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The Shoe Trade of Canada.

A recent issue of the *Berichte über Handel und Industrie*, Berlin, Germany, is devoted entirely to the discussion of German shoes in competition with those of other countries in various markets, and is made up of reports from German consuls in all parts of the world. Regarding the conditions in Canada the translated report is as follows:

By far the largest proportion of Canada's supply of shoes is furnished by local manufacturers. The value of the imports of leather boots and shoes in a country having 6,000,000 inhabitants was in the fiscal year 1898 only \$378,000, and in the fiscal year 1899 only \$453,000. The importation consisted chiefly of men's and women's shoes while the commoner goods were manufactured at home. Over 90 per cent of the imported boots and shoes come from the United States. There were imported:

	1898	1899
From United States	\$358,000	\$425,000
Great Britain	10,000	2000
Germany	1,138	1,182
China	2,633	1,333

The boot and shoe industry of Canada is in the position of highest development, and as regards the quality of the product may be classed with the same industry in the United States. Indeed, it is closely identified with that of the United States in imitation of styles and in the introduction of the improved machinery and other appliances. The manufacturing is done largely in factories using machinery. Making to measure is practically unknown and hardly one-tenth of the production is that of hand work. In Montreal there are three shoe manufacturing factories, each with a capital of from \$300,000 to \$500,000, as well as a number of smaller ones. The largest factory produced 2,000 pairs of shoes daily. In Quebec there are two factories with a capital of \$124,000 and \$200,000 and two with a capital of from \$75,000 to \$125,000, as well as several smaller ones. In Toronto, in addition to a number of small concerns, there are three with a capital of from \$75,000 to \$125,000 each. The export of boots and shoes is small, amounting for the fiscal year 1898-99 to \$10,000 and \$82,000, respectively. The largest portion went to Newfoundland and the neighboring French island of St. Pierre and the British West Indies as follows:

	1898	1899
Newfoundland	\$40,300	\$27,844
St. Pierre	7,324	10,238
British West Indies	14,031	11,235
United States	12,103	6,828
Australia	2,613	1,170
Great Britain	1,885	971
Germany		35

An increase in the sale of German shoes in Canada, in view of the numerous difficulties presented, is hardly to be expected, and then it would only be possible to send the very best goods, since the demand for commoner sort is met by local production. The retail price of fine shoes in Montreal is from \$3 to \$6 a pair, about the same as the retail price in the largest cities of Germany. German goods, as well as those from the United States, are subjected to an ad valorem duty of twenty-five per cent. Those coming from the United States have the advantage on account of styles, which meet those of Montreal, while the German article is not up-to-date. The styles in shoes change very frequently, and they do not always represent those in vogue in Germany at the same time. On the other hand, where in Germany a small shoe is preferred, perhaps in Montreal the style calls for a very broad one or vice versa. Very fine goods which do not correspond with the prevailing style are hard to dispose of. In order to increase the consumption of German shoes in Canada it is, above all, the greatest importance that the German manufacturers should be led and continually study the styles. Notwithstanding this, however, since the demand for foreign shoes in Montreal is small, and as the field is entirely covered by the United States, successful competition is hardly to be expected.

Studd—It was economical for my wife to make her own pan de hat.
 Skinner—Yes, but I furnished the dough for the trimmings.

The following call for professional services was sent to a doctor recently: "Dear Doctor: My wife's mother is at death's door. Please come at once and see if you can't pull her through."

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WINNIPEG, MAY 18, 1901.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

As Friday next, the 24th of May, is to be a public holiday according to time-honored custom, there will be no work done on this paper that day. Advertisers are requested to forward copy for any changes which they may desire to have made in their advertisements one day earlier than usual.

THE RAILWAY CONTRACTS.

The bill concerning the Manitoba railway contracts was passed at Ottawa on Monday by a large majority. There were only five votes against the measure. The view generally taken by members of parliament at Ottawa was, that they had no right to interfere in a matter which they said concerned only the province of Manitoba. If the people of Manitoba, represented by their legislature, wished to enter into this contract, it was their own business and parliament had no right to interfere. While some members stated that they believed the bargain was a bad one for the province, yet they refused to discuss the measure on its merits so far as it affected the province. The bill giving the railway company power to enter into the contract with the province was, therefore, passed.

There is hardly any reason to doubt but that the Manitoba government will now proceed to carry out the contract with the railways, and the double bargain, whether good or bad, will be fastened upon the province. The financial responsibility involved is certainly an enormous one for the province to shoulder, aside from the several other objectionable features connected with the case. However, it is useless to discuss the measure now. We can only hope that the great resources of Manitoba and the rapid development of the same, will enable the province to successfully meet the obligations which may fall upon her as a result of these contracts, without proving overburdensome to the people. A great deal, of course, will depend upon future development. A succession of good crops and continued prosperity for a few years would render the obligation comparatively light. The province is young, has large resources, and is gaining fast in population and wealth. This will enable us to pull through even under this great responsibility.

A GOOD REPORT.

In another part of this issue of The Commercial we publish a synopsis of the report of proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Confederation Life Association held in Toronto, together with the financial statement. There are some features about this report which are worthy of special notice. For instance it is shown that the ratio of expenses to income for the year was the lowest in the history of the company and the Confederation has always had a good record in this respect. A large amount of new insurance in this company was applied for by the public during the year in response to which over \$3,000,000 worth of policies were issued. The total business in force has now reached the handsome sum of \$32,332,908. The amount paid on death claims during the year was \$250,833, a modest sum in comparison with the amount of business in force and well within the company's expectation. A good feature of this report is the splendid showing with regard to payments to living policy holders in the way of endowments, etc. This is coming more and more to be the attractive feature of life insurance. The cash balance on hand after all charges for the year had been met was \$137,402.82, which goes to swell the reserves of the com-

pared with 12.70 in 1900, and 11.25 per cent in 1899. Deducting half-yearly dividends of 5 per cent, one paid in December, 1900, and one payable on June 1 proximo, a total of \$1,200,000 there is left \$751,703 to be carried to profit and loss, compared with \$427,180 last year. Last year a million dollars was taken from this account and added to "rest," increasing the latter to \$7,000,000, or seven-twelfths the total paid up capital.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Bank of Hamilton's Brandon branch will move to larger and more suitable quarters than those at present occupied very shortly.

The Merchants Bank branch at Brandon is to have its quarters enlarged by a three thousand dollar addition to the present building.

The statement of revenue and the expenditure of the Dominion for ten months, up to the end of April, shows a balance of revenue over ordinary expenditure of \$10,378,837.

G. Spaulding, the young man who recently pleaded guilty to the charge of absconding with \$500 of the funds of the Merchants' Bank, at Gladstone, Man., has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

The municipality of Turtle Mountain, Man., is offering \$5,000 worth of seed grain notes and judgments for sale by tender. Bids are to be in by the 1st of June. J. M. Baldwin, Killarney, is secretary-treasurer.

The Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey, has declared a dividend of \$12 per share, payable to stockholders of

Business at Vancouver.

Monday, May 13.
Interviews with wholesalers this week have elicited the fact that there has been no improvement whatever in local trade in the coast cities. The general impression is, however, that owing to improved conditions in outside trade money is easier. Hardware firms report the Kootenay trade had under the unsettled conditions in the interior. One encouraging feature, however, is that without exception all wholesalers state that the Yukon trade is brisk and promising. Orders have been booked for some time ahead and are still being booked. In the drug business the number of orders on the list are fully up to last week. The two principal grocery firms in the city of Vancouver, namely, the Hudson's Bay Company and Kelly, Douglas & Co., claim that there is much activity in the trade in putting up goods for the Yukon. Orders are coming in fast and the opinion that Dawson is overstocked is apparently without foundation. In the establishments of T. Dunn & Co., and McLennan & McFeeley goods for the Yukon are piled up in every corner of the store and enclosed in big boxes in the rear of each establishment, all awaiting shipment on the opening of navigation. The hardware firms report that the Yukon business is twice as large as last year.

The Oriental Commission is dragging out its weary length. There is but little information being brought out that has not long been known to everyone who has given the matter any thought. Those opposed to Oriental labor have, however, been brought together with those who champion and their views compared. It has been found in every instance, where evidence has been given, that self-interest played the prominent part. The fishermen state that the Japanese are driving them out of business. The salmon canners declare that without the Chinese and Japanese they would have to close down their canneries, that the more Chinese in the province the better for white men. On the other hand the common laborers declare that the less Chinese in the country the better for white men. The mill owners state that they could not compete with Puget Sound without Oriental labor. The white millhands declare that they would give a bond to get all white men necessary at Chinese prices, for the mills in two days. Rev. Dr. Grant thought that teaching the Chinese the English language and Christianizing him would elevate him to the standard of the whites. Frank Burnett, manager of the united canneries, swears that a Christian Chinese could not be trusted. How the government could arrive at a conclusion as to what course to take regarding Chinese and Japanese immigrants with all this jumble of ideas and interests is hard to understand.

The market shows no change. Potatoes keep down in spite of the advances in Seattle. The fruit market is quite active.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The Dominion government will loan the harbor commissioners of Montreal \$1,000,000 for the construction of grain elevators.

The town of Wolseley, Assinibola, offers to give substantial aid for the erection of grist mill and elevator, to replace one recently burned at that point.

The steamship Belgian, one of the new Leyland line boats purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan, left Quebec on the 8th inst. loaded with grain conveyed over the new route from the Northwest by lake steamers Duluth to Parry Sound, thence by Canada Atlantic and newly constructed Great Northern railway of Canada, via Ottawa to Quebec, passing north of Montreal.

J. G. King, of Port Arthur, proprietor of the big drying elevator at that town, was in Winnipeg last week. While here he stated that he proposes to build a new steel elevator annex with a capacity of 500,000 bushels, on C. P. R. property at Port Arthur. The building will cost between \$90,000 and \$100,000. The drying capacity of Mr. King's elevator is 30,000 bushels per 24 hours, and he will, if the crops are large this year, increase this capacity to 50,000 bushels per 24 hours. He will also make extensions in his apparatus for treating smutty wheat. He will put in a large washing plant, with which all wheat can be thoroughly cleaned.



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pany for the greater protection of policy holders. The total assets now amount to \$7,700,983.80.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:
Week ending May 16, 1901 ... \$1,851,494
Corresponding week, 1900 ... 2,400,411
Corresponding week, 1899 ... 1,523,767

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1901.	1900.	1899.
Jan. . . .	\$9,623,466	\$9,096,007	\$7,083,052
Feb. . . .	7,158,276	6,702,040	6,236,471
Mar. . . .	7,839,622	7,320,062	6,756,121
Apr. . . .	7,634,204	7,091,519	6,916,431
May		9,762,579	7,472,835
June		9,012,064	8,211,718
July		9,395,423	8,169,595
Aug. . . .		8,173,038	7,995,291
Sep. . . .		7,320,147	8,281,159
Oct. . . .		9,153,477	12,689,000
Nov. . . .		11,618,953	14,435,219
Dec. . . .		10,869,325	12,996,905
Totals . . .		\$106,956,792	\$107,756,814

BANK OF MONTREAL STATEMENT.

Montreal, May 14.—The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal, issued to-day, is the most satisfactory in its history, and with such a conservatively managed institution shows the general trade of the country to be in a most gratifying condition. The net profits to April 30, 1901, after deducting charges of management, were \$1,537,522, as compared with \$1,521,383 last year, and \$1,350,583 in 1899. The bank, therefore, on its capital of \$12,000,000 earned 12.81 per cent, as

record at the close of business June 15. In March \$70 was paid. Last year's four dividends were \$20 in March, \$10 in June, \$20 in September, and \$10 in December.

It is announced that A. F. Angus, for many years past accountant of the Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Montreal, has been promoted to the management of the bank's branch at Regina, and will leave shortly to take up his residence at the Northwest capital. While congratulating Mr. Angus on his promotion, many Winnipeg friends will regret his departure from here. He will be specially missed in musical circles.

The Dominion supplementary estimates submitted to parliament last week contain a number of items of interest to the west in addition to the amounts mentioned by wire at the time. There is a vote of \$8,000 to provide for the purchase of additional land for the Stony Mountain penitentiary; \$25,000 for engraving and lithographing a larger map of the Dominion; \$10,200 to provide expenses and salaries for the halfbred claims commission; \$5,000 for costs of litigation, Qu'Appelle vs. the King; \$27,500 for investigations and demarcations in connection with the international boundary line; \$6,000 to provide aid to cottage hospitals in the Northwest Territories; \$1,000 additional for Northwest Territories exhibit at Buffalo; \$35,000 additional sum required to pay salaries of chief inspectors, inspectors and other employees under the general inspection act and the Manitoba grain act.

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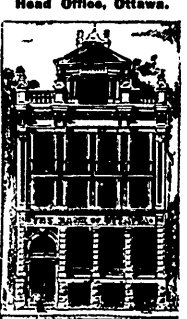
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Electricity at the Exposition.

The marvelous progress in the development and application of the various branches of electrical science and industry of recent years will be shown in the magnificent electricity building of the Pan-American exposition. Like the other large exhibit buildings of the exposition, this one is of modernized Spanish Renaissance architecture, of a red with staff, artistically colored and adorned with sculpture. In dimensions it is 500 by 150 feet.

The splendid towers of the electricity building rise to great heights, two over the south entrance being 168 feet high, and two over the north entrance 128 feet high. They are very elaborate in design and among the most beautiful features of the exposition architecture.

In ten years the electric motor in its application to both transportation and industry has effected well nigh an industrial revolution. In the electric light industry and in the telephone system there has been great progress during this decade. Wireless telegraphy has come to the front within a few years and is destined to effect still further radical changes in methods of electric communication. Automobiles electrically propelled have come into use. In all these fields the Pan American exposition will have excellent exhibits illustrating this marvelous progress. There will be a collection of historical matter relating to the subject which will show the gradual development of the apparatus used. An especially interesting exhibit will be that illustrating the application of electricity to the propulsion of cars and vehicles like the automobiles. Most persons are now familiar with the successful operation of such vehicles by electricity than with the means to this end. On this account it is hoped to illustrate them at the exposition in such a manner that the inter-relation of the various elements will be quite apparent. The utilization of electricity in various forms of manufacturing industries will also be illustrated. This utilization of electricity is destined to be one of the greatest of its fields, and the Niagara frontier is now an object lesson in this respect for the development of Niagara power is almost every day drawing new industries to this region, because the proximity and the availability of this power render the manufacturing opportunities so exceptional. The aim will be to make the electrical exhibit in the electricity building a collective one rather than one composed exclusively of individual commercial exhibits. The exhibit will be divided into two groups:—

1st.—The collective exhibit, which consist of retrospective exhibits of historical contrasts showing the advances in the art.

2nd.—The commercial exhibit, composed of those exhibits possessing distinctive merit, whether this consist in workmanship, novelties or useful applications.

As a whole, the exhibits in this building will be both attractive and educational in a degree not before realized at any exposition held upon the American continent. They will serve to excite popular interest, and in this way to stimulate more general study of this great field of science, and a wider intelligence will thus be created upon the subject of the mysterious force known as electricity, and its wonderful value to mankind in its application to industrial pursuits.

Yukon News.

Toronto, May 13.—A letter from Dawson City says: The first public bridge in the Yukon was formally opened to the public April 8. It spans the Klondike about one and one-half miles above Dawson, and forms part of the leading highway from the town to the creeks. The construction of the bridge was begun early in March and work was pushed rapidly to completion before traffic across the ice came impossible. The bridge is a handsome steel truss structure, built in Quebec. It comprises a single span 151 feet wide with approaches at each end 100 feet in length, four steel columns imbedded in gravel support the structure, and around each end of these are piers filled with cast rock. The bridge cost \$300,000 over \$70,000 of which represents light charges for over 40,000 miles of rails. Canadian manufacturers in

the east will find the Yukon an extensive and profitable customer in the immediate future. The bridge will be known as "The Ogilvie bridge," since its construction is largely due to the efforts of the retiring commissioner.

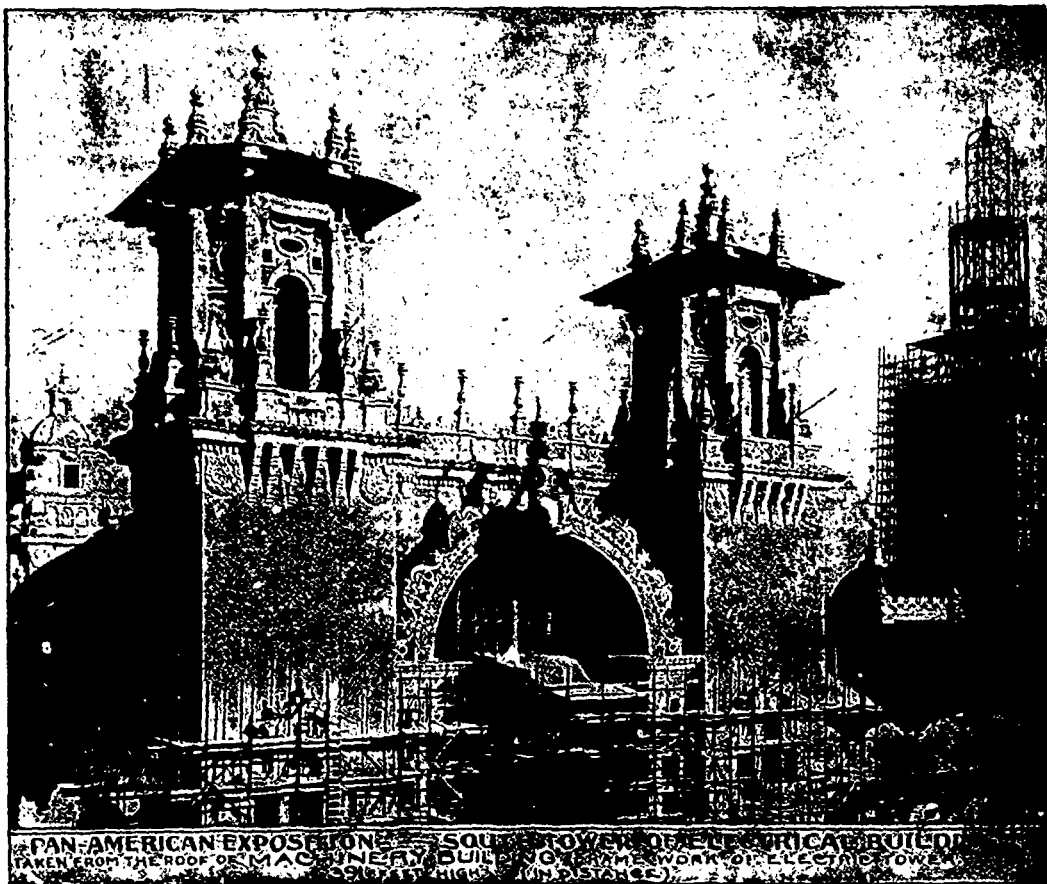
The most important commercial event of the season in Dawson is the official announcement just received by wire that three or four of the big trading companies represented here have formed a gigantic combine. Included in the big deal are the Alaska Exploration Co., the Alaska Commercial Co., the Seattle Yukon Transportation Co., and the Empire Transportation Co. It is stated these four are combined into two concerns, the North American Commercial company with a capital of \$7,000,000, and the Northern Navigation Co. with a capital of over \$3,000,000. The former takes over all the commercial assets of the companies, and will be operated by the Commercial concern. The latter takes over all transportation assets and will be operated by the Navigation company only. The telegraphed account of the deal leaves out the

Terminal Charges on Wheat.

