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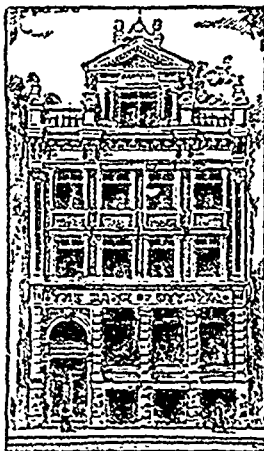
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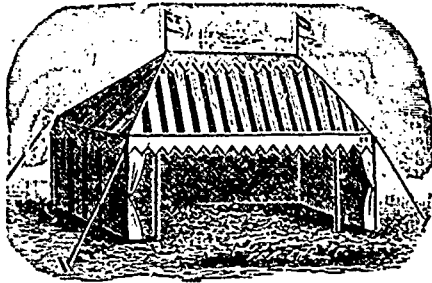
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THE ELEVATOR REGULATIONS.

Considerable discussion of the elevator situation in Manitoba has been going on again recently, owing to the introduction of a bill at Ottawa to compel the railway companies to abolish the elevator restrictions. The matter has been discussed in the provincial legislature, with the result noted in another column of The Commercial this week. When the alleged grain combine was formed last fall The Commercial said at the time that it would likely lead to another agitation. This has now come in the form of a demand to have the elevator regulations abolished. It is really just the same old story of human nature over again. Deprive a person or a community of some right which he or they believe themselves entitled to, and there will remain a sore which will refuse to heal. The forbidden fruit may be of little or no value but that will not make any difference. The farmers believe they have the right to load their wheat directly upon cars, without putting it through the elevators. This right may be of little value to them, but so long as they are deprived of it there will be unrest, as well as encouragement for the professional agitator and political truckler to get in his work.

The Commercial has always contended that the elevator regulations have been of great value to the grain

trade, and therefore to the grain producers of Manitoba. At the same time, the removal of the restriction as to loading upon cars, would not, we believe, materially affect the elevators. At points in Manitoba where these restrictions are not enforced, the farmers do not appear to take advantage of the privilege of loading their wheat directly into cars to any extent. Loading wheat into cars is in fact impractical except in special cases, and if the restrictions were removed, it would make very little difference to either the farmers or the elevator men. It is a matter for regret that statements calculated to injure the country, some of them absurdly false on their face, have been made in and out of parliament in regard to this matter. The fact that the farmers have themselves formed a large number of elevator companies, and built elevators at many country towns, including some points where elevator restrictions have not been enforced, indicates that the farmers are generally in favor of using the elevators. It seems a matter for regret that this elevator question was not settled in some way before the present agitation was started. If the farmers had been allowed the right to load into cars, with reasonable rules as to time of holding cars, etc., it would probably have settled the trouble. Now it is possible that some legislation inimical to the elevators may be passed, which would be a matter for regret. No country in the world has better grain-handling facilities than Manitoba, and it is not desirable that any unreasonable regulations should be enforced against the system. The regulations under which the elevators are now working have greatly aided in building up this splendid system of grain handling in Manitoba, without which the grain producers would be in a truly bad position.

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While the settlement of our vacant lands is not progressing as fast as we would wish, it is nevertheless quite apparent that the sales of farm lands has been steadily and rapidly increasing during the past few years. The reports of all the large land companies show this. The land sales of the Canadian Pacific Railway company show a large increase the last couple of years, and the present year bids fair to show a far greater expansion of land business than during the previous year. The report of the Northwest Land company, recently published, may be taken as an indication of what has been going on in the land business. The company's sales for the last four years compare as follows:

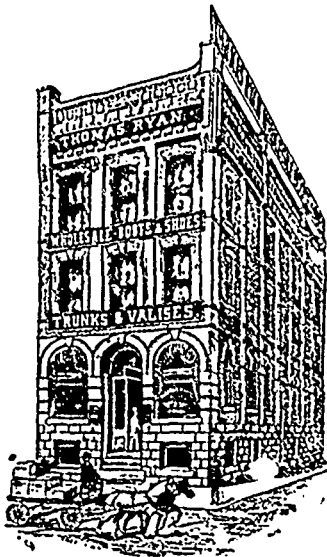
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LIQUOR IN YUKON.

The government is no doubt taking a wise precaution in sending troops to the Yukon. The present police force in the country would be utterly unable to cope with any serious disturbance. Even the additional force which it is proposed to send seems insignificant in comparison with the extent of country through which law and order will have to be maintained, especially when we consider that thousands of the roughest element from the United States are crowding into the north country. Of course thousands of sturdy and reliable Canadians are also going to the Yukon region, who could be called upon to assist the military in case of rioting or mob lawlessness. At the same time a sufficient force of regularly organized and disciplined men is always a better safeguard than an emergency force.

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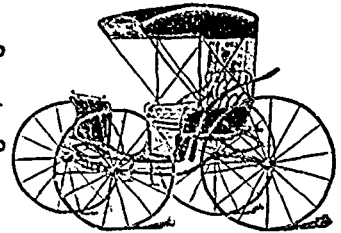
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hibitory law, owing to proximity to the United States for hundreds of miles, and the ease with which the country could be entered at any point along the boundary.

REMINISCENCES.

In Manitoba in years gone by we had a hot fight against the disallowance of provincial railways. The people were bent on having connection with railways from the United States. The very fact that a federal act forbid such connection, was no doubt the reason why we agitated so strongly for railway connection south. It is a number of years since Manitoba's rights were recognized, and with the aid of heavy bonuses we succeeded in inducing one railway to come in. The removal of the monopoly restrictions seemed to satisfy the people, for since that time there has been no further agitation for increased railway connection with the south. If there never had been a monopoly clause in the Canadian Pacific railway charter, it is doubtful if there would have been an agitation in Manitoba for further railway connection from the south than that already provided by the Canadian Pacific railway. But a prohibitory law on this point having been enacted, there was no rest until we saw that prohibition overcome.

In British Columbia to-day they have an agitation of quite a different character from that which stirred up the people of Manitoba in the days of the disallowance of railway charters. In British Columbia they are actually agitating against the granting of a federal charter to allow railway connection from the south. An enterprise known as the Kettle Valley railway is the cause of all the trouble. Application has been made at Ottawa for the incorporation of this railway, with a view to constructing a railway into the Boundary Creek country, from the United States. Boards of trade and other association and even the provincial legislature are protesting against the chartering of this road, on the ground that it would draw trade from Canada to the United States.

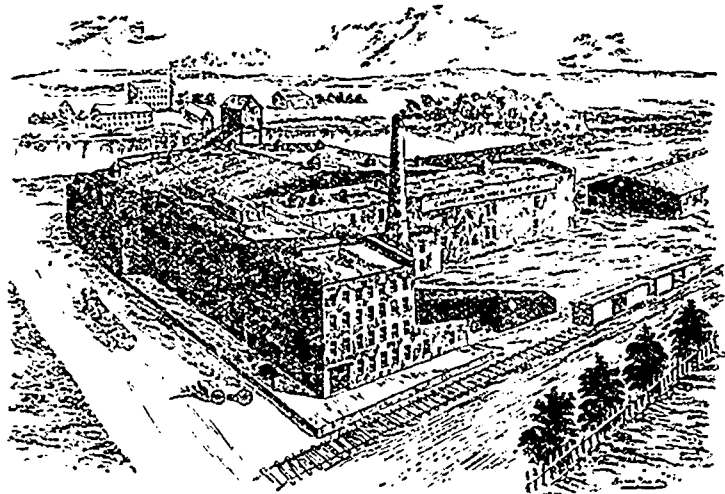
The situation in British Columbia seems to point a moral. Recalling the years gone by in the days of the anti-disallowance agitation in Manitoba, does it not indicate the folly of attempting to obtain results by coercive measures? A free people will not submit to coercion in a matter which they consider a right. It seems almost impossible, however, to induce those in authority to recognize this principle. Only the other day the United States senate adopted a bill intended to force concessions from this country by means of coercive or restrictive legislation. How absurd to think that any good thing could ever be accomplished in this way.

PORK PACKING AND REFRIGERATION.

WINNIPEG'S EXPANDING INDUSTRIES.

The packing house of J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, was closed down recently to complete the extensive improvements and enlargements which have been under progress for some time. Last fall a large addition was

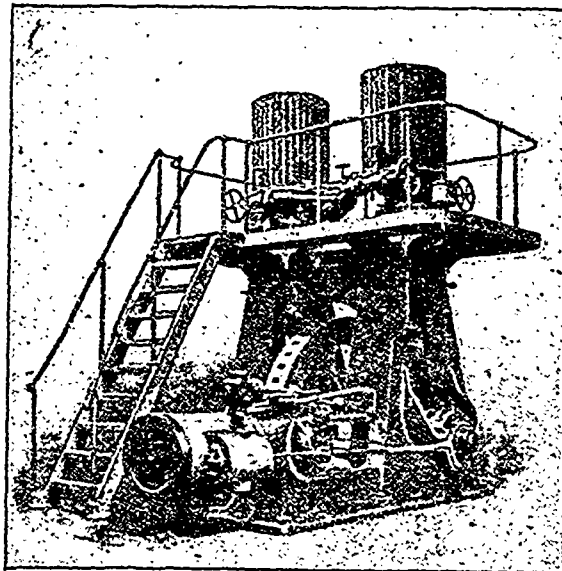
added to allow of rapid progress in equipping the new building, which will be provided with the most improved plant. At the same time the old buildings and plant will be entirely overhauled and new machinery and appliances will be put in wherever an improvement can be made. This work, it is expected, will be completed about the first of April, when J. Y. Griffin & Co. will be able to resume work with facilities unexcelled by any like industry in Canada.



J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO.'S NEW PACKING FACTORY, WINNIPEG.

added to the factory buildings, and we present herewith an illustration showing the factory as it now is. From the extent of the buildings it will be at once recognized that there is ample room therein for the carrying on of a large business. J. Y. Griffin & Co. have persevered steadily since they first established this business in Winnipeg. Year by year they have been adding

The new building was planned and erected under the supervision of a Chicago architect who is an expert in this particular line, and who has made cold storage buildings a special study. The re-construction and refitting of the old buildings is being carried out under the same supervision. An important feature of the changes being made in the factory is



ICE MACHINE.

new features and extending their enterprise, until now they have an industry of great importance. In fact we may say they have one of the very foremost industries in this western country.

The factory has been temporarily closed down, as previously noted, so

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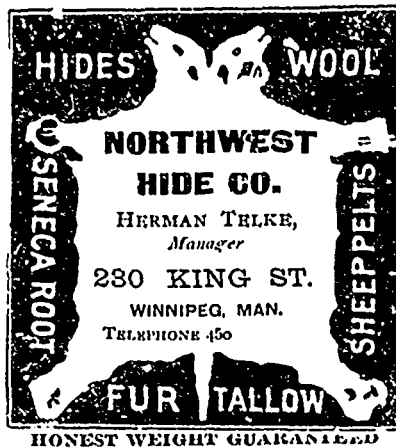
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large packing houses elsewhere, and our local firm are not to be behind the times in securing whatever is latest and best in their line. A part of the large building has been specially reserved for the storage of butter, cheese, eggs, in which lines J. Y. Griffin & Co., do a large trade. The new system of refrigeration will be extended also to the produce storage rooms. We show herewith a cut of one of the ice machines, or compressors, used in this system of refrigeration. This machinery is supplied by The Frick Co., of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. When all this work is completed Messrs. Griffin & Co. will have a factory modern in every particular, capable of handling 500 hogs per day, making an increase of about 200 hogs per day over their former capacity. The present supply of hogs is not equal to this capacity, but no doubt the supply will steadily increase. At any rate, Messrs. Griffin & Co. evidently look at it this way, as they have facilities to handle a large increase in the supply of hogs. Their brands of hog products, known as Red Cross, are now in demand from the great lakes to the Pacific coast, and away north to Yukon. No finer goods are placed on the market anywhere in Canada, and we doubt if the famous Irish and Danish bacon would show any marked superiority over the product made right here in Winnipeg. Just here we may say that Manitoba hogs are not corn-fed. They are raised and fed on mixed feed, and where proper attention to breeding has been given, this country can show ideal bacon hogs. In the matter of breeding, there is room for further improvement, though good progress has been made in this respect.

