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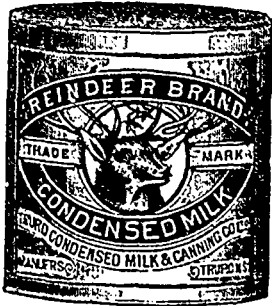
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 29, 1895.

Manitoba.

Winsor McCamon, general store, Binscarth, has sold out to G. Dunlop.

Mrs. R. E. Carr, photographer, Winnipeg, is retiring from business.

James A. Ovas, dry goods, etc., Brandon; chattel mortgage foreclosed.

There are about a dozen new buildings in course of erection in Selkirk, says the Record.

A. C. MacKay, manager of the Hudson's Bay company's store at Deloraine, died suddenly on April 23.

The tender for groceries for the Winnipeg general hospital has been awarded to the Hudson's Bay Company.

The proprietors of the Brunswick hotel, Winnipeg, have decided to put about \$3,000 worth of improvements on their building, including a stone foundation.

Five tenders for the paving of Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, from Charlotte street to Ellen street were opened, and that of the Crystal Ice Co. for \$2,422 was recommended as being the lowest.

The partnership existing between S. A. D. Bertrand and Horace Wilson, trading as Wilson & Co., wholesale paints, etc., has expired by effluxion of time. The business is being wound up.

The Manitoba Building Paper Co., represented by Merrick, Anderson & Co., will put their mill in operation in Winnipeg for the season early in April. This is a home industry which is deserving of encouragement.

The amalgamation of the two Winnipeg wholesale stationery houses of Parsons, Bell & Co. and O'Loughlin Bros., & Co. takes place on May 1. M. R. O'Loughlin is withdrawing from active connection with the company and will move to New York shortly.

The St. Boniface town council contemplate granting \$95,000 in bonuses to industrial enterprises this year. A by-law to grant \$16,000 to Adolphe Turner & Co. for the erection and operation of a flour mill, is one of the schemes on foot, and another is a bonus of \$10,000 to Winnipeg parties who purpose starting a shoe factory and tannery.

W. F. Henderson & Co., wholesale commission, Winnipeg, have moved to the Gerrie block, Princess St. Some of the special lines handled by this firm are: the Reindeer brand of condensed milk, condensed tea and

milk, and condensed coffee and milk, put up all ready for use. These goods are much esteemed in the west. The "Rex" brand of canned meats, handled by W. F. Henderson & Co., are also having a large sale.

Thos. Davidson & Co., of Montreal, say by a circular recently sent out that they have opened a branch of their business in Winnipeg, under the charge of Merrick, Anderson & Co., and purpose carrying a full stock of pressed, pieced and japanned tinware, wire goods, tinnery's trimmings, &c. They are now successfully manufacturing granite ware, both mottled and white, and will also carry a stock of the goods in Winnipeg.

The Gurney Stove and Range Co., limited, is applying for incorporation in Manitoba, to deal in stoves, ranges, hardware, scales, metals, etc. Capital stock \$50,000. The company will assume the business in Manitoba of the Gurney Co. of Hamilton. The names of the applicants are: Charles Gurney, John Henry Tilden, Oswald Gurney Carscallen, Henry Gurney Carscallen, of Hamilton, and James Burridge and Isaac Walter Martin, of Winnipeg.

Alberta.

The Walrond ranch is shipping a carload of heavy draft 5-year-old geldings to Montreal.

Northwest Ontario.

There is considerable talk at Rat Portage of the town putting in a waterworks system.

The Rat Portage council gave the first reading to a by-law to raise by debentures \$10,000 for local improvements.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has issued two new tariffs governing shipments of freight to Rainy Lake, one from Rat Portage and the other from Duluth via Port Arthur.

It is rumored that work on the dam being erected by the Keewatin Power Company will be shut down at the end of the present month. The company have the work sufficiently advanced that they can supply power as soon as there is a demand for the same.

A telegram from Port Arthur on April 24 says: Navigation is now open. The ice has moved so that the channel to Duluth is clear. The Thunder Cape entrance is still blocked. The tug Merrick passed through the St. Mary's river, arriving at Sault Ste. Marie yesterday, opening navigation for Lake Superior.

Another meeting to consider the establishment of a pulp mill was held at Port Arthur last week. A letter from a practical mill man was read, giving the information that the machinery for a 25 cord mill will cost \$24,000 exclusive of the cost of building. It was decided to advertise the resources of the district among the paper makers.

The Hudson Bay Railway.

Various rumors have been circulated this week as to the renewing of operations on this road, and of assistance promised by the Dominion government. One rumor is to the effect that the government will do nothing until the liabilities of the promoters to English firms for rails have been in some way removed. This deal for rails in England is one of the several disgraceful transactions of the Hudson Bay railway promoters in the past, and the government should certainly see that it is cleared up before granting further aid. The liability of the company to this province amounting to about \$300,000 should also be adjusted. Any further grants toward the enterprise should be carefully safeguarded to prevent the enrichment of private persons at the public expense.

Smuggling Cattle.

The Commercial stated last week that it was probable that the reports of exports of cattle from Manitoba to the United States had been exaggerated, as we could not see how cattle could be shipped to the States from here profitably, owing to the duty and quarantine. In addition to the duty on cattle going into the United States, there is a quarantine of 90 days at the boundary. The latter regulation is really a greater hindrance to an export trade from Canada than the duty.

On enquiring into the reports of exports of cattle from Manitoba to the States, we learn on reliable authority that quite a little export trade has been going on ever since last fall; but the cattle have really been smuggled into the States. The cattle have been bought up by buyers from the other side, at points in Manitoba near the boundary, and they have been quietly driven across the boundary. It is estimated that about 1,000 head of cattle had been taken over in this way. Now that the authorities have got onto the business, it will be put a stop to.


Refrigerator Car Routes for 1895

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is arranging for a very extensive system of handling dairy produce and perishable goods by refrigerator cars in Manitoba this year. Last year the only regular refrigerator car route was on the main line west from Winnipeg to British Columbia points. This year a number of routes have been decided upon. Commencing on May 14 and every second Tuesday thereafter a refrigerator car will be run from Napinka to Winnipeg via Deloraine and the Pembina Mountain branch, for the purpose of picking up dairy produce and other perishable goods along the route. Commencing May 21 and every second Tuesday thereafter a refrigerator car will be run from Napinka to Winnipeg via Souris and the Southwestern or Glenboro branch. Commencing May 13 and every second Monday thereafter a refrigerator car will be run from Broadview to Winnipeg over the main line west. A refrigerator car will leave Winnipeg on May 16 and every Thursday thereafter during the season for the coast. Goods from this car will be delivered at points west of Dunmore to the coast.

The rate over the two branch lines and the main line to Winnipeg for this refrigerator car service will be 10c per 100 pounds extra, and from Winnipeg to points west of Dunmore, 20c per 100 pounds extra over the ordinary rates, to cover cost of icing.

In addition to the routes named, the company contemplates establishing a refrigerator car service on the Edmonton branch, if arrangements can be made for ice, etc., providing there is a reasonable amount of business offered.

It is to be hoped the merchants will patronize these refrigerator cars, rather than send butter and other perishable commodities by regular freight. In warm weather the damage to butter when shipped even a very short distance, is often very great, and for the slight extra cost it will not pay to take the risk of sending by ordinary freight.

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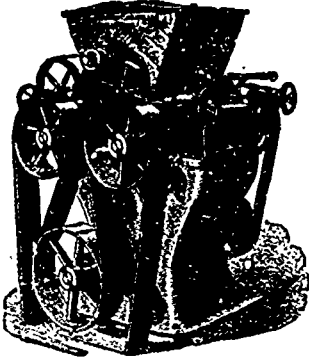
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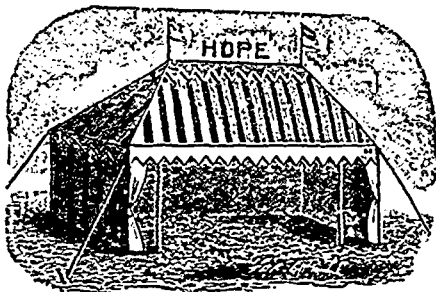


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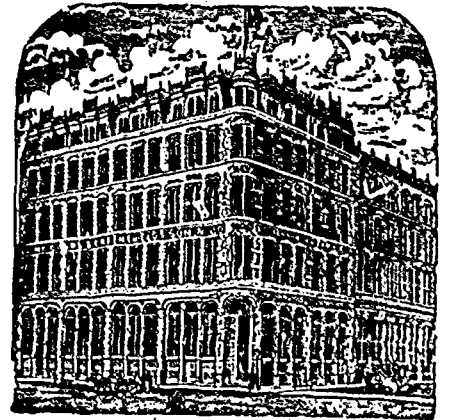


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SETTLEMENT OF VACANT LANDS.

