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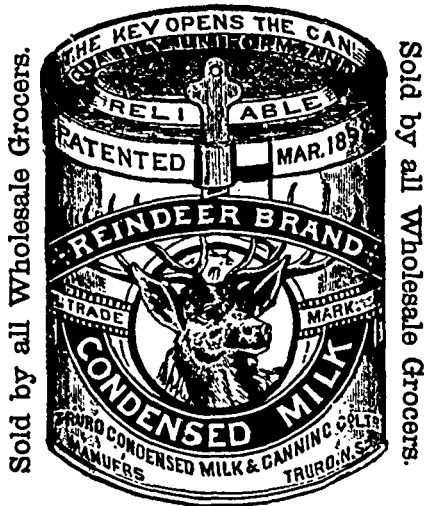
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WINNIPEG, JULY 31, 1893.

## European Crop Conditions.

Very fine and hot weather has prevailed during the past week, bringing forward the wheat crop rapidly to maturity, and causing probably a premature ripening of the spring crops. The nearer we approach the harvest the more certain does it appear to many of our correspondents that the wheat yield will be short, although the quality and condition promise to be fine. The *Mark Lane Express* says that half the wheat and two-thirds of the barley area will be very deficient, while oats in many places will only give half a crop. A more specific estimate is that of the *Times*, which in its monthly report puts the condition of the various crops in Great Britain as follows, taking 100 to represent a full average: Wheat 82.10, barley 73.8, oats 80.4, potatoes 87.6, beans 64.7, peas 73.5, roots 73.8, grass 43.9. Many authorities consider that the hay crop in England, which we estimated last week at 4,000,000 tons, will not exceed 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 tons.

The cutting of wheat may be said to have already commenced in the early districts of the southwest; for instance we have received this morning some ears of wheat from a 44 acre field, which is now all in shock. The locality is in the neighborhood of Plymouth, and our correspondent points out that the soil is light, the wheat stock is two feet high on the hilly part, and three feet high in other parts. The yield per acre is not a large one, but is probably better than most fields will show this year. In France, wheat cutting is practically finished in the south and will next week commence in the neighborhood of Paris, while the important northern districts will see the sickle at work in the week following.

The reports as to the probable yield of wheat continue rather conflicting; but the majority are in favor, as we stated last week, of a crop of 35,000,000 qrs. of good quality, while the

annual requirements of France are 42,500,000 qrs. The French farmers' organ, the *Fermier*, looks for a crop of 36,000,000 to 38,000,000 qrs. but this is the highest estimate made. Rye is good in quality but short in quantity. Barley is a poor crop, and oats very deficient. Germany wants more rain for the spring crops, but the reports concerning wheat are fairly good on the whole. About rye the reports show less unanimity. In Hungary and Austria the harvest is about eight days late, but the very favorable weather had led to an improvement all round in the crops. Rapeseed, however, is described as very short. Latest advices from Roumania say that the wheat crop prospects had improved, but it will be a much shorter crop than that of last year, which gave a surplus for export of about 3,500,000 qrs. Barley and oats had suffered materially, but corn had greatly improved. An official Bulgarian crop report describes wheat and rye as good in eleven districts, but bad in nine others. Concerning the spring crops 80 per cent. of the reports were good. In European Turkey the heavy rains, followed by fine warm weather had greatly improved the winter crops, which promised after all to be only 15 to 20 per cent. short of an average. In the six chief states of India the wheat crop as officially estimated, now turns out to be 7,895,000 qrs. larger than last year.—*Beerbohm* July 7.

## Grain Prices in England.

L. Norman & Co., London, writes THE COMMERCIAL as follows on July 10:—

"Since our report of 3rd July, the wheat trade has ruled extremely quiet, buyers awaiting further developments. Lack of confidence is still the predominating feature and the American reports earlier in the week gave no assistance in this respect to our market. Towards the close unfavorable advices respecting the spring wheat crop led to a slight advance in values. This gave a firmer tone, but buyers continued to be apathetic in spite of the further fact that the continent has taken a great quantity of wheat off coast and thereby relieved our market somewhat.

Canadian wheat has been neglected, buyers showing a preference for the cheap *La Plata*s now offering at 26s 6d to 26s 9d c.i.f. Millers find that these wheats in working are equal to the Canadian wheats for which more money is asked.

Hard Manitobas—No transactions reported. To days quotations, on passage, 29s 6d sellers, July, August 29s 9d sellers.

No. 1 and No. 2 White Winter Wheats—Without change. No sales reported. Prices unchanged.

Goose Wheat—Buyers still hold to 26s, while sellers have reduced limits six pence, asking today 26s 6d c.i.f. London.

Barley—Steady. In Canadian no transactions reported. A small parcel of No. 3x Ontario has been offered to London at 21s per 48 pounds c.i.f., but failed to tempt buyers.

Oats—Quiet but steady. A parcel of 1,000 quarters mixed Canadians changed hands at 18s 6d c.i.f. London and 1,000 quarters white at 19s 1½d.

## Alberta Cattle.

Mr. Ironside, cattle exporter, of Manitou, Man., who recently returned from Alberta, says: "While west I bought four thousand of the fattest cattle you ever saw. I have been out since I last left Winnipeg on the ranches around Calgary, Lethbridge, Maple Creek, Pincher Creek and Macleod. The cattle out on the ranges are rolling fat. There has been plenty of rain this season and the grass is grand. I never was out there before, and I tell you it is a great country for stock. They had 2,500 cattle on the Cochrane ranch, and we got about 1,500 head from them; the rest were picked up in smaller lots. There are lots of cattle now on the ranches that are in just as

good condition as the best stall-fed cattle turned out of the stables in Manitoba this spring. Most of the cattle are of the shorthorn type, good animals for the trade in every way. There are still a good many of the old kind, all legs and horns, but the ranchers are getting out of them as fast as they can, for no shipper will touch them.

"They have lots of horses out there and they don't know what to do with them. They are good animals in a way, but they are not roadsters or saddle horses or heavy draughts. I believe a man could buy horses for \$25 a head, but the raisers will have to work up to a higher standard before there will be any profit in it. They have been too careless in selecting breeding animals."

Mr. Ironside added that the four thousand already purchased cost about \$160,000, and that the firm intended to purchase another thousand to ship out before the close of the month of October, making a total of about five thousand for the season.

Mr. Ironside left later in the week for a trip along the Manitoba & Northwestern railway to purchase some of the thousand cattle still required. The first lot of about three hundred will be shipped on August 9th from Winnipeg.

## Underfeeding and Overeating.

It may seem hard for the man who in youth has known the pinch of poverty, who remembers how the cut of mutton, with a supply of potatoes and greens, scarcely sufficed for a vigorous appetite, should find that in the prosperity of later life an eight-course dinner of delicacies fails to tempt him, and that, nevertheless, his physician warns him that the attack of gout from which he is suffering means that he is eating too much, and that his diet must be lowered. Is life, then, never to give satisfaction? Must youth know hunger and old age satiety? Must the poor muscle-worker never have enough food to give energy to his frame, and must the rich idler have so much to eat that disease is the consequence.

To find the happy mean, to live according to sweet reasonableness and knowledge, is the aim of the teachings of science, and if to these are added the principles of Christian communism, the wealth of later life will not lead to self-indulgence, but to the mitigation of the sufferings of those who want the means of life. One of many splendid examples is that of a gentleman, now in possession of a very large income, who in his youth, lived on a salary of 10s a week. He early made up his mind that to eat little and drink less would be his rule in life. To this resolution he has adhered, though fortune has come to him. Nearly an octogenarian, he is still a man of untiring vigor of body and mind. Simple in life, he dispenses his great fortune as a custodian for his Master, while living amid the refinement and cultured surroundings of an English gentleman.

Sir George Humphrey has investigated the life-histories of centenarians in England with the view of ascertaining the causes and circumstances of longevity. As one reads of the habits and life of these men and women who attained to the age of 100 years and more, one is struck by the fact that they were almost invariably lean people, of spare habit, and of great moderation in eating and drinking. Of thirty-seven, three took no animal food, four took very little, twenty a little, ten a moderate amount, and only one acknowledged taking much meat. With regard to alcohol, the returns are much the same, and abstemiousness is found to be the rule of life of these centenarians.—*The London Hospital*.

According to late cables great activity is reported in the rice market in Burmah, prices advancing 15 to 20 per cent, owing to the drought in India and the fixing of the value of the rupee. It is further suggested that in the event of difficulties between France and India a considerable reduction in shipments may take place on account of blocked ports.

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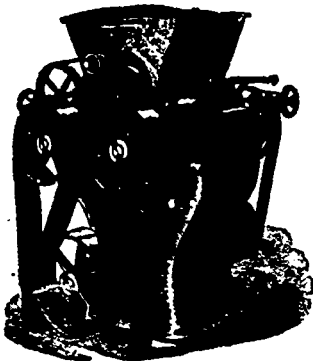
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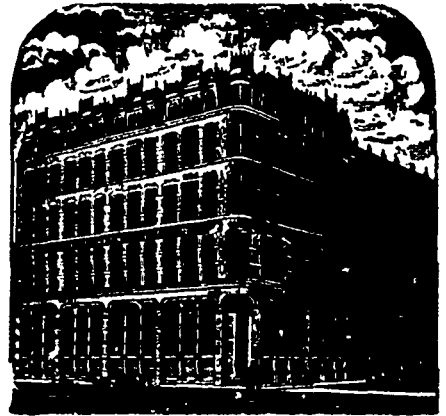


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### Montreal Markets.

**Flour**—Although the flour market has felt to some extent the effects of the depression in wheat, a very fair local trade has been accomplished during the week, as it is thought that prices cannot well recede much further, and consequently buyers have purchased a little more freely; but this may have resulted more from their stocks running low than from any belief in a decided change for the better at an early date. On the whole, therefore, the market is quiet under a fair local demand. In straight roller flour sales have been made west of Toronto for export account at \$2.90 f.o.b. and a lot of winter patents at \$3 f.o.b. These are pretty low prices. There is said to be no regular rates just now, as each holder has his own idea of values, and, as different holders are differently situated, what figures some are forced to accept others will not entertain for a moment. Prices are therefore more or less nominal.

**Oatmeal**—Rolled oats are offered in car lots at different prices by different millers, but prices on the whole are fairly well maintained. We quote prices as follows in a jobbing way:—Rolled and granulated \$4.55 to \$4.50, Standard \$4 to \$4.15. In bags, granulated and rolled \$2.10 to \$2.20, and standard \$1.96 to \$2.10.

**Feed**—There has been some business in bran in car loads at \$13 to \$13.50, and we quote \$13 to \$14 as to quantity. A fair enquiry is reported for shorts with business at \$16 to \$16.50 in car lots. The sale of a car of moullie is also reported at \$20, and we quote \$20 to \$21.50.

**Wheat**—A lot of 20,000 bushels, No. 2, Canada, red winter wheat was off red on Call Board to arrive at 75c afloat without attracting bids, and a car of No. 2, white winter in store at 72c without drawing bids. No. 1 hard Manitoba is quoted at 73c afloat Fort William, and No. 2 hard at 70c Fort William, and in this market at 78c to 80c. West of Toronto spring wheat is quoted at 59c to 60c and red and white winter 61c to 62c.

**Oats**—On call a car of No. 2 white oats was sold at 39c; but notwithstanding that sale we hear of actual sales of the Call Board in large quantity at 40c, and we quote 40 to 40c for No. 2 white.

**Barley**—There has been some business in feed barley in the west at equal to 43c here, and we quote 43 to 44c here. Two cars of malting barley were bought to arrive at 53c, the quality being reported very good.

**Cured Meats**—The market for mess pork rules on the easy side, and we hear of the sale of a good sized lot of Canada short cut at \$20.75, and one dealer says that he can buy at a shade below that figure. In lard there has been a fair business, quite a number of country orders having been filled during the past few days; sales being reported to us of about 39,000 pails at \$1.90 per pail of 20 lbs, and it is said that one lot was placed at a shade under that figure for a round quantity. A lot of 150 pails of pure beef lard was sold at \$2.45. In smoked bacon there have been sales of Montreal sugar cured in lots of 50 to 100 at 12c. Bacon meets with a fair demand at steady prices.

