

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

Coloured covers/  
Couverture de couleur

Coloured pages/  
Pages de couleur

Covers damaged/  
Couverture endommagée

Pages damaged/  
Pages endommagées

Covers restored and/or laminated/  
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée

Pages restored and/or laminated/  
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées

Cover title missing/  
Le titre de couverture manque

Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/  
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées

Coloured maps/  
Cartes géographiques en couleur

Pages detached/  
Pages détachées

Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/  
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)

Showthrough/  
Transparence

Coloured plates and/or illustrations/  
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur

Quality of print varies/  
Qualité inégale de l'impression

Bound with other material/  
Relié avec d'autres documents

Continuous pagination/  
Pagination continue

Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/  
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la marge intérieure

Includes index(es)/  
Comprend un (des) index

Title on header taken from: /  
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:

Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/  
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.

Title page of issue/  
Page de titre de la livraison

Caption of issue/  
Titre de départ de la livraison

Masthead/  
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

Additional comments: /  
Commentaires supplémentaires:

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below /  
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	12X	14X	16X	18X	20X	22X	24X	26X	28X	30X	32X
									✓		

**BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

Paid-up Capital.....£1,000,000 Stg.  
Reserve Fund.....£265,000 "

LONDON OFFICE—3 Clements Lane, Lombard Street, E.C.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—J. H. Brodie, H. J. B. Kendall, John James Gater, J. J. Kingsford, Henry H. Farrer, Frederic Lubbock, Richard H. Glyn, Geo. D. Whatman, K. A. Hoare, O. Farrer  
A. G. WALLIS—Secretary.

Head Office in Canada—St. James St., Mon.-real.  
R. B. Grindley, General Manager. E. Stanger, Inspector.

Branches and Agencies in Canada—London, Kingston, Fredericton, N. B., Bramford, Ottawa, Halifax, N. S., Paris, Montreal, Victoria, B. C., Hamilton, Quebec, Vancouver, B. C., Toronto, St. John, N. B., Winnipeg, Brandon, Man.

H. M. BREEDON, MANAGER, MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG.

Agents in the United States—New York—H. S. Stikeman, and F. Brownfield Azis, San Francisco—W. Lawson and J. C. Welsh, Agts. London Bankers—The Bank of England—Messrs. Glyn & Co.

Foreign Agents—Liverpool, Bank of Liverpool, Australia, Union bank of Australia, New Zealand, Union bank of Australia, India, China and Japan—Chartered Mercantile bank of India, London and China, Agra bank (limited), West Indies Colonial bank Paris, Messrs. Marcuard, Krauss et Cie. Lyons, Credit Lyonnais

**The Western Canada Loan & Savings Co.**

CAPITAL, - - - \$1,500,000.00.  
RESERVE FUND, - - - \$850,000.00.

HEAD OFFICES: Toronto, - WALTER S. LEE, Managing Director  
BRANCH OFFICES: Winnipeg, - W. M. Fisher, Manager

Moneys advanced upon Farm and City Properties, MORTGAGES, MUNICIPAL DEBENTURES & SCHOOL DEBENTURES purchased. Scrip held for use of Clients. Clients title deeds are not sent out of the Province but are lodged in the Company's vaults at Winnipeg, where they may be examined at all times. Agents at all principal points throughout the Province.

For further information write to the Manager of the Winnipeg Branch.

Our new lines of **Brooches, Barpins, Eardrops, and Scarf Pins** in Rolled Plate and Gold Front are now complete. See our new Styles of Black Goods.

WE SELL WHOLESALE ONLY.

**Grigor Bros.**  
**WHOLESALE JEWELERS**  
527 MAIN STREET,  
WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

**RUBLEE, RIDDELL & CO**  
Commission Merchants  
AND IMPORTERS OF  
**Green and Dried Fruits.**  
15 OWEN STREET,  
**WINNIPEG**

S. K. PARSONS. HENRY BELL. W. E. HAZLEY  
**PARSONS, BELL & CO.,**  
**Wholesale Paper Dealers**  
—AND—  
**GENERAL STATIONERS.**  
AGENTS  
**Canada Paper Company,**  
Manufacturers Printing, Wrapping & Writing Paper &c., Montreal and Windsor Mills, Quebec.  
**Alex. Pirie & Sons,**  
Manufacturers Fine Stationery, Aberdeen, Scotland.  
**M. Staunton & Co.,**  
Manufacturers Wall Papers, Toronto.  
CORNER PRINCESS AND BANNATYNE STREETS,  
**WINNIPEG.**

**UNION BANK OF CANADA.**

HEAD OFFICE, - QUEBEC.

CAPITAL PAID UP - - - \$1,200,000  
RESERVE FUND - - - 200,000

DIRECTORS:

ANDREW THOMSON, President. Hon. E. J. PRICE, Vice-President.  
Hon. Thos. McGroovy, D. C. Thomson, Esq., E. Giroux,  
Esq., E. J. Hale, Esq., Sir A. T. Galt, G.C.M.G.

K. E. WEBB, Cashier.

BRANCHES:

Alexandria. Iroquois. Merrickville. Montreal.  
Ottawa. Quebec. Smith's Falls. Toronto  
West Winchester.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:

Winnipeg Branch, F. L. PALTON, Manager.  
Carberry Branch, J. P. ANDERSON, Manager.  
Moosomin Branch, A. E. CHRISTIE, Manager.  
Lethbridge Branch, F. R. GOODWIN, Manager.  
Boisvein Branch, F. W. CRISP, Manager.

Foreign Agents. London—The Alliance Bank (Limited) Liverpool—Bank of Liverpool (Limited). New York—National Park Bank. Boston—Lincoln National Bank. Minneapolis—First National Bank.  
Collections made at all points on most favorable terms.  
Current rate of interest allowed on deposits.

**OSLER, HAMMOND & NANTON**

381 MAIN STREET,

WINNIPEG.

**Oslor & Hammond,**

18 KING STREET WEST, TORONTO.

(Members Toronto Stock Exchange)

**BROKERS,**  
**FINANCIAL AGENTS**

—AND DEALERS IN—

DEBENTURES, LAND &c.

Real Estate Bought and Sold. Money to Loan.

E. B. OSLER. H. C. HAMMOND. A. M. NANTON.

**New England Paper Co.**

CANADIAN MILLS: PORTNEUF, Que.

—MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN—

MANILLAS, No. 1 and 2.	WOOD BOARD.
BROWNS.	SHEATHING.
PRINT, No. 1, 2 and 3.	STRAW PAPERS.
BLUES.	TARRED FELT.
TISSUES.	WAX PAPERS.
COVER PAPERS.	GLAZED PAPERS.
CAPS AND POSTS.	POSTINGS.
LAD PAPERS.	ROLL PAPERS for Spinnings.
WHITINGS.	CARD MIDDLES.
All Grades and Colors.	TONED PAPERS.
STRAW BOARD.	Etc., Etc.

**Montreal.**

**The Barber & Ellis Co'y,**  
Nos. 43, 45, 47 and 49 Bay Street,  
**TORONTO, Ont.**

Manufacturers of ACCOUNT BOOKS,  
ENVELOPES, PAPER BOXES.  
Importers of all Grades of Staple Stationery.

—DEALERS IN—

PRINTERS' SUPPLIES,  
BOOKBINDERS' MATERIALS AND  
BOXMAKERS' REQUISITES.

**IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA**

CAPITAL (paid up).....\$1,500,000.00

REST.....\$700,000.00

H. S. HOWLAND, President. T. A. MERRITT, Vice-President.

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.—D. R. WILKIE, Cashier.

BRANCHES IN THE NORTHWEST.

Winnipeg.....C. S. Hoare, Manager  
Brandon.....A. Jukes, "  
Calgary.....S. Barber, "  
Portage la Prairie.....N. G. Leslie, "  
Prince Albert.....J. E. Young, "

BRANCHES IN ONTARIO

Essex Toronto Cor. Wellington St. & Leader Lane  
Fergus.....Yonge St. St. Thomas  
Woodstock Port o'borne, Galt, St. Catharines  
Niagara Falls, Ingersoll, Welland, Sault Ste. Marie.  
Rat Portage.

Deposits received and interest allowed at current rates, Drafts and letters of credit issued available in Canada, Great Britain, United States, France, China, India, Australia and New Zealand.

Municipal and other debentures purchased.

Agents in Great Britain—Lloyds Barnetts & Bosanquet's Bank (Limited), 72 Lombard Street, London, England.

Correspondents—London & Southwestern Bank, Manchester & Liverpool District Banking Co. (Limited). E. W. Yates & Co., Liverpool.

**ALLAN, BRYDGES & CO.**

BANKERS AND BROKERS,  
339 Main Street, Winnipeg, Man  
Municipal, School and other  
Debentures negotiated.

SCRIP BOUGHT AND SOLD.

Branch Office—CARBERRY, Man.,  
R. T. Rokeby, Manager.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

**Union Credit and Protective Association**

For the Collection of old and worthless accounts in any part of the world, and no charge if not collected. This Association has local offices in Canada and the United States. Head and General Office: 604 Adelaide Street East, Toronto. O. E. Collins, General Manager, and H. E. Andrews, Secretary.

Address all communications to the Toronto, Ontario, Office. This is the only Association that settles accounts and advances money to the creditor if desired.

**JOHN DEVINE & SON,**  
COLLECTORS, COMMISSION & GENERAL AGENTS,  
138 Cordova Street, VANCOUVER, B. C.

ESTABLISHED MAY, 1880. REFERENCES.  
Correspondence and business solicited. Rents and debt collecting a specialty. P. O. Box 132.

**KIRKPATRICK & COOKSON**  
Established 1860,  
MONTREAL,  
Commission Merchants,  
FLOUR, GRAIN, BUTTER, &c.  
Consignments and Orders Solicited

**HARRY L. LANGELEIR,**  
Manufacturers' Agent,  
455 Main Street,  
**WINNIPEG.**

HOUSES REPRESENTED—  
L. GUARDINOR, Sox & Co., Montreal, Hats and Caps  
GLOVER & BRAIN, Montreal, Gents' Furnishings.  
W. STRACHAN & Co., Montreal, Soaps and Oil.

**W. F. HENDERSON & CO.**  
**WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANTS.**  
 ESTABLISHED 1882.

AGENTS FOR  
 THE CANADA SUGAR REFINING Co. Ltd. Montreal  
 Sugars and Syrups.  
 THE CANADA JUTE Co., Ltd. Montreal  
 Jute and Cotton Bags, Twines, Hessians, &c.

THE EDWARDSBURG STARCH Co., - Montreal  
 THE SIMCOE CANNING COMPANY, - Simcoe  
 Canned Goods, etc.

**GROCCERS, ATTENTION!**

ASK FOR THE CELEBRATED

**"Reindeer Brand" Condensed Milk.**

CONDENSED COFFEE AND MILK, CONDENSED COCOA AND MILK.

THE BEST IN THE MARKET. FOR SALE BY ALL WHOLESALE GROCERS.

**W. F. HENDERSON & CO., Agents. - WINNIPEG.**

AMES, HOLDEN & CO., MONTREAL.

**The Ames, Holden Company,**

WHOLESALE

Dealers in

**BOOTS & SHOES,**

33 Queen Street,

WINNIPEG

JAMES REDMOND,  
 WINNIPEG.

C FLUMERFELT,  
 VICTORIA.

**Thompson,**

**Codville & Co.,**

**WHOLESALE GROCERS,**

26 McDermott Street,

WINNIPEG.

JAS. PORTER

W. M. RONALD.

**PORTER AND RONALD,**

DIRECT IMPORTERS OF

**CROCKERY**

**GLASSWARE**

**LAMPS, CHINA**

**CHANDELIERS,**

**CUTLERY,**

**SILVER-PLATED WARE & FANCY GOODS**

330 MAIN ST. WINNIPEG.

**MILLER MORSE & Co**

—WHOLESALE—

**Hardware, Cutlery,**

**Guns, Ammunition,**

**Du Pont Gun Powder,**

ETC.

**Princess St., WINNIPEG.**

**J. H. ASHDOWN,**

Wholesale Dealer & Importer of all kinds of

**Shelf and Heavy Hardware,**

STOVES AND TINWARE,

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS,

**RAILROAD and MILL SUPPLIES,**

The Trade furnished with our Illustrated Catalogue on application

Corner Main and Bannatyne Streets

**WINNIPEG.**

**MACKENZIE & MILLS,**

**WHOLESALE GROCERS**

Special attention given to

**Teas, Coffees, Canned Goods,**

**DRIED FRUITS, Etc.**

**CORNER KING AND ALEXANDER STREETS**

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**

**H. A. Nelson & Sons**

**TORONTO —AND— MONTREAL**

**DIRECT IMPORTERS AND  
 WHOLESALE DEALERS**

**Fancy Goods and Toys.**

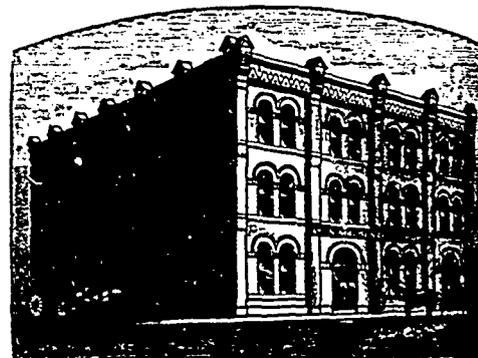
**ALL THE NEWEST NOVELTIES**

FROM THE

**European and American Markets.**

Represented in Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia, by  
**W. S. CRONE.**

**Mackenzie, Powis & Co.,**  
**WHOLESALE GROCERS.**



Cor. McDermot & Albert Sts., WINNIPEG

**WINDOW GLASS,**

**O.G. AND CRYSTAL SHEET,**

**SINGLE AND DOUBLE STRENGTH.**

FULL ASSORTMENT OF SIZES.

Ornamental Glass—Plain Colored, 5 Colors; Enamelled, different Patterns; Morocco, Assorted Tints; Venetian, Assorted Tints; Muted, Assorted Tints; Rolled Cathedral, Assorted Tints.

—ROUGH ROLLED PLATE FOR SKYLIGHTS.—

Samples and Prices on Application.

**G. F. STEPHENS & CO.,**

Market Street East, - WINNIPEG.

**CARSCADEN, PECK & CO.**

—MANUFACTURERS OF—

**CLOTHING**

AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

**Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps  
 Manufactured Fur Goods and  
 Contractors' Supplies**

WAREHOUSES:

**WINNIPEG, Man. VANCOUVER, B.C.  
 Factory—MONTREAL.**

# The Commercial

A Journal of Commerce, Industry and Finance, especially devoted to the interests of Western Canada, including that portion of Ontario west of Lake Superior, the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia and the Territories.

**Ninth Year of Publication.**  
**ISSUED EVERY MONDAY**

SUBSCRIPTION, \$2.00 PER ANNUM (in advance.)

#### ADVERTISING RATES.

1 month weekly insertion	.....	\$0 80 per line.
3 months, do	.....	0 75 "
6 " do	.....	1 25 "
12 " do	.....	2 00 "

Transient advertisements, 10 cents per line each insertion.

Fine Book and Job Printing Department.

Office, 186 James St East,

**JAMES E. STERN,**  
Publisher.

The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the country between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast, than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. By a thorough system of personal solicitation, carried out annually, this journal has been placed upon the desk of the great majority of business men in the vast district designated above, and including northwestern Ontario, the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, and the territories of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale, commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.

WINNIPEG, JUNE 1, 1891.

## Manitoba.

Thomas Cottingham, harness, Rapid City, assigned in trust.

Joseph Morrison, blacksmith, &c, Winnipeg, sold out by bailiff.

J. N. Knechtel has purchased a stock and will open a store at Killarney.

Mr. Grant, of Grant, Horne & Bucknal, Winnipeg, left for Vancouver last week.

Harry B. Hodgins, livery and mail carrier, Selkirk, has sold out to George Dickinson.

J. B. Henderson has purchased the bankrupt stock of E. S. White & Co., at Carberry.

T. Finklestein, grocer, Winnipeg; premises damaged by fire; loss above insurance small.

A. Cornell, has arrived at Brandon from Ontario, and will undertake to build concrete houses.

J. Murphy, late of the firm of Grundy & Co., has started business at Portage on his own account, in musical instruments, etc.

The official statement shows that the by law voted on in St. Boniface recently to grant a bonus of \$35,000 to the Norwood Bridge Company, was defeated by three votes.

Stone is rolling into Warden, says the *Advance*, fast, for the substantial structures Healey and Caulfield are about to erect. Work on the buildings will be commenced immediately.

There is an impression abroad, says the *Pilot Mound Sentinel*, that the late frosts have destroyed the blossoms on wild fruit trees and bushes. There has, as yet, been little or no in-

jury, as the buds were not far enough advanced to be hurt. Unless another cold time comes, the fruit crop may be a good one.

C. H. Fildes, representing Green and Sons Company, of Montreal, furnishings, fur goods, etc., has been doing the country some time, and this week will open his samples in the city. On his return from southern Manitoba last week, he reported the crops looking exceedingly well. Mr. Fildes succeeds Mr. Matthews in looking after the western trade for the Montreal house.

N. D. Macdonald & Co, plumbers, Winnipeg, have secured the contract for the construction of the water works at Kamloops, B.C., of which J. E. Hannah, of Winnipeg, will be engineer; the amount being about \$11,000. The contract for the plumbing and steam heating of the extensive new addition to the Alberta hotel at Calgary has also been secured by this firm, and also the plumbing and steam heating of the Grand Forks, Dakota, school, the contract having been secured over ten competitors, the price being \$4,700.

## Assiniboia.

The assessment roll for 1891 shows the population of Moosomin to be 782, and taxable property \$252,000.

Sporling & Hawkes, general dealers, of Balgonie, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by J. D. Hawkes.

The assessment roll of Regina this year will sum up nearly one million dollars, being an increase of \$200,000 over that of last year.

Jean Claustre, general merchant, of Maple Creek, leaves in a few weeks for France, where large property has fallen to him by the death of relatives.

R. D. McNaughton & Co., general dealers, Moosomin, have prepared plans of new business premises, which they intend erecting this summer. The block will be a fine one.

The council of the Toronto Board of Trade has protested against the imposition of a tax on outside commercial men by the municipal authorities of Victoria, B. C., and will make representation to that effect to that city.

A petition has been unanimously signed in Regina, Assiniboia, to have every Wednesday afternoon in June, July and August proclaimed a civic holiday. The board of trade and town council favor the scheme, which seems to be so popular that it will doubtless come into operation.

A by-law to expend \$20,000 for drainage, as per report of Engineer Ruttan was submitted to the ratepayers at Regina last week, and carried with only one contrary vote. The poll stood 104 to 1. Mayor Williams will go to Winnipeg to confer with engineer Ruttan regarding details of construction.

A number of South Dakota delegates, in charge of W. A. Webster, examined the resources of the Moose Jaw district on Wednesday last. After inspecting several farms and ranches the delegates handed a written expression of their views to the *Moose Jaw Times*, in which they were loud in their praises of the district.

