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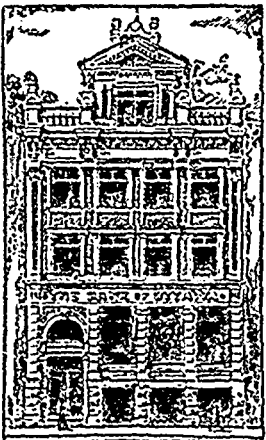
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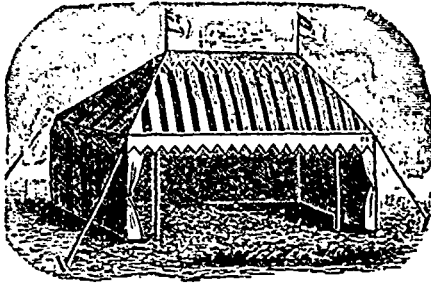
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WINNIPEG, MARCH 19, 1898.

## AGRICULTURE IN YUKON.

A bulletin has been prepared by Dr. Saunders, director of the experimental farms, upon the subject of agriculture in the Yukon district. After analyzing the temperature as recorded by Mr. Ogilvie and others, Dr. Saunders concludes that the summer temperature is too low and the season too short to admit of much being done in the way of agriculture. Frost is experienced early in June and again late in August. He thinks, however, that some garden products, such as radishes, lettuce and early varieties of cabbage and turnips could be grown fairly well, and also green peas and early beets, carrots, spinach, and possibly some sorts of onions for use green. Rhubarb, he also thinks, should be tried. If it could be wintered it would make a good growth in the season. Potatoes can only be grown large enough for use by special shelter, or in some specially favored spot. Grains can be grown for cutting green for fodder, but not to ripen.

In the vast region north of the North Saskatchewan river, grain crops have been grown to perfection in latitudes from 400 to about 1,000 miles further north than Winnipeg, at various trading posts and mission stations along the fur trade routes. There is no doubt a vast area in the valley of the Peace river and even further north, suited to agriculture and stock-raising. If the great crowd of people going to the Klondike could have been conducted through this vast in-

terior region, with its possibilities for agricultural development, it would have been a great move for the opening up and settlement of the far northwest.

## LOTTERY SWINDLES.

The Commercial was sent this week an advertisement for a "grand lottery" scheme. The advertisement, however, does not appear in our column, notwithstanding the offer of one half cash in advance. The Commercial is not available for advertising lottery swindles, for such we believe all these things to be. At least, if they are not swindles, they are demoralizing in their influence upon humanity.

## ADVERTISING SCHEMES.

The Winnipeg city council has voted \$500 to aid an outside advertising scheme, of the class known among newspaper men as "fake advertising." The council would not likely consider at all any advertising proposition coming from a local publication, though there are several papers published here which are doing more every week to advertise the city than would likely be accomplished by the investment in this scheme. Every issue of The Commercial, for instance, is calculated to draw trade to the city; and undoubtedly this journal has been a great factor in assisting in building up the trade of the city. It is not mere advertising that the city needs, but practical work such as is being done by this journal, to draw trade to this commercial centre. We do not, however, contemplate asking for any public appropriation to assist in the work.

## New Wholesale Firm.

The wholesale stock of furnishings of the estate of Cornell, Spera & Co., Winnipeg, has been sold by Bertrand, Newton & Davidson to Mr. Myron McBride, and the business will be continued under the name of Myron McBride & Co. Mr. W. S. Cornell will continue with the new firm. Mr. McBride is well known in the city, and has for years held a responsible position with the wholesale house of G. F. & J. Galt. He will give his attention particularly to the financial business of the firm. The business will be carried on in the same premises as heretofore and a large, new stock is being put in. The old firm of Cornell, Spera & Co. had their spring stock ordered, and these goods, which are now arriving, will be taken over by the new firm, so that there will be no delay in having a complete stock to start business at once. This fortunate feature enables the firm of Myron McBride & Co. to open at once and carry on business with every facility to meet the requirements of the trade of the season. The Commercial understands that the new firm starts with ample capital to enable them to carry on the business energetically and to the best advantage.

Mr. A. E. Spera, of the late firm of Cornell, Spera & Co.,

will continue in the bicycle business, which department he has had special charge of for some years. Mr. Spera has arranged to handle the Crescent wheel this season, which gave such good satisfaction last year.

## The Retail Association

The adjourned annual meeting of the Winnipeg Retailers' association was held Tuesday evening. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows: President, Wm. Hunter; vice president, Wm. Grundy; secretary, S. A. Hoover; treasurer, Geo. Ryan. Executive council—J. Carole, M. Campbell, A. R. Christie, C. H. Wilson, Thos. Cowan, T. D. Deegan, T. Jobin, W. Wellband, J. A. McKercher, Jas. Porter.

Regarding amalgamation with the Caterers' union, a delegate from that body reported that it had been decided to continue as a union for social purposes only, as a number of the caterers were not retailers and therefore could not join their association. A deputation was appointed to interview the C. P. R. officials and ask that stop-over privileges be given Yukon passengers who may desire to outfit in Winnipeg.

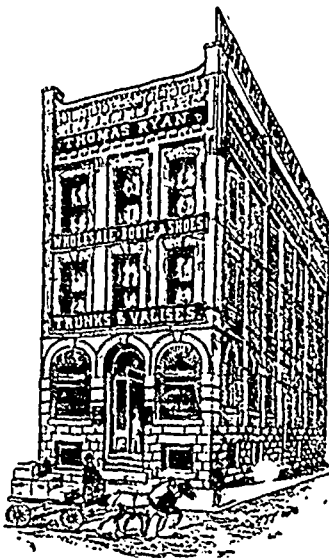
The proposed by-law taking away the privilege of two feet space in front of Main street stores for the display of goods was discussed, the majority of the members expressing themselves as being in favor of the law remaining as at present.

## Winnipeg's First Millinery Opening.

The development of Winnipeg's wholesale trade goes steadily along, keeping full time with the growth and development of the west in general. A further and late development in the trade of this city is the millinery opening held here this year by the D. McCull Co. A Commercial representative called at the show rooms and was informed by Mr. McCull, the manager, that their opening had been a success, a large number of visitors having come in to inspect the goods. A very full display of hats, flowers, etc., was certainly made. The new season hats show a great wealth of flowers, and bright colors predominate. In fact, brilliancy of color may be described as the feature of millinery this year. Flowers are used very freely, especially bright colors. Burnt orange and deep yellows are the favorite shades, while greens and heliotropes are also shown to a considerable extent. Chiffon, laces and ribbons are also largely used, also in bright colors, and in ribbons bright plaids are the favorite. Panama sailor hats are also favorite with tire rim in imitation of the bicycle tire. Feathers are not in it this year, though wings are used to some extent. The D. McCull Company will carry a stock of staples in the millinery line at their show rooms in Winnipeg, including ribbons, flowers, tips, laces, veerings, trimmings, shapes, etc.

Tasse, Wood & Co., cigar manufacturers, Montreal, have made a private assignment. The ordinary liabilities are said to be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

In parliament at Ottawa this week, in reply to Mr. McMillan, Hon. A. G. Blair said the government have the appointment of a railway commission in contemplation for next session.



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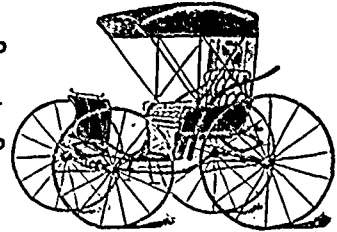
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A side industry as it might be given, though it is one of considerable importance and growing magnitude is the sash and door factory which is in very large quarters near No. 1 planing mill. It has now a capacity of 100 doors and 250 windows per day, having almost doubled its output in the last year by the addition of more machinery. The machinery is all specially made, of most approved type, and is constantly being added to. It is in charge of C. A. Moor, formerly of Brandon, Man., and some 20 or 25 men and boys are employed. The requirements of the trade keep the staff constantly busy to keep up with orders, and it is quite possible that eastern or imported stock will be practically shut out. This winter they are bringing B.C. cedar down to manufacture doors, etc. To give an idea of the size of transactions; the firm imports their glass direct from Belgium and have now standing a \$10,000 order for May delivery.

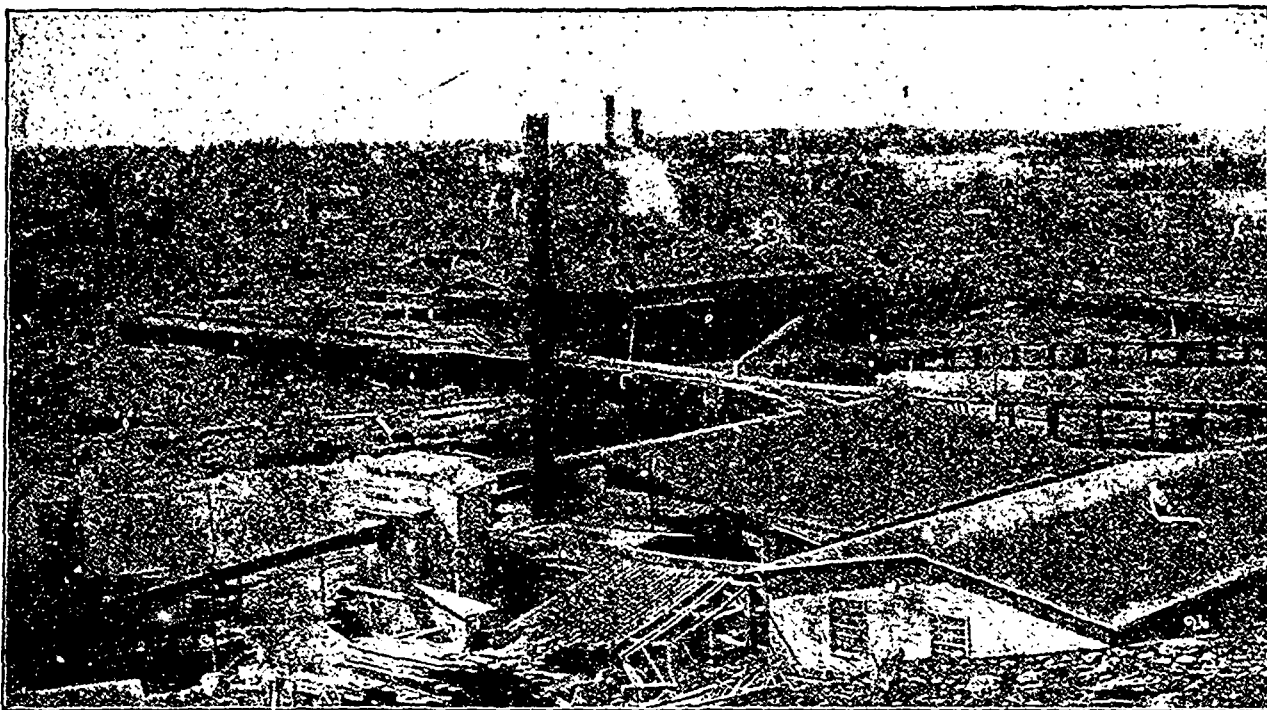
house in Winnipeg. This business is in charge of J. C. Graham as manager. A large stock of sash, doors, mouldings and other finishing material, manufactured at the factory at Rat Portage, is carried at the Winnipeg branch, and the large business already worked up, has fully justified the move of the company in extending its business in this form to Winnipeg.

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The Vancouver News-Advertiser has the following reference to the new packing house established in that city by the Parsons Produce Co., of Winnipeg:

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The officers of the company are D. C. Cameron, president and manager, Wm. Robertson, secretary, and J. E. Young, cashier. In conversation Mr. Robertson remarked that the company's purchases of produce, which are all brought from Manitoba, were a good sized item. "For instance," he said, "this winter for the supply of our winter lumber camps we have shipped from the west 1 car of butter, 2 cars bacon, 3 cars cattle, 4 cars dressed beef, 15 cars oats, 30 cars of hay," besides groceries and other supplies bought through Winnipeg dealers.

Next summer the company expects to cut 36,000,000 feet of lumber. About 40,000,000 feet of logs have been taken out this winter, and a small quantity of logs are on hand at the mills to begin operations on in the spring, before the new cut can be got in.

Last fall the company opened a branch wholesale sash and door ware-

a visit to the premises recently acquired by the Parsons Produce Co., in the Commercial block, Columbia avenue, will give them an insight into the vast extent of import and export trade that cannot but surprise the uninitiated. The premises comprise the general counting house, manager's office, and a large ware room on the ground floor. The second floor contains the sausage and lard manufacturing and storage rooms, while in the spacious basement the pork-packing and dry salting business, into which the firm has recently entered is carried on. Immediately adjoining is the smoke house, which is capable of turning out 500 cured hams every twenty-four hours.