**Butter**—The market for butter has remained fairly steady during the week, 21c having been paid for creamery by exporters, and 18 to 18c for Eastern Townships dairy, while 17c has been paid for choice selected western for export. There has been more activity west of Toronto, and considerable quantities are reported to have been bought up. Cable advices, however, received this morning, report easier cables from Liverpool and Bristol. Last week the exports from Montreal were 2,348 packages against 717 packages for the corresponding period last year.

**Cheese**—Beyond all previous expectations the market for cheese has kept up wonderfully well, and it now looks as if Canada would find its productive capacity none too large for England's wants. At Belleville on Tuesday there

was no difficulty in getting 9c for white and colored, and at Ingersoll a lot of white June sold at 9c. At Woodstock on Wednesday, 9 1/2-10c was paid. In this market exporters say they can place all offerings readily enough on a c. i. f. basis of 45 to 46s Liverpool, and at this range a number of orders have been executed for shipment by this week's steamers, one lot of finest colored being sold at 47s 0d. On spot there have been sales of finest colored western at 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c, one fancy lot bringing 10c more. Finest white western has been placed at 9 to 9 1/4c, and finest Quebec white at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c, with finest colored Quebec commanding an 1/8c more. Under grades have sold all the way from 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c.

**Eggs**—Although receipts have been less during the week they have been ample for all needs, and prices range from 11c to 11 1/2c, with sales of choice fresh stock at 12c. Calls have fetched from 9c to 10c as to condition. No eggs are going forward from Montreal on export account.

**Wool**—A few scales of fine Caps have been made in this market at 14c to 14 1/2c, while a few lots of less desirable grades have been placed at lower figures, ranging from 12c to 13 1/2c. We quote prices as follows:—Cape 13c to 15c, Scoured E. A. wool 28c to 33c, Canadian fleece 19c to 20c, and Northwest wool 12c to 14c as to grade.

**Hides, etc.**—There has been a drop of 1/2c in light hides, which have sold at 4 1/2c for No. 1 to dealers, and next week the price to tanners will be reduced to 5c. There is a fair demand for light hides from Quebec tanners, but heavy hides are very difficult to sell. Calfskins are quiet at 7c, and lambskins have advanced to 35 and 40c per spin. We quote prices of hides and skins as follows: Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners 5 1/2, 4 1/2 and 3 1/2c and to dealers 4 1/2, 3 1/2 and 2 1/2c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 7c, lambskins 35 to 40c.—*Trade Bulletin*, July 21.

### British Columbia Brief Business Notes.

H. N. Martin, Kaslo, has opened a grocery store there.

South Vancouver sold \$35,000 worth of debentures at 92.

New Denver has a paper too. It is called the *Slocan Prospector*.

The Mission City board of trade are negotiating for a woolen mill.

The Great Northern Express Co. is opening an office in Vancouver.

E. S. Bauer, Australia, has started in as auctioneer in Vancouver.

Thos. S. Simpson, Winnipeg, has located in Nelson in the insurance business.

W. Carclur, Vancouver, has established himself in real estate in New Denver.

H. Casey and D. Qwomey, grocers, Kaslo, have dissolved. Casey continues.

The interest of the Smelter Co. in the Revelstoke has been sold by sheriff sale.

Baker Bros., Vancouver, have been appointed agents for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company.

Bismuth, associated with antimony and gold, is reported as discovered in the Big Bend mining district.

D. McGillivray, Vancouver, has secured the contract for the construction of the Nakusp and Slocan railways.

Fred. Hughes and W. T. Hireen have started a real estate and mining brokers' office in New Denver, B.C.

A. Murray Beattie, auctioneer, Vancouver, has been appointed consul by the Hawaiian provisional government.

Alex. Begg and J. W. Lynch, British Columbia Guide Publishing Co., Victoria, have dissolved; Begg continues.

There is a rumor that President Hill, of the Great Northern, has purchased the charter of the Kaslo-Slocan railway.

The clearing of the right of way for the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake railway has commenced and is making good speed.

Wilson Brothers, Victoria, have been appointed agents for British Columbia for Honolulu fruit from Campbell, Marshall & Co.

The Fraser Valley Fruit Canning Co., and the Western Wire Mattress and Furniture Co. are among the new incorporations gazetted last week.

The San Juan Valley, of Vancouver Island, is said to be setting up very rapidly, several thousand acres having there been pre-empted recently.

The North Star mine, Fort Steel, East Kootenay, has been purchased for \$10,000 by a syndicate, composed of prominent U.P.R. officials and others.

The North Pacific steamship arrived from the Orient last week with 4,000 tons cargo, principally tea and silk, 15 cabin and 135 steerage passengers.

It is understood that the Golden Smelter is about to start smelting. The ore of the North Star mine will be reduced to matte and shipped to England.

The shale, or rather cannel coal, just brought to British Columbia from New South Wales, is said far to surpass other fuel for gas manufacturing purposes.

The East Wellington colliery has been closed, owing to the miners refusing a reduction of twenty per cent. About 150 men are out of employment.

It is reported that the Vancouver and Mountain Boomer, two Slocan claims, have been bonded by E. McLean, Vancouver, to an American syndicate for \$75,000.

The following have just been added to the post offices of British Columbia: Hernando Island, Read Island, and Valdez Island, near Comox, Courtenay, and Watson, in the Yale district.

SS. Empress of China sailed for the Orient Monday afternoon. She had about 25 saloon passengers, and a large number of Chinese in the steerage. Her cargo was a fair one, and included 5,000 bales of cotton.

A joint stock company is being formed in Vancouver for the extensive manufacture of woven wire mattresses and household furniture. Besides looking after the trade of British Columbia, the Northwest and Manitoba, the company anticipate transacting considerable business in Australian and New Zealand markets.

Hon. Theo. Davie, Premier, has returned from an official visit to the East. Hon. Mr. Daly, Minister of the interior, will confer with him and other members of the government in regard to the settlement of important matters relating to immigration, Revelstoke town-site, and the title to Indian lands and lands in the railway belt.

It is officially announced that the C.P.N. Co. will hereafter run a steamer between Vancouver and the Sound ports, making close connection with its Asiatic and Australian steamship lines, so as to enter into thorough competition with the Northern Pacific for the import and export business of the Sound. The Danube is now running temporarily on this route, while the Haytian Republic is tied up by the libel of the United States Government.

### Assaying Ore.

For the benefit of readers who are desirous of analyzing a piece of ore suspected of containing silver these directions are given in *The Horological Review*:—"Should the piece be an argentiferous galena or lead-bearing silver ore, mix 300 grains of the pulverized ore with 900 grains carbonate of soda and 30 grains charcoal. Set it in a crucible on a furnace, melt, take off, give a few taps to settle the metal, let cool and remove the button. Then remelt the button in a porous cupel made of bone dust, which absorbs the lead, leaving the pure silver."



# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, JULY 31, 1893.

## MANITOBA CROPS.

The old and foolish practice of "booming" the crops before they are harvested, has again broken out in Manitoba. More ecstatic nonsense and enthusiastic bosh is written and spoken about the crops of Manitoba than is done in any other country in the world, we believe. It is the custom with some here to begin, almost before the seed is in the ground, to talk about glorious crop prospects, and keep it up all through the summer, and up to the time the crop is harvested and turns out poor, as it has done in some years. Some of these people who talk so enthusiastically about the crops, seem to imagine they are doing the country a service, when in reality quite the opposite is the case. The country has been injured by these overdrawn crop reports. The custom of "booming" the growing crops has been carried to such an extent in past years, that Manitoba crop reports are now hardly taken seriously abroad. They are generally treated as a joke when they happen to bob up in British or United States markets. In past years the crop prospects have always been made to appear as magnificent, regardless of what the actual result has been; and in some of the years when the most glowing accounts were sent out, the harvest gave the poorest results.

The people of Manitoba are not alone to blame for this "booming" of the crop prospects. A good deal of it has come from eastern government and other officials, who have perhaps made a brief trip to the West, and who think it part of their official duty to "boom" the country. Some of the most unreliable reports regarding Manitoba crops have in this way emanated from Ottawa shortly after the return of an official person from a western trip. Reports sent direct from Manitoba are usually more reliable, although there has also been a decided tendency here to overdo the prospects, even with the more conservative, while a portion of the press and public have adopted the "boom" style in writing about the crops.

This year there has been less of this "boom" crop literature flying about than in past years, and it is pleasing to note that the custom is gradually dying out, year by year. People are beginning to learn that the country will live and prosper without so much enthusiastic talk about crops, etc. Perhaps we are getting more faith in the country ourselves, and do not need to shout so loud to keep our courage up. At any rate, considering the prospect, there has not been as much crop "booming" this season as might have been looked for. The fairly good outlook, however, has encouraged some to make reports about the crops which are overdrawn. Following is a paragraph of this nature, which has appeared in several influential eastern papers, and also in some United States journals:—

"The reports of crops in Manitoba are all of a most satisfactory character. Seldom in the

experience of the oldest settlers have the prospects been as good as at this season of the year, and the prediction is freely and confidently made that farmers are about to reap the largest crops in the history of the province, the yield promising to rival that of the phenomenal crop of 1887. There is no doubt now of the season's crop. The growth is assured beyond peradventure, and everything promises early and satisfactory maturity. Every day's experience is confirming the high hopes of the farmers and all who desire their prosperity."

There is no doubt of this paragraph being overdrawn. The prospect, while good, is not "phenomenal." While the average condition is good—even very good—it might be better. Some districts have had too much rain, and crops on low lands have suffered. Other sections have not had sufficient moisture, and the straw is light and the yield likely to be rather under than over a fair average. The general outlook, however, as we have stated, is promising, and if the crop maintains its present condition to the finish, their will be every reason to rejoice, and not much room for complaint.

## AFFAIRS IN AUSTRALIA.

The establishment of a line of steamships between Canada and Australia has awakened much interest in this country in our inter-colonies of the south seas. All newspaper readers know that Australia is just at present passing through a very severe financial crisis, but probably few people have any clear idea as to the nature and cause of the trouble. With the interest now being taken here in Australian matters, an official opinion as to Australia's difficulties will be worthy of perusal: Sir James Cox Bray, Agent-General for South Australia in London, England, has, on account of the government of that colony, deposited with London bankers, sufficient funds to meet all payments due on the public debt during the present year. Sir J. Cox Bray says that the investors in Australian government loans need have no fear that the principal and interest will be paid as they become due. He says that business generally, though quiet, has not been disturbed by the collapse of the banks, and confidence is returning. The crop prospect is good, owing to the most abundant rainfall in many years.

The colony of Victoria has been a great sufferer from the present crisis. Lieut. General Sir Andrew Clarke, the acting Agent General, admits, in an interview with a representative of *London Commerce*, that the whole misfortune has been brought about through over-speculation in city and suburban lands. Prices of properties were rushed up to bursting point, and money has been borrowed on estates right up to the hilt and beyond it. Undue inflation was thus given to values by speculators, so that when the panic first became felt the speculators at once accelerated the disaster and made things look really worse than ever.

Sir Andrew Clarke says the people belonging to the country are not in pecuniary difficulties, but that the adventurers and the speculators are the sufferers. The people are placing their money in the savings banks and are as sound as ever. Victoria will certainly meet her engagements as regards payment of interest. The success attendant on the reconstruction of some of the banks has caused several other banks

and wholesale houses to seek refuge in the same shelter and by the same process.

He states that railways and harbors, roads, &c., may have been built too quickly, but, at least, the money has not been wasted, and there is something to show for it. The country has gone too fast ahead, but the most difficult part, that of opening a new continent, is finished, and a few years will see Australia as flourishing as ever. Trade at the present moment is naturally affected, but it will not take long to shake off the present depression.

This is the opinion of an Australian resident in London in an official capacity, and officials are often liable to take a more roseate view of matters than circumstances may warrant. Still the energy which the people of Australia have shown in the past, will no doubt serve to quickly pull them through their present troubles and place them upon the road to continuous prosperous development. The Australians have a great country to develop. They have undoubtedly "boomed" their country too much, and pushed development too fast, but they will live down their difficulties and flourish again in due time, though the effect of the collapse of the inflation will undoubtedly be felt longer than the more optimistic will now admit—and most people engaged in developing a new country are optimists.

## THE WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL.

The *Free Press* is we believe decidedly astary in attributing the decrease in exhibits at the recent exhibition to the close financial situation. It is a poor rule, they say, which will not work both ways. Now, the attendance was larger than last year, notwithstanding the falling off in exhibits. If financial closeness were the cause, there would have been a falling off in the attendance as well as in exhibits. The true reason for the poorer display in some departments is as stated in *THE COMMERCIAL* last week, namely, the extension this year of the duration of the exhibition. This extension did not interfere with visitors, who could come and go at pleasure but it was a serious matter to exhibitors, who had to be on hand at the opening, and remain until the close. Hence, while there was an increase in attendance, there was a decrease in exhibits.

