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WINNIPEG, JUNE 24, 1889.

— ERNST is opening a bakery at Regina.

HENRY ROME has opened a butcher shop at Nanaimo, B. C.

ROBERT MUNN will take possession of the Queen's Hotel, at Wapella, July 1st.

WHITEWOOD, N. W. T., will offer an inducement for the erection of a roller flour mill.

AN unsuccessful attempt was recently made to crack the Bank of Montreal at Regina.

SMITH & BURTON, wholesale grocers, Brandon, have admitted D. A. Hopper into partnership.

MILLIKEN & MURPHY, harnessmakers, Qu'Appelle, have dissolved partnership. J. B. Milliken continues.

CALGARY is revelling in the luxury of a steam laundry. The machinery was brought from Troy, N. Y., and cost \$4,000.

IN our last issue a typographical error occurred, which made the quotation for strong baker's flour in Winnipeg \$2.00 instead of \$2.50, what it ought to have been.

ROBERG & ROY, hotelkeepers, Lethbridge have dissolved partnership; business will be continued by Roberg. Roy will open out in the restaurant business.

TENDERS are called for the erection of a fire proof building for the use of the land titles office, at Morden, by the Provincial Government.

It is stated that arrangements for the immediate construction of the Red Deer Valley railroad have been completed and that leave will be asked at the next session of Parliament to extend the road to Battleford.

MARTIN has disposed of his interest in the Bodega restaurant, Winnipeg.

P. JANIENS, restaurant, Nanaimo, B. C., advertises his business for sale.

FRANK MARAGGI, restaurant, Winnipeg, has been closed out by the sheriff.

THE Virden Milling Company have sold out their flour mill to C. Koester.

D. F. BURK publisher of the Port Arthur Herald is said to have sold out.

H. BRISBOIS, general storekeeper, St. Norbert, has sold out to C. R. Pacaud.

HARRY MUTTER has purchased the stationery business of H. Mitchell, at Neepawa.

NEEPAWA's assessment totals \$281,000, or \$179,000 more than the year previous.

ALEX. DAVIDSON has purchased the blacksmith business of O. B. Fysh, at Moosojaw.

FULLERTON & ROSS, general storekeepers, Manitou, suffered slight damage from fire recently.

E. PARKER & Co., general storekeepers, Treherne, have effected a compromise with their creditors.

ANOTHER party of eastern farmers arrived in town last Friday. They were all of an investive turn of mind and of the 384 arrivals it is expected fully 40 per cent. will locate in this country.

By the payment of a subsidy of \$4,500 the municipality of Argyle have secured the N. P. & Man. Ry. line through their district, on the line south of the Tiger Hills. The company buy their own town sites.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Federal Bank, held at Toronto recently, it was decided to institute a suit against S. Nordheimer to recover a half a million dollars, said to have been lost by the bank through its transactions with the Commercial Loan Co. while Nordheimer was president of the bank and a member of the company.

RICHARD HARDISTY, H. C. Wilson, John Cameron, Goo. J. Kinnaird, C. Young, H. S. Young, P. Daly, Alex. Taylor, of Edmonton, N. W. T., have applied for incorporation under the name of "The Edmonton Building and Investment Company," to conduct a general loan business, at Edmonton. The capital stock is to be \$2,000 in shares of \$200 each.

THE Morgan farm, at Headingly, as also two other farms, at Balmoral, has been purchased by an English lady. The former property was purchased for \$1,500. Land sales during the past month has been the heaviest with the Hudson's Bay and other companies since the boom. The movement is principally in Southern Manitoba, along the proposed Souris branch route. The sales have mostly been to actual settlers.

THE mail service on the Glenboro branch of the C. P. R., might be re-arranged to provide many points along that line with better mail accommodation. Mails and papers sent to Blythfield via Starbuck, by the present arrangement are frequently two weeks on the road, and when it is borne in mind that that place is but twenty miles from Winnipeg, it can readily be

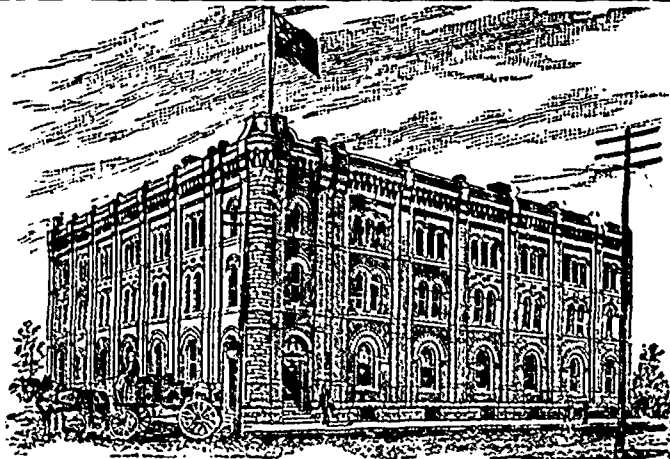
seen that some arrangement is imperatively necessary to give a better service to this district.

THE prospects of a short crop of hay are daily becoming more apparent. East of Brandon to Lake Superior the rain fall has been light and limited only to local showers. The early cutting in years past of prairie hay shows its evil effect very decidedly this season of scant moisture and the action of the Government in preventing cutting on their lands until the latter part of July has been a little late, but its beneficial effects will be seen in a couple of years if the spirit of the measure is carried out. The acquisition by the Provincial Government of the title to swamp lands in the province year before last from the Dominion Government was a wise move and it would be to the interest of the province were the authorities to follow up the regulation of the Dominion in this respect of too early cropping, as on these lands the greater portion of the hay crop of 1889 will have to be secured. The cultivation of grasses will ere long be a necessity in this country.

FOR some time past representations have been frequently made to the Dominion Government by those engaged in mining that the duty on machinery for that industry was a serious injury to the more general prosecution of the work, the most expensive portion of it having to be brought from the United States, Canadian manufacturers being unable to furnish the class required, in fact, being only able to supply what could be made in any ordinary town. Last week, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Ontario, while visiting the Sudbury mine, stated that the latter company have complained very much of the customs duties, but Mr. Richie and Mr. Cornell informed him that they had at last prevailed upon the Government to admit any mining or smelting machinery not made in Canada, duty free. The Port Arthur board of trade are to enquire of the Government confirmation of the foregoing statement.

THE Provincial Department of Agriculture issued last week the first crop bulletin of the season, or rather the first since 1887. It deals with the agricultural affairs of the province from the spring opening until the end of May. Besides taking note of annual crops, it deals with such points as pasturage, growth and destruction of noxious weeds, dairying, live stock, tree planting, and so forth. The following interesting figures about growing crops we take from it. Area of wheat in crop, 623,246 acres, or an increase of 190,111 upon 1887; area of oats, 218,744 acres, an increase of 63,568 acres on 1887; area of barley, 80,238 acres, an increase of 24,128 acres over 1887; peas, 1,491 acres, an increase of 619 acres over 1887; flax, 13,333 acres, an increase of 4,794 acres over 1887; potatoes, 11,941 acres, an increase of 1,150 acres over 1887. In tabular form is given the average of each product in the different municipalities, which are divided into four groups, named the eastern, central, southwestern and northwestern. The bulletin contains quite a lot of valuable information on many points, and does not fall into that too common blunder of making forecasts or probable estimates of the quantity or average yield of the coming crop.

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Shortening Credits.

A Minneapolis exchange publishes the fact that quite a number of the jobbing houses of that city have come to the decision to entirely discontinue the system of 30 and 60 days credit to retailers, and in future sell only on ten days time or practically for spot cash. Seemingly some houses have tried this for months back and have found that it works advantageously, and in consequence others are adopting the system, which promises to become general in that city.

The reason advanced for this shortening of credits is, that it will reduce the number of retailers to those who have sufficient capital and business experience to carry on business safely, and it is another loud and decided protest against retailers allowing credit to consumers, and taking business risks on crop prospects and other uncertainties which should never be allowed to enter into business calculations.

It is singular that while this system of shortened credits is fast gaining ground with our neighbors south of the international boundary, the balloon of Canadian credit is becoming every day more inflated, and terms of payment are lengthening out instead of shortening, and the worst feature about the evil is, that there is no indication of any improvement in the near future.