The committee appointed to enquire into the subject of the best means of securing settlers for the vacant lands in the organized districts of Manitoba, presented its report at a meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, held on Monday afternoon. The report said that the committee had addressed a circular letter to the reeves of municipalities in the Red River valley, asking a return of the amount of land held by the municipalities and the terms on which they would be handed over to settlers, and if any encouragement in the way of exemption from taxes for a term, would be offered to actual settlers. Answers from a number of municipalities were received, and from these it will be seen that plenty of land is held for sale by individuals in these municipalities at prices ranging say from \$1 to \$10 per acre; but no very large quantity is yet held by municipalities as the result of tax sales. It further appears that there does not seem to be any desire on the part of municipalities to offer any inducements to settlers in the way of exemption from taxes. The committee waited on the provincial government on several occasions regarding matters in connection with the settlement of the Red River valley lands, with satisfactory results. The government will have a well boring apparatus at work this summer in Eastern Manitoba. A new drainage act has been substituted for the one passed last year. Under this act the government will send out an engineer to examine any lands for which drainage is petitioned and if that officer endorses the request the government will proceed direct with the necessary work, and after the completion of such the municipal officers are compelled to levy for taxes according to the benefit accruing to the lands drained. The government issues drainage debentures after the cost of the work is ascertained and their own officials decide as to the proportion of benefit received by any lands within the drainage area. The committee asked the government to establish an agricultural college near Winnipeg, but received a reply that at present no funds could be set aside for that purpose. The committee also urged that the government exercise a more direct and vigorous enforcement of the act relating to the eradication of noxious weeds. As a result of their labors the committee at its last meeting reached the conclusion contained in the following resolution: "That it is the opinion of the committee that the best means to be adopted to secure the settlement of the vacant lands is through the formation and operation of a joint stock company."

The report was adopted and the same committee was re-appointed to continue the work in the interest of the settlement of our vacant lands.

From this report it will be seen that there is not as much land in the hands of the municipalities as was supposed. It was understood that some of the municipalities held considerable areas of vacant lands, but this does not appear to be the case. If a company is organized to carry on the movement it will, therefore, be necessary to rely upon lands from private parties very largely at the outset, to give the company a basis to work upon. Once organized, however, the company might be able to arrange with the municipalities for the taking over in the future of tax lands, instead of having these lands sold to speculators. It would certainly be much better for the municipalities to turn the lands over to a company formed for the special purpose of bringing in settlers, than to throw the lands into the hands of speculators, where they would be held idle for years. It is to be regretted that the municipalities, in many cases have not sent in very encouraging reports, but this should not prove entirely discouraging, and we still believe that there is an opportunity for doing good work by following this matter up.

THE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

It will be seen by the report of the meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, published in The Commercial this week, that the board has taken up the question of the quarantine regulations, in their operation to keep out settlers from the United States. The board has decided to petition the Dominion Government to make such changes in the quarantine regulations as will remove the great hindrance which they are to immigration.

A few weeks ago The Commercial devoted an article to the quarantine regulations regarding live stock brought into Canada, showing how these regulations operate to prevent settlers from coming into the country from the United States. By far the most hopeful immigration field we have is in the western and northwestern states. This season there is quite an inflow of good settlers from the south of the boundary, but it is nothing like what it would be if these quarantine regulations were out of the way. It requires no study whatever to see what a tremendous barrier these regulations place in the way of immigration from the United States. A quarantine of ninety days at the boundary for the cattle is simply prohibitory in many cases. There are thousands of families in certain districts of the central western states who are anxious to move and will move somewhere. They have several locations in view perhaps, one of these being Canada. They are undecided whether to come to Canada or move to some other state or country. They make inquiries, and when they learn of the quarantine their stock would be subjected to, they at once decide that they cannot come here. That so many settlers are coming here from the states in spite of this barrier, only serves to show what a strong attraction this country is to the western states farmer, for it certainly requires

a very strong incentive to induce them to undertake to come here against such a drawback in the way.

As matters now stand very little good is being served by this quarantine against cattle. The cattle in the northern western states are just as free from disease as those of Manitoba. Canadian cattle enjoy no advantages in export markets over those from the United States, so that there is no reason for keeping up the quarantine in the interest of the export trade. A simple inspection of cattle brought in from the border states by immigrants would seem to be all that is really necessary. The quarantine could still be kept up against the southern ranching states, or any other districts which might be considered as affected by any dangerous cattle disease. In the case of the northwestern states, however, there seems to be no good reason at present for depriving ourselves of the much desired immigration simply to maintain the cattle quarantine.

WEALTH IN THE SOIL.

A good deal of interest is being taken in a plan adopted by the city of Detroit, the chief city of the state of Michigan, to provide for those needing public charity. Vacant land about the city was secured and turned over to poor people to work. Seed was also furnished them. This enabled many families to produce sufficient vegetables to keep them during the winter. It was found that a very small plot of ground was sufficient to produce a supply of vegetables large enough to maintain a family. It was estimated that vegetables to the value of \$10,000 were obtained in this way, at a cost to the city of \$2,500. The experiment made in Detroit last year has resulted so successfully that it will be tried by other cities this year.

We know of no city where vacant land could be more readily or abundantly obtained than in Winnipeg. There is enough unproductive land within the corporation limits, if it were all cultivated, to easily maintain all the poor in the city. To bring the people into contact with the land appears to be the best remedy for poverty yet tried. It would also be less demoralizing to the average individual than the acceptance of charity in the usual way. There is wealth in the soil. With our millions of acres of choice lands lying idle, there should be no excuse for poverty in Manitoba, and happily there is very little here. What little there is could be easily cared for, if those who need charity could be brought into contact with the soil, in the right way. No doubt there is a good deal of vacant land about the city which would be given free for the season for cultivation to poor people, if it were applied for. It certainly would seem worth while attempting some plan of utilizing all the dormant wealth lying about us in the interest of the poor people of the city.

Henri Duverger, wholesale dry goods, Montreal, has assigned at the demand of Banque du Peuple with liabilities of \$69,000. The principle creditors are in Europe, though some of the local banks are hit.

THE SCARCITY OF BUTCHER'S STOCK.

A popular cry has been worked up in the United States that the heavy advance in the price of beef has been caused by manipulation, and a demand has been made for a government investigation. The cry of anti-combine, always a popular theme with the unthinking masses, has been raised in this case, and the meat dealers are being vigorously denounced. Of course the farmers are not in this outcry against the alleged combine, as they are reaping the benefit of the high prices for beef cattle. It is therefore a combine, if the expression is permitted, which will be popular with the farmers. At the same time, the cry of combine in this case appears to be purely imaginary. The fact appears to be, if statistics are correct, that there has been an enormous shrinkage in the number of live stock in the United States. This shrinkage has been going on for years, until it has reached the point of making a scarcity, hence the higher prices. Bradstreets says:

Not for seven years past was the number of beef cattle in the United States so small as on January 1 this year. The number of sheep was the smallest for fifteen years and value the lowest on record. Hogs were smaller in number than in any year since 1883, and, with the exception of 1891, the lowest in values for ten years. Horses, owing to special circumstances (such as the introduction of trolley cars and bicycles), added to the all-powerful business depression, were lower in value than in any year since 1879, and since 1890, four years, their value has fallen 42 per cent. Under the circumstances it is not strange to find that the total value of farm animals is the lowest reported for fourteen years.

THE TRAMP NUISANCE.

The Portage la Prairie Liberal newspaper has a timely article on the tramp question. The season is now at hand when the tramp nuisance will be here again. During the last few years hundreds of these undesirable gentry have made their appearance here annually, coming in the summer season from the United States. The tramp should not be allowed to go abroad in the land with impunity, and the Liberal is right in calling for some means of dealing with this riff-raff of creation. We would like to see some law passed when the provincial legislature re-assembles, which will be specially suited for ridding the country of tramps. The tramp is not only a nuisance, but he is a menace to every community. While laziness is perhaps the chief characteristic of the tramp, a great many of them are vicious. They are very low in the scale of morality, and will not stop short of committing any crime which may be prompted by their low and brutish natures. The record of crime, frequently including murder and outrage upon defenceless women and children, which stands against the tramp, demands clearly that these low creatures should be shown no quarter. In the isolated homes of the rural districts, the tramp is the terror of the more timid females, who have sometimes to be left alone while the men are away at work in the fields. A little vigorous treatment would drive him from the country, and we would like to see measures adopted to give him a "warm" reception this season.

PENITENTIARY FARMING.

We want an experimental farm for eastern Manitoba. How would it do to try and induce the government to establish an experimental farm in connection with the penitentiary, which is located in a very advantageous position for such an institution, near Winnipeg? An experimental farm in connection with the penitentiary would serve a double purpose. It would not only afford a means of carrying on the ordinary experimental farm work in the interest of the country, but it would also afford an opportunity of educating the unfortunate inmates of the penitentiary in agricultural pursuits, so that when their term of service had expired, they would be in a position to seek work as expert farm hands, or settle down and become useful citizens. The idea of carrying on manufacturing enterprises in connection with prisons is not generally regarded with favor, as interfering with private enterprise, but farming is something to which no objection could be made. A large and fine farm might easily be maintained in connection with the penitentiary, at a moderate outlay over the ordinary expenses of that institution, and at the same time a great public good would be accomplished.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT.

The Winnipeg board of trade will investigate the important question of the best method of governing the city. Mr. Bole, who has had considerable experience in municipal matters, has given notice that at the next meeting of the board he will move for the appointment of a committee to report on the best system of municipal government for the city. No more fitting question than this, perhaps could be taken up by the board. The members of the board are the largest property owners and tax payers of the city, and they are directly interested in the question of civic government. It is not only wise for the board to take up this matter, but we may almost say it is the duty of the board to give some attention to this very important question. It is to be hoped the investigations of the board will lead to some desirable results as regards the government of the city. The present system, as Mr. Bole expressed it, can never prove satisfactory. The Commercial fully agrees with him in this assertion. The government of a city by an irresponsible council can never be satisfactory. While the old plan may be made to work fairly satisfactorily in the case of small towns, it will never, we feel sure, prove entirely desirable in the case of large towns and cities. What is lacking in civic government seems to be responsibility. Until we can have a system by which close responsibility can be fixed upon some one or more persons, we can never expect anything better than a very loose mode of conducting the business affairs of a city.

BOOTS AND SHOES AND LEATHER.