Mr. G. M. Bosworth, freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., with Mr. W. R. MacInnes, general freight agent, and Mr. Shaw, assistant general freight agent, attended a meeting of the members of the grain exchange on Friday, when the transfer of grain between King's elevator, Port Arthur, and the C. P. R. elevator, Port William, was discussed. Among the matters considered was the 1 1/2c stop over charge. This charge the officials virtually agreed to withdraw. It was also agreed by the railway people that if grain was transferred to King's from Port William leaving a balance on an unexpired term of storage that the balance on the new term of storage be imposed on Port William. The question of the present switching charge of \$2 per car on grain returning from Port Arthur to Port William was discussed at some length and it was finally agreed to leave the details of how the amount was to be paid to a com-

United Commercial Travellers.

Chairman Whitworth, of the Fargo grand council committee, has advised Deputy Grand Councillor Hatcher, of this city, that all arrangements have been completed for the entertainment of visiting U. C. T's. The city council of Fargo have donated a handsome sum, the business men of the city have contributed as only the Fargo business public can, and the Masonic temple, the largest building in the world for the exclusive use of Masonic bodies, has been tendered the U. C. T's for their banquet and ball. The programme will be as follows: Friday, May 24—10 a. m., Grand Council meeting; 10 a. m., ladies' carriage drive over the city; 2 p. m., Grand Lodge session; 2 to 5 p. m., ladies' reception; 8:30 p. m., banquet and ball in temple. Saturday, May 25—10 a. m., Grand Lodge session initiation, etc.; 2 p. m., parade, 3 p. m., frolic in Island park. Twenty contests for ladies and gentlemen. Handsome prizes. 7:45 p.



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third large company operating here, namely, the North American Trading company. The first two of the merged companies, the A. E. and A. C., as they are familiarly called, together with the above N. A. T. are business concerns of the first magnitude in Dawson. They own extensive warehouses, shipping and mining interests here, as well as at various points on the lower Yukon. They are owned by American capital, and their local managers are Americans because of their heavy backing and extensive stocks. These companies largely control the Dawson financial world. It appears probable that the N. A. T. Co. is included in the deal, although it is not yet announced. But whether this is so or not the effect of the combine must be far reaching upon the trade of Alaska and the Yukon. If the combination has been effected for the purpose of reducing working expenses only there can be no objection to it, but if it means a monopoly of trade the consumer here will suffer.

Man is somewhat like a piano. Anyway, if he's square, he's old-fashioned, and if he's grand, he's expensive; but if he's upright he acquires a certain popularity through not taking up much room.—Puck.

mittee of the exchange and the C. P. R. authorities. Speaking to a Free Press reporter, Mr. Bosworth said that he had greatly profited by his trip of inspection through the west. He left Montreal on March 16th, and since then has been touring over the company's lines to the coast. Industries in the mining country, British Columbia, are showing satisfactory progress: "The only dark spot on the advancement out there," said Mr. Bosworth, "is in the lead mining industry in the Kootenay. The low price of lead has had a bad effect on the profits of these mines. What is needed is a lead refinery. I was especially impressed with the rapid growth of industries in the Boundary Creek district. One of the biggest smelters, belonging to the Granby company, is treating 600 to 700 tons daily and intend doubling their capacity." Mr. Bosworth also spoke of the settlements in the Alberta district. A large number of settlers have gone in this year, and prospects are very bright for the coming year. Mr. Bosworth will leave on Sunday for Montreal, via the States.

Micawber—How do parrots talk? Swiveller—In polysyllables, of course.

m., the "Nathan Hale" company at opera house. The entire programme is free to all U. S. T's and their ladies. The Winnipeg committee in charge have selected the Great Northern railway as the official route and special cars will be provided for all members and their ladies. The Grand Forks and Graton U. C. T's, will travel by the same train and a jolly time is anticipated. All arrangements have been completed for dining cars and sleepers, and no pains will be spared. A rate of one cent per mile has been secured going the 23rd and returning the 26th. Sleepers will be provided at Fargo returning and berths can be occupied any time during the evening of the 25th. Information as to reservation of accommodations, and other details may be secured by addressing Mr. F. J. C. Cox, secretary, city.

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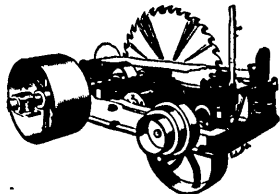
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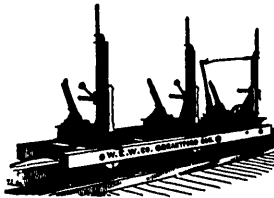
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Grocery Trade Notes.

There is an easier market for Sicily all-ports in New York in sympathy with an easier tendency in Sicily. The current situation, as it appears to the Hills Bros. Co., the leading American holders, is stated as follows. The market in Greece seems to hold the recent advance, and late cables report a good demand from the continent, with present stocks about 3,500 tons, a good portion of which are unfit for food consumption. Should the consumers continue buying as at present it is probable that all the merchantable fruit now in Greece will be disposed of in that quarter. Liverpool advices note a fair demand, with stocks of only 1,150 tons, as against 2,515 tons at the same date last year. Trade in the article in London is reported as considerably better and with an active demand. On the spot the situation is more cheerful, with a fair jobbing demand and more inquiry, in some instances for carload lots.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Horse blankets have been advanced 10 per cent. at Toronto. The manufacturers of asbestos goods have advanced their prices 10 per cent. The United States manufacturers of barn door tracks have advanced their prices 10c per 100 feet. Iron and steel mills are being crowded to fill orders and old plants have had to be put into working order again. The western patrons of Copp Bros., Ltd., of Hamilton, will be pleased to know that their recent financial difficulty has been satisfactorily settled. The firm continues in business. Copp Bros. are represented in the west by Malcolm Campbell, of Winnipeg. The Nova Scotia Steel Company is considering an offer for the purchase of its property by the United States steel trust. The purchase would include its steel works at Trenton and Terrona, the coal areas at Sydney Mines the ore deposits at Belle Island, Newfoundland, and the limestone quarries at North Sydney. Manufacturers of bolts and log screws in the United States have decided to make a further advance of 10 per cent. on carriage and machine bolts and log screws, and of 15 per cent. on plow bolts. These advances are made owing to increased cost of raw material. Since last fall the English market in black sheets, tinplates, Canada plates, galvanized iron and similar goods has fallen, but the Canadian market for manufactured iron and steel rules firm, but now that goods are on the way from Great Britain prices must come down into touch with the market there. The Steel Storage and Elevator Construction Co., of Buffalo, has closed a contract with the R. W. English Refining Co., of Montreal, for the erection of a linseed oil mill of 20 press capacity, which, it is said, will be the largest in Canada. The contract also provides for the erection of a steel elevator with a capacity of 400,000 bushels with warehouses for cake and feed.

The United States iron and steel situation developed no new or startling features last week, although some seemed to expect that it would in view of the crazy condition of the stock market in New York. A great many iron and steel men were interested in the stocks which were being speculated in but their attention was given so much to these that the legitimate business of buying and selling iron and its products was neglected for the time being. There were a few fluctuations in values, but they seem to have been legitimate. Buying was not large. Bessemer iron ruled 50 to 75c per ton lower than previously.

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Now York is reported to be good, with a decided tendency toward plain goods. Black taffetas in 20 to 44 inch width used by manufacturers and cutting-up trade for traveling wraps and Etou jackets have been in fair demand with an increasing tendency in these lines for fall trade.

BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

UNIFORMITY IN SHOE SIZES. It is a great pity that with the perfection to which last making has been brought in recent years something cannot be done to secure more uniformity in measurements. Every maker seems to have his own standard, with the result that it is difficult to secure anything like uniformity in shoes. Retailers give this as a source of constant annoyance and loss of business. A customer settles on a certain size and width out of which he has received satisfaction, and he returns to duplicate his order. Should this particular shoe not be in stock and the retailer seek to satisfy the customer with a similar shoe of another make he has his troubles. There is a diversity of sizes that a 3 C in one make of shoe may be as narrow as a 3 B in another. Sizes and especially widths have come to mean absolutely nothing in shoes. It is a case of making the best fit you can. It would be a great boon to manufacturers as well as retailers if a uniform standard of measurements could be settled upon. A few years ago the Retail Shoe Dealers' National Association of the United States took up the matter and adopted a standard which secured recognition for a while, but to-day it is very largely go-as-you-please with last makers and therefore manufacturers—Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

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Live Stock Trade Notes.

Thos. Nicol, Bolesvain, has shipped four carloads of cattle to his ranch at Okotoks, Alta. In speaking about Cuba Sir William Van Horne said recently: The highlands in the eastern and central part of Cuba furnish the finest ranges I have ever seen. Before the revolution there were over 1,750,000 cattle there, but they have been practically wiped out. At present they can only round up about 35,000 head. The Cuban market will absorb several hundred thousand cattle every year without considering the export possibilities.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

W. R. Baker, who has been intimately associated with the railway business in the west for many years, latterly as executive agent of the C.P. R., has been promoted to be assistant to the second vice-president and general manager of that company, with headquarters at Montreal. Mr. Baker's departure from Winnipeg will be regretted by his many friends among the business men of the city. The Dominion minister of railways presented his railway subsidy resolutions to parliament on Tuesday night. In all they total \$3,462,472. Of this amount only \$1,725,472 is for new subsidies, the balance being revotes. Distributed by provinces the subsidies are as follows: Ontario, \$1,320,000; Quebec, \$765,472; New Brunswick, \$307,000; Manitoba, \$112,000; Nova Scotia, \$915,300. Total, \$3,462,472. The only subsidy west of Lake Superior is for a road from a point on the Selkirk branch of the C. P. R. to Ice-land: river, via Gimli, thirty-five miles, \$112,000.

Assessment Insurance Men Meet

The much debated question of assessment rates was the chief matter under consideration at the annual meeting of the Canadian Fraternal association, which was held at Toronto last week. The president, Dr. A. E. Mallory, of Colborne, in the course of his address referred to the subject as follows:—"That question has been, and continues to be, fully discussed in the fraternal press, but I may be permitted to ask, are the societies represented in this association collecting from their members rates of assessment which may fairly in the light of experience be called the actual cost of the protection given? If not, then can we, as honest men, desiring to build upon a solid and enduring foundation, refuse to recommend to our societies such a course as will lead to that desirable end? I do not desire to make either too rapid or too radical changes, such as would in any way injure our societies, but it does appear to me that the time has come when this association may safely take this advanced ground. I therefore beg to recommend that the tables of rates, as prepared and adopted by the National Fraternal Congress, be adopted by this association."

In the discussion arising out of the president's recommendation, it was pointed out that while it would be desirable to have an adequate and uniform rate of assessment, it would hardly do to adopt the table of rates of the National Fraternal Congress, as the death rate in the United States was fully 15 per cent. higher than that prevailing in Canada. Mr. Howard Hunter, registrar of insurance for Ontario, was present, and took part in the debate. It was pointed out that recent Ontario legislation grants fraternal societies power to increase their rates. It was decided to refer the matter to the executive, and to defer definite action until next year. The following societies were represented: Ancient Order of United Workmen, Catholic Order of Foresters, Canadian Order of Oddfellows, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, Knights of the Maccabees, Canadian Order Home Circles, Oddfellows' Relief Association, Royal Arcanum, Royal Templars, I. O. O. F., Sons of England. President Mallory, in his address, said that during the year the fifteen societies represented by the association reported a net increase of over 17,000 in their membership, the grand total of which on December 31st was 224,207, while the protection carried

In Canada at the same date amounted to \$245,971,879, with a total at home and abroad of \$793,169,397. During the year, 1,585 members died in Canada, the sum of \$2,197,216.50 in life benefits being paid out. The view taken by fraternal benefit societies regarding the safety and expediency, if not the absolute necessity, of an emergency fund, the president regarded as a step in advance. Fourteen of the societies represented in the association had reported such funds aggregating \$5,758,735.17, which he considered a great achievement, considering the low rates of assessment levied, and the short time the funds have been accumulating.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. J. M. Cotton, Toronto; vice-president, J. S. Dench, Trenton, secretary-treasurer, William F. Montague, Hamilton, counselor, Lyman Lee, Hamilton; medical officer, Dr. C. Day Clark, Toronto.

Cod Fish Catch and Cod Liver Oil.

With the close of the Lofoden cod-fishing season come the usual statistics as to the size of the catch and the amount of oil rendered. In the following table taken from the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter, we give the total catch of fish and the amount of oil, in hectoliters, rendered each year during the decade from 1892 to 1901, inclusive:—

Table with 2 columns: Fish (1892-1901) and Oil (1892-1901). Values range from 30,100,000 to 13,000,000 for fish and 8,100 to 15,700 for oil.

It will be seen from the foregoing that, comparatively speaking, the amount of oil rendered this year is out of all proportion to the small catch of fish. The reason for this is that the cod livers this season have been used almost entirely for medicinal oil and not for tanners' oil, for which purpose a large part of the catch is ordinarily used. It will be further noted that this year's rendering of oil is considerably in excess of that of last year, but a careful observation of the figures will show that on alternate years, in almost every case, there is a large production of oil, and the crop this year is not up to the figures of 1899 by upward of 3,000 hectoliters. This fact will, in a great measure, prevent any material reduction in prices. Below is a table of the high and low prices each year from 1891 to 1900, both inclusive:—

Table with 2 columns: Year (1891-1900) and High/Low prices. Values range from \$22.00 to \$23.00.

Canal Systems.

This is an era of gigantic undertaking, especially with reference to canals. A dozen canal schemes are being seriously considered in the United States, the \$62,000,000 Erie barge canal being the most important. The pressure of events points to canal building on a huge scale. The same developments are apparent in Europe. The chief enterprise there is a canal to connect the Rhine and Elbe. Besides these there are six others whose purpose is to spiderweb all Europe with canals by which the cheapest possible transportation can be established. The estimated cost is under \$100,000,000—The Implement Age.

D. Ross, Winnipeg, agent in the West for the Page wire fence, reports a steadily increasing demand for this material throughout the country. As the advantages of the Page fence become known in replacing the old unsatisfactory string wire fences. Dawson & McEwan, general merchants, Rosthern, Sask., have dissolved partnership, McEwan retiring.

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TIN - Lamb and flag, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb, 33c. TIN PLATES - Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.00; I X, same size box \$6.50; I C, charcoal, 20x28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50; I X box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$12.50. TERNE PLATES - I C, 21x28, \$10.00. TINWARE - Plains, 75 and 2 1/2 per cent; returned, 70 and 10 per cent.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Montreal, May 18, 1901. Pig Iron - Canadian pig iron is worth \$15.00/\$18.00, and Summerize \$20.50 to \$21.00. IRON - Lumber price, \$1.75/\$2. Black Sheet - \$2.55 for 8 to 10 gauge. Galvanized Iron - No. 2 Queen's Head, \$4.05; Apollo, 10% ounce, \$4.50; Comet, \$4.00/\$4.45, with 15% allowance in case lots.

ble and steel, \$4; rags, country, 70 to 80c per 100 lbs. Petroleum - Silver Star, 1 1/2% 10/15c; Imperial, Acme, 10/17c; S.C. Acme, 10c, and Pratt's Astral, 10 1/2% 10/15c.

Toronto Hardware Prices.

Toronto, May 18. ANTIMONY - 10% 11c per lb for Cook's. BARBED WIRE - Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$2.70/\$2.82 1/2; Toronto, \$3.05 per 100 lb. BAR IRON - Price for common, \$1.85 1/2 \$1.90. BANDER TWINE - Pure Manilla, 11 1/2c per lb, sisal, 8 1/2c.

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Toronto Grocery Prices.

Toronto, May 18. SUGARS - Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$1.75/\$1.78, yellows, from \$1.60/\$1.65. SYRUPS - Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 32 1/2c. MOLASSES - West India, barrels, 32 1/2c; New Orleans, 26 1/2c for medium, and 35 1/2c for bright. COFFEES - Rio, green, 8 1/2c/\$12 1/2c; Mocha, 2 1/2c/\$28; Java, 2 1/2c/\$32c. TEAS - Java, low grade, 16 1/2c/\$35c per lb; young hysons, seconds, 16 1/2c/\$35c; Indlan, 18 1/2c/\$35c; Congow, low grades, 11 1/2c/\$25c; medium, 2 1/2c/\$35c; finest, 40 1/2c/\$35c; Ceylons, 17 1/2c/\$35c, Formosa oolongs, 25 1/2c/\$35c. (CANNED) GOODS - Tomatoes, 75c @ 80c; beans, 50 1/2c/\$75c; selected peas, \$1.05/\$1.20; pumkins, 30c; butter, 24c; \$1.75/\$2.25; peaches, 2s, \$1.80/\$2.25; \$1.50/\$2.00; apples, 2s, \$1.80/\$2.25; pineapple, 2s, \$2.25/\$2.75; do, 2 1/2s, \$2.40; do, 3s, \$2.50; plums, 2s, \$1.10/\$1.20. Salmon - Churn, 60c/\$1.00; Cohoes, prime dark pink fish \$1.35/\$1.40, sockeyes, red \$1.60/\$1.75; lobsters, halves, \$1.80/\$1.90; tails, 10s, \$2.50; fats, \$3.75. RICE - Rico bags, 3 1/2c/\$3 1/2c; Java, 60c/\$4. Patna, 5 1/2c/\$6; Japan, 4 1/2c/\$6. PEAS - Gigger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochia, 20c; cloves, 2 1/2c; \$1.20; \$1.50; \$1.75; \$2.00; Penang, 30c/\$35c; alspice, 15c; nutmegs, 40c/\$60c; cream tartar, pure, 25c/\$28c; compound, 15c/\$20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 18c; Penang, 17c; compound, 10c/\$15c; pepper, pure white, 25c/\$30c. DRIED FRUITS - Raisins, Valencia, selected, 7 1/2c/\$7c; off sort, 5 1/2c/\$6c. California crown loose Muscats, 7 1/2c/\$8c; Filadelfia currant, 9 1/2c/\$10c; Intrac, 10c/\$10c; Vostziana, 11 1/2c; California dried fruits - Apricots, 10 1/2c; peaches, 8 1/2c/\$12c; prunes 70s to 80s, 5 1/2c/\$6c; 80s to 90s, 5 1/2c/\$6c; 90s to 100s, 4 1/2c/\$5c; Sultanias, 9 1/2c/\$12 1/2c; Hallowe dates, 4 1/2c. PEEL - Orange, 12 1/2c/\$13c; lemon, 10 1/2c/\$12c; citron, 17c/\$20c. NUTS - Shelled Valencia almonds, 35c; shelled Jordan almonds, 42 1/2c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1/2c/\$11c; shelled walnuts, 20c/\$22c; Grenoble, 12 1/2c/\$13c; Sicily Aliberts 11 1/2c.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

During the week ending May 4 there were 1,147 head of cattle shipped from Montreal to British ports. D. McLean, cattle dealer, Viridan, shipped 700 head of cattle from Viridan district last week. Most of these were stockers going to the western ranges. The fat cattle went to British Columbia. Hanley and Burgess, of Bois-Sevain, Man, shipped a load of fat cattle to Winnipeg last week, and a car of hogs on the 11th. Five steers in the load brought the farmer \$303. They were three years old this spring. Perhaps the most important shipments of cattle ever made from this point took place this week, says the Cypress River Prairie, when W. Waller despatched nearly 800 head of stockers to the Northwest Territories. Saturday was a lively day in town. All day droves of cattle were driven in, which were then sorted out, preparatory to shipment. The lowing of cattle and the shouts of men and boys made a lively din from daylight until after dark. On Monday a train was loaded with 364 head and dispatched to the Territories in charge of J. Anderson, D. Cameron and W. Townsend. A Creighton also accompanied this shipment. On Wednesday a further shipment of 410 was dispatched in charge of G. Creighton, J. Sluff and H. Rowley.