The exhibition should be held so that exhibitors could come and go within the week. Three, or four days at the outside, is long enough to serve all purposes. Such an arrangement as to time would draw out a much better exhibit, while we believe the attendance would be just as large, and the running expenses would be materially reduced. The few hundred more visitors who may possibly be secured by spreading the fair over so many days will not begin to pay for the increased expense, while most objectionable of all, the lengthening of the time has been done at the expense of the most important feature of the exhibition—the agricultural display. The daily figures of attendance show the mistake of extending the time. Only 800 persons attended on Saturday, and less than 3,000 in the aggregate for Monday and Tuesday. The attendance was practically on the three days of Wednesday to Friday inclusive.

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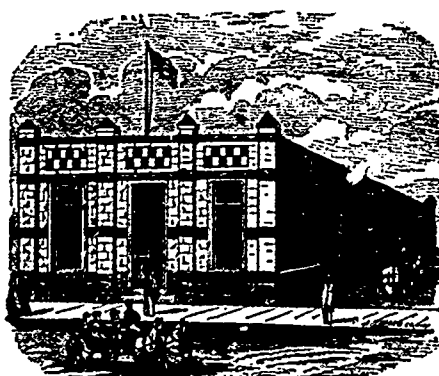
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Saturday would not be long in discovering that a mistake had been made in holding the fair over that day. The exhibitors were all sick and tired, and some of them were heard to declare that they would not come again, unless it were arranged in future so they could come and go within the week. THE COMMERCIAL learned of representative stock men who had not made an exhibit this year, owing to the length of time they would have to remain here with their effects. A three days' show, we believe, would give better results all around, and prove wonderfully satisfactory to exhibitors.

**Manitoba.**

W. P. Landon, hardware, Ninga, has admitted Thomas Hallworth; style, Landon & Hallworth.

W. F. B. Jackson, photographer, Regina, has sold out to D. Curtis.

G. Flatt & Baker, general store, Greenway, have dissolved partnership; James Flat continuing.

Jas. A. Palmer, hardware and agricultural implements, Gladstone, has sold out to Jas. McCrae and D. A. McLean.

C. Meredith, tea, Winnipeg, sold out to Hugh McSain.

The stock of C. J. Goodman, livery, Winnipeg is advertised for sale by bailiff.

Knowlton & Co., drugs, Winnipeg, have dissolved. Dr. Blakely retires.

Turner, Adolph, flour and feed, St. Boniface. Sold out to N. Houde.

P. Troudeau & Co., butchers, St. Boniface. Dissolved partnership.

A. Collins, painter, St. Boniface. Burned out.

Dyson, Farnsworth & Co., coffee and spice mills, Winnipeg. Dissolved partnership, C. L. Farnsworth retiring; D. J. Dyson & Co., continuing.

Oawald, Herman & Co., hats, caps and furs. Stock advertised to be sold by sheriff 29th inst.

Bradon Bros., butchers, Winnipeg. Sold out by bailiff on 21st inst.

A. Edwards & Co. have opened in the future line at Portage la Prairie, with a large stock.

The total paid admissions to the Winnipeg Industrial reached nearly 25,000, and the gate and grand-stand receipts to about \$9,000.

Tom Lauther, of Lauther Bros., Russell, was killed by lightning on July 26, while standing at his desk.

G. S. Haslam has purchased from J. B. Henderson the Riesberry stock at Carberry, and will open in the clothing and boot and shoe trade, etc., at that place.

The brewery owned by Thomas Cairns at Portage la Prairie was completely destroyed by fire last week; with 1,000 gallons of beer; insured for \$2,500; which is a small portion of the loss.

There were about 1,000 entries at the Brandon summer fair last week, and the attendance was good. The exhibit of live stock was the most conspicuous feature, a lot of excellent animals being shown.

The safe of Lawrie Brothers, general merchants, Morris, was blown open by burglars last week and \$18 taken. The perpetrators left a deposit addressed to Molson's Bank, with \$368 in it. They had evidently overlooked it, as it was all in N. P. checks.

Edmund E. Sheppard, of Toronto, publisher of the Toronto Saturday Night, is in Winnipeg for the purpose of supervising the first issue of the Winnipeg Saturday Night, a weekly publication devoted to society, the drama and topics of popular interest. The new journal will ap-

pear shortly, and will be in the nature of a western edition of the popular Toronto paper, with several pages of special local matter added thereto.

The Russell Chronicle says:—"We hope to be able to record shortly, the first engineering success on the Assiniboine river by the completion of the dam at Millwood. The turbine wheel has not yet been put into its place and proved the efficiency of the power, but there seems no doubt of its ability to run the flour and saw mills. The dam was constructed by Mr. Mitchell, of the firm of Mitchell & Bucknall, millers of Willwood. Mr. Webster, of the mill, is the engineer under whose direction the dam was conceived and erected. The turbine wheel is 100 horse power, and in the course of a month will be in its place, when the setplogs will be inserted and the water raised. The cost of the dam is about \$3,000, and if it should prove a success it will be the pioneer of similar structures which will furnish power for the population along the whole course of the Assiniboine river and and one more link in the chain of development that is fast awakening the silent prairies from their sleep of idleness.

**Assiniboia.**

Wm. A. & H. R. Lambert, general store-keepers, Craven, have assigned.

Track laying on the northern end of the "Soo" extension will be actively commenced in a few days. At the southern end of the Canadian section of the road rails are being laid at the rate of two miles per day.

**Grain and Milling.**

The Farmers' Joint Stock Grist Mill Co., of Alameda, Assa., has been incorporated.

Smith & Brigham, of Moosomin, have finished delivering 5,000 sacks of flour at Edmonton, for Indian supplies. They have 2,000 sacks yet to deliver for police supplies.

**Alberta.**

John Hallam, of Toronto, is in Alberta, looking up the wool clip.

R. B. Barnes, drugs, Fort McLeod, has opened a branch at Innisfail.

Robert Evans, veterinary surgeon, Fort McLeod, is starting a hotel.

A correspondent writing from Innisfail says: The crops in this locality are second to none in the Territories, wheat rapidly heading out, and hay has been cut five and a half feet high.

R. Ironside, of Manitou, has returned from a two weeks' tour of Alberta, where he purchased 4,000 head of cattle, which the firm of Gordon & Ironside will ship later on to the old country.

The contract for grading the Galt road between Danmore and Lethbridge, in order to permit of the line being made standard gauge, has been let to Mike Carlin, who has now a force of men at work.

The calf branding, says the Macleod Gazette, has panned out considerably better than was expected some months ago. The average has been fully maintained with the majority of ranchers. It had been rather expected that owing to the severe winter and the cold backward spring the young calves would have suffered severely and the mortality amongst them would have been heavy, but with some few notable exceptions the contrary has been the case; what the loss amongst range cattle during last winter was, is still a matter of doubt. So many animals drifted south across the boundary line, where they are still, that until it has been ascertained the numbers of those, anything like accurate figuring will be impossible. The cattle are now rapidly getting into fine condition, and with such feed as is to be found everywhere in this district after the recent heavy rains, in another week or two they will be in the very prime state. It would seem probable that the hay

will be exceedingly plentiful, and most of the ranches will avail themselves of this and lay in an ample supply.

**Live Stock Market.**

At Liverpool on July 24, the improvement noted in the market the previous week continued. The receipts of United States and Canadian cattle were not so heavy, and the demand steady. The range of prices was as follows:—

Finest steers.....	00 to 11
Good to choice.....	00 to 10 1/2
Poor to medium.....	00 to 9 1/2
Inferior and bulls.....	7 to 8 1/2

The Montreal Gazette of July 24 says: The shipments during the past week have been small, only 2,155 head being shipped. The British markets have maintained the advance noted last week, and an improvement is noted in Glasgow, owing, no doubt, to the opening of Yorkhill Market. The freight market rules easy but unchanged at 35s to 40s, only one line holding out for 40s. None of the steamers, however, are getting full cargoes, one deck being about as much as most agents expect, while one Glasgow boat sailed with only 51 head on board. It must not be taken for granted that the cattle now going forward are going to make fortunes. In fact, it is doubtful if they will let out, but they will not lose as much as the stock which has been selling during the past month.

At the East End abattoir, Montreal, on July 24, there were 350 head of cattle, 100 calves and 300 sheep and lambs offered. There was a good demand for cattle, and while prices were no higher than on Thursday last, the quality of the cattle offered was not so good, really choice cattle being scarce. The best cattle offered made 4 1/2c, while fairly good made 4 to 4 1/4c. There were no good calves offered, prices ranging from \$3 to \$8 each. Sheep sold at 3 1/2c, and lambs were higher at \$2.75 to \$4.25.

**Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.**

Below is shown the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for five weeks ending on the dates given, and compared with the same weeks of last year:—

Grade.	June 21.	July 1.	July 8.	July 15.	July 22.
Extra Manitoba					
hard.....	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 hard.....	7	0	2	0	7
No. 2 hard.....	59	46	22	10	17
No. 3 hard.....	12	23	27	15	15
No. 1 Northern.....	2	2	2	0	1
No. 2 Northern.....	1	0	0	0	1
No. 3 Northern.....	2	0	0	0	0
No. 1 White type.....	0	1	0	0	0
No. 2 White type.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 Frosted.....	8	6	5	5	0
No. 2 Frosted.....	2	4	3	1	0
No. 3 Frosted.....	0	1	0	0	0
Rejected.....	6	26	12	13	5
No Grade.....	9	12	11	3	4
Feed Wheat.....	0	1	0	0	1
Total.....	108	122	84	52	36
Same week last year	308	354	266	166	131

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—July, 61c; September, 67c.  
 Tuesday—July, 62c; September, 68c.  
 Wednesday—July, 61c; September, 67c.  
 Thursday—July 60c; September, 63c.  
 Friday—July 63c; September, 61c.  
 Saturday—July—September, —

A week ago July wheat closed at 62c, and September delivery at 65 1/2c.

The officials representing the various railways running to the south now announce a rate of single fare to Chicago and return from points in Manitoba on the following dates: July 17th, 24th and 31st, and August 7th. The tickets are good for return leaving Chicago on the first and second Friday after date of sale.

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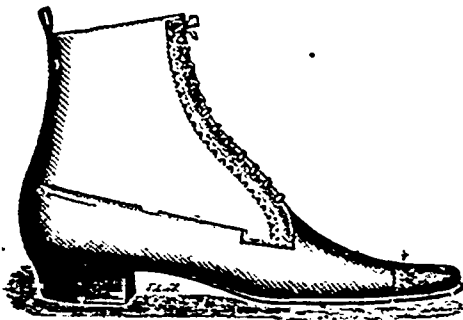
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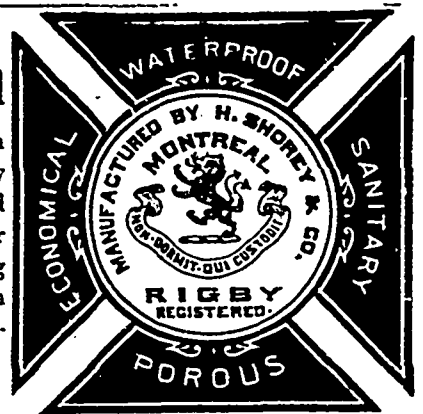
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## B. C. Market Quotations.

**DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.**—Live steers are 3½ to 3¾; cows 3c; beef, 7½c—sheep, 6 to 5½c; mutton, 11½; lambs, \$3 75 each; calves, 6 to 6½c; veal, 9 to 10c; hogs, 7½c; pork, 10½c.

**FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.**—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keowatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patent, per bbl., \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4 15. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$4.55; XXX, \$4.35; strong bakers, or XX, \$4.35; superfine, \$3.55. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4 30; ladies choice, \$4.75; prairie lily, \$4 50; Oregon, \$5.00. Enderby mills—Premier \$5 25; three star, \$4 90; two star, \$4.50; oatmeal eastern \$3 40; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.35; National mills, Victoria, \$3.75; rolled oats eastern \$1.00 to \$3.25; California, \$4.00; National mills \$3.60 per sack; Westminster Mills, cornmeal \$3.10; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; China rice do \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$21; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$30 per ton; bran, \$23; shorts \$28; Man. oats, \$33 to 35; wheat \$25; oil cake, \$50; hay, \$20. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$25.50 per ton; oats \$30 in bulk; chop barley, \$32. California malting barley, \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to \$33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$4.65; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$4.25. The Western Milling Co. quote mixed chop, \$30; patent flour, \$1.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Brandon Mills patents, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.40.