Hides keep firm, and leather and boots and shoes must advance more yet to be on a parity with hides. No. 1 buff hides at Chicago have reached 8c per lb. Hides have advanced 100 per cent, which is double or more the

advance in leather so far, so that the latter commodity will have to appreciate considerably yet to be on a fair basis in comparison with hides. The Montreal Trade Bulletin says:

"The advance in the price of boots and shoes has become pretty general among Montreal and Quebec houses. The advance upon which actual business has transpired is 10 per cent on staple lines and 5 per cent on the finer goods; but this is regarded as only the initial step in the upward movement, as the prices of leather have moved up from 20 to 50 per cent, while the price of hides has gone 100 per cent skyward, so that a further advance in the price of boots and shoes is a foregone conclusion. The upward movement in leather continues to be a leading feature in the market, a further advance of 2c per lb. having been established in Spanish sole leather, being now the lowest price for No. 2, while 20c is the quotation for No. 1. At the recent sharp appreciation in values, buyers are naturally timid, but they will no doubt have to toe the mark when they are compelled to replenish their supplies."

THE PETROLEUM "BOOM."

The boom in petroleum has led to the discovery that stocks are remarkably low. Ten or eleven years ago stocks of crude petroleum averaged 80,000,000 to 40,000,000 barrels, from which time it decreased steadily to about ten and a half million barrels in 1890. With lower stocks came a spurt in prices in that year, which in turn stimulated production, and stocks increased to about 18,000,000 barrels in two years. Since 1892 stocks have decreased until they were only something over 2,000,000 barrels according to a late estimate. This accounts for the present bulge in petroleum. It remains to be seen whether the present advance will bring about a large increase in production. A great incentive will be given to efforts to increase production, and we will soon know what truth there is in the statements that the oil territory is giving out. If a great increase in production does not quickly follow the present high prices, it may safely be attributed to the inability of the oil territory to yield the product.

NEW KIND OF PROTECTION.

A new kind of protection is to be inaugurated in Canada. Manufacturers and producers in the eastern provinces have complained about the low railway rates from United States points, goods being hauled from distant points in the United States to consuming markets in Canada, at much lower rates than were charged for similar Canadian products, hauled a much shorter distance to the same markets. Thus nearness to markets did not prove any material advantage to the home producers. We are now told that at a meeting of the railway agents, held at Montreal recently, in conjunction with the metal manufacturers, it was agreed to advance railway rates from western and southern points from 15 to 40 per cent., in order to protect the Canadian manufacturers from the competition of United States goods. What with the customs tariff and railway freights both arranged to protect the Canadian manufacturer, the Canadian consumer is sure to have a hard time of it.

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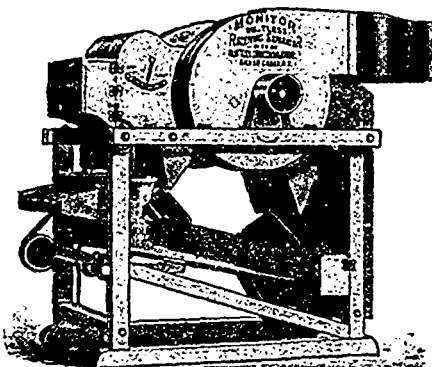
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WINNIPEG, Saturday, April 27.

The weather has continued favorable for seeding, but a general rain is needed. Wheat seeding was mostly completed a week ago, and a good share of other grain crops are in the ground, though some farmers have been holding back, thinking it too early. The early spring has been favorable for plowing, and there is nothing to hinder the farmers putting in as large an area as they like, so far as the weather is concerned. A few parties of immigrants are arriving from Europe, but with the exception of the immigration from the United States, the number of newcomers arriving is very small. Immigration from the United States shows a steady increase. There has been a good deal of talk about new railway work lately, the Hudson Bay and the Duluth and Winnipeg being the roads mentioned as likely to be pushed ahead. There is more or less mystery, however, still surrounding the immediate future prospects of these roads. Export business in cattle and hogs is lighter this week. Wholesale trade is much about the same, only a moderate business being done in any branch.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, April 27.

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

GROCERIES.—No further change has been reported in sugars. Sales are said to have been made by Eastern Canada refiners at as low as 8½¢ for granulated and 8½¢ for second grade, and yellows at 2 5-16 to 2½¢. Coffees are firm. Maracathos are ½¢ higher east. A Toronto report says that "owing to a vigorous export demand for dyeing and other purposes the quantity of dried apples is now very limited and they are firm at 6½¢. The demand for evaporated apples during the past few weeks has been liberal and the market is firm."

GREEN FRUITS.—The reduced prices have led to a large demand for oranges, and sales have been large this week. Stocks have been largely reduced and prices are now firm, with an advance looked for. California navel oranges are about cleaned up, and it is doubtful if there will be any more in this season. Dealers are looking for higher prices on all classes of oranges. Bananas are held very firm south, and it is difficult to get this fruit in here at low enough prices to suit the popular idea. In fact it is now the opinion that bananas will remain at comparatively high prices all the season. There are a few good Ben Davis apples in the market yet, and they are now held higher at \$7.50. New Egyptian onions are expected in a few weeks. They will likely be firm, good keeping stock. Spanish onions are now about out of season. Quotations are as follows: California oranges seedlings, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per box; California Navel oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.25 per box; Messina lemons, \$5 per box, apples \$7 to \$7.50 per barrel for anything good; bananas, \$2.25 to \$3.75 per bunch as to size. Pineapples, \$1.50 to \$6 per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate of 50 lbs. Layer figs, 10 lb boxes, 15¢ per pound. White comb honey, 22¢ a lb; new dates, 7 to 7½¢ a lb. Maple sugar, 10¢ a lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per gallon tin.

LUMBER.—The lumber trade has not opened out very briskly yet. It is feared that the 1,000,000 feet of logs for the Winnipeg mill

will not get down this year, owing to low water. The water in the streams has not been so low for many years at this season as it is now. It is hoped that the usual spring rains will provide plenty of water. There is a rumor of a new mill company for the Lake of the Woods, reference to which is made in another column. There has been some excitement in our western Manitoba town of Brandon of late, owing to heavy cutting in prices. Some dealers there started bringing in lumber from the States and began cutting in prices. This did not suit the Lake of the Woods interest and the prices for Lake lumber have been cut very low—so low that it has made the importers of United States lumber very sick. The war may be settled soon. There is said to have been a prospect of a little fun of this nature in Winnipeg, but the matter appears to have been arranged quietly. At Brandon lumber is being sold retail at less than ordinary wholesale prices, so that the consumer is getting a snap while the fight is on between the Canadian mills and the importers of United States lumber. The Brandon people have also brought in cedar shingles from Puget Sound, Wash. Prices are the same as quoted last week.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—Some dealers report a good trade for April, one house reporting a better business for both March and April this year than for the same two months of last year. There has been no further change in petroleum locally. The edge appears to have been taken off the "boom" in Pennsylvania crude, and prices have sold down to about \$2.10 per barrel. This is still a very high price, though considerably below the top reported last week. All petroleum products locally remain at the advances mentioned in The Commercial last week. Turpentine is easier and prices have been cut about 3¢ per gallon to 65¢ in barrels. Linseed oil has also been cut about 2¢ from quotations to 6½¢ for raw and 6¢ for boiled in barrels. Glass is firm on account of the strike in Belgium, but it will not affect spring importations which were bought some time ago at the prevailing low prices then current. Prices other than noted are the same as quoted last week for hardware, paints, etc.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—Wheat has had another fairly strong week and prices have averaged higher than last week in leading markets. There was a fairly large decrease in the visible supply and the visible is expected to show a large decrease on Monday next. Rain was needed in Kansas and other southwestern wheat states.

Exports of wheat, including flour, from both coasts of the United States this week were 2,431,000 bushels. In the corresponding week a year ago the total exported was 2,727,000 bushels; in 1893 it was 2,507,000 bushels and in 1892, 325,000.

WHEAT LOCALLY.—The local situation is very firm, owing to the very light stocks of wheat held here and in Eastern Canada, and in sympathy with the general situation. Manitoba wheats are still held relatively away above prices in the United States and in Eastern Canada prices are also relatively much higher than in the States. But for the duty wheat and flour would be coming in freely from the states at present prices ruling in Canada. Visible stocks of wheat in Canada, east and west, are placed at about 3,350,000 bushels, as compared with about 6,100,000 bushels a year ago. Millers in Ontario are obliged to buy back wheat which had been shipped to Montreal, and are paying as much as 10¢ above New York prices. It is reported that the Winnipeg grain syndicate has sold 50,000 bushels of No. 1 hard to the Ogilvies, for June delivery at Fort William, at 74¢ per bushel. The sale was certainly

made and though the price reported is high, it is believed to be pretty close to the mark. In fact the price announced is not regarded as improbable. We quote wheat in car lots at Manitoba country points as 7 to 58½¢. The report circulated earlier that Manitoba farmers had sold themselves out so close that they would need to buy largely for seed, did not prove true, as The Commercial indicated. Seeding is finished, and there does not appear to have been more buying than usual. There is always some buying for seed by farmers who wish to change their seed, etc. The rain threatening at Winnipeg at the time we close our report a week ago, only amounted to a light sprinkle here, but a little further south in the Red river valley there was a good rain. A general rain would be desirable now, as there is danger from high winds while the weather remains dry. Otherwise the weather has been favorable this week for spring work. There were sharp frosts on a couple of nights this week which would cut growing wheat down some, though it is not thought any permanent injury would be done.

FLOUR.—It is a long time since flour has changed in price here, but this week the spell has been broken. Yesterday local prices were advanced 10¢ per sack by the millers. Advances from the East have been very strong for some time, and the recent advance in wheat was expected to soon tell on flour. Prices for staple brands of Manitoba flour were advanced 20 to 25¢ per barrel at Montreal this week. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.95 for patents and \$1.75 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs., delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5¢ per sack for cash in 30 days.