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Manitoba.

The Neepawa Club, Limited, has been incorporated.

W. T. McIntosh, formerly of Dauphin, will open a general store at Minniford.

J. W. Tedder has purchased the Grand View hotel at Dauphin from M. McMillan.

Geo. Weaver has purchased the butcher business of Albert Clayton at Gladstone.

C. E. Dolman, of Selkirk, proposes opening a general store at Icelandic river.

J. H. Lloyd has bought out the furniture business of S. Flack at Swan Lake.

J. Furtney has bought out the tailoring business of W. B. Fairbairn at Emerson.

John Bolton has sold out his fruit and confectionery business at Sidney to F. H. Hucks.

Bowes Bros., general store and implements Crandell, Man., have taken in J. Craig as a partner.

Whitman & Co. are opening a general store at Dominion City, under the management of R. Gershaw.

Alex. F. Murdoch has sold his blacksmith business at McGregor to Fred. Grieves and Wm. A. Mason.

It is reported that A. Bartholomew has bought out the butchering business of J. McGregor, at Strathclair.

J. Sheppard has bought out the property and drug business at Minto, formerly owned by J. A. Wright, of Bolsseval.

Johnson & Barnett have opened out in the flour and feed, farm implement, loan and insurance business at Ochre River.

To date 186 building permits have been issued by the building inspector of Winnipeg this year. The estimated value on the new work is \$130,775.

S. A. D. Bertrand, late official assessor for Manitoba, has been appointed to a position in the service of the department of public works in the Yukon.

Burglars entered the store of Heasley & Co., clothiers, Winnipeg, last Saturday night by forcing their way through the back door. They did not make much of a haul.

A. C. Bertrand & Co., of Brandon, have purchased the fruit and confectionery business of R. H. Hetherington at Souris and will continue the business.

Work has been started on the C. P. R. spur track to run along west of Princess street, Winnipeg, to a point in the vicinity of Logan avenue. The line will be operated at night only.

The people of Neepawa appear to have celebrated Arbor Day as it should be celebrated. Large numbers of citizens turned out to plant trees. About 600 trees in all were put out.

Word from Gimli gives the information that the new Dominion government dock at Hanaua has been badly damaged by ice. It is also stated that the Gimli dock has been wrecked in the same way.

The privy council has granted the attorney-general of Manitoba leave to appeal from the decision of the King's bench court of Manitoba in ruling that the provincial legislature has no power to pass the Liquor Act.

The stock of general merchandise of H. Roberts & Co., Strathclair, was sold by auction at the offices of the assignees, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, to one of the creditors at a rate of 75c on the dollar. A quantity of new goods were taken over at their invoice price.

The steamer Petrel, plying on Lake Manitoba and being the property of the Manitoba Union Mining Company, which is developing the gypsum deposits on Lake Manitoba, is aground at Delta, owing to high winds and may receive much damage before she can be floated again.

The fishing season opens on the 15th inst. says the Dauphin Press, and Inspector McPherson has just returned from Winnipegosis, where he has been receiving applications for licenses to be sent to the department at Ottawa. He reports great activity among the fishermen in fitting out their boats and overhauling nets for the season's work. At least a dozen new boats have been received from Collingwood this spring and added to the fleet. The fishing will be confined to the north end of the lake, which ground has

proved so prolific in the past. It is understood that the number of licenses issued this season will be limited to forty.

Assiniboia.

A number of Qu'Appelle merchants will improve their premises this year. Among the number J. P. Beauchamp & Co. will erect a new warehouse, and C. T. Bailey & Co. will add a cold storage warehouse to their premises.

The town of Medicine Hat has now its new waterworks system in operation. The tests have been satisfactory and the citizens are delighted with the plant. They are making a great saving in fuel by utilizing the natural gas flow which has been known to exist at that town for some time. The saving is estimated at \$4,000 per year in fuel and firemen's wages.

Several important business changes were made at Qu'Appelle Station last week. The firm of Macaul & Harvey, lumber merchants, dissolved, the business being continued by Mr. Harvey; Donald Brown disposed of his butcher business to Price & Macdougall and bought out J. McSwain, hardware merchant; Mr. Hamilton, of Wetland, Ont., has decided to open up as a watchmaker and jeweller.

Alberta.

John & Smith have opened a fruit and confectionery store at Strathcona.

Wm. Eggleston, Wetaskiwin, has sold his livery stable business to J. C. McKay.

Shedden & Campbell are opening in business as implement dealers at Edmonton. They will handle the Champion goods among other lines.

There is a large building movement in Calgary this year and that city appears to be growing rapidly. Most of the new buildings at present under construction are dwelling houses.

Arrangements for the Calgary exhibition to be held the middle of July are well under way. The sum of \$10,000 is being offered in prizes. The live stock department is receiving special attention.

Walter & Humberstone will greatly improve their sawmill plant at Strathcona this year. New machinery has been ordered, which will practically double the capacity of the plant. The enlarged capacity will be 40,000 feet per day. No night work will hereafter be done.

Edmonton will hold a summer fair on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. No effort will be spared to make this year's show of great interest and practical value. The association has a park consisting of some 13 acres, situated right in the heart of Edmonton and lying along the Saskatchewan river, where an inexhaustible supply of water can be obtained at all times by stock exhibitors. One of the chief objects in holding a summer fair is to show to the world at large what Alberta can do in produce, grasses, grain and stock by the month of July, and the exhibits in these lines will be numerous.

Northwestern Ontario.

Miss Douglas has opened a confectionery store at Rat Portage.

J. H. Snider has bought out the grocery and meat business of Lauzon & Co., at Norman.

The Retail Clerks' Association, of Rat Portage, held its annual meeting a few days ago. The association was shown to be in a most prosperous condition and has the good will of the public and of the merchants as well.

Building is active in Port Arthur this year. A number of new buildings, for business and residential purposes, are either in course of erection or projected. The town is going to put in a \$50,000 water power system during the summer. Other public improvements are also contemplated.

The Rat Portage News says: The by-law enforcing the closing of stores at 7 p. m. during the winter months is being repealed by the unanimous voice of the merchants, who have caused a new one to be introduced which will operate during the summer months as well as the winter; the hours being, close at 7 every night except Wednesday, when they remain open till nine. Saturday nights as usual.

British Columbia

A. Branson and G. Wheatley have purchased the sawmill business of A. Fisher, near Midway.

Joshua Holland, general merchant, Victoria, has assigned to R. C. Davis, of Vancouver. A meeting of creditors will be held on May 22nd.

The Ingram-Muir Co. has opened in groceries at Grand Forks and Columbia, B. C. The partners are T. H. Howard, W. H. Covert and S. Muir.

The Robertson-Godson Company, of Vancouver, will engage in the manufacture of ready-mixed paints in addition to their regular business in that city.

Hilton Keith, and C. R. Townley, of Vancouver, have formed a partnership and will carry on business as general commission agents, real estate and insurance, mines and mining.

The following new companies have been incorporated under the laws of British Columbia: Contact Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd., capital \$120,000, and the Fernie Lumber Co., Ltd., capital \$27,000.

Inland revenue collections at the Greenwood office during the month of April amounted to \$863.95, and customs duty collections to \$2,493.41. The collections in both departments for the four months ending April 30th totalled \$18,744.76.

The steamer Princess Louise sailing from Vancouver to northern British Columbia ports was wrecked last Friday on the rocks off Thormanby Island, just south of Texada Island. The crew and passengers were saved but most of the cargo became a loss. The vessel may be floated again.

J. G. Ullock has disposed of the Kootenay house, at Golden, and purchased the Columbia hotel, which he will conduct in future. Whiting & Rogers are the purchasers of the Kootenay house. In addition to these hotel changes Geo. Sinclair has taken over the Russell House business in that town.

The retail grocers of Nelson have decided to continue the practice of closing their stores at 7 o'clock every evening, excepting Saturday and Thursday. On the latter day they will close up at noon and take a half holiday. The only objection to this arrangement comes from a few small dealers, but this difficulty is expected to be arranged.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The owners of the iron mines on Texada Island will increase their rate of production this year.

The St. Keverne Mining Company, of Sandon, has been re-organized and fresh capital is now available for carrying out its purposes.

Two groups of mining claims on Mount Sycher have been sold to a New York company for \$25,000, according to a Victoria report.

The Lake Shore Mining & Development Company is buying the J. S. claim in Summit Camp, with the intention of making a mine of it.

A dispatch from Camp McKinney, on the 4th inst., stated further discoveries of rich bodies of ore had been struck on the 400-foot level of the Cariboo mine, in that district.

A new wagon road will be opened this summer between Camp McKinney and Rock Creek, which, it is expected, will be a great advantage to mines along the road, giving as it does ready means of transporting ore.

Fifteen shareholders of the Knob Hill Gold Mining Company have adopted a resolution consenting to a proposed amalgamation with the other mining properties of the Miner-Graves syndicate. The new company will be known as the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelter Company.

Operations on the White Bear have ceased temporarily in order that the company may be reorganized. There is a strong probability that there will be an amalgamation of the White Bear and some adjoining properties. The management stated that work was likely to be resumed at the beginning of July. The operations of the past six months have disclosed two strong ledges on the property, which the management believe to be an extension of the Le Roi veins. While the average values are low, still the indications are favorable that valu-

able ore bodies will be opened up on further exploration. On the 350-foot level an ore body three feet wide, carrying ore which averages \$32 per ton has been opened up. The management hope that soon after work is resumed the White Bear can be placed on a paying basis.—Rossland Miner.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

J. W. Boyd, of Denver, Colorado, has purchased certain copper deposits on Black Bay, near Port Arthur, from local men. The price given out is \$100,000.

Implement Trade Notes.

Blinder twine is being quoted at the following prices f.o.b. Chicago: Sisal, 5/8c; standard, 5/8c; Manitoba (600-foot), 10/8c; pure manilla, 11/8c. Car loads 1/4 cent less. Fall terms.

It is reported by wire from Toronto that negotiations are under way for amalgamating a number of the leading Canadian agricultural implement factories.

It is reported that a movement is on foot to establish a blinder twine factory at Brandon, Man. A special meeting of the board of trade of that city was held last week to consider a proposal to that effect, and the idea met with favorable consideration from that body.

A telegram from Toronto says: Two notable agricultural implement manufacturers will shortly be consolidated, namely, the Frost & Wood Co., of Smiths Falls, the Couthard, Scott Co. of Oshawa. The first named company assumes possession of the Oshawa Company on June 1, and it is understood will develop the Oshawa factory extensively. A third company may also be taken in.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 2,255,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on May 11. Receipts for the week were 63,000 bushels and shipments were 211,000 bushels. A year ago stocks in store Fort William were 3,450,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and Inter-l points are estimated approximately at 4,383,000 bushels, compared with 3,200,000 bushels a year ago, 10,000,000 bushels two years ago; 3,300,000 three years ago; 6,328,000 bushels four years ago, and 8,000,000 five years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending May 14 there were 177 cars of grain inspected which graded as follows: Wheat—1 hard, 14 2 hard, 52; 3 hard, 34; rejected, 1, no grade, 49, condemned, 0 cars. Oats—No. 2 white, 2; no grade, 3; feed, 2 cars. Barley—Feed, 0 cars. Flax Seed—None. During the same week last year there were 157 cars of grain inspected of which graded No. 1 hard.

Anglo-American Fire.

At the second annual meeting of the shareholders of The Anglo-American Fire held last February in Toronto a very satisfactory condition was reported, bearing in mind the large losses sustained by all companies in the Dominion. With an income of \$133,650.12 the Anglo-American paid claims of \$61,638.57. After meeting all other payments, commissions and reinsurance premiums, a surplus of over \$23,000 was shown. One-fifth of the total losses was on account of the one disastrous fire at Ottawa, a fact which makes the general experience of the company for the year well within expectation. Since the previous meeting a sum of \$54,723 has been deposited at Ottawa and a license obtained for the transacting of business throughout Canada. Agencies have been everywhere established and good business so far resulted.

The prize list and programme of attractions for this year's Winnipeg exhibition has just been issued. The prize of this publication is different from what it has been in former years (the size being more convenient and the typographical arrangement much better. The prize list is, in fact, now a complete guide to the exhibition in all its details. The total amount of cash prizes provided this year is to be \$35,000. Copies may be had from Manager Heubach on application. The dates for the exhibition are July 20 to August 2.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, May 18.

The business situation is not much changed from a week ago. Wholesale houses are shipping out a fair quantity of goods to country points both in the way of sorting and staple lines and travellers are booking a great deal of fall business in the various lines. Money is scarce and collections slow. Labor is well employed in the city and this is helping out the local retail trade. Railway traffic in all directions seems to be quite large. Many new settlers are being brought in every week. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the week ending Thursday were over \$500,000 less than during the same week last year.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, May 18.

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

BOOTS AND SHOES.

There is a growing demand for sorting lots of warm weather goods and the outlook for this trade is promising. Prices hold steady, and there are no special features in the market.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

We quote prices as follows: Rubble stone, \$1.00 per cord; footings, \$5.50 per cord; broken stone, \$1.25 per cubic yard, white lime, 20c per bushel, gray lime, 15 to 16c per bushel. Veneer brick \$11 per thousand, kiln run \$9 per thousand.

CLOTHING.

Wholesale clothiers here report a moderate sorting demand for clothing and men's furnishings. Travellers are out with fall samples and are booking a very satisfactory volume of business. The situation so far as values are concerned is without special feature, there being no changes to note.

DRY GOODS.

In a sorting way business is fairly good and a considerable number of shipments of this character are being called for every week. Warmer weather has stimulated the demand for light summer lines of wearing apparel. Fall orders are being booked right along as well, so that local houses have not much to complain of, unless it be collections. These are slow.

DRUGS.

The market here is fairly active and without change so far as prices are concerned. Reports from abroad note a sharp advance in cocaine amounting to \$1 per ounce. This is said to be the largest single advance in price ever recorded and is due to a combination of circumstances, but mostly to lessened supplies. At the Amsterdam cinchona bark sales, of last week, an advance of one Dutch cent in the price of this commodity was recorded, which may lead to higher prices for quinine later on. At New York there have been a number of price changes since we last wrote, according to the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter, which may be summarized as follows: Advanced—Quinine, 2c; cocoa butter, 2c; cocoa leaves 2c; hemlock, Russian, 1c; guaiac, 4c; Cannabis indica, 5c; peppermint oil, 5c; lemon-grass oil, 10c; Devilled—Opium, 6 1/2; saffron, 50c; canary seed, 1/2c; caraway seed, 10c; calcicum seed, 10c; sunflower seed, 1/2c; menthol, 15 cents.

FISH.

Fresh caught pickerel, pike and gold-eyes are now in, in addition to Lake Superior herring, which we noted last week. Prices are: Pickerel, fresh caught, 4c per pound, pike, fresh caught, 3c; gold-eyes, 2c; trout, 10c. Frozen whitefish, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c per lb. pickerel, 4c; pike, 2 1/2 to 3c; trout, 10c. Fresh spring salmon 1 1/2c per lb. salmon 12 1/2c; halibut, 12 1/2c; Lake Superior herring, 20c per dozen; salt cod, 6 1/2c; Labrador herring, per barrel, \$1.00; salt mackerel, \$2.25 per kit; boneless cod, 7 1/2c per lb.; boneless fish, 5 1/2c per lb.; sinned haddies, 8c per pound; fresh sea cod, big, 7c per pound, fresh haddock, 8c; smelts, 7 1/2c; mackerel, 13c; fresh shad, 10c; bass, 13c; eels, 10c.

GREEN FRUITS.

Warm weather and more summer-like conditions generally have stimulated the demand for green fruits, and there is a much more active trade being done. The near approach of Victoria Day, the first of the summer holidays, is causing quite an influx of orders for shipment next week. Strawberries are now down to \$1.00 per case and rhubarb to 5c per pound. Bananas are 25 to 35c per bunch higher at New Orleans, and even at these higher prices it is difficult to secure supplies, Winnipeg dealers being cut from two to three cars per week. We quote prices as follows: California navel oranges, per box, \$2.50 to \$4.25; St. Michael's \$1.50, blood oranges in half boxes, \$2.50; California lemons, per box, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Messina lemons to arrive, \$4.50; bananas, per bunch, \$2.75 to \$3.00; strawberries, \$4.00 per crate of two dozen boxes, cherries, \$2.75 per 10-pound box; pineapples, \$3 per doz.; figs, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 10-pound box; cartoon dates, per package, of 1-lb., 9c; new dates, 6c; elder in kegs or barrels, 35c per gallon; honey, 1-lb. jars, \$2.50 a dozen; maple sugar, 14c; maple syrup, 2-lb. tins, per dozen, \$2.25; half gallon tins, \$1.50 per dozen, gallons, \$12.00; Florida tomatoes, in 4-basket crates, \$4.00, preplant, 5c per pound, Egyptian onions, 4c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound in 100-lb. crates, lettuce and radish, 35c per dozen bunches; onions, 25c per dozen bunches; cucumbers, \$1.75 per dozen, asparagus, 90c per dozen.

GROCERIES.

A fair trade is being done by wholesale grocers, but money is scarce. Rolled oats have taken a sharp upward turn and are now 15c per sack higher at \$2.10 here. The market is being wholly supplied by United States millers. Cornmeal has advanced here this week in sympathy with the market for corn and we quote this now 5c above last week's level at \$1.35 to \$1.40. Glucose syrup has also advanced for the same reason, although prices here are not yet affected. It is only a question of a very short time, however, until they will be current, which have been declining for some weeks have again an upward tendency, and are now about 1/2c higher in outside markets than when we last issued. Evaporated apples are a little easier at 1/2c decline here. Dried apples have also declined to about the same extent. Sugars have taken a tumble of 15c per hundred in this market, but we note a firmer tone at other points. New supplies of salt are beginning to arrive and show an advance in makers prices of about 5c per barrel on fine and coarse, of 2 to 3c on 50 pound boxes and 20 to 25c on table and dairy. These advances take effect here immediately. For Winnipeg prices current see page 880.

HARDWARE.

The only new feature to note here is an advance of 10c per hundred in the price of cut and wire nails, making the base price of the former \$3.00 and of the latter \$3.50. There is not very much to say as regards the general situation. Trade is fairly active, particularly in household lines, garden to do, etc. In outside markets sheet metals are stronger. Iron and steel holds firm in all American centres. Local wholesale prices will be found on another page.

IMPLEMENTS.

Dealers are taking things easy until spring work on the farms is finished when they will make a big push for orders for harvesting machinery. A good trade is anticipated in these lines as many new settlers are putting in crops this year and will have to have machinery with which to take off the grain. Thresher dealers report business in their line good. Binder twine business is quiet. Most of the retail dealers have already booked their orders and those who have not are waiting for further developments in the market.

LUMBER.

Trade in the city is steady and without special feature. Dealers report their sales to date as being considerably larger than for the same period a year ago. Country trade while good is not so active as city trade.

PAINTS, OIL AND GLASS.

Lined oil holds firm at last week's advance, raw oil being now quoted at 5c per gallon and boiled at 40c. A typographical error occurred in our figures last week by which these prices

were made to read 80 and 85c, instead of the figures given above. The market for other lines is steady. Glass is very firm. Prepared paints hold at old figures notwithstanding the higher cost of oil. Turpentine is steady and unchanged.

SCRAP.

There is a good demand for all kinds of old materials and prices hold firm as follows. No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$12.00 to \$13.00 per ton; No. 2, \$4 to \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$7 per ton, heavy copper, 10 to 12c per pound, copper bottoms, 10 to 11c per pound; red brass, 10 to 11c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 8c per pound; light brass, 5 to 6c per pound, lead pipe or tea lead, 2 to 2 1/2c per pound, rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and arcales, 6c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; bones, clean, dry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 per ton; bottles, quarts, 25c per dozen; plints, 15c per dozen.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Following the weakness exhibited in the wheat markets last week, the present week has shown steadiness with a tendency to develop strength, especially in the nearby futures, and in cash wheat. The continuance of fine crop prospects causes a weaker feeling towards the distant futures, but in the meantime there is the from day to day requirements to be filled, and while the world's visible stocks are only slightly less than a year ago, the invisible stocks held by farmers, millers and others are very much less. Argentina, which shipped so heavily to Europe last spring and summer, is cutting a comparatively small figure this season, and the needed supply must be made up from somewhere else. Hitherto the burden has fallen almost wholly on American to supply the deficiency, but it is beginning to be evident that America cannot stand this drain much longer, and that although there is every present prospect of a very large aggregate yield on this continent from this season's crop there may be a space between the exhausting of old supplies and the getting ready of the new crop, when only some advance on present prices will bring forward as much wheat as may be needed to supply demand. In the market developments of the next two or three months a great deal necessarily depends on the favorableness or otherwise of the weather for the wheat crop. At the close of markets yesterday quotations show scarcely any change from a week ago except that cash wheat is up about 1c per bushel and September is about 1/2c down. European markets keep firm without showing any pressure of demand. The reports on the winter wheat crops in the States are slightly less favorable on the week owing to dry weather in some important sections, but this has been partly if not wholly relieved within the past two days. Wheat is headed out as far north as Illinois. The spring wheat crop over the northwest, in the States and Canada, is in a promising condition. European crops are generally doing well except Germany. The American visible supply decreased last week 107,000 bushels compared to a decrease previous week of 1,684,000 bushels and a decrease of 2,204,000 bushels for same week last year. The world's shipments last week were 3,414,000 bushels against 8,600,000 bushels the previous week and 7,504,000 bushels same week last year. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's, decreased only 157,000 bushels compared to a decrease of 6,623,000 bushels previous week and a decrease of 4,360,000 bushels same week a year ago.

In Manitoba wheat very little business is being done. The Ontario millers don't seem to want any by lake as there is no demand from them. Prices are now practically on an export basis, and export freights are very moderate at present. The local mills have been paying better than Fort William prices for low grade wheat for shipment from country points and this demand still continues. Prices at close of business yesterday show a slight advance on a week ago and were 1 hard 75 1/2c, 2 hard 70 1/2c, 3 hard 67c, 3 northern 65c, dried 3 hard 67c and dried 3 northern 65c, all in store Fort William or Port Arthur.

FLOUR—This product holds steady at last week's decline. There is a good demand at Manitoba mills. We quote prices as follows: Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, \$2.05; Red Patent,

\$1.90; Medina, \$1.45; XXXX, \$1.15 per sack of 95 pounds. Ogilvie Milling Co., Hungarian, \$2.05; Glena Patent, \$1.90; Alberta, \$1.70; Manitoba, \$1.55; and Imperial XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 95 pounds.

MILLFEED—We have to note another decline of 1/2c per ton in the price of bran and shorts, which makes the price for the former \$11 per ton in bulk, delivered, and \$13 for the latter.

GROUND FEED—Pure oat chops worth \$27 per ton delivered, mixed barley and oats, \$25 per ton, and \$23.00 per ton, an advance of 50c in the price of the latter.

COUNTRY WHEAT—The market is almost a nominal condition as there is little or no wheat being delivered by farmers.

OATS—There is a good demand for oats for feed purposes and some seed qualities are also wanted. Ontario grades are being used to fill the latter demand. We quote prices unchanged as follows: Ontario oats, No. 2, white, 40c per bushel; Alberta oats, 41 to 43c; Manitoba grades, 39c to 40c in carlots on track here.

BARLEY—Some seed barley is being sold here at 65c per bushel on track.

CORN—The market is 1/2c lower at 53 to 53 1/2c per bushel for various No. 3 corn on track here.

FLAXSEED—Argentina seed is about all that is offering. Holders are asking \$3.00 per bushel for this.

HAY—Hay is in good demand. It is worth \$10 to \$11 per ton in lots on track here and loose hay on the street about the same figures.

POULTRY—Frozen Smith's Fat turkeys are quoted wholesale at 15c per pound, dressed chickens are worth 10c per pound, geese, 9c; live chickens, 50 to 60c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—A sharp advance in the price of beef has been established since a week ago, the increase amounting to fully 3c per lb. Good beef is scarce and readily brings the top price of 8 1/2c, and we even hear of as high as 9c for some. We quote: Beef, fresh, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c per pound, veal, 7 to 8 1/2c per pound, mutton, frozen, 9c per pound, fresh mutton, 11c per pound, hogs, 7 1/2 to 8c per pound.

BUTTER—Creamery—Receipts increase as the season advances and the market is easing off a little. We note a decline of 1/2c in the price being paid to factories since a week ago. Regular quotation now C. O. B. factory point is 17 1/2c per pound.

BUTTER—Dairy—Now that the cattle have fresh grass to feed upon the quality of dairy butter is improving and we note also an increase in the quantity coming in. Prices hold about the same as a week ago so there is a good demand for all offerings. We quote: Finest dairy in tubs or rolls 16 to 18c per pound; good to choice grades, 14 to 16c; fair to good, 11 to 13c; all commission basis.

CHEESE—New cheese is not offering yet. Old cheese, of provincial make is selling in a wholesale way at 9c per pound, a decline of 1c.

EGGS—The market is weaker at 10c per dozen for fresh case eggs, a decline of 1/2c from the top price of a week ago. Receipts are liberal.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are scarce and have advanced sharply. Dealers are now quoting 60c per bushel for farmer's loads, which is 10c above the price of a week ago. Still higher prices may have to be offered in order to induce holders to hurry supplies forward. Cucumbers are 6c per doz. lower; asparagus, 15c lower, and rhubarb is quoted by vegetable men at a decline of 4c from price of a week ago. We quote: Potatoes, 10c per bushel for farmer's loads; carrots, 90c per bushel; beets, 45c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2 1/2c per pound; onions, \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel; cabbage, new, 1c per pound; celery, imported, 9c to 12c per dozen; parsley, lettuce, radish and watercress, 25c to 30c per dozen bunches; cucumbers, \$1.75 per doz.; asparagus, 60c per dozen; rhubarb, 5c per pound.

HIDES—Steady at last week's advance. Offerings are light. We quote: No. 1 hides, 5 1/2c, No. 2, 4 1/2c, No. 3, 3 1/2c; sheep and lambskins, 4 to 5c each.

WOOL—On a basis of prices for unwashed fleeco is worth 7 1/2c per pound here.

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 6c No. 1 tallow at 4c per pound. No. 2 worth 3c per pound.

SENDECA—No new root has offered here up to time of writing. Dealers

Tenders.

A. A. Andrews, Winnipeg Rubber Co., is asking for tenders for a residence.

Tenders are requested by noon, May 27, for a solid brick residence to be built on Nicholson, Winnipeg. H. S. Griffith, architect.

H. S. Griffith, architect, Winnipeg, is calling for tenders for making certain alterations to a house on Assiniboine avenue, Winnipeg.

Tenders will be received until noon, June 12, for the erection of a brick veneered church at Virden, Man. Plans at W. J. Wilcox's store, Virden.

Tenders are requested by noon, May 27th, for a solid brick residence to be built on Hargrave street, for E. Nicholson; H. S. Griffith, architect.

The city of Winnipeg is advertising for tenders for supplying forty summer caps for its members of the fire brigade. Bids to be in by Monday, May 27.

Tenders are requested for the erection of a brick dwelling at Minnedosa for R. H. Myers. Tenders to be sent to Architect Griffith, Winnipeg, by May 31st.

The city of Winnipeg is advertising for tenders for supplying fifty hydrants, bids to be in by Monday, June 10. The diameters are to be 6 and 8 inches.

Tenders for a wrought iron or steel fence to be placed around the city hall are asked for by the Winnipeg board of works. Tenders to be in by Monday, May 20.

The Massey-Harris Company is calling for tenders for the performance of certain alterations to its office building on the corner of Princess street and William avenue, Winnipeg.

The management of the Presbyterian church at Minnedosa, Man., is calling for tenders for the erection of a new church building at that place. Bids are to be in by the 27th instant.

Tenders will be received until May 28 for all of the various works required in the erection of a brick and stone building for the Infants' Home, Winnipeg. J. H. G. Russell, architect.

Winnipeg board of works is calling for tenders for 300 cords of firewood, to May 23, 100 cords of which is to be delivered at the city asphalt works and the balance at the city quarry, Little Stony Mountain.

Tenders for fencing Selkirk park, estimated cost \$475, are asked by the Winnipeg park board. Also \$1,000 feet of 1 1/2 inch linen hose, rubber-lined, and 500 feet of 1-inch, four ply hose for use on boulevards, etc.

Tenders are being requested for the old building on the corner of King and James streets, occupied by G. Olang, flour and feed merchant. Olang will erect a new place of business there. Plans for which are already prepared. The building will be a solid brick and stone structure, costing in the neighborhood of \$18,000.

Sealed tenders, addressed "Inspector of Penitentiaries, Ottawa," and endorsed "Tender for Supplies," will be received until Monday, 17th of June, inclusive, for supplies for the following institutions, namely: Kingston penitentiary, British Columbia penitentiary, Dorchester penitentiary, Manitoba penitentiary, Regina jail, Prince Albert jail. Separate tenders will be received for each of the following classes of supplies: 1. flour (Canadian strong bakers) 2. best and standard 3. sugar 4. coal (anthracite and bituminous) 5. cordwood 6. groceries 7. coal oil (in barrels) 8. dry goods 9. drugs and medicines 10. leather and bindings 11. hardware 12. lumber. Information and forms of tender will be furnished on application to the wardens of the various institutions.

The Commercial Men.

A. W. Lasher, Toronto, is at the Leland.

Robt. Greene, of London, Ont., is at the Leland.

W. W. Warren, representing J. Y. Griffin & Co., made a trip to Fort William this week.

The traveller of J. L. Meikle & Co., wholesale fancy goods, musical instruments, etc., Fort Arthur, will start on his next trip about June 1.

W. F. Toomey, city traveller at Winnipeg for Kenneth Macdonald, has taken a position in the same capacity for the Martin, Bole, Wynne Company.

D. H. Horn, who represents Campbell Bros. & Wilson, in Winnipeg; J. M. Hiron, one of the city aldermen; and A. D. McLean, grocer, Winnipeg, are going to take in the Glasgow exhibition together.

T. W. Rudzka, of the retail department of the Canadian Motion Picture Company at Winnipeg, has resigned the position of city alderman and is acting for H. F. Anderson & Co., and the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company on the Winnipeg territory.

Nelson H. Hughes, who has been city traveller at Winnipeg for The Rice Fruit Company, left this week for his old home in Pictou, Ont. At the depot he was met by some business friends and presented with a beautiful pocket autograph engraved, as a token of the esteem in which he was held here.

CITY TRAVELLERS.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg City Travellers' Association was held last night with President J. H. Dickie in the chair and Secretary W. J. Blundell as recorder of proceedings.

The first order of business was the election of officers with the following result: President, E. McGuire; vice-president, M. Richardson; secretary, H. V. Smyth; treasurer, R. Lamb. It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the association at River Park, on June 15, and W. J. Blundell, E. Tugwell, W. G. Locke and the president were appointed a committee to arrange for the sports.

It was decided to hold a match with the city grocer next Wednesday evening on the grounds between Notre Dame and Sargent, west of the hospital, when the commercial men expect to return payment for the drubbing received at curling last winter.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial. Toronto, May 18. Dry Goods—Sorting trade is more active and fall orders are fairly numerous. Canadian staples hold steady owing to small surplus stocks in mills.

Hardware—Good demand for seasonal lines. More inquiry for bidirectional. Glass is firmer owing to non-arrival of supplies. Lined oil is 3c higher, making raw here 78c and bid 81c. Sulphur is firmer. Groceries—Fair demand. Sugar steady. Currants firmer.

HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 18. There is an active demand for all kinds of provisions. Stock of mutton pork is light and it would cost \$28 to produce this time according to present prices of hogs.

Canada short cut, \$30; heavy meat, \$19. Smoked and dry salted meats—Long clear tons and cases, 10c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 12 1/2c to 13c; rolls, 11c; shoulders, 10 to 10 1/2c; backs, 13c; green meat, out of pickle, are quoted at 1c less than smoked. Lard—Threes 10 1/2c, tubs, 10 1/2c, and pails 10 1/2c.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 18. Grain deliveries are light. Ontario winter wheat is firmer and sold today at 80 1/2c f.o.b. cars east. There is less demand from New York for Manitoba wheat and prices are 1 to 2c lower. Some new demand for hogs is firm in offerings and choice lots are firmly held at 13 to 14c. Large and small lots are lower. Creamery unchanged. Eggs unchanged. The supply of these is moderate and the market steady. Potatoes are under and 1 to 2c lower.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$4.25; Manitoba bakers, \$3.95 for carlots at Toronto; Ontario patent, \$2.60 per barrel for 90 per cent patents, middle freight.

Wheat—Ontario red and white wheat 60 1/2c, middle freight; Ontario spring, 68 to 70c; No. 1 hard, 91c; No. 2 hard, 87c; No. 3 hard, 78c; lake and well. Oats—No. 1 white, 31 1/2c; oat, 2 white 30 1/2c, middle freight.

Barley—3c for No 3 extra at country points west.

Milled wheat, \$12.50 to \$14 per ton for No. 1, \$12.

Oatmeal—\$3.65 for cars of hogs, and \$3.65 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Oats on truck, \$9.75 to \$10 per ton.

Eggs—10 1/2 to 11c for fresh, in case lots.

Butter—New dairy tubs 18 to 14c; large pound tubs, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c; low 11 to 12c; cream packages, 17 to 18c; prints, 18 to 19c.

Cheese—1 1/2c for job lots of fall cheese.

Hides—5 1/2c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 steers, 4 1/2c; cowhides, 4 1/2c under these prices; calfskins, 8c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2; sheepskins, 90c to \$1.00 each; tallow, 5 to 5 1/2c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 15 to 14c; unwashed, 12 to 13c.

Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.05 per bushel for handpicked, job lots.

Dried Apples—3 1/2 to 4 1/2c for round lots; evaporated, 5 1/2c.

Maple Syrup—New is quoted here at \$1.10 to \$1.15 per imperial gallon, in bulk or gallon tins.

Honey—9 1/2 to 10 1/2c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 60 to 90c per pair; turkeys, 11 to 12c per pound.

Potatoes—31 to 32c per bushel for carlots.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 15. Receipts at the stock yards yesterday were 13 carloads, including 1,875 head, 93 sheep and lambs, and 500 hogs.

Export Cattle—No change from last week. Offerings were a little larger. Prices ranged on an average about \$5 per cwt. Choice cattle are wanted, and they are quoted firm at \$4.00 to \$5.25. Medium, including light weights, are in good demand also, and sell readily at \$4.50 to \$4.90.

Butchers' Cattle—The supply of the choice to picked animals was a little better. Prices ranged from \$4.25 to \$4.75 per cwt. for the best, but there were rumors of sales at even higher figures.

Stockers—Offerings are light and there are not enough cattle to supply the demand. Prices are firm at \$1.00 to \$1.50 for choice weights.

Sheep—Trade is dull and heavy ewes are not wanted. They are quoted lower at \$4 to \$4.75 per cwt. Light ewes bring \$3.50 to \$4 and bucks are \$5c lower at \$3 to \$3.50 each.

Calves—Grain-fed lambs are quoted 25c to 50c lower at \$5 to \$6 per cwt.

