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WINNIPEG, MARCH 4, 1899.

BANFY coal sells at Calgary at \$8 per ton.

J. WALLACE will erect a brick store at Cartwright, Man.

C. W. TAYLOR has reopened his blacksmith shop at Dominion City, Man.

THE Deloraine Times has been enlarged, thus giving a fresh proof of enterprise.

H. S. McLEOD has rented the Grand Central Hotel, Calgary, to Lowery & Salterio.

SEVEN Russian immigrants arrived last week at the Balgonie colony, near Regina.

DAVID FORRESTER, attorney, solicitor, etc., has opened an office at Emerson, Man.

DUNCAN McDONALD has been appointed agent at Virden, Man., for the Northern Pacific & Manitoba Railway.

G. E. NARR has been appointed city ticket agent for the St. P. M. & M. Ry. at Emerson, Man.

J. F. HOLLAND, of Holland, Man., is enlarging his place of business, preparing to open a furniture store.

STEWARTSON, at Regina, has received a telegram from Ottawa, instructing him to rent an immigration building.

McGEE & HURON, of Emerson, have moved their stock of boots and shoes into the store vacated by J. A. Pyke.

SUTCLIFF & TALBOT have opened business at Brandon as auctioneers, real estate, commission and general agents.

S. T. TRIBLE, carriage, Crystal City, Man., contemplates starting a harness shop in connection with his business.

ANNABLE BROS. have opened a general store at Moose Jaw, Assa.

C. C. MONTGOMERY has resumed business at Winnipeg in the carriage manufacturing line, etc.

THE stock of Madell & Robinson, wallpaper, etc., Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff on Saturday.

T. A. GREENWAY, hardware, Crystal City, Man., has established a tinsmithing department in connection with his business.

STEPHENSON, of Coldwater, Ont., has taken charge of the blacksmith shop at Cartwright, Man., lately vacated by W. Alder.

G. A. GARREAU has bought the bankrupt stock of Langevin & Gareau, merchant tailors, Winnipeg, for 60 cents in the dollar.

H. B. ALEXANDER, of Calgary, is having plans prepared for a stone block 50 by 80 to be erected on the lots next the new Bank of Montreal.

CHAS. H. STRETT & Co., dry goods, Port Arthur, has disposed of his business to C. W. Hamilton & Co., and is moving to Vancouver, B. C.

HARRY McINTOSH, trading as S. E. West & Co., soda water works, Winnipeg, has sold out to E. Devanes. McIntosh will engage in another business in this city.

H. G. MIDDLETON, who has been for a number of years with Thos. Ryan, boot and shoe dealer, Winnipeg, has, in partnership with his brothers, embarked in the shoe business in this city.

THE C. P. R. Co. has reduced the price of land in Southern Manitoba. This is a much needed move, as heretofore the company's lands have been held at practically prohibitive prices.

CALGARY Tribune: N. D. Beck, barrister, of Winnipeg, was in town yesterday. He is forming a partnership with Loughheed & McCarthy, barristers, of this place, and will take up his residence here.

SMITH, keeper of the C. P. R. dining hall at Fort William, was burned out last Tuesday. It is a peculiar coincidence that his wife, who kept the dining hall at Winnipeg, was also burned out on the same day.

THE Bank of British North America reports a net profit of \$35,058 for 1898, and a dividend of 40 shillings per share, making a total dividend of 7½ per cent. for the year; balance \$1,407. The reserve fund is now \$250,000.

THE Medicine Hat board of trade is protesting against the closing of the immigration sheds at that place. The board has also appointed a committee to enquire as to the best steps to be taken to have a chartered bank established in Medicine Hat.

A NEW industry, says the Calgary Herald, has been quietly established in Alberta. The Cochrane mine company have got into operation machinery for utilising the slack at their mines by compressing it into coal bricks. These bricks of compressed coal dust are said to burn in a base burner for twelve hours. Messrs. Pettit & Ellis, agents of the company, expect a carload of the bricks here in a day or two.

THE Brandon board of trade will hold its first annual dinner at the Langham Hotel on Thursday, March 7. Invitations have been issued to the several Reeves and councillors of the county of Brandon, requesting their presence on that occasion.

NEEPAWA Register: Dr. Harrison is thinking of opening a private bank at Minnedosa. He has reasons for preferring that point to Rapid City. If he finally decides to open the branch, Denison, who is retiring from the mercantile business at Minnedosa, will be placed in charge.

J. A. PYKE, boots and shoes, Emerson, Man., has moved to Vancouver, B.C. He was given a farewell supper at the Russell House, before leaving. Mr. Pyke was one of the popular business men of Emerson, and a pioneer of the place. There is now quite a colony of Emerson people in Vancouver, to which Mr. Pyke will be a welcome addition.

THE C. P. Railway dining hall, Winnipeg, was badly damaged by fire last week. Mrs. Smith, lessee of the building, had her furniture badly damaged or destroyed, and her loss will be considerably in excess of the \$1,000 insurance on the goods. The building is frame, and is so badly damaged that a new building may be erected, instead of repairing the old one.

THE Regina Leader has entered upon its seventh year of publication. The Leader claims a larger circulation in the Territories than any other journal. It has evidently overlooked THE COMMERCIAL in making this statement. THE COMMERCIAL has a larger general circulation throughout the region extending from Port Arthur, on Lake Superior, to Victoria, B. C., than any other journal published in Canada.

AN Ottawa telegram says:—Mr. Daly has introduced a bill incorporating the Northern Pacific and Manitoba road. Dexter and Graham expect it to reach the railway committee by next Tuesday. Mr. Scoble, on behalf of the Manitoba Central Railway Company, has filed with the Minister of Justice a protest against the passage of this act until the claim of his company to the Red River railway under Norquay's contract is settled.

THE new postal bill provides for raising the rate on registered letters to ten cents, the same as in the United States. Drop letters are raised from one to two cents. The weight of a letter which can be sent for three cents is increased from a half ounce to one ounce. The duty on articles sent through the mails will be collected by the post office officials. Publications issued less frequently than weekly will be charged one cent per pound.

C. H. DONOLAS, of the Emerson International, has not fully decided yet to leave Manitoba. In regard to a report that he would move to Washington Territory, the International says: "Mr. Douglas has no intention of locating there. He has, in fact, no idea whatever where he will locate, and is quite as likely to remain in Manitoba as to go further west, having received very flattering and favorable propositions from a number of towns in the Province to establish a newspaper in some one of them." This will be pleasing news to the many friends of Mr. Douglas here.

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#### Lake Superior Country.

J. E. Atkinson, jeweller, Fort William West, is giving up business.

The Port Arthur council has passed a resolution promising financial aid to the establishment of smelting works in the town, provided reasonable aid be granted by the Ontario Government to the project.

At a recent meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade, George T. Marks in the chair, the following new members were elected: C. A. Cordingley, J. Brimson, P. Nicholson, W. W. Russell, C. O. Lalonde, W. Roland, W. J. Purcell, M. Murdoch, M. M. Connolly, T. H. Trethewey, W. S. Johnston, W. J. Schweigler; it was decided when the board reaches 75 to charge an admission fee in addition to the annual fee; auditors' report was adopted showing a balance of \$399.37; T. A. Keefer and A. L. Russell were appointed a committee to urge the Government to lay out and improve roads in the mining region; the Winnipeg board of trade were asked to urge the Dominion Government to complete the enlargement of the St. Lawrence canals, and a committee from this board to memorialize the Dominion Government on the same subject; the Agricultural Society urged the board of trade to try to get in settlers; the secretary was instructed to communicate with the crofters' secretary, of Scotland, to endeavor to get some crofters to come here.

Another meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade was held on February 22, Col. S. W. Ray in the chair, called to discuss the smelter question. James Dickinson addressed the meeting at length in favor of the board's endorsing the plan for the establishment of a smelter. Thos. Marks moved, seconded by J. M. McGovern, that a committee, to consist of Marks, Burk, Dickinson, O'Connor, be appointed to wait upon the town council and urge upon them the necessity for assisting by way of a bonus, or otherwise, in the establishment of a reduction works at this point, and that the council be requested to petition the Ontario Government to grant liberal aid for the formation of such an undertaking. The motion met with some opposition. John T. McKay

moved, D. F. Burk seconded, that the board recommend to the council that it would be advisable for them to memorialize the Dominion Government, asking them to extend to the smelting of gold, silver, lead and copper, aid similar to that given to the smelting of iron. Carried.

J. A. Carman, of the *Colonist*, intends publishing shortly an illustrated description of Port Arthur and district. Everything of this nature which Mr. Carman has heretofore attempted has been carried through in first-class style, and the Port Arthur people can therefore rely upon the publication of a really valuable work concerning their town and district. A number of illustrations which are being prepared for the book, will be perfect works of art in that line. The *Colonist* has always been noted for the excellence of its engravings. Mr. Carman has apparently all along taken a great interest in Port Arthur and district, judging from the space which he devotes in his journal to that locality. He will therefore doubtless receive a liberal support in his undertaking of publishing a special work devoted to the district, which will be circulated in connection with his journal. The *Colonist* is practically a local paper, published in the interest of the development and settlement of this western country, and it is therefore an enterprise which is worthy of support, and cannot be classed with our side and foreign publications, which are not interested in the development of this country, but rather the contrary.

The Port Arthur *Sentinel* gives the following news concerning the mines of that district: The Badger mine is still in bonanza. The best sign of a mine being in bonanza is the shipment of ore, which sign the Badger gave by a car load sent on Wednesday valued at \$25,000. H. K. Nichols, superintendent of Silver Mountain West, states that the main shaft is now 50 feet below the eighty foot level and that they are now in rich ore. Silver Mountain East is doing better than ever. They are in rich ore at the bottom of the west shaft, which materially improves the outlook there. In the east drift of the west shaft they are also in

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good silver, and this is true of the west drift also. It is not generally known in this country that the capital stock of the Jarvis Island Mining Company is £34,630 in fully paid up shares. Of the Shuniah Weachu (Silver Mountain East) the Canadian *Gazette* says: "Shuniah Weachu, limited, £99,888 fully paid up shares of £1. Silver Wolverine. This company was registered October 19, 1888, with a capital of £100,000, of which £80,000 was the first issue. Peter McKellar has returned from a visit to the Ogema mine. He has reported on it, referring to it as a property which shows on the outcrop enough lead to pay a handsome profit on the development work, not taking into consideration the 25 oz. of silver contained in one of the bands of lead.

#### Business at Vancouver, B. C.

The local market during the past week has continued very active and merchants report collections easy. In real estate a large number of sales have been made, but chiefly small transactions, no large transactions having taken place. Property in the east end still continues to find ready purchasers. The fish market has been unusually well supplied and a large quantity has been shipped east. The local flour market has not been affected by the rise, but must be shortly. There has been a glut in the egg market owing to the shipment of large consignments from the east. A car came through from Montreal to Victoria which lowered the price materially there. Fresh Oregon eggs are quoted at 22 cents per dozen. Butter continues to be a drug on the market. The supply comes chiefly from Oregon, where, owing to the unusually early spring, this article is not bringing more than half the price it did this time last year. Potatoes have gone down in price owing to strong competition among local dealers, and are quoted at \$13 per ton. The first consignment of green tomatoes has arrived from Lower California, and is quoted at \$3 per box.—Vancouver *News-Advertiser*.

