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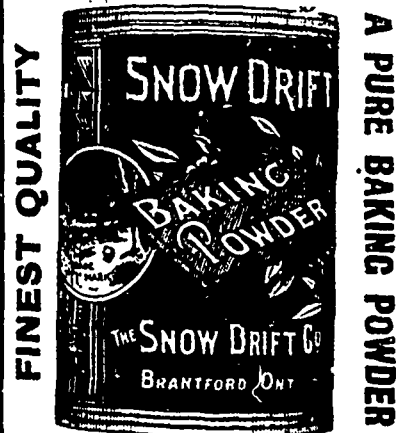
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WINNIPEG, JUNE 8, 1896.

Manitoba.

F. A. Tamblin, of Wawanesa, whose hotel was recently destroyed by fire, will rebuild.

John A. Moore, of Couer d'Alone, Idaho, formerly a Winnipeg jobber in the crockery trade, is dead.

The new pleasure steamer "Assiniboine," which has been under construction at Winnipeg, is completed.

R. J. Whittle & Co., Winnipeg, have decided to close their wholesale warehouse at 5 p.m., commencing June 4th, and on Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Edmund Smith has opened a seed store at 275 Market street, Winnipeg. He contemplates opening in flour and feed after the seed season is over.

Chas. W. Graham, hardware dealer, Winnipeg, has taken Robt. Rolston, lately with H. S. Howland & Co., of Toronto, into partnership. The style will be Graham & Rolston.

The Riddell Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, have been giving prizes to the city salesman who disposed of the largest number of their biscuits. Six prizes were offered, and some of the individual scores run over 2,000 boxes.

The Commercial has received the first number of the Neepawa Press, a new paper started at Neepawa by Alex. Dunlop, late of the Winnipeg Free Press. This makes the second paper for Neepawa. Mr. Dunlop is quite capable of publishing a good paper, and we wish him success.

The steamer Millie Howell arrived at Selkirk on May 27, with the first cargo of whitefish of the season from Lake Winnipeg. They were caught in the neighborhood of Swampy Island by the Selkirk Fish Co. There was about a ton weight in the cargo, and the fish were shipped to Winnipeg.

Alberta.

G. W. McBride of Calgary, has moved to Rossland, B. C., to take charge of the new hardware store opened at that place by A. McBride & Co., of Calgary.

Northwest Ontario.

Favorable reports come from Port Arthur regarding the gold mines now being developed in that district.

J. C. Foley has paid the purchase money to S. W. Ray & Co. on mining location

A. L., 74. Soine River. The purchase price was \$28,000. Foley will put in a twenty stamp mill as soon as possible.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The tone of the cheese market at Montreal on May 28 was weak, and values had a downward tendency. The Liverpool public cable was also weak and one shilling lower, at 48s 6d for white and 89s for colored.

The Montreal Gazette of June 2, says:—The cheese market continues to decline and if it goes much lower will soon touch the record low price of the last ten years, which was 6c, made in May last. The chief business on spot yesterday were 2,000 boxes of Quebec cheese. These sold at a range of 6½ to 6¼c. This is a decline of ¼c to ½c from last week, and the demand is not brisk even at the drop. The cable also declined another shilling to-day. In fact, the picture as a whole presented for the approval of cheese makers is not a cheering one.

Monthly Trade Returns.

Transactions for month ending May 31 at the Dominion Government Savings' Bank, Winnipeg, were:

Deposits \$17,032.00
Withdrawals 16,077.88

Deposits exceed withdrawals \$954.12

The collections of inland revenue at Winnipeg for May, 1896, were:

Spirits \$13,677 66
Tobacco 17,552 63
Malt 1,722 80
Cigars 761 55
Petroleum 59 80
Methylated spirit 260 93
Licence 25 00

Total \$34,053 27

Foreign Crop Conditions.

Broomhall's Liverpool Corn Trade News, of May 19, says: No substantial rainfall of real value has yet happened to relieve the anxiety of farmers, who are hourly witnessing the deterioration of their crop prospects. Winter wheat alone continues to look well, but a single good crop will not compensate the agriculturalist for a light hay crop and poor roots and spring corn. The fields are beginning to assume almost an autumn tint, and many streams and water pits are perfectly dry which rarely ever fail.

France—Complaints of damage from drouth are becoming louder and more numerous. There is no doubt that the first cut of hay will be short; the spring seeding of barley and oats are greatly in need of moisture, but the wheat plant still looks well except on light soil.

Russia—Crop advices to a leading Liverpool firm are of a very satisfactory tenor, but two reports lately received by us from correspondents in Warsaw and St. Petersburg do not give a very hopeful account of the situation. Russia is a big country, however, and there is plenty of room for variety; we think a comprehensive official report will shortly be issued, which should enable one to get a better idea of the situation. Direct reports are satisfactory in the main, and it must be noted that complaints in our reports, already mentioned, are chiefly on account of the backwardness of the spring crop.

Roumania—Reports mention further rain, and say that crop conditions are very satisfactory.

Austria-Hungary—In Hungaria the crop outlook gives no cause for complaint; in Austria recent weather has favored the crops.

Italy—Crop reports continue satisfactory, recent rains have been beneficial.

Spain—The reports of general rains have been confirmed. Farmers in Castile are offering wheat pretty freely, and one may safely predict that there will be no more talk of "total loss of crop," but most reports mention that more rain is needed.

Germany—Genial weather is reported except from the most northerly parts of the empire. On the whole crop reports are satisfactory, and it is not expected that the May official report will show any deterioration against April.

Holland—Crops satisfactory, though rain is needed.

Belgium—The cereal crops still look well, but rain and more genial weather are required.

India—Bombay is shipping with comparative freedom, but there is little doing at the other ports.

The Iron Trade.

The Philadelphia Ledger says of the iron trade:—"A quiet steady business is doing and a slight improvement in the demand for manufactured material is noticeable. The May statement showed no falling off in the output of pig iron, but a number of furnaces are known to be blowing out. Western market reports show a quiet state of trade, but makers are still looking for a revival in the demand and prices are held with considerable firmness. There has been a pressure to secure some rebate on coke, but there is no announcement of any change either in fuel or ores."

The Philadelphia Press says: "There has been something of a movement in specialties for steel making, such as Bessemer, basis and low phosphorus pig, of which some 8,000 tons to 10,000 tons have been taken during the past few days at about the same figures as quoted for some time past. Billets appear to have passed out of second hands and only one or two sales were made at the pool price, viz: \$21.50 at Philadelphia. It is doubtful if better can be done unless makers agree to reduce their prices. With the exception of steel and material for making steel, prices are inclined to weaken."

London June Sales.

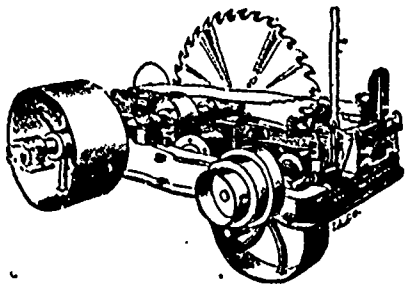
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Skunk..... 90,000	Gray Fox 5,000
Opossum..... 50,000	Red Fox.....10,000
Raccoon..... 90,000	Japanese Fox..14,000
Marten..... 11,000	Badger..... 1,000
Mink..... 65,000	Wild Cat..... 8,000
Jap. Mink... 1,800	House Cat..... 8,000
Otter..... 2,000	Civet Cat..... 5,000
Lynx..... 1,000	Jap. Sable.... 3,000
Bear..... 2,000	Russian Sable.. 1,000
Beaver..... 750	Marmot..... 23,000
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The Siberian Railway.

London Engineering says: "From Tscheljabinsk a distance of about 1,280 miles is now being used for traffic, and the favorable effect of the railway upon industry and commerce is already perceptible. The towns along the line increase in size and number of inhabitants, and the imports already comprise articles which were previously unknown. In the principal streets of Tomsk electric light has been, or is just about to be, adopted, and the journey from Moscow to Tomsk can now be compassed in eight days."

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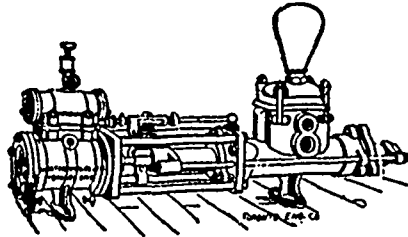


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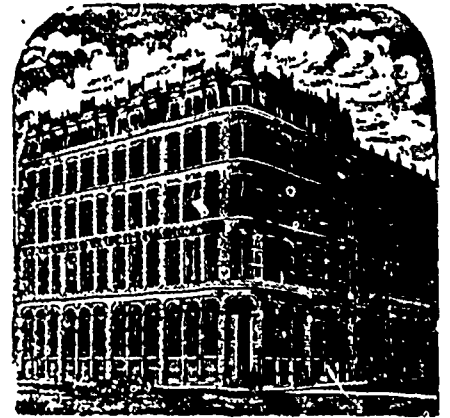
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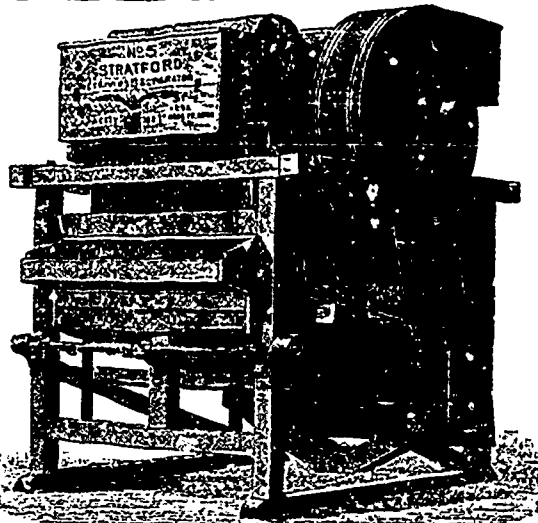
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The Commercial

WINNIPEG, JUNE 8, 1896.

ARGENTINE.

Any information regarding Argentine will be of special interest in Manitoba, as that country is regarded by many as the future great wheat producer of the world. A few years ago it was the belief of many that India would be the great producer of wheat, and American farmers (we use the word America in its broad sense) were worked up into a needless state of alarm over the prospect of being driven out of the wheat growing industry by the cheap labor of India. The farmers of that country, it was said, could live and prosper where the average American farmer would starve to death. Americans it was declared, could never hope to compete with the farmers of India, who could live on a few cents per day. We have seen, however, that all these fears have not been realized, and India has ceased to be regarded as a very formidable competitor.

But while the fear of Indian competition has been dying out, a new cause for alarm to the American farmer has arisen, in the southern hemisphere. Argentine has jumped to the front with prodigious rapidity as a producer of wheat. In the year 1889, Argentine exported only 22,806 tons of wheat, but the following year her exports increased to 327,891 tons, and in 1891 to almost 400,000 tons. In 1892 the amount was again increased by 65 tons, and then in 1893 there was a big jump to 1,008,137 tons; with a further enormous increase in 1894 to 1,608,249 tons. This surprising increase in the wheat exports of Argentine were certainly such as to cause alarm in other great wheat-producing countries. This rapid extension of the wheat industry in the southern republic was supplemented by reports telling how cheaply wheat could be produced in that country. It was alleged that wheat could be produced at a cost of 25 cents per bushel, thus enabling the farmer to sell at 50 cents per bushel and make 100 per cent profit.