Another new departure announced by J. Y. Griffin & Co., is their decision to open a branch house at Vancouver, B. C., about April 15. This has been decided upon owing to the large increase in their business at the coast, where they have been represented through commission agents for years. D. Naismith, a gentleman well known in Winnipeg and held in high esteem for both his personal and business qualities, will have charge of this branch. The Vancouver branch will assist in extending the market at the coast for Manitoba farm and dairy produce.

Besides the Vancouver branch, J. G. Mooly will represent the firm in the Kootenay region, with headquarters at Rossland and M. Kyle will have charge of the Rat Portage district. R. McGowan will have charge of the prairie region, on the road. R. Robertson, an experienced produce man, recently in charge of Hodgson Bros.' branch at London, Ontario has been engaged to look after the produce department in Winnipeg. With this well organized staff and greatly increased facilities, Messrs. Griffin & Co. will be prepared to largely extend their operations during the present year.

An Enormous Business.

Sir Thomas J. Lipton, the Chicago pork packer, Ceylon tea and coffee grower, fruit and cocoa manufacturer, has just formed his British retail business into a joint stock company. The flotation of the company is the sensation of the day in "Lunnon." Twelve million dollars was asked for the business, and on Thursday subscribed for twenty times over, the applications amounting to near-

ly \$250,000,000. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed at the Bank of Scotland, London, where the lists were opened; the police had to be called to regulate the rush of applicants for the shares. Ladies of title, army and naval officers and public men were conspicuous amongst the people who besieged Sir Thomas, imploring him to take their money.

So much in favor is "Lipton's" with the people that already the ordinary 20s shares are quoted at 50s. The career of this merchant prince has been a marvellous one.

Sir Thomas Lipton's parents migrated from the north of Ireland to Glasgow, where he was born just forty-two years ago. Beginning life as an industrious warehouse lad, he has climbed the ladder of success from the very lowest rung. Experience gained in America stood him in good stead when he opened, on his own account, a modest shop in the High street of his birth-place. The results of his first venture proved so satisfactory that other "stores" were acquired in rapid succession, and Mr. Lipton soon became the head of the Lipton Packing company, of Chicago, and the mainspring of the great commercial organization which has made his name a household word all over the globe. The purchase of the Ceylon estates led to the transfer of his headquarters from Scotland to London, and the change of his residence from Cambuslang to the borderlands of Hertfordshire. At the present moment the business operations of Sir Thomas Lipton include Kentish fruit farms, meat stores and refrigerating cars all over America, curing factories in Liverpool and elsewhere; biscuit bakeries in Scotland, and markets all over the united kingdom. His chief place of business is in London, where he is in direct communication with Glasgow, Liverpool and Dublin. As might be expected, the Lipton central offices have their museum. The latest addition to its relics is the monster cheque in payment of customs duty, £50,000, equal to \$250,000. Sir Thomas Lipton is tea merchant to Her Majesty, and some 200 tons of tea are received and sent out by him every week. Every other department of his business is organized on the same scale, and, in addition to his own "markets," he employs no fewer than 5,000 agents. Sir Thomas Lipton seems to have solved not only the problem of production, but that of distribution. His liberality last summer is not forgotten, but the distinction which has recently come to him is the well merited reward of one of the most remarkable commercial enterprises of the times. Success has not spoiled Sir Thomas Lipton. Nothing can persuade him to relax those personal efforts which have led to such astounding results.

Britain's Daily Bread.

From the accompanying diagram, says the London, Eng., Daily Mail, the position of the United Kingdom's wheat supply can be seen at a glance. The statistics upon which it is based are from the reports of the Board of Trade and the Board of Agriculture for 1897. Briefly summarised, they amount to this—that last year 73.5 per cent. of the wheat and wheat flour requirements of the United Kingdom were obtained from over sea, only 26.5 per cent. being grown in Great Britain. Of the imported sup-

plies, it is noteworthy that only 6.3 per cent. were grown in British Colonies and possessions. The great bulk of our supplies, viz., 67.2 per cent., or more than two-thirds of our whole requirements, were produced in foreign countries. From the United States we imported 43.9 per cent.; from Russia 13.6 per cent., and from other foreign countries 9.7 per cent.

The following table gives the chief countries of origin and the total quantities of wheat, wheat meal, and flour imported from each; and also the quantity produced by Great Britain:

Imported	Cwts.	P. ct.
From the U. S.	48,066,170	43.9
From Russia	15,049,900	13.6
From other foreign countries	10,783,929	9.7
From British possessions and colonies ...	6,923,950	6.3
Grown in Great Britain 29,417,801	26.5	
Tot. imports and home grown supplies	110,841,750	100.0

Next in importance to the United States and Russia as a source of our wheat supplies is British North America which last year sent us 4,820,500 cwt. of wheat and 1,530,690 cwt. of wheat-meal and flour. Turkey comes next with 1,862,540 cwt. of wheat; then France, which supplied 1,682,420 cwt. of wheat flour; Austrian territories sent us 1,143,950 cwt. of flour; Germany 1,333,400 cwt; Roumania 1,224,340 cwt., Chili, 1,019,300 cwt.; and the Argentine 933,100 cwt.—all of wheat. For the milling interest it is worthy of note that the supplies of wheat came chiefly from Russia, British North America, Turkey, Germany, Roumania, Chili, and the Argentine; the flour-exporting countries being the United States, France, and Austria. The British East Indies last year supplied us with only 572,760 cwt. of wheat.

Looked at from the British colonists' point of view, the position is of par-



ticular importance. That so very small a percentage of the mother country's wheat requirements should be obtained from British colonies is an anomaly which should be speedily rectified. The year was, of course, an unfortunate one as regards India and Australia, but even during normal seasons the proportion of supplies received from our colonies is ridiculously small. Last year, however, Canada made considerable progress, and it is highly probable that during the present year she will surpass her achievements in 1897.

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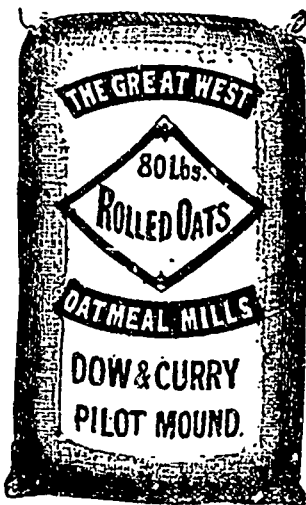
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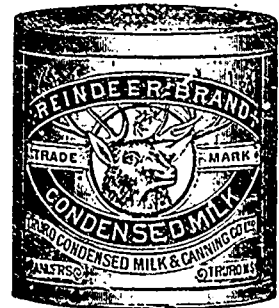
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J. F. Dandy, of Medora, is adding hardware to his business.

E. H. Wilson is building a large livery and feed stable at Elm Creek.

J. O'Connor, of Crystal, North Dakota, has commenced business at Elm Creek as butcher.

D. T. Lennon has entered into partnership with E. Hebb, of the Woodbine restaurant, Winnipeg.

T. Angus has purchased the McLachlan building at Stockton and is opening in flour and feed, etc.

The Canada Sitings, Russell's new paper, has appeared. It was formerly the Salteont; Sitings.

The stock and store fixtures of S. Graham, Balcar, will be sold in Winnipeg on March 31. Stock amounts to \$3,800, in general merchandise.

N. Tracy has purchased the building formerly used by Harrison Bros. for a machine shop at Killarney, and will use it for a cabinet shop and wood working purposes.

Fleming & Short, butchers, Shoal Lake, have dissolved partnership. D. C. Fleming will continue the business. He assumes all liabilities and collects all debts due the late firm.

Bread is now selling freely in Winnipeg at 20 loaves for \$1, though a strong effort was made to maintain the price at 16 loaves for the dollar. The latter price is still asked, but it is claimed to be a superior quality of bread.

Thos. A. Watts, of the Consolidated Stationery company, Winnipeg, has taken a partnership interest in the wholesale stationery firm of Love, McAllister & Co., of Winnipeg, from which John Love recently retired.

Mr. Milloy, the architect for Gordon and Ironside's abbatoir to be erected in Winnipeg, has arrived from St. Paul. The ice house is completed and the contract for the lumber and stone for the building has been let. The structures will be completed by June 1st.

The Manitoba Produce and Commission Co., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation. The capital stock is placed at \$75,000. The applicants are H. H. Beck, Jos. Campbell, E. G. Hicks, R. F. Manning and W. K. Buck. The same business as heretofore carried on by the company, will be continued. Branches will be opened in British Columbia.

The Winnipeg Retail association held a meeting on Tuesday evening. A legislation committee, composed of J. A. McKerchar, J. Cockburn, H. Chevrier, Ald. C. H. Wilson, George Ryan, T. D. Deegan, W. Wellband, W. J. Craig, Jas. Porter and A. R. Christie, was appointed. Vacant lands and other matters were discussed, and canvassers were instructed to begin work at once toward raising funds to follow up the scheme to secure the settlement of lands around the city.

The committees of the Winnipeg city council, board of trade and Retail association have formulated a plan to assist in the settlement of the vacant lands of the district. It is proposed to raise \$2,000, one-half by public subscriptions and one-half by vote of the city council, to prepare a list of vacant lands and a description of the same; also to print 35,000 pamphlets for distribution. The adoption of the plan is based on the proposal that the interior department should provide two officials to look after intend-

ing settlers who might desire to inspect lands offered.

E. F. Hutchings, of Winnipeg, and others asks for power from the legislature to construct an electric or steam railway from Winnipeg along the east side of Red river to a point below St. Andrew's rapids, there to connect with steamers plying on Lake Winnipeg and Red river. The petition also recites that the petitioners desire to establish a manufacturing enterprise at a point known as Lorne Hill. The petitioners are E. F. Hutchings, R. T. Riley, A. W. Clark, J. H. Leach, M. A. Bell, J. H. Brock, R. R. Taylor and John Thompson.

The J. I. Case Thresher company have taken the premises on the corner of Princess and James streets, Winnipeg, and are fitting it up as an office and show room. A plate glass front will be put in the building and the interior will be fitted up in good shape. The company is also building a storage warehouse on the transfer track, and hereafter their business here will be conducted as a regular branch. D. B. Macleod, who has been appointed local manager, left on Thursday for the headquarters of the company at Racine, Wisconsin, to arrange for bringing in a supply of goods.

M. W. Rublee, of the Rublee Fruit Co., Winnipeg, who returned this week from a trip south, says there was considerable excitement among holders of California dried fruits on account of the recent frosts in California. At Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis telegrams were coming in freely advising holders to advance prices. It was claimed that immense damage had been done to peaches, apricots and prunes by the frost, which covered a large area of country from Los Angeles north to the state of Oregon. Prices of some lines of Californian dried fruits have been advanced as much as 1c per lb. Since Mr. Rublee returned there have been further frosts in California, which are said to have been very destructive.

Grocery Items.

Another sugar conference to consider the bounties question, will be held at Brussels on May 27.

There was a firm market for Japan rice, and sales for May delivery were reported at 5 1-2c.—New York Journal of Commerce.

A decided improvement in the demand for rice is reported, and the market is considerably active, with prices fully maintained. Cable advices state that stocks in Europe are well exhausted, and the arrival of the new crop is being awaited. Owing to the big demand in the east, principally in Japan, where the native crop is short, advices state that there is no prospect of buying cheaper for some time to come. Japan rice here is difficult to obtain.

Inquiries are still being received in Toronto for Japan teas for shipment to the United States. The teas chiefly wanted appear to be from about 15 1-2c to 17c per pound. During the last few weeks about 5,000 packages were sold on this account.

Galt's Deseicated Pea flour is a new line put on the market by G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, which is very suitable for miners, prospectors, hunters, expiring and camping parties, etc. The directions say that with this preparation a bowl of rich soup can be made in one minute.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, March 21.

The snow blockades in the mountains and storms further east have so disorganized the transcontinental service this week as to greatly reduce the number of arrivals from the east. Result—a perceptible lull in the outfitting business and northern transportation. Wholesalers and retailers, however, report business on the whole, excellent and the temporary break is even a welcome one to the outfitting firms, many of which have been working at high pressure night and day for weeks. Prices continue firm in all lines and collections are particularly good. Last week as many as three steamers a day were leaving for the north with full freight and passenger lists so that now the number of outfitting gold-seekers in the city, though still reaching into thousands, is noticeably less than a few days ago. However, hundreds are on the way and no sign is seen of an abatement in the rush. Grain and feed lines remain particularly firm and in good demand though flour has weakened. The large number of horses and cattle being used on the Stikine, Skagway and Dyea trails have kept up the demand for feeds, noteworthy feature of which has been the conspicuous success of the patent compressed feed put up by the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., large orders for which are now arriving from Wrangel and other Northern points. The agitation started by some of the American papers against the Stikine river route in order to deflect trade from Canadian outfitting points, has not been very successful. The 15-mile strip of heavy snow is being rapidly cut through by the large force going up for Mackenzie and Mann and thousands are pushing through in their wake. The travelling up the river beyond the snow strip is reported to be in excellent condition.

