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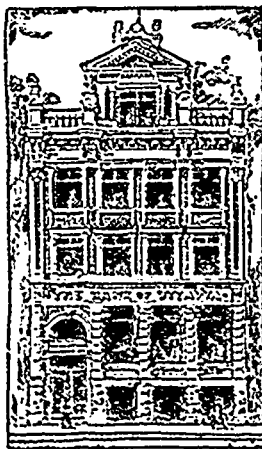
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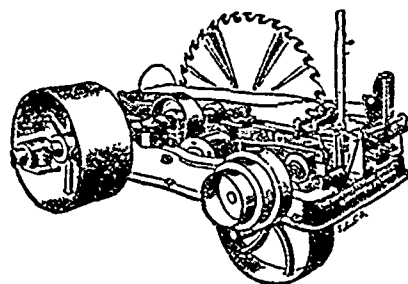
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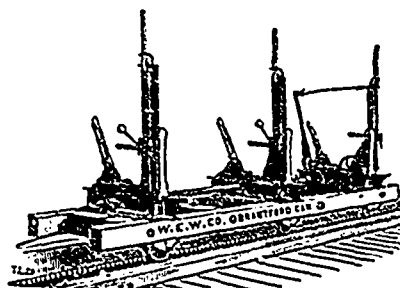
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WINNIPEG, JUNE 3, 1899.

Indian Head Experimental Farm Annual Report.

Last week the annual report of the
Dominion government Experimental
farm at Brandon was reviewed in these
columns, and a few of the results of
of the numerous experiments of last
year given. The report of the farm
at Indian Head is no less interesting
in its way. Supt. MacKay's report is
a very full one and is of special inter-
est to prairie farmers.

In the preamble to his report Supt.
MacKay says the season, 1898, was
one of bright promises and fair fulfill-
ment. The spring was backward and
late frosts caused considerable loss to
stockmen throughout the Territories.
The loss from winds during the grow-
ing season was light compared with
previous years. May and June were
good growing months, but July was
variable, and there were one or two
narrow escapes from frost—something
very unusual. Harvest came early,
but was much interfered with by rain.
Some of the farmers rushed stacking
and thus escaped the worst of the
rains, but many attempted to fol-
low the practice of threshing from the
stook and thereby suffered serious
loss. Weeds were more numerous than
usual, and the dangerous varieties are
spreading in all directions though this
danger is receiving more attention
from farmers and municipalities than
heretofore. Crops of grain did well
on the farm, but hay and fruits were
a poor crop. Trees grew vigorously.

Spring Wheat—Taking the experi-
ments up in the order of their import-
ance, we come first to spring wheat.
Forty-two varieties were tested.
Early, medium and late sowings were
among the test. The first plots were
sown on the 16th of April, and six suc-
cessive sowings were made one week
apart, the last plot being sown on
the 21st of May. All these plots came
up evenly and ripened, and were har-

ested in the order sown. The first
three seedings gave the highest yield
and were much superior in quality to
the later plots. The varieties used for
this test were Red Fyfe and Stanley. A
test of varieties on fields of one to six
acres was made, and the superiority
of Red Fyfe as an all around
good variety was again demonstrated.
Hungarian, Preston, Wellman's Fife,
Stanley, Percy, and several other
varieties all did well. A test of varie-
ties in one-tenth acre plots gave
White Fyfe first place with a yield
of 45 bushels and 30 pounds to the
acre. The varieties known as Percy,
Red Fyfe, Monarch and Stanley fol-
lowed in the order named with thirty-
seven others giving less promising re-
sults. Depth of seeding seems to have
had considerable attention. One
inch deep gave the best results, but
as the season was particularly favor-
able to that depth this may not be
taken as applicable to all years. The
respective merits of press versus disc
drilling were the subject of experi-
ments and while there was very little
real difference in the results, the for-
mer seems to have suited a little bet-
ter. Bluestone tests were made
and the necessity of treating all seed
with bluestone, whether smutty or
not, was again demonstrated. For
smutty seed one pound of bluestone
to every six bushels of wheat was
used and for clean seed one pound to
ten bushels, dissolved in water in the
proportion of two pails to the pound.

Fall Wheat—Nine varieties of fall
wheat were sown in September, 1897.
All these were above ground when
winter set in and came through the
winter and spring safely. All made
a rank growth and from the large
heads formed gave promise of a very
heavy yield. Rust, however, struck
the straw when the heads were parti-
ally filled and caused a very light
yield of poor grain.

Oats—The oat crop was not so heavy
as that of 1897, caused by spring
frosts. The land sown to oats was
all summer-fallowed in 1897. Tests
of early, medium and late sowing were
made. Banner and Abundance
varieties were used, and the sowings
commenced on April 23 and continued
at intervals of one week until the
28th of May. The first sowing of
Banner yielded over 81 bushels to the
acre and was 122 days in maturing,
while the first sowing of Abundance
yielded over 69 bushels to the acre
and was 127 days in maturing. The
plots sown May 7 and 14 gave the
best results as regards yield, but the
grain was not so heavy. In all sixty-
four varieties of oats were tested
and the best ten yields were obtained
from the following: Buckbee's Illin-
ois, Rosedale, Columbus, Abyssinia,
Early Maine, American Beauty,
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Tests for smut prevention
in oats revealed that for clean seed
Bordeaux mixture or bluestone was a
sufficient preventative, and for smutty
seed formalin was a complete remedy.

Barley—The barley tests were
mainly in early, medium and late sow-
ing, and of varieties. The season was
not a very favorable one for barley
but some useful results were obtain-
ed. For the named test the sowings
commenced on April 23 and continued
at intervals of one week after that
until May 28. Odessa, six-rowed, and
Canadian Thorpe, two-rowed, were
used. The plot sown on April 30 gave
the best yield of Odessa and that
sown on May 28th of Canadian Thorpe
but the latter was lighter than some

of the earlier sowings. The test as
regards Canadian Thorpe was not
very satisfactory as the first two
plots sown were blighted by a hot
wind. In the test of varieties of bar-
ley twenty-three kinds of six-rowed
and eighteen of two-rowed were
taken. Among the former Rennie's
Improved gave the best results and
among the latter Danish Chevalier.
Bluestone gave the best results in
the treatment of barley for smut.

Pease—In regard to sowing it was
found that pease could be sown with
good results up till practically the
end of May. Forty-eight different
varieties were tried, of which one
known as Paragon proved to be the
best.

Indian Corn—Twenty-five varieties
were tested. The date of planting
was May 16th. The plots were cut
back by frost on the 27th. By Sep-
tember 27th the corn was cut, only
one variety by that time reached the
early milk stage. The product of
these tests was used as ensilage and
fed to stock.

Flax—The experiments were not
satisfactory, May frosts interfering
with the growth.

Grasses—Awnless Brome Grass was
the principal subject of experiment.
The yield of this grass was found to
be lighter than in previous years,
partly on account of unfavorable
weather. The general results of the
experiments with this grass are favor-
able to its use.

Potatoes—One hundred varieties
were tested. These were planted on
the 13th of May and dug on the 11th
of October. The ten best varieties in
point of yield were found to be, Poi-
aris, Early Sunrise, Bovee, New Va-
riety No. 1, Late Puritan, Everett,
American Giant, Daisy, Brownell's
Winner, Clarke's No. 1.

Roots—Nineteen varieties of turnips
were tested, in two seedings, May 14
and May 25. The early seeding was
found to be best, Mangels, carrots,
sugar beets, and various kinds of
vegetables were also tested with vary-
ing results. Of the sixteen varieties
of carrots shown, Half-long White gave
the best returns, yielding over 323
bushels to the acre. Several other
kinds gave over 300 bushels return.
The sugar beets sown, especially Dan-
ish Improved and Danish Red Top, did
well, the latter yielding about 800
bushels to the acre of choice roots.
Cabbage, citrons, cauliflower, cucum-
bers, lettuce, melons, pumpkins were
found to be capable of production
more or less perfectly. Several varie-
ties of onions and radishes were pro-
duced in good quality. Rhubarb and
tomatoes were also successfully grown.

Flowers—These were largely experi-
mented with and with splendid suc-
cess in many cases.

Forest Trees—These made a most
vigorous growth last year. Supt.
MacKay thinks that the new growth
will be found to have been injured by
the frosts of last winter.

Arboretum—The arboretum of the
farm now contains no less than 230
varieties of trees and shrubs. Sixty-
one of these were added in 1898.

Fruit Trees and Bushes—The season
was very unfavorable for fruiting,
but exceptionally good for growth.
May frosts injured most of the blos-
soms. Black currants were complete-
ly destroyed by these frosts. Crab
apple trees yielded fruit for the first
time on the farm. Of a number of
Pyrus trees planted in 1896 many
are doing well. The seedling Pyrus
planted at the farm are also doing
well. Several varieties of plum trees

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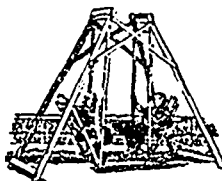
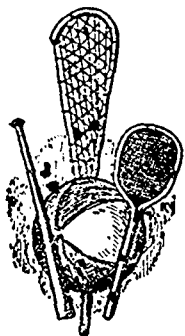
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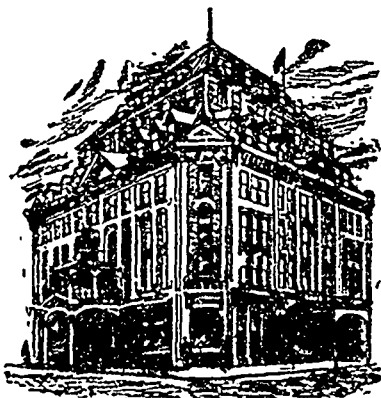
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are doing well, but have not yet borne fruit. Manitoba native plums did fairly well. Several other varieties of fruit trees and bushes were tried with varying success.

Live Stock—Cattle, horses, pigs, poultry and bees were all made the subject of experiments with a view to determining the best methods of feeding, housing, etc.

From this hurried survey of the work of the Indian Head farm it will be seen that it is a most valuable factor in educating the agriculturists of the prairie sections of this country.

Refrigerator Car Service.

The C. P. R. have issued to the trade their annual circular giving the dates on which refrigerator cars will be attached to their trains at the different points. From Winnipeg and intermediate stations east of Brandon for main and branch line stations west of Dunmore, West Kootenay and the Pacific coast the car will run every Thursday. From Brandon and intermediate stations to and including Moose Jaw for main and branch line stations west of Dunmore, West Kootenay and Pacific coast the car will be run on Thursday. From Edmonton stations to and including Calgary, for main line points west to the Pacific coast, Macleod and Crow's Nest branch stations west thereof and West Kootenay the first car will leave Edmonton June 1st and every Thursday during the season.

From Deloraine and intermediate Pembina branch stations to Winnipeg the first car will leave Deloraine Wednesday, May 31st, and thereafter under the following schedule:

Wednesday, June 14th; Wednesday, June 28th; July 12th, July 26th, Aug. 9th, Aug. 23rd, Sept. 6th, Sept. 20th, Oct. 4th.

From Broadview and intermediate stations to Winnipeg and all points east thereof to and including Port Arthur the first car will leave Broadview Wednesday, May 31st, and thereafter under the following schedule: Wednesday, June 14th, June 28th, July 12th, July 20th, Aug. 9th, Aug. 23rd, Sept. 6th, Sept. 20th, Oct. 4th.

From Alameda and intermediate Souris and South Western branch stations to Winnipeg and all points to the Pacific coast, the first car will leave Alameda, Tuesday, May 23rd, and thereafter under the following schedule: Tuesday, June 6th, June 20th, July 4th, July 18th, Aug. 1st, Aug. 15th, Aug. 29th, Sept. 12th, Sept. 26th.

Lake Winnipeg Fisheries.

Ottawa, May 29.—Capt. Robinson, representing the Dominion Fish company. D. F. Reid, Wm. Overton and Jos. Sigurdson, representing other fish companies on Lake Winnipeg, have been here for the past two days interviewing the minister of marine and fisheries in regard to fish licenses on Lake Winnipeg. The department had refused to grant a license to the Dominion Fish Company as it was practically an American concern. In connection with this it may be said that there is only one market for fish caught in Lake Winnipeg, and that is the United States. The Americans have controlled the business more or less for years past. The United States has supplied the capital and the Canadians owned the plant

and held the licenses. Last year it is alleged, a trust was formed and all the companies agreed to enter this trust, disposing of their plant and taking stock in the new company. Capt. Robinson was to manage the business. He applied for a license for the Dominion Fish company, and now it has been refused. When the trust was formed it was on condition that the Dominion Fish company got a license. It has been refused by the department on the grounds that Capt. Robinson practically represents American interests. D. F. Reid, Jos. Sigurdson and Wm. Overton have applied for licenses in their own names and their applications have been favorably considered by the department, and the inspector will be instructed to issue licenses to each of the parties concerned.

New C. P. R. Train Service.

Important changes are announced in the C. P. R. time tables for the summer months, affecting all the trains, both branch and main line, in Western Canada. The through transcontinental express is hereafter to be known as the "Imperial Limited," instead of just plain No. 1 and No. 2 as heretofore and the train will be a veritable flyer as it will cross the Dominion from Montreal to Vancouver in 100 hours, which means a speed hitherto unattempted in transcontinental traffic. This train will leave Montreal at 9.30 a. m. each day and Toronto about four hours later, arriving at Winnipeg at 6.30 a. m. the second day and at Vancouver on the fourth day from Montreal. The eastbound train will reach Winnipeg at 9.30 p. m., leaving again one half hour later. The great saving in time with this train is partly effected by cutting off the local traffic which has hitherto consumed much of the time of the through express. This will now be handled by local trains. A local will run between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw, leaving here at 8.30 a. m. and arriving daily at 7 p. m. An express has also been arranged over the Crow's Nest Pass road to the Kootenay country whereby the run from Winnipeg to Rossland will be made in 43 hours. Connection will still be made by the Limited with the Soo line at Moose Jaw.

Daily services will be run on the Glenboro, Pembina Mountain and Manitoba and Northwestern lines, the latter only as far as Minnedosa. A local to Rat Portage for the summer traffic will also be provided. These changes all take effect June 18th.

The establishment of this train service is evidence of the extent to which the passenger business of the C. P. R. has grown. It is not many years since the through traffic of Canada was so light that at certain seasons of the year the trains would contain but very few perhaps not more than half-a-dozen through passengers. Now a light train is a thing almost unheard of and it is a common occurrence for the trains to reach Winnipeg from the east in two or three sections, each heavily loaded. The pressure of passenger traffic has become so heavy within the last year that the new service has been rendered almost an absolute necessity. The company has by this new arrangement fully met the situation as regards present requirements and has provided for all further expansion which may take place in the near future.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

COTTON MARKETS STRONG.

The market here for cottons is very strong, in sympathy with the markets in the United States, where prices have advanced the past week. Wide sheeting are firm, with an advance of 5 per cent in New York mills. Cotton flannels and blankets quiet but steady. The oversold condition of the market upon heavy brown goods suited for export trade and advanced prices have hindered the placing of a considerable volume of business and this is still seeking takers. Print cloths and allied fabrics were quiet, but there was an active call for bleached cottons, prints and staple makes of linings. Advances of 1-2c to 1c were made upon Dwight Anchor wide sheetings, and advances of 1-4c upon several lines of indigo blue, mourning and allied prints. The price situation upon fall lines of prints remains somewhat unsettled, but buyers are taking goods at prices already with confidence, and it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that standard fancies will advance to 5 1-2c, and the more staple lines of prints to a basis of 5s for standard indigo blue.—Globe.

COMING STYLES.

The materials and colors likely to obtain favor for fall, says The Dry Goods Economist, are now well outlined. There has been a fairly satisfactory advance order business for velvet effects and crepons; such materials may be considered the distinctive novelties. The next most popular fabrics, as indicated by advance orders, will be plaids in rough effects; they are expected to hold second place. Elaborate colorings have been ordered out by buyers in camel's hair effects; stripes in this same line are receiving considerable attention. There is reason to believe that rough effects are to gain in popularity. Several domestic agents controlling mills report a satisfactory season in rough effects, no other materials having engaged their attention. If the judgment of the leading dress goods buyers of the country can be relied upon, it may now be authoritatively stated that plaid-back materials are to be received with increased favor.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Advices received from Chemnitz indicate a decidedly firm tone among manufacturers of hosiery. A plentiful supply of orders from both American and European buyers are being taken and machinery is well engaged, in some instances close up to the end of the year. The fine goods are receiving a good share of the buyers' attention.

Reports from Bradford, England, state that mohair, while quiet, is unaltered in price. In the yarn trade also business is checked by the advance in prices. A good deal of business has been done lately, but spinners quotations have advanced so far that merchants find it difficult to operate for customers abroad who are not willing to believe in the stability of the movement. An advance is, however, well established in two-folds, the prices of which are very low. Mohairs are very firm, but the increase in price restricts business. In the piece trade manufacturers generally continue busy, the trade continuing much better than it had been for some time prior to the last week or two.

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THE HARDWARE TRADE.

SALES SHOULD BE BASED ON PRESENT COST PRICES.

Complaints are coming from retailers that some of their neighbors are selling off their old stock at old prices, which injures the dealer who bought new goods last month at the advanced prices. Merchants who bought nails last February and happen to have a dozen kegs left over feel that they owe it to themselves and their competitors to keep the selling price at a basis of present cost. The heaviest loser is the dealer who refuses to support the market, because he will have to buy again at current rates. As long as nothing is gained by the transaction it is bad policy to demoralize his local market merely for notoriety, for so long as he can not keep it up, competition in the community will surely take an opportunity of getting even with him later on. This applies particularly to nails. In spring goods, such as coal, in hand with the seasons, an exception should be made if a large stock is carried, in order to prevent carrying it over into another year. Even then harmony among neighbor dealers should be maintained as closely as conditions will admit.—Iron and Steel.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Since the opening of navigation an Owen Sound cement company has shipped 7,000 sacks of cement to Winnipeg.

The first import order of glass to Canada was expected to start from Belgium on the 23rd of May. This is expected to arrive about the middle of June.

Scrap iron is dearer as a result of the advances in pig iron prices. Agricultural scrap has advanced 10c, machinery scrap 3c, and stove cast 35c per 100 pounds.

Turpentine declined 2c per gallon at Montreal last week, but prices have strengthened somewhat since then and no further declines are looked for in the immediate future.

Galvanized range boilers have again advanced at Toronto. The increase amounts to \$1 on the three sizes. A 30 gallon boiler is now worth \$8, a 35 gallon boiler \$9 and a 40 gallon boiler \$10. These prices are about \$2.50 higher than those of a year ago.

Some of the more recent advances in hardware prices in the United States include a 10 to 20 per cent advance on strap and B hinges, a 10 to 20 per cent advance on butts, a 10 per cent advance on agricultural wrenches and a 5 to 10 per cent advance on chisels and drawing knives.

As showing the extent to which iron has increased in value lately it may be stated that since the beginning of May No. 1 foundry iron has gone up \$1.25 to \$1.75 at Pittsburg, No. 2 iron has gone up in like proportion and is now quoted at \$15.75. Grey forge iron has advanced 75c, Bessemer pig 65c, billets, \$1 to \$1.50, steel bars \$1, muck bars \$1 and scrap iron 50c.

Minister of Finance Fielding has given notice in the Dominion house of a resolution on the subject of iron and steel bounties. The present bounties expire in 1902. Parties interested in the business have applied for an extension for a further period of five years. Mr. Fielding's resolution does not comply with this request, but provides for a continuation of the bounties under a system of gradual reduction, until by this process the bounties are extinguished.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

INCREASED VALUES.

The following list embraces the lines of farm implements for fall and winter sale, which have already been, or will soon be, advanced in price by the action of individual manufacturers or manufacturers' associations:

- Plows, including walking, sulky and gang, 15 per cent.
- Harrows, 15 per cent.
- One and two-hole corn shellers, 15 and 10 per cent respectively.
- Feed grinders, 10 to 15 per cent.
- Cider mills, 15 per cent.
- Wind mills, amount not stated.
- Iron pumps, 50 cents each.
- Wood pumps, about 20 per cent.
- Farm wagons, \$3 to \$5 per wagon, according to size.
- Hay presses, 10 to 15 per cent.
- Steel tanks are also higher.

Where the above percentages added make amounts with odd cents the nearest even amount will probably be used. The question was discussed at one of the association conferences and the sense of the meeting was that manufacturers should use their discretion about which direction to go in seeking the even figures. The percentages recommended are considered large enough but to barely cover the added cost of production, and it is quite probable that some of the manufacturers will set a higher mark, as many of them declare that the increase recommended does not provide for the extra cost.—Farm Implement News.

THE TWINE MARKET.

The same apathy that has characterized the twine market for several weeks past prevails at this time. About the only sign of activity is the efforts of jobbers to throw off enough ballast to keep their twine balloons clear of snags.

Manufacturers are selling little if any twine, and orders are not plentiful by any means, with the jobbers. There seems to be a settled conviction that too much twine for the coming harvest has already been sold, and there is an assurance of a large surplus, for which the extensive damage to winter wheat is responsible. Had the wheat come through the critical period in good shape, vastly different conditions would now prevail in the twine market.

Every dealer should aim to dispose of his twine holdings entirely. If the opinions of old twine men are reliable, every pound of twine carried over means a loss to the holder. Everybody anticipates considerably lower prices in 1900, prices that will represent greater losses on carried stock than the sacrifice of profit to force its sale now.

Prices, which in the absence of business are merely nominal, are as given below. That they are being shaded by some of the jobbers is undoubtedly true.

- Sisal 91-2
- Standard 91-2
- Manila (600-foot) 101-2
- Pure manila 11
- Car lots 1-4c less. Five ton lots 1-8c less. Fall terms.—Farm Implement News.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

The fenders with which the Winnipeg electric street railway cars are being provided, are entirely the product of Boyce's carriage works, Winnipeg. The company pays a royalty to the inventor for permission to manufacture in Winnipeg.

W. J. Helliwell has been appointed agent at Oak River, Man. for the McCormick Implement Co.

McLean & Bames, implement agents, Hamiota, Man., have dissolved partnership. Jos. McLean assumes the business obligations of the firm.

It is said that one concern which is offering binder twine at cut prices in the Northwestern States has a lot of damaged twine on hand with which it contemplates filling these orders.

The National Association of Iron Pump Manufacturers of the United States decided on an advance in prices at a recent Chicago meeting. Pitcher sprut pumps will now be subject to a discount of 75 per cent instead of 75 and 10 per cent. Competition set length pumps will be advanced 25c. Windmill standards will be advanced 25c, and wind mill three way pumps will be 50c higher.

E. A. Mott, manager of the Winnipeg business of the Cockshutt Plow Co., returned this week from an eastern trip. Mr. Mott reports marked activity at the agricultural implement factories east. At their own factory at Brantford he found them very busy turning out goods for the home and export trade. The orders in hand include some good sized bills for Australia and South Africa. It is certainly gratifying to learn that Canadian implements are thus appreciated abroad. The difficulty at the moment with the factories is the trouble in securing supplies of raw material. Makers of iron and steel are very slow in filling orders. The Cockshutt Plow Co. sent a man to Pittsburg specially to try and hurry up supplies of raw material. Prices of such material keep on advancing, and Mr. Mott says that it will be almost impossible to continue filling orders for implements at present prices. While they will fill contracts previously made, they look for further advances in manufactured goods on account of the greatly increased cost of raw materials.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

- Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:
- Wheat—No. 1 hard afloat, Fort William, \$1.21 to \$1.22.
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$3.80; best bakers', \$3.10.
- Millstuffs—Bran, \$12 per ton; shorts, \$14 in large lots.
- Oatmeal—Dealers selling to trade at \$2.20 to \$2.25 per sack of rolled in small lots.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 47 to 48c.
- Corn—Quoted at 42 to 43c per bushel of 56 lbs.
- Barley—Nominal at 45 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.
- Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 15 to 17c for fresh; creamery 16 to 17c at the factories.
- Cheese—New cheese, 8 to 3 1-2c in small quantities.
- Eggs—10 to 10 1-2c per dozen on commission basis.
- Hides—No. 1 green hides 7 to 7 1-2c.
- Wool—8 1-2 to 9c for unwashed fleeces.
- Hay—Baled, on track here, \$12 to \$13 per ton for local hay.
- Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
- Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 15c; live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair.
- Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 6-34 to 7 1-4c; mutton 8 to 10c for fresh; hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c; veal 7 to 9c.
- Live stock—Cattle, butchers' 4 to 4 1-4c off cars; hogs, off cars, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep 4 3-4 to 5c.

During the week ending May 25 there were 16 failures of Canadian business concerns as compared with 15 a year ago. One of these was in Manitoba.

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THE GROCERY TRADE.

THE SUGAR SITUATION.

A most interesting complication in regard to the sugar trade arose among eastern wholesalers last week, mention of which was made in The Commercial of the 27th. Fuller information is given in the following from the Toronto Globe of the same date:

"There has been some disagreement lately between the wholesale grocers and the Canadian sugar refiners, and for a short time this week the agreement between the parties which was adopted last October respecting the sale of sugar was suspended, and the jobbers were selling sugar at open prices. The agreement was soon restored, however, and stands at present, pending negotiations for a new agreement which are now in progress. The agreement provided that the wholesale men were not to sell foreign sugars, but lately independent parties who were not bound by the agreement have been importing American sugars and underselling the Canadian product. The result was, as the wholesalers did not reduce their prices to meet the competition from the outside refiners, that a great part of the trade was lost. This was unsatisfactory to the refiners, who appear to be of the opinion that the wholesale people should have reduced their prices and have been content with less profits to meet the extraordinary situation, thereby keeping out the American goods. But the wholesale men say that their profit on sugars was only 50c to 75c per barrel, and that it would be unfair to ask them to reduce their prices. The refiners appear determined to make an effort to keep out foreign sugars, and some assert that they may be driven to sell their sugar in car lots to retailers unless the wholesale people reduce prices, but it is not thought by the trade that such a measure would be resorted to."

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Valencia raisins promise to be a good crop this year.

Several carloads of canned goods were sold last week at Montreal to go to the Pacific coast.

Cable advices from Formosa quoted the following prices on tea: Fair to good cargo 14c fully good 15c and superior 16c.

The market for China black tea of the new crop is open and some advices quote prices 20 per cent higher, while others report the very opposite.

Total shipments of Californian oranges for the season to May 13, amounted to 8,943 cars, against 11,514 cars for the same period last year.

An act to amend the act respecting canned goods has been introduced in the Dominion house, which provides that every package shall have the weight thereof legibly marked on it.

The Barbadoes molasses market still shows signs of excitement at the island. The price now being quoted, namely 16c, is 3 to 4c higher than prices a year ago.

Strawberries have been arriving in Toronto so plentifully from the south that the price declined to 12c and less per box for the choicest berries. As low as 8c has been quoted.

Late advices from Smyrna are to the effect that the coming crop of

figs will be about 38,000 camel loads, against 12,000 camel loads last year. The average crop is about 70,000 loads.

According to advices from primary markets shelled almonds are higher, and prices here have been moved up a fraction in sympathy. The new crop promises well, but is not available for consumption in this country before the beginning of October.

The California Fruit Grower in its issue of May 20 says of apricots: "We learn of offers in the east of new crop apricots July shipment at Se f.o.b. coast. For the first few cars 9c is now the talk. Samples will show up early in June, and it is expected that the fruit will be large and fine. The crop is fair in size taken as a whole. Present estimates place the output of cured lots at about 700 cars.

Fruit crop reports from Santa Clara county, California, by mail are to the effect that apricots will turn out a larger yield than had been estimated. There will be a good crop of pears. Cherries will average light to the tree. Of all varieties more trees will be in bearing, while trees which bore for the first time in 1896, 1897 and last year are of larger size, and therefore should average during a poor season more to the tree.

Montreal Gazette: The demand from American buyers for Pingsuey gunpowders referred to in our last, has continued, and further large sales are reported to have been made, including one lot of 600 packages at much better prices than could be obtained here. Ceylons are scarce and firm here, but private cables received this week reduced prices 1-2d. Cables received from Japan report the market active and strong at an advance of 1-2c per pound, and the basis now of teas which would pass the United States standard are 15 1-2 to 16 1-2c. Mail advices from Yokohama under date of May 4th, say: The quality of teas has depreciated so rapidly, that the difference in price noted from last season's early offerings has been practically wiped out. This condition has been aided in a measure by heavy buying on the part of one or two packers preventing the decline which otherwise would have taken place. Arrivals from the growing districts are more than sufficient to meet the current demand, but with the present heavy daily purchases more than the usual lowering of asking rates can hardly be looked for.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the board was held on Tuesday. A letter was read from the Manitoba board of underwriters re insurance in case of acetylene gas. The question of endorsing the proposed subsidy to the Canadian Northern railway was left for further investigation by the committee. Some other minor matters were dealt with.

The Dominion secretary of state is making a recommendation to the government that the practice of compelling companies making applications for incorporation under the joint stock companies act to prefix the word "the" to the name be discontinued where the name is an established one the company of recognized probity. This is in accordance with English practice.



THE TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL.

H. Sutherland, managing director of the Temperance and General Life of Toronto, and J. O. McCarthy, superintendent of agencies for the same company, arrived in Winnipeg this week for the purpose of organizing for business in the west. The gentlemen will spend some days in the city during which they hope to perfect their organization here, when they will proceed to British Columbia, with the same object in view. Winnipeg will be made the headquarters for Manitoba, and probably also for the territories, and a separate general agency will be opened in British Columbia, with headquarters at Vancouver or Victoria. The opening of the Temperance and General here adds another to the life companies operating in this field. The distinguishing feature of this company is the division of its business into two departments, one for total abstainers, and the other for all other risks. Thus the total abstainers secure any advantage accruing to them as a class by reason of their abstinence, in increased dividends.

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The experience of the fire insurance companies doing business in Canada for 1898 makes it evident that in this as well as every other line of business there are good and bad years—years of prosperity and years of adversity. At least the fact is established that there are years of adversity, as the showing for 1898 is not one that will be very satisfactory from a company point of view. The amount of business done increased, but so also did the losses and out of all proportion to the increase in business. The following table summarizes the results for the past two years:

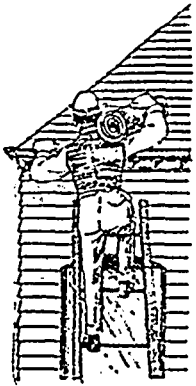
	1898.	1897.
Net amount at risk	\$895,382,846	\$868,522,217
Policies issued or renewed.	680,651,576	663,698,309
Net cash premiums	7,749,669	7,157,661
Losses incurred	5,476,590	4,660,997
Losses paid	4,784,287	4,701,833
Unsettled claims, not resisted	945,650	187,373
Unsettled claims, resisted	57,801	121,685

The proportion of losses paid to premium income last year was 65.10, and the operating expenses 30 per cent, which it will be seen leaves a very small margin out of which to pay dividends. As a matter of fact some of the companies claim that their business was carried on at a loss. The average premium rate for the year was 1.26 per cent, as compared with 1.25 per cent in 1897. British companies continue to do the bulk of the Canadian fire insurance business, there being 20 such companies in the field, as compared with seven United States companies and six Canadian. Of course, in addition to this number of Canadian companies there are many small local concerns scattered over the Dominion which do not report to the Dominion government.

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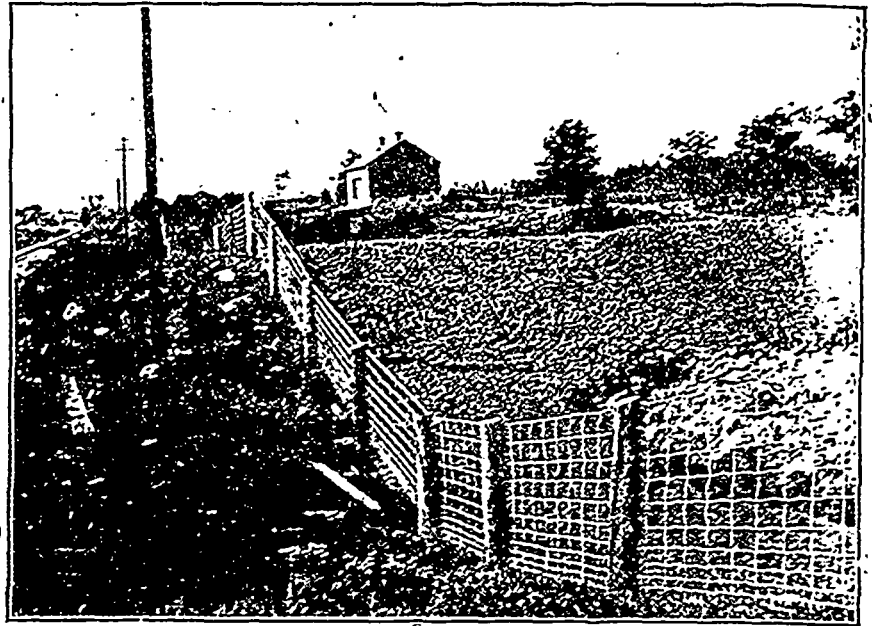
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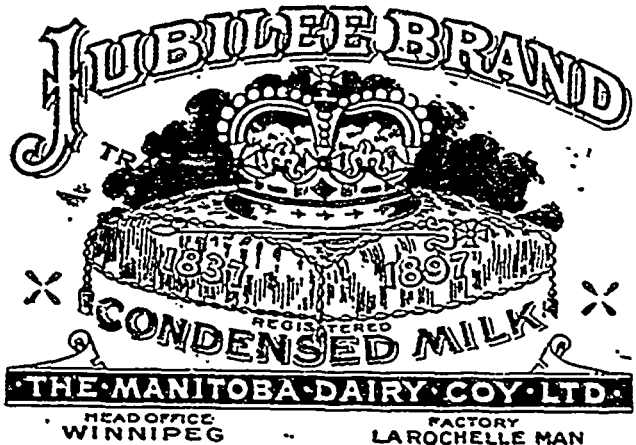


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INSURANCE NOTES.

The Winnipeg offices of the North American Life have been moved to the new McIntyre block.

J. C. Tory, superintendent of the Sun Life Assurance company, who was in Winnipeg last week, has returned to the head office at Montreal.

W. P. Sweetman, local manager for the Mutual Life of New York, has moved his office to the new McIntyre block.

Fred Beattie, who has been in the employ of the Imperial Bank of Canada at Winnipeg for the past nine years, has been appointed inspector for Manitoba and the Territories for the Imperial Life Assurance company of Canada. We feel sure that Mr. Beattie will make a success of the new venture.

Tenders

Tenders addressed to the commissioner of public works, Regina, will be received up to the 5th of June for the erection and completion of a bridge across Wascana creek, near the Northwest Mounted Police barracks, Regina, Assa.

Tenders will be received until Monday, June 5th, for the following trades required in the erection of a dwelling house on Bannatyne avenue, Winnipeg, for G. P. Dolson? Carpenter work, tin work, plastering and glazing. Jos. Greenfield, architect.

Tenders will be received by the council of the municipality of Morton, Man., up to June 19, for 100 cedar piles 14 feet long, and 300, 12 feet long; not less than 8 inches at the small end; all perfectly sound. To be delivered at Boissevain by the 1st of July, 1899. Address, R. Morrison, Boissevain, Man.

Tenders are wanted for the building of a church at Desford, Man. The contractor is to supply all necessary materials excepting stone and sand which will be supplied. The committee will do teaming from Boissevain, the nearest station. Tenders are to be sent on or before June 10th to Rev. G. C. Hill, Boissevain.

Railway Rumors.

The survey of the proposed new Canadian Pacific railway lines from MacGregor to Rapid City, Man., is completed.

The Dominion government has accepted the principle of having a railway commission and will bring down a bill providing for one.

It is stated that the Canadian Pacific railway Pipestone branch will be extended as far west as Cunningham Manor, Assa., this season.

The Canadian Pacific railway company has announced that it will erect a hotel at Winnipeg. The details are not made public, but it may be assumed that the building will be a large one and the accommodation first class in every particular.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion commissioner of agriculture, is on a visit to the west, and will inspect the government dairy stations at Regina and Calgary. It was also his intention to hold some public meetings in the Northwest Territories, but that programme has had to be given up in the meantime. He will, however, at the instance of the Manitoba government, deliver an address at Brandon, Man. on "Selecting Seed Grain," a subject of great importance to the farmers of this country. The date of this address is June 6th.



WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows: Week ended June 1, 1899 ... \$1,839,397 Corresponding week, 1898 ... 2,087,537 Corresponding week, 1897 ... 1,151,252

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for four years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March ...	5,962,000	4,269,000	4,288,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,261,962	4,932,000
May ...	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,091,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ...	11,553,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,781,498	7,736,915

Year	1899.	1898.	1897.
Jan. ...	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,143,935
Feb.
March
April
May

THE MONEY MARKET.

The prevailing bank discount rate is 7 per cent, with a range of 6 to 8 per cent as to name.

Mortgage loans range mostly at 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property, with special large loans on most valuable properties ranging 1 to 1-1/2 per cent less. While the loan companies are holding for 5 per cent on ordinary farm property loans, an increasing number of loans are going through at 7 per cent.

APRIL BANK STATEMENT.

The monthly statement of Canadian banks for April, issued by the Dominion government, makes a most satisfactory showing. Public deposits for the month increased to the amount of \$1,500,000, and are \$33,900,000 more than in the same month last year. The note circulation decreased \$1,039,000 during the month, but at the close of the month was \$1,800,000 greater than in the same month last year. Balances due in the United Kingdom, increased \$1,000,000, and the balances due from the United Kingdom decreased \$2,290,000. From foreign countries over \$22,000,000 was due as against \$19,527,000 a year ago. Trade discounts increased over the previous month nearly \$5,000,000, and over the same month in the previous year about \$23,300,000. This latter item and the increase in public deposits constitute the most satisfactory features of the whole statement.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Senator Dandurand has introduced a bill in the Canadian Senate to regulate the interest rates chargeable on borrowed money. The bill provides that no one can charge more than 20 per cent per annum. A case was cited as one of the arguments in support of the bill of a young man who five years ago borrowed \$75, and not being able to pay it at the time, had given a note afterwards for \$700 which was the interest added. He now owes \$1,526 on an original debt of \$75.

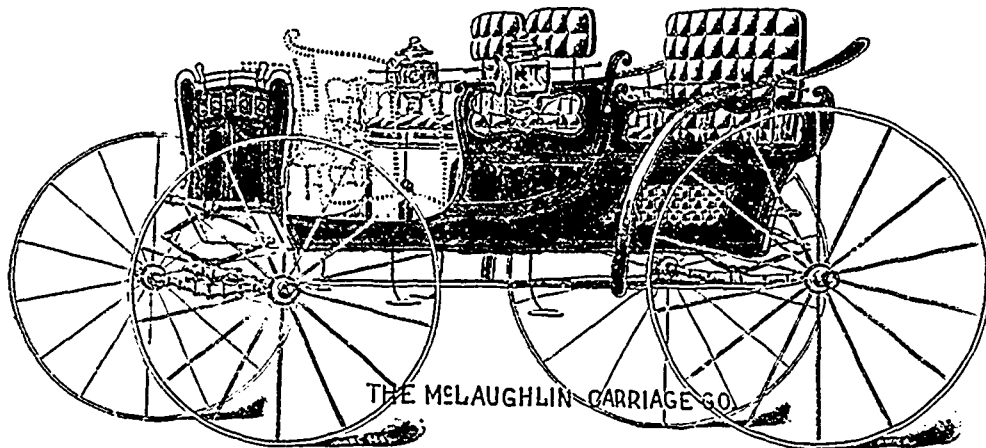
New Wholesale House.

Mr. A. F. Gault, of Gault Bros. Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, accompanied by Mr. Rodger of the same house, arrived in Winnipeg early this week from the west. The gentlemen went through to the coast via a United States railway, returning by the Canadian Pacific railway. While in the west the gentlemen visited the Kootenay country, where Mr. Gault has some mining investments. To a representative of The Commercial, Mr. Gault said that they were highly pleased with their trip. In British Columbia they found a general air of prosperity and progress. The trip had been made with the object of selecting a location somewhere in the west for a branch house. With this purpose in view, Victoria and Vancouver had been visited before coming to Winnipeg. They were particularly well pleased with the outlook here, and would recommend Winnipeg as the best place for their proposed western branch. The matter would not be fully decided, however, until their return to Montreal. They had shown their confidence in Winnipeg. Mr. Gault said, by purchasing a piece of property, suitable for a site for a wholesale warehouse. The value placed on property here he considered reasonable, and even if they did not decide to build a warehouse in Winnipeg, he believed the property would prove a safe investment. The property purchased is situated between King, Albert and Bannatyne streets, thus having a frontage on three streets. On this property is located a little church, which is one of the oldest buildings of this class in the city. The house of Gault Bros. Co., limited, is one of the oldest and best known wholesale concerns in Canada. The establishment of a branch of such a house in Winnipeg, would do much toward adding to the importance of this city as a jobbing centre. It would rather prove a benefit to the houses already in the trade here, by the tendency it would give toward centering business here, while it would not materially increase competition in the local trade, as the house has for years worked for western business.

The University of Pennsylvania (Wharton School) is circulating a pamphlet giving an outline of its course in finance and economy for the information of persons interested in the study of those subjects. Copies may be had on application to the Registrar of the College, University of Pennsylvania, Section B, Philadelphia.

The Western Agricultural and Arts Association of Brandon, Man., has just issued its prize list for the exhibition of this year, to be held July 18 to 21. Full information is given regarding this important event. Copies may be had from the manager of the fair, F. A. Clark, Brandon.

The reports of sales in the U. S. lands department for the month of May show 39,400 acres disposed of for a sum of \$124,000. The sale of land for the Canada Northwest Land company for the same period is 5,200 acres, for a sum of \$28,500. The total sales so far this year are 25,000 acres for \$137,000.



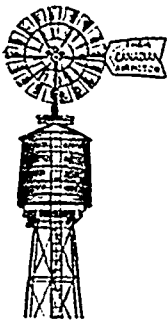
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W. S. ROUGH.

Hustlers for Trade.

We present this week's portraits of three well known western travelers, all representatives of the wholesale dry goods house of John Macdonald & Co., Toronto. Mr. Rough has been fifteen years on the road here continuously for this one house, and it is therefore unnecessary to say that he is one of the best known western travelers. Mr. Boxall is a somewhat later addition to the field force here, but his three years' experience in the west has made him a familiar figure among the western travellers. Mr. Cooper makes his headquarters at Victoria, British Columbia, and has special charge of the business in the Pacific province.

The Commercial Men.

W. J. Muldrew, of London, Ont., is in the city.

E. M. Kallmeyer, of Toronto, is at the Clarendon, Winnipeg.

Alex. Munro, the new western representative for Knox, Morgan & Co., has located quarters in the McIntyre block.

S. M. James, western representative of L. Poisseau & Co., has located permanent sample rooms in the McIntyre block.

R. H. Clante is having handsome quarters fitted up in the new McIntyre block, which he will occupy shortly.

T. Whitehead, of the Dominion Suspender Co and E. Van Allen, shirts, was in the city this week, returning from a main line trip. He reports a good business in his lines.

E. J. Dermody, who is best known in connection with the publishing business in Winnipeg and Saltcoats, will go on the road for the Rabble Fruit company.

W. S. Rough and J. F. Boxall, western representatives of John Macdonald & Co., were busy this week moving their permanent sample rooms to their new quarters in the McIntyre block, where they will have excellent accommodation.

Thos. Dowsell, western representative of the Empire Tobacco Company of Granby, Quebec, arrived in Winnipeg this week from a trip over the main line west. He will leave again in a day or so to cover the branch lines. He reports a very satisfactory amount of business done in the west as a result of his trip.

C. R. Dixon, western representative of Lucas, Steel & Bristol, who has been ill, is convalescent.

W. G. Spera and W. G. Pennington have finished their season trips for McKenna, Thomson & Co. Mr. Spera's returned this week from a trip through Northwestern Ontario. He reports marked activity in the Rainy River and Rainy Lake districts. Quite a number of settlers are locating in these districts where there are some fine agricultural areas. The settlers make good money selling cordwood, as they clear the land, to the steamboats. Mr. Pennington has gone to Cartwright to look after his business interests there.

Wm. Hargreaves, of G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip through Southern Alberta and southeastern British Columbia. Mr. Hargreaves visited the Mormon settlement in Southern Alberta and was greatly impressed with the thoroughness and push of these people, who, he says, are a fine class of settlers and are making a garden of that part of the country. The big irrigation ditch, which will run from Lethbridge through to Cardston, to cost over \$1,000,000, will do great things toward



J. F. BOXALL.

developing the agricultural resources of Southern Alberta. In the Boundary Creek country Mr. Hargreaves reports great mining activity, and looks for the development of our rich mines there.

The following commercial travellers registered at the Leland House, Winnipeg, within the past few days: J. Gilpin, Toronto; W. A. Foley, Galt, Ont.; Harold Thomas, London, Eng.; Harry Kite, Hamilton; J. R. Miller, Montreal; Wm. H. Vass, Montreal; Thos. Bruce, Montreal; F. V. Warmoll, Detroit; Alex. Fraser, London, Ont.; H. F. Daville, Toronto; O. E. Dorals, Montreal; Henry Smith, Montreal; W. A. Walker, Toronto; Fred. C. Shorey, Montreal; Alex. Munro, Hamilton; Geo. E. Rooney, Montreal; R. J. Smardon, Montreal; C. H. Hutchins, Toronto; W. R. Rosebrugh, Toronto; P. Ross, Toronto; C. Pauct Raymond, Montreal; J. K. McDermid, London; J. J. Palmer, Toronto; T. E. Palmer, Toronto; E. W. Schuman, Berlin; J. E. Watts, Cloquet.

Geo. T. Slater & Sons, Montreal manufacturers of the brand of shoes bearing the name "Slater" have sold out their interest in that brand to The Slater Shoe Company Limited for \$60,000.

Movements of Business Men

G. F. Stephens, of G. F. Stephens & company, Winnipeg, left on a business trip to Toronto a few days ago.

R. T. Riley, manager of the W. E. Sanford company at Winnipeg, returned from England this week.

E. Penner, general merchant, of Gretna was in Winnipeg this week.

Ed Nicholson, returned to Winnipeg from Chicago last Sunday.

W. S. Stout, general manager of the Dominion Express Co., arrived at Winnipeg from the west on his annual trip of inspection on Wednesday. A party of friends and officials of the company accompanied him.

Mr. Wyld, of Wyld, Grasset & Darling, a well known Toronto dry goods house, is making a pleasure trip through Canada. He was in Winnipeg a few days ago and left later for Rat Portage, where he has mining interests. Mr. Wyld was greatly pleased with the bright outlook in western business. He is accompanied by Mrs. Wyld.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

A. B. Callin has sold out his lumber business at Russell, Man., to James McKay.

The planing mill and plant of Hughes & Long, at Brandon, Man., was destroyed by fire on May 30. The mill was a new one and reported to be uninsured.

H. L. Elliott has formed a partnership with Wm. Armstrong to engage in the lumber business at Portage la Prairie, Man. The firm will be known as Wm. Armstrong & Co.

Spruce timber in the Eastern States is now more valuable for pulp than for lumber. The saw mills in the spruce districts are being closed down or turned into pulp mills. Over 65 per cent of the spruce cut in the United States is now for pulp wood. The growth of the pulp business during recent years has been enormous. This will give some idea of the value of the spruce forests of northern Manitoba, Keewatin, Saskatchewan and other parts of Canada.



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Manitoba

H. Gray has opened an auction room at Winnipeg.

Mrs. Wesley has opened in millinery at Birtle.

J. F. Grimmitt is opening a jewellery store at Elgin.

Feeney is opening in the furniture business at Virden.

R. A. Mercer is opening a boot and shoe shop at Dauphin.

Lennard & Donagh have opened in the hardware business at Russell.

R. P. Crookshank & Co. will erect a drug store building at Rapid City.

The Rapid City board of trade has issued a pamphlet advertising that district.

The Waverley Hotel, McGregor, is advertised for sale by its proprietor, James Hay.

Gould & Elliot have disposed of their general store business at Pierson to Hamelin Bros.

Holtby & Co., have opened business in Winnipeg as engravers, designers, etc. They are located in the McIntyre block.

Work has been commenced on the foundation for the addition to the Hudson's Bay company's stores at Winnipeg.

The Austin Record and Portage la Prairie News will be amalgamated. The Record plant will be moved to Portage.

H. Leckie, general merchant, Foxwarren, has improved the appearance of his store by raising it several feet and putting in a stone foundation.

E. J. Bawlf, a son of N. Bawlf, Winnipeg's pioneer grain merchant, has lately opened in the flour and feed business on Princess street, Winnipeg.

A contract has been let for a large addition to the farm machinery building at the Winnipeg Exhibition grounds, which will practically double its capacity.

The statement is made that Sir Wm. Van Horne has purchased a large block of land at East Selkirk, and is about to erect extensive farm buildings thereon. His son will look after the property.

J. T. Huggard, Winnipeg, lately in partnership with Judge Prendergast, and W. M. Crichton, of the late firm of Andrews & Pitblado, have formed a legal partnership under the firm name of Huggard & Crichton.

A reduction of 15 per cent is to be made in the Winnipeg water rates on the recommendation of Commissioner Stuart. The reduction will only be accorded, however, to those ratepayers who make prompt payment.

The property adjoining the new Bank of Commerce building on Main street, Winnipeg, known as the Reynolds block, 25 by 120 feet, has been bought by the Great West Life Insurance company for \$18,000. It is said to be the intention of the company to put a new stone front on the building and otherwise modernize it.

One of the new features at the Winnipeg industrial fair this summer will serve to illustrate the development which has taken place in the last few years in British Columbia, is the special exhibit from that province of live stock, fruit, minerals, etc. Buildings will be erected at the fair grounds, the lumber being given free by British Columbia lumbermen. The C. P. R. has offered to carry the lumber for the building and the exhibits free of charge.

The McCormick Manufacturing Co., Limited, of London, Ont., manufacturers of all kinds of biscuits, confectionery, jams, etc., are opening an agency in Winnipeg. They have secured to represent them, Dudley Dingle, late with the Lang Manufacturing Co., and D. D. Stewart, late with Stohart Sons & Co., Winnipeg. The McCormick Co., have a high reputation for turning out high grade goods, their "Jersey Cream" sodas being known all over the world, and their opening in Winnipeg is another instance of the importance attached to this market by eastern manufacturers.

Assinibola.

A Jarrett is opening a jewellery store at Sinaluta.

W. T. Wadhams, formerly of Oshawa, Ont., has opened a bakery at Regina.

There is a good opening for a blacksmith shop at Glenmorris, Moose Mountain.

A report from Moose Jaw says: "Moose Jaw may certainly be said to be booming. Houses are leased as fast as they are built, and as a result rents are rapidly rising."

The Whitewood board of trade has organized for business. The officers are now as follows: President, J. H. Knowler; vice-president, Dr. Bird; secretary-treasurer, R. B. Bennett; council, Messrs Sanders, Waller, Boyd, Street, Limoges, Olson, Baldwin, J. L. Lamont and Thos. Cummings. An arbitration committee has also been appointed. Active efforts to promote settlement in the district of Whitewood will be made by the board.

Alberta.

Hewitt Bros. are opening a general store at Penhold.

The C. P. R. land sales for Tuesday last amounted to 4,000 acres, which included 3,000 acres in Northern Alberta.

A. F. Grady has bought the hardware stock of J. H. M. Carson at Macleod. Carson is accepting a position as traveller for a furnace manufacturing concern.

Saskatchewan.

J. A. Stewart intends opening a drug store at Rosthern.

THE DAIRY TRADE.

BRANDING OF CHEESE.

The provincial dairy superintendent, Mr. C. C. Macdonald, has issued the following circular to the cheese makers of Manitoba:

Dear Sir,—It has been stated that Manitoba cheese met with poor favor in the markets of British Columbia on account of the poor quality of the product.

In order to protect our reputation as cheese makers I would strongly advise branding all cheese, large or small, with the word "Manitoba," and then as cheese makers let us stand or fall by that word. If care is exercised in curing our cheese properly as per instructions that have been sent out heretofore, we will not fall very far short. The letters for the brand should be at least one-half inch long. If you have not got this brand in your factory, the dairy superintendent will be pleased to order them for you and have them sent to your address.

Should there be an occasional day's make of cheese that is not first-class

do not ship such cheese, but hold it in the factory and try to dispose of it at home. Usually this cheese is eatable and very often the patrons use it. But do not attempt to ship it away from home as it will injure the reputation of the whole make.

Again as to curing cheese. With but one or two exceptions our Manitoba cheese was as well made as any cheese in Canada last year, but in many cases the curing was not done so well. This part of the process of cheese making must not be neglected. Remember a cheese is only half made when it is first put into the curing room. Keep the curing room temperature up to 65 or 70 degrees, turn cheese every day and hold for not less than twenty days—thirty is better—before shipping.

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

C. C. Macdonald, provincial dairy commissioner of Manitoba, intends to make a tour of inspection of the provincial creameries. This season, so far, he has been engaged in connection with cheese factories.

During the week ending May 27th 22,900 pounds of cheese were exported from Canada to Europe via the port of Montreal. In the same week last year the exports amounted to \$1,350. The exports of butter for the same week were 3,721 pounds, as against 3,105 last year.

Live Stock News.

The C. P. R. will let a contract at once for roofing the Winnipeg stock yards. The entire yards will be roofed and floors are also to be put down.

A shipment of very fine horses left Medicine Hat, Assa., for the Winnipeg market, recently. The horses were from James Pierce's ranch.

During the week ending May 27th, 2,217 head of cattle, 951 head of sheep and 81 head of horses were shipped from Montreal to the markets of the old country.

An advance of 10 to 15 per cent in the price of house furniture in the United States is going into effect at once as a result of an agreement among manufacturers. A further advance may follow in July.

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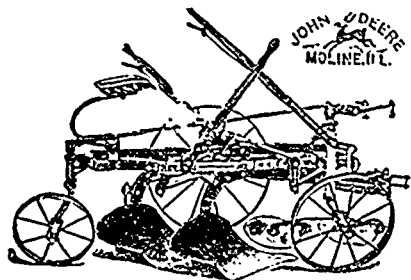
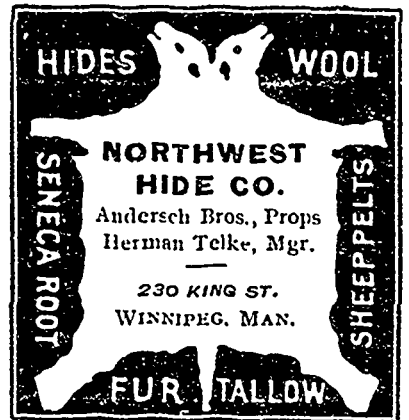


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GRAIN AND MILLING

INTERESTING LAW SUIT.

A suit of interest to the Manitoba grain trade has just been settled at Buffalo, N. Y. In October, 1897, the Northern Elevator company, of Winnipeg, shipped 30,000 bushels of grain from Fort William to Buffalo to go from there to New York via the New York Central road. By mistake the bills of lading contained the name of the Lehigh Valley road as the Buffalo consignee. The latter road accepted the grain, stored it in the Sturgis elevator and insured it. The mistake was discovered in a few days and the Lehigh company turned the grain over to the New York Central and cancelled the insurance on it. The New York Central failed to insure the grain and the Sturgis elevator being destroyed by fire, the grain was a total loss. The Lehigh Valley people denied responsibility, on the ground that they had been ordered to turn the grain over to the New York Central. This was denied, but the jury to whom the claim for damages was referred decided in favor of the railroad company and the suit has been dismissed.

GRAIN AND MILLING NOTES.

The Manitoba, Man., flour mill, is in process of enlargement.

Bullock & Son have purchased the Gould & Elliott elevator at Pierson, Man.

The Farmers' Elevator Co., Grotna, Man., have secured a suitable site for their elevator, and building operations will commence at once.

The Dowling Milling company is erecting a new mill of 100 barrels capacity at Edmonton. The machinery is being supplied by Goldie & McCulloch, of Galt, Ont. The total cost of the plant will be \$20,000.

S. C. Elkington, of Elkington & Joyner, millers, Fort Qu'Appelle, has severed his connection with that town and gone west to New Westminster, B. C., where he will engage in business. It will be remembered that this firm lost their mill at Fort Qu'Appelle in January last.

Carnouff, Assiniboia, has entered into an agreement to bonus a flour mill by giving \$3,000 cash to a miller named Smith, formerly with McCulloch & Herriott, of Souris. The mill is to be first-class in all respects. Building operations will be commenced at once, so that the mill will be ready to run when the year's crop is harvested.

The new bill introduced at Ottawa to provide for certain changes in the system of inspection and handling of Manitoba wheat, is not to be allowed to pass without opposition. The Toronto board of trade has called a meeting to consider the bill, at which a number of Ontario millers will be present. It is understood that the Ontario millers and some eastern grain men as well, object to the inspection of wheat at Winnipeg, for storage at Fort William. As this is a change greatly desired in the interest of the western trade and as it will not work any injury to the eastern trade, our eastern friends might leave the western people alone in their endeavors to improve the situation.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	173,000
Toronto	35,000
Kingston	65,000
Winnipeg	370,000
Manitoba elevators	1,250,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,185,000

Total May 20... 8,387,000
Total a year ago... 2,350,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States, as reported by Bradstreet's on May 20, were 42,305,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 29,325,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1, were 1,455,000 bushels, compared with 3,051,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 27, was 24,192,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,276,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 23,692,000 bushels, two years ago 26,887,000 bushels, three years ago 50,340,000 bushels, and four years ago 52,229,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,767,000
Duluth	6,849,000
Minneapolis	7,740,000
New York	323,000
Buffalo and afloat	385,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,957,000 bushels, compared with 8,114,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 16,978,000 bushels, compared with 19,504,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1899	115,413,000
1898	100,890,000
1897	107,198,000
1896	146,682,000
1895	172,099,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	79,235,776	69,863,880
Milwaukee	11,828,256	8,727,203
Duluth	66,074,709	39,870,265
Chicago	31,462,835	25,223,390

Total ... 188,601,576 153,664,738

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	12,857,895	13,265,022
St. Louis	13,676,401	11,878,180
Detroit	4,848,368	4,333,342
Kansas City	25,012,543	28,727,372

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TIN—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb; Ingots, per lb. 31c.
TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 x 14, 12x12 and 14x20, \$4.75 to \$5.00; 1 x, same size box, \$5.75 to \$6; 10, charcoal, 20x28, 112 sheets to box, \$9.00 to \$9.50, 1x box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$11 to \$11.50.

TERNE PLATES—10, 20x28, \$9.00.
IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.30; band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.55 to \$2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5 to \$6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25; tire steel, \$3.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb. 12 to 13c.
STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-10 inch, \$3; 3-8 inch and thicker, \$2.75.

BOILER TUBES—2 inch, 14c per foot; 2 1-2 inch, 13 1-2c; 3 inch, 17c per foot.
SHEET IRON—16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.
CANADA PLATES—Gatch and Blatus, \$6.25.

GALVANIZED IRON—American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22 gauge, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs.

IRON PIPE—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-4 inch, \$3.40; 3-8 inch, \$3.40; 1-2 inch, \$4.20; 3-4 inch, \$4.60; 1 inch, \$5.00; 1 1-4 inch, \$5.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$10.80; 2 inch, \$14.40.

GALVANIZED PIPE—1-4 inch, \$6.40; 3-8 inch, \$6.40; 1-2 inch, \$6.80; 3-4 inch, \$7.60; 1 inch, \$10.40; 1 1-4 inch, \$14.40; 1 1-2 inch, \$17.60; 2 inch, \$23.00.

STAMPED TINWARE—Plain, 70 and 20 per cent; returned 70 and 12 1-2 per cent.

CHAIN—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$9; do. 1-4 in. \$6.50; do. 5-16 in. \$5; do. 3-8 in. \$4.75; do. 7-16 in. \$4.50; do. 1-2 in. and up. \$4.25, trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50; jack chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c; jack chain, double, per doz. yards, 25c to \$1.
COPPER—Mined copper sheets, 30c; planished, 35c. boiler and T K pits, plain tinned per lb. 29c; spun 33c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 4 1-2 to 5c.
SHEET ZINC—In casks, \$9 per 100 lbs., broken lots, \$9.50.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb. 19c.
SHOT—Soft, 6-12c per lb; chilled 7c; buckshot, 7 1-2c.

AMMUNITION—Cartridges—R. F. 1st. tol, American discount 37 1-2 to 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent to 50 and 5 per cent; centre fire military, American, net list; centre fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1-2 per cent; centre fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$3 to \$7.50.
LOADED SHELLS—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft \$1.50; chilled \$1.65; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2.00; chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, \$1.90; chilled, \$2.05; No. 10 gauge, soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.
WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb; thin card wads, in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauge, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

ANVILS—Per lb. 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.
AUGER BITS—American, 65 to 70 per cent; Jennings's Excelsior, 50 per cent; post pole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.

ANES—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$5.50 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.

BELTS—Extra, 30 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 60 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent.

BOLTS—Carriage, 1-4 and 5-16, 52 1-2 per cent; 3-8 and up, 47 1-2c; tire dis. 60 per cent; stove, dis. 60 per cent; machine discount 55 per cent; coach screws, dis. 65 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.

BUTTS—Loose pin cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose pins, dis. 65 per cent; Berlin bronzed, dis. 45 per cent; gen. bronzed.

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HINGES—Light T and strap, 65 per cent; heavy, per lb 5 to 6c; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in., 5c per lb., 12 in. up, per lb., 4c; spring screen door, \$1 to \$2.25 doz.
HOES—Garden, mortar, etc., \$15. 60 and 10 per cent.
ROPE—Sisal, lb. 11c base; manila, lb. 12c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 in. and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 15 1-2c; lath yarn 10c.

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HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.25; 2 and larger, \$4. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$4.55; 2 and larger, \$4.80; snow shoe, \$4.15; 3 in. \$3.20; 2 1-2 in. \$3.25; 2 in. \$3.40; 1 1-2 in. \$3.50; 1 1-4 in. \$3.75; 1 in. \$4.10.

NAILS—Wire—1 1-2 in. up, \$3.10, 4 in. \$3.15; 3 in. \$3.20; 2 1-2 in. \$3.25; 2 in. \$3.40; 1 1-2 in. \$3.50; 1 1-4 in. \$3.75; 1 in. \$4.10.
NAILS, Cut—30d up, \$2.55; 20d. \$2.60; 10d, \$2.65; 8d. \$2.70; 6d. \$2.85; 4d, \$2.95; 3d, \$3.20; 2d, \$3.55.

SCREWS—Wood, F. H., iron and steel dis. 50 and 5; wood, R. H. iron, dis. 70 and 10; wood, I. H., brass, dis. 65 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50.
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STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.00 per 100 lbs.

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GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20 to 25c.
AXLE GREASE—Imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75. Diamond axle grease, case, \$2.25.

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VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50 to \$2, brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

POTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2 lb; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 8c lb.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 pkgs, \$6.50 to \$7.50 as to color.
GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.
BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

WINDOW GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.60 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.
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Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

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Bear, black	5.00	25.00	
Bear, brown	4.50	20.00	
Bear, black yearlings	5.00	7.00	
Bear, brown yearlings	4.00	4.50	
Bear, grizzly	.....	.....	4.50	20.00	
Beaver, large	.....	.....	5.00	7.00	
Beaver, medium	.....	.....	3.00	5.00	
Beaver, small	.....	.....	1.50	2.50	
Beaver, cubs	.....	.....	.50	1.00	
Beaver, castors, lb.	.....	.....	2.50	5.50	
Fisher, dark	.....	.....	6.00	8.00	
Fisher, pale	.....	.....	3.00	5.00	
Fox, cross dark, large	.....	.....	5.00	10.00	
Fox, cross pale	.....	.....	2.50	5.00	
Fox, kitt	.....	.....	.25	.75	
Fox, red	.....	.....	1.00	2.25	
Fox, silver dark	.....	.....	50.00	75.00	
Fox, pale	.....	.....	25.00	60.00	
Lynx, large	.....	.....	1.50	2.50	
Lynx, medium	.....	.....	1.00	1.75	
Lynx, small	.....	.....	.50	1.00	
Marten, dark	.....	.....	3.00	6.00	
Marten, pale or brown	.....	.....	2.50	5.00	
Marten, light pale	.....	.....	1.00	3.25	
Mink, dark	.....	.....	.75	2.25	
Mink, pale	.....	.....	.75	1.50	
Musquash, spring	.....	.....	.04	.12	
Otter, dark	.....	.....	6.00	10.00	
Otter, pale	.....	.....	5.00	8.00	
Skunk	.....	.....	.25	.90	
Wolf, timber	.....	.....	2.00	8.00	
Wolf, prairie	.....	.....	.40	1.60	
Wolverine, dark	.....	.....	3.00	4.00	
Wolverine, pale	.....	.....	1.25	2.00	

During the months March and April building permits were granted in Toronto for \$102,160 worth of buildings, as compared with \$334,940 last year, \$175,445 in 1897, and \$114,325 in 1896. During the week ending May 18th permits aggregating \$164,720 were issued.

At a sale of Winnipeg lots held by the city on Wednesday evening, fifty-nine parcels were disposed of, forty-two going to actual purchasers and seventeen being bought in by the city. The prices ranged from \$1 for lots in St. John to \$17 for several in St. James. Other parcels were sold in St. Boniface and Kildonan.

The June Ladies' Home Journal reaches the top notch of excellence in both its pictorial and literary features. It opens with a page drawing of Longfellow's "Evangeline," and gives a group of pictures showing some "Fetes of College Girls," "House-keeping on an Ocean Steamship" is graphically portrayed. "How a Young Man Can Work His Way Through College" has a practical value for every poor boy ambitious for higher education. Many other special features make this number a most interesting one.

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Table of grocery prices including Canned Goods (Apples, Peas, Corn), Imported Fresh Herring, Canned Meats (Corn Beef, Lunch Tongue), Coffee, Cereals (Split Peas, Pot Barley), Cigarettes, Cured Fish (Boneless Hake), Dried Fruits (Currants, Raisins), and Tea.

Dried Fruits

Table of dried fruit prices including Raisins (Val, fine off stalk), California Evaporated Fruits (Peaches, Apricots, Nectarines), Nuts (Brazil, Almonds, Walnuts), Syrup (Extra Bright, Maple), Sugar (Extra Standard Gran, Powdered), Salt (Rock Salt), Spices (Allspice, Cassia, Cloves), Starch (Corn, Benisons), and Tea (China Black, Indian and Ceylon).

Young Hysons

Table of tobacco and cured meats/lard prices including Young Hysons (Choice, Medium), Japan (Finest May Picking), Tobacco (T. & B. 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads), Wooden Ware (Pails, Tubs), Cured Meats and Lard (Lard, pure leaf, Ham), and Fish (Whitefish, Trout, Pike).

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Table of drug prices including various chemicals (Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder), botanicals (Cinchona, Glycerine), and other medicinal products. Includes a note: 'These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.'

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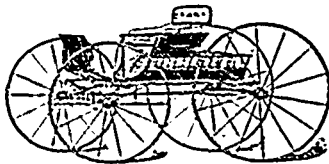
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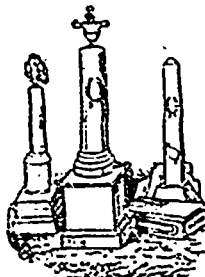
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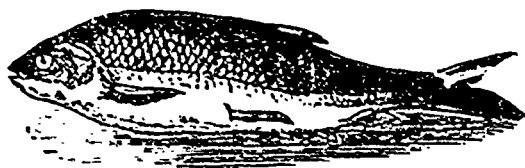
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MINING NOTES

THE ATLIN DISTRICT.

Walter Nichol, editor of the Vancouver Province, has been talking to the Toronto Globe on the prospects of the Atlin mining district, British Columbia, and among other things said:

"You will hear about Pine Creek a great deal this season, and a very large quantity of gold will be washed from the placers there. When I left the coast there were 7,000 people at Atlin City, which is right alongside Pine Creek. There are many other creeks in the district supposed to be gold-bearing. The Atlin gold is somewhat different from the Klondike gold and is worth \$17 an ounce—\$2 more than the Klondike dust. As you will notice, it looks very much like a handful of the little pebbles that you may pick up on the beach at Toronto Island bronzed over with a sort of dull bronze. It is known to miners as flake gold—a sort of cross between dust and nuggets. These placer mines at Atlin are going to contribute very materially to the gold production of Canada within the next few years. I do not propose to give an estimate of the output, and I fancy very few people can do so, for the fact is that the miners will not tell how much gold they take out. They seek to avoid the royalty and are afraid to let people know what they have.

"The people of the coast are very greatly interested in Atlin, and the interest is all the keener because the district is their own. They are waiting to see what will become of the anti-alien legislation put into force there this spring? It was somewhat of an experiment, but it was based on this idea: the majority of the people who went into the Klondike purchased their supplies at Seattle and Tacoma, proceeded to Canadian territory, took out the gold and spent it in the States. Canada practically has had no benefit from the millions and millions of dollars taken out of the Klondike in the two or three years.

"Face to face" with a repetition of this in Atlin, the British Columbia legislature decided to check it by the anti-alien law. It has prevented many people from coming in, but it is believed that the present sacrifice in outfitting will be far more than compensated for by the tremendous impetus that will be given when Canadian miners come out with their gold. This is the situation in a nutshell."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

J. J. Warren, of Toronto, and John Y. Cole, of Rossland, have purchased the Bunker Hill group of mines on Procter Mountain, in the Pend d'Oreille River country. There are two claims in the group, the Bunker Hill and Mormon Girl. The former owners have been working on the group for the past three years and have done considerable in the way of development.

At a final meeting of the Ethel Gold Mining company held in Rossland, a resolution to dispose of the assets of the company was passed. The Ethel was originally incorporated for \$1,500,000 in \$1 shares, non-assessable.

Business on the Toronto mining exchange was fairly active last Saturday. Golden Star shares are firmly held, sales being made at 59 1-4 to 60 1-4. Republic sold at 131 1-2 to 132. Azabasca was firm at 40 to 41 1-2 and Alice A. sold at 20 1-2. Dardanelles sold at 13 and Hammond Reef at 39.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

A recent inspection of the books, etc., of the Golden Star mine declares them to be in excellent condition and the company was to declare a dividend on June 1. Another will be announced on July 1. The total sum available for these dividends was quite large.

The consolidation of the Folger-Hammond Mines Company, and the Hammond Gold Reef Mining Company has been completed so far as the interests of the two companies are concerned, and their action will come before a meeting of the shareholders on June 7 next, when it is probable the amalgamation will be formally ratified. Under the terms of the agreement the shareholders in the Hammond Reef will be given an opportunity of taking up the shares in the new company pro rata. The amalgamation will give the company a 40-stamp mill fully equipped, with waterpower and electric plant, all of the famous property known as the Hammond Reef, and a large sum of money now in the treasury.—Globe.

A complete hoisting plant is being put into the Decca mine at Mine Centre.

GRAIN AND MILLING.

WHEAT INSPECTION.

The bill introduced in parliament at Ottawa to make certain changes in the system of inspecting and handling Manitoba wheat, practically embodies the features asked for by the western grain standard's board and the western grain trade, as already explained in The Commercial. The principal change to be made, and one advocated by The Commercial for many years, is, that the grain shall be graded in accordance with the law specifying what shall be the various grain grades. Heretofore "standard samples" have been selected each year, and these samples were used by the inspectors in grading. Hereafter inspectors will be governed by the act alone and thus the grades will be more uniform from year to year, a very desirable feature in building up an export trade. Standard samples will only be made for grain that does not come under the regular grades, in case of any crop peculiarity.

Mixing in public elevators is not to be recognized by a straight grade being given for mixed cargoes, as has been done in the past. Mixed cargoes will be given a certificate showing what quantities of the various grades have been put in to make up the cargo.

Inspectors are hereafter to be paid by salary, instead of by fees, as heretofore.

Winnipeg inspection is to be recognized—and in fact enforced—on grain going into store at Lake Superior terminals. Heretofore all grain going into store at Lake Superior ports was inspected there, which was a matter of very serious delay and inconvenience to the trade here, as dealers would have to wait until their shipments reached Fort William and

the inspection certificates were sent back, before they would know what grade had been given their grain.

All these changes are in the interest of the trade and will greatly improve and simplify the situation. The provision dealing with the inspection of grain mixed in private elevators is the least practical part of the bill and will be more difficult of just enforcement. This feature of the bill includes the following clause: "Should the chief grain inspector find on investigation that wheat from any elevator is being systematically reduced in quality below the general average quality of the wheat of similar grades in the bins of the public elevators, he shall instruct inspectors that no such wheat shall be allowed to pass inspection except at a lower grade." This leaves very wide authority in the hands of the inspector, and is liable to lead to future difficulties. The feature is intended to operate against the custom of reducing the quality of wheat to the lowest point that will allow it to pass grade, by mixing in a lower grade. It is going to be a difficult matter to make this part of the bill effective.

EASTERNERS OBJECT.

Toronto, June 1.—Ontario millers and grain men met in the rotunda of the board of trade building to-day to discuss Sir Henri Joly's bill. The measure proposes that the Winnipeg inspection for Manitoba and Northwest grain shall be final. Ontario buyers want the old practice continued, namely, inspection at Fort William or at delivery points. The meeting was called to consider the report of the special committee of the board of trade appointed to deal with the matter. Chairman McLaughlin remarked that Manitoba wheat had a high reputation both at home and abroad, but unfortunately in every crop there were inferior samples which deteriorated the general quality. If this was not rigidly inspected it would interfere with the good reputation of Manitoba wheat. It was in the interest of sellers and buyers to keep up the standard of Manitoba wheat and several efforts had been made to do so. It was therefore a surprise to find a measure before parliament which did not conduce to these ends.

H. Baird, of the special committee, read a report to the motion. The report set forth the principal arguments made against the new regulations. The points made were:

1. The regulations will make the Winnipeg inspection of grain final and conclusive.

2. The regulations will tend to lower if not destroy the high reputation which at the present time is so justly enjoyed by Manitoba grain.

3. The regulations will prevent Ontario flour millers meeting the competition of the western flour millers in supplying the markets of eastern Canada, including Ontario.

4. An Ontario miller would have no means of securing himself against the issue of incorrect certificates at Winnipeg covering grain in transit. Moreover the new bill is likely to be too favorable to western shippers, particularly during the season when any considerable portion of the year's crop is frosted, damaged or otherwise imperfect. It would appear that the export trade to Great Britain and the continent would be paralyzed by an uncertainty which would arise regarding the quality of the grain shipped and graded in Winnipeg during the winter months and which would only

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Crooked Failures.

The Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal says:

"The shoe trade is evidently awakening to the necessity for taking vigorous action in regard to insolvents who get goods on false representations, or who make away with their assets and smilingly offer their creditors a small proportion of the dollar on their debts. The recent conviction of Gillespie, of Penetang, for obtaining goods by false pretences, who signed a statement of his affairs that was not correct, marks an epoch that we hope will prove eventual in our commercial history. This gentleman will spend six months in prison for representing that he was solvent when he could not pay his debts. The recent amendments to the criminal code make it much simpler to proceed in cases of fraud, conspiracy or false representations, and advantage will no doubt be taken of this conviction to press for the punishment from time to time of those who secure goods by submitting false statements. A dose of this kind of thing now and then will have a wholesome effect on the morals of a class of people whom nothing but a yawning penitentiary will help to keep honest. Within the past few years these crooked failures have become so frequent that wholesale merchants should make a determined effort to stamp out the evil."

Quite true. But what about a Winnipeg case, wherein the culprit was let off with a paltry fine of \$50, after thousands had been expended in exposing a scandalous series of transactions and securing a conviction. What would the Journal call that?

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The proposal that the grain inspector must in future grade on the net instead of as heretofore by recognized standard samples, will certainly tend to destroy uniformity in the respective grades of wheat and will create a misunderstanding and friction between buyers and sellers to the great injury of the trade.

Clause 7 says: In the interest of the eastern miller and exporter, Fort William or Port Arthur inspection of wheat and issue of certificates covering quality thereof is more likely to be thorough and reliable and is to be preferred to Winnipeg inspection which must necessarily be while grain is in transit in cars and at the time of the year when climatic conditions render reliable inspection difficult if not impossible.

The committee recommended that every legitimate effort be made by the council and by the board to have the regulations now in force continued. In moving the adoption of the report Mr. Baird said some points in the bill were so outrageous he thought the good sense of the government would induce them to throw it out.

President Kemp agreed with Mr. Baird, but wondered at the persistence of the Manitoba people who were at the back of the measure.

C. P. Watts, secretary of the Dominion Millers' association, said he had received the endorsements of the committee's report from the boards of London, Guelph, Hamilton and Owen Sound. He admonished all the boards of trade to work against the measure. The report of the committee was adopted by the meeting and later in the day was adopted by the council of the board of trade. Copies will be sent to the government.

WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns of last week reported 144 cars of wheat inspected—compared with 215 cars the previous week—which graded as follows: 1 hard, 57 cars, 2 hard, 10; 3 hard, 0; 1 northern, 12; 2 northern, 1; 3 northern, 2; 1 spring, 0; rejected, 2; no grade, 30 cars.

The Montreal Gazette of Tuesday last says: A stronger feeling has developed in the flour market, and prices to-day for Manitoba grades were marked up 10c to 20c. There was also an improved demand from local buyers, and a more active business was done including sales of some round lots of strong bakers at \$3.80, and patents at \$4.20. We quote: Winter patents, \$3.75 to \$4, straight rollers, \$3.55 to \$3.47; in bags, \$1.60 to \$1.65, Manitoba patents, \$1.20; strong bakers, \$3.80.

A report from Toronto says. The local jobbers came to an agreement yesterday on sugars, and all are in it, excepting one house, which so far has refused to sell at any definite figure. Prices to-day were as follows: Montreal granulated, \$4.63; Acadia, \$4.58; and yellows from \$3.83 up. There is a lot of Inferior United States sugars being offered at lower prices.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, B. C., May 29.

The only feature in the market this week was the immense shipments north—\$100,000 worth of produce leaving Vancouver for Dawson in one day. There is a great tendency among the trade in Vancouver to organize. The wholesale grocers and retail grocers have strong associations and the produce men are also to combine.

In the wholesale market butter seems very plentiful. Eggs are scarce, however. Flour has sharply advanced and the short supply of old potatoes on hand causes higher prices. For quotations see telegraphic market page.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKETS

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, June 3.

The market for flour is very unsettled and prices are irregular and uncertain. Creamery butter is 1c lower. Eggs are also 1c lower. Cured meats are 1-2c higher. Old potatoes are out of the market. Seedling oranges are 25c per box higher. Dressed beef is up 1-2c. Cattle are firmer, but sheep are 1-4c lower. The weather is now warm. The danger from floods is not over, but so far the Fraser river dykes are holding well.

- BUTTER—Ontario creamery, 21c.
- EGGS—Fresh eastern, 16 to 17c.
- CHEESE—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c.
- CURED MEATS—Hams, 12 to 12 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 12 1-2 to 13c; backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c; Lard, tins 9 to 9 1-2c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c.
- FISH—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 7c; trout 7c; cod 6c per lb.
- VEGETABLES—New potatoes, 2 1-2c per lb; cabbage, 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; red onions 1 1-2c per lb; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box.
- GREEN FRUIT—California lemons, \$3.50 box; naval oranges, \$1 to \$4.50 box; seedlings, \$1.25 per box; St. box; seedlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75 box; St. Michael oranges, \$3.50; blood oranges, \$3.50 box; cherries, \$2.00 box; strawberries, \$2.50 crate; bananas, \$2.75 bunch.
- MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.90; 2 45 pound sacks, \$3; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10 7 lb. sacks, \$2.60; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 5's \$3.
- FLOUR—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.70 per barrel.
- GRAIN—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton; wheat, \$25 to \$28.
- GROUND FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$24 ton; bran, \$22; oil cake meal \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.
- HAY—\$8 to \$10 per ton.
- DRESSED MEATS—Beef 9 1-2c; mutton 13c; pork 8 to 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.
- LIVE STOCK—Steers \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; cows \$4.25 to \$4.75; sheep \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.
- POULTRY—Ochikens, 75c.
- EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apricots 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums

9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 13c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, King and lar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 3-8c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C. 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 35c lb.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., June 3.

Eggs are plentiful and are quoted at 1-2c lower this week. Creamery butter from Ontario is offering freely and is also 1-2c lower. Cheese has advanced 1-2c. Potatoes have taken a big drop and are now quoted at \$30 per ton, a decline of \$8 on the week. Oats have declined \$1 per ton. Flour is 5c per barrel lower this week.

Following are jobbers prices here: Creamery, fr sh eastern—21 1-2c. Manitoba, creamery bricks—21c. Cheese, large—11 1-2c. Eggs, Ontario fresh—16c. Oats, per ton—\$30. Flour, Manitoba patent, per barrel—\$1.55. Potatoes, per ton—\$30.

British Columbia Items.

- L. D. Berg, hotel, Trail, was sold out.
- W Hault is opening a bakery at Nelson.
- Miss A. E. Tower is opening a hotel at Rossland.
- F. P. Drummond is opening a general store at Salmo.
- Cunliffe & Ablet are opening a foundry at Rossland.
- W H Blackman is opening a general store at Argenta.
- Kootenay Wire Works Co., Trail, are moving to Nelson.
- Falliott & McMillan, saw mill, are reported opening at Sandon.
- J. Aikenhead, jeweler, Revelstoke, has sold out to E. H. Allum.
- Mrs. L. A. Jackson, groceries, notions, etc., is opening at Victoria.
- A. E. Howse, general store, Nicola, is establishing a branch at Princeton.
- A H Gillanders, boots and shoes, Chihwack, is forming new co-partnership.
- Revsbach & Reuter, hotel, Rossland, have dissolved; A. H. Revsbach continuing.
- A. C. Bradshaw & Co., men's furnishings, Creston, contemplate moving to Kaslo.
- McColeman & Hamilton, general store, Creston, are reported about giving up business.
- Davidson, Patton & Co., agents and brokers, Vancouver, have dissolved; A. A. Davidson continues.
- Estate of Crawford & McMillan, general store, Sandon, stock sold to A. Ferland & Co., of Nelson.

Exporters were buying butter at Montreal on Tuesday at 16 1-2 to 16 3-4c. Cheese was easier at \$3-4c for finest Ontario and 8 1-4c for Quebec goods.

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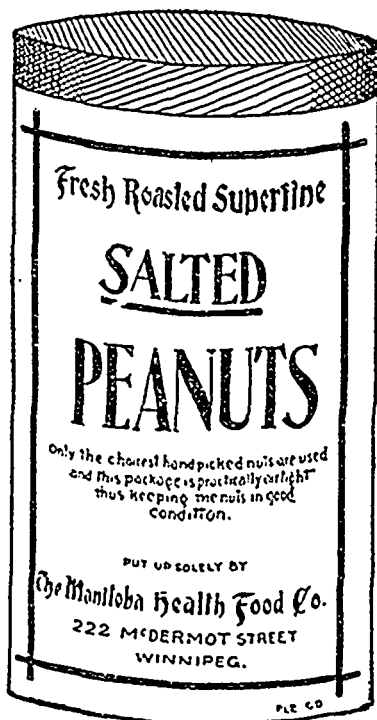
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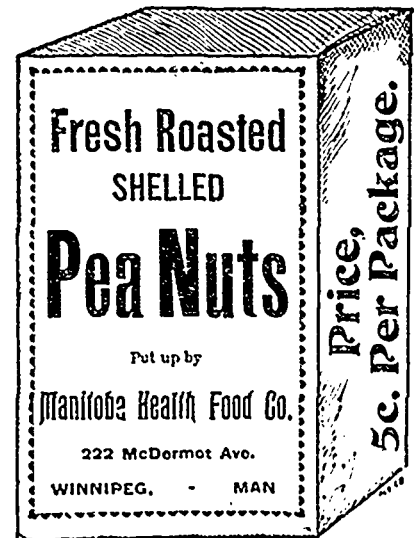


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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, June 3.

Continued fine weather has assisted business in the city. An active trade is being done in all wholesale lines, although it is between the seasons for some and their trade is, for the time being, largely of a sorting character. If there is anything to complain of it is collections. Money is moving very slowly in some branches and payments are not being at all well met. There is nothing to alarm in this, however, as the movement of money from country to city is generally at a low ebb at this season. Textile travellers are meeting with a good business in orders for fall goods, while others handling groceries, etc., are also selling large orders. Manufacturing concerns of all kinds are busy and some are working overtime to keep up with their orders. A larger number of people are employed in this way in the city this season than ever before. Building operations are also going on actively and the suspension of the carpenters strike has removed the only drawback to this industry. There is every prospect that the arbitration arrangement will settle the difficulty to the satisfaction of all parties.

Bank clearings for the week ending June 1st were smaller than a year ago by about \$250,000 but larger than two years ago by nearly \$700,000. The clearings for the month of May were \$7,472,853 as against \$8,687,361 a year ago and \$5,014,786 two years ago.

One of the most marked features of the season, which is in keeping with the increased immigration is the continued improved demand for farm lands, at decidedly better prices.

The wheat movement eastward by the lakes has been more active. In the country the summer marketing of wheat is backward, as farmers are not through with their spring work, and occasional rains have kept the roads in rather poor condition. About the middle of June a more active movement of wheat from first hands is looked for. Farmers are supposed to hold more wheat for summer marketing than usual in past years.

The crop outlook, outside of the heavy soil, flat districts, is considered very good. There has been too much rain for the Red River Valley districts, but the more rolling and lighter soils, which form the larger area of the country, have not been unfavorably affected, and in districts where spring drouth is the greatest danger, there has been abundance of rain this season. As a result the crops have had an excellent and even start, and there is now sufficient moisture in the ground to withstand a long drouth, which, after all, is the thing most to be dreaded by the agriculturalist in this country.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, June 3.

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

CLOTHING.

A number of the travellers have about finished their trips for the fall trade. Owing to rather heavy stocks carried by many country merchants, orders have not been as large in some cases as was looked for, from traders at some points, but this has been made up to a considerable extent by increased business from new districts where a considerable increase has taken place in the population by reason of immigration. There are quite a number of new people in business to supply this year, in the more recently settled districts particularly, so that the aggregate trade will show up well. In the mining districts of Northwestern Ontario and British Columbia a good business has been done.

DRY GOODS.

Summer goods are moving freely in a wholesale way and the season promises to be an active one. The only complaint heard among the dry goods men applies to collections. Money is coming in slowly. The prospect of one of the large eastern houses opening here has been a topic of interest in wholesale circles.

DRUGS.

Trade is steady and prices unchanged with the exception of Howard's quinine, which is a little firmer at 60 to 65c. Collections are reported slow by local houses. For prices see "prices current" page.

FISH.

Whitefish are more plentiful this week and the supply may now be said to be ample for all requirements of the market. The price remains steady at 6 to 6 1/2c, the latter figure being quoted to dealers at country points. Pickrel and pike are plentiful and the prices unchanged. Trout are coming in more freely, and are now quoted at 9 to 10c.

GREEN FRUITS.

Fine warm weather has stimulated the demand for all kinds of fruit. St. Michaels and late Valencia oranges are the seasonable oranges and these are moving freely in response to an active demand. Navels are practically out of the market. Mediterranean sweets are almost out and are not offered for country shipment as they would not keep. Seedlings and bloods are also out. Shipments of lemons bought at the Montreal sales have been arriving in the city. These are fine lemons and in good condition. Higher prices are predicted by some leaders when the hot weather sets in. Bananas are unchanged in price, but very firm. Strawberries are still plentiful and cheap. We quote prices as follows: St. Michaels, \$1.50 to \$5; late Valentinas, \$1.75 to \$5.50; bananas per bunch, \$2.00 to \$2.50 as to size and quality; Messina lemons, fancy November cuts, long-keeping stock, \$3.75 per case, and 5 case lots, \$3.50; choice Messinas, \$3.00 per case, and in 5 case lots \$2.75; pineapples \$2.50 to \$3, according to size; strawberries, per case, twenty-four one quart boxes, \$2.75 to \$3.25, cherries, \$2.75 per box;

cocoanuts in sacks of 100, \$5; Sicily filberts, large, 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 1 1/2c; new shelled peanuts, 25c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 11 1/2c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c per lb.; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections; strained honey, \$ 1-2 per pound; orange marmalade in 7 lb. pails, 60c; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in gallon cans, \$1.25; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider, put up in 10, 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California figs, fancy Smyrna, glove boxes per dozen, \$2.50; dates 7c per pound; native lettuce, radish, water cress, etc., per dozen bunches, 35c; California cabbage, 7c per pound; plantain per lb. 1 1/2c; onions 23-4c per lb.; cucumbers \$1.30 to \$1.50 per dozen.

GROCERIES.

The feature of interest in the grocery market this week has been an advance in United States canned meats of 10 and 15c, on one and two dozen cases respectively. This advance has not yet been followed by Canadian canners, but no doubt it will be soon. Sugar is weaker in sympathy with eastern markets and extra standard granulated is now quoted at 5 1/2c as against 5 1/4c last week. Bright yellow is also lower. Dried fruits continue scarce and firm. Dried apples are not to be had. For quotations see market page.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

The demand for building hardware increases, and a good trade is being done by all the local wholesale houses. The week has been without any features as regards price change. Quotations remain the same as a week ago. The price list for paints and oils is also unchanged. White lead is firm at the recent advances. The expected advance in window glass has not yet taken place. See market page for prices.

IMPLEMENTS.

The season for mowers and rakes is now opening and prospects are good for an active trade. The weather has been favorable for hay and the probabilities are that a large amount will be cut which should stimulate the demand for mowers and rakes. Vehicles of all kinds have been selling freely. Binder twine prices remain unchanged. From reports published elsewhere in this issue it would seem that United States markets are not so firm as they have been.

LUMBER.

Business is improving steadily and the demand from all quarters is much better than it has been. Country dealers are ordering more freely and the resumption of work by the carpenters in the city has stimulated city trade.

SCRAP MARKET.

Locally the scrap market is unchanged. Prices continue at the figures quoted in The Commercial last week. Receipts of rubber scrap are not so large as they were a short time ago. In the United States where a good deal of our scrap goes the same conditions prevail. The markets are quiet and prices steady. Some kinds of woolen rag scrap have declined in price. Iron and metