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WINNIPEG, APRIL 7, 1890.

L. MALONE, hotel, Gleichen, Alberta, is dead.
 J. LESTER, shoemaker, has begun business at Moosomin, Assa.

WM. MCKINNON & BRO., Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership.

A. G. WILLIAMS has opened a flour and feed store at Gladstone, Man.

MRS. BERNARD, confectionery, Birtle, Man., has closed up and will move to Winnipeg.

The legal firm of Richards, Brophy & Bradshaw, Winnipeg, has dissolved partnership.

G. L. PETERSON, confectionery and fruit, Port Arthur, has sold out to John Andrews.

WILCOX & Co., general store, Virden, Man., have dissolved partnership; C. E. Pineo retires.

C. GALLAGHER, of Regina, has purchased three car loads of fat steers from a Cypress Hills rancher.

A SPECIAL immigrant train arrived at Winnipeg last week from Montreal, having on board 144 British immigrants.

TURNER, MCKEAND & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have moved their offices from the corner building into their block one door to the east.

HINDSON & BEA have abandoned the idea of starting a creamery at Rapid City. H. C. Clay, however, has decided to establish a creamery at that place.

A NEW paper, the Brandon *Saturday Night*, has made its appearance at Brandon, making the fourth newspaper for that place. It is under the control of J. B. Frazer.

SMITH & FERGOUSON, hardware dealers, Regina, have admitted J. W. Smith, hardware dealer of the same place, into partnership. Style of business now, the Smith & Ferguson Company, Limited.

ED. SCARLETT, who has had charge of G. W. McLaren's drug and stationery store at Manitou, Man., has purchased the stock, etc., and will carry on the business in his own name in future.

The transactions at the Dominion Government savings bank Winnipeg during March were as follows:—

Deposits	\$10,626 00
Withdrawals	23,819 42
Withdrawals exceed deposits by	\$12,193 42

HENDERSON & BULL, wholesale commission merchants, Winnipeg, have moved a few doors west of their old stand, and now occupy the corner building in Turner, MacKeand & Co.'s block, on Banuatyne street east, where they will have more roomy and convenient quarters.

BEGINNING next Wednesday the passenger service of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway will be extended to Winnipeg. Trains will run over the Canadian Pacific between Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg, connecting at Winnipeg with trains to and from the east.

It is understood the Manitoba Government has decided to give a guarantee of interest at the rate of four per cent. for twenty years, on bonds to the amount of \$1,400,000 in aid of the Hudson Bay railway. This will be in lieu of the cash bonus of \$750,000 outright to the company.

THE insolvent estate of Van Blaricorn & Clark, merchants, Arden, Manitoba, will be sold by public auction on April 5, at the office of the official assignee, Winnipeg. There are \$2,123 of goods, \$721 in accounts and buildings valued at \$700, the latter subject to \$200 mortgage.

THE Ontario Government will vote to the Ontario and Rainy River railway, a cash subsidy of \$3,000 per mile for construction of twenty miles of road westward from Sand Lake, the present terminus. This is the road upon which construction was commenced at Fort Arthur last year.

THE following officers of the board of trade of Maple Creek, Assa., have been elected:—John Dixon, president; E. Fearon, 1st vice-president; H. A. Greely, 2nd vice-president; L. Rankin, secretary; W. R. Abbott, treasurer. Council:—I. C. Dixon, J. G. Fauquier, A. J. Smith, V. Levesque.

S. NAIRN, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mills, has imported from Scotland several varieties of grain, which he intends to test thoroughly in this country. Among the different samples are the following high grade kinds: Longfellow, black tartarian, Hamilton, Blainslie and Sandy oats, and Chevalier and Italian barley.

THE southeast corner of Main & McWilliam streets, Winnipeg, has been sold by Mr. Donohue, late of Selkirk, to an eastern company for \$15,000. Mr. Donohue purchased the property last fall for \$11,000. Mr. Donohue has now purchased the Grand Union hotel together with all the furniture and fittings for \$20,000, and will shortly take possession.

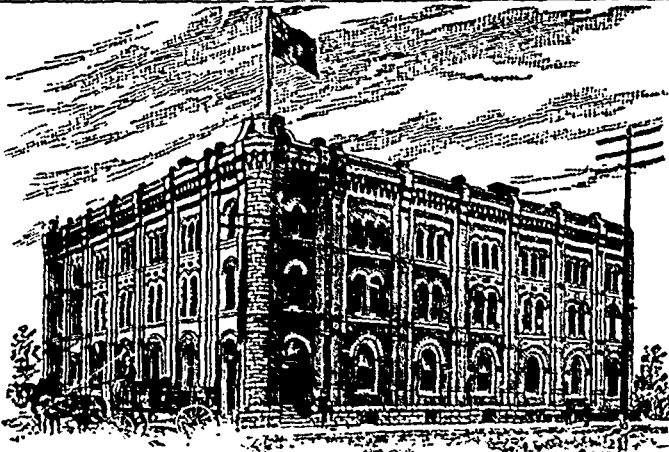
At the last monthly meeting of the board of trade of Vancouver, B. C., attention was directed to the bad quality of a good deal of produce, especially butter, sent from the East, and it was suggested that the council of the board of trade should take it up and make representations to the boards of trade in Winnipeg and Eastern Canada, with a view to securing a better class of produce.

ONE of the largest fish ever seen in Winnipeg was received by J. H. Davis, fish dealer, last week. It was a monstrous specimen of the halibut species and came from British Columbia. The weight of the fish was 154 pounds. The express charges come heavy on fresh fish from the coast, and economy in shipping is necessary. In the case of this large halibut, the waste in the head and tail is placed at between fifteen and twenty pounds, upon which express charges would have to be paid. In shipping large fish, if the useless parts such as the head were removed, a very considerable saving would be made in express charges.

THERE appears to be something unpleasant in connection with the recent sale of the estate of C. W. Gauthier, of Selkirk, Man. A large fishing business is carried on on Lake Winnipeg by this concern and a similar business is carried on down east. The Lake Winnipeg business it is claimed has paid well, but the eastern business has been unsatisfactory. An eastern man has now stepped in and gobbled up the whole plant and stock, valued at about \$75,000, under execution, leaving local creditors entirely in the lurch for goods supplied the company, to the amount of ten or twelve thousand dollars. Winnipeg creditors are entirely out in the cold. There is a fishy smell about the business, though the local creditors still hope to make something out of their claims.

THE *Manitoba Colonist*, for April is out, and it is a fine number, being filled with information about the country, in a condensed form. This is the kind of matter which is most valuable to the country, and useful to the reader. Northern Manitoba receives special attention in the issue and a few columns are devoted to relating the experiences of practical western farmers, as told by themselves. The *Colonist* is not sectional. It has no object in favouring one district over another, and avoids comparisons such as are some times made with the object of showing the superior advantages of one district over another, but which often have the effect of injuring the country as a whole. Following on these lines the *Colonist* will do a great deal of good wherever it goes, in making known the advantages of the West.

THE annual report of the Dominion Minister of the Interior has been completed. In Manitoba and the Territories, during 1889, there were 696,050 acres of homestead entries, 212,651 acres of pre-emptions, and 177,092 acres were sold. The area entered by actual settlers was greater than any year except 1882 and 1883, the increase over 1888 being 275,000 acres. Arrangements are being made by which the difficulty caused by the abolition of pre-emptions will be avoided and settlers given an opportunity to purchase the adjoining quarter section on easy terms. The net revenue of the department for the year ending October, 1889, was \$588,861 against \$563,709 for the previous year. The revenue from timber, mineral and grazing lands was \$102,732; timber dues, \$77,071; grazing lands, \$7,811; bay dues, \$6,909. The report estimates the live stock in the Alberta and Assiniboia grazing districts to consist of 106,063 cattle, 13,322 horses and 44,822 sheep, but is unable to state the number in the remainder of the Territories or in Manitoba. The revenue of school lands for the year ending October was: Manitoba, \$42,859.82; Territories, \$11,159.74; total, \$54,019.56. This is merely the sum received.

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It is not generally known that gold is one of the products of the prairies, though washing for gold has been carried on on the North Saskatchewan river for years. The *Edmonton Bulletin* says: It is estimated that last season between \$15,000 and \$23,000 worth of gold dust was taken from the Saskatchewan, of which about \$6,000 was taken from the immediate vicinity of Fort Saskatchewan. Several hundred dollars also were taken from the Macleod river, a tributary of the Athabasca, about 125 miles west of Edmonton, on the trail to Jasper House. The gold of Macleod is in even lighter flakes and is of lighter yellow color than the gold of the Saskatchewan. The skimmings of its bars are fairly rich but it does not promise as permanent diggings as the Saskatchewan.