A News-Advertiser representative recently paid a visit of inspection to the establishment, over which he was shown by the energetic manager, Charles McNe. At the time of the visit, in the pork-packing department, there had just arrived a carload of

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227 hogs, which were being handled by the staff of dressers employed at the rate of 50 per day. In this department, an immense stock will be kept in hand by the company to meet such demands as may be made upon it, either for the Klondike or local trade. The stock of hams, bacon, short-out, mess pork and dry salted bacon on hand at the present time exceeds 250,000 lbs., the latter being kept in huge curing vats, holding nearly 8,000 lbs. each. A large stock is also kept ready in barrels for supplying the ships provisioning at Pacific coast ports. In this department everything is kept scrupulously clean, and is most admirably arranged.

On the ground floor is kept the large stock of goods ready for shipment, including butter, neatly packed in crates for the Klondike. This butter is imported direct from Manitoba and Ontario creameries, and is already packed in cans of from 1 to 10 pounds in weight, and crated conveniently for shipping north. The firm has, at the present time, orders for 50,000 lbs. for the Klondike. The lard is also packed in the same manner, in pails varying from 3 to 50 lbs. Crates of Californian fruit, of eggs, meat and poultry are also stacked up in large quantities, awaiting shipment. The eggs are all carefully tested by an experienced man, and those stale or tainted thrown out.

On the upper floor—and, by the way, it should be mentioned that electric hoists connect each floor—are to be found the machines for the steam lard rendering and sausage manufactory, both these machines being driven by steam and worked by a 6-horse power gas engine. The lard tank is capable of turning out 6,000 lbs. of pure lard, and is of the latest improved pattern. This department is a model of cleanliness and order.

Some idea of the immense trade done by this firm may be gathered from the fact that at the present time it has a carload of hogs and two of butter at its private siding, four carloads of beans for the Klondike, on the wharf; and two of butter, one of eggs, one of cheese, and two of hogs are now on the way from Manitoba. By the last Australian liner, 10 tons of butter was received from Australia, and each Empress takes out large consignments of this article to the Orient. The Parsons Produce Co. also receives large quantities of Californian fruit by each San Francisco steamer calling here. The cans, packing cases, etc., used by the company are all of local manufacture. John Parsons is at present supervising the trade at this branch, and contemplates remaining in Vancouver till June. The company has also extensive premises in Victoria, Rossland and Nelson.

### British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, March 12.

Retailers and wholesalers report business good and money plentiful. As a matter of fact business is better than good and it is all cash. Merchants could handle no more business unless they employed more help and worked all night. They are prepared to do this and before long this will have to be done. The rumor that Vancouver is not able to handle the trade is ridiculous.

The outfitters are being handled very effectively and the city council and board of trade, and above all, the Canadian Pacific railway are doing wonders in the way of accommodating the immense crowds while they are here, and in keeping them moving. The scenes on the wharves daily beggar description. There is a huge molley of freight piled high, donkeys, horses, dogs and humanity, swaying and struggling to and fro in a crazy crush. Vancouver is in the midst of her second big boom, but the rush has not yet reached the crisis. Mr. White, of the C. P. R., in an interview to-day stated that the passenger traffic on the road between New York and Vancouver was becoming so heavy that it was likely that two trains a day instead of one would be put on. There are numerous changes in the market this week. Canadian creamery and dairy butter has been wiped off the list and the California and Australian article has taken its place, while California are the only saleable eggs in the market. Vegetables of all kinds, as well as fruit, have advanced. Flour and feed remain the same, but there is a heavy demand springing up which may force prices higher. Meats are all going up, owing to the increased demand, and will be higher. There will barely be enough available to satisfy the market this summer owing to the big drafts on cattle alive for the Klondike.

An attempt was made by The Commercial representative to get some idea of the business being done in Vancouver on account of the outfitting trade. The trip through the business portion of the city was most interesting, a more independent lot of merchants it is hard to imagine. Some stated they did not want any more business, that if they did any more a double staff would be engaged for all night work and this would necessitate enlargement of premises and more wharf room which they had not got and which would take some time to get. Others stated they would take and successfully handle double their present business and were catering for it.

Anything more than common civility does not go in Vancouver stores. The customary politeness that English and French people are accustomed to has been set aside for the time being, as too much waste of precious time. Minutes are money, in my idea said one merchant and customers should realize that the present was no time to engage a proprietor in a friendly chat. The rush will pass and soon become a memory and we must make hay while the sun shines. One outfitter stated that he was taking in over his counter from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a day; another takes in from \$800 to \$1,200 a day; six others from \$500 to \$1,000, and ten others from \$200 to \$500, while the scattered trade represents another \$2,000 and to this must be added the receipts of ticket offices, hotels and saloons which must bring the daily average up to between \$35,000 and \$40,000 daily, or a quarter of a million dollars a week.

Merchants complain sadly of wharfage accommodation, they have to pile goods ready for steamers in their front stores until the wharf managers are ready to take them and that is often just before steamers sail. This will eventually be overcome however, as new wharves are now being built all along the water front.

### Dry Goods Trade.

Cotton fabrics in the United States are easier for the coarser yarn goods, but medium fine-yarn goods, such as are affected by the New Bedford labor troubles, are firm and prices have been further advanced.

A Boston report says: The dullness causes an easier feeling on the more common wools, but choice grades are yet held steady. Advices from Bradford, England, report 1-2d advance in the price of both 56 and 60 yarns over last week, and the auction sale of wool which commences in London, March 15, should show even stronger prices. In the west early buyers are contracting for wool at high prices on the sheep's backs.

A New Bedford telegram says it was fully expected that the end of this, the eighth week of the big cotton mill strike, would see the settlement of the difficulties, but the strike is still on, because the weavers will not come to terms on the fines question. This has caused a bitter feeling among strikers outside of the weavers, and many union members threaten to withdraw from the strike and let the weavers fight their own battle.

Our Toronto representative says. The drop in the price of cotton by the Canadian mill is attributed to the fear that American mill-men are preparing to send in goods as is usual, to clean up stocks at the close of the season, and also to the fear that there may be a reduction of duties made by the Ottawa government. The reductions are as follows: On white pillow cotton 1c per yard, mill price; low bleached sheetings 1 to 1.1c as to grade. These are the lines that will be most affected by the reduction in price. But there has also been a reduction in the price of canton flannels in the lower numbers of 10 per cent, and 5 to 7 1-2 per cent in the medium numbers. The stocks of cottons here are not large, so that there is not the same kicking as was heard a year or two ago, when the mill's reduced prices before the jobbers had disposed of their stocks. There is an active demand for carpets and sales are fully 25 per cent ahead of the same time last year. The demand is for a much better class of carpets than has been experienced for several years. The weather here has been very favorable to the sale of spring goods, and the outlook is promising.

### The Live Stock Trade.

Two cars of cattle were shipped from Somerset, Man., last week. Mr. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, has bought 125 head in the same district for shipment.

A party from Russell, Man., says the cattle for summer shipment, of which there are a large number in that district, are already well picked up by the buyers. Hay is selling as high as \$10 a ton and is scarce even at these figures at Russell. Two year old straw sells at \$1 a load.

Adam McKenzie, of Neepawa district, Man., will start in the spring from the vicinity of Neepawa with a large herd of cattle, probably four or five hundred head, for the Klondike. Mr. McKenzie will probably ship to Edmonton, and thence gradually drive the herd northward, expecting to find plenty of feed en route.



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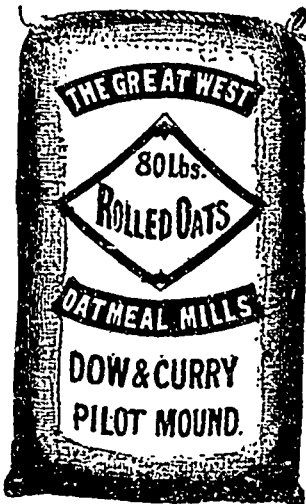
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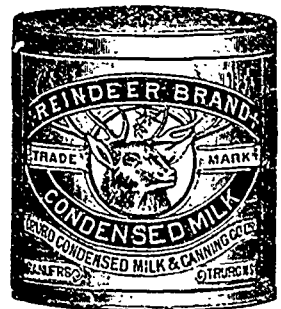
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## British Columbia Mining Notes

## THE COAST MINES.

The Channe company after having reduced their capitalization from one million dollars to \$250,000 have succeeded in pooling their stock, only some 10,000 shares being on the market. One of their properties in Kootenay will now commence to ship and this and other properties belonging to them will be developed by the sale of the treasury stock 25 cents par, which has not yet been disposed of.

The Channe company have as an asset from the sale of properties on the coast £25,000 shares in the gold fields of British Columbia. The subsidiary stocks of this company are selling at 12 and 13 shillings premiums and the 25,000 shares are to be sold at par and the proceeds delivered to the Channe company, with which the company propose to pay dividends.

## HARRISON LAKE.

The Fire Mountain company's claim, the Money Spinner, has been worked by a Huntington mill since Feb. 3rd. There has been six days delay so that the clean up will not take place until the 15th of March. It is expected that it will be one of the best clean-ups yet reported, as the mill tests in San Francisco have run very high. The tunnel of this claim is now in 195 feet and the winze down 90 feet, the average width of the vein in tunnel and winze being four feet.

## LILLOOET DISTRICT.

Interested parties have purchased in all 18,000 shares of Golden Cache treasury stock when the market was below that figure, for the purpose of putting in a plan on the property. The company expect to have struck the true vein, and state that with proper facilities they will make a mine of the Golden Cache.

The Ida May, free milling, belonging to the Alpha Bell company, still continues a fabulously rich working prospect, but the owners are saying very little and are busy proving the property. The tunnel is now in 200 feet and there is no indication of the disappearance of the very rich rock, carrying much free gold. Five hundred pounds have been brought down and reduced to pulp. This has been freely sampled before being shipped to San Francisco for a mill test. There are some nine 50-pound sacks of pulp which it is said will go \$75 or over to the ton.

## British Columbia Flour Trade.

The reduction recently secured in freight rates on flour from Manitoba to Pacific coast points is proving of much benefit to Manitoba millers, who already find their business improving, as they are enabled to compete to better advantage with millers in the Pacific coast states. The reduction amounting to 20 cents per barrel, is quite an item on a commodity sold as close as flour often is. The same reduction was made to Kootenay points as to mainland coast points, and to Victoria the reduction was a trifle more being about 22c. per barrel.

The freight rate on flour is still 20 cents per barrel higher to Kootenay points than to Vancouver. Millers here contend that the Kootenay rate should be reduced to the same figure as Vancouver, as they have very strong competition to meet in the Kootenay from Washington Territory millers, who in addition to the

advantage of having cheaper wheat than the Manitoba millers, also have only a short railway haul. Millers say that if the Kootenay rate were reduced to the same figure as the Vancouver rate, they would be able to practically control the market, to the exclusion of imported flour.

## Grocery Items.

E. Nicholson, commission merchant, Winnipeg, has returned from an eastern trip. He reports the markets very firm east for canned goods. About all the stocks of tomatoes outside of jobbers' hands are held by two parties, who ask \$1.15 to \$1.25 per dozen, according to brand. An offer of \$1.10 made for a round lot was refused. Other lines of canned goods were also firm, and some lines are now selling in Winnipeg, he says, at less than they could be laid down for here in car lots.

One of the oldest and best known manufacturing concerns in Canada is the Edwardsburg Starch Co., of Cardinal, Ont. This company manufactures a great variety of starches and their aim has been to put up only the very best goods in each class. This they are enabled to do, owing to their long experience and perfect facilities for the manufacture of preparations in their line. One of their leaders in Benson's enamel starch, which is ready to use with cold water without boiling, and is noted for the brilliant gloss which it produces. Benson's Canada prepared corn for culinary purposes is too well known to need special mention.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, B. C., say: "From our annual salmon supplement which accompanies this circular, it will be seen that last year's pack was a record, over one million cases being put up. Such a result, however, is scarcely beneficial to the market at large, so a strong combination of canners and dealers has been entered into. Their objects are merely to regulate the prices of last year's pack and judiciously limit the quantity to be put up this season, with a view to placing the industry in a sounder position."

A Toronto report says: There has been an advance in the price of cod-tolene of 1-1c, and tiorces are now quoted at 7c per lb. Boneless codfish are 1-2c dearer at 4c.

