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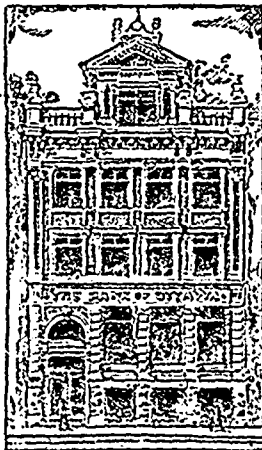
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 23, 1898,

FURTHER RAILWAY AID

The Manitoba government is going in for aid to railways on a large scale this session. In the legislature on Wednesday a resolution was introduced to grant aid to the Northern Pacific, to the extent of \$1,750 per mile, for a line from the Morris-Brandon branch, near Belmont, westerly to the C. P. R., at or near Hartney. Also a further payment of the gross sum of \$20,000 for special aid in crossing Lang's Valley, and by exempting said railway company, its property and franchises from taxation for a period not exceeding twenty years.

BONUSING

The Manitoba legislature has again, and wisely The Commercial believes pronounced against the principle of bonusing. A bill having a clause which provided for the repeal of the act preventing municipalities to grant bonuses for flour mills, was recently defeated in the legislature. An act previously passed prevented municipalities from granting bonuses. Exception was made, however, in the case of flour mills. Last session the prohibition was applied to flour mills also, and this act has again been upheld. While there may be exceptional circumstances under which it would be safe to grant a bonus, the thing has generally proved an evil, and the close restriction of bonusing is no

doubt in the interest of the community at large.

THE WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL TRIAL

It is very doubtful if the executive of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association have made a wise move in asking for an amendment to their charter to provide for the election of a board of directors for terms ranging from one to three years, instead of having the full board elected annually. In the opinion of The Commercial the effect of this change, instead of having the full board of directors elected annually, would be to lessen public interest in the association. Such a result would be deplorable. A loss of public interest would probably lead to a loss of confidence, to some extent at least, in the management of the association. The annual meeting for the election of directors is the only link between the stockholders and the board of management. Extend the term of office of the directors to three years, and this link is practically wiped out. Certainly it would seem that such an important change should not have been asked for until at least the matter had been discussed at a general meeting of the association.

The opposition which has also developed to the system of proxy voting seems to be founded on good reason. It is admitted that the rule has been abused in the past, and it may occur again. The plan suggested of providing out of town members with a membership list, from which they could make their own selection for the directorate, seems worthy of consideration.

THE OATMEAL DUTY

The statement has been made in opposition to changes requested in the oatmeal duty, that the present conditions in Manitoba are exceptional and will not occur again. This is not a fair view to take of the matter. The same conditions which prevail this season have prevailed in some past seasons, though perhaps not in as acute a form as this season. It is also quite probable that these conditions will prevail at intervals in future years. This situation is owing to the fact that Manitoba farmers do not make oats an important crop. The majority of our farmers give their attention mainly to wheat, and they only put in about enough oats to meet their own requirements for consumption on the farm. The consequence of this is, that in years like last season, when the oat crop is light, the supply is not sufficient for home requirements. When this local shortage of oats occurs, as it has done in several past years, the local price is advanced far

above the value at markets east and south. With the duty on oats and oatmeal arranged as at present, the Manitoba oatmeal mills will be forced to close down, as they have been this season, every time this situation recurs. The duty as at present arranged discriminates against the importation of oats and in favor of bringing in the manufactured product. Consequently, instead of bringing in oats to keep our mills running when there is a local scarcity of this grain, the manufactured product is brought in and the home industry is crushed out. This is a situation which cannot be defended either from a free trade or protectionist standpoint. Nothing but an error or an oversight could have led to the present tariff arrangement governing oats and oatmeal, and it certainly seems most surprising that the government has refused to remedy such an unjust and unreasonable tariff enactment after the absurdity of the present tariff in this matter has been pointed out.

If oats were allowed to come in free for milling purposes, it would not affect the price received by the few farmers who have oats to sell in a season like the present. The home demand for oats has not been increased any by the tariff discrimination, for the mills have been closed, while the equivalent quantity of oats has been imported in the form of meal. It would certainly be better to have the situation reversed, and have the oats brought in instead of the meal, and thereby keep an important local industry running.

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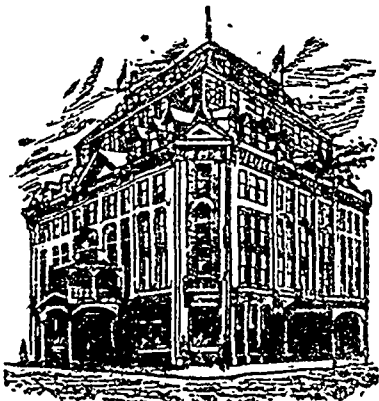
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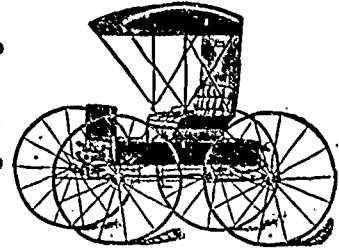
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Fur Bearing Animals.

W. J. Burnett, of the Northwestern Hide and Fur Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., has devised an interesting pictorial chart, showing the fur bearing animals of North America. Through the courtesy of Mr. Burnett, we are enabled to reproduce a cut, in reduced size, of his original picture. The original is a copyrighted picture in colors. The fierce old grizzly bear, the monarch of our forests, has the chair and is calling the meeting to order, while the brown bear is secretary. The animals are arranged in family groups. Each in their natural poses. The following is a list according to the enumeration: 1 grizzly bear, 2 brown bear, 3 black bear, 4 cougar, 5 wild cat, 6 Canadian lynx, 7 bob cat or bay lynx, 8 black wolf, 9 dark timber wolf, 10 light timber wolf, 11 brush wolf, 12 prairie wolf or coyote, 13 kit fox, 14 cross fox, 15 red fox, 16 Woods

trade. But possibly these may be more than made up by vessels coming in from the grain market, and accepting lumber in the absence of profitable wheat business."

Chicago Trade Bulletin says: The lake and rail lines are now taking the bulk of the grain. Rates are easy at 15c per 100 lbs on flour and grain from Chicago to New York and 20 to 25c on provisions. Ocean rates are easier at 3 1-1d per bushel from New York to Liverpool. The through rate from Chicago to Liverpool on wheat is 12 1-2 per bushel and corn 12 1-4c. Flour 27 to 28c per 100 lbs and provisions 45 to 46 7-8c. Lake rates are firmer at 13-8c for wheat, 11-4c for corn to Buffalo and 23-4c for corn to Lake Ontario ports.

The Canadian Pacific railway has resumed the acceptance of package freight to points east by the lake and rail via Fort William and Owen Sound.

of the atmosphere will not exert its force upon the ends of the cars.

The Dauphin Road.

After many months of speculation the public has now something tangible to discuss with respect to the provincial government's railway policy. The resolutions introduced in the legislature granting subsidies of \$8,000 a mile to the Winnipeg and Southeastern Railway company and the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal company is really the first authentic information in connection with the subject to come from official sources, though some close guesses have been ventured from time to time. The details of the agreement with the companies, both of which are controlled by Mr. William McKenzie, will now be awaited with increased interest. These will be forthcoming when the premier's bill is



FUR BEARING ANIMALS OF NORTH AMERICA

gray fox, 17 dark silver fox, 18 civet cat or small striped skunk, 19, 20, 21, 22 skunks, 23, 24, 25 minks, 26 badger, 27 otter, 28, 29 beavers, 30 muskrat, 31 wolverine, 32 opossum, 33, 34, 35 raccoons, 36, 37, 38 martens, 39 fisher, 40 polar bear, 41 blue fox, 42 black fox, 43 white fox, 44 seal, 45 sea otter, 46 ermine.

Transportation Matters.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, say of Pacific coast freights: "Grain freights continue weak, and are decidedly down from last month. In San Francisco there has lately been nothing at all doing, and nominally the rate is 25s. It is doubtful, however, if more than 22s 6d could be obtained. In the lumber market tonnage continues almost as scarce as ever, and this seems likely to be intensified within the next two months, owing to withdrawals for the Alaska

The Canadian Pacific Railway company will dispatch their steamer "Lytton" from Revelstoke to the Big Bend of the Columbia river about the first week in May. The freight rate from Revelstoke will be \$10 per ton of 2,000 lbs. Intending shippers of freight for points on the Columbia river north of Revelstoke, should make immediate arrangements to dispatch their goods to connect with this steamer.

It is the intention of the Canadian Pacific Railway company to shortly run their through expresses as solid vestibuled trains. The vestibules are wide and built on the folding principle, the results of which, when in use, will be to convert each train into a continuous structure, enabling passengers to pass from one car to another without going into the open air. One great advantage of the system will be to increase speed as the resistance

read a second time in the house on Thursday.

With respect to the Winnipeg and Southeastern railway it may be stated that the agreement carries with it specific rates on certain commodities such as timber, cord wood, etc. For instance on saw logs the rate is to be \$2.50 per thousand feet, and it is claimed that at that rate manufactured lumber can be sold as cheaply in Winnipeg as at Rat Portage, as the sale of refuse, such as slabs and sawdust, will pay the freight. The rate on cord wood will make a difference in the Winnipeg price of from \$1 to \$1.50 per cord. The Rainy River district is the contemplated source of business in the matter of saw logs. It is further claimed that the road will be of much benefit to settlements between Red river and Lake of the Woods throughout the southeastern part of the province, the claims of these settlements for modern transportation


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facilities alone being urged as of sufficient importance to warrant the housing of the line. Eighty miles of the road are to be constructed this year, and the remaining distance to Rainy River next year. The first eighty miles will take the line to Whitemouth Lake, from which point the line may be diverted to cross the narrows of the Lake of the Woods if that route should be found practicable, or around the southern extremity of the Lake of the Woods through the state of Minnesota back to a point on Rainy river to be designated. The colonization features of the first eighty miles will be the first consideration of the government; the matter of adding the line beyond the limits of the province, to secure a through line to Lake Superior, will form a subject of after consideration. When that portion of the scheme is dealt with the question of a reduced through rate on grain and millstuffs, etc., will become a chief factor in the transaction.

The conditions of granting aid for the extension of the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal company's line to the Saskatchewan river are fraught with much interest and importance, more so than the people anticipated. As security for the payment of interest on the fifty miles between the northern boundary of the province and the Saskatchewan the government is to receive one-third of the company's land grant in addition to the first mortgage on the line. These lands are to be selected within the province.

Another important feature is the fact that the company is to transfer to the government 256,000 acres of the original land grant of the Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay Railway company for the bonds issued by the government in aid of the Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay road in 1886, for which security was then promised but never secured. The amalgamation of the two companies has rendered this arrangement possible. It is claimed that the lands to be so transferred are much more valuable than those which the government would have obtained in 1886 had the bargain of that year been carried out, as the land grant then was limited to the region between Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba, but has since then been extended to the west and north of Lake Manitoba, embracing areas of more desirable land. The government is to have the right to select these 256,000 acres out of the total Hudson's Bay railway grant within the boundaries of the province, the land to be fairly fit for settlement. Beginning at the southern limit of the grant the government may select from alternate sections, townships and ranges, so that the government lands will be mixed up with homesteading and railway lands. It is hoped that the selections will extend up to the fertile valley of the Swan river.

Beyond the foregoing conditions the terms of the agreement with the L. M. R. & C. Co. are the same as those governing the aid granted for the construction of the first section of the road to Lake Winnipegosis. Sixty-five miles of the proposed extension are to be built this year. This will take the line from a point near Sifton around the northwest corner of Duck Mountains, to the borders of the Swan River valley.

WORK OF CONSTRUCTION.

The work of construction on the Southeastern railway will commence

in two weeks' time, and a number of the local contractors have been told to hold themselves in readiness for the work. The line will run to a point north of Whitemouth lake, from which it can diverge either southeast through United States territory or northwest through Ontario. The first station will be Prairie Grove. No arrangements have been made for terminals, that matter not being under the authority of the government, but resting in the hands of the company, and no action has yet been taken. The work will be done by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, who will not call for tenders, but will invite certain capable men to assist them, and the eighty miles will be completed and in running order this year.

The work of construction on the extension of the Dauphin line will commence later on in the year and the start will be made at a point near Sifton, running northwesterly through a beautiful farming district a distance of sixty-five miles.

It is probable that the two lines will be placed under the same local management.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., April 18.—This week has been a record breaker in the shipping line for Vancouver. All week there have been from eight to ten big twenty-five hundred ton steamers in port, besides numerous large tonnage ships, and the scenes have been more animated than in the height of the boom which is at present eased off considerably, but the outfitting trade is still very large and this week was increased by 220 Australians with money who arrived by the steamer Cape Othay and all outfitted in Vancouver. Word has been received by shipping agent in England that the exodus from there for the Klondike has not yet commenced, but is expected to reach large proportions. In the meantime in Vancouver and Victoria all those established in business are prospering and the banks report that paper is well met and money is comparatively easy. On account of the large number of strangers in town it is difficult to secure houses for rental and rents have been increased owing to the demand. Hotel accommodation, however, is ample and a large number of new houses are being built.

There are few changes in the market this week. California onions are reported out of the market. In the dairy market California creamery is the only butter on sale. In the fruit market lemons have advanced 25 cents. Seedling oranges have also advanced 25 cents. Fresh meats are advancing rapidly in price owing to the demand being very large and the supply limited. All the hogs and beef for this market are now coming from Manitoba and the Territories. Dressed beef is a cent higher. Pork one quarter of a cent higher. Cattle are 1-2 cent higher; hogs 1c higher.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A cable quoted 24s for Tarragona almonds against 27s to 28s at last advices.

A cable from Sicily reports an advance to 57s in the price of Sicily shelled almonds.

Wholesale houses at Montreal have reduced their prices on molasses to 24c for car lots and 25c for single puncheons. The reason of this, it is

said, is in order to help them to work off their old stock before securing supplies of new.

A Toronto report says: Teas are beginning to move a little better, both representatives of shipping houses and wholesalers reporting a better demand. Medium grade Japan teas are fully 1-2c per pound dearer than they were a week ago.

There is considerable excitement and strength in the rice market at present and prices have advanced 1-1c to 1-2c per lb. This is due principally to the advices received from points of production stating that supplies in eastern markets have been cornered. The demand here is good and a good many sales of new crop Patna have been made for future delivery at the advance. Stocks on spot of all grades are almost exhausted.—Montreal Gazette.

A Montreal report says: "Canadian refiners reduced the price of No. 2 granulated to-day 1-16c to compete with the imported article. On Monday, taking advantage of the situation created by the new tariff, the price of this grade was advanced 3-16c. The unsatisfactory state of the beet market abroad made it necessary to reduce the price again. The prices of the other grades are steady." And yet these same refiners claim that the recent tariff changes on sugar are no help to them.

Grain and Milling News.

Mr. Cechrane contemplates building an elevator at Stockton, Man.

Letters patent of incorporation have been granted to the Dominion City Farmers' Elevator Co., Ltd., of Dominion City, Man.

The ratepayers of the municipality of Saskatchewan will vote on a by-law to loan \$5,000 to Jamieson & McKinnon for the erection of an oatmeal mill at Rapid City, Man.

Thompson, Sons & Co., brokers and commission dealers in grain, who moved to Winnipeg from Fort William a short time ago, have now opened an office in room No. 17, Grain Exchange building.

The agitation regarding the elevator privileges has put a quietus on new elevator propositions for the present. At this date last year the Vulcan Iron Works of Winnipeg, had orders for supplying machinery for about sixteen new elevators. This year so far no new contracts have been placed.

The Lake of the Woods Milling company sold at Montreal recently, 10,200 sacks of flour, for June shipment, 500 sacks on London account, and 8 cars on West Indies account.

The Lake of the Woods Co.'s flour mill at Keewatin is closed for putting in some new machinery. Operations will be resumed about May 1.

With all the improvements in milling, means have not yet been found for preventing dust explosions. An elevator at Boston was blown up and burned by a dust explosion on Sunday last, entailing a loss of nearly \$600,000, and it is said the whole city was aroused by the tremendous force of the explosion.

The Kettle River Railway bill was finally defeated in the commons at Ottawa by a majority of 20, after having previously passed committee.

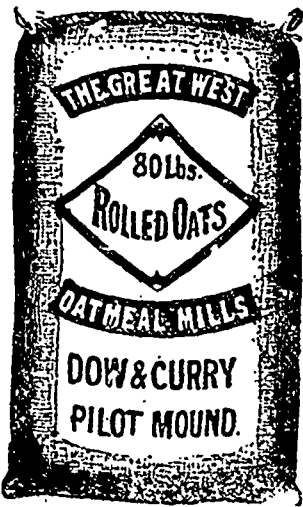
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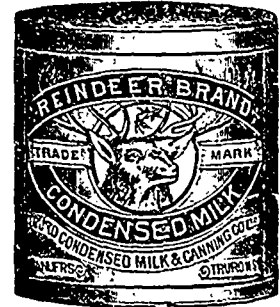
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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

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

Montreal	102,000
Toronto	25,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	306,000
Manitoba elevators	2,850,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	943,000
Total April 9	4,226,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total Stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on April 9, were 40,577,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 54,717,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on April 1 were 3,466,000 bushels, compared with 1,730,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended April 16, was 29,154,000 bushels, being a decrease of 975,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 36,979,000 bushels, two years ago 53,483,000 bushels, three years ago 68,826,000 bushels, four years ago 68,425,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	5,020,000 bushels
Duluth	3,864,000 "
Minneapolis	10,750,000 "
New York	1,426,000 "
Buffalo	662,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 12,746 000 bushels, compared with 13,657,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 34,917,000 bushels, compared with 24,103,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on April 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: April 1, 1898, 114,267; April 1, 1897, 122,376,000; April 1, 1896, 161,978,000; April 1, 1895, 181,442,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	63,869,310	50,764,330
Milwaukee	7,662,202	6,521,687
Duluth	35,790,965	33,275,620
Chicago	30,368,391	14,533,143

Total 137,690,958 110,157,407

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United

States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	10,219,791	6,613,580
St. Louis	11,025,594	10,750,103
Detroit	4,460,649	3,029,464
Kansas City	26,774,566	6,556,800
Total	51,480,600	26,988,512

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	18.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb.	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kit . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark . . . . .	.40	75.00
" peale . . . . .	.25	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.01	.10
" spring . . . . .	.08	.13
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, May afloat Fort William, 78c.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05; Bakers, \$1.85.

Bran—Per ton, \$6.

Shorts—Per ton, \$8.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 18@24c.

Barley—Feed, 20 @ 23c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.

Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 50c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, dealers' price, 15@18c.

Cheese—Dealers selling at 8@11c.

Eggs—Fresh selling at 9@10c.

Beef—City dressed, fresh, 6 @ 6½c.

Mutton—Frozen 8c. Fresh 10c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5@6c in round lots.

Cattle—3@4½c as to quality.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 4½c for best bacon.

Sheep—4½@4½c off cars here.

Hides—No. 1 green, 7c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.

Poultry—Chickens, 10c per pound; turkeys, 12@13c per lb.

Potatoes—30@35c per bushel.

Hay—No sale. Sold as low as \$1 load.

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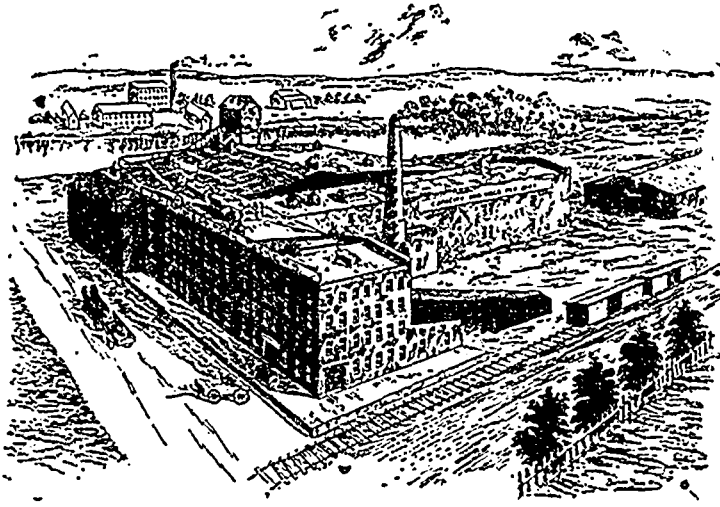
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Sheet Iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge \$3.50

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 gauge, \$3.75; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4; 26 gauge, \$4.25; 28 gauge, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c. Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 61c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 gauge, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 gauge, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$3.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg. 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.45 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 1 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$9.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 5 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$4.15; steel hooves, \$4.40; Snow shoe, \$4.40 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 7 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 9c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/2 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Binder Twine—Sisal 6 1/2c; Manilla 7 1/2c, Pure Manilla 8c per lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2c; less quantities 4c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c, do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2.05 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 5 1/2c; boiled, gal., 5 7/8c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 58c; less than barrels, gallon, 63c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 20c; oleophene, 20 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for cocene and 2 1/2c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 3x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimen-

sion, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Revel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B. C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B. C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00. No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, select, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, select, \$32.00; B. C. cedar clear, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B. C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B. C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B. C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$45.00, select, B, \$38.00, select, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, select, \$30.00; B. C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B. C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 4x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 55c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; waincot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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Manitoba

J. Kennedy, baker, will open business at Austin.

Mr. Fox, flour and feed, Dauphin, has given up business.

May 6 has been selected for Arbor day in Manitoba this year.

Angus & Hill, general dealers, Stockton, have dissolved and sold out.

Kennedy Bros., Franklin, are adding agricultural implements to their business.

Winnipeg city solicitor has been instructed to prepare a wide tire by-law.

F. E. Chalmer and W. H. Sproule, real estate agents, etc., Winnipeg, have dissolved. W. H. Sproule continues the business.

The general store business carried on at Pilot Mound under the firm name of the J. Maxwell Company, has been formed into a joint stock company, under the management of R. D. Laidlaw, who came recently from the east.

The annual major examinations of the Pharmaceutical association of Manitoba will be held in Winnipeg on May 2, 3 and 4. Candidates must make application to the registrar 14 days prior to the dates.

The general stock of the estate of C. E. Pinceo, Griswold, amounting to \$5,900 and book accounts to the amount of \$145, will be sold by auction on April 29, at the office of Bertrand, Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg.

The Penny block, Carberry, was gutted by fire on April 16. The block was occupied by M. Finklestein, general merchant, who bought the stock of the estate of J. B. Henderson. Building insured for \$3,000, and stock for \$9,000, the latter held by S. A. D. Bertrand, assignee of the Henderson estate.

D. W. Bole has resigned his office as treasurer of the Martin, Bole & Wynne Co., Winnipeg. E. E. Lightcap, who has been with the company for years, has been elected treasurer. The business will be continued without any change in the name. It is rumored that Mr. Bole contemplates organizing a new drug company here.

J. M. O'Loughlin, late of the Consolidated Stationery Co., has opened an office in the Sanford block, Winnipeg, as manufacturers' agent. He has the agency for the Hamilton Powder Co., the Dominion Cartridge Co., and others. Mr. O'Loughlin's office will also be headquarters for the Northwest Commercial Travellers association of which he is secretary-treasurer.

The Fairchild Co. have moved to a part of the Martin, Bole & Wynne block, on Market street. Their former premises will be pulled down to make room for the big grain exchange block which will be built this year. The Fairchild Co. will occupy premises in the new block, which they say will make one of the finest implement warehouses in Canada.

Quite an active demand for business real estate in Winnipeg has developed recently. Carruthers, Brock & Johnston report having sold the following Main Street properties, viz., the entire Imperial Bank block for a sum in the neighborhood of \$40,000, the Woodbine restaurant property at \$17,000 and the premises occupied by H. A. Holman, Paul & Taylor and S. Barrowclough for \$31,000. The investment in each case nets not less than 6 per cent. Other sales of a like nature are reported.

Hardware and Paint Trade

Spelter has advanced from 25 to 50c at Montreal where jobbers are selling at \$5 this week.

A Montreal report says: United States barbed wire is coming forward in fair quantities and is being laid down here at about \$1.90, while jobbers are asking \$2 f.o.b. here per 100 pounds.

A bottle of Japan varnish exploded in the premises of the Pneumatic Door Check company, Toronto, and caused the death of Herbert Lepage, the seven year old son of the proprietor, who was badly burned about the face and hands and inhaled the fumes. Fred Dawson, a partner of the proprietor, was also badly but not fatally burned.