THE third session of the seventh Legislature of Manitoba closed on Monday last. About 80 measures were formally accented to by the Governor, including the bill doing away with separate schools and the official use of the French language. The two bills entitled "an act respecting sales of land for taxes," and "an act affecting arrears of taxes in the city of Winnipeg," were held over by the Governor for reference to Ottawa. The session will be remembered as one of the most if not the most important in the history of Manitoba. Certainly in point of radical legislation, it has been the most important epoch since Manitoba became a province. The abolition of sectarian schools, the dual language system, church exemptions, and denominational holidays, make quite an imposing record in the line of radical legislation for one session.

THE resignation of Hon. Joseph Martin, Attorney-General of Manitoba, which was made public last week, occasioned general surprise. It was followed by many rumors of a more or less contradictory nature, regarding alleged disturbances in the cabinet, and reports that further changes in the political situation would follow. These statements as a rule, however, may be set down as mere speculation. Mr. Martingives as his reason for resigning, that his business requires his entire attention. Mr. Martin has been considered really the head and front of the present Government. The

radical legislation of the recent session of the House is attributed to him. He has certainly shown great energy and determination in pushing the important measures which came before the House this session, and his resignation immediately after the closing of the House, comes as a surprise. It hardly seems probable that a man of his energy and combativeness would desire to willingly give up public life so quickly, hence the disposition to look for some other reason as an incentive to such an act. Further developments in political circles will be awaited with interest.

A LETTER signed "Fair Play," which recently appeared in a local paper, gives the merchants a pointer or two which they would do well to put in their pipes and smoke. "Fair Play" deals with the exemptions allowed farmers in Manitoba, which he thinks cannot be such a bad thing, in comparison with the custom among merchants of assigning or compromising. He says: "The farmer tries to pay one hundred cents on the dollar, which is more than the retailers do, with their bankrupt act, which gives them the privilege to pay twenty-five cents on the dollar. Now, who is the more honorable, the retailers or the farmers." "Fair Play" further wants to know why farmers cannot assign or compromise at 50 cents on the dollar, and have all claims against them wiped out. Here is something for the merchants to think over. We leave it with them.

THE farmers of a district near Minnedosa have organized a grange, and they propose buying their goods in quantities in Winnipeg, instead of patronizing the local merchants. The report of the first meeting says that several hundred dollars' worth of orders were given to the secretary. This is a free country, and the farmers have a perfect right to organize and buy goods where and from whom they please. They will, however, be obliged to pay cash for goods obtained on the combination principle. The farmers of the Minnedosa district probably owe the merchants of that place not less than \$50,000. A recent failure in that town was due to book debts outstanding to the amount of about \$12,000, which it is claimed cannot be collected on account of poor crops. Now, if

the farmers can organize and pay cash for goods purchased away from home, they should be able to pay up their store bills. The merchants of Minnedosa have bought the butter and other produce of the farmers during the past year, and as a rule have paid more for butter than they can sell it for, and now the farmers talk of sending their orders away for goods. They are bound by principles of honor to pay up their store bills first, if they have any money to spare. Any farmer who sends cash away for goods and then asks for credit from the local dealer, should be refused any accommodation whatever. This point is worth while being taken into consideration by the local dealers. The farmers of Manitoba are certainly under obligations to the local merchants who have supplied them with the necessities of life during close seasons, but their efforts evidently have not always been appreciated, judging from the proposals of the Minnedosa farmers.

THE farce is to be continued. The recent changes in the duties are of a very important nature, and practically amount to a revision of the tariff, but evidently not a revision in favor of the consumers. Additional burdens are imposed upon the West by the changes. Not content with the discrimination which formerly existed against the West, our burdens have been further increased. The most important changes affecting the West are in fruits, which are again made dutiable at the rate of 40 cents per barrel on apples, 3 cents per pound on berries, the weight of the package to be included, 30 cents per bushel on plums, cranberries and quinces, 1 cent per quart on cherries and currants, and 1 cent per pound on peaches. The increase of one cent per pound in the duties on hats will also affect the West very materially. Every general dissatisfaction has been expressed with the changes from other parts of Canada, and it is to be hoped that it may prove the last straw to the burden which the people have been forced to bear, and that they will arouse themselves and shake it off.

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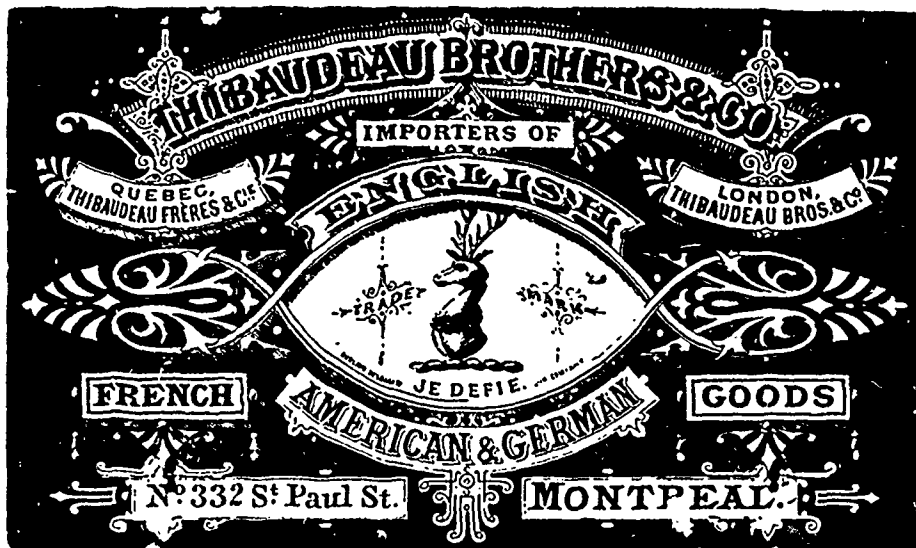
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BUSINESS OVERDONE.

Of the many letters which have been written to the papers concerning the recent retailers' convention, there is not one which contained more truth than that signed "A Farmer," which appeared in the *Winnipeg Free Press*. This writer, as may be expected, gives vent to some peculiar views; but when he speaks of business being overdone, he hits pretty close to the mark. The following extract from the letter is worthy of re-production. "A Farmer" says:—

"There is not a city, town nor village that does not have two or three times as many dealers as there is business for. Some poor fool gets it into his head that he is a little better than his fellows. He is above working and thinks if he can get at storekeeping he will be a gentleman. The few dollars he has at command are invested in goods and he gets as much more on credit. In some place where there are too many traders already he hangs out his sign and henceforward he considers himself a man of no mean order. But customers are few and the profits on what he sells are scarcely enough to keep soul and body together. His case soon becomes desperate; he sells almost indiscriminately to any one, and finally goes under. Gainsay it who will the above is about the modus operandi of a large percentage of the retail dealers from start to finish."

While it is not necessary to endorse the extreme view of the case as presented in the above extract, there is no denying the charge that business is overdone in this country. There are certainly altogether too many people in store business, in comparison with the total population of the country. Almost every town and village in the country is overdone in the matter of stores, and yet even in this close year new stores are being opened every day. Where there is a fair living for one good general store, there are usually two or three such establishments. This is the rule all through the country, and an exception to it can hardly be found in all Manitoba. Nor does there appear to be any prospect of an improvement. The population is increasing year by year from immigration, but the stores are multiplying in greater proportion than the increase in population. As fast as new railways are opened, stores are started at points all along the line, and these come into competition with stores previously established in the older towns in the same districts, while at the same time there is no material increase in the population. All the storekeepers are anxious to do business, and the keen competition which follows leads to reckless credit business, paying too high prices for produce, and finally to failure.

It is not hard to discover the cause of this state of things. Competition and reckless credit business on the part of the wholesale trade may be safely set down as the direct cause. To go beyond this again we might say that the banking system of the country is in a large measure responsible for the conditions which prevail in the wholesale trade, and which in turn lead to the undesirable state of things

ruling in connection with retail trade. For the present, however, it will be sufficient to consider the conditions as ruling between the wholesale and retail trade. The direct cause of the trouble is the ease with which almost any one can obtain a stock of goods for the purpose of starting in business, without possessing either of the two main requisites—capital and business ability, the latter of course including experience. In fact it may be said that capital is no object in starting business in this country. About all that is necessary to get a large stock of goods is to rent a store and hang out a sign. In a short time the drummers will be on hand, and if the "merchant" will only buy, he will soon have more goods than he knows what to do with. We are aware of several instances where a party has opened a little store with a single line of goods, and has soon found himself the nominal proprietor of a large stock of general merchandise. We will say, for instance, that a party with very limited capital, starts in business at a country point with a few dollars' worth of groceries. He is soon visited by a representative of a shoe house who is anxious to work up a connection in the town, and not being able to sell to any of the houses in that line, he induces our small trader to accept a stock of boots and shoes, by promises of unlimited credit and strong backing. Then a dry goods man and a clothing man and representatives of other branches follow in the same manner, until our little "one horse" trader is soon at the head of a large establishment. He is lacking in experience to be sure, but then he has nothing to lose, and he can slash away and roll out the goods on credit freely until the time comes for him to assign, the latter move preceded perhaps by a compromise at 50 cents on the dollar.