Last year, owing to great damage to the crop during harvest, from rain and storms, Argentine did not keep up her record, and the wheat crop decreased by about one-third, as compared with the previous year. Whether this is only a temporary check or not, remains to be seen. The country is said to be fast settling up with immigrants from southern Europe, particularly Italians, who are the principal agricultural population. It is therefore quite possible that Argentine may show a further considerable increase in wheat production, should the weather be favorable for the next crop. As far as can be learned, the climate of the country is not very reliable, being subject to drouths, at other times to excessive rains, and the wheat crop has also suffered from frost in some years, notwithstanding that the climate is mild, there being practically no winter season there.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the production of wheat in Argentine is the absence

of an elevator system, which renders it necessary to handle wheat in sacks. This greatly increases the cost of exporting wheat from that country. Here in Manitoba some farmers are inclined to grumble about what they allege to be the evils of the elevator system. A few have gone so far as to declare for the abolition of elevators entirely. If these people had one month's experience in Argentine during the marketing season, they would doubtless forever hold their peace as regards grumbling about the elevators. Manitoba has about the best elevator system in the world, and without it the profits of our farmers would be greatly reduced.

This, however, is digressing from our subject. To return to Argentine and its capabilities of growing wheat, The Commercial wishes to refer to the enterprise of the Northwestern Miller, in sending a representative to investigate its grain and milling trade. The Miller's representative, who is a gentleman of experience in the grain trade, has given a great deal of information about the country. In a recent letter the gentleman—Mr. Kingsland Smith, of Liverpool—sums up his opinion of Argentine's capabilities in the wheat line in the following words: "I do not feel at all sure that 'Argentine is destined to be the world's great wheat-raiser.' On the contrary, I think the chances are that the development will be slow, and, as far as the wheat goes, I have not seen any wheat in the country that I would care to mill, except that grown in the southern part of Buenos Aires. At this time, Rosario is the great center of the grain trade. Vila & Hoenig's mill is the best situated for exporting of any I have seen, as they can load ocean steamers out of the back door. The mill was built by Noye, several years ago, and made lots of money at the start, although Mr. Hoenig says it is pretty close work now, and that he does not make much more than a bare living. He ships largely to Brazil, but not to Europe. They have the soil here to do great things in wheat, but the climate is rather uncertain, and the facilities for handling grain are most primitive, and, unless some entirely new element is infused into the country, development will be slow."

NOXIOUS WEEDS.

NOW is the time to begin the onslaught on noxious weeds, and keep it up throughout the season. The weed commonly known as stink or French weed, is already in bloom, and should be dealt with at once. It is to be feared that weeds will be worse than usual this year, owing to the wet season as well as to the plan which has been adopted of putting in much of the wheat crop this year. A great deal of wheat has been sown on stubble without plowing. This mode of sowing wheat gives good results on well-cultivated, clean land, but where the land is weedy, it gives the weeds a splendid chance to get ahead of the grain crop. In the low sections, a good deal of land will likely be idle this year, owing to the prolonged wet weather. Unless this land is summer-fallowed, it will produce a heavy crop of weeds. The custom of the old native settlers of Manitoba, to allow land to lie idle, without summer-fallowing or seeding to grass, has been a great detriment to the old settled districts, resulting in depreciating the value of land and even driving away some of the best farmers from such

districts. It is therefore hoped that the land not in crop this year will be summer-fallowed in order to prevent the production of a crop of weeds.

In connection with this question of weeds, it may be noted that Dr. James Fletcher, of the Dominion Experimental farm staff, at Ottawa, botanist and entomologist, will visit Manitoba this year. Dr. Fletcher has made a special study of weeds and while here he will deliver a course of lectures on the subject, with a view to spreading information about the noxious weeds and the best way to destroy them.

ONTARIO CROP REPORT.

THE first crop report for the province of Ontario for 1896 has been received. The spring was reported one to three weeks earlier than usual. Cattle were out to grass about May 1, thus greatly relieving the anxiety caused by the scarcity of fodder on account of the drouth of last year. Peaches and plums were in bloom as early as April 21 at Peelo island. Regarding fall wheat the report "has not been so unfavorable for many years" says the bulletin, owing to winter killing. "A large amount will be plowed up or re-sown to spring grain." Live stock were thinner than usual, owing to scarcity of winter fodder, and grain and roots were fed largely on account of the scarcity of hay fodder. Still the report says that live stock were healthy and came through the winter better than could have been expected, considering the shortage of the fodder crop of last year. Large quantities of oats are reported to be held by farmers. There was an excessive supply of farm labor, and wages were low.

WINNIPEG'S STREETS.

In The Commercial of May 18, editorial reference was made to the deplorable condition of the streets of the city. The feeling is growing in business circles especially, that some comprehensive plan of street improvement should be undertaken in Winnipeg at once. The local board of trade has since taken the matter up, and at the last meeting of the council of the board, a strong resolution was passed deploring the bad condition of the streets, and recommending their early improvement. The loss to the city from the bad condition of our streets must certainly be very great. The destruction of conveyances and the wear and tear of horse-flesh is alone a considerable item of loss to the city. The loss on this account has been far greater than people who are not aware of the circumstances, would imagine. Another serious loss has been the stopping of work, thus resulting in loss to wage-earners. During the long period this season that the streets have been practically impassable, building and other works have been stopped because material could not be delivered where required in order to execute the work. The result of this has been loss to workmen and laborers.

An enormous waste of civic labor has been going on for years, on account of the bad condition of the streets, in removing city garbage. Garbage is hauled out of the city over a road which is one of the worst imagin-

able. This great waste has been going on for years, probably representing a loss in the aggregate sufficient to build a first-class roadway from the heart of the city to the garbage ground. And still this waste goes on, without any prospect of an early attempt being made to remedy the evil.

In our issue of May 18, we referred mainly to the need of paved streets on account of the danger of loss from fire, as it would be impossible to reach some parts of the city with fire engines while the streets are in such a deplorable condition. This, however, was only one view of the matter, though a very important one. In addition to the danger from fires, these practically impassable streets cause a loss to the city annually, which is detrimental to business and the general prosperity and progress of the city, and it is very urgent that an effort should be made to remedy the evil at once.

GOVERNMENT DAIRYING.

Considerable pressure has been brought to bear on the Dominion Government to induce the government to go into the butter business in the territories. Even in Manitoba some persons seem to entertain the idea that the government should engage in the dairy trade. One candidate for parliamentary honors actually makes it one plank of his platform that the government should establish a system of creameries throughout the province. The Commercial is convinced that we do not want anything of the kind, any more than we want government wheat farms or government carpenter shops. Let the dairy industry of the West stand on a solid business basis, the same as any other industry. The government would be justified in giving the dairy industry every assistance in the way of expert experience, by appointing inspectors, lecturers or instructors, to go about the country instructing the people. This both the Dominion and Provincial Governments have done to a very liberal extent. It might also be within the legitimate work of the government to establish a limited number of dairy stations for practical experimental work. Beyond this, we do not see that the government can judiciously go. The dairy industry, like any other interest, should be left to private enterprise. Where factories can be profitably carried on, private enterprise will not be long found wanting to take hold of the work. Where such factories cannot be profitably conducted, neither the Dominion nor Provincial Government would be justified in spending the people's money to bolster up unprofitable dairy concerns.

FLAX CULTURE.

A bulletin has been issued from the Central Experimental farm at Ottawa, by Dr. Saunders, dealing with the cultivation of flax. The bulletin forms a very complete treatise on flax, in concise form, giving a great deal of technical, commercial and practical information about the plant, with valuable hints as to its cultivation. It is stated that in the western states flax is grown, as in Manitoba, almost entirely for the seed. It is further stated that the dry western climate

is not favorable for growing flax for the fibre, as the latter is reduced both in quantity and quality, as compared with the article grown in the eastern parts of the continent. In the east flax is grown largely for the fibre. One of the claims put forth for flax is, that it can be grown on breaking the first year, thus giving the farmer a crop the first season. In Manitoba, from May 15 to 25 is considered the best time to sow flax, though good crops have been obtained from seed sown the first week in June. Tests were made at the Manitoba experimental farm as to the quantity of seed to be sown per acre. From 40 pounds of seed per acre, 19 bushels and 26 pounds were obtained; from 70 pounds per acre 20 bushels per acre were obtained; and from 90 pounds of seed per acre, 20 bushels, 50 pounds of seed were obtained. Dr. Saunders does not think that flax is much more exhaustive to the soil than a good crop of wheat or oats, and in a rich soil the difference would be scarcely perceptible.

As flax has become quite an important crop in Manitoba of late, this bulletin on flax will be particularly interesting, and those who wish to learn more about this crop, should send to the Experimental farm, Ottawa, for a copy of the bulletin.

Grain and Milling Notes.

At Montreal on May 28, the feature of the grain market was the weaker feeling in oats, and prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, with sales of No. 2 white at 27¢ to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

There was an easier feeling in the market for rolled oats at Montreal on May 29, and prices were 5¢ to 10¢ per barrel lower. Dealers were offering car lots at \$2.75, and small quantities at \$2.80.

The easy feeling in the flour market at Montreal resulted in a decline on May 29 of 5 to 10¢ all around. A moderate business was reported in Manitoba grades and the bulk of the sales of strong bakers were made at \$3.30 to \$3.60.

There is a complete grain blockade at Ogdensburg, N.Y., and Prescott, Ont. The elevators at both points are full and there are no orders for shipment to relieve them. Four boats of the Ogdensburg line are waiting for a chance to get rid of their cargoes.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, returned recently from a business trip to the Pacific coast. Mr. Thompson said he found business on the coast somewhat better than he had been led to expect from reports, and generally there was a hopeful feeling prevailing. The coast cities are making marked progress. At Vancouver they have their principal streets paved with asphalt, and they are away ahead of Winnipeg in this respect.

Information has been received by the Manitoba department of agriculture and immigration that the following section of "the noxious weeds act" is openly violated by elevator companies in the province, and warning is given by the department that prosecutions will follow any violation of the act: Section 20. Any person selling or otherwise disposing of any cleanings or other refuse containing seeds of noxious weeds from any elevator or mill, without first destroying the germinating qualities of such seed of noxious weeds by grinding or otherwise, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars. Cards bearing the above have been sent to all the elevators in the province and in the interests of wheat producers it is hoped the warning will have the desired effect.

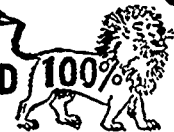
Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The Globe's dry goods article has the following regarding hosiery: During the past few weeks the orders received on domestic and foreign hosiery have been very on couraging. Most of the buying has been through letter and travellers' orders. The largest proportion of orders has been placed on blacks. There has been a fair demand for tans, which shows an inclination to increase. This is on cotton makes. Black can be worn with any garment, and that makes it exceedingly popular and useful, although there are some tans sold for women, and tans and red for children; a good fast black fills all popular requirements. Stainless black and tan are the colors in cotton hosiery, as well as in infants' socks and three-quarter hose, which are in good demand. Colored goods are a summer trade. Black cashmere hosiery has the chief call for all seasons of the year. Lisle thread is more adapted for the summer and sells well in the low and medium grades. The principal demand is for cheap hosiery. Hermsdorf dye, used in hosiery, is absolutely fast and as goods dyed with it can be procured at a low price it has given an impetus to cheap goods. There has been a feeling for finer goods, which is a very desirable and healthy indication. The previous absence of any considerable demand for better goods has been a serious loss to the trade generally. Retail merchants cannot adopt the opposite principle of pushing sales on finer goods any too soon and stop bargain sales on hosiery. Fancy hosiery is in some request, but the business is limited. Clocked goods have been superseded by the drop stitch and embroidered ankles. Lace front hosiery, in ribbed and plain goods, have sold well. These goods are not very plentiful, but a few houses keep a full line.