MILLSTUFFS.—The quotation to the local trade is \$12 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more. Shorts were offered on track at \$12.50 this week.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are firm. Prices range from \$18 to \$20 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

OATMEAL.—Prices are easier in the East owing to the late decline in oats. Rolled oatmeal is unchanged at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades.

OATS.—There is no material change and very little business is doing. We quote 30 to 32¢ for cars on track here, and farmers loads sold at about 29 to 30¢ per bushel of 34 pounds. Holders ask 31 to 32¢ for cars here usually, with 30¢ bid for ordinary feed grade. Freer offerings are expected after the farmers are through with their spring work.

BARLEY.—No business doing. We quote about 40¢ per bushel for feed grade.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

BUTTER.—The local market is about the same. Any change is toward easier prices. Advances from outside markets are increasingly unfavorable. There is considerable old Manitoba dairy butter held in Montreal, and it is very slow sale. Advances from there are anything but hopeful for a sale at any price. Toronto reports dairy butter at 6 to 10¢ for the class now arriving in that market. British Columbia coast markets are glutted with common to medium grades of dairy, and they are talking of shipping butter from Vancouver back to Montreal. We quote 10 to 12¢ for new dairy in the Winnipeg market. Country dealers would perhaps do better to advise their customers to cease making rolls now, as from this out tubs will be preferred. The refrigerator car routes for the season of 1895 are announced in another column this week.

EGGS.—Receipts have fallen off some, due probably to the rush of farm work, and as soon as seeding is over receipts will no doubt increase, as farmers will have more time to come to market. Some large shipments of eggs have been made to the coast. Prices here have been a little firmer. One house advanced their prices to 8½c to retail dealers this week, and others seemed inclined to follow the advance, and they have sold in case lots at 7½ to 8½c. Packers have been allowing shippers 7 to 7½c net, per dozen.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12; do backs, 11c; picnic hams, 9½c; short spiced rolls, 8c long rolls, 8½c; shoulders, 9c; smoked long clear, 9½c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 8½c per lb; shoulders, 7½c; backs, 9½c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ½c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$17.50; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

LARD.—We quote: Pure, \$1.85 to \$1.9 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.60 for 60-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

POULTRY.—Held, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices: Chickens 8c, turkeys 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c. About 1 to 2c per pound high r would be paid for nice fresh birds, or 65 to 70c per pair for live chickens.

DRESSED MEATS.—Beef is very firm. The general price is now 6c for good city dressed, but at the present price of cattle best beef should bring 6½c, and there is a probability of an advance. Good fresh mutton holds at 10c. Two or three city retail dealers have a little frozen mutton yet in cold storage, which they are cutting up for their customers, but it is not selling in a wholesale way, though we quote it at about 7c by the carcass. City wholesale butchers get 6c for dressed hogs. Veal is worth 5 to 6c. The consumption of meats is light, which is attributed to the low price and large consumption of eggs.

HIDES.—Country butchers and others who ship hides should be more careful about handling hides now. A lot of green hides reached here in a rotten and practically worthless condition. It is absurd to ship green hides this time of the year. Hides should be spread out and salted at once. If thrown in a heap with the animal heat in them they hair slip very quickly. All reports from eastern and United States markets continue strong on hides. Montreal reports still another advance of ½c to 7c for No. 1 cows. Prices have advanced 2c per lb. in the United States within the past ten days. We quote: Hides Winnipeg inspection, green, 4½c for No. 1 cows, 3½c for No. 2, and 2½c for No. 3, and 5½c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 4½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Cured, hides 5 to 5½c. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6c per lb. Kips 4 to 5c. Sheep skins, 35 to 60c each, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—We quote 9 to 10c for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

SENECA ROOT.—It is said that 19c was bid for the 4,000 pound lot of seneca root offered here a couple of weeks ago, but this bid was not accepted. It was reported that 20c would have taken it. Indications continue for low prices on the new crop, and 20c is looked upon as likely to be the outside price this season.

VEGETABLES.—Some car lots potatoes have been offered in the country, but they were

held to high to ship to any outside market and they are not wanted locally. About 20c per bushel could be paid to ship to the States and this price has been offered for two or three cars. Loads on the market sell at 30 to 40c. Rhubarb is lower. Onions are very scarce, in fact, there are none in the market at present. All old vegetables except potatoes are scarce. Prices are: Potatoes, 30 to 40c per bushel for farmers loads; cabbage, 3c per lb for good to 2c for poor stock; carrots, 60 to 75c per bushel; beets, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.; rhubarb, \$2.25 per box of about 45 pounds.

HAY.—Still very dull. Prairie baled is quoted at \$1 per ton on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—The number of head handled at the Winnipeg stock yards has been very much less than last week. Gordon & Ironside had one shipment to go forward to-day, of about 150 head, which is the only shipment this week. Cattle fit to ship at once are said to be getting scarce. Some loads in this week are said to have cost 3½c on the cars at points of shipment. A local butcher, however, reported getting a choice lot at 3½c here. We quote 3½ to 3¾c for good to choice loads of cattle. Some cattle and hogs were coming in to-day for Mullins & Wilson, who will ship a train load on Monday.

HOGS.—Hogs are rather easier locally and Toronto was reported easier yesterday. The top price here last week was 4½c for selected packing hogs, though mixed loads sold at about 4½c. One load came in which was bought at 4½c in the country. We quote 4½c off cars here for ordinary loads. A few car loads would go east to-day and Monday with cattle trains.

SHEEP.—No sheep in and no business reported in them. The last to arrive some time ago cost between 4½ and 5c.

At Toronto on Tuesday this week cattle were a trifle easier. The top price for butchers was 4c, though a few fancy picked animals went a shade better. The ordinary run of cattle sold from 3 to 3½c. Export bulls sold at 4c and one bunch of ten steers, averaging 1,200 pounds, at 5c. Hogs were a shade easier. Best long lean hogs sold at \$5 to 5.25 and stores and light at \$1.75 to \$5. In sheep good yearlings brought 5 to 5½c per pound, and spring lambs \$3.50 to \$1.75 each.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened strong on Monday and the market was very excited, with wide fluctuations in prices. Later heavy selling caused a decline, but prices were firm again near the close. May wheat opened 1½ to 1¾c higher than Saturdays close, and ranged during the day between 60½ and 62½c, closing about 1½c higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61½	61½	62½-62½
Corn.....	48	48½	48½
Oats.....	—	29	28½
Mess Pork...	—	12 37½	12 65
Lard.....	—	7 00	7 15
Short Ribs...	—	6 37½	6 50

Wheat was rather easier on Tuesday. Prices opened all the way from 1 to 1½c lower than yesterday's close, and the close was about 1½c under yesterday. Closing prices were:

	April	May.	July.
Wheat.....	59½	59½	60½
Corn.....	46½	47½	47½
Oats.....	—	28½-3	28-½
Mess Pork..	—	12 35	12 60
Lard.....	—	6 95	7 07½
Short Ribs..	—	6 30	6 45

Cash wheat sold well on Wednesday. Futures opened firm, but prices were forced down under heavy selling, and the market was irregular. July wheat realized from 61½ to 61¾c. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat.....	59½	59½	—	61½-¾
Corn.....	47	47½-¾	—	47½-¾
Oats.....	—	28½	—	28½
Mess Pork..	—	12 22½	—	12 47½
Lard.....	—	6 87½	—	7 00
Short Ribs..	—	6 25	—	6 40

Trading in wheat was of a local character on Thursday, and the feeling was variable. The principal topic was drought in the Kansas region. July wheat opened at about 61½ and ranged between 61 and 61¾c. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July.
Wheat.....	59½	60	61½
Corn.....	47	47½	47½
Oats.....	—	28½	28½-½
Mess Pork..	—	12 20	12 47½
Lard.....	—	6 75	7 00
Short Ribs..	—	6 27½	6 42½

On Friday wheat was a little weak at the opening, but maintained a fairly firm tone most of the day, with some strong moments, due to continued dry weather in the Kansas region. July wheat opened at about 61c, and advanced to 62½c, closing a little under the top. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61	61½-¾	62½-½
Corn.....	47½	47½	48
Oats.....	—	28½	28½-¾
Pork.....	—	12 27½	12 52½
Lard.....	—	6 85	7 00
Short Ribs..	—	6 27½	6 42½

On Saturday July wheat opened at about 62½c and sold up sharply, with slight reactions to 64½c. Closing prices were:

	Apr.	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	62½	63	64½	65
Corn.....	47½	48½	48½	—
Oats.....	—	29	28½	—
Mess Pork..	12 22½	12 27½	12 57½	—
Lard.....	—	6 87½	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—	—

A week ago July wheat closed at 61c.
A year ago July wheat closed at 60c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 66c for April delivery, May closed at 66c and July at 66½c. A week ago April wheat closed at 62½c, and May at 62½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, April 27th, May wheat closed at 67½c and July at 68c. A week ago wheat closed at 63½c for May and 64½c for July.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending April 25 were \$711,381, balances, \$105,891. For the previous week clearings were \$631,065. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$581,343.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.		
	April 4.	April 11.	April 18.
Montreal..	\$9,481,008	\$9,563,348	\$8,813,534
Toronto...	4,968,076	5,429,529	5,214,834
Halifax...	1,084,866	1,130,590	894,294
Winnipeg..	744,625	741,382	631,065
Hamilcon..	597,375	729,071	579,643
Total	\$16,875,950	\$17,593,920	\$16,133,370

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—April, 60½; May 65½; July, 60½.
 Tuesday—April, 61½; May 61½; July, 65c.
 Wednesday—April, 61½; May, 61½; July, 65½.
 Thursday—April, 61½; May, 61½; July, 65½.
 Friday—April, 63½; May, 67½; July, 66½.
 Saturday—April, 67½; May, 67½; July, 63½.