Is the picture overdrawn? Well, we have known of just such cases. It has been remarked, and it seems to be a fact, that wholesalers will ship goods to parties on orders taken by travellers, where they would not accept the order were the same party to apply at the office of the house. If the party had applied for goods on credit at the office before starting in business, he would have been refused, but once he hangs out a sign and is visited by a traveller, his orders are taken regardless of the consequences.

This does not mean that credit is not given too freely at the offices of the wholesale establishments. Even in these close times, and with evidences on every hand that the trade of the country is greatly overdone, those who decide to go into business seem to have little trouble in obtaining plenty of goods on credit. We have recently learned of new business ventures floated upon capital of three to five hundred dollars, which would indicate that the situation is not likely to be improved for the future. The result of this system is over-competition, reckless credit, compromises, assignments, slaughter sales, and general demoralization of business. Under such circumstances it is no wonder that many merchants who have started under better conditions, become discouraged, or are forced to the wall. The position of those who endeavor to do a straightforward, legitimate business, is anything but comforting, while at the same time the wholesale trade is

bringing disaster upon itself, in the bankruptcies which are inevitable under such a system.

In conclusion, we may say as a warning to any who may be thinking of starting in store business here, that Manitoba is not a desirable place for such ventures. There is scarcely a point in the whole province where business in the store trade is not overdone. Those who have nothing to lose of course are safe enough in trying an experiment; but to those who wish to do business in a legitimate way, there is very little encouragement to embark in store business here, either in the city, or in the country towns and villages.

TARIFFS AND TRADE WITH THE U.S.

The proposed changes in the United States tariff are outlined in a recent issue of *Bradstreet's* journal. A large number of changes are submitted in almost every class of goods. The duty on steel rails is reduced \$4 per ton, and about the same reduction is made on railway iron. Many other changes in metals are made in the bill. Lead ore is placed at a duty of 1½ cent per pound, and silver ore containing lead will pay the same rate for the portion of lead contained in the ore. On wool the duty is advanced one cent from 10 to 11 cents on first class, from 10 to 12 cents on second class, and from 2½ to 3½ cents on third class wools. Washed wools pay double duty, and scoured three times the duty on unwashed. On raw silk the duty is advanced to \$1 per pound. Advances are made on flax, hemp and jute. A large number of changes are made in drugs and chemical, oils, etc., usually in the direction of reductions. Hewn timber is reduced from 20 to 10 per cent. ad valorem, sawed boards remain at \$1 per 1,000 feet for soft woods, and \$2 per 1,000 feet for woods not enumerated. The duty on sugar is fixed at 35 per cent. ad valorem below No. 16 Dutch standard and 40 per cent. above that grade. The duty formerly collected on sugar was 69.75 per cent. ad valorem, so that the reduction will be about 50 per cent. Willet & Gray say of the sugar changes:—

"Refiners' protection is reduced from the present prohibitory tariff to the equivalent of about 16/100c. per pound on refined, and the raising of the color limit to No. 16 Dutch standard will permit a few sugars from Demerara and West India Islands to come in, which might possibly go directly into consumption without refining. Home production receives about 1c per pound protection instead of about 2c, as at present. Consumers will be benefited to the full extent of the duty reduction, say 1c per pound, at least. The government will receive about \$25,000,000 for duty, plus an increase from increased consumption stimulated by low prices."

The duty on Sumatra tobacco is increased to \$2.75 per pound and the duty on cigars is changed from \$2.50 per pound and 25 per cent. ad valorem to \$3.50 per pound. The provision schedule shows a general increase of rates. Horses and mules are made dutiable at \$30 per head, but when exceeding \$150 in value they have to pay 30 per cent. ad valorem. The duty on grown cattle is fixed at \$10 per head, on hogs at \$1.50, and on sheep at \$1.20. The duty on barley is increased from 10c to 30c per bushel, that on hops is raised from 8c to 15c. per pound. There is a reduction of the duty on rice from 2c to ½c per pound. The duty on

butter and cheese and substitutes therefor is raised from 4c to 6c per pound, and eggs are taken from the free list and rated at 5c a dozen. Hay is raised from \$2 to \$4 per ton. Hides, now free, are rated at 15 per cent. Vegetables in their natural state are increased from 10 to 25 per cent. and when prepared from 30 to 45 per cent. Fresh fish, not specially enumerated, is charged 1c per pound. There are general increases on fruits.

According to estimates made by the framers of the bill, its provisions will result in a reduction of the revenue to the extent of about \$80,000,000, of which about \$27,000,000 is accounted for by the reduction on sugar, and \$17,000,000 to \$19,000,000 by the reduction in internal revenue features of the bill. The reductions by additions to the free list will, it is estimated, aggregate about \$1,250,000. Regarding internal revenue it is provided that after May 1st, 1891, all special taxes upon dealers and retail dealers in leaf tobacco, dealers in tobacco, manufacturers of tobacco or cigars and peddlers of tobacco shall cease. Farmers and growers of tobacco are also exempted from the present tax after May 1, 1891. The bill provides that after January 1, 1891, the internal taxes on smoking and manufactured tobacco and on snuff shall be reduced to four cents per pound.

This bill, if it is adopted as presented, will be quite a serious blow to Canada's trade with the United States. Though the bill on the whole provides for a reduction in the revenue, there are sharp increases in the duty on the principal Canadian products exported to the United States. In fact it would seem that the committee has made a special feature of singling out commodities imported from Canada for higher duties. Canada exported goods to the value of \$42,572,085 to the United States for the year 1888, or about two and a half millions more than were exported to Great Britain. One of the principal items of export from Canada to the United States is eggs, which for the fiscal year 1888 were valued at \$2,119,592. A duty of 5 cents per dozen on eggs is provided for in this bill. Fresh fish, formerly free, is to have a duty of 1 cent per pound. This will affect Manitoba's export trade in frozen fish. Canada exported \$2,402,371 worth of horses to the United States in 1888. Horses were formerly free, but are now to bear a prohibitory duty. Barley exports to the United States for 1888 were \$6,498,317. The duty on this grain is to be increased from 10 to 30 per cent. Another important item of export is hides, which were formerly free, but are now to be subjected to a heavy duty. Cattle and sheep, also leading exports, are to be made subject to a heavy duty. Hay, of which our exports were \$900,000 in 1888, has a couple of dollars tacked on. Wool, on which the tariff is to be increased, is another important item of export, as are also certain fruits, principally apples, and also vegetables. Exports of potatoes to the United States in 1888 were about \$1,000,000.

So on all through the list heavy duties have been tacked on to each commodity as are imported from Canada. This does not seem a very friendly move on the part of our neighbors to the south, that at a time when they are reducing their tariff, they should make general

and in some instances prohibitory increases on the duties upon the goods most largely imported from this country. The thing is done so systematically all through that it is evident the committee has some object in view in making such a move. Whether it is to endeavor to force Canada into annexation or commercial union, time perhaps will tell. It looks suspicious, however, that at the same time these tariff changes are reported, another committee submits a report in favor of reciprocity with Canada. This report is as follows:—

"That whenever it shall be duly certified to the President of the United States that the Government of the Dominion of Canada has declared a desire to enter into such commercial arrangements with the United States as will result in the complete removal of all duties upon trade between Canada and the United States he shall appoint three commissioners to meet those who may be designated to represent the Government of Canada to consider the best method of extending trade relations between Canada and the United States and to ascertain on what terms greater freedom of intercourse between the two countries can be best secured, and said commissioners shall report to the President who shall lay the report before Congress."

This would seem to indicate that the move is to force Canada into some trade combine with the United States. The proposed legislation says in effect to Canada:—"Accept our offer to negotiate for a trade compact or take the consequences."

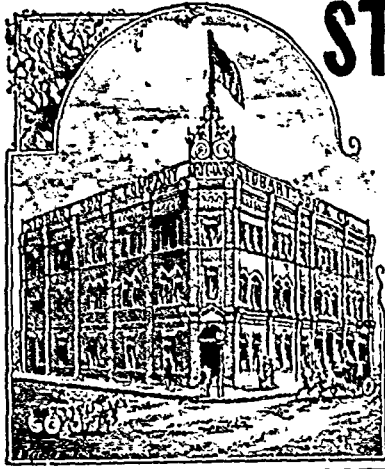
For the fiscal year 1888 Canada imported goods from the United States to the value of \$55,513,790, or 50.06 per cent. of our total imports. Imports from Great Britain for the same time were \$39,433,617, or equal to 35.58 per cent. of our imports. Our exports to the United States for the same year were \$42,572,085, being 47.20 per cent. of our entire exports, as compared with \$40,034,984 exports to Great Britain, amounting to 44.44 per cent. of the total. These figures show the importance of the trade between Canada and the United States, and the vastness of the interests which will be affected by the proposed changes in the duty. They further show that the balance of trade is in favor of the United States, and that therefore the latter country has no good reason to impose a prohibitory duty on Canadian products. Furthermore, the Canadian customs returns show that our import duties discriminate in favor of the United States and against Great Britain. Customs collections on imports from Great Britain for the fiscal year 1888 were nearly \$2,000,000 greater than collections on imports from the United States, and this in the face of the fact that the value of imports from Great Britain was about \$16,000,000 less than imports from the United States. That is, Canada collected nearly two millions more in duties on thirty-nine millions of imports from Great Britain, than she did on fifty-five millions of imports from the United States. And now the latter country proposes to repay us for this discrimination in its favor by deliberately placing a strongly discriminating duty upon the leading commodities which we have been sending to the United States.

