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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 10, 1891.

## Saskatchewan.

A quantity of freight went through to Prince Albert by teams from Qu'Appelle, instead of rail from Regina.

A telegram from Prince Albert on August 3 says: Crops magnificent. If weather continues fine, harvesting will be in full blast in ten days. Plaxton will cut Ladoga end of this week.

## Manitoba.

Richard Saunders, butcher, Glenboro, is dead.

V. E. Limer, M. D. and drugs, Holland, moved to Birtle.

Winnipeg plumbers have again struck, this time for \$4 per day.

Fairbairn & Co. have opened a harness shop at Portage la Prairie.

Bird & Chalmer, of Pilot Mound, shipped a carload of stock to Winnipeg last week.

Murphy & Todd, tinware, Rapid City, have dissolved partnership; Murphy continues.

Braxton & Bowyer have purchased the florist and nursery business of M. Bull, Winnipeg.

Custom collections at Winnipeg for July were \$54,275, against \$46,395 the same month a year ago.

W. Endicott, has ordered a stock of furniture and will commence business at Pilot Mound.

John Wake, of Neepawa, says the *Herald*, leaves in a few days for Montreal with a train load of cattle for the British market.

Henry Ferguson, grocer, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff, and the stock valued at \$1,100, is offered for sale on Aug. 10.

Cowan & Co., who have been doing a banking business in Boissevain, have decided to move from that place and locate in Brandon.

Captain Patterson, of the steamer *Antelope*, is building another flat-bottomed steamer to run on the Red river between Selkirk and Winnipeg.

The western woollen mills at St Boniface, opposite Winnipeg, are very busy with orders, and will be obliged to run night and dry for some time.

Geo. F. Galt, of G. F. & J. Galt, Winnipeg, returned, on August 1, from England. His absence has been prolonged by serious illness in London.

The stock of C. A. Bradford, general merchant, Brandon, will be sold out at a rate on the dollar by public auction, on Friday, August 14, at Winnipeg.

It is estimated that over \$60,000 worth of building will have been done this year in Neepawa by the close of the season. By far the greater portion of this is brick.

John White, general merchant, Oak Lake, has bought the Campbell estate hardware store at that place from E. Dickson, and will have the building moved back to make room for his new store.

"The Manitoba Music Company" has received letters patent of incorporation. The members of the new corporation are R. H. Nunn, Chas. M. Farney, E. V. Chubb, and A. N. McCutcheon, all of Winnipeg.

The statistics of the Dominion Government Savings Bank at Winnipeg for the month ending 31st July, are: Deposits, \$23,971; withdrawals, \$31,094.53; withdrawals exceed deposits by \$2,123.53.

The Brandon Warehouse and Rink Company has been granted letters patent of incorporation. A. Kelly, A. C. Frazer, John Hanbury, D. McE. Stewart, and F. G. A. Henderson, compose the company.

Stephen Nairn, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mills offers a special prize in cash at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition for the best ten bushels of white milling oats, the same to become the property of the donor.

R. Tyndale, livery and hack stables, Winnipeg, is in difficulties. His liabilities are placed at nearly \$7,000, and against these there are several secured claims, with assets roughly estimated at \$5,000. His effects are advertised for sale by the bailiff.

McClellan & Mills, of Minnedosa, have applied for a transfer of their hotel license to McMillan; and Lee Mills, of Headingly, has applied to have his license transferred to Fowler; B. Steel, of Boissevain, has applied for an hotel license for that place.

On some of the immense hay meadows in the Pembina valley, Manitoba, says the *Pilot Mound Sentinel*, grass is six feet high and as thick on the ground as it can grow. Some of these hay meadows cover several hundred acres and the quantity of hay produced is enormous.

J. D. McGregor & Co., of Brandon, says the *Times*, of Aug. 6, a few years ago commenced shipping hundreds of yearlings and two year old steers from Ontario to the firm's ranch south

of Calgary. Mr. McGregor arrived in the city on Thursday forenoon with a train of fifteen cars of these same cattle now in the prime and pink of condition. Another train of fifteen cars arrived yesterday and both Mr. McGregor and Mr. Munn have left for England with the lot which numbered over 600 head.

## Assiniboia.

J. A. Breckon, hotel, Whitewood, has sold out to Daniel Hunter.

Myles M. McArthur, blacksmith, Whitewood, has sold out to Lindeblom & Lindskog.

Ten carloads of fat cattle will be shipped from Yorkton, making the third shipment for the season.

Newton & Co. have opened a harness shop at Yorkton and the Massey Harris Co. are erecting a large warehouse.

D. Campbell, who has held the agency for the Patterson Bro. Co. at Whitewood, has resigned, and Hart, his assistant, is to take charge of the agency.

The Manitoba Northwestern railway surveying outfit were camped at Yorkton recently. They intend surveying the line right through to Prince Albert.

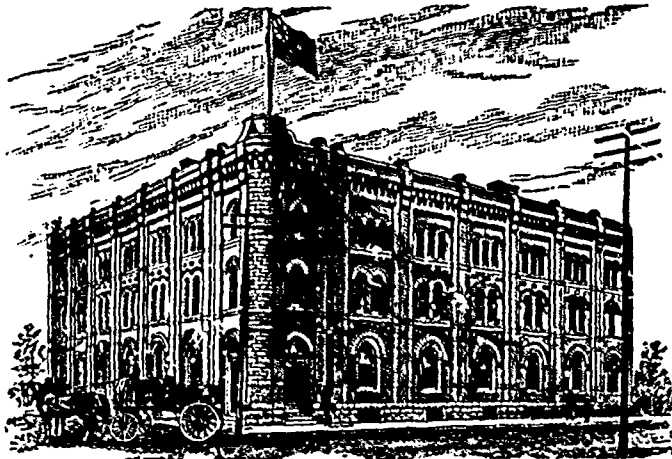
The *Medicine Hat Times* of July 30 says: "Briar commences to-day to cut his wheat, and about the end of the week or early next week the self binders will be at work on the C. A. C. & C. Co. farms at Dunmore and Stair. The grain has filled wonderfully well this year and the yield will be large."

## Alberta.

*Edmonton Bulletin*: "H. S. Holt visited Edmonton last week and arranged for the erection of a hotel at the Calgary & Edmonton railway terminus to cost about \$3,500

The Hudson's Bay Company's garden at the Landing 100 miles north of Edmonton had cabbages, cauliflowers, beets and potatoes fit for use on July 12th.

The town of Anthracite on the Canadian Pacific west of Calgary, presents a lively appearance now, since the reopening of the coal mines there, writes a correspondent of the *Free Press*. There is a large gang of men at work, and they are making good progress. One shaft runs down 300 feet on an incline, at the bottom of which two tunnels branch off and extend for 300 feet into the bowels of the earth. Numerous fine seams of coal have been located, and the management expect to begin making shipments during September, and will increase their output as the market demands. The coal having been decided by the courts at San Francisco to be pure anthracite, is given free entry into the United States. The output will shortly be 500 tons daily and the market is expected to range from Winnipeg on the east to San Francisco and Puget Sound on the west. The coal is shipped to Port Moody, B. C., where the company have extensive shipping facilities, and from there it will be taken along the coast and down the Sound. H. W. McNeill, manager of the company, says there are at present one hundred men on the pay roll. These men are engaged in developing work and the force will shortly be increased to a number sufficient to take out 500 tons a day. The company will seek a market for a portion of their output in Winnipeg and the towns along the line of railway.

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### Eastern Business Changes.

#### ONTARIO.

E. Jonathen, grocer, Brantford, has assigned.  
James Shand, foundry, Creemore, has sold out.  
D. W. Hawkins, saw mill, Grey Eagle, has sold out.  
Miller & Co., warehousemen, Toronto, have assigned.  
Chas. Lugadin, drugs, Port Colborne, has sold out.  
Unger & Co., hotel, Pt. Elgin, have sold out to S. F. Eby.  
I. J. Cooper, manufacturer shirts, Toronto, has assigned.  
M. J. Woodward & Co., oil refiners, Petrolia, have assigned.  
S. F. Eby, grocers, etc., Pt. Elgin, has sold out to Unger & Co.  
Halfpenny & Washburn, shoes, and mens' furnishings, North Bay are offering a compromise.

#### QUEBEC.

F. X. Martin, dry goods, Hull, is asking an extension.  
Hyman Levins, general store, Waterville, has assigned.  
Dominion Electric Manufacturing Co., Montreal, have dissolved.

A. Ouimet & Co., carriages, Montreal, damaged by fire & water.  
Marsan & Brosseau, hay and grain, Montreal partially burned out.  
Hicks & Co., sign painters, Montreal, damaged by fire and water.  
Fraser Viger & Co., grocers, Montreal, stock slightly damaged by water and smoke.  
NOVA SCOTIA.  
G. E. Huntley, Cornwallis has assigned.  
Marshall Warren, Clarence, has assigned.  
Viets & Dennis, dry goods, Yarmouth, have dissolved.  
Grey Bros., & Co., lobster packers, Sambro, advertise dissolution dating from October 6th, 1899, L. H. Grey retiring.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

Edward Babin, grocer, Moncton, has assigned.  
M. A. Smith, general store, Summerfield, has assigned.  
S. R. Hunter, restaurant, Moncton, has left the country.  
D. G. Travis, grocer, St. John, was burned out, no insurance.  
J. R. Van Wart, grocer, St. John, was burned out, insured.  
W. A. & J. W. Sherwood, general store, Bristol, have assigned.  
R. K. Jewett, saw mill, Fredericton, was burned out. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$2,500.

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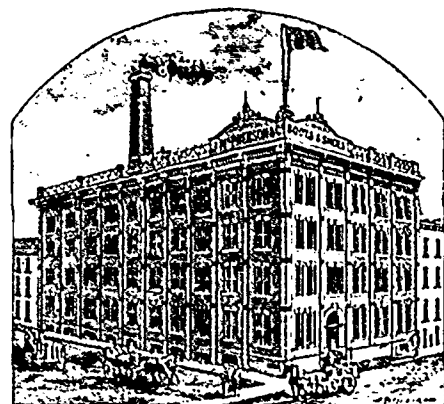
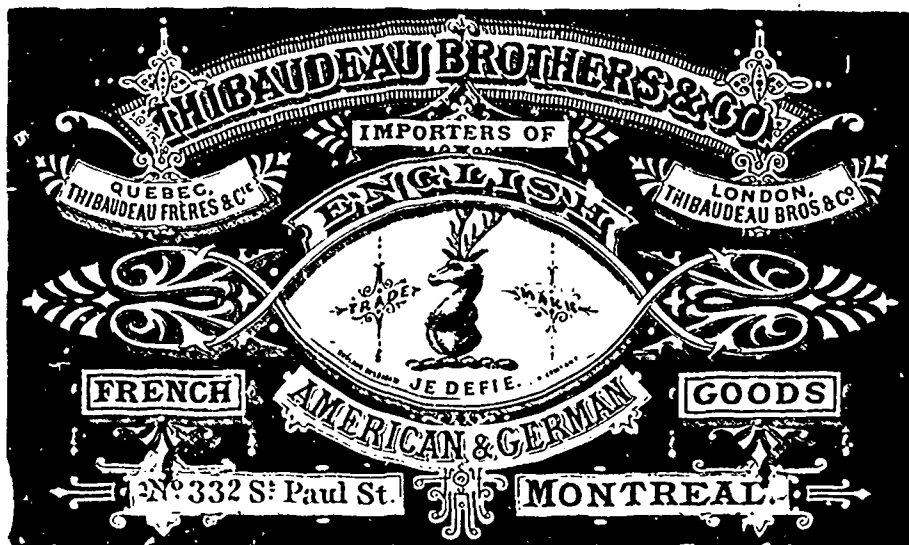
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT MANUFACTURERS  
VS. THE FARMERS AND  
MERCHANTS.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

"Manitoba Merchant's" last letter in your issue August 3rd, contains nothing new except that he refers me to the eye-witness as to the truth of the statement of Mr. Sanderson's alleged purchase and return of Canadian binders. Since last writing I have seen Mr. Sanderson himself, and he positively denies the truth of the assertion as made by "Manitoba Merchant." In conclusion I will give a quotation from "Manitoba Merchant's" letter to show that, while he certainly has the gift of stringing words together, he is not careful that they shall convey an impression in accordance with the facts, for instance, he says that I in my last letter made "copious, if somewhat irrelevant citations from that profound philosophical authority, Eli Perkins." The only quotation I made was "It is better not to know so much than to know so many things which are not so." Now, this can scarcely be correctly described "copious citations," and as to its irrelevancy I leave the public to judge if it is not applicable to "Manitoba Merchant" when he has evidently relied for his delusions on so much that was "not so."