Hogs—Prices have advanced 1 1/2c per cwt. for all weights. Selects of 100 to 200 lbs. natural weight are now selling at \$7 per cwt., and lights and fats at \$4.50. Sows are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 18. Receipts at the semi-weekly market yards were 41 carloads, including 400 sheep and lambs, and 1,700 hogs.

Export cattle in active demand and firm, top \$5.25. Butchers' offerings of better quality, good demand, and all sold readily at firm prices. Export bullock sell offerings light, and prices unchanged. Feeders in steady demand for short keep at unchanged prices. Stockers, demand active, and supply too small. Prices firmer. Sheep dull and lower. Export ewes \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cwt. Bucks \$5 lower at \$2.50 to \$3.00. Lamb demand off, grain fed 7c lower at \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt. Barnyard lambs, \$5c lower at \$4 to \$4.50. Hogs firm at Thursday's 25c advance. Choice, \$7.25; fat and light, \$4.75.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 14. Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle, and 100 sheep and lambs.

The supply of cattle was larger than on last Thursday, but this fact accompanied by a good demand for hogs, which ruled firm at the recent rate. The demand was good from both butchers and exporters, consequently an active trade was done and at the close few were left un sold. Offerings of really choice stock were limited. Shippers pitched up quite a few good to choice to complete shipments with, for which they paid 4 1/2 to 5c per lb. There was a good demand for butch from choice stock, and they paid 5c to 5 1/2c. Good sold at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; fair at 3 1/2 to 4 1/4c; common at 3 to 3 1/2c.

Over and under at 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c per lb. Over to the high prices prevailing in foreign markets, there is an active demand from shippers here for them, but continued small receipts makes trade quiet. A few suitable for shipping were bought this morning at 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c, and yesterday at 4 1/2 to 5c per lb. The demand for spring lambs was good and prices were unchanged at from \$2 to \$5 each, as to size. Receipts of 75

hogs were small, for which the demand continues good, and the tone of the market firm, with sales of straight lots at \$1.85 to \$7 per 100 pounds.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 17. Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir on Thursday included 300 cattle and 150 sheep and lambs.

The feature of the week was the active demand for the strong feeling that prevailed in cattle and prices scored another advance. The supply was much smaller than on Monday, for which the market was without continued. In spite of the higher prices, ruling clearance was made early. Choice cattle sold 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c; good, 4 1/2 to 5c; fair, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c; lower grades, 3 to 3 1/2c per lb. The demand for sheep for export account was good, but owing to the continued small offerings only a few were picked up at 4 1/2c; butchers paid 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. Spring lambs were in good demand at \$5 to \$5 each. The receipts of five hogs were small, for which the demand was good and the tone of the market was strong. Sales of straight lots were made at 7 1/2c, which is 1 1/2c per lb. higher than on Monday.

MONTREAL GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 18.

Sugar is fairly active and steady. Molasses is steady, sales of several lots having been made at 10c first cost at Island. Spot sugar is unchanged. New round lots, 27c; old, 26c; jobbing, 29 to 30c. New pack salmon stronger. Rivers Inlet brand of salmon has advanced 10c to \$4.10 per case. F. o. b. coast; Fraser river salmon firm at \$4.00. Valencia brand of salmon, 19c. Currants steady and prices trending higher. Tea inactive; Japan cables strong, and prices 1c higher; fancy, 20 to 21c; good, medium, 19 c. l. f. Provisions firm, demand improving; pork, 19 to 21c; beef, 12 1/2 to 15c; bacon, 14 to 15c. Lard compound, 7 1/2 to 8c; pure, 11 1/2 to 12c.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 18.

Demand for grain is fair and the feeling firm. Ontario spring wheat is 1 1/2c higher. Oats are strongly held. Flour quiet and steady. Feed easier. Hay active and higher. Meal quiet and firm. Cheese quiet and easy. Butter fairly active and the export demand good. Receipts of eggs are heavy and stocks large. Prices are 1/2c lower. Potatoes are steady. Meats active. Beef is 1/2c higher. Dressed hogs are 5c higher.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 70c to 77c afloat; white 70 to 79 1/2c; red, 75 to 75 1/2c.

Barley—5 1/2 to 6c.

Oats—No. 1 oats are offering at 35c to 36c; No. 2, 35c afloat.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$4.10 to \$4.30; Manitoba bakers, \$3.75 to \$4; straight rollers, \$3.20 to \$3.40; winter patents, \$3.65 to \$3.85.

Polled Oatmeal—\$3.50 to \$3.65 per barrel, 1 1/2c; 1 1/2c for bag.

Feed—Manitoba bran, 15c; dull, 14c; shorts, \$16.50 to \$17.

Baled Hay—Choice, \$11.75 to \$12.5. No. 2, \$10.75 to \$11.75.

Cheese—White, 8 1/2 to 9c; colored, 8 to 8 1/2c; fodder cheese, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Finest creamery, 15 1/2 to 18 1/2c; second, 18 to 18 1/2c; township dairy, 16 to 17c; western, 15 to 15 1/2c; Manitoba dairy, 11 to 13c.

Eggs—Choice—11 to 11 1/2c; seconds, 10 1/2 to 10c.

Maple Syrup—6 1/2 to 7c in wood; tins, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c per wine gallon; sugar, 9 to 10c for new.

Hides—No. 1, 6 1/2 to 7c; No. 2, 5 1/2 to 6c; No. 3, 4 1/2 to 5c; calfskins, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c; sheepskins, 90c to \$1.00, for good fresh skins.

Vegetables—Potatoes, carlots, 40 to 43c; onions, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per barrel.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c; chickens, 8 to 10c; geese, 4 to 6c; ducks, 7 to 8c; geese, 5 to 7c.

Meats—Beef, 7 to 8c; veal, 2 1/2 to 3c; fresh lamb, 6c to 7c; mutton, 5c to 6c; fresh killed hogs, 10 to \$10.50.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 17.

Cheese unchanged at 48s to 17s.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, May 17.

Beet sugar 1 1/2d higher than a week ago at 3 1/2d.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, May 18. Business in grain freights has been quiet, owing to the fact that rates ruling from this port are higher than those from American ports...

MONTREAL FRUIT SALES.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, May 18. The second fruit sale took place on May 15, at the Montreal Fruit Auction company's rooms. The offerings consisted of 32,000 boxes of lemons and 16,000 packages of oranges...

The third fruit sale was held May 16 at the Montreal Fruit Auction company's rooms. The offerings were 15,000 packages of oranges which were the balance of the cargo of the steamship Tiverton...

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, May 18. The tone of cable advices from Glasgow this week on Canadian and American cattle were firmer and according to prices realized shippers state that they will come out about even...

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, May 17. Cattle weak at 10 1/2 to 11 1/2c, estimated dressed weight. Sheep are worth 13 to 13 1/2c. Lambs, 14c. Refrigerator beef 3 1/2 to 9c.

ONTARIO CHEESE MARKETS.

Ingersoll, May 14.—At the cheese market held here to-day 557 boxes, all white, were offered; 65 sold at 8 1/2c, balance unsold, 83-16c was bid for some lots and refused. Market quiet on account of chilly weather.

Campbellford, May 14.—The Campbellford cheese board opened to-day. There were 650 boxes of white board. Sales were: Whistons, 235, at 3 1/2c. Cook, 30, at 3-10c. Balance unsold. Board meets every Tuesday, at 10 a. m.

A telegram from Delta received in the city yesterday states that Lake Manitoba is now clear of ice. A vessel has arrived there and is loading up with supplies for different points on the lake.

At the London wool auctions this week bidding has been brisk and the market improved a little. Finest merino and scoured wools show an advance of 10 per cent. over the opening prices.

Western Business Items.

J. L. Smith is succeeding S. Johns in the management of the Royal hotel at Nelson, B. C.

H. N. Halpenny, hardware merchant, Minnedosa Man., has assigned to New ton & Davidson.

Smith Bros have bought out the grocery business of McIntyre & Blain, at Strathcona, Alberta.

Metta & Flewelling have taken the agency for the McLaughlin Carriage Co at Hamiota, Man.

Geo E. Nugent, merchant of Wapella, Assa., was drowned in the Qu'Appelle river on Monday night.

The Canadian Pacific Railway depot safe at Brtln, Man., was "blown" one night this week and \$200 secured.

Stephens Bros. have bought out the brick making business of J. R. McDonald at Portage la Prairie, Man.

The agricultural hall at Brtln, Man., was burned this week. Loss \$1,400, insurance in the Manitoba Mutual, \$500.

Jos R. Bliss is succeeding Cusack Bros. in the butcher business at Minnola, Man. The new style is Bliss & Prentice.

Mr. Boles, general merchant, Beaverton, B. C., has moved his stock to Carnt, where he will continue the business.

Beginning on Monday the wholesale dry goods warehouse of R. J. Whitla & Co., Winnipeg, will close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

C. Thompson & Co., general merchants, Prince Albert, Sask., have dissolved partnership, A. McDonald continues the business.

E. Tapper, secondhand dealer, and Wm. O'Meara's restaurant, at Nos. 703 and 705 Main street, Winnipeg, were burned out last night.

W. C. McLaren, of Brockville, manager of the Jas. Hall Glove Company, arrived in Winnipeg this week to visit the local branch of the company.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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Chicago, May 16.—Wheat, May opened 71 1/2, high 72 1/2, low 71, close 71 1/2 @ 72 1/2. Corn, July opened 42 1/2, high 43, low 42 1/2, close 42 1/2 @ 43 1/2. Oats, July opened 27 1/2, high 28, low 27 1/2, close 27 1/2 @ 28 1/2. Pork, July opened \$14.75, high \$14.75, low \$14.50, close \$14.75 @ \$14.75. Lard, July opened \$7.57, high \$7.57, low \$7.50, close \$7.57 @ \$7.57. Flax, cash close \$1.75 1/2, Sept. close \$1.35 a.

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Chicago, May 18.—July wheat opened at 71 1/2c, and ranged from 71 1/2c to 72 1/2c. Closing prices were: Wheat—May, 73 1/2c, July, 72 1/2c. Corn—May, 46 1/2c, July, 45 1/2c. Oats—May, 28 1/2c, July, 28 1/2c. Pork—May, \$14.72, July, \$14.85. Lard—July, \$8.07, Sept., \$8.07. Ribs—July, \$7.92, Sept., \$7.87. A week ago May option closed at 73c. A year ago May option closed at 65 1/2c, two years ago at 73 1/2c, three years ago at \$1.11, four years ago at 72c, five years ago at 61c, six years ago at 70 1/2c.

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WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT. No. 3 hard wheat closed to-day at 67 1/2 in store, Fort William; No. 1 hard 78 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 76 1/2c.

New York Wheat.

New York, May 13.—Wheat, May opened 70, close 80 1/2c. July open 70 1/2, high 78 a, low 70 1/2, close 78c a.

New York, May 14.—Wheat, May open 80 1/2 a, high 81, low 80, close 80 1/2c. July open 78, high 78 1/2, low 77 1/2, close 77 1/2c a.

New York, May 15.—Wheat, July opened 77 1/2, high 78 1/2, low 77 1/2, close 78 1/2c a.

New York, May 16.—Wheat, July open 78 1/2, high 78 1/2, low 77 1/2, close 77 1/2c a. May open 81 1/2 b, high 81 1/2, low 80 1/2, close 80 1/2c b.

New York, May 17.—Wheat, July open 78 1/2, high 78 1/2, low 78 1/2, close 78 1/2c b.

New York, May 18.—May wheat closed at 81c, July at 78 1/2c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, May 13.—Wheat, July open 71 1/2 @ 72, high 73, low 71 1/2 @ 72, close 73c.

Minneapolis, May 14.—Wheat, July open 72 1/2, high 73, low 72, close 72c b.

Minneapolis, May 15.—Wheat, July open 72 1/2, high 72 1/2, low 71 1/2, close 72 1/2c b.

Minneapolis, May 16.—Wheat, July open 71 1/2 @ 72, high 72, low 71 1/2, close 71 1/2c b.

Minneapolis, May 17.—Wheat, July open 72 b, high 72 1/2, low 71 1/2, close 72 1/2c b.

Minneapolis, May 18.—Wheat closed at 71 1/2c for May option, July at 72 1/2c. Cash No. 1 hard wheat closed at 74 1/2c, No. 1 northern at 72 1/2c.

Duluth Wheat.

Duluth, May 13.—Wheat, July open 72 1/2, high 74 1/2, low 72, close 74 1/2c. No. 1 hard 74 1/2c. No. 1 northern 70 1/2c.

Duluth, May 14.—Wheat, July open 74 1/2, high 74 1/2, low 73 1/2, close 75 1/2c. No. 1 hard 76 1/2c. No. 1 northern 73 1/2c.

Duluth, May 15.—Wheat, July open 73 1/2, high 74 1/2, low 73 1/2, close 74c. No. 1 hard 76c. No. 1 northern 74c.

Duluth, May 16.—Wheat, July open 75 1/2, high 75 1/2, low 75 1/2, close 75 1/2c.

Duluth, May 17.—Wheat, July open 75 1/2, high 74 1/2, low 74 1/2, close 74c. No. 1 hard 74 1/2c. No. 1 northern 74 1/2c.

Duluth, May 18.—May wheat closed at 74 1/2c for No. 1 northern wheat, July at 74c. Cash No. 1 hard closed to-day at 77 1/2c, and cash No. 1 northern at 74 1/2c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 70 1/2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 67 1/2c, two years ago at 73 1/2c, three years ago at \$1.04, four years ago at 67 1/2c, five years ago at 62 1/2c.

Brandon Fair.

The prize list for the agricultural fair to be held at Brandon this year from July 23 to 26, has been issued. Great pains have been taken to make this fair a greater success this year than ever. Prominent among the new buildings erected will be found the Dominion government building, in which will be shown the exhibits from the experimental farms at Agassiz, B. C., Indian Head, Assa., and Brandon. Arrangements have been made for excellent platform attractions and other amusements. The president of the association having control of this fair is Wm. Ferguson, the first vice-president, P. Payne, second vice-president, A. McPhail, and the manager, P. J. Clark. All those desiring to make exhibits are required to fill out forms, which will be furnished on request, and send same to the manager of the association by 20th July. The entrance fees are very low, particularly when the value of the prizes offered is taken into consideration. Application for space for the exhibit of all classes of manufacture should be made to the manager as soon as possible, as the space will be allotted in the order of application.

A very interesting programme has been arranged for. The first day there will be a football tournament, gymkhana, one mile dash for members of the Hunt club, chariot races, hurdle races, polo, etc. On Wednesday there will be a parade of stock, football tournament, speeding events, tug-of-war, fireworks, etc. On Thursday, the football finals will be played, parade of stock, speeding events, etc. Friday, which is the last day of the fair, will be one of the most attractive and enjoyable. It will start off with a parade of stock, speeding events, grand special attractions, fireworks, etc. The entries for all these events must be in by July 15th. Entry fee for horse races will be 5 per cent of purse and winners 5 per cent of purse extra. For the football tournament the entry will be \$2. A two days' trap shooting, open to all, will be held during the fair. Articles which come under the manufacturers' and industrial department will be received for exhibition only, no premiums will be awarded but the judges may award diplomas when the merit

of any exhibit calls for special recognition.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, May 17.—Closing Spot steady, No 2 western winter 5s. 11 1/2d., No 1 northern spring 4s. 11d., No 1 California 6s. 1 1/2d., futures firm, July 5s. 11d., Sept. 5s. 1 1/2d. Corn—Spot steady. American mixed, old, new, 4s. 1 1/2d., American mixed, old, nominal, futures steady. May nomin at, July 4s., Sept. 3s. 11 1/2d. Liverpool, May 18.—Wheat closed to-day 1/4d lower at 5s 10 1/2d per cental for July option.

RAW FURS.

The March sales were not merely disappointing, they were really depressing to American shippers, the declines being both marked and general, the result, not the prices in London, but the losses, were largely due to the fact that at the opening of the raw fur season of collection competition ran its course, with little or no check, until prices paid exceeded values, making profits really impossible, particularly so as there did not exist at the time any fairly defined home demand to serve as a background, and as the advanced prices were quite steadily marked up, buying eliciting all interest future selling being regarded as of no particular importance; but the skins were indeed bought to be sold as a matter of business, and when the selling came business conditions dominated enthusiasm, with the only possible consequences. The record of raw fur buying runs very nearly in an even course as regards the early excitement, undue enthusiastic fervor, and the tendency to pay once and again a little more than real values, history more often repeats itself in this respect than it does in showing that profits are possible under any and all conditions; the moral we are required to point is—there are no miracles in business transactions, and consequently paying more for raw furs in New York than they can be sold for in London need never constitute a disappointing experience. It is hardly worth while to learn the moral, unless it is carefully remembered; we may have to call attention to it again in the autumn—who knows?—Fur Trade Review.

MINING IN SIBERIA.

The United States consul in Moscow states that, of the mineral resources of Siberia, gold is by far the most important, and it is the least developed. The production of gold in the Russian empire is about five million sterling per annum in value, the greater part of which comes from Siberia, about the sources of the Lena and Olekma rivers. It is almost all placer gold, the quartz veins and original deposits, though exposed in many places in the Urals and Siberia, being unworked save in the most inefficient manner. Even in placer mining the methods are antiquated and costly and have undergone no improvement in the last fifty years. Men and horses are employed in the place of mechanical appliances. One engineer calculates that with wire rope tramways and improved types of sluices, the present production could be increased three-fold. Along the Yenisei, the Onon river in Trans-Balkalia, and elsewhere gold-bearing quartz exists in large quantities, which would pay if worked with large stamp mills with the accompanying concentration and reduction plant. The transport of machinery to these regions does not present such difficulty as it is generally supposed. There are practically no high mountains, and there is a vast network of waterways, which render inland transportation easy and cheap. Goods can now be sent by water from Hull to Krasnovarsk, on the Siberian railway, and even so far south as Minusinsk, close to the Mongolian frontier, with a single trans-shipment at the mouth of the Yenisei. Labor is cheap and foreigners are allowed to take up mining claims, each of about 250 acres.

The Duluth flax market shows lower prices for cash seed, and higher prices for futures. The cash quotation ranges around \$1.07 and the September option around \$1.30.

Mr. Fielding gave notice in parliament of a resolution to loan a sum of money, not exceeding \$1,000,000, at 3 per cent. interest, to the harbor commissioners of Montreal for a period of twenty-five years, to be expended in the construction of grain elevators and other terminal facilities necessary to properly equip the port

Winnipeg Prices, Paints, Oils Glass, Etc.