Freight Rates and Railway Matters.

The Canadian Pacific railway has made a material reduction in passenger rates from Winnipeg to Toronto and Montreal. The new rates are as follows: 1st class from Winnipeg to Montreal \$28.20; old rates \$38.90; 2nd class \$27.20, old rate \$36.95. First class to Toronto \$28.20; 2nd class \$27.20; old rate \$35; no second class.

Chicago Trade Bulletin says: Rates continue unsettled. Grain is being taken from Chicago to New York at 13 to 15c per 100 lbs and provisions at 17 to 18c. The through rate from Chicago to Liverpool on flour is 26 1-4 to 29c per 100 lbs, grain is 15 1-2 to 16 1-2c and provisions 34 to 35c. Lake rate steady with a fair business at 1 1-2c on corn to Buffalo, and 3 3-4c for wheat and 3 1-2c for corn to Kingston.

The April or spring number of the Delineator confirms and supplements the spring styles given in March. The literary matter for this month ranges over a very interesting field. Dr. Murray writes on headaches. Mrs. Meynell describes how children regard their toys. There is an article on "Renovating the Farm House," also a paper on house cleaning, and many other interesting and useful papers.

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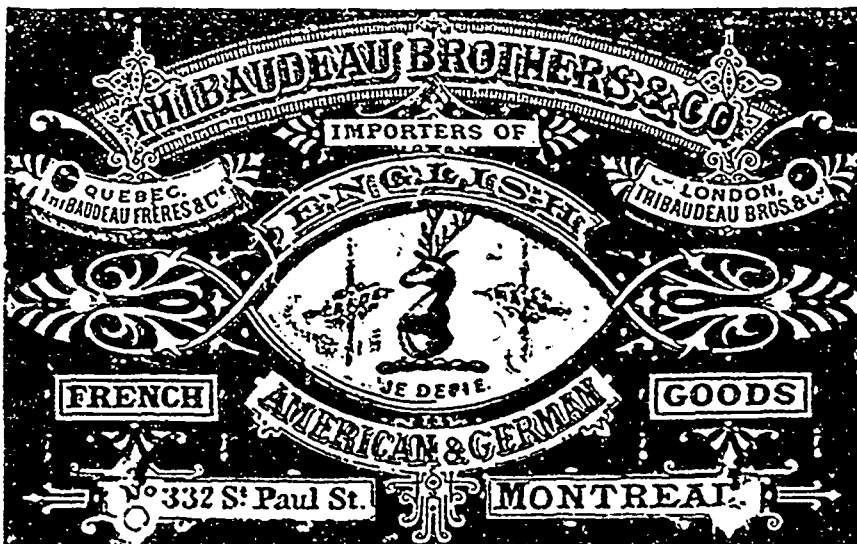
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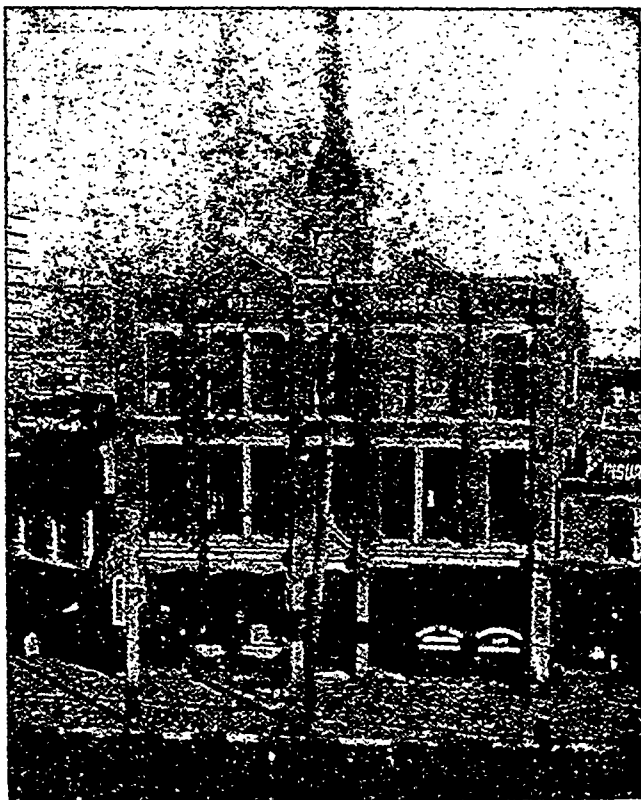
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CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION BUILDING, WINNIPEG

About a year ago the association determined to use a rate of 3 1-2 instead of 4 1-2 per cent. in valuing policy and annuity obligations. This prudent course has been adopted with respect to all business taken since the beginning of 1896 and is being continued. The reason for it, of course, was the permanent lowering of the rate of interest on good investments. It is agreeable to learn that the experience of this company coincides with that of other concerns lending on realty, in showing improvement in interest payments and a better return therefrom. The amount of death claims 248,000, which is larger than the preceding year, is in part explained by several lives falling in on which large insurances were carried. Out of total payments to policy-holders, of more than half a million during the year, \$93,000 was in the shape of en-

dowments, and the large sum of \$59,000 was distributed to policy-holders in cash profits. The amount of cash profits so paid by the Confederation in a quarter century has exceeded a million dollars.

The chief officers of the Association in charge of its affairs in Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia are Daniel McDonald, Inspector, and Chas. E. Kerr, cashier.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Confederation Life Association was held at the head office of the company, Yonge, Richmond and Victoria streets, Toronto, on Tuesday, March 15, 1898, at 3 p. m.

There was a fair attendance of shareholders and policyholders.

Mr. W. H. Beatty, vice-president, was appointed to act as chairman, and Mr. J. K. Macdonald, managing

cured slightly in excess of that of 1896, it was obtained, and the entire business of the association conducted, at a cost actually less than for that year.

The total applications received during the year were 2,164 for \$3,332,485 of insurance; 2,072 for \$3,143,285 were approved and policies written; 85 for \$182,200 were declined, and 7 for \$7,000 being incomplete, were deferred. Including bonus ad-



DANIEL McDONALD, Inspector
Confederation Life Association, Winnipeg

ditions, the new business for the year was \$3,168,172. The total business in force at the close of the year was \$28,332,005, under 18,915 policies on 16,127 lives.

In the matter of the valuation of the policy and annuity obligations for all business taken since December 31, 1895, a rate of 3 1-2 per cent only has been assumed.

Your directors are pleased to be able to report a very fair increase



CHAS. E. KERR, Cashier
Confederation Life Association, Winnipeg

director, as secretary.

After the usual formalities the following report and statements of the affairs of the association for the year 1897 were presented.

REPORT

The year 1897, like some of those which preceded it, was one that called for the exercise of much care and prudence, both in regard to obtaining new insurance and in the investment of the funds. It would have been quite within the ability of your directors to have largely increased the volume of new business, but it was deemed the wiser course to continue the conservative policy of the past, and do a safe, though moderate business, at a reasonable cost.

The policy-holders and shareholders will note with satisfaction that while an amount of new insurance was se-

in the returns from property taken over in the city of Toronto and with the improvement which seems to be very generally anticipated, a still higher return is looked for during the present year. They are also very glad to report that the payment of interest on mortgage account has been very much better than for some years past. The actual collections

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F. S. BAKER, Cashier

POSITION OF COMPANY

31ST DECEMBER, 1896

ASSETS	\$6,358,144 00
INCOME FOR 1896	1,886,258 00
LIFE ASSURANCE IN FORCE	35,196,890 92

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J. K. MACDONALD, Man. Director

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C. E. KERR, Cashier

D. McDONALD, Inspector

were about 16 per cent in advance of those for 1896, while the amount due and outstanding at the 31st December last was almost 25 per cent less than at the corresponding date of 1896. It may also be stated that several house properties have been sold during the year to realize all the company had against them.

The death claims arising in the year aggregated the sum of \$213,824. These occurred under 140 policies, on 119 lives. While well within the tabular rate, it is larger than the usual experience of this company, and arises largely from the fact that several lives fell in on which there were large insurances carried, which considerably increased the average. The above, considering the lives at risk and the age of the company, will strongly attest the care exercised by the directors in the admission of only healthy lives.

Attention may be called to the very large amount paid by the association during the past year to its policyholders and annuitants, and especially to the sum of almost \$90,000 CASH PROFITS TO POLICYHOLDERS. The total payments including \$8,031, the amount received for re-insurances, and which is deducted from the death claims in the financial statement, were \$511,752.62.

It may also be mentioned that this Association since its organization has paid a total of \$1,034,214.74 CASH PROFITS up to the close of last year to its policyholders, an amount equal to 43 per cent. of the total death claims during the same time.

The financial statement herewith submitted exhibit the transactions of the Association and its condit on on the 31st December last.

The auditors have given strict attention to their duties, making their investigations from month to month, and their report will be found appended to the financial statements.

The directors are also pleased to report that the field and office staffs continue to discharge their duties with efficiency and diligence.

All the directors retire, but are eligible for re-election.

W. P. HOWLAND, President.
J. K. MACDONALD,
Managing Director.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.	
Premiums	905,417.57
Annuities	30,259.00
	<u>\$ 935,676.57</u>
Less re-assurance premiums	4,115.55
	<u>\$ 931,561.02</u>

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F. G. Cox, Managing Director.

Head Office for Manitoba and the Territories: Winnipeg, Man.

I. S. WALLACE, General Agent

D. H. COOPER, Manager

Interest and rents (net) ... 252,966.23

\$1,184,527.25

Disbursements.

To policyholders—

Death claims \$ 251,556.75

Less re-insurances 8,000.00

Net claims \$243,556.75

Endowments 93,353.00

Annuities 9,854.84

Surrendered policies 66,993.84

Cash profits 89,944.63

\$ 503,721.03

Expenses, salaries, commissions, etc. \$ 306,411.10

Dividends to stockholders... 15,000.00

Balance 459,394.53

\$1,184,527.25

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.

Mortgages \$2,683,997.52

Bonds and debentures ... 1,061,275.63

Real estate, including company's buildings at Toronto and Winnipeg ... 1,400,166.18

Loans on stocks 94,343.58

Loans on company's policies 675,365.18

Sundry items 8,929.95

Cash in banks and at H.O. 30,361.43

Net outstanding and deferred premiums 172,344.65

Interest and rents due and accrued 110,905.16

\$6,237,689.28

Liabilities.

Assurance and annuity funds, Hm. 3 1-2 and 4 1-2 per cent \$5,673,813.00

Losses by death accrued (not adjusted) 16,557.00

To policyholders for balance declared profits, cash and temp. reductions 96,018.76

Capital stock paid up ... 100,000.00

General expenses and all other liabilities 14,493.78

Cash surplus above all liabilities 336,806.74

\$6,237,689.28

Cash surplus above all liabilities \$ 336,806.74

Capital stock paid up as above 100,000.00

Capital stock subscribed, uncalled 900,000.00

Total surplus security for policy-holders \$1,336,806.74

J. K. MACDONALD,
Managing Director.

AUDITORS REPORT.

We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the association for the year ending December 31st, 1897, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify that the financial statements agree with the books and are correct.

The securities represented in the assets (with the exception of those lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to over \$84,500, and those deposited with the Government of Newfoundland, amounting to \$25,000) have been examined and compared with the books of the association, and are correct, and correspond with the schedules and ledgers. The bank balances and the cash are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS,
R. F. SPENCE,
Auditors.

Toronto, Feb. 22nd, 1898.
The chairman, Mr. W. H. Beatty, in moving the adoption of the report,

commented on the very satisfactory state of the affairs of the association, and stated that the new business for the year 1898 showed a satisfactory increase over that for 1897 at the same date.

Several of the policy-holders and stockholders present referred in complimentary terms to the success which has attended the operations of the association, and the report was unanimously adopted.

Resolutions of thanks, which were suitably responded to, were also passed to the directors, officers, auditors, medical examiners, field and office staffs, for their faithful services during the year.