**FISH**—Prices are:—salmon, 5 to 6c; flounders, 4 to 5c; smoked salmon, 12½c; smoked halibut, 10c.

**MEATS**—Quotations:—Hams are 16½c; breakfast bacon, 17c; backs, 14 to 15½c; long clear, 14c; short rolls, 14c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins, 17c per pound; in pails, 16½c; in tubs, 16½c. Corned beef \$5 per bbl; mess pork \$28; short cut \$25.

**VEGETABLES**—New potatoes \$32 per ton; red onions 1½c; silverskins 2½c; cabbage, 2c; rhubarb 4c; carrots, turnips and cels, 1c.

**DAIRY**—Eastern creamery is quoted at 21c, first quality Manitoba dairy, 18c.

**EGGS**—Eastern, case, 15½c; Manitoba, fresh, 16c.

**FRUIT**—Bananas, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per bunch; oranges, California, \$3 to 3.50; lemons, Sicillies, \$5.50; cherries, 90c to \$1 per box; peaches, \$1.25; apricots, \$1.25; plums, \$1 to 1.25; British Columbia cherries, \$1 per box; raspberries and currants, 5c; evaporated apples are quoted at 10c per lb; apricots, 20c; peaches, 11c; dates, 7 to 8c; Smyrna prunes, 9c.

## Brief Business Notes.

A. G. Horner & Son, general store, Nanaimo, has assigned.

James Williams' hotel, Nanaimo, sold out to J. A. Thompson.

Carne & Numsie, grocers, Victoria, dissolved. F. Carne continues.

Kerr & Begg, books and stationery, Victoria, dissolved. Kerr continues.

J. A. Johnson, hotel, Victoria, sheriff in possession.

W. P. Sawyer, crockery, &c., Victoria, assigned in trust to James Hastie.

A. J. D. Umphoad, hotel, Westminster; stock for sale by sheriff.]

McKay & McIvan, saloon; sold out to W. Tietjen.

R. W. Calvin, Victoria, shipbuilder; succeeded by O Lando Warner

W. Y. Myles, hotel, Nanaimo; sold out to Otto Wolf.

Matches are now being manufactured in Westminster.

Cold storage is being inaugurated in Westminster by private parties.

Parnell & Gunn have purchased the stock of A. Des Brisay, Westminster, and are opening an extensive stock of groceries at the old stand.

Clark & Sons, grocers, Vancouver, advertise giving up business.

Vaughan & Co. commission men, Vancouver, giving up business.

J. C. Leask & Co., Victoria, composed of J. C. Leask and D. Randall, have dissolved partnership, the latter retiring. Mr. Leask will continue the business in his own name.

F. C. Davidge, who has completed arrangements for placing a line of steamships on the Seattle Orient route in connection with the Great Northern railway, has returned home. The steamers will make a short stop at Victoria, the first one arriving in August. For the present steamers will be chartered for the route, but the company intend building steamers which will be ready by May 1st, 1891. These steamers will be principally for carrying freight, but there will be passenger accommodation. The line will be managed by Samuels, Samuels & Co., represented on the Sound and British Columbia by F. C. Davidge and Co.

## Crop Failure in England.

The London *Mark Lane Express* depicts a sorrowful picture concerning British agricultural interests. We quote as follows: "Never before has the prospect for the farmer been so black as it is at the present moment. Years of low prices, cloudy skies and excessive rainfall have drained his capital and exhausted his energy, his resources and his hopes. The finishing stroke comes at last from the sunshine he has so much wanted, but of which he has now had, when combined with absence of rain, too much. His crops are destroyed in the parched soils and his cattle are starving from want of food which his farm has failed to produce. Such is the situation of the farmer today, and it is difficult to see clearly how he is to get out of the tight corner in which he is placed. His can, it is true, sow catch crops and trust to our having a mud rainy season; he can clear off his miserable crops, and prepare the land quickly for others; he can also obtain meals and corn and cakes at reasonable prices—but all these things cost money, and money is a very scarce article on the farm in this year of grace 1891. It is here that the crucial point of the situation comes in, for whatever money is spent now cannot possibly be used to a profit, but only to save a part of the present small capital already invested in the soil. To bring in fresh capital for unprofitable use is hardly to be expected, and so the agricultural interest must jog on and do the best it can.

But we really think it high time that the government of the country did something for the farmer. The United Kingdom is still a wealthy country in spite of bad times and a diminished revenue, and unless it is to cease to be so, it must see that its only really productive industry is restored to a state of prosperity. "Agriculture is the basis of all wealth; 'the plow is the first creditor of every State;" and it behoves every nation to see that the profitable productions of the soil are maintained. This is the teaching of both ancient and modern alike, and it seems strange that even a national calamity like the loss of

our crops this year from drouth cannot rouse the government of the day to do its duty.

The disaster of British agriculture is more widespread in its ruin and horrenting effects than would be the loss of at least twenty ships like the *Victoria*, and yet it goes on without a word of sympathy from Parliament, or the slightest attempt to throw out a legislative life-buoy. Let those who doubt our assertion just consider a few facts. The deficiency from an active crop of hay in England at home in the two years 1891-92 was no less than £15,000,000 sterling, while if our crop this year is two-thirds less than an average one, the loss (at £4 per ton, on which the above is computed) will be over £20,000,000. If we divide this loss by two, we have nearly £18,000,000, or enough to purchase eighteen such vessels as the one whose loss the whole nation is deploring, and this gigantic loss is from one crop alone. This year all our crops are failing us more or less, and the total loss of income to the agriculturists of this country, from all these sources, cannot be far short of £2 per acre, and as there are over 21,000,000 acres under cultivation in England—where the disaster of the year is more felt—it follows that the losses from this source alone cannot be far short of £50,000,000, the value of fifty full equipped ironclads.

Crops throughout the Province of Ontario are reported as follows:—"Spring and fall wheat and barley, reduced acreage but fair crops; peas damaged by spring rains, but otherwise up to average; other grains above average; hay, largest crop cut for many years; roots promise well; large fruit, fair crop, except apples, which will be a failure; small fruits abundant. On the whole farmers are well satisfied with the summer's prospects."

The department of the interior at Ottawa has been notified that Immigration Agent Crosswhite has left the Sault with a party of thirty-five farm delegates selected from different points in Michigan, to visit Manitoba and the Territories and report their observations. Agent Williams, of the interior department, has also left the Sault with a party of forty-five settlers from Michigan for Manitoba.

One New York broker reports having sold a line of about 25 cases Jersey canned tomatoes at \$1.47½ on the spot. Despite this there was an offer of a lot at \$1.42½ on dock for similar goods. Illinois pack were offered at \$1.24½ delivered here for standard and \$1.30 for fancy quality. The difference in prices speaks for itself. Some Canadian stock was offered at a cost of \$1.25 landed here, duty paid.—N. Y. *Journal of Commerce*.

The hay crop of England and Wales is about 5,000,000 tons when an average yield is secured. Last year the production fell to 5,555,000 tons, but the importations were comparatively small, 61,000 tons. This year the crop is estimated at figures ranging from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 tons. It is clear that importations will be far short of the difference between the production this season and what is regarded as an average crop. The production in the United States will probably be fully 50,000,000 tons.

A new commercial journal reaches us from England this week. It is called *Commerce*, and will be published weekly. The monthly publication known as the *Chamber of Commerce Journal*, of London, has been incorporated with *Commerce*, and the former will now cease to exist as a separate publication. *Commerce* is a finely printed paper, handsomely illustrated, and generally carries the appearance of a high class journal. Its special mission is to promote intercommunication between boards of trade and chambers of commerce throughout the world. The prestige which it will start with as successor to the *Chamber of Commerce Journal*, will give it a standing at once, while the appearance of the first issue would indicate a great expansion of influence and usefulness, as compared with the *Chamber of Commerce Journal*.

### A Big Deal in Raspberries.

During next week the first carload of Canadian raspberries will leave Montreal for Boston, being the first shipment on account of some sweeping purchases made recently in Canada on behalf of fruit dealers in New York and Boston. The agent who did the buying for the syndicate of Americans was a well known Bontecours market dealer, and he has had his men out scooping in all the berries he could get during the past fortnight. The result of this heavy purchasing has been that although the receipts of berries at Montreal have been unusually heavy, the crop being a large one, prices have been kept steady by the prospect of this large quantity of fruit been taken across the lines and so relieving the local pressure. So far as known from 70,000 to 100,000 packages have been contracted for on behalf of the American syndicate, and the ruling price has been 70c. From this it is evident

they must want the fruit very badly, for it is the exact figure at which they are jobbing out in an ordinary way to the trade in Montreal. Therefore the Americans must have hopes of a pretty high market at home to induce them to make these large purchases at this comparatively full figure. Most of the buying so far has been done in the St. Jerome district, but they are paying attention to other sections as well.—Toronto *Crocer*.

Montreal boot and shoe manufacturers say that the fall business promises to be late, and that orders from travellers are very disappointing. Some houses, however, are cutting up in anticipation of the fall trade, as it will no doubt set in suddenly. Some houses report the receipt of fall orders, but they admit that they are not as large as at this time last year. Prices are keeping steady for both fine and coarse goods.

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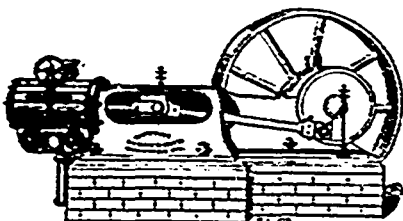
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**BARN WIRE**—Barb wire is being sold very close in the country by some retailers, \$1.25 being quoted by some parties. This would indicate that either some retailers are content to sell wire at a heavy loss, or that there is sharp cutting in prices by some of the dealers, in selling to retailers, as the regular quotations to the trade is \$1.25. Even wire bought before the advance, when the price to the trade was \$1, could not be sold profitably in the country at \$1.25, allowing for local freights and other costs of handling.

**BINDER TWINE**—A new brand of binder twine has been placed on the market here in a limited quantity. This is the twine manufactured at the Central prison, Toronto, in connection with which a twine factory has been established by the Ontario Government. As the factory was not ready to operate until late in the season, it was not expected that any of the twine would come west this year, as the desire of the Ontario government was to supply the farmers of that province as cheaply as possible. However, John Hallam, one of the best known citizens of Toronto, who is handling the Central prison twine for the government, has forwarded a couple of cars to his branch base in Winnipeg, and this has been disposed of to a local wholesale hardware house. Enough will be sold to introduce the twine here this season. Only one brand is made, and it is claimed to be a pure manilla twine. It is sold at 8 1/2c in car lots east, and at 9 1/2c to farmers there. The freight rate of 3 1/2c per 100 pounds would be added to the car lot price east to make a quotation here, though about 9c was quoted here in car lots, which is considerably lower, counting freight, than the quotation at Toronto. Agents of United States factories have been trying hard to place orders for twine in this market recently, as owing to lighter crops, the supply in that country is in excess of requirements. It is understood some low quotations of prices have been made.

**Green Fruits**—Most varieties of California oranges are out of season. Seedlings, bicolors and budded oranges are out. St. Michaels are in stock yet, but will not hold out long. California late Valencia oranges are now coming, and these are a good keeping variety, but the price is higher. Watermelons are out. Southern stock is now out of season, but more northern grown melons will be coming along at once. Last arrivals of southern stock hardly made freight, being out of condition. California cherries are out of season. A few Oregon cherries have arrived, but have been poor quality. Apricots are also out of season. In native fruits, blueberries and raspberries are abundant. Prices are: California oranges, St. Michaels, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per box; do. Valencias, \$6.75 to \$7; Messina lemons, \$6 to \$7 per box; tomatoes, \$2 to \$2.25 per crate of four baskets; pineapples, \$3.50 per dozen; California peaches, \$2 to \$2.25 per box; Pears, \$3 to \$3.50 per box; bananas, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per bunch.