Yours truly, E. W. H. VANALLEN.

Mr. Goodfellow, of Prince Albert was in Winnipeg recently purchasing machinery for a grist mill which he intends establishing in that town. Mr. Goodfellow says that quite a number of farmers have settled in the Prince Albert district this year.



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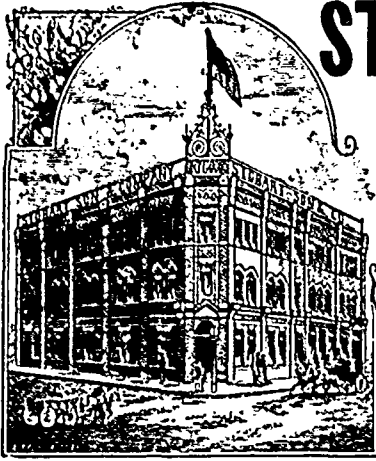
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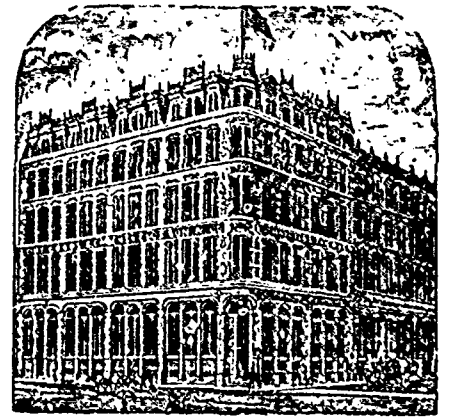
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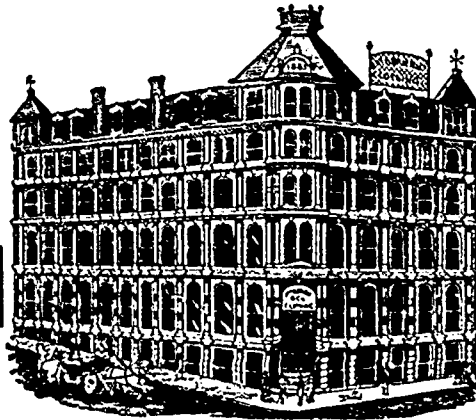
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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 10, 1891.

## WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL.

The prize list and official programme of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, has been issued. The title pages state that the exhibition is to be held at Winnipeg, from September 28 to October 2, and that \$13,500 is offered in prizes. Competition is open to the world, except in a few classes, which are specified. Entries for grain, roots, etc., will be received up to September 21, but for other articles, entries must be made not later than September 14. The railway companies have acted very generously in the matter, and have agreed to carry all exhibits to and from the exhibition free of charge. The Canadian Pacific, Manitoba North western and Northern Pacific, all offer the same terms. Exhibits will be carried free from all points in Manitoba and the territories. From points east of Manitoba the usual freight charge will be made on exhibits forwarded to Winnipeg but the articles will be returned free of charge, providing they have not changed hands in the meantime. Very low passenger rates have also been offered. The railway companies have also been very liberal in contributions to the regular prize list. In addition to the prizes, a programme of sports and amusements has been prepared. Music will be provided each afternoon and evening, and fireworks each night. The sports include horseracing, gymnastic exercises, foot races, baseball, lacrosse, bicycle races, band competition, horseback riding, dog races, military sports, school drill, etc., for all of which events handsome prizes are offered.

The prize list is very full. Under the head "horses," twelve prizes are offered for Clydesdales, eleven for Shires, ten for Percherons, eight for Canadian draft, eight for general purpose horses, fifteen for roadsters, fifteen for carriage, twelve for thoroughbreds, three for saddle horses, and three for ponies. These vary from \$2 to \$50. The prizes are equally liberal for cattle, sheep and pigs. About 120 prizes are offered for poultry and pigeons, and two or three for rabbits. Under the head of "dairy products," some splendid prizes are offered for butter and cheese. Twenty-eight prizes are offered for field grains and flour, ranging from \$2 to \$49. Under this class there is a special prize from the Ogilvie Milling Co., of \$125 for the best twenty five bushels of red fife wheat. Several pages are given to an enumeration of prizes offered for small seeds, garden stuff, roots, vegetables, etc. One special prize is for a collection of native grasses grown in Manitoba, by the Canadian Pacific. The same company also offers a like prize for the best collection of grasses grown in the territories, also three prizes for collections of grain, seeds and roots shown by an electoral division agricultural society, and one prize of \$100 for the best collection of grain in the straw, to be exhibited by any agricultural society in Manitoba or the territories. Numerous prizes are also offered for plants and flowers,

bees and honey, manufactures of Manitoba, domestic manufactures, leather and leather work, fruits, preserves and pickles, preserved meats and fish, ladies' work, paintings, drawings, etc., stuffed animals and birds, woods, ores, clays, Indian curiosities, etc. A special list will be issued giving prizes for dogs. A number of prizes are offered to schools and pupils, for composition, writing, map drawing, etc. The Northern Pacific Railway Co. offers a number of special prizes for grains and potatoes grown within ten miles of the Manitoba branches of this road. Prizes are offered for babies, and first and second prizes for a typewriting match. Diplomas will be given with a number of prizes. A large number of special prizes are offered, for which we have not space to enumerate. Altogether the list is very complete, and should draw out a large display of exhibits. We would call special attention to the prizes offered under the head "manufactures of Manitoba and the territories." These include wheeled rigs, sleighs, harrows, land roller, farm gate, brass and wire work, iron castings, goldsmith's and silversmith's work, pottery, tiles, brick, lime, doors, sash, mouldings, lath, shingles, brooms, brushes, tents, bunting, mattresses, upholstery, tinware, pumps, confectionery, ales, aerated waters, soaps, papers, printing, book-binding, furniture, lard, oils, ground spices, marble work, horseshoes, sign writing and wood graining, dairy utensils, dressed furs, do. raw, specimen of workmanship by mechanics, specimen of workmanship by apprentice. A large number of other prizes are offered for manufactured articles, but which are open to general competition, under the heads of domestic manufactures, leather work, etc.

Every convenience will be made for exhibitors, especially for live stock. The buildings will be new and commodious. There will be an opportunity of selling exhibits or live stock by auction. Diplomas will be awarded, if preferred, in lieu of cash prizes. Exhibits can be unloaded from cars right at the grounds, without extra charge, and express packages will be delivered at the grounds without extra charge. Restaurant accommodation will be provided in the grounds, under the supervision of the directors, in order to guard the interests of visitors. Ample police and fire protection will be provided, and in every other way possible the comfort and convenience of visitors and exhibitors will be looked after. Full particulars as to rules governing entries, etc., will be found in the printed pamphlet containing the prize list, which may be obtained on application to C. N. Bell, secretary-treasurer, Winnipeg.

## B. C. EXHIBITS AT WINNIPEG.

We have not heard of any more being made in British Columbia to have the province represented at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition. We certainly think it would be in the interest of the province to be represented at Winnipeg. The exhibition itself will be the most important one ever held in western Canada, and the prizes are numerous and many of them for large amounts. All parts of Manitoba and the territories will be represented at the exhibition

in visitors as well as exhibits, and a large number of visitors from eastern Canada and the states to the south will be present. British Columbia is preparing a large exhibit for eastern Canada, and we think that Winnipeg should not be overlooked. The province may not gain as much in the matter of immigration, by making a display at Winnipeg, as is expected from the exhibits in the east, but in other respects there would be even greater advantage in being represented at the Winnipeg Industrial. British Columbia expects to work up quite a trade with the prairie country, in a number of lines, and the exhibition will afford an excellent opportunity for displaying these wares. Manitoba and British Columbia differ very materially in their resources, and this fact is favorable to interprovincial trade. An exhibit should therefore consist not only of agricultural products, but of such articles and commodities as are likely to be made exchangeable in a trade way. Such lines include wood and manufactures thereof, in which the Pacific province could make a fine display. Fish and fruits, fresh and preserved, could be shown to advantage, and many other things also, which would serve to bring the province, as a source of supply, before the people here. The railway companies are offering exceptionally favorable rates upon exhibits for the fair, and no doubt equally favorable rates would be given for exhibits from British Columbia. A cheap excursion might also be arranged from coast and intermediate British Columbia points to Winnipeg, for the exhibition. A representative of THE COMMERCIAL, on the occasion of a visit to the Pacific coast, heard several complaints to the effect that the business men of the coast had never been favored with a cheap excursion to Manitoba. We believe the Canadian Pacific would give a very satisfactory rate for such an excursion, if asked to do so by the business people of the coast cities.

## THE DEMAND FOR SUGAR.

The rush for sugar since the repeal of the duty on refined, has been something unprecedented in the history of the Canadian grocery trade. It was a foregone conclusion that the duties would be taken off sugar, during the present session of Parliament, and consequently stocks were allowed to run down to almost nothing. As soon as a public announcement was made that the duty was to be abolished, a vast stream of orders came in upon the refiners, and ever since, they have been unable to catch up to the demand. As usual with customs changes, the new sugar duties came in force immediately upon the official announcement of the change. In this connection a point may be stated which is not generally known, namely: that at the same time the announcement was made of the changes in duty, all the refineries in the country were at once taken possession of by the customs authorities. This was done for the purpose of taking inventory of stocks on hand. Thus while the orders for sugar were pouring in, the refineries were locked up in charge of the customs, and unable to operate for about a week. This will explain why the refineries have been so long behind with orders. There was some agitation in the east, in favor of



allowing refined sugar to come in free, until such time as the pressing demand could be supplied, as it was claimed that sugar could not be got fast enough to put up the fruit crop, quantities of which might spoil. This brings up another point, namely: that the cheap sugar came upon the market at a time when the demand is always larger than at any other time of the year. Thus there were three causes operating at once to place the refiners in an awkward position to keep up with orders: First, the closing of the refineries by the customs authorities; then next, the immediate demand from dealers who had been holding back orders in expectation of tariff changes; and thirdly, the usual heavy call for sugar during the fruit season. The crush for sugar has been felt much more keenly in the east than here, supplies having been drawn from the new Vancouver refinery to a considerable extent, for the Winnipeg market. In Toronto it is reported that one firm has actually imported and paid the duty of 8 10 cent per pound on a quantity of granulated sugar, in order to supply the customers of the house at once, instead of waiting for supplies from domestic refiners.

### Editorial Notes.

We notice that the municipal authorities of Victoria, B. C., have decided to strictly enforce the by-law declaring it illegal to use barbed wire for fencing purposes. Winnipeg has a by-law against the use of barbed wire, but it is not closely enforced, as a walk about the city will soon show. These wire fences are very destructive to clothing, especially to ladies' skirts. Many dollars worth of clothing is destroyed in Winnipeg by this nuisance.

A circular has been issued from Ottawa, asking for contributions in aid of a Macdonald Memorial Institute, to be established at the Dominion capital, in memory of our late premier. Canadians and British subjects generally are invited to contribute. It is proposed to erect a building to cost about \$300,000, to contain a national museum, also the collections of the Royal Society of Canada, and such collections as have been made by the scientific departments of the government. It is also proposed to establish in the institute a permanent exhibition of the arts and manufactures of the Dominion. The idea seems a very practical and commendable one. The committee having the undertaking in charge, have decided that single subscriptions should not exceed \$10. The officers of the committee are Sir James A. Grant, chairman, W. L. Marler, treasurer, Thos. Macfarlane, secretary.

Speaking of exhibits from the Calgary district for the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, the Calgary *Herald* says:—"If wheat, barley and oats in the Calgary district turn out in harvesting as well as they promise at present, the Calgary Agricultural Society will have the material wherewith to face any competition that may appear at Winnipeg." It is gratifying to learn from the *Herald* that the crop prospect is so good about Calgary, as some travellers from the west have reported that the crop prospect in the extreme western portion of the territories is not up to the average this

year. We hope the Calgary district will be able to hold up its end well at the Industrial.