What would our Minneapolis friends think of a retail merchant, who on a \$10,000 of capital was swinging a credit load of \$40,000 to \$50,000? And if inquiry was made into the details of his business, it would be found that not fifty per cent. of his liabilities were represented by stock and other tangible assets. The balance of assets would be found in book debts scattered over the surrounding country, and all or nearly all, depending on crop prospects as security. A hundred such retail merchants can be found in this Canadian Northwest, and the Dominion at large can furnish them in thousands, and it is not to be wondered at, that they are so numerous. Where the average credit to retailers on all goods outside of groceries and a few minor lines, is about six months, and in some instances eight months pass between the

receipt of goods and the date fixed for their payment, the retailer has every temptation to let his goods out on credit to an extent altogether out of keeping with his resources. While bank resources are plethoric as they are in Canada at present, the competition for the wholesaler's discount business is so keen, that banks may be looked upon as the back-bone of our present credit system, if the thing can be said to have a back-bone, and while the fountain head furnishes, if it does not actually flood out the supplies, it is simply folly to regulate matters by ditching or damming the streams that flow therefrom. The only course is to lessen the flow from the source.

If any cool-headed business man will only study calmly the system of Canadian mercantile credits, he cannot conclude otherwise, than that we have a dangerously inflated system, and if he only takes into consideration the possibility of a monetary panic, he will scarcely escape a shudder at the view he will get of the crash and ruin, which would certainly follow.

British Columbia.

A soap works has been established at Vancouver.

Farmers in the Nicola valley apprehend a grasshopper plague.

The Bank of Montreal are to erect a building at Vancouver at once.

Vancouver coal dealers are going to enforce C. O. D., system in future business.

W. R. Roberts has opened a watchmaking and jewelry establishment at Nanaimo.

D. Simpson has taken charge of the Vancouver branch of the Bank of British North America.

Dicbel, late of New Westminster, has purchased the lease and will re-open the Colonial Hotel at Vancouver.

The new tug boat "Lorne," the property of Messrs. Dunsmuir & Co., lately launched, will cost when finished, \$60,000.

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Bay. The purchase price was the snug sum of \$62,000.

Herring's Opera House, Westminster, is to be converted into a block of tenement houses in consequence of the city council imposing a tax of \$100 per annum on all theatres, and \$10 per night on all theatrical companies giving entertainments, and the proprietor does not think it will pay to keep the opera house open after this action on the part of the authorities.

Canadian Coal Oil.

A statement comes from Petrolia that the difficulty in refining Canadian oil so as to clear it of sulphur and other impurities has at last been overcome. We trust the news may prove to be true. Owing to the difficulty in question, Canadian oil has to take second rank even in the country of its origin, and it has not been a favorite anywhere. Much American oil is used in Canada, not on account of the shortness of the domestic supply, but because of the inferior quality of the Canadian article. It is claimed for the alleged discovery that it will enable Canadian oil to be made equal to the best American. Should this be the case, the domestic article will before long supplant the imported, the Canadian oil industry may be expected to prove more remunerative than heretofore, and the public ought to share the benefit in a reduction of price. The American oil now consumed in Canada sells at a high price. It is possible that, to give the public the benefit of a reduced price, the import duty may have to be revised by way of reduction otherwise there is the danger to be feared that the refinery would attempt to exact for Canadian oil as high a price as has to be paid for American with the duty added.—*Moncton Times*.

The Keewatin *Hutler* has ceased publication.

The stock of Messrs. Van Valkenburg Bros., prominent cattle dealers, of Vancouver and New Westminster, has been seized by the sheriff.

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Messrs. G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg:
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We are, yours truly, FRAME & MILLAR,
Hardware Merchants.

Brandon, May 22nd, 1889.

Messrs. G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg:
GENTLEMEN,—We have much pleasure in recommending to the public your Mixed Paint as being a good article and worthy of public patronage. We have been selling it for about two years to our customers without a single complaint.

Yours truly,
(Signed) JOHNSON & CO.

Emerson, May, 1889.

Messrs. G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg:
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CROP ESTIMATES.

From the opening of May each year, a study of the different estimates of the probable yield of the growing crop of grain, and especially wheat on the continent is one of the most tantalizing pieces of employment that any man can engage in, and frequently it turns out to be employment which brings no reward but disappointment. From the first of May to near the close of June is the time during which prophetic statisticians are allowed full swing, and a generous public seems to allow them unlimited latitude, and even makes use of their vapory figures until something more definite is available, even when their statistical work appears to be as wild and reasonless guessing, as are the weather predictions of the celebrated Mr. Wiggins.

It is a noteworthy fact, that nearly all the crop prophets on this continent start out on the same track each spring, the difference between their estimates or guesses being only in the moderation or extreme of each. Thus when the season starts out with gloomy prospects, estimates and guesses range in hue from a sandstone grey to a coal tar black, and anything showing a ray of brightness would be looked upon as nonsense. In like manner when a start is made on the bright track, they range from ruddy brown to rose tint, and darkness is unknown. It is seldom that any radical change in estimates takes place, until the harvester and threshing machine begin to tell their tale of actual yield, and then they frequently veer around amazingly.

This year the crop estimate prophets seem to have all started in with bright hopes, which were not without foundation six or seven weeks ago. In nearly all the wheat growing districts of this continent the spring opened early, and seeding time was favorable. Subsequent showers gave great promise, and the crop prophets started on the dead-run in the direction of a heavy yield all round, both in winter and spring wheat. Subsequent frosts over a large area did not seem to in any way abate the high hopes, and not until the last ten days or so was there any general acknowledgement that frosts in some districts, and drought in others, particularly in the northwestern States,

had materially darkened the bright prospect. Later, rains in Kansas, that land of promise and very little else except cyclones, are said to be playing havoc with the harvested crop of winter wheat, which according to former estimates was to be more than double that of last year in yield and quantity. Then the crop on the Pacific coast now gathered in, took a tumble in yield and quantity of from twenty-five to thirty per cent., so that altogether the brilliant crop approximation of a month ago, have been dimmed greatly, or to put it in speculative slang have received a bad black eye during the past two weeks, and it is just possible that before spring wheat is ready to cut, and the season for blight is passed through, the other eye may be slightly discolored. Three weeks ago the crop in every spring wheat state but one was estimated at 100 per cent. of an average crop, and to-day there is not one of these states except Wisconsin on which such an estimate can be safely risked. Kansas with its crop of 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels of winter wheat, promises to shade these figures very materially, and thus maintain its reputation for furnishing disappointments, while the Pacific coast crop estimated a month ago at 60,000,000 bushels has now reached a level of not over 45,000,000 bushels, and it is very probable that this estimate is from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 too high.

But to come nearer home, where the disappointment of last year's crop has prevented any too high expectations being built up, except by that class, who actually know nothing of the state of crops, and are ready to swallow any alluring estimate, even here the prospect is far from as bright as could be wished. The drought of the past three weeks has no doubt had quite a bad effect on many sections of the northwest, although there is no reason to believe that any serious damage has as yet been done, and the rains of the past week have no doubt mitigated much of the damage that was being done. Still there is no hope, even under the most favorable circumstances, of the yield of grain being anything like so heavy as was the case with the crop of 1887. The early spring and warmer weather from this date forward will doubtless put all wheat out of the way of danger from frost, so that our grain will come to market in good condition, once it does come. But it is folly to prospect about any average yield for a month to

come, and should the season continue dry, that yield might prove much lighter, than our hopeful friends care to realize. With the crop in Minnesota and the two Dakota's now acknowledged as likely to fall considerably below an average in yield, it does look as if the supply of hard spring wheat for the coming year would be far from too plentiful, and that prices for new crop would range quite a little above the gloomy calculations that have been made of late. Indeed it seems as if eastern millers were beginning to foreshadow this, and to their forecast we may attribute the sharp upward turn in prices which set in last week. There is, therefore, scope for congratulation even where there is disappointment, for if our crop does not turn out as heavy as that of 1887, there is a probability, that it will bring better prices than it did that year.

Seemingly even the estimates of crops coming from the Bureau of Statistics at Washington are not at all reliable in their figures, more than those we get from other sources, and now that the Department of Agriculture for the Province of Manitoba has commenced the issue of crop bulletins for this province, it is pleasing to see, that the first deals only with the acreage of each crop, and does not in any way go into the prophetic business. By thus holding to facts and figures which are obtainable and can be relied upon, a great amount of misunderstanding and dangerous mistakes on the part of those interested can be prevented.

FREE TRADE WITH CANADA.

The *Commercial Bulletin*, of Minneapolis, a journal which may be accepted as an exponent of feeling among the commercial element of the Twin Cities, in its issue of June 15th, deals with the sitting of the Senate Committee on trade relations with Canada in that city, and shows a decided feeling in favor of free trade with the Dominion.

The *Bulletin* instanced the evidence of leading manufacturers and merchants before the committee, all of whom were in favor of free connections in trade with Canada, and especially with Manitoba, and were of opinion, that the injury to the Northwestern States from such a change would be slight compared with the advantages to be gained thereby.

The *Bulletin* refers to the evidence of Mr. C. A. Pillsbury, the leading miller, who favored the repeal of the wheat and flour duties, as it would enlarge the wheat

producing field for Minnesota millers, besides giving them a market near home to which they could send some of their products. The evidence of Mr. Bassett and Major Camp favored a similar course, because it would open up a field for the sale of their lumber, and the procuring of a supply of logs, without having to pay the Canadian export duty. Mr. Dean's evidence also received attention as indicating the desire of farm machinery manufacturers for an opening in this field for their products. Besides other arguments in favor of free trade intercourse with the Dominion, the *Bulletin*, in the interests of the wholesale mercantile element it represents, supplies the following paragraph:—

"From a commercial standpoint there would seem to be no reason why the jobbing interests of Minnesota should be cut off from a country nearer than Montana, which finds in Minneapolis and St. Paul a centre for supplies."

Taking the evidence all round as elicited in Minneapolis, the *Bulletin* may be considered as about correct in its opinion, expressed as follows, in the article we refer to:—

"There was an almost unanimous sentiment on the part of the men who responded to the inquiries of the members of the investigating committee, in favor of abolishing the duty on flour, wheat, lumber, farm implements and other manufactured goods."

When men, and especially business men, advocate a certain course on grounds of gushing patriotism, philanthropy or such like grounds, it is not out of place to question their sincerity. But when they base their advocacy upon selfishness, even if that selfishness be commendable, there should be no doubt whatever about their veracity. Therefore the statements of these prominent business men of Minneapolis may safely be accepted as in harmony with their thoughts and wishes, for in every way they are based upon selfishness, the selfishness which is necessary when viewing any question on business principles, and which cannot be considered unjust because of its selfishness.

It is now in order for Canadians and especially Manitobans to consider the probable advantages or disadvantages of free trade between this Dominion and the United States, and to consider it on as purely selfish grounds as have the business men of Minneapolis. Of course when consideration is given to the matter, it must not drift into talk about a tariff tinkering arrangement, which would admit of free trade between the two countries,

but keep up a tariff wall against all the rest of the world, the height of which in both would be equal. That arrangement cannot be considered for a moment on this side of the boundary line, as it would practically place the fixing of tariff rates for the Dominion in the power of Washington legislators. But a system of free trade between the two, which would leave either free to fix their own tariff to suit themselves, or sweep it away altogether if necessary, is one well worthy of the careful and favorable consideration of Canadians in all parts of the Dominion. To such an arrangement there would no doubt be strong opposition from a nest of favored manufacturers in Ontario and Quebec, but we firmly believe the masses of the people in every province would favor it in overwhelming numbers, and it is very doubtful if the opposition in the two provinces referred to would be anything like so strong as some people would have us to believe. Even among protected manufacturers there the feeling is rapidly gaining ground that Canadian manufacturers must have a much wider field than this Dominion, if our industries of that class are ever to develop into being able to live without a legislative sucking bottle, able to nurture them in babyhood perhaps, but not strong enough to carry them further.

As for Manitoba, it has no protection under the present tariff arrangements, and has nothing to lose by a free system of trade with the United States. Our people want cheaper lumber and cheaper farm implements, and the opening of our grain market to Minnesota millers and grain men would only bring another lot of middlemen to compete in the purchase of our grain, the maximum price of which to the farmer is fixed by European buyers in reality, but which will sell no cheaper here, if we have many more local buyers competing for it. The farmer here has long ago given up the idea that tariff protects him, and the freer the trade intercourse, the cheaper he can secure his supplies.

There is one point we wish to furnish for the consideration of the *Bulletin*, namely, that the Canadian tariff laws as passed in 1878 make provision for a reduction or abolition of the duty on flour, wheat, lumber and other natural products of both countries as soon as the United States are prepared to make similar reductions or abolition. The Washington Congress can take the first

step by abolishing these duties which are after all purely ornamental, and our Ottawa rulers dare not refuse to follow a similar course. This will set the ball rolling and give the people on both sides of the line a taste of the advantages of trade intercourse with each other, which would soon make them long for more, and encourage them to strike boldly for the abolition of other tariff barriers between them.

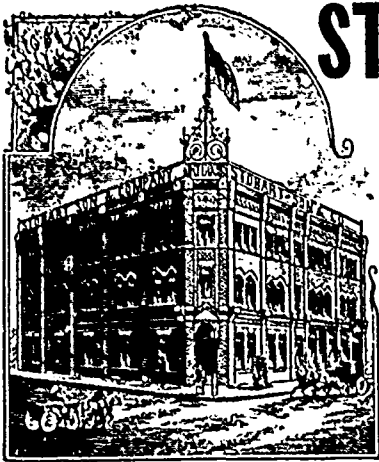
TO WITHDRAW.

On Wednesday last the morning *Free Press* published in its telegraphic reports an Ottawa rumor to the effect that in a few months the Northern Pacific Railway Company would withdraw from its connections in Manitoba, on account of an arrangement made with the C.P.R. Company, by which the latter concedes to the N. P. Company certain unmentioned privileges in connection with the Pacific coast traffic.

The above rumor would be rather startling to the people of the Northwest, if it was of such a nature, and from such a source as would make it reliable. But coming from Ottawa over the C.P.R. telegraphic system to the *Winnipeg Journal*, which may now fairly be rated as an advocate of C.P.R. interests in Manitoba, few people in the province will trouble themselves much about the alleged rumor, or place any reliance upon it.

One rather puzzling point about the rumored withdrawal of the N. P. R. from Manitoba is the *quid pro quo* to be received in return from the C.P.R., namely, concessions in connection with the Pacific coast traffic. It is impossible to see where the C.P.R. Company has any thing on that coast to concede, which would in any way repay the N. P. Company for the sacrifice they would have to make in giving up what they possess and have tenaciously fought to secure in this province. It requires therefore only a business view of the profit and loss aspect of the rumor to convince any reasonable man of its absurdity, for assuredly railway men like other business men do not part with anything they possess at much below its value.

We suppose there would be no difficulty in securing from the highest N. P. sources the most complete denial of this whole rumored deal, if any person or persons would put themselves to the trouble of making the necessary inquiry. But it seems to be altogether unnecessary to do so, and the most sensible manner of disposing of the matter is to place this and other similar telegraphic rumors as part and parcel of the special favorable arrangements with the C.P.R. Company, which the *Free Press* recently announced it had made.



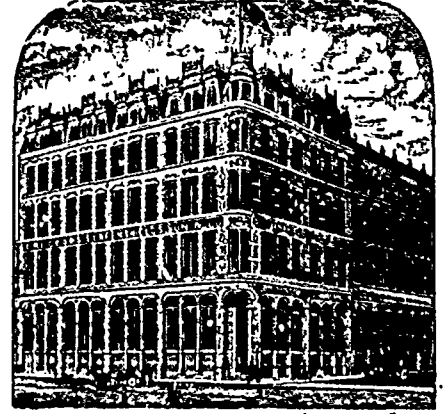
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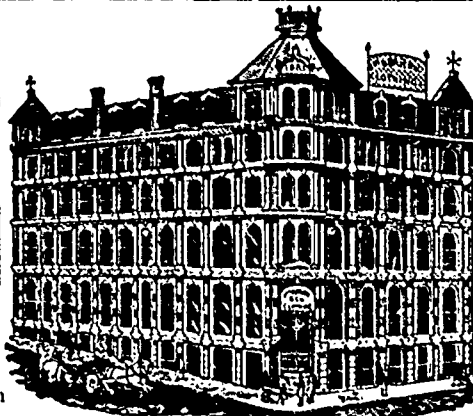
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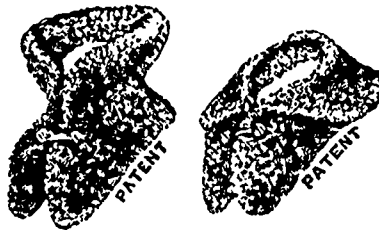
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs still continue to move slowly in the city, and in connection with trade affairs there is nothing to call for any free circulation of funds. The regular trade discount volume is down to slender proportions, and has been growing more slender as June advances, while there is no other movements afoot to make demands of an unusual character on the banks. Business with them is therefore quiet, and there are ample cash resources lying on their hands uncalled for. The rates of discount are steady, and there is no influence either here or outside that would have any tendency to make a change. Good trade paper still passes at 7 to 8 per cent., and the bulk of it is taken at the former figure. In real estate mortgage loans applications are still coming in freely, but they are invariably only for small amounts on improved farm security, and for these 8 per cent is the regular rate of interest. No heavy loans for city purposes are reported, but any good ones for reasonably large amounts can be easily negotiated at 7 per cent. Interest payments are coming in slowly, but sales of lands held by loan companies to actual settlers are still numerous, and add very materially to the volume of what is included under the head of new business.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There is nothing fresh to report about the wholesale trade of the city during the past week, and no new features to call for special comment. In lines of every day necessities business has been running in a steady, quiet manner, with buyers working on a hand-to-mouth system, and taking only what immediate wants forces them to buy, thus keeping the volume of sales steady and in small lots. The filling of Government contracts too has come pretty near to a close, so that there is nothing to cause even a temporary bustle. In builders and contractors supplies the movement is rather less than it was at the opening of June, but still the volume of business has been fairly satisfactory. In regular season goods there has been scarcely any change since our last report. The sorting trade has fallen off a little, but not to any appreciable extent, while the volume of sales from fall samples has held about the same as last reported. In a few minor lines there has been some activity, but not in any branch which adds materially to the week's aggregate of business. In almost every branch collections are reported very slow, and the circulation of money over the country very light. Taken altogether the report of the week is not one of activity, and it indicates clearly that we are entering upon, if indeed we have not already done so, the slow time between seasons. It is satisfactory to note, that whatever may be the present state of affairs, the great majority of wholesalers report that the season's business as a whole will be considerably in excess of this season last year.

CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS.

In these branches the business of the week has not reached much of an aggregate. The sorting trade was about equal to that of the previous week, or if anything lighter, while the volume of orders for fall goods was about

the same, except in one or two cases, where it had fallen off a little. From all houses there is a report of very limited cash returns, at which there is neither disappointment nor astonishment expressed, as no one looks for liberal payments at this time of the year.

FURS—RAW.

The transactions of the past week were again liberal, although considerably short in aggregate of the previous one. Buyers have been kept pretty well on the alert, and competition has been keen although not reckless. The business has been mixed up in a great measure of small and medium sized lots, there being none offered of such heavy lots as were on the market during the previous week. Prices are ranging about the same as our last quotations, but there has been great uncertainty about them. This week the London fur sales take place, and after that there will be a steady and more stable state of things here. For a few weeks back there has been a difference of opinion as to the probable results of these sales. Some think prices will be even higher than those obtained in April, while others think that the sharp rise then developed will be in whole or part lost.

FRUITS.

There has been a fair business done during the week. Apples and oranges are again looking upward, and a further advance is freely predicted. Strawberries are now out of the market, and the first arrivals of Oregon cherries in ten pound boxes have been received. Quotations have been as follows: Lemons—360 count boxes, \$7 to \$7.50; in 300 counts, \$7 to \$7.50; Oranges—Fancy Riverside Mediterranean Sweets, \$6.50 to \$7; fancy Riverside St. Michaels, \$7.50. Bananas—Port Limon, \$3 to \$3.50 a bunch, according to quality and size; California peaches, per box, \$3.25; California apricots, per box, \$3.25; California plums, per box, \$2.25; Oregon cherries per box, \$3; tomatoes, per crate, \$3.50; onions—Egyptian, in 100 lb. crates, per crate, \$6.00; Bermuda, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$3.25; figs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; in lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; dates—Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb boxes, per lb., 19c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22c; white apricots, do, 21c; eggs—fresh, per doz., 14c; Nuts, S. S. Taragon Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c.

GROCERIES.

In this staple branch business has been quiet but steady, with sales confined to only the pressing wants of buyers. The filling of Government contracts is nearing the close, so that there has been nothing to cause any unusual stir. Prices of sugars are still high, and holding firm, while canned goods retain all the advance they made during the past few weeks. Prices of goods hold steady, and are as follows: Sugars, yellows, 8½ to 9½; granulated, 10 to 10½; lumps, 11c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young Lyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco,

56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. cad lies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c.; Beaver, 61c; Ockerow, 47c; Woodcock, 52½; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80½. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

The quieter feeling reported in our last issue still continues, and is more marked in connection with shelf and general goods than in heavies. There are no changes in prices to report, but a sharp advance in all classes of heavy iron goods is a very likely one, as prices of iron have been going upwards of late. Quotations stand as follows: Cut nails, 1½ and large \$3.50 to \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 25 to 40 per cent, according to size, off list prices; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

Receipts of wool have been steadily increasing, while those of hides have been falling off. Taken altogether the feeling might be called quiet. There are no actual changes to report, although prices paid have varied a little, but only within the ranges given below. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb.; Calif, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c rendered 5c.

LUMBER.

The movement from the mills is still heavy, and there is trouble to get orders filled promptly. The local trade is only fairly active. Prices are steady and as follows at the mills: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance

for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding 1/2 in. x 6 in., \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear—1 1/2, 1 1/4, and 2, inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 6 cts; 1/2 round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2 25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business has been moving with satisfactory activity during the week, and has shewn no disposition to fall off in any way. There have been no changes in prices since those noted in our last report, and quotations are: Turpentine in barrels, \$5c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 67c, boiled 70c; benzine and gasoline, 59c; panoxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar, \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3 1/2 a pound, in barrels 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The situation has changed somewhat since our last issue, and circumstances generally have drifted in favor of the holders of wheat. The influence of markets in Europe has been less felt, and has had less to do with prices on this continent, than during any week of the current year. The crop statisticians generally have been weakening in their high estimates on the growing crop of spring wheat, while the harvester and thresher have been cutting down the tall figures of former winter wheat approximations. From the southwestern states unfavorable weather for stacking and threshing has been freely reported, while Pacific coast crop has been dwindling quite a little in aggregate under the influence of the threshing machine. In the spring wheat states May frosts and June drought have, it is stated, done material damage, and although last week brought rain in the north-western grain fields generally, it has come too late to prevent damage, and prevent a shorter yield, than was anticipated some weeks ago. In this country the advantages of an early spring have been lost in a great measure by the subsequent drought, and the rains of the past week, while they were welcome, and have done great good, have not come in time to warrant the calculations of a heavy crop all round, which could have been made with safety had these rains come two weeks earlier. Under such influences wheat markets all over have stiffened up a little, and many holders hope for still further advances before the new crop of spring wheat comes to harvest. On this market a number of transactions are reported during the week, but none of the heavy holders have as yet let go in any quan-

tity, but are holding on as tenaciously as ever. Several five and ten thousand lots changed hands on a basis of \$1.03 afloat at Fort Arthur for No. 1 hard, but buyers were not prepared to take No. 2 unless at a margin of 5c less, and sellers would not submit to that. Altogether the week was an encouraging one compared with the experience of the previous three or four, and there is generally a more hopeful feeling in the trade.

FLOUR.

Only a few cars have been sent east on order during the week, and the demand from all outside sources has been very light. The mills still running may stop any day from want of storage, and only a good demand at fair prices from the east for their bran and shorts encourages them to keep running. The local trade has been steady, with prices unchanged. Quotations are. Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers, \$2.50; XXXX, \$1.80; superfine, \$1.20.