P. Calligher, buyer of the firm of P. Calligher & Sons, Winnipeg, has been here looking over the range stock at Maple Creek, and pur-

chased from the herd of Dixon Bros, two carloads of beef steers. The cattle are in fine condition. Three cars of beef steers will also be shipped from Maple Creek for the Calgary market.

While drilling for water at Dominion City, Man., Wm. Robie, who has charge of the work, struck a rich supply of gas. The gas ignites and burns steadily at the top of a two inch pipe which has been inserted in the well. Mr. Robie is anxious to have an engineer, or someone competent, visit Dominion City to test the gas as to strength, etc., and with the purpose of ascertaining whether it could be used for any purpose.

## Alberta.

D. G. Hamilton has started a foundry at Calgary.

Norris & Carey, Edmonton, have added a clothing department to their establishment.

W. Marchant, who has opened a room for the sale of Japanese curiosities at Calgary has been summoned for not having paid the transient traders' license of \$100. The amount was paid under protest.

Calgary *Tribune*:—Hull Bros, have shipped another train load of cattle to British Columbia markets. I. G. Baker & Co., ship another hundred head to-morrow night, and P. Burns will send another lot shortly. This will most likely finish the shipments for this season.

The weather during the past week says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, of May 16, has been most favorable both for seeding and growth. A very large proportion of the seeding is finished and the wheat is mostly up and looking well. Cut worms are doing some damage. Gardens are doing well.

## Lumber Cuttings.

The machinery for Graham, Horne & Co.'s mill at Fort William is all set up and it is expected to start work in a very short time.

Fires in the woods along the Pembina river has caused a great amount of damage. Much valuable timber has been destroyed.

G. O. Buchanan has started a branch lumber yard at Nelson, B. C. It is reported, says the *Mines*, that he has made arrangement with Ed. Sullivan to run the mill for two years.

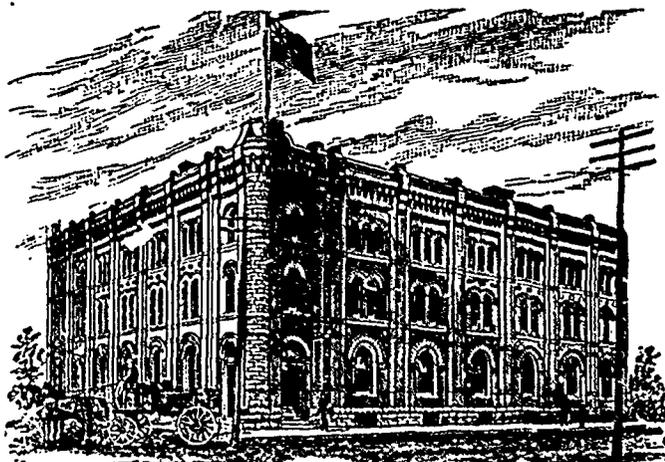
The estate of J. T. Simpson, lumber dealer, Moose Jaw, Assa., is offered for sale by tender. The estate, including book debts, amounts to \$6,193, of which \$1,900 is in book accounts.

Dobson & Taylor have taken possession of the Queen City Planing mills at Victoria, B. C., recently purchased from Johnson, Walker & Flett. The new owners will refit the premises and add a saw mill with a capacity of 25,000 feet per day.

J. A. Carthew has purchased the Gamble saw mill and cannery site on the Skeena river, B. C., midway between the Standard cannery and Port Essington, and will at once proceed to erect thereon a saw mill, the power being derived from two turbine wheels of 50 horsepower each.

Garnett, owner of the Oyster Bay Shingle Mill, B. C., was burned out recently. He computes his loss at over \$2,000, the dwelling house only being saved. About 150,000 shingles were burned. He does not think the supply of cedar in the vicinity of his late site, will warrant his in rebuilding the mill.

GOODS SOLD TO THE TRADE ONLY.



GOODS SOLD TO THE TRADE ONLY.

**G. F. & J. GALT,**  
**DIRECT IMPORTERS**  
 TEAS, SUGARS, WINES, LIQUORS and GENERAL GROCERIES  
 CORNER PRINCESS AND BANNATYNE STREETS, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

JOHN PARSONS.

W. J. PARSONS.

R. A. ROGERS.

**THE PARSONS PRODUCE CO.,**

R. A. ROGERS, Manager.

—WHOLESALE PACKERS AND JOBBERS OF—

**Fancy Dairy and Creamery Butter, Eggs, Apples,**  
**AND DRESSED POULTRY.**

**GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.**

175 Main Street, Cauchon Block,  
 Telephone 620.

**Winnipeg, Man.**

REFERENCES: Imperial Bank of Canada, Winnipeg, Man. and Parkhill Banking Co., Parkhill, Ont.

**Miscellaneous Prices at Montreal.**

**Flour.**—In winter wheat flour there has been some cutting in prices, sale for straight rollers having taken place at \$5.30 which is a drop of 10c per bbl from former sales. In spring wheat flour there has also been some shading in values, although \$6 is still the quoted price of city strong bakers. A lot of 100 bbs of city strong bakers was reported at \$5.90. The market has ruied very dull during the week and in order to make business, holders have been compelled to make concessions.

**Feed.**—The market for bran is weak and lower, with sales reported at \$16 to \$17 per ton in car lots. Shorts are quiet at 20 to 21c, and Moullie at \$26 to \$28.

**Oatmeal.**—The weakness and decline in prices noticed in our last has been followed by a further break of 20 to 25c per bbl, granulated and rolled oats being now offered at \$5.90 in round lots, and standard at \$5.80, smaller lots bringing 5 to 10c more money. The market is very unsettled and it is said the above prices have been shaded by some of the Western mills.

**Oats.**—The market is weak and 1 to 1½ lower on the week, No. 2 Ontario being offered at 53c per 34 lb, a lot of 5,000 bushels being offered at that figure. Manitoba mixed oats are dull at 49 to 50c. These prices show a decline of 8 to 9c per bushel from top.

**Butter.**—The market has a decidedly easy trend and although sales of creamery have been made at 23c that price is looked upon as extreme and 22c will probably be the ruling rate before our next issue. Creamery men who refused to sell about ten days ago are now in the city trying to place it. Eastern townships dairy have been placed at 19c to 21c for good choice qualities. Roll butter is easy and lower with sales at 15 to 17c.

**Cheese.**—The market is decidedly on the down grade actual sales on this market showing a decline of ½ to ¾ on the week, and in the country the drop has been ½ to ¾ which will be felt here next week. Country sales have been irregular ranging from 9½ to 9¾, but the bulk have gone at 9½.

**Iron and hardware.**—The feature of the market in pig iron is the late arrivals of spring importations, and further sales of Summerlee and Gartscherie have been made to arrive at \$21. A lot of Carabro have also been placed at \$19.50 and another good sized parcel at \$19.25. On spot there is very little doing, the only sale reported to us being a 10 ton lot at \$21. Prices ex store continue firm owing the paucity of spot supplies, but the demand is very light, as buyers are all waiting for their lower priced purchases and consequently only buy small jobbing lots to tide them over. Bar iron is still quoted at \$2.10 to the trade, although that fig-

**BOOTS and SHOES.**

Having purchased the stock of Nixon & Co., of Winnipeg, comprising goods manufactured by Thompson & Co. - Montreal.

—AND—

Seguin, Lalime & Co., St. Hyacinthe. we will clear these lines out at 25% less than any other house in the trade.

SEND IN YOUR ORDERS:

**C. H. MAHON & CO.,**  
 WINNIPEG, - MAN.

**HUTCHISON, DIGNUM & NISBET,**

Manufacturers' Agents and Merchants,  
 LINENS, IMPORTED WOOLLENS and TAILORS' TRIMMINGS. SELECT CANADIAN TWEEDS  
 55 Front St. West, - TORONTO.

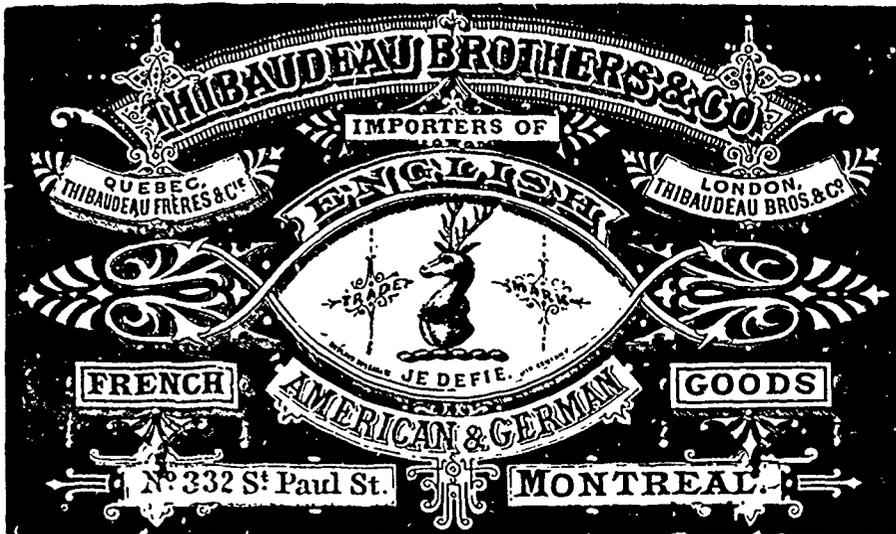
—SOLE AGENTS IN CANADA FOR—  
 J. N. Richardson, Sons & Ouden, Belfast, - Linen Good  
 Currie, Lee & Gawn, Hawick, . . . . . Scotch Tweeds  
 R. Pringle & Son, Hawick, . . . . . Scotch Underware  
 David Moseley & Son, Manchester, . . . . . Rubber Goods  
 J. S. Manton & Co., Birmingham, . . . . . Buttons  
 Stock of Linens, Tweeds and Trimmings  
 always on hand.

R. B. HUTCHISON. Ed. J. DIGNUM. R. A. NISBET  
 Late Mills & Hutchison)

ure is known to have been shaded. Canada plates are very firm, the St. Peter street firm referred to last week having the bulk of supplies in his own hands, and sales of several hundred boxes are reported at \$3.00, smaller parcels commanding \$3.10. Tin plates are firm under continued scarcity, charcoal being held firmly at \$5 on spot and cokes to arrive have sold at \$4.65, there being scarcely any to be had on spot. Terne plates are steady at \$3 and difficult to secure for prompt delivery. Galvanized sheet has been dealt in at the decline mentioned last week sales being reported at 5c for No. 23. In metals there is no change on spot a few lots of Oxford copper having changed hands at 13c and tin has been placed at 22c. For small lots 3c more is obtainable. Although the mill price of 10½ to 60d iron nails is nominally quoted at \$2.10 we know of sales having transpired within the last few days at \$2.

**Hides.**—The hide market remains quiet with buyers gaining an advantage wherever sales take place. Dealers continue to pay 6, 5 and 4c, and tanners 6½ to 6¾, sales having transpired at both figures to Quebec firms. Calfskins are unchanged at 8c per pound. In dry hides River Plate stock cannot be had at under 13¾c in New York.

**Dry Goods.**—Owing to the continued cold backward weather which lasted up to Wednesday last, business was almost at a stand still in sorting orders for summer goods, but since the warmer spell set in quite a number of small orders by letters have been received direct from customers. Travellers have sent in a few orders for fall goods, but scarcely sufficient, it is said, in many instances, to cover their expenses, as there is a general desire on the part of the best houses to defer their fall purchases until later in the season, when their actual requirements can be better gauged, owing to crop prospects being of a more definite nature. The



Dominion Cotton Company continue their efforts to consummate a hard and fast combine by concentrating the whole mill capacity of the country within their control. Consequently the big cotton and woollen mills of Clayton, Slayter & Co., of Brantford, have passed into their hands for the sum of \$45,000 although the original cost was \$145,000. It is said that the Dominion Cotton Combine will soon make a supreme effort to either force the other mills that refuse to join the great compact to close down, or compel them to throw their interests into one of the greatest monopolies that ever threatened the cotton trade of the Dominion.—*Trade Bulletin.*

**British Columbia Trade Letter**

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, May 25.—The rush of business incident to spring trade is over and everything has settled down to a jog trot. Weather continues fine and warm, and vegetation is making rapid progress. The season's building has commenced and will continue for some months with increasing vigor. We are having now the genuine British Columbia weather, of which there is so much said and written. It is surprising how quickly the heavy dense forest becomes dry. Already there have been several forest fires.

Flour and feed maintain advanced prices. Good quality of butter remains high and is in keen demand. The California article forms the chief supply at from 26 to 30c. Eastern creamery is on the way. All kinds of fish are scarce and not equal to the demand. It is retailing all round at 10c per pound. Potatoes are very scarce and selling at about \$30 a ton, but very difficult to obtain. Eggs are principally sent in from the east now, and are jobbed at from 16 to 20c. Fresh ranch eggs retail at from 33 to 40c and are rather scarce at that. The stock of oranges is low, but will be replenished by the incoming boats from the Orient.

Prices are as follows:—

Flour and grain—Manitoba patents, \$7; bakers' \$6.50. Oregon flour, \$6.25 to \$6.50; oatmeal, 1, cornmeal, \$3.75 to \$4; rolled oats, \$4.25; shorts, \$27; bran, \$25; wheat, \$36 to \$40; oats, \$40 to \$45; oilcake, \$40 per ton

Meats—Dry salt, 11½c; roll bacon, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; back, 13c; hams, 14½c;

pickled pork bellies, 11½c; mess pork, 22½c; lard, in tubs, 12c; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13c; lard compound, 12c.

Californian butter, 26 to 30c; creamery, 28c; cheese, 13 to 13½ cents per pound.

Sugar—Granulated, 7½c; yellow, 6½ to 6¾c; white cube, 8c. Maple syrup is worth \$1.25 per tin.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$22 to \$23 per ton; Manitoba potatoes, \$25 and \$26 per ton; new potatoes, 2 to 2½c per lb; cabbage, 2½ to 2¾c; onions 2½ to 3c.

Fruits—Oranges, Navals, \$5 to \$5.25; River-side seedlings, \$3 to \$3.25. Sicilian lemons, \$7.50; Californian, do., \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Californian cherries are offering freely, and prices are rapidly declining. The British Columbia sugar refinery has been making large shipments throughout the province and as far south as Portland.

Shipping is still active and the volume large. Four ships have cleared from Burrard Inlet with lumber, with an aggregate cargo of four and a half million feet. The fourth of the Vancouver sealers has been launched. The steamers Parthia and Empress of Japan will arrive in a few days from the Orient and the SS. Gladholm has left Liverpool for the U. S. S. Co.'s wharves.

The principal transactions in real estate have been the auction sales of town lots in Mission, Chilliwack and Abbotsford, all of which were fairly successful. Census work in the cities is drawing to a close and returns will be forwarded to Ottawa shortly. Victoria is holidaying and to-day her celebration of the Queen's birthday is at its highest. An immense turn out is expected.

Last night a public meeting was held in the Market Hall to discuss the dead-lock in the council over the appointment of a city engineer. A resolution was passed calling upon the council to resign as a body and appeal to the electors. A message was received from the Mayor signifying his willingness to resign and go to the people if the meeting so expressed itself. To the city of Vancouver the dead-lock has been a matter of great loss and injury, as all public works are at a stand-still, owing to the lack of a head to the engineering department, and the citizens are very much irritated over the matter.

It has been definitely decided to go on with several large blocks, in addition to those previously referred to. One of these is the new bank of Montreal block on Granville street. Building in Victoria, Westminster, Nelson and other places is going steadily on. Eighteen hundred and ninety-one will be recorded as the big year for British Columbia.

**JOHN McPHERSON & CO.**

MANUFACTURERS

**FINE SHOES**

HAMILTON, ONT.

**THREE STOCKS!!**

FOR SALE BY TENDER.

One at Morden. Two at Winnipeg.

**GENERAL -- STORE,**

DRY GOODS STOCK,

**BOOT AND SHOE STOCK.**

The Undersigned will receive tenders up to July 1st, for the Entire Stock and Fixtures at Morden, Man.

The stock is well assorted and includes **DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, BOOTS, SHOES, CROCKERY, ETC.**

At a rate on the dollar as per inventory, which can be seen at store as also the stock.

Terms, ½ cash, balance, 2, 4 and 6 months, secured, without interest, also our

**DRY GOODS STOCK AND FIXTURES**

At 432 Main St., Winnipeg and our

**BOOT AND SHOE STOCK AND FIXTURES,**

At 470 Main St., Winnipeg.

All at same terms and conditions. We will transfer lease of each store to the purchaser. Separate tenders for the three stocks will be received. The places of business are the best in the country or city and give a first-class chance. All first-class stocks and well bought.

Any tender not necessarily accepted. Further information can be obtained by applying to

**GEO. H. RODGERS & CO.**

Box 638, Winnipeg, Man.

**BROMLEY & CO.**

—MANUFACTURERS OF—



**AWNINGS, STACK COVERS, ETC.**

MATTRESSES OF ALL KINDS.

The only Manufacturers of the W. W. Springs in Manitoba.

20 TENTS TO RENT.

217 McWILLIAM STREET, WINNIPEG.

P.O. BOX 910.

TELEPHONE 68



# STOBART, SONS & CO

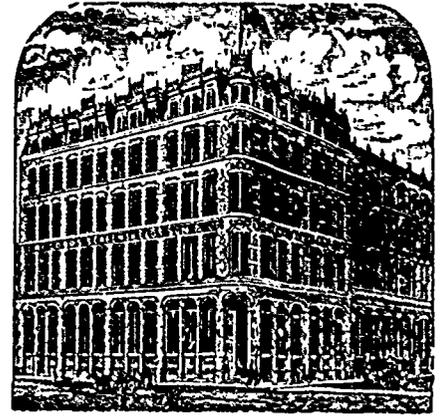
—WHOLESALE—

## DRY GOODS

WINNIPEG, Man., and LONDON, Eng.

—o—  
SPRING, 1891.

Travellers are now out with Spring and Summer Samples  
Special Value in Staples bought before  
the Advance.



## FOR SPRING 1891

SPECIAL VALUE IN

Prints, Dress Goods, Black Silks, Satins  
Carpets, Berthamay Kid Gloves,  
Everfast Hosiery, Odourless  
Waterproofs.

S. GREENSHIELDS, SON & CO.,  
MONTREAL.

MILLS & McDUGALL,  
(LATE MILLS & HUTCHISON)  
MONTREAL.

CANADIAN WOOLENS, IMPORTED WOOLENS  
AND TRIMMINGS.

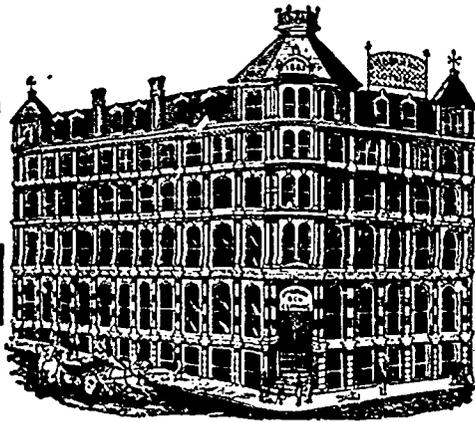
Represented in Manitoba, Northwest and  
British Columbia by MR. G. H. SIMPSON.