A week ago prices closed at 61½ for April and 61½ for May. A year ago May wheat closed at 60½, and two years ago at 65½. No. 1 hard is quoted at about ½c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern ¾c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Live Stock Markets.

The cattle markets on April 22 in Liverpool and London were strong and prices show an advance of ½c to 1c per lb since a week ago. American sheep were firm and unchanged at 13c and Argentines are quoted at 10c. Quotations were:

	Liverpool.	London
	c. c.	c. c.
Finest steers	10 to 12½	12½ to 00
Good to choice	00 to 12	12 to 00
Poor to medium	00 to 11	11 to 00
Inferior and bulls	11 to 10	10 to 10
Best sheep	12 to 60	00 to 00
Secondary	11 to 12	00 to 00
Me inoes	10½ to 1½	00 to 00
Inferior and rams	8 to 9½	00 to 00

A Chicago packer says: "The price of cattle to-day is fully \$1.50 a hundred higher than it was during the corresponding period last year, and the present indications are that the advances will continue. Five weeks ago, before this agitation against an imaginary combine commenced, live stock was \$2.25 a hundred higher than last year's prices. Of course, the farmers want to receive the highest price for cattle and it is the duty of the agricultural department to look out for the farmers, but instead of doing so, this agitation has caused a decline of 75 cents per hundred pounds to live stock."

It is reported that Hathaway of B-ston has bought all the distillery cattle in Eastern Canada at 5c, live weight.

At the Montreal stock yards, at Point St. Charles, on April 22 prices were fully ½c higher due to the small supply and improved demand for both local and export cattle. One holder of choice export stock was asking 5½c per pound, and although several shippers bid him 5c for them he refused their offer. Outside of this, however, several small lots were bought at 3c and some at 3½c. Good butchers' stock sold at 1 to 1½c, fair at ¾ to 1c, and common at ¾c per pound live weight. Sheep and lambs were cleaned up at 4½ to 5c per lb. live weight. The supply of hogs was fair, which met with a good demand, and values ruled steady at \$5.10 to \$5.15 per 100 pounds fed and \$5.25 off cars.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 20, 1895, shows a decrease of 1,831,000 bushels, against a decrease of 792,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 1,227,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first week in each month on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade.

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan 2	58,581,000	50,223,000	81,235,000	45,907,000
Feb 5	53,376,000	79,803,000	81,371,000	43,161,000
Mar 4	78,763,000	75,569,000	79,088,000	41,556,000
April 1	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,634,000	41,036,200
5	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,291,000	41,177,000
13	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,090,000	42,055,000
22	68,625,000	68,425,000	74,567,000	39,149,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on April 13 is as follows:

Montreal	bushels.	411,000
Toronto		23,000
Kingston		5,000
Winnipeg		293,000
Manitoba elevators		1,512,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keowatin		1,118,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on April 13, 1895:

East of the Mountains	bushels.	\$5,317,000
Pacific coast stocks		10,214,000
Total stocks a year ago were:		

East of the Mountains	bushels.	\$5,36,000
Pacific coast		9,1,000

Stocks of wheat in Europe and afloat for Europe on April 1, 1895, were 60,752,000 bushels, which added to American stocks above, make a grand total for Europe and America and afloat of 162,501,000 bushels as compared with 175,959,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William May, 63½ to 64c.
 Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.65; Bakers, \$1.55.
 Bran.—Per ton, \$12 to \$13.
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$14 to \$15.
 Oats.—Per bushel, 30 to 32c.
 Barley.—Per bushel, 40 to 45c.
 Butter.—Held dairy, good jobbing, 11 to 2½c New rolls, 20 to 23c.
 Eggs.—Fresh, easier at 12 to 13c.
 Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 6 to 7c.
 Mutton.—Fresh, 11 to 12c.
 Hogs.—Dressed, firmer, 5½ to 6c.
 Cattle.—Ordinary butchers, 3 to 3½c; choice 3½c.
 Chickens.—Dressed, 10c.
 Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.
 Potatoes.—10 to 50c per bushel.
 Hay.—\$5 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.

This week a year ago wheat was dull. Navigation was open at Duluth, but our lake ports were closed. The St. Lawrence was open at Montreal. Seeding was progressing in Manitoba and the west, but many districts were too wet for seeding owing to rains of the previous two weeks. Butter was firm and some fancy rolls sold as high as 24 to 25c. The first export shipment of cattle for last season left Winnipeg on April 18, and a few cars of hogs also went east. Fresh meats all advanced.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of April 22, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: During the week English wheats advanced 6d. In foreign wheats California has risen 3d and No. 2 red winter and Duluth 6d. Sales of California have been made at 21s. 6d. of red winter at 22s. 9d and of Duluth at 25s. 9d. American flour has been 3d dearer. Today values have been maintained. English wheats are 6d better and foreign wheats 3d.

Hardware and Paint Trade Items.

Toronto plate glass dealers have decided to sell at the uniform rate of 35 per cent. net cash.

Glass is very firm on account of the strike in Belgium. Makers will not guarantee delivery now.

The Massey-Harris Co. have secured supplementary letters-patent at Ottawa, authorizing the company to establish branches in other countries.

"The Nor-Wester" Newspaper.

The sale of the daily Nor-Wester newspaper plant and business by the sheriff, has been a much talked of event this week in Winnipeg. It has been known for some time that the paper has not been a paying enterprise, and that the company was in close quarters financially. The sale by the sheriff, though done very quietly and suddenly, was not a matter for surprise. The judgments under which the sale was made were held by Miller & Richard, of Toronto, dealers in type and printing supplies, to the amount of \$1,953; and by R. P. Roblin and Murray Miller of Winnipeg to the amount of \$1,718. The latter two parties are directors of the Nor-Wester Company, and the liability to them was for money advanced to the company. The sheriff sold the establishment at private sale to Thos. A. Bell, who comes from Fort William, for \$1,800. There were a number of creditors who had not secured judgments, and it was supposed that they would be left entirely, but some of the directors state that the amount realized will be divided among all the directors. The following is a statement of the affairs of the company:

LIABILITIES.

J. A. Girvin	\$263.00
Thirteen small claims	\$31.76
Miller & Richard	1,914.95
Great North-west Telegraph Co.	1,148.58
E. B. Eddy Co	2,437.55
Murray Miller & R. P. Roblin	10,085.00
Wages, etc.	1,000.00
Total liabilities	18,459.61

Against this heavy list of liabilities there is only the amount of the sale to T. A. Bell and the book accounts, valued at \$700 net, or a total assets of \$5,500. From this there is the sum of \$1,000 for wages, and the claim of Miller & Richard, which is secured by lien, which must be paid in full, leaving only about \$2,500 for the remaining creditors. The outside creditors are negotiating for a settlement with the directors, and an offer from them is now under consideration. The directors offered to allow the creditors to audit the books if they wished, to see that everything is straight. It is likely a settlement will be made between the directors and the outside creditors on an amicable basis. Messrs. Roblin and Miller, two of the directors, appear to have been left by their fellow directors to share pretty much all the financial responsibility of the concern, and they have advanced heavily to the company. The amount of stock paid in to the concern is said to have been about \$19,000. The paper has appeared regularly and now bears the name of T. A. Bell as publisher.

The financial difficulties of the Nor-Wester show the folly of conducting papers for political purposes. This custom of establishing newspapers for the purpose of aiding a political party or assisting on the political interests of individuals or cliques, is demoralizing to the newspaper business both financially and morally. Large sums of money have been sunk in such newspaper enterprises in Canada and even in Winnipeg alone a considerable amount has been sunk in the various political enterprises which have from time to time been attempted here. Newspapers should be run as business enterprises, and if only this plan were followed, there would not have been a third daily paper in Winnipeg at present. There were rumors going about the street which were not at all complimentary to some of the directors, but so far as The Commercial can learn, the directors have shown a desire to act very reasonably under the circumstances.

The municipal fire insurance bill before the Legislature of Ontario, has had its first reading, but the feeling is said to be such that the bill is not likely to become a law.

British Grain Trade.

The London Miller reviews the course of British wheat markets for the month of March as follows.

"The month's trade began with slow country markets. Value at Norwich was firm, and even advanced 6d. at Wisbech, but the great majority of exchanges were discouraging. Mark Lane on the 4th was firm, and American and Russian wheat advanced 6d. per qr. English wheat was dull at currencies. The Liverpool market of the 5th was steady and some of the country markets were better in tone from the end of February. The Scotch markets on the 6th were 6d. dearer for both wheat and flour, but on the 8th Liverpool was weak. Trade, in fact, was very undecided; some places were weak, through large local offers; others very firm, because of moderate stocks and supplies. But the continental demand for cargoes was livelier than it had been in February, and this imparted 'tone' to the 'Baltic.' On the 11th London was firm for all breadstuffs and good flour made 3d. to 6. more money for all but top price, which remained simply steady in value. The Scotch markets of the 13th were again rather dearer, but an advance of 1s. from the end of February checked demand. Bristol on the 14th was encouraging, both English and foreign breadstuffs being 6d. dearer on the week. On the 18th London was 6d. dearer for all sorts of wheat, but sales were not brisk. On the 19th Ipswich advanced 6d. per qr. for wheat, which made 21s. to 24s. per 504 lbs. On the 20th Braintree, Yarmouth and Romford were 6d. dearer for English wheat, but Hereford and Chichester were rather cheaper. On the 21st Manchester was a fairly strong market and Bristol was strong, but the exchanges on the 22nd, including Liverpool and Wakefield, were somewhat unsatisfactory. The weather at the vernal equinox was fine and spring-like; field work was once more in active progress, and the buyer of grain began to assert that a spring and not a winter view of trade and prices should now prevail. At Mark Lane on the 25th there was a general indisposition to pay any more money for either wheat or flour; in fact, previous advancing tendencies were arrested. Liverpool was dull on the 26th and the end of the month was not marked by much business either in English or in foreign wheat.