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Butter, creamery, 25 to 27c per lb; dairy, 18 to 22c; eggs 15 to 22c; fresh farm eggs 4½c; cheese, 12½c per lb.

Fruits—Sicily lemons (strictly fancy), \$6.50 per case; oranges Riverside Navals, \$5.50 per case; Riverside Seedlings, \$4.50; California, \$3.75; new Japanese, \$1.25 per box; apples, \$1.75.

Fish—Cod, 8c; salmon, 10c; Labrador herring, \$14 per br.; Finnan Haddie, 15c per lb.; Georgia Bank cod, 12½c per lb.; Yarmouth bladders, \$3 per box.

**The Duluth and Winnipeg.**

The Minneapolis *Mississippi Valley Lumberman* says: The bill which has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature to forfeit the land grant of the Duluth & Winnipeg railway company is likely to excite a hot contest before it is disposed of. The Manitoba railway company is urging the passage of the bill and it is reported that already a strong lobby is being organized to secure the passage of the bill on the one hand, and prevent its passage on the other. This same land grant has several times previously been the subject of sharp contests. The lumbermen in Minnesota have reason for deep interest in the dispute involved. If the Duluth & Winnipeg is built it will exert an immense influence in the development of that portion of Minnesota north of the Northern Pacific railroad. It will afford an expeditious means of getting into the woods in place of the tedious methods now required. Now that there is a fair chance that the road will be built with the aid of the grant, the sympathies of the lumbermen will be with the Duluth & Winnipeg company even though the corporation has been derelict in doing what it was organized to do.

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## THE FLOUR DUTIES.

A large number of deputations have been at Ottawa this session, with the object of endeavoring to secure protection for the industries which the members of the different deputations were interested in. Among these was a deputation from the Ontario Millers' Association, which visited Ottawa with the object of endeavoring to have the duties upon flour increased. The millers previously held a meeting at Toronto, to discuss the question of breadstuffs duties, when it was resolved to urge the Government to increase the duty on flour. The present duty on flour is 50 cents per barrel, and the Ontario millers want the duty raised to \$1 per barrel. The present duty on wheat is 15 cents per bushel, and averaging four and a half bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour, the wheat duty would be equal to 67½ cents on each barrel of flour. The millers claim that the imposition of a proportionately higher duty upon wheat than upon flour, is a discrimination against their industry, though this point is not altogether clear, unless on the assumption that Canada is not a wheat exporting country. If this country did not produce a sufficient quantity of wheat for home consumption, then it would be quite evident, that a lower proportionate duty upon flour than upon wheat, would be a serious discrimination against our millers. On the other hand, however, we are supposed to have a surplus of wheat at home, consequently our millers are not obliged to import wheat for grinding, and from this standpoint it would seem to make little difference to millers as to what proportion the duties on wheat bear to flour, or with a surplus of wheat at home, prices would be regulated largely by outside markets, and the imposition of a duty upon wheat would not affect the value of the cereal as a general rule. An exception to the rule might arise in the case of a certain quality of wheat being required for grinding here, which might not be produced at home in sufficient quantities. Such a contingency would render the present wheat and flour duties injurious to the home milling industry.

So much for theory. In practice it is evident that either United States millers have some advantage over Canadian mil-

lers, or they are willing to make a smaller profit upon their flour, or perhaps sell it at an actual loss in this country. Notwithstanding the duty of 50 cents per barrel on flour imported into this country, a large quantity of United States flour is annually shipped into Canada. The millers' deputation to Ottawa last week claimed that out of the 95,000 barrels of flour in store at Montreal, fully 70 per cent. was imported. They further stated that the milling industry in Ontario was greatly depressed, owing to the competition of the foreigners, and that milling property had depreciated 50 per cent. of its former value.

It is evident that the Eastern Canada milling industry is depressed on account of the competition of foreign flour, but we can look for and perhaps discover more plausible reasons for this depression, than the idea advanced by the millers of the alleged discrimination arising from the fact of the duty being higher on wheat than on flour. In the first place, there is probably a good deal of truth in the statement, that United States millers slaughter flour in Canadian markets. They have a large market at home for certain grades of flour, especially for patents, at very profitable prices, and their surplus grades they can afford to sell at a very small profit, and sometimes at an actual loss. United States millers are known to have frequently slaughtered flour in the markets of Great Britain, at prices actually under cost, and it is therefore quite likely that they would do the same thing in Canada, with surplus qualities which they cannot readily dispose of at home. Then it is quite probable that millers in the large milling centres of the United States are able to manufacture to better advantage than many Canadian millers. There are certainly some mills in this country which are able to manufacture flour to the best advantage, but as a rule, our mills are probably not up to the standard of the great mills of such centres as Minneapolis, St. Louis, Milwaukee and other large milling centres in the United States. There is probably no industry which has been reduced so closely to a science as the milling industry, consequently the very slightest advantage which one mill may have over another, is often a very important consideration. A mere shaving in the direction of economy may turn a losing business into a profitable one, or *vice versa* as the case may be. The great economy in manufacture which

the large mills in the United States are able to secure, no doubt gives them an advantage over the smaller and more scattered mills in this country. Some of the large milling centres of the United States also have advantages in the direction of convenient supplies of wheat and low freight rates. Minneapolis and St. Louis are specially favored in this direction.

The milling industry of Canada is quite an important one. It is claimed that the milling capacity of the Dominion is large enough to grind all the flour used in this country in a year, in forty-five days. This would lead to the conclusion that should the duties be advanced to a prohibitory point, there would be no attempt to form a trust or unduly advance prices. With such an extensive and diversified industry, competition would be keen enough to keep down prices, even with prohibitive duties. At any rate, the millers have made out a good case that their industry is suffering severely from foreign competition, and as protection is the order of the day, the millers have as good a right to be protected as any other industry, and a good deal more so than some industries, owing to the great importance and large amount of capital invested in milling. Of course the consumer gains from the slaughtering of United States flour in this country, but the theory of protection is not to over-estimate the importance of cheapness to the consumer. Then the wheat-grower can step in and claim that the importation of foreign flour deprives him of a more ready market for his wheat. We therefore have the combined interests of the wheat-growers and millers in favor of higher duties on flour, as opposed to the consumer.

This flour duty question is one of special importance to Manitoba millers and wheat-growers. A good deal of the foreign flour shipped into Eastern Canada is Minneapolis hard wheat flour, and it comes more directly into competition with the Manitoba product than with eastern flour. Minneapolis has advantages over Manitoba in the way of very low freight rates, larger and more economical mills. Here the milling industry, though expanding rapidly, is yet but in its infancy, and when every industry is being protected, a little of the commodity for Manitoba millers and grain-growers would not go amiss. The exclusion of Minneapolis flour from Eastern Canada markets would no doubt increase the demand for Manitoba hard wheat flour.

In considering the advisability of increasing the flour duties, however, the Government will be obliged to give some thought to the interests of the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, where the importance of the matter to the consumers is vastly superior to the local manufacturing interests. In British Columbia very little flour is manufactured, there being only one small roller flour mill in the province. Formerly British Columbia was supplied with flour almost exclusively from the States to the south, and still a large portion of the flour used in that province is imported from the United States. Since the opening of the C. P. R. Manitoba patent and bakers' flours have found a market to some extent in British Columbia, owing to their high quality, rather than cheapness. The proposed increase in the duties would increase the market in British Columbia for Manitoba flours, but it would be at the expense of consumers there.

### GRINDING WHEAT IN BOND.

While the Dominion Government is dealing with the matter of increasing the duties upon flour, it might be advisable to also take the question of grinding wheat in bond, into consideration. Under the present arrangement, millers in Eastern Canada can import wheat from the United States in bond, manufacture it into flour without paying the duty thereon, and export the product in flour from the country. The point, however, is, that the millers are not bound to export the product of the wheat imported, in order to be freed from the payment of the 15 cents per bushel duty on the wheat. They are only obliged to export an equal proportion of flour to the quantity of wheat imported, and the flour exported to make up that proportion may be manufactured from Canadian wheat, while the product of the imported wheat is held for sale at home.

Under this arrangement it can be shown that an injustice is done Manitoba. The most natural point in the United States, from which wheat would be imported by Eastern Canada millers, to grind in bond, would be Duluth. Now it happens that Duluth is the only port whence supplies of hard wheat can be obtained, of a quality to compete with the hard wheat of Manitoba. The result of this grinding-in-bond arrangement is, that Eastern Canada millers can purchase hard wheat in Duluth, import and grind it in bond, free of duty,

and sell the product to their local or domestic trade, exporting flour manufactured from soft eastern wheats to an amount equal to the hard wheat imported. It can be readily seen, that were the practice of grinding wheat in bond, if carried on to a great extent, it would seriously injure the wheat and flour trade of Manitoba, in Eastern Canada. Duluth hard wheat, which is the only competitor of Manitoba wheat, can be imported, ground and sold free of duty, so long as the importer exports an equal quantity of any kind of flour, which may be low grade flour, from eastern wheat. Every barrel of high grade flour manufactured in bond and sold in this way, would just to that extent supply the demand which would otherwise call for Manitoba high grade flour. The grinding-in bond arrangement is therefore an injustice to Manitoba, which should not be continued.

### PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

Hon. Treasurer Jones, of Manitoba, delivered his budget speech in the Legislature, on Monday last. The first item dealt with was the subsidy from the Dominion to the province, which amounts to \$435,595 for the year. Interest receipts for the year are placed at \$28,000. On special bank accounts, under an arrangement which requires that the Government give fifteen days' notice before withdrawing, the province has been getting 4 per cent. interest. On ordinary bank accounts, 3 per cent. interest is received. It is noted that the Government had considerable difficulty in placing the proceeds of the loans floated last summer. Law stamps revenue shows a considerable falling off receipts for the half year ended December 31st last being only \$4,504. The estimated revenue from this source for the full year is \$10,000. Liquor License, are estimated to produce a revenue of \$26,000 for the year, about \$5,800 of which was received during the first half of the year to December 31st last. The Land Titles office was estimated to produce a revenue of \$18,000, but for the first half of the year but \$5,631 has been received from this source. The total amount of ordinary revenue for the year was \$588,265. Added to this are the loans for the Red River Valley railway, amounting to \$720,000, and the Portage extension, amounting to \$400,000, making a total of \$1,708,265. The total estimated revenue was increased by \$225,193 of interest due from the railways, under

the railway aid act, a considerable portion being arrears of interest, some of which is not likely to be met.

The expenditure shows considerable reduction under the head of members' indemnity, salaries, printing, translating, legislation, etc. The total cost of civil government for the year is placed at \$169,065, or a reduction of about \$9,000 as compared with the previous year. The total cost for the first half of the present year has been \$75,393, which shows a reduction under the estimated expenditure on account of civil government, for the first half of the year, of about \$9,721. A number of grants to societies, charities, etc., are noted in the expenditure, including \$10,000 to agricultural societies, \$8,970 for hospitals, etc., immigration \$12,000, education \$120,000, drainage \$10,000. The sum of \$20,000 will be asked for the erection of a building for the deaf and dumb, which institution the government propose to establish and conduct. It is also proposed to expend \$50,000 in the erection of a reformatory and home for incurables. Under the new land titles act, \$20,000 will be required to erect buildings in different parts of the province. The total ordinary expenditure is placed at \$575,206. Railway aid expenditure for the year is placed at \$546,000.