# Jas. O'Brien & Co.

—MANUFACTURERS OF—

## CLOTHING

Montreal and Winnipeg.



HEAD OFFICE AND MANUFACTORY:  
VICTORIA SQUARE, - MONTREAL.

S. C. MATTHEWS.

W. C. TOWERS.

## MATTHEWS, TOWERS & CO.

—WHOLESALE DEALERS IN—

## Men's Furnishing Goods,

White and Colored Dress Shirts, Silk Handkerchiefs, Neckwear of all  
kinds, Fine Hosiery and Underwear, Fancy Flannel Shirts,  
Braces, Gloves, Rubber Coats, Umbrellas, &c., &c.

Our Mr. MATTHEWS will shortly visit the Northwest and British Columbia  
with a FULL LINE OF SAMPLES OF THESE GOODS. Reserve your orders until you  
see his Samples.

263 St. James Street, - MONTREAL

## OGILVIE MILLING CO'Y.

WINNIPEG.

REGISTERED BRANDS:

## Hungarian and Strong Bakers' Flour

—DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF—

## GRAIN and FEED.

MILLS:

	DAILY CAPACITY		DAILY CAPACITY
ROYAL—Montreal	1800 Barrels	POINT DOUGLAS—Winnipeg	1000 Barrels
GLENORA " "	1200 " "	SEAFORTH—Seaforth, Ont.	300 " "
GODERICH—Goderich, Ont.	1000 " "		

## J. & T. BELL

FINE

## BOOTS & SHOES

MONTREAL.

## Robert Mitchell & Co.,

MONTREAL, - P.Q.,

—MANUFACTURERS OF—

Gas and Electric Light Fixtures, Gas Meters

Engineers', Plumbers', Gas & Steamfitters  
BRASS GOODS.

Montreal Brass Works

# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, JUNE 1, 1901.

## THE EXHIBITION.

Arrangements for holding the exhibition in Winnipeg next fall have progressed favorably. The selection of the two chief officers will materially assist in overcoming any scruples in the public mind, concerning the mode of electing the directors. A. MacDonald, who has been elected president, is favorably known to the business community in the city, and he also has considerably more than a local reputation, being well known throughout the country. The appointment is a good one. In the selection of C. N. Bell, who has been made secretary-treasurer, an excellent appointment has been made. Mr. Bell enjoys the full confidence of the public, especially the best business element in the city, with whom he is most intimately associated. As for the board of directors, it is composed of good men, and notwithstanding the incident to which objection was taken in the election of the board, the members as a whole are worthy of the confidence of the public. There is no reason now why the exhibition should not be a success. It only remains for the country to join hands with the city, in producing an exhibition which will be creditable to the province.

The various committees are now at work energetically in perfecting arrangements. In fact preliminary arrangements have already been systematized, so that it only remains to go ahead and carry out the plans as decided upon. The work of preparing the grounds and erecting the buildings will go on at once, and be vigorously pushed to completion. The fence will enclose about 55 acres, which will provide ample room. As matters now stand, there is every reason to hope for a successful result.

## THE RIVAL ROADS.

While there has been talk in Manitoba of a harmonious agreement between the Canadian Pacific and the Northern Pacific, looking to the acquirements by the former company, of the branch lines of the latter company in the province, it appears to be different on the Pacific coast. The *Ledger*, published at Westminster, B. C., says:—

It is reported that the Northern Pacific is "acting badly" in the matter of allowing the Canadian Pacific running facilities over the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern railway, by way of the Mission branch, and that the Southern Railway is to be utilized wholly for the international traffic of the Canadian road. The Seattle Telegraph says, in this connection, that the Great Northern Railway has just let a contract for the completion of its road from Fairhaven to Seattle, thus giving the Canadian Pacific independent running powers over a friendly system. This would indicate that the Southern Railway from this city will shortly be used as a great through artery of commerce between the east and west.

The Mission branch, referred to by the *Ledger*, is a new line of railway, recently completed. It commences at Mission, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific, east of Vancouver, and runs in a southerly direction to the United

States boundary, where it connects with the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern. The latter is also a new road, which, since the commencement of construction has fallen into the control of the Northern Pacific. It was understood that the Canadian Pacific would do business with Pacific coast points, south of British Columbia, over the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern, and the Mission branch. The Northern Pacific, however, can regulate this, through its control of the connecting road. There is another connection to the south, however, within reach of the Canadian Pacific, in the recently completed Southern Railway. This railway extends from New Westminster to the United States boundary, where it connects with a line known as the Fairhaven Northern. Both the Southern and the connecting line have lately been purchased by the Great Northern. Undoubtedly the Canadian Pacific will come to terms with one or the other of the two great companies to reach coast points south. The difficulty in the way with the Great Northern connection is, that it does not extend far enough south to reach the chief cities of Puget sound. It is understood, however, that the road will be extended at once from Fairhaven to Seattle. In the meantime steamers will be put on between Seattle and a port on the Fairhaven and Northern.

## EXPORT CATTLE TRADE.

THE COMMERCIAL referred last week to the restrictions placed upon Canadian cattle in British markets. More unsatisfactory information has since come to hand upon this matter. It is a most serious matter for our cattle shippers, and is liable to place a serious damper upon the business right at the commencement of the season. The first shipment of cattle direct from Canada this year was that taken by the Lake Superior, and which were offered at Burkenhead. Other shipments had gone forward earlier, via United States ports. The one referred to was the first from Montreal. The price realized was unsatisfactory, and would make a loss to shippers in some cases, prices being about 6½d, while high figures were paid for the cattle in this country. Sales of Canadian cattle at Glasgow and Dundee are also reported to have resulted unsatisfactory, making heavy losses for shippers. It appears that there is a pleuro pneumonia scare in the old country, and the restrictions imposed upon cattle at Liverpool and Glasgow are a serious impediment to the trade. The detention of Canadian cattle at British ports is reported.

## Toronto Markets.

Flour—Was duller with no sales reported for shipment. Some consigned stuff sold in the east at rather low prices. Advices from below say that stocks are light, but that buyers are holding off expecting concessions.

Bran—Quiet and unchanged. Odd cars sold west at equal to \$12 to \$12.25 Toronto freights.

Wheat—Was weaker, with more offered and fewer enquiries. Sixty pound white offered at equal to \$1.04 west for May delivery. Spring offered on the Northern at \$1.02 without bids. No business was reported in No. 2 hard, but a sale of 16,000 bush of No. 3 hard was made by cable at equal to \$1.06 to \$0.07 here.

Barley—Weak and not wanted, except a few cars for feed.

Oats—Weak and lower. On call to-day white or mixed were offered outside at 45½c, with 43c bid. Mixed offered on spot.

Car prices are: Manitoba patents, \$6.25 to \$6.40; Manitoba stoung bakers', \$5.90 to \$6.10; Ontario patents, \$5.25 to \$5.75; straight roller, \$4.40 to \$4.95, extra, \$1.40 to \$1.60, low grades, \$2.50 to \$1.25. Bran, \$13 to \$14. Wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.12 to \$1.14; No. 2 spring, \$1.04 to \$1.06; No. 2 red winter, \$1.12 to \$1.14; No. 2 hard, \$1.15 to \$1.16; No. 3 hard, \$1.05 to \$1.06; No. 2 northern, \$1.06 to \$1.07; No. 1 frosted, 94 to 95c; No. 2 frosted, 83 to 84c. Barley—No. 3, 53 to 54c. Rye—80 to 81c. Oats—47 to 48c.

Dried fruit—The demand is now slow. For ordinary sundried apples 8c is the best price dealers would pay, and they are reselling at 8½c. A small lot of choice evaporated sold at 13½c, but it would now be difficult to get over 13c.

Eggs—Are steady, with supply and demand about evenly balanced. Some lots are going at 12c and larger quantities at 11½c.

Hides and skins—There is a good demand for hides from tanners, and prices are firm at 6½c; a lot of 200 choice buffs sold at that figure this morning.

Potatoes—Are weak and 5c per bag lower. A care sold on track to-day at 85c, and more offered at the same figure.

Wool—A few small lots of selected fleeco were sold at 18c to-day and a burry lot sold at 16c.

Quotations are: Beans, \$1.40 to \$1.70; potatoes, per bag, \$1 to \$1.05; do., on track, 85c; hops, 1890 crop, 33 to 38c; dried apples, 8 to 8½c; evaporated do., 12 to 13c; eggs, fresh, 11½ to 12c; sheepskins, \$1.25 to \$1.50; calfskins, 6 to 8c; hides, green, No. 1, 5 to 5½c; do., cured, 6c; wool, 18 to 19c; onions, per bbl, \$2 to \$2.25; maple syrup, per gal, 85 to 90c; maple sugar, 7 to 9c.

Provisions—A fair quantity of long clear went out at 7½ to 8½c, mostly at 8c. Smoked hams were steady at 11 to 11½c for heavy to light select weights. Quotations are: Mess pork, Canadian, \$15.50 to \$17; bacon, long clear, per lb., 7½ to 8½c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9½ to 9½c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, 11 to 11½c; bellies, per lb, 14c; rolls, per lb, 8½ to 9c; backs, per lb, 10½c.

Butter—Receipts were fair to-day, but rather lighter than for some days past. Demand was also light, though a good deal was cleared out. Prices were unchanged, sales being made at 14 to 15c for good to fancy lots of large rolls in quantities, and small lots of rolls not up to the mark in quality. Sales were made at 13c. Quotations are: Butter, large rolls, good to choice western, 13 to 15c; dairy, mediums, 10 to 12c; dairy tubs, 12 to 15c; common and store packed tubs, 5 to 10c.

Cheese—New, offered at 9½ to 11c.

## North West Ontario.

Garland, Elliott & Co., have purchased the stock of J. T. Bethune & Co., at Fort William.

Jas. McCracken, Indian agent at Fort Francis, and an old resident of Northwestern Ontario, is dead.

A meeting will be held at Craven, Assa., by the settlers to consider the advisability of establishing a mill and elevator.

## Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire.

The London Chamber of Commerce has decided to convene a second Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, which will be held in May or June, 1892. The first Congress, it will be remembered, which was entirely the conception of the Metropolitan Chamber, was held at the time of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in 1886. Important as the first Congress was as a new departure and as a means of bringing together representative commercial men from all parts of that vast Empire on which the sun never sets, there is every reason to believe the second meeting of this congress will be much more important, as it may even be a point of departure of a new British commercial policy.

Colonial developments have been proceeding rapidly in Africa during the past year, as indicated by the establishment of two large chartered companies, following at some interval upon the creation of the first of these chartered enterprises, viz.: The Royal Niger Company. There will appear to be every indication that in Southern Africa, at all events, rapid progress is being made in commercial and political developments, which must before long lead to further political consequences, which in South Africa, as in Australia, will in all likelihood find expression in federation. This appears to be at present the main aim of the Prime Minister at the Cape Colony, and the uneasiness which has existed for some time past among the Dutch population of South Africa promises to facilitate rather than to interrupt or retard this consummation.

There is probably considerable exaggeration in the rumors which have reached this country during the last weeks with regard to the Boer Trek northwards, but, as in the case of most rumors, it will probably transpire that a considerable measure of truth forms the base of the telegraphic despatches which have been attracting so much attention. The marked and well-known preferences of the Boers for pastoral life places them as a race more or less in conflict with the industrial development which has been proceeding so actively in the Transvaal, while the growth in the white emigration all over South Africa has placed the Boers at a disadvantage in their efforts to retain for themselves the principal or system of local government, to which they are understood to attach such fundamental importance. Hence, it is believed, has arisen the desire on the part of the Boers, not only in the Transvaal, but even as far south as Cape Town itself, to proceed once more to the Trek, and establish themselves on territories beyond the present reach of other whites, where they can devote themselves uninterruptedly to their pastoral pursuits, and govern themselves untrammelled in their own fashion. Should this Dutch exodus take place over all territories south of the Limpopo, the problem of South African federation will be much facilitated, and the concession of political rights to the so-called "foreigners" now inhabiting the Transvaal will probably take place immediately. Natal will probably find itself more disposed to accept Mr. Rhodes tariff suggestions. On such a basis the general political federation of South Africa might follow as rapidly as has lately been the case in Australia.

Having thus Federal Canada, Federal Australia, Federal Africa, and direct British rule in India, it would be easy to complete arrangements to include the whole of the Empire in a Federal bond. There can be little doubt that this is the object with which South African statesmen are working at the present moment, and it may be anticipated that some progress in this direction will have been obtained before the second meeting of the Congress of Commerce of the Empire meets in 1892. In fact, it is in anticipation of some such movement that this Congress is being convened, in order that the leading business men of the entire British Colonial Empire may have an opportunity to submit their views, and, should events prove propitious, to prepare a basis on which commercial as well as political federation may be attained. The British Federated Empire, with a territorial area of over 8,000,000 square miles, a population of over 300,000,000, a gross annual revenue of £212,000,000 sterling, and immense trade, to say nothing of the overwhelming British ownership of merchant vessels, will form a nucleus of producing and consuming capacity, including every natural product, and larger not only than any other nation, but than any other probable or possible combination of nations. Considered exclusively from a commercial and not from a political point of view, federation opens up untold prospects of development. If the investment of British capital could be more satisfactorily directed towards British possessions instead of being wasted, as it has been so much, in foreign undeveloped countries, not only might a better return be obtained from such capital, but the export and import trade under the British flag and in British vessels would be correspondingly increased, whilst the demand for labor in English-speaking countries caused by such influx of capital would have a tendency to promote a natural solution of the question. It seems natural that a preference in investment and trading should be given to kindred countries where the British language prevails, where our own weights and measures are in use, and where our customary legal procedure prevails.

Apart from patriotic instincts, which would urge impartial and disinterested persons to promote federation with a view of establishing a combination so strong that international peace must almost result from the mere expression of its wishes, there is a selfish and pocket interest connected with federation, the value of which cannot be ignored. The interest is connected with and arises from the increase of international federation. It is unnecessary to dilate upon the advance of the industrial productive power and augmentation of capital of various nations. This increase is recognized and admitted. The pressure of what is called international competition arises from the activity of these various nations in seeking to extend their trade by competition with this country in the neutral markets of the world. This competition is based on a fiscal policy contrary to our own, reposing on varying systems of customs tariffs, bounties, drawbacks and other methods which are economically at variance with the laws of natural supply and demand. These systems have been adopted in different degrees by nearly all the trading nations of the world, Britain alone excepted. The British colonies themselves have acted, and are acting, at variance with the mother country in these

respects. The time has therefore arrived when Britain, as a trading community, should seriously consider whether it will take any action, fiscal or otherwise, to retain the markets which are well within its hold, or whether it will, as in the past, permit these markets to drop off one by one. There appears to be a growing feeling in the commercial circles that the policy of *laissez faire*, however tolerable it may be in politics, is not equally equitable in international trade relations, and that a strong endeavour should be made to retain the trade at least of the colonies, and to utilize the enormous industrial and financial resources of the mother country for the purpose of forming commercial partnership with the colonies, who would bring their immense but undeveloped natural resources as their share in the partnership, and thus form a united consuming and producing community far exceeding in magnitude any recorded ancient or modern state.—*Chamber of Commerce Journal*, London, England.

## Drug Prices at Toronto.

Alum, 2 to 2c per lb.; blue vitrol, 8 to 9c.; brimstone, 2½ to 3c.; borax, 12 to 13c.; camphor, 70 to 80c.; carbolic acid, 32 to 60c.; castor oil, 13 to 15c.; caustic soda, 3 to 5½c.; cream tartar, 29 to 30c.; opson salts, 2 to 2½c.; extract logwood, bulk, 13 to 14c.; do., boxes, 15 to 17c.; genotian, 10 to 13c.; glycerine, 18 to 20c.; hellebore, 13 to 15c.; ioline, \$5 to \$6.50; insect powder, 30 to 35c.; morphia sul., \$1.65 to \$1.75; opium, \$1 to \$1.40; oil lemon, super, \$2.25 to \$2.40; oxalic acid, 12 to 14c.; potass iodide, \$3.60 to \$3.75; quinine, 37 to 43c.; salt-petre, 8½ to 9c.; sal rochelle, 29 to 32c.; shellac 30 to 33c.; sulphur flowers, 3 to 4c.; soda ash, 2 to 2½c.; soda bicarb., per keg, \$2.75 to \$3.; tartaric acid, 55 to 60c. per pound.—*Trade*.

The Mayor of Sandwich, one of the largest grape growers in the county of Essex, Ont., says the frosts of Saturday, May 16, destroyed nearly half of the grape crop of the country.

J. M. WILLIAMS & Co., stove and furnace manufacturers, and general iron works, Hamilton, Ont., have assigned with liabilities of about \$40,000. The heaviest creditor is the Bank of Hamilton, which is interested to the extent of \$25,000.

The prize lists of the Winnipeg exhibition are in preparation, and the committee will be pleased to receive offers up to 7th June from any persons willing to contribute special prizes, whether for particular exhibits or for allotment by the committee. Prizes of \$5.00 or over, in cash, and of goods valued at \$10.00 or over, will be inserted in the prize lists. Write to D. Bawlf, Chairman.

An old farmer of Michigan, writing about smut in wheat, says: "I would like to ask if so called smut spores cause a small brown or smut colored bug to hatch and come out of every kernel of wheat? If not, how happens the bug to be there? Now, I have a theory as to the cause of smut in wheat, and it is based on that identical bug. It is a well known fact that some of the great insect tribes use our fruits, vegetables, grass, weeds and leaves to propagate their species, and in all cases where so used the plant is injured by its use. I think smut in wheat is caused by eggs being laid in the kernel when in the milk, which kill the kernel and cause the juices to evaporate and turn to smut."



The Largest Factory of its kind in the Dominion.

# LION "L" BRAND.

## PURE VINEGARS.

Manufactured Solely under the Supervision of the  
Inland Revenue Department.

### Mixed Pickles, Jams, Jellies and Preserves

—PREPARED BY—

## MICHIEL LEFEBVRE & CO., MONTREAL.

Established 1849. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals. 20 1st Prizes.

# JAMES ROBERTSON & CO.,

W. D. PETTIGREW, Manager, - WINNIPEG.

## SPADES AND SHOVELS, HOES, RAKES.

GREEN PAINTED WIRE CLOTHS.

AT LARGE STOCKS.

FULL ASSORTMENT.

INQUIRIES SOLICITED FROM THE TRADE.

### JAMES PYE, FLOUR MILL BUILDER,

—AND—

### ENGINEER, Minneapolis, - - Minn.

CONTRACTS FOR COMPLETE MILLS  
A SPECIALTY.

Plans and Estimates Furnished on Application

A FULL LINE OF THE VERY BEST MACHINERY.

WRITE FOR PARTICULARS.

## DICK, BANNING & CO

MANUFACTURERS OF

### Lumber, Shingles and Lath,

DOORS AND SASH.

MILLS AT KEEWATIN. OFFICE: OPPOSITE G.P.R.

PASSENGER DEPOT, WINNIPEG.