A Toronto report says: There has been a few changes here in prices, a slight reduction in the discount on copper rivets, a reduction in the price of iron pipe and firmer prices for solder. Pig iron is lower owing to a depression in the British markets, caused by the unloading of speculative purchases in February bought when the tendency of the market promised higher quotations. The screw, bolt, cut nail, horse nail and horseshoe rivet makers have been meeting in Montreal this week. No changes in prices have been reported.

Stocks of cement at Montreal have been exhausted and prices are strong. The demand continues good for immediate wants, but it is impossible to get fresh supplies, as Canadian manufacturers are under contract for their complete output for some time to come consequently they are now refusing orders. A lot of 5,000 to 6,000 barrels of damaged cement which has been held here for a considerable length of time and would not have brought 25c per barrel in ordinary times has been sought after eagerly by the dealers and the bidding for the same has been keen, so much so that it was sold at almost full market value. Sales of all grades of sound cement have been made freely at \$2.25 per barrel. English brands for future delivery are quoted at \$2.25 to \$2.35, and German at \$2.30 to \$2.45 per barrel, which figures show an advance of fully 30c to 40c per barrel over the opening prices last season. The market on the whole was probably never in a stronger position and a further advance on the prices quoted would not be any surprise to the trade.—Montreal Gazette.

The Lumber Trade.

It is said there are 500,000 feet of logs to be cut at Selkirk this year.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: There has been a falling off in the demand for red cedar shingles, and the market is not as strong as it was. The market went up to \$2.25 per thousand, but shingles are freely offered at five cents per thousand less than that, and there is a sufficient supply to fill all orders that are coming in at the present time.

John Hendry, president and general manager of the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Co., passed through Winnipeg on Sunday, on his way west. Mr. Hendry has been in Great Britain for the past three months. He reports the outlook for the lumber trade in the United Kingdom as quite bright. Ship building is very active at the Clyde and other yards. The tonnage now under construction is unusually large.

Dairy Trade Items.

Prof. Robertson will visit all the creameries in the territories shortly. S. M. Barre has started operations at his Winnipeg creamery. One small batch of butter has been made.

The DeLaval Separator company of Stockholm, Sweden and New York, have opened an agency in Winnipeg.

S. M. Barre, Winnipeg, has issued a very neat catalogue of dairy machinery and supplies. It contains sixty-two cuts, and contains a list, with prices, of about everything required in a dairy factory or private dairy. Mr. Barre says he has had a large demand for cream separators this season, and his only difficulty has been to get supplies in fast enough to meet the demand.

Insurance Items.

Hon. Mr. Cameron has withdrawn his bill in the Manitoba legislature to amend the Manitoba insurance act.

H. E. Turner, of Portage la Prairie, has been appointed a special agent for the Ontario Mutual Life, to work in the country west of Brandon.

The Ancient Order of Foresters and the Sons of England Society are applying for Dominion incorporation and, incidentally, for new and enlarged powers in connection with their insurance methods.

The following list of life insurance carried by large capitalists is an indication as to how they regard the value of such protection: John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, insured for \$1,500,000; George W. Vanderbilt, New York, insured for \$1,000,000; August Belmont, New York, insured for \$800,000; H. H. Kohlsaat, Chicago, insured for \$600,000; E. H. Abbott, Milwaukee, insured for \$500,000; Chauncey M. Depew, New York, insured for \$500,000; N. W. Gibbs, Philadelphia, insured for \$500,000; T. A. Havemeyer, New York, insured for \$500,000; J. Read Whipple, Boston, insured for \$500,000; George K. Anderson, New York, insured for \$410,000; Fred. W. Peck, Chicago, insured for \$400,000; Clarence I. Peck, Chicago, insured for \$400,000.

Tenders.

Tenders for the Jubilee addition to the Winnipeg hospital are invited.

Tenders are called for the remodeling of the Caldwell block, Winnipeg.

Winnipeg civic corporation asks for tenders for 500 or 1,000 cords of cedar paving wood.

Tenders are wanted for improvements to the residence property of J. H. Ashdown, Winnipeg.

Tenders for the book accounts of the estate of the Whitelaw Trading Co., Brandon, are invited.

The Canadian Pacific railway company invite tenders for the erection of a station and dining hall at Moose Jaw.

Tenders will be called for the macadamizing of Smith, Edmonton, Carlton and McDermot street west, Winnipeg, the stones used for the same to be provided by the city.

A bulletin on tobacco culture has been issued by the department of agriculture, Ottawa.

A handsome calendar has been received from the E. B. Eddy Co., of Hull.



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Canned Goods	Per case
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2 25
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 50
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 00
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	2 10
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 10
Cherries, red, pitted, 25, 2 doz.	4 75
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	2 25
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 45
Pears, California, 2 1/2 doz.	3 50
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 50
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Peaches, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 75
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	5 00
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Plums, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 50
Pumnykins, 35, 2 doz.	2 50
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 10
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	3 50
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	4 50
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	4 50
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	06 08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	09 15
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	18 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless.	20 35
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	10 12
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s.	1 50
Imp. Kipperd Herrings, 1s.	1 50
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 151	2 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s.	2 00
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 151	2 00

Canned Meats

Per case.	Per doz.
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 00
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	3 75
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 50
Lunch Tongue, 25, 1 doz.	6 25
Brawn, 25, 1 doz.	2 50
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	6 00
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 75
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15	2 doz, 50 50 00
Potted Ham, 1/4s.	75
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	75
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	75
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	1 50
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	1 50
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	1 50

Coffee

Green Rio	10 to 10 1/2
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Cereals

Per sack	Per bushel
Split Peas, sack 95	2 25
Pot Barley, sack 95	2 40
Pearl Barley, sack 95	4 00
Roll'd Oats, sack 50	2 00
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	2 10
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 10
Beans (per bushel)	1 20
Cornmeal, sack 95	1 45
Cornmeal, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	1 50
Rice, B.	4 1/2c
Rice, Japan	5 1/2c
Sago	6 c
Tapioca	4 c

Cigarettes

Per M	
Old Judge	55 00
Athlete	5 00
Sweet Caporal	5 00
Sweet Sixteen	5 70
Derby	6 60

Cured Fish

Per case	Per doz.
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00
Codfish, boneless per lb	04 06
Codfish, Pure per lb	07 08
Herrings, in kegs	3 50

Dried Fruits

Per case	Per doz.
Currants, Prov'l Barrels	07 7 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	07 1/2 7 1/2
Currants, Prov'l Cases	07 7 1/2
Currants, Vostizza Cases	07 1/2 7 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, bbls	07 1/2 7 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, cases	07 1/2 7 1/2
Dates, Cases	06 07
Figs, Elene, about 10 lb box	12 1/2 15
Figs, Cooking, Sax	05 06
Prunes, Hosina, Cases	08 05
Prunes, French, Cases	06 07
Sultana Raisins	10 12

Dried Fruits

Per pound	
Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs.	1 70
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 15
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	06 6 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 7 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 8 1/2
London Layer, 20 lb Boxes	1 90
Apples, Dried	07 07
Evap. Apples, finest quality	11 12

California Evaporated Fruits

Per pound	
Peaches, peeled	18 20
Peaches, unpeeled	11 13
Pears	11 12
Apricots, new	10 11
Pitted Plums	11 12
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2 6
Prunes, 90 to 100	6 1/2 6 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	7 7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2 8
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11

Matches

Per case	
Telegraph	53 60
Telephone	3 40
Tiger	3 25

Nuts

Per pound	
Brazils	12 1/2 15
Taragona Almonds	13 15
Peanuts, roasted	13 15
Peanuts, green	10 12
Grenoble Walnuts	15 18
French Walnuts	13 15
Sicily Filberts	11 15
Shelled Almonds	25 30

Syrup

Per lb	Per gal
Extra Bright	3 1/2c
Medium	3 1/2c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	57 00
Molasses, per gal.	35c 45c

Sugar

Per lb	Per gal
Extra Standard Granulated	5 1/2c
German Granulated	4 1/2c
Extra Ground	0 1/2c
Powdered	0 1/2c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c
Maple Sugar	11c 12c

Salt

Per pound	Per barrel
Rock Salt	1 1/2c 1 1/2c
Common, fine	1 90 2 00
Common, coarse	1 90 2 00
Dairy, 100-3	3 25 3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15 3 30
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine jute sack	00 45

Spices

Per doz.	Per pound
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 90
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 20
Allspice, compound	15 20
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	18 25
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	10 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	13 15
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	20 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	25 35
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	30 35
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochian	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	25 30
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	60 1 00
Mace (per pound)	1 00 1 25

Teas

Per pound	
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	13 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	22 28
Young Hysons—	
Choice	35 45
Medium	28 35
Common	22 30
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Common	15 20

Tobacco

Per pound	
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cuds	00 70
Lily, 55, Cuds	00 63
Green, 55, Cuds	00 60
T. & B. Black Chewing, 35 or 16s	00 61
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 35 or 16	00 64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00 59
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00 91
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00 99
T. & B. in 1-2 tins	00 90
T. & B. in 1-12 tins	00 57
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg	00 55
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 91
Orinoco, 1-2 tins	00 86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette 1-12	00 57
Brier, 75, Cuds	00 65
Derby, 35, Cuds	00 68
Derby, 75, Cuds	00 68
P. & W. Chewing, Cuds	00 66
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 66

Wooden Ware

Per doz.	
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50
Pails, wire hoop	2 25
Pails, Star fibre	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50
Tubs, nests (3)	1 65
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	50 55
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Per lb	Per barrel
Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 90
Lard, pure, 50 lb pails	4 05
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	6 00
Lard, Tierces, per lb	5 1/2 5 1/2
Smoked Meats	per lb.
Hams	11 11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2 12
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 1/2 11
Spiced rolls	5 1/2 9
Shoulders	8 8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2 9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	8 1/2 9
Boneless Shoulders	8 1/2 9 1/2
Backs	9 0 9 1/2
Imported Short Clear	5 1/2 5 1/2
Barrel Pork	Per barrel
Heavy mess	15 50 16 00
Short cut	16 50 17 00
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	7
Bologna sausage, lb	6 1/2
Ham, chicken and tongue, doz	\$1 20
Pickled hocks, per lb	03
Pickled tongues	05
Pickled pigs feet, pail 15 lbs.	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	20 25

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Per lb	Per doz.
Whitefish, lb	4 1/2 05
Pickled, lb	09 1/2
Trout, lb	09 1/2
Lake Superior Herrings, doz	15 1/2
Hike, lb	02 1/2
Salmon, lb	15
B.C. halibut, lb	09
Smelts, lb	08
Cod, lb	08
Haddock	05 06
Findon haddock, lb	05 06
Smoked goldeyes, doz	30
Oysters, standards, gal.	1 50
Oysters, selects, gal	1 50
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

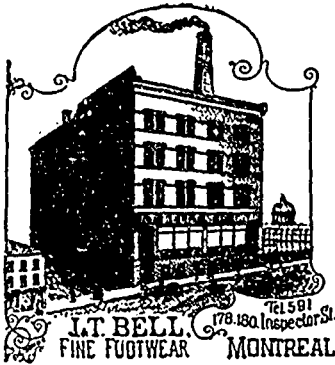
Per pound	Per case
Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb	06 08
Bluestone, lb	06 07
Bluestone, barrel lots	0 1/2 05
Borax	11 13
Bromide Potash	65 75
Camphor	65 75
Camphor, ounces	86 90
Carbolic Acid	40 65
Castor Oil	15 17
Chlorate Potash	25 30
Citric Acid	55 65
Copperas	03 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz	4 50 00
Cream Tartar, lb	30 35
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 1/2 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
German Quinine	35 45
Glycerine, lb	30 35
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	20 25
Howard's Quinine, oz	45 55
Iodine	5 00 5 50
Insect Powder	35 40
Morphia, sul	2 10 2 25
Opium	4 50 5 00
Oil, olive	1 25 1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25 1 40
Oil, lemon, super	2 75 3 25
Oil, peppermint	4 00 4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	5 50 6 00
Oxalic Acid	14 16
Potass Iodide	3 75 4 00
Paris Green, lb	18 20
Saltpetre	10 12
Sal Rochelle	30 35
Shellac	35 40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 05
Sulphur Roll, keg	3 1/2 05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75 4 25
Salt Soda	00 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb	45 55
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	55 1 00

LEATHER

Per pound	
Harness, oak	33
Harness, union oak No. 1	33
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	32
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	32
Do., No. 1 R	31
Black collar leather	36
Sole, union oak	32
Pestwell, sole	27 30
Festang, sole	27 30
B. F. French calf	25 1 30
C. F. French kip	95 1 15
Canada calf	65 80
Canada Calf, Horseshoe	90
Horseshoe Brand Kip	30
Kam Kip	80 85
Wax upper	42 46
Grain upper	42 46
Kangaroo, per foot	25 50
Dolgora, per foot	25 40

FUEL

Per ton	
Coal	
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	10 00
Pea size	7 50
Western anthracite, stove	9 50
Western anthracite, nut	7 25
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Hocking	7 50
Souris Lignite	4 60
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Missburg smithing	9 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.	
Tamarac, good, last winter's cut	3 75 4 25
Pine, green cut, dry	3 50 4 00
Pine, dead cut	3 50 3 75
Spruce	2 75 3 00
Poplar, green cut dry	2 50 2 75
Poplar, dead cut	2 50 2 75
Oak, green cut dry body	4 50 4 75
Oak, dead cut	4 00



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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 23.