The total proceeds of the loan authorized at the last session of the legislature is stated to be \$1,543,901.33. The loan was issued for £308,000 sterling. The bonds sold at 3 per cent. premium, which gave \$44,968 over the face value of the bonds.

In the matter of ordinary, controllable government expenditure, the Provincial Treasurer is able to show a total saving of about \$100,000. This is no small item in the total revenue of the province. Under the late government in this province, it used to be said that it took the entire revenue to "run the machine," leaving little or nothing for needed public works, etc. The present government at the outset made very great promises of economy in the administration of affairs, and it must be considered that they have carried out the promises to a very considerable extent. It is to be hoped, however, that they will not be satisfied with the record of one year, but, on the contrary, will honestly endeavor to continue the policy of economy, when it can be exercised to the advantage of the country.



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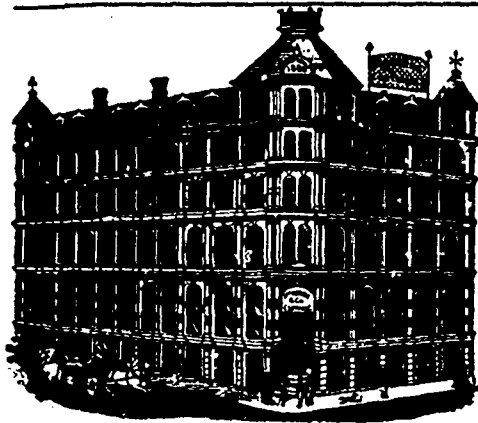
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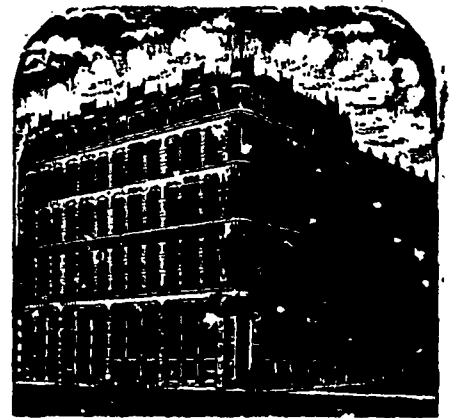
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**WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.**

Last week was a very quiet one in monetary circles, being the wind up of the month. The fourth of the present month falls on to-day, (Monday), and a good deal of paper will be due on this date. It is not expected, especially after the experience of the 4th of last month, that this paper will be well met, but it is just possible that there may be an agreeable disappointment in this respect, though such a result is not probable.

**WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.**

There was a little better movement in some lines of goods last week, partly perhaps due to weather conditions. On the whole, however, wholesale trade does not show much signs of awakening. Provisions were in better demand, and the mild weather induced a freer movement in grain and country produce and perishable commodities. The great change in the weather was the remarkable feature of the week. Week before last the coldest weather experienced in Manitoba this winter prevailed all the week, putting a damper on business. With the commencement of last week, however, there was a complete change, the temperature being more like April than February. Should the mild weather continue, it will soon have an appreciable effect on business. Trade in country towns was reported brisk early last week, as the farmers who had been housed up during the cold spell came out in force immediately after the change in the temperature.

**DRUGS.**

Business is steady and prices unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 55 to 60c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 75 to 80c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 30 to 35c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 8 to 10c.

**DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.**

Dry goods dealers are still receiving and shipping out spring stocks. In clothing spring stocks are now pretty well in hand, but some shipments are still going out. Domestic manufactured clothing continues to improve steadily in style, make-up and quality, in which there was great room for improvement. A very considerable improvement in the quality of goods was noticeable last spring, and this season shows a further decided improvement in quality and manufacture. Canadian clothing manufacturers have not heretofore catered for a high class of trade to any extent. Mostly common goods have been turned out, and the better class of goods have been left to the merchant tailors. The improvements now being made in ready made clothing, however, would seem to indicate that an effort will be made to establish a better class of custom for ready made goods.

**FISH.**

Lake "Superior" trout, which by the way have been coming from the Lake of the Woods,

were scarce last week, owing to the closing of the fishery at Rat Portage. Lake Winnipeg frozen fish were offered freely on the market. Prices of all varieties were not materially changed. Lake Winnipeg white are in good supply, and irregular in price, being quoted on the market as low as 5c, but in jobbing lots are at 7c. Pickerel are worth about 4 to 5c; pike, 2½ to 3c; Lake Superior trout are quoted at 8c. Fresh salt water fish are offered as follows:—Cod, 8c; haddock, 8c; tommy cods, 5c; smelts, 7½ to 8c, per pound, the latter price for choice fish; herrings, \$2.00 per 100 fish. Cured fish are quoted:—Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 3½c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7½c per lb; Labrador herrings, No. 1, \$9.50 per barrel; No. 2, \$9.50; No. 1, \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked sinnan haddies, 8½ cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; St. John bloaters, \$1.00. Oysters unchanged in price and quoted in bulk at \$1.80 a gallon for Standard and \$2 for Select. Cans are held at 50c to 55c for the same brands.

**FRUITS—DRIED.**

No changes to note in the following quotations:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valentias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, ¼ boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7½c; evaporated apples, 9½c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22½c; peeled peaches, 22 to 23c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c. Eleme figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Cocoanuts, \$10 per 100.

**FRUITS—GREEN.**

British Columbia winter pears, which have been in the market for some time, and have dragged along very slowly, are now about gone, very much to the satisfaction of dealers who handled the stock. Lemons are easier. Car lots of Riverside oranges are on the way, and prices will likely be under quotations. Damaged stocks of cranberries are selling as low as \$7 per barrel, but choice fruit will bring quoted prices. Choice apples hold at last quotations, with a great deal of poor stock offering, and really choice fruit not very plentiful. Fancy apples bring \$3.50 per barrel, with ordinary held at about \$3 per barrel. Messina lemons are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box. Florida fancy blood oranges, \$7 per box. Messina oranges, \$5 to \$5.50 per box. California Riverside oranges, \$6.00 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$7.00 per box. Bananas, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bunch. Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$9 to \$11 as to size of keg; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherr., \$9 to 9.50; bell and bugle, \$9.50 to \$10. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

**FURS—RAW.**

Quotations are unchanged and continue about as follows: Black bear, \$14 to \$22; black

bear cubs and yearlings, \$3 to \$12; brown bear, \$6.00 to \$14.00; brown bear cubs and yearlings, \$2.00 to \$7.00; fisher, per skin, \$4.00 to \$6.00; otter, per skin, \$2.00 to \$10.00; beaver, clean and dry, per lb., \$2.50 to \$3.50; silver fox, as to size and beauty, \$20. to \$75; cross fox per skin, \$3.50 to \$8.00; red fox per skin, \$1.00 to \$1.55; timber wolf, \$1.00 to \$3.50; prairie wolf, 50c to \$1.25; wolverine, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Lynx, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wild cat, 25c to 75c; marten, dark, 50c to \$2.70; marten, brown and pale, 25c to \$1.75; skunk, as to stripe, 15c to 95c; raccoon, 50c to 95c mink, as to color, 50c to 95c; badger, 20c to 80c; muskrat, fall, 3c to 12½c.

**GROCERIES.**

Sugars continued easier, and prices are somewhat lower per lb. Coffees are firm. Business continues quiet. Prices here are:—Sugars—yellows 6½ to 7c; granulated 8½c; lumps 9½ to 9½c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congcus, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound; P. of W., butts 46½c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; Honeyauokle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**

Frozen hides appear to be pretty well cleaned out, as very few are now offered. Calf-skins are commencing to be offered, but in very small quantities yet. Prices are unchanged as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1; 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 3, 2c. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are classed at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality.

**GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.**

**WINNIPEG.**

**WHEAT.**

Wheat was steadier and quieter in outside markets last week, and the feeling was less bullish than a week ago. The visible supply continues to decrease steadily at the rate of about three-quarters of a million bushels per week. The outlook for the winter wheat crop has not yet been an important factor in wheat values. Exports from the Atlantic seaboard show increased activity, and the amount of wheat on passage last report was lighter, which are strong features. Foreign cables were generally firm.

The local movement was considerably larger last week, and deliveries by farmers at provincial points in Manitoba were quite brisk on some days. This was due to the change in the weather. The previous week farmers had been blocked up in their houses by very cold weather all the week, and the mild weather which set in with the commencement of last week, ought them out in force. Toward the close of last week sleighing was getting heavy, owing to the rapid thaw, and deliveries were lighter. Prices have held very firm, and the general tendency is to advance. Prices to farmers in nearly all

provincial markets reached the \$1 mark last week, for best samples, and at several points higher prices were paid, ranging upward to \$1.05 as about the highest figure paid to any extent, though quotations ranged even above \$1.05 at some points.

#### FLOUR.

There were no further changes in prices last week, in quotations to the local trade. Prices are strong as follows: Patents, \$3.00; strong bakers, \$2.80; XXXX, \$2.20; superfine \$1.65; Graham flour, \$2.80; middlings, \$3.00.

#### MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold at the last advance, at \$10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts, with \$1 per ton advance asked for small lots.

#### OATS.

Oats have been firmer in prices though deliveries were larger last week, and offerings on the market were large on some days. From 30 to 32c was paid for loads on the market. At outside points prices ranged from 22 to 25c.

#### OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Prices are steady, and quoted as follows: \$2.50 for standard oatmeal and \$2.65 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, 80 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal was held at \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

#### CHEESE.

Unchanged 10½ to 11c.

#### BUTTER.

Jobbing trade in butter is very dull in the city. There is scarcely any demand whatever from any source. In fact dealers find it almost impossible to make sales. The city retail dealers are commencing to pick up lots of fresh butter from farmers, which is thought to account for the dullness in jobbing trade in butter. If the mild weather continues, offerings of fresh butter will soon be large enough to supply the city demand. Prices are easier, and appear to be on the downward grade. From 18 to 20c per pound may be quoted for fair to choice dairy.

#### EGGS.

Prices of eggs were very irregular last week, and varied more or less about every day. About 20 c per dozen in case lots was the usual figure earlier in the week, but later sales were made at 19c, and sales at the close were reported at 18c, with quotations ranging from 18 to 20c, for fresh. Fresh southern eggs are in good supply, and country eggs were also coming in to some extent, but the latter are often not of good quality, and not as good as the imported.

#### LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago, at \$2.35, though these prices are being shaded to some extent.

#### CURED MEATS.

Some improvement reported in the demand. Prices are reported lower in some instances, on hams and breakfast bacon, but the reduction in prices did not appear general. Prices are quoted as follows: Mess pork, \$19 per barrel; long clear dry salt bacon, 10c to 10½c per lb.; smoked breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c lb.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Hogs continued to arrive very slowly, though a few more were received than during the previous week. It is expected that the soft weather will bring out any stocks that are held, though it is doubtful if any considerable quantity are held in the country. Prices continue to run at about 7c per pound, and occasionally an odd hog or so brought 7½c, but no large sales were reported. Beef has been affected by the sudden and early thaw of last week. A good deal of frozen beef is held, which will be more or less injured by the thaw, as even if the weather should turn cold again, the thawing and freezing would injure the stuff. Frozen beef is therefore easier in price, and was quoted at the close of the week at 3 to 5 cents per

pound, and slow sale. Fresh beef that has not been frozen is worth about 1c more. Mutton holds at 9 to 10c. Veal is offered more freely, at 8 to 10c.