Bradstreets has the following to say of the situation in the United States: The market continues quiet and unsatisfactory, with only a hand-to-mouth business in most departments. Retailers are having a fair business, but with agents and jobbers' trade is slow. Cotton fabrics continue dull, and to sell, very low figures have to be accepted. The cost of raw cotton cuts no figure in the price of goods, and manufacturers are yet feeling the depression of an over supply. Printed fabrics are slow of sale, outside of some fancy specialties that have been good the whole season. Gingham are dull and featureless. Dress woollens are dull, with few orders by agents, while the jobbing call is dull. The fall sale with agents has not proved very satisfactory as yet. Men's-wear woollens meet with a slow sale, and much machinery is yet idle. Preparations for light-weight samples are being made.

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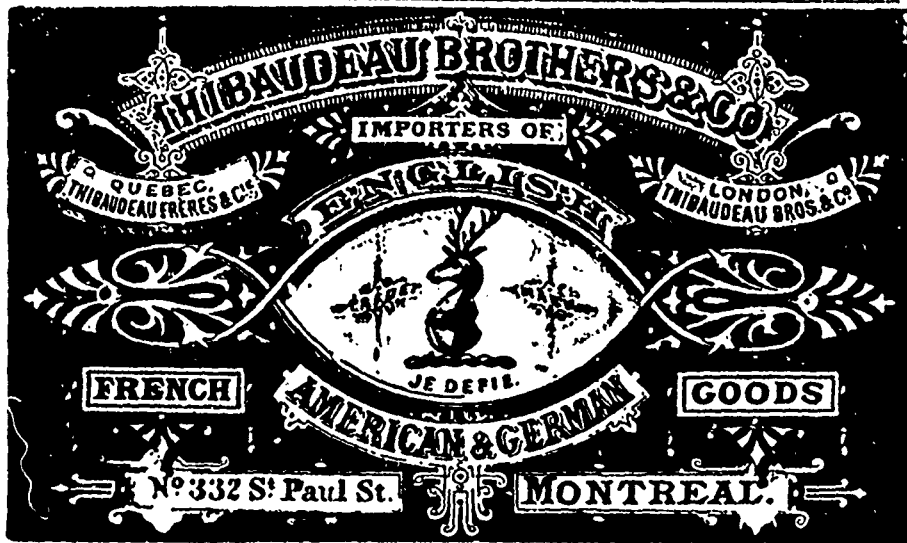
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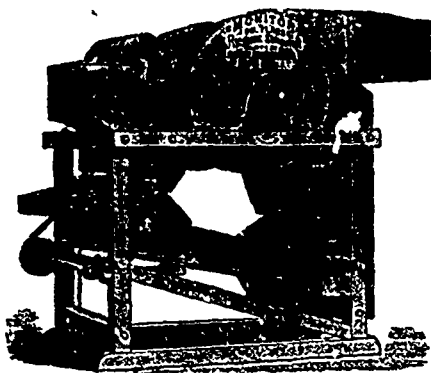
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British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, June 1, 1896.

Wholesalers report an improvement in trade this week, collections are said to be fair. The lumber mills are still busy while the preparations for the canning season are still very active. In the provision line there are few changes. Cured meats are slightly changed, California creamery butter is out of the market while a very good line of Manitoba dairy is finding a ready sale. Groceries are unchanged. The wholesale flour and feed business is very quiet. Small fruits are coming in from California and Australia but still bring high prices. The market price of hay is \$3 but in special instances hay is being slaughtered at a much lower figure. The same may be said of potatoes, one sale of several tons of potatoes recently took place at \$3 a ton but for A 1 hay and A 1 potatoes the prices quoted are correct.

British Columbia Mining News.

Large deposits of coal have been found in Killisnoo Alaska. It is said to be of excellent quality and will make the whole section prosperous.

There is untold wealth in the black sands of the Fraser river, but the sands must be washed in large quantities to make it pay, and expensive machinery must be used. The great evil to British Columbia, the lack of ready money, has prevented for years the proper working of these sands. Finally, the Westminster board of trade decided to invite a number of Americans over to pulverize the sands and extract the yellow metal. The company accepted the invitation, and are about to start to work. They have brought over a very expensive plant from the states, have a number of Canadians employed, and are spending considerable money for supplies, etc., in the district. There are two or three Canadian stockholders in the company.

The work of incorporating mining companies goes merrily on, the following are among the latest:—The Jo-Jo, capital, \$500,000; The Mustache, capital, \$600,000; The Ontario, capital, \$100,000; The Frisco, capital, \$500,000; The Novelty, capital, \$1,000,000. With the exception of the Ontario, these are the American companies incorporated in Spokane.

It is distressing to think of the millions of dollars that are circulating through South Kootenay into the States. "What use is this great inheritance we Canadians are so proud of," some one has said, "if the yankees take it all away from us," and still there are a great many Canadians who object to mines being taxed.

Two thousand five hundred miners have gone into Alaska this season. One million, two hundred thousand dollars in gold dust and nuggets was taken out of the Yukon country last year.

The Rambler Mine Co. has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,000,000 to work the Rambler Group, Spokane.

The Lillooet, Fraser Valley and Cariboo Gold Fields Co. have bonded the North Star for \$15,000. The city of Spokane will be opened up by the same company. It is getting to be a common remark that whenever any one wants to buy in South Kootenay, properties, many of them little more than staked claims, are held so stiff that very often intending purchasers are obliged to return empty handed or go into another section of the Kootenies. This is especially so when British capitalists are at the camp. It is bearing out the prophesy of your correspondent made a year ago that the day would soon come when British capitalists would be made to pay for their tardy recognition of the immense wealth of the Kootenies, by buying claims from the perspicuous yankees

for twice and three times what they could have originally got them for.

The largest mining deal made for some time in the Upper country has just been consummated at Vernon, by which English capitalists have purchased the Swan Lake mines for \$120,000. There are seven claims which are situated 3 miles from Vernon.

A big strike of three feet of solid ore has been made on the Black Fox, Kaslo river.

One of the best paying mines in British Columbia is situated at Ainsworth. For six months ending January, 1896, the Sky-line mine shipped 2,000 tons of ore which netted the owners \$10,000, besides this there were 500 tons on the dump ready for shipment.

D. C. Corbin has taken an option on the Iron Mask for \$500,000.

The Slocan Star owned by Milwaukee people have declared a dividend of \$100,000 on their operations for the last six months. The company announce that they will pay a similar dividend hereafter every four months. The Slocan Star, in Slocan district C. B. C., is supposed to be among the richest, if not the richest, silver mine in the world.

Forty one mines shipped ore on the Kaslo and Slocan river during the winter.

ROSSLAND.

Monte Christo hill, just outside the city, is the scene of great activity just now. Tunnels are being driven into the hill from three different directions—the Spokane, Georgia and Monte Christo. The Spokane is being worked by English capital, the Georgia by Victoria, B. C., people and the Monte Christo by Spokane people. The Georgia, from all appearances, will be one of the richest mines in the camp.

The Consol gold mine company (Ohio capitalists) have started work on their claim. A large amount of money is being spent in developing the Consolation mine, running on a precious metal \$100 to the ton.

Mr. Pritchard, the famous London expert, has examined the Li Roi mine, and has reported that "it is the biggest thing he ever saw in his life," and he has been examining mines for 37 years and has seen every big mine in the world with the exception of the Cripple Creek mines. "The Li Roi," repeated Mr. Pritchard, "is the biggest gold mine in the world. I have climbed, crawled and waded all through it, and there seems no end of that marvellous body of ore." Mr. Pritchard was consulting engineer for Cecil Rhodes during the African boom.

Mon has been put to work on the San Joaquin. The mine is a very promising one. It is owned by Lieut.-Gov. Dawdney, Hon. D. W. Higgins and other Victorians.

Last week Col. Tunner and others bonded the Mayflower for \$16,000. This week they ask \$30,000 for their bargain.

A company with a capital stock of a million and a quarter of dollars has been organized to develop several claims on Lookout mountain.

W. R. Callahan, the world known mining expert, has returned to Rossland to make a thorough report for English capitalists.

A corporation calling themselves the Diamond Dust gold mining company have been incorporated in Spokane to work B. C. mines, and another with \$600,000 capital to work the Gladiator mine on Champion Creek.

British Columbia Business Notes.

D. Goldberg & Co., clothing, Vancouver, are succeeded by D. Goldberg.

G. Milligan, hotel, Vernou, is succeeded by A. McAuley.

Lacromouille & Jones, agricultural implements, Kamloops, have dissolved. J. B. La-tromouille continues.

V. I. Bossi, fruits etc., Victoria, is dead.

J. K. Loveridge, grocer, Victoria, is dead.

Charles Mais, general store keeper, Kelowna has assigned.

G. S. Cook, general store, McPherson Station, is burned out.

M. DeBrisay, general store, Mission City, has admitted H. A. Bulwer as partner.

P. E. Larsa, photographer, Nanaimo, has sold out to Kelly & Pierce.

Mrs. E. A. Lewis, hotel, Rossland, has sold out to Chas. Howson.

The bailiff is in possession of the hotel of John M. Working, Chilliwack.

W. J. Unwin, hotel, Kamloops, is dead.

Scheel & Bradford, restaurant, Kaslo, have dissolved. Scheel continues.

The stock of P. T. Johnson & Co., seeds, Victoria, is advertised for sale.

British Columbia Broom and Brush Works, Victoria, have dissolved. Andrew Wood continues.

There are 16 vessels loading in British Columbia this week. Last week there were 12.

The fishermen of the Skeena river are still on strike at Port Eslington, a monster mass meeting of fishermen has been held, and a resolution was passed to continue the strike until higher wages were paid. The wages heretofore paid have been from 10 to 25 cents a fish, but the fishermen claim that this is an off year and they must have more than that for their catch or they cannot live. One cannery has sent to Victoria for a gang of fishermen. It is not thought that the strike will last long, as the strikers are mostly Indians and the red men of British Columbia are not as stubborn and far more eager to secure enough money to enable them to live well during the winter.

Vancouver has fixed Saturday as the market day. The council has cancelled all contracts with steamship companies to run market boats between Chilliwack and Vancouver as too expensive.

The Takush Harbor and Milling Co., north of Vancouver are building large wharves and preparing for active work.

The business activity and enterprise of British Columbians is illustrated by the fact that Tasmania apples are now being imported from Australia by the Canadian-Australian line and shipped to California by steamer. Almost two carloads went forward yesterday.

The steamer Warrimoo on the trip before this refused, for lack of space nearly half a cargo. On this last trip she was also obliged to refuse a quantity of freight. It is very evident that two steamers of larger capacity or a third steamer of smaller capacity should be put on the route.

The Warrimoo sailed this week with 1,900 tons of Canadian produce including 800 tons of Manitoba wheat, one hundred and thirty tons of Ogilvie flour, machinery, cotton, agricultural machinery, beer, and general merchandise.

The passenger traffic of the Canadian Australian as well as the Oriental line is mostly this way. The last Oriental steamer had some 150 cabin passengers besides her usual number of Mongolians. The Australian boat also had a large passenger list. The Canadian boats have now the entire Mormon trade. The Mormons claim they receive more civil treatment on Canadian than on American lines.

