
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The following shows the quantity of wheat and flour equivalent to wheat, expressed in quarters, (8 bushels to the quarter) on passage to Great Britain and Europe, on

the hater hames.	April 20, 1889.	April 13, 1889.	April 21, 1888.
To Great Britain	1,856,000	1,945,000	2,080,000
To Europe	. 722,000	300,000	377,000

#### EXPORTS PLUM ATLANTIC FORTS.

Exports from principal Atlantic ports for the week ending April 20, and the corresponding week last year were:

Fyports from Atlant		
Flour, bris		130,500 273,500
were.	180.	1888.

Com, bu ......43,632,331

Flour, bris...... 4,452,525

13,835,165

7,000,577

The following shows exports of wheat and flour from the United States for the nine months ending March 31. 1883.0. 1887.8.

Pacific coast - Wheat and flour, bushels29,455,013	21,376,209
Atlantic coast— Wheat and flour, bushels38,120,037	77,213,030
Total bushels	98,589,839
Total wheat, bushels 36,546,926	57,106,877
Total flour, barrels 6,896,472	9,218,436

#### Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of April 11th, gives the following quotations of leading Candian securities in the London market:

Price.	Risc.	Fall
Cansaa 31 per cents 106	_	_
Ditto 4 per cents.,	1	_
Ditto 3 per cents	1	
British Columbia 41 per cents 116	2	_
Manitoba 5 per cents 114	_	_
Quebec 4 per cents 104	_	_
Montreal 3 per cents., 834	1	_
Toronto 4 per cents 106	_	
Winnipeg 5 per cents 111	-	_
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register) 521	1	_
Ditto shares (London register) 51}	1	_
Ditto first mortgage bonds 106	j.	_
Ditto 31 per cent. land grant bonds 971	1	_
Grand Trunk ordinary stock 111	_	1
Ditto first preference 721	_	11
Manitoba and Northwestern bond 109	1	_
Manitoba Southwestern bonds	_	_
Bank of British Columbia 36]	ż	
Bank of B. N. A 77	_	_
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid 51		_
Ditto £3 paid	1	_
Manitoba Lortgage 1	_	_
British American Land 29	_	_
Canada North-West Land 31	_	_
Hudson's Eay 201		?
Land Corporation of Canada 1	_	_
VancouverCoal	_	_

#### Minneapolis Markets.

Closing quotations on Change on Thursday for wheat were from 3 to 4c lower than a week ago, as follows:

	April.	July.	On track.
No. 1 hard.	971	(e)}	93-00
No. 1 northern	87}	86	89-90
No 8 11	. 76	76	79-80

Quotations for flour were—Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$5.70 to \$6.00; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$5.50 to \$5.75; in barrels, \$5.70 to \$6.00. Delivered at New England points, \$6.35 to \$6.65; bakers, here, \$3.75 \$4.75; superfive. \$2.00 to \$3.50; red dog, sacks, \$1.35 to \$1.50; red dog, barrels, \$1.69 to \$1.70.

Bran and Shorts—Lower and quoted at

Bran and Shorts--Lower and quoted at \$7.00 to \$7.25.

Barley—Some demand for choice qualities. Quotations range from 25 to 45c per bushel.

Of the flour market the Northwestern Miller of April 25 says :-- A fair amount has gone into distribution, but sales have not equalled the week's output. Demand for patents to go to the larger Atlantic cities has been small. Local business from the interior has been steady, but no amount of cutting in prices would induce flour buyers to load up, and the demands of conaumers continue to be about the only way of clearing the market. Although there is yet no lack of wheat to make into flour, the mills are not running nearly to their capacity, as for one cause or another prices of wheat are kept above the value of the product, and millers do not feel justified in piling up a surplus in anticipation of possible future demand.

SEEDING is said to be over in Ontario. Fall wheat promises well.

BEAUPRE is closing his store at the Red Deer Crossing, north of Calgary.

THE public school authorities of Regina offer \$12,000 debentures for sale.

JAMES MATHER, merchant tailor, Portage la Prairie, coatemplates moving to Pilot Mound.

Mr. Thompson, manager for the Ogilvie Milling company, Winnipeg, started for Montreal on Friday.

Price Bros., painters, late of Calgary and Brandon, have gone into business at Portage la Prairie, Man.