OATS

There has been literally no outside demand, and the local trade has been quiet. A stray car lot or two are all the sales reported, and these have been at easier figures. About 28c to 29c would be a fair range of quotations, although these figures can only be taken as nominal.

OATMEAL.

No export demand and local trade quiet. Prices are steady and as follows: Standard, per 100 lbs. \$2 60; granulated, \$2 75; rolled oats in 80 lb. sacks, \$3.

BUTTER.

The same symptoms of glut are still apparent, and the feeling all round is decidedly weak. Nobody seems at all inclined to touch anything but creamery or choice dairy, and even the latter they will not take hold of in round lots, the only sales being of lots of a few tubs to satisfy the local demand. There might be some business done in round lots, but the price that is offered prevents any transactions, and holders are content to wait for a more favorable turn. Small lots of choice dairy sold at 13 to 14c, but for a round lot it is questionable if over 12c would be offered. Medium and low grades are not wanted at all, so that stocks are steadily increasing and unless some clearance is made soon, the threatened glut will be complete.

EGGS.

The supply has been a little more plentiful, but not so uniformly fresh as they were two weeks previously. Really fresh sold at 13c, and even 14c were given for a few very choice lots. Packers are now at work and taking surplus offerings, otherwise prices would be liable to break considerably.

CHEESE.

Factories are not finding a very free market as yet, there being still considerable stock from last year held in the city. The state of eastern markets will not allow of profitable exporting. About 8 1/2c would be a fair offer for round lots of good quality, but no one is anxious to buy even at that figure.

LARD.

Only a light local demand reported, with prices steady, 20lb. pails being quoted at \$2.20.

CURED MEATS.

The movement is light but prices are steady and rather firm. Quotations range: Ham, 13 to 13 1/2 with 14c for choice; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 1/2c; rolls, 11 to 12c; dry salt, 10c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef carcasses hold firm at 6 1/2 to 7 1/4c, the latter being paid only for a few choice ones. Dressed hogs are quoted at 7c, and slow in sale.

Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of June 6th, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
Canada 3 per cents.....	97	—	—
British Columbia 4 1/2 per cents.....	97	—	—
Ditto 6 per cents.....	128	1 1/2	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.....	115	—	—
Quebec 4 per cents.....	101	—	1
Montreal 3 per cents.....	83 1/2	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents.....	106	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.....	109	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register).....	57 1/2	—	—
Ditto shares (London register).....	67 1/2	—	—
Ditto first mortgage bonds.....	110 1/2	3	—
Ditto 3 1/2 per cent. land grant bonds.....	93 1/2	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock.....	10 1/2	1	—
Ditto first preference.....	69 1/2	—	8
Manitoba Northwestern bonds.....	113	1	—
Manitoba and Southwestern bond.....	197	—	—
Bank of British Columbia.....	33 1/2	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.....	80	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid.....	5 1/2	—	—
Ditto £3 paid.....	3 1/2	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage.....	1	—	—
British American Land.....	23	—	—
Canada North-West Land.....	4	—	—
Hudson's Bay.....	21 1/2	—	1
Land Corporation of Canada.....	1	—	—

Minneapolis Markets.

The closing prices for wheat on Thursday June 20th, were:

	June.	July.	On track.
No 1 hard.....	96	96	97
No. 1 northern.....	89 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2
No 2 ".....	80 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2

Flour—There has been a fair movement of flour without any crush during the week. The demand during the first part of the week was about equal to the current output. There was no large foreign demand, but the trade has recovered from the recent extreme dullness. Prospects are favorable for the sale of all the flour that can be made here from the spring wheat left. More than half the wheat now arriving is shipped out again. There is no fresh encouragement from abroad that higher prices are to be expected there in the near future, but the critical condition of crop affairs in the northwest, with the probable lateness of winter wheat for grinding and the active competition for cash wheat, gave more firmness to flour. The small stocks in the hands of consumers have begun to show their meagerness in the larger demand, and buyers are trying to get flour at prices of two weeks ago, when wheat was 6@12c per bushel less than now, but millers without exception are asking more money. The rains in the northwest have made some millers bearish and there will likely be some pushing for sales.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$5.10 to \$5.40; second patents, \$4.60 to \$4.85; bakers', \$3.25 to \$3.75; best low grades, \$1 30 to 1.90 in bags; red dog \$1.20 to 1.50 in bags.—Northwestern Miller.

Lake Superior District.

A water power privilege of 38 acres at the Sault was purchased at auction by James Conmee, M.P.P., for \$2,800.

The quantity of wheat in store at the Port Arthur elevator, June 17th, was 766,910 bushels, the amount shipped during the week being 94,084 bushels.

Thos. T. Thompson, of Nova Scotia, who represents a firm in that country, has decided to locate at Fort William East and manufacture stoves, etc. An acre of ground was the inducement given to locate there.

Another vessel has come to grief on the bar at the mouth of the Kaminiatiquia. The Macey and consort Camden which arrived on Sunday morning headed for the river. The large worked her way through, but the schooner stuck fast in the mud. The tug Salty Jack was called into requisition and worked on the Camden - I got her off about noon. The schooner was then taken to No. 1 dock to be lightered.

Thos. Marks and Co., of Port Arthur, have closed a contract for the transportation of ten thousand tons of Pennsylvania coke from Lake Erie ports to Algoma Mills, thence to be transported via Canadian Pacific to Sudbury. The steamship Algonquin left Cleveland last week with 1,300 tons. The first cargo of this coke will be used at Sudbury for smelting copper, nickle and other ores before their final shipment to Swansea for refinement.

The steamer City of Cleveland and consort John Martin went ashore eight miles east of Two Harbors on Thursday last. Both are loaded with coal. The City of Cleveland registers 1,319 tons, was built by Quayle & Sons in 1882, and is valued at \$110,000. The John Martin is 895 tons, and was built and owned by the same people, and valued at \$35,000. Four steam pumps were sent to their assistance. The boats must be in pretty bad

shape. The Cleveland is reported badly damaged.

The steambarge North Star, Capt. Thorne, of the Northern Steamship Co., better known as the J. J. Hill line, which was bound downward on Lake Superior, loaded with ore, flour and bran, collided with the steambarge C. J. Sheffield, Capt. Allen, about 60 miles west of Whitefish Point. The Sheffield was on her up trip, light, and went to the bottom in six minutes in 300 feet of water, a total loss. The North Star took the crew of the Sheffield to the "Soo." The unfortunate barge was valued at \$150,000, was built by the Globe iron works of Cleveland, was of steel, and was owned by H. H. Brown of Cleveland. She was a very pretty barge, classed A 1 and of 1,390 tons capacity. The North Star was also considerably damaged by the collision. A dense fog prevailed at the time of the disaster. The crew of the Sheffield had not time to save their dunnage. The North Star was built in 1888 by the Globe iron works of Cleveland, has a capacity of 1,835 tons, and is valued at \$225,000.

Anti-Combine Legislation.

Among the numerous laws on the statute books of different western states against combines, that of the state of Kansas is undoubtedly the most far reaching in its details, and shows least respect for exceptions which the power of conventionalism have exempt from legislative interference in other states. Not only does it declare unlawful combinations of manufacturers or merchants for controlling

prices of their products, but it places the same ban upon combinations for the fixing of attorneys or doctors fees, the advancing or controlling rates of insurance, and the fixing or controlling of the rate of interest to be paid by borrowers on loans.

Whether or not the Kansas legislators were right in their anti combine legislation on general principles, is a question requiring a great amount of study, before an opinion could be risked. That they showed more consistency than is usually displayed in such legislation, is beyond doubt. They are not afraid to apply their legislation to professions which owing to fossilized ideas of dignity attached to them, have been allowed not only to fix in the most arrogant manner the charges a suffering public must pay, but actually to have their scale of charges established by law. Of course we can hear of competition being a breach of etiquette in these learned professions, as they are called. But if it requires the power of law to regulate the financial arrangements between themselves and with the public their learning has evidently failed to give them a fair conception of their duty to their own circle or their patrons. With insurance business the present state of affairs is even worse. A combination of representatives of companies fix rates in the most arbitrary manner for their patrons to pay, and agents are compelled to abide by these is evident from the fact that recently the Canadian manager of one of the largest British fire insurance companies doing business in the Dominion was dismissed from his position for secretly cutting the rates fixed by a board of underwriters.