J. B. McTaggart, baker, Fort William, is succeeded by Mrs. Paublo.

The senate at Washington has passed the river and harbor bill over the president's veto by a vote 56 to 5. This was the last step in making the bill effective and it is now a law. The bill previously passed the house.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, June 6, 1896.

Business has improved some, but the excitement attending the general elections, together with the backward season, prolonged bad roads and uncertainty regarding the crops, have all conspired to retard business. Seeding is now about over, and country roads are getting into shape again, but there will be more or less uncertainty about the crop area until an official bulletin has been issued. Reports are very conflicting as to the area of crop sown, but the general opinion is that in Manitoba the area will be 10 to 20 per cent. less than last year, while in some parts of the territories, there will be a moderate increase in the area. The weather has been favorable this week and some farmers are still sowing late crops, such as flax, oats and barley. There has been a better demand for labor, especially for the city, the improved weather permitting of the prosecution of civic improvements to better advantage. There is a good demand for men for railway work for improvements on old lines and the new Dauphin road. The Dauphin road has not been pushed actively as yet, owing to the country at the starting point being too wet, but it is asserted the road will be completed in time to handle the crops of the district this fall. The fish companies have begun operations for the season on Lake Winnipeg, giving employment to a large number of men. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show a trifling decrease—under 1 per cent.—as compared with the corresponding week of last year, but an increase of about 18 1/2 per cent. as compared with the like week of 1894. Bank clearings at all Canadian cities, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax amount to almost \$22,000,000 this week, as compared with \$16,000,000 last week. The corresponding total one year ago, however, was about \$600,000 larger than it is this week and two years ago it was about \$2,400,000 smaller. There are 29 business failures reported throughout Canada this week, against 25 last week 27 in the week a year ago, 37 two years ago, and 36 three years ago.

Regarding the situation in the United States this week, Bradstreet reports trade continues depressed in almost all lines. Mercantile collections continue poor, and the tendency of prices, particularly of cereals, sugar, coffee, pork products, cotton goods and iron and steel continue downward. Wool is a dull and weak as ever, with larger stocks of old carried over than for years and very light demand for new clip. Over supply of cotton fabric continues to depress prices. Much woolen goods machinery continues idle. Shoes continue firm and factories report a large number of orders on hand, which strengthens leather and hides.

At New York, on June 5, bar silver was quoted at 68 1/2; silver certificates 68 1/2 to 69 1/2; Mexican dollars 53 1/2. Money on call 1 1/2 to 2 per cent; mercantile paper, prime, 1 to 5 1/2 per cent. Stocks were generally firm.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, June 6.

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

COWWOOD—There is scarcely anything doing in car lots. Poplar is very scarce. We quote prices as follows for car lots on track here; Tamarac, good, \$1.00; mixed or poorer tamarac, \$3.50 to \$3.25; oak, dead, \$3.00 to \$3.25; oak, good, \$3.75; pine, \$3.25 to \$3.50; spruce, \$3.00 to

green cut, \$3.75; poplar, dead, \$2.25; poplar green cut, dry, \$2.50 per cord.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.—Grenoble Walnuts, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; princess paper shell almonds, 20c; Sicilly filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 14c; peanuts, roasted, 18c; peanuts greens, 11c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; coconuts, \$1.00 per dozen; figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 14c; figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per lb; dates, new, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 13 1/2 to 14c; dried apples, 5 1/2 to 6c; evaporated apples 7 1/2 to 8c per lb.

DRUGS.—The drug trade is steady and without important features in prices. Glycerine is easier abroad. Following prices are for parcels and will be shaded for full package orders: Alum per pound, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c; alcohol, \$5.25 gal; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 4 1/2 to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 65 to 70c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chloride potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 55c. coppers 3 1/2 to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$5.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3 1/2 to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica, 30 to 35c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00, insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75, oil, pepper-mint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.25 to 3.25 per gallon; oxalic acid, 13 to 16 potass iodide, \$1.25 to 1.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb, saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochello 30 to 35c, shaliac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3 1/2 to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$1.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

FISH—There has been a good supply of fresh fish in the market. The big fish companies have all started operations for the season on Lake Winnipeg, and are now busy taking and freezing whitefish. Jobbing prices here for fresh fish are: Whitefish, 6 to 6 1/2c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; pickorel, 4c; sturgeon, 8c; salmon, 14c; halibut, 1 1/2 lb; cod, 10c per lb; mackerel, 12 1/2c per lb; smoked gold-eyes, 30c dozen; smoked salmon, 15c lb. Cured fish are quoted: Boneless codfish, 40lb boxes 7c, do crates 7 1/2c; boneless fish, 40lb boxes, 5c; smoked herrings, 15 to 20c box; bloaters, large, \$1.35 per box; bloaters, small, \$1.00 per box; dry cod \$6 per box of 100 lbs.; salt whitefish, \$5.50 per barrel of 100 pounds; salt lake trout, \$5.50 per barrel; salt herring, 1/2-barrel \$4; salt salmon, 10c lb.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 3oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.63; No. 5, 2 lb., \$21.30. Staminal—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz., \$5.10; do, 8 oz., \$7.65; do, 16oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$1.25

GREEN FRUITS—Apples are now out of this market, and it is doubtful if any more will be offered here until new stocks comes in. The orange market is very firm. An article in another column of this issue of 'The Commercial, headed "Oranges Advancing" will convey an idea of the situation in oranges. There is a good stock of California oranges in this market, of very fine quality, but late advices received here from California, report that the crop is nearly exhausted there, and

there will be very few more to ship. California cherries are now coming forward freely, and the price is easier. Mississippi tomatoes are also in good supply. Very choice Port Limon bananas are in the market. Egyptian onions, new stock, are now in. Prices are: Lemons, Messinas, \$1 to \$1.75 per box; California oranges, seedlings, \$3.25 to \$1.00; California Mediterranean sweet oranges, 128 size, \$1 per box; smaller sizes, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per box; Messina blood oranges, \$2.75 to \$3; Bananas, fancy, Port Limon, \$2 to \$3 per bunch astosizo; strawberries, 16 quart cases, \$3.15 per case; pineapples, \$3.50 to \$4 per dozen as to size; California cherries, \$2.75 per box. Tomatoes, \$3 per crate of four baskets, cucumbers, \$1 doz. Apple cider, 85c per gallon, in 30 gallon barrels; New maple 10 to 12c per lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per wine gallon, in gallon tins; pie plant, \$1.75 per 100 pounds; Egyptian onions, \$3.50 per 100 pounds.

GROCERIES—Sugars are easier, though it is believed only temporarily so, as authorities claim that the statistical feature is very strong and that prices should be firm. New York declined 1/2 on Monday and Canadian markets were easier and large holders were said to be cutting prices. Willett & Gray, New York, say: "Declines in the price of sugar are out of place during this campaign, and when they come it is only a question of short time when the loss in price will be recovered. Receipts of raw sugar have been smaller than before, but are still large enough to unfavorably affect the European markets. Stocks of sugar in the United States and Cuba, May 13, were 232,776 tons, against 583,881 tons a year ago. The total stocks of Europe and America are 2,061,717 tons, against 2,863,563 tons a year ago. The net cash quotations stand at 4c for centrifugals and 4.97c for granulated, a difference of .97, representing the cost of refining and the profit. The promise of a large fruit crop means prosperity for refiners. Now Japan teas are attracting attention, sales having been made to arrive soon. Molasses is easier. New pack salmon are being offered to ship."

HARDWARE—Prices are without change, as follows:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 19 to 20c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$3.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$3.00 to 3.50.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.35 to \$2.50; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.85 to 3.00; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; best cast tool steel, per lb, 11 to 12c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50, CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to 3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 4 1/2c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5 1/2c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 5.7c lb., broken lots, 7.25.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30

por cont.; shot shells, 12 gungo, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twist-rod wire and staples, \$3.10 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 7½ to 8c base; manilla, per lb., 9½ to 10½c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch and larger, 15c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.21 for 60 d, with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.90 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$1.22 keg; 2 inch, \$1.50 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 per cent. Revised prices are as follows.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—Prices here are as follows:

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 to \$6 per 100-lb, white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, 5½c; yellow ochre, 2½c; golden ochre, 4c; Venetian, red, French, 3½c; Venetian, red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ¼ per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c, English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 9c per lb.; less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 20c.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and do not include cost of cans. Five gallon cans are charged at the rate of 55 to 65 cents each.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.00; plasterer's hair, \$1.00 per bale; putty, per lb., 3½c. for less than barrels; barrels, per lb., 3c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 56c; boiled, per gal., 59c in barrels, less than barrels 3c per gallon extra.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 58c; less than barrels, per gallon, 65c.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 50c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 2½c; crescent, 27½c; oleopheno, 29½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 3½c for cococo and 30c for sunlight.

A. B. Few, coal merchant and ranch owner of Calgary is dead. He was attacked by cancer of the stomach.

A. J. Friesen, has opened a fruit store at Gretna, Man.

WHEAT.—GENERAL SITUATION.—Wheat was very weak the first day of this week, but since then the market has had an improved tone, showing a moderate advance each day, and a strong upward spurt yesterday, and a very sharp advance today at Chicago. Unfavorable crop reports from France and less favorable advices from some of the winter wheat states, particularly Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, have contributed to the improvement in the markets. Some less favorable crop reports also came from Kansas and Missouri where harvesting is now going on. Exports of wheat, flour included from both coasts of the United States this week have been the largest since the third week in January, namely, 3,090,000 bushels, against 2,061,000 bushels last week, 2,991,000 bushels in the first week of June, 1895, and 2,742,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1891, as compared with 3,834,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—The local market has shown some improvement, in sympathy with the general situation, and yesterday prices were about 1½c higher than at the low point of the week on Monday and Tuesday last. Sales were made at 58½c for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, and possibly as low as 58c, but yesterday 60c was about the idea of values for No. 1 hard, and today values would be at least 1c higher again, in sympathy with the strong United States markets. The country elevators have been opened again, and buyers are now on most market, and farmers have resumed marketing wheat, though there is only a light movement. In country markets buyers were quoting 4½c for No. 1 hard, to farmers, 4½c for No. 2 hard, and 36 to 37c for No. 3 hard at points having an 18 cent freight rate to Fort William, but prices varied considerably at different markets. A sale of 30,000 bushels of No. 1 hard Manitoba, for Australia, via Vancouver was reported this week. Receipts of wheat at Fort William last week were 401,650 bushels; shipments 388,970 bushels; in store 1,925,638 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 119,458 bushels, shipments 293,143 bushels and in store 253,418 bushels. In store two years ago 1,294,299 bushels.

FLOUR—Prices are unchanged. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.75 to \$1.50 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.30 to \$1.35; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS.—City mills are still selling at \$8 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots.

OATS.—The market is very dull. Large quantities of oats are held by farmers, but the price is too low to allow them to sell at a profit. About 13c is the top price which could be paid for car lots, per bushel of 31 pounds, to ship, for the best quality, or say about 12 to 12½c for No. 2 white, on an average through freight rate. For the local market dealers pay 18c to farmers, per bushel.

BARLEY.—Car lots on through freights, nominal at 13 to 15c per bushel of 48 pounds. Cars of feed barley are offering freely at 1½c, through freights, but very few sales. In fact barley is exceedingly hard to move at any price. A few loads have been taken locally at 18 to 19c.