**WHEAT**—The week has been a disastrous one for wheat bulls. Prices have gone steadily downwards day after day, with the exception of some showing of strength on Monday. The visible supply statement on Monday showed a decrease of 425,000 bushels, making the total 58,903,000 bushels, as compared with 23,068,000 bushels a year ago. United States markets declined sharply on Monday, further bank failures causing mistrust, though cables were higher. Prices continued to sag on Wednesday and cables came in lower, influenced by the heavy decline in the stock markets. Rail road stocks were greatly depressed. On Thursday prices still declined, and there was a panic feeling at Chicago, with heavy liquidation by longs, who are giving up in despair. On Friday United States markets were even

more demoralized than on other days. At Chicago there was a panic among holders, and a previous record of low prices was smashed. Prices dropped 2 1/2 to 2 3/4. Many holders were throwing their loads overboard. Lightness of the money market is the trouble. Holders could not get money to carry the stuff, and were obliged to sacrifice.

The long continued depression of wheat is causing considerable anxiety locally, not that there is much wheat held, but for the new crop. The present position of wheat would necessitate very low prices, and it is hoped that there will be some recovery before our new crop comes to market. The Manitoba crop out look continues good, the weather having been favorable this week—reasonably warm and clear, with a few thunder storms in localities. There were some very heavy thunder storms, with destructive hail, but only covering a limited area, though some farmers lost their entire crop. A terrific gale of wind swept across the country on Thursday night, and considerable damage from hail is reported from the northern districts, beginning at Gladstone and extending northeasterly, hail having accompanied the storm in that section. Stocks of wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur on July 24 were 1,901,716 bushels, being a decrease of 23,642 bushels for the week. The previous week there was an increase of 25,052 bushels.

**FLOUR**—Prices in small lots to the local trade are quoted: Patents, \$1.50; strong bakers' \$1.60; XXXX 70 to 80c; superfine 60 to 70c. Low grades irregular. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots.

**MILLSUTTERS**—The price to the local trade, less than car lots, delivered is the same at \$9 for bran and \$11 for shorts.

**GROUND FEED**—Held at \$17 to 20 per ton as to quality. Oil cake meal, sacked, \$26 per ton.

**OATMEAL, ETC.**—Unchanged. Rolled oats quoted at \$2.20 per sack, while some brands are quoted \$2.30. Granulated varies from \$2.20 to \$2.30; standard about \$2; corameal \$1.60 to \$1.65; beans, \$1.50 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley \$2.40 to 2.50; pearl barley \$4 per sack.

**OATS** Quiet, and held at about the same as a week ago, cars on track at 30 to 32c per bushel, local freights paid. A few loads offering on the street market bring about 30c per bushel. Car lots, country points, about 25 to 26c per bushel of 34 pounds.

**BARLEY**—On track here, local freight paid, at 30 to 33c per bushel of 15 pounds.

**Butter**—Some car lot shipments are being made east. Local retailers are largely supplied by farmers. A fair range of quotations appears to be from 12 to 14c, for dairy.

**CHEESE**—The present idea of prices is 8 to 8 1/2c to the factories. Some small cheese have been sold at \$4 to 9c.

**EGGS**—Dealers are paying 11c for receipts, and selling at 12 to 12 1/2c, candled, per dozen.

**CURED MEATS**—Dry salt bacon ranges 3c higher. Other meats unchanged. We quote: Dry salt long clear bacon, 11 1/2c to 12c; smoked long clear, 12 1/2c; spiced rolls 10 1/2 to 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon 14 to 14 1/2c; smoked hams, 13 to 14c; the lower price; for heavy hams; shoulders, 10 1/2 to 11c; mess pork, \$20.00 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 9c; bologna sausage 9c lb; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. same as hides. Sheepskins worth 60c to \$1 for full wool skins, the top price for very large; shearlings, 15 to 20c each. Lambskins, 20c. to 25c. Tallow, 4 1/2 to 5c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

**Wool**—Easier. We quote ordinary unwashed Manitoba fleece at 7 to 9c per lb, as to quality. John Hallam, who is in the west, wired on Friday that he had purchased the C. A. C. Co's clip, which is the largest in the territories, estimated at 75,000 pounds. Nicola clip (of Medicine Hat), was purchased some time ago

It is reported that there is a good deal of scabby wool in the western range country this spring, and this statement is given credence by the fact that there was a great demand for sheep dips from the ranches this spring, owing, it was said, to prevalence of scab on some of the ranges.

**SENEGAL ROT**—Dealers are buying at 25 to 28c per lb as to quality.

**VEGETABLES**—Old potatoes on the street market bring about 30 to 40c per bushel. New \$1.

**LARD**—Pure held at \$2.60, in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound, lower at \$2.20 per pail.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef is easier. Beef quoted at 5 to 5 1/2c as to quality. Mutton held at about 12 1/2c for best quality, city dressed. Pork, 7 to 7 1/2c.

**HIDES**—Dull at the decline. We quote Winnipeg inspected here as follows: No. 1 cows, 3c; No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 1 1/2c; No. 1, heavy steers, 1c; No. 2 steers, 3c. Real veal 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about

**LIVE STOCK**—Three cars of sheep arrived from Ontario this week. One car is reported to have sold at 5c, and the other two were brought in by a city butcher. Hogs are quoted at 5 1/2c off cars here. The large new packing house will be ready to begin operations about the middle of August, which will greatly increase the local demand for hogs.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened strong on Monday, prices starting 1/2 to 1c higher and advanced 3/4c more. Prices then declined 1/2c, again advanced 1c, closing 1 1/2c higher than Saturday. Corn and oats recovered and made a liberal advance. Closing prices were:—

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	65	63 1/2	74 1/2
Corn .....	40 1/2	41 1/2	—
Oats .....	25 1/2	25 1/2	—
Pork .....	19 75	20 50	—
Lard .....	9 90	10 20	—
Ribs .....	8 25	8 3 1/2	—

On Tuesday prices about lost the gain of Monday. The opening was 1/2c lower, and declined 1 1/2c more, closing about 1 1/2c lower. Closing prices were:—

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	63 1/2	61 1/2	73 1/2
Corn .....	37 1/2	40 1/2	—
Oats .....	27 1/2	24 1/2	—
Pork .....	19 75	20 50	—
Lard .....	9 7 1/2	10 0 1/2	—
Ribs .....	8 1 1/2	8 25	—

Prices receded further on Wednesday, opening 1/2 to 3/4c lower, advanced 1/2c, declined 1/2 to 3/4c, again advanced 1/2 to 3/4c, became weak and closed 3/4c lower for December and 7/8c lower for September. Closing prices were:—

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	62 1/2	60	73
Corn .....	39	39 1/2	—
Oats .....	26	24	—
Pork .....	19 00	19 75	—
Lard .....	9 65	9 95	—
Ribs .....	7 8 1/2	7 9 1/2	—

On Thursday there was a panic in wheat, owing to heavy selling by large operators. The lower spread and there was a great deal of liquidation going on by disheartened operators on the long side. Corn and oats also declined heavily. Closing prices were:—

	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat .....	61 1/2	63 1/2	—	72 1/2
Corn .....	38 1/2	39 1/2	—	—
Oats .....	24 1/2	23 1/2	—	—
Pork .....	18 90	19 50	—	—
Lard .....	9 50	9 70	—	—
Ribs .....	7 5 1/2	7 50	—	—

On Friday wheat was greatly depressed, and holders were panic stricken. Prices were 2 1/2c lower, but recovered some, September selling from 65 1/2 at the opening down to 62 1/2c, and closed 1/2c above the bottom price.

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	59 1/2	—	61 1/2	70 1/2
Corn .....	37 1/2	—	38 1/2	—
Oats .....	24	—	23 1/2	—
Pork .....	18 90	—	19 50	—
Lard .....	9 42 1/2	—	9 7 1/2	—
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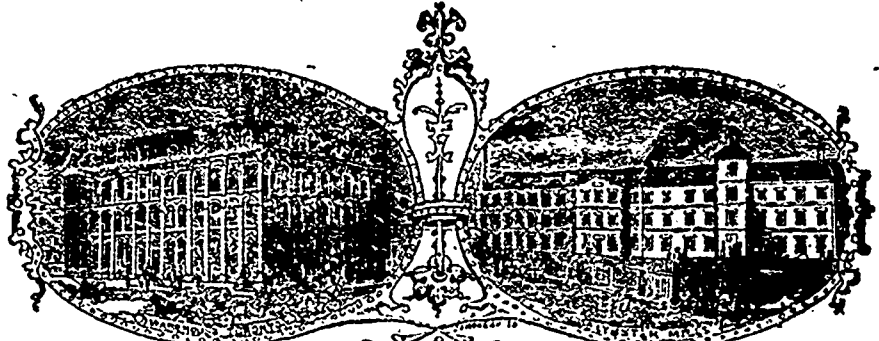
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## India's Action on Silver.

The closing of the Indian Government's mints to the free coinage of silver for private account was the overshadowing financial event of the week. Predictions had been freely made that such a step would be taken, the action of the silver market, and more especially the market for rupee paper, (as the silver obligations of the Indian government are called) giving a tangible indication to that effect. In spite of this the announcement came as a surprise. This is due to the fact that the presentation and discussion of the report of Lord Herschell's committee on the Indian currency was expected to precede any actual measures to change the situation. The closing of the mints or the establishment of a fixed exchange value of the rupee had been suggested as within the probabilities, but accompanying such rumors were other intimations that any action of that nature would probably be made contingent upon the decision of the American Congress in regard to the Sherman Act. It was also supposed that the British Parliament would be called to pass upon the question, the general impression being that hasty action was the least likely of possible contingencies.

These impressions have now proved to be erroneous. Seldom has a step of such vital importance and deep import to the financial world been taken with such suddenness. The viceroy of India, Lord Lansdowne, is quoted as saying that the administration of the country have not made the change with light hearts. This may be interpreted as indicating not only that the decision met with the approval of the British cabinet, but that the Herschell committee recommended its adoption as the result of their investigation. The part played by the Herschell committee does not, however, appear very plainly, nor has it been mentioned in the public dispatches.

The unexpected element in the transaction is that the India Council, as the supreme legislative authority, has taken the initiative. The simple announcement was cabled from India on Monday last that the Bombay and Calcutta mints had been closed to the free coinage of silver rupees for private account, followed by the further statement that rupees coined for government account would be exchanged for gold at the rate of 16d per rupee. Sovereigns are to be received at the public treasuries in payment of government dues at the same rate, and it was briefly added that the intention was to establish a gold standard at some future date.

### THE POSITION OF INDIA.

A matter of such far-reaching importance can hardly be made the subject of generalizations at present. The subject naturally divides itself under two heads—the effect on Indian finances and trade and the influence it brings to bear in connection with the settlement of the silver problem. Referring to the first of these, the policy and intentions of the Indian government are very clearly expressed by a statement issued by the viceroy, in which he says in substance that the keynote of the plan is to prevent a further fall in exchange rates rather than to raise the value of the rupee. The fixing of the provisional rate of exchange at 1s 4d provides an automatic means of preventing the closing of the mints from violently disturbing exchange rates. The rate of exchange has been fixed high enough to relieve the government of its most pressing necessities, while it is well within the limit of recent fluctuations. It is not proposed to substitute gold for silver currency. No attempt is to be made at present to fix a legal-tender price for gold. While the ratio of value was mentioned it was only provisional. Lord Lansdowne in conclusion said that he hoped a sufficient reserve of gold would be accumulated to make an effective gold standard possible.

This statement shows that it was the instability of exchanges which forced the issue. There seems to be no fear of a depreciation of

the internal value of the rupee. On the other hand, however, the fall of silver and the constant lowering of exchange created an increasing drain upon the revenues of the government, and furnished abundant cause for disturbances in the external trade of the country. The interest charges of the Indian government payable in Europe in gold are very heavy, amounting last year to about Rs. 220,000,000. These payments are met either by the sale in London of India Council drafts or by sterling loans. The sale of these drafts for the current year is estimated at about Rs. 170,000,000, and in the India budget for the year there is a deficit of Rs. 10,031,000 attributed directly to the fall in exchange.