Spring work in the country has progressed under favorable conditions and a large area of crop has been sown. The rains this week have come in good time and have added materially to the favorable outlook. The crop area is sure to show a large increase over any previous year, when the full returns are in. The building season is opening quite actively in Winnipeg, and promises to be the briskest for a number of years, particularly in the erection of new and the remodelling of old business blocks. City real estate, after a long quiet time, has developed some activity, and quite a number of important business premises have changed hands, several sales being in the nature of investments for interest earning purposes, and not for commercial purposes. A feature of the week is the announcement of the Manitoba government that it has been decided to grant aid to three railways, one with the ultimate object of securing another through line to Lake Superior, another which it is expected will finally develop into a Hudson Bay railway, and the third a short local line. These roads are all expected to go ahead this year and will make considerable activity in railway building. In the west the Crow's Nest road is being pushed vigorously ahead. About 1,000 laborers have been recently sent out to increase the force working on this road. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week were about double the corresponding week of last year. General wholesale trade is moving in fair volume.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 23

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Travellers are working for fall orders. Rubber goods are firm. We reported an advance of 10 per cent. a short time ago on rubber goods, including belting and heavy goods. Rubber shoes and boots have since been advanced 5 to 10 per cent., owing to the high price of crude rubber. As the retailers' profit on rubbers is very small, this advance in the wholesale price will make a considerable difference to the trade.

FISH.

Stocks of haddies are being cleaned out and the supply remaining is limited. The oyster trade is now quiet and after this month bulk oysters will be out of this market and only cans will be available. Stocks of cured fish are very low. Prices are steady for fresh fish. Some Lake Winnipegosis white have been offering here. It is said the companies are arranging to restrict the white fish catch on Lake Winnipeg this season, to prevent over stocking the market.

GROCERIES.

There has not been much change in the local market. Cured meats have advanced sharply in the United States

on account of the war, according to advices received here, prices quoted at packing points south being about 1-2c higher for hog products, including lard. Canned beef has also been advanced 5c per dozen, owing to big war orders having been placed. Coffee is very strong. Oatmeal is very firm and costing higher to lay down here. Sugars were advanced 3-16 at the refineries, on the strength of the new tariff, but later a reduction of 1-16c was made, making a net gain of 1-8c.

GREEN FRUITS.

The orange market is very strong, prices have advanced 25c per box in California, which will necessitate a further advance of a like amount here making an advance of 50c in all, with the advance quoted last week. A strong market is looked for right along now for the balance of the season, and further advances are expected. Lemons are firm. The Spanish trouble is expected to interfere with Mediterranean fruit. It is not known how the quality of the California stock will answer for the summer market. Bananas are arriving of good quality, but the future is uncertain, owing to further troubles in Central America, and the Cuban trouble. Pie plant is coming. It sold early in the week at \$3, but dropped to-day to \$2.75. Pine apples are lower. Prices are: Navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4.00; California seedling oranges, \$3.00 to \$3.25; bananas, per bunch, \$2.25 to \$2.50, as to size; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4 per box; apples, \$1 to \$1.50 per barrel for good to choice; off quality, \$2 to \$3.50 per barrel, as to condition; pineapples, \$5 per dozen; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11c to 12c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, clemes 10 lb boxes, \$1.25 to \$1.40, as to quality; 50 lb boxes, 17c per lb; dates, 61-2 to 7c per lb; Tarragona almonds, 121-2 to 13c, peanuts, green, 9c; peanuts, roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 71-2 to 10c per lb; maple sugar 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen 1-2 gallon tins, \$7; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels.

HARDWARE.

There will not be much change in this branch until new goods begin to come in via water routes, when there will be some revision of prices. What changes there will be will depend on navigation rates this season, which are yet partially unknown. Stocks of heavy goods here are, of course, light at this season. More goods have been brought in during the closed season of navigation than usual this year, owing to the larger trade enjoyed and also to tariff changes going into effect on January 1 this year. Binder twine is firm. The last advices received quoted raw sisal actually higher than manilla. Sisal is now quoted at about 43-4 to 47-8c and raw manilla at 45-8 to 43-4c. This is an extraordinary condition. To show the advance in the raw material, a year ago sisal was quoted at 27-8c.

LUMBER.

In the wholesale trade the demand has not been as large as it was earlier. This is owing to dealers having replenished their stocks somewhat, which were low. The outlook is still very good for the lumber trade both in the city and country. Prices are steady and firm.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have kept going up steadily this week, mak-

ing a small gain on Monday and sharper gain on the four following days. The speculative sentiment caused by the war situation is no doubt the cause of the movement, though it is difficult to see what good ground there is for a "boom" in wheat on this account. Local prices have advanced steadily and touched \$1.10 Thursday for No. 1 hard float Fort William. There has not been much Manitoba wheat, however, available for trading purposes. Most of the 2,000,000 bushels held at interior points is owned by millers, and farmers are not likely to have much wheat for summer marketing, after they are through with their spring work. It looks as though Manitoba wheat will be held at a sharp premium for the balance of the crop year, and with light supplies to move, a dull season is in store for the trade until a new crop comes in. Wheat receipts at the Fort William elevators for last week were 5,200 bushels; shipments, 3,200; in store, 336,000 bushels.

FLOUR—The market is firmer, irregular and unsettled. The Ogilvie company advanced prices again 10c per barrel this week, making with the advances last week 30c in all, making \$2.65 for patent; \$2.45 for Glenora; \$2.05 for second bakers; and \$1.55 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs. Lake of the Woods were, however, quoting old prices as follows. Patent, \$2.50; best bakers \$2.30; second bakers \$1.90. XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 98 lbs, with discount of 5c net cash.

MILLED—Prices are firm, the demand is large, and the supply scarce. We quote bran at \$12 and shorts \$14 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is higher and now quoted at \$17 to \$18 per ton. Oil cake scarce at \$22 per ton.

OATMEAL—Owing to the advancing tendency of oats in the States, oatmeal is costing higher to lay down here. Some is now coming in from Ontario, one car of small sacks having been placed here at equal to \$1.30 for 80 lb. sacks. Imported meal from the south has been quoted at \$1.70 per sack. It is said that some meal has been laid down here at such a low price from the States that it has started a rumor of under valuation. Small lots of rolled oats to the retail trade are quoted at \$2 per 80 lb. sack.

BARLEY—Nominal at about 40c. Seed barley nominal at 45 to 50c.

OATS—Prices are firm. Feed oats are held stiff at about 40 to 42c per bushel for car lots on track.

CORN—We quote 40 to 41c per bushel of 56 pounds for cars on track here.

BUTTER—Creamery—The factories are not doing anything yet, worth mentioning. Creamery butter is nominal at about 22 to 23c.

Butter—Dairy—There is still a light supply, and a good demand for all the butter offering. The new butter season opens with good prospects. There are no stocks of old butter held. In Eastern markets it is said that stocks of held butter are very low, and certainly the local market is unusually bare of supplies. The trade has been supplied in a hand to mouth way for some time. This is at least a favorable outlook for the new season now starting, as there are no stocks of held goods to depress the market.

TO THE TRADE

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My large experience, extending over 30 years with the H. A. Nelson & Son Co. Limited and their predecessors, will, I trust, be a sufficient guarantee that the business will be conducted upon proper principles.

Arrangements are being made for representatives to cover regularly all the ground heretofore covered by those of the old firm, and in the meantime arrangements are complete at the factory for prompt attention to orders by mail.

I confidently hope for a continuance in the future of the liberal patronage extended to the factory in the past.

Respectfully,

**RELIANCE CIGAR FACTORY
MONTREAL**

C. H. NELSON

We quote ordinary good dairy at 17 to 18c and choice to fancy at 19 to 20c, on a commission basis.

CHEESE—The outlook for cheese is rather the opposite from butter this year. Last year prices opened higher in Canadian markets. A year ago cheese was quoted at 10 1-4c to 10 1-2 at Montreal, while it has sold recently at Montreal as low as 7 1-4c. It is said that considerable old cheese is held on hand, and that the season was an unprofitable one to many operators. The western cheese trade was also rather unsatisfactory on last year's make. Prices were advanced here last fall to a point considerably above eastern markets, and many dealers laid in their winter supply at high prices, some of which is still held. Cheese has sold in Winnipeg recently at 10c, which cost 10c last fall, meaning not only no profit for carrying, but loss in shrinkage in weight, interest, insurance, etc. Owing to the high cost of local cheese, Ontario cheese was underselling the Manitoba product at the coast, and some was even brought into the Winnipeg market from the east. Owing to the high local prices last fall it was thought that there would be a tendency to make more cheese this year in Manitoba. It is said several new factories will be started, besides which there are a number of private dairies, which latter often do not turn out a good quality of goods. On the other hand, the unfavorable result of last season's operations will no doubt make buyers very cautious this season, unless something unusual develops. We quote cheese here at 10c in a jobbing way.

EGGS—Supplies did not come forward too freely, and the market held firm up to yesterday at 15c per dozen. Yesterday, however, there was an easier tendency, and a sharp break in prices may occur any time.

DRESSED MEATS—We quote hogs, 6 3-4c to 7c. Beef 6 1-2 for city dressed. Mutton 8c for cold storage stock and 10c for fresh dressed. Veal 7 to 9c, as to quality.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is scarce and prices firm. Good chickens will bring 9c dressed, or 60 to 75c per pair live, and turkeys 11c per lb. live weight or 15c dressed.

GAME—The wild duck has again made its appearance in the market to a limited extent. Quoted at 20 to 30c per pair. Large grey geese 75c each, waxes or small white geese, 40c each.

CURED MEATS AND LARD—See quotations on another page.

VEGETABLES—Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel, as to quality and variety; carrots, \$1.00 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb; imported, 3c to 4c, as to quality; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c. Green stuffs in onions, lettuce, radishes, etc., is offering at 25c dozen bunches; rhubarb, 5 1-2c pound.

HIDES—Hides are easy at the recent decline. A high price is being paid for calf, 9c being paid for good skins, but this figure is not expected to hold. We quote green hides, No. 1 6 1-2c; kip 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 7 to 9c lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts nominal at 75c to 80c each for fresh skins; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—The outlook is not considered favorable this season, owing to the high United States tariff, which went into effect since last year's clip was

marketed. United States wool markets are dull and depressed by the war. The idea here is for a market not over 9c at the outside.

FALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 16c. Recent advices have been unfavorable. Stocks of considerable size are still held at points; of accumulation, and the outlook is not favorable for the new crop. Some dealers think it advisable to discourage efforts to secure a large crop this season, so as to assist a recovery of the market.

HAY—Baled is held at \$11 to \$12.50 on cars here. There is some demand to ship to outside points, in car lots.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The only shipping business is still confined to stocker cattle which are in demand to ship south, at \$10 to \$13 for yearlings and \$17 to \$22 for two years old cattle. We quote the local market for butchers' cattle at 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c for fair to good fat stock. Some stockers are being shipped to the western ranges and some fat cattle to British Columbia coast points.

SHEEP—The market is firm at about 4 1-2c. Very little done yet in sheep this season. Lambs \$2.50 to \$3.50 each.

HOGS—The market is steady at 5c for best bacon hogs. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

HORSES—There is a fair demand for horses. The usual range is \$225 to \$250 for fair to good farm teams.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c higher per barrel, oats and corn 1c higher. Millfeed 50c ton higher. Barley 1c higher. Eggs 1c to 1 1-2c higher. Butter 2 1-2c to 3c lower. Flax seed 4c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$5.20 to \$5.40; second patents, \$5 to \$5.20.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk \$8.75 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$8.75 to \$9; corn feed, \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 30 1-4c for No. 3. Oats—Held at 27 5-8c for No. 3 White.