All the retiring directors were re-elected, viz: Hon. Sir. W. P. Howland, Edward Hooper, Esq., W. H. Beatty, Esq., Hon. Jas. Young, S. Nordhelmer, Esq., W. H. Gibbs, Esq., A. McLean Howard, Esq., Walter S. Lee, Esq., A. L. Gooderham, Esq., W. D. Matthews, Esq., Geo. Mitchell, Esq., Frederick Wyld, Esq., J. K. Macdonald, Esq.

At a meeting of the new board held immediately after the annual meeting Hon. Sir. W. P. Howland, K.C.M.G., C.B., was re-elected President, and Messrs. Edward Hooper and W. H. Beatty, Vice-Presidents.

Crescent Bicycle.

Hyslop Bros., of Toronto, are continuing the bicycle business in Winnipeg formerly carried on by Cornell Spera & Co. with A. E. Spera in charge as manager. This is the oldest bicycle business in Winnipeg. Cornell, Spera and company, were the first to start a regular bicycle store in Winnipeg, which they did some six years ago. One year later they added a bicycle repair shop department, which was also the first institution of the kind in the city. The repair shop was well fitted with tools and machinery, and a great lot of repair work and even some new work was done therein. This branch of Cornell, Spera & Co.'s business was under the special care of Mr. Spera from the start, so that Hyslop Bros. have as manager one of the most experienced bicycle men in the country.

The Toronto firm mentioned have the exclusive agency in Canada for the Crescent wheels, manufactured by the Western Wheel Works Co., of Chicago, claimed to be the largest bicycle manufacturers in the world. Two prices of wheels will be handled by Mr. Spera here, besides the Crescent chainless wheel. The latter will sell at \$95, and the others at \$65 and \$75, which is \$15 less than last year's prices for the same grades.

Branching Out.

Emerson & Hague, manufacturers of clothing, tents, etc., Winnipeg, have been obliged to secure additional premises on account of the growth of their business. At present they occupy a large building on Lombard street, which with the basement gives them four floors, but even in this space they have been so crowded that it was found necessary to enlarge, and the second flat of the building adjoining their factory has been secured. They have put in a number of new machines and now have a large staff at work full time. Earlier in the season some good sized orders were filled for the Klondike trade, including orders for a sleeping bag, manufactured from Manitoba all-wool felt, which they have placed on the mar-

ket. Latterly the Klondike trade has fallen off, but they are very busy turning out goods for their regular spring trade.

Grain and Milling News.

Flour for the Yukon is put up in double sacks, to protect the contents from the weather and rough handling. The outer sack is made of strong material, but will not absorb water readily.

One of the Winnipeg milling companies is said to have received offers from two agricultural societies in the province offering bonuses to put up elevators in their districts. They state that they grow first class wheat and are anxious to have elevator facilities.

The alleged elevator monopoly occupied the boards in the Manitoba legislature on Tuesday, on a resolution brought in by Mr. Stiett, to the effect that: "This house memorialize the house of commons at Ottawa, asking that they do grant such amendments to the Canadian Pacific railway act as will do away with the present elevator monopoly, now existing on these lines in the province of Manitoba." The resolution was pre- faced with a long preamble making various assertions familiar to those who have followed the elevator agitation. This preamble was struck out and the following resolution adopted: "That it is the opinion of this house that the farmers of this province should be allowed the privilege of loading grain, the product of their own farms direct upon the cars at the various railway stations; therefore be it resolved that the said question be submitted to the select standing committee on agriculture and immigration with instructions to prepare a memorial addressed to the house of commons at Ottawa, praying for such amendments as will provide for such privilege being granted."

Dairy Trade Items.

A long debate ensued on a motion in parliament at Ottawa on Wednesday, by Mr. Reid, to pay a bonus of one cent per pound on all creamery butter exported to Great Britain. The motion was negatived.

The Manitoba Cream Separator and Supply company is the name of a new concern formed in Winnipeg to handle cream separators and dairy supplies. G. F. Stephens and E. G. Hicks, the latter of the Manitoba Produce Co., are the parties thereto. The business will be carried on at 175 McDermot street.

A gentleman who is familiar with the produce trade, complained to The Commercial about the poor condition of much of the butter reaching the market at present. Much of the butter coming in now, he said, is rolls, and a great deal gives evidence of being badly handled. The farmers are not making butter in large enough quantities to pack it in tubs, and they market it at country stores in rolls. Very often the butter is not wrapped at all, or if wrapped is put in some objectionable cloth. Sometimes the stores that receive the butter, wrap it in common paper, and in some cases what is called oiled paper is used. These adhere to the butter, so that it has to be scraped when being sold by the produce dealer here. This makes the butter look greasy and generally undesirable in

appearance. Besides there is loss of weight. On this account sometimes good, sweet butter is materially reduced in price, besides being slower sale and unsatisfactory to the commission dealer who receives it. The gentleman referred to went on to say that rolls should be wrapped in new bleached cotton, or letter still, in parchment paper, and if the country stores would do this they would find their shipments more readily saleable at better prices, and the cost of giving this increased care to produce would be amply repaid. He also strongly urged the use of parchment paper on the inside of butter tubs, so as to prevent the taste of the wood from permeating the butter. Storekeepers receiving butter in tubs, he added, should at once see that a nice covering of cloth is placed over the top of the butter, where this has not been done by the maker, after which the butter should be pressed in at the sides and covered with brine, so as to exclude the air and keep the contents fresh and sweet right to the top. It frequently happens that an inch or so at the top of the tub becomes tainted, which could be prevented by taking the precaution mentioned.

The Lumber Trade.

Graham, Horne & Co., Fort William, purpose sawing 10,000,000 feet of lumber in their mill this year. They have had upwards of 100 men in the bush all winter getting out logs.

Mr. Christie, of Brandon, and also others representing Lake of the Woods lumber interests, waited on the government and asked that lumber now free be placed on the dutiable list.

The Pacific mill, at Tacoma, Wash., the largest shingle mill in the world, operated by Metcalf & Ware, was completely destroyed by fire recently. The loss is about \$100,000, with no insurance on the stock.

It is reported from Bay City that fully 350,000,000 feet of logs will this year be brought from Canada to Michigan. This is about fifty per cent. more than were towed across the lake last year.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: There is a better feeling in the market as the year progresses, and evidence from all directions that trade is and will be the best the Minneapolis manufacturers and wholesalers have known for a number of years. The increased demand has been accompanied by a stiffer market on a higher list than last year, and prices now are anywhere from 50 cents to \$2 better than they were a year ago.

A deputation of British Columbia lumbermen interviewed the provincial government of that province recently, to seek the assistance of the legislature to secure the imposition of the same duty on lumber coming into Canada as is imposed on lumber going into the United States. In consequence of this interview, the legislature passed a resolution which requests the Dominion government to take such steps as are necessary with a view of protecting those engaged in the manufacture of lumber and shingles in this province, by imposing a duty on lumber and shingles imported into the Dominion of Canada equal to the duty charged by the United States.



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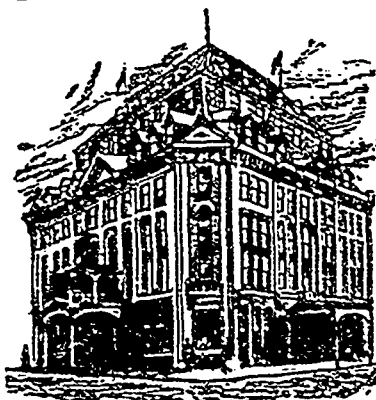
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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	113,000
Toronto	32,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	293,000
Manitoba elevators	2,325,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	874,000

Total March 12 3,637,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on March 12, were 41,167,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 39,206,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 4,424,000 bushels, compared with 1,857,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended March 19, was 31,417,000 bushels, being a decrease of 998,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 40,430,000 bushels, two years ago 61,348,000 bushels, three years ago 75,773,000 bushels, four years ago 72,163,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	7,796,000 bushels
Duluth	3,020,000 "
Minneapolis	11,379,000 "
New York	1,670,000 "
Buffalo	648,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 12,854,000 bushels, compared with 13,528,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 43,388,000 bushels, compared with 26,077,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on February 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: February 1, 1898, 129,123,000; February 1, 1897, 128,629,000; February 1, 1896, 160,425,000; February 1, 1895, 161,419,000; February 1, 1894, 183,927,000; February 1, 1893, 178,038,000; February 1, 1892, 155,303,000; February 8, 1891, 105,037,000; February 1, 1890, 105,533,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	60,950,950	47,081,050
Milwaukee	7,352,462	6,096,195
Duluth	34,425,340	35,143,029
Chicago	28,680,676	14,373,141

Total 131,408,568 102,696,415

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

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

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	9,024,930	6,307,735
St. Louis	10,775,956	10,451,341
Detroit	4,381,275	2,973,276
Kansas City	26,187,566	6,346,200
Total	51,269,727	26,168,552