WHEAT.—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is nominal at 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.

GROUND FEED. Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for

rolled out feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATMEAL.—The following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, \$9½ lb sacks, \$1.35; 40 lb sacks, 70c, 20 lb sacks 3½c. Granulated and standard meal, 98 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

FLAX SEED.—There is no business doing in flax seed, and the quotation is nominal at 60 to 65c. Sales of choice cleaned seed have been made in a retail way, for seed purposes, at 70c to \$1.

BUTTER.—Offerings of dairy are quite large and the demand is limited. Dealers are taking dairy grades only on commission, and there are no buyers for round lots. The average quality of receipts of dairy butter is rather better quality in the opinion of some dealers than formerly. Creamery is offering more freely and some purchases have been made at 1½c for May goods, and jobbing sales have been made to ship west at 15 to 15½c. Dairy is selling in a small way at 11c for choice quality.

CHEESE.—All advices regarding cheese have been very bad of late. British markets have been lower, as shown by 2s decline in the cable within a few days and eastern Canada markets have been weak and lower. At Montreal prices have declined ¼ to ½c. At Belleville, Ont., on June 2, sales were made at 65-16 to 66½c, and at Ingersoll on the same day at 6½ to 6½c. Here there has been no business doing to ship. From 7 to 7½c has been paid here for a little new cheese for the local trade only, but this is, of course, much above shipping value on the present basis of prices east.

EGGS.—Prices are lower, a drop of 1c having taken place this week, owing it is said to lower offerings by grocers, to whom shipments are made by country merchants. Late in the week commission men dropped the price to 7c net, and were jobbing at 8c.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure \$1.80 for 20 lb pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.60.

CURED MEATS.—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below or ½c for parchment paper wrapping. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do. backs, 10c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; smoked jowls, 5½ cents. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb; shoulders, 6c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$13.00; clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—We quote city dressed beef steady at 5 to 5½c. Fresh mutton is still held at 9c for the best. City dressed hog, 5½c. Veal, easier at 5½c to 6½c.

POULTRY.—Chickens are lower at 60 to 65c per pair as to quality. Turkeys would bring 10c per lb live weight, if they could be had, but none offering. No ducks or geese obtainable, and no game offering.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes have sold at 15 to 20c per bushel on the street market. Green stuff is now offered to some extent, such as lettuce, radishes, asparagus, pie plants, the latter at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 pounds.

HIDES.—The demand has been good for hides, at firm prices, and stocks are reported

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to be light at leading markets. In the local market prices are irregular and higher, owing to local competition. A little fight has been going on among some of the dealers and in order to attract customers from one dealer to another some big prices have been paid. In some cases at least 5c has been bid, but 4½c appears to be the general price, and the advance appears to have been really due to the little fracas among dealers. We quote: Green city hides, No. 1, 4½c to 5c; No. 2, 3½ to 4c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 and 6c per lb.; dekins 15 to 20c each; kips 4 to 5c; sheep 50 to 65c; clips 3 to 5c; lambskins, 10c to 15c; Horschides, 75c to \$1.25; tallow 3½ to 4c rendered and 2c rough.

WOOL.—The outlook for wool does not improve any as the season advances. In the United States manufacturers are buying slowly, stocks are large owing to the small consumptive demand and prices are in favor of buyers. Bradstreets says "Prices have worked steadily down since the first of the year, and there is no more prospect of a turn for the better now than was the case two months since. The stock of old wool is excessive, and new wools are beginning to come in freely." This is not a bright outlook at the beginning of the season. Locally the situation is easier, and buyers are inclined to bid lower than they paid for the first few lots to come in. 9c to 9½c was paid, but some dealers now report that they could not pay over 8c for choice fleeces. Owing to the darker color of our western wools, from prairie dust, it is claimed that they have to sell about 2c per lb under eastern wool of the same class. Unwashed wool at Toronto is quoted at about 11c, which, with freight and the alleged difference in value, would be equal to 8c here. We quote, however, 8 to 9c for unwashed Manitoba fleeces, chaffy or burry wool, 5 to 7c as to quality. Heavy, fine, territory wools, 5 to 7c.

SENECA ROOT.—A little green root is offering, but buyers are not anxious for it, and will hardly make bids at any price.

HAY.—With finer weather the price is lower and sales have been made at \$7.50 to \$8 per ton here. Prices will likely decline further, but it is not expected they will go as low again as they were before the recent bulge, as a good deal of hay has been destroyed by the wet weather this spring.

LIVE STOCK.

HOGS.—Prices are easy. Good lots of bacon hogs have sold at 3½ to 3¾c; heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3c, as to quality; stags 1½ to 3c.

CATTLE.—About 500 export cattle were handled at the yards here this week, 400 by Gordon & Ironside and 100 by Mullins & Wilson. This will conclude shipments of stall fed cattle, and there will not be much doing until grass cattle are fit to export, which will be a couple of months later. Prices are about the same. The top price quoted off cars here is 3¾c, and about 3c for the best butchers. Good cows about 2¾c and common, 2 to 2½c.

SHEEP.—Prices easier, at about 3½ to 3¾c off cars here.

Wool in the United States.

The Boston market continues dull, with values nominal and in favor of buyers. The feature is the absence of demand. Manufacturers are using only a small proportion of their usual capacity, and it does not take much to meet their needs. To induce purchases ahead, the price has to be made much lower than at present, as no one appears to have any faith in improvement in the near future. Values have steadily worked down since the first of the year, and there is no more prospect of a turn for the better now than was the case two months since. The stock of old wool is excessive, and new wools

are beginning to come in more freely. Foreign wools are held steady, but move slow. Mohairs are easier at 45 to 50c for Cape and Turkey—Bradstreets.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per lard and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

After temporary firmness at the opening on Monday, wheat became weak and declined heavily, influenced by favorable crop report, and free selling. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	55½	56½	56½
Corn.....	26¾	27½	28½
Oats.....	17½	17½	17½
Mess Pork..	—	6 85	7 02½
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

On Tuesday wheat declined early in the day, influenced by lower cables and selling, recovering later on good export clearances, reported drouth in France and some unfavorable reports from Kansas. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	55½	56½	57½
Corn.....	27	27½	28½
Oats.....	—	17½	18½
Mess Pork..	—	7 02½	7 17½
Lard.....	—	4 17½	4 30
Short Ribs..	—	3 72½	3 87½

On Wednesday wheat was irregular, influenced by contradictory crop reports. Foreign buying helped an advance late in the day. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	56½	57½	58
Corn.....	27½	28	29
Oats.....	—	18	18½
Mess Pork..	—	7 05	7 20
Lard.....	—	4 17½	4 30
Short Ribs..	—	3 77½	3 92½

On Thursday wheat was weak for a time, but unfavorable crop reports from Michigan and Indiana, and also from France, led to a sharp advance. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	57½	57½	58½
Corn.....	27½	28½	29½
Oats.....	—	18	18½
Mess Pork..	—	7 07½	7 25
Lard.....	—	4 20	4 35
Short Ribs..	—	3 80	3 95

On Friday wheat looked up better than it has done for some time, influenced by firmer cables, unfavorable crop reports from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Closing prices show a sharp advance, as follows:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	59½	59½	60½
Corn.....	27½	28½	29½
Oats.....	—	17½	18½
Mess Pork..	—	7 25	7 40
Lard.....	—	4 30	4 45
Short Ribs..	—	3 92½	4 07½

Wheat was very strong on Saturday opening firm at 60½c for July and advancing almost steadily to 62½c, with a slight reaction before the close. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	61½	61½	62½
Corn.....	28½	29½	29½
Oats.....	18	18½	18½
Mess Pork..	7 15	7 22½	7 40
Lard.....	4 25	4 32½	4 47½
Short Ribs..	3 87½	3 95	4 10

A week ago to-day, July wheat closed at 57½c and a year ago at 81½c and two years ago, at 60½c.

The Hamilton powder mill at St. Hillaire, Que., was blown to atoms while the entire working staff were away to dinner on June 5.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, —	v. July 67c.	Sept 57c.
Tuesday—May —	c. July 67½c.	Sept. 57½c.
Wednesday—May, —	c. July 67½c.	Sept. 57½c.
Thursday—May —	c. July, 68½c.	Sept. 58½c.
Friday—May —	c. July, 69½c.	Sept. 59½c.
Saturday—May —	July, 62c	Sept. 62c.

A week ago price closed at 59c for July. A year ago July delivery closed at 82c. Two years ago July closed at 60½c and three years ago at 68c.

[NOTE.—In the issue of the Commercial of a week ago, New York closing prices for wheat were, through a printer's error, made to represent Duluth closing prices, thus making it appear that there had been a big advance at Duluth.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday as follows: July delivery at 58½c, September 58½c. A week ago July wheat closed at 56½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, June 6, July delivery closed at 67½c and Sept delivery at 67½c. A week ago July closed at 61½c.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of June 4 reports flour very dull for export trade. Prices are as follows in barrels, f. o. b.: First patents, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Second patents, \$3.15 to \$3.20; First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2; Export baker's, \$2.45; second export baker's \$2 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. jute, \$10.50 to \$10.75. These prices are the same as a week ago.

Milstuffs.—Bran in bulk \$5.50 to \$5.75. Bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$6.25 to \$6.75 Bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$6.75 to \$7.00; Shorts, \$5.50; Middlings, fine, \$7.25 to \$7.75.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending June 4, were \$967,667; balances, \$169,179. For the previous week clearings were \$930,210. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$1,035,513 and for the week two years ago, \$817,178. For the month of May clearings were \$1,246,210 as compared with \$4,156,292 for April, 1895, and \$3,455,629 or May, 1891.

Electricity on the Railroads.

The American Manufacturer (Pittsburgh) says: "The development of electrical power is making such strides that railroad authorities admit that some of the great systems of the country may within the near future adopt it in place of steam. The master mechanic of the Pennsylvania Railroad is quoted as saying that the successful transmission of electrical power over long lines has practically shown that the great culm piles in the Pennsylvania anthracite regions may be utilized in generating electricity. This opens up an immense field for electrical development. Numerous gentlemen prominent in railway service have confessed quite a change in their opinions during the past few months in regard to the feasibility of the electrical locomotive, and we hear that some of the leading roads are soon to make wide extensions in this direction.

There's nothing to good for the Irish, but they can't always get it, for The Freeman's Journal of Dublin wrote the largest maker of news print paper in Canada offering them a portion of their contract for the news paper they required for the next twelve months and were advised in reply that the mill was full of orders that they could not book anything for export.

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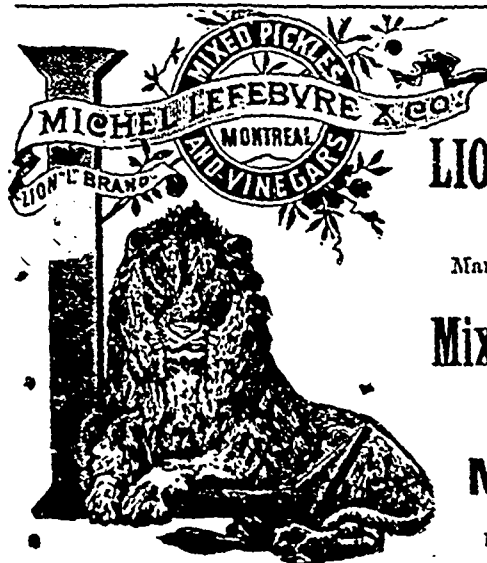
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REGISTERED TRADE MARK

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, June 6, 1896.