Barley—Feed, quoted at 33c. Flax seed—\$1.26 per bushel.

Eggs—9 3-4 to 10c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 5c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 9 1-2c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 to 17 1-2c; seconds, 14 to 15c; dairy 14 to 16c; for good to choice; seconds, 13 to 14c.

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

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 30 to 35c; named varieties 35 to 48c.

Poultry—Chicken 7 to 10 1-2c; turkeys 8 to 12c; ducks 8 to 9 1-2c; geese 8 1-2 to 9c.

Hides—Green hides, 7 1-4c for No. 1, 6 1-4 for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 to 6 3-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 18 to 22c.

Hay—\$5.50 to \$8 per ton. Cattle—Sales 8 cows av 1,100, \$4.60; 5 av 1,035, \$3.50; 1 av 940, \$3.40; 10 stockers av 678, \$4.30; 8 steers av \$77, \$3.80.

Hogs—Market active, 5c higher. Sales—35 hogs av 220 lbs., \$3.80; 68 hogs av 203 lbs., \$3.77 1-2; 7 av 355, \$3.50.

The Live Stock Trade.

At London on April 18, the cattle market was firmer than a week ago, choice States cattle selling at 5 3-8 Canadians 5d. Argentine cattle, 4 5-8d and Argentine sheep, 5 1-4d.

The Stock Growers' association met recently at Calgary, Alberta. Reports showed that the membership had nearly doubled during the year and now numbered 147. The number of cattle assessed by the association is 96,381, of horses 8,750, making an increase of \$3,448 collected. The management recommended the branding of Indian cattle and that the brand on the animal be prima facie evidence of ownership; also that \$10 be the specific duty on horses imported from the United States worth under \$50 and 20 per cent ad valorem if over that value. A new brand ordinance was asked for. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, D. W. Marshall; vice-president, F. W. Godsal; second vice-president, D. H. Andrews.

Western Business Items.

Mr. Conway is opening in lumber at Crystal City, Man.

James Martin is starting a lumber yard at Rounthwaite, Man.

W. P. Aship, of Grand Forks, will start a brick yard at Winnipeg.

Treherne Harness Co., Treherne, Man., is succeeded by W. J. Scott & Co.

D. R. Dingwall, jeweller, is selling out his Moose Jaw branch to R. E. Plaxton.

D. McGregor, hardware, Shoal Lake, Man., is reported to have left the country.

Taylor & McLean, tinsmiths, have succeeded Thos. Taylor, of Minnedosa, Man.

D. Ross, lumber manufacturer, of Whittemouth, arrived in the city yesterday.

S. S. McMillan, of Simeoe, Ont., has opened a saddlery shop at Reston, Man.

E. Nicholson, Winnipeg, sold a car load of Ontario oatmeal this week, to arrive.

Armstrong & Bassler, millers, Hamiota, Man., are succeeded by Bassler & Bridgeman.

Kobold & Co., Winnipeg, shipped 200 head of stocker cattle to their ranch at Maple Creek this week.

The rain of Thursday, which was quite heavy in the Red River Valley, was light in western parts of the province.

The purchasers of W. G. Wyatts business at Virden will carry it on under the name of the Virden Lumber and Hardware Co.

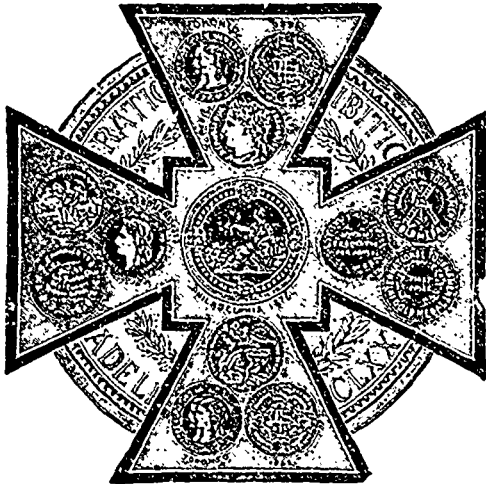
D. A. McIlquham, of Alexander, Man., has made an enlargement in his store by adding another story which will be used for furniture.

Navigation is expected to open at Port Arthur any time now. Yesterday steamers were reported trying to enter the port from the lake, but had not been able to get through the ice.

A bill to provide for a Dominion plebiscite for the prohibition of the importation, manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors, has been introduced in parliament.

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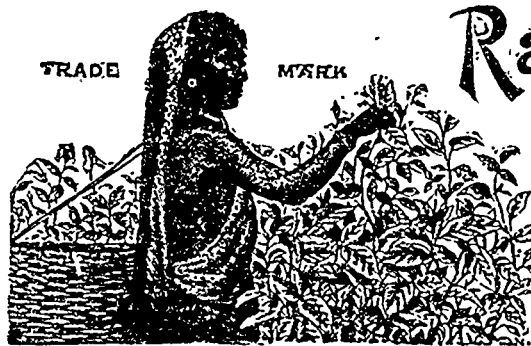
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War Taxation.

Washington, April 16.—The Republican members of the ways and means committee of the house have practically concluded the preparation of a revenue measure, which will be passed to raise revenue sufficient to prosecute war. The members propose that the present generation shall bear the burdens of the war, and proceeding upon that theory they have prepared a bill that will raise between \$100,000,000 or \$120,000,000 additional revenue per annum. The bill will provide for an additional tax of \$1 per barrel on beer, from which \$30,000,000 will be raised. On manufactured tobacco and snuff the internal revenue tax will be increased from six to twelve cents. This is expected to raise \$15,000,000 of revenue. The increase on cigars and cigarettes has not been absolutely fixed, but it probably will be one dollar on all classes; from this \$5,000,000 is expected. The proposition which the senate placed in the tariff bill, but which was defeated, to tax all stocks and transfers of corporations, is embodied in the measure, together with practically all the schemes of internal revenue taxation of the act of 1896, which includes a stamp tax on all checks, drafts and all instruments of business—mortgage, loans and bonds—a tax on patent and proprietary medicines, and a tax on telegrams and express packages, is also incorporated in the bill. This scheme of taxation is estimated to release \$35,000,000. The tax on proprietary and patent medicines will be two cents on bottles retailing at fifteen cents or under, and four cents on those retailing above that price. The tax on telegraph messages will be one cent on all messages which cost twenty-five cents or less, and two cents on all above twenty-five cents. A duty of ten cents per pound is placed on tea, and three cents per pound upon coffee with a countervailing international revenue tax on stocks on hand. This latter will be in the form of a tax on the sale of stocks on hand, to avoid the constitutional inhibition against a direct tax. From tea and coffee \$28,000,000 are estimated. Bottled waters are to bear a similar tax to patent medicines. For the pressing needs of the government the secretary of the treasury is given the power to issue certificates of indebtedness payable in one year, and to bear not to exceed three per cent interest. The secretary is also authorized to borrow on the credit of government by popular subscription a loan of \$500,000,000. This loan is to be placed through the postoffices of the country, the sub-treasuries and government depositories in low rate bonds, which are to be sold at par. They are to bear three per cent interest and to be redeemable after five years at the option of the government, and to be due in twenty years. The principal and interest are to be payable in coin. The measure will be presented to the full committee on Monday and it will be brought into the house as soon as the war resolutions are signed by the president.

British Columbia Items.

Thos. H. Milne, builder, Vernon, is dead.
Wm. Murphy, butcher, Vernon, is dead.
P. Moran, plumber, is starting business at Revelstoke.
E. Stuckey, saw mill, is again starting business at Nelson.

J. & T. Martin, hotel, Sicamous, are succeeded by J. E. Hooper.

Dykes & Temple, are opening a general store at Arrowhead.

The B. C. Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd., has been incorporated in Scotland. Wilson & Co., feed, etc., Victoria, have dissolved; John Wilson continues.

W. G. Burney, painter and wall paper, has opened business at Revelstoke.

Martin Bros., hardware, Rossland, contemplate opening a branch at Greenwood.

Atkins & Smith, publishers, Revelstoke, have dissolved; Atkins & Campbell continue.

The Hudson's Bay Co. has purchased a property at Nelson and will erect a business block thereon.

Stimp on's wharf at Vancouver was burned on April 21, also part of the buildings of the New England Fish company, of Boston, and several C. P. R. cars filled with valuable freight; also 200 tons of hay, wagons and contractors outfit for Mackenzie and Mann, the Yukon railway contractors. A quantity of tin and cannery supplies were burned. The loss is very heavy.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: R. D. Patterson is opening in groceries; Wilson Bros., of Victoria, wholesale grocers, are opening a branch; J. Johnston, harness, has started business; J. D. Foreman & Co., feed and commission, are giving up business; the Burrard Inlet Packing Co. is dissolved; G. Carson is opening in furniture; A. R. Matta, cigars, fruit, etc., has opened business; P. H. Alder, has opened in provisions; Geo. Cassidy Co., Ltd., in liquidation, saw mill, application made for a winding-up order; The People's Supply Co. is opening business; Scott, Mine Co., manufacturer's agents, have dissolved, M. McDonald retiring.

Assiniboia.

S. Shannon, Regina, has sold out.

W. R. Hare, tinsmith, Grenfell, has sold out to J. Franks.

F. Gibbard, lumber, Wapella, is selling out to Geo. Nugent.

W. A. Heubach, of Touchwood Hills, is having his store enlarged.

D. Woodward, grocer, Regina, is moving to Fort Steele, B. C.

J. J. McLean contemplates opening a grocery store at Moose Jaw.

W. R. Campbell, general storekeeper, Moose Jaw, has given up business.

John McCracken, of Elkhorn, Man., will open a merchant tailor business at Moosomin, Assa.

The Regina Trading Co., to do a general store business at Regina, is being organized.

Chas. Willoughby, lumber dealer, has added hardware to his business, and contemplates admitting W. M. Duncan as partner.

Alberta.

C. Gallagher is calling for tenders for the erection of a two-storey brick building at Edmonton.

Stewart & McMaster, butchers, Macleod, have sold out to Maunsell Bros., butchers of the same place.

McIntosh & Whitelaw contemplate opening in furniture at Edmonton. They will build for the purpose.

The Hudson's Bay Co., are offering their three river steamers, which have plied on the North Saskatchewan, namely the Northwest, Northcote and Marquis, for sale by tender.

Burdett & Dyson, cigars, Calgary, have dissolved partnership. Dyson continues alone. Burdette has opened a new cigar store.

Northwest Ontario.

Mr. Bell contemplates opening a general store at Mines Centre.

Fire in Oddfellow's hall, Rat Portage, did about \$3,000 damage; partly insured.

A. Carmichael, formerly in the store business at Rat Portage, will in future devote himself to mining brokerage.

The contract for the construction of the waterworks at Fort William, has been awarded to Hill & Gowanlock, of Toronto, at \$32,133.

Movements of Business Men

John W. Peck went west this week.

D. C. Cameron, of Rat Portage, left Thursday for the west.

J. Y. Griffin left Thursday evening on a trip to the Pacific coast.

George Galt has returned from a trip to Europe.

R. E. Mills, representative of Mackenzie & Mills, Winnipeg, returned yesterday from an extended western trip.

F. H. Mathewson, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Winnipeg, is expected home from his European tour in a few days.

Gordon Rickert, representing Jas. Corstino & Co., Montreal, wholesale furs, who has been in the city recently, has left on a western trip.

Charles Matthews, of the firm of Matthews, Towers & Co., of Montreal, has been making a hurried trip through the west. E. I. Smith will represent the firm in the west hereafter.

H. S. White, editor of the Colonist, Winnipeg, left for the Pacific coast on Thursday, en route to Dawson City. Mr. White goes to Yukon as special correspondent for Reuter's News Agency, of London, England. He will also contribute to the Colonist.

A. C. Beach, who has been representing the John L. Cassidy Co., of Montreal, in the west, has returned east from a trip as far as the coast. Mr. Beach has opened a sample room at No. 312 McDermot street, Winnipeg, where a full line will be shown. He reported business good in the west.

Mr. Trester, representing M. Trester, general commission merchant and shipping agent, of Hamburg, Germany, was in Winnipeg this week, on a business trip. Mr. Trester handles American products on a large scale, including wool, hides, furs and various other commodities, on a commission basis.