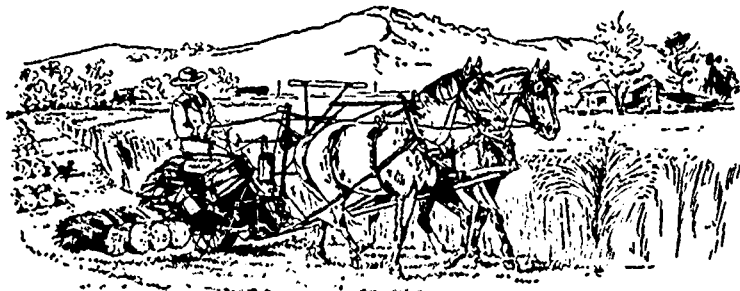
ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$1.00; Muralo, do., \$0.50. BRICKS—Case, \$1.50. BROWN OIL—10 gal. lead, 16 7/8 red lead, 1/2 gal. yellow ochre in barrel lots 2/6c, less than barrel lots, 3c; golden ochre, barrel, 3/8c; less than barrel, 4c; ...

GLASS—Single glass, first break, 18 to 24 united inches, \$2.50; 20 to 24, \$2.75; 24 to 30, \$3.00; 30 to 36, \$3.25; 36 to 42, \$3.50; 42 to 48, \$3.75; 48 to 54, \$4.00; 54 to 60, \$4.25; 60 to 66, \$4.50; 66 to 72, \$4.75; 72 to 78, \$5.00; 78 to 84, \$5.25; 84 to 90, \$5.50; 90 to 96, \$5.75; 96 to 102, \$6.00; 102 to 108, \$6.25; 108 to 114, \$6.50; 114 to 120, \$6.75; 120 to 126, \$7.00; 126 to 132, \$7.25; 132 to 138, \$7.50; 138 to 144, \$7.75; 144 to 150, \$8.00; 150 to 156, \$8.25; 156 to 162, \$8.50; 162 to 168, \$8.75; 168 to 174, \$9.00; 174 to 180, \$9.25; 180 to 186, \$9.50; 186 to 192, \$9.75; 192 to 198, \$10.00; 198 to 204, \$10.25; 204 to 210, \$10.50; 210 to 216, \$10.75; 216 to 222, \$11.00; 222 to 228, \$11.25; 228 to 234, \$11.50; 234 to 240, \$11.75; 240 to 246, \$12.00; 246 to 252, \$12.25; 252 to 258, \$12.50; 258 to 264, \$12.75; 264 to 270, \$13.00; 270 to 276, \$13.25; 276 to 282, \$13.50; 282 to 288, \$13.75; 288 to 294, \$14.00; 294 to 300, \$14.25; 300 to 306, \$14.50; 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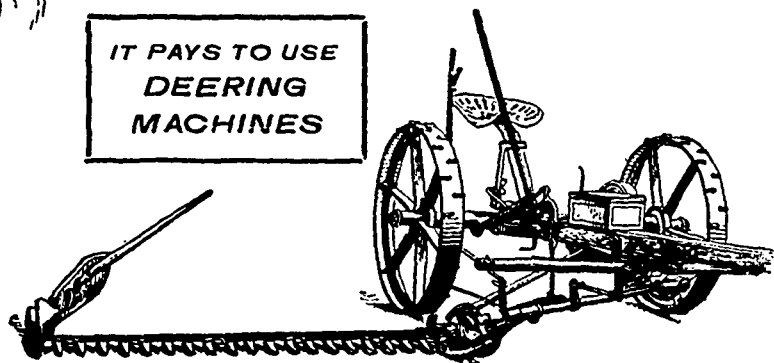
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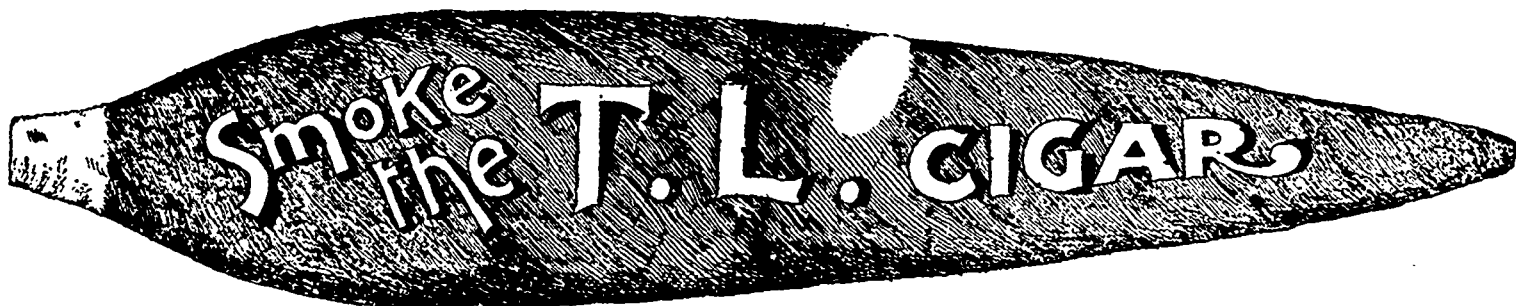
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Plain white or red oak, 5x5 to 12x12	80.00
Treads, white or red oak, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. and wider	82.00
1/4 Sawn red oak, 1 in.	85.00
1/4 Sawn red oak, 1 1/4 to 2 in.	86.00
1/4 Sawn white oak, 1 in.	103.00
1/4 Sawn white oak, 1 1/4 to 2 in.	110.00
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"Ed" Blair, of Cadmus, Kan., known locally as "the melodious poet of the Osage," has written the following lines on the hen:

"Cackle, rackle, Plymouth Rocks,
Ye can have the wagon box,
'N' the smokehouse, 'n' the barn.
Take 'em—we don't care a darn.

"Cackle here and cackle there,
Lay your eggs just anywhere,
Every time ye lay an egg
Down the mortgage goes a peg.

Cackle, cackle all the day,
Who kin find a better way
Fer to git ahead again
Than to cultivate the hen?

Plain drunk, I presume? asked the Court.
With delirium thrimminas, yer 'aner!
said the officer.

Criticus—D'Auber is certainly a gen
12s.
Palette—What's he been up to, now?
Criticus—He has just sold a five-
hundred-dollar picture of a one-hun-
dred dollar horse.

Crop Reports.

The Northern Pacific Railway company's crop report, issued from the office of the general agent for the period ending May 14, reads as follows:

Main Line.

Morris—The past week has been cold and cloudy, changing from small showers of rain to flurries of snow, but has not prevented seeding. There has been no frost to damage wheat to any extent.

St. Jean—Weather, for the past week, has been very cool, except past two days, which have been fine and warm, wheat looking fine, seeding of oats and barley going along very slowly.

Levellier—Wheat is all sown and ploughing for coarser grains done, about 75 per cent of oats, barley and flax are already seeded; weather during the week has been very unfavorable for seeding owing to high and cold winds, which farmers claim have done considerable damage, having in parts blown grain which had already taken root, right out of the ground, prevailing weather conditions, cool and dry and at present rain is needed.

Emerson—We have had three frosts since last report, but no damage is reported, weather has been cool and dry although grain is apparently growing very fast, farmers are just commencing to sow flax and barley; oat seeding is completed. Land is not suffering for lack of rain.

Portage Branch.

Ell—Everything continues favorable in this vicinity for growing grain, having had two or three light showers since last report. Different parties who got an early start say their grain has a growth of from three to three and a half inches; others still ploughing, seeding of barley has just commenced, of which there will be about 1,000 acres seeded. Outlook reported favorable in every respect.

Portage la Prairie—Wheat growing nicely and all indications point to a big crop, about 40 per cent of oats sown. Weather during the past week cold with cold rains and light frosts, but not enough to damage growing crop.

Oakland—Wheat all sown and mostly up in good shape, oats and coarse grains are being put in rapidly. Weather cool and with a few light showers, making it favorable for growth, grass growing rapidly, vegetables not showing much growth yet.

Beaver—Wheat seeding is finished and all is nicely above ground. Weather is cool with a lot of light showers, which will do a lot of good to vegetation. None of the farmers as yet have any oats sown, while a year ago, nearly all the coarser grains were in the ground. Hay is going to be a splendid crop, the meadows being sufficiently wet for a good growth.

Morris-Brandon Branch.

Roland—The cold wave of the past week has checked the progress of the new crop and vegetation in general, but it is considered by the most experienced farmers as the best thing that could happen to it at its present stage, causing it to take deeper root and stool out. The crop now covers the ground almost entirely and presents a very progressing appearance. Weather has been cold with high north to northwest winds with flurries of snow and a few cold showers.

Miami—The last week has been cold and windy, crops making but little growth and the grain sustained slight damage from winds during the week. Seeding of oats is generally about completed and ground for barley is being prepared and will all be ready in season, a good warm shower would do good in starting vegetation.

Altamont—During the past week the weather has been very cool, had a few showers of rain and on the 11th there was a light fall of snow; on the nights of the 10th and 11th, wheat was somewhat frozen but not enough to hurt it. In this vicinity, wheat is about all sprouted and above ground and by the end of the week, oats will all be sown so that with the exception of a few who intend sowing barley, the farmers here will be through seeding by the latter part of this week. There is plenty of feed for stock now as the grass has grown rapidly during the past two or three days.

Somerset—Weather for the past week has been quite cold with showers of rain and has stopped the growth of wheat somewhat; wheat is now about six inches in height and looking fine.

Swan Lake—Wheat in this vicinity

is all sown; seeding of oats will be completed by the end of the week. On account of frosts and cold weather, there has not been much growth in the fields since last report. Grass continues to grow rapidly and there is more grass here now than there was a month later last year. If the weather is favorable, seeding will be finished in about ten days, weather now fine and warm, no damage from frost.

Baldur—Wheat seeding is now finished and a large portion of oats and barley is in the ground; weather has been cool with frequent showers, early sown wheat is growing nicely and from all appearances, there will be a good crop. Light frost during the week but no damage reported.

Belmont—Since last report the weather has been all that could be desired, cool with frequent showers which have soaked the ground well, and although we have had two rather heavy frosts, still no damage is reported, owing to cloudy and cool weather. Wheat seeding all completed and some farmers report all oats sown, there is considerable acreage to be sown in oats yet, the wheat that is up is looking well. The prevailing opinion is that from the way seed has been got in and from present conditions, we may look for a grand return.

Hilton—Crops are looking very good and grain is nicely above ground; wheat seeding is finished and farmers are now ploughing for oats and barley; weather has been very favorable; on 10th had several showers which will be of great benefit to growing grains. Have had some heavy frosts but have not heard of any damage being done.

Wawanesa—Weather has been very favorable for seeding, with the exception of one day when we had high strong winds and showers of rain, wheat seeding is pretty well finished and some farmers have started with the coarser grains. The soil and seed are in splendid condition, some fields showing a growth of two inches.

Methven Junction—Farmers are finishing ploughing for oats and barley; wheat is about all up and the first sown is looking fine, about two or three inches high and a nice healthy color. The past week has been rather unfavorable for rapid growth and some light frosts have discolored the tops of the blade in some places. Seeding of oats has started in some places.

Mounthwaite—Weather conditions favorable for seeding, some farmers have finished their wheat and nearly all will be through this week. Much of the first wheat sown is above ground and showing phenomenal growth.

Brandon—About 80 per cent. of wheat is sown in this district but no coarse grains as yet. Weather since last report has been very cool with some frost, grass doing well.

Souris River Branch.

Ninette—Since last report weather has not been very favorable for growing grain, being too cold and windy, with some frost, but no damage reported. Wheat seeding is finished and farmers are busy sowing oats and preparing ground for barley, roots, etc. Quite a large percentage of wheat is up and looking healthy and strong. Gardening in full swing.

Dunrea—Crops are looking well, wheat in some places up fully four inches and growing rapidly, weather is very favorable; oats will be nearly all in this week and although seeding has been somewhat later than a year ago, it is expected that harvesting will be earlier than last season. Have had a few light frosts but not enough to injure the grain. Some of the oldest settlers say that they never saw the grain further advanced at this time.

Minto—Weather during the past week has been cloudy with cold winds and on the whole rather unfavorable; there was a slight frost on the night of the 11th but no damage reported; wheat crop in this district is about all sown and several inches above ground in places and looking fine. Farmers now sowing oats and barley.

Elgin—Wheat seeding is finished and oats, barley, etc., will be in by next week. During the past week there was a few days disagreeable weather, strong north winds accompanied with light frost on the 9th and 10th, but no damage to crops reported. There is plenty of moisture in the ground to keep grain growing for two or three weeks yet without any more rain and, with the present warm weather, it is progressing rapidly.

Hartney—Since last report weather has been cold with light frosts at

night but nothing to cause any damage, but growth has not been as rapid as during the preceding week. Wheat is now all in and farmers are ploughing for and sowing coarser grains.

Ontario Crops.

Toronto, May 15.—The crop report issued by the Ontario agricultural department says the fall wheat would be a most promising crop but for the damage done in southwestern Ontario by the Hessian fly. Every county south of the line, from Hamilton to Sarnia, is suffering severely. The long open falls of the past two years have been very favorable to the breeding of this pest.

Winter rye is being but little raised. Clover is in good condition. Vegetation is well advanced, more particularly in the eastern part of the province. All classes of live stock came through the winter in good condition. Fruit promises well. The orchards of Western Ontario having come through the winter in splendid condition. Spring seeding operations met with a severe set-back by a late fall of snow.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	306,000
Toronto	49,000
Coteau, Que.	77,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	123,000
Kingston	30,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,653,000
Winnipeg	380,000
Manitoba elevators	1,350,000

Total May 4	4,962,000
Total previous week	4,979,000
Total a year ago	8,933,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's May 4, were 69,238,000 bushels, as against 63,631,000 bushels for the previous week. Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 67,238,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on May 1 were 5,071,000 bushels.

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 May 11, was 49,000,000 bushels, being a decrease of 907,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 47,621,000 bushels, two years ago 26,023,000 bushels, three years ago 22,004,000 bushels, four years ago 22,757,000 bushels, five years ago 53,146,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 11,449,000 bushels, compared with 7,246,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 17,330,000 bushels, compared with 16,175,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe May 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

1901	143,000,000
1900	148,000,000
1899	117,000,000
1898	95,000,000
1897	107,000,000
1896	146,000,000
1895	172,000,000

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 movement, Aug. 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	67,507,790	72,023,654
St. Louis	8,056,523	8,677,792
Duluth	10,063,623	10,290,081
Chicago	39,008,059	21,774,825
Total	134,635,995	112,766,352

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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	8,685,381	10,691,802
St. Louis	10,537,486	8,528,438
Indianapolis	2,909,125	4,557,107
Kansas City	34,371,017	14,805,540
Total	66,412,989	38,572,987

London, May 6.—The house of commons to-day adopted Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's export duty on coal. The government has decided to grant an enquiry into the charges preferred by the Canadian Press Association that a combination exists among the paper manufacturers of the Dominion to unduly enhance the price of paper.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices the week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 68½¢ 1-William, for cash.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent \$1.85; best bakers', \$1.65.

Oatmeal—\$1.70 per 50 lb sack, to the tail trade.

Milled—Barley, \$12.50 per ton; shorts \$14.50, delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on truck, 30½¢ 32¢, according to quality.

Barley—36½¢ 38¢ per bushels for malt and feed grades.

Country wheat—52½¢ 54¢ per bushel, according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.

Corn—In carlots, 47½¢ per bushel of 56; Flax—Nominal.

Butter—Dairy, 14¢ 16¢ per lb for 1 grades; new creamery, 17¢ per lb at factories.

Cheese—New cheese, 11¢, laid down in Eggs—11¢ for Manitoba fresh, less pressage.

Potatoes—40¢ per bushel.

Beef—60¢ 65¢ per lb.

Hides—No. 1 hides, 70¢ per lb.

Wool—80¢ 82¢ for unwashed fleece.

Settled Hoot—23¢ per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$5.60 5.80 per ton on cars.

Live Stock—Choice beef cattle, 32¢ 34¢ per lb; sheep, 47¢ 48¢; hogs, 45¢ 46¢.

The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo was opened on the 1st inst. It is altogether probable that a large number of people will visit Buffalo during the next six months, as it is confidently believed, that no other exposition thus far has had such a general representation of the resources of all the Americans as is to be viewed at Buffalo. The natural attractions of the vicinity are also very fine, including the Niagara Falls.



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Board of Trade Council.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held Tuesday afternoon. The board recently urged on the minister of public works to increase the present post office building, and to concentrate therein all the Dominion public offices of the city.

A reply was received from Mr. Tarte that he would be unable to take up the matter at this late stage of the session, but that he would deal with it during the recess. The board then wrote all the members resident in Winnipeg, asking them to urge upon the minister that he come to some decision in regard to the enlargement of the building. Messrs. McCrea, M. P., Richardson, M. P., and Puttee, M. P., have replied, stating that they have interviewed the Hon. Mr. Tarte and that he has informed them that he fully recognizes the necessity of new premises for Dominion offices in Winnipeg, and will give the subject full consideration before the next session of parliament. Mr. Puttee writes the board: "I have interviewed the Hon. Mr. Tarte, minister of public works, on the subject, and while explaining that he found it impossible to make provision for the work in this year's estimates, he assures me that he is convinced of the desirability of the improvement and will provide for it and proceed to carry it out next year."

Mr. C. H. Newton wrote the council thanking the members for their recommendation which secured his appointment as official assignee for the province of Manitoba.

Telephone Rates.

The Toronto board of trade had communicated with this board asking for information regarding the rates charged by the Bell Telephone company for business and private telephones in Winnipeg, also asking if this board is in favor of having the present schedule of rates in Canada maintained subject to revision by the governor-in-council, and not raised as petitioned for by the telephone company. The information asked for by the Toronto body had been wired, and they were informed that the board had already signed the petition to parliament that the present schedule of rates be not increased.

National Telegraph System.

A communication was received from the British Empire League in Canada, asking the board to petition parliament to nationalize the telegraph and cable system. The matter was laid over for further consideration.

A communication was read from the Vancouver board of trade, asking this board to endorse and pass the following resolution. Resolved that this board is of the opinion that the metric system of weights and measures should, as recommended by a select committee of parliament in 1895, be legalized in all parts of the empire, excepting India, for all purposes, and, after a period of two years, be everywhere rendered compulsory by Act or ordinance, and that meanwhile the system should be thoroughly taught in all public elementary schools, as a necessary branch of arithmetic. Some two years ago the Winnipeg board endorsed the general principle of the metric system, but the council could not see its way clear to ask that it be made compulsory.

Visitors to Winnipeg.