#### POULTRY.

Chickens are scarce, and bring 10 to 12c per pound. Stocks of turkeys and geese are mostly frozen lots, and prices for such are easy, owing to mild weather. Quoted at 10 to 11c.

#### VEGETABLES.

There is not much change in this line. Potatoes usually bring about 30c per bushel in quantities; onions, \$1.20 to \$1.50; carrots, 60c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, \$1, beets, 50c, all per bushel. Celery scarce, 40 to 75c per dozen bunches, as to quality. Cabbage average 75c to \$1 per doz for good.

### Montreal Markets.

A telegram on Saturday quoted wheat as follows: Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat, \$1.35 to \$1.36, nominal.

Oats, quoted at 33 to 34c.

Barley, quoted at 55 to 57c.

Provisions—Prices ruled about as follows: Mess pork, western, per barrel, \$15.25 to \$15.50; hams, per lb., 11½ to 12c; hams, green, per lb., 8½ to 9c; bacon, per lb., 11 to 12c; shoulders, 6 to 6½c; lard, 9½ to 10c; tallow, common, refined, per lb., 6½ to 6¾c.

Dressed hogs—Car lots, \$6.75 to \$6.85; jobbing lots at \$6.90 to \$7.10 for heavy, and \$7.25 for light per 100 lbs.

Eggs—Fresh held at 16 to 18c, with old fresh as low as 12c per dozen. Lined, 12 to 14c.

Butter—Prices were as follows. Creamery, fair to finest, 23 to 26c; Townships, 19 to 21c; Brockville, 17 to 19c; Western, 16 to 17c.

Cheese—The stock now here is estimated at about 40,000 boxes. The market today was very quiet and contained nothing of interest. Finest September and October 11½; Finest August, 11; fine, 10½ to 10¾c; medium, 9½ to 9¾c.

The Montreal butchers seem to be quite wrought up over the fact that some of the best hotels are getting their meat from Chicago instead of patronising the home market. One of them states that he had a contract with a certain hotelkeeper to furnish meat for 10 cents a pound. The hotelkeeper in question now gets his meat from Chicago at 7 cents per pound. It is understood that a meeting of butchers will be held to consider the matter.

### A Boom for the Liberals.

A telegram from Washington, dated March 1st, says: In the House to-day, a joint resolution was passed to promote Commercial Union with Canada. It provides that whenever it shall be duly certified to the President that the Government of Canada has declared a desire to establish Commercial Union with the United States for a uniform revenue system, like international taxes to be collected and like import duties to be imposed on goods to be brought into either country from other nations, with no duties on trade between the United States and Canada, he shall appoint three commissioners with those who may be likewise designated to represent the Government of Canada, to prepare a plan for the assimilation of the import duties and internal revenue taxes of the two countries; and an equitable division of receipts in a Commercial Union, and said commissioners

shall report to the President, who shall lay the report before Congress.

THE Manitoba Legislature, it is expected, will be prorogued on Tuesday of this week.

R. J. COBURN has been appointed agent at Calgary for the Manufacturer's Life Insurance Co.

LAFFERTY & MOORE have opened a branch bank at Moosomin, Assa., in charge of F. K. Gibson.

THE *Deloraine Times* says:—The C. P. R. have rebated \$200 of freight charges on the well outfit.

SAM HUNGERFORD, lately burned out in the hotel line at Deloraine, has taken a hotel in Carberry, Man.

CHIPMAN & MORGAN have formed a partnership as real estate and insurance agents, at Victoria, B.C.

THE Hotel Brunswick, Minnedosa, Man., has been purchased by C. Scobell, who will take possession April 1st.

GEO. H. BURGE and Robert Barton have entered into partnership as builders and contractors at Virden, Man.

PATTERSON & BRO. Co. have leased Jermyn's livery stable at Minnedosa, Man., and will fit it up as an implement warehouse.

E. MAZEAU, Chapleau, on the C. P. R., east of Port Arthur, was burned out last week. His loss is about \$3,000, wholly uninsured.

SHIPMENTS of Lake Winnipeg fish continue to be made from Selkirk, Man. Several car lots were sent east and south last week.

JOS. CARMAN, wholesale produce and commission dealer, Winnipeg, returned from a trip east last week. He was as far as Halifax.

DAN FERGUSON, proprietor of the Stickney House, Portage la Prairie, Man., is going out of the hotel business, and taking up farming.

E. O. DENNISON, general merchant, Minnedosa, Man., who is retiring from mercantile business, has sold his stock to P. J. McDermott, of the same place.

SEVERAL new places of business are being opened at Lethbridge, Alberta, including a barber, a watchmaker, a tailor and a bakery and confectionery.

W. WILLIAMS has been appointed agent at Gladstone, Man., for Patterson & Bro. Co., implements, Winnipeg. He is fitting up a warehouse and showroom.

J. M. MACDONALD, late with F. G. Lewin & Co., Virden, has been appointed agent at Indian Head, Assa., for the Patterson & Bro. Co., agricultural implements, Winnipeg.

THE firm of Burchell & Howey, Brandon, butchers and cattle dealers, has dissolved partnership. Jno. A. Howey leaves for British Columbia for his health. Mr. Burchell will carry on the business.

A CIRCULAR has been issued from the general traffic manager's office of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway appointing H. G. McMicken, the company's ticket agent at Winnipeg, as general agent in charge of the freight and passenger traffic of the company in Manitoba.

**SEKIRIK Record** :—We are informed that the Gauthier Fish Co. intend commencing shortly the erection of a tug for use in their fish business on Lake Winnipeg next summer.

DURING the last twenty-four hours, says a Brandon correspondent on Friday, no less than ten cars of Ontario horses and two cars of immigrants' effects arrived for Brandon.

Geo McCulloch & Co., Rapid City, Man., are preparing to start the woollen factory on the first of March. They have already received a large quantity of wool from British Columbia.

Friday was a big day for immigration matters, no less than 132 arriving, all told, at Winnipeg. Sixty of these came in on their own account and were not on the excursion in charge of Mr. Scott.

FARMERS were busy last week preparing for spring operations. A great many implements were brought in for repairs at the towns throughout the country. If the mild weather continues seeding will soon commence.

FORBES & STIRRETT, proprietors of the planing mill at Brandon, are putting in several additional pieces of machinery, one being a heavy planer with beading and moulding attachment, also a buzz planer and a re-sawing machine.

Owing to the high railroad rates on canned goods, San Francisco shippers have combined to send an amount equal to 300 carloads by vessel around the Horn to New York, thence, to Chicago, laying the goods down in Chicago at 77c per 100 lbs., exclusive of wharfage, insurance, etc.

OFFICIAL confirmation has been given to the report that Sir Julian Pouncefote has been appointed British Minister to Washington. It is reported in official circles that Lord Salisbury selected Sir Julian on account of his knowledge of the fishery question.

SINCE wheat has risen to \$1, says the Portage Review, the market has presented a more lively appearance. Barley and oats are worth 25 cents and butter from 20 to 22 cents. Eggs can't be had for love or money. As high as 30 cents has been offered for them.

THE first of a series of excursions to leave Toronto every Tuesday evening during the summer months, arrived in Winnipeg Friday morning. The colonist cars, containing forty excursionists, were in charge of W. Scott, one of the Manitoba Government agents at Toronto.

THE Titania, a Hudson's Bay Company's ship, is taking on a cargo in London, England, for Victoria and Vancouver, where she is expected to arrive about June next, her time from London to Victoria, ranging from 105 to 120 days. The return cargo will be furs and canned salmon, probably.

THOS. JOHNSON, the well-known commercial traveller for G. F. & J. Galt, Winnipeg, has again come to the front with his dogs. At the great dog show held in Madison Square Gardens, New York, Mr. Johnson captured 1st prize and cup donated by the Eastern Field Trials Club for best setter with field trial record, with his well-known prize winner "Manitoba Belle."

Prices at Brandon last week, according to

the Times, were :—Wheat—The market has been a little brighter the last few days, and \$1 was freely paid. There has been about 600,000 bushels of wheat marketed this season in Brandon. Oats have gone up a little this week. For feed 25c per bushel, for milling 27c. Barley—The market is very quiet, with little coming in and not much demand. Price from 22 to 23c per bushel. Beef—Quiet. Price 5 to 5½c per pound. Cattle—2½ to 3c per lb. Mutton—Price ranges from 9 to 10c per lb. Pork—The market is weak with a downward tendency. Price 6½ to 7c per lb. Chickens—From 8 to 10c per lb. Turkeys, 10 to 12½c per lb. Butter—Good butter is scarce and will readily find a market at 20c per lb. Eggs—Scarce, fresh bring 25c per dozen.

COMMENTS ON CANADA.—By Charles Dudley Warner, accompanied by a striking portrait of the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, will appear in Harper's Magazine for March, 1889, which will be published February 21st. This article describes the topography, climate, system of government of the Dominion and provinces, and the political issues; and the author gives his views on the Canadian sentiment towards England, on the French Canadian element, on retaliation and commercial reciprocity, annexation and independence, and the future of the Dominion. Mr. Warner is an accurate and sympathetic observer, and his conclusions will doubtless command the attention they deserve. This number also contains beautifully illustrated articles on the Institute of France, Vienna; Norway and its people; William M. Chase, Painter, &c., &c. For sale by all booksellers.

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**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

On Monday, Feb. 25, May wheat opened at \$1.09½, being ¼c lower than Saturday's close. The range during the day was from \$1.07½ to \$1.09½. The market was quieter and slightly easier. July ranged from 93½c to 95½c, closing at 94c. Closing prices were :

|            | Feb.  | Mar.  | May.  | June. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Wheat      | 1.04½ | 1.05½ | 1.08  | 1.03½ |
| Corn       | 34½   | 34½   | 35½   | 35½   |
| Oats       | 25½   | 25½   | 27½   | 26½   |
| Pork       | 11.05 | 11.05 | 11.25 | 11.35 |
| Lard       | 0.75  | 0.77½ | 0.87½ | 0.92½ |
| Short Ribs | 5.87½ | 5.87½ | 6.05  | 6.12½ |

May wheat opened at \$1.08½ on Tuesday, and ranged from \$1.06½ to \$1.09½. July ranged from 93½c to 94½c, closing at 94½c. The break of 2½c was occasioned by a rumor that the big sale of cash wheat made last week, had fallen through, but this turned out untrue, and prices partially recovered, though the feeling remained weak. Large delivery of hogs caused weakness in provisions, but prices were higher at the close. Closing prices were :

|            | Feb.  | Mar.  | May.   | June. |
|------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Wheat      | 1.04½ | 1.05½ | 1.08½  | 1.03½ |
| Corn       | 34    | 34½   | 35½    | 35½   |
| Oats       | 25½   | 25½   | 27½    | 26½   |
| Pork       | 11.15 | 11.15 | 11.32½ | 11.40 |
| Lard       | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.90   | 0.92½ |
| Short Ribs | 5.90  | 5.90  | 6.77½  | 6.12½ |