Butter has declined about 2c per lb. to 20c for creamery and 16c for dairy. California butter is out of the market and the Manitoba article is the principle supply. There has been a better demand for Manitoba dairy butter, which is better quality than formerly. New Manitoba cheese is coming in, and Manitoba eggs are also in liberal supply. New potatoes are coming in from the south. Bran and shorts are \$1 per ton lower.

Butter.—Man. Dairy butter, 16c; Manitoba creamery, 20c; Local creamery 22c; Manitoba cheese, now, 11c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 11c; breakfast bacon 11c; backs 11c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9½c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in rails and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$15.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smolt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7½c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut 8c; bloaters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; oolachan 5c; smoked salmon 12½c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes \$5 to \$6 per ton; ash-croft potatoes, \$6 to 7 per ton; New potatoes, \$1.85 per 100 pounds; onions silver skins, 3½c lb.; California onions, 2c.; sweet potatoes \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; cabbage, 1½c lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 15c; Manitoba, 14c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 360 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. Standard Australian boxes for apples, etc., are smaller and contain from 125 to 150 apples in a box. California seedling oranges \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; navels \$1.25 per box; Mediterranean sweets, \$3; St. Michaels, \$3; blood oranges, \$3. California lemons \$3 per box; Australian apples \$2.50 to \$3.00 per box; bananas, \$1.75 per bunch, \$3.50 crate (2 bunches); Cherries, (10 lb box), \$1.40.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45s, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$1.40; strong bakers, \$4.10; Oregon, \$1.20; Oak Lake patent \$1.40; do. strong bakers \$4.01.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$16.00 ton; bran \$15.00; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 8½ to 9c; mutton, 8 to 8½c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7 to 8½c per lb.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$1.50 to \$1.60; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.75 to \$6.00 per 100 lbs; lamb \$3.50 to \$4 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$6 per dozen, scarce.

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Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

In the Vancouver farmers markets there was very little meat offered wholesale. High prices for poultry still prevailed. The supply of dairy butter was in excess of the demand and prices dropped off a little. Eggs were scarce and prices advanced. The following prices prevailed in Westminster's farmer's market:

Ducks young, live, \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen; do., dressed 50 cents each; chickens, live, \$1.75 to \$5 per doz; do., dressed, 40 to 60 cents each; do., broilers \$3 to \$3.25 per doz.

Beef, joints, 7 to 12 cents per lb.; veal, dressed, 6 to 7 cents per lb.; pork, joints, 8 to 10 cents per lb.; mutton, 10 to 12½ cents per lb.; lamb, \$3 to \$3.50 per carcass.

Butter, 35 to 45 cents per 2-lb. roll.

Eggs, 16 to 20 cents per dozen.

Hay, \$8 per ton; oats, \$20 to 22 per ton; barley, \$20 to \$22 per ton; peas, \$20 to 25 per ton; potatoes, \$6 to \$8 per ton; rhubarb, 1 to 1½ cents per lb.; gooseberries, 10 cents per lb.

The Live Stock Trade.

In the British Commons, Sydney Buxton, Liberal, who was under secretary of state for the colonies in the late government, moved to exempt the colonies from the operation of the bill restricting live stock importation when it was shown that such colonies were free from cattle diseases. I. Buxton added that he thought Canada made a strong case. He asserted that there was no pleuro-pneumonia there, and pointed out that Canada offered to do her utmost to prevent the export of infected cattle. Mr. Buxton's amendment was eventually negatived by a vote of 140 to 57. The bill was then passed through the committee stage, and will receive its third reading on June 4th.

At Liverpool, on June 1, there was a firmer feeling in live stock. Prices advanced ½c per lb., due principally to cooler weather. Best United States cattle sold at 10½c, choice Canadians at 10c, and Argentines at 9c. Sheep were also firmer at 12c to 12½c. At London supplies of sheep were heavy and prices ruled easier at 11c to 12c.

The Montreal Gazette of June 2 says: Advices from Glasgow have been of a steady tone, and agents here state that recent sales reported just let shippers out, which is looked upon as being satisfactory, considering the heavy losses that have been made in other markets during the past three weeks, and it

is to be hoped that the advance noted will be maintained. The exports of cattle for the month of May from Montreal show a decrease of 758 head of cattle, an increase of 1,473 sheep, and an increase of 205 horses, compared with the same month last year.

At the East End abattoir, Montreal, on June 1, the local demand for cattle was good. The supply, however, was in excess of requirements on account of there being no demand from shippers. The class of cattle coming forward is of fairly good quality. Choice steers and heifers sold at 3½c to 3½c; good, 3c to 3½c; fair, 2½c to 3c, and common to inferior, 2c to 2½c per lb live weight. Sheep sold at \$3 to \$5 each, and lambs at \$2.50 to \$4.50 each. Young pigs brought from 75c to \$1.50 each. At the Point St. Charles cattle market on the same day there were 500 hogs offered, for which the demand was good, but prices ruled easier at \$1.25 to \$1.40 per 100 lbs.

At the semi-weekly market at Toronto on June 2, there were heavy offerings of cattle and exporters were buying carefully. Good export cattle sold mostly at \$3.50 to \$3.80 per 100 pounds, and a few touched 4c. Butchers cattle sold mostly at 2½ to 3c, and a few picked touched 3½c. Poor stuff sold as low as 2c. Bulls, 2½ to 3½c. Lambs, \$2 to \$3.25 per head; sheep, 3c lb. Choice yearlings, 1 to 5c lb. Offerings of hogs were heavy and prices were ½c lower at 4½c for best bacon hogs, off cars; stores, 3½ to 4c; heavy fat, 3½c; light fat, 4c.

Crop Reports.

The general appearance of the crops throughout the Indian Head district, Assiniboia territory, is said to be good. Never before in the history of the district have the crops looked better than is the case at this date, says a correspondent writing on June 1. The increase in the acreage is about 25 per cent. more than last year's.

Macdonald, Man., June 1.—Seeding operations are about completed, and with the exception of the very shiftless nearly as large an acreage as last year is in.

The Manitoba crop bulletin, the first of the season, will be out about June 13.

James Jackson has opened a harness shop at Hilton, Man.

Whitman Burley & Co., general merchants Portage la Prairie, Man., have opened a branch at Emerson.

James Burland, billiards, Rapid City, Man., is burned out.

James Tedder, Queens Hotel, Rapid City, Man., is damaged by fire.

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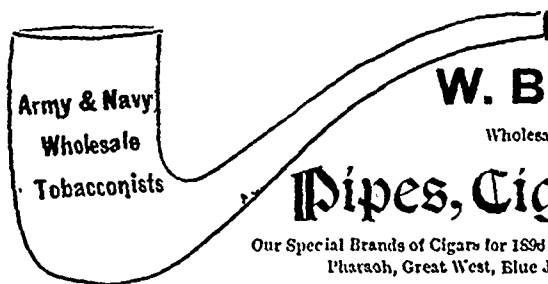
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Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

The changes were: Eggs, 1c higher, butter and cheese easier, mutton, 1c lower, hogs 1/2c lower, dressed do, 3/4c lower, hides 1c higher.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat sold during the week at 97c to \$1.00.
- Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$2.45; Bakers, \$2.25.
- Bran.—Per ton, \$12.
- Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.
- Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 83 to 84c.
- Barley.—Per bushel, about 38 to 40c, local freights.
- Flax seed.—Small sales for seed at \$1.50 per bushel.
- Butter.—Country dairy 10 in a small way, and very dull.
- Cheese.—New 7c.
- Eggs.—Fresh, 8c net, jobbing 9c.
- Beef.—City dressed, 6 to 6 1/2c.
- Mutton.—Fresh, 8 to 9c.
- Hogs.—City dressed, 5 to 5 1/2c.
- Cattle.—Butchers' 3 to 3 1/2c.
- Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.
- Sheep.—4 to 4 1/2c.
- Seneca Root.—Dry 17 to 19c lb.
- Poultry.—Chickens, 8c, turkeys, 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c.
- Hides.—No. 1, cows 7 1/2c.
- Wool.—Unwashed fleeces, 8 to 10 1/2c.
- Potatoes.—30 to 35c per bushel.
- Hay.—\$4.00 per ton, car lots

The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Gazette of May 29 says: Owing to the heavy production of turpentine and the advices from the South, prices have declined 1 to 2c per gallon to 42c for single barrel lots and 41c for five barrel lots and over. The demand for cordage at the factory has been good and a number of orders have been placed at steady prices. Montreal prices are: Turpentine, 41c to 42c; resins, \$2.50 to \$5, as to brand; coal tar, \$3 to \$3.50; cotton waste, 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c for colored, and 7c to 8c for white; oakum, 5c to 7c, and cotton oakum, 9c to 11c. Cordage—Sisal, 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c for 7-16 and upwards. Pure Manila, 9 1/2c to 10c for 7-16 and upwards, and 10 1/2c for smaller sizes. Cement.—English brands at \$1.95 to \$2.05, and Belgian at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per barrel, ex-wharf. A fair business is reported in firebricks at prices ranging from \$16 to \$22 per 1,000, as to brand.

Regarding paints and oils the Montreal Gazette says: The free arrival of linseed oil has caused a weaker feeling and prices are quoted 1/2c lower, with recent sales of raw at 52c to 53c and boiled at 55c, five barrel lots and over 1c less. Montreal prices are: Choice brands white lead, Government standard, \$5; No. 1, \$1.75; No. 2 \$1.50; No. 3, \$1.25; dry white lead, 4 1/2c; red lead, pure, 4c to 4 1/2c; do. No. 1, 4c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; glass, \$1.25 to \$1.50 first break; \$1.35 to \$1.40 second break, per 50 feet; \$2.80 to \$3 for third break, per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 52c to 53c; boiled, 55c; cod oil, 35c to 37 1/2c; seal oil, 42 1/2c; castor oil, 6 1/2c to 7 1/2c; putty, in bu'k, \$1.85; Paris green, casks, 13 1/2c; drums, 14 1/2c; packets, 15 1/2c.

A Toronto report says: Brass goods for plumbers' supplies have advanced, a new combination having been formed. Copper and zinc are still advancing. Other metals are firm.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 30, 1896, shows a decrease of 953,000 bushels, against a decrease of 2,015,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,183,000

bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 1,705,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,681,000	80,222,000	81,238,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,363,000	81,390,000	43,181,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	76,589,000	79,088,000	41,636,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,453,000	77,654,000	41,058,000
May, 6...	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,100,000
July 1...	44,661,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,617,000	60,901,000	59,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,754,000	69,103,000	66,140,000	38,760,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,814,000	63,276,000	51,256,000
Nov. 4...	52,990,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,993,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,580,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,330,000	79,953,000	81,786,000
" 11...	63,945,000	86,915,000	80,433,000	82,030,000
" 18...	67,988,000	85,288,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,623,000	84,685,000	80,224,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,378,000	79,863,000	81,390,000
" 8...	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,926,000	80,733,000	78,607,000	80,214,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,957,000	79,433,000
March 1...	64,069,000	78,761,000	76,569,000	79,033,000
" 7...	62,696,000	77,717,000	74,097,000	79,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,359,000	79,030,000
" 21...	61,318,000	75,773,000	72,103,000	78,209,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,503,000	71,458,000	77,614,000
April 4...	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,293,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,497,000	69,217,000	76,090,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,616,000	68,425,000	74,889,000
" 25...	57,916,000	65,776,000	66,543,000	75,027,000
May 2...	55,519,000	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,032,000
" 16...	53,116,000	58,481,000	62,044,000	71,528,000
" 23...	51,298,000	54,214,000	61,319,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,310,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,307,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on May 23 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	474,000
Toronto.....	30,000
Kingston.....
Winnipeg.....	260,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,500,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,373,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on May 23 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	71,833,000
Pacific Coast.....	3,182,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	67,092,000
Pacific Coast.....	10,150,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended May 30, shows a decrease of 2,560,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 68,773,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on May 1, 1896. (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 131,316,000 bushels, as compared with 154,980,000 bushels on May 1, 1895, 170,695,000 bushels on May 1, 1894, 172,039,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 125,891,000 bushels on May 1, 1892, and with similar totals on May 1 in preceding years.