Kansas legislators would stand none of the nonsense above referred to, or establish any restrictions on men actually engaged in trade, while at the same time exempting professional men and others, who in some instances are simply parasites upon trade.

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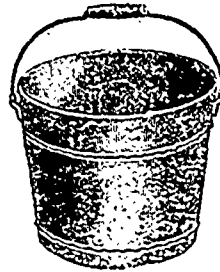
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The market opened on Monday with a healthy tone for a strong market, and the firmness at the close of the week was the means of drawing a big crowd to the wheat pit, the attendance of traders being larger than for many months. The longs looked at \$0c as a top figure and put out large offerings, but the load was too great, and the market broke heavily. Corn was active on a good shipping demand, and a slight advance was noted. Closing prices were as follows:

	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	80½	78½	75½	75½
Corn	34½	34½	34½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.65	11.67½	11.75	11.82½
Lard	6.52½	6.57½	6.65	6.72½
Short Ribs	5.80	5.50	5.87½	5.95

On Tuesday there was a nervous feeling among traders. The active trading was stimulated by the conflicting weather reports, but what business was done was at safe figures. In corn there was some covering by "shorts," and that cereal advanced fractionally. Oats were dull and provisions quiet. Closing prices were as follows:

	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	80½	78½	75½	75½
Corn	34½	34½	35	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.60	11.62½	11.72½	11.80
Lard	6.50	6.55	6.62½	6.70
Short Ribs	5.80	5.87½	5.92½	5.90

Wheat was stronger at Thursday's session of the board the unfavorable weather reports causing anxiety among the "shorts." Climatic conditions still remain antagonistic to that required for a good harvest, wet weather prevailing where not required and drought where

moisture is badly needed. Large clearances also gave a strong tone to the market. Closing prices were as follows:—

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	80-2½	78½	75½	75½
Corn	34½	34½	35½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.50	11.47½	11.52½	11.60
Lard	6.42½	6.47½	6.55	6.62½
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Friday was a repetition of the character of Thursday's trading and was wholly a weather market, but only a moderate business was done. Closing quotations were as follows:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	80½	78½	75½	75½
Corn	34½	34½	35½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.70-5	11.72½	11.80	11.85
Short Ribs	6.45	6.52½	6.60	6.62½

There was a quieter feeling Wednesday and trading was done at a lower range of prices than Tuesday. Closing figures were as follows:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	80	77½	75	75
Corn	34½	34½	35½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.55	11.57½	11.65	11.75
Lard	6.45	6.50	6.60	6.65
Short Ribs	5.77½	5.77½	5.85	5.90

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THE Provincial Government have decided to aid the Deloraine Well Committee in their enterprise to the extent of \$200 per foot on the additional boring that may be required.

In another column appears a paragraph that the Keewatin *Hunter* had ceased publication. We find that our information was incorrect; a late issue coming to hand as racy as its name indicates.

THE liquidators of the Central Bank, Toronto, Messrs. A. Campbell, W. Gooderham and W. H. Howland get \$5,000 for their services in connection with the winding up of that institution.

THE Dominion Government have received official notification of the discovery of the Canmore anthracite coal mine. The veins are traced for four miles and are over nine feet in width.

THE Postmaster General has instituted criminal proceedings against J. A. Corbeil for conducting a private delivery of city letters at Montreal. The defendant has a large staff of letter carriers and is doing a rushing business.

A MENNONITE farmer at Gretna by the name of Remple imported an engine and thresher from the United States that was the product of convict labor, contrary to the Inland Revenue Act, with the result that the articles were confiscated by the customs department. An agent of a local implement firm warned the importer what the result would be if the importation were made and was the means of the seizure.

A DEPUTATION from Emerson and towns on that branch of the C. P. R. waited on Superintendent Whyte last week for better train accommodation than is now in force. Mr. Whyte stated it had been seriously considered whether it was not advisable to disband that branch entirely, but that on Mr. Van Horne's return he would lay the matter before him for his decision. Years ago the C. P. R. did their best to ruin the town of Emerson and partly accomplished it, the probabilities now point to a desire on the part of the General Manager to endeavor to accomplish it now.

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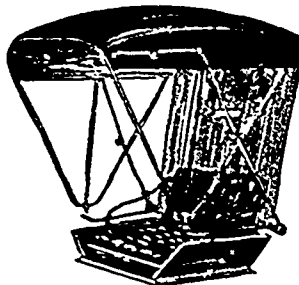
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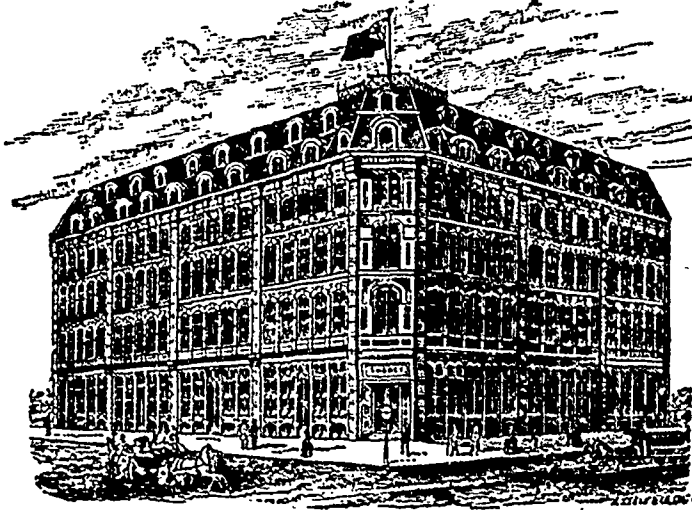
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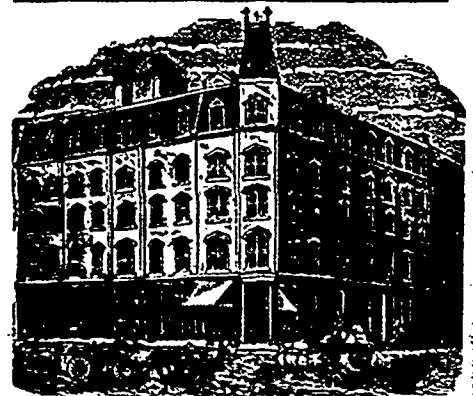
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 Jos. Methot, general storekeeper, Dalhousie Mills, burnt out.
 Kerby Bros., dealers in dry goods, etc., Sarnia, have assigned.
 Miss J. Tilney, milliner, Belleville; stock, etc., sold at 34c in the \$.
 Geo. White, engineers, etc., London; style now Geo. White & Sons.
 Strachan & Redmond, manufacturers of shoes, Toronto, have dissolved.
 Hamilton & Clark, marble, Guelph, are succeeded by Clark & Carter.
 Chas. Mason & Co., general storekeepers, Shelburne, have assigned.
 Rolston Bros., general storekeepers, etc., Metcalfe; John Rolston of this firm dead.
 Harkness & Co., dealers in drugs, London, have sold out their stock to W. S. Barkwell.
 M & J. L. Vokes, dealers in hardware, Toronto, are advertising their Queen St. branch for sale.
 Mrs. E. Woods, dealer in dry goods, etc., Toronto, advertises business to be sold by auction.
 Brown Bros. & Son, general storekeepers, Tottenham (also Keenansville and Schomberg), have assigned.
 J. Skelton & Co., dealers in dry goods and shoes, Shelburne, are selling off and retiring from business.

QUEBEC.

P. A. Morin, dry goods, Quebec, has assigned.
 E. J. Mahon, confectioner, Montreal, burned out.
 L. K. Drew, dealer in carriages, Magog, is dead.
 Patrick Gannon, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 Boyer Freres, tailors, Montreal, have dissolved.
 A Poulain, general storekeeper, Iberville, has assigned.
 Pierre Leroux, dealer in shoes, Montreal, has assigned.
 A. R. Reed, dealer in drugs, Montreal, has assigned.
 Lapointe & Co., butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 S. J. McDonald, baker, etc., Lennoxville, has assigned.
 Miss A Cazalais, dealer in shoes, St. Henri, has compromised.
 H. & J. Russel, dealers in iron, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
 Gilmour & Co., dealers in hardware, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Mederic Lefebvre, general storekeeper, La Prairie; demand of assignment.