On Wednesday, May wheat opened at \$1.07½, and ranged from \$1.06½ to \$1.08½. July wheat ranged from 93½c to 94½c, closing at 93½c. The feeling seems to be bearish, and prices naturally decline when important influences are not working the other way. Pork advanced, in spite of heavy receipts of hogs, and at one time sold 17½c higher, but lost the advance. Closing prices were :

|            | Feb.  | Mar.  | May.   | June. |
|------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Wheat      | 1.03½ | 1.04½ | 1.07   | 1.01½ |
| Corn       | 34½   | 34½   | 35½    | 35½   |
| Oats       | 25½   | —     | 27½    | 26½   |
| Pork       | 11.15 | 11.15 | 11.32½ | 11.40 |
| Lard       | 0.75  | 0.75  | 0.85   | 0.93  |
| Short Ribs | 5.90  | 5.90  | 6.05   | 6.12½ |

On Thursday the market was quiet and trading light. July wheat closed at 93½c. Closing prices were :

|            | Feb.  | Mar.  | May.  | June. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Wheat      | 1.04½ | 1.04½ | 1.07  | 1.01½ |
| Corn       | —     | —     | —     | —     |
| Oats       | 25    | 25    | 27½   | 26½   |
| Pork       | 11.10 | 11.10 | 11.30 | 11.35 |
| Lard       | —     | —     | —     | —     |
| Short Ribs | —     | —     | —     | —     |

The quiet feeling continued on Friday, and trading was not active. Closing prices were :

|            | Mar.  | May.  | June. | July. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Wheat      | 1.01½ | 1.07½ | 1.02½ | 93½   |
| Corn       | 34½   | 36    | 35½   | —     |
| Oats       | —     | —     | —     | —     |
| Pork       | 11.15 | 11.30 | 11.40 | —     |
| Lard       | 0.70  | 0.80  | 0.82½ | —     |
| Short Ribs | —     | —     | —     | —     |

Closing prices Saturday for wheat were: March \$1.00½; May \$1.03½; June 93½c; July 91½c.

**Minneapolis Markets.**

Closing quotations on Change on Friday for wheat were as follows:

|                | March. | May.  | On track. |
|----------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| No. 1 hard     | 1.18½  | 1.20  | 1.17      |
| No. 1 northern | 1.07   | 1.07½ | 1.06      |
| No. 2          | 97½    | 99    | 95-96     |

Quotations for flour, were : Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.30 to \$6.40; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$6.00 to \$6.20; in barrels, \$6.25 to \$6.35. Delivered at New England points, \$7.00 to \$7.15; bakers, here, \$4.20 to \$5.20; superfine, \$2.50 to \$4.10; red dog, sacks, \$1.35 to \$1.60; red dog, barrels, \$1.60 to \$1.85.

The *Northwestern Miller* of Feb. 28 says:—The arrivals of wheat here last week were only 560,900 bushels, against 1,049,000 for the same week last year, and from that received this year, 257,000 bushels were shipped out, against 194,000 bushels last year. That is to say, a year ago not one-fifth of the receipts went forward, while now more than half of them are sent to other points. How long this can last without creating scarcity, depends somewhat upon the reserves yet in the hands of farmers. It does not seem probable that farmers have more than half as much as a year ago, and it is known that all reserve stocks already out of farmers' hands do not exceed half the quantity so held at this time in 1888. A year ago, with twice as much in the aggregate as now, and only one bushel in five going out, stocks ran down to a very low point here even to scarcity, before the new crop was fit to use. With only half as much as now to draw from, and more than twice as much of that going out, it is not strange that millers in Minneapolis begin to look upon the situation with alarm. The general tendency of the wheat markets has been toward a lower level of prices, and that tendency has affected the sale of flour to some extent. There is a good demand for bakers' flour abroad but sales would net some \$2.50 per bbl. below the current price of spring patents. In other words, bakers' are little if any higher than a year ago, and the coarse stuff is lower than then. That throws the entire burden of higher wheat prices upon the patents which go into the domestic trade. The first of the week there were quite large sales of patents to go to New York points, at prices ranging from \$6.95 to \$7.15 here. About \$7.10, however, was near the best bidding price for any. Choice winter patents are much cheaper, relatively, and are gradually crowding out the spring productions and forcing them into narrower channels. Bakers' have been going abroad fairly well on the basis of 28s to 28s 6d for first grade. The direct exports of flour for the week were 10,740 bbls, against 9,100 bbls, for the preceding week. Quotations, London, c. i. f. 280 lbs., are: Patents, 37s 6d to 39s; bakers', 27s to 28s 6d; low grades, 14s to 17s 6d.

**Montreal Stock Market.**

The following quotations on March 1 are compared with prices on Feb. 22, will indicate the course of the stock market:

|               | Feb. 22  |      | March 1  |      |
|---------------|----------|------|----------|------|
|               | Offered. | Bid. | Offered. | Bid. |
| Montreal      | 233½     | 232½ | 233      | 231½ |
| Ontario       | 136½     | 136  | 133      | 133  |
| Toronto       | —        | 219  | 223      | 215  |
| Merchants     | 139½     | 139  | 140      | 139  |
| Commerce      | 121      | 120½ | 121      | 120½ |
| Molson's      | 175      | 160  | —        | 162  |
| Union         | —        | 95   | —        | —    |
| N. W. Land Co | 75       | 73   | 71½      | 70½  |
| C. P. R.      | 82½      | 82½  | 82       | 81½  |

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

The market was steady and rather quiet

during the week. Closing prices for No. 1 hard on Change on each day of the week were:

|           | Cash. | May   | June  | July. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Monday    | 1.18  | 1.23½ | 1.21½ | —     |
| Tuesday   | 1.18  | 1.23½ | 1.23  | 1.22  |
| Wednesday | 1.18  | 1.23½ | 1.22½ | 1.21½ |
| Thursday  | 1.18  | 1.23  | 1.22  | —     |
| Friday    | 1.18  | 1.23½ | 1.22½ | 1.21½ |

Closing prices on Saturday were: Cash, \$1.15; March \$1.15½; May, \$1.20½; June, \$1.19½.

**Chicago Provision Prices.**

Prices on Wednesday for cash meats were:—Green meats—shoulders, per pound, 4½c to 4¾c; hams, per 100 pounds, \$8.25. Loose dry salted shoulders, per 100 pounds, \$5.25 to \$5.50; short ribs, per 100 pounds, \$5.90 to \$6.00; long clear, per 100 pounds, \$5.95 to \$6.05; short clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.10 to \$6.15. Boxed meats—Long and short clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.15 to \$6.25; Cumberlands, per pound, 7¼ to 7½c; Staffordshire sides, per pound, 7½ to 8c; smoked hams, per pound, 8½ to 9½c.

**Canadian Securities in England.**

The *Canadian Gazette* of Feb. 1, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

|  | Price. | Rise. | Fall. |
|--|--------|-------|-------|
| Canada 3½ per cents.                     | 105    | —     | —     |
| Ditto 4 per cents., 1863                 | 119    | 1     | —     |
| Ditto 3 per cents.                       | 91     | —     | ½     |
| British Columbia 4½ per cents.           | 112    | —     | —     |
| Manitoba 5 per cents.                    | 114    | 1     | —     |
| Quebec 5 per cents., 1874 and 1876       | 111    | —     | —     |
| Ditto 4½ per cents.                      | 107    | —     | —     |
| Ditto 5 per cents., 1888                 | 114    | —     | —     |
| Ditto 4 per cents.                       | 104    | —     | —     |
| Montreal 5 per cents., 1873              | 105    | 1     | —     |
| Toronto 4 per cents.                     | 101    | —     | —     |
| Winnipeg 5 per cents.                    | 111    | —     | —     |
| Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register) | 53½    | —     | ½     |
| Ditto shares (London register)           | 53     | —     | ½     |
| Ditto first mortgage bonds.              | 105½   | —     | —     |
| Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds      | 97½    | —     | ½     |
| Grand Trunk ordinary stock               | 11½    | —     | ½     |
| Ditto first preference                   | 72     | —     | 1½    |
| Manitoba and Northwestern bonds          | 111    | —     | —     |
| Manitoba Southwestern bonds              | —      | —     | —     |
| Bank of British Columbia                 | 57     | ½     | —     |
| Bank of B. N. A.                         | 73     | 2     | —     |
| Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid        | 5      | —     | —     |
| Ditto £3 paid                            | 2½     | —     | —     |
| Manitoba Mortgage                        | —      | —     | —     |
| British American Land                    | 29     | —     | —     |
| Canada North-West Land                   | 31     | —     | —     |
| Hudson's Bay                             | 19½    | —     | ½     |
| Land Corporation of Canada               | 3      | —     | —     |
| Vancouver Coal                           | —      | —     | —     |

The council of Wolseley, municipality, Assa. held a meeting on Feb. 23, to discuss the mill question. Farmers complain of not getting good returns, viz.: poor flour and not enough to the bushel of wheat, the shortage in some cases being nine and ten pounds per bushel, which they consider too much. The millers complain that the grain is often dirty and not dry enough to grind, consequently there is a greater shortage and poorer quality. The council appointed a delegation to wait on the millers, but not much progress towards a satisfactory settlement of the vexed question was arrived at, the millers offering to sell out to the municipality or failing, that they would grind No. 1 wheat for twelve cents per bushel as agreed in the bonus by-law, but charge twenty cents per bushel for all inferior grades, the shortage to be seven pounds per bushel on No. 1 and in proportion on lower grades.

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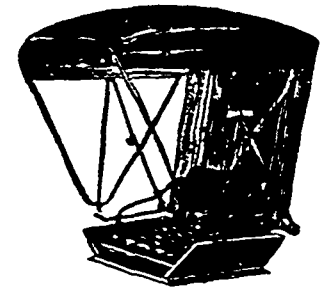
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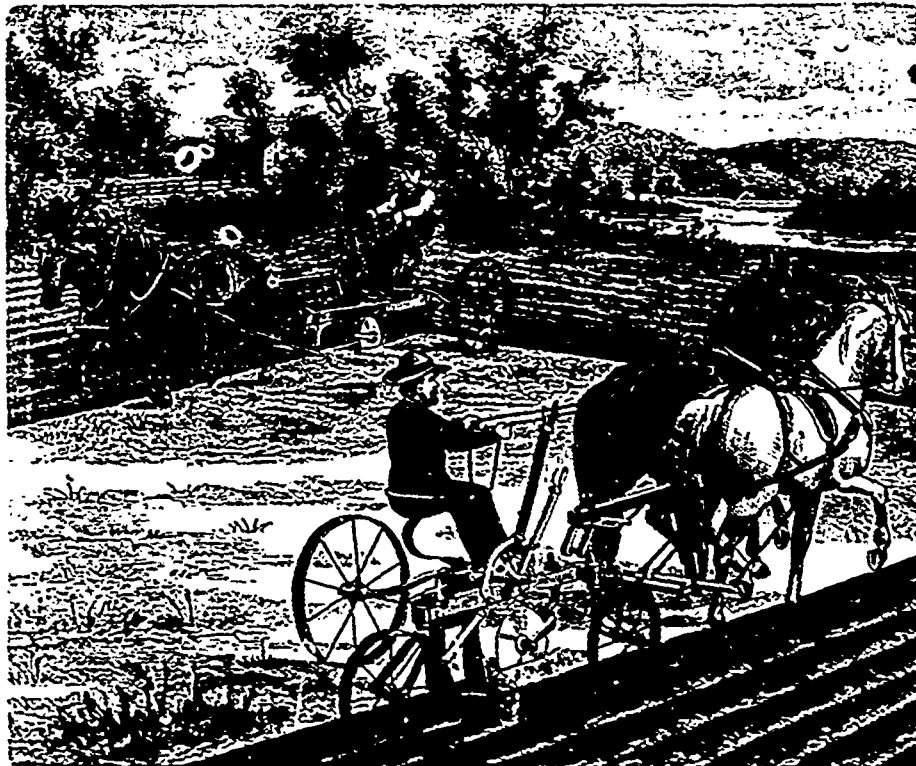