## Pure Highland Scotch Whiskies.

THE FAMOUS

### LAGAVULIN DISTILLERY, ISLAND OF ISLAY, SCOTLAND.

The Lagavulin Whisky is famous for its fine quality, being made from pure SCOTCH MALT ONLY, and has long been the favorite beverage of Sportsmen.

It contains no grain spirit, or other Whiskies one knows nothing of, and the most eminent Physicians of the day prescribe it where a stimulant is required.

ASK FOR THE LAGAVULIN.

MACKIE'S

### PURE OLD BLEND 10 YEARS OLD.

GOLD LABEL

AS PATRONIZED BY ROYALTY AND THE LEADING  
PHYSICIANS.

Sold only in the Northwest by:

G. F. & J. GALT. RICHARD & Co  
HUDSON'S BAY Co.

### Thomas Davidsohn and Co.

Stamped and Japanned Ware, &c.

Office and Sample Room - 474 St. Paul Street  
MONTREAL.

Works and Warehouse: 187 Delisle Street,  
St. CUNEGONDE, QUE.

Merrick, Anderson & Co., Northwest Agents  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

## WANTED!

INFLUENTIAL, ENERGETIC AND TRUST-  
worthy men of business to act as special travell-  
ing agents for the Mutual Life Insurance Co<sup>rd</sup>  
of New York. This is a favorable opportunity  
to form a desirable connection with the largest,  
best and most popular Life Company in the  
world. All interviews and correspondents will  
be treated as strictly confidential. Apply at  
the Company's office, corner Portage Avenue and,  
Main Street; or address T. C. LIVINGSTON  
General Manager, Winnipeg.

**ROBINSON, LITTLE & CO.**

—WHOLESALE—

**DRY GOODS,**

343 and 345 Richmond St.,

LONDON, Ont.

Complete range of Samples with Andrew Callender, McIntyre Block, Winnipeg.

**Wyld, Grasett & Darling**

—WHOLESALE—

**Dry Goods, Woolens, and Men's Furnishings, TORONTO.**

Represented in Manitoba, Northwest and British Columbia by

**J. R. MILLER,**

LELAND HOUSE, WINNIPEG.

JAS. COOPER.

J. C. SMITH

**Cooper & Smith,**

MANUFACTURERS,

Importers and Wholesale Dealers in

**BOOTS AND SHOES!!**

36, 38 & 40 FRONT ST. WEST

**TORONTO.**



**Home Production**

WE MANUFACTURE

**BARB WIRE, PLAIN TWISTED WIRE,** WITHOUT BARBS.

And are Agents for the **Woven Wire Fencing.**

We are in a position to fill all orders promptly. Ours is the only wire manufactured in the Dominion of Canada on which is found the GENUINE LOCK BARB. A personal inspection will convince you of this fact. Quality of wire the best ENGLISH BESSEMER STEEL. Every pound guaranteed.

**Manitoba Wire Company**

**GORDON, MacKAY & CO**

WHOLESALE IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

**WOOLLENS**

AND GENERAL DRY GOODS.

Carry a Large Stock in each Department the year round. They also control the output of

**The Lybster Cotton Mills**

And they Solicit Orders by Letter or Otherwise from the Trade Generally.

**GORDON, MacKAY & CO.,**

CORNER BAY AND FRONT STREETS, TORONTO.

R. S. NORRIS, Northwestern Ag't, Winnipeg.

**Stevens, Glass & Clarke,**

MANUFACTURES AND DEALERS IN

**BOOTS AND SHOES,**

RUBBERS, ETC., ETC.,

LONDON, - ONTARIO.

FALL AND WINTER TRADE, 1891.

Mr. Glass is now in this country and will call on his numerous customers in Manitoba, North West and British Columbia as usual.

**STRANG & CO.**

Wishart Block, Market St. East,

**WHOLESALE GROCERS**

AND DEALERS IN

Provisions, Wines and Liquors, WINNIPEG.

NOTHING LIKE LEATHER.

**W. N. JOHNSON & CO.,**

Importers and Dealers in

**LEATHER AND FINDINGS.**

MANUFACTURERS OF

Harness, Collars, Boot and Shoe Uppers

223 Alexander and 243 and 245 King Sts., WINNIPEG

**BOECKH'S**

STANDARD

**BRUSHES and BROOMS**

ARE HANDLED

by all leading Hardware, Paint and Oil and Grocery Trade.

MANUFACTURED BY

**CHAS. BOECKH & SONS, TORONTO.**

JNO. E. DINGMAN, Agent, WINNIPEG.



**RAW FURS WANTED.**

Highest Cash Prices. Send for Price List **R. C. MACFIE and CO.** London, Ontario.

WHOLESALE HATS AND FURS

**BURNS AND LEWIS.**

WHOLESALE CLOTHIERS.

**London, Ont.**

ARE THE LARGEST MANUFACTURERS OF

**Children's, Boys' & Youths' Clothing**

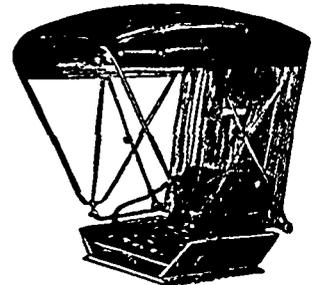
IN THE DOMINION.

Our travellers visit Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia twice a year.

**A. C. McRAE,**

—MANUFACTURER OF—

Carriage Tops,



Seat Trimmings,

AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN TRIMMING GOODS.

Corner King and James Streets, WINNIPEG.

**BROWN BROS.,**

Wholesale and Manufacturing

**STATIONERS,**

64 to 68 KING STREET EAST,

TORONTO.

SPECIALTIES.

Account Books Paper—all kind  
Office Supplies Stationery  
Wallets, Pocket Books  
Ladies Hand Satchels  
Pocket and Office Dairies  
Leather Goods Binders Materials  
Printers Supplies

**WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.**

Bank discount rates are steady at the old figures of 8 per cent. for ordinary commercial paper, with some special accounts at 7. There is considerable business doing in mortgage loans, with the rates fairly firm at the same figures, 2 per cent. being the usual rate. The following telegram will convey pleasing information:—"At the annual meeting of the Trust & Loan Co., held to-day a half yearly dividend of three and a half per cent. on the capital stock of the company was announced. The report shows the year's business of the company is the best since 1885. The improvement in the position of the company and business is entirely attributed to the success of the operations of the company in Manitoba."

**WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.**

General business shows some improvement, and although the spring has not been an extraordinarily brisk one, on the other hand, business has been generally satisfactory. There is little complaint as to the demand for goods, and were collections comparatively as good, there would be little reason to grumble. Building is fairly brisk throughout the country, and at a number of points is decidedly active. The weather has been favorable on the whole, and the crop outlook is satisfactory.

**DRIED FRUITS.**

Prices are quotable as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.10 to \$2.25; Valencia layers, \$2.75; currants, 7½c; figs, cooking, in bags, 6½c; in boxes, 7c; choice do., 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 22 to 24c; peeled peaches, 35c; pitted plums, 22c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 8½c to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahiti, \$5.

**DRUGS.**

A fairly satisfactory season trade is doing, though considerable disposition is shown to curtail large orders, in order the better to gauge the requirements of the country, as indicated by the crop outlook.

**DRUGS.**

There is no change to note in prices. Quotations are as follows: Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodine of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65c; English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c. Insect powder, pure, 40c.

**GREEN FRUITS.**

Oranges are in large supply, car lots of Californias arriving frequently. Strawberries have had a considerable run. They sold at \$3.50 to \$4 per case in the city last week, but were higher towards the close of the week. Some dealers think the lowest price of the season has been reached. Bananas are selling higher. California seedling oranges, \$3.25 to \$4 per

box; do., Navels, \$5.25 to \$5.50; do., St. Michael, \$5.75 to \$6; do., Mediterranean sweets, \$4.75 to \$5; do., Messinas, \$5 to \$5.50; Messina blood, \$5.75 to \$6.00; lemons, Messina, \$6.50 to \$7; strawberries, \$3.50 to \$4 per 2½ quart case. Bananas are quoted \$3.25 to \$4 per bunch. Pineapples, \$3.50 dozen. California cherries, \$2.50 to \$3 per 10 lb box. Comb honey, 23c a lb; maple sugar, new, 10 to 12c per lb; new maple syrup \$1 to \$1.25 per gallon, as to quality.

**GROCERIES.**

Sugars advanced again at New York ½c to ¼¢ for standard granulated. Prices here are:—Sugars, Yellow, 6to 6½c; granulated, 7½c. Coffees, green, Rio, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Gov., 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas—Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c; T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W. butts, 47c; P. of W. caddies 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 50c; Index thick Solace, 6s, 49c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 49c. McAlpine Tobacco Co.'s plug tobacco; Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do., dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1,000. Mauricia, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$10; Turkish Caps, \$35; Commercial Traveller \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby \$36c; Sports, \$30. Mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.25 to \$2.50; do., 5 gallons, \$3 to \$3.50; do., 10 gallon kegs, \$6 to \$6.50.

**HARDWARE.**

Nails are lower, in sympathy with the demoralized condition of manufacturers' prices east. Shot is easier, and the inside price on barb wire is lower. Sisal rope is quotable ½c lower. Prices are. Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.10 wire nails \$4.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch 13½c; 2 inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.20 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 5½ to 6c net; sisal rope, 12c per pound; manilla rope, 16c per lb.

**LIQUORS.**

Prices are. Whiskies—Canadian rye in barrels, \$1.85 per gallon; do., five year old, \$2.40; do., seven year old, \$2.80; Club, in cases, \$9; Mackie's pure Scotch whiskies, Islay Blend, in cases of 12 bottles, \$9.50; do., Rare Old Special, \$11; do., pure Lagavulin, 10 year old, \$11.50; Brandies—Cognac, in bulk, \$4 per gallon; in cases, \$9; do., Martel and Hennessy, in cases, \$14; do., V. O., \$20. Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$12 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7 per case; Tom gin, \$9 to \$10.

**LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.**

Quotation here are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; France calf, \$1.25 to \$1.50; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to

45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

**NUTS.**

Taragona Almonds, per lb. 20c; Grenoble Walnuts, per lb 19c; Sicily Filberts, per lb 15c; Peanuts, White Virginias, green, per lb 15c; Peanuts, do roasted, per lb 17c; Pecans, large, polished, per lb 20c; Cocoanuts, per hundred, \$10.00.

**PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.**

Business continues very good. Quotations are steady as follows: Turpentine, in barrels, 72c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled, 80c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$3 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 per barrel. Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt. White leads—Pure, Association guarantee, \$7; do., No. 1, \$6.50; do., No. 2, \$6; other brands of white leads, \$5 to \$5.50; calomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, firstbreak, \$2.

**RAW FURS.**

Fur sales were held in London this week, by C. M. Lamson & Co. Particulars are not yet to hand. It is learned by cable that the general tendency was towards lower prices. Bear, otter, mink, lynx held former prices. All other varieties were lower. Silver and cross fox were very much lower. The following quotations will give a fair index to the range of values for very inferior to prime skins:—Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, 50c to \$35; do., brown, 50c to \$32; do., grizzly, \$1 to \$20; beaver, 50c to \$8.25; beaver castor, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1 to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$7.75; fox, cross, 75c to \$7.25; fox, kit, 10 to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.70; fox, silver, \$5 to \$90; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$1.85; mink, 5c to \$1.20; musquash, 3c to 18½c; otter, \$1.50 to \$10.15; raccoon, 50c to 86c; skunk, 5c to 95c; wolf, large, \$1.50 to \$1.90; wolf, small, 25 to 65c; wolverine, \$2 to \$3.25.

**WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.**

**WINNIPEG.**

**WHEAT**

Wheat markets were rather tame during the week, and up to the close on Friday, prices did not show much variance from a week ago. On Monday the visible supply in United States and Canada showed a decrease of 952,000 bushels, while the same week last year it decreased 237,000 bushels. A larger decrease had been expected. Total visible supply was reported at 18,291,000 bushels, and a year ago was 22,437,000. Weather in United States was favorable. An increase in wheat on passage of 3,200,000 was reported on Tuesday making the total now 39,840,000 bushels against 31,840,000 bushels a year ago, and 15,920,000 bushels two years ago. Fine weather and lower cables was an easier factor on Wednesday, on which day Bradstreet's reported a decrease of 1,660,000 bushels East and a decrease of 430,000 bushels West of the Rocky Mountains—a total decrease of 2,090,000 bushels. Free export movement made a stronger feeling

Thursday, but the selling was dull on Friday. Bradstreet's weekly report, dated New York, May 29, says that rains have greatly helped the wheat crop west and northwest, and Nebraska and Kansas prospects are for exceptionally heavy yields. The same report says: "Exports of wheat (and flour as wheat) from both coasts, including Montreal, maintain previous proportions, amounting to 2,342,849 bushels, July to date. Exports of wheat (and flour as wheat) from the United States alone are equal to 90,901,128 bushels against 99,122,597 bushels in a like share of 1889-90."

Locally the only interest is centred in the crop situation. A good deal of talk was heard about dry weather and need of rain, but this was relieved by the rainy spell which set in on Thursday night. The rain was not heavy, but it covered a considerable range of country, with indications of continued wet weather. There is every prospect now of the general rains setting in, which are looked for at this season. Crop prospects to date are good.

#### FLOUR.

There was a steady feeling in flour, and with the largest city mill closed for improvements, and stocks low in some lines, prices were well maintained. Quotations per one hundred pounds to the local trade are: Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers', \$2.70; Imperial, \$2.25; second bakers', \$2.10; XXXX, \$1.75; superfine, \$1.30.

#### MILLSTUFFS.

There has been a steadier tone in millstuffs, with shorts in light supply. Bran quoted at \$10 and shorts \$12 per ton.

#### GROUND FEED.

Prices hold at the figure reported a week ago, pure feed being quoted at \$25 per ton.

#### MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Oatmeal is easier. In the east there has been two or three declines in prices. Quotations are: Oil cake, in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26 to \$27; in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$3 10 to \$3.15; granulated, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$2 to \$2.25 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$3 00 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.25; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

#### OATS.

Offerings of loads on the market were larger, and prices were lower, dealers buying at all the way from 40 to 45c per 34 pounds. Dealers were selling jobbing lots from store at 48c. A car of oats from Price Albert, on the North Saskatchewan, was received in the city, and was somewhat of a curiosity, being the first car of grain from that region. It sold to a private party for 46c. Country dealers are holding some lots which were gathered in earlier, and held for big prices. As prices are 8 to 10c lower than the top of the season, in eastern markets, they find these slow sale now.

#### BARLEY.

Easier at 40 to 45c per bushel, for local use, with a very trifling quantity offering.

#### BUTTER.

Dealers find butter very slow sale in the city, and prices continue easier. The city retail trade is largely supplied directly from farmers in the surrounding country, and this makes the article slow sale from warehouses. Butter packed this season of the year is not the best keeping quality, and is not readily saleable for shipment to outside points. Country dealers will therefore have to exercise special care not to get loaded up with high-priced butter at present. The best price in the city is about 17 to 18c for new dairy.

#### EGGS.

There is rather an easier feeling in the egg market. Packers are less eager buyers, and are inclined to pay lower prices. Smaller lots were selling to the retail trade, by dealers at 12½ to 13c, and large lots of fresh worth about 11 to 11½c. Ontario eggs are being shipped through to British Columbia points, to undersell the Manitoba article, though it is claimed Manitoba stock is preferred on the coast. It should certainly be in better condition, as the three to four days less on the road should make a big difference in the quality, in warm weather.

#### CURED MEATS.

Prices hold at last quotations as follows:—Dry salt bacon, 9c; smoked ham, long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c; smoked hams, 13c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna, do., 8c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound.

#### LARD.

Pure lard held at \$2.20 for 20 pound pails; compound, \$1.90.

#### POULTRY.

Chickens sell readily, and all offerings are wanted, at 60 to 80c per pair. Turkeys worth about 17c per pound.

#### HIDES.

The market here continues steady, though prices are easy in the east, and in favor of buyers. Tallow is worth about 5c per pound for ordinary rendered, and 2½c to 3½c for rough. No. 1 cows are quoted here at 4½ to 4¾c, inspected, and No. 1 steers at 5c per pound; calfskins, 4 to 5½c per pound, the highest price for best quality for local tanning; sheep pelts are worth from 65c to \$1 each, as to value of wool on skin.

#### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are dull and easy. Loads on the market have sold at all the way from 25 to 35c per bushel, but only for local requirements, in small quantities. Any considerable quantity offering would not likely bring over 25 to 30c per bushel. Old vegetables hold at 25 to 30c for turnips; carrots, about \$1 per bushel; parsnips scarce at about 3c per pound; Egyptian onions, new, 5c per pound; sweet potatoes, \$7.00 to \$7.50 a barrel; common onions, \$6 per 100 pounds; lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; radishes, 40c per dozen; rhubarb, lower at \$1.50 per 50 pound box; asparagus, 75c per dozen.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Beef is unchanged in prices, but there is considerable complaint as to the quality. Really good beef is not plentiful, and in fact is rather scarce at times. Some of the best cattle have been picked up for shipment eastward, and most offering locally are only medium quality. Best beef is quoted at 7c per pound, but most of it does not come up to the standard, and for the best offering 6½ to 7c per lb may be quoted. Pork is easier, and has sold at from 7 to 7½c, though some quote 8c for city dressed. Mutton in better supply at 13½ to 14c. Veal, 8 to 10c.

#### WOOL.

Considerable wool is moving, but prices are not any better. We publish elsewhere in this issue the letter of a Toronto dealer, which quotes 9 to 10c as the paying value for the class of wool received in this market. Dealers here quote 10 to 10½c for good ordinary quality, but they complain about the wool being full of chaff and dirt, and a good deal of it not worth the prices quoted. Pure down would bring 12c, but there is very little of this class, wool offered as down generally being only a cross. There is little prospect of higher prices this season.

#### HAY.

Offered fairly freely, and selling at \$6 to \$8 per ton for loose on the market. Baled quoted at \$8 to \$10.

#### LIVE STOCK.

New Milch cows are in demand, and are scarce this spring, a remarkably large number of cows being farrow. The cause of this is a matter for much speculation. Cows sell at from \$40 to \$50 per head.

### The Arnett Failure.

The failure of L. R. Arnett, clothier, Winnipeg, was noted briefly in THE COMMERCIAL a few weeks ago. The circumstances of the failure looked very bad for Mr. Arnett, but THE COMMERCIAL promised to withhold judgment for a time, as the insolvent promised that as soon as the stock was sold, he would endeavor to arrange with his creditors in a way which would show that he intended to do the best he could for them. He even stated that he expected to be able to do better for the creditors than if he had assigned and allowed the estate to be wound up in that way. As Arnett has since made no move to carry out his promise, we will again take the matter up.