THE question of creating a smudge as a protection against injury from frost, is one which has been talked about a good deal in Manitoba, but which has never been systematically tested. The farmers of the Portage district are talking of taking concerted action to test the value of smoke, in case of a visitation of frost this year before their crops are gathered. Most of the Manitoba farmers burn their straw after threshing, but if it is shown that damage from an occasional early frost can be avoided by burning straw near the grain fields, it will be in order to save the straw for use in this way, in case of danger from frost. Any damage from frost has been done in one or two nights in the season, and by a little precaution this could be avoided in case the test of burning straw turns out as valuable as is claimed for it by some.

SINCE the elections, the unrestricted reciprocity or commercial union question has been allowed something of a rest with the general public, though it has recently been debated fiercely in parliament. In the house, however, Sir. Richard Cartwright's motion in favor of unrestricted reciprocity, has been voted down by twenty six majority. The vote was of course a party one, and the government was sustained by the very largest majority it could have hoped for in the present political complexion of the house. The question will likely now rest until October, when the Canadian commissioners go to Washington to discuss trade relationship. The idea seems to still prevail in the United States, that some how or other Canada can be induced to accept the trade policy as put forth by that country. This policy is, that Canada should virtually adopt the tariff of the United States against all other countries, and permit complete free trade between the republic and the dominion. Senator Chandler, a prominent politician of the United States, is reported to have said recently: "I hope that President Harrison will meet the Canadian commissioners in October with an offer to recommend to congress that, if Canada will adopt substantially the United States tariff against European products, the United States will admit Canadian products of every description free of duty, the Canadians also to admit all United States products free." This is the policy which Canada declared against at the recent general election, and which parliament has again declared against. While all reasonable freedom of trade between the two countries is desirable, Canada cannot afford to enter into a high tariff compact with the United States, and thus throw up our trade connections with all other nations, for the sake of trading with the republic. We had better avoid any such entangling compact, and if we cannot now secure greater freedom of trade with the United States on a rational basis, we will do well to await future developments.

There is considerable talk in the press at present about the preparation and sale of medicines and other commodities intended to imitate proprietary articles. It is said that several houses exist in the United States, whose sole business is to manufacture imitations of popu-

lar articles, principally patent medicines, but also other preparations sold by druggists, grocers and general dealers. These imitations are put up and labelled as nearly as possible like the articles they are intended to replace, and are sold to the trade at a much lower price than the article to which they are supposed to be very similar in preparation. These imitation mixtures are said to be frequently furnished to retailers, with the name of the purchaser upon the outer label. Thus when a customer asks for some popular medicine or preparation, he is shown something by the retailer which he is told is prepared by himself, and is just as good if not better than the original article. Whether or not the imitation bears the name of the retail dealer, the customer is assured that it is similar to and just as good as the patent article asked for, the larger profit of course being an inducement to sell the imitation instead of the genuine patent preparation. We do not know that this custom prevails to any extent in Canada, but the practice evidently exists largely in the United States, and an effort is now being made to stamp it out, as it is said the imitation articles are often very inferior preparations.

*Farm Implements*, a journal published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and devoted to the implement trade interests, has published from THE COMMERCIAL the various letters in the controversy between "Manitoba Merchant," and Mr. Van Allen. In its last issue the Minneapolis journal also discusses THE COMMERCIAL controversy, editorially, in which the following paragraph occurs: "Manitoba Merchant" further claims that, "If there is to be any priority, the mercantile debt should be paid first, as the merchant's profit is smaller than that of the machine manufacturers. This last sentence seems to let his 'cat out of the bag.' It is frankly an admission that the implement men are better merchants, shrewder and sharper business men and better collectors than general merchants. If it were not so, 'Merchant' would have no reason to kick over implement men getting their pay first." There is much truth in this, as "Manitoba Merchant" admits in his last letter, which had not reached the Minneapolis journal at the time its article was written. In this letter, "Merchant" points out strongly the need of better business practice among retail merchants in this country, especially in the collection department. As to the direct points of "Manitoba Merchant's" controversy with Mr. Van Allen, we have nothing to say, but his last letter, in which he deviates from the controversy do discuss the business practice, or rather the unbusinesslike practice of most merchants, we recommend to the serious consideration of the trade generally. Retail business in this country is certainly conducted in a very loose manner, in many respects, as for instance the credit system in general practice, and the disregard which many show for their collection department. In every well regulated business, where much credit is given, the most important feature is making collections. This department should be looked after promptly and with decision. The successful merchants are those who look carefully after their collections, and who are not afraid to insist upon a settlement, while those who are afraid they may lose customers by looking properly after their collections, are invariably the most unsuccessful.



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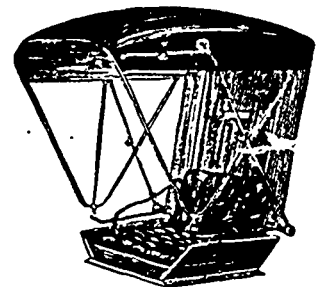
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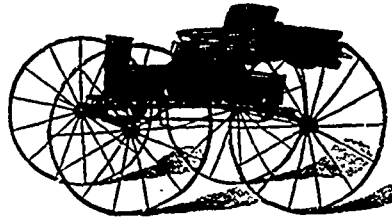
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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

The improved weather of the last couple of weeks has stirred up more life in this branch. Farmers who have been holding off, are now making a rush for their harvesting machinery and binder twine. The implement firms have not stocked up heavily, and the tendency was to go slow, especially during the prevalence of the late cold spell of weather during the greater portion of July. They are now more hopeful, and using the wires to increase stocks. If the harvest comes off all right for the farmers, there will also be a rich harvest in store for this branch. The trade in mowers and rakes has been good, and though now pretty well over for the season, some sales are still being made. The binder twine situation has not changed, prices to farmers ranging from 11 to 16c per pound as to quantity, quality and time asked for payment. Some imported twine is selling. It is reported that the twine market has been somewhat demoralized in the east by offerings of United States twine at cut prices.

DRUGS.

Jobbing prices are:— Howard's quinine, 50 to 55c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65c; English camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 85 to 90c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$4.50; copperas, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c. Insect powder, pure, 40c; alcohol, \$4.65 per gallon.

DRIED FRUITS.

The first of the new crop of California dried fruits has arrived. Apricots having come to hand. Prices are of course lower than the high range of last year. The California fruit crop is large, and as the fruit crop generally in other districts is much better than last year's very short crop, there is a prospect that prices will return again to a lower basis. Prices here are as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Valencia layers, \$2.70; currants, 7½c; figs, cooking, in bags, 6½c; in boxes, 7c; choice-do., 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Elme figs layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 9c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 18 cents; peeled peaches, 28c, pitted plums, 20c; raspberries, 30c; prunes, 8c to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitis, \$5.

CROCKETS.

Sugar is still the feature of interest, and stocks locally have been short. There has been considerable scrimmaging around, and sometimes unsuccessfully at this, to get hold of requirements. Yellows were very scarce. Yellows are firmer, and in eastern Canada markets, raws are having some sale in place of yellow refined. Advices from British Columbia are unfavorable as to the salmon pack, and this taken with the shortage on the Columbia, and not favorable reports from Alaska, would seem to indicate a light pack. These goods are

being held firm in first hands, and some brands higher. New canned peas, strawberries and raspberries have been received. Prices for fruits are easier as compared with last year, the better crop and cheaper sugar reducing the cost. Jams and preserved fruits generally will be easier. Prices here are:—Sugars, Yellow, 5 to 5½c; granulated, 5½c. Coffees, green, Rio, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Gov., 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas—Japan, 23 to 40c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c; T. & B tobacco, 61c per pound; lilly, 7s. 57c; diam in l solace, 12s, 53c; P. of W. butts, 52c; P. of W. caddies 52½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 60c; Brier, 7s, 58c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 61c; Index thick Solace, 6s, 53c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 53c. McAlpine Tobacco Co.'s plug tobacco; Old Crew, 51c, Woodcock, 57c; Beaver, 68c; Jubilee, 65. Anchor, 64c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 70c; Cut Cavendish, 75c; Senator, 85c; Standard Kentucky, light, 90c; do., dark, 85c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1,000. Mauricia, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$10; Turkish Caps, \$35; Commercial Traveller \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Cannocks, \$40; Derby \$36c; Sports, \$30. Mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.25 to \$2.50; do., 5 gallons, \$3 to \$3.50; do., 10 gallon kegs, \$6 to \$6.50.

GREEN FRUITS.

The weather during the week has been the most favorable of any for the season, for the fruit trade, and business has been brisk. California fruits have been in great request, and prices are low. Missouri watermelons are now in the market, of fine quality, at about the same prices of earlier sorts. Grapes are now offering. Blueberries have not come forward very freely, but have been about equal to the demand at the price asked, as prices have been above the views of consumers. The crop is still reported light. Prices dropped 2c to 7c. Prices are: Oranges, California, Mediterranean Meats, \$5.00 to \$5.75; do California St. Michael, \$6; Messina lemons, \$6. to \$6.50 Bananas are quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 per bunch. California soft fruits in 20 lb. boxes; peaches, \$2.00 per box; plums, \$2.00 to 2.25; pears, 40 lb. boxes, \$3 to \$3.25; black grapes, 8 lb. baskets, \$1 to \$1.25. Southern apples, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel; watermelons, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per dozen. Tomatoes, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per crate of 24 pounds. Blueberries, 6c. to 7c. per pound. Comb honey, 23c. a pound.

HARDWARE.

Business is steady and prices firm. Stocks are on the light side. Dealers are anxiously thinking over the crop situation. The heavy crop outlook would indicate the necessity of stocking up heavily, while there is some fear to do this lest some disaster might overtake the crops. The disposition is to hold off as long as possible, and then use the wires freely for ordering. Prices are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.10 wire nails \$4.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.50 to \$13.60; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch 13½c; 1½ inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 guage, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar

iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6c per lb.; barbed wire, 5½ to 6c net; sisal rope, 12c per pound; manilla rope, 16c per lb.

LUMBER.

Business is good, though not as active in some respects as earlier. Dealers look for a quieter spell until after harvest. Following is the price list: f.o.b. at Lake of the Woods mills, 60 days, or 2 per cent. discount in 30 days: Dimensions 2x1 to 12x12, 18 feet long, \$14; Jo., 10 feet long, \$15; cull dimension, \$10; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches in depth and width; 50c per M advance on each foot over 18 to 24 feet. \$1. per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50c; sizing, \$1.; dressing 4 sides, \$2. Boards—1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd do., rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; 3rd do., rough, \$12, dressed, \$13; culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common stock, 12 in., rough, \$19; dressed, \$20; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, \$18; dressed, \$19; 2nd do., 12 in., rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, 15, dressed, \$16; wide box boards, No. 1, rough, \$19; dressed, \$20; do., No. 2, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Shiplap—6 inches, \$14; 8 and 10 inches, \$16; cull, \$12. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$31; do., red pine, \$26; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$27; do., red pine, \$24; 3rd, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$23; do., red pine, \$20; 3rd, 4 inch, white pine, \$22; do., red pine, \$19; 4th, 5 and 6 inch, white and red, \$15; do., 4 inch, white and red, \$14; culls, white and red, \$10. \$1 per M advance for dressing both sides, \$2.00 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding—No. 1, ½ in. x 6 in. white pine, \$20; No. 2 do. white and red, \$17. Finishing—1½, 1½ and 2 in. -Clear white pine, 1st and 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$37; selects, white pine, \$30; shop, do. \$25; clear red pine, \$27; selects, do, \$22. 1 inch white pine—1st, and 2nd clear, \$40; 3rd, do, \$32; 1 in. selects, \$20; 1 in. red pine, clear, \$25; No. 1, stock, white pine, 12 in, \$37; No. 1, do, 8 and 10 in, \$35; No. 2, do, 12 in, \$32; No. 2, do, 8 and 10 in, \$30; No. 3, stock, white and red pine, 12 in, \$26; No. 3, stock, white and red pine, 8 and 10 in, \$25. Moulding—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 40c; window stops, do, 50c; door stops, do, 75c; ½ round and cove, do, 50c; 4 in. casing O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.50; 5 in. do, \$1.90; 6 in. do, \$2.25; 8 in. base, \$3; 10 in. base, \$3.75. Mouldings not mentioned above at 45 per cent off prices in universal moulding book. Lath, \$2. Shingles—No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.25; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Quotation here are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c slaughter sole, 30 to 32c, Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; France calf, \$1.25 to \$1.50; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z. kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pobble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

LIQUORS.