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

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

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" fall . . . . .	.04	.07
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, 72@72½c.
Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05@2.10; Bakers, \$1.85@1.90.
Bran—Per ton, \$6.
Shorts—Per ton, \$8.
Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 18@24c.
Barley—Feed, 20 @ 23c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.
Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 45@50c per bushel.
Butter—Dairy, dealers' price, 16@18c.
Cheese—Dealers selling at 9½@10c.
Eggs—Fresh selling at 17@18c.
Beef—City dressed, fresh, 5½ @ 6c; country beef, 3@4½c.
Mutton—Frozen 7@8c.
Hogs—Dressed, 4½c in round lots.
Cattle—Butchers nominal 2½@3½c.
Hogs—Live, off cars, 4c for best bacon.
Sheep—Nominal at 3½@4c.
Hides—Green frozen, 6½@7c.
Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.
Poultry—Chickens, 6@7c per pound; turkeys, 9@10c per lb.
Potatoes—30@35c per bushel.
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WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES		Dried Fruits		Tobacco		DRUGS	
Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.		Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs .. 1 70	Per pound	T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads..	Per pound	Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.	
Canned Goods		Raisins, Val. Layers, per box 2 25		Lily, 5s, cads.....	00 63	Alum, lb.....	3 1/2 4 1/2
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.....	2 25	Loose Muscatels, 2 crown ...	00 62	Cresant, 5s, cads.....	00 60	Alcohol, gal.....	50 5 75
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25	Loose Muscatels, 4 crown ...	07 7 1/2	T. & B. Black Chewing, 5s or 16s	00 64	Bleaching Powder, lb.....	06 08
Apples, gallons .. (per doz.)	3 00	London Layer, 20 lb Boxes..	1 90	T. & B. Mahogany Chewing,	00 64	Bluestone, lb.....	06 07
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.....	3 25	Apples, Dried.....	07 07	5s or 16.....	00 64	Bluestone, barrel lots.....	04 1/2 05
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.....	3 25	Evap. Apples, finest quality ..	11 12	T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut.....	00 69	Borax.....	11 13
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.....	1 80	California Evaporated Fruits		T. & B. in pouches, 1-4.....	00 91	Bromide Potash.....	05 75
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.....	1 10	Peaches, peeled.....	18 20	T. & B. in 1/2 tins.....	00 90	Camphor.....	05 75
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 75	Peaches, unpeeled.....	11 13	T. & B. in 1/4 tins.....	00 87	Camphor, ounces.....	80 90
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	Pears.....	11 11	Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.....	00 85	Carbolic Acid.....	40 65
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.....	2 25	Apricots, new.....	10 11	Orinoco, 1-5 tins.....	00 91	Castor Oil.....	15 17
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.....	3 50	Pitted Plums.....	11 12	Orinoco, 1/2 tins.....	00 80	Chlorate Potash.....	25 30
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	Prunes, 100 to 120.....	5 1/2 6	Tacketts Cherub Cigarette	1-12.....	Citric Acid.....	55 05
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.....	5 50	Prunes, 90 to 100.....	6 6 1/2	Brier, 7s, cads.....	00 67	Copperas.....	03 1/2 04
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.....	4 50	Prunes, 80 to 90.....	7 7 1/2	Derby, 3s, cads.....	00 68	Cocaine, oz.....	50 5 00
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	Prunes, 70 to 80.....	7 1/2 8	Derby, 7s, cads.....	00 68	Creum Tartar, lb.....	30 35
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.....	3 50	Prunes, 60 to 70.....	8 8 1/2	P. & W. Chewing, Cads.....	00 66	Cloves.....	20 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	Prunes, 40 to 50.....	10 11	P. & W. Chewing, Butts.....	00 66	Epsom Salts.....	03 1/2 04
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5 50	Matches		Wooden Ware		Extract Logwood, bulk.....	14 18
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.....	3 50	Telegraph.....	53 60	Pails, 2 hoop clear.....	1 50 1 60	Extract Logwood, boxes.....	18 20
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	Telephone.....	3 40	Pails, wire hoop.....	2 25 2 40	German Quinine.....	35 45
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.....	2 25	Tiger.....	3 25	Pails, Star fibre.....	4 00	Glycerine, lb.....	30 35
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.....	3 00	Nuts		Tubs, No. 0 common.....	9 50 10 50	Ginger, Jamaica.....	30 35
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.....	3 50	Brazils.....	12 1/2 15	Tubs, No. 1 common.....	8 50 9 00	Ginger, African.....	20 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.....	3 10	Taragona Almonds.....	13 15	Tubs, No. 2 common.....	6 50 7 00	Howard's Quinine, oz.....	45 55
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.....	4 50	Peanuts, roasted.....	13 15	Tubs, No. 3 common.....	5 50 6 00	Iodine.....	5 00 5 50
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 25	Peanuts, green.....	10 12	Tubs, nests (3).....	1 65 1 75	Insect Powder.....	35 40
Sardines		Grenoble Walnuts.....	15 18	Tubs, wire hoop (3).....	2 25 2 40	Morphia, lb.....	2 10 2 25
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.....	06 05	French Walnuts.....	13 15	Tubs, fibre, No. 0.....	16 50	Opium.....	4 50 5 00
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.....	09 15	Sicily Filberts.....	11 15	Tubs, fibre, No. 1.....	14 50	Oil, olive.....	1 25 1 40
Sardines, imported, 3/4s.....	18 25	Shelled Almonds.....	25 30	Tubs, fibre, No. 2.....	12 50	Oil, U.S. Salad.....	1 25 1 40
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless ..	20 35	Syrup		Tubs, fibre, No. 3.....	10 50	Oil, lemon, super.....	2 75 3 25
Sardines, Dom., mustard 3/4s.	10 12	Extra Bright, per lb.....	3 1/2c	Per nest		Oil, peppermint.....	4 00 4 50
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s 1	50	Medium, per lb.....	3c	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2) ..	50 55	Oil, cod liver, gal.....	1 50 2 00
Imp. Kipperd Hurrings, 1s 1	50	Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	57 00	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3) ..	75 80	Oxalic Acid.....	14 16
Imp. Hurrings, Tom. Sauce 1s 1	50	Molasses, per gal.....	35c	Per nest		Potass Iodide.....	3 75 4 00
Imp. Anch. Sauce 1s 1	50	Sugar		Paris Green, lb.....	18 20	Saltpetre.....	10 12
Imp. Shrimp Sauce 1s 1	50	Extra Standard Granulated..	5 1/2c	Sal Rochelle.....	30 35	Shellac.....	35 40
Canned Meats		German Granulated.....	4 1/2c	Sulphur Flowers.....	3 1/2 05	Sulphur Holi, keg.....	3 1/2 05
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.....	3 00	Extra Ground.....	6 c	Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs ..	3 75 4 25	Tartaric Acid, lb.....	45 55
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.....	4 75	Powdered.....	6 c	Sal Soda.....	2 00 3 00	Stychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.....	6 50	Bright Yellow Sugar.....	4 1/2c	CURED MEATS AND LARD		LEATHER	
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.....	6 25	Maple Sugar.....	12 1/2c 15c	Lard, pure, 20 lb pails.....	\$1 80	Harness, oak.....	35
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.....	5 25	Salt		Lard, pure, 50 lb pails.....	4 40	Harness, union oak No. 1.....	33
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.....	6 00	Rock Salt.....	1 1/2c 1 1/2c	Lard, pure, in 3.5 and 10 lb.	6 00	Harness, union oak No. 1 R ..	32
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.....	2 75	Common, fine	1 90	Lard, Tierces, per lb.....	5 1/2 5 1/2	Harness, hemlock No. 1, an-	33
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s	2 00	Common, coarse	1 90	Smoked Meats		chor brand.....	33
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75	Dairy, 100-3	3 25	Hams.....	11 11 1/2	Harness, hemlock No. 1 R.	32
Develled Ham, 1/2s	75	Dairy, 60-5	3 25	Breakfast bacon, bellies.....	11 12	Harness, hemlock country	32
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75	Per sack	30	Breakfast bacon, backs.....	10 1/2 11	Do., No. 1 R.....	31
Potted Ham, 3/4s	1 50	Dairy, white duck sack	00 50	Spiced rolls.....	8 1/2 9	Black collar leather.....	36
Develled Ham, 3/4s	1 50	Common, fine jute sack	00 45	Shoulders.....	8 1/2 9 1/2	Sole, union oak.....	32
Potted Tongue, 3/4s	1 50	Spices		Long Clear.....	9 1/2 9 1/2	Listowell, sole.....	27 30
Coffee		Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins.....	75 90	Dry Salt Meats		Penitang, sole.....	27 30
Green Rio.....	12 15	Allspice, whole	18 20	Long clear bacon.....	5 1/2 5 1/2	B. F. French calf.....	25 1 30
Cereals		Allspice, pure ground.....	18 20	Baconless Shoulders.....	5 1/2 5 1/2	B. F. French kip.....	95 1 15
Split Peas, sack 9s.....	2 25	Allspice, compound.....	15 20	Backs.....	9 9 1/2	Canada calf.....	65 80
Pot Barley, sack 9s.....	2 40	Cassia, whole.....	18 20	Imported Short Clear.....	5 1/2 5 1/2	Canada Calf, Horseshoe ..	90 90
Pearl Barley, sack 9s.....	4 00	Cassia, pure ground.....	20 25	Barrel Pork		Horseshoe Brand Kip.....	50 50
Roll'd Oats, sack 9s.....	2 00	Cassia, compound.....	13 18	Heavy mess.....	15 50 16 00	Karn Kip.....	80 85
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s.....	2 10	Cloves, whole.....	18 25	Short cut.....	16 50 17 00	Wax upper.....	42 46
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s 2	2 10	Cloves, pure ground.....	25 30	Ment Sundries		Grain upper.....	42 46
Beans (per bushel).....	1 20	Cloves, compound.....	18 20	Fresh pork sausage, lb.....	7	Kangaroo, per foot.....	25 50
Cornmeal, sack 9s.....	1 45	Pepper, black, whole.....	10 15	Bologna sausage, lb.....	6 1/2	Dolgonna, per foot.....	25 40
Cornmeal, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	75	Pepper, black, pure ground ..	13 15	Hani, chicken and tongue, doz	\$1 20	FUEL	
Rice		Pepper, white, whole.....	20 25	Pickled hocks, per lb.....	03	Coal	
Rice, Japan.....	5 1/2c	Pepper, white, pure ground ..	25 30	Pickled tongues.....	02	These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	
Sago.....	4 c	Pepper, Cayenne.....	30 35	Sausage casings, lb.....	20 25	Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Tapioca.....	4 c	Ginger, whole, Jamaica.....	25 30	FRESH FISH,		Stove, nut or lump.....	10 00
Cigarettes		Ginger, whole, Cochin.....	20 25	OYSTERS		Pea size.....	7 50
Old Judge.....	\$3 90	Ginger, pure ground.....	25 30	Whitefish, lb.....	4 1/2 05	Western anthracite, stove.....	9 50
Athlete.....	5 90	Ginger, compound.....	15 25	Pickelrel, 03 1/2.....	03 1/2	Western anthracite, nut.....	7 25
Sweet Caporal.....	5 90	Nutmegs, (per pound).....	60 1 00	Trout, lb.....	09	Lethbridge bituminous.....	7 50
Sweet Sixteen.....	5 70	Mace (per pound).....	1 00 1 25	Lake Superior Herrings, doz.	20	Souris Lignite.....	4 50
Derby.....	6 60	Teas		Pike, lb.....	02	Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Cured Fish		China Blacks—		Salmon, lb.....	12	Hosburg smithing.....	9 50
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00	Choice.....	35 40	B.C. halibut, lb.....	10	Cordwood	
Codfish, boneless per lb.....	04 06	Medium.....	25 35	Smelts, lb.....	09	These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.	
Codfish, Pure per lb.....	07 08	Common.....	15 20	Cod, lb.....	05	Per cord	
Herrings, in kegs.....	3 50 3 75	Indian and Ceylon—		Haddock.....	08	Tamarac, good, last winter's	4 25
Dried Fruits		Choice.....	32 40	Blonters, per box.....	1 25	cut.....	3 75 4 00
Currants, Prov'l Barrels.....	07 7 1/2	Medium.....	25 32	Findon haddock, lb.....	06 07	Pine, green cut, dry.....	3 75 4 00
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels.....	07 1/2 7 1/2	Common.....	22 28	Smoked goldeyes, doz.....	30	Pine, dead cut.....	3 50 3 75
Currants, Prov'l Cases.....	07 7 1/2	Young Hysons—		Oysters, standards, doz.....	1 70 1 80	Spruce.....	2 75 3 00
Currants, Vestizza Cases.....	07 1/2 08	Choice.....	35 45	Oysters, select, gal.....	80 2 00	Poplar, green cut dry.....	2 50 2 75
Currants, Filialtra, blis.....	07 1/2 08	Medium.....	28 35	Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl.....	6 50	Poplar, dead cut.....	2 25 2 50
Currants, Filialtra, cases.....	07 1/2 08	Common.....	22 30	Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl.....	7 50	Oak, green cut dry body ..	4 50 4 75
Dates, Cases.....	06 07	Japan—		DRUGS		Oak, dead cut.....	4 00
Figs, Elemo, about 10 lb box.	1 1/2 1 1/2	Finest May Picking.....	35 40	Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.			
Figs, Cooking, Sax.....	05 1/2 06	Choice.....	30 35				
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases.....	08 08	Fine.....	25 30				
Prunes, French, Cases.....	06 07	Good Medium.....	20 25				
Sultana Raisins.....	10 12	Common.....	15 20				

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, March 26, 1898.

Butter—California creamery, 24½c; Australian, 25c.

Eggs—Local, 20c; California and Oregon, 18@19c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11½@12½c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12½@13c; long clear 10c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 8c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

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

Vegetables—Potatoes 13@15 per ton ashcroft \$20; local onions, 3½c; California onions 5c lb; cabbage 2½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$3.00 box; apples, 1@1.75 box; Navel oranges, 3@3.50; seedling oranges, \$2.25 @2.50.

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

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.00; strong bakers \$5.70; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, \$28.00 per ton; whea \$25@26 per ton; barley, \$26 per ton.

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

Hay—\$18 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7½@8c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 7@7½; veal 7@9c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, 4.00 @ \$4.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, 5.50@5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 @ 6.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.50@3.75 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, 11c lb; ducks, 11c lb; turkeys, 15c lb.

Game—Venison, 4c lb; grouse, 60c brace; mallard, 30c brace.

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

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

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

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

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, March 26.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$1.65 basis per, refined, \$1.90; Swedes inch and over, \$3.25 @ \$4.25; Lowmoor, 5½c@6c; hoops, coopers, \$2.25 basis; boiler rivets, best, \$4.50; sheet 10 and 12 gauge, \$2.20 and 2.50; 22 to 24 do, 2½c @ 2¾c. 26 do, 2½c; 28 do, \$2.75; Russian sheet, per lb 10c @12c.

Iron Pipe—½ to ¾ inch, 65 per cent. off; ¾ to 2 inch, 67½c @ 70½c and 10 off.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 28 to 56 lb. in-gots, 16½c per lb.

Copper—Ingot, 12½c; sheet, 17c @ 23c.

Lead—Bar, 4½c @ 5c; pig, 4½c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75@5.25; shot, can., dis., 12½ per cent.

Steel—Cast, 12c@14c; boiler plate, ¼ inch, \$1.90; 5-16 do, ¾ do, sleigh shoe, \$2.15.

Canada Plates—Half bright, \$2.50; all bright, \$3.

Tin Plate—IC coke, \$3.15; IC charcoal, \$3.75@4; I ½ charcoal, \$4.75 @ 5; IXX charcoal, \$5.75@6; DC charcoal, \$3.75@4.

Zinc—Sheet, 5½c@5½c; zinc, spelter, 4½c; domestic, imported, 5½c; solder, hf. and hf., 13c@14c.

Brass—Sheet, 21c@28c.

Galvanized Iron—18 to 21 gauge, 4½c; 26 do. 4¾c; 28 do. 25c.