In theory the sale of council drafts should control the market for India exchange. In practice the condition of the silver market has governed the price obtained by the government for its exchange. India is a credit country with a balance of trade in its favor. Its exports for the fiscal year 1892-93 were valued at Rs. 1,065,150,000, against imports valued at Rs. 626,180,000, an apparent balance of Rs. 438,970,000. In the same period the net imports of silver were about Rs. 120,000,000. In other words, remittances to pay the balance of trade due to India could be met either by the purchase of council drafts or by the shipment of silver bullion, which since 1835 has been subject to free coinage at the mints. Owing to this arrangement the silver market could always be played off against the rate of exchange and the latter has steadily gravitated downward till the government could this winter barely "peg" the price of council drafts at 1s. 2½d against a normal value for the rupee of 2s. The government, therefore, simply endeavors to eliminate this element, and by taking the seigniorage on future silver coinage hopes to give a fixed exchange value of 1s. 4d to the rupee.

### THE EFFECT ON THE SILVER MARKET.

The ultimate effects of the matter upon the silver market and on India exchange are, of course, impossible to foresee. Its immediate influence has been, however, in keeping with the theory on which the India Council's action was predicated. India exchange and rupee paper have both strengthened in the London market, the latter rising immediately after the announcement to 71, while the allotments of council bills on Wednesday were made at 16 to 15½d per rupee. At the same time it should be noticed that anticipations of the Herschell report had caused considerable speculative activity in both remittances and Indian securities, giving opportunity for a slight reaction, rupee paper at the close of the week selling down to 69.

The same speculative element also appears in the action of silver prices. Severe as the fluctuations of the metal have been during the past two days, the violence of its fall from 37½d to 30½d per ounce in London and from 81 to 62c in New York is not only exceedingly violent in its effects, but brings silver to the lowest price on record. The idea that India, hitherto the largest natural absorber of silver, must be left out of account in the distribution of the world's product is sufficient to account for this result. Nevertheless, it would seem that other circumstances have intensified the depression and demoralization. To say nothing of the presumption that Ceylon, the Straits and other possessions in the east will at once follow India's example, it is urged that the disturbance of trade in China and Japan will lend a further element of demoralization, which the repeal of the Sherman Act would render complete. At the same time it is recognized that the position probably appears worse than it really is. The suddenness of the council's action not being expected, there had been for some weeks past a movement to absorb silver on the part of Indian banks and merchants, resulting in an advance in the price of bars from 37½d to 38½d. Large stocks had been accumulated on the theory that due notice would be given of any change in the India coinage regulations, and these accumula-

tions being rendered practically useless, the depreciation is necessarily aggravated. The most pressing questions addressed to the British cabinet in Parliament have had reference to this phase of the subject, and though Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues have been slow to commit themselves or the Indian authorities to any line of action, it is scarcely possible that provision will not be made for important interests which have been so profoundly affected. It has, however, been stated by the English premier that the authority of the Indian government to coin rupees is unquestionable, and the presumption is that the government itself will now become a purchaser of silver, though on a moderate scale. Realization of this fact may modify the disturbing influences which have at first been aroused.

### THE EFFECT OF SILVER PRODUCTION.

Apart from the relations of the move to the silver problem in general, and to the Sherman act in particular, the most important of its effects in the United States refers to the silver-mining and smelting industries. In this quarter the impression has been profound. The drop in the value of the product would necessarily tend to stop the operations of low-grade mines, and has it would seem already affected the smelting concerns, in spite of the fact that these purchases of ore are made from day to day on the basis of current silver prices. Some of the largest concerns are understood to have suspended purchase pending the demoralization of silver values, while a more important step is contemplated by some of the largest mine owners. Denver dispatches indicate that a conference of silver-mining interests has actually decided on an immediate and substantial suspension of production, on the ground that its continuance at this juncture would be simply ruinous. The influence of such a step upon general business and railroad interests in districts where mining and smelting is the principal industry must be exceedingly severe, and would be calculated to aggravate a situation already trying in the extreme. While the average cost of silver production is an unsettled point, it would seem that 60c per ounce is regarded as not far from the true figure. Silver has now reached this point, and under the circumstances, even if the larger and high grade mines do not adopt such extreme measures, an enormous curtailment of production seems inevitable, which may have some effect in bringing about the reaction which is not unlikely to occur.—*Braistree's*.

### Prices of Meats Abroad.

The New York *National Provisioner* says: "The meat markets of America and Europe present some peculiar anomalies just now. In London meat is exceedingly cheap, and cattle are being sent to market to be sold at any price, for the reason that it does not pay to keep them, the cost of feed being so high. This high price has been occasioned by drouth. The drouth has also affected the markets of France, and in Paris the populace has been up in arms and made an appeal to the municipal authorities because the butchers have not reduced their prices in the ratio of the number of cattle being sent in. Here in America things are also at sixes and sevens, and, despite the acknowledged fact that there is a shortage both in hogs and cattle, there has been extraordinary runs of both, particularly cattle, on our markets in the past few weeks."

None of the lower province refiners are offering granulated sugars, says a Toronto exchange of July 14, and only yellows that happen to be consigned. This is, no doubt, preparatory to the amalgamation of the three refineries. The market here was steady to day. New York was telegraphed 1-16 higher on refined. Local demand is fair, and prices remain at 5½ to 5¾c for granulated, and 4½ to 5½ for yellows.



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Teas and Coffees—In a jobbing way the business is chiefly in new Japans at 16 to 35c as to quality; a few lots of old low grades can be bought at 10½ to 15c. Blacks are fairly active at 15c for low grade up. Indians and Ceylons are unchanged. The London market has been quiet, notwithstanding the arrival of first new season's monings. The quality of the latter has been good, but the prices do not show equal value with Ceylons. The first arrivals of these teas will be here in a few days, being between here and the coast at the present moment. Coffees are quiet and unchanged. Rices are steady at 20½ to 22c; Porto Rico, 24 to 28c; Mochas rule at 28c for average samples to 32c for choice Javas; 29 to 33c for Old Government.

Dried Fruit—Most of the importing houses are sending off their orders for new Mediterranean fruits. Prices are open. Figures are given, but the crops are in such a condition at the moment that values are uncertain. Currants, which at one time were reported to be suffering severely from mildew, are looking up, and latest advices are that a fair crop will be the result. Raisins, prunes, dates and so on, each promise a liberal yield. Locally there is a good movement in Valencia raisins owing to the low prices quoted off stalk being obtainable at 90c a box to 5½c per pound, as to quality. Currants—Barrels, 5½ to 7c; half barrels, 5½ to 6½c; cases, 6½ to 7½c; Vostizzas, cases, 7½ to 9½; Patras, barrels, 6½c; cases, 6½ to 7½c. Raisins—Valencias, 3½ to 5½c; layers, 6½ to 7½c; Sultanas 6 to 11c; loose Muscatels, \$2.25 to 2.40; London layers, \$1.80 to 2.25; black baskets, \$3.30 to 3.50; blue baskets, \$4.00 to \$4.25. Figs—Elemes, 10 lbs and up, 9½ to 13c; white Malaga figs, 6½ to 7c in 25 lb boxes; natural do, in bags, 4 to 4½c; mats do, 4½c; 14-oz 9 to 9½c. Dates—Hallowee, 7½ to 8c. Prunes—Cases, 7½ to 8½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 15½ to 17c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily 9½ to 15c; walnuts, Grenoble, 14½ to 15c; Mar-bots, 12c.

Canned Goods.—Demand for canned vegetables and fruits is less active and holders are in some instances shading former prices to reduce the stocks as much as possible. Packers are offering new peas for immediate delivery at 80c, raspberries and strawberries \$1.50 to \$1.60, and cherries at \$1.60, but the trade generally are not buying to any extent. Futures are not selling, and very few quotations are being made. Crop prospects continue good on all lines and no doubt will result in large pack with the exception perhaps of apples. The demand for the latter are, however, light, as the facilities for storing green fruit are improving and they may be had all the year round. Spot tomatoes, corn and peas are quoted at 85 to 90c for popular ordinary brands, while choicest brands of corn and peas are held at \$1.25 to \$1.40. Pumpkins may be bought at 70 to 80c. Beans, not wanted. Fruits, slow, prices unchanged, stocks light. Fish, steady. Salmon steady and firm on the best brands, the latter are held at \$1.50 to 1.60, and flats \$1.70 to 1.80, but other packs may be had at \$1.30 to \$1.45 and at \$1.10 to \$1.25 for spring catch. Now mackerel is offered at 95c to \$1. Lobsters, quiet at \$1.85 to \$2, and flats \$2.40 to \$2.50 for best brands. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.70 to 1.80; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.30 to 1.65; do., spring catch, \$1.10 to \$1.25; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.25 to 2.95; lobster, other

1's, \$1.75 to 2.25; mackorel, \$1.00 to \$1.25; finnan haddie, \$1.40 to 1.50; sardines, French 1's, 40c; sardines, French ½'s, 17c; sardines, American ½'s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American ¼'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 80 to 95c; corn, 2's, 80c to 90c; peas, 2's, 80c to \$1; beans, 85 to 95c; pumpkins, 70 to 90c; strawberries and raspberries, 2's \$1.85 to \$2; appl's, gals, \$2.25 to \$2.40; 3's, 75c to 90c; peaches, 2's, \$2 to 2.25; 3's, \$3.25 to 3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.60 to \$2.85; pears, 2's, \$1.45 to 1.85; 3's, \$2.25 to 2.60.

Rice and Spices—Rice, bags, 3½ to 3½c; do., off grades 3½ to 3½c; do., Patna, 4½ to 5½c; do Japan, 4½ to 5c; sugo 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5c; pepper, black, 1½ to 1½c; do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 18 to 20c; cloves, 10 to 15c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 90c to \$1.10; cream of tartar, 28 to 35c. Empire, July 20.

**Teas.**

The London *Grocers' Gazette* has the following on the position of tea: "New Indian tea is beginning to come along fairly fast now, but so far quality is disappointing, the teas from most districts, though well made, being poor and dry in cup. The opening prices are much lower than last year, and notably teas from Dooras and also from Darjeeling estates are frequently from 2 to 3d per pound easier. Dooras broken Pekoe, which opened last year at 10½d per pound, has sold this week at 8½d per pound; and in Darjeelings the difference in quotations is even more pronounced. The pooriness of the teas is, of course, given as the chief reason for this falling off, but we fancy that what has a great deal more to do with it is the quiet state of trade, and the anxiety of the dealers all round to keep out of buying till they see more prospect of a speedy turn over. Old stock, too, undoubtedly plays a big part in checking anything like free operations, and both dealers and brokers, though probably not heavily landed, must have some pretty discounts to write off against the year.

The general impression appears to be that we shall see a very low range of prices throughout the coming season, and this looks likely, as it becomes more apparent every year that the outlets for fine teas are closing up, and the incessant advertising of the cheap canister is bound to prevent customers throughout the country from paying any more than is absolutely necessary. As it is, 2s per pound is rapidly becoming quite a fancy price to pay the grocer, and blending is now such a fine art that marvellous tea can be sold at a very low figure. As regards finest tippy teas, of course Ireland has always been the great outlet for these, but the past season has proved a poor one for the Irish trade, and there are unmistakable signs that the days of selling large lines of tippy brokens are gone. The blending business is now being extensively adopted in Ireland, and all the largest houses are making a strong point of blended and packet teas, and this is bound to more and more lessen the enquiry for fine grades."

**Exports of Breadstuffs.**

The figures of the exports of breadstuffs from the United States in the fiscal year ending June 30 are entitled to more than passing attention, and a close study of them in comparison with the same for previous years throws considerable light upon the export movement of gold during the first half of 1893, and also upon the high rates for sterling exchange which have prevailed. The value of the exports of wheat, flour, corn, etc., for the year reached a total of only \$199,460,700, against \$299,363,100 in the previous year, a decrease of about \$100,000,000, of which \$63,704,200 was on wheat, and \$17,194,600 on corn, while flour shows an increase of \$576,000. But it is to be noted that the figures for the year just closed were, with the single exception of 1892, the largest for any year since 1883, when all breadstuffs

exports reached an aggregate of \$208,000,000.

The largest total on record was for 1880, when the export values ran up to the enormous total of \$283,000,000. One explanation of the great difference is found in the large decrease in the prices of wheat, flour and corn. Thus while in 1880 the average value per bushel of wheat exported was \$1.243, in 1893 it had fallen to \$1.127, and in 1892 to \$0.799, the low price on record. In 1880 the average value per barrel of flour was \$5.37, which rose to \$5.95 in 1893, but was down to \$4.54 in 1892. The average value of corn per bushel in 1880 was \$0.543, in 1893, \$0.668, and in 1892, \$0.534. But in 1891 corn averaged only \$0.418 per bushel. While there was a falling off in the volume of exports, the decrease in values was due to a great extent to the lower average prices. The present ruling prices certainly ought to stimulate foreign buying, especially as this year's wheat crop promises to be small, and European crops are admittedly poor. The foreign demand for forage crops promises to be very large, as in many parts of Europe cattle are being slaughtered owing to the scarcity of forage.—New York *Daily Investigator*, July 18.