The United States War Bill.

President Cleveland has vetoed the bill for an enormous expenditure for coast defences which was passed as a result of the Venezuela war scare. Bradstreet says of the act: President Cleveland has only done what was expected in vetoing the River and Harbor bill. This measure, as is pointed out in the message, directly appropriates or provides for the immediate expenditure of nearly \$14,000,000

for river and harbor work, which sum is in addition to appropriations contained in another bill for similar purposes amounting to a little more than \$3,000,000 already favorably considered at the present session of Congress, so that the contemplated immediate expenditures for the objects mentioned amount to about \$17,000,000. The bill, however, authorizes contracts for future work on rivers and harbors, the obligations on account of which, together with the appropriations made for immediate expenditure, will amount to about \$80,000,000. The President says, in vetoing the measure, that many of the objects for which it appropriates public money are not related to the public welfare; that many of them are palpably for the benefit of limited localities or in aid of individual interests, and that on the face of the bill it appears that not a few of these alleged improvements have been so improvidently planned and prosecuted that after an unwise expenditure of millions of dollars new experiments for their accomplishment have been entered upon. The measure, the President says, opens the way to insidious and increasing abuses, and is in itself so extravagant as to be especially unsuited to times of depressed business and resulting disappointment in government revenue. A well-merited rebuke to some of the Washington legislators is conveyed in the President's suggestion that at a time when the issue of government bonds to maintain the credit and financial standing of the country is a subject of criticism, the contracts provided for in the bill would create obligations of the United States amounting to \$62,000,000, no less binding than its bonds for that sum.

A later telegram from Washington says: The river and harbor bill has been passed by the house over the president's veto of 220 to 60, and the senate has also passed the bill over the veto by a large majority, so that it is now law, notwithstanding the veto.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	May 29, 1896.	May 31, 1895.
Flour, straight spring.....	\$3.10 to \$3.70	\$3.50 to \$4.20
Flour, straight winter.....	\$3.20 to \$3.50	\$3.50 to \$4.00
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	7 1/2c	8c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	3 1/2c	3 1/2c
Oats, No. 2.....	29c	32 1/2c
rye, No. 2, Western.....	44c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee.....
Cotton, mid. upld.....	20c	7 1/2c
Print cloths, 64x64.....	29-10c	2 13-16c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X.....	16c	15 to 15 1/2c
Wool, N. 1 combg.....	19 to 20c	19 to 20c
Pork, mess new.....	\$8.25 to \$9.50	\$13.50 to 14.25
Lard, westn. stm.....	4.45c	7.90c
Butter, creamery.....	15 1/2c	18 1/2c
Cheese, ch. east 1/2.....	7 1/2c	7c
Sugar, centr., 90.....	4c	3 1/2c
Sugar, granulated.....	5 1/2c	4 7-16c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	14c	10 1/2c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.....	\$1.05	\$1.51
Petroleum, rid. gal.....	6.55c	8.00c
*Iron, Bes. Pz.....	\$12.40	\$11.50
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$19.50	\$17.50
Ocean Steam Freight.....
Grain, Liverpool.....	2d	1 1/2d
Cotton.....	3-32d	1-16d

Silver.

The silver market has been firm, and the demand seems sufficient to absorb all offerings at around present prices. Silver prices on May 29 were: London, 81 8-16c; New York, 68 1/2c.

John S. Douglas formerly in the retail fur trade in Winnipeg, has been sent up for trial on the charge of fraud as a result of the preliminary investigation. The charge is that he disposed of goods very cheaply and made no entries in his books, for the purpose of defrauding his creditors. The magistrate fixed the bail at \$750 himself and \$1,500 besides. No bail was offered and Douglas was sent to the provincial gaol to await trial.

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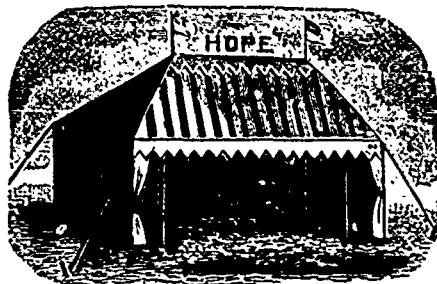
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Montreal Grocery Market.

The feature of the sugar market during the past week has been the cutting of refiners' prices by outside holders of large lots of granulated, and considerable business has been done on the basis of 4½c and in some cases a shade under this figure accepted. The market generally was inclined to be easier earlier in the week in sympathy with the recent sharp decline in prices in New York, but values there have since recovered the full loss and the market at present is reported much steadier, consequently refiners here state that they do not see anything to warrant the above cutting by outside holders. We quote:—Granulated at 4½c in 250-barrel lots, 4 11-16 in 100 barrel lots, and 4½c in smaller quantities. Yellows range from 3½c to 4½c, as to quality, at the factory.

The market for syrup is very quiet and without any new phase to note. The demand is slow, but as stocks are light in first hands prices are maintained at 1½ to 2½c per lb., as to quality at the factory.

Notwithstanding the fact that cables from the Island last week reported a good demand for Barbadoes molasses at 12c, and also the fact that the crop was turning out smaller than was generally anticipated, private cables received here yesterday were of a weak character and noted a decline of 1c per gallon, the first cost now being 11c. This reduction has materially affected the local market, and agents here are now offering cargo lots, to arrive, at 28c ex wharf, which figure shows a decline of 1½c per gallon on previous sales. As already stated, the demand from the country for small lots has been good, and sales amounting to about 3,000 puncheons have been, made to arrive, at 31c to 32c. The above reduction at the Island and for cargo lots here has not as yet effected the "gild" prices, which are 31c in car lots and 32c in smaller quantities. In Porto Rico stock business is very quiet, but in sympathy with Barbadoes dealers have reduced prices here 1c per gallon, round lots now offering at 50c and small quantities at 31c. Antigua is unchanged at 27c, but this figure would likely be shaded for a round lot.

The demand for rice is fair and the market rules moderately active and steady. We quote:—Japan standard, \$1.25 to \$1.40; crystal Japan, \$1.75 to \$5.00; standard B, \$3.45; Patna, \$1.25 to \$5, and Carolina at \$5.50 to \$7.50.

Business in spices is very quiet at present and little improvement is looked for in the near future. Prices are without any change. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only:—Penang black pepper, 6c to 7½c; white pepper, 10c to 12½c; cloves, 7½c to 9c; cassia, 8½c to 9½c; nutmegs, 60c to 90c, and Jamaica ginger, 15½ to 18½c.

The situation of the coffee market is unchanged. Business is quiet and of a jobbing

character at steady prices. We quote:—Maracaibo at 17½c to 18c; Rio, 16c to 17½c; Java, 23c to 25c, and Mocha 23 to 26c.

Early in the year a large quantity of new crop Japan teas were sold to arrive by first steamer at prices ranging from 24 to 27c. These teas are expected in a few days, as samples of which have already arrived and are of very fine quality. The market has been very quiet during the week as buyers generally are waiting for new goods to come to hand, when it is expected a fair amount of business will be done. The only sale reported was a lot of 200 boxes of pea-leaf gunpowder at 17c. Low grade Japan teas are in demand but the offerings are very light now.

The season for new pack salmon has opened and agents have already been around the trade offering the different brands to arrive, but no actual business has been done yet, as buyers think it a little too early to commence placing orders, but the prospects are good, as stocks of old have been pretty well sold up. First mail advices to hand say:—This being an off-year it is expected that the pack will be light, and as there is an increased demand from Great Britain there will be a smaller quantity than usual for the Canadian trade. Prices are quoted as follows:—Clover leaf brand, selected quality, fancy label, flats, \$5; talls, \$5.50; British American, \$5.80 here. Clover leaf brand, f.o.b. cost, \$5.20 for flats, and \$1.75 for talls. A fair enquiry for tomatoes is experienced on spot but few round lots are offering. Hold rs are asking 80c to 85c per dozen for 250 case lots, and for 1,000 case lots direct from local packers 71½c is asked. Advices from the west state that packers are still large holders and are offering round lots at low prices in order to make a clearance before this season's pack commences. —Globe, May 25

Boston Wool Market.

The American Wool and Cotton Reporter, Boston, of May 27, says of the wool trade: The market continues very dull and features have been entirely lacking. The tendency continues downward in domestic wools, territories having been the most active, prices being quite irregular. A moderate quantity of new wool is coming in, being in very good condition. Fleece wools are very quiet. Foreign wools have also been dull, particularly in Boston, where sales fell considerably below last week's figures. The sales of the week in the three most important markets aggregated 3,524,500 lbs., 1,580,700 lbs being domestic and 1,943,800 lbs. foreign. In Boston business continues dull, and prices are very unstable. Foreign wool has been particularly quiet, sales of Australian being comparatively small. Little is doing in fleeces. Territories have been the most active, but prices have been irregular, ranging from

28 to 31c scoured. More or less new territory is coming in, both consigned wool and stock purchased. This is, to some extent, from all the territories, but more especially from Wyoming. Sales of the week aggregated 1,476,000 lbs., 733,000 lbs. being domestic and 533,000 lbs. foreign; since Jan. 1, total sales amount to 41,573,000 lbs.; previous year, 66,743,450 lbs.

Oranges Advancing

There will be no more shipments of oranges from Messina, Catania and Palermo, Sicily, this season, as the crop is nearly exhausted, and the few thousand boxes that still remain in that country have been contracted for by German buyers.

This information reached this market by cable from Palermo, Sicily, yesterday, and created some excitement among the fruit dealers. Many dealers said that the fruit exchanges throughout California that control the bulk of the orange groves in that State, circulated misleading information regarding the large crop of California oranges, and, in consequence they looked for low prices for May. Other dealers, however, said that prior to the cold wave in January, which played havoc with the California crop of oranges, the exchanges were accurate in their reports. However this may be, last month the shipments from California decreased 50 per cent., and in the past week only one car of California oranges reached this market.

The dealers who figured on large shipments from California purchased sparingly, and when shipments stopped they were forced to vie with one another until they forced the market up yesterday to \$7.12½ a box, the highest price realized for Rodi oranges in twelve years. Now that the California orange crop is exhausted, and also that of Sicily, the only sources of supply are Rodi and Sorrento, Italy. From these two sources there have been shipped 12,000 boxes of oranges, which is the visible supply for the next thirty days. This is the smallest shipment of oranges on record for this period of the year.

L. M. Lyons, wholesale fruit dealer said: "I paid yesterday at public auction, for Florida Rodi oranges, \$7.12½ a box, and I sold them within thirty minutes at \$10 per box."

A. Elias, a leading fruit broker said that he had orders from the West for 1,200 boxes of oranges, but he could only bill one car, as he could not secure the fruit. —N. Y. Times, May 28.