The particulars of the case are about as follows. Arnett has been slow pay for some time, but he was believed to be honest and fairly good in time as he was doing a good trade. He has exhibited statements which showed a surplus in the business. Last spring he met with a very severe accident while shooting, which laid him up for a considerable time, and he claims that this led to his trouble. During his illness from the accident, his creditors here were exceedingly lenient, and did not trouble him in any way about money, though they had it in their power to close him up. It was therefore a rude awakening to the creditors when they suddenly discovered that Arnett's father in law had attached the stock for a claim of over \$11,000. This claim was the more surprising, as Arnett had exhibited a statement not more than a year ago, which did not show any liability of this nature. The stock was sold under the judgment, and was evidently bought in by the parties interested, and the business is being continued apparently by the former proprietor, reports says until the claim of the father-in-law is paid off. As matters now stand, it looks like a clean sweep for the other creditors, though there is some talk of legal proceedings to contest the case.

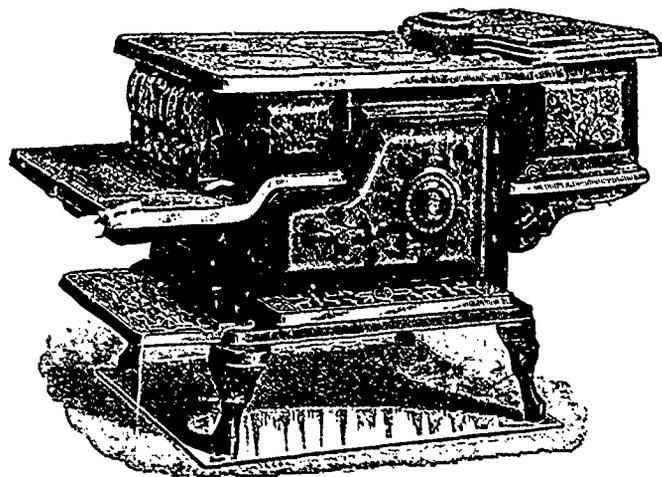
The failure is one of the most disreputable ones which ever disgraced the commercial record of Winnipeg. Claiming a surplus a year ago, the estate now shows liabilities, including the father-in-law's claim of about \$25,000, while competent authorities estimate the stock at \$8,000 to \$10,000. How can this showing possibly be regarded as an honest one? The business community certainly believe it one of the blackest records which the city has ever been fouled with. Mr. Arnett seeks sympathy on the ground of his accident. Evidently the sympathy which was so liberally tendered him, has been most monstrously outraged. THE COMMERCIAL has given Arnett ample time to carry out his promise. He has not yet done so, and we therefore make this statement.

Professor Saunders, director of the experimental farms of the Canadian department of agriculture, is in correspondence with Chief Buchanan, of the World's Fair, Chicago, with a view to getting space for a big display at the fair.

# THE E. & C. GURNEY CO'Y,

LIMITED.

## WINNIPEG.



MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

## STOVES AND RANGES,

Hot Water Boilers and Radiators,  
Hot Air Furnaces and Registers and  
Gurney's Standard Scales.

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS

Tin Goods, Pressed and Pieced  
GRANITE GOODS.

Estimates Given for Heating all Classes of Private Dwelling  
and Public Buildings.

FOUNDRIES HAMILTON AND TORONTO.  
JAMES BURRIDGE, Manager.

# CONSUMERS CORDAGE COMPANY,

(LIMITED)

HEAD OFFICE, NEW YORK LIFE BUILDING, MONTREAL.

MANUFACTURERS OF

*Manila, Sisal, Russian*  
AND *Jute Cordage, Twines,*  
ETC., ETC.

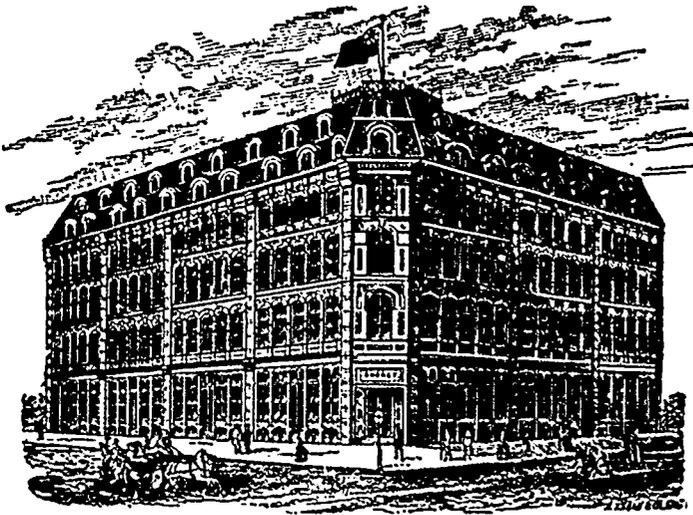
Also the following Celebrated Brands of Binder Twine:

Silver Composite, Crown, Redcap and Blue Ribbon.

**BAG DEPARTMENT** Jute and Cotton Bags of every Description  
for all Purposes.

Northwestern Agents: MERRICK, ANDERSON & CO., Winnipeg, Man.

MEN'S BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CLOTHING  
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING A SPECIALTY.



Our Travellers with Samples for the Autumn and Winter Season, 1891-1892 are now on the Road.

**H. SHOREY and CO., WHOLESALE CLOTHIERS,**  
1856, 1868 and 1870 Notre Dame and 36, 38, 40 and 42 St. Henry St., MONTREAL.



**TASSE, WOOD & CO.,**  
Manufacturers of  
**Fine Cigars,**  
MONTREAL.

Our Brands: { Reliance Terrier,  
Mikado and General Arthur.  
Are unsurpassed by any in the Dominion  
Ask your Wholesale Merchant  
FOR THEM.

**Wm. Ferguson,**  
WHOLESALE  
**WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.**  
Permit Orders Promptly Executed  
8th Street, - - Brandon

**ALL & BROWN,**  
WINNIPEG.  
**PACKERS and CURERS.**  
CHOICEST SMOKED HAMS, AND BREAKFAST  
BACON, BONELESS HAM, PURE LARD,  
At Lowest Prices.

**TEES, WILSON & CO.**  
70 ST. PETER STREET, MONTREAL  
A FULL ASSORTMENT OF  
INDIAN, CEYLON, CHINA AND JAPAN  
**TEAS.**  
We make a specialty of CEYLON and INDIAN Teas,  
and carry the largest assortment of any House in the  
Dominion.  
Represented in Manitoba, Northwest Territories and  
British Columbia, by  
**G. MCGREGOR, - McINZYRE BLOCK WINNIPED**

**PROVISIONS.**  
**J. Y. Griffin & Co.**  
**PORK PACKERS,**  
-AND-  
Wholesale Dealers in Provisions.

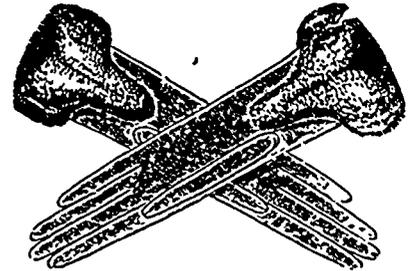
Our Stock of Cured Meats and all kinds of Heavy  
Provisions is now complete. Close  
Prices to the Trade.  
**EGGS WANTED.**  
Highest Market price paid for any Quantity  
Fresh Eggs.  
Agents for the McCormick Manufacturing Co., London,  
Ont., Biscuits, Confectionery, Jams and Jellies.  
Orders by Wire and Letter receive Special Attention  
Orders and Correspondence Solicited.

**J. S. CARVETH & CO.,**  
**PORK PACKERS**  
Sugar-Cured Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Spiced Roll,  
Pure Pork Sausage, Long Clear Bacon, Bologna  
Sausage, German Sausage, Ham, Tongue  
and Chicken Sausage.  
Pigs Feet, Bologna and Sausage Casings.  
**PACKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.**  
23 Jemima St., WINNIPEG

**SAMUEL HOOPER, DEALER IN MONUMENTS, HEAD  
STONE, Mantle Pieces, Grates, Etc. Special designs fur-  
nished on application. Corner Bannatyne and Albert  
streets, Winnipeg**

**RICHARD & CO,**  
Importers and Wholesale Dealers in  
**Wines, Spirits and Cigars**  
365 MAIN STREET,  
WINNIPEG.

**JAMES HALL & CO.**  
-MANUFACTURERS OF-  
Gloves, Mitts, Snowshoes, Indian Moccasins



Our specialties are all styles of GLOVES, MITTS AND  
GAUNTLETS  
In fine Buck and Antelope universally acknowledged  
the best  
**BROCKVILLE, - ONT.**

**Morton, Alexander & Morton**  
**Tanners, Curriers,**  
-AND-  
**BOOT MANUFACTURERS.**  
Sole, Harness and Upper Leathers.  
**BOOTS, SHOES AND BOOT TOPS.**  
HIDES TANNED FOR ROBES, ETC.  
Highest Cash Price Paid for Hides and Skins  
171 and 173 KING STREET,  
WINNIPEG.

**Robertson, Linton Co**  
CORNER OF ST. HELEN AND LEMOINE STS  
MONTREAL.  
Importers of British and Foreign Dry Goods,  
Canadian Tweeds, Cottons, Etc.  
Complete set of Samples with J. N. ADAMS,  
Rooms 14 and 15, Rowan Block, Winnipeg.  
(Opposite Queen's Hotel.)



\$2000.00 a year is being made by John R.  
Goodwin, Troy, N.Y., at work for us. Reader,  
you may not make as much, but we can  
teach you quickly how to earn from \$3 to  
\$10 a day at the start, and more as you go  
on. Both sexes, all ages. In any part of  
America, you can commence at home, giv-  
ing all your time or spare moments out to  
the work. All is new. Great pay \$100 for  
every worker. We start you, furnishing  
everything. EASILY, SPECIALLY TRAINED.  
PARTICULARLY FREE. Address at once to  
STANSON & CO., PORTLAND, MAINE.

**ROYAL  
CROWN SOAP**  
**THE BEST.**

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Wheat pulled up some on Monday, May 25, under brisk speculation, and the reduction of the French duty. July opened 3c higher than Saturday's close, at 99 3/4c, and ranged from 99 3/4 to \$1.00 1/4c. Closing prices were:—

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat .....	\$1.01	\$1.03 1/2	\$1.00 1/2	---
Corn .....	57 1/2	55	54 1/2	---
Oats .....	40 1/2	45	42 1/2	---
Pork .....	10 62 1/2	---	10 75	11.00
Lard .....	6 22 1/2	---	6 32 1/2	6.57 1/2
Short Ribs .....	5.77 1/2	---	5.00	6 15

On Tuesday, May 26, wheat ranged slightly lower, with brisk speculation. Cables were unsettled. There were reports of frost from the west. Closing prices were:—

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat .....	\$1.04	\$1.03 1/2	\$1.00 1/2	---
Corn .....	60 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	---
Oats .....	48 1/2	40 1/2	44 1/2	---
Pork .....	10.72 1/2	---	10.82 1/2	11.05
Lard .....	6.25	---	6.37 1/2	6.62 1/2
Short Ribs .....	5.82 1/2	---	5.91 1/2	6.20

Prices were lower on all cereals on Wednesday, July wheat starting 1c lower, under fine crop weather, and lower cables. Closing:—

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat .....	\$1.03 1/2	\$1.01	99 1/2	---
Corn .....	58	56 1/2	54 1/2	---
Oats .....	48	45	43 1/2	---
Pork .....	10.15	---	10.60	10.90
Lard .....	6.25	---	6.35	6.60
Short Ribs .....	5.80	---	6.30	6.17 1/2

On Thursday wheat was strong on liberal exports, and advices that the German Government would remove its tariff on wheat. Closing prices were:—

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat .....	\$1.04 1/2	---	\$1.03 1/2	98
Corn .....	57	---	54 1/2	53 1/2
Oats .....	48 1/2	---	43 1/2	34 1/2
Pork .....	10.60	---	10.67 1/2	10.92 1/2
Lard .....	6.25	---	5.92 1/2	6.17 1/2
Short Ribs .....	5.82 1/2	---	5.32 1/2	5.57 1/2

Wheat was quiet on Friday, the market closing 3/4c lower. Closing prices:—

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat .....	---	---	\$1.00 1/2	95 1/2
Corn .....	56 1/2	---	54 1/2	53 1/2
Oats .....	47 1/2	---	43 1/2	31 1/2
Pork .....	10.72 1/2	---	10.82 1/2	11.07 1/2
Lard .....	6.30	---	6.40	6.62 1/2-65
Short Ribs .....	5.87 1/2	---	6.00	6.25

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

Closing wheat prices at Duluth for No. 1 hard, were as follows, on each day of the week. Monday—Cash, \$1.09 1/2, July, \$1.10 1/2. Tuesday—Cash, \$1.09 1/2, July, \$1.10 1/2. Wednesday—Cash, \$1.09 1/2, July, \$1.09 1/2. Thursday—Cash, \$1.03 1/2, July, \$1.10. Friday—Cash, \$1.03 1/2, July, \$1.10. No market on Saturday, being Decoration Day holiday.

**Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.**

At Minneapolis the closing price for No. 1 northern wheat ranged from \$1.03 to \$1.04 1/2 for May option, during the week. The closing price for July ranged from \$1.04 1/2 to \$1.05 1/2 on the different days. The close on Friday, May 29, was \$1.04 1/2 for July.

**Editors' Table.**

Another new commercial journal has appeared on the scene in Canada, volume one, number one of the *Merchants' Magazine and Financial Review* having been issued. The new publication hails from Montreal, and is published by

Frank Weir, a gentleman well known as a writer upon banking and financial subjects generally. It will be published monthly. It is in magazine form, handsomely printed, and from its general appearance and the nature of its contents, it is likely to take a front rank among Canadian periodicals at once. The first number contains the following articles:—Editorial comment and selected article.—Comment on: Money and Exchange—State and Trade—Single Name Paper.—Tariff modifications.—Custom Disputes—Australian Conference—Bank Audits—Cheese Trade—Grand Trunk Ry., &c. &c. February Bank Statement. Reflections on Recent Elections. The True Merchant. Journal of mercantile law.—Commentary on: The bank act of 1890; Replies to law and mercantile questions. Banking and financial news.—Comment on: Reports of incorporated companies. The World of Finance. Miscellaneous bank and financial items. Montreal Clearing House. Bank changes. Mines and manufactures.—Mining as an Investment: Canadian Pig Iron; Official Estimate of Nickel; Minerals of British Columbia. Navigation and Railways.—Comparative Railway Receipts: Grand Trunk Traffic Returns; Canadian Pacific Traffic Returns. Meetings and reports. Insurance department. Montreal and Toronto stock exchange quotations.

**Canned Salmon.**

The Fraser river syndicate of salmon pickers now embraces about 12 of the 24 concerns located on the Fraser and Skeena rivers. The Anglo-Columbian Canning Company thus controls more than one-half the entire output of those localities, they having nearly all the larger concerns. This and the Alaska combination world appear as likely to curtail competition considerably, but the outsiders, or independent packers in those and other sections, doubtless hold the balance of power, and it is questionable if the market is freed from the natural workings of the law of supply and demand. At the present time there are no indications of buyers being influenced in the slightest degree by the new order of things. Spot salmon is taken only as imperative wants necessitate, and we fail to learn of anything more than ordinary orders being placed thus far for new pack by either the export or home trade. The idea is general with wholesale merchants that there will be quite enough salmon to go around, although the 1890 pack, according to general belief will go out very clean.—*New York Bulletin.*

**The Cattle Markets.**

A Liverpool cable early last week says:—Trade was fair and prices were 3d better than a week ago, average mixed shipments selling at 6 3/4d. The *Montreal Gazette* of Tuesday last says: The markets on the other side have opened very bad, but notwithstanding this the steamship companies have decided to advance their rates 10s for the month of June, the rate being fixed at 60s. The space question has not yet been fixed by the Government, but we have it on good authority that an order-in-council has been passed, which will be made public in a few days, defining the space at two feet eight inches, as contended for by the shippers. At the East end abattoir. Choice steers brought 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c; good, 4 3/4c to 5c; medium, 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c, and culls, 3 1/2c to 4c. Calves sold well at

\$2.50 to \$6, and sheep and lambs were in good demand at \$2.25 to \$4 for lambs and \$2.50 to \$7 for sheep.

**Montreal Stock Market.**

At the East End abattoir this morning there were offered 500 cattle, 750 calves and 300 sheep and lambs. Business in cattle was slow, and while the best of the offerings brought about the same figure as on Monday last inferior cattle were lower. Choice cattle sold at 5 1/2c @ 5 3/4c, good at 4 1/2c @ 4 3/4c and medium and culls from 2c @ 4c per pound. A large amount of the inferior stock was unsold. Good calves were scarce and any offering sold readily at \$4 @ \$6, but the bulk of the sales were made at \$1 @ \$3. Lambs sold from \$2.50 @ \$4.50 a piece and sheep from \$3.50 @ \$6.50, Mr. Bell, of Manitoba, picking up quite a few.—*Gazette*, May 22.

**British Grain Trade.**

The *Mark Lane Express*, of May 25, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "English wheats are steady. Some provincial markets quote an advance of 1s. Foreign wheats are firm. New American wheat for August shipment is speculatively offered at 4 1/2s, and Australian on passage at 4 3/4s. Indian new crop is offered at 4 1/2s and Californian at 4 1/4s. Malting barley is 3d dearer. At to-day's market samples of English wheat were scarce and prices advanced 1s. Foreign wheat was held at a rise of 6d. Flour was steady. Corn declined 3d. Flax seed was 3d dearer."

**Not in the Combine.**

Grant, Horne & Bucknal, produce and commission merchants, Winnipeg, have received information from J. H. Todd & Son, of Victoria, B. C., that the salmon canneries which they control are not included in the syndicate deal. The report to the contrary is therefore denied. The canneries referred to are known as the Richmond Cannery Company, and Grant, Horne & Bucknal handle the goods in this market.

The Western Woolen Mills Company, of St. Boniface, Manitoba, has received an order from the Hudson's Bay Company, for the supply of yarns required by the company.

Mr. Ruble, of Ruble, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits, returned to Winnipeg last week from an eastern trip. He says vegetation is farther advanced here than in the district about Montreal.

The high prices this season of wheat and oats have induced Ontario farmers to grow a greater area than usual, while the low and great uncertainty of barley quotations, influenced to a great extent by the McKinley bill, account for the small area of barley sown this spring according to the official crop bulletin.

The C. P. R. have established a line of steamers known as the British Columbia Steamship Company, which is to be a feeder of the ocean service of the Canadian Pacific for passenger and freight service between San Francisco and British Columbia. Another steamer of the line, the *East India*, is expected in a few weeks and still another vessel of the same company will be dispatched soon to the coast from Liverpool. The *West Indian* is now plying on the route.

PAINTS. COLORS. VARNISHES.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON COMPANY.**

OUR SPECIALTIES ARE,

- Johnson's Decorators Pure White Lead.
- " Pure Liquid Paints.
- " Pure Colors in Oil.
- " Superfine Coach Colors in Japan.
- " Magnetic Iron Paint.
- " Sun Varnish for Universal Use.

WORKS: - MONTREAL.

**Toronto Hide & Wool Co**

Wholesale Dealers in

**HIDES!**

SHEEPSKINS AND WOOL

**JOHN HALLAM**

88 Princess St., WINNIPEG

83 and 85 Front Street East, - TORONTO.  
PROPRIETOR

We will be in the market this season as usual for all classes of Wool, and are prepared to pay the highest market prices.