The budget debate at Ottawa, has been concluded and the tariff resolutions have been adopted.

The general stock and book debts of the estate of A. McQueen, Gladstone, will be offered for sale by auction on April 30, at the office of Bertrand, Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg. Stock amounts to \$3,112. Book accounts, etc., \$5,024.

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Crop Reports.

Reports of the progress of seedling operations at all points in the province and Territories reached by the Canadian Pacific railway, were received Wednesday. The seedling is now general, and the increase in acreage all the way from 20 to 35 per cent. greater than last year. A summary of the report follows:

MAIN LINE.

Rosser—Seedling just started. Probably about 20 per cent. more grain will be sown this year than last.

Marquette—Seedling in full blast; began eight days ago; wheat about one-third in. Increased acreage about 6 per cent.

Reburn—About 25 per cent. of seedling done here. Acreage will be increased about 10 per cent. over last year.

Poplar Point—By the first of next week farmers will be through seedling, if weather continues fine. Acreage one-third greater than last year.

High Bluff—Seedling commenced here on the 11th, and if weather continues dry this week will complete the wheat. There will be larger acreage than last year.

Portage la Prairie—It is considered that the acreage will be increased about 20 per cent., wheat 15, and oats 5, as compared with last year. About 40 per cent. of seedling done. Another week of fine weather will see seedling on plains finished. Eastern and northern districts not so far advanced as immediate vicinity.

Burnside—Farmers south of track will finish wheat to-morrow; those north late, will require the full month to finish wheat in that district. Land in fine condition, acreage about same as last year.

Bagot—Wheat sowing will be about 90 per cent done by end of this week. Weather could not be better. About same acreage as last year.

McGregor—Seedling about half finished. Acreage a little larger than last year.

Austin—Seedling progressing favorably, about one half wheat already in, weather everything that could be desired. Acreage about same as last year.

Sidney—About 25 per cent of crop in. Acreage same as last year.

Carberry—About 50 per cent wheat already done and if present fine weather continues will be finished this week. Acreage about 10 per cent larger than last year.

Sewell—About 25 per cent of wheat sown. Acreage will be 20 per cent greater than last year. Every acre of land suitable for crop will be sown.

Dugas—Seedling began about Wednesday last; is general to-day; with fine weather acreage will be equal, if not greater, than last year.

Chater—Seedling operations in full swing. Weather continues fine and should assist in getting crop in early, although thought by some to be a few days later than last year. Acreage same as last year.

Brandon—Twenty per cent of seed in north of river, and thirty south. Last year seedling did not commence until the 18th.

Kemnay—Seedling was general through this district on Thursday last and is now well advanced. Acreage will be considerably greater than last year on account of plowing done last fall.

Alexander—Fully 25 per cent of wheat seeded up to Saturday. Acreage about 5 per cent greater than last year.

Griswold—Wheat seedling about half through. Acreage about same as last year.

Oak Lake—Seedling is general; ground in fine condition; wheat seedling will finish end of this week. Acreage about one-eighth more than last year.

Virden—Ten per cent of seedling now completed. Acreage will be fully 25 per cent over last year.

Elkhorn—Weather past week has been fine and warm. Seedling is well started. About same acreage as last year.

Fleming—Seedling only fairly started; about 10 per cent seeded up to date. Acreage will not exceed last year. Majority of farmers will summer fallow extensively this year.

Moosomin—Seedling commenced last week, and will be general this week; delayed on account of rain. Acreage increased about 10 per cent.

Wapella—Seedling about as far ahead at present as it was last year. Acreage expected to be 20 per cent. greater than last year.

Broadview—Seedling not started in this vicinity yet; will likely be in four or five days.

Grenfell—Seedling just commenced. Acreage will be increased about 25 per cent.

Wolseley—Seedling just commenced. Acreage will be 15 per cent. over last year.

Shitluta—Seedling general this week. Acreage about 10 per cent. greater than last year.

Indian Head—Seedling commenced last Thursday, and if weather continues favorable as at present, will be well advanced by latter part of week. Estimated acreage will be 40 per cent. greater than last year.

Qu'Appelle—Seedling has not yet become general. Ground is yet too wet. Acreage this year, will be more than last, as there was more fall plowing done.

Balgonie—Seedling commenced yesterday, and will be well advanced by end of week. Acreage will be about 25 per cent. greater than last year.

Regina—Seedling has not commenced in this district yet. Acreage will be up to last year's, and perhaps a little more. It depends on what spring plowing will be done.

Pense—Seedling not commenced here yet; a little will be done last of this week.

PEMBINA SECTION.

LaSalle—Seedling in full swing all week; land in good shape. Several farmers have 50 to 100 acres sown already. Much larger acreage this year.

Morris—About 65 per cent. wheat already sown. Acreage will be fully 25 per cent. over last year.

Rosenfeld—Most farmers here are through seedling. Acreage will be nearly a third more than last year.

Altona—75 per cent. of wheat seedling already done. Acreage about the same as last year.

Gretna—Seedling now general. There is two-thirds more seedling done now than this time last year. Weather favorable.

Plum Coulee—Seedling in full swing; fully 50 per cent. wheat in; same acreage as last year. Land in fine shape.

Winkler—Seedling well advanced; about 70 per cent. wheat in. Land in excellent condition. Acreage same as last year.

Morden—Seedling in full swing. Land in fine shape. About one-fifth more acreage.

Thornhill—Wheat seedling about half done. Acreage will be five per cent over last year.

Manitou—Seedling progressing fast; land in splendid condition and weather very favorable. About 35 per cent wheat sown; hardly an acre was sown before April 25th last year.

LaRiviere—About 60 per cent of wheat sown. About 15 per cent increase in acreage.

Pilot Mound—Seedling began last week has not been delayed; weather fine. The acreage will be about one-third above last year.

Crystal City—Weather very favorable for seedling; 90 per cent wheat now sown. Acreage will exceed last year by 25 per cent.

Clearwater—Wheat seedling about half to two-thirds done; balance this week. Acreage 15 to 20 per cent over last year.

Cartwright—About 75 per cent seedling done. About 15 per cent increase in acreage.

Holmfild—Weather for seedling has been favorable. Acreage about 50 per cent more than last year.

Killarney—Seedling about half done. Acreage increased about 10 per cent.

Ninga—Seedling well advanced; land in fine condition. Wheat will finish this week. About 10 per cent more acreage this than last year.

Bolssevaln—Wheat seedling will be completed this week. There will be 10 per cent over last year's acreage.

Deloraine—Seedling about 30 per cent done. Acreage increased 15 to 20 per cent over last year. Conditions favorable.

SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Elm Creek—Three-quarters seedling done, fully two weeks ahead of last year. Increase in acreage about one-third.

Garman—Fully half wheat sown. There will be an increase in acreage of about 7 per cent.

Rathwell—About 70 per cent of wheat in. About 15 per cent more acreage than last year.

Holland—About 50 per cent of wheat sown. Acreage about 10 per cent over last year.

Cypress River—Forty to fifty per cent sown. Acreage about same as last year.

Glenboro—About 50 per cent of seedling done. Over 5 per cent increase in acreage.

Stockton—About 50 per cent seedling done. Acreage about same as last year.

Methven—Seedling general since last week; a few are kept back on account of sick horses. Acreage about same as last year.

Nesbitt—Seedling general. Acreage will be little larger than last year.

Carroll—About 75 per cent wheat in. Acreage will be 25 per cent over last year.

SOURIS SECTION.

Souris—Thirty-five per cent of wheat sown. Acreage will be about 10 per cent greater than last year.

Lauder—About 40 per cent wheat seedling done; land in fine condition. Increase sown will be about 15 per cent over last year.

Napinka—Seedling started last week, general this week. One-third more acreage than last year.

Melita—One-third of seedling operations completed, the bulk of wheat will be sown by end of this week. Ground in fine condition. Acreage sown will be 25 per cent over last year.

Elva—Wheat seedling half through. Acreage about one-third larger than

last year. Land in good condition. Prospects bright.

Emerson—Seeding general, about 35 per cent seeding done. About 25 per cent more acreage this year. Land in good condition and weather favorable.

Carlevale—A few farmers commenced seeding last week, but seeding only began general this week. Land in excellent condition and seeding will advance rapidly. Acreage will be between 25 and 35 per cent greater this year. A few of the new settlers who have cultivated land have started breaking.

Carnduff—Seeding just nicely commenced. Acreage about 25 per cent over last year.

Oxbow—Seeding general yesterday, very little done before this week. Land in good shape now.

Alameda—If present weather continues seeding will be general at end of this week. Acreage will be about 50 per cent greater than last year.

EMERSON SECTION.

Emerson—Seeding about half done. Acreage will be 15 per cent in excess of last year.

Dominion City—Thirty per cent of wheat in. Acreage about 10 per cent larger than last year.

Otterburne—Seeding about one-third done. Acreage will exceed last year about one-quarter.

PIPESTONE SECTION.

Pipestone—About 35 per cent. of wheat seeded. Acreage 7 per cent. more than last year.

Reston—Fully 50 per cent. wheat seeding done. Acreage 25 per cent. more than last year.

STONEWALL BRANCH.

Stony Mountain—Seeding only commenced yesterday. Acreage will slightly exceed last year's.

Stonewall—Seeding only commenced; season late. There will probably be 20 per cent. more acreage than last year.

EDMONTON SECTION.

Olds—About one-quarter of seed now in. About one-quarter more acreage than last year.

Innisfall—Seeding well under way. Amount to be seeded will be about 10 per cent. over last year.

Lacombe—Seeding well begun. Acreage about 15 per cent. over last year.

NORTHERN PACIFIC POINTS.

Seeding reports received by General Agent Swinford for the week ending April 21st from points along the Northern Pacific Manitoba branches are as follows:

Brandon—Seeding is about ten days earlier and the land in first-class shape. There will be about ten per cent increase in acreage. The weather is very favorable for seeding, which is in full swing.

Routhwaite—Seeding commenced in this vicinity about a month or so in advance of what it was last year. There will be about ten per cent increase in acreage. There is considerable ploughing to be done on stubble, but the ploughing is well advanced to what it is generally in previous years, a great deal having been done last fall. Land is in the best possible condition for the sowing of crops.

Wawanesa—Seeding operations began this week about a week earlier than last year. A much larger percentage of the land was ready for the seed than last year, an unusual

amount of summer-fallowing and fall plowing having been done, leaving a comparatively small amount of ploughing to be done this spring. Would estimate that fully fifty per cent of wheat is now sown in this district. The weather has been excellent for seeding operations, and the land is in fine condition, but no growth is visible as yet in either grain or grass. No rain actually required for some time yet, but warm showers would do no harm.

Hilton—Seeding is progressing rapidly and is three to four weeks earlier than last year. Ten or fifteen per cent. of the land remains to be ploughed. The acreage will be considerably larger than last year. The weather is favorable for seeding operations.

Belmont—Weather during the past week has been very favorable for seeding operations and farmers are making the most of the fine weather. About fifty per cent of the wheat in, in good shape. Season about a week ahead of last year. Some ploughing to be done but very little owing to the fine fall of last year.

Baldur—Seeding began about the 8th inst. under the most favorable circumstances that have been experienced in several years. The soil is in excellent condition, the weather all that can be desired. It is estimated the acreage of wheat sown this spring will exceed all former years by twenty or twenty-five per cent. Total acreage of wheat tributary to this station about 14,000 acres fully one-half of which is now sown. Weather fine and very favorable.

Somerset—Seeding is in full blast, about ten per cent seeded, ground in good condition. Acreage will be about ten per cent larger than last year.

Roland—The weather has been all that could be desired for seeding operations. Fully fifty per cent of the wheat acreage will be completed this week if the present favorable weather should continue. Land in excellent condition in all parts of this district. Seeding will undoubtedly be finished three weeks earlier than last year.

Altamont—Seeding is in full swing and is about a week earlier than last year. There will be about one eighth more land under cultivation this year than last. Land is in fine condition.

Miami—Fully ten days ahead of last year. 10,500 acres of wheat will be sown this year in this district, now fifty per cent finished. Ploughing was all done in the fall for wheat. Ground in fine condition. Rain not required for some time yet.

Morris—All farmers busy seeding. Up to date there is about seventy per cent of wheat sown and seeding is fully four weeks ahead of last year. There will be about fifteen per cent more wheat sown this season. About forty per cent of ploughing done. Ground in excellent condition and weather fine.