BUSINESS IN ONTARIO.

Manitoba is not the only place where mercantile payments are slow. In the province of

Ontario payments are generally represented as very unsatisfactory. This is to some extent accounted for by the very mild winter which the east has just experienced. Owing to the mild weather, sales of heavy clothing, etc., are supposed to have been light, and dealers in those lines have had more difficulty in meeting their paper. This, however, is only one of the reasons given for slow payments. Poor crops are also considered to have caused hard times. An eastern journal makes the statement that the shortage in the wheat crop of Ontario for the past three years has amounted to \$30,000,000. If this is approximately correct, it is no wonder that times are hard in the province to the east of us. In an old settled country like Ontario, where the farmers are well supplied with stock, and all requisites to their farms, and many of them with bank accounts besides, and where they have a wide variety of resources, the failure of a crop should not cause serious trouble. If the matter were investigated closely, it would probably be found that the outrageous credit system prevailing in that province is the main cause of the hard times. Credit is carried to the greatest extremes, especially in the smaller country towns. Farmers are given credit promiscuously, and accounts are frequently allowed to run for years. The farmers bring in their butter and eggs, and these articles are taken on account by the storekeepers, at intervals during the season. But the account of the farmer with the storekeeper usually overruns the amount of produce marketed, and this balance is sometimes allowed to accumulate for years. Occasionally the farmer may make a cash payment of \$50 or so on an account which is overdrawn several hundred dollars, but he seldom thinks of squaring an account to date. Many of these farmers could give their check for the amount at any time, and they often have money out at interest, at the same time that their accounts are standing for hundreds of dollars with the storekeepers. Competition is close among the merchants, and they are afraid that if they insist upon a settlement at stated times, they will lose some of their customers. So they allow matters to run along in this unbusinesslike way, while they themselves are obliged to ask for renewals. There is great need of a reform in the credit system of Ontario, as well as in Manitoba. The evils of the credit system are there felt to an alarming extent. Manitoba was fast drifting into the same undesirable mode of doing business, and the effects of the system in the east should be a warning to Manitoba merchants to carry on firmly the movement now inaugurated to bring about a reform. This reform can be accomplished more readily now than years hence. Every year of loose business methods will render it more difficult to make a change. Now, while the country is young and the number of traders few, is the time to establish business on something like a legitimate business basis.

One of the results of the late session of the Manitoba Legislature is that "Epiphany" and "All Saints Day" are not now public holidays. It is just as well that these days have been dropped from the list. They were not generally observed as holidays, and the only result attained was to cause confusion and annoyance by the closing of certain offices and places of business at a time when not expected.



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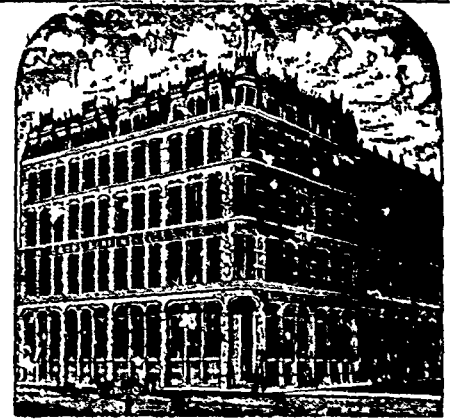
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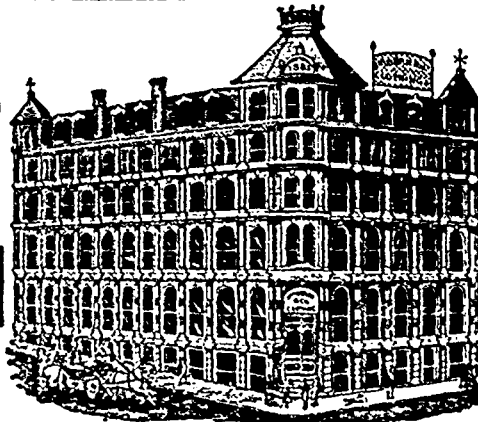
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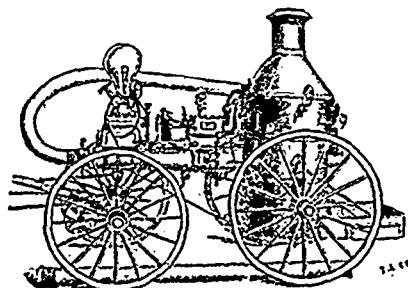
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Financial circles have been undisturbed of late, and though there has been some talk of tightening up upon the part of the banks, yet the institutions in this line seem to be as anxious to do business as ever, judging from the lively scramble among the bankers to secure the account of a new wholesale house which opened here last week. There was keen competition for this account, the result being that the house secured "a very satisfactory" discount rate. In mortgage loan there has been something doing in city property, and loans have been reported as low as 6½ per cent. This figure, however, is unusual, and may be considered outside of the ordinary run of business, which varies from 7 to 9 per cent. Several sales of city property are reported, at favorable prices.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Already clothing and boot and shoe travellers are going on the road with fall samples. Several travellers in these lines arrived from the east last week. Spring shipments have been very backward this year, and travellers in boots and shoes and clothing have in some instances called on customers with their fall samples before the customers had received their spring orders from the houses represented by the travellers. It is needless to say, that under such conditions retailers do not care to place orders. There has been some grumbling on the part of city retailers about the late arrival of orders, but the season has been so backward this year that the inconvenience caused has not been as great as it otherwise would have been.

DRY GOODS.

British advices continue strong as to prices, but business in some lines is reported unsatisfactory, owing to the difference between buyers and sellers. Cloths are strong, and manufacturers refuse orders at the slightest decline.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

British Columbia salmon and halibut are coming forward freely. Varieties now in the market are jobbing as follows: In Lake Winnipeg fresh fish the following varieties are obtainable: Whitefish, 5c per pound, sturgeon, 8c per pound; jackfish, 1c, pickerel 4c. Lake Superior trout, 10c. Fresh salt water fish are quoted: Salmon, 18c; halibut, 20c; cod, 8c; haddock, 10c per pound; B. C. black cod, 15c; herrings, 30c per dozen; smelts, 12½c per pound; tommy cods, 8c per pound; lobsters, 20c per pound; Fresh brook trout, 25c per pound. Smoked finnen haddies, 10c per pound; smoked white fish, 10c per pound; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, in 100 pound kegs, 5c per pound. Oysters: \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects. Can oysters are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

About the same varieties are in the market. Stocks of Florida oranges are about used up. California oranges are a trifle easier. Apples are firm, and some fancy colored stand stock was sold as high as \$9 per barrel: At Toronto apples are scarce, and the *Empire* says it would be impossible to procure a car lot. Small lots are selling there at \$4.50 to \$5. There has been some reduction in freight rates on fruit between Winnipeg and St. Paul, a rate of third class on mixed car lots of fruits and vegetables having been agreed to by the railway companies:

Prices here are as follows: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6.00; 300 count, \$6.50 per box. Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75; California seedling oranges, \$4.50 to \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per box; Messina blood oranges, \$7.50 a box Apples, \$4.50 for good up to \$7.00 per barrel for fancy stand stock. Comb honey 22c per pound. Maple sirup, ¼ gallon cans, 75c each; maple sugar, 14 to 15c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; coconuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

GROCERIES.