Horseshoes—Per keg \$3.35. Barb Wire—2½c.

Wire and Coppered Spring—30 per cent. for Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto market; tinned, per lb, 4½c@8c; galvanized, fence, same discount as annealed; coiled chain, ¼-inch, 4½c; ½-inch, 4½c; ¾-inch, 3½c; galvanized, off list, 50c discount; boiler tubes, 2-inch, 15c; 3-inch, 18½c.

Horse Nails—Canadian dis., 50 per cent. Canadian Horse Nail Co., "C" brand, f. o. b., Montreal, 50 p. c. "M" brand, 50 p. c.

Nails—Cut nails (iron) basis, 50 to 60 dy., \$1.95 f. o. b., Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton. London. Cut nails (steel), add 10c to the prices in list for iron nails. Wire nails, \$2 per keg, Toronto; for places outside factory points \$1.90 f. o. b., Montreal. Carload lots, 5c per keg less than above figures. Brads and finishing nails, special sizes, 80 p. c. from new list.

Rope—Manilla, 7½c basis; sisal, 6½c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$6@11.

Glass—Fourth quality, star, 1st break, \$1.50; second do, \$1.60; third do, \$2.55; fourth do, \$2.85.

Binder Twine—Pure sisal, 5c@5½c; mixed, 5½c@6½c.

Paints and Oils—Turpentine, 58c delivered at western Ontario points. Linseed oil, raw 49c, boiled 52c delivered.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, March 26.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4½c; No. 2 granulated, 4 5-16c; Dutch granulated, 4 3-8c; yellows, 3½c @ 4 3-16c.

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

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c; fines, 30@35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oologs, 25c@65c; Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@12½c; Mocha, 26c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.30; peas, 95@1; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20;

corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 75@80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@1; sock-eyes, \$1.17½@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1 60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4½c@5c; fine, off-stalk, 5½c@5½c; selected, 6c@6½c; layers, 6½c@7c; Provincial, currants, 6½c; Filiatras, 6½c@7c; Patras, 7c@7½c; Vostizzas, 8c@8½c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 10c@11c; 50's to 60's, 8c@8½c; 60's to 70's, 7½c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7½c; 80's to 90's, 6½c@7c; 90's to 100's, 6@6½c. Bosuia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 10c@12½c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Halloween dates, 5½@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.50@1.65 per box; black baskets, \$2.25; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.50; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3½@4c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7½c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12½c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4½c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

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

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

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochin, 15@20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@18c; Amboy, 18@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@1; cream tartar, pure, 28c, 22 @25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16 for Canada mess; short cut, \$16.50@17.00; clear mess, \$14.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7½@8c, ton and case lots, 8c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 12c hams, large 10c and 10½c to 11c for small; picnic hams, 8½c to 9c; rolls, 8½ to 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

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

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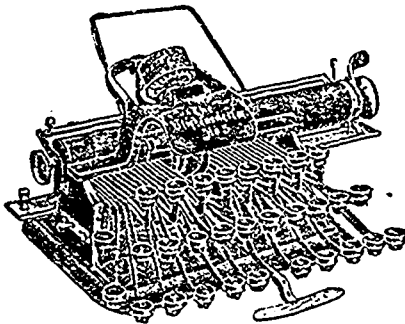
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Expanding Trade.

Ottawa, March 18.—The official record of the foreign trade of Canada, made up to March 1, shows an increase of \$37,000,000, and increased revenue from customs duties of \$1,438,000 over the same period of last year. The stimulus of new and increased trade is shown in both imports and exports. The total imports for eight months of the fiscal year, exports and duties collected, compared with the corresponding eight months of 1897, are as follows:

	1897.	1898.
Imports	\$73,278,000	\$ 83,785,000
Exports	93,192,000	119,644,000
Total trade	\$166,471,000	\$203,430,000

Duty collected \$	12,711,000	\$ 14,150,000
Produce of Canada export- ed... ..	82,336,000	105,938,000

The returns for the month of February are extremely satisfactory, the figures being: Imports, \$10,037,000, as compared with \$7,710,000 the year before, and exports \$8,369,000, as compared with \$6,590,000, or a total trade for the month of February, 1898, of \$18,467,000, as against \$14,301,000 for the previous year. The revenue for February alone from customs duties was \$1,951,000, against \$1,580,000 for the same month last year, an increase for the month of \$371,000.

Duties paid in full on goods imported that were entitled to the benefit of the reciprocal tariff have been refunded to the total amount of \$120,000, which should be deducted from the increase of revenue mentioned above, thus leaving a net increase of customs revenue for eight months of \$1,318,000. These claims for refund have all been met.

Some of the benefits which British Columbia is enjoying from the Klondike rush are reflected in the trade returns. For the month of February the total imports of the whole province amounted to \$623,000, as against \$411,000 for the same month last year, and the customs revenue to \$148,000, as against \$103,000 for the same month last year.

The imports of Victoria rose from \$138,000 to \$300,000 during the month, and the revenue collected at that port from customs increased from \$39,000 to \$73,000. The revenue collected at Vancouver for the month increased from \$26,000 to \$41,000.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Mar. 26.

The early spring, so much talked of a month ago, has not materialized, the last half of the present month to date having been more wintry than early in the month. This has had its effect on business, but it is not considered a disadvantage, crop prospects being considered better when the season is not unusually early. New settlers are arriving freely from the east and also from the Western States. The cut railway rates continue in effect. Bank clearings at Winnipeg still show a fair increase over corresponding weeks in previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 26

BINDER TWINE.

Prices are very firm, owing to the continued high price of raw material. There is much talk about a light make of twine in the United States this year, and some parties in the twine trade there go so far as to predict a twine famine before the season is over, but it is perhaps just as well to take these alarmist statements with considerable reserve. The Manitoba trade is buying twine rather more freely, and some merchants are placing considerably larger orders than they did a year ago. Merchants, however, should guard against overstocking with a commodity like twine, which only sells for a short season, and then must be held for a year before it comes in again. Prices here have been advanced 1-4c on sisal to 6 3-4c for car lot. Manila holds at 7 1-2c and pure manilla at 8c.

DRUGS.

Outside advices report quinine higher. Cod liver oil is firm, on unfavorable reports as to the Norwegian fisheries. Glycerine and kerosene are firm.

GREEN FRUITS.

The market is steady. It is said that the late frosts in California did not strike the principal lemon and orange districts, but that much damage has been done to prunes, plums, peaches and apricots, and it is feared that the crop of these varieties will be light this year and prices higher. Since reports of this damage came to hand, there have been further frosts in California, but no details have been received yet, and it is possible that the oranges and lemons have been hurt by the later frosts this week, as frosts were reported at Los Angeles. Bitter oranges are nominal, the season being about over, and the same applies to Malaga grapes. Prices are the same. Prices are: Mexican oranges, \$3.00 to \$3.50; navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4.00; California seedling oranges, \$3.25; bitter oranges, \$6 per case, bananas, per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3.50; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per box; apples, Ontario stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for good to choice; southern apples \$4 per bbl.; off quality, \$2.00 to \$3.50 per bbl. as to condition, cranberries, unfrozen, \$8.50 to \$9 a barrel; frozen stock, \$4 to \$7 per barrel, as to quality, which varies widely; sweet potatoes, \$5.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes \$7 to \$10

per keg; Ontario black walnuts, 8c lb.; coconuts, \$1 per doz.; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, fancy elements, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 10 lb. box. 30 lb. boxes, 10c; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; dates, 7c per lb.; shelled walnuts, 25 to 27c per lb.; imported celery, 60 to 75c per doz.; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c.

LUMBER.

The city trade is getting into more harmonious shape. Several meetings have been held with the result that it has been decided to work on a uniform list, and a new list for the spring trade will be out in a few days. It will show an advance of 25c on red cedar shingles, which will hereafter be quoted at \$2.75 to meet the late advance at the coast mills. B. C. lumber will be advanced also to meet the advances made within a short time back at the mills. Business is good for the season, and dealers are looking forward to a brisk trade this year. The efforts to secure a duty on lumber, being made at Ottawa, are exciting some interest in the trade here. It is thought that if the manufacturers had confined themselves to asking for a duty on all dressed lumber, they would have been more likely to succeed.

RAW FURS.

Quite a noticeable falling off in the demand for furs by United States manufacturers is reported, owing, it is said, to the war scare and general uncertainty. The tendency here is to buy lower, and outside prices are not now paid. This, of course, is partly owing to the season, as furs bought now will have to be carried for a long time. The London March fur sales, which are the most important of the year have resulted very satisfactorily. The more important of the varieties of Canadian furs have advanced, including lynx, which has long been a very depressed article. The furs which declined in price are all of the less important kinds, in which the collections are not large except in otter, but the decline in this fur was only 2 1-2 per cent. At the Hudson's Bay Company's March sales a year ago everything declined, except two or three unimportant furs such as musk ox and white fox, so that the advances at the present sales are very acceptable. The following is the cable report of the prices realized at the March sales this year as compared with March, 1897.

Bears—Black, advanced 25 per cent; brown, declined 10 per cent; grey, declined 15 per cent.

Fisher—Declined 10 per cent.

Fox—Cross, no change, red, advanced 17 1-2 per cent; silver, advanced 25 per cent; white, advanced 25 per cent.

Lynx—Advanced 12 1-2 per cent.

Marten—Advanced 7 1-2 per cent.

Mink—Advanced 30 per cent.

Musk ox—Declined 7 1-2 per cent.

Otter, land—Declined 2 1-2 per cent.

Raccoon—Declined 10 per cent.

Skunk—Advanced 20 per cent.

Wolf—Advanced 25 per cent.

Wolverine—Declined 30 per cent.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Prices advanced slightly on Monday and made a fair gain on Tuesday, but on the three following days there was a decline each successive day. The local market has been very dull. Prices have ranged from 97c early in the week, to 95 to 95 1-2c yesterday, for No. 1 hard, afloat

Fort William. May was quoted yesterday at 97 1-2. Wheat receipts at Fort William last week were, 21,000; shipments, 22,000; and in store, 719,000.

FLOUR—The market is steady and prices unchanged. We quote: Patent, \$2.50; best bakers \$2.30; second bakers \$1.90; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 48 lbs, with discount of 5c net.

MILLEED—Prices have been advanced \$1 per ton for bran and shorts, with a large demand. The mills are shipping westward to country points. We quote bran at \$12 and shorts \$14 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

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

OATMEAL—The market is firm and the tendency upward. Dealers are selling to the trade at \$2 for sacks of rolled

BARLEY—Nominal in the absence of business, at about 40c for feed and 45 to 50c for seed samples.

OATS—Prices are about the same as last week. Up to 35c and even 36c per bushel of 34 pounds is asked at country points for choice oats, and we hear of a few cars selling at these prices, for No. 1 white. This would be equal to about 41 to 42c cost, including freight, on track Winnipeg. Feed oats are held at 39 to 40c and seed at 41 to 43c car lots here.

CORN—We quote 40c per bush. of 56 lbs. for cars on track here. Some cars have changed hands at 39c.

BUTTER, creamery—A little fall creamery is still held, which is selling at 23 to 23 1-2c.

BUTTER, Dairy—Market is rather firmer. Choice butter is not too plentiful, and anything really good is readily disposed of at outside prices. We quote dealers selling at 16 to 18c on a commission basis, less freight and commission. Good rolls will bring about as much as dairy, and 1 to 2c higher has been obtained for choice fresh goods, in a small way. For the general run the prices are good for the class of butter offering, much of which is not what could be called fresh. A good deal coming in gives indication of having been held too long. This is probably due to the fact that as receipts in the country are light, storekeepers hold longer to make up a quantity to ship. It would be better to send the butter along promptly, even if it has to be sent in very small lots at a time. Stocks here of all qualities are light.

CHEESE—Dealers are selling at 10 to 10 1-2c. Stocks limited.