**Montana Beef Cattle.**

The *Helena Independent* says: "The first shipment of beef cattle from Montana to Chicago will be made this week from the eastern part of the State, but the heavy and steady shipment will not begin for a month yet, and will last until well along in the fall, says the *Stockgrowers' Journal*. Last year the first shipments were made the latter part of June. Cattle came out of the winter this year very poor, and they are now only beginning to put on flesh. Chicago commission men advise the Montana growers to hold their cattle until they are in prime condition, saying the prospect is excellent for good prices later in the season. Some Dakota growers, forced to sell, have already shipped to Chicago, but their cattle were in such condition that they brought only \$2.50 and \$3 a hundred. Unless there are worse times East than there are at present, and money gets tighter, it is expected that Montana cattle will average the growers in Chicago this year, \$1.50 a hundred. Of course the best beef will go from \$1 to \$2 higher, but it is the expectation that the general average will be as stated. This is about \$1 more than cattle averaged last year.

**Losses of Cattle.**

The losses of cattle have not been what owners were led to believe during the winter, and surely this part of the range country is more blessed than some sections, for from Arizona comes the news that the bones of dead cattle are being gathered and shipped in car loads to California. These cattle died of drouth during the fall and winter of 1892, and the bones are shaken out of the dry hides. It requires the bones of about 600 cattle to make a carload, and as one man has collected four carloads within a radius of thirty miles of Tucson, and claims that the bones of those 3,800 cattle do not represent one third of those that perished within those limits last fall, one can imagine about how the cattle interest fared there.—*Montana Stock Growers' Journal*.

**Louisiana's Great Rice Crop.**

The New Orleans *Picayune* says: "The last season has witnessed the largest domestic rice crop ever grown, the Louisiana yield alone having approximated 2,000,000 bags of rough rice, but at the same time, unfortunately, the lowest prices on record have been experienced. It is therefore questionable whether the producers have realized any considerable profit from their enormous yield. The previous average production of rice in Louisiana has been about 1,000,000 bags, and nothing but low prices could have been expected in a season which witnessed such an extraordinary increase of output."



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## Grain Measures in the United Kingdom,

After extensive enquiry concerning the question of a uniform standard of measures for scales of grain a committee of the British Parliament has submitted a report offering the following conclusion:

1st. That the sale of grain by weight is a better method than by measure of capacity; that it is fairer and less likely to lead to dispute; more convenient, and in practice is now generally adopted, by the custom of using the so called weighted measure.

2nd. That the present system of sale by a great variety of weighed measures is objectionable and misleading, and should be discontinued.

3rd. That the best method is to adopt one weight for the standard of reference for sales of all cereals.

4th. That the one weight to be adopted should be the hundredweight of 112 imperial pounds.

5th. That this weight should be adopted throughout Great Britain as it is already by law in Ireland.

The committee therefore recommended:

1st. That the sale of all cereals, and the products thereof, should in future be conducted in Great Britain, as in Ireland, by a reference to the hundredweight of 112 imperial pounds, and that no other weight or measure of capacity be referred to in any sale; and that legislation should be carried out in Great Britain to give effect to this recommendation.

2nd. They also recommend that in every case where conversion of weighed measure takes place, the weights laid down in section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1892, viz.: 60 lbs for wheat, 50 for barley, and 39 for oats, as the units of conversion for wheat, barley and oats, should always be published in the Returns of Corn Sold in the London "Gazette," and a statement made to the effect that the prices quoted in the "Gazette," are the prices for the quarter of 8 bushels of such statutory weights.

3rd. The committee recommend, however, that the weight of the bushel of oats should be raised from 39 to 40 lbs.

## The Strong Position of Sugar.

The New Orleans *Picayune* says: "The announcement of the existence of cholera in Europe, together with the probability that further reports of cases of the disease will be received as the warm season advances, has added a new element of strength to the market for cane sugar. It is clear that the existence

of cholera in Europe would shut off the demand for beet sugar, owing to the disinclination to use sugar coming from cholera-infected ports, and to the possible difficulties that would be put in the way of the prompt delivery of such sugar by quarantine restrictions.

"It is now known that the Cuban crop is even smaller than had been expected, and that as a consequence the United States will be deprived of the usual amount of supplies from that source. Should the beet sugar stock be rendered unavailable owing to the cholera it will readily be seen that there would be serious reason to apprehend a scarcity of sugar toward the end of this summer.

"Even irrespective of the cholera scare, the statistical position of sugar is a strong one. The visible stocks are very much smaller than they have been at this time in several years past. The Cuban crop being very short, and the growing beet crop very backward, with a possibility of turning out badly, owing to the poor start made, the outlook for supplies is none of the brightest in any event.

"There is, therefore, a good prospect that prices will rule very firm for a considerable time, irrespective of the cholera scare; but should there be an outbreak of the dread disease in Europe, prices in America would be considerably advanced, even above the figures that the statistical position would appear to warrant.

"All this constitutes a very promising outlook for the sugar crop of this state. The smaller the supplies of foreign sugar available during the fall the greater will be the demand for the Louisiana product, and as a consequence the better will be the range of prices which the producers will receive for their sugar.

"Under the circumstances, therefore, a large Louisiana sugar crop is greatly to be hoped for, as there is every good reason to expect that a large crop could be as readily marketed under the conditions likely to prevail as a small one. From the present outlook a large crop is promised, as the acreage planted was increased, and the progress made by the growing cane to date has been in every way satisfactory."

## The Canadian Magazine for July.

This new Canadian periodical is well maintained in its July issue. It aims to secure interesting instructive and timely articles of national interest rather than material which appeals merely to the lovers of artistic excellence, and it succeeds in a way gratifying to all who have a patriotic regard for the country. A popular science article of great interest is "The Birth of Lake Ontario," in which Prof. Wilmott, of McMaster University, shows the

ancient drainage of lakes Huron, Erie and Ontario, then river valleys, through the Hudson river to the Atlantic. E. J. Toker's article, "Our Forests in Danger," is an interesting appeal for systematic forest conservation. Attorney-General Longley furnishes a thoughtful article on "The Greatest Drama," the drama of each man's life. Joh S Ewart, Q.C., Winnipeg, enters an appeal for tolerance of isms, in his article, "Isms in the Schools." Rev. Prof. Clark's "Kingley's Water Babies" is written in pleasing style. Public School Inspector Hughes, of Toronto, in "Humor in the School Room," tells of many humorous incidents, mostly of Canadian experience. "The Battle of Stony Creek," an illustrated article by F. B. Biggar, of Montreal, is a painstaking contribution to Canadian history, full of interest throughout, and much of it novel information and treatment. "The Chamois Hunter," with other articles, the number is a strong one. *The Canadian Magazine* is published by the Ontario Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto. Subscription \$2.50 per annum.—*Exchange*.

The World's Fair number of the *Manitoban* has been issued. It has numerous illustrations, which will be examined with interest. One need only mention the cuts of the mayors and councils and boards of trade of Winnipeg and Brandon, views of Winnipeg from the top of the city hall tower, looking in different directions, never before published; full page portraits of the Lieutenant-Governor, Premier Greenway, Hon. T. M. Daly, Minister of the Interior; the members of the Provincial Legislature, provincial detectives and Winnipeg and Brandon police; the fire brigade with horses and apparatus standing on the south side of the market building ready for service; views of a number of buildings in Winnipeg, such as the Livingstone block, the Island house, Fort Garry in 1859. There are also views of the interior of the Manitoba immigration offices with Agent Smith and a stuffed buffalo conspicuous in the centre. Others are a view of Victoria, B.C., of Winnipeg looking north from the Hargrave block, 1893; the Manitoba Experimental farm, Brandon; post office, court house, city hall, industrial exhibition grounds, interior of N.P.R. dining and sleeping cars, etc. The reading matter consists of articles: "all of which are original contributions from western writers." The headings of some of them are "The Manitoba Experimental Farm;" "Gaspard Le Duc," by J. J. Gleeson; "Winnipeg and its Churches," by Rev. Hugh Pedley; "A Day's Outing on the Assiniboine," by W. H. Unsworth; "Life in Manitoba," by D. W. McKerchar, M.A.; and others, relating chiefly to the subject of the cuts.

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**Barley**—Some business has been done in No. 2 for export, but terms and particulars are private.

**Oats**—Steady, with a good demand at 36 to 37c outside for Ontario. Fifteen cars Manitoba mixed sold, prompt shipment from Owen Sound, at 40c on track here. Odd cars Ontario sold 40, 40½ and 41c on track.

**Grain and Flour**—Car prices are:—Flour, Toronto freights, Manitoba patents, \$4.09 to 4.10; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.70 to 3.80; Ontario patents, \$3.20 to 3.10; straight roller, \$2.80 to 3.00; extra, \$2.60 to 2.70; low grades per bag, \$1.00 to 1.25. Bran—\$11.00 to 12.00. Shorts—\$15 to 16. **Wheat**—(west and north points)—White, 61 to 62c; spring, 60c; red winter, 61 to 62c; goose, 60 to 61c; spring Midland, 61 to 62c; No 1 hard, 81 to 83c; No 2 hard, 80 to 81c; No 3 hard, 73 to 74c; No 1 frosted, 66 to 67c; peas (outside) 58 to 60c. Barley (outside)—No 1, 45c; No 2, 40c; No 3 extra, 35 to 40c; No 3, 32 to 33c; Rye (outside) 55 to 56c. Buckwheat (outside) 50c. Oats, 40 to 41c.

**Butter**—The market is still firm, and all grades of butter appear to sell readily. Prices were unchanged to day. Most of the business was in store packed and dairy tub butter. The former sold at 16 to 17c usually, and good straight dairy brought 18c. Hardly any rolls were offered. Creameries were unchanged and steady.

**Cheese**—There is nothing new to note in spot business. The demand is still chiefly for small lots new cheeses, which sell at 9½ to 10c.

**Produce**—Quotations are: Beans per bush.—Out of store, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Dressed meats, per lb.—Beef, tress, 3½ to 4½; hinds, 8 to 9½; veal, 7½ to 9; mutton, 4½ to 6; lamb, 10 to 11c. Dried apples j.bbing at 4½c; evaporated, 8½ to 9c. Eggs—Fresh, 11½ to 12c. Hay—Timothy, on track, \$10.00 to \$10.50. Straw, \$5.50. Hides—Cured, 5½ to 5¾; green, No. 1, cows, 4½c. Skins—Sheepskins—\$1 to 1.35; calf, 5 to 8c. Hops—Canadian, 1892 crop, 11 to 14c. Honey—Extracted, 8 to 9½c; sections, 13 to 14c. Potatoes, new, per barrel, \$2.50 to 2.75. Poultry—chickens, per pair, 40 to 65c; geese, per lb., 8c; ducks, per pair, 60 to 70c; turkeys, 8 to 9½c per lb.

**Cured Meats**—The demand was good and prices were steady without change. Quotations are: Meas pork, Canadian, \$21.00 to \$21.50; short cut, \$21.50 to \$22.00; shoulder meat, \$19.00; bacon, long clear, per pound, 10½ to 11c; lard, Canadian, tierces, 12½ to 13c; tubs and pails, 13 to 13½c; in tins, from 4 to 5 lbs, 13½ to 14c; compound, do. 10 to 10½c. Smoked meats—Hams, per lb, 13 to 13½c; bellies, per lb., 12½ to 14c; rolls, per lb, 10 to 10½c; backs, per lb, 13½ to 14c.

**Export Cattle**—Not more than a dozen loads of export cattle were offered for sale this morning, and small as this supply was, it seemed sufficient for all demands. The market was a trifle steadier, and in one or two instances 4½c per lb and over was paid for choice shipping stock. Prices generally ranged from \$4.35 to 4.62½ per cwt. Everything was sold before the close.

**Butchers' Cattle**—There was a fair local demand at the prices which ruled at the beginning of the week. About half a dozen loads were purchased for Montreal market and this also helped to keep prices steady. Choice heifers and steers sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt, and common to good animals brought anywhere from 3 to 3½c per lb. A few lots of rough cows and oxen sold at a trifle lower than 3c per lb.