Wm. Clougher, saloon, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

Wm. Burton, general store, Portage la Prairie, Man., has assigned.

Fur Trade News.

The Leipzig (Germany) correspondent of the New York Fur Trade Review writes as follows on May 11:

The easter fair was attended by a number of United States and Canadian buyers, and also a number of prominent Russian dealers, and later by buyers from Austria, Greece, England, France, Italy, Switzerland and other countries. There was a middling good demand from nearly all, the result in general being quite satisfactory. The large supply of skunk could not be placed, but parcels were taken by German, Australian and Italian furriers; a good many were also taken by Russian dealers in consequence of the prices. American opossum was less in demand than in former years, the skunk imitation of this article having declined in favor. Red fox in proportion to the heavy supply did not sell well enough, but a considerable quantity was taken for Russia on account of the low values; Turkey purchased very carefully. Lynx was not wanted, but in consequence of the low prices Turkish buyers took a small portion of the offering; lynx backs will be exported to America at reasonable prices. There has been a limited demand for otter of medium grades, and deer skins sold a little better, and pale southern skins for plucking sold pretty well. Fisher has been in good demand for Russia as prices were not too high, and good values were also paid for fisher tails. Rough raccoon of good quality was competed for and stocks were rather small; medium and lower grades sold more slowly; there was a satisfactory demand for beaver; nutria remains scarce and very dear; musquash has been purchased for Russia in considerable quantities, good middling sort being preferred; the bellies are cut here and have an elevated price, being wanted for capes, seal imitation, etc.; business in prime raw musquash has been limited, as manufacturers of the different colored articles still have large parcels from the January sales, which they were unable to get ready for the easter fair; superior dyed seal-musquash has met with the usual request; musquash linings remain in demand for northern countries. Mink has been taken in many instances for German and Russian consumption, but the general impression is that prices are too high; there has been a fair demand for marten from German furriers; silver fox and cross fox have done much better than last year; blue fox, which was neglected last year, has found a little more favor; sea otter has had a satisfactory sale to Russia; real chinchilla is in very small supply and has sold well in spite of the enormous prices; bastards are more numerous but also very dear. Australian opossum continues in fair demand, good sorts finding ready buyers at the present moderate prices; monkey has been taken to Italy and to some extent for America, and prices are now rather low; wallaby, wombat and kangaroo, in the different varieties as imitations of other articles, have had a limited sale; a novelty in sheared kangaroo, to imitate nutria, has been shown and looks quite well. Business in German foxes during the first days of the fair was dull, but there was a gradual improvement, Russia taking good parcels; medium and low grades are still offered; otter met with a moderate demand, and was taken for plucking by German firms and for Russia; superior grades of fitch have sold well at good prices, but lower classes are only in moderate request; baummarten has sold to some extent for countries where neckscarfs are in fashion, and superior colors brought good prices; stonemarten has not sold as well as expected, and many dark baltins are still unsold; mottled oats were cheap, and black cats were purchased for America and France at a little higher rate than last year. Thibet articles

took the lead this time for many countries, particularly black and white skins of best quality, and now some brown dyed skins are selling; good coats were purchased for France, price in general being high; kolinski and other yellow martn-like skins were in demand for Turkey, kolinski being rather dear; astrakhan lambs of common rough sorts have been purchased for Italy in large quantities, and some fino moires have been taken for America and France; good parcels of curly astrakhan have been taken by American buyers at advantageous prices; the Russian collectors of natural skins have small supplies this year; trade in Persian lambs was quite satisfactory at the beginning of the fair, but later on the demand was not so lively; in raw skins very small lots only are now offered as the new supply will not be received until July; broadtails are cheaper than during the former years; Ukrainian lambs and Shiras have been a little better than formerly; gray krimmers have had the usual sale for Canada at about last year's prices. There is a decidedly better demand for German-made squirrel belly linings; Russian worked sacs sell slowly, the only request being for the dark sorts; squirrel backs have met with very little demand; transactions in raw squirrel have not been important; twisted squirrel tails have sold fairly well to most countries, and consequently raw tails remain very high in price; silver musquash is scarce and dear; ermine are cheaper than one year ago and several large parcels have been purchased for the United States and France, sable skins are offered in good collection with some very superior parcels; there has been a limited demand for natural blue moufflons for England, and dyed silver gray, steel gray and chinchilla-moufflons have had a fair sale, and the white skins used for this purpose are much higher in price than they were last year; fresh parcels have arrived since the first of May. White fox dyed black and fancy colors has sold to some extent, but not so well as in former years and prices are easier. Russian bears, which are cheaper than formerly, have been taken for England in considerable quantities; several large transactions have been noted in white hares, many of these skins are used for dyeing brown and chinchilla and nutria imitations; there has been some demand for the lowest grades of Russian wolves, but superior skins are neglected; large parcels of Russian marmot have arrived here, and considerable quantities have found buyers for black dyeing; the Irbit fair prices of these skins are very high, retarding sales.

Literary Notes.

The Cosmopolitan for June celebrates the month of roses by appearing with its cover brilliantly illuminated with a bouquet of roses. Robert Burns Wilson contributes a poem "The Immortal Three," with frontispiece and other excellent illustrations, also by the author. In the present state of the Cuban difficulty, two papers will prove specially appropriate. These are "Concerning the Independence of Cuba," by the editor, and "Madrid," freely illustrated, by C. Chatfield Taylor. Two articles turn the thoughts toward war. These are: "A War-Time 'Aurora Borealis,'" by Ellen W. Mago, giving reminiscences of the "late unpleasantness," in the United States "War," an article which deals largely with guns, by General Miles, both illustrated. There is also a third article of a warlike scene entitled "In Case of War with England—What?," by John Brisbane Walker. In fiction, "Mrs. Cliff's Yacht," and Hilda Strafford are continued. "Convicts and Bush Rangers in Australia," is concluded in this number. "Dr. Pike and his Wife" is an amusing story by Ger-

trude S. Stanley. "Suburban Homes," by R. C. Sturgis, gives a number of plans and illustrations for country homes. The regular departments "In the World of Art and Letters," "The Progress of Science," and "Some Examples of Art," are all well represented.

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Crops in Minnesota and the Dakotas

The farmers to the south of the boundary have also suffered much on account of the excessive rains this season. A correspondent of the Northwestern Miller, writing from Grand Forks says "The news of most vital importance from this section pertains to the crops, which can not be said to be, on the whole, in a promising condition. Much land, both in South and North Dakota, has been sown without plowing, and, in many fields, the weeds have already choked out the grain so badly that the land will either be plowed and resown to later grains or summer fallowed. Wet weather, which would not allow farmers to get at work early, has made it impossible for more than on half of the wheat acreage of last year in the Red River valley to be sown to wheat this year. The crop is very backward, and weeds have the start of the grain. That the crop will be much less than an average one is an assured fact, as, in a few of the richest wheat counties not over 20 per cent of wheat can be gotten into the ground. Seeding will be pretty well over by June 1.

California Raisin Situation.

The developments in the California raisin market during the past week or two have been interesting. Although there has been nothing like a speculative movement for some time past, stocks have gone so freely into consumption, on account of the exceptionally low prices that have been quoted as acceptable, that at the present time the supplies in first hands have been reduced to a minimum. In fact, it is generally reported that the total stock in New York is less than forty cars of loose muscatels, including the holdings of both first and second hands, and at the present rate of consumption it is expected that this will all go out before the middle of July. A year ago at this time there were over 100 cars in first hands, but it was disposed of before new goods arrived.

According to the latest advices from the coast the stock remaining there is small, and holders in interior markets appear to have very little. Philadelphia, it is reported, has been quite a free buyer here within the last few days, particularly of two-crowns.

The tone of the market here is very firm and tendency of prices upward. A material advance in quotations is prevented, however, by the offerings of inferior goods at comparatively low prices. The cheap stock, which forms a part of the forty cars above referred to, is scattered, and for that reason has more influence than if it were in the hands of one or two parties.

It is generally held that the next crop will come on a virtually bare market, and the trade is looking for much higher prices next fall than have prevailed for several past seasons, as the crop is expected to be late and smaller than that of 1894 and 1895 on account of the frosts this spring. New York Commercial Bulletin.

Triumph of Southern Cotton Mills.

The announcement was made in the telegraph the other day that the Lawrence Manufacturing Company of Lowell, Mass., one of the largest manufacturers of cotton goods in New England, had determined to stop making cloth entirely, one half the mill closing down, and leaving only the hosiery works in operation. The Lawrence mill is the first to lead off in this matter, but it is expected that many others, especially those engaged in the manufacture of the coarser grades of cotton cloth, will follow suit.

They have been struggling for the last three years against the advantages of the Southern mills, which allow the latter to turn out the coarse cotton goods very much

cheaper. Labor in the south is cheaper by 30 per cent, and the southern manufacturers enjoy an advantage of from 1½ to 2 cents a pound on their New England competitors. With these advantages it was impossible for the New England mills to keep up with them. They have been struggling on, hoping for some change that would put them on their feet again, but the surrender of the Lawrence company, and its determination to close its mills shows that they have given up the idea that they can ever compete with the South.

The fact that the Southern mills have been able to keep running during a period of the greatest depression ever known in the United States as significant enough to the New England manufacturers. They have been running, too, on full time, many of them night as well as day to fill orders, while their Northern competitors have been compelled to shut down right and left. They have been making dividends of from 12 to 30 per cent; and not only have new mills been erected, but the old ones have been enlarged.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

Chicago Packer Hides

The big Chicago packers are now, in the vernacular of the stock yards, on the "sunny side of Easy street." They expected to sell off their March and April hides at higher figures, but the general condition of business checked the hide boom and the packers were glad to unload to the leather company at the best bid the buyer of that concern was willing to make. Now that old accumulations are disposed of the quotations are booming again, the advance being predicted upon the undoubted small supply of hides in the country and the choice short-haired condition of the present take-off. The recent sales have been greatly exaggerated. The purchases of last week amounted to less than 75,000 hides all told, but some of the Eastern papers placed the quantity at 150,000. The leather company has bought large quantities of dry hides, which some writers have mixed with the purchases of Western green salted hides.

There is undoubtedly a stronger tone to leather in all the markets and large sales have been made. Shoe and harness manufacturers are evidently realizing that the severe curtailment of tanning has at last diminished the available supply of leather. Shoe and Leather Review.

Two-cent Hogs.

The price of hogs is now lower, we believe, that it has since the fall of 1878. We have a very distinct recollection of selling in one day \$500 worth at 2c per lb, and it astonished us to see what a pile of them it took to make up that \$500. We remember in 1873 when hogs sold in Illinois at \$1.75 per hundred, and the farmers then felt poor, indeed. We are apt to conclude that when prices are low they will stay there or grow lower, and forget that since 1873 we had a long spell of selling hogs on the farm at 5c and 6c per lb. Solomon once said, we believe it was Solomon, that "what has been, will be," or words to that effect, and that "there is nothing new under the sun." We sometimes think that it eases up a little when we look back at prices that are lower than they are now, and remember that those low prices did not last, and in the nature of things could not. It must be remembered that in 1878 a dollar was not worth as much as it is now, and that even this small amount of money did not go as far in purchasing the comforts or necessities of life as a like amount will to-day. The only thing to do is to grow better hogs, and decrease in every way the cost of production, knowing that the lower hogs are the more room there is for them to rise, which, in the light of all past experience,

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