EGGS—This has been a disastrous week for the egg trade, and holders here as well as shippers in the country, are bound to have lost money. Prices began tumbling on Monday, and went so fast that by Tuesday afternoon 12 1-2c was being accepted. The cause of the tumble is said to be owing to the shipment of eggs from the country to city retail dealers, who at once began to cut prices. At any rate, a prominent city retail store yesterday displayed a sign announcing "choice, new-laid eggs at 12c per dozen," which would indicate that the eggs had been procured at a considerably lower price than commission men were asking. This is of course very unfortunate for country shippers, who have paid higher considerably than the eggs have brought here. The colder weather this week may

stiffen prices, but it will likely be only temporarily, if at all. We quote 12 to 12-1-2c per dozen, less freight and commission.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is still scarce and prices firm. Good chickens will bring 9c and turkeys 12-1-2c; geese 9 to 10c. Ducks would bring about 8c. Live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—Prices are rather easier for dressed hogs, as packers are not buying so freely. The season, however, is well over for handling dressed hogs in quantities. The feeling for beef is also not so firm, though there is no material change in the price. It is mostly selling at 6c. No fresh mutton has been offered yet, but there is plenty of frozen held in cold storage. One dealer was trying to buy up a lot to ship. Veal is scarce and brings a good price. We quote hogs 6-1-2 to 6-3-4c, and a few fancy may bring 7c in a small way. Beef 6 to 6-1-2c for city dressed. Mutton 6-1-2 to 7c, and generally held at 7c. Veal 7 to 9c, as to quality.

CURED MEATS and LARD—Prices are firm. See quotations on another page.

HIDES—The feeling is easy. Some buyers have further reduced their limit on frozen hides, to 6 to 6-1-2c, but 6-3-4c has been paid. The market, however, is little more than nominal as there is scarcely any business doing. We quote green frozen hides 6-1-2 to 6-3-4c flat, 5 lbs. tares; kip, 6-1-2c to 7c; calf, 8 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 4c to 75c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each, colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleeces. At the auction sales of wool in London prices are being well maintained, and high prices are being paid.

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

SENECA ROOT—The market is weak. About 16c is now offered.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes were stronger but this may be only temporary owing to the colder weather this week. Some were holding for 45c. Carrots are very scarce. Prices are as follows. Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots, \$1 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2-1-2c per lb; imported, 3c; celery, 60 to 75c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1-1-2 to 2c.

HAY—\$6 to \$6.50 per ton is quoted for baled hay f.o.b. country points. Loose hay on the street market here \$6 to \$8 per ton.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There is quite a brisk movement in stocker cattle for shipment to the United States. The outlook is not good for export cattle. British markets made a further decline this week owing to large offerings of South American stock. A good many export beef cattle have been bought up throughout the country for shipment later on, but no actual shipping of export cattle has been done yet. The local demand for cattle is increasing, but the tendency of prices is easier, owing to the unfavorable outlook for export cattle. We quote 3-1-4 to 3-1-2c for the ordinary run of butchers. About 3-3-4c is now an outside price that anything would bring for the local market.

SHEEP—There is nothing doing in sheep. No sales made here yet this season. Large stocks of frozen mutton are held. A few spring lambs have

been offered and brought \$4 each for good.

HOGS—The market is steady at 5c for best bacon hogs. Not many hogs are wanted for immediate delivery but 5c is offered for future delivery. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

HORSES—A good many horses are being brought in from Ontario and the States, to supply the usual spring demand. Prices are rather higher this spring than last, ranging from \$200 to \$300 for working teams. The usual range is \$225 to \$250 for fair to good farm teams.

The Live Stock Trade.

Spafford, of Fort William, has bought a carload of fat cattle at Cartwright, Man.

John Wallace has 200 head of cattle, which he is fattening for shipment in May from Cartwright, Man.

Live stock statistics show that the number of cattle in the United States has decreased about 9,000,000 head since 1892.

The Deloraine, Man., Times says a large number of horses are being imported into that neighborhood. Mr. Gleeson brought in a carload from Iowa, Geo. Perry, H. Morningstar and Mr. Mowers also brought carloads.

Jas. and Geo. McCabe, of Grafton, N. D., have been in Manitoba collecting cattle for shipment to Dawson City. The animals they have already purchased, about 1,200, are being fed for the purpose.

The Manitoba department of agriculture has issued a circular calling attention to the large exports of young cattle and calves from the province, and advising that this matter should be discussed by farmers' institutes and clubs, as the drain of young stock is likely to cause injury to the dairy and beef cattle export industries.

Dan Mills, cattle dealer, of Carman, Man., has, during the last thirty days, purchased 450 head of young cattle between Morden and Napinka, for export to the United States. He also has 150 head of stall fed dehorned steers at Carman. Mr. Mills has 69 head of oxen at Poplar Point, which have been brought from the neighborhood of Lake Winnipegosis, and are destined for Dawson City in May.

Minneapolis Markets.

Principal changes in prices this week are: Flour 5 to 10c lower. Corn 1-2c higher. Eggs, 1-4 to 1-2c lower. Creamery butter, 1-2c lower. Hides, 1-2c lower, compared with a week ago.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$5 to \$5.10; second patents, \$4.80 to \$4.90.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.50 to \$8.75. Bran in bulk, \$8.50 to \$8.75; corn feed, \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 27c for No. 3. Oats—Held at 25-1-2c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 31 to 32c. Flax seed—\$1.16 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—7-1-2 to 7-3-4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 5c.

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

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

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6-1-2c; lambs, 5 to 8-1-2c; hogs, 4-1-4 to 4-1-2 for heavy and 4-3-4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 35 to 38c; choice named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6 to 9c; old fowls, 4 to 7-1-2c; turkeys, 6 to 11c; ducks, 9 to 9-1-2c; geese, 8-1-2 to 9c. Hides—Green, frozen hides, 6-1-2 to 7-1-2c; bulls, oxen and brands, 5-1-2 to 6-3-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each, tallow, 2-1-4 to 3-1-4c; seneca foot, 18 to 22c.

Live hogs—Sales, 86 hogs, av 173 lbs, \$3.82 1-2, 72 hogs, av 218 lbs, \$3.90; 5 av 172, \$2.77 1-2.

Cattle—Sales, 3 cows, av 980 lbs, at \$3.40; 3 av 986, \$3.00; 2 steers, av 1,081, \$4.35; 4 steers, av 1,058, \$4.25; 1 stocker, wt 570, \$3.65; 1 stocker, av 500, \$3.00; 1 bull, av 1,680, \$3.50.

Western Business Items.

P. W. Bird has opened a hotel at Assessipol, Man.

Trefz & Handel, butchers, have opened in Winnipeg.

P. A. Craddock, Roland, Man., is succeeded by one Weir.

Wm. Hynes has opened a harness shop at Lauder, Man.

John Fowler, grocer, has opened business at Methven, Man.

C. E. Greenwood is opening a furniture store at Douglas, Man.

E. H. N. A. Astley, livery, Wabigoon, has sold out to G. St. J. Mitchell.

The Qu'Appelle Felt & Boot Co., Ltd., Qu'Appelle, Assa., has been incorporated.

A. Carmichael, dry goods, Rat Portage, reported to have sold out to E. J. Hall.

McNeice & Burrows, general store, Linden Assa., are succeeded by Burrows & Balfour.

Mr. McAllister, a newcomer from Ontario, has opened a harness shop at Franklin, Man.

W. Smellie, hotel and livery, Belmont, Man., has sold out his hotel to Neil McKinnon.

Dy-on-Gilxon Co., spice manufacturers, Winnipeg, are applying to increase their capital stock to the amount of \$100,000.

E. B. Nixon, manager of the grocery department of the Hudson Bay company, Winnipeg, returned Wednesday from a trip to New York.

W. B. Dalton, formerly with Cornell, Spera & Co., has taken a position as western traveller for Caulfield, Henderson & Burns, of Toronto.

It is reported that John Law has purchased the lumber yard and stock of W. J. Mathers, at Neepawa, Man., and will continue the business.

F. J. Skinner, representing Skinner & Co., Gananoque, Ont., manufacturers of saddlery hardware, etc., was in the city this week on his way home from the Pacific coast, whither he had been on a business trip.

J. M. Macdonald, western representative for McIntyre, Son & Co., Montreal, has secured quarters in the Bank of Ottawa building, Winnipeg, for his sample rooms, his former location having been in the burnt McIntyre block.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, March 25.—12.30 p. m. — Wheat—Spot dull; No. 1 northern spring 7s 11d. Corn—Spot steady. Lard — Prime western 26s 6d.

Oats declined 1c. at Montreal on Monday for May delivery. But spot prices were unchanged.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 26.
Dry goods and general trade dull. Bad country roads are lessening the demand at small centres. Retail business in the cities and large towns fairly active. Collections slow. Money firmer. Some loans have been called at a rate of 4 1-2 to 5 per cent. Wool is easier. The mills are sellers, fearing lower prices with the new clip, through inability to export a part of the clip the same as last year, owing to the higher United States duty.

Groceries dull. Liverpool yellow sugars offering under Canadian. Wind-peg firms were trying to buy round lots of canned tomatoes here. Some sold at \$1.15. Japan rice, 1-2 to 3-4 dearer.

Seeds—Holders are indisposed to sell, consequently round lots have been imported here from the States, for the home trade.

Hardware—This line is active and firm. Metals in good demand. Copper 1-2c dearer. Brass ten per cent. dearer. Ingot tin 1-2c higher.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 22.
Offerings to-day were 38 carloads. These include 100 sheep and lambs, 1,650 hogs

Cattle—Inactive, 4 1-4c for export stock. Butchers' cattle, all sold before the close. Prices were: Common to medium, 2 3-4 to 3c; good to choice, 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c, fancy, 3 3-4c. Stockers and feeders, in demand for Buffalo and light stockers sold at \$3.30 to \$3.40 per cwt; feeders \$3.40 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Sheep—Light run and market firm. Shipping sheep sold at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c per lb, bucks 5c per lb. Lambs were active at \$5 to \$5.40 per cwt.

Hogs—Prices steady at \$4.90 for choice bacon, \$4.65 for light, \$4.50 for truck fat, \$3 to \$3.25 for sows and \$2 for stags.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, March 25.
Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 55 carloads, including 2,700 hogs.

Cattle were in good demand. Export cattle 5c higher. Butchers' 15 to 20c higher per 100 lbs. Stockers, 20c higher. Sheep firm. Lambs, 25c higher. Hogs weaker, but prices were not materially lower. Prices were as follows:

Export cattle	\$4.00 to 4.30
Butchers' choice cattle ...	3.75 to 4.00
Butchers' good cattle ...	3.25 to 3.50
Butchers' common to medium ...	2.75 to 3.00
Bulls	3.00 to 3.75
Feeders	3.50 to 3.75
Stockers	3.50 to 3.80
Export sheep	3.25 to 3.50
Butchers' sheep	3.00 to 3.50
Lambs	5.00 to 5.65
Choice bacon hogs	4.80 to 4.90
Light hogs	4.60 to 4.65
Thick fat hogs	4.40 to 4.50
Stores	4.35 to 4.45
Sows	3.00 to 3.25
Stags	1.75 to 2.00

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 26.
The grain trade is dull. Oats are in demand for export, but other sorts not asked for. Wheat lower. Oats 10 higher. Butter scarce and firm. Rolls higher. Eggs 2c lower. Hides 1-2c lower. Wool easier and irregular in price.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40; bakers, \$5.00; Ontario straight roller, \$3.90.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, 23 1-2 to 24c; No. 1 hard, Owen Sound, \$1.05 1-2.

Oats—White, 29 to 29 1-2c.
Barley—Quiet at 40c for No. 2; 37 for No. 3 Extra, and 30 to 35a for feed.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$16.00 per ton; bran, \$14.00 per ton.

Onion—\$3.65 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—9 1-2 to 10c.
Butter, dairy—Tubs, choice 17 to 18c medium 13 to 15c. Creamery, tubs, 20c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8c; the latter for steers; cured 3 1-2c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.30 for fresh killed; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

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

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk.
Beans—70 to 90c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.25 per 100 lbs
Wool—Piece 20 1-2. Patted supers, 22 to 23c; extras, 19 1-2 to 21 1-2c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.20 per bushel; red clover, \$3.30 to \$3.90.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 26.
Business has been fairly active in paints and oils. Hardware is quiet. Turpentine declined 2c to 55c, other lines steady. Quotations are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil raw, 46 to 47c; boiled, 49 to 50c; turpentine, 55c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, .90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.30; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 26.
Business has been fairly active. Sugars steady. Molasses declined 1c. Rio coffee is up 1c, and Mocha and Java have advanced 4c.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 3-8c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 1-16; yellows, 3 1-2 to 3 7-8c. Molasses 23 to 29c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c; as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c, rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c. Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 25 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 22.