One load of 21 choice cattle, averaging 1,050 lbs, sold at 33c per lb; one load rough oxen and cows, averaging 1,100 lbs, at 3c per lb; one load extra choice, averaging 1,050 lbs, at \$3.85 per cwt; one load mixed heifers and steers, averaging 1,100 lbs, at \$3.50 per cwt.

**Sheep and Lambs**—With nearly 370 animals here the market was naturally weak. There was no special demand and prices were not quite so firm as on Tuesday. Sheep sold at about the same prices as lambs, bringing generally from \$3 to \$4 per head. Too many light half fat lambs were offered. Local dealers say that anything under 60 lbs. is not wanted here. One lot of fancy lambs from Bruce county, averaging at least 100 lbs., sold at \$5 per head. This was of course an exceptional sale. Other sales reported were: 139 choice lambs, averaging 70 lbs., at \$3.75 per head; 53 do., averaging 72 lbs., at \$3.80 per head. Lambs weighing from 70 to 80 lbs. will sell readily here now.

**Hogs**—The market was unchanged in every respect. The receipts was light and every thing was sold. Mr. Harris paid \$6.50 to \$6.75 per cwt. for the best animals weighed off cars, and \$6 to \$6.50 per cwt. for good store hogs. Stags and rough hogs were not wanted at any price. A few lots of stags were sold as low as 3½ to 4c per lb. The yards were pretty well cleared at the close.—*Empire*, July 22.

**Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.**

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* of July 21 says: "Ocean vessel agents have done considerable business during the past few days in grain freights, principally to Liverpool and Glasgow, the rates paid to the former port being 2s 6d to 2s 10½d, and to the latter 2s 3d to 2s 6d. London freights are easier and lower with business at 2s 3d to 2s 6d, but agents now ask more money. In all there has probably been nearly or quite a million bushels chartered, one firm alone having, it is said, taken about half a million bushels. There has also been further business in sack flour at 12s 6d to 13s 9d Glasgow and Liverpool at 15s to London. Provisions are quiet but steady at 20s London and 15s Liverpool. Cheese and butter space has been taken at 25s to Liverpool, London and Glasgow, and at 30s to Bristol.

Deal freights are doing a little better, 4s, 6d having been obtained for Liverpool; ships agents are now asking 50s. We quote 45 to 50s as to port. Hay freights have been taken at from 40s to 48s. Eggs 15s measurement. (At least have been taken at 45s to Liverpool, and we quote 35 to 45s. There has also been considerable activity in lake freights, large quantities of corn having been chartered from Chicago to Kingston at 2½c per bushel. From Kingston to Montreal the rates are steady at 2½c wheat and 2½c corn.

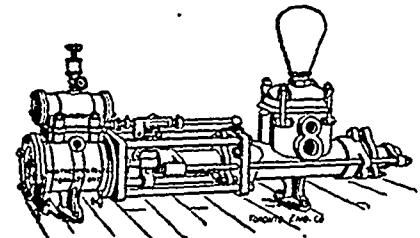
The Chicago *Daily Trade Bulletin* of July 22 says: Business with the railroads the past week was light on eastbound tonnage, and rates steady at 25c per 100 lbs. for flour and grain and 30c for provisions to New York. Through rates to Liverpool were firmer, ocean room advancing slightly. The range of flour was 30.97 to 31.36c per 100 lbs, wheat 16½ and corn 16½c per bush. Provisions 43½ to 49.69c per 100 lbs. A little business was done in hay to Liverpool by way of New York at 36½c per 100 lbs. and to Antwerp at 45c per 100 lbs. Through rates by lake and rail to New England points were firm at 9c on corn and 6c on oats. Through rates to New York by lake and rail were firmer, 7c on wheat, and 7½c on corn, and to Philadelphia 6½c on wheat, and 6½c corn. The demand for vessel room was better, and the offerings lighter. A good many of the boats refused to take the low prices, and as shippers wanted room, they had advanced the rates on wheat to 1½c, and on corn to 1½c to Buffalo. The rate to Port Huron on corn closed at 1½c, and to Kingston at 2½c, and on wheat 3c.

**More about Canned Salmon.**

The *Grocer* has from time to time posted the trade with regard to the phases of the position regarding canned salmon, predicting the possibility of some interesting developments. It seems likely from news to hand this week in Montreal that these developments were likely to follow. All sorts of rumors have been in circulation during the spring and summer with regard to the new pick; first of all there were extremely low offers, and then these were supplemented by the news that the pick was to be restricted; in fact everything was calculated to mix up buyers. Recently, however, news has been received in Montreal which outlines the future situation with a reasonable degree of certainty. This news is that the Indians and half breeds on whom the British Columbia canners depend for salmon had struck for higher prices for their fish caused considerable excitement among the grocery trade to day. Advices are that the run in the northern rivers is a pronounced failure. There is a very good run in the Fraser river, but it is about three weeks late. One agent sold about 34 cars early in the season, and the men who bought at that time are considerably elated, as they stand to make considerable money, their contracts being made at \$1.27 per dozen, while it is doubtful if contracts could be made to-day at \$1.50. There is a strong probability, however, that these orders will not be filled, but that the purchasers will only receive a proportion of their order as there is hardly a doubt now that the packers will not be able to fill them, the lateness of the run and the strike of the catchers being drawbacks which they will not be able to overcome. No talk is now heard about that agreement under which the packers agreed to curtail the pack. All in all, as we have said, the situation promises to be interesting, as we predicted at the time these very low offers were made in the spring and early summer.—*Toronto Grocer*.

**Montreal Iron and Hardware Prices.**

There is little change in the iron market. Bar iron has met with a fair enquiry and Canada plates and tin plates have been turned over in a round way. We quote prices as follows: Summerlee, \$18 to \$18.25; Eglington, \$17 to \$17.25; Cambro, \$16.75 to \$17; Siemens' No. 1, \$19; Langlois, \$18.50; wrought scrap, No. 1, \$15 to \$16; bar iron, \$1.90 to \$1.95. Tin plates, cokes, \$3.15 to \$3.20; I. C. charcoal, \$3.75 to \$4.25; Canada plates, \$2.45 to \$2.55;terne plates, \$7.25 to \$7.75. Galvanized iron 4½c to 4¾c for 28 gauge. Copper, 11½c to 12½c; ingot tin, 21½c to 22c; lead at \$2.90, and spelter at \$4.75.—*Gazette*.



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Brandon Ex. Tues. Th. & Sat.	St. Paul Express Daily.	Slips from Winnipeg.		St. Paul Express Daily.	Brandon Ex. Mon. Wed. & Fri.	Winnipeg.
2.55p	4.10p	0	Winnipeg	11.45a	1.00p	
2.45p	4.00p	3 0	Portage Junction	11.54a	1.10p	
2.30p	3.45p	9 3	St. Norbert	12.03p	1.24p	
1.17p	3.31p	15 3	Cartier	12.23p	1.37p	
1.50p	3.13p	21 3	St. Agathe	12.41p	1.55p	
1.50p	3.04p	27 4	Union Point	12.49p	2.02p	
1.35p	2.51p	32 4	Silver Plains	1.01p	2.13p	
1.20p	2.33p	40 4	Morris	1.20p	2.36p	
	2.18p	46 8	St. Jean	1.35p		
	1.77p	56 0	Letellier	1.57p		
	1.55p	65 0	Emerson	2.15p		
	1.15p	68 1	Pembina	2.25p		
	9.35a	108	Grand Forks	6.00p		
	9.35a	923	Winnipeg Junction	9.55p		
	8.35p	470	Minneapolis	8.30a		
	8.00p	481	St. Paul	7.05a		
	9.00a	583	Chicago	9.35a		

### MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.

East Bound.			STATIONS.	West Bound.		
Freight Mon. & Fri. Wed. & Sat.	Passenger Tues. & Sat.	Slips from Winnipeg.		Passenger Mon. Wed. & Fri.	Freight Tues. & Sat.	Thur. & Sat.
11.40a	2.55p	0	Winnipeg	1.00p	3.00a	
7.30p	1.15p	0	Morris	2.30p	7.20a	
6.40p	12.55p	10 0	Low Farm	3.03p	8.15a	
5.40p	12.27p	19 9	Myrtle	3.31p	9.05a	
5.24p	12.15p	25 9	Holland	3.43p	9.25a	
4.40p	11.57p	3 5	Rosebank	4.09p	9.58a	
4.10p	11.43a	6 5	Miami	4.15p	10.25a	
4.20p	11.30a	49 0	Deerwood	4.38p	11.15a	
2.58p	11.05a	54 1	Attamout	4.50p	11.45a	
2.15p	10.49a	63 1	Somersct	5.10p	12.23p	
1.45p	10.31a	68 4	Swan Lake	5.24p	1.00p	
1.17p	10.19a	74 0	Indian Springs	5.39p	1.30p	
12.37p	10.07a	79 4	Maricopolis	5.50p	1.65p	
12.23p	9.10a	82 1	Greenway	6.06p	2.23p	
11.51a	9.35a	92 2	Balder	6.21p	2.00p	
11.14a	9.12a	102 0	Belmont	6.45p	2.50p	
10.36a	8.52a	102 7	Hilton	7.21p	4.29p	
9.45a	8.40a	117 1	Ashdown	7.35p	5.03p	
9.35a	8.30a	120 0	Wawanesa	7.47p	5.18p	
8.45a	8.05a	129 5	Rosenthalite	8.14p	6.09p	
8.10a	7.45a	137 5	Martinville	8.35p	6.45p	
7.30a	7.30a	145 1	Brandon	8.55p	7.30p	

West bound passenger trains stop at Belmont for meals.

### PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Taking effect Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1892.

East Bound			STATIONS.	W. Bound		
Wed. Fri. & Sun.	Pass. No. 119 Tues. & Sat.	Slips from Winnipeg.		Pass. No. 117 Tues. & Sat.	Slips from Winnipeg.	Wed. Fri.
12.15p	12.10p	0	Winnipeg	4.15p	3.40p	
11.50p	11.50p	3.0	Portage Junction	4.25p	4.00p	
11.15a	11.31a	11.5	St. Charles	4.45p	4.20p	
11.07a	11.23a	14 7	Headingley	4.50p	4.35p	
10.36a	11.11a	21.0	White Plains	5.07p	5.00p	
10.05a	10.51a	28 8	Gravel Pit	5.25p	5.27p	
9.55a	10.49a	31.2	Laralle Tank	5.31p	5.35p	
9.35a	10.40a	35.2	Eustace	5.40p	5.45p	
9.11a	10.30a	42.1	Oakville	5.56p	6.13p	
8.25a	9.55a	55.5	Portage la Prairie	6.25p	7.00p	

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R'd Up.		In Effect September 1st, 1892.		R'd Dow	
Going South.		STATIONS.		Going North.	
Daily.	No. 5		No. 6		
	9 30a	Ar... Great Falls.....	De	11 00	
	8 50a	Ar... Vaughan.....	De	11 40	
	8 15	Ar... Steel.....	De	12 20	
	6 50	Ar... Collins.....	De	00	
	6 20	De... *Pondera.....	Ar	3 40	
	5 00	Ar... Conrad.....	De	5 00	
	3 40	De... *Shelby Junct... Ar	De	6 00	
	2 50	Ar... Rocky Springs.....	De	7 20	
	2 20	Ar... Kevin.....	De	8 10	
	1 40	De... Sweet Grass.....	Ar	9 00	
	12 50	De... (Intern'l bound.)	Ar	9 50	
	00p	Ar... *Couits.....	De	10 40	
	80	Ar... Milk River.....	De	11 25	
10 40	Ar... Brunton.....	De	12 55p		
9 50	Ar... Sterling.....	De	2 10		
8 20	Ar... Lethbridge.....	De			
7 00a					

Meals.  
Through trains leave Great Falls, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 11 p.m.  
Through trains leave Lethbridge, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 7 a.m.

### CONNECTIONS.

Canadian Pacific Railway.—Trains leave Dunmore Junction: For Atlantic coast at 10 25 a.m. For Pacific coast at 6 02 p.m.

Great Northern Railway.—Trains leave Shelby Junction: For Kallispell, Bonner's Ferry, Spokane, etc., at 10 43 a.m. For St. Paul at 2 32 p.m.

Great Northern Railway.—Trains leave Great Falls: For Helena and Butte at 10 42 a.m. For St. Paul at 1 45 p.m.

Macleod and Pincher Creek.—Stage leaves Lethbridge every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 9 a.m.  
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