There has not been much change in the sugar situation, though Eastern Canada markets were ½c lower, owing to the weakness at New York, and weaker foreign advices. Willett & Gray, New York, in their weekly review of the sugar situation, say: "Raws declined 3-16 to ¼ for centrifugals, and 5-16c for Muscovados. Refined declined 3-16c. Importers' stock increased 2,676 tons. Refiners' stock decreased 7,588 tons. Licht raised estimate of beet crop 50,000 tons. The market of the world could not stand this "last straw," and all gave way together. Europe declined 9d (3-16c) for beets cost and freight; Cuba declined 3-16c cost and freight for centrifugals and 7-16c for Muscovados. This last increase gives a beet crop of 3,600,000 tons, against 2,785,844 tons last year, and the moderate cane crops are not small enough to offset an increase 814,156 tons, with the probability of sowings being made for as large a crop as the last. However, sugar is pretty nearly down to the lowest point ever touched in the United States, being actually below Europe, and the bottom should not be far away." The Canadian Packers' Association met again last week at Toronto. The telegraphic report says that nearly every factory in the province was represented and that it was unanimously resolved that present prices be firmly maintained. The recent cut in the price of canned tomatoes was stated to be due to financial pressure on the part of the seller and that no further cuts would be made. It has been learned that two car lots of tomatoes were sold at \$1, or 20c lower than the association price. Advances are reported in imported tobaccos, owing to the tariff changes, and some further changes are expected, which may affect domestic lines. Woodenware prices have been advanced in eastern markets 10 to 15c. Prices here are as follows:—Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 6¾c, as to quality; granulated, 8½c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 22 to 23c; Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T, and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Lau el Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; 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 1000. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The general situation in wheat has not been materially changed since our last weekly report. If prices gain a fraction of a cent one day, they lose it the next, or vice versa, and accordingly prices have averaged nearly the same. The visible supply to Monday last decreased 516,677 bu. held, the total being 27,116,023 bushels against 29,439,756 bushels a year ago, 34,387,380 bushels two years ago, 51,586,214 three years ago and 48,972,124 bushels four years ago. The Atlantic port clearances for the week (wheat and flour) equal 1,355,800 bushels against 1,031,200 bushels a year ago. Receipts of wheat at all the principal markets for the week footed up 1,793,791 bushels, against 1,060,819 bushels the preceding week, an 1,021,491 bushels last year for the corresponding week.

Locally interest is now centred in the sowing outlook. The first seeding done in Manitoba was reported toward the close of last week, but only a very little work has yet been done in this direction. The weather up to the close of the week was favorable, and the snow was going off rapidly. In the southwestern portion of Manitoba the ground is now bare. In the eastern and northern sections there was considerable snow yet on Saturday, but a very short time will remove it with weather like the present. Seeding is more than a month later than last year. More seeding was done during the first week of March last year than has been done during the first week of April this year. The general opinion, however, is that the conditions are more favorable this year. An early seeding does not mean that growth will be early. The snow may go off early in the season, so that seeding may commence, but the weather usually continues too cold for growth just as late as the average. The grain simply lies in the ground and the soil dries out. With the snow remaining on the ground until later, growth is likely to be just as early, and the ground is left moist and in better condition to favor growth when weather warm enough to start vegetation comes.

FLOUR.

Firm at last quotations. The advance of 25c per barrel in the duties has caused a firmer and more satisfactory feeling in the trade, which will be felt more directly in Pacific Coast and eastern markets. Local prices are unchanged, as follows, per 100 pounds to the local trade:—Patents, \$2.65; strong bakers, \$2.40 second; bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.25; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, 2.40; middlings, \$2.65 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Prices are firm and the demand large, absorbing all the output of the mills as fast as offered Bran held at \$14 and shorts at \$16 per ton. Ground feed is higher and costs \$18 per ton in car lots, laid down on track here, but notwithstanding this advance, prices hold at \$20 per ton in small lots to the trade.

NEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Quiet and unchanged. Prices are now quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.30; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.60 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.40. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

Have an advancing tendency, owing to

stronger prices outside. Lots selling from store are held at 45 to 47c for feed qualities, and cars on tract at 43 to 44c, for ordinary feed, and 45 to 46c per bushel per choice and seed qualities, though some rather poor feed oats were offered at 41c on track on Saturday.

BARLEY.

Very little barley required for seed or other purposes, and very little held in store here. Worth from 60 to 75c in small quantities.

BUTTER.

As dull as ever, and scarcely any sale except for an occasional package or two for the city trade, and this trade is kept pretty well supplied by lots peddled about the city. Good to choice dairy brings 14 and sometimes 15c in this way, and common 10 to 12c, but not wanted at all.

EGGS.

Irregular and selling at 16 to 17c. Lower prices are looked for after Easter.

LARD.

Very strong, owing to the increase in the duty, which will make imported cost 20c more per pail. An advance of 10c has already been secured here to \$2.10 per 20 pound pail, and a further advance of 10c per pail is considered likely very shortly.

CURED MEATS.

All commodities under this head are very strong, owing to the increase of 1c per pound in the duties. Fractional advances in prices have been made by local packers and dealers, and further advances to the full extent of the duty are expected shortly. The supply of home cured stuff is not large, and a large portion of the consumption is supplied by imported, so that an advance equal to the increase in the duty is certain. Local packers have been selling on close margins, owing to the high prices paid for hogs here all last winter, so that they are also inclined to take advantage of the increase in the duty. Prices last week were: Long clear dry salt bacon, 8½ to 9c; spiced rolls, 10c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 12½ to 13c per pound; mess pork, \$17 per bbl.; bologna sausage, 7c, German bologn 8c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

DRESSED MEATS.

Meats are firm and show advances nearly all around. Pork brought 7 to 7½ per pound, and some choice sold as high as 8c. Mutton sold at from 10 to 14c per pound, the former for frozen and the top price for some choice fresh imported. A car lot of mixed pork, mutton and beef was brought in from the south in time to catch the advance in duties, and this is the stuff which sold at the top prices, being choice quality. At the advance in duties it could not be sold lower. Mutton and pork are in very light supply. Considerable fresh beef is now in the market, and there is still some frozen stuff on hand yet. Some of the latter sold at about 5c for sides. Fresh killed beef sold at 7 to 7½c, and some choice Easter beef up to 8c. A good deal of the new beef shown is rather thin. Really choice beef is likely to be scarce for some time, but it is thought there will be a plentiful local supply of poor to fair, which in the absence of something better will have to be taken.

POULTRY.

Very scarce, 15c is being offered for nice fresh chickens, and some have brought 16c per pound, and 20c per pound for turkeys. Ducks and geese would bring about 14c per pound.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Hardly any coming in. The bulk of country hides bought last winter have turned out very poor, being cut and badly taken off. Butchers' hides are a good deal better than they used to be. Good lots will bring 3½c per pound, and cows and light steers about 3c. Sheep pelts, 50 to 75c each. Tallow, 2½ to 3c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

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HAY.

Car lots on track held at \$11 to \$12 per ton, though some pressed has been sold as low as \$10, but supposed to be of poor quality. Loose on the market offering pretty freely at \$10 to \$12 per ton as to quality.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes advanced again last week and sold at 70 to 75c on the market. Turnips were lower but most other vegetables show advances in prices, quotations now being as follows: Carrots, \$1.50; parsnips \$1.75 per bushel, beets, \$1.50 per bushel, turnips 45 to 50c per bushel, onions 4c per pound, cabbage \$3.00 per hundred pounds; southern red onions, \$1 per 100 pounds.

LIVE STOCK.

It is reported that 4½c has been paid for some fat cattle, but denied. Sales are kept private, but it is generally understood that very few if any have been taken at over 4c per pound, live weight, and only choice would bring up to 4c. The average run of cattle would probably be nearer 3c per pound.

British Columbia.

G. F. Raven, blacksmith, Kamloops, has assigned.

W. Bentley & Co., stationers, Nanaimo, are closing out.

Rushton & Roberts, hotelkeepers, Kamloops, have assigned.

John Mahrer, of Nanaimo, will start a lager beer manufactory at that place.

Work has commenced at Victoria on the new Canada Western Hotel, it will cost \$250,000.

Henderson Bros., general merchants, Centreville, have sold out to Martin Bros., formerly of Calgary.

E. S. Wilson & Co., general storekeepers, Revelstoke, have admitted Thomas Eckersly in the firm.

Grant & Maclure, boots and shoes, New Westminster, have dissolved partnership. Geo. H. Grant continues the business.

The New Westminster City Council will submit a by-law to a vote of the electors, to raise \$80,000 by debentures for street improvements.

The proposal to establish cotton, woolen and rope mills at Port Moody is being followed up, and something definite may be expected soon.

The first annual report of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association has been issued in pamphlet form. It makes quite a bulky volume of about 60 pages.

J. H. Baker, boots and shoes, Victoria, has admitted J. E. Church as a partner. The business will in the future be conducted under the firm name of J. H. Baker & Co.

The Bank of British North America has purchased the debentures issued by Victoria under

authority of the city hall and cemetery loan by-law, at three fourths of one per cent above par.

The Gurney Cab Company, operating cab lines in United States cities, will establish a branch business at Vancouver. Single horse cabs will be placed on the streets. Passengers will be carried one mile for 25 cents, or five tickets for \$1. An express business will also be done.

The incorporation papers of the Vancouver Refinery have been prepared for registration. The capital is \$500,000 in shares of \$100 each. The local stockholders who sign the application for incorporation are J. M. Browning, B. T. Rogers, J. C. Keith, H. Abbott and J. Angus. William Prentice has been appointed secretary of the company.