Twombly & Westcott, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Eugene Dallaire, general storekeeper, St. Germain, has assigned.
 W. E. Brunet & Co., dealers in drugs, St. Sauveur, have assigned.
 N. Trahan, general storekeeper, Nicolet; demand of assignment.
 Pierre Contu, general storekeeper, St. Felix de Valois, has assigned.
 Binette & Lavelle, manufacturers of shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.
 M. A. Ouimet, manufacturer of boots and shoes, Montreal, has assigned.
 Geo. Barrington & Sons, manufacturers of trunks, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
 Wm Stanley & Co., stationery, etc., Quebec, have dissolved; Wm. Stanley continues.
 Canada Awning Co., Montreal, have dissolved; John and Wm. Gordon continue under style Gordon Bros.

Thibaudeau, Beliveau & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved; business continued by Beliveau & Archambault.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Ross McLean, painter, Shubenacadiac, has removed to Truro.
 J. A. Perry, dealer in fancy goods, etc., Yarmouth, has assigned.
 W. M. Hiltz, general storekeeper, Lower Steviacke, has assigned.
 Thomas McKenzie & Sons, blacksmiths, Shubenacadiac, have sold out to T. E. Wallace.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Brown & Warrell, butchers, Moncton, have assigned.
 J. F. Wanamake, lumber, Millstream, has sold out.
 Thos. Hunter & Co., dry goods, St. John, Carleton, burned out.
 Gray & Co., wholesale small wares, St. John; John H. C. Gray dead.
 G. I. Vaughan, general storekeeper and lumber, Salmon River, has sold out.

The Bank of British North America.

The statement of Mr. Buchanan, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, at the late annual meeting of shareholders, regarding the security in cash resources held by the bank in proportion to its circulation and deposits, and the comparison of the same with the average shown by other Canadian banks, has stirred up a little feeling in banking circles, and the *Trade Bulletin*, of Montreal, takes up the case of the Bank of British North America, which to use the language of the gambler, "goes one higher." This bank owing to certain rights guaranteed by the Royal charter under which it was incorporated has its directorate in London, and not its whole annual statement, but merely a statement of its Canadian business has to be forwarded to the Government at Ottawa. Even this statement shows that the bank holds of specie and Dominion notes 33 per cent. of the total of its circulation and deposits or 3 per cent. higher than the Bank of Montreal, and 13 per cent. above the average of leading Quebec and Ontario banks.

This bank holds in cash and call loans enough to pay off circulation and demand deposits and leave a surplus of \$1,062,279.08; a pretty good nest egg of a surplus indeed.

As this bank has its head-quarters in London, England, and does business there, in New York and San Francisco, the Canadian business

is no index to its magnitude or solidity, a better idea of which can be had from the annual statement for the year ending December 31st, 1888, as submitted to, and adopted at the last annual meeting of stockholders held in London, on March 5th, 1889. This statement is here appended:—

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
 BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER, 1888.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital.....				1,000,000	0	0
10,000 shares of £25 each fully paid.						
To Reserve Fund.....				250,000	0	0
To Deposit and Current Accounts.....						
Time.....				1,254,254	19	11
Demand.....				685,450	4	4
To Notes in Circulation.....				260,316	4	4
To Bills Payable and other Liabilities.....				1,015,458	11	9
To Reserve Account.....				15,720	14	0
To Profit and Loss Account—						
Balance brought forward from last year after transferring £240,000 to Reserve Fund.....				1,348	10	9
Net profit for the year ending this date after deducting all current charges and providing for all bad and doubtful debts.....				85,058	10	11
Available Balance.....	£			60,407	10	8
Deduct appropriated to Reserve, making £250,000.....				10,060		
Deduct Interim Dividend paid Oct. 1888.....				37,000		
				45,000	0	0
				41,407	10	8
				£5,122,614	5	0
By cash and specie at Bankers and in hand.....				528,678	12	6
By cash at call and short notice.....				560,492	2	5
				1,089,170	14	11
By Investments Montreal 4 per cent registered Stock and Bonds.....				74,979	9	0
By Bills receivable, Loans on security, and other accounts.....				3,870,084	7	2
By Bank premises, etc., in London and at the Branches.....				32,379	13	11
				£5,122,614	5	0

Northern Pacific Earnings.

The following is the Northern Pacific's statement of the approximate gross earnings for the week ending June 14, in comparison with the corresponding week of last year:—

	1889.	1888.	Increase.
Freight.....	\$277,296	\$226,997	\$51,299
Passenger.....	112,194	104,087	8,117
Miscellaneous....	21,700	22,112	*412
Total.....	\$412,190	\$353,186	\$59,004

*Decrease.

The Northern Pacific and Manitoba are said to be contemplating the establishment at all points along their line of elevators, although they will be nominally the property of an elevator company. It is also reported that the Keewatin Milling Company will erect a number of elevators at various points throughout the province.

The employes of Armour & Co., at Chicago, have received notice from the firm warning them against gambling on the Board of Trade or in open Board, under a penalty of losing their positions. It seems that it is not lawful in this case for the man to do as the master does, though perhaps since the latter, not long ago added several millions to his pile by "trading" on the Board, he has discovered the sinfulness of his course. —*Shoe and Leather Gazette.*

Losses by Flood and Fire in the U. S.

Bradstreet's gives the following figures on the recent disasters in that country: "After a free inquiry throughout the regions devastated by water through persons well calculated to judge, we are inclined to regard the following totals as much nearer the actual money loss in property destroyed than any aggregates previously published; at Johnstown an other points throughout the Conemaugh Valley, the Pennsylvania Railway losses in that region, and the loss of the Cambria Iron & Steel Company, \$30,000,000; losses to other railway companies (in four States), \$1,250,000; damage from floods to real property, merchandise, etc., at cities and towns in Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia, \$5,000,000; at Williamsport, Pa., \$5,000,000; in the Juniata valley, Pa., \$1,000,000; in Southern New York (twenty five towns), \$1,500,000; probable loss to coal mines, \$500,000; total, \$44,250,000. These figures are given on the judgment of men on the ground, without claim to an exactness, which is at this time, of course, impossible. At seven towns in the Conemaugh valley there was \$7,537,000 capital invested in business, while at Williamsport, Pa., the total capital invested was not less than \$23,000,000. The stricken town of Seattle is said to have lost \$15,000,000 at least, from fire. The capital invested in business there aggregated \$4,100,000."

The Salt Trust.

The preparations of the capitalists who are trying to secure control of the production of salt in this country are nearly completed, and we may expect to see the price of the article advance soon. The larger portion of the capital of the trust will be furnished by members of the English Salt Union, and when the organization is in working order the two combines will work in harmony. The formation of an international trust—for that is what the movement practically amounts to—is a novelty in the history of combinations, and if it is successful similar attempts will no doubt be made with other products. It may be asked of what use is the tariff if domestic and foreign producers are to pool their capital and destroy competition? The ingratitude of the American salt manufacturers is something phenomenal. The consumer has subjected himself to a tax of 12 cents per 100 lbs. in bags and 8 cents. per 100 lbs. in bulk (ad valorem duties, 39.30 per cent. in bags and 79.63 per cent. in bulk) merely for the sake of a few capitalists who are not satisfied with the protection of the tariff, but wish to do away with all competition, and in order to accomplish their aims apply to Englishmen for the necessary capital. Thus the product of the taxation of American consumers will line the pockets of foreigners, against whom the tariff is levied as a protection to American producers.—*Merchant's Review.*

Mr. Pye, of Minneapolis, is arranging with the Pilot Mound Milling Company for constructing and supplying the machinery for the new roller mill.

The C. P. R. elevator is almost full of grain at Owen Sound, and large shipments are being

made to make room for 70,000 bushels of corn en route from Chicago and 30,000 bushels of wheat from Port Arthur.