J. K. McInnis is erecting a shop at Moosomin, Assa., and intends starting his son in the fruit business.

WILLIAMS, of Ellice, Man., has removed to Binscarth, where he has opened a tinshop and hardware store.

Mus. Woolhovee, late of Pertage la Prairie, has opened a stationery and fancy goods store at Virden, Man.

J. R. Shith, representing John Calder, clothing, Hamilton, was in town last week, and left for the west.

WORK on Christy's new saw mill at Brandon is about completed, and it is expected the mill will be in operation this week.

S. M. Barke has bought the plant of the creamery at Stony Mountain, near Winnipeg, which has been closed for a couple of years. He will use it in a creamery which he will establish near Otterburn, Man.

A meanch of the Imperial Bank of Canada has been opened at Sault Sto. Marie, Ont., under the management of G. C. Eaton.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE Liberal: A. E. Hill leaves about May 1st, to enter the business of Henderson & Burton, merchants, Carberry, Man.

Chas. Davinson, wholesale harness goods, Toronto, left Winnipeg for home last week, after a successful trip west as far as the Pacific coast.

OGILVIES flour mill, Winnipeg, is now lighte I by electricity. Eighty-five incandescent lights are now used in the mill, and the electricity is generated on the premises.

Mr. Cook, Brandon, agent for D. Maxwell, has resigned his position with that firm and engaged with the Massey Manufacturing Co., as general travelling expert and agent.

A DEPUTATION from the Winnipeg Grocers' association recently waited upon the market, license and health committee, and urged that the license fee to peddlers be increased from \$10 \$50 for those who walk, and from \$20 to \$125 for those who drive.

It is rumored from Montreal that important changes will be made in the management of the C. P. R. Co., involving the retirement of Mr. Van Horue from the general managership of the company, retaining the office of president. Superintendent White and Mr. Shaughnessay are mentioned as probable cannidates for the office of general manager. It is also said that Mr. Nicoli, passenger agent, will succeed Mr. Tuttle, who goes to New York.

The Pisheries Report.

The annual report of the department of

fisheries was laid before Parliament recently. The total value of the fisheries for the year amounted to \$17,418,570. Of this, Manitoba contributed \$180,677. Compared with 1887. this shows a decrease of \$967,592. During the past year Manitoba showed an increase of \$51,103, exclusive of consumption by Indians in Manitoba and Territories of \$60,379. A decline of nearly half a million is noticed in mackerel, and the largest increase is shown in eels, whitefish and hake. The decrease in lobsters was general. In regard to Manitoba and the Territories the report sets forth that the more the country developes the greater extension the fisheries of the province attain. The catch of whitefish was, on the whole, very satisfactory, yielding nearly double the catch of last year. In other kinds of fish, such as pickerel, jackfish, sturgeon, tullibes, etc., there is also a noticeable increase over the yield of 1887. The various close seasons were efficiently enforced and generally observed by the white fishermen, but complaints are made regarding slaughter Indians, who, under pretence of fishing for their own use, during breeding periods deliberately violate the law by catching large quantities of fish at a time when others are precluded from doing so, concealing them and subsequently selling them to traders, thus defeating to a great extent the good accomplished by the stringent enforcement of the regulations. Until the Indian agents are sufficiently convinced of the great injury such wanton abuses eventually entail upon the Indians themselves so as to advise the latter to to comply with the spirit as with the letter of the law, it is apprehended that very little good can be accomplished in the direction of pro-tecting the lisheries of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The total expenditure for the fisheries services during the year was \$377,487. Of this expenditure \$2,816 went to Manitoba. The fishery licenses in Manitoba amounted to \$\$19.

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### Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, April 22, May wheat opened &c lower than Saturday's closing price, at SEc, and ranged during the day from S1 to S4c. July ranged from 78% to 79%c. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	Junc.	a atty
Wheat .	813	82	S13	£07
Corn	341	34}	347	35}
Oats	555	22)	551	23}
Pork		11.721	11.82}	11.87
Lard		6.874	6,92}	6.95
Short Ribs.		5.971	0.02}	6 10