A letter was read from the Canadian club of Boston, Massachusetts, asking the board to designate some particular period during the year when special attractions would be provided to welcome in the city visiting Canadians who are resident in the United States, and especially in the state of Massachusetts. It was resolved to recommend the Canadian club that exhibition week would be the best time for visitors to come to Winnipeg, and that the communication be forwarded to the Exhibition association for such action as they might deem necessary.

Grain Inspection System.

The general grain committee of the board reported on an interview which they recently had with Hon. Mr. Sifton in connection with the bill now before Parliament to amend the general inspection act by abolishing the right of the board of survey as the final appeal from the grading of grain by the inspection staff, the proposed amendment, it being understood, being due to some changes proposed in the inspection system at the port of

Montreal. The committee had strongly urged that the system as now established in Manitoba should be left alone, as it was giving satisfaction now, and Mr. Sifton had promised that the minister of inland revenue would be fully advised by him of the desire of the trade.

Bounty on Pig Lead.

A communication was read from the Nelson Board of Trade in connection with their proposal that the Dominion government should give a bounty of \$5 per ton on pig lead, the product from ores mined, smelted and refined in Canada. As the Nelson board had been asked for some specific information, action on their communication was delayed until the receipt of word from them.

Tannery and New Boards.

A communication from the Wem Tanning company of Wem, Shropshire, England, was read, asking for information which they desire to obtain in connection with the possible establishment by them of a tannery in Winnipeg. The secretary was directed to forward the communication to the city council, with such information as he had collected, as the matter of exemption from taxation was included in their communication.

Notice was given the board of the organization of new boards of trade at Moosomin and Strathcona in the Territories.

Insurance Rates.

The matter of greatly increased rates of insurance for the city was discussed at some length. A committee, consisting of Messrs. D. K. Elliott, Wm. George, E. L. Drewry, A. L. Johnson and J. H. Ashdown, was appointed to look into the whole question, both of the increase in the rates of insurance and the plan of raising the Winnipeg properties for insurance purposes adopted by the fire underwriters' board, the committee to have full power to act in making representations to the underwriters.

After attending to some routine matters, the council adjourned.

Territorial Legislature.

Regina, N. W. T., May 14.—In the assembly yesterday S. McLeod moved for a return relating to public companies doing business in the Territories. His object, he said, was to find out whether such institutions as the Canada Mutual Loan and Investment company could be allowed to do business, and if so to alter the law so that they could not. He quoted instances to show that parties, who had paid up the full amount loaned with interest, insurance and all charges yet found themselves owing more than ever. He characterized the transactions as a swindle.

R. B. Bennett seconded, and corroborated the statement as to the indebtedness of persons to the company after they had paid up everything that equity demanded.

Hon. Mr. Bullock admitted the grievance, and would not oppose the motion which was then agreed to. Premier Haultain moved the second reading of a bill to remove certain doubts as to the effect of the Local Improvement ordinance. He said that in certain suits against the Hudson's Bay company, other companies and some individuals to recover taxes on their lands the great corporation had raised certain technical points by a construction of the ordinance that was never intended by the assembly when it passed the ordinance. The hon. gentleman quoted precedents in the imperial parliament for such declaratory legislation.

Thos. Mackay objected to the retroactive character of the bill. Legislation was still pending, and he objected to it, as a measure that sought to interfere with the cases not yet decided. If the House had made a mistake it must abide the consequences, but he would support a measure to remedy the mistake in the future.

R. B. Bennett spoke strongly against the bill. Even if the assembly had power to pass such a measure it was a power that should be used very carefully. Cases were still pending, and what the bill proposed was really to tell the judges what the law was, and to tell them that unless they decided a certain way they were deciding wrongly.

Mr. A. L. Sifton, for the government, replied that the most desperate efforts were being put forward by the great corporations to evade their taxes, which the ordinary settlers had to pay, and in the interests of the settlers the law on the subject should be declared. The bill was read a second time, and after several bills had been

advanced a stage the House adjourned.

The members, however, kept their seats, and considered as private persons an invitation from the city council and board of trade of Calgary asking the lieutenant-governor and the assembly to visit this city as its guests on May 24. It was decided that the members of the assembly should accept the invitation, and a committee was appointed to draft a suitable reply.

New C. P. R. Lines.

Construction work on the C. P. R. this year will be, so far as can be learned, in continuing the lines that were started last year and in running a few spur lines in the west. Among the new lines to be started will be a spur into the Qu'Appelle valley. A trial line is now being run from Moosomin which will go as far as Scissors and eventually to the valley. It was expected that the line would run from Elkhorn to this locality but it now looks as if the company had decided in favor of the former place.

The Waskada branch will be continued across the Souls and Antler rivers, fifteen miles being the amount to be built this year. The Snowflake branch will be continued toward the boundary, a distance of nine miles. Grading on the Lake Winnipeg branch is now progressing, and a distance of fourteen miles will be built this summer.

Grain Boats for the Lakes.

Montreal, May 15.—C. F. Dezou, Canadian representative of Swan and Hunter, the famous shipbuilders of Tyne-side, says his firm are planning to put a fleet of grain carriers on the Canadian canals as soon as Montreal is equipped with elevators and the improvements at Port Colborne are carried out. The designs for the boats and barges have already been decided upon. It is intended to build steamers and barges in proportion of one to two. The two barges will be towed by each propeller. Their dimensions will be the same but the space in the steamers occupied by the machinery makes their carrying capacity less than that of barges. The boats will be about 160 feet long, 12 feet beam and will have a draught of 14 feet. Each of the steamers will have a capacity of 80,000 bushels and each of the barges will carry 100,000 bushels. Therefore each fleet, steamer with two barges in tow, will have a capacity of 280,000 bushels. With a number of these fleets in the canals grain can be moved eastward from Port Colborne at a pretty rapid rate and very cheaply. Some of the steamers and barges will be built on the other side of the Atlantic but probably a shipyard will be established in Canada if it is found business will warrant expenditure for construction.

Wheat Stocks Decreasing.

Wheat supplies in the leading producing and consuming countries usually decrease heavily about this time of the year, and it is therefore no surprise to learn that the world's supply fell off more heavily in April than it did during the entire first quarter of the year. It is of interest to note, however, that the decline has been relatively greater in the United States this year than for any corresponding period for at least five years past. European supplies likewise decreased, and the result is a quite bullish exhibition of the statistical side of the wheat situation.

The total stock of wheat in the leading countries of the world on May 1 compares with preceding periods as follows:

	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.
U.S. & Canada	15,532	17,776	15,194	13,533
Europe & other	78,100	78,200	70,200	65,500
Australia	10,820	10,200	7,500	7,500
Argentina	3,200	3,520	3,880	5,520

Totals 157,532 173,776 159,194 139,533
The following table shows the decreases in the world's visible supply in April for four years past:

	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.
U.S. & Canada	16,414	9,683	3,846	10,277
Europe	100	4,500	2,200	8,400
Australia	620	700	700	
Argentina	320	2,288	2,576	1,104

Total decrease 16,234 16,571 4,170 19,781 increase.

The decrease in the United States and Canada in April was 16,411,000

bushels, an aggregate slightly larger than the entire net world's decrease, owing to the increase in Australian stocks. The decrease in America, it will be seen, is more than 7,000,000 bushels larger than in April a year ago, about four times what it was in 1898, and about 6,000,000 bushels larger than the decrease in April, 1898, which witnessed the start of the Leiter boom. While the supplies in this country fell off heavily, those in the rest of the world decreased but slightly, the result being that the decrease in the world's supply this year was slightly smaller than a year ago, and about 3,500,000 bushels less than the decrease in 1898.

In the following table are given the details of the movement of stocks in the United States and Canada, monthly, since January 1, 1901.

	1901	1900	Totals U.S.
Jan 1	87,311,000	8,658,000	95,969,000
Feb 1	86,321,000	8,717,000	95,038,000
March 1	86,704,000	8,972,000	95,676,000
April 1	75,501,000	8,257,000	83,758,000
May 1	69,248,000	5,951,000	75,199,000

Stocks here and in Canada, it will be seen, fell off 16,411,000 bushels this year in April and decreased 31,215,000 bushels since January 1, whereas a year ago the decrease in April was only 9,083,000 bushels, and the decrease from January 1 to May 1 was 17,776,000 bushels. In 1898 the decrease for the first four months was only 21,744,000 bushels, but it will be recalled that this latter decrease was on a considerably smaller total stock. The situation on May 1 for a period of years past is shown in the following table:

	1901	1900	Totals U.S.
Jan 1	60,228,000	5,084,000	65,312,000
Feb 1	70,764,000	7,050,000	77,814,000
1899	47,258,000	4,455,000	51,713,000
1898	36,659,000	3,051,000	39,710,000
1897	49,681,000	1,014,000	50,695,000
1896	84,200,000	3,182,000	87,382,000
1895	80,454,000	10,150,000	90,604,000
1894	82,085,000	9,378,000	91,463,000
1893	95,719,000	3,537,000	99,256,000
1892	49,482,000	2,188,000	51,670,000
1891	35,662,000	4,211,000	39,873,000
1890	33,327,000	3,828,000	37,155,000

The total American stock on May 1 this year, 65,312,000 bushels, is 12,432,000 bushels smaller than a year ago, but is 13,669,000 bushels larger than in 1899 and 31,000 bushels larger than, or almost double, the stock held in 1898. It is worth noting, however, that the present stock is from 18,000,000 to 35,000,000 bushels smaller than it was in the depressed years 1893 to 1896 inclusive. The position of European supplies on the first day of May compares with preceding months and years as follows:

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901.
Jan	75	89	79	71	61	9	68
Feb	84	73	77	71	61	7	61
Mar	84	73	70	69	68	2	66
Apr	79	69	64	69	67	7	74
May	81	61	55	61	65	5	70
June	85	62	55	67	70	5	61
July	84	61	50	59	69	4	64
Aug	88	48	38	44	65	1	61
Sept	78	46	31	37	63	6	62
Oct	89	58	57	39	69	9	67
Nov	83	58	61	48	71	7	74
Dec	81	89	70	51	71	7	74

European supplies, it will be seen, showed practically no alteration in April, against declines of from 2,000,000 to 9,000,000 bushels in the years from 1900 back to 1895, and the total supply on May 1, 78,100,000 bushels, which is 8,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago, is likewise the heaviest stock held on May 1 since 1895. The combined American and European stocks on May 1 make the following comparison:

	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan 1	169	167	117	132	156	194
Feb 1	167	162	118	127	148	177
March 1	162	159	124	118	133	172
April 1	169	161	123	114	122	163
May 1	143	148	117	105	107	146
June 1	122	116	99	101	104	133
July 1	128	110	80	78	124	141
Aug 1	128	116	58	64	108	132
Sept 1	137	117	53	68	107	132
Oct 1	154	134	67	65	127	146
Nov 1	166	159	88	111	162	172
Dec 1	170	166	106	127	172	182

The combined stocks fell off about 17,000,000 bushels during the month, against a decrease of 13,000,000 bushels a year ago, 6,000,000 bushels in 1899, 19,000,000 bushels in 1898 and 15,000,000 bushels in 1897. The said stocks are 5,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago on May 1, but are 26,400,000 bushels larger than in 1899 and 48,000,000 bushels larger than in 1898.—Bradstreet's.

An ant, they say, can draw twenty times its own weight, but a good, healthy mustard plaster can give the ant cards and spades and beat it at its own game.

OUR NORTH COUNTRY

Interesting Paper Read Before the Winnipeg Historical and Scientific Society by Mr. J. W. McLean.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held in the city council chamber, on the evening of Tuesday, the 12th February, 1901, the following paper was read by Mr. W. J. McLean, ex-chief factor of the H. B. Co.:

In order the better to convey to your minds an idea of the localities visited by me on my late journeys to the far north, though presented to you in a very inadequate manner, I will first give you an account of the route followed by me on my way to the remote region referred to.

From Winnipeg to Edmonton a distance of 1,032 miles, I travelled in comfort and ease, by railway. Edmonton is a flourishing town with several good hotels, especially the Alberta, and several stores, some of which are not far short of any in Winnipeg. There are also two or three banking houses. I think I may venture to say that Edmonton has a great future before it as a commercial centre. From Edmonton to Athabasca Landing, 99 miles, over a rolling country interspersed by small rivers and lakes, I travelled in a wagon. From this point I embarked on the Athabasca in a small open boat, and travelled 165 miles without any impediment, down that swift river to the Grand Rapids, justly so-called, as they are in the season of high water stupendously grand. Here on a small island on either side of which runs the raging rapids, there is a tramway of about half a mile long, built and operated by the Hudson's Bay company for the purpose of their own trade in the northern districts. On this tramway I had my boat and cargo taken over, and again embarked at the foot of the rapids, and proceeded through a series of rapids to Fort McMurray, a distance of 87 miles. From this point to Chipewyan on the Athabasca Lake, a distance of 185 miles, the river runs smoothly to its outlet in the above lake. From Fort Chipewyan, three or four miles is travelled on the lake before entering the river, the first 50 miles of which above its confluence with the Peace river is called by the old voyageurs, Riviere de Roche, from its rocky character. After its junction with the Peace river it becomes the Slave river proper, a very large and swift river, on to Smith Portage, distant from Fort Chipewyan 102 miles. On Smith Portage, a distance of 16 miles, there is a wagon road, constructed by the Hudson's Bay company, over which they now do their transport work with oxen and carts. Formerly this 16 miles of the route was got over by following the river, and making five comparatively short portages, one of which, however,

THE MOUNTAIN PORTAGE

was a particularly arduous one, owing to the very high and steep sandy ridge over which it had to be done. It was over this portage route that I travelled. It was not altogether new to me, as I had gone over it several times many years ago. From Fort Smith the river becomes wider, and runs without any obstruction to its outlet in Great Slave lake, a distance of 190 miles, making a grand total of 745 miles by water from Athabasca Landing. Along this river there are some very fine stretches of timber. The south and southwestern portion of Great Slave lake is, comparatively speaking, void of any particularly attractive scenery. That, however, is not the case with the north and north-eastern part of it. After leaving Fort Resolution going north for a distance of 60 or 70 miles, one enters an innumerable cluster of rocky islands, and following the canoe, or the Indian route, one requires to be particularly conversant with the locality in order to be able to follow the proper channel, as in many places the islands are so densely situated, and forming so many narrow gaps of almost identical appearance, that only an experienced and close observer can follow his proper course, the loss of which might lead to much annoyance and even to serious consequences. As one travels north along the west shore of the lake and among the islands, the red granite ridges which stretch along the

lake shore, with here and there crumbling frontages, gradually rise to an imposing height. Some of the headlands and cliffs along this route stand perpendicular out of the water to a height of 100 to 200 feet and I must admit that when sailing close in beneath some of those stupendous cliffs, I felt awestruck by their great and towering height above me.

In the face of one of those cliffs about 120 feet above the water, I observed a golden eagle's (*Aquila crysaetos*) nest, the young bird, not yet fully fledged, was sitting composedly on the brink of it, regardless of any danger to its safety beyond an apparent suspicion conveyed by the alarming whistle-like calls of the parent birds, which were soaring far above it. My guide, who was over 40 years of age, told me that since his earliest recollection, and probably long before, the eagle hatched there every year. All through this portion of the lake, it is very deep, and at the Eagle's Cliff, as it is called, and of which I have just spoken, the natives claim that they failed to find bottom with a sixty fathom line.

FISH IN PROFUSION.

About forty miles north from this point are the narrows where the Hudson's Bay Company many years ago used to have an outpost, and is known as Fond du Lac. Quite a strong current runs sometimes south and sometimes north, here. The water is crystal-like clear, and ice-cold, even in summer. I had a net set here one night, which was only 100 feet long and in the morning we got about 240 pounds of fish out of it, consisting of seven different kinds of exceedingly fine fishes. There were three species of speckled salmon trout, varying in weight from seven to thirty pounds. This portion of the lake abounds with a variety of fish, some of which, owing to the temperature and the purity of the water in which they subsist, I believe cannot be excelled in any part of the world. I have stood on the rocks at the outlets of some of the many comparatively small rivers falling into the lake from the steep sides of the mountains bordering upon it, and watched the speckled trout in large numbers passing to and fro in their crystalline abode, and often thought how many of the sport-loving tourists in the old country would feel delighted to have such an opportunity for satisfying their desire for the pleasure and sport which the fishing rod and tackle can afford them.

These mountain torrents in their impetuous race down through the rugged rocky channels in which they travel to rest in the quiet level of the great lake into which they disappear, look in their mantle of sparkling foam like a narrow drift of snow, or a white streak running serpentine up the steep sides of the hills over which they bound from the level plateaus beyond, and can be readily seen here and there through the sparsely wooded sides of the mountains at several miles distance.

AN ESTUARY

At the mouth of one of the rivers to which I have just referred, there is a small estuary, which the Indians of that region regard with much veneration, as they claim they need not ever pass it hungry during the summer season. I have seen Indians (and did so myself) quietly approach this estuary with their canoes and set a net across it at the end next the lake, and then go to the outlet of the river, and forming their canoes into line, drive a large number of beautiful salmon trout into their net. This particular river is about seventy miles north of Fond du Lac, or the narrows, where Mr Waburton Pike wintered in 1880. The little wooden hut, in which he passed the winter was still a souvenir of his sojourn there.

I was still travelling slowly along the shore of the lake, which from this point lies in a northeasterly direction. It was now drawing near the last days of July and I was looking forward with eagerness for the arrival of the reindeer and caribou (*Rangifer caribou*) from the coast and

barren lands, to where they had gone in the spring to fawn, and to be more free from the pest of flies that would worry them to a much greater extent during the summer season farther south. My guide told me, upon my making inquiry, that the usual time for the arrival of the deer was about the 12th of August. The weather was beautiful with some days excessively warm; the nights were clear and balmy and the stars, which owing to the very short time the sun dipped below the horizon for a month and a half previous could not be seen, were becoming visible again at night. The remoteness and quiet solitude of the surroundings inspired one with a feeling that nature had ceased to exist, and the occasional shrill though melancholy call of the great northern diver (*Urimator imber*) (Gunn), was a relief to the wakeful ear at night.

ONE OF NATURE'S WONDERS.

In this part of the lake and on a good sized island, stands an imposing huge column of red granite, rotunda shaped, and presenting a perpendicular facade about one hundred and thirty feet high, and probably three hundred yards in circumference. On the



MR. W. J. McLEAN,
Ex Chief Factor of the H. B. Co

top of this column of apparently solid rock, is a small lake, but which can only be seen from the heights back from the lake shore. No one has ever been known to get to the top of this wonderful structure by nature. The natives regard it as supernatural, and are inspired with a superstitious awe of it, as they believe it to be the abode of some genius which it is not safe for them to approach.