St. Jean—The acreage of grain sown tributary to St. Jean last year, 18,000 acres, this year 24,000 acres. Last year the time of seeding was late on account of high water, this year it is early. Farmers have been ploughing and seeding during the past two weeks. The ground is in a very good condition and has been all spring to date, but if no rain falls very soon it will be dry and the ground is in need of rain to secure a good crop. The weather to date has been favorable, alternate cloudy and sunshine, warm and cool. A good deal of new ground is being plowed and sown.

Letellier—Seeding is from ten days to two weeks earlier than last spring. The acreage will be fifteen or twenty per cent more, with little or no ploughing to be done for wheat. The weather could not be more favorable for putting in the grain, farmers all taking advantage of it and rushing in the seed. With good showers of rain from now on prospects for a large crop will be good.

Emerson—Wheat seeding on fall ploughing nearly done. Farmers have had exceptionally fine weather for seeding. Ground is in prime condition, seeding at least two weeks earlier than last year. Acreage in wheat this season will probably be from fifteen to twenty per cent more than last, while a corresponding increase will be made in acreage of coarse grains and flax.

Portage la Prairie—To-night fully fifty per cent of wheat crop has been put in the ground, and by Saturday night seventy-five per cent of the sowing will have been completed. The condition of the land could not be better, and in few seasons in the past has the land been in such prime condition as this season. There will be a small increase in acreage this season, but not more than five per cent, if so much, as it may be said all the land hereabouts is always under crop except that which may be summer fallowed, at present how much land will be treated in this manner it is impossible to say, as the land is in such fine condition the most of it will be cropped. The Oakville district shows about the same proportion and conditions as the Portage plains, except that the increase in acreage will probably exceed ten per cent. There has been a large influx of settlers at Oakville and points east of there, and a large quantity of land will be broken for crop next year.

New Wholesale House.

An item in another column reports the withdrawal of Mr. Bole from the Martin, Bole, Wynne Co., Winnipeg. Mr. Bole, who was seen later, confirms the report that he is organizing a new drug company. The company will have a capital stock of \$100,000 and three-quarters of this amount has been subscribed, all by local parties. It is the intention to open business as soon as a stock can be secured, and the location will probably be in the Gerrie block, Princess street. The company will be known as the Bole Drug Co.

Western Items.

Alex. Tamoth has bought the drug store property at Belmont, Man., from a Toronto company.

Alex. Calder, of Winnipeg, has engaged 1,000 men for the Crow's Nest Pass railway construction, in Western Ontario.

H. A. Mullins, cattle exporter, dispatched a shipment of Manitoba cattle to Vancouver this week for the coast market.

W. H. Best is building a new drug store and dwelling at Belmont, Man. Mr. Smillie, hotel, Belmont, Man., has sold out to Neil McMillan, of Kilbarny, who is now in possession.

Arthur Congdon, of Winnipeg, Canadian agent for the Alfred Dolge felt shoes, received an order yesterday by telegraph from the militia department, Ottawa, for 250 pairs of these famous shoes for use in the Yukon.

British Columbia Markets.

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

By WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, April, 23, 1898.

Oats and barley have advanced sharply, the former going up \$2 per ton and the latter \$4 per, to \$30 per ton. Manitoba flour has advanced 40c per barrel and Oregon flour is 25c per barrel higher. Poultry is out of the market.

Butter—California creamery, 26@27c.

Eggs—Local, 20c; California and Oregon, 20c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11½@12½c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12½@13c; short clear 9½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; frozen salmon 6c lb; whitening 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 9c; kippered herring 8c; Columbia river oolochaus 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 7c; frozen white fish, 10c lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes 13@15 per ton ashcrofts \$19.50; local onions, 3½c; cabbage 2½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons 2.75@3.00 box; apples, 1@1.75 box; Navel oranges, 2.75 @ \$3.25; seedling oranges, 2@2.25; bananas, bunch 2.75

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.00; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.40; strong bakers \$6.10; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.25.

Grain—Oats, \$30.00 per ton; wheat \$25@26 per ton; barley, \$30 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$18 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8½@9½c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 8½; veal 9@10c; Pemmanican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, 5.00 @ \$5.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, 5.50@5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 @ 7.50 per 100 lbs; cows, 4.50@5.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

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

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

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

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 13c; choice 20c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, April, 22.

Pig Iron—\$15@15.50.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.50@1.60; hoop and band iron, \$1.85 for Canadian and \$2 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40, 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3½c; 18@24, \$3.87½c; 26, 4½c and 28 at 3½c@4.

Lead—Pig, imported, 3½c@4, domestic, 3½c @ 3½; sheet, 5½c per lb; shot, can., dis. 12½ per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain—1 in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; ½ in., \$3.10; ¼ in., \$2.80; ⅓ in., \$2.75.

Zinc—Sheet, 5½c per lb.

Antimony—8½@9; solder, 11c@12.

Ingot Copper—12½c@13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—16½c@17.

Canada plates—Half-polished, 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Timplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20 x28 charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ inch., \$1.87; ¾ inch., \$2.20; 1 inch., \$2.65; 1 ¼ inch., \$3.65; 1 ½ inch., \$4.75; 1 ¾ inch., \$6.20; 2 inch., \$8.35. Galvanized, ½ inch., \$3.50; ¾ inch., \$4.25; 1 inch., \$3.50, 1 ¼ inch., \$8.10; 1 ½ inch., \$10.00; 2 inch., 14.00.

Barb Wire—\$2, terms 30 days or 2 per cent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent.; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.90 for delivery in Toronto, Montreal and London, terms, four months or 3 per cent off for cash 30 days.

Cut Nails—\$1.80@1.85 base price Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25@3.35 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87½c and 10; round head bright, 80 and 10; flat head brass, 82½ and 10; round head brass, 75 and 10 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, 70 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 70; machine bolts, 60 and 10; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 50 and 10; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 65 per cent, all sizes, copper rivets, 50 and 10.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.45, and in 100-foot boxes, \$2.75; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 45 and 2½ per cent.

Harvest Tools—Discounts 60, 10 and 5 per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 7c; ¾ in., 7½c@7½; 1 and 5-16 in., 8c@8½; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 8c; ¾, 8½c; 1 and 5-16, 9c.

Binder Twine—Pure Manila, 6½c@6½.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, April, 22.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 1-16c; No. 2 granulated, 4½c; Dutch granulated, 4½c; yellows, 3 13-16@4½.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 32c@38c, special bright, 40c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 28c@30; for medium and 35c@50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c, fines, 30@35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oologs, 25c@65c; Ceylons, 17@45c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@12½c, Mocha, 26c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.30; peas, 90@91; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 90@93c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 75@80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75, peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@\$1; sock-eyes, \$1.17@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4½c@5c; fine, off stalk, 5½c@5½c; selected, 6c@6½c; layers, 6½c@7c. Provincial, currants, 6½c; Filiatras, 6½c@7c; Patras, 7c@7½c; Vostizzas, 8c@8½c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 10c@11c; 50's to 60's, 8c@9c; 60's to 70's, 7½c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7½c; 80's to 90's, 6½c@7c, 90's to 100's, 6c@6½c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 10c@12½c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @13c. Halloween dates, 5½@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.50@1.65 per box, black baskets, \$2.25; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$1.50; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 55c; Delucia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3½@4c. Eleme figs, 10 oz, 7½c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12½c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4½c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Nuts—Marhols, 10@11c; filberts, Sicily, 9@11c, Grenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do Patna, 5½ @ 5½c; do Japan, 5½@6½c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochin, 15@20c; cloves, Zanibar, 15@18c; Amboy, 18@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@51; cream tartar, pure, 28c, 22 @25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16.50 for Canada mess; short cut, \$17.00; clear mess, \$14.50

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7½c, ton and case lots, 8c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11c, 11½c; hams, large 9½ @ 10c and 10½@11c for small; picnic hams, 8½@9c, rolls, 8½ to 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 7½c; tubs 7½; pails, 7½c.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 23.

Dry Goods—Rainy weather, though much needed for the crops, has interfered with business. A good many buyers are here. Liberal orders for dry goods and considerable sales for Manitoba account are reported. Woven gingham are scarce and firmer. Cannot repeat orders. United States prints are offering at low prices.

Groceries—Japan teas are scarce and 1-2c higher. Sugars firmer. Beet 11-2d higher in London. New York refined up yesterday and a further advance expected here to-day.

Hardware—Demand good for harvest tools and builders supplies for Manitoba and the west. Discounts on screws changed to 75 and 10. Turpentine 3c lower and now quoted at 43c, Toronto.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 23.

The grain markets have been excited and higher all around. Ontario flour is 10c higher. Manitoba flour was advanced 25c yesterday. Oatmeal is 10c per barrel dearer. Eggs 1-2c higher. Butter 1c lower, dressed hogs 1-2c higher. Mess pork has advanced 50c per barrel. Provisions firm.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.70; bakers, \$5.20; Ontario straight roller, \$4.35 in barrel.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, 92 to 94c; No. 1 hard Owen Sound, \$1.10 to \$1.11.

Oats—White, 32c for ears, at country point.

Barley—Oulet at 28c for No. 2; 33c for No. 3 extra, and 30 to 33c feed.

Milfeed—Short, 13 per ton; bran, \$10 per ton at country point.

Oatmeal—\$3.85 per barrel for ear lots.

Eggs—10c.

Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 14 to 16c; creamery, tubs, 18c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 71-2c; cured 8c; sheepskins \$1.20 to \$1.25 for fresh killed; tallow, 23-4 to 31-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 to 4c; 9 to 9 1-2c.

Honey—61-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—70 to 90c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—86 per 100 lbs.

Wool—Unwashed fleece 11 1-2 to 12c. Pulled wools, 22 to 23c; extras, 19 to 21c.

Seeds—Timothy \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100 lbs. Red clover \$5.50 to \$6.50 per 100 lbs.

Maple syrup—65c per wine gallon.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 19.

Offerings to-day were 50 carloads including 75 sheep and lambs, and 2,550 hogs.

Export cattle—The offerings were lighter and prices firm at 33-4c to 43-4c, the latter for extra choice.

Butchers' Cattle—Hardly anything went higher than 33-4c. Common cattle slow at 23-4c to 3c per lb. and good to medium bringing from 31-4 to 31-2c per lb.

Stockers and Feeders—Buffalo men were operating. Prices rule from \$3.20 to \$3.40 for light stockers and \$3.40 to \$3.55 for feeders.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep sold at from \$2.75 for bucks to \$3.50 for choice ewes and wethers. Yearlings, \$4.50 to \$5.25. Lambs, \$1.50 to \$1.50 each.

Hogs—Steady, \$3.62 1-2 to \$3.75 for choice sangers, \$3.37 1-2 to \$3.45 for light and heavy, \$3 to \$3.25 for sows and \$2 to \$2.25 for stags and rough hogs.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, April 22.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 72 carloads, including 2,000 hogs. Export cattle ranged from 33-1 to 41-4c per lb., showing a lower market on the outside. Feeders were 10c per 100 lbs. higher, at \$3.50 to \$3.65. Other lines about the same as on Tuesday.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 23.

Oats have continued upward, scoring a further advance of 1-2 to 1c, with good export demand. Oatmeal has followed and is 5 to 10c higher. Flour is quoted 30c per barrel higher. Export sales at remunerative prices are reported. Eggs are rather firmer, but butter has declined heavily for both dairy and creamery, price being 3 to 4c lower than a week ago, with export markets weak. Cheese is firmer. The cable has advanced another 1s. It is said 10,000 boxes were sold Thursday at 81-4c. Hides 1c lower; calf skins 1c lower; tallow lower.

Oat—35 to 35 1-2 per bushel for No. 2 white spot, alfalfa, and 36 to 36 1-2c for May delivery.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$5.20 to \$5.25; Manitoba patent, \$5.60 to \$5.65.

Milfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton; shorts, \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oat, \$2 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 5c; calf skins, 10c; sheepskins, \$1; tallow, 3 to 31-4c.

Eggs—Fresh 8 to 91-2c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy, 15 to 15 1-2c. Butter—Creamery, 15 3-4 to 16 1-2c.

Cheese—8 to 81-1c.

Dressed hogs—\$6.00 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

Maple syrup—Barrel, 43-4 to 5c lb.; tin, 45 to 50c; in wood, 41-2 to 5c lb.; sugar, 6 to 61-4c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 23.