On Tuesday, May wheat ranged from 80 to 811c, opening fully Ic lower. July ranged from 77% to 79%c. There were reports of damage to the Russian wheat crop from frost, but this failed to relieve the general weakness. Domestic crop reports were very unfavorable to the bulls. Long wheat came out in an immense stream, but there was large covering by the bears. The bulls have suffered severely in the recent decline, and prices are now down nearly to last year's basis at this time. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	Jung	July
Wheat .	\$115	801	801	78
Corn	34	213	34}	35}
Oats	22]	->->	જરૂ	21}
Pork .		11.42}	11.473	11,60
Lard	·	6.80	0.83	G.S73
Short Ribs		5.87	6.00	6.023

On Wednesday May wheat ranged from 80 to SOlc. July ranged from 772 to 783c. August wheat closed at 77c, December at 782c, and year at 753. The decrease in wheat on passage amounting to 1,040,000 bushels, was the only item of bull news. Cables were dull and wea-

ther favorable fo	r crops.	Closi	ing pric	es were	:
	April.	May.	June.	July	
Wheat	793	80}	S02	(3)	
Corn		343	35	357	
Oats	223	223	23	535	
Pork .	_	11.35	11 45	11.52}	
Lard.	_	6.82	6.85	6.90	
Short Ribs		5.85	5.923	00.0	

On Thursday, prices showed more firmness, and advanced several points. May ranged from 80] to Sige. July from 783 to 791c. Closing prices were:

	Apru	aray.	Juna	July.
Wheat	_	801	813	70}
Com		347	351	353
Oats			_	
Iork .		11.50	11.60	11.65
Lard	-	a.so	6.874	6 90
Short Ribs			_	-

On Friday the feeling in wheat was unsettled. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat		80}	S11	78}
Corn	-	33}	34}	213
Oats	_		_	_
Pork		11.60	13.70	11 75
Lard		6.873	CO.	6.95
Short Ribs .		<b>—</b>		

#### Chicago Provision Prices.

Prices at Chicago on Thursday last were 15 to 20c lower per 100 pounds than a week ago, for dry salted meats. Hains were unchanged. Cash quotations were: -- Green meats -- shoulders, per pound, 5c to 5kc; hams, per pound, 82c. to 82c. Loose dry salted shoulders, per 100 pounds, \$5.10 to \$5.25; short ribs, per 100 pounds, \$5.80 to \$5.85; long clear, per 100 lbs., \$5.85 to \$5.90; short clear, per 100 pounds, W. STEVENS.

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#### Canned Salmon.

The market for future salmon continues exceedingly dull, the various jobbing houses yet showing indifference to the offerings of agents. There are no reports to hand indicating the way the fish are running on the Columbia, but last advices, some two weeks ago, reported low water and the prospects rather unfaverable for any considerable pack during this month. This, however, is not an unusual feature, as the packers seldom expect a run of fish for the opening month of the season. The majority, however, claim to have sold their packs for export, and now speak of the quantity as aggregating closely 200,000 cases. This would leave, taking last year's labor as a basis, about 150,000 cases for disposition in the home markets; but as our dealers appear in no haste to consider the offerings from this quantity, it is rather disappointing to the packers that their brands do not receive the usual consideration. Jobbers view the prices asked as too high in comparison with Alaska, hence they are desirous of awaiting the distribution of their stocks of old, and also later developments regarding the position of new. -N. Y. Commercial Bulletin.

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#### For Trade Notes

A fur dealer from Du'uth has been buying furs in the territory north of Lake Superior. These furs usually come to Winnipeg.

Vancouver World: We learn that this is a capital season for furs of all kinds, and that bear, beaver, otter, lynx, martin. mink, wolverine, fisher and coon are especially plentiful.

Prices of furs at Montreal last week were: Beaver, per lb......\$ 4 00 @ \$ 4 50 Bear, large, per skin.....12 00, 17 00 @ 20 00 Bear cubs. ..... 4 00, 6 00 @ 8 00 ..... 5 00 @ 7 00 Fisher, .... 1 25 @ Pox, red, Fox, cross, ....... 3 00 @ 7 50 Lynx, ...... 3 50 @ 4 50 ...... 1 00 @ Marten, 1 25 Mink. ..... 100@ 1 50 Muskrat, spring ...... 0 20 @ 0.25 Otter, per škin ...... 10 00 @ 12 50 Raccoon, per skin ...... 0 40 @ 0 60 Skunk, per skin ..... 0 40, 0 60 @ 0 80 -Trade Bulletin.

Mr. Glass, of the late firm of C. S. Hymar. & Co., shoe manufacturers, London, Ont., who represented his firm in Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, will continue to look after the western trade for the new house with which he is now connected. Mr. Glass will shortly make a trip through Western Canada in the interest of the new firm of Stevens, Glass & Glark, successors to C. S. Hyman

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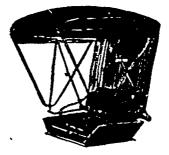
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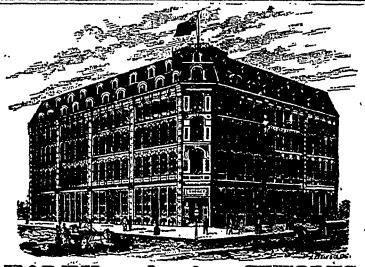
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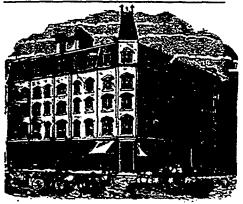
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A. W. Ball, drugs, Toronto, has sold out. W. H. Abra, contractor, Ayr, has assigned. John Cross, sawmill, Elderslie, has assigned. W. H. Shaw, baker, Marmora, has assigned. Charles Stowart, grist mill, Milton, is away. John Logan, grocer, Seaforth, has assigned. H. Capewell, jobber, Toronto, has assigned.

Lionel Yorke, contractor, Toronto, is dead. J. H. Yeo, farmer, Tp Minto, has assigned.

S. A. French, hardware, Alvinston, has sold out,

J. W. Blasdell, grocer, Hamilton, has sold out.

Jos. Simpson, grocer, Park Hill, has sold out. John Ferguson, grocer, Oil City, has sold

out. Frank Macomb, grocer, Welland, was burned

Robert Murray, insurance agent, Embro, is

dead. N. J. Morley, watchmaker, Toronto, has assigne 1.

Meses C. Bechtel, baker, Port Elgin, has as-

Hess Bros., furniture dealers, Listowel, have

sold out. Joseph A. Laird, seeds, New Humburg, has

sold out. Jacob Rogers, hotelkeeper, Wyoming, has

sold out. Samuel Tudor, hotelkeeper, Park Hill, has

sold out. Arch. Kirkland, carpenter, Teeswater, has

assigned. Samuel Shannon, grocer, Ashburnham, has assigned.

Oram & Close, grocers, Woodstock, have dissolved.

Henry & Stewart, contractors, Toronto, have

Geo. W. Seip, printer, Wallaceburg, was

burned out. F. B. McLees, general storekeeper, Norwich,

has sold out. J. E. Morrison, confectioner, Tilsonburg,

has sold out. Ferguson & Dane, tea merchants, Toronto,

have dissolved. John Fairburu, general storckeeper, Beachville, has assigned.

H. F. Drader, general storekeeper, Cople-

ston, has assigned Jas. Rutherford, general storekeeper, Blen-

heim, is selling out. J. Vanstone, watchmaker, Drayton, has re-

moved to Wingham.

John Gordon, blacksmith, Drayton, has removed to Teviotdale. Edward Harkness, hardware and groceries,

Arkona, has sold out. P. W. Bell & Co., general storekeeper, Col-

lingwood, have assigned.

McCormack Bros., groceries and liquors, Toronto, are selling out

M. Robinson, wholesale coal and wood dealer, Toronto, has sold out.

Reid, Bireley & Co., cigar manufacturers, Hamilton, have dissolved.

E. J. Thompson & Co., wholesale jewelers, Hamilton, have suspended; McInnis & Talbot, dealers in bankrupt

stocks, Wingham, have dissolved.

C. C. Ray & Co., dealers in coal, Toronto and Gttawa, have sold out the Toronto branch.

W. Porter, builder, Toronto, has admitted W. S. Robertson as partner under style of Porter, Robinson & Co. OHEREC

Jos. Langevin, trader, Montreal, has assigned.

D McCormack & Co., shoes, Montreal, have

Caron & Leclerc, butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.

H. Dechene & Co., tailors, Montreal, have

E. L Furniss & Co., liquors, Montreal, have dissolved. Leon Lahaie, general storekeeper, Batiscan,

has assigned.

M. Lepage, general storekeeper, St. Tite, has assigned. Namel & Desnoyers, builders, Montreal,

have dissolved. Neville & Thibault, carpenters, Montreal,

have dissolved. Geo. Swinburne & Co., farriers, Montreal,

have dissolved. Lind-ay & Patton, stock brokers, Montreal, have dissolved.

W. McNally & Co., drain pipes, Montreal, have dissolved.

E. Precourt, general storekeeper, St. Gregoire, has assigned.

Samson Louis & Co., wine merchants, Montreal, have dissolved.

Pierre Lembert, general storekeeper, St. Ursule, has assigned.

Luke, Renwick & Calder, fruit dealers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Miss V. Perreault, general storekeeper, Victoriaville, has assigned.

Beall, Ross & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.

#### Hardware.

Copper has dropped £3 in London. The market is very weak on account of the failure of the capitalists, who are endeavoring to form a new syndicate to get financial backing. This will have the effect of diminishing business in this article here for a while, as the tendency to higher prices, which has been noticed for a week or so, was beginning to have its effect, and sales for future delivery were becoming more frequent. There is now but a light local demand, and this will be less until new stocks of copper bought at the decline arrive Stocks in Canada are very light. Ingot copper is held by but three or four wholesale houses, and that in small quantities, and the market is almost bare of sheets. The local quotations is from 18 to 183c and 19c for sheets, and 17c for ingot. Montreal and Toronto wholesale houses are booking orders for sheeting and ingot at 12 to 13åc.

The lead market has ruled dull and uninteresting, owing to the fact that a decline is looked for in the immediate future. In view of this fact local and outside consumers are refaining from placing their orders, and are to a large extent adopting the hand-to-mouth policy. Pig is nominally quoted at 4 to 41c.

Zinc is steady and unchanged. Tin plates are very strong, and the market is extremely buoyant, owing to the recent advance and the cost of iron. Wholesale houses are exercising the greatest precaution in booking orders for future delivery, and a sharp advance is anticipated before very long.

Canada plates are also very strong and about

10c higher all round than when last quoted. To-day's price is \$2.95 for half bright, but orders can still be placed with houses that have contracts made at the old figure, \$2.85. English market reports indicate that the price of this article will be considerably higher, as makers are confirming themselves more exclusively than formerly to the manufacture of tin plates, and the Canada plate trade is consequently left in the hands of fewer makers. All bright are wanted at \$3.25.

Galvanized iron is in fairly good demand and steady at old quotations.

Iron and steel are firm and meving off very

In scrap metals supplies are coming in pretty freely. Prices on scrap iron are holding up well, and there is a steady demand for it. No. I wrought and heavy scrap are in particularly good demand. Scrap copper and brass are lower in sympathy with ingot copper. We reduce quotations &c per lb .- Toronto Empire.

#### Aid to Western Railways.

It is learned from Ottawa that the following aid will be given to Western railways: --

The Northwestern Coal and Navigation company, in addition to the grant provided for, are to get an extension of not exceeding 2,600 acres of land per mile from Dunmoro station to Lethbridge. The condition of the subsidy is that the road is to be made of standard guage; the same company, from Lethbridge to the international boundaryto secure a subsidy not exceeding 6,400 acres. per mile.

The Red Deer Valley railway company 6,400 per mile.

The Alberta & Great Northwestern from Calgary to Edmonton 10,000 acres per mile, the same road from Calgary south-rly to Lethbridge, 10,000 acres per mile.

The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan Railway & Steamship Co., 6,400 acres per mile from the present termination of their road at Long Lake to Prince Albert.

The Manitoba Railway & Canal company, 6,400 acres, from Portage la Prairie to the southern boundary of Lake Manitobs.

Sir John will move in committee to consider a resolution that it is expedient in order to enable the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan Railway & Steamboat company to complete a railway from Regina and Saskatoon and thence to Prince Albert, to enter into a contract with such company for the transportation of men, supplies, materials and mails for twenty years, and to pay for such service during the said term \$89,000 per annum in the following manner, that is to say, the sum of \$50,000 to be paid annually on the construction of the railway to a point near Saskatoon, such payment to be computed from the date of the completion of the railway to such point, and the remaining \$30,000 annually on the extension of the railway to Prince Albert, such payment to be computed from the date of the last mentioned completion, provided that in case the second portion of the railway shall not be built and operated to Prince Albert within two years after its completion to the South Saskatchewan, the payment of the \$50,000 shall cease until the whole railway is finished to Prince Albert.

#### Montreal Cannid Goods Mirket.

In cannel goods there has been no important feature to note, business having continued quiet and of a jobbing character at steady prices. The demand has been slow and the market dull owing to the fact that retail dealers have ample supplies on hand for the present; in consequence holders do not to k for any improvement for some time to come. Stocks here are large and there is no doubt that our quotations would be shadowed for round lots. Lobsters continue scarce and firm. A sale of 100 cases of salmon was reported at \$1.65 per dozen on spot, while contracts have been made for car load lots of new at \$1.67½ laid down here to arrive.

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#### Imports of Woolens.

Since 1878 the importation of foreign-made woollen goods into Chanda have not been materially increased, in spite of the larger population and enhanced purchasing power of the country. Ten years ago the import reached \$7,975,000 from Great Britain and \$403,687 from the United States, a total of \$3,378,687, while last year were bought from Great Britain to the amount of \$9,141,000, and from the United States \$142,370 or a total of \$9,283,370. The increase in the ten years slightly exceeds

10 per cent., and it is notoworthy that while our purchases from England increased, those from the United States fell off. The growth of the home industry is shown in the increase in the importation of raw wood from 6,230,000 lbs to 8,399,000 lbs. during the ten years, and also in the decrease in the importation of blankets from \$201,292 in 1875 to \$64,610 in 1889, and of ready-made clothing from \$387,885 to \$610,317 in the same period.

#### Yarns and Pabrics at Manchester.

The Guardian, in its commercial article, April 17th, says: The advance in quotations consequent upon the rise in cotton the last ten days decided the progress in most of the departments. An advance is rarely obtained in a ratio with that in raw material. There is little business of importance in cloth, except at the rates of a week ago. There have been inquiries for India and China staples, in some instances for large quantities. The proportion practicable, however, is below that of last week. The minor foreign markets are in the same condition. There is little business in export yarn beyond the placing of a few orders for cops for the continent The prices for best printing cloths are hardening, and small sales have been made. Common are mostly well sold. Colored woven goods are steady and well under contract. There is little new practicable business. Heavy goods are saleable only in small quan-

#### Lake Superior District.

Win. Hancock, of Fort William West, has bought the bankrupt stock of G. W. Smith, butcher, of Port Arthur. He will probably start a branch shop at Port Arthur.

King & Pelletier, general merchants, Fort William, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by John King.

Fort William, according to the Journal, wan's a bank, a smelter, a dry dock, a town hall, an ice breaker, lower insurance, fire protection, a new station house, more houses for renting, a system of waterworks, a port of entry, more settlers in the adjoining township, a good wagon road to the mines, several manufacturing institutions, the C. P. R. to commence the erection of the promised roundhouse and workshops.

C. N. BELL, secretary of the Winnings board of trade, returned from Ottawa last week. Referring to the changes in the Grain Inspection Act, Mr. Bell said that they had secured the right of making standards for Manitobs by a board, not to exceed eleven persons, who must be selected from boards of grain examiners. who are annually elected by the different boards of trade, the board to meet at Winnipeg cach year. The points to be represented at present are:-Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon and Regina; and provision is made for one or two other delegates to be selected from territorial points. These beards of grain examiners nominate from among themselves such persons as they desired should sit at the grain standards meeting, and the Governor-in-Council will appoint their nomince. In any case the Governor-in Council must appoint representatives from the boards of grain examiners west of Port Arthur. From this it will be seen that Canada has been divided into two grain districts, the eastern comprising all east of Port Arthur, and the western all west of Port Arthur. The standards to be made in these districts rule that c'ass of grain all over the Dominion. For instance, the standards made in Winnipeg govern grain grown west of Port Arthur in all parts of Canada. The date of the meetings to fix standards will be decided by the Governor-in-Council at such time as is most convenient to the different boards of trade. The Inspection Act governing the fixing of standards for flour was amended by the addition of Winnipeg having a representative on the board, which meets at Montreal. A board of arbitrators to determine differences arising between shippers of grain will be appointed, the details having been arranged to the entire satisfaction of the Manitoba trade.