Receipts at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 400 cattle, 25 sheep and lambs, and 75 calves. The supply of cattle was not large, but was ample. There was a stronger feeling for good to choice cattle, and prices advanced. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c good at 3 1-2 to 4c, and fair at 2 1-2 to 3 1-4c. Sheep were firm at 3 1-2 to 4c. Spring lambs \$2.50 to \$4.50 each, as to quality.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards receipts were, 150 cattle and 600 hogs. All the hogs were contracted for at 5 to 5 1-4c per lb, live weight.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 25.
Cattle held at Monday's prices. Sheep advanced sharply, owing to scarcity. Hogs were about 10a lower.
Cattle—Choice 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; good, 3 1-2 to 4c, common, 2 1-2 to 3c.
Sheep—3 3-4 to 4 1-2. Spring lambs
Hogs—\$5 to \$5.15 per 100 lbs.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, March 21.—Owing to heavy supplies of South America cattle, the demand was slow and prices declined 1-4c to 1-2c since this day week. Choice States' cattle sold at 10 3-4c; choice Canadians at 10c, and Argentines at 9c. The market for sheep was decidedly weak and prices broke 1 1-4; choice Argentine selling at 10c.

Liverpool, March 21.—The tone of the market was weaker for choice United States and Canadian cattle, sales being made at 10c to 10 1-2c.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

L. Ullman, fruit, Kaslo, is out of business.

C. Hanley, cigars, Slocan, is out of business.

P. Hauch, baker, New Denver, is out of business.

M. Park & Co.'s saw mill at Moyie City, is burned.

Bourchier & Guidel, music, have opened at Nelson.

Mrs. Whitlaw, millinery, is succeeded by Miss Fowls.

James Hutcheson, of J. Hutcheson & Co., Victoria, is dead.

F. Bristol, blacksmith, Ainsworth, has moved to Kusunook.

Grieve & Blanchfield, hotel, Vancouver, are out of business.

Moyie Supply Co., are opening a general store at Moyie City.

N. Friedman, men's furnishings, Trail, is giving up business.

W. S. Fraser & Bro., hardware, Victoria, have been incorporated.

Robson Trading Co., general store, Robson, has sold out to R. Beer & Co.

T. & N. W., Dobeson, iron founders, have dissolved. Thomas Dobeson continues.

The Slocan Trading & Navigation Co., Ltd., Nelson, contemplate selling out.

Mowat Bros., general store, Slocan, have given up business here and moved to Vancouver.

F. Healy has disposed of of his interest in the Russell House, Golden, to J. I. Brewster.

The Richmond Lumber Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Steveston, has been incorporated.

Gregory & Ayling, fruit, fish, etc., New Westminster, have dissolved. H. Ayling continues.

The Anglo-Canadian Brewing Co., New Westminster, is applying for a wholesale liquor license.

Keefe & Paquin of the Nelson cafe have dissolved partnership. Keefe will continue the business.

S. White & Co., clothing and men's furnishings, Vancouver, have sold out clothing department to the Donaldson Trading Co.

The city council and board of trade of Vancouver have issued another map folder showing routes to Yukon, also showing principal mining districts in British Columbia. Information regarding mining regulations, outfits, etc., is given in the folder.

Starforth & Bligh, bakery and restaurant, Golden, have dissolved. Starforth continues.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 21. - Wheat receipts, 76,775 bushels, exports, 36,693 bushels. Options opened steadier at 3-8 advance over Saturday's late curb price, with shorts buying on a cold weather scare, renewed clique support and better cables than expected. Steadiness continued until near the close, when under realizing prices eased off quite sharply and were finally 1-1 to 3-8 higher than Saturday's curb, but 1-1-8 to 1 3-4 below the official close. No. 2 red, March, \$1.03 to \$1 01-2, closed \$1.03; May, 99 1-2 to \$1.00 3-8, closed 99 3-4; July, 87 1-4 to 88 3-4, closed 87 5-8; Sept., 80 1-2 to 81 1-2, closed 80 7-8; Dec., 81 1-4 to 82, closed 81 3-4.

New York, March 22. - Wheat. Receipts 148,000 bushels; exports 141,976 bushels. Options opened firm at 1-8 to 1-4 advance and was strong, without exception, all day, closing 1-2 to 3-4 net higher. The advance resulted chiefly from a severe cold wave west, affecting short interests in all markets. No. 2 red March \$1.03 1-2 to \$1.04, closed \$1.03 1-2; May \$1.00 to \$1.00 5-8, closed \$1.00 1-2; July 87 13-16 to 88 3-4, closed 88 1-4; Sept 81 to 81 5-8, closed 81 1-2; Dec. closed 82c.

New York, March 23. - Wheat - Receipts 57,350 bush.; sales 2,675,000 bush. Options opened steadier 1-1c to 3-8c advance on further covering, but through predictions of warmer weather, drifted gradually into weakness. Liquidation was the afternoon feature, particularly in late deliveries, which lost 1-3-8 to 1-3-4c, against 1-2c decline on new months. A good export demand and better late cables had little influence. No. 2 red March opened \$1.03 to \$1.04, closed \$1.01; May opened 99 15-16 to \$1.01 1-4, closed \$1; July opened 86 11-16 to 88 1-2, closed 86 7-8; Sept. opened 79 5-8 to 82 7-8, closed 79 3-4.

New York, March 24. - Wheat - Receipts 83,700 bush.; exports 40,328 bush.; sales 3,615,000 bush. futures, 100,000 bush. spot. Spot weak. No. 2 red \$1.03 1-2 f.o.b. afloat to arrive. No. 1 Northern Duluth \$1.09 1-2 f.o.b. afloat to arrive, No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.11 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.10 1-2 f.o.b. afloat to arrive. Options opened steady on cables and moderate covering, but were unable to sustain the advance long, owing to bearishness of scalpers on warmer weather news. Liquidation again developed as an afternoon feature, in spite of fair export orders, and prices closed at 1-2 to 1-3-8c net decline. No. 2 red March opened \$1.02, closed \$1.02. May opened 99 3-8 to \$1.00 1-4, closed 99 1-2; July opened 85 7-16 to 87, closed 85 1-2; Sept. opened 79 1-4 to 80 1-8, closed 79 1-4; Dec. opened 80 to 80 1-4, closed 80.

New York, March 25. - Wheat receipts, 71,225 bushels; exports, 51,605 bushels. Options suffered another bad break to-day, based on further liquidations, enormous Argentine shipments, reported Philadelphia bank failures and unsettled political situation, opening weak; prices sold off all day, pressure being mostly in near months, which closed 1-1-2 to 1-3-4 lower, against 3-8 to 3-4 decline in late deliveries. Export trade at all points was heavy. No. 2 red, March, closed \$1.00 1-4; May, 97 1-2 to 99 1-4, closed 98; July, 84 to 85 1-4, closed 84 3-4, Sept., 78 5-8 to 79, closed 78 7-8.

On Saturday, March 26, No. 2 red wheat closed at 99c for May option, and 85 7-8c July, and 80c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at \$1.01 1-8c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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

Chicago, March 21. - The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat - May \$1.04 3-4; July 85 1-8 to 85 1-4.

Corn - May 29 1-8; July 30 1-4 to 30 3-8; Sept. 31 1-2.

Oats - May 25 7-8, July 23 1-4.

Mess pork - May \$9.87 1-2; July \$9.92 1-2.

Lard - May \$5.10; July \$5.17 1-2.

Short ribs - May \$5.07 1-2; July \$5.12 1-2.

Chicago, March 22. - The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat - May \$1.06; July 85 5-8 to 85 3-4.

Corn - Sept. 31 5-8; May 29 1-4 to 29 3-8; July 30 1-2.

Oats - May 26 1-8 to 26 1-4; July 23 1-2.

Mess pork - May \$8.87; July \$9.95.

Lard - May \$5.10; July \$5.17 1-2.

Short ribs - May \$5.05; July \$5.12 1-2.

Chicago, March 23. - The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat - May \$1.04 1-2; July 81 1-8.

Corn - May 28 7-8; July 30 1-3, Sept. 31 3-4.

Oats - May 25 7-8 to 26; July 23 1-4.

Mess pork - May \$9.70; July \$9.77 1-2.

Lard - May \$5.05; July \$5.12 1-2.

Ribs - May \$5; July \$5.05.

Chicago, March 24. - The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat - March \$1.02 5-8; May \$1.04; July 82 3-4 to 7-8.

Corn - May 23 3-8 to 1-2, July 22 7-8 to 23.

Mess pork - May \$9.62 1-2, July \$9.67 1-2.

Lard - May \$5, July \$5.07 1-2.

Short ribs - May \$5; July \$5.05.

Chicago, March 25. - The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat - Dec., 76, May, \$1.04, July, 82 1-8 to 82 1-4, Sept., 75 5-8.

Corn - May, 29 1-2, July, 29 3-4, Sept., 30 3-4 to 30 7-8.

Oats - May, 25 1-8; July, 22 7-8.

Mess pork - May, \$9.45, July, \$9.52 1-2.

Lard - May, \$4.97 1-2; July, \$5.02 1-2.

Short ribs - May, \$5; July, \$5.05.

On Saturday, March 26, July wheat opened at 82 1-2c and ranged upward to 83 1-2c. Closing prices were:

Wheat - May \$1.04, July 83 1-8, Sept. 76 3-4c.

Corn - May 23 3-4c, July 30c.

Oats - May 25 1-8c, July 23.

Lard - May \$9.35, July \$9.40.

Ribs - May \$4.90, July, \$5.00.

Flax seed - Cash \$1.19 1-4, May \$1.18 1-4.

A week ago May options closed at \$1.03. A year ago May wheat closed at 72 3-4c, two years ago at 64, three years ago at 55 3-4c, and four years ago at 60c.

A branch of the Union Bank of Canada will be opened at Manitou, Man.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed to-day 1-2 to 1c higher at 96 to 96 1-2c afloat Fort William for No. 1 hard.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 26.

There was a good export demand for Manitoba flour, and one sale of 7,000 bags, May shipment was made. Grain, flour and millstuffs are the same as a week ago. Hides have declined 1-2c. Eggs are 3c lower than a week ago. Cheese is easy, and 1-4c lower on the inside price. Dressed hogs are 15 to 25c per 100 pounds lower. The make of fodder cheese has commenced at Brockville.

Oats - 33 1-2 to 3 1c per bushel for No. 2 white spot, and 3 1 to 35 for May delivery.

Flour - Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.90. Manitoba patents, \$5.30.

Milled Bran, \$15.00 to \$15.50 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.

Outmeal - Rolled oats, \$1.90 to \$1.95 per bag.

Hoes - 81-2 to 9c for No. 1.

Eggs - Fresh, 10; to 11c per dozen.

Butter - Dairy, 17 1-2 to 18 1-2.

Butter - Creamery, 19 to 21c.

Cheese - 7 1-4 to 7 3-4c.

Dressed hogs - \$5.75 to \$6.15 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef - Front quarters, 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c; hinds, 5 1-2 to 7 1-2c.

Dressed mutton - Lamb, 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

Maple syrup - Tins, 50 to 60c gal; in wood, 4 1-2 to 5c lb. Sugar, 6 1-2 to 7c. old sugar, 3 to 4c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday - May 98 5-8c, July 94 3-8c.

Tuesday - May 99 1-4c, July 94 3-4c.

Wednesday - May 98 3-8c, July 94 1-8c.

Thursday - May 97 7-8c, July 92.

Friday - May 97 3-8c, July 91 1-2c, Sept. 74 1-4c.

Saturday - May 97 3-4c, July 92 1-4c.

Cash - No 1 hard closed on Saturday at 97 3-4c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 96 3-4c.

Last week May options closed at 98 1-2c.

A year ago May options closed at 72 1-4c, and two years ago at 62 1-8c, three years ago May options closed at 61 1-2c, and four years ago at 61 1-2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, March 26, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 94c, for May option, 91 1-8c for July, and 74 1-4c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 96 1-8c.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, March 25. - 3 p.m. - Money on call steady, 1 3-4 to 2; last loan, 2 Prime mercantile paper, 4 1-2 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak at \$4.85 1-2 to \$4.85 3-4 for demand and at \$1.80 7-8 to \$1.81 for sixty days. Posted rates, \$4.81 1-2 to \$4.82 1-2 and \$1.84 1-2 to \$1.85 1-2. Commercial bills, \$1.80 1-4. Silver certificates, 55 5-8 to 56 Bar silver, 55 Mexican dollars, 44 3-4. Government bonds weak. Stocks closed weak.

The Union bank of Canada is opening a branch at Wawanesa, Man.