The latest evolution of paper is a paper oil can, so prepared with a patent composition lining that it is impervious to even kerosene oil and is handsomer and more durable than any other can in the market. It is very difficult to solder tin cans so that some are not defective, besides which kerosene oil seems to soon corrode them so that the oil works through, while those that are glass lined are easily broken; hence, the paper oil can fills a want.

The Bell, Lewis & Yates Co. have been awarded the whole of the New York Central and West Shore contract for coal for delivery at Buffalo and Rochester for the ensuing year—400,000 tons; this is the largest coal contract ever given to one producer in this country. The same concern has also the contract for the Michigan Central road—110,000 tons. We congratulate our friends on this achievement.—*Coal Trade Journal.*

It is interesting to trace the evolution of paper back from the oil can to the paper lamp, paper bottles for ink and bluing, paper pails and wash basins, paper car wheels, building paper, wrapping paper, printing paper and writing paper which we believe, was the first use to which paper was put; at any rate, it is evident that there is "nothing like paper." It has been the means of recording the world's history and enlightening the world, and each year finds some new use to which it is adapted.—*American Grocer.*

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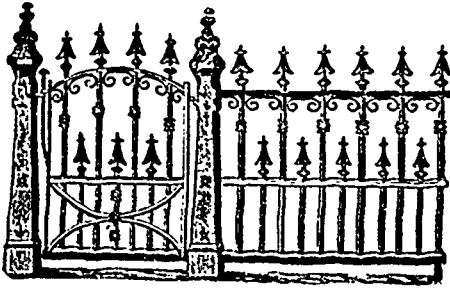
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Adulteration.

Eastern trade papers announce a convention of Canadian merchants to be held at Hamilton, Ont., between August 19th and 23rd, at which questions affecting the interests of mercantile men, wholesale and retail will be discussed. It is to be hoped that the convention will be a representative one in the fullest sense, and that some of the burning questions of the hour may find a solution there.

Adulteration would be a subject which should receive attention, as it is a practice too common, and one for which the merchant is seldom responsible, although he generally receives all the blame and abuse from the consumer. One leading grocer of this city frankly states, that he does not know of two kinds of ground coffee prepared in Canada, which are absolutely pure coffee, while several retailers assert, that it is simply impossible to purchase a pound of pure ground spice from any spice mill in the Dominion, all being more or less adulterated. In many instances, especially in coffee the manufacturers are not alone to blame. The public taste has to a large extent become vitiated, and calls for in many instances the adulterated in preference to the pure article.

This state of affairs is something to be deplored, and at the same time something not beyond the reach of remedy. The Hamilton convention if it turns out to be a good representative one would furnish a good opportunity for the airing of the subject, and possibly for devising means for counteracting what seems to be not only a growing evil, but a general system of fraud.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found an extract from the *Monetary Times*, showing the detection and prosecution of a Montreal grocer for selling in Crosse & Blackwell's pickle bottles, pickles not made by that firm. Fraud committed thus on a firm or individual is usually quickly detected and stopped, but fraud on the public is not so closely looked after.

Lumber Cappings.

The M. & O. L. Co's. mill at Norman shut down last week for want of logs.

Graham & Horn's saw mill at Vermillion Bay is running at its full capacity, and is averaging 10,000,000 feet per week.

A large raft of logs are lying in the bay waiting for sawing operations to commence, and the firm intend running their mill as soon as possible and to its greatest capacity.

G. McPhee, who has charge of the Brandon log-drive, has given up the attempt to take them through for the present. They are stuck on the rapids about eight miles below the town.

The building for the Ross, Hall & Brown mill at Rat Portage is completed, and the men are now engaged putting in the machinery as fast as possible. The saw mill is the same as all other mills, the main building being 150 x 75 with a basement for the running of shafting and pulleys. It is now being fixed for one circular, which is already in position. The large fly wheel, which is in two pieces, was hoisted into position last week, and the engine also.

The supply of black walnut is rapidly becoming exhausted, and there is no satisfactory sub-

stitute for it in this country. No other tree can approach it in value. It is a rapid grower, and it will thrive in almost any soil on this continent. It is a sturdy, handsome, vigorous tree, easily grown, because no animal and only one insect feeds upon it. The black walnut has a transcendent value but little known, which is that the fine European walnut grows finely on it, either stock or top grafted. The hardier varieties of this finest of nuts from the north of Europe should succeed top grafted on this hardy stock in Ontario and the Northwest. It can be made to yield a fortune by those who cultivate it on a large scale. In twenty years a grove will have more than have paid all expense and interest on the investment. In fifty years at present prices the trees would be worth at least \$20,000 per acre.—*Canadian Lumberman*.

Personal.

Another who has returned from a business pilgrimage through a great portion of Europe, is Mr. W. M. Ronald of Porter and Ronald wholesale china and crockery dealers, Winnipeg. He is already out on the road to place some of the goods he has purchased.

Mr. W. A. Mackenzie representing the McAlpine Tobacco Company of Toronto and New York, started for the east last Tuesday, after a lengthy tour over the Northwest and British Columbia, in which he made good work in the introduction of the Company's goods over the wide area referred to.

Dairy Matters.

The Broadview creamery has commenced operations.

The cheese factory at Crystal City is now in running order, and both quantity and quality of output is said to be excellent.

T. A. Pearsell, of Huron County, Ontario, intends going into dairying, cheese and butter making industry in the neighbourhood of Moose Jaw.

Fraudulent Imitation.

It has been ascertained that certain shopkeepers in Montreal were selling pickles put up by parties in that city, and making use of the trade mark and bottles of Crosse & Blackwell, the English makers. It was also found that an imitation of that firm's trade mark was being made use of. A prosecution was instituted (under the Act against fraudulent marking of merchandise) against Stanislas Gareau, of 1430 Notre Dame street, for using and for imitating the trade mark aforesaid. On being brought before the magistrate, Gareau pleaded guilty and was fined with costs; but upon his undertaking that he would cease to make further use of the trade mark, further proceedings against him were stopped. In addition, notices were served upon the following firms for selling spurious pickles in English bottles or with an imitation of the same trade mark:—Vannier Freres, McCurley & Casselman, J. J. Robillard, Daoust Freres. These parties have given up to Crosse & Blackwell's agent the names of the parties from whom they purchased the pickles, and upon their doing so and promising to

abstain from selling more further prosecution against them was stopped. The injured firm have properly determined to prosecute promptly and with vigor infringers of their rights, and it would be well for grocers to take warning.—*Monetary Times*.

New Bridge Across the St. Lawrence.

The St. Lawrence is to be crossed at Quebec by a gigantic railway bridge, which will very materially effect the traffic of the two great railways of Canada—the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific—as well as the important part of the railway system of the New England States. The great depth of the St. Lawrence river opposite Quebec has hitherto been a powerful argument against the construction of a bridge, but engineering skill has overcome this obstacle with a scheme to build a cantilever bridge, which will cost close upon \$10,000,000. The width of the river from shore to shore at Quebec is 24,000 feet (about 4½ miles.) Two main piers are to be constructed of solid granite in 40 feet of water, about 500 feet from each shore. The two piers are to support a cantilever bridge of a span of 1,442 feet. The total length of the bridge, with the approaches, will be 34,000 feet (nearly 6½ miles.) The top of the bridge from highwater level will be 408 feet, and the largest ocean steamer will be able to pass under it. The principal object in building the bridge is to connect the Intercolonial railway from Halifax and St John to Quebec, which is run by the Canadian Government at a great annual loss to the country with the Canadian Pacific railway. This is the only link uncompleted necessary to give the Canadian Pacific railway an uninterrupted line from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans through Canadian territory.—*Free Press*.

The following parties have been granted letters of incorporation as the Pilot Mound Milling Company, with a capital stock of \$16,000. Thomas McKay, James B. Baird, John Hiebert, William A. Donald, John M. Fraser, John Knox, William Carson, James T. Gordon and C. Burns, all of the village of Pilot Mound.

The site for the new roller mill at Crystal City North gives general satisfaction. The well sunk by Hood & Co. for the mill is supposed to be equal to anything of the kind in Southern Manitoba. At a depth of 25 feet an abundance of excellent water was secured, sufficient, it is said, to run two mills of larger capacity. The material is now being placed on the ground, and it is expected that the new mill will be ready in time for the first of the incoming crop.

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