**LAKE OF THE WOODS MILLING CO.**

LIMITED.

The most perfect Flouring Mill in Canada. CAPACITY 2,000 BARRELS A DAY.

Barrel Factory at the Mill and Grain Storage Capacity of 550,000 bushels in addition to which we have a system of handling Elevators throughout the Northwest.

All Grades of HARD WHEAT FLOUR in Barrels and Bags.

Offices at: MONTREAL. KEEWATIN. WINNIPEG.

**E. A. Small & Co.,**

—MANUFACTUREPS AND WHOLESALEERS OF—

**Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing.**

Our representatives are now on the road with Fall and Winter Goods. Reserve your orders until you see their Samples.

Albert Buildings, Victoria Square,  
**MONTREAL.**

**Redwood Brewery**

Fine Ales, Extra Porter and Premium Lager.

Most Extensive Establishment of the kind in Western Canada.

**ED. L. DREWRY,**  
PROPRIETOR,  
WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

Highest cash price paid for good Malting Barley.

**GOLDIE & McCULLOCH,  
GALT SAFE WORKS.**

These Celebrated Safes and Vault Doors are held in Stock For prices and terms apply to

WM. HESPELER, Sole Agent,  
389 MAIN STREET, - - - WINNIPEG

LIVE GROCERS SELL

**BOURBON COFFEE**

The New Mocha and Java Blend of French Cream Coffee. In one and two pound Cans.

IT SURPASSES ALL OTHERS.

Todhunter, Mitchell & Co.  
SOLE IMPORTERS, TORONTO, CANADA

MUNROE & CO.,

Wholesale Dealers

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

OF THE BEST BRANDS

9th STREET, - BRANDON



**Develop your Muscles by EXERCISE.**

Supply your System with MUSCLE-FORMING ELEMENTS by taking

**JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF.**

The Great Muscle-Former

**ROBINSON & CO.,**

MANUFACTURERS OF

SPRUCE AND TAMARAC

**LUMBER.**

MILLS AT SELKIRK, MAN.

DIMENSIONS ALL SIZED.

Andrew Allan, President. John McKechnie, Superintendent.  
F. H. Brydges, Vice-President. H. H. Williams, Sec.-Treas.

**THE VULCAN IRON COMPANY,**  
OF MANITOBA, (LIMITED),

BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS,  
Light and Heavy Forgings, Engine and Boiler Works  
Millwrighting,

GENERAL BLACKSMITHING,  
All Kinds of Machinery.

POINT DOUGLAS Av., WINNIPEG

### Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Bott & Co., shoes, Ottawa, has assigned.  
Sarah Kay, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.  
A. Gallagher, grocer, Madoc, has assigned.  
Jas. Galloway, builder, Toronto, has assigned.  
Adam Eiler, tailor, Shakespeare, has assigned.  
H. E. Thornhill, jeweler, Grimsby, has assigned.  
Geo. Tuno, soda water, Stratford, has sold out.  
John Lee, corn meal, St. Thomas, skipped out.  
Munroe Bros., general store, Parkhill, have assigned.  
Enos Moynahan, cigars, Windsor, has assigned.  
R. A. Smith, jr., furniture, Toronto, has assigned.  
David Butchart, confectionery, Milton, under seizure.  
G. J. Jackson, soda water, etc., Stratford, has sold out.  
B. Jewell, tins and stoves, Woodville, has sold out.  
C. Colver, general store, Burgessville, has assigned.  
Walter Homewood, Albion hotel, Stratford, has sold out.  
Joshua Andrews, carriagemaker, Aylmer, has assigned.  
D. B. McKinnon & Son, Blyth, general store, has assigned.  
C. A. Gillespie, gents furnishings, Brantford, has assigned.  
Geo. Adams, second-hand dealer, Hamilton, has assigned.  
C. A. Buckley, flour and feed, Niagara Falls, has assigned.  
J. C. & H. W. McEwen, merchants, Tiverton, have assigned.  
W. J. Flynn & Co., stoves & tins, Toronto, have assigned.  
Mary A. Ball, fancy goods, jewelry, Waterloo, has assigned.  
H. E. Simpson, photos, Toronto, stock, etc., damaged by fire.  
J. J. McKillap, hotel, St. Thomas, has sold out to E. Elliott.  
Trott William, grocer, St. Thomas, has sold out to F. Finch.  
Jas. Buchner, general store, etc., Tp McKellar, has assigned.  
Sterrit & Co., general store, Forest, stock advertising for sale.  
J. M. Williams & Co., stove foundry, etc., Hamilton, has assigned.  
Slater Clayton & Co., manufacturers winceys, Brantford, has assigned.  
A. T. Macdonald, books, etc., Stratford, stock advertised for sale.  
W. H. Nelson, jeweler, Dutton, selling off and moving to St. Thomas.  
Mrs. L. A. Kelsey, general store, Dunchurch, offering to compromise.  
Atkins & Manness, cigars, London, have dissolved; each continuing alone.  
Thos. Driffill & Sons, hardware, fancy goods, etc., Thos. Driffill of this firm dead.  
J. E. Rosenbaum, fancy goods, etc., Toronto, damaged by fire and water; insured.  
J. Patterson, gents furnishings, Toronto, stock, etc., damaged by fire; insured.  
Carrick Bros., sawmill, etc., Fawking, shingle mill and lumber burned; no insurance.

Hutchinson & Tripp, butchers, London, have dissolved; firm now Hutchinsob & Son.

McDonal & Debarle, hardware, Brockville, have sold out their stock to R. H. Smart.

McDonald & Duggan, furniture, etc., Kingsville, have dissolved; C. McDonald continues alone.

Garner & Burnhan, general store, Mount Salem, have dissolved; Warner Garner continues alone.

White & McConnell, confectionery, etc., St. Thomas, advertising sale of stock, etc., by auction.

The estate of A. Dorenwend, hair goods, etc., Toronto, stock badly damaged by fire; partly insured.

Bommanville Agricultural & Carriage Co., Bommanville, suffered heavy loss by fire; insured \$3200.

### QUEBEC.

A. O. Taylor, hotel, Eston, dead.  
H. Latour, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.  
E. Payment, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.  
J. B. Adam, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.  
Adelard Batien, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.  
Pierre Lerouse, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.  
Arpin & Bergeron, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.  
A. Piche & Co., shoes, Montreal, have assigned.  
Zotique Turgeon, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.  
Willie Burke, furniture, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned.  
Jeremie Joannette, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.  
Nap Dubuc, general store, St. Isidore, has assigned.  
Riopol & Gervais, contractors, Montreal, have assigned.  
Jos. Germain, & Co., hotel, Montreal, have dissolved.  
Geo. Davelny, insurance broker, Montreal, has assigned.  
The Montreal Playing Cards Co., Montreal, have dissolved.  
Hercule Chene, general store, Hartwell, asking an extension.  
J. A. L'Ecuyer, jeweler, Granby, has sold out and left here.  
B. Hutchins & Co., real estate agents, Montreal, have dissolved.  
Loblauc & Desautniers, wholesale flour, Montreal, have assigned.  
Absalom Thouin, hotel and general store, Repentigny, has assigned.  
Dixon & Brunnerman, Manufacturers pipes, Montreal, have dissolved.  
Gillespie, Roach & Co., wholesale fancy dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.  
P. Hemond & Sons, manufacturers boots and shoes, Montreal, have assigned.  
F. E. Grafton & Sons, books, Montreal, have dissolved, F. E. Grafton and A. R. Grafton continue under same style.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

J. C. Jones, Horton, has assigned.  
J. W. Wallace, dry goods, Halifax, offering compromise.  
C. R. McHenry, general store, Salmon River, has assigned.  
Alex. Turple, Granville Ferry, has assigned to J. M. Owens.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

Alex Cool, liquors, Campbellton, dead.  
J. J. Ma'ot, general store, Kingston, away.  
Frank Mahoney, grocer, St. John, has sold out.  
P. G. Ryan, tanner, Caraquette, removed to Bathurst.  
Michael Sutton, general store, Kingston, out of business.  
Wm. Frasier, saddler, Kingston, moved to Nova Scotia.  
R. H. Melanson, general store, Petit Rocher, out of business.  
Mrs. Mary E. McCulloch, general store, Bathurst, is offering to compromise.  
Stewart & Co., wholesale and retail confectionery, St. Stephen, stock sold to Ganong Bros.  
J. E. Alger, wholesale and retail dry goods, St. Stephen, W. A. and N. M. Mills admitted partners, as J. E. Alger & Co.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Alex. McLeod, flour, etc., Alberton, has sold out.  
A. L. Brown, dry goods, Charlottetown, has closed business.  
Wm. McKie, carriages, Charlottetown, advertising selling off to close business.  
Craig & Lewis, general store, Freetown, Succeeded by Craig and Taylor.  
S. H. Brown & Co., general store, etc., Stanley Bridge, property sold by assignee.

### How the Price of Oats was Broken.

A few weeks ago the price of oats advanced to such a high pitch in this market that consumers brought their inventive faculties into play, to see if they could not find a substitute, and the result certainly proved successful, as they discovered that by cutting up hay and mixing it with bran and other mill feed into a kind of mash, it served as an excellent food upon which the horses thrived almost as well as if fed upon oats. The experiment soon became general in the large stables, and such was its effect in decreasing the consumption of oats that dealers were nonplussed to account for the falling off in their orders, and they soon found out that in order to make sales they would have to accept lower prices. A few weeks ago No. 2 Ontario oats sold as high as 60c per bushel of 34 lbs. in this market in car lots, and in a few instances even higher figures were obtained, while 58c was freely paid for Manitoba mixed oats. Owing to the persistent falling off in the demand, however, for reasons above referred to, prices have since declined to 54c @ 55c per bushel for No. 2 Ontario, and 50c for Manitoba mixed.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin.*

*The American Elevator and Grain Trade, of Chicago says: "The Indian Farmer propounds this conundrum, and thinks that it is within the probabilities that inside of a few years we shall be compelled to draw wheat supplies from outside sources. We think its reasoning is correct enough. If Alliance picnics and politics continue to cut such a figure in the future as at present, it is altogether likely that the day of grain importations will no be delayed. The present scheming of the granger to go a living out of the government by some means or other, will not be productive of good crops or careful tillage."*

## Business at New Westminster, B. C.

Business this week shows a decided improvement over last week. Almost all lines of trade have been benefitted by the fine weather. Large quantities of lumber are being exported daily, and the local demand for long, dimension and clear lumber is still very active. Some of the mills are cutting big bills of stuff, specially for the various important building contracts now being carried out in the city. Builders' hardware is still firm in price, and in one or two lines there is noticeable a decided upward tendency. Lime and cement are a little more plentiful than last week, and prices rule easier. Some very superior pressed brick has been received from Port Haney, which is pronounced quite equal to the brick imported from Philadelphia, and it is possible that a large trade may be done in this article. Paints and oils are rising a trifle in price, owing to scarcity. White lead, liaseed oil and turpentine are still very scarce and prices high.

Flour is very plentiful and prices remain at last week's quotations. A large quantity of flour has been imported during the past week. Butter is now almost exclusively obtained from up river points, and there is very little foreign butter on the market. Prices are the same as quoted last week. Fresh eggs are fairly plentiful at 30c per dozen, imported eggs at about 25c per dozen, and prices likely to fall. Salmon are very scarce, and prices rule high. Sturgeon is almost as scarce, and there has been very little of any other fish on the market. Some large shipments of hides have been received from up river, and a number were bought up by a local tannery. Hay is fairly plentiful at \$12 per ton, and prices may fall considerably in a short time. Potatoes have been quoted at \$19 to \$20 per ton. As the summer comes on and they get more plentiful, these prices may be considerably reduced.

Butchers' meat is still steady, with a fairly good demand. Cattle have been brought in from the northwest. Beef, per 100 pounds is worth 8 to 11c, according to quality. Mutton at 15c and pork by the side is 10c per pound. Altogether, the week is an improvement on last, and the business prospects for the balance of the summer are most assuring.—*The Ledger*.

## Saskatchewan.

The Dakota delegates have visited Prince Albert, and recommend the district very highly.

Another bakery is being opened. McKenzie and Messer are going to conduct a bakery in place of H. McColl retired.

The following items are from the *Saskatchewan* newspaper, of Prince Albert:—We have good authority for the statement that a fine sample of drift gold-bearing sand has been found on the South Branch not far from Isbister's crossing. It is being submitted to experts for a report.

We understand that Mr. Macarthur banker, purchased the outstanding notes of the Knowle's estate (bank) from J. M. Coombs, the assignee. The notes amount in value to over \$17,000. The arrangement seems to be a good one for the creditors as it leaves a comparatively small sum due to the Commercial Bank and the real estate is still untouched.

We are glad to know that a movement has been started in town looking toward the erection of Fire Walls at convenient intervals on

River street. The Mayor has been in communication with the Fire Insurance Underwriters of Winnipeg and has obtained the information that the putting up of fire walls here and there would reduce the rate of insurance about forty per cent. The saving effected in this way would do more than pay the interest upon the expenditure. This seems a feasible method of reducing the risk of fire and one which we think it would be well for us to adopt. Fire on River street sooner or later, is inevitable, and, in its present condition, if a fire were to start it would, with a fair wind, sweep the whole street before it. Fire walls would restrict the area of a possible fire and therefore greatly reduce the risk. In the interest of our town, therefore, they should be erected. We cannot afford an expensive fire engine, but we could afford brick walls, and we sincerely hope that the proposal will be carried into effect this summer.

## Editorial Notes.

The Manitoba School case is at last before the Supreme Court. The case is legally stated as Barrett vs. The City of Winnipeg, but it is really a question as to the powers of the Manitoba Legislature in abolishing separate schools, Joseph Martin, late Attorney-General, appears for the province. The outcome of the case will be awaited with intense interest, not only in Manitoba, but all over Canada.

It was reported from Ottawa last week that the Morris-Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway will shortly be given mail facilities. The Dominion estimates, which were brought down in the House of Commons last week contain an appropriation of for this purpose, and a try-weekly mail service will be established, to commence about the first of July. This will be welcome news to the settlers, and the business men particularly, along the line. This is a tardy recognition of the rights of the people in this portion of Manitoba. It is unparalleled in Canada that a railway has been operated for such a length of time without a mail service. Now that the government has made a move in the matter, it is not necessary to refer again to the requirements of the case. There are yet, however, some serious defects in the mail service in Manitoba, besides a number or minor grievances. The most objectionable one is perhaps the Emerson service. Now that the department has shown a disposition to improve mail facilities in the west, by giving the Northern Pacific a service, and also arranging a better service on the main line between Winnipeg and the coast, it is to be hoped a thorough investigation will be made of western grievances against the department, with a view to improving the service where practicable.

## Grain and Milling.

D. Bawlf, for many years a resident of Winnipeg, and well known in grain trade circles, is about to leave the city with his family, having decided to locate in Minneapolis. He is a brother of N. Bawlf, grain dealer, of Winnipeg.

W. M. Smith, farmer, has decided to erect an elevator at Portage la Prairie, Man. The capacity will be 50,000 bushels. It will have two receivers and one shipper with two cleaners, and will be built near the M. & N. W. R. station.

Mr. Macleod, merchant, of Prince Albert, arrived in Winnipeg last week with a car-load of oats, which he disposed of here at a good figure, the grain being of good quality. This is the first car of grain ever brought from the north Saskatchewan country.

In the seven crop years ended Aug. 1 last, Minneapolis received 253,532,612 bu. of wheat. The shipments for the same time were 58,701,604 bu. That left for milling consumption here 197,228,008 bu. The shipments of flour were 40,896,397 bbls and local consumption, less that used here from outside mills, was 784,000 bbls, making the output 41,680,397 bbls.

## Paints and Oils at Montreal.

There is little doing in oils at present except in seal. The arrivals of it, however, are not heavy and no consignments are noted as all the stock coming forward is sold to arrive, principally on a 47½ @ 52½c basis, which we quote. There is no change in other lines.

Cod, Newfoundland.....	\$0 41 @ \$0 42½
Cod, Gaspe.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Cod, Halifax.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Seal, steam refined.....	0 47½ @ 0 52½
Straw, seal.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Liaseed, raw ..	0 63 @ 0 66
Liaseed, boiled.....	0 61 @ 0 67
Castor oil.....	0 09½ @ 0 10
Cod liver oil, Newfoundland..	0 00 @ 0 00
Do. Norway.....	0 95 @ 1 15

There is a moderate business doing in leads, with no change in prices. We quote:—White \$6.25 @ \$675; No. 1, \$5.25 @ \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white, \$6 @ \$6.50; do., red, \$4.50 @ \$5. Glass continues unchanged at \$1.45 @ \$1.55 for first and second breaks.—*Gazette*.

## Dairy Matters.

H. J. Rockett, intends starting a cheese factory at Mountain City, Man.

At the cheese market at Ingersol on May 19, sixteen factories boarded 2,500 boxes of first half of May make. Sales, 1,215 boxes at 9½c.

The Spring Creek cheese factory, near Moosomin, Assa., will probably commence operations on June 1st. The machinery has arrived. Ed. Falkner has been appointed cheese maker.

At the cheese market at Belleville on May 19, forty six factories offered 1,224 white and 1,571 colored, total 2,795 boxes. The sales were:—200 white, 532 colored at 9½c; 425 white and 586 colored at 9½c; 484 white at 9½c.

## Close Season for Seal.

A London cable of Friday last says: Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave notice that he would on Monday introduce a bill, the provisions of which would enable her Majesty's Government to prohibit the catching of seals in the waters of Behring Sea for a period which would be specified in the bill.

The fruit cannery at Chilliwhack, which Mr. Chaldecott has been building, is now completed and it is expected that a large quantity of fruit will be put up this season. One of the features of this cannery is a complete evaporating plant, and this should be a source of great profit to both the cannery and the fruit growing section of the country.

# GREENE AND SONS COMPANY

WHOLESALE

Furs, Hats, Robes,

GLOVES, MOCCASINS,

Etc., Etc.

Manitoba Fall Trade, 1891



Mens' Furnishings,

Sole Agents in Canada for

Dr. Jaeger's Woolen Underwear: MONTREAL.

## CHESTER & CO., SEEDSMEN,

—AND—

Commission -:- Merchants

535 Main Street, Winnipeg.

OUR STOCK OF

GARDEN, FIELD AND FLOWER SEEDS

ARE NOW COMPLETE.

Also Oats, Barley, Millet, Hungarian and Timothy Seeds. Also 30 varieties of Seed Potatoes.

WRITE US FOR PRICES.

Furniture and Undertaking House

## M. HUGHES & CO.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

Furniture and Undertaking Warerooms

315 and 317 Main Street

TELEPHONE No 413.

Closest prices given to dealers

Satisfaction guaranteed in every department.

## GEO. H. BROWN & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN

Lumber, Lath, Shingles,

SASH, DOORS AND MOULDINGS.

WOOD, COAL AND LIME.

WESLEY STREET,

Opposite St. Mary St., south of N. P. & M. Railway Freight Offices.

WINNIPEG.

Telephone 649.

P.O. Box 992.