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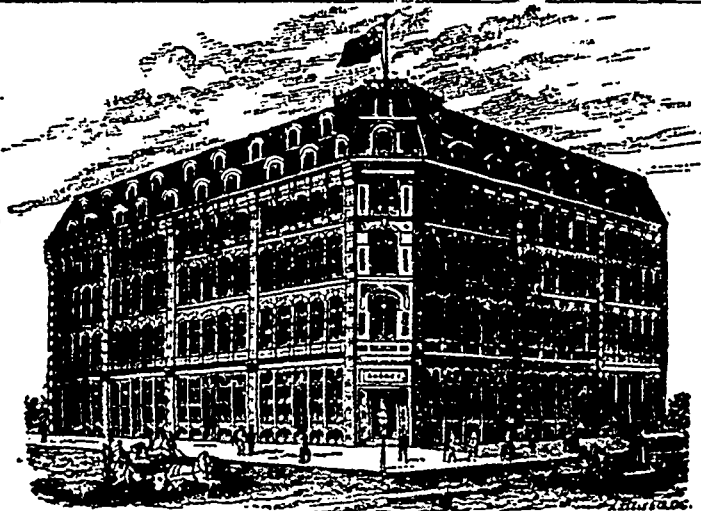
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### Insurance Briefs.

J. N. Yeomans, representative of the Con-  
federation Life Association at Winnipeg, has  
severed his connection with that company. It  
is probable that he will move to Hamilton,  
Ont., where he will engage in the insurance  
business.

The latest fake in insurance is the Burglar  
Insurance Co., established in that great insur-  
ance centre, Hartford, Connecticut. The ob-  
ject of the scheme is to insure against loss by  
burglary, robbery, or theft, and any liability  
arising from any unknown or contingent event  
whatever.

The Winnipeg board of underwriters has ad-  
dressed a letter to the Brandon council, inti-  
mating that insurance rates will be raised,  
unless vigorous measures are taken to improve  
the fire department of the place. This action  
of the underwriters has grown out of the recent  
disastrous fire at Brandon. The underwriters  
urge that this fire is conclusive proof of the  
inefficiency of the fire protective appliances.

According to the superintendents of insur-  
ance report, the total number of premiums  
issued by Canadian life insurance companies  
for 1888 was 3,290,739; number of policies new  
and taken up, 21,646; amount of policies, \$25,-  
092,743; number of policies now in force, 73,-  
352, with a net amount in force of 116,372,150;  
number of claims, 575, showing a net amount  
of claims of \$923,707. Of this sum \$839,520  
were paid. The report shows this branch of  
insurance was quite a large increase over the  
business done the previous year.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says that  
the swindling practice, which now is on the in-  
crease in New York city, of procuring policies  
and returning them when a month's premium  
or more has been earned, without any payment,  
is one of the most despicable forms of petty  
thievery extant. In one case it was discovered  
that a party had kept his goods insured for  
nearly a year by this method. He transferred  
his profitless patronage from one company to  
another, but happened to be accidentally caught  
by a clerk leaving one office he had thus favored  
to take service in another, which had been  
selected as another victim. Local underwriters  
are also annoyed by the trick now practised by  
some brokers of promising any rate in order to  
cover a risk on Saturday afternoon, or the after-  
noon before a holiday, and then replacing the  
risk at their leisure, and returning the policy  
"not wanted."

**Wheat Statistics.**

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

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

|                   | 1889       | 1888.      | 1887.      |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| February 16.....  | 33,435,081 | 39,565,057 | 69,880,370 |
| February 23 ..... | 33,739,834 | 38,462,924 | 57,027,308 |

Decrease for the week ended Feb. 23, 695,247 bushels.

**WHEAT AT PRIMARY MARKETS.**

The following table shows the receipts of spring wheat at the markets mentioned from June 30, 1888, to Feb. 23, 1889, compared with two previous years:—

| POINTS.          | 1888-89    | 1887-88    | 1886-87    |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Chicago.....     | 10,270,000 | 10,463,000 | 15,180,000 |
| Milwaukee.....   | 4,726,000  | 6,517,000  | 6,429,000  |
| Minneapolis..... | 29,351,000 | 33,713,000 | 26,027,000 |
| Duluth.....      | 4,027,000  | 13,762,000 | 18,768,000 |

Total bu ..... 48,974,000 64,755,000 67,024,000

The total receipts of winter wheat at the markets mentioned from July 30, 1888, to Feb. 23, 1889, compared with two previous years, were as follows:—

| POINTS.           | 1888-89    | 1887-88    | 1886-87    |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| St. Louis .....   | 10,923,000 | 11,084,000 | 10,616,000 |
| Toledo .....      | 6,995,000  | 8,204,000  | 11,027,000 |
| Detroit.....      | 6,293,000  | 5,654,000  | 8,274,000  |
| Kansas City. .... | 1,674,000  | 1,294,000  | 2,227,000  |
| Cincinnati.....   | 1,481,000  | 1,233,000  | 2,439,000  |

Total bu ..... 27,868,000 27,474,000 35,733,000

**BREADSTUFFS ON PASSAGE.**

The following shows the quantity of wheat and flour, equivalent to wheat, expressed in quarters, (8 bushels to the quarter) on passage to Great Britain and Europe, on the dates named:—

|                       | F. b. 23, 1889. | Feb. 16, 1889. | Feb. 25, 1888. |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| To Great Britain..... | 2,007,000       | 2,021,000      | 1,640,000      |
| To Europe.....        | 432,000         | 401,000        | 210,000        |

**WHEAT IN STORE.**

The following shows the wheat in store, in bushels, at the points mentioned, on the dates named:—

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Chicago, Feb. 23.....     | 4,477,671 |
| Minneapolis, Feb. 23..... | 6,559,671 |
| Duluth, Feb. 23.....      | 1,548,712 |
| Montreal, Feb. 23.....    | 433,036   |
| Toronto, Feb. 23.....     | 131,000   |

**EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.**

The exports of wheat and flour (expressed in bushels) for the first seven months of the fiscal year ending January 31, last, were as follows:—

|                         | 1888-89    | 1887-88    |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Atlantic ports, bu..... | 32,272,986 | 64,367,365 |
| Pacific ports.....      | 24,891,178 | 15,237,162 |

Total..... 57,164,164 79,604,529

The exports for the month of January were:—

|                         | 1889.     | 1888.     |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Atlantic ports, bu..... | 2,535,913 | 5,359,717 |
| Pacific ports, bu.....  | 3,661,251 | 2,162,143 |

Total..... 6,257,194 7,520,860

Exports from principal Atlantic ports for the week ending Feb. 23, and the corresponding week last year, were:—

|                  | 1889.   | 1888.   |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Flour, brls..... | 141,200 | 232,300 |
| Wheat, bu.....   | 107,100 | 908,900 |

**Dairy Matters.**

Mr. Fisher's bill has been adopted by the Manitoba Legislature, providing for the simplification of the form for incorporating cheese and butter companies.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Manitou Cheese Factory Co., the financial report showed a small balance on hand. Messrs. Wootton, Ellis and Robson were re-elected directors.

**The Hudson's Bay Railway.**

The Manitoba Government announced its policy toward the Hudson's Bay Railway enterprise, in the following notice of motion, made by Premier Greenway, in the Legislature last week:—

"Whereas, the legislature of Manitoba did, during the session of 1886, pass an act authorizing the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, under certain conditions, to grant aid to the Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay Railway and Steamship Company by guaranteeing interest on the bonds of the company not exceeding \$4 500,000; and whereas, it is now believed that the maximum of such guarantee for such purpose is too great a liability for the province to assume; and whereas, a cash bonus instead of a guarantee of bonds is a preferable mode of assisting railways; and whereas, for said reasons it is desirable to repeal said act, and whereas, it is desirable that the province should assist to a reasonable amount the construction of a railway to Hudson's Bay; be it resolved, that this House is of opinion that aid should be granted to the company if they are prepared to construct and operate a railway from Winnipeg to Hudson's Bay in a sum not exceeding \$2,000 per mile as a cash bonus for that portion of the main line of said railway within the limits of this province, not exceeding in all 300 miles, such aid to be paid on completion and operation, or in instalments as the work progresses, providing the company furnishes guarantees satisfactory to this House of its ability to complete and operate said road. And this House is further of the opinion that before any aid be given by the province the company should secure the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds already issued in aid of said railway. And this House is further of the opinion that this offer should be open for acceptance until the next regular session of the legislature; and in case an offer is accepted by the company under conditions satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, this House should be forthwith summoned to consider the provisions of a contract to be entered into by the company on the foregoing basis."

A JOINT deputation from the municipalities of Emerson and West Lynne were in Winnipeg last week, interviewing the Local Government regarding the debts of the two towns. It is said the Government purpose consolidating the debts, which, although in excess of \$105,000, that is really the amount which the creditors would be willing to take. The government will guarantee the bonds issued, and as security will take a lien on the Emerson steel bridge, spanning the Red River, the estimated value of which is \$200,000. It is proposed to unite the towns into one corporation. Should the corporation thus united be in default at any time in the payment of interest to the extent of \$5,000, then the latter will have a perfect right to dispose of the bridge. The members of the deputation are anxious to have the debt consolidated, and agree with the general principles of the proposed bill, but they consider the security asked by the government in excess of what is reasonable.

A DEPUTATION, consisting of R. H. Myers,

A. C. Sewell and G. W. Beynon, from the town of Minnedosa, Man., were in Winnipeg last week in the endeavor to effect a settlement with the creditors of the town. After interviews with the creditors a satisfactory conclusion has been reached. It is proposed that new debentures be issued, payable in 20 years, with interest half yearly at three per cent. per annum. The interest will be guaranteed by the government, who will appoint the clerk and treasurer of the town, in order to protect the province, and collect and pay over to the Provincial Treasurer the levy necessary to pay such instalments of interest. The town has not repudiated a dollar, but pays all claims in full up to January 1st, 1889. The debentures are to be dated August 1, 1890, but will be issued and handed over to the creditors when they prove their claims by statutory declaration immediately after the reorganization of the town council.

We have received a circular announcing that F. G. Smith, Thos. N. Christie and Hy. Le Jeune, late managers respectively at Calgary, Moosomin and Regina, for the late firm of Lafferty & Smith, bankers, etc., have formed a partnership, under the style of Le Jeune, Smith & Co. The circular further states that Le Jeune, Smith & Co. have purchased the books and business of the Regina and Moosomin branches of the late firm of Lafferty & Smith, and will continue the business at these points. Le Jeune, Smith & Co. have also opened an office at Calgary, where F. G. Smith will take charge. The other two branches will be under the care of the old managers at those points. In connection with this circular, it may be stated that Lafferty & Moore advertise in the Territorial papers as successors to Lafferty and Smith at Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Vancouver.