Quotations here are: Whiskies—Canadian rye, in barrels, \$2.05 per gallon; do., five year old, \$2.50; do, seven year old, \$2.90, do ten year old, \$3.50; Club, in cases, \$9; Mackie's pure Scotch whiskey, Islay Blend, in cases of 12 bottles, \$9.50; do., Rare Old Special \$11; do., pure Lagavulin, 10 year old, \$11.50; Irish whiskey, \$8.00 to \$10.00; Brandies—

Cognac, in bulk, \$1 per gallon; in cases, \$9; do., Martel and Hennessy, in cases, 14; do., V. O., \$20. Port wine, \$2.25 to \$5 00; Sherry wine \$2.50 to \$5 00. Jamaica rum, \$1 to \$1 50. Gin, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per gallon; DeKuyper red gin, \$12.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7.50 per case; Tom gin, \$9 to \$10. Alcohol, 65 o. p., \$4.65 per gallon.

## NUTS.

Taragona Almonds, per lb. 18 to 19c; Walnuts, Grenoble, 17 to 18c; do., Marbot, 15 to 16c per lb; Sicily Filberts, per lb 11 to 15c; Peanuts, White Virginias, green, per lb 14 to 15c; Peanuts, do roasted, per lb 16 to 17c; Pecans, polished, per lb 19 to 20c; Brazils, 14 to 15c; Cocoanuts, per hundred, \$9.50 to \$10.00.

## PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Linseed oil is quoted 3c lower. Other prices unchanged. Business fairly brisk. Prices are unchanged and as follows: Turpentine, in barrels 72c per gallon; linseed oil, raw 73c; boiled, 76c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$8 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4 75 per barrel. Michigan plaster, \$3 25 to \$3.50 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whiting, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt. White leads—Pure, Association guarantee, \$7; do., No. 1, \$6 50; do., No. 2, \$6; other brands of white leads, \$5 to \$5 50. Calomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, firstbreak, \$2.

## WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## WHEAT

Wheat prices in leading United States markets have not materially changed from a week ago, and have been subject to the usual variations, up one day and down the next. On Monday it was reported that wheat harvesting was well advanced in the northwest portion of Dakota. French cables reported unfavorable weather and a sharp advance in wheat prices. Exports of United States wheat good. The visible supply statement for the United States and Canada showed an increase of 2,368,000 bushels, and a year ago decreased 53,443 bushels. The total visible supply was reported at 16,767,000 bushels and a year ago was 18,363,000 bushels. Exports from Atlantic ports for the week ended August 1, were 2,047,600 bushels, and 155,100 barrels of flour. A year ago the same week exports were 133,000 barrels and 1,250,500 bushels. Cables were all higher on Tuesday, Paris leading at 2½c per bushel and Liverpool ¼ to ½c. French and English weather reports were unfavorable. The quantity of wheat on ocean passage was reported by *Beerholm* at an increase of 128,000 bushels of wheat and flour, as compared with the quantity afloat last week. India shipments decreased 100,000 bushels the past week. On Wednesday British cables were ¼ to 3d lower, with improved weather. *Hautstreet* reported an increase of 2,900,000 bushels east and a decrease of 562,000 bushels west of the Rocky Mountains. Cables were weak on Thursday, and weather reports favorable. On Friday, cables were firmer again, and some unfavorable weather reports affecting Central Europe were in circulation.

In Manitoba the only wheat interest is centered in the crop situation, which is reported elsewhere in this issue.

## FLOUR.

There has been no further change in flour. Jobbing quotations per one hundred pounds to the local trade are: Patents, \$2 60; strong bakers', \$2.40; Second bakers, \$2 to \$2 10; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.20.

## MILLSTUFFS.

Local prices hold at \$12 per ton for bran and \$14 for shorts. The demand is good for the season.

## MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Quotations are: Oil cake, in bags \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26. in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2 90; granulated, \$3.00 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$3.00 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$2 to 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$3 00 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.25; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

## GROUND FEED.

There is a fair demand, and prices hold rather high, at \$24 to \$26 per ton, as to quality.

## OATS.

Locally there was an easier feeling. Dealers who were selling small jobbing lots from store at 42 to 43c, dropped prices to 40c per bushel (34 lbs.) for feed quality. There were no farmers' deliveries to speak of, and the few loads brought 35 to 38c on the market. Car lots for local use are nominal at 35 to 37c. City dealers have made some good sales recently, and stocks will be pretty well down by the time new oats come in. Car lots at country points quoted at about 28 to 30c. Eastern market dull and easy.

## BUTTER.

Really nothing doing, and values nominal at 10c. to 14c.

## CHEESE.

In the east prices have ruled fairly satisfactory to factorymen. Here there is not much doing. Dealers have bought from factories at 8½ and 8¾, and have been selling in small jobbing lots, usual y at about 9½c.

## EGGS.

Firmer, at 15½c., dealers' selling price for small lots, and likely to be held at 16c. soon.

## SENACA ROOT.

Last week's report still describes the situation. Prices are irregular, and dealers appear to be at a loss to know what to pay. We quote 22c. to 25c. per pound.

## WOOL.

Quiet at 10½ to 11½c for ordinary local quality, unwashed. Fine wools worth 11½ to 13c.

## HIDES.

Here there is no change in prices. We quote No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheepskins, 25 to 30c. Lambskins, 30 to 35c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

## CURED MEATS.

Prices continue firm and any changes are to a higher range of values. Long clear is held pretty steadily now at 9½c. Prices are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 11¾c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; smoked hams, 13½c to 14; mess pork, \$17 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb; Bologna, do., 9c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ¼ lb package.

## LARD.

Pure lard is very firm, and held at the outside quotation of a week ago. We quote: \$2.40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per pail.

## POULTRY.

Chickens bring from 50 to 70c per pair. Turkey 10 to 12c, live weight. A few spring chickens are now offering, and bring 25 to 35c per pair, as to quality.

## DRESSED MEATS.

The tendency continues generally easier, though pork is something of an exception. From 5 to 5½c is the usual range for ordinary grass beef, 5½ being the top, and some thin stuff has sold at 4½ to 5c. Dealers say 6c is still obtainable for choice beef, but very little is offering to bring this figure. Mutton is easy at 11 to 12c, and lamb easy at 12½ to 13c. Lower prices for lamb and mutton are expected. Veal 7 to 8c. Pork is still held by city wholesalers at 7½ to 8c, and as there is no country dressed offering, prices are firmer.

## VEGETABLES.

Prices have generally a lower range. Potatoes have again declined though it was thought a week ago that they had reached a basis where they would hold for a while. Good cauliflower are now more plentiful. Tomatoes are again down. Prices are: Potatoes, 40c per bushel. Cabbage, 50c to 75c per doz., tomatoes, \$1.40 per crate of 24 pounds. Green stuff in bunches is plentiful, at 20 per dozen bunches for onions, 10c to 15c for radishes, 10 for lettuce, 20 to 25c for rhubarb or pie plant. Carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, 50 to 60c per dozen. Cauliflower 50c to \$1.00, as to quality, per dozen. Peas, in pod, 75 to 80c per bu., celery, 35c per dozen, beans, \$1 50 per bushel. Vegetable marrow, \$1 to \$1.25 per dozen. Horseradish is in demand at 8c per pound for good clean root.

## HAY

The heavy rain of Thursday night it is feared will interfere with haying on low land. It is reported that some have stopped cutting hay until after harvest, on account of wet ground. New pressed is worth \$8 to \$9 on track, and loads on the market, loose, \$4 to \$6.

## Wheat Items.

Gilbert Murray's annual forecast of the English harvest estimates wheat at 10 per cent. over an average, which from the acreage sown this year, would give a crop of nearly 72,000,000 bushels.

Montreal *Gazette*, Aug. 4. Reports from different sections of Ontario state that the real winter wheat crop is pretty well all harvested now and that it is excellent. Several samples have been received recently, which, if they are reliable criterions, certainly bear out this. One was shown to-day in a grain dealer's office from the county of Essex, which were as fine fat kernels as one could wish to see.

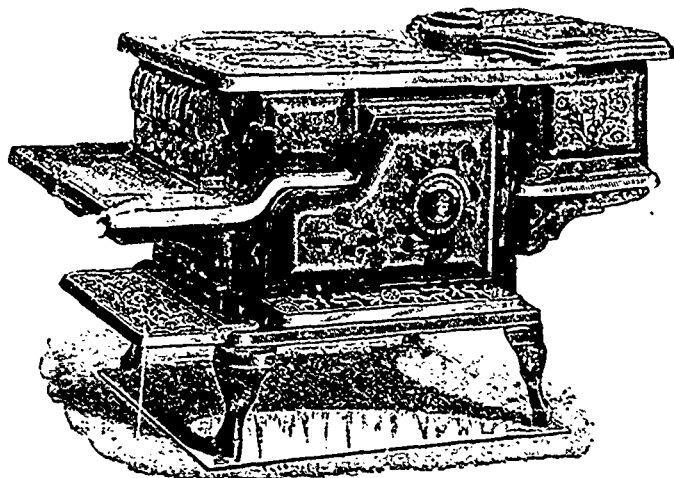
Minneapolis *Market Record*, Aug 6: Total receipt at the four principal United States spring wheat points since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year, foot up, Minneapolis, 223,400 bu; Duluth 35,016 bu; Chicago, 2,083,922 bu; Milwaukee, 99,550 bu, making a total of 2,441,888 bu. against 714,898 bu. during the same time last year and 1,155,366 bu in 1889. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 10,485,591 bu., against 5,650,223 bu. in 1890 and 4,310,035 bu in 1889.

Mention was made in the *COMMERCIAL* last week that The W. A. Wood Company, of New York state, had invented a harvester to bind with straw. Frost & Wood manufacture the Walter A. Wood machines in Canada, and if the new binder turns out a success the machine will be placed on the market in this country by the Canadian firm mentioned.

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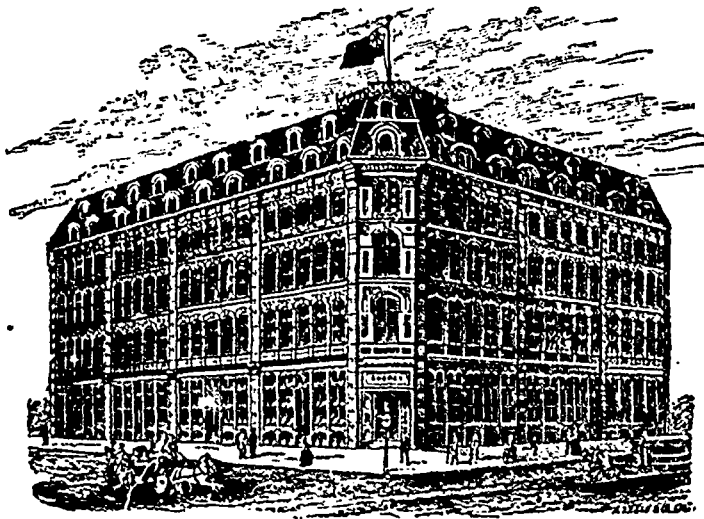
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### Toronto Oils and Paint Prices.

The attempts of United States crushers to put linseed on this market are still energetically kept up, and are successful. Over-production is what is giving this drift to stock from the adjoining country. Prices there have crumbled away 33 per cent. below the point at which they firmly stood a year ago. The Trust seem to have lost control of the market. We cannot import from the United Kingdom, nor obtain laid down from home manufactures, oil at so low a figure as the United States houses are quoting. What makes their oil go more slowly here is the fact that most of it has been extracted by the new process, a method which yields a less acceptable product, one held to be defective in drying qualities. Present prices here are 62c. for raw and 65c. for boiled, but these will probably have to come down farther very soon. Turpentine has eased another cent, quoting at 57c. to 58c.

### Montreal Grocery Prices.

Teas.—There is a good demand noted for Japan teas worth from 15½ to 19c, a large business being done in new crop during the week on this basis. One invoice of low grades were sold on New York account at 14c. The market, on the whole, is much more active. Blacks are easier, a marked decline being reported on China teas in England. There is a little more enquiry here for Ceylon and Indian teas, several small lots changing hands during the week.