## The Lumber Trade.

D. E. Fraser will open up a lumber yard at Methven, Man.

Wharton's sawmill, at New Denver, is to be refitted with modern machinery and its capacity increased to 20,000 feet a day.

Mr. Moon, of the British Columbia Mills Lumber and Trading company, who has been visiting Winnipeg and points south, returned to Vancouver on Thursday.

Mr. Haslam, of the Nanaimo saw-mills, Nanaimo, British Columbia, is preparing plans for a large sawmill, sash and door factory, to be erected at that place. The machinery of the present mill will be removed, and larger machinery added. The work of construction, which will include loading docks, will be commenced immediately.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: There are a number of reasons why prices for pine lumber will be better this year, and among them is the steady increase in the demand, the

comparative lightness in the stocks and the restricted input of logs, caused by the early breaking up of cold weather. Red cedar slungles are advancing so rapidly that it is difficult for the eastern jobbers to keep track of prices. The present price of red cedar slungles is nearly as high as it was in the height of trade last year, and there is an almost positive surety the figures will be higher in the next thirty days than they have been for several years.

A deputation of Georgian Bay lumbermen waited on the government at Ottawa this week to press for the imposition of an export duty on logs. Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the course of his reply said Manitoba required large quantities of lumber which was necessary to the rapid development of that country and they should get it as cheaply as possible. Consideration was promised.

The Commercial has frequently called attention, during the past ten years, to the enormous loss of lumber each summer from fires. An irreparable loss has already been caused, but this is not a sufficient reason for neglecting to take measures to protect what still remains. The Dominion government, it is said, will take measures to protect the timber in the northern regions. The provincial governments of Manitoba, British Columbia and Ontario should also take prompt and energetic measures to protect this great source of wealth. In the northern districts of Manitoba, and in Northwestern Ontario there has been a loss of timber worth many millions of dollars, from fires.

## Grain and Milling News.

A flour mill is talked of for Dominion City, Man.

Grain warehouses are being erected at Valley River and Glenella, Dauphin district, Man.

Sir Henri Joly states that the revision of the present system of grain standards is under consideration.

The farmers and business men of Dominion City and vicinity, have organized a joint stock company for the purpose of building an elevator at that place, which will make three elevators for Dominion City.

McCulloch & Herriot, who have for many years operated a flour mill at Souris, Man., have decided to build a new flour mill at Souris, of three hundred barrels capacity per day, during the present season. The work will be started early this spring.

The Canadian Pacific has decided to build another elevator at St. John, N. B., owing to increasing business via that port. The present elevator has a capacity of about 300,000, and the new one will be of 600,000 bushels.

The failure of J. D. Laidlaw, grain dealer, of Toronto, is reported. He was rated at \$75,000. The trouble is caused by the failure of the Farmers' Loan Co.

City Clerk Brown, of Winnipeg, has one of the first invoices of wheat ever shipped out of Manitoba. It is dated Oct. 12th, 1876, and announces the shipment of 412 sacks of wheat, a total of 851 1-6 bushels, to Steele Bros., of Toronto. The price received for the wheat was 85 cents. The shippers were Higgins & Young, Winnipeg. An earlier shipment is on record as having been made in July, 1876, by the Northwestern Transportation Co. to Moorhead, Minn.

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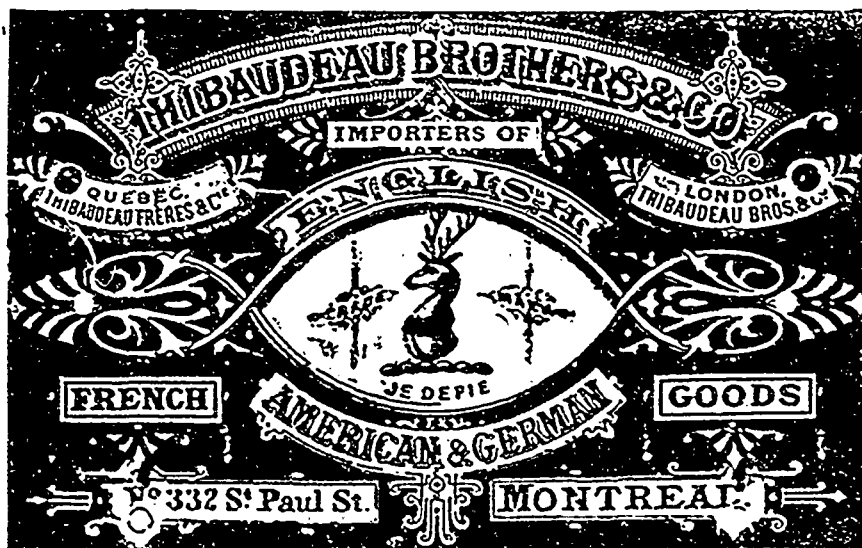
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A deputation of Ontario millers waited on Hon. W. S. Fielding at Ottawa this week to ask for an increase of duty on oatmeal.

A deputation from Carberry and vicinity were in Winnipeg this week to interview the provincial government. North Cypress wants consent to raise \$8,000 by debenture as a bonus to erect mill of 300 bblw. capacity to be built at Carberry, Man. The Carberry town council wish consent to raise debentures of \$2,000 for the same purpose, making in all \$10,000 bonus. The mill at this point, which was of a capacity of 150 bbls. per day and was erected in 1885 on a \$6,000 bonus, was destroyed last May by fire.

### Manitoba

Hall & Co., bankers, Holland, have assigned.

Wm. McKittrick is building a block at Crystal City.

John Fowler has opened a grocery store at Methven.

A new hardware store will likely be opened at Holmfild.

Holden Bros., bakers and confectioners, Glenboro, have assigned.

Weldon and Broadbent are building a new implement shed at Thornhill.

Mr. Guittard has taken charge of the Grand Pacific hotel at Portage la Prairie.

George Walker, of Killarney, has opened a blacksmith and wood working shop at Holmfild.

Geo. Brad will build a cold storage warehouse at Dominion City, for the purpose of handling farm produce.

W. R. Kemp has taken over the wheat city bakery at Brandon from A. E. Bird and will add confectionery.

Mrs. S. C. Gilbert is opening in stationery at Carberry, and at the same place Miss Lee is opening in millinery.

The stock of liquors saved from the McIntyre block fire, valued at \$10,000, will be offered for sale by auction on March 23.

B. Gordon has been appointed agent in Winnipeg for the new steamship line to be established between Lake Superior and Georgian Bay ports.

Kilgour & Jordan, general merchants, Thornhill, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by C. Jordan.

The bakery and confectionery business of J. Bryce, at Dauphin, has been purchased by Cruise & McGratten, who will continue the same.

McRae & Ross, blacksmiths, Melita, have taken over the implement business formerly conducted by Bell & Thompson at that place.

Rockett & Co., saddlers, Deloraine, have bought the premises occupied by Ed. Maynard, and are making improvements in the building.

John Love has retired from the firm of Love, McAllister & Co., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg. The business is being continued in the meantime under the same name as formerly.

Brown & Woodill, of Minnedosa, have added machinery to cast small brass fittings for machines, and will shortly put in foundry facilities for small ironwork.

Hutchings & Davidson, Portage la Prairie, are clearing out their boots and shoes, and in future will confine their trade to harness and horse furnishings.

The roof of a storehouse belonging to the Scott Furniture company, on Fort street, Winnipeg, fell in the other morning on account of the great weight of wet snow thereon. Considerable damage was done to about \$2,500 worth of furniture stored in the building.

The Donaldson Trading Co., of Manitou have decided to open business in Vancouver, B. C., and have sold out the Manitou business to C. R. Gordon. Mr. Donaldson leaves at once for the coast to assume the management of the Vancouver business.

Williams Bros., of Gladstone, have bought out J. B. Birch & Son, hardware merchants, Plumas. Mr. Birch, junior, who has been in British Columbia for some time, has bought out a business near Comaplea on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, where he will continue business with his father.

Nineteen companies were incorporated in Manitoba last year under the joint stock companies act. One hail insurance company, and five fraternal associations were also incorporated under the laws governing each. Four companies incorporated outside of the province were granted license to do business in the province.

The Winnipeg Board of Trade has made an agreement with N. Bawlf for a ten years' lease of rooms to be provided in a handsome building which Mr. Bawlf proposes erecting, adjoining the Grain Exchange building. The Grain Exchange will also take quarters in the new building, which will be more elaborate than those now occupied. Work on the building will be begun at once.

Arthur Harper, of the firm of Stuart & Harper, dealers in machinery, Winnipeg, died on Tuesday evening, after a short illness from pneumonia. The late Mr. Harper was an old and highly respected resident of Winnipeg and has been connected with the machinery trade here for many years, formerly with R. Muir & Co. This business he bought out in 1891, in partnership with James Stuart, and it has since been continued under the firm name of Stuart & Harper.

### Alberta.

C. W. Sheppard is opening in the hardware business at Leduc.

George L. Wainright, V. S., of Everett, Wash., has located at South Edmonton.

Piper & Postel, of Red Deer, have purchased McBride & Co's hardware business at that place.

Mrs. Skinner has purchased property at South Edmonton and will reopen her millinery and fancy goods business therein.

Another northern town is projected. The Hudson's Bay company has had the site of the Athabasca Landing laid out in town lots, and the company will shortly place lots on the market for sale.

### Northwest Ontario.

J. A. Osborne, late of Rat Portage, has purchased the Rainy Lake Herald from Mr. Bowman.

Jacob Hose, hardware dealer, Rat Portage, has had plans prepared for a new three story block, for his business.

Mayor Savage and Messrs. Ross and Dreyer have left as a delegation from

the Rat Portage board of trade for Toronto and Ottawa, to push for the improvement of Ash rapids, the new post-office, Rainy River improvements and the completion of the Fort Francis locks.

### Hardware and Paint Trade

English cements have advanced 6d according to a cable report.

The 5c advance on turpentine, reported by wire to The Commercial last week, is said to be due to excitement at producing centres.

The question of a combine in spades and shovels was discussed in parliament this week. The government promised to investigate.

A Montreal report says: The market for sisal and manilla rope is strong and present values are fully maintained. Advances on the raw material are decidedly firm, and manufacturers state they would not be surprised to see still higher figures for the manufactured article.

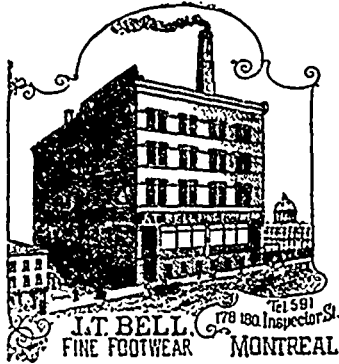
### The Rubber Trade.

Mr. D. S. Johnston, manager of the Canada Rubber company, Winnipeg, returned from an eastern trip early this week. Mr. Johnston says business is particularly good in the east and the factories are all busy. This is partly owing to a general improvement in trade and partly to the special demand for the Klondike. The Klondike trade has made considerable business for the factories of Eastern Canada. While he was in Montreal, two buyers were there for the Alaska Trading company, the principal commercial concern of that country, and they were placing large orders. Another large Alaska company also had a buyer at Montreal. Speaking of the rubber trade, Mr. Johnston said that there had been no advances in rubber footwear, but there had been an advance in rubber belting and other kinds of rubber goods, owing to the increase in the cost of crude rubber. His company had paid out \$130,000 more last year than during the previous year, on account of the higher cost of crude rubber. The total amount paid by the Canada Rubber company last year, for crude or raw rubber, he said, was \$500,000, and all this was in cash, as the trade in crude rubber is spot cash. Owing to the increased cost of crude rubber, all kinds of rubber goods are very firm.

C. M. Rolston, lately with G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg, has moved to Vancouver, where he will have charge of the office of the Imperial Oil Co.

Parliament has passed a bill to prohibit the importation of nursery stock from any country infected with the insect pest known as San Jose scale. The bill was rushed through at once on the plea of urgency, and will interfere with the usual spring importations of nursery stock.

Mr. Fortin, of Laval, has introduced an insolvency bill in the commons at Ottawa, as a private measure. Generally, it follows the lines of the bill introduced in the senate by Sir Mackenzie Powell in 1894. It provides for compulsory assignment, and contains a discharge clause subject to a majority of creditors in number, and three-fourths in value.