THE Boissevain correspondent of the *Deloraine Times* says: We are bound to have a grist mill. A number of citizens met some weeks since and decided to start a subscription list throughout the country, subscriptions payable in two yearly payments. The town subscribed \$1,500. They will also utilize the Deloraine municipality bonus of \$2,000, and with other lists not yet to hand, they expect to give a bonus of \$6,000. The bonus committee have already had offers to build both from parties in the immediate vicinity and in Ontario, but they are in communication with some leading mill men of the east.

An Ottawa telegram, of Friday says:—A deputation from Port Arthur, headed by Marks, interviewed the Government to-day, and urged improvements to the Canadian system of canals, so as to permit of sea-going vessels to ascend to Port Arthur. It was pointed out that the Government was building the Sault canal, and that other canals would be improved as soon as the traffic warrants. It is not likely the work will be done at the request of the deputation. Men from Toronto and other points interested accompanied the deputation.

McKENZIE and Campbell, of Winnipeg, have had several interviews with Sir Hector Langevin, at Ottawa, urging the placing of a sum of money in the estimates, to deepen St. Andrew's rapids.



**Business East.****ONTARIO.**

Wm. Scobie, shoes, Parkdale, has sold out.  
Isaac Pappin, builder, Toronto, has assigned.  
P. Fitzpatrick, hotelkeeper, Arthur, has sold out.

Albert Lide, Sr., shoes, Chatham, has assigned.

W. D. Madden, books, Napanee, has assigned.

G. T. Stickles, furniture, Toronto, has assigned.

Fredk. Blecker, shoe dealer, Bel'eville, has sold out.

J. Sutherland, flour, Mount Forest, is giving up business.

Fred. J. Zing, general merchant, Hanover, has assigned.

W. E. Trench & Son, millers, Chippawa, have assigned.

Frank Kean & Son, general store, Orillia, have assigned.

McLatchie & Preston, blacksmiths, Toronto, have dissolved.

Ebenezer Woodbridge, fancy goods, Palmerton, has assigned.

Daniel M. Brown, grocer, Township Gloucester, has assigned.

Mrs. J. H. Rogers, gents' furnishings, Toronto, has assigned.

H. Wilkinson, groceries and shoes, Mount Forest, has sold out.

Greenshields & Mackay, tailors, Ottawa, are asking an extension.

Donald McDonald, groceries and provisions, Ripley, has assigned.

W. S. Kirkpatrick, general store, Lunenburg, is offering a compromise.

Mrs. E. Hartley, hotelkeeper, Walkerton, is advertising to sell out.

W. W. Sutherland, grist mill, Mount Forest, is giving up business.

A. D. McDonald & Co., general storekeepers, Alexandria, have assigned.

Geo. Steedsman, general store, Ratho, is offering his business for sale.

Husband & Co., dry goods, Toronto, have called a meeting of creditors.

A. Michener, dry goods and groceries, Berlin, is endeavoring to effect a compromise.

Jas. Lugsdin, wholesale furs, Toronto, is retiring, and is offering business and good will for sale.

**QUEBEC.**

John Farnan, baker, Montreal, has assigned.  
Noe Brosscau, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Elzear Drolet, carriages, St. Gregoire, has assigned.

Guimond & Co., general store, St. Raymond, has assigned.

O. Bouchard, dry goods, Quebec, has obtained an extension.

G. A. Drouin, shoes, Drummondville, is offering to compromise.

S. McNally, general storekeeper, Calumet Island, has assigned.

Pierre Valliere, shoes, Three Rivers, has offered a compromise.

Beauregard & Lapierre, grocers, St. Hyacinthe, have assigned.

Monette & Allard, boot manufacturers, St. Martin, have dissolved.

S. McNally & Sons, general storekeepers, Cambells Bay, have assigned.

Chapdelaine & Laconture, grocers, Sorel; demand made on them for an assignment.

Calixte Lavoie, general storekeeper, St. Cyrille de Wendoven; demand made on him for assignment.

Peck, Benny & Co., manufacturers of horse-shoe nails, Montreal, have had their factory partially burned.

**Westminster, B. C., Board of Trade.**

The annual meeting of the board of trade of Westminster, B. C., was held on Feb. 22. President John Hendry delivered an able address, in which he referred to the very successful efforts of the board during the past year. The assurance of the early completion of the Southern railway, largely through the efforts of the board, was dwelt on at length, together with the advantage which it would be to the city. He stated that this railway would give "the city of Westminster commercial advantages possessed by no other city in the province; it will open to us a great market hitherto inaccessible for our limitless and unsurpassed timber; it will bring us within touch of the great and growing cities to the south; it will furnish an alternative and competing line to the east; and it will supply the missing link which shall unite the railway systems of the two great nations of North America. Our city will find in this new commercial avenue the one thing lacking to make it the most desirable point for manufacturing purposes in British Columbia."

Lengthy reference was also made to the improvements being made at the mouth of the Fraser river, and to the efforts the board is making to impress upon the government the importance of this work, and the necessity for its early completion, so that the largest ships could safely navigate the river. The board has also taken an active part in endeavoring to secure a daily mail service by steamer with the North Arm, the construction of the Fraser River and Mud Bay canal, the providing of a suitable steamer for keeping the river navigable in the event of its becoming obstructed by floating ice, the dredging of the harbor in front of the wharves, the establishment of a U. S. consular agency at this city, the obtaining of a federal subsidy for the Southern railway, the improvement of the fishery regulations, the promotion of fruit-growing in the province, the establishment of street letter-boxes at this city, and many other matters which have been considered in the public interest.

The expenditure of the board for the year amounted to the sum of \$2,592.23. There is still a balance to credit of \$425.04, and assets show a balance of \$670.78 over all liabilities. The work of the board has grown to such dimensions that the executive wisely determined to secure a room for its sole use. It was also resolved that council meetings should be held regularly every two weeks.

A letter was read from the deputy minister of marine, in reply to a communication from the board, promising to have buoys placed where necessary in the Fraser river, under the direction of the resident engineer, and stating that the official chart of the river is nearly com-

pleted and will soon be issued. A resolution to recommend to the city council the striking off the prefix "New" from the name of the city, New Westminster, was lost. The secretary was instructed to prepare a memorial to the Dominion Government, asking to have the North Bluff surveyed with a view to fortifications being erected there.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—John Hendry, president; T. J. Trapp, vice-president; D. Robson, secretary-treasurer. The foregoing were re-elected by acclamation. Council—W. A. Duncan, E. S. Scoullar, A. Ewen, H. Elliott, James Punch, W. Wolfenden, T. Cunningham, and B. Douglas. Board of arbitration—W. McColl, C. M. Beecher, D. Drysdale, and R. Dickinson.

**Lumber Cuttings.**

C. A. Larkin has decided to establish a planing mill at Brandon, in connection with his lumber business.

Knight Bros., of Popcum, B. C., are rebuilding their sawmill and have purchased additional machinery which will double the daily output.

The Royal City Planing Mills Co., Westminster, B. C., has chartered a large vessel which will arrive in port shortly to load lumber for England. The vessel will carry away about 1,000,000 feet of lumber. The company has also about concluded arrangements to load a vessel for Apia, Samoan Islands.

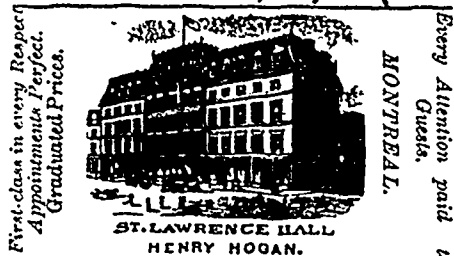
Application is made for the incorporation of the Columbia River Lumber Company, limited, with headquarters at Toronto, and capital stock of \$30,000. The applicants are J. Ross, Sherbrooke, Que.; W. McKenzie, Kirkfield, Ont.; Fred. Robinson, Beaver, B.C.; Nicol Kingsmill, and A. J. Cattanaeh, of Toronto. The company will operate on the Columbia River, B. C.

Some conception, says the *Vancouver World*, can be formed of the magnitude of the C. P. R. bridge to be built across the Fraser river at Mission station, when it is stated that there will be over 3,000,000 feet of lumber used in its construction. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$225,000. It is stated that fully 100 bridge carpenters will be employed for three months on the work. The framing will be done in one of the yards of our lumber mills, and then taken up in a scow and put in position.

**General Trade Notes.**

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Sommes & Hee, hotelkeepers, Vancouver,  
have sold out to Summers.

Macpherson & Thompson, will open a new  
drug store at Westminster.

The Western Hotel, Victoria, has been pur-  
chased from Deans by Shewan.

W. D. Deeble has purchased the butcher  
business of E. Hodgson, Nanaimo.

Chapman & Morgan are opening a real estate  
and commission agency at Vancouver.

G. Sturton & Co. have bought the business of  
Abrams & McLean, clothing, Victoria.

The Knickerbocker Bottling Co., of Portland,  
Oregon, has opened a branch at Vancouver.

It is the intention of the Dominion Govern-  
ment to locate an immigration agent at Van-  
couver. It is said the agent at Medicine Hat  
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Abrams & McLean, dry goods and clothing,  
Vancouver, contemplate dissolving partner-  
ship.

The petition for the formation of a board of  
trade for Nanaimo has been received by the  
Secretary of State at Ottawa.

F. G. Strickland & Co., Westminster, will  
establish a branch implement warehouse at  
Chilliwack, with S. Cauley in charge.

D. Campbell and W. Sempkins have leased  
premises in the Heathorn block, Victoria, and  
will open business in the merchant tailoring line.

A labor trouble has broken out at the Comox  
coal mines, lately opened by R. Dunsmuir &  
Co. The white miners have refused to work  
with Chinamen, hence the trouble.

John Mahrer will erect at Nanaimo a hand-  
some brick block, three storeys high, to cost  
about \$20,000. The building will be fitted up  
as a theatre, with stores on the ground floor.

A new and practical use for the bustle has  
been discovered. A woman has been arrested  
at Port Townsend, W. T., for smuggling opium  
from Victoria. She wore a large bustle filled  
with the drug.

The nine hour movement is gaining strength  
at Victoria. The brick-layers, stone-masons  
and stone-cutters of the city have waited upon  
their employers with the result that the nine  
hours system is to go into effect on April 1st.

Two islands in the south arm of the Fraser  
river, Westminster district, were recently sold  
by auction, by the Government. They were  
put up at an upset price of \$2.50 per acre, but  
sold for \$17 per acre. A few years ago they  
were valued at \$1 per acre.

The *Columbian* advises the New Westminster  
city council to recommend the Legislature to  
drop the prefix "New" from the title of the  
city when the proposed amendments to the  
city's charter are being considered. The word  
"Westminster" alone is certainly lengthy  
enough, for any city in this western world.

Writs have been served upon the three Vi-  
ctoria daily papers, the *Colonist*, *Times* and  
*Standard*, in suits entered by Sir William  
Hoste, Bart., claiming \$5,000 in each case for  
alleged libel. A suit has been entered against

Wm. Angus, of Croft & Angus, Chemainus, on a similar charge, the damages in his case being placed at \$10,000.