The Southern Railway has thrown up its bonus of \$150,000 from the city of New Westminster, as the condition connected therewith are such as the railway company has decided will not be advisable to comply with, particularly as to the construction of a bridge across the river. The company asks for a grant of certain lands for station and other purposes, and tax exemption for twenty-five years.

The salmon cannery of the Fraser river, B.C., are greatly agitated over the recent orders from Ottawa, which provides that they are to pay a license of \$20 for each boat employed by them in fishing, and \$50 per boat for each boat over twenty so employed, while the cannery on other rivers in the province only pay \$5 per boat. This seems a very unfair discrimination against the Fraser river canneries. Besides this, fishermen who take fish for shipment in a fresh state, only pay \$5 license. Thus the shipment of fresh fish is encouraged, as against the canning of fish. This means a very peculiar discrimination, as it would naturally be supposed that canning salmon would be a more valuable industry than shipping the fish in a fresh state.

A prominent stockman of Eastern Oregon informs the *Oregonian* that, owing to the great loss of sheep from the severe winter, the pelt harvest will be a large one. He can ship 20,000 or 30,000 skins this spring. One of his neighbors has four sheep left of a flock of 1,700, another lost 2,200 out of 2,600. Cattle perished in almost the same proportion, and coyotes will fatten on the pastures of Gilliam.

The establishment of the new wholesale house of Dawson, Bole & Co., in Winnipeg, will add 25 souls to the population of the city. This is the number which constitutes the staff of the firm, with their families.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, March 31, wheat opened at about Saturday's closing prices, and had a lower tendency. May started at 79½c, and ranged downward to 79¼c. June ranged from 79½ to 79¾c. July from 77½ to 78c. Trading was dull, and features unimportant. Corn and provision were strong. Closing prices for futures were:

	March	May	June	July
Wheat	78½	79¼	79½	77½
Corn	29½	30½	30½	31½
Oats	22	22½	21½	21½
Pork	10.50	10.60	10.67½	10.75
Short Ribs	6.12½	6.17½	6.22½	6.27½
Lard	5.20	5.20	5.25	5.30

There was no meeting of the board on Tuesday, owing to elections. Wheat opened fractionally lower on Wednesday. May started at 78¾c, and ranged from 78½ to 79½c, June ranged from 78½ to 79½c, and July from 77½ to 78¾c. Trading was very large. Closing prices for futures were:—

	April	May	June	July
Wheat	79	79½	79½	78½
Corn	29½	30½	30½	32½
Oats	22½	22½	21½	22
Pork	—	10.60	10.70	10.50
Lard	—	6.17½	6.22½	6.27½
Short Ribs	5.17½	5.20	5.25	5.30

The market opened strong on Thursday and ¼ to ½c higher, but weakened on large offering and closed ¼ to ¾c lower than yesterday and at about the lowest point of the session. Good Friday will be observed as a holiday, consequently there will be no meeting of the board. Futures closed as follows:

	April	May	June	July
Wheat	—	79½	79½	78½
Corn	—	30½	31½	31½
Oats	—	22½	21½	22
Pork	—	10.55	10.65	10.75
Lard	—	6.15	6.20	6.25
Short Ribs	—	5.12½	5.17½	5.22½

Minneapolis Market.

Prices at Minneapolis on Wednesday last were: No. 1 hard wheat unchanged on track, 79½c; No. 1 northern, 78½c. Bran, lower at \$9 to \$9.25; shorts, \$9.25 to \$10; corn 28 to 28½c; barley, 25 to 35c; feed higher at \$10.75 to \$11.50. Hay, \$5.50 to \$7.50; oats firmer at 21½ to 23c; seed oats, 24 to 25½c. Eggs easy at 12 to 12½c per dozen; potatoes, 30 to 35 in car lots; Apples, \$3 to 4.50 barrel; beef, 2 to 4c lb.; Mutton, 7 to 7½c lb; pork, 4½ to 4¾c lb; flour, patents, sacks, car lots, \$4.25 to 4.40; bakers, \$2.80 to 3.20.

A New Wholesale House.

The members of the firm of Dawson, Bole & Co., with their staff, arrived in Winnipeg from Regina last week and at once set to work to get things in shape for opening business here. The balance of their stock at Regina was shipped to Winnipeg before they left the former place, and large importations of new stock are being received daily. The firm will be ready for business in their new quarters this week, at 60 Princess street, the warehouse lately occupied by Parsons, Bell & Co. In this building, with its four floors and basement, the firm will have ample room to carry on a large business. The lines handled will be heavy drugs, patent medicines, toilets, including a large line of toilet soaps, tobaccos, cigars, pipes and tobacconists sundries. The basement will be used for heavy drugs. The offices will be located on the first floor, in the front, and the rear portion will be taken up with original packages, mainly. The

tobacco and cigar department will be on the second floor. This will be one of the special features of the business. The firm has already a large trade in this line in the West. The firm has full control of several brands of cigars which have a large sale in the West. Another very important feature is the manufacturing department, which will occupy the entire space on the third floor. A number of patent medicines and preparations which already have a large sale in the West, will be manufactured, also tinctures, extracts, essences, etc. The fourth floor will be filled up with light packages, etc.

The firm of Dawson, Bole & Co. cannot be considered altogether a new house. The firm has done a large jobbing trade throughout the territories for years, and has enjoyed a steadily growing trade. To further increase its field it was decided to move from Regina to Winnipeg, in order that the branch railway lines which centre here, might also be worked. The move will more than double the field which the firm will be able to cover, while at the same time the cost of carrying on business will not be increased very materially.

Toronto Protests.

At a meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade held last week the following resolution was passed: "That this council views with concern the cancellation of mixed car rates under the Canadian joint freight classification No. 6 between ports in the east and points in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and British Columbia, and would respectfully urge upon railway companies that the abolition of such rates would seriously interfere with existing commercial intercourse between the provinces of the Dominion, and request that mixed car rates between the said points be restored under the Canadian joint freight classification No. 7, which went into effect on 10th February, 1890."

A WINNIPEG firm recently purchased a second-hand safe. The safe was duly delivered to the purchaser, and when opened was found to contain \$20 in one of its apartments. It is needless to remark that no mention of this was made in the invoice.

The Brandon papers report good building prospects. A large number of new residences have been arranged for, and the Imperial Bank will erect a three story bank building. This evidence of the prosperity of our ambitious western city is pleasing.

The newly formed board of trade of Morden, Man., has received its charter, and the following officers have been elected: H. P. Hansen, president; W. J. Sutton, vice-president; H. J. Pugh, treasurer; J. H. Smith, secretary. Council: W. Garrett, Geo. Ashdown, T. Duncan, J. T. Bloway, J. Heiman, D. McMillan, Harry Meikle and Dr. Wilson. The board at a recent meeting discussed the Winnipeg retailers' convention, and tendered a vote of thanks to the local delegates to the convention, who were present and gave a report of the proceeding of the convention. Insurance rates, the credit system, exemptions, etc., were discussed, and the advisability of establishing a creamery was taken into favorable consideration. A resolution was also passed to memorialize the Dominion Government in favor of the Hudson's Bay railway. The board will no doubt be a great benefit to the thrifty town of Morden.



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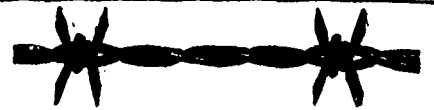
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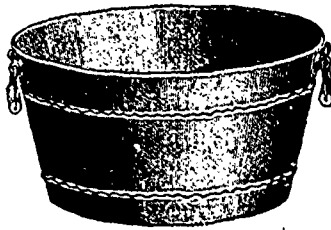
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United States Immigration.

From the statement issued by the Treasury Department of the United States we extract the following regarding the immigration during the eleven months of last year ending November, 1889, compared with the like period of 1888:—

Immigrants from	1889. Number.	1888. Number.
Austria-Hungary	38,509	39,913
Denmark	8,241	8,445
France	6,093	6,278
Germany	92,027	101,720
England and Wales	59,000	73,653
Scotland	14,484	22,468
Ireland	59,178	70,478
Italy	27,610	45,311
Netherlands	6,218	5,332
Poland	4,610	5,692
Russia (except Poland)	31,614	35,062
Sweden and Norway	41,226	64,571
Switzerland	6,912	7,312
Other Countries	11,415	11,488
	467,297	493,501

The gross movement, therefore, gives a decrease of 91,354, or 18 per cent.

Grain and Milling.

Alexander, Kelly & Co., millers, Brandon, Man., have let the contract for the enlargement of their mill. The building will have an additional fourteen feet added to its height and will have a new iron roof. There will also be ten feet added to the front of the mill and new machinery will be placed in the mill, making it first-class throughout in every particular.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company has secured a ground floor in the Clements' block, 523 Main Street, which is being fitted up for

the Winnipeg headquarters of the company, including the grain purchasing department. The front of the building will be used for the office, and a stock of flour and feed will be carried in the warehouse in the rear. The company now has a warehouse on the railway track in the city, where a stock of Keewatin flour and mill-stuffs is carried for the city trade.