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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal . . . . .	110,000
Toronto . . . . .	33,000
Kingston . . . . .	
Winnipeg . . . . .	410,000
Manitoba elevators . . . . .	2,450,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin . . . . .	807,000

Total March 5 . . . . . 3,810,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on March 5, were 45,021,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 60,419,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

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

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended March 12, was 32,415,000 bushels, being a decrease of 597,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 41,449,000 bushels, two years ago 62,123,000 bushels, three years ago 76,873,000 bushels, four years ago 73,259,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago . . . . .	8,153,000 bushels
Duluth . . . . .	2,920,000 "
Minneapolis . . . . .	11,634,000 "
New York . . . . .	1,899,000 "
Buffalo . . . . .	706,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 12,854,000 bushels, compared with 13,528,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 42,644,000 bushels, compared with 26,759,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on February 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: February 1, 1895, 129,123,000; February 1, 1897, 128,629,000; February 1, 1896, 160,425,000; February 1, 1895, 151,419,000; February 1, 1894, 183,927,000; February 1, 1893, 178,033,000; February 1, 1892, 155,308,000; February 8, 1891, 105,057,000; February 1, 1890, 105,533,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis . . . . .	57,383,560	44,881,950
Milwaukee . . . . .	6,741,672	5,772,525
Duluth . . . . .	33,644,853	33,650,875
Chicago . . . . .	27,196,169	13,135,779

Total . . . . . 124,966,254 98,441,129

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

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

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo . . . . .	9,582,819	6,295,820
St. Louis . . . . .	10,475,956	10,066,505
Detroit . . . . .	4,164,050	2,918,109
Kansas City . . . . .	25,392,766	5,980,800
Total . . . . .	49,616,191	25,261,234

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

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

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

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, 74c; No. 2, 71c.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05@2.10; Bakers, \$1.85@1.90.

Bran—Per ton, \$6.

Shorts—Per ton, \$8.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 18@24c.

Barley—Feed, 20 @ 23c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.

Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 45@50c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, dealers' price, 16@18c.

Cheese—Dealers selling at 9@10c.

Eggs—Fresh selling at 19@21c.

Beef—City dressed, fresh, 5½ @ 6c; country beef, 3@4½c.

Mutton—Frozen 7@8c.

Hogs—Dressed, 4½ @ 4¾c in round lots.

Cattle—Butchers nominal 2½@3¼c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 4c for best bacon.

Sheep—Nominal at 3¼@4c.

Hides—Green frozen, 6½@7c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6@7c per pound; turkeys, 9@10c per lb.

Potatoes—30c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

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### ASSESSMENT INSURANCE.

Another assessment company is having trouble with its members owing to increase in assessments. We refer to the Covenant Mutual Life Association. A meeting of members of this society was held recently in Hamilton, to see what could be done about the assessments. One member stated that in 1885 his calls amounted to \$32. One year later this was increased to \$35.40, the next year to \$45.90, three years later to \$55.40, five years later to \$62.10 and three years later (the present year) to \$124.20. Like other assessment concerns which have got about to the end of their rope, this society is endeavoring to induce members to accept what it is pleased to call a "Whole Life Contract," which is alleged to provide for a level premium, but the new policy carries the condition that the company may make additional calls over the amount of the level premium should the Covenant Mutual require additional funds. Like the new policy of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life, the policyholder is not free from the liability of increased calls, even if he accepts the alleged level premium policy.

### INSURANCE ITEMS.

James Dickson, manager at Winnipeg for the London Life Insurance Co., has returned from the east, where he went to attend the annual meeting of the company.

The rural school at Cromwell, Man., was burned last fall by prairie fire. The Northwest Fire Insurance company, of Winnipeg, had a risk on the school, but it did not cover prairie fire, so the company was not liable. The company has, however, donated \$100 toward rebuilding the school.

The celebrated insurance suit, involving \$219,000 of insurance, in the case of the John Eaton department store fire in Toronto, has been decided against the companies. Over-valuation and fraudulent stock lists were charged.

Wm. McBride, manager in the west for the North American Life, left Tuesday on a trip to British Columbia.

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The Central school at Rat Portage was completely gutted by fire on March 14. It was insured for \$11,000, distributed as follows: Insurance Company of North America, \$2,500; Queen's Insurance Company of America, \$1,750; Phoenix of London, \$2,000; Caledonian of Edinburgh, \$4,750. The building cost about \$23,000.

T. C. Livingstone, of the Northern Life, who has been on a trip to the Pacific coast, accompanied by his son, Stuart Livingstone, of Hamilton, Ont., has returned.

### Dairy Trade Items.

Several times within the past few months The Commercial has been called upon to correct statements circulated by newspapers, to the effect that the patrons of the government creameries in the territories had netted 21 or 22 cents for their butter of last season's make. The statement was first sent out from Calgary, and absurd as it was, it was copied extensively by Manitoba papers, thereby leading to dissatisfaction among the patrons of factories here, who had not received nearly as large a return. Any one familiar with the dairy trade would, of course, have realized at once the report was an error, but it is not always easy to convince the patrons of the factories of this. The Commercial characterized the statement as simply absurd at the time; but we now have definite information to this

effect. Mr. Kinsella, superintendent of the government creameries, who was in Winnipeg last week, stated that an average price of about 18 cents was received for the butter at the factories. This is a long way from "netting" the patrons 21 cents. The cost of manufacturing would have to be paid out of the 18 cents, so that it will be seen the patrons of the Manitoba factories have received quite as good net returns as those of the government factories in the territories.

Mr. Kinsella, superintendent of the Dominion government creameries in the territories, says there are now sixteen creameries under government control. The total output of these factories last season was 500,000 pounds. He says it is not the intention of the department to establish more creameries, but two or three private factories will be taken over. Additional cream gathering stations may also be established this year.

A sale of 500 boxes of the finest Australian creamery butter, to the Parsons Produce Co., at Vancouver, was reported last week. The figure paid for it was 23 3/4c.

The Canadian Pacific engineers' office is preparing plans for twelve new stations, which it is the intention of the company to erect in the west this year. The one at Carberry will be the largest of twelve, and will be similar to the one at Morden, 29x65 feet, frame, of neat design on a stone foundation. Smaller stations will be built at Slnataluta, Altona, Winkler, La Riviere, Rattlewell, Elva, Elpstone, Reston, Pierson, Maple Creek, Dhorwic.



WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES		Dried Fruits		Tobacco		DRUGS	
Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.		Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs. 1 70	Per pound 1 90	T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads. 00 76	Per pound 00 63	Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.	
<b>Canned Goods</b>		Raisins, Val. Layers, per box 2 25	2 55	Lily, 8s, cads. 00 63	00 60	Alum, lb. 3 1/2	4 1/2
Apples, 3s, 2 doz. 2 25	2 50	Loose Muscatels, 2 crown 00 07	00 75	Crescent, 8s, cads. 00 60	00 64	Alcohol, gal. 5 50	5 75
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz. 3 25	3 50	Loose Muscatels, 3 crown 00 07	00 75	T. & B. Black Chewing, 5s or 10s 00 64	00 64	Bleaching Powder, lb. 06 08	06 08
Apples, gallons (per doz.) 3 00	3 25	London Layers, 20 lb boxes. 1 90	2 60	T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 5s or 10s 00 64	00 64	Bluestone, lb. 06 07	06 07
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 25	3 50	Apples, Dried. 09 07	12	T. & B. in 1-12 pkg, cut 00 91	00 91	Bluestone, barrel lots 01 1/2	05
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz. 2 50	2 75	Evap. Apples, finest quality 11 12	12	T. & B. in pouches, 1-4 00 91	00 91	Borax 11 13	11 13
Beans, 2s, 2 doz. 1 80	2 00	<b>California Evaporated Fruits</b>		T. & B. in 1-6 tins. 00 99	00 99	Bromide Potash 65 75	65 75
Corn, 2s, 2 doz. 2 10	2 20	Peaches, peeled 13 20	20	T. & B. in 1-8 tins. 00 99	00 99	Camphor 65 75	65 75
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz. 4 75	5 00	Peaches, unpeeled 11 13	13	T. & B. in 1-12 tins. 00 99	00 99	Camphor, ounces 80 90	80 90
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz. 2 25	2 25	Pears 11 12	12	Orinoco, 1-12 pkg. 00 85	00 85	Carbolic Acid 40 65	40 65
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz. 2 25	2 25	Apricots, new 10 11	11	Orinoco, 1-5 tins. 00 94	00 94	Castor Oil 15 17	15 17
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz. 3 50	3 45	Pitted Plums 11 12	12	Orinoco, 1/2 tins. 00 80	00 80	Chlorate Potash 25 30	25 30
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 4 75	5 00	Prunes, 100 to 120. 5 1/2	6	Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette 1-12 00 87	00 87	Citric Acid 55 65	55 65
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz. 5 50	6 00	Prunes, 90 to 100. 6 6 1/2	6 1/2	Brier, 7s, cads. 00 65	00 65	Copperas 03 1/2	04
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz. 4 50	5 00	Prunes, 80 to 90. 7 7 1/2	7 1/2	Derby, 3s, cads. 00 68	00 68	Cocaine, oz. 4 50	5 00
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz. 5 00	6 00	Prunes, 70 to 80. 8 8 1/2	8 1/2	Derby, 7s, cads. 00 68	00 68	Cocain Tartar, lb. 30 35	30 35
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz. 3 50	4 00	Prunes, 60 to 70. 10 11	11	P. & W. Chewing, Cads. 00 66	00 66	Cloves 20 25	20 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 4 75	5 00	Prunes, 40 to 50. 10 11	11	P. & W. Chewing, Butts 00 66	00 66	Epsom Salts 03 1/2	04
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz. 5 50	6 00	<b>Matches</b>		<b>Wooden Ware</b>		Extract Logwood, bulk 14 18	14 18
Plums, 2s, 2 doz. 3 50	4 00	Telephone 53 60	60	Pails, 2 hoop clear. 1 50	1 60	Extract Logwood, boxes 18 20	18 20
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz. 2 25	2 50	Tiger 3 25	25	Pails, wire hoop. 2 25	2 40	German Quinine 35 45	35 45
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 00	3 25	<b>Nuts</b>		Pails, Star fibre 4 00	4 00	Glycerine, lb. 30 35	30 35
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 50	3 25	Brazils 12 1/2	15	Tubs, No. 0 common 9 50	10 50	Ginger, Jamaica 30 35	30 35
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz. 3 10	3 25	Taragona Almonds 13 15	15	Tubs, No. 1 common 8 50	9 00	Ginger, African 20 25	20 25
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz. 4 50	5 00	Peanuts, roasted 13 15	15	Tubs, No. 2 common 6 50	7 00	Howard's Quinine, oz. 45 55	45 55
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz. 2 50	3 00	Peanuts, green 10 12	12	Tubs, No. 3 common 5 50	6 00	Iodine 5 00	5 50
Sardines, domestic 1/4s 06	08	Grenoble Walnuts 15 18	18	Tubs, nests (3) 1 65	1 75	Insect Powder 35 40	35 40
Sardines, imported, 1/4s 09	15	French Walnuts 13 15	15	Tubs, wire hoop (3) 2 25	2 40	Morphia, sul. 2 10	2 25
Sardines, imported, 1/2s 18	25	Sicily Filberts 11 15	15	Tubs, fibre, No. 0 16 50	16 50	Opium 4 50	5 00
Sardines, imp. 1/4s, boneless 20	35	Shelled Almonds 25 30	30	Tubs, fibre, No. 1 14 50	14 50	Oil, olive 1 25	1 40
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/4s 10	12	<b>Syrup</b>		Tubs, fibre, No. 2 12 50	12 50	Oil, U.S. Salad 1 25	1 40
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s 1 50	1 75	Extra Bright, per lb. 3 1/2	4c	Tubs, fibre, No. 3 10 50	10 50	Oil, lemon, super 2 75	3 25
Imp. Kipper Herring, 1s. 1 90	2 00	Medium, per lb. 3c	3 1/2c	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2) 50 55	55	Oil, peppermint 4 00	4 50
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1st 90	2 00	Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins 57	60	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3) 75 80	80	Oil, cod liver, gal. 1 50	2 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1st 90	2 00	Molasses, per gal. 35c	45c	<b>Sugar</b>		Oxalic Acid 14 16	14 16
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1st 90	2 00	<b>Sugar</b>		Per nest 3 20	3 20	Potass Iodide 3 75	4 00
<b>Canned Meats</b>		Extra Standard Granulated 5 1/2c	4c	Per nest 50 55	55	Sal Green, lb. 18 20	18 20
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz. 3 25	3 50	German Granulated 4 1/2c	4c	Tubs, fibre, (3) 3 20	3 20	Salt Petre 10 12	10 12
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz. 7 50	8 00	Extra Ground 6 c	6 1/2c	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2) 50 55	55	Sal Rochelle 30 35	30 35
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz. 3 00	3 00	Powdered 6 c	6 1/2c	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3) 75 80	80	Shellac 35 40	35 40
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz. 6 25	6 50	Bright Yellow Sugar 4 1/2c	4c	<b>CURED MEATS AND LARD</b>		Sulphur Flowers 3 1/2	05
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz. 2 50	2 75	Maple Sugar 12 1/2c	15c	Lard, pure, 20 lb pails \$1 50	\$1 50	Sulphur Roll, keg 3 1/2	05
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz. 6 00	6 50	<b>Salt</b>		Lard, pure, 50 lb pails 4 40	4 40	Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs 2 00	3 00
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz. 2 75	3 00	Rock Salt 1 1/2c	1 1/2c	Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs 6 00	6 00	Sal Soda 2 00	3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz. 4 50	5 00	<b>Salt</b>		Lard, Tierces, per lb 5 1/2	5 1/2	Tartaric Acid, lb. 45 55	55
<b>Coffee</b>		Common, fine 1 00	2 00	<b>Smoked Meats</b>		Strychnine, pure crystals, oz. 5 1 00	1 00
Green Rio 12 15	15	Common, coarse 1 00	2 00	Hams 11 11 1/2	11 1/2	<b>LEATHER</b>	
<b>Cereals</b>		Dairy, 100-3 3 25	3 50	Breakfast bacon, bellies 11 1/2	12	Per pound	
Split Peas, sack 95 2 25	2 50	Dairy, 60-5 3 25	3 50	Breakfast bacon, backs 10 1/2	11	Harness, oak 33	33
Pot Barley, sack 95 2 40	2 50	<b>Spices</b>		Spiced rolls 8 1/2	9	Harness, union oak No. 1 33	33
Pearl Barley, sack 95 4 00	4 00	Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins. 75	90	Shoulders 5 5 1/2	5 1/2	Harness, union oak No. 1 R 32	32
Rolled Oats, sack 80 2 00	2 00	<b>Teas</b>		Long Clear 9 1/2	9 1/2	Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand 33	33
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95 2 10	2 20	Allspice, whole 18 20	20	<b>Dry Salt Meats</b>		Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand 32	32
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95 2 10	2 20	Allspice, pure ground 18 20	20	Long clear bacon 5 1/2	5 1/2	Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 32	32
Beans (per bushel) 1 20	1 30	Allspice, compound 18 20	20	Boneless Shoulders 5 1/2	5 1/2	Do., No. 1 R 31	31
Cornmeal, sack 95 1 45	1 55	Cassia, whole 18 20	20	Backs 9 9 1/2	9 1/2	Black collar leather 25 30	25 30
Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac) 75	80	Cassia, pure ground 20 25	25	Imported Short Clear 5 1/2	5 1/2	Sole, union oak 32	32
<b>Rice</b>		Cassia, compound 17 18	18	<b>Barrel Pork</b>		Listowell, sole 27 30	27 30
Rice, B 4 1/2c	4 1/2c	Cloves, whole 18 25	25	Heavy mess 15 50	16 00	Penatang, sole 27 30	27 30
Rice, Japan 5 1/2c	5 1/2c	Cloves, pure ground 25 30	30	Short cut 16 50	17 00	B. F. French calf 1 25	1 30
Sago 4 c	4 c	Cloves, compound 18 20	20	<b>Meat Sundries</b>		B. F. French kip 95 1 15	95 1 15
Tapioca 4 c	4 c	Pepper, black, whole 10 15	15	Fresh pork sausage, lb 7 6 1/2	6 1/2	Canada calf 65 80	65 80
<b>Cigarettes</b>		Pepper, black, pure ground 13 15	15	Bologna sausage, lb 1 20	20	Canada calf, Horseshoe 90 90	90 90
Old Judge 55 90	55 90	Pepper, black, compound 10 13	13	B.C. chicken and tongue, doz 1 20	20	Horseshoe Brand Kip 80 85	80 85
Athlete 8 90	8 90	Pepper, white, whole 20 25	25	Pickled hocks, per lb 03	03	Karn Kip 42 46	42 46
Sweet Caporal 5 70	5 70	Pepper, white, pure ground 25 35	35	Pickled tongues 05	05	Wax upper 42 46	42 46
Derby 5 60	5 60	Pepper, white, compound 18 20	20	Pickled pigs feet, pail 15 lbs. 1 40	1 40	Grain upper 42 46	42 46
<b>Cured Fish</b>		Pepper, Cayenne 30 35	35	Sausage casings, lb 20 25	25	Kangaroo, per foot 25 50	25 50
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs. 6 00	6 00	Ginger, whole, Jamaica 25 30	30	<b>FRESH FISH,</b>		Dolgona, per foot 25 40	25 40
Codfish, boneless per lb 04 06	04 06	Ginger, whole, Cochin. 25 30	30	<b>OYSTERS</b>		<b>FUEL</b>	
Codfish, Pure per lb 07 08	07 08	Ginger, pure ground 25 30	30	Whitefish, lb 4 1/2	05 1/2	Coal	
Herrings, in kegs 3 50	3 75	Ginger, compound 25 30	30	Pickerel, lb 03 1/2	03 1/2	These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	
<b>Dried Fruits</b>		Nutmegs, (per pound) 60 1 00	1 00	Trout, lb 09 09	09	Per ton	
Currants, Prov'l Barrels 07 7 1/2	7 1/2	Mace (per pound) 08 1 25	1 25	Lake Superior Herrings, doz. 20 20	20	Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels 07 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2	<b>Teas</b>		Pike, lb 02 02	02	Stove, nut or lump 10 00	10 00
Currants, Prov'l Cases 07 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2	China Blacks—		B.C. halibut, lb 12 12	12	Pea size 7 50	7 50
Currants, Vostizza Cases 07 1/2 08	08	Choice 35 40	35 40	Salmon, lb 12 12	12	Western anthracite, stove 9 50	9 50
Currants, Filiatria, bbls 07 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2	Medium 25 30	25 30	B.C. halibut, lb 10 10	10	Western anthracite, nut 7 25	7 25
Currants, Filiatria, cases 07 1/2 08	08	Common 13 20	13 20	Smelts, lb 08 08	08	Lethbridge bituminous 7 50	7 50
Date, Cases 06 07	07	Indian and Ceylon—		Cod, lb 08 08	08	Hocking 7 50	7 50
Figs, Elemc, about 10 lb box 12 1/2 15	15	Choice 32 40	32 40	Haddock 08 08	08	Souris Lignite 4 60	4 60
Figs, Cooking, Sax 08 1/2 08	08 1/2	Medium 25 32	25 32	Boaters, per box 1 25	1 25	Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines 1 50	1 50
Prunes, Bosina, Cases 08 09	09	Common 22 28	22 28	Findon haddock, lb 06 07	07	Blossburg smithing 9 50	9 50
Prunes, French, Cases 06 07	07	Young Hysons—		Smoked goldeyes, doz 30 30	30	<b>Cordwood</b>	
Sultana Raisins 10 12	12	Choice 35 45	35 45	Oysters, standars, gal 1 70	1 80	These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.	
<b>Cured Fish</b>		Medium 25 35	25 35	Oysters, select, gal 1 80	2 00	Per cord	
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs. 6 00	6 00	Common 13 20	13 20	Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl 6 50	6 50	Tamarac, good, last winter's cut 4 25	4 25
Codfish, boneless per lb 04 06	04 06	Indian and Ceylon—		Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl 7 50	7 50	Pine, green cut, dry 3 75	4 00
Codfish, Pure per lb 07 08	07 08	Choice 32 40	32 40	<b>DRUGS</b>		Pine, dead cut 3 50	3 75
Herrings, in kegs 3 50	3 75	Medium 25 32	25 32	Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.		Spruce 2 50	3 00
<b>Dried Fruits</b>		Common 22 28	22 28	Alum, lb. 3 1/2	4 1/2	Poplar, green cut dry 2 50	2 75
Currants, Prov'l Barrels 07 7 1/2	7 1/2	Young Hysons—		Alcohol, gal. 5 50	5 75	Poplar, dead cut 2 25	2 50
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels 07 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2	Choice 35 45	35 45	Bleaching Powder, lb. 06 08	06 08	Oak, green cut dry body 4 50	4 75
Currants, Prov'l Cases 07 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2	Medium 25 35	25 35	Bluestone, lb. 06 07	06 07	Oak, dead cut 4 25	4 50
Currants, Vostizza Cases 07 1/2 08	08	Common 13 20	13 20	Bluestone, barrel lots 01 1/2	05		
Currants, Filiatria, bbls 07 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2	Indian and Ceylon—		Borax 11 13	11 13		
Currants, Filiatria, cases 07 1/2 08	08	Choice 32 40	32 40	Bromide Potash 65 75	65 75		
Date, Cases 06 07	07	Medium 25 32	25 32	Camphor 65 75	65 75		
Figs, Elemc, about 10 lb box 12 1/2 15	15	Common 22 28	22 28	Camphor, ounces 80 90	80 90		
Figs, Cooking, Sax 08 1/2 08	08 1/2	Young Hysons—		Carbolic Acid 40 65	40 65		
Prunes, Bosina, Cases 08 09	09	Choice 35 45	35 45	Castor Oil 15 17	15 17		
Prunes, French, Cases 06 07	07	Medium 25 35	25 35	Chlorate Potash 25 30	25 30		
Sultana Raisins 10 12	12	Common 13 20	13 20	Citric Acid 55 65	55 65		



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### Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

**Tim**—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

**Tim Plates**—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

**Terne Plates**—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

**Sheet Iron**—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge \$3.50

**Canada Plates**—Garth and Blain, 3.00 @3.15.

**Galvanized Iron**—American, 20 gauge, \$3.75; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4; 26 gauge, \$4.25; 28 gauge, \$4.50 100 lbs.

**Iron pipe** is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 3/4 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

**Lead**—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

**Sheet Zinc**—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

**Solder**—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

**Ammunition**—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 gauge, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 gauge, \$20.70 per 1,000.

**Dupont Powder**—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg. 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

**Wire**—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

**Axes**—Per box, \$6@9.

**Nails**—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.45 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

**Horse Nails**—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 5 per cent.

**Horseshoes**—Iron shoes, \$4.15; steel hoese, \$4.40; Snow shoe, \$4.40 per keg.

**Rope**—Sisal, lb., 7 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 9c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/2 inch and larger, 16c lb.

**Binder Twine**—Sisal 8 1/2c; Manilla 7 1/2c, Pure Manilla 8c per lb.

**Building Paper**—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

### Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

**White Lead**—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs.

**Prepared Paints**—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

**Dry Colors**—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

**Varnishes**—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

**Sundries**—Glue, S. S., in sheets, 1b 1 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

**Window Glass**—First break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2.05 for second break.

**Linseed Oil**—Raw, gal., 5 1/2c; boiled, gal., 5 7/8c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans

**Turpentine**—Pure spirits in barrels, 60c; less than barrels, gallon, 65c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

**Oils**—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

**Refined Petroleum** Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 20c; oleophenic, 20 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 24c for cocene and 21c for sunlight.

### Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

**Dimension and Timber**—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimen-

sion, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$23.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

**Boards**—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

**Siding, Flooring and Ceiling**—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B.C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B.C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B.C. spruce, \$32.00, 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

**Bevel Siding**—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

**Shiplap**—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

**Shingles**—B.C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension hand sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

**Lath**—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

**Finishings**—1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B.C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

**Oak**—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

**Mouldings and Base**—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 55c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.50; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.50; 10 inch base, \$5.50; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All chop work at special net prices.

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**British Columbia Markets.**

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, March 19, 1898.

Eggs have declined 1@2c per dozen, Bacon is 1/4c lower, Lard 1/4c higher, Manitoba flour declined 50c per barrel, Granulated sugar 1/4c lower, apples advancing. Butter—California creamery, 24 1/2c; Australian, 25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 15@16c per dozen. Local, 22c; California and Oregon, 20c.

Cheese—Manitoba 1 1/4@12 1/2c per lb. Cured Meats—Hams 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon 12@13c; backs 11 1/4@12c; long clear 10c; short rolls 10 1/2c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10@12c per lb, in pails and tubs 9 1/2@10c lb.

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

Vegetables—Potatoes 13@15 per ton ashrofts \$20; California onions 5c lb; cabbage 2 1/2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$3.00 box; apples, 1@1.50 box; Navel oranges, 3@3.50; seedling oranges, \$2.25 @2.50.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75 2 1/2 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90-lbs, \$2.50 per sack.