Now the much wished for notable 12th of August, (a notable day in the highlands of Scotland) arrived, and with it, in compliance with their instinct, the deer arrived also at the lake; and the Indians were at their different established points of vantage to meet them, and to give them (not a friendly secure, but a deadly) reception. I must, however, admit that they were all, men, women and children, overjoyed at (to them) the very important event, as they now saw in sight for them, both food and raiment, which cost them very little to secure.

SLAUGHTER OF DEER.

Now the deer shooting, or more correctly speaking, slaughter began in earnest, and the crack of the rifle could be heard on every side. Not only to the hunter and his rifle were these beautiful and harmless animals easy victims, but also to the old men and women, who in their canoes watch for and pursue them when crossing the lakes and the estuaries of rivers, and kill them with spears in large numbers. There is no provision by-law for the preservation of these helpful animals, even to a reasonable extent. On their arrival the deer are in poor condition, and their meat is scarcely worth being preserved (smoked and sun dried) for food, but they are wantonly killed in great numbers notwithstanding; often only for their skins, which the natives use largely for winter garments and coverings, and at this time they are growing their coat of new hair, which as yet is short and

fine, and more elastic and durable and resembling fur, than it is later in the season, when it becomes coarse and brittle. The fawns are as frequently killed as their dams, as their skins are much finer and lighter in quality, and therefore more desirable for garments for young people and children. The women dress these peltries with much skill, and make them as pliable as a piece of fine cloth. The male deer have splendid horns or antlers, especially when they are three or four years old, a new set of which they grow every year, in less than six months. They all, young and old, cast their horns in December, and the horns for the following year do not begin to grow until the month of April. During their period of growth the horns are quite soft, and are covered with a velvet-like skin. This skin falls off, or more strictly speaking, they tear it off their horns by rubbing them against trees and rocks, and this they do about the middle of September, when the horns are full grown. They then become quite hard. It was very interesting to watch those animals, of which

THEY ARE THOUSANDS

then marching in their annual tour. They scarcely appeared to take any rest, or halt, excepting for three or four hours in the middle of the night. They kept travelling in continuous bands along the lake towards its northeast extremity, and appeared to be impelled by some mighty power over which they had no control. They have regular and well trodden paths, which they keep without deviation, even when fleeing from their enemy. These paths in many places lead into rivers, lakes and wide bays, and it is surprising how unhesitatingly and fearlessly they take to the water and swim across. I have seen them swim across some arms of the lake fully a mile and a half to two miles wide, and as if guided by compass, strike the exact landing place and trail on the opposite side to where they started from. They are wonderfully powerful swimmers, and it takes a good canoe man to keep up with them. The fawns take to the water as readily as the old ones, and the icy cold state of the water had no influence on them, for they appeared just as lively and active upon landing as they did when they went into the water.

AT LOCKHART RIVER

At the extreme northeast end of Great Slave Lake, I camped for a few days, enjoying its many fine attractions. This is a beautiful place, with charming surroundings, diversified by high sloping hills, level, sandy plateaus and valleys, dotted with tall spruce trees and no underbrush. This is an excellent place for a month's outing for the sport loving tourist, for here he can get fishing and shooting to his heart's content, and a variety of very fine wild fruit in great abundance. In fact the country all along the side of the lake which I travelled was teeming with a large variety of wild berries, such as the strawberry, gooseberry, raspberry, blueberry, cranberry, eyeberry and yellowberry, and so forth—pleasing luxuries in that distant country. Roast venison and cranberry sauce was an easily obtained dinner. The Lockhart river so far as I saw of it is full of rapids and some fine waterfalls. They also cause the destruction of a great many of the deer, as when crossing the river they are frequently carried over the falls and are drowned or killed by being dashed against the rocks. I saw a score or more of them along the river that were killed in that way.

OLD FORT RELIANCE.

Situated on a fine sandy flat on the border of the lake on the east side of the estuary of the Lockhart river stands the ponderous stone chimneys of the buildings which once constituted the now almost forgotten Fort Reliance, which was first built by Sir George Back's party, as a winter station in 1825, when the pioneer expedition was made to the Arctic by the Great Fish River, since named Back's river, after the explorer. This expedition was in search of Sir John Ross, who was lost for four years in an attempt to discover a northwest passage, from whose journal during that long and weary time some notion of the sterling qualities of our sturdy race can be learned. It was on this expedition of Sir John Ross that his nephew, Sir James Clarke Ross, more famous in Arctic and Antarctic discovery, discovered the magnetic pole.

Twenty odd years afterwards, the same route was traversed by Chief Factor Anderson's expedition, which was sent under the auspices of the Hudson's Bay company in 1855, doubtless with a fond hope of rescuing at least some survivors of the lamented Sir John Franklin's party, alas! not to be realized, and Fort Reliance was restored by Mr. Anderson's party, chiefly to serve as a base of supply of provisions in case his expedition should have to winter there. You will I trust be pleased to permit me this digression on a subject to the generation of Nor'-westers, now well nigh passed away; it was one of engrossing interest, and which I may be permitted to say is worthy to rank with the bravest stories treasured in the history of our people.

If the attractions and possibilities of this great region were better known to the wealthy pleasure seeking sportsmen and tourists of the old country and the United States, I feel sure that very many of them would come and spend a month or more of the summer season in it, which for its picturesque scenery, invigorating climate and sport producing capabilities, is not excelled in any part of the American continent; and I believe the time is not far distant when many of the wealthy pleasure seekers of the old country and America, who spend millions on European travel, will make it an annual resort. There is no doubt a great future in store for that part of the country, with its enormous mineral deposits and great supply of the finest fishes the world can produce and so forth. I cannot offer to give you an accurate idea of its grandeur—it would require a student of nature to adequately describe it.

APPENDIX.

Sir George Back in his evidence taken before the select committee of the Hudson's Bay company in 1857, stated that he experienced 70 degrees below zero, (102 degrees of frost) in January, 1825, at Fort Reliance, Great Slave Lake. Fort Reliance is in 62, 46, north latitude.

I observed but very few birds in the region of the northeast portion of the Great Slave Lake, such as the Golden Eagle (Aquila Chrysaetos), the Great Northern Diver (Uria lomber), Cowheen or Old Squaw (Clangula hyemalis), Green Winged Teal (Anas Carolinensis), Ring-Necked Duck (Aythya collaris), Canada Grouse or Spruce Partridge (Dendragapus Canadensis), Rock Ptarmigan (Lagopus rupestris, and three or four species of gulls. I had five (5) samples of copper ore taken from points on the northwest shore of Great Slave Lake, assayed by Professor Kenrick, of St. John's college, which gave the following results, viz:

- Sample No. 1 gave 11.3 per cent. copper, silver a trace.
 - Sample No. 2 gave 15.2 per cent. copper, silver a trace.
 - Sample No. 3 gave 21.0 per cent. copper, silver a trace.
 - Sample No. 4 gave 16.5 per cent copper, silver a trace.
 - Sample No. 5 gave 27.6 per cent copper, silver a trace.
- Assay of Galena taken from a point near Fort Resolution, G.S.L., gave 60 oz of silver to the ton.

Chicago to Liverpool.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 11.—The steamer Northwestern, of the Northwestern Steamship line, bound from Chicago to Liverpool with a cargo of farm implements, passed here and into Galoup rapids to-day. A large quantity of coal was loaded on to the forward deck, throwing the tops of wheel bucket out of the water in order to prevent the possibility of striking bottom. She was drawing about thirteen feet of water. This is the first steamer of this line to make the trip and three others are following. A Canadian official is on board to take observations and report as to the availability of a clear fourteen foot channel to the sea as claimed by that government. The St. Lawrence rapids were safely run to Cornwall from which point she will take the canal to Montreal.

NO WONDER SHE WORRIED.

Nipp—My wife worried all last week for fear I should die.
 Duck—Were you sick?
 Nipp—No; but my life assurance policy ran out, and it was several days before I got it renewed.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting -- Highly Satisfactory Results.

The twenty-ninth annual report, presented at the annual meeting, held at the Head Office of the Association on April 29, 1901, was entirely satisfactory. The following is a synopsis of the report:—

The directors are well pleased to be able to present a report which cannot fail to prove satisfactory to both shareholders and policyholders. A good volume of new business was secured, with an actual decrease in the ratio of expenses to income, and substantial progress made generally. The ratio of expenses to income is the lowest in the history of the company.

The new applications for the year amounted to \$1,301,804, accepted and issued for the year to \$3,078,839; the total insurance in force at the close of the year, \$32,332,908.

The claims arising from death were well within the expectation, calling for a total sum of \$290,833, under 175 policies, on 144 lives.

In addition to the amount paid to the representatives of deceased policyholders during the past year, the association paid to living policyholders the large sum of \$256,714.50 under endowment policies. This is much the largest sum paid for endowments in any one year of the association's history.

The valuation of the policy and annuity obligations of the company was made by the Insurance Department at Ottawa. It calls for a total liability of \$7,044,536. The higher liability called for by the company's own standard of valuation, namely the Institute of Actuaries' H. M. table, and 4 1/2 per cent. on business to December 31, 1895, 3 1/2 per cent. for the business of 1896 to 1899 inclusive, and 3 per cent. for the business of 1900, is \$7,146,311, the liability assumed in the balance sheet.

The financial statements fully set forth the position of the Company at the close of the year, and do not call for special remark. The audit, as usual, was made monthly during the year, and the report of the Auditors is subjoined to the financial statements.

Resolutions were passed thanking the officers and members of the agency and office staffs, the solicitors and medical examiners for their faithful services during the year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
Premiums	\$1,063,748.59	To policyholders—	
Interests and rents (net)	329,121.84	Death claims	\$278,072.88
		Endowments	256,714.50
		Annuities	17,470.73
		Surrendered policies. 66,542.00	
		Cash profits	85,123.92
			\$ 703,924.03
		Expenses, salaries, commis- sions, etc.	236,543.58
		Dividends to stockholders	15,000.00
		Balance	437,402.82
	\$1,392,870.43		\$1,392,870.43

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Mortgages and real estate	\$4,591,340.44	Reserve on policies and annuities, association's standard	\$7,146,311.00
Bonds and debentures	1,817,230.40	(Reserve, Gov't standard, \$7,044,536).	
Loans on policies and stocks	911,687.35	Death and endowment claims.	54,620.82
Cash in bank and sundries	83,340.14	Declared profits	78,276.42
Outstanding and deferred premiums	239,105.57	Capital stock paid up	100,000.00
Interest and rents due and accrued	121,780.99	Sundry items	20,002.40
	\$7,769,083.89	Cash surplus above all liabilities, association's standard, (Cash surplus, Gov't standard, \$505,546.25).	400,771.25
			\$7,769,083.89

The report was unanimously adopted, and the following Board of Directors elected:—Hon. Sir W. P. Howland, W. H. Beatty, Esq., W. D. Matthews, Esq., Hon. Jas. Young, S. Nordheimer, Esq., W. H. Gibbs, Esq., A. McLean Howard, Esq., Walter S. Lee, Esq., A. L. Gooderham, Esq., George Mitchell, Esq., Fred'k Wyld, Esq., J. K. Macdonald, Esq. At a subsequent meeting of the Board Sir W. P. Howland was re-elected President, and Messrs. W. H. Beatty and W. D. Matthews Vice-Presidents. A full report of the proceedings is in the press, and will be available shortly for distribution.

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Raw Fur Prices.

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Otter—Yorkfort: Firsts, large, 54.9; brown, 53.8; small, 40; Moose River, firsts, large, 63; small, 55; Fort Garry, firsts, large, 73; small, 66; East Maline, firsts, large, 68.6; small, 64; Esquimau Bay, firsts, large, 70; small, 66; Canada, firsts, large, 52.9; small, 47; Northwest, firsts, large, 45 shillings; Yorkfort: Seconds, large, 43.4; small, 36; thirds, large, 25; small, 20; Moose River, seconds, large, 48.10; small, 43; thirds, large, 31; small, 25; East Maline, seconds, large, 65.3; small, 61; thirds, large, 38; small, 26; Fort Garry, seconds, large, 68.9; small, 61; thirds, large, 38; small, 21; Esquimau Bay, seconds, large, 67; small, 55; thirds, large, 40.6; small, 28; Canada, seconds, large, 46.3; small, 40; thirds, large, 32; small, 21; Northwest, seconds, large, 42; small, 30; thirds, large, 24; small, 18 shillings.

Fisher—Yorkfort: Large, 31.8; small, 35; large pale, 20; small pale, 22; seconds, 24; Moose River, large, 30; small, 39; large pale, 21; seconds, 24; Canada, large, 31; small, 32; large pale, 19; small pale, 23; seconds, 23; Northwest, large, 26; small, 34; seconds, 20 shillings.

Mink—Yorkfort: Firsts, large, 15; small, 9.10; seconds, 9.10; thirds, 2.8; Esquimau Bay, firsts, large, 30; seconds, 12.6; thirds, 4.7; Moose River, firsts, large, 24.6; small, 17.3; seconds, 9; thirds, 2.10; Canada, firsts, large, 14.4; small, 11; seconds, 6.1; thirds, 2.3; Northwest, firsts, large, 12; seconds, 6.9 shillings.

Silver Fox—Yorkfort: Dark firsts, 63; middling first, 32; pale firsts, 32; seconds, 12 to 14.4; thirds, 1.4; Moose River, dark firsts, 117; middling firsts, 56; pale firsts, 61; seconds, 25.10; Esquimau Bay, dark firsts, 42; middling firsts, 33; pale firsts, 19; seconds, 22; thirds, 6.5; Canada, dark firsts, 41; middling firsts, 15; pale firsts, 12.10; seconds, 5; Northwest, dark firsts, 47; middling firsts, 26; pale firsts, 28; seconds, 11 pounds.

Blue Fox—Yorkfort: No. 1, firsts, 67.6; No. 2, firsts, 52.6; No. 3, firsts, 27.6; thirds, 15 shillings.

White Fox—Yorkfort: No. 1, firsts, 26.6; No. 2, firsts, 23; No. 1, greasy, 26; No. 2, greasy, 23.6; seconds, 20.6; thirds, 10.6; Little Whale river, No. 1, firsts, 34.3; No. 2, firsts, 30; No. 1, greasy, 30.6; seconds, 21.6; thirds, 10.3; Esquimau Bay, No. 1, firsts, 34.8; No. 2, firsts, 26.4; No. 1, greasy, 28.6; seconds, 24.6; thirds, 7.6 shillings.

Cross Fox—Yorkfort: No. 1, firsts, 95; No. 2, firsts, 30; pale, 22; seconds, 30; thirds, 18; Moose River, No. 1, firsts, 75; No. 2, firsts, 45; pale, 25; seconds, 34.9; thirds, 19; Esquimau Bay, No. 1, firsts, 97.6; No. 2, firsts, 45; seconds, 40; thirds, 17; Canada, No. 1, firsts, 75; No. 2, firsts, 32; seconds, 25; thirds, 9; Northwest, No. 1, firsts, 65; No. 2, firsts, 38; pale, 20; seconds, 20; thirds, 15 shillings.

Red Fox—Yorkfort: Firsts, dark, 25.6; medium, 25; pale, 24; low, 20.6; No. 1, greasy, 25; No. 2, greasy, 23; seconds, 15.8; thirds, 6.3; Moose River, firsts, dark, 26.6; medium, 25.3; pale, 25.6; low, 22.6; No. 1, greasy, 27; No. 2, greasy, 25; seconds, 16.3; thirds, 7.3; Esquimau Bay, firsts, dark, 27.9; medium, 25.6; pale, 25; low, 21.6; seconds, 16.9; thirds, 9.3; Canada, firsts, dark, 15; medium, 14.3; pale, 15.6; low, 13.6; No. 1, greasy, 16.6; No. 2, greasy, 15.6; seconds, 9.3; thirds, 6.3; Northwest, firsts, dark, 26.6; medium, 25; seconds, 18.6; thirds, 8.3 shillings.

Skunk—Yorkfort: Firsts, cased, 5.10; open, 5.1; firsts, half open, 5; seconds, cased, 3.6; seconds, open, 2.10; Canada, firsts, cased, 3.8; open, 3.5; firsts, half open, 4.6; seconds, cased, 1.5; seconds, open, 1.7 shillings.

Raccoon—Canada: Firsts, 3; seconds, 2; thirds, 1.4; Northwest, firsts, 4; seconds, 2.7; thirds, 1.3 shillings.

Badger—Yorkfort: Firsts, 9.9; seconds, 1.10 shillings.

Marten—Yorkfort: Large, 45; small, 30; pale, 36.9; small pale, 26; seconds, 31; thirds, 22; Mackenzie River, large, 40.6; small, 29; pale, 33.3; small pale, 24; seconds, 28.4; thirds, 21; Moose River, large, 40.6; small, 29; pale, 29; small pale, 23.6; seconds, 25.4; thirds, 22; Fort Garry, large, 110.6; small, 56.6; seconds, 51.3; thirds, 31.6; East Maline, large, 66; small, 37; pale, 38; small pale, 27.6; seconds, 37.9; thirds, 25.6; Esquimau Bay, large, 75; small, 43.6; pale, 35; small pale, 27.6; seconds, 43.4; thirds, 26.6; Canada, large, 29.6, small, 22.4; pale, 26; small pale, 18; seconds, 20; thirds, 15; Northwest,

large, 43; small, 28; pale, 29.0; seconds, 25.4; thirds, 20 shillings.

Lynx—Yorkfort: Large, 30.9; middling, 22.6; small, 17.6; large fine, 32; middling fine, 24; small fine, 17; large low, 23; open, 17; seconds, large, 20; seconds, middling, 10; seconds, small, 12.6; thirds, 9.4; thirds, in the hair, 9.9; Moose River, large fine, 30; middling fine, 23; small fine, 15; large low, 21; middling low, 17; seconds, in the hair, 15.2; thirds, 10.3; Esquimau Bay, large fine, 25; seconds, in the hair, 20; thirds, 9.9; Canada, large, 24; middling, 19; small, 13; large fine, 21; middling fine, 17; small fine, 15.0; seconds, large, 17; seconds, middling, 14; seconds, in the hair, 15.9; thirds, 8.8; Northwest, large, 24.6; middling, 18; large fine, 29; large low, 20; seconds, large, 20.3; seconds, middling, 16.3; seconds, in the hair, 20.6; thirds, 9.3 shillings.

Wolverine—Yorkfort: Open, 27.8; cased, 30; seconds, open, 19; cased, 23.6; Northwest, open, 26; cased, 26; seconds, open, 17; cased, 14.6 shillings.

Hair Seal—Esquimau Bay, Large, 4; middling, 3.10; small, 4; Great Whale River, large, 2.10; middling, 3.1; small, 2.6; North-West, large, 3.1; middling, 2.9; small 5.3 shillings.

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