Pilot Mound, Man., is to have a new roller flour mill, an arrangement to that effect having been made with R. Whitelaw, mill builder, of Woodstock, Ontario: Whitelaw owns the oatmeal mill at St. Leon, and a stone flour mill at Darlingford, Man. They will both be moved to Pilot Mound, and new roller machinery will be added. The town gives Whitelaw the site free, also a bonus of \$500 when the machinery is laid down, \$500 when the mills are completed and \$700 in March, 1891. The roller mill will make from sixty to seventy-five barrels of flour a day and the oatmeal mill will have an equal capacity.

Lumber Cuttings.

Mr. Finlay, lumber dealer, of Medicine Hat, Assa., has returned from British Columbia, where he arranged for the season's supply of lumber.

The Lake of the Woods lumbermen are preparing for the season's work. The Keewatin Lumber Company is putting in a band saw in its mill, which will be the first saw of the kind in that district.

In consequence of forest fires in Manitoba and the Territories, steps have been taken by the Indian Department to reduce the royalty on lumber manufactured from timber damaged by fire to half the ordinary dues.

Westminster Columbian: John Wilson, manager for J. R. Booth, the famous lumberman of Ottawa, and who is also the largest individual lumber limit owner in Canada, is at present in Westminster looking up a site for another large saw mill to be erected by Mr Booth in this vicinity. It is known that the gentleman named is the owner of extensive limits in this Province, and that the erection of a great mill by him here has been in contemplation for some time. The machinery will be of eastern manufacture. It is not yet announced when work will be begun on the concern.

The following is a statement showing the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at Winnipeg with duty collected thereon during the month of March last together with a comparative statement for the corresponding month of 1889:

	Value. 1889.	Value. 1890.
Exported	\$ 37,771 00	\$ 24,775 00
Imported—dutiable	140,615 00	159,162 00
Imported—free	12,973 00	24,037 00
Total Imported	\$153,588 00	\$183,849 00
Entered for consumption—dutiable	\$141,564 00	\$161,726 00
Entered for consumption—free	12,973 00	24,037 00
Total for consumption	\$154,537 00	\$186,413 00
Duty collected	\$ 44,515 54	\$ 49,778 10

The inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for March were as follows:

Spirit	\$11,172 20
Malt	1,220 06
Tobacco	7,181 20
Cigars	375 00
Petroleum	76 00
Wines	25 00
Total	\$20,025 26

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T. R. Hall, manager of the Victoria Rice Mills, Victoria, B.C., who went east some time ago to complete arrangements for the establishing of a flouring mill at Victoria has returned. The result is that a mill will be built with a capacity of not less than 200 barrels per day, which will be completed by August 1st,

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

J. H. Macpeak, builder, Toronto, is dead. Zavitz & Co., shoes, Strathroy, have sold out. A. V. Childs, grocer, etc., Galt, has sold out. R. Pinder, tailor, Thebes, was burned out. Emma Ward, shoes, Niagara Falls, has assigned.

E. J. Scherck, jeweler, St. Thomas, has assigned.

Aaron House, merchant, Netyerby, has assigned.

D. A. Eamer, furniture, Osnabruck Tp., has assigned.

Alex. Wands, carriage maker, Florence, has assigned.

D. J. Hawley, crockery, etc., Trenton, has assigned.

Peter Strub, wagonmaker, Waterloo, Tp., has assigned.

Thos. Lowry, grocer, flour and feed, Alliston, is selling out.

Lyons & Burgess, general storekeepers, Aylmer, have assigned.

D. McKenzie, dry goods, Sarnia, stock sold to McWhinney & Co.

Fowler & Co., furniture factory, Brockville, was damaged by fire.

A. B. Dicks, shoes, Owen Sound, is burned out; partly insured.

John Spiers, woollen mill, Huntsville, is offering to compromise.

Geo. Prangle & Son, hotel, Strathroy. Geo. Prangle, of this firm, is dead.

Brush & Co., corset manufacturers, Toronto, were damaged by fire; insured.

J. & A. Armstrong & Co., carpets, Guelph, were damaged by fire; insured.

A. B. Dunning & Co., manufacturers of canned goods, Toronto, have assigned.

S. J. Armstrong, general store, Peterboro, has compromised an 30¢ cents, cash.

Thomas Kelly, dry goods, Peterboro, has compromised at 75 cents in the dollar.

The Chatham Harvester Manufacturing Company, Chatham, are going into liquidation.

David Miller, general store and shingle mill, Washago; shingle mill burned—partly insured.

R. Walker & Sons, dry goods, Toronto; Irving W. Walker, senior partner of this firm, is dead.

Alvinston Stave and Heading Works, Alvinston, mill burned; loss estimated at \$13,000.

QUEBEC.

Drouin Evaristo, grocer, Quebec, has assigned. Wm. Kennedy, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

Cleophas Sauvage, crockery, etc., Montreal, has assigned.

J. E. Lafamme & Co., roofers, St. Henri, have assigned.

O. Doupnisis & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

Gingras & Co., sash and door factory, Montreal, has assigned.

Kortosk, & Co., wholesale furs, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Eduard St. Cyr, general store, St. Clothilde de Horton, has assigned.

Lamarche, Provost & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

M. Brazeau, tobacco, Montreal, has admitted O. A. Ladue as a partner—firm now Brazeau & Ledue.

Gingras & Co., sash and door and factory, Montreal; demand of assignment made.

M. Aird & Co., shoe manufacturers, Montreal; Mrs. J. Aird has ceased doing business under this style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Brown & Kent, grocers, Halifax, have dissolved.

J. C. Inness & Co., general store, have dissolved.

Vaux, Harival & Co., grocers, New Glasgow, have dissolved.

J. Murray, general store, Durham, are selling off to close business.

L. C. Archibald & Co., Men's furnishings, Antigonish, have dissolved.

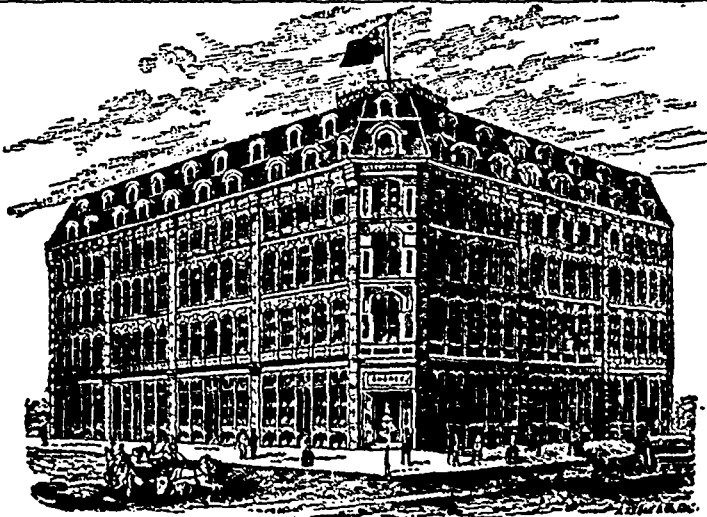
A Fire Engine.

The matter of fire protective appliances is of great importance. Many of the smaller towns cannot afford a large steam fire engine, and if they had such a machine they would not be able to keep it in order. The Waterous Engine Works company, of Brantford and Winnipeg, are manufacturing a fire engine specially for small towns, and is arranged to be drawn by hand instead of by horses. The engines and pumps are of the style known as Duplex, consisting of two steam and two water cylinders, with a patent compound valve motion which prevents all danger of the pistons running away when deprived by any means of their suction. The boiler is of ample size, and a very quick steamer. It has three heads, the upper double head being arranged to receive the feed water from the pumps between them, thus heating the water before it is delivered to the leg, and also preventing the ends of the tubes from being over heated with any amount of hard firing.

This engine was tested by the Winnipeg fire department one day last winter. The day was very cold, and not at all an agreeable one for the test. The first test was thrown through 250 feet of hose, with an inch nozzle, and a very powerful stream was thrown. At the conclusion of this test two magnificent streams were thrown through 250 feet of hose, each with one inch and one seven-eighth inch nozzle. Then three streams, with two three-quarter and one five-eighth inch nozzle, were thrown. The next test was through 500 feet of hose, with an inch nozzle. The little engine then gave those witnessing the test an idea of what it could do—and all were greatly pleased and surprised when 1,000 feet of hose was attached, and a powerful stream was thrown through an inch nozzle.

AN exchange says: It is a great mistake to set up our own standard of right and wrong, and judge people accordingly; to measure the enjoyment of others by our own; to expect uniformity of opinion in this world; to look for judgment and experience in youth; to endeavor to mould all dispositions alike; not to yield to immaterial trifles; to look for perfection in our own actions; to worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied; not to alleviate all that needs alleviation as far as lies in our power; not to make allowance for the infirmities of others; to consider everything impossible that we cannot perform; to believe only what our finite minds can grasp; to expect to be able to understand everything.