Coffee and Spices—The coffee market has continued fairly active since our last with supplies kept in small proportions. A fair turn over of Rio is to be noted at 20 to 21c, with Jamaica about the same. Spices continue quiet, but there has been some business in black pepper out of its hands at 10c. Other spices present no feature.

Rice—Some of the French wholesale houses are said to be cutting in rice and the balance of the trade are in consequence showing a strong disposition to hold off until matters become more settled. Prices are unchanged at the mills at the following:—Patna, \$4.50 to \$5; choice, \$4.25 to \$4.50; standard, \$3.90, and \$3.50 in car lots.—Gazette.

Complaint is made by Manitoba farmers, who purchased and sowed Hungarian grass, that mustard is showing in the crop. The same report comes from different districts. Some have plowed the fields in, and others would do well to follow, or cut it before ripe.



**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Wheat was active and strong on Monday, August 3, with a large speculative business. Prices advanced 2½ to 2¾c, but closed inside the top, at about 1½c higher than Saturday's close. Corn, oats and provisions varied little from Saturday. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat .....	88½	88½	—	91½
Corn .....	56½	57½	54½	—
Oats .....	27½	27½	—	—
Pork .....	—	11.47½	11.52½	—
Lard .....	—	6.72½	6.82½	—
Short Ribs .....	—	6.95	7.05	—

On Tuesday speculation was brisk and prices advanced ¼ to 1c per bushel, but weakened and sold down 1½ to 1¾c. Cables were higher. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat .....	88½	88½	—	90½
Corn .....	56½	56½	54½	—
Oats .....	27½	27½	—	—
Pork .....	—	11.22½	11.30	—
Lard .....	—	6.65	6.77½	—
Short Ribs .....	—	6.82½	6.95	—

On Wednesday wheat prices were lower, under large speculative offerings and lower cables. Closing prices are:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat .....	87½	87½	—	89½
Corn .....	55	56½	53½	—
Oats .....	27½	27½	—	—
Pork .....	—	10.40	10.50	—
Lard .....	—	6.50	6.60	—
Short Ribs .....	—	6.57½	6.70	—

Wheat was weak on Thursday, on lower cables and favorable crop news. Closing prices were ¼ to ½c lower.

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat .....	87½	88	—	89½
Corn .....	57½	55½	52½	—
Oats .....	27½	27½	—	—
Pork .....	—	10.40	10.55	—
Lard .....	—	6.45	6.57½	—
Short Ribs .....	—	6.60	6.72½	—

Wheat was firm on Friday, closing ½ to ¾c higher. Cables were higher, and there was some unfavorable crop news, affecting India and Hungary.

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat .....	88½	88½	—	90
Corn .....	58½	56½	53½	—
Oats .....	27½	27½	—	—
Pork .....	—	10.52½	10.67½	—
Lard .....	—	6.50	6.60	—
Short Ribs .....	—	6.67½	6.77½	—

**Minneapolis Market.**

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, August 6:—

	July.	Sept.	Dec.	On track.
No. 1 hard .....	88½	—	—	97½
No. 1 northern .....	86½	87½a	85½b	95
No. 2 northern .....	91½	—	—	92 91

Flour—Quoted at \$4.75 to \$5.00 for first patents; \$4.55 to 4.70 for second patents; \$3.90 to 4.50 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.10 to 2.45 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. The flour markets are pretty steady. There are some chances taken in making the forward flour sales that part of the local millers are unwilling to assume. They have booked less than others who could see a reasonable excuse for it. The business has picked up and with the movement of the new crop promises better results.

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at \$9.50 to \$10 for bran, \$15.00 to 15.25 for shorts and \$16.00 to 18.00 for middlings. A good demand exists for all styles of mill feed that promises to continue well into the autumn at least, which promise is made by conditions of coarse grain.

Oats Quoted at 27 to 30c by sample. Some new were offered to arrive at near the present price of spot grain but buyers thought about 27c for new was about all they could stand for forward delivery of ten days or two weeks.

Barley—Nominal at 40 to 55c for poor to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed—Millers held at \$21.75 to 22.50; less than car lots \$22.25 to 22.75, with corn meal at \$20.75 to \$21.75.

Butter—Fine dairy butter is steady, but mediums are weak. The best sorts are picked out and sell at 10c to 12c and the balance has to be put into packing stock for which there is a fair demand at 9½c to 10c. Creameries are moving slowly at 12 to 16c.

Potatoes—Weak at 23 to 30c per bushel.

Apples—Large supply of poor stuff. Quoted \$1.50 to \$3 as to quality. —Market Record, August 6.

**Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.**

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, Aug 4, wheat prices closed as follows, for No. 1 northern: September and October 84½c. December, 86½c. A week ago September closed at 84½c. and December at 85½c.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week for Sept. option: Monday at 85c, Tuesday 87½c, Wednesday 86½c, Thursday 86½c, Friday 87½c; Saturday, 87½c per bushel. A week ago September wheat closed at 87c.

**Weekly Crop and Weather Report.**

The heated spell has set in at last. The entire week was a very warm one throughout, though to-day (Saturday, Aug. 8), it is not so excessively warm as on other days. During the cool weather which prevailed for so long this summer, there were some who steadily claimed that we would have our usual quota of hot weather, sooner or later, and they appear to be right. The crops have come on rapidly, and should the weather continue as clear and warm for a while, the harvest will come in with a rush, earlier than was thought possible a week ago. A number of reports are already in, telling of grain having been cut during the week at several points. Some of these are errors, and may be traced to the fact that green grain has been cut in a number of instances for the purpose solely of testing binders. In a few instances, however, grain was no doubt cut for the purpose of harvesting. This would be barley principally, and even of this grain, only an early hatch here and there would be fit to cut. During the next week considerable barley may be cut in some districts, if the weather holds favorable. Some barley was reported cut at Trehern, Manitoba, early in the week. The same was reported from Cartwright, Morris, Gretna and one or two other points in the province, and from the Qu'Appelle district, in Assiniboine territory. At Brandon, it was reported that Ladoga wheat (an early variety) would be cut on Aug. 7, on the Government Experimental farm. It was also reported that a patch of wheat had been cut at Virden, and that other fields would be ready by the first of the week. On the Canadian Pacific railway farm station at

Forres, wheat was cut on August 4, and some wheat at Medicine Hat, in the same district, two or three days earlier. This latter district, however, is beyond the western limit of the regular wheat territory, and is not an indication of the condition of the general wheat crop. Some grain cutting was also reported from Prince Albert, in Saskatchewan territory. These reports indicate that the commencement of the general harvest is not far off, a few very early fields always coming in a couple of weeks in advance of other crops in the same district.

Another feature of the week, in addition to sultry weather, was the heavy thunder storms. Winnipeg had two heavy storms. The first one, on Wednesday night, was accompanied by a heavy wind and a fierce down pour of rain, which must have done harm in flattening grain. The storm was of short duration and was more local in its nature. On Thursday night there was another storm, accompanied by a great down-pour of rain, and lasting about three hours. There was no wind with the storm. This electric storm covered the entire wheat belt, and in some parts was accompanied with wind, which put the grain down considerably. Happily no hail was reported with the storm, but hail was reported from Portage on Wednesday evening, but no damage was stated. It is hoped that grain blown down will come up again. The thermometer reached 90 degrees and over during the week, on some days.

**Montreal Drug Prices.**

The local drug trade continues unchanged. Lots of orders are coming in, but the volume of business is very small. Cables from Smyrna report an increased firmness there for opium; but the reports of better markets at primary sources are given but little consideration by importers, as all are satisfied that the present crop will prove one of the largest on record. Quinine, Howard's, 40 to 45c; Quinine, German, 35 to 40c; Opium, \$4.50; morphia, \$1.75; Iodide potas, \$3.75 to \$4; oil of peppermint, \$4.50 to \$5; Bromide potassium, 50 to 55c; camphor, English, 70 to 75c; glycerine, 20c; gum arabic, 45c to \$1.25; carbolic acid, 45 to 55c; insect powder, 30 to 40c; salicene, \$3 to \$3.50; tartaric acid, 45 to 50c; cream tartar, 26 to 28c. —Gazette.

There is a sugar war in the United States between the trust and Claus Spreckles. Prices have been cut sharply.

At London, Ontario, on August 1st, forty-one factories boarded 8,315 boxes July. Sales, 1,665 at 9c, 310 at 9 1/16c, and 380 at 9 3/8c. Market brisk.

Three hundred cheese sold at Sc, 600 at 8 1/16c, 2,000 at 8 3/8c; 400 tubs creamery butter at 20c at the Clifton, Ontario, cheese fair, August 1st.

The only feature of the grain market to day, says the Montreal Gazette of August 4, is the further weakness in oats owing to the slow demand and the near approach of the time when the new crop will be on the market. Manitoba oats quoted at 45c.

The electors of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, voted upon the two by-laws submitted, viz., to authorize the council to spend \$7,000 in street improvements, and to erect a \$10,000 town hall on the east side of the church square. Both were carried.

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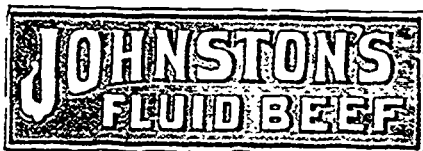
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**British Columbia.**

Nanaimo customs collections for July were \$6-184.

C. H. Bowes & Co. have opened a drug store at Victoria.

Inland revenue collections at Vancouver for July were \$8-102.

Inland revenue collections for Victoria district for July were \$16,393.

Wm. McGirr & Sons, cigars, Vancouver, have sold out to S. Thompson.

Horricks & Co., drugs, Vancouver, are offering to dispose of their business.

Plans for the new Bank of Montreal building at Vancouver have been approved.

J. K. Campbell, of Toronto, will open a tailoring establishment at Vancouver.

W. J. McPherson has secured premises at Vancouver, and will open in boots and shoes.

J. F. Galbraith, wholesale and retail Japan goods, Vancouver, advertises business for sale.

The fine new steamer Victorian, built at Portland, to ply between Victoria and Puget Sound points, has been completed and placed on the route.

The bank of British North America has purchased two lots with a frontage of 52 feet on Hastings street, Vancouver, and will erect a fine block thereon.

A. G. Moir, of Port Arthur has located at Vancouver where he takes the position of superintendent of agencies of the Equitable Life Insurance Company for the province.

Charles E. Tisdale, guns and sporting goods, has just issued his second annual gun catalogue and price list. The book is neatly printed and contains a large number of cuts of guns, revolvers, etc.

Vancouver Island coal exports for July were 76,102 tons, of which the New Vancouver Company shipped 12,400; Wellington, 18,132; East Wellington, 1,580, and the Union Collieries, 13,000 tons.

The sealers are about all out of Behring sea, having been warned by the war ships. The steam sealer Thistle has arrived at Victoria with 82 skins, which were captured before she was overhauled by a war ship. The Sea Lion arrived with 80 skins.

The official census figures give Victoria's population at 16,800 and Vancouver 11,800. This is very much less in each instance than had been counted upon. Either the local figures have been greatly exaggerated or the official figures are far astray.

The following are the Customs returns for the Port of Vancouver for the month ending July 31st, with corresponding month in 1890:

	1890.	1891.	Increase.
Duties .....	\$17,609 07	\$21,824 00	\$4,214 93
Other Revenues .....	3,124 36	11,505 02	8,380 66
Total .....	20,733 43	33,329 02	12,595 65

The exports for the month amounted to \$38,547

The *Ledger* says:—A gentleman from England recently visited Chilliwack for the purpose of selecting a site for a fruit cannery. He represented a large English syndicate who intended going into fruit canning in this province on an extensive scale. The company intends preparing the fruit for the European markets under the new system, viz., putting it up in glass jars manufactured expressly for the purpose by themselves. They intend locating their glass works as convenient as possible to the

cannery. Several tons of fruit will be prepared in this way in Victoria this year as a sample of the firm's production, and in order to establish a market in England for B. C. fruit, this initial step will be taken, which is bound to prove successful.

The following are the customs returns at Victoria for July.