WE have received a copy of Brownlee's new map of Manitoba, a handy little folder giving a lot of general information about the Province, and very useful to newcomers and others. It shows sections, townships, railroads and railway stations, schools, churches, etc. It can be obtained from newsdealers, for 25c, or from J. H. Brownlee, Brandon, Man.

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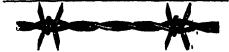
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#### Lumber Cuttngs.

Joseph Riley has opened a lumber yard at Cyp ess River, Man.

An important transfer of milling property is reported from Victoria. W. P. Sayward's mill property in that city and his timber limits on the northern coast have been sold to a syndicate of local capitaliss for \$265,000.

An investigation by officials of the Ontario Government reveals the fact that the deticiency in the accounts of A. F. Dulmage, Crown timber inspector at Rat Portage, will amount to over \$20,000. Dulmage's whereabouts is unknown. Liquor helped on his fall.

#### Business in British Columbia.

Business is fairly active and the merchants are satisfied with the condition of the money market. A large quantity of freight has been brought to the city during the past week both by sail and water. Very little new produce has been placed on the market, except Spallumcheen flour and Manitoba eggs.—Vancouver News.

The following were the quotations at Vancouver last week :- Flour-Manitoba patents, \$6.75 per brl; Manitoba bakera', \$6.35; Ore gon family, \$5.50; Columbia Milling Co. patents, \$6: Columbia Milling Co., 3 star, \$5.50; Columbia Milling Co., 2 star, \$5. Oatmesl-Standard, 98 lb. sacks, \$3; granulated, \$3 15; rolled, \$4. Potatoes-\$8 to \$12 per ton; cabbage, \$45; carrots, \$20; parsnips, \$20; onions, \$25; beets, \$20; turnips, \$15 to \$20; sweet potatoes. \$6 per cwt. Feed-Bran, \$24 a ton; shorts, \$25; chopped stuff, \$30 to \$32; oats, \$21; wheat, \$35; hay, \$14. Dairy, etc. -- Butter, 18 to 25c; eggs, in case lots, 18c; cheese, 121c per lb. Fruits-Sicily lemons (strictly fancy) \$7 per case; oranges, Riverside Navals, \$5.50 per case; Riverside seedlings \$4.50; California, \$3.37; apples, per barrel, \$5.50. Fish-Cod, Sc; sam in. 10c; Labrador herring, \$14 per brl; Finnan Haddie, 15c per lb; Georgia Bank cod, 121c per lb; Ya mouth bloaters, \$3 per box.

#### Manitoba Experimental Parm.

We visited the farm on Wednesday and went over it with S. A. Bedford, the manager. The teams were busy plowing for barley, the wheat, oats and peas having all been sown. About half the barley crop will be sown now, and the balance in two or three weeks. The ground has been in excellent condition for all seeding operations and the work has gone on without interruption, which will be a great advantage to the farm this season as so much time is required in measuring and taking out the separate plots of ground for the different varieties of seed. These plots are of various sizes and range from 1 acre to 5 acres, a space of three feet being left between the plots to prevent the mixing of seeds. Forty-two varieties of spring wheat have been sown, each variety was sown on a different date. The standard for all is red fyfe, and on each day that wheat was sown a small plot of red fyfe was put in so as to test the ripening qualities of the new varieties by red fyfe, with which all Manitoba farmers are acquainted. The wheat has all been sown in the same field and all varieties have an equal chance. All grain has been sown with the same seeder, which is a two horse seeder like all farmers use. None of the grain is given any extra advantage more than our practical Manitoba farmers would be inclined to give their grain. Twentyfive varieties of oats have been sown, the Tartarian and Welcome varieties being used as standards. Twenty varieties of barley will be sown, the ordinary four rowed barley being used as a standard. Eight varieties of peas have been cown. All varieties have been sown both by drill and broadcast seeder to test the advantages of the one over the other. Already the drill has shown a great improvement over the broadcast, in standing the recent heavy windstorm, while much of the grain is exposed where sown broadcast, not a grain can be seen where the drill has been used. The grain sown on the 2nd March is about 21 inches above the ground, and that sown on the 25th is almost as far advanced. The condition of this grain after the wind is much in favor of that sown with the drill also, as it only appears to place the fine soil up close to the grain, doing it as much good as hoeing. In vegetable growing not a great many experiments will be tried, as it is an established fact all vegetables can be grown here and of a size and quality which cannot be surpassed. Mr. Bedford will plant his garden in long rows the entire length of the field so as to be able to do all the cultivation with a horse hoe and to show the farmers how they can grow all their farm, produce with a much reduced amount of manual labor. Several hotbeds have been built and many of the plants have gained considerable size already. experienced workman from the cast was busy planting apple trees in the centre of a b uff on the south side of the hill where a plot has been cleared of scrub and well cultivated. This plot is intended to give the trees the most favorable treatment possible. Other trees will be planted with an exposure to the north and protected from the early sun. Twelve men are employed on the farm, and the work is going forward in a most satisfactory manner. The straightening of the creeks which run zigzag across the farm has made a great improvement, and the land has all been in excellent condition for seeding. This season will see the farm in thorough working order. Great credit is due Mr. Bedford for the manner in which he is putting the work forward with such a small staff of men .-Brandon Times.