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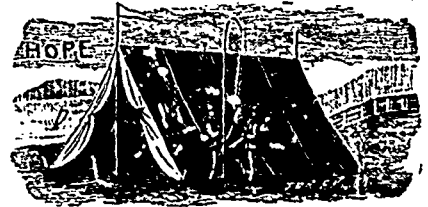
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The *Deloraine Times* has the following sketch of the new flour mill at Boissevain, Man., owned by Preston & McKay:—

The main building is 30x48, 50 feet high from the basement, built of stone, with cut stone corners, arches and sills. The engine room is also built of stone, 20x30 finished off in the same manner as the main building. Both buildings are roofed with tin. The building cost over \$5,000 and is said to be one of the finest mill buildings in Manitoba.

The basement of the mill is eleven feet high and is excavated about three feet, the other eight is above ground. It is largely used for bran, flour and wheat storage and contains the boots of the elevators, the line shafting for driving the rolls and scouring machine.

The grinding floor, also eleven feet high, contains five double sets of Allis rolls, 9x24 and 9x30, a wheat separator, power packer, chop roll and scales.

We next come to the purifier floor on which are their Smith purifiers, one Richmond shorts duster, two gravity scalpels and 3 cyclone dust collectors. The wheat and flour bins are on this floor, the stone walls being lined with ceiling to protect the wheat from frost and damp.

The next floor, called the rolling floor, eighteen feet high, contains ten No. 1 George T. Smith Centrifugal Reels and Inter-Elevator Bolts, one Eureka Horizontal Scourer, the elevator line and heads, etc. We were told that these reels and kindred machines are superceding the old fashioned long reels, the old reel being now as much behind the age as stones for modern milling.

The mill is driven by a Brown Automatic Cut off engine, which runs the 125 barrel mill without a tremor or jar. In fact the whole machinery of the mill runs beautifully and is a credit to the manufacturers. It is the only mill in Manitoba built on the George T. Smith Centrifugal System of milling, and using a com-

plete line of their machines. All the machines used in the equipment of the mill are the best known to the trade.

The flour from the mill gives excellent satisfaction. Mr. Preston explained that they made a stronger flour than perhaps any other mill in Manitoba, bolting their flour on short reels, instead of the old fashioned hexagon, grinding all their middlings on rolls instead of stones and using less breaks on wheat, and people in baking their flour for the first time should note this, as the dough rises quicker and consequently requires a little different handling from the other flours to which they have been accustomed.

Everybody Laughed.

A certain young newspaper man, who toils for his ducats not far from the *North American* office, recently became the proud father of the handsomest baby in the world. (He says it is the handsomest, and he ought to know.) Last Saturday was his day off, and he and his wife thought they would give the town a treat by taking the baby out and exhibiting it to the admiring multitude. They made two short calls on friends, and the lady concluded to do some shopping, too, while she was out. The baby is a fine, healthy youngster, and after a while it began to get heavy. Hubby had been carrying it, and to relieve him and allow him to stretch his cramped arms the young mother took a turn with it. Before long the proud father was again staggering along with the precious load, and after that they took turn about carrying it. Then a brilliant thought struck the father. Why not buy a baby coach? They needed one anyhow, and might as well buy it while they were out and wheel tootsy-wootay home in comfort. To think was to act, and in a little while the fond parents were pushing a gorgeous coach down Chestnut street, with the hope, expressed by the father, that some of the boys on the other papers could see the finest baby they ever laid their eyes upon. At first

they were oblivious to everything but how well the baby looked in the coach, but hubby finally began to notice that people coming towards them seemed to see something funny. He could not understand what it all meant, and concluded to investigate.

"You wheel the coach while I go ahead and see what's the matter," he said to his wife.

He passed the coach a dozen yards or so and then turned back. One look at the coach made him blush and then shake with laughter. They were near 9th street, and he told his wife to cross over while he wheeled. She crossed the street ahead of the coach, then turned, gave a glance, and with a feeling that beat sea sickness and the gripe combined, clutched a lamp post for support.

There in front of the coach was the placard which the careless dealer had forgotten to take off marked in big black letters, "Our own make."—*Philadelphia North American.*

A Good Joke.

A very popular young storekeeper of this city was busily engaged this afternoon in varnishing the bright work in his store and remarked to a friend who happened to be watching him, that he hoped he would not be troubled with any customers till he had finished the job. The friend who happened to be quick of perception saw he could get a good joke off on him so wishing him good day, he immediately repaired to one of the hotels where he rang the busy young man up by telephone. The call was promptly obeyed much to the annoyance of the young storekeeper, who averred he wished they were somewhere else, but his face was seen to brighten up as he marked down the large order he received through the telephone. But the sender forgot to send the name, and the innocent storekeeper asked for it, when he received the reply—McGinty. He hung up the phone with disgust, and if certain parties are found near that store for the next few days there is liable to be a funeral. The good joke told with a vengeance.—*Nanaimo Free Press.*

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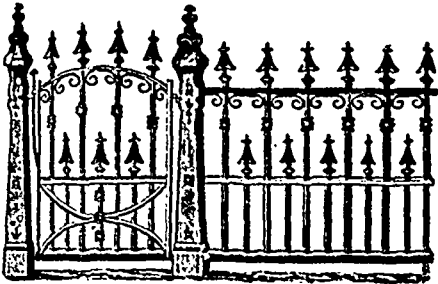
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North Bound		South Bound	
Daily except Sunday.	Daily Passenger	Passenger	Freight
No. 53	No. 55	Central Standard Time.	No. 54, No. 56
1 30p	4 15p	0 A	Winnipeg
1 25p	4 11p	1 0	Kennedy Avenue
1 15p	4 07p	3 0	Portage Junction
12 45p	3 54p	0 3	St. Norbert
12 20p	3 42p	15 3	Cartier
11 32a	3 24p	23 5	St. Agathe
11 12a	3 10p	27 4	Union Point
10 47a	3 0p	32	Silver Plains
10 11a	2 48p	40 4	Morris
9 42a	2 33p	48 8	St. Jean
8 58a	2 13p	56 0	Letellier
8 15a	1 53p	0	W. Lynno
7 15a	1 43p	05 0	Pembina
7 00a	1 40p	03 1 0	Grand Forks
10 10a	2 38	0	Winnipeg Junction
5 25a			Minneapolis
8 35a			St. Paul
8 00p			
10 20a			Bismarck
10 11p			Miles City
2 50p			Helena
10 50a			Spokane Falls
5 40p			Pasco Junction
6 40a			Portland
6 45a			(via R. O. & N.)
3 15p			Tacoma
			via Cascade div.
			Portland
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Daily ex Su	STATIONS.	Daily ex Su
11.10a	0	4.20p
10.57a	3.0	4.32p
10.24a	13.5	5.06p
10.00a	21.0	5.30p
9.35a	25.2	5.55p
8.15a	42.1	6.17p
8.25a	50.7	6.38p
8.10a	55.51	7.50p

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Mixed Monda	Miles from Morris	STATIONS.	Mixed Monda
2.33p	0	Morris	2.30p
3.03p	10.0	Louisa	1.52p
3.30p	21.2	Murtle	1.13p
4.20p	25.0	Roland	12.55p
5.00p	33.5	Rosebank	12.28p
5.20p	39.6	Miami	12.05p
6.10p	43.0	Deerwood	11.10a
6.44p	(54.1)	Alta	10.52a
7.30p	62.1	Somerset	10.25a
	68.4	Swan Lake	10.02a
	74.6	Indian Springs	9.41a
	79.4	Maricapolis	9.24a
	86.1	Greenway	9.00a
	92.3	Balder	
	102.0	Belmont	8.04a
	106.7	Hilton	7.36a
	120.0	Wawanesa	7.00a

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Read Down	STATIONS.	Read Up
14 00 Daily	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
16 55	Woodpecker	25 35
18 50	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 De	Cherry Coulee	20 55
20 00	Winnifred	De 20 00
20 55	Seven Persons	Ar 19 55
22 10 Ar	Dunmore	18 45
		De 17 30

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CHANGE OF TIME.

Pass Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	Pass Monday Wednesday and Fridays
LEAVE		ARRIVE	
13 15		Portage la Prairie	14 15
18 00	35	Gladstone	12 50
19 00	61	Neebawa	11 23
20 00	79	Milnedosa	10 40
21 00	94	Rapid City	9 15
21 40	115	Snoal Lake	8 45
23 00	138	Birtle	7 45
23 38	155	Binscarth	6 47
24 15	166	Russell	6 10
24 45	180	Langenburg	5 40
1 15	203	Saltcoats	4 40
ARRIVE		LEAVE	

Meals.

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