## Gillies' Series of Pens.

NO.	DESCRIPTION.	PER GROSS
202	Railway Pen, fine point	40c.
212	Porvian Pen, medium point	70c.
222	Queen Pen, fine point	70c.
232	Ledger Pen, fine point	70c.
242	Beaver Pen, turned up point	65c.
252	Commercial Pen, medium point	60c.
262	Electric Pen, fine point	60c.
282	Public Pen, fine point	45c.
302	Falcon Pen, medium point	40c.
402	Lorne Pen, extra broad point	60c.
602	Windsor Pen, medium point	60c.

FOR SALE BY ALL STATIONERS.

WHOLESALE ONLY FROM

## BUNTIN, GILLIES & CO.

Wholesale Stationers, Paper, Envelope and Account Book Manufacturers.

HAMILTON, - ONTARIO.

## W. F. SANFORD M'FG CO., Ltd.

MANUFACTURERS OF

# CLOTHING

45 to 49 King St. Princess Street.

HAMILTON & WINNIPEG.

## S. A. D. BERTRAND, OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE

For the Province of Manitoba, under the recommendation of the Board of Trade of the City of Winnipeg.

Insolvent and Trust Estates Managed with Promptness and Economy. Special attention to Confidential Business Enquiries.

35 PORTAGE AVENUE EAST, WINNIPEG, MAN.

# CIGARS!

Encourage Home Manufactures by smoking

SELECTS, La Rosa and Havana Whips,

—MADE BY—

## Bryan & Co

WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

## E. F. HUTCHINGS'

GREAT NORTHWEST

## Saddlery House

Is now Open for Business.

Our new premises will be found opposite the City Hall, Corner Main and Market Sts.,

No. 519 Main St. and 191 to 195 Market St.

The Largest Stock and Best Equipment Establishment in Canada. Lowest prices and Best Goods is our Motto.

TRUNKS, VALISES, LEATHER AND FINDINGS, SADDLERY HARDWARE, WHIPS, &c.

Don't forget the new premises.

E. F. HUTCHINGS, Proprietor, WINNIPEG.

## STEVENS & BURNS

MANUFACTURERS

## Elevator Engines & Boilers

ERTEL VICTOR HAY PRESSES

—AND—

PORTABLE ENGINES AND THRESHERS.

WINNIPEG, - - MAN.

## WESTERN YARNS!

None Genuine without our Blue Label.

WE ARE OPEN FOR ALL GRADES OF WOOL AND PAY HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR SAME. WRITE FOR SAMPLES OF YARNS; BEST IN CANADA.

Stephenson, Johnstone & Co.

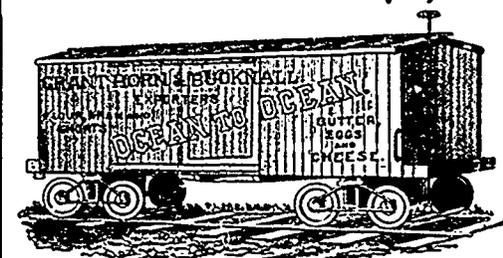
WINNIPEG AND ST. BONIFACE.

## Grant, Horn & Bucknall,

PRODUCE

—AND—

Commission Merchants,



128 Princess Street, WINNIPEG

CREAMERY BUTTER!

DAIRY BUTTER!!

CHEESE!!!

**J. & A. Clearihue,**

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

—DEALERS IN—

FRUITS AND ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE.

Special attention to consignments of Furs and  
Skins, Butter and Eggs.

Yates Street, VICTORIA, B. C.

P. O. BOX 536.

AGENTS Skidgate Oil Works, B. C.; D. Richards' Laundry Soaps,  
Woodstock, Ontario, Teller, Bothwell Co., Montreal, Parisian  
Washing Blue.We have a large cool warehouse with good facilities for handling  
Butter and Produce in quantities.

Consignments Received in all Lines. Correspondence Solicited.

T. W. CLARK.

J. C. UPLAND.

**T. W. CLARK & CO.,**

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

42 WATER STREET, VANCOUVER, B. C.

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

Produce and Green Fruits.

BUTTER AND EGGS A SPECIALTY.

Consignments of Butter Especially Wanted.

LIBERAL ADVANCES MADE.

P. O. Box 153.

Telephone 74.

**Victoria Rice Mill**

VICTORIA, B. C.

CHINA and JAPAN RICE,

RICE FLOUR AND BREWERS' RICE.

WHOLESALE TRADE ONLY.

HALL, ROSS &amp; CO., - Agents.

**EVANS BROS.' PIANOS,**

Fine Finish, Fine Toned, Easy Touch.

THE UNEQUALLED

**Doherty Organ.**

If YOU THINK OF BUYING AN ORGAN OR PIANO,

Send for Catalogue and Price Lists

O. E. MARCY, GENERAL MANAGER.

WINNIPEG.

**HENRY SMITH,**

(LATE OF SMITH &amp; FUDGER.)

53 BAY STREET, - TORONTO.

WHOLESALE

Fancy Goods, Woodenware, etc.

Mr. W. H. SMITH, my representative  
will, as usual, make his Spring and  
Fall placing trip to British Columbia  
and the Northwest Territories, carry-  
ing full lines of seasonable goods.

HENRY SMITH, 53 Bay Street, TORONTO

**Brackman & Ker,**

—WHOLESALE DEALERS IN—

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN AND PRODUCE

VICTORIA, B. C.

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

**Henry Saunders,**

—IMPORTER AND DEALER IN—

GROCERIES and LIQUORS,

37, 39 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET,

VICTORIA, B. C.

**McMILLAN & HAMILTON,**

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

—AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN—

BUTTER, EGGS, FRUITS AND PRODUCE

OF ALL KINDS.

153 WATER ST. - VANCOUVER - P. O. BOX 296.

G. B. MAJOR.

G. C. ELDRIDGE.

MAJOR &amp; ELDRIDGE,

Warehouses &amp; Commission Merchants

121 to 123 Water Street, Vancouver, B. C.

Storage, free and bonded. Warehouse Receipts Granted.

Advances made on Consignments. Customs and

Ship Brokers. Insurance. Manitoba

Products a Specialty.

AGENTS FOR—

CANADA SUGAR REFINERY Co., Montreal.

THOS. LAWRY &amp; SON, Pork Packers, Hamilton, Ont.

HILL, SIMPSON &amp; CO., Butter and Cheese, Montreal.

**LELAND HOUSE, VANCOUVER,**

British Columbia.

The leading commercial hotel of the city  
Directly above the C. P. R. Station and Steam-  
boat wharf. All modern improvements. Sample  
rooms for travellers.

J. E. INSLEY, Mgr. WM. PROUT, Prop

**Victoria Steam Bakery**

M. R. SMITH &amp; CO.

—WHOLESALE AND RETAIL—

**Cracker - Bakers,**

VICTORIA, B. C.

Capacity 50 barrels of Flour per day. Corres-  
pondence Invited.**J. CANNING,**

Direct Importer and Wholesale Dealer in

**FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC FRUITS**

AND COUNTRY PRODUCE.

BAY VIEW, CORDOVA ST., VANCOUVER, B. C.

P. O. Box 711.

**HOWARD & McDONALD,**

GENERAL AGENTS,

Box 123, - BRANDON, MAN.

**STORAGE AND COMMISSION**

BUSINESS TRANSACTED FOR NON RESIDENTS

Local References

Correspondence Solicited

**Standard OIL Company**

(UNITED STATES)

Eldorado Castor, the best Oil in the  
world for Farm Machinery.Eldorado Engine and Atlantic Red  
for Threshers.

ALL PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM IN STOCK.

D. WEST, Agent, Office: Western Canada Loan  
Building.

Room 8, Corner Portage Avenue and Main Street,

WINNIPEG.

**SPONGES.**A large Shipment from the Mediterranean just  
at hand. Exceptional Values.**LYMAN, KNOX and CO.,**

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,

MONTREAL and TORONTO.

**W. R. Johnston and Co.**

(Late Livingston, Johnston &amp; Co.)

WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS

READY MADE

**CLOTHING.**

44 BAY STREET, TORONTO.

Samples at McIntyre } REPRESENTATIVES.  
Block, Winnipeg } A. W. Lacher & W. W. Armstrong**ROBERTSON, THOMPSON & CO.,**

—WHOLESALE—

**GRAIN, FLOUR, PRODUCE,**

And General Commission Merchants,

No. 185 Notre Dame Street East, - Winnipeg.

ADVANCES MADE ON CONSIGNMENTS.

P. O. BOX 615.

## COMMUNICATION.

## Agricultural Implement Manufacturers vs. the Farmers and Merchants.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

In your issue of 25 ult. appears a letter from Mr. Van Allen on the above subject, in reply to a communication of mine published in THE COMMERCIAL of 18 ult. Mr. Van Allen is evidently laboring under a misconception of my motive in writing on this subject. He apparently fancies that I am inspired by hostility to the implement manufacturers. This is not the case. My object is to point out some glaring anomalies in the business and financial conditions and customs of the country, the existence of which causes much injury to the community as a whole.

Mr. Van Allen also displays a tendency to imaginativeness in his eager desire to give clinching effect to his statements. For instance he says:—

"I join issue on this statement and would point out to 'Manitoba Merchant' that his theory might have some force if he could show that there is no competition whatever between Canadian manufacturers, which of course is absurd, and which absurdity 'Merchant' emphasizes when he later on in his article speaks of the eager competition there is in Manitoba between Canadian manufacturers and dealers. So much for 'glittering generalities.'

On looking over my previous communication, I can find no reference to "the eager competition there is in Manitoba between Canadian 'manufacturers and dealers,'" or to any competition whatever, so that Mr. Van Allen's statement that I emphasize the "absurdity" of a supposititious proposition is quite baseless. In fact I may here state my belief that the competition "between Canadian manufacturers and dealers" is far from exciting. If a little more "eagerness" were imported into it, it would, I think be beneficial all round.

Mr. Van Allen takes the ground that the 35% tariff is not a factor in the regulation of the prices of Canadian agricultural implements. He says:—

They are regulated by home competition as can be readily and simply proven by reference to either of the retail price lists of the dealers handling the Deering and McCormick American Binders in Manitoba, and which lists give the prices of these binders at \$210.00 on two January payments, whereas, a first class Canadian binder can be purchased on same terms for \$165.00, or a difference of \$45.00 in favor of the Canadian machine.

It seems to me that when Mr. Van Allen is in the mood for the discussion of "absurdities" he can find much material in the above extract from his own letter. If the Deering and McCormick Binders were sold in Manitoba for \$210.00 when Canadian binders can be had for \$165, the fact can be explained in only two possible ways. Either the Deering and McCormick binders are better articles than the Canadian binders or the men who purchase the American articles are fools. If the former is the reason then Mr. Van Allen's comparisons are valueless and "absurd," because to test by an equal standard, articles of unequal value is manifestly a most misleading process. As to the alternative explanation, we think the proposition that all the men who buy Deering and McCormick machines are deficient in judgment, will not find general acceptance. But if the Canadian

manufacturers can sell in Manitoba a machine equal in value to the American article for 27½% less than the American manufacturer can sell his machine, why do they insist on the retention of a 35% tariff when a 10% duty, according to Mr. Van Allen's showing, would effectually protect them from American competition? The difference between the untaxed prices of the American and Canadian articles appears to be actually only 7½%. In view of Mr. Van Allen's statement I presume he would have no objection to the duty being lowered to say 20% which would leave him certainly a very large and safe margin of protection according to his own showing. A declaration from Mr. Van Allen on this point would be of the greatest interest and importance to the farmers of Manitoba. The retention on the tariff of a rate of duty which Mr. Van Allen conclusively proves to be altogether unnecessary is obviously an "absurdity."

Mr. Van Allen proceeds:—

The next charge against implement dealers is that they actually take notes in settlement for their goods instead of leaving them in the form of open or outstanding accounts. This is really a serious charge, but the writer believes that to most sensible men this course will nevertheless commend itself, but "Merchant" says the most important and dangerous provision of all (in their notes) is the clause by which the maker surrenders his exemption privileges. This is really to bad but it might ease "Merchants," mind to know that this provision is and always has been entirely void and of no effect being against the policy of the law and it cannot be shown that it has ever been taken advantage of.

Mr. Van Allen's misapprehension is very apparent in the above. No "charge" was made against the implement dealers. Nor was any objection taken, to the settlement of accounts by notes. That is an entirely commendable and business-like method. Mr. Van Allen must have observed that the criticism was directed to the remarkable provision contained in these notes, and which never appear in any other commercial promissory notes that I have heard of. Therefore his comments are not quite ingenious. Regarding the surrender of his exemption privileges by the maker, which is, it will be admitted a rather serious concession. Mr. Van Allen says that it is "entirely void" and of no effect being against the policy of the law." If Mr. Van Allen's somewhat vague and obscure phrase "being against the policy of the law" means that such a surrender is illegal it is quite easy to understand that it has never "been taken advantage of." But it might be asked in view of Mr. Van Allen's explanation, why is this clause which is "against the policy of the law" included among the other provisions in the notes? Is it used simply as a moral lever to impress the farmer, who frequently is very poorly informed on "the policy of the law," with the idea that he has made all his belongings available for payment of his machine debts, when as a matter of fact he has not done so? To the ordinary business mind it will seem strange that a 35% tariff which has no effect on the prices and no influence on the policy of the agricultural implement makers, should be warmly insisted upon by them. It will seem quite as remarkable that a provision which an eminent representative of their number has declared to be "entirely void and of no effect" should be printed on their notes, particularly when its probable effect on the mind of the farmer is recalled.

In referring to my statement that it would be better for the farmer to raise a loan on his farm if necessary and buy his machinery for cash, Mr. Van Allen says that I would have the hearty co-operation of every implement dealer in the country in bring about such a condition of affairs. I am inclined to think not. If a farmer had to pay out the cash which he had already accumulated by hard work, or had to raise it by mortgaging his farm he would consider very carefully the question as to whether he actually required the article so eloquently pressed on his attention by the machine agent. The result of such consideration would be that in a very large number of cases no purchase would be made, whereas under the present system the farmer buys, trusting to good fortune to assist him in meeting the liability at the distant date when it begins to mature and entirely overlooking the serious items of interest and tear and wear. Indeed the proverbially large quantity of unnecessary machinery with which the country is flooded by means of the insidious long-date lien-note system of settlement, is one of the most objectionable phases of the business. Reducing this quantity to the strict requirements of the country would seriously curtail the volume of trade and consequently the profits of gentlemen in Mr. Van Allen's business.

Regarding the giving of chattel mortgages by farmers in Dakota to secure payment of machinery, it has no bearing on the discussion, as in Dakota farmers have to give chattel mortgages to secure almost every purchase they make, of whatever kind. As to the rates of profits on implements I based my statement in my previous letter on information obtained from men in the business, which information I had and have no reason to believe is unreliable. I shall make it my business, however, to make the most minute investigation into the matter and feel confident of being able to bear out my statement by authoritative figures.

Mr. Van Allen has, as I have said, entirely mistaken the drift and object of my communication. He talks of my "complaints" and advises me not to "whine." I think that nothing either in the matter or tone of my previous letter could be construed as either whining or complaint. I have no quarrel with the agricultural implement manufacturers. From their standpoint they conduct their business in a much more business-like way than the ordinary mercantile fraternity. My object was to show my fellow-merchants that the agricultural implement business, conducted under the present conditions, is a standing menace to their interests as also to the interests of farmers who do not understand their legal status. For this I do not blame the implement dealer. He is looking after his business, not that of the community in general. But surely the pointing out wherein his interest and theirs conflict does not necessarily imply unjustifiable antagonism.

Mr. Van Allen says "In conclusion I think 'Manitoba Merchant' should sign his name to 'such a communication as is in question and in 'this way add weight or otherwise as the case 'might be to statements which seem to have little in them of themselves."

It will be observed that Mr. Van Allen's logic does not improve as he goes along. How, for instance, could any name add weight "to 'statements which seem to have little in them 'of themselves?" If my statements are accurate and my conclusions sound they could no

be rendered a whit sounder or more accurate by the subscription of the most influential name in Manitoba. Conversely, weak logic, contradictions which disprove nothing, and uncalled for invective do not carry any more weight nor effect any purpose the better for being supported by the prestige of a name even as formidable as Mr. Van Allen's. Had my communication contained any charge or any personal reference I should have felt bound to accompany it with my name. It did not, however. I leave your readers, sir, to judge the dispute on its merits, not on the names of the disputants. Mr. Van Allen's reason for inviting me to disclose my identity is so obviously flimsy that although having no insuperable objection to signing my name, I do not feel that it is at all necessary, and beg to subscribe myself again.

MANITOBA MERCHANT.

### Mining by Electricity.

The *Free Press*, published at Nanaimo, B. C., tells as follows of how coal mining is done at the Union mines, Vancouver Island, by electricity:—

A *Free Press* representative called on A. Dick Government Inspector of coal mines, on his return yesterday from an official visit to the Union Colliery at Comox. Mr. Dick then gave a description of the electric machine—the first of the kind he had seen—as wonderful and doing its work with the utmost ease and the precision of clock-work. He timed the machine while at work and found that it “mined” 6 feet by 39 inches, and four inches deep in five minutes. It also took five minutes from the time of finishing cut, until it commenced work on the next. To move it from one stall to another takes about half-an-hour. Mr. Dick expressed the opinion that it will greatly facilitate the mining of coal, and also that the coal will come out in a more merchantable condition. In fact Mr. Little, manager, and Mr. Russell, overman, said the refuse from the machine was not half that by the ordinary mode of mining.

D. N. Ozyor, electrician of the Jeffery Electrical Company, of Columbus, Ohio, is at present at Union placing the machinery in order, and instructing the operators. Mr. John Eid, is in charge of the cutting machine, having one helper, who with an engineer in charge of the dynamo, is the entire working force. The steam is supplied from the colliery boilers.

Mr. Ozyor expects to remain at Union about two weeks longer, and says that in the long wall system of coal mining the machine can do a much greater percentage of work than in the small stall system. The machine simply does the under-mining, then the miner has to come along, drill the holes, fire the shots, and load away the coal.

Following is a brief technical description of the machine as given by the manufacturer:

The machine consists of a bed frame occupying a space of 2 feet wide, by 8 feet 6 inches long, composed of two steel channel bars firmly braced, the top plates on each forming racks with their teeth downward, into which the feed wheels of the sliding frame engage. Mounted upon and engaging with this bed frame, is a sliding frame, similarly braced, consisting mainly of two steel bars, upon which are mounted at the rear ends, the electric motor, from which power is transmitted through straight gear and worm wheel to the rack, by means of

which the sliding frame is fed forward. Upon the front end of this sliding frame is mounted the cutter bar, held firmly by two solid steel shoes, with suitable brass boxes. The cutter-bar contains bits, made of tool steel, held in place by set screws. When the cutter-bar is revolved, these cutters or bits, cover its entire face. The cutter-bar is revolved by an endless curved link steel chain from the driving shaft, and as it is revolved, is advanced by the above mechanism into the coal or other material to be undercut to the desired depth.