Sugars are the same as a week ago, the net gain being 1-8c since the new tariff came in. Molasses has declined again, 2c this week. Rice is very strong.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 47-16c at the refineries; Canadian-Gorman granulated, 41-8c, yellows, 39-16 to 4c. Molasses 25 to 26c. Syrups, 2 to 21-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c; as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 31-2c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 85 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 23.

The only change this week is a further sharp drop in turpentine, amounting to 3c this week. Other lines are steady. Business good.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 43-4c; linseed oil, raw, 46 to 47c; boiled, 49 to 50c; turpentine, 47c; bar iron,

\$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 41-4 to 43-1c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 19.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, and 150 calves. Local buying was good at a little better prices than at last previous market. Choice cattle sold at 4 to 41-4c; good from 31-4 to 37-8c, and common at 21-4 to 3c per lb. Most of the sheep offered were clipped, and those sold at from 3 1-2 to 4 1-2 lb; those with fleeces on brought 1-2c per lb. more. Spring lambs sold at from \$3 to \$4.25 each. Hogs ranged from \$4.50 to \$4.90 per 100 lbs.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 22.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday:

Cattle—Choice, 41-4c; fair to good, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—31-4 to 43-4c, the top for choice yearlings. Spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$5 each.

Hogs—\$4.50 to \$5 per 100 lbs.

Financial Notes.

C. S. Hoare, manager of the Imperial bank, Winnipeg, has left for the Pacific coast on a business trip.

The Imperial bank block, Winnipeg, will be remodeled at a cost of \$10,000. The building, which has been occupied by the Imperial bank for a number of years, was recently purchased by the bank.

H. T. Wills, who has been appointed manager of the Bank of Commerce to be opened at Dawson City, and C. E. K. Nourse, the accountant, passed through Winnipeg last week on their way to the land of gold. Mr. Wills was manager of the Bank of Commerce at Orangeville, Ont., previous to accepting his new position. He stated while here that his staff would be composed of eight members, who are all coming from the east.

The Bank of British North America has issued the following circular from the head office of the general manager, at Montreal: "I beg to advise you that an expedition under the charge of Mr. David Doig, is now on its way to the Yukon country, to establish a branch of this bank in Dawson City. It is expected that the branch will be open for business before the end of May. Mr. James Cran has been appointed manager, and Mr. Doig sub-manager. The bank is now prepared to issue drafts for the use of travellers to that district."

The J. D. King company shoe factory strike is spreading. Forty cutters have gone out.

A bill to provision for the payment of the award to Canadian sealers for unlawful seizure has been adopted by the United States senate.

The legislative committee to amend the charter of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association, to allow of a change in the object of the corporation. The Legislature has also decided to take away the privilege of proxy voting.

New York Wheat.

New York, April 18.—Wheat — Receipts 109,150 bushels; exports 27,457 bushels; options opened steady and had a sharp quick bulge on rumored large acceptance. It was followed by weakness, however, based on fine crop prospects, disappointing cables and small visible supply decrease. Just at the close, a sudden short scare caused a second advance and prices left off 1-4 cent higher on May, and 5-8; lower on late months. No. 2 red May \$1.06 to \$1.07 3-8, closed \$1.07; July 91-16 to 92 3-1, closed 91 3-4; Sept. 83 3-16 to 85c, closed 83 3-4; Dec. 83 1-8 to 84 7-8c, closed 83 3-4c.

New York, April 19.—Wheat receipts 147,075 bushels; exports, 156,677 bushels. Options strong and active, opening on critical war prospects and jump in Liverpool cables, part of advance was lost during the day, however, under realizing sales, the fine crop accounts and disappointing French cables, closed steady at 3-4 to 1 3-8 net advance; No. 2 red, May, closed \$1.07 3-4; July, 92 1-2 to 93 1-2, closed 92 5-8; Sept. closed 85 1-4; Dec. closed 85 1-8.

New York, April 20.—Wheat — Receipts 49,925 bushels, exports 12,801 bushels, sales 4,913,000 bushels futures, 480,000 bushels spot. Spot steady. No. 2 red \$1.11 5-8, No. 1 northern New York \$1.15 5-8, No. 2 northern Duluth \$1.11 5-8. Options opened strong and advanced in the early afternoon on strong Liverpool markets, war news and heavy export business. After that realizing developed on peace rumors, causing a sharp decline from the top, although final prices were 3-4c to 1 7-8c net higher. No. 2 red May \$1.09 to \$1.10, closed \$1.09 5-8; July 93 3-8 to 94 7-8c, closed 93 1-2c; Sept. 86 1-2c to 87 1-2c, closed 86 1-4c; Dec. 85 7-8c to 86 7-8c.

New York, April 21.—Wheat — Receipts 68,450 bushels, exports 107,940 bushels. Options had an opening spurt on war news, but immediately weakened under fine crop prospects and disappointing cables. A strong recovery followed in the late afternoon on a bad scare of shorts, and further war news, closed 1-4c up on May, and 1 1-4 to 5-8c higher on late months. No. 2 red May closed \$1.10; July opened 93 to 94 7-8, closed 94 3-4; Sept. opened 85 3-4 to 87 5-8, closed 87 5-8; Dec. opened 85 3-4 to 87 1-2, closed 87 1-2.

New York, April 22.—Wheat — Receipts 162,800 bushels, exports 177,777 bushels; sales 4,553,000 bushels futures, 20,000 bushels spot; spot firm; No. 2 red \$1.13 1-4; No. 1 Northern New York \$1.17 1-4 f.o.b. afloat Duluth; No. 2 Northern \$1.13 1-4 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong and active on continued war talk, and sensationally higher Liverpool cables; subsequently developments were decidedly bearish, particularly on late months, which were sold on fine crop news, and closed 1-2 to 1 1-8c lower. A squeeze in May shorts left that option finally 1 1-4c net higher. No. 2 red May opened \$1.09 7-8 to \$1.11 3-4, closed \$1.11 1-4; July opened 91 5-8 to 96 1-4, closed 94 3-4; Sept. opened 87 to 88 5-8, closed 87 1-8; Dec. opened 86 3-8 to 88 1-2, closed 86 3-8.

On Saturday, April 23, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.11 for May option, and 94 5-8c July, and 86 5-8c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at \$1.06 3-4.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 36 pounds.

Chicago, April 18.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—April \$1.07 1-2; May \$1.09; July 86 3-8c, Sept. and Dec. 79c.
 Corn—May 31 to 1-8c; July 32 1-4c; Sept. 33 1-4 to 3-8c.
 Oats—May 26 1-4c; July 32 5-8c.
 Mess pork—May \$9.71 1-2; July \$9.90.
 Lard — May \$5.15; July \$5.22 1-2; Sept. 5.30.
 Short ribs — May \$5.15; July \$5.22 1-2; Sept. \$5.35.

Chicago, April 19. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May, \$1.09 1-4; April, —; July, 87 3-8; Sept., 79 5-8 to 79 3-4; Dec., 79 5-8.
 Corn—May, 31 3-8 to 31 1-2; July, 32 3-8 to 32 1-2; Sept., 33 1-2.
 Oats—May, 26 3-4; July, 33 3-4.
 Mess pork—May, \$9.82 1-2; July, \$9.97 1-2.
 Lard—May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25; Sept., \$5.32 1-2.
 Short ribs—May, \$5.15; July, \$5.25; Sept., \$5.32 1-2.

Chicago, April 20.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—April \$1.09 1-2 to \$1.10, May \$1.10 1-2 to \$1.11, July \$7 5-8c to 87 3-4c, Sept. 80 1-2c, Dec. 79 7-8c.
 Corn—May 31 1-2c to 31 5-8c, July 32 1-2c, Sept. 33 1-2c.
 Oats—May 26 5-8c, July 23 5-8c.
 Mess pork—May \$10.40, July \$10.60.
 Lard—May \$5.30, July \$5.37 1-2, Sept. \$5.47 1-2.
 Short ribs—May \$5.30, July \$5.37 1-2, Sept. \$5.45.

Chicago, April 21.—The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat—July 89, May \$1.12; Sept. 82; Dec. 81 3-4.
 Corn—No. 2 May 32, July 33 to 1-8, Sept. 34.
 Oats—No. 2 May 27 1-8 to 1-4; July 24 1-8.
 Mess pork — May \$10.97 1-2, July \$11.27 1-2.
 Lard—May \$5.35; Sept. \$5.75.
 Short ribs — May \$5.57 1-2; July \$5.67 1-2; Sept. \$5.75.

Chicago, April 22.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Dec. 80 5-8; May \$1.14 1-2, July 88 3-8 to 88 1-2; Sept. \$1 1-4.
 Corn—No. 2 May 32 1-8 to 31 1-4; July 31 1-8; Sept. 34 1-8.
 Oats—No. 2 May 27 1-8 to 27 1-4, July 24 1-8.
 Mess pork — May \$10.95; July \$11.12 1-2.
 Lard—May \$5.30, July \$5.60; Sept. \$5.70.
 Short ribs — May \$5.42 1-2, July \$5.52 1-2; Sept. \$5.60.

On Saturday, April 23, July wheat ranged from 87 1-4 to 89 3-8c. Closing

Wheat—May, 1.14, July, 89 1-8c; Sept 81 1-2c.
 Corn—May, 32 1-4c, July, 33 1-4c.
 Oats—May, 27 1-4; July, 24 1-8c.
 Pork—May \$10.85, July, \$11.05.
 Lard—May, \$5.47 1-2, July, \$5.57 1-2.
 Ribs—May, \$5.40, July, \$5.50.
 Flax seed—Cash \$1.30, May, \$1.30; Sept. \$1.12.

A week ago May option closed at \$1.09. A year ago May wheat closed at 77c, two years ago at 63 1-2c; three years ago at 63c, and four years ago at 58 1-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The local wheat market closes somewhat excited this week. Yesterday afternoon it is alleged \$1.14 was paid for No. 1 hard afloat, but this is doubted. The market closes to-day at \$1.12 to \$1.13.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, April 23, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at \$1.08 for May option, \$1.05 3-4 for July, and 80 3-4c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 99 7-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, \$1.03 5-8; July, 99 1-2c.
 Tuesday—May, \$1.04 1-8; July, 99 7-8.
 Wednesday—May, \$1.05 3-4; July, \$1.00 3-4.
 Thursday—May, \$1.07 3-4; July, \$1.03 1-2.
 Friday—May, \$1.08 3-4; July, \$1.04 1-8; Sept., 82 3-4c.
 Saturday—May \$1.10 7-8, July \$1.06 1-2, Sept. 83c.
 Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.10 1-2, and cash No. 1 northern at \$1.10 1-2.
 Last week May options closed at \$1.03 1-2.

A year ago May options closed at 78 1-4c, and two years ago at 63 1-8c, three years ago May options closed at 67 5-8c; four years ago at 60 3-4c, and five years ago at 65 3-4c.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, April 22.—Money on call steady at 2 to 2 1-2 per cent, last loan 2 per cent, prime mercantile paper 6 to 7 per cent, sterling exchange firm at \$4.83 1-2 to 3-4 for demand and at \$4.79 3-4 to \$4.80 for sixty days posted rates \$4.80 1-2 to \$4.81 and \$4.81 to 1-2; commercial bills \$4.79 to 1-2, silver certificates 55 3-4c to 56 1-2c; bar silver 55 3-4c; Mexican dollars 45c; government bonds weak.

CLEARING HOUSE.

Week ending April	Clearings.	Balances.
21. 1898	\$1,626,836	\$252,256
Week ending April		
21. 1897	842,051	126,602
Week ending April		
21. 1896	967,108	145,607

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 22.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat —Spot firm. No. 1 red northern spring 8s 6d; No. 2 red western winter 8s 4 1-2d. Corn—Spot firm. American mixed new 3s 9 1-2d.

It is a good thing to have friends, but a bad thing to depend on friendship for business. People in this era will not pay more in one place for goods than they can be bought for in another, even for friendship. It is well to bear this in mind in calculating upon friendship as a factor in business. A man may join all the societies in existence, and may be popular in all classes of society, but he must depend upon the merits of his goods and his credit to sell at a reasonable price, to retain the custom that friendship brings. Friendship is often more of a curse than a blessing in business. Usually it is a man's friends that "stick" him. Many of our readers will agree that they have lost more money through friends than they ever made out of them.—Baker and Confectioner.