Duties .....	\$ 72,034 74
Other Revenues .....	7,121 81
Total .....	79,155 55
July, 1890 .....	67,207 72
Increase .....	\$ 11,947 83
Imports—Dutiable .....	\$201,073 00
“ Free .....	32,916 00

Exports—produce of Canada .....	\$210,139 00
“ not produce of Canada .....	\$457,252 00
Total .....	\$667,391 00

**Montreal Markets.**

There have been sales of strong bakers at a shade under quoted prices. There have also been sales of Manitoba brands of strong bakers in this city at \$4.90 and \$5, but the regular rate of city strong bakers is quoted at \$5.25. There has been a considerable trade on export account during the month, and a good enquiry is still experienced from the other side. Freights to Liverpool, 10s to 12s 61. Patent, winter, \$5.10 to 5.30; patent, spring, \$5.25 to 5.50; straight roller, \$4.80 to \$4.90; extra, \$4.40 to 4.70; superfine, \$4.10 to 4.35; Manitoba bakers', \$4.75 to 5.00.

Mill feed—The market for bran remains quite and easier. Small lots are being delivered at \$15.50 to \$16 here. Shorts are steady at \$19.50 to \$20 here and middlings \$22.50 to \$23.50.

Oatmeal, etc.—The shading of prices referred to last week has resulted in a general decline of about 25c per bbl, although one buyer says he can buy on still better terms. We quote:—granulated and rolled oats, \$5.75 per bbl, \$2.82½ per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$5.60 to \$5.65 per barrel.

Wheat—Manitoba No. 2 hard quoted at \$1.04 to \$1.05, No. 2 Northern at 95c and No. 3 hard at 93c to 94c.

Oats—The market is again weak and lower, with prices very irregular, and nominally quoted at 45 to 47c for Manitoba mixed and 50 to 52c for choice No. 2 Ontario. A lot of Ontario oats was offered at 50c delivered here but the dealer here stated that he could not use them. The crop in this province promises to be very fine, and a small lot of new oats is expected here to-morrow.

Butter—The market keeps fairly steady at about last week's prices, sales of creamery having transpired in round lots at 19c to 19½c for English account, a fancy factory having possibly commanded a fraction higher, but 19c to 19½c is the range of shippers' views, and at these figures it is said, holders might get rid of all their July goods. In eastern townships there have been sales of round lots of fine shipping stock at 16½ to 16¾c, but western drags, as prices asked are too high for exporters to handle to any extent.

Cheese—The “boom” in cheese has been succeeded by a decidedly easier feeling. Sales have been reported here this week of 800 boxes finest colored at 8½ to 8¾c and 1,500 boxes finest white 8½ to 8¾c and about 2,000 boxes of underpriced goods at 8 to 8¾c. The cost of cheese shipped by this week's steamers ranges from 84

to 9c for finest colored, and 8½ to 8¾c for finest white; but the market closes weak with out side rates unobtainable.

Eggs—A steady business has been transacted on the basis of 13c to 13½c for canned stock, straight lots having been placed at 12½c. Advices from England report a better market for Canadian eggs, and further orders have been received in this city.

Hides—No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4½c; No. 3, 3½c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 30c to 35; calfskins, 7c.—*Trade Bulletin*, July 31.

**Grain and Milling.**

The Farmers' Elevator Company have begun the erection of their elevator at Neopawa, Man.

The *Regina Leader*, with commendable enterprise, secured a telegraphic report of the condition of the crops throughout Assiniboia territory, for its last issue. All the reports were exceedingly favorable as to prospects, and indicated that harvest would commence about August 20, in most districts.

Reports of the coming wheat crop in India have been of a more favorable nature recently, and the latest estimate, according to the *Liverpool Corn Trade News*, is for a yield of 264,000,000 bushels. Of this the exportable surplus is placed at 30,000,000 to 44,000,000 bushels, which would indicate India's ability to make up considerable of the shortage that is prospective in European crops.

At the Dominion Millers' Association, on motion of C. B. Watts, seconded by John Brown, it was resolved that the matter of complaints of Port Arthur inspection be brought before the Dominion Government by a communication from the executive and that the executive committee be authorized to take steps to push to survey the first car, in which it is clear that the wheat is not of the grade represented in the certificate, and to take any other steps they may deem necessary.

A new milling and grain buying company is seeking incorporation at Regina, Assa., the applicants being Spring Rice, of Pense, J. D. Sibbald and C. B. Paget. The corporate name will be “The Western Milling Company, (Limited).” It is intended to build a flour mill near the present elevator, in time for this crop. The capacity will be about 100. A very good mill and elevator were erected at Regina some years ago, but the mill was burnt down, leaving the elevator standing alone.

The Dominion Millers' Association met at Toronto on Aug 4. There was a large attendance, and Manitoba and the Northwest were well represented. The annual report of the association estimated the wheat crop for the Dominion at 55,160,000 bushels of wheat, of which Ontario is to supply 29,160,000 bushels, Manitoba 20,000,000, and the territories 5,000,000. This would allow 22,130,000 bushels for export. Thomas Goldie, of Guelph was elected president. The new president delivered an address on the subject of selling flour on time and giving up bills of lading without payment of drafts, a system which he strongly objected to. A committee was appointed to deal with the subject.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* of July 31st, had a very reliable and fair article upon the Manitoba crop situation, stating the facts just about as they were at that date.

### Toronto Hardware Prices.

The market for pig iron is virtually in a state of suspension, an occasional desultory movement constituting the whole of its activity. The week's record contains a few orders of 50 ton lots. Manufactured iron and steel manifest considerable life, as enquiry is developing and expectations of a good trade are entertained. Bar iron is firmer, though unchanged in quotation. Manufactured iron and steel have prospects that are both bright and near at hand. All the above named lines are steady at last week's prices. Copper has declined abroad very slightly, but is unaffected here. Tin is in active demand. Lead is featureless. Zinc and spelter are very firm. Tin plates are not in much larger stock, but as business will not be active till September or October there is a feeling that the change looked for may be a less important one than present signs would warrant the expectation of. There are no cokes yet. Prices of charcoal are unchanged at quotations. Galvanized sheet iron is very firm and in large demand.

Makers are from four to six weeks behind with their shipments of cut nails, which quote from a cash basis of \$2.25 to \$2.35 on four months. Manufacturers are not at one upon the arrangement of prices for horse nails. Binding twine, the season being over for jobbers and is now a sorting up time, is in a very demoralized condition. Manufacturers are selling to retailers, and United States houses are striving to do business by concessions which are taking the bottom out of the market. In glass there is still a shortage of sizes.

Antimony—Cookson's, per pound, 15 to 15½; other makes, 14 to 14½.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28-lb. ingots per pound, 23 to 24c; Straight's, 100-lb. ingots, 23 to 23½c; strip, 25 to 27c.

Copper—Ingot, 14½ to 15½; sheet, 18 to 20c.

Lead—Bar, 4½ to 4¾c; pig, 3½ to 4c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75 to \$5.25; shot, Can. dis. 7½ per cent.

Zinc—Sheet, 6½ to 6¾c; zinc spelter, 4½ to 5c; solder, hf and hf, 19½ to 21.

Brass—Sheet, 21 to 29c.

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

Galvanized iron—16 to 24 gauge, 5½ to 5¾c; 26 do, 5½ to 6c; 28 do, 5½ to 6c.

Iron wire—Market bright and annealed Nos. 1 to 16, net list from stock; 7½ per cent. discount from factory; market, tinned per pound, 4½ to 8c; galvanized fence, 5 per cent. advance on list; barbed wire, 4½ to 4¾c; coil chain ½ in., 4½ to 4¾c; 7-16 in., 5½ to 5¾c; iron pipe, off list, 55 p.c.; do, galv., off list, 30 p.c.; boiler tubes, 2 in., 13c; do, 3 in., 18½c.

Steel—Cast, 13 to 14c; boiler plate, ¼ in. \$2.75; 5-26 do, \$2.60; ¾ do, \$2.50; sleigh shoes, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Nails—3 in. and upwards, \$2.20 net cash; brads and mouldings, dis. and 10 p.c.; wire, 70c and 5 p.c. to 70c and 10 p.c. dis.

Horse nails—Can. dis. 50 and 10 p.c. off to 60.

Horse shoes—Per kog, \$3.60.

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

Tin plates 1C ea' \$0.60 to \$0; 1C charcoal, \$1.75 to \$2.00; 1X charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; 1XX charcoal, \$6.75 to \$7.00; 1C charcoal, \$4.50.

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

Rope—Manilla, 12½ basis; visal, 9c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$7 to \$12

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

Glass—Fourth quality star, 1st break, \$1.40 to \$1.50; 2nd do, \$1.50 to \$1.60; 3rd do, \$3.65 to \$3.75; 4th do, \$3.95 to \$4, 5th do, \$1.25 to \$1.30.

The Toronto Mill Stock and Metal Company quote dealers paying prices as follows: No. 1 heavy scrap, 65 to 67½c per 100 lbs.; stove cast scrap, 45 to 50c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 62½ to 70c; No. 2 including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 20 to 25c; new scrap copper, 9½c to 10c; heavy scrap copper, 10½c; old copper bottoms, 8½c to 9c; light scrap brass, 5½c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 7½c; heavy red scrap brass, 8½ to 9c; scrap lead, 2½ to 2¾c; scrap zinc, 2½ to 3c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 2¾c; country mixed rags, \$1 per 100 lbs.; clean dry bones, 60c per 100 lbs.

### Grain Freight Rates.

A Toronto telegram of August 7th says: "The secretary of the board of trade has been notified by the general freight agent of the Canadian Pacific that by an agreement with the Grand Trunk, rates to Montreal on grain for export will be advanced on Monday, August 17th, as follows: From points now taking a rate of ten cents per 100 pounds, the new rate will be twelve and a half cents; from points now taking a rate of 12½ cents per hundred pounds the new rate will be fourteen cents; and from points now taking a rate of 14 cents, the new rate will be sixteen cents. The rates will, as before, be exclusive of Montreal elevator and floating charges. Grain will be forwarded to Montreal at published tariff rates and reduced to above mentioned special rates after exporting. This refers to grain from Ontario points.

It was reported from Port Arthur on August 7th that the steamer Myles had cleared to load wheat from Duluth to Kingston at three and a half cents. This is an advance over July rates. The bountiful harvest in the States, the promising prospects in the Canadian west and the increasing demand for iron ore, all point to a good fall's business for lake craft.

### Montreal Live Stock Markets.

The latter part of July is looked upon as the turning point of the cattle export trade and the present is about as good a time as any for a short review of the season's business. As will be seen by the figures published below, the exports from this port are about equal to those of last year, but when it is remembered that about 3,000 head of Canadian cattle have been sent forward by way of U. S. ports the statement for 1891 looks more prosperous. It is generally conceded that the Canadian shippers made money during the months of May and June, while the American syndicate lost heavily. This assertion may appear strange to an outsider, but it is nevertheless a fact. In the first place they paid too much money for

their cattle, and from the date of purchase to the time of selling on the other side they were systematically swindled. The cattle were weighed out of the distilleries, stuffed as full as possible with slop and in an unfit condition to go on the cars. The brother of one of the firm who watched their interests here had evidently never been in the business before, and as a result they paid about double as much as anyone else to get their stock out of the country. A man who is supposed to know whereof he speaks says their losses are not less than \$30,000, and would have been larger had not the English market held up so long. The month of July has not been a very prosperous one. During the first week or two shippers "let out," but during the last three weeks there has been a steady decline, amounting to \$3 to \$5 per head. Several reasons are advanced for this decline which is owing no doubt to the very heavy receipts of both American and Canadian stock and to the fact that the shipments during the past few weeks have not been equal to those which preceded them.

The shipments since the opening of navigation were 48,910 cattle and 21,407 sheep.—*Gazette*, Aug. 4.

### Macaroni and Vermicelli.

Macaroni, vermicelli, sea biscuits, pilot bread, plain crackers and common bread are all alike, in composition and nutriment. Macaroni and vermicelli differ only in size of the tubes, both being made alike, and both are simply dried dough made of flour and water only, the same as pilot or sea bread and plain crackers. The wheat grown in Southern Europe contains more gluten and less starch than any other, and therefore makes better macaroni. This gluten is nitrogenous, like lean meat, casein, or curd of milk, etc., and strengthens one's muscles more than the more starchy flour from Northern Europe. Starch is carbonaceous, supplying material for producing fat and for promoting warmth in the system. Millions of people in Italy use macaroni as their chief, if not sole food the year round—the gluten answering for the lean meat consumed by other people to produce muscular strength or working power. Sea biscuits, pilot bread and plain crackers, those without any "shortening" of butter, lard, or any other grease, are simply flour and water, worked into tough dough and baked, instead of being air or sun dried as macaroni and vermicelli are. They are usually made of the more starchy wheats of Northern Europe.—*Exchange*.