SIR GEORGE STEPHEN and Sir Donald Smith have been re-elected di ectors of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway, at a meeting in New York last week. They were formerly directors of the road, but retired in 1887. This looks as though the C. P. R. and the St. P. M. & M. are likely to operate in harmony for some time.

The Northern Pacific & Manitoba Railway Co. is calling for bids for building the branch from Morris to Brandon. This portion of the road will be pushed on at once, and it is also the intention to build 50 miles of the Souris branch. The fron has been purchased for 200 miles of road. The Portage la Prairie branch is about completed to the Assimboine river,

near Portage, and the bridge will be constructed at once. Owing to the difficulty regarding the terminal grounds in Winnipeg, work has not yet commenced on the new depot and hotel which the company will build in the city. It is expected the trouble will be settled in a few days, when the buildings will be pushed ahead.

PRICES to farmers at Brandon last week, according to the Times, were: Wheat-The market is very quiet with the price at 80c for No I hard. Octs-quoted at 25c per bushel. Cattle-There is a fai demand for cattle with the price varyin from 31 to 37c per pound. Calves-\$6 to \$12 each, with demand fair. Hogs-The market is firm with price at 5c per per pound. Sheep-There is a good demand for mutton. Price from 5 to 51c per pound. Butter-Runs all the way from 18 to 25c per pound. It must be extra choice butter which will bring the latter price, the ruling price being 20 to 21c. Eggs-Have still a downward tendency, 9c per dozen is all that is being paid now. Potatoes-40 to 45c per bushel is the ruling quotation.

THE advantage arising from the work of well organized and active boards of trade was recently demonstrated in the case of the C. P. R. bridge across the Fraser river in British Columbia. The C. P. R. Co recently commenced the construction of a bridge across'the Fraser river at Mission Station, a point on its main line east of Vancouver, where connection is to be made with a road running south to Puget Sound. Plans were prepared for a bridge with a draw span of only sixty feet. This soon came to the knowledge of the New Westminster board of trade, and a vigorous protest was at once made. New Westminster is, of course. the city most directly interested in the free navigation of the Fraser river. It was pointed out that so narrow a span in the bridge would be a serious impediment to navigation and a dangerous obstruction to place across the river. The C. P. R. Co. at first declined to change the plans of the bridge, and then sought a compromise. But the board remained firm, and insisted that the draw should not be less than 100 feet. The Victoria and Vancouver boards of trade fol owed up the action of the Westminster board. An appeal was made to Ottawa, and it is now announced that the C. P. R. has been obliged to give in to the demands of the boards. But for the timely action of the boards of trade. it is more than probable that a bridge would have been built across the river which would have proved a serious obstruction to navigation. Civic corporations cannot be depended upon to look sharply after the many questions of this nature which are continually arising, and besides in nine cases out of ten, a board of trade will carry more weight in a matter of this nature, than a town council. Town councils are often the result of wire pulling and political scheming, while this is not the case with a board of trade. The latter is invariably composed of the representative men of a place, while the former frequently is not. The board of trade is therefore as a rule better qualified to give an intelligent and unbiassed decision upon questions, than is the average civiccouncil. British Columbia is to be congratulated upon her thoroughly organized and energetically conducted boards of trade.

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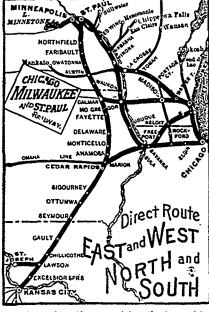
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