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

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

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

Hay—\$18 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7 1/2@8c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 7@7 1/2; veal 7@9c; Pemman 40c lb.

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

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

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

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots, 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C. 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

**Toronto Hardware Market.**

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$1.65 basis per, refined, \$1.90; Swedes incl and over, \$3.25 @ \$4.25; Lowmoor, 5 1/2c@6c; hoops, coopers, \$2.25 basis; boiler rivets, best, \$4.50; sheet 10 and 12 gauge, \$2.20 and 2.50; 22 to 24 do, 2 1/2c @ 2 3/4c. 26 do, 2 1/2c; 28 do, \$2.75; Russian sheet, per lb 10c @12c.

Iron Pipe—1/2 to 3/4 inch, 65 per cent. off; 1/2 to 2 inch, 67 1/2c @ 70 1/2c and 10 off.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 28 to 56 lb. in-gots, 16 1/2c per lb.

Copper—Ingot, 12 1/2c; sheet, 17c @ 28c. Lead—Bar, 4 1/2c @ 5c; pig, 4 1/2c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75@5.25; shot, can., dis., 12 1/2 per cent.

Steel—Cast, 12c@14c; boiler plate, 1/2-inch, \$1.90; 5-16 do, 3/4 do, sleigh shoe, \$2.15.

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

Tin Plate—IC coke, \$3.15; IC charcoal, \$3.75@4; I 1/2 charcoal, \$4.75 @ 5; IXX charcoal, \$5.75@6; DC charcoal, \$3.75@4.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 1/2c@5 1/4c; zinc, spelter, 4 1/2c; domestic, imported, 5 1/2c; solder, hf. and hf., 13c@14c.

Brass—Sheet, 21c@28c.

Galvanized Iron—18 to 21 gauge, 4 1/2c; 26 do. 4 1/2c; 28 do. 25c.

Horseshoes—Per keg \$3.35.

Barb Wire—2 1/2c.

Wire and Coppered Spring—30 per cent. for Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto market; tinned, per lb, 4 1/2c@8c; galvanized, fence, same discount as annealed; coiled chain, 1/2-inch, 4 1/2c; 3/4-inch, 4 1/2c; 1-inch, 3 1/2c; galvanized, off list, 50c discount; boiler tubes, 2-inch, 15c; 3-inch, 18 1/2c.

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

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

Rope—Manilla, 7 1/2c basis; sisal, 6 1/2c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$6@11.

Glass—Fourth quality, star, 1st break, \$1.50; second do, \$1.00; third do, \$2.55; fourth do, \$2.85.

Binder Twine—Pure sisal, 5c@5 1/2c; mixed, 5 1/2c@6 1/2c.

Paints and Oils—Turpentine, 58c delivered at western Ontario points. Linseed oil, raw 40c, boiled 52c delivered.

**Toronto Grocery Market.**

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 1/2c; No. 2 granulated, 4 1/2-16c; Dutch granulated, 4 3-8c; yellows, 3 1/2c @ 4 3-16c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 32c@33c; special bright, 40c@42c. Molasses—West India, bris, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 28c@30; for medium and 35c@50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c; fines, 30@35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oolong, 25c@65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 1/2@12 1/2c; Mocha, 26c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.30; peas, 95@1; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.21; corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 75@80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80;

raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@1; sock-eyes, \$1.17 1/2@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencia, off-stalk, 4 1/2c@5c; fine, off-stalk, 5 1/2c@5 1/2c; selected, 6c@6 1/2c; layers, 6 1/2c@7c; Provincial, currants, 6 1/2c; Filiatras, 6 1/2c@7c; Patras, 7c@7 1/2c; Vostizzas, 8c@8 1/2c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 10c@11c; 50's to 60's, 8c@8 1/2c; 60's to 70's, 7 1/2c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7 1/2c; 80's to 90's, 6 1/2c@7c; 90's to 100's, 6@6 1/2c. Bosnia prunes, 5 1/2@6 1/2c; Sultanas, 10c@12 1/2c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallowee dates, 5 1/2@6 1/2c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.50@1.65 per box; black baskets, \$2.25; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.50; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3 1/2@4c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7 1/2c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12 1/2c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4 1/2c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Nuts—Marbots, 10@11c; filberts, Sicily, 9@11c, Greenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 1/2@4c; do Patna, 5 1/2 @5 1/2c; do Japan, 5 1/2@6 1/2c.

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

**PROVISIONS.**

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

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7 1/2@8c, ton and case lots, 3c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 12c hams, large 10c and 10 1/2c to 11c for small; picnic hams, 8 1/2c to 9c; rolls, 8 1/2 to 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

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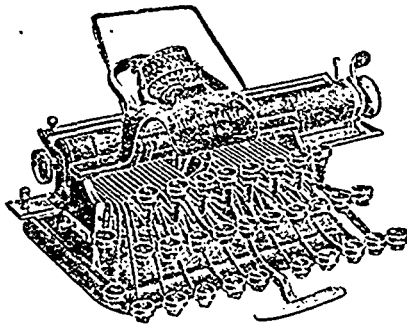
The question has had the careful consideration of the supreme court of the United States, in the case of Robinson vs. Elliott, 22 Wallace, 513, and it was held by the full bench, unanimously, that where a mortgagor was allowed to retain possession of a stock of goods with the power to sell and dispose of the property, and apply the proceeds to his own use, the mortgage was absolutely void. The law will not allow the creditor to make use of his debt for any other purpose than his own indemnity. If he goes beyond this so that other creditors are delayed in the collection of their debts, a court of equity will not lend its aid to enforce the contract.—New York Fabrics.

### Freight Rates.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, in the monthly shipping report says: "Lumber tonnage is, if possible, scarcer than ever. The rush to Klondike has now begun in earnest, and every available steamer and all but a few of the sailing craft on the coast have been taken up directly, or indirectly at advancing figures. Coal charters are now offering at nearly double the rates current only a short time ago, and they are comparatively much more profitable than lumber, which, of course, keeps vessels out of the latter trade.

Chicago Trade Bulletin says: Agents have been ordered to restore rates to the tariff, 20c per 100 lbs. on flour and grain and 30c on provisions from Chicago to New York. They have been taking grain at 15c. and provisions at 18 to 20c. The through rates from Chicago to Liverpool on flour is 26 1-4 to 29c per 100 lbs., grain is 16.55c and provisions 34 to 38c.

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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 19.

Business is satisfactory in most branches, as will be seen by the statements in detail following, under the various headings. There have been no further commercial failures of any importance. The enormous passenger railway traffic is one of the principal features, due to the opening of the annual spring immigration movement combined with the travel to the Klondike, as well as the extra travel induced on account of the cut railway rates. The passenger traffic now being handled by the railways here, exceeds all previous records. Freight traffic is also heavy for the season. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continue to show a respectable increase over previous years.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 19

### BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER.

Sorting trade is not very brisk yet, though something is doing. There has been considerable demand for rubbers, owing to the prevalence of slushy weather. Rubber footwear is very firm on account of the high price of crude rubber. There has been no advance yet in prices, though other classes of rubber goods have been advanced. Leather is firm. It is said that tan-colored leathers will not be used as freely this season as last.

### BINDER TWINE.

This line keeps very firm, on account of the advancing price of the raw material, both for manilla and sisal, particularly for the latter. To show how strong the market is, it may be stated that as late as February 1, sisal was quoted at 3 3-4c at New York, and a month later, on the 1st of March, the quotation was 4 1-4 to 4 3-8c. Stocks were light and importations less than usual to that date. Local prices are now 1-2 to 3-1c higher than last year and very firm. In car lots sisal twine is held at 6 1-2c, manilla at 7 1-2c and pure manilla at 3c.

### DRY GOODS.

Clothing dealers are now preparing for the fall and winter trade, though the sorting season has not opened yet in spring goods. Considerable business has been done in furnishings. Cut price sales of dry goods have somewhat demoralized the city retail trade.

### FISH.

Prices are the same. Oysters continue to sell at a wide range of prices, according to quality. They have been sold at a close price this season, choice selects costing more to lay down here than some have been sold at.

### GREEN FRUITS.

There is scarcely any change this week. New dates are offering more freely. Good apples are scarce. Spotted and damaged stuff are selling at buyers' prices. Prices are as follows: Mexican oranges, \$3.00 to \$3.50; navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4.00; California seedling oranges, \$3.25; bitter oranges, \$6 per case; bananas, per bunch, \$2.50

to \$3.50; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per box; apples, Ontario stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for good to choice; southern apples \$1 per bbl.; off quality, \$2.00 to \$3.50 per bbl. as to condition, cranberries, unfrozen, \$8.50 to \$9 a barrel, frozen stock, \$4 to \$7 per barrel, as to quality, which varies widely; sweet potatoes, \$5.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes \$7 to \$10 per keg; Ontario black walnuts, 8c lb.; coconuts, \$1 per doz.; Sicily liberts, large 11 to 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, fancy elemes, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 10 lb. box, 50 lb. boxes, 16c; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; dates, 7c per lb.; shelled walnuts, 25 to 27c per lb.; imported celery, 60 to 75c per doz.; honey, 7 1-2 to 10c.

### GROCERIES.

The general tendency is one of firmness, particularly for cured meats, lard, canned goods, oatmeal, etc. Business is fairly active. See quotations on another page.

### HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

Business is good. There continues to be a large movement in barb wire and some other lines, and an active trade in building hardware is expected this season. Turpentine is quoted higher, in sympathy with the sharp advance in other markets. Builders' paper is selling at lower prices this season than ever before here.

### LUMBER.

A good business is doing for the season and the outlook is good, as there will certainly be more building doing than usual this season, both in the city and country. This combined with lighter stocks of lumber than have been held at this season for many years, means that the season will be a busy one at the mills. The situation in the city lumber trade is still somewhat unsettled, though the prospects point to a more amicable understanding than has prevailed for some time. Another advance was made recently in British Columbia lumber by the coast mills, making the second advance this season for the spring trade, though the last advance is not as great as the first one. The advance is 50c on a number of lines, and \$1 on two or three lines, while it is \$1.50 on No. 2 grain flooring. The following shows the lines advanced, with the new prices delivered on cars at Manitoba and other 50 cent freight points:

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No. 3 ceiling advanced 50c to \$19.50.  
No. 15-8 ceiling advanced 50c to \$18.50.  
No. 2 ceiling advanced 50c to \$16.50.  
No. 2 siding advanced \$1 to \$22.  
No. 3 siding advanced 50c to \$19.50.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA CEDAR.

No. 1-1 in. x 8 in. to 12 in., advanced \$1 to \$36.  
Common boards advanced 50c to \$16.50.  
Shiplap advanced 50c to \$17.50.

### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The local market has been quiet this week. It was expected that Manitoba farmers would market considerable wheat this month, but so far they have not done much, and the grain delivery season is now almost over until after seeding, when whatever surplus held by the farmers will be brought out. The small deliveries this month would indicate that the

farmers are not holding as much wheat as was supposed. Prices have been easier. In the Winnipeg street market as high as 88c was paid to farmers early in the week, but yesterday prices were down to 84c for best samples, and at Manitoba country market about 82c was paid to farmers at 18c freight rate points to Fort William. Deliveries were light, there was very little business doing in spot wheat, and prices ranged from 98c to 97c for No. 1 hard, afloat basis, Fort William. On Wednesday there were sales at the lower quotation. On Thursday prices were about 1-2c higher, and yesterday 97c was quoted for spot No. 1 hard. May delivery about 2 1-2c premium over cash.

FLOUR—The market is steady and prices unchanged. We quote Patent, \$2.50; best bakers \$2.30; second bakers \$1.90; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 98 lb., with discount of 5c net.

MILLEED—Prices are unchanged. We quote bran at \$1 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

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

OATMEAL—The market is firm and the tendency upward. Dealers are selling to the trade at \$2 for sacks of rolled, though some meal bought earlier before the recent advances, has been selling at \$1.85 to \$1.90.

BARLEY—Nominal. Practically nothing doing. Value irregular. Some will be wanted for seed, but anything held has been held at such high prices that possible buyers have been discouraged from taking hold. One car of feed barley was offered at 33c in the country, equal to 39 1-2c on track here, freight paid. We quote feed barley nominal at 33 to 40c. Seed barley nominal at 45 to 50c.

OATS—Prices are about the same as last week. 1 1/2 to 35c per bushel of 34 pounds is asked at country points for choice oats, and we hear of a few cars selling at about this price, for No. 1 white. This would be equal to about 41c, cost including freight, on track Winnipeg. Feed oats are held at 39 to 40c and seed at 41 to 43c.