Tobacco Factory Fire.

W. C. McDonald's extensive tobacco factory at Montreal was partially destroyed by fire April 25. About 900 hands mostly women and children were imprisoned on the top flats and the building is said to have been without any means of escape. A number of girls were injured by jumping from windows. If telegraphic reports are correct the proprietor appears to be criminally negligent as to the welfare of his employees, while the greatest censure should be thrown upon the authorities for permitting such a scandalous state of affairs.

The Lake Steamers.

The first Canadian Pacific boat to leave this year for Port Arthur will be the Athabasca. She will leave Owen Sound on May 2 and will be followed by the Alberta on May 6. These steamships will leave Owen Sound Mondays and Thursdays and leave Port Arthur on Thursdays and Sundays during the season. The company will run the steamer Manitoba from Windsor to Port Arthur this year, beginning about the first of June. Lake and rail rates are the same as last year.

The first boat of the Beatty line will leave Sarnia or Windsor on or about the 3rd of May for Port Arthur.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

The New York Banker's Magazine gives a list of railroads in default on their mortgage bonds. The list shows a total of 109 roads which have defaulted in paying interest, on a total of \$976,022,865 bonds. Of these roads, 5 are Pacific state roads, 17 are Pacific roads, 7 southwestern, 39 southern, 32 western, 8 middle states and one New England road.

Notice is given that Alfred A. Thibaudau, Romeo Provost, L. A. Boyer, J. P. B. Casgrain, A. G. McBean, H. F. W. Bellew and E. F. E. Barthe, all of Montreal, and others, will apply to parliament for an act to incorporate a company called "The Canada Insurance Promotion Association" with powers to carry on the business of an insurance agency in Canada.

The Bulletin says: A recent addition to the ranks of the procession of benefit fraternities to the potter's field is the Masonic Assurance Association of New York. This body now a corpse, started about sixteen years ago and did cheap life insurance, and the consequence is the insured are in the soup. On March 6 last the unpaid death claims amounted to \$2,717, and the cash assets were \$53. Fraternal life insurance, especially of the Masonic type, is not what it is cracked up to be.

The trial of Goldstaub on a charge of setting fire to his store at Plum Coulee, Man., and of concealing goods with intent to defraud the insurance companies was concluded at Winnipeg, on Saturday, before Justice Killam. Numerous witnesses were called for the prisoner and the gist of their evidence was that Goldstaub was awakened on the night of the fire by a sense of suffocation from smoke and rushed outside, when he discovered the fire, and then started to carry out the goods and cried for help. Numerous parties came and assisted him to carry out some of the goods which were laid on the sidewalk and afterwards carried to the stable, where they were subsequently found, covered over with hay, accidentally, by a man who delivered a load of hay to feed cattle with; the man pitched the hay in not knowing that there were any goods in the stable. The amount of the prisoner's stock at the time of the fire was about \$3,480 and the insurance he had on the goods was \$2,500. His Lordship delivered judgment, stating he could not convict the prisoner on the charge of setting fire to the house; the circumstances afforded considerable ground for suspicion and the crown council had presented strong arguments upon them, but they did not sufficiently satisfy His Lordship's mind, to leave it free from reasonable doubt, that the fire could not have been accidentally caused above the kitchen or household part of the building. On the charge of fraudulent concealment of the goods His Lordship held that the concealment for the purpose of making it appear that the goods had been burned was clearly proved. Prisoner was allowed to go on bail to appear before the court on Tuesday and submit to sentence or the further order of the court.

Grocery and Produce Trade Notes.

Advices from Smyrna report the stock of Sultanias there about exhausted and the price 2s higher than it was about ten days ago, when the last advance was reported.

The feature of the coffee market, says the Montreal Gazette, has been the firm feeling in Maracaibos and prices are fully 3c per lb. higher, the inside figure now being 21c. The demand, however, is only fair, and sales are principally in small lots to fill actual requirements. We quote: Maracaibo, 21 to 22 1/2c; Rio, 18 1/2 to 20c; Java, 23 to 29. Jamaica, 18 to 19c, and Mocha, 26 to 28c.

A Remarkable Statement.

Below will be found the statement of the estate of William Watkins, of Medicine Hat, Assa., insolvent.

Probable amount of book debts that may still be collected, \$20.00

Liabilities, as per claims	
fyled	\$1,214 33

Preferred claims:		
Chattel mortgage and interest	\$326 00	
Rent	70 00	
Costs, drawing assignment, etc.	11 00	
Freight on goods	5 00	
Taking stock	10 00	
Assignees commission on \$116.63, amount realized on stock, etc.	41 66	
		463 66
Proceeds of stock at 60c	337 35	
Book debts collected....	79 28	
		416 63

Balance	\$17 03
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The statement above shows that not enough cash has been collected to meet preferred claims, yet we understand Watkins is opening up in business again at Medicine Hat, with a new stock.

Late Western Business Items.

The millinery stock of the John Norris & Co., estate, Winnipeg, has been sold to Mrs. J. P. Keeler.

The town of Hartney, Man., was visited by a disastrous fire on Thursday night, which originated in Barter's stable. The buildings destroyed are:—O'Brien's hotel, Beatty's tailor shop, Buettner's hardware store, Cuthbert's grocery, The Massey-Harris company's warehouse, the Ivson store, Barter's butcher shop, the Commercial hotel, Rigg's butcher shop, Sutherland's bakery, McDonald's livery stable, Young's hardware store, Bower's harness shop, Bradley's store, a stone building, stopped the fire. Insurance as far as can be learned as follows: O'Brien \$1,000, insurance loss, \$2,000; Batty, no insurance, loss \$100; Cuthbert, \$700, loss, \$1,500; Buettner Bros., \$1,500, loss, \$2,000; Barter, \$1,000, loss, \$1,000; Galbraith, Commercial hotel, \$1,250 in the British American, \$1,250 in the Queen's, \$1,000 in the Phoenix of Brooklyn; Sutherland, \$800 in Phoenix, of London, and \$600 in the British American, loss \$2,000; McDonald, no insurance, loss \$2,000; Young, no insurance, loss \$3,000; Bradley, \$700 in the Queen's, loss \$500; Bowers, \$1,100 in the National of Ireland, loss, \$1,200; Woodhull, \$800 in the British American, \$600 in the Phoenix of London, loss \$400.

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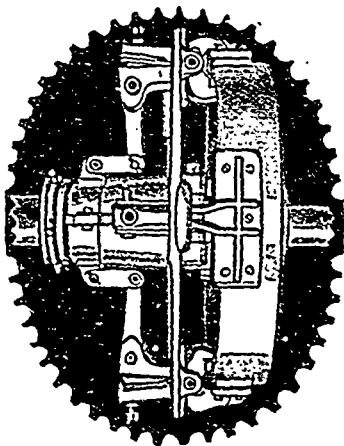
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BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, April 23, 1895.

The volume of business is hardly so great as during a corresponding period last year. Wholesalers are more cautious in disposing of goods, whilst retailers and jobbing firms are buying in much smaller quantities. On the whole an average business is being done. Money is very tight at present, but is expected to ease up as soon as outside work is in full swing and wages paid at the different camps begins to circulate in the cities. Fresh and cured meats are still advancing in price with the single exception of fresh pork, the price of which is kept down owing to the large quantity of pork constantly arriving from Manitoba. Coal oil has taken a jump here having advanced from \$2.50 to \$3.25 with a probability of its going still higher.

British Columbia Markets.

Vancouver, April 16, 1895.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 12 to 15c; Manitoba creamery, 18 to 20c; Eastern creamery, 26c; Canadian cheese, 11½ to 13; Manitoba cheese 12 to 18c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; backs, 12½c; long clear, 13c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides, 11c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 3c; smelt, 5c; sea bass, 4; black cod, 5c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 6c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 13c; steel head salmon, 8c; spring salmon, 12c; pickerel, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; sunnan haddie, 8½c; trout 12c; oolachans, 4c; salt salmon, \$6 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, 88 to \$10 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$13 to \$15; American burbanks, \$15; onions silver skins, 2½c; cabbage, 2½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¼ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 16 to 20c; eastern, 10c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$3.25 to \$3.50; California oranges, naval, \$3 to \$3.50; seedlings, 2.25 to \$2.50; California apples, \$1.85; bananas, \$1.00 to \$1.50 a bunch; Australian apples, \$2.50.