The electric motor occupies a space of about 20 inches square, is built in the most workman-like manner, both mechanically and electrically. The current required 50 amperes at a pressure of 220 volts; the motor is wound to develop fully 15 H. P., though frequently in some veins of coal the machine only uses 30 amperes or 7½ H. P. in making cuts. The machine is started by means of a switch located on a suitable resistance box, on the rear end of the motor, the same being arranged with buttons; the current is gradually turned on by simply passing the lever over these buttons. The armature of the motor is calculated to run at a speed of 1,000 revolutions per minute, from which the speed is reduced so as to run the cutter-bar 200 revolutions per minute. The momentum of the armature is such, that ordinary obstructions met by the cutter-bar in the coal are not perceptible, causing the machine to run steadily and comparatively quiet.

### British Columbia.

T. E. Peck, East Wellington hotel, is dead. McKinnell & Cole have opened a wholesale liquor establishment at Nanaimo.

William Kirkup, hardware dealer, of Revelstoke, will open a branch at Nelson.

James Wilcox, of the firm of Sabiston & Wilcox, Commercial hotel, Nanaimo, is dead.

McDonald & Hobbs have commenced business as wholesale wine and liquor merchants, at Nanaimo.

The members of the Vancouver Early Cosing Association have decided to abandon the Wednesday half-holiday, on account of the opposition of some merchants.

Jas. McDonald & Co., of Revelstoke, have secured the contract for building the stations, storehouses, sheds, etc., for the Columbia and Kootenay railway at Sproat and Nelson.

The first shipment of this season's sealskins for the London market has been made from Victoria by M. J. Davis representing Joseph Ullman. He sent a full carload via the C.P.R. and New York.

A change has occurred in the personnel of the legal firm of Corbould, McColl, Forin & Campbell, of Vancouver and New Westminster. Forin and Morrison retire from the firm and Charles Wilson of Victoria, becomes a member of it.

Nelson Miner: As a result of the transfer of the Wheeler interests in Hot Springs district to W. L. Hoge of Anaconda, Montana, sampling and concentrating works will shortly be erected at some point in the district—probably at Ainsworth.

The electors of Richmond municipality have voted on the by-law for raising \$40,000 for improving and making roads. The result of the poll was that the by-law was carried by the

majority of 43. Out of 119 votes, 81 were for the by-law, and 38 against.

The *Vernon News and Okanagan Farm and Live Stock Journal* is the latest addition to the newspaper list of British Columbia. It is an eight-page paper, and is got up very creditably. The *News* is to be run on independent principles, with the Okanagan country as its special charge. We wish the new arrival every success.

The *Victoria Times* says: “A dreadful disaster occurred on the sealing schooner *Juanita* three days ago, while the vessel was sealing off Vancouver Island shore. One of the crew was engaged in loading cartridge shells in the cabin, when one of them went off and ignited a cask of powder. In the explosion that followed the captain was seriously injured. Seven of the crew, all but one aboard, were badly hurt, and all were blinded by the explosion. The schooner entered port to-day in charge of two men from another schooner, with her injured crew lying in the hold. The cabin was completely destroyed. The quantity of powder exploded was over 25 pounds.”

*Vancouver News*: The Vancouver Shipbuilding, Sealing and Trading Company has launched, from their shipyard on False Creek, Vancouver, the first of their sealing schooners which is as staunch a ship of 96 tons, as any that has been sent north to Behring Sea. The company has pushed forward to completion this vessel under trying circumstances, as skilled labor for this class of work has been nearly impossible to obtain.

Nelson Miner: At Ainsworth Dr. Henry of Spokane, is building a drug store; Roderick McLeod, a 25x100 foot addition to his hotel; Olson & Williamsons a 30x60 2 story hotel; Wilson & Pordue, a 20x30 1½-story meat market; and the Spokane Mercantile Company are making preparations to build a store. At Nelson work is being carried on on the International hotel, R. E. Lemon's hardware store, the Clark & Malone building, the Nelson hotel, the Tolson building, G. O. Buchanan's 2 residences, the Huston & Ink block, and on several small additions to stores and hotels. About 60 mechanics are employed in all in the two towns.

*Columbian*: Last fall, while digging a ditch at Steveston, a small vein of natural gas was struck, but at the time nothing was thought of it. It was noticed, however, a short time ago that the stream of gas was increasing, and last night W. H. Stevers determined to see what sort of a blaze it would make. He placed a barrel over the stream, and allowing only a small hole for the gas to escape, set fire to it, with the result that a flame four feet high shot into the air, burning Mr. Stevers' rather seriously before he could withdraw them. The flame gradually subsided to about ten inches in height, which burned all night, and was still burning when Mr. Stevers left home yesterday morning. When the news spread that a vein of natural gas had been discovered, there was considerable excitement at Steveston, and people gathered from all parts of the neighborhood to see the blaze. It is understood that Mr. Steves and a number of other gentlemen will form a company and take immediate steps to develop the vein, which they are confident will result in a big strike of natural gas. It is to be hoped their expectations will be realized.

# HILLWATTEE

THIS celebrated brand of Tea has arrived and samples are in our travellers' hands. The number one "blue label" is a blending of choice pickings and specially put up to meet a demand for fine grown teas; besides strength the infusion has a wonderful bouquet. For "5 o'clock teas" it is without a peer. The number two "red label" is a blend selected to meet Canadian taste for a smooth and not too heavy tea at a price to insure a large sale.

These Teas are offered only in packets, pounds, halves and quarters assorted in Half Chests. The "Trade Mark" is a registered one. Shall be pleased to forward samples on application.

## LUCAS, PARK & CO.,

Wholesale Grocers and Importers,

73 McNab Street, North, - Hamilton, Ont.

FULL LINE OF STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES ON HAND.

## The Manufacturers' Life AND Accident Insurance Co's

Head Office: - TORONTO.

Combined Authorized Capital - - \$3,000,000

Incorporated by Special Act of the Dominion Parliament.  
Full Government Deposit.

Absolute Security Offered in a Live, Prosperous and  
**POPULAR CANADIAN COMPANY**

PRESIDENT—SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, P.C., G.C.B.  
VICE-PRESIDENTS—George Gooderham, Esq., President of the Bank of Toronto  
—William Bell, Esq., Manufacturer, Guelph.  
—S. F. McKinnon, Wholesale Merchant, Director of the Traders Bank  
JOHN F. ELLIS, MANAGING DIRECTOR.

WM. SCOTT, Provincial Manager, Winnipeg

AGENTS WANTED IN UNREPRESENTED DISTRICTS.



## R. E. Trumbell,

—WHOLESALE—

WINES, LIQUORS and CIGARS

VIRDEN, . . . MAN.

The Choicest Liquors in Stock. Permit orders promptly attended to. The most westerly wholesale liquor business in Manitoba

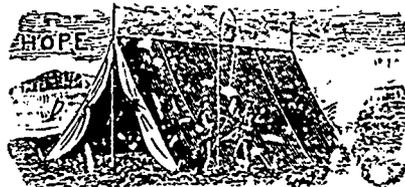
## A. E. Rea & Co.

Wholesale Shipper of

GRAIN, FLOUR, FEED, HAY, &c.

BRANDON, . . . MAN.

Shipments made in Car Lots to all points East and West.



## HOPE & CO.

MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN

Tents, Awnings, Mattresses, Springs, Horse Clothing, Sporting Outfits, Moss, Fibre, Husks, Hair, Wool, Etc.

TENTS RENTED.

183 McWilliam St., - - WINNIPEG.

## LYMAN BROS. & CO.,

WHOLESALE  
DRUGS AND MEDICINES

Every requisite for the Drug Trade promptly supplied.

TORONTO, ONT.

## COCHRANE, CASSILS & CO.

Wholesale Boots and Shoes

Cor. Craig & St. Francis Xavier Sts.,

MONTREAL.

Manitoba and N.W.T. Agency: J. M. MACDONALD  
McIntyre Block, WINNIPEG.

British Columbia Branch: WM. SKENE, Van Horne Block, VANCOUVER.

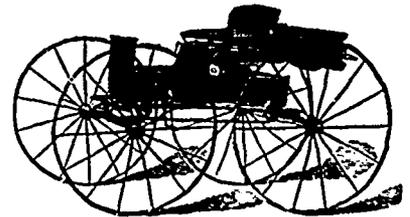
## JAS. McCREADY & CO.,

WHOLESALE

Boot and Shoe Manufacturers,

MONTREAL.

SAMPLE ROOMS, 496 MAIN ST. WINNIPEG  
W. WILLIAMS, AGENT



## JOHN O'DONOHUE & CO.,

—DEALERS IN—

WHEELED RIGS, IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

We carry a full line of the unexcelled manufactures of the BRANTFORD CARRIAGE COMPANY.

—INSPECTION INVITED.—

Office and Warehouse: Haymarket Square,

WINNIPEG.



Some little fortunes have been made\* work for us, in Anna Page, Dublin, Texas, and Jan Bonn, Toledo, Ohio. See cut. Others are doing as well. Why not you? Some earn over \$500.00 a month. You can do the work and live at home, wherever you are. Even beginners are easily earning from \$5 to \$10 a day. All ages. We show you how and start you. Can work in spare time or all the time. Big money for workers. I assure unknown among them. NEW and wonderful Particulars free. H. Hallett & Co., Box 850 Portland, Maine

\* OAK TANNED

**BELTING**  
"EXTRA" BRAND.

MONTREAL AND TORONTO.

THE J. C. McLAREN BELTING CO.

## Winnipeg Brass Works

86 ALBERT STREET.

Manufacturer of all Classes of Brass Goods, Brass and Iron Railings, Etc., Etc.

ELECTRIC BELLS KEPT IN STOCK.

ANDREW SCHMIDT, - Winnipeg.

First-class in every Respect  
Appointments Perfect.  
Graduated Prices.



MONTREAL.

Every Attention paid to  
Guests.

## WALKER HOUSE

The most conveniently located Hotel in Toronto.  
One Block from Union Railway Depot.  
A first-class Family and Commercial House.

Terms from \$2 a Day

DAVID WALKER, PROPRIETOR.

Corner York and Front Sts., TORONTO, Ont.

## WINNIPEG SHOW CASE WORKS,

J. & D. J. LALONDE, - PROPS.

MANUFACTURERS OF

Show Cases, Mantles, Etc.,

312 Princess and 780 Logan Streets,

WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

### Grocery Prices at Toronto.

Sugars, Syrup and Molasses - The demand for all three is light and prices are unchanged. Sugar is very dull. It is the same old story of waiting until the tariff changes are announced. In barrels molasses are selling at 40 to 45c for Porto Rico; 39 to 42c for Barbados and 43 to 60c for New Orleans. New Orleans offered to arrive at 42 to 45c. Sugars are Granulated, 1 to 15 barrels, 7c; do., 15 barrels and over, 6½c; Paris lump, boxes, 7c, extra ground, barrels, 8c, do., boxes or less than barrels, 8½c; powdered, barrels, 7½c; do., less than barrels, 7c; refined, dark to bright, \$5 05 to \$6 Teas and Colles - Teas have been fairly active and are steadily held on all grades and varieties. Coffees are dull and unchanged, with no quotable change in prices. Rios, 22 to 23c; Jamaica, 22 to 23c; Java, 26 to 35c; Mocha, 29 to 35c; Porto Rico, 25 to 29c.

Rice and Spices - Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do., off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do., Patna, 6½ to 6¾c; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 8 to 8½c; sago, 5½ to 6c, tapioca, 6½ to 7c; pepper, black, 22 to 25c; do., white, 25 to 49c; ginger Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 25 to 40c; allspice 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 95c to \$1 20; cream tartar, 25 to 50c.

Dried Fruit Valencia raisins are weak and selling at 5½ to 6½c as for quality for off stalk. Currants are firm and in good demand at previous quotations. Currants, barrels, new, 6½ to 6¾c, half barrels, 6½ to 6¾c; cases, 6½ to 6¾c; Vostizza, new, cases, 7½ to 9½c. Raisins, Valencias, 5½ to 6½c; do., selects, 7½ to 8c; do., layers, 8½ to 9c; sultanas, 15 to 18c; London layers, \$2.50 to \$2 75. Prunes, cases, 8½ to 10½c; hogsheads and bags, 7½ to 8c. Figs, natural bags, 4½ to 5c; Malaga inats, \$1 to \$1 25; Elemes, 10 to 20 pounds, 10 to 13c. Dates, Hallowee, 5½ to 6c; old, 4c. Nuts - Almonds, Tarragona, 15½ to 17c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenobles, 16 to 17c; Marbots, 12 to 13c; Bordeaux, 12 to 12½c.

Canned Goods - All kinds of vegetables are firm and in good demand. Tomatoes are selling at \$1 50 to \$1 60, and peas at \$1 30 to \$1 45. Fish - Salmon, 1's flat, \$1 60 to \$1 70; salmon, 1's, tall, \$1 35 to \$1 55; lobsters, clover leaf, \$2 75; other 1's, \$2 to \$2 30; mackerel, \$1 40 to \$1 50; sardines, French, 1's, 9 to 11c; sardines, French, 1's, 14 to 22c; sardines, American, 1's, 6 to 9c; sardines, American, 1's, 9c. Fruits and Vegetables - Corn, 2's, \$1.10 to \$1.25; corn, cream, 3's, \$1 75 to \$1.80; peas, 2's, \$1.35 to \$1.45; strawberries, 2's, \$2 25 to \$2.40; tomatoes, 3's, \$1.50 to \$1.60; apples, 3's, \$1.10 to \$1.15; gallons, \$3 to \$3.20; peaches, 2's, \$2.50 to \$2.75; peaches, 3's, \$3 50 to \$3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.60; 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's \$2. - Empire.

### The Position of Pig Iron.

Had any one predicted a month ago that \$21 would be paid for Carnbroe iron after the middle of May they would have been laughed at, yet such is the fact, and it shows conclusively to what a change the position of pig iron has been subjected within the past few weeks. In the early spring, what with the competition of American pig in the west and the long lull that we had here, every one expected to see cheap iron after the opening of navigation, and had some reason for their belief, as orders for delivery ahead were taken at a considerable concession. Now, however, the conditions are altered and point the other way. The long

lull above referred to has resulted in very small stocks here, smaller, in fact, than they have been for several years at this period, and what supplies there are near at hand are already taken to arrive, while the tendency of the market in Great Britain is toward firmness. There has been a continued squeeze in warrants, which has been sustained for over a fortnight now, and this has been reflected on the regular market for maker's brands, and holders are more independent than before, especially in view of the light supplies, increased cost of production and largely decreased shipments during the year, which must mean a shortage somewhere. In the latter connection the following figures are interesting. The shipments of pig from Scotland for the week ending May 22nd, 1891, were 5,379 tons, against 9,808 tons for the same week in 1890, and the shipments from the 1st of January to the same date 77,036 tons, against 150,469 tons for the same period in 1890. In other words, the shipments have decreased almost 50 per cent. during the period mentioned. Then, too, the American market is shaping itself firmer, if the statistical position goes for anything.

Current transactions in pig show that buyers realize the effect of these influences for they are showing more disposition for business than formerly. Within the past few days several 200 ton lots of Carnbroe have turned over at \$19.50, while for 10 ton lots \$21 is the figure, and has been made in several instances. *Montreal Gazette.*

### Wool.

John Hallam, of Toronto, writes as follows concerning wool:

The wool season is now at hand and no doubt many of your readers will be interested in knowing the situation. Wool for the last year has been anything but profitable to dealers. We produce considerably more of combing wool than we can consume, consequently we have to export. Our best market is the United States, owing to the fact, that England is our keenest competitor, as she grows the largest quantity and the best quality of Leicester, Cotswold and other long, bright-haired wools. France and Germany also produce considerable of these wools. It is impossible to sell our surplus at anything like a paying price to these countries, therefore, the only market left open to us is the United States. Last year the McKinley tariff came into effect and imposed a duty of 12 cents a lb. on all fleeces combing wools similar to those grown in Canada, and 36c a lb. on all pulled or skinned wools. This made it impossible to export pulled wools to the United States. We are in that unenviable position, that we have to sell our wool for whatever the United States manufacturers like to give, and in this case, the farmers pay the duty, as we cannot or could not get as much for our wools, if they were shipped to England, France, or Germany. There have been large quantities of last year's crop shipped recently to the United States, at 20 and 20½c. close selection. The farmers of Canada should pay more attention to getting up their wool and put it in better condition and see that it is free from burrs, chaff and stained pieces, as the United States manufacturer will not pay duty on burry, chaffy or stained wools. The following are the present values of Canadian wools: -

Pure Southdown.....22 to 24c.  
Shropshire Down.....20 to 21c.

A strict selection for clothing ..... 19 to 20c.  
Combing fleeces ..... 17 to 19c.  
Black, Cotted, Burry and chaffy  
wools ..... 12 to 13c  
Unwashed Merino ..... 14 to 15c.  
" pure Southdown ..... 12 to 17c.  
" " Shropshire Down..... 11 to 12c.  
" Clothing and combing ..... 9 to 10c.

The above are the very outside prices that should be paid for this season's crop of wool

### Manitoba Wheat at Duluth.

The present system of handling bonded wheat at this point differs from that of previous years, and is little understood even by the grain men outside of Duluth. The Northern Pacific road gives a general bond of \$300,000 for the proper handling of grain going through from the Canadian west to Sarnia, Montreal or other lower Canadian points via the Duluth lake route. A number of bins in elevator D are bonded without charge by the elevator company for the profit of handling the business. When bonded cars arrive closed by the seal of the Canadian Government and also of the railroad, the United States deputy collector of customs takes them in charge, orders the seal broken, oversees the handling, and when the grain is finally placed in the bin, places his seal thereon. When the owner desires to ship any of the grain, the deputy customs collector breaks the seal, and when the desired amount is withdrawn, again seals the bin, but when the bin is empty it is left open and may be used for any grain. In all these operations the United States deputy collector is accompanied by one of the Canadian custom officers stationed here, whose presence is a matter of international courtesy, as he has no authority so far as the handling is concerned. His certificate, however, is of value at the Canadian points to which the grain is destined, and his seal on cars containing goods in bond for Manitoba greatly expedites traffic at the Canadian boundary line. The bonded grain is not inspected under our law but goes through under the grades established in Manitoba. This system of a general instead of a special bond is a great convenience to shippers and holds the business for the American route, but cuts off much of the fees formerly received by the customs collector. The whole bonding system has thus been simplified in a spirit of international comity and for the business interests of both sides of the line. - *Duluth Herald.*

### Lake Freights.

It was reported from Duluth last week that lake freight rates are terribly demoralized. Wheat rates have not touched so low a mark since 1888 and 1894, when Buffalo rates of wheat were made as low as 1 cent. Yesterday shippers stated on the Board of Trade that boats were being offered as low as 1½ cents for wheat. The nominal rate for ore is now \$1, but it is likely to drop. Coal rates are said to be 40 cents for hard and 50 cents for soft, but charters are offered under these figures. It is reported that three vessels have left Chicago for Lake Erie, chartered for coal at 60 cents, something that has not happened since 1874.

Scott & Co., shirt manufacturers, Montreal, have called a meeting to their creditors. The liabilities are estimated \$30,000. The Merchants Bank is largely interested.