CORN—We quote 40c per bush. of 56 lbs. for cars on track here. Some cars have changed hands at 39c, but this is regarded as below the market value.

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

BUTTER—Dairy—Market is steady. We quote dealers paying 14 to 16c net for gov't to choice dairy tubs, and selling at 16 to 18c on a commission basis, less freight and commission. Good rolls will bring about as much as dairy. Much of the butter offering is not really fresh goods, and this applies to rolls as well as tubs, a good deal of the latter being worked over goods.

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

EGGS—Eggs are easier, and the market is irregular. Prices are lower. Dealers have been selling eggs this week at 14 to 15c, which cost them 16c. Receipts are fairly liberal. We quote fresh at 14 to 15c, and hmed 10 to 20c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is scarce and prices firm. Good chickens



will bring 9c and turkeys 12 1-2c; geese 9 to 10c. Ducks would bring about 8c. Live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Frozen beef is now pretty well worked off, and any held is slow sale. Fresh beef is firm. Mutton is steady with liberal supplies of frozen held in cold storage. Hogs steady and firm. Frozen beef 3 to 4 1-4c as to quality. Fresh killed beef 6 to 6 1-2c. Mutton, good to choice, 6 to 7c; hogs, round lots, 6 1-4 to 6 1-2c. Choice hogs in small lots to butchers, 7c.

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

**HIDES**—The market is weak, but there is so little business doing that values are almost nominal. Prices would certainly be lower if there were any quantity offering. Even as it is the tendency is downward, and some buyers have reduced their limits 1-1 to 1-2c, owing to the weaker tendency in other markets. Advice from Chicago were weak. We quote green frozen hides 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c flat, 5 lbs tares; kip, 6 1-2c to 7c; calf, 8 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 4 1/2 to 75c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each, colts, 25c each.

**WOOL**—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleeces. At the auction sales of wool which opened in London this week, merinos were 5 per cent higher than the close of the last sale, and cross-breds up to prices of last sales.

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

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

**VEGETABLES**—Prices as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots, \$1 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb; imported, 3c; celery, 60 to 75c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c.

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

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—A good many cattle have been bought up throughout the country for shipment later on, but no actual shipping of export cattle has been done yet. The local demand for cattle is increasing slowly, as stocks of frozen beef are getting worked off. We quote 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c for the ordinary run of butchers. About 4c is an outside price that anything would bring, and this only in a limited way.

**SHEEP**—There is nothing doing in sheep. No sales made here yet this season. Large stocks of frozen mutton are held.

**HOGS**—The market is steady at 50 for best bacon hogs. The packing factory will be closed for a few weeks for repairs, and consequently not many hogs are wanted for immediate delivery, but 5c is offered for future delivery. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

**HORSES**—A good many horses are being brought in from Ontario and the States, to supply the usual spring demand. Prices are rather higher this spring than last, ranging from \$200 to \$300 for working teams, and a \$200 team is not up to much.

#### Minneapolis Markets.

Flour 5 to 10c lower. Corn 1 1-4c lower. Oats 1 1-4c lower. Butter 1c lower. Eggs 2c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$5.10 to \$5.15; second patents, \$4.85 to \$4.95.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$0.50 to \$0.75; bran in bulk, \$0.75 to \$1.00; corn feed, \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 26 1-2c for No. 3. Oats—Held at 25 1-2c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 31 to 32c.

Flax seed—\$1.19 per bushel. Eggs—So for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2 to 9 1-2; fair to good, 6 1-2 to 7c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 to 18c; seconds, 13 to 14c; dairy, 13 to 16c.

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

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 36 to 38c; choice named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6 to 9c; old fowls, 4 to 7 1-2c; turkeys, 9 to 11c; ducks, 9 to 9 1-2c; geese, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Hides—Green, frozen hides, 7 to 8c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 to 7 1-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 18 to 22c.

Sales. 8 stockers, av 380 lbs, \$4.25; 20 cows, av 1,025 lbs, \$3.50; 20 steers, av 1,140 lbs, \$4.35; 3 cows, av 990 lbs, at \$3.00; 23 av 984 \$3.50; 4 steers, av 1,200, \$4.20; 6 heifers, av 706 \$3; 74 stockers, av 390, \$4.75; 20 stockers, av 715, \$4.30.

Hogs—Sales: 49 hogs, av 268 lbs, \$3.77 1-2; 6 hogs, av 106 lbs, \$3.35; 73 av 221, \$3.75.

Sheep—Sales: 428 lambs, av 93 lbs, \$5.50; 30 lambs, av 83 lbs, \$5.00; 80 mutton, av 107, \$3.75; 4 bucks, av 132, \$3.00.

#### Business at Toronto

Toronto, March 18.—Beautiful spring weather greatly contributed this week to the expansion of business. Travelers are sending in many orders for the spring trade and the sorting trade this season promises to be the largest in five years. It was feared the cut in some lines of cottons would extend, but as there has been no further reduction in values by the mills, confidence in the market is somewhat restored, and purchases are being made more freely. Values of dry goods generally are very firm. Stocks of English goods will doubtless by the first of July when the duty is to be reduced 1-4c, be pretty well exhausted. The demand for Klondike supplies here has fallen off a little.

Retailers in the country report large sales, but those in the border towns complain of competition from smuggled goods, the operations of smugglers being facilitated by cut rate fares on the railways.

The large exodus of Ontario farmers to Manitoba and the Northwest Territories this spring is attracting attention. One excursion this week took 500 settlers and a large quantity of effects and much live stock. This drain on Ontario is not relished by business men in this province.

E. K. Strathly and J. B. Alcock, of Hartney, Man., has bought in a couple of carloads of fine working horses from Ontario. They found a ready sale for them, and are bringing in another car.

## FINANCIAL

#### BANK STATEMENT.

London, March 17.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes, compared with the previous account: Total reserve, increased £38,000; circulation decreased £317,000; bullion decreased £279,425; other securities increased £557,000; other deposits increased £484,000; public deposits increased £287,000; notes reserve decreased £166,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 43.35 per cent, is now 42.84 per cent. The bank's rate of discount remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

#### FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada is opening a branch at Souris, Man. H. M. P. Eckardt, of the Winnipeg office, has been appointed manager.

The Union bank is taking over the business of A. W. Law & Co., at Melita, Man., A. T. Broderick, of the former firm, will remain as manager.

The British Columbia legislature has adopted a motion for the appointment of a committee to devise a scheme for securing loans for farmers at lower rates than can be secured at present in the usual way.

The first block of the defunct Farmers' Loan Co. mortgages, amounting, with interest, to \$104,000, was sold at Toronto to the Central Canada Loan and Savings company for \$96,000. These mortgages are all on farm property, and are the best assets of the company.

A by-law to raise \$100,000 for public school purposes will be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers of Winnipeg on April 12. The rate of interest for the debentures will be 3 1-2 per cent, which is 1-2 per cent reduction from former school board issues, but is the same rate as other city debentures.

#### Making History.

Eight years! What has the world accomplished in that time? What important legislation has been passed? What diplomatic disputes settled? What wars fought out and ended? What political and social changes wrought, and their significance? What scientific wonders achieved? What great lives have disappeared from the stage? And what are the forces now at play in the world of labor, diplomacy, political and social reform? etc., etc. The answers to these and a host of other questions are given clearly and minutely, with all requisite facts, figures, and dates—put literally at your fingers' end—in "Current History," which presents every three months a carefully prepared historical review of the world's progress, arranged for permanent preservation as a work of reference. The current number rounds out the record for the last quarter of 1897. It is elegantly printed and illustrated with 61 portraits and 9 maps. Price, \$1.50 a year; single numbers, 40 cents; specimen pages free. Boston: The New England Publishing Co.

Trotter Bros., general store, Laurier, Man., have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 15.  
Offerings to-day were 35 carloads. These include 250 sheep and lambs, 500 hogs.

Cattle—Very little enquiry for export cattle, at 3 1-4 to 4 1-4c. Bulls 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c and 3 3-4 for extra fine. Stockers in good demand at 3 1-4 to 3 5-8c. Fair demand in good butcher cattle, but other grades were slow and weak. The best loads sold at from 3 1-2 to 3 7-8c.

Sheep—Sheep were worth 3 to 3 1-2c; bucks, 3c; good demand. Lambs ensue at 5 to 5 3-8c. A few choice a, shade more.

Hogs—The best price paid to-day was \$4.90 per 100 pounds; for light hogs \$4.62 1-2 was the top figure, and for heavy hogs \$4.50. Sows 3c and stags 2c per pound.

**FRIDAY'S MARKETS.**

Toronto, March 18.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 41 carloads, including 1,100 hogs. United States buyers are picking up cattle throughout western Ontario for export, but farmers are holding for higher prices in many cases. Butchers cattle were firm at the market to-day, and choice export were 1-4c higher, touching 4 1-2c. Best butchers were also 1-4c higher at 4c. Hogs were 1-4c lower. Prices were as follows:

Export cattle	3.75 to 4.50
Butchers' choice cattle	3.50 to 4.00
Butchers' good cattle	3.00 to 3.25
Butchers' common to medium	2.75 to 3.00
Bulls	2.75 to 3.60
Feeders	3.50 to 3.75
Stockers	3.00 to 3.50
Export sheep	3.25 to 3.50
Butchers' sheep	3.00 to 3.40
Lambs	5.00 to 5.35
Choice bacon hogs	4.60 to 4.70
Light hogs	4.40 to 4.45
Thick fat hogs	4.25 to 4.30
Storos	4.20 to 4.25
Sows	2.75 to 3.00
Stags	1.75 to 2.00

**TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 19.

Owing to bad roads, grain deliveries have been light. Oats are 1-2c lower. Wheat lower. Oatmeal 5c lower. Ontario flour 10c lower per barrel. Hogs products in active demand, and long clear bacon firmer.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.55; bakers, \$5.05; Ontario straight roller, \$3.90 to \$4.

Wheat—Ontario wheat 84 to 85c. No. 1 hard North Bay \$1.09 to \$1.10. Oats—White, 29c, mixed 28 1-2c.

Barley—Quite at 40c for No. 2; 37 to 38c for No. 3 extra, and 30 to 35c for feed.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 per ton; bran \$12 to \$12.50 per ton. Oatmeal—\$3.65 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—12 to 12 1-2c. Butter, dairy—Tubs, choice 17 to 18c medium 13 to 15c. Creamery, tubs, 20c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8 1-2c, the latter for steers; cured 9c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.30 for fresh killed; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

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

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

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

Seed—Timothy, \$1 to \$1.90 per bushel.

**TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 19.

Dry Goods—Wholesale dry goods is less active than last week and there are fewer buyers in the market. Summer goods are in increased demand. Values of imported goods are strong. Silks and ribbons firm at the recent advance. Some of the mills are so busy they are refusing orders for ladies underwear. Payments are good and failures fewer.

Groceries—The market is duller. Sugars are slow, owing to large imports of German granulated. Good demand here for Japan teas for sales, and five thousand packages sold.

Hardware—This branch is much improved. Coppered and brass wire will hereafter be sold on net list. There is cutting in wire nails. Sisal rope is 1-4c higher. Metals in better demand, sheet tin advanced 1-8c.

**MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 19.

The market has been steady this week. Business good. Cable advices on molasses are strong, a large demand being reported, in excess of supply.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 3-8c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 1-10; yellow, 3 1-2 to 3 7-8c. Molasses 2 1/2 to 30c; granulated, 4 1-8c. Molasses, 2 1/2 to 30c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 9 to 10c; Mocha, 18 to 20c; Java, 17 to 20; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c. Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 85 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

**MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 19.

Business has been fairly active and prices steady. Quotations are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linsed oil raw, 46 to 47c; boiled, 49 to 50; turpentine 57; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3 25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4, putty in bulk, \$1 65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

**MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 19.

Oats are easier, being quoted 1-2c lower than a week ago. Flour has been reduced 5c on the outside range. Millfeed active and firm. Eggs are in large supply, and 1c lower. Cheese dull and 1-4c lower. Dressed hogs 1-4c lower. Butter firm.

Oats—33 1-2 to 34c per bushel for No. 2 white spot, and 3 1-4 to 35 for May delivery.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.00. Manitoba patents, \$5.30.

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

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.90 to \$1.95 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Fresh, 13 to 14c per dozen.

Butter—Dairy, 17 1-2 to 18 1-2.

Butter—Creamery, 19 to 21c.