Nuts.—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 13c; walnuts, 15c.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per bbl., \$1.10; strong bakers, \$1.10; Oregon, \$3.75; Oak Lake patent, \$1.40; strong bakers, \$1.20.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb, sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.90.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31.00; Edmonton district oats, \$29.00; Washington State wheat, \$22.00; do, oats \$26.50, f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$16 ton; ground wheat, \$20.00 ton;

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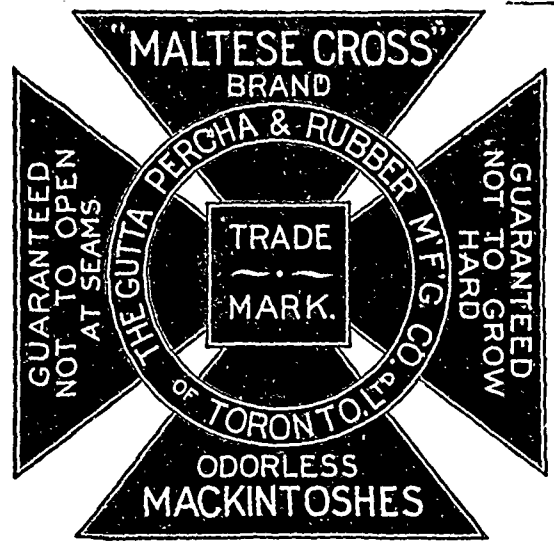
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Dressed Meats.—Beef, 8½c; mutton, 8½ to 9c; pork, 6 to 9c; veal, 10c.

Live Stock.—Calves, 6 to 7c; steers, 4½c; sheep, 4c; hogs, 6 to 6½c; lamb, per head, \$3.75.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 5½c; Paris lu. p, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellows 8½c; yellow, 3½c.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$4.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo Fair 11½c; good, 12c; choice 25c. Ceylons, fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c.

British Columbia Business Notes.

Victoria Optical Co., Victoria, is selling out.

G. Tribe, saloon, Victoria, has admitted H. L. O'Leary.

F. L. Perkins of Perkins & Payne, general store Saturnals, is dead.

Geo. A. Digelow, general store, Rossland, has lost \$300 by burglary.

J. W. McKenzie, blacksmith, Courtney, has sold out to Geo. H. Lehton.

Davis & Geddes, grocers, Vancouver, have dissolved, J. H. Geddes continues.

M. W. Minthorn, boots and shoes, New Westminster, has sold business to W. Weston.

Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co., Limited, New Westminster, effects sold to Consolidated Railway & Light Co.

A party of Norwegian settlers from Minnesota, numbering 30 families, is en route for British Columbia. They compose the third party from Minnesota who have passed through on their way to settle in the Bella Coola colony in British Columbia.

The monster ship Olivebank has completed her cargo of lumber at Hastings mill and sailed on April 21 for South Africa. She has on board 2,323 681 feet of rough lumber. Her cargo consists of extra large and heavy timbers and had she taken smaller lumber could have carried half a million feet more. Her net tonnage is 2,427 tons, and she is said to be the largest vessel that ever loaded lumber in this province or Puget Sound.

E. McDonald, general manager of the Manufacturer's Life and Accident Insurance Company for Manitoba and the Territories, has appointed A. F. Martin, M.P.P., a general agent for the province.

Silver.

The reported conclusion of a treaty of peace between Japan and China, its terms including the payment of a large war indemnity by the latter country, had a very stimulating effect upon all silver securities. The London market, which re-opened on Tuesday after the Easter vacation, was extremely strong, the price for bar silver rising to 80½d., with a further advance on Wednesday to 80¾d. per ounce. The New York market kept pace with the movement, commercial bars being quoted at as high as 68½c. On Thursday, however, the markets reacted to 80½d. and 67c. in London and New York respectively there being still some doubt as to the amount of the expected indemnity, and what proportion of it will be payable in silver. On Friday London was ¼d. lower and New York ¼. off, with the market flat. India Council bills were allotted this week at 13 13-32d. per rupee. The silver markets are very sensitive, the future of prices depending upon the outcome of the peace negotiations. Silver prices on April 19 were: London, 80½d.; New York, 66½ to 67c.

Value of Dairy Factories.

The Harrietsville cheese factory, in the county of Middlesex, Ont., is one of the largest in the world. The auditor's report for 1891 shows that 5,323,073 pounds of milk were manufactured into 498,075 pounds (over 249 tons) of cheese for which \$18,877 were received; of this amount \$35,191 were paid the patrons. The cost of manufacturing was \$1.980; milk haulings \$349; miscellaneous expenses \$526. Average number of pounds of milk required to make a pound of cheese, 10.68; average price, 9.81 cents. The net price per 100 received by the patrons for their milk, was: April, 83 cents; May, 82.4; June, 73.5; July, 71.5; September, 85.5; October, 92; November, 95.2; December, 91.4. R. Facey, the proprietor, also encloses us the names of half a dozen of his patrons having different sized herds, with the amounts received from the factory last season, in addition to which would be the amount produced by these cows in winter buttermaking:

Patron.	No. cows.	Amount received.
Stephen Yorke	35	\$1,610.93
A. Yorke	20	927.65
Wm. Rickard	14	651.49
Wm. Barr	11	512.68
Richard Tooley	8	424.18
Thos. Rodway	1	172.40

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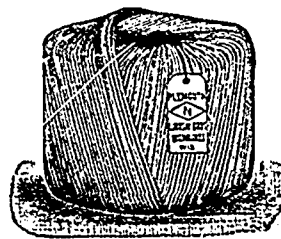
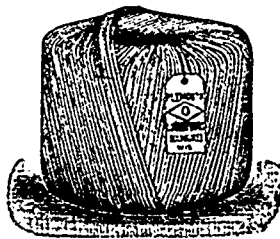
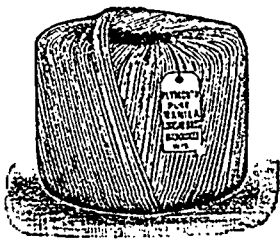
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Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

Flour.—The market is firm owing to the enhanced ideas of western millers. An occasional sale is reported for English account. We quote: Patent, spring, \$3.80 to \$3.90; Winter Patent, \$3.65 to \$3.75; Straight roller, \$3.30 to \$3.50; Extra, \$2.90 to \$3.15; Superfine, \$2.60 to \$2.80; City Strong Bakers, \$3.65 to \$3.75; Manitoba Bakers, \$3.40 to \$3.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.45 to \$1.55; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Oatmeal.—An easier feeling is reported, and lower prices are expected. We quote: Rolled and granulated \$1.10 to \$1.20; standard \$1.05 to \$1.10. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.02½ to \$2.07½ and standard at \$1.95 to \$2.

Bran.—Sales of Ontario bran have been made at \$18.00 in car lots, and we quote \$18.00 with a downward tendency, showing a drop of \$1.00 per ton. Shorts are quoted at \$18.50 to \$19.00.

Wheat.—The market is quiet but firm, sales of several cars of Ontario red winter wheat having been placed at 72c here for western shipment. No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat is nominally quoted at 79c.

Oats.—Although sales of No. 2 white oats have transpired at 40½c, one holder informs us that he cannot get that figure, and we quote 40c to 40½c.

Barley.—No. 1 barley is quoted at 60c, and we quote 55 to 60c for malting. Feed barley 50c to 51c.

Cured Meats.—The export demand for lean bacon is fair and shipments continue to go forward. Canada short cut pork, per bbl \$17.00 to \$17.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl \$16.00 to \$16.50; Extra plate beef per bbl \$10.50 to \$11; hams, per lb. 10 to 11c.; lard, pure, in pails, per lb. 9 to 9½c.; lard, compound, in pails, per lb. 7 to 7½c.; bacon, per lb. 10 to 11c.; shoulders, per lb. 8½ to 9c.

Butter.—Not the remotest encouragement can we give to the holders of the old hold over butter that remains unsold in this market as the demand runs almost exclusively on the fresh made article, both creamery and dairy. As regards old dairy stock there has been sales of good western at 9c to 10c to jobbers in Bousecours market, with sales of selections at 10 to 11c, the poorer grades being difficult to dispose of 7c. In fact, hundreds of packages have been offered at the latter figure without meeting with any response from buyers. Sales of old creamery

have been reported at 12 to 13c, and one dealer stated that he had some of this description that he would be glad to take 11c for. Even for fresh made the market shows a declining tendency, and 21c is the top figure that can now be depended on for creamery; and 18 to 18½c for Eastern Townships. For roll butter the market is quiet and the supply large. Sales have been made at 10c up to 1¼c.

Cheese.—The market for old cheese has taken an easier turn on both sides of the Atlantic, and old stocks held here are not as well cleaned up as they were a year ago. Fodder cheese sold yesterday at Brockville at 8½c and a few were worked off to the local trade at 9c.

Eggs.—Under more liberal supplies the market has dropped 2 to 2½c, sales having been made at 12 to 13c.

Maple Products.—The supply of both syrup and sugar is fully equal to the demand, with sales of the former in kegs at 5 to 5½c, one lot of dark colored selling at 4¾c per lb. Tins sold at 60 to 70c, one lot of two dozen tins being placed at 55c, but the sprup was not choice. Sugar has been disposed of at 6c to 7c for new and 5c to 5½c for old.

Hides, etc.—Owing to the scarcity of light hides and the continued demand from United States and Canadian tanners, prices have scored another advance of ½c per lb since our last report, dealers paying 7c for No. 1. Tanners have paid 7½c, but some dealers are asking 8c. The demand for calfskins keeps up well, and dealers have had to advance prices 1c per lb to 7c. Lambskins are coming in a little more plentifully and are selling at 10c. Sheepskins are nominally quoted at about 75c. We quote prices as follows: Light hides, 7c for No. 1, 6c for No. 2, and 5c for No. 3; to tanners 7½c for No. 1. Heavy hides 7c to 7½c; calfskins 7c; lambskins 10c.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat.—The offerings are small and holders are asking more money. Cars of white sold middle freights west to-day at 72c, and on the Midland holders of spring were asking 75c. Manitoba wheat was firmer at 85c to 86c for No. 1 hard grinding in transit, Sarnia or North Bay, and 80c, lake and rail.