Nesbett, Dickson & Co., biscuit manufacturers, Victoria, whose assignment to R. P. Rithet and Andrew Gray, was reported last week, recently erected large premises and placed in first-class machinery. The cause of the failure is not known, as a large trade was done by the firm. The firm of Nesbett & Co. is one of the old establishments of Victorias.

Wellington (Vancouver Island) coal sells for \$9 per ton in San Francisco, about one thousand miles from the mines, says the *Victoria Times*, and in a foreign country. The same coal is \$10 per ton in Victoria, seventy miles from the mines and without any duty being paid as in the former case. From this it would seem that B. C. is blessed with the very worst kind of a coal monopoly.

A deputation, says the *Victoria Colonist*, of the 21st ult., consisting of Hon. Amor De Cosmos, Major Grant, Alex. Wilson and C. E. Redfern, waited upon the Government yesterday for the purpose of securing a promise of aid to the Victoria, Saanich and Westminster railway. After hearing what the deputation had to say, they were informed that the subject would receive the earnest consideration of the Government.

Mainly through the energy of Vancouver, an exhibit from British Columbia was sent to the great exhibitions in Eastern Canada last fall. The Vancouver city council is already taking steps to repeat the experiment next fall. A meeting will be held in the board of trade rooms, Vancouver, on April 13, to which the mayors, Reeves and other interested parties of the province have been invited, to arrange for the exhibit. Vancouver is showing great enterprise in this matter.

The following motion has been made in the B. C. Legislature:—"That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to draw the attention of the Imperial and Dominion Governments, at an early day, to the necessity of providing, in the event of a subsidy being granted to a steamship line between British Columbia and the Asiatic coast or Australasia, that provision be inserted in any contract entered into that will provide for steamers, both ways, coming to Victoria or Esquimalt."

*Victoria Times*:—It is learned that an earnest movement is on foot to form a joint stock company with a capital of \$250,000 for the purpose of erecting a large summer hotel. The enterprise has been under consideration for some months and it is thought a sufficient number of citizens of means will be found to take hold of the matter and carry it through. It is understood that the promoters have secured the refusal of suitable grounds on which to erect the hotel at James Bay, and a public meeting called by the mayor to further the object is likely to be held.

*Westminster Columbian*:—The *Columbian* has another instance to lay before its readers of the wonderful climate we live in. In the past California has supplied us with the first new potatoes each season, but from this time for-

ward the Golden State will be forced to take second place if the garden experiments of Joe Tenasse, of this city, are as successful in the future as they have been this winter. Last fall Tenasse planted a small plot with potatoes, feeling certain he would be able to grow a crop even in the winter months. The experiment proved a great success and the other day he dug a small basketful of as fine looking new potatoes as any one would wish to eat.

### Grain and Milling.

A new elevator for Routledge station, Man., is talked of.

Cartwright, Man., has a committee at work in the interest of securing a flour mill.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. shut down their elevators at Oak Lake and Griewood, Man., on Saturday.

Gore & Minty, of the Bluffs, near Regina, have ordered a portable grist mill for use in their settlement.

A correspondent at Bossevain, Man., writes: The mill enterprise is being rapidly worked into shape. A bonus of over \$4,000 is already assured, with more to follow. Offers have been received from parties willing to build such a mill as is wanted on the terms offered.

The Brandon board of trade has adopted the resolutions passed at the meeting called by the Winnipeg board regarding the grain standards for Manitoba, and printed copies have been sent to T. M. Daly, M.P., the Minister of Inland Revenue, and Van Horne, of the C. P. R.

Cochrane, proprietor of the Crystal City, Man., mill, is said to be arranging to erect a mill at the station of a greater capacity than the one now in operation at the old town, one mile south of the station. He will be given a small bonus of wheat, to be delivered next fall.

*Manitou Mercury*: Jno. J. Walterhouse, of Winnipeg, who is interested in the construction and operation of roller flour mills, has been spending a few days in Manitou. We believe the object of his visit was to see Robt. Ironside, who has some intention of commencing the erection of a mill at this place in the spring.

N Bawlf, grain merchant, Winnipeg, has received some samples of wheat grown in the Prince Albert district, Saskatchewan Territory, which weighed from 65 to 68 pounds to the bushel. The samples were greatly admired on the Winnipeg exchange. It is a pity this rich agricultural district is not opened out by railway communication, but it doubtless soon will be.

The *Mercury* of Manitou, Man., says: Letters have been received by one of our prominent business men from parties in Ontario making inquiries regarding the establishment of a roller mill at Manitou. One gentleman offers to put in a first class roller mill, with a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day, for a bonus of \$5,000, or a fifty barrel mill for \$4,000. The other gentlemen ask for particulars in connection with the proposed industry.

Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller*: A movement is on foot in Canada to increase the duty

on American flour. Doubtless this action would, from the standpoint of Canadian millers, be eminently just and proper, and we would not blame them for seeking to accomplish their object and urging the passage of a bill to increase the tariff on our American product. It remains to be seen, however, how far the Canadian parliament can go in this direction without working an injustice on the larger proportion of its constituency, who are not millers, but consumers of flour. To discuss this point would, of course, necessitate the introduction of all the arguments for and against protection—which heaven forbid. We have heard it all so recently during the course of a presidential campaign, that we are sick of the subject and would fain let it drop for the present.

### Canned Salmon.

Reports continue to be received here from the Pacific coast advising an active and strong market for next season's pack of salmon. The movement, it appears, was first started by what is termed an English syndicate, but as the information began to leak out of the movement, local speculators there caught on, and desiring to float with what they considered as the flood, they started in to cover what quantities they thought could be easily disposed of upon the basis of the wholesale cost. The operations have been chiefly in Alaska, Fraser and Skeena river brands, but Columbia river packs have also sold to a considerable extent. The prices realized have been \$1.57½ to \$1.70 for Columbia, as to brand f.o.b., the export contracts being placed at \$1.57½ to \$1.67½ net, the Alaska \$1.25 to \$1.30. The transactions were at first reported as reaching the total of 600,000 cases, but this we considered as an excessive estimate, and reliable authorities to-day believe, from the private advices received, that the movement up to date will not exceed 250,000 cases. This, however, is regarded as a large quantity to be marketed at this early period. In the face of such activity, and the higher price paid in comparison with the last year, a singular feature of the market is the indifference which is entertained towards spot goods. Columbia River of good brands are freely offered to-day at \$1.82½ to \$1.85. Taking similar quality for next season's delivery upon the basis of \$1.70 f.o.b., the costs laid down in this market will be \$1.91.—*N. Y. Commercial Bulletin*.

At the last meeting of the board of trade of Medicine Hat, Assn., the following resolution was passed: Resolved, That a great injustice is being done to the towns throughout the Territories, by allowing the importation of beer while prohibiting its manufacture. It was also carried that the Northwest Land company be requested to contribute towards the expense of sinking a shaft for coal on the town site. The question of offering inducements to the Northwest Coal & Navigation Company to make Medicine Hat, instead of Dunmore, its eastern terminus, was discussed at length. It was thought, however, that the natural advantages of this place should be a sufficient inducement, though the board is willing to do all in its power to assist the company, if it sees fit to make such a change.

**A Strong Article.**

Miss Kate Field—I have called to see the religious editor. As the great American champion of California wines as a solution of the temperance problem, I sent him a case of the wines with the request for a strong article in the religious department, but the article has not appeared.

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|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
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| 6 48 "       | Portage Junction  | 9 20 "      |  |
| 6 48 "       | St. Norbert       | 9 40 "      |  |
| 5 27 "       | St. Agathe        | 10 20 "     |  |
| 4 42 "       | Silver Plains     | 10 47 "     |  |
| 4 20 "       | Morris            | 11 10 "     |  |
| 4 04 "       | St. Jean          | 11 28 "     |  |
| 3 48 "       | Catharine         | 11 55 a.m.  |  |
| 3 20 "       | West Lynn         | 12 20 p.m.  |  |
| 8 05 p.m.    | Pembina           | 12 35 "     |  |
| 8 25 a.m.    | Winnipeg Junction | 8 50 "      |  |
| 8 35 p.m.    | Minneapolis       | 8 35 a.m.   |  |
| 8 00 "       | St. Paul          | 7 05 "      |  |
| 6 40 "       | Helena            | 4 00 p.m.   |  |
| 3 40 "       | Garrison          | 6 15 "      |  |
| 1 05 a.m.    | Spokane           | 9 45 a.m.   |  |
| 8 00 p.m.    | Portland          | 6 30 "      |  |
| 7 40 "       | Tacoma            | 3 50 "      |  |
| 4 30 "       | "via Cascade"     | 6 40 "      |  |

| P     | A.M. | 8:00 | St. Paul | A.M. | 7:30 | P.M.  | P.M.  |
|-------|------|------|----------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 2 30  | A.M. | 8:00 | St. Paul | A.M. | 7:30 | 3:00  | 7:35  |
| 10 30 | P.M. | 9:30 | Chicago  | A.M. | 9:00 | 3:10  | 8:10  |
| 6 45  | P.M. | 6:00 | Detroit  | P.M. | 7:15 | 10:45 | 6:10  |
|       | A.M. | 9:05 | Toronto  | A.M. | 9:10 |       | 9:05  |
|       | A.M. | 7:50 | New York | A.M. | 7:30 | 8 50  | 8:50  |
|       | A.M. | 3:00 | Boston   | A.M. | 9:25 | 10:50 | 10:50 |
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|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| GOING EAST.  |                | GOING WEST.  |
| No. 1 Daily. |                | No. 2 Daily. |
| 14 00 Do     | Lethbridge     | Ar 1 30      |
| 16 55        | Woodpecker     | 23 35        |
| 18 50        | Purple Springs | 22 40        |
| 17 45 Ar     | Grassy Lake    | 21 45        |
| 18 50        | Cherry Coulee  | 20 55        |
| 20 00        | Winnifred      | Do 20 00     |
| 20 55        | Seven Persons  | Ar 19 55     |
| 22 10 Ar     | Dunrobert      | De 17 30     |

† Meals. E. T. GALT, Manager, Lethbridge. J. BAILEY, Supt., Lethbridge.

**Manitoba and Northwestern Ry.**

CHANGE OF TIME.

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| PA 18 Tuesday Thursday and Saturday | Miles from Portage | STATIONS.          | Pass Monday Wednesday and Fridays |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| LEAVE 16 00                         |                    | Portage la Prairie | ARRIVE 13 30                      |
| † 17 45                             | 35                 | Gladstone          | † 12 05                           |
| 18 45                               | 61                 | Neepawa            | 10 33                             |
| 19 45                               | 70                 | Minnedosa          | 9 55                              |
| 20 50                               | 94                 | Rapid City         | 8 30                              |
| 21 30                               | 115                | Snod Lake          | 8 00                              |
| † 22 30                             | 138                | Birtle             | † 7 00                            |
| 23 30                               | 155                | *Binscarth         | 5 55                              |
| 24 10                               | 166                | *Russell           | 5 15                              |
| 24 40                               | 180                | *Langenburg        | 7 15                              |
| 1 15                                | 206                | *Saltcoats         | 3 40                              |
| ARRIVE                              |                    |                    | LEAVE                             |

† Meals. \*Trains for Binscarth leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 22.50, returning leave Binscarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 5.55. For Russel leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 22.50; returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 5.15. For Langenburg and Saltcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 22.50; returning leave Saltcoats Mondays only at 3.40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20.00; returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.30.

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