Cheese—7 1-2 to 7 3-4c.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.25 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 8 1-2 to 4 1-2c; hinds, 5 1-2 to 7 1-2c.

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

**MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 15.

Receipts at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 400 cattle, 85 sheep and lambs and 25 calves. Cattle were in excess of the requirements and 100 head were left over. Buying was limited owing to the large amount of dressed beef that is being shipped to this market from western points. Choice cattle sold at 4c to 4 1-4c, good at 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c, and common to fair, at 2 1-2 to 3c. Sheep were firm. Old sheep sold at 3 1-2c, yearlings at 5c, and lambs \$3 to \$5 each.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards, yesterday, the receipts were 100 cattle and 300 hogs. The demands for hogs was good and prices were steady at 5c to 5 1-4c per lb. live weight.

**THURSDAY'S MARKETS.**

Montreal, March 18.

Cattle—Choice 4 to 4 1-4; fair to good, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c; common, 2 1-2 to 3c.

Sheep—3 1-2c per lb; yearlings 5c. Hogs—5 to 5 1-4c.

**WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.**

David Irwin, of Neepawa, will open a general store at Souris, Man.

Mrs. Barber is retiring from the hotel business at Neepawa, Man.

Cashman, Orillia, Ont., is opening in dry goods at Mine Centre, Ont.,

J. E. Glennie is opening in the implement business at McDonald, Man.

A. M. Rutland, from England, will establish mineral water works at Wabigoon.

R. L. Hood has enlarged his store at Oak Lake, Man., and has added dry goods to his stock.

N. Holmes has purchased the business lately carried on by H. Eurdman, of McGregor, Man., general dealer.

D. B. Macleod has been appointed agent at Winnipeg for the J. I. Case threshers. Two members of this company were in the city this week arranging to open a branch here.

The general stock of the estate of Drummond & Spratt, of Minnedosa, was sold at the office of the assignee, Donald Fraser, in Winnipeg, on Tuesday, and brought 70 1-2 cents on the lot, which is considered a good figure. The stock was purchased by J. K. McLennan, of McLennan & Williams.

Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, have had a very handsome hanger prepared, showing sample colors of "Elephant" paints, for which they are wholesale agents here. The Grand Jewel furnace is also displayed. The Hanger is set off with attractive rural and other scenes.

Donald Fraser & Co., Winnipeg, have issued a neat card circular, announcing the opening of the fall and winter trade for 1898-99, in the clothing branch.

D. E. Fraser, of James Hall & Co., Winnipeg, has left for the east on his annual purchasing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gurney, of Toronto, were in Winnipeg this week, returning from the Pacific coast. Mr. Gurney is the head of the large stove foundry of that name.

G. V. Hastings, superintendent of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, left Winnipeg on Wednesday for the east. Mr. Hastings will be joined by Mrs. Hastings in Ontario, and together they will make a prolonged tour in Europe.

## New York Wheat.

New York, March 14.—Wheat closed as follows: May option 99 1-8c; July option 89 1-8c.

New York, March 15.—Wheat, May opened 99 3-8c, closed 99 5-8c. July opened 89 3-8c, closed 88 3-4c.

New York, March 16.—Wheat receipts, 87,875 bushels; sales, 3,655,000 bushels. Options opened firmer on covering and better early cables than expected, but were nervous and unsettled all day. The bears resumed their raiding tactics, aided by fine weather prospects, and although forced to cover once or twice, ultimately prevailed, and closed the market weak at 1-2 to 1 1-4 net decline, although May was 3-8c above last night's curb. No. 2, red, March, closed \$1.03 1-4; May, 97 7-8c to 99 1-2c; closed 98 5-8c. July, 87 1-8c to 88 7-8c, closed 87 3-8c; Sept., 79 7-8c to 80 3-4c; closed 80 1-2c.

New York, March 17. — Wheat receipts, 62,900 bushels; exports, 1,44,355 bushels; sales, 1,525,000 bushels futures, 8,000 bushels spot. Spot steadier; No. 2 red, \$1.04 1-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive and \$1.05 5-8 spot. No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.10 5-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive; No 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.10 5-8 f.o.b. afloat spot; No. 1 hard Duluth, \$1.11 5-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive. Options opened firmer at 5-8 to 1 3-4c advance on cold weather developments in northwest. A subsequent reaction under small clearances and lack of outside trade was followed by recovery on a demand for shorts, close being very steady at 1-2 to 1c net advance. No. 2 red, March, closed \$1.04 1-4; May, 99 1-4 to 99 3-4, closed 99 5-8; July, 87 3-8 to 88 5-16, closed 88; Sept., 80 3-4 to 81 1-4, closed 81.

New York, March 18.—Wheat — Receipts 55,500 bushels, exports 56,133 bushels. Options opened firm at 1-4c to 1-2c advance and were strongly sustained all day by bullish market news from abroad and active covering on cold weather threatening the wheat belt; export demand light, but freight men reported another big demand for grain steamers, closed 5-8c to 1-1-8c net higher. No. 2 red, March \$1.04 1-8 to \$1.04 1-2, closed \$1.04 1-8; May 99 7-8c to \$1.00 5-8, closed \$1.00 5-8; July 88 3-16 to 89 1-8c, closed 89; Sept. 81 1-2c to 82 1-8c, closed 82 1-8c.

On Saturday, March 19, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.01 1-8 for May option, and 89c July, and 82c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 98c.

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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

Chicago, March 14.—Wheat, March \$1.01 3-4c. May opened \$1.01 1-4c, closed \$1.01 1-4c. July opened 87 7-8c, closed 86 3-4c. Sept. opened 79 3-4c, closed 78 5-8c. Corn, May opened 30 1-4c, closed 30 1-4c. July 31 3-8c. Sept. 32 1-2c. Oats, May opened 26 1-2c, closed 26 3-8 to 1-2c. July opened 24 1-2c, closed 24 5-8 to 1-2c. July opened 24 1-2c, closed 24 3-8 to 1-2c. Ribs, May \$4.97, July \$5.05. Sides, May \$9.81, July \$9.90. Lard, May \$5.05, July \$5.12.

Chicago, March 15.—Wheat, March \$1.01 3-4. May opened \$1.04 1-8, closed \$1.04 1-8. July opened 86 5-8c, closed 85 7-8c. Sept. opened 78 5-8c, closed 77 7-8c. Corn, May opened 30 1-8, closed 29 7-8 to 30c. July opened 31 1-4c, closed 31 1-8 to 1-4c, Sept. 32 3-8. Oats, May opened 26 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 26 1-8 to 1-4c. July 24 1-8 to 1-4c. Ribs, May \$5.02, July \$5.07. Sides, May \$9.80, July \$9.85. Lard, May \$5.05, July \$5.15.

Chicago, March 16.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, May, \$1.04, July, 84 1-2c to 6-8 cents.  
Corn, May, 29 1-4c to 3-8c; July, 30 1-2c; Sept., 31 1-2c to 5-8c.  
Oats, May, 25 1-2c to 5-8c; July, 25 3-8c to 1-2c.  
Mess pork, May, \$9.77 1-2; July, \$9.82 1-2.  
Lard, May, \$5.05; July, \$5.12 1-2.  
Short ribs, May, \$5.02 1-2; July, \$5.07 1-2.

Chicago, March 17. — The leading futures closes as follows:

Wheat, No 2 —March, \$1.02; May, \$1.01 1-4, July, 83 3-8 to 81 7-8.  
Corn, No. 2—May, 29; July, 30 1-4; Sept., 31 3-8.  
Oats, No. 2—May, 25 3-8 to 25 1-2; July, 23 1-8 to 23 1-4.  
Mess pork — May, \$9.92 1-2; July, \$9.97 1-2.  
Lard—May, \$5.15; July, \$5.22 1-2.  
Short ribs—May, \$5.10, July, \$5.17 1-2.

Chicago, March 18.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—March \$1.03, May \$1.05 3-4, July 86 1-8c.  
Corn—May 29 1-4c, July 30 3-8c to 30 1-2c, Sept. 31 1-2c to 31 5-8c.  
Oats—May 25 5-8c to 25 3-4c, July 23 3-8c.  
Mess pork—May \$9.90, July \$9.95.  
Lard—May \$5.15, July \$5.20.  
Short ribs—May \$5.10, July \$5.15.

On Saturday, March 19, May wheat opened at \$1.06 and ranged upward to \$1.07 then declined heavily to \$1.03. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May, \$1.03; July, 85 1-4c; Sept. 78c.  
Corn—May 29 1-4c; July 30 1-2c.  
Oats—May 25 5-8c; July 23 1-4c.  
Pork—May \$9.80; July \$9.85.  
Lard—May \$5.07 1-2; July \$5.15.  
Ribs—May \$5.05; July \$5.10.  
Flax seed—Cash \$1.21; May \$1.20.

A week ago May options closed at \$1.07 1-8. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 1-2c, two years ago at 62 1-2c, and three years ago at 55 1-4c.

## WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The weekly report of the Winnipeg clearing house is as follows:

Week ending March	17th, 1898	.....	\$1,344,126	\$182,924
Corresponding week	1897	.....	858,602	159,286
Corresponding week	1896	.....	926,547	164,435

## NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, March 18.—Money on call easy 1 1-2 to 1 3-4 per cent, last loan 1 1-2; prime mercantile paper 4 1-2 to 5 1-2 per cent, sterling exchange steady at \$1.83 3-4 to \$1.84 for demand and at \$1.80 3-4 for sixty days, posted rates \$4.81 1-2 to \$4.82 1-2 and \$4.84 1-2 to \$4.85 1-2; commercial bills \$1.80 to \$1.80 5-8, bar silver 55c Mexican dollars 45c, government bonds weak; stocks closed easy.

## ENGLISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, March 14.—A easier feeling prevailed in the mar- for American cattle, owing to the fact that supplies were somewhat excessive, and prices show a decline of 1-4 per lb. since this day week. Choice selling at 12c. Canadian cattle were unchanged at 10 1-2c, and Argentine at 9 1-2c. The market for sheep was stronger, and prices advanced 3-4c, choice Argentine selling at 11 1-4c.

Liverpool, March 14.—A slightly better feeling prevailed, but no actual change in values were recorded, choice American and Canadian cattle being quoted at 9 1-2c to 10c.

## WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market closes to-day weaker and lower, at 98 to 96 1-2c, for No. 1 hard afloat basis.

## MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, March 19, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 96 1-8c, for May option, 94 1-2c for July and 75 8-4c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 94 1-8c.

## LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, March 18.—12.30 p. m. — Wheat—Spot dull. No. 2 red western winter 7s 9 1-2d. Corn—Spot quiet. American mixed new 3s 3-4d.

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 92 1-2c, July 95 1-4c.  
Tuesday—May 98 1-2, July 94 1-4c.  
Wednesday—May 97c, July 93 3-4c.  
Thursday—May 98c, July 94 1-2c.  
Friday—May 98 3-4c, July 94 3-4c, Sept. 77 5-8c.

Saturday—May 98 1-2c, July 94 1-4c. Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 99 1-2c, and cash No. 1 northern at 98 1-2c.

Last week May options closed at 96 7-8c.

A year ago May options closed at 74 3-4c, and two years ago at 60 7-8c; three years ago May options closed at 60 3-8c, and four years ago at 59 5-8c.

## Assiniboia.

W. H. Rodgers, who has been selling out a bankrupt stock at Yorkton, is leaving that place for Regina, where he will open a general store.

S. T. Scott has relinquished the proprietorship of the Qu'Appelle Progress. A Mackie, late of Binscarth, is the new publisher.

J. A. Longpre, general storekeeper, of Lebrét, has disposed of his business at that place and has moved to White-wood.

## British Columbia Items.

R. F. Jaynes is opening in liquors at Nelson.

O. B. Ormond, stationery, is opening at Victoria.

John Roof, of the Lowe Inlet Packing Co., is dead.

Christie & Annable, brokers, Nelson, have dissolved.

Boucher & Guidel, are opening at Nelson in the musical line.

A. Purviance, of Fort Steele, is opening a general store at Tracy.

C. W. Field, druggist, Golden, has purchased a portion of D. M. Calder's stock.

Miller & Law, general storekeepers, Anaconda, have dissolved. Law continues.

Washburn & Purviance, groceries, contemplate closing business at Fort Steele.

Cottlingham & Cunningham have leased the Kamloops House, Kamloops.

Dickinson & Webster, manufacturers' agents are starting business at Victoria.

C. E. Stevenson & Co., dry goods, Nanaimo, are closing their Revelstoke branch.

G. M. Burns & Co., general store, Trail, are succeeded by Chatterton & Coleman.