Flour.—Is firmer owing to the further advance in wheat. Cars of straight roller, Toronto freights, are quoted at \$3.35, and probably that would be bid for fresh ground flour, and holders are asking more. Manitoba flour is in good demand and firm at \$4 for patents and \$3.70 for strong bakers'.

Millfeed.—Is in fair demand and steady. The city mills are asking \$17 for shorts and \$15.50 to \$16 for bran.

Barley.—Cars of feed are quoted at 44c outside. Malting grades are dull, and prices are nominal at 46c for No. 2 and 48c for No. 1 east.

Oats.—Are offering quite freely and the market is easier. Cars of mixed are quoted at 32c west and some cars of white sold west to-day at 32c and 32½c. Cars on the track here are quoted at 36c.

Butter.—The receipts are large and stocks continue to accumulate in this market, and with a slow demand the market is weak. Large rolls are quoted at 10c to 13c for the ordinary run of good stock and extra choice baskets bring 14c. Dairy tub is slow at 6c to 10c. Pound rolls are steady at 11c to 15c for choice new made lots. Creamery is steady at 19c to 20c for rolls and tubs.

Eggs.—The market is weaker at 10c to 11c.

Maple Syrup.—There is a good deal of new offering now and the market is steady at 75c to 82c for large tins and 85c to 90c for small tins.

Dressed Hogs.—The market was firmer at \$6.20 to \$6.50. Local packers paid \$6.30 for a few loads. —Toronto Globe, April 22.

Freights.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of April 19 says: "Very little is reported in grain freights at this port at the moment, further than 1s 1½d is bid for Liverpool and 1s 4½d wanted. Quotations are 1s 3d to Glasgow and London, and 1s 1½d to 1½d to Liverpool, and 1s 6d asked Avonmouth. To the continent is 9d to 2s. Sack flour 7s to 7s 6d. Engagements are reported by first boats to the Lower Ports and Newfoundland on the basis of 20c to 25c per bbl. for flour and provisions. From Kingston to Montreal 2½c wheat and 2½c corn. From Fort William to Montreal 6c wheat.

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Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A general meeting of the board of trade was held on Monday afternoon, president R. T. Riley presiding.

The president outlined the business transactions by the council since the last meeting. The council had passed a strong protest against the special rate levied by the insurance companies to cover the amount of taxes charged against them. Some of the companies, it was estimated, profited to the extent of \$1,500 to \$1,600 a year from this special rate. In accordance with instructions received, the report on freight rates had been embodied in the annual report. A consultation had been had with the comptroller of customs and strong representations had been made as to the inconvenience of the present location of the custom house in Winnipeg. The comptroller had promised to take the matter into consideration. An arrangement had been made in regard to postal packages, and a room had been opened in the postoffice building. But nothing had been done in regard to the removal of the custom house staff. The council had again communicated with the authorities at Ottawa, and Mr. Wallace had stated that unless the government were bound to the present location, he had little doubt the change would be made. The committee on the establishment of tanneries were working on the matter, but was not yet prepared to report.

The committee appointed to inquire into the subject of the best means to be adopted to secure the settlement of the vacant lands in the vicinity of Winnipeg made a report which will be found in another column.

The report of the committee on the quarantining of settlers' cattle was adopted, and the memorial embodied was ordered to be forwarded to the authorities at Ottawa. The provision requiring settlers' cattle to be quarantined for ninety days was prohibitory to many settlers who were ready to leave Minnesota, Dakota and other states, bringing their stock with them, the majority of them being desirous of engaging in dairy farming. This barrier, it held, was unnecessary as the settler was not allowed to dispose of his cattle for six months after his arrival. The government was asked to have quarantine raised after inspection in the case of settlers' cattle from uninfected districts.

Mr. Bole reported verbally for the committee on the question of riling on freight trains. He said the Lubbers' Union had taken the matter up. The first delegation had got little satisfaction from Superintendent Whyte, but subsequently there had seemed to be better ground for hope.

Mr. Bole, as convener of the committee on the establishment of tanneries, reported that a circular letter had been sent out, but the replies were not all in yet.

Mr. John Arbuthnot, lumber merchant, was admitted to membership in the board.

M. R. O'Loughlin wrote that he was about to remove to New York and he asked that his membership be transferred to his brother, J. M. O'Loughlin. Mr. Bole moved that the request be granted and in doing so he expressed regret at the removal of Mr. O'Loughlin, who was one of the best business men in the city. The secretary was asked to write conveying to him the sense of the board that it was losing a valuable member.

A communication was read from Mr. Geo. Hadriil, secretary of the Montreal board, enclosing a petition asking the Dominion parliament to appoint a board of general customs appraisers for the speedy and satisfactory settlement of disputes between the customs authorities and importers. It was stated that such a board of customs experts is in successful operation in the United States. It was resolved that the board adopt the principle and endeavor to get as many signatures to the petition as possible.

R. H. Haward, secretary of the Manitoba board of underwriters, sent to the board a copy of a letter addressed to the Winnipeg city council, complaining of a want of discipline in the fire brigade, also of a lack of knowledge of where the water supply from the waterworks is to be obtained in cases of fires, as evidenced at the last fire at the Mulvey school. Also it has been publicly stated that some of the members of the brigade were addicted to drunkenness. The appliances of the brigade were not kept in as good shape as they ought to be.

On motion it was resolved that in the opinion of the board an investigation should be made by the city council in the matter of the charges against the fire department.

Mr. Bole gave notice of a motion at the next general meeting for the appointment of a committee to report on the best system of municipal government for the city.

Mr. Steen gave notice of a motion that reporters be admitted to all meetings of the board, except when the council determines beforehand that they shall not be present.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Butchers' Cattle.—Buying was fairly active for even common cattle; anything good and of choice sold readily at good figures. Prices were firmer somewhat, the range being from 3c to 4½c per lb, one car lot of fancy fetching as high as 4½c per lb. Hardly any cattle sold lower than 3c per lb. Everything was disposed of quickly.

Export Cattle.—Hardly any could be had to-day. Messrs. Thompson & Dunn bought two car-loads of cattle, 1,350 lbs average, for \$5.15 per cwt. A few bulls brought about 1c per lb.

Stockers and Feeders.—Only one or two head could be had to-day. Prices are firmer at from 3c to 3½c per lb.

Hogs.—Really choice hogs, not too fat, are fetching 5½c per pound, weighed off the cars. All kinds of hogs are wanted. Stores are selling at from \$1.75 to 5 per cwt. Thick fat hogs are selling at \$4.80 to 5 per cwt, weighed off cars.

Sheep and Lambs.—Not half a hundred head offered to-day, and the market was firmer. Mr. Kinnear will give 5½c per pound for good grain-fed yearlings. A bunch of 17 yearlings was sold to-day for 5c per pound, but they would have brought 3c per pound higher had they been fatter. Lambs weighing from 45 to 60 pounds each sold for \$9.50 to \$1.50 per head.

Calves.—Quotations ruled from \$1.50 to \$5 per head.

Milk Cows and Springers.—Not many offered and the market is firm. Choice newly calved milchers bring \$45, the ruling figures being from that price down to \$25 per head.—Globe, April 19.

Live Stock Items.

Range matters are in a prosperous condition this spring in southern Alberta according to the Macleod Gazette which says.

The cattle cattle came through the past winter in fine shape and with actually no loss worth mentioning. With the grand weather prevailing there could be no fear for the safety of the young calves now so numerous on the range, and with abundance of grass and water, there is every indication that the season of '95 will be a most prosperous one for the cattlemen. With hundreds of fat steers now awaiting shipment, no wonder the stockman is so jubilant, and if he happens to fly his kite a little higher than usual upon arriving in town, his action must be looked upon not as proof of a wild and woolly and hard to curvy disposition, but simply as an evidence of his jubilation of feeling caused by the very prosperous outlook.

The American Agriculturist says. "All descriptions of live stock have been for some time on the up-grade. Sheep are 25 to 10 per cent higher than in the autumn, while hogs have not shown any relative gain, though they are materially better than in the late winter. The position of the cattle market assumes more prominence than anything else. Present offerings are mostly corn-fed farm animals, and it is a noteworthy fact that the advance failed to bring out any special increase. There has been for a long time a general tendency toward a decline in the beef cattle industry. Prices have assumed a level so high it is almost certain consumption will be cut down. There is a boundary to the purchasing power of the meat-consuming world, and when prices reach a certain level other foods will largely take the place of expensive cuts of beef.

Following are the comparative prices of live stock at Chicago on April 9 and a year ago:

	Apr. 9, 1895.	Apr. 1, 1894.
Cattle, per 100 lbs.	6.50	4.75
Hogs, per 100 lbs.	5.25	1.70
Sheep, per 100 lbs.	5.00	4.50

Kind of Oats for Millers.

The following circular is the outcome of the meeting of the Oatmeal Millers of Ontario, held at Toronto recently, to consider the best means for securing suitable oats for milling and of improved quality. To make a first-class article of rolled oats it is necessary to have oats of the same size and shape, and experience has shown that a long, thin hulled, plump grain is the most suitable. The consumption of rolled oats is rapidly increasing in Canada, and a limited quantity is being sent to Great Britain, Germany, Denmark and other nations in Europe, and it is the desire and purpose of Canadian oatmeal millers to largely increase the export trade with these countries, and with that object in view they now ask the co-operation of farmers and grain dealers. Farmers can materially increase the whole value of the oat crop in Canada by giving careful attention to securing the best varieties of well cleaned seed that will be suitable for oatmeal milling. The varieties now in general use best adapted for milling are the improved American Banquet and Australian or white Russian, but any variety will do that will yield well and is a long, plump, and thin hulled, white grain. Grain dealers, by keeping separate the thick and thin hulled varieties, will obtain from millers a higher price for the latter.

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