### Canadian Coinage.

The necessity of establishing a Dominion mint, capable of coining a sufficient quantity of gold, silver and copper to meet the commercial demands of Canada, has frequently been urged upon parliament. We are, therefore, pleased to note that this question is likely to come up for consideration at an early day, a motion having recently been made in the senate for a select committee to consider the matter, and collect information regarding the expediency and probable costs of such a departure. It is doubtful whether any great progress will be made during the present session. A very considerable length of time will be required to make a thorough report, satisfactory to the committee and to the House, and prorogation cannot be far off. For this reason we would not be surprised to see the motion withdrawn, and discussion deferred until parliament again sits. The proposed committee will consist of the Hon. Messrs. Vidal, Power, Macdonald (B. C.) McClellan, Belleroose, and the mover, Hon. Mr. McInnis, of British Columbia.—*Merchants' Magazine*.

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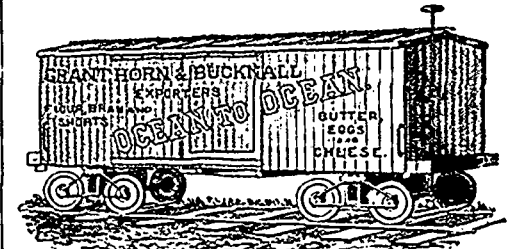
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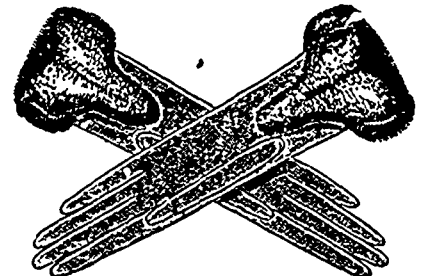
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## Furs in England.

The London, England, correspondent of the *New York Fur Trade Review*, writes:—

"Your July number of the *Review* just to hand, and almost the first words we caught sight of in it were "business is already extremely active." We are very pleased to think that at least in one part of the world the fur trade is good, for here it is just the reverse; and were it not for the shipment of seals from this market to yours, trade indeed would be deplorable. Of course there is a little trade about amongst the mantle houses, and squirrel lock linings are still selling pretty freely amongst them; the only other article which seems to be in demand is natural blue moufflons, and on account of the high price being paid on your side for the whites, these natural colored skins have been selling here at very low prices. Good sized parcels having changed hands recently at from 59 to 66. At such figures there cannot be any profit, but what is lost on these is more than made up by the sale of the whites.

Mink—A slight demand for this article has been noticed recently, but stocks here are very low indeed; the high prices ruling at the last auctions stopped buyers from purchasing for this market, so the result is that at the moment there are very few skins available.

American Opossum dyed skunk color—This is an article now being got up very nicely in Leipzig, and the mantle houses here have rather taken to it, so that we expect it will have a good run during the coming season.

Japanese Fox dyed blue seems to be growing in favor with the mantle houses, and numbers of mantles are now trimmed with it, and when the skins are nicely dyed the effect is pleasing.

Persian Lambs are selling very slowly; the demand is not to be compared with last year.

Australian Opossum, natural and dyed black, are being used on the cheaper kinds of mantles.

Sable is not selling so freely as was expected, there is just a slight demand, which may develop as the season advances.

Bear—black, brown and grizzly—are selling at very low prices, and stocks have been very considerably reduced during the last month.

Whitecoats—We have now full particulars of the total of Newfoundland seals of this year's catch. On June 3 there were sold 22,000; June 24, 51,000; July 8, 40,400; and on July 15 there are offered 129,000; total, 242,400, and a very large proportion of these skins are furriers' whitecoats, and of very good quality generally.

## British Columbia Furs.

The earliest fur shipment ever made from British Columbia to the London market was that which left the Hudson Bay Co.'s warehouses here last week, over the Canadian Pacific.

In the past these shipments have generally been made by water, but hereafter it is the intention to secure quicker dispatch by freight ing overland. The ship will carry the salted hair seals but none of the furs. The shipment of a few days ago was made up of local purchases—the furs sent down from the Naras and Skeena river posts—but no interior furs. These comprise the main supply, and may be expected to come in at any time now and with these already sent, they will in all probability reach London in time for the great January sale.

Last week's shipment was contained in 22 large bales, valued roughly at about \$40,000, and comprising approximately 10,000 skins. Of these the principal varieties were divided as herunder: Bear, 1,000; beaver, 1,500; lynx, 150; mink, 5,000; martens, 1,500; otter, 300; wolves, etc., 200; tom cats, 8.

"I call Tom cats 'Serenaders' in listing them," remarked R. Horton, the furrier and packer of the Hudson's Bay Co., in giving a *Colonist* man a few pointers on the furs of the season.

"Oh, yes," he continued, "we ship the Serenaders' skins to England. There was one beauty in the lot that went the other day. It was from Spokane—the skin of a tame cat that had run wild. Some of the bear skins that went with it were fine ones, too, I tell you.

"There was one grizzly's coat that measured nine feet by six—not a pleasant customer to meet in life. Our British Columbia grizzlies compare favorably in size and quality with any California ever produced. The trouble in this province is they're hard to get at. There is no scarcity of them in the mountains, and our hunters are not afraid to tackle them. It is a different thing to shoot a grizzly now, since magazine rifles have come in, to what it was twenty years ago.

"A few white bears reach us, but not many. They make a very pretty, but not particularly good skin. Still they sell well; whims have much to do with it. One of the black bears I'm now packing up is all arranged for a masquerade costume. It has the head to cover the Indian's head; the four paws for the arms, and the legs for the wearer's legs. There is a hole for him to get in, and the suit is well put together. It came down from Kamloops. Oh, we see lots of funny things like that.—*Victoria Colonist*.

## British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of August 3rd in its weekly review of the grain trade says: "English wheat advanced 3d. The provincial markets report great exhaustion of the wheat reserves. It is estimated that at the end of August only one-nineteenth of the old crop will be carried over as compared with the usual amount—one tenth. Foreign wheats were firmly held at an advance of 6d. Flour was 3d better. Grinding barley advanced 6d. Corn was buoyant at a rise of 9d in the London markets and is in the provincial markets. Oats were 6d dearer. Beans, Peas and Rye were steady.

## Furs at New York.

There has been a brisk demand for furs and skins, and leading articles are perfectly firm in price. Seals sell better than the most sanguine dealers expected they would, and it is evident that the present supply is insufficient for the general requirements of the trade. Astrakhan is exceedingly popular, and is being made up by all fur and cloak manufacturers; the demand shows no tendency to diminish; stocks of skins in all grades are small. Pulled, sheared, and black coney are in excellent request, and prices are advancing. Mink and skunk are in general favor; dyed opossum, moufflons, and other fancy furs are being very extensively used in the production of attractive articles.

The activity noted early in the season continues, all the manufacturers being engaged on orders for specialties in garments and leading fashionable articles in small furs. Mink daily advances in favor, and will assuredly take the leading place we predicted for it nearly a year ago. The cloak trade is readily paying better prices, and taking finer goods than at the beginning of the season. Sellers can have no excuse for disposing of their goods at cost this season. The supply of musquash, principally spring skins, is quite large at Leipzig; we would advise shippers to exercise their best judgment in forwarding this article to Leipzig, as sales in that market are limited.—*Fur Trade Review*.

## Leather Prices at Toronto.

Prices are: Sol slaughter, medium heavy, per lb, 24 to 26c; sole, Spanish, No. 1, per lb, 24 to 26c; sole, Spanish, No. 2, per lb, 22 to 24c; sole, Spanish, No. 3, per lb, 20 to 21c; calfskin, Canadian, light, 65 to 70c; calfskin, Canadian, medium, 70 to 75c; calfskin, Canadian, heavy, 65 to 70c; calfskin, French, \$1.05 to \$1.30; upper, light, medium, 33 to 35c; splits, 20 to 27c; buff, 14 to 16c; pebble, 14 to 15c; harness leather, prime, 15 to 18 lbs, 25 to 27c; harness leather, light, 24 to 25c; oak harness, American, 45 to 50c; oak harness, English backs, 65 to 70c; oak bridle and skirting, English, 75 to 80c; Cordovan vamps, No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6; Cordovan vamps, No. 2, \$5 to \$5.50; Cordovan goloshes, \$11 to \$12; Cordovan sides, No. 1, 16c. Cordovan sides, No. 2, 13c; Cordovan sides, No. 3, 11 to 12c; oak cut soles, \$4.50 to \$3; hemlock taps, \$3 to \$3.75, cod oil per gal, 45 to 50c; Degras, per lb, 4 1/2 to 5c; japonica, per lb, 6 to 6 1/2c; oak extract, 4c; hemlock extract, 3c; lampblack, 20 to 30c; sumac, per ton, \$65 to \$70; roundings, white oak, 20 to 25c; roundings, black, 15 to 20c; roundings, hemlock, 15c.

The first sale of Canadian store cattle for some weeks was held in Aberdeen, on July 27, when the cargo of 430 head off the steamer *Cremon* was disposed of. The cattle last \$3 to \$5 per head. It is evident from this that the stocker trade is a failure this year. Earlier shipments, it will be remembered, lost heavily. This will again check the shipment of stocker (half fed) cattle. This will not be much of a loss to the country, as it would appear to be better to finish fattening the cattle at home before exporting. When feed is plentiful in the old country, half-fed cattle have sold well there, where they are fattened up for beef. Under ordinary conditions, however, it should be cheaper to fatten the cattle in Canada, than to ship them across the ocean for the finishing touches. This year feed is scarce on the other side, hence the poor demand for stockers.

Nelson Bickerdike, says the *Montreal Gazette* of July 30th, bought over 100 stockers (half fed cattle) from J. L. Head, of Manitoba today, at prices ranging from 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c. Mr. Head also sold 100 head of fat Manitoba cattle at 4c per pound. These cattle were shipped to Montreal a short time ago.

The stock of J. J. Golden, auctioneer and general dealer, Winnipeg, will be sold by auction, on August 13. Stock amounts to \$4,197, and 272 book debt.



## Toronto Markets.

Flour and grain—Dull and unchanged. Dealers are holding off for new flour. Wheat there was very little demand, although a good deal was offering. On call No. 1 hard was offered at \$1.15 east with \$1.12 bid, and No. 2 hard at \$1.10 east. A sale of new fall wheat was made at 90c west. Oats easy and dull. A car of mixed on track here sold at 45c, and white oats west were reported sold at 47c. On call mixed oats offered at 44½c with 43½c bid. Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights) Manitoba patents, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Manitoba strong bakers' \$5.20 to \$5.30; Ontario patents \$4.75 to \$5.25; straight roller, \$4.40 to \$4.50; extra, \$3.85 to \$3.90; low grades, \$2.00 to \$3.75; Bran—\$15.75. Shorts—\$19 to \$21. Wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.07 to \$1.03; No. 2, spring, 97 to 98c; No. 2 red winter, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 2 hard, \$1.08; No. 3 hard, 91c to 95c; No. 2 northern, \$1. Peas—No. 2, 70 to 75c. Barley—Feeding 18 to 55c. Corn, 70c. Oats—46 to 47c.

Dairy produce—There is no enquiry for butter upon export account, the easy prices in the United States favoring that market as a source of supply for shipping purposes. For local business there is room for very good dairy tub, though at prices that keep at points stationery for some weeks—that is, at 14 to 15. Medium grades are plentiful at 11½ to 13c, but there is a lack of butter to sell at about 10c for culinary purposes. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice, western, 11 to 16c; dairy medium, 12½ to 13; common, 9 to 11c; creamery, tubs, 19c; rolls, 22c. Cheese, May and June, 9½ to 9¾c.

Produce.—Eggs continue to be in the position they have held for some time. Each house quotes as the conditions of its own trade determine, those with an over-stock going as low as 12½c, while others more favorably situated quote 13c. Potatoes, the market is in a demoralized state. Quotations are: Beans, \$1.70 to \$1.50; potatoes, new, per bbl, \$1.70 to \$1.75; hops, 1890 crop, 35 to 37c; dried apples, 8½ to 9c; evaporated do, 13½ to 14c; eggs, fresh, 12½ to 13c; chickens, 55 to 75c; fowls, 49 to 55c; ducks, 65c; turkeys, per lb, 10 to 12c.

Provisions—Long clear is firm and higher. Enquiry continues strong, and business in a jibbing way is good. The stock of short cut is low, with an active enquiry. A bid of 10c a pound for a car of pickled hams was refused today. Dressed hogs for late August and September delivery are coming into marked interest. Outside dealers are offering on a basis of \$7.50 for two or three car lots. Quotations are: Mess pork, Canadian, \$15.50; short cut, \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per lb, 8½c to 8¾c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 10½ to 10; compound do, 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, 12c; bellies, per lb., 11c; rolls, per lb., 9c; backs, per lb, 11 to 11½c.

Hides—Cured, 6c; green, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 1, 5½c; do, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 2, 4½c; do, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 3, 3½c; do, cows, No. 1, 5c; do, cows, No. 2, 4c; do, cows, No. 3, 3c. Skins—Pelts, 30c; lambskins, 10c; veals, 8 lbs and up, green, No. 1, 7c; do, 6 lbs and up, green, No. 2, 5c; do 8 lbs and up, cured, 8 to 9c.

Wool—Fleece, unwashed, 19 to 12c; rejects, 15 to 16c; combing, 18 to 19c; clothing, 20 to

to 21c; do, pure down, 22 to 24c; pulled, super, 22 to 23c; do, extra, 26 to 28c. *Empire*, Aug. 1th.

## Ontario Crops.

The condition of the Ontario crops is a matter of considerable interest to Manitoba, as values here are influenced to some extent by the Ontario demand. The prospects in that province were not very bright early in the season, owing to drought, but a period of cool rainy weather set in just in the nick of time, and the outlook has been vastly improved. The *Toronto Empire*, has been investigating Ontario crop conditions, and reports as follows, on August 4:

Taking spring wheat in the first place, the crop is exceptionally good. Partial failures are reported in strips neighboring around Caledonia and Paisley, but with these two exceptions the crop will be above the average. Particular localities have been favored with yields which are pronounced the heaviest in many years, and while there is considerable difficulty in locating the centres of abundance, St. Thomas, Mount Forest, Orillia and Woolstock are at least prominent.

Nowhere are complaints heard concerning fall wheat. In every district in the province heard from, and no important point has been omitted this crop is most favorably spoken of. In several places the yield is as high as forty-one bushels to the acre, and testing fully sixty-two lbs. to the bushel. Very many districts which do not show as heavy a yield give their present harvest the palm from the past half dozen years.

Barley is an important and interesting crop this year. Looking over the returns, it is satisfactory to notice that the efforts of the Dominion Government to show the farmers the advisability of growing more two rowed barley have been well responded to in the best barley producing districts of the province. In the Bay of Quinte district, for instance, satisfactory results have been proved, and altogether it is clear to the barley growers of Ontario, wishing as they do to supply the British malsters with the article in highest demand, that they must increase their attention to the growth of two-rowed barley. The verdict now is that wherever this barley has been sown it has turned out better than the common barley. But taking the whole crop as it stands, the reports are satisfactory all over, and most satisfactory in and around Kingston, Oshawa, Hastings, Bethany, Guelph, Napanea, Hanover, Dundas, Orangeville and Woolstock.

Reports from fifty centres indicate an abundant crop of peas, and there will be more than an average yield of oats for a larger acreage. The late rains have been beneficial and, except in a very few localities the crop will be good in grain.

## Freight Rates.

An active demand prevailed for freights during the past week, and the feeling was stronger. All rail rates were well maintained, and the roads are doing a little more business on the basis of 2½c flour and grain and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were in active demand and engagements were liberal. Rates ruled higher on the basis of 7½ to 8½c wheat and 7½ to 8c to New York, according to

route. Rates to New England points were steady at 8½c wheat and 5½c oats, but will be advanced on Aug. 8 to 9½ and 6½ respectively. Lake freights were in active request, and the supply of the vessels was only moderate, as a portion of the fleet has been diverted to the ore trade. Rates have ruled higher, and closed firm at 3c wheat, 2½c corn and 2½c oats to Buffalo, 2c corn to Georgian Bay ports, and 1c wheat and 3½c corn to Kingston. Charters have been made to load next month, shippers to give four days notice, at 3c wheat to Buffalo. Through rates to Liverpool were steadier at 2½ to 2¾c flour, 25 to 27½c grain, and 39½ to 45c provisions, according to route. —Chicago Trade Bulletin.

## The Stock Markets.

A cable to the *Montreal Gazette*, dated Liverpool, August 3, says: "This was a bank holiday in England and trade was naturally dull, and this in connection with very heavy receipts of Canadian and United States cattle had the effect of reducing prices fully 1c per pound. The general supply of cattle was fair. The supply of sheep continues heavy and the market shows no prospects of any improvement in the near future. Quotations to day are as follows: Finest steers, 12 to 12½c; good to choice, 11½ to 12c; poor to medium, 10½ to 11c; inferior and bulls, 8½ to 9½c; best sheep, 11½ to 12c; secondary, 10 to 11c; merinoes, 9½ to 10c; inferior and rams, 7 to 8½c.

At Montreal on Monday, Aug. 3, the market was reported as follows: "Locally, trade is very quiet. The shipments last week were the smallest (with one exception) of the season, owing, no doubt, to the scarcity of space and big rush of the previous week. A few odd sales of export cattle are reported to-day at 4½c, while the choicest butchers are not bringing over 4½c by the single head. There were about 1,000 head of cattle received at the Point since Saturday, the offerings being a little more liberal than for some weeks and the demand a little better. A few loads of export cattle were taken at 4½c, while very fair butchers' stock sold at 4 to 4½c. About 450 hogs were offered and all sold at prices ranging from \$5.60 to \$5.75. At the East End abattoir there were 450 cattle offered. The demand was slow and good cattle sold at fairly good prices; inferior cattle were neglected and slow. The top price was 4½c, fair to medium stock selling at 4 to 4½c. Some inferior stock could not be moved at any price."

## Harvest Excursions.

The second harvest excursion from eastern Canada to Manitoba, composed of men coming to work in our harvest fields, arrived at Winnipeg on August 7. Over 1,200 men were on board the four trains which carried the party, and they were at once distributed from here over the various branch railways in Manitoba, and along the main line of the Canadian Pacific as far west as Moose Jaw. This, with the party previously arrived, and those to follow, will be a great aid to Manitoba farmers in securing their crops.

Walter S. Crone, the well-known western representative of H. A. Nelson & Sons, fancy goods, etc., Toronto and Montreal, has been in Winnipeg for some time with his holiday trade samples. He left for the west at the close of the week.

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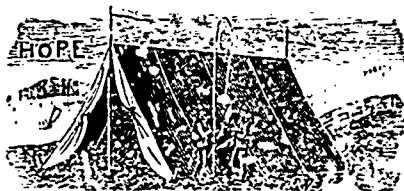
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## British Columbia Trade Letter

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, August 3rd. —Indications from a general industrial stand-point are not as promising as they were some time ago, and as one or two exceptional indications account for these, it may be well to refer to the courses somewhat in detail. The most important industry now suffering from depression is that of lumber. For this there is ample explanation in the south American difficulties which have disorganized the principal lumber markets which British Columbia had. This has had a natural reflex effect on the local market. So far in the season the export trade has been fairly good, but not sufficient to exhaust the supply. This is obviously exceptional and will be relieved as soon as matters are adjusted in the southern republics. As was expected the salmon catch is not up to its usual volume this season "two years good and two years bad" is a maxim with the canneries, which so far the economic results of a hatchery have not been successful in disturbing. The two years of plenty have been enjoyed and the canneries are not disappointed in finding them followed by slack runs, although there is still a possibility of a run of some consequence. Salmon have been caught plentifully off Blaine, which would indicate that they are moving towards the river, but if so, there progress is unusually slow. So far the catch has been so limited that contract fishermen have given up the job and only day men are employed, so that unless salmon reaches a high figure the prospects of profit are slight. Then comes the stoppage of the sealing industry and the return of the sealers with a small catch. Of course the owners of vessels are likely to be compensated, but for the present the cessation of so important an industry will have a temporary effect in making matters quiet. The other exceptional feature to which attention might be drawn is the lightness of the crops, especially fruit. This does not apply to some sections, but as a whole while crops would be considered satisfactory compared with those of any other province, compared with those of previous years they are not up to the standard. This it seems to me is fully accounted for by the cold wet spell which followed immediately after seeding, and which had its effect on fruits as well as other farm products. Even a partial failure of crops in this province is so rare as to excite comment in this instance.

On the other hand business has been unusually good, as has been shown by the constant increasing revenue returns, which grow apace each month. Local coast and to ciga shipping has been very active and the volume of traffic being moved has rapidly expanded. The starting of new industries, the large amount of building, public works of one kind and another throughout the province have employed and circulated a great deal of money, and are likely to offset materially any shrinkage the result of the causes above referred to, doubtless they will be appreciatedly felt, but as they are of a temporary and exceptional character there is no cause for anxiety. In nearly all respects prospects at the outset this spring were of a decidedly bullish nature. One of the buoyant features of the situation is the immense output of coal at Nanaimo, where the New Vancouver Coal Co. is loading on an average 2,000 tons a day. In other words, dump cars filled with a

day's output would extend a mile. The mines and Nanaimo are very prosperous as a consequence. It is rumored that as a consequence of their troubles with the miners, the Dunsmuir are going to sell out their Wellington mines to a syndicate of American capitalists and some things would seem to indicate their truthfulness, but nothing authoritative has been published or is known regarding it. The healthful character of trade generally and the industrial activity apparent are also very assuring features.

All parts of the province have joined heartily in the project for a provincial exhibit worthy of British Columbia, and the prospects of a mammoth display of products are most gratifying. Any jealousies that may have existed between the various cities, have been laid aside, and only a spirit of healthful rivalry exists.

The vegetable crop generally will be good, though not excessive; grains is not as heavy as in former years, the straw being shorter, but the yield will be satisfactory all round. Fruit depends upon locality, but generally it may be said to have been injured by the cold, wet early season. Small fruits were in fairly good supply but damaged while maturing. Pears and apples are a short crop, especially pears, depending largely, however, on local conditions. Plums will be a fair crop. Peaches, grapes, etc., are not sufficiently plentiful as yet to be included. Hay was a good crop and was nearly all harvested in first-class condition. Wheat and oats are ripening and in some places cutting has commenced. Real estate generally is quiet and firm. Prices are as follows:—

Flour and Grain—Manitoba patents \$6.30; Manitoba bakers, \$5.90; Enderby XX, \$5.35; Oregon flour, \$6.00. Eastern rolled oats, \$3.75 per sack; ditto, San Francisco, \$5.25; cornmeal and oatmeal, \$3.30; shorts, \$2.6; bran, \$2.4; wheat, \$35 to \$40; hay, \$15 to \$16; chopped feed, \$35 to \$40; oats, \$40 to \$43.

Cured Meats—Dry salt, 11½c per pound; roll bacon, 13c; breakfast bacon, 14½c; hams, 15c; long clear, 11½c. Lard is held at same prices: in tubs, 12c; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13; lard compound, 12c.

Sugar—Granulated, 6½c per lb; yellow, 5½c; cube, 6c; syrup, 5c.

Butter—Creamery 24 to 25c for extra choice; dairy, 15 to 20c.

Eggs—19c.

Cheese is held at 12½; old cheese, 8c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, Californian, \$1.30 to \$1.40 per 100 pounds; local, do, \$20 per ton; onions, silverskins, \$1.85 per 100 pounds; cabbage, \$1.50 per 100 pounds; turnips, \$1.25 and carrots, \$1.50.

Fruit—Peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per box; plums, \$1.10 to \$1.20; prunes \$1.40; apricots, \$1.25 to \$1.50; apples, \$1.75; pears, \$2.50. Oranges are offered at \$4 to \$4.25; California lemons \$3.75; Sicilian lemons at \$8. Grapes, \$1.75 per box.

A VANCOUVER dispatch says that the latest estimate places the Brazilian coffee crop for 1890-91, now coming into market, at 2,200,000 bags. Notwithstanding the high prices the daily receipts do not average over 3,000 bags. Should the present disorganization of labor continue it is believed that the coffee crop for 1891-92, now placed at 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 bags, will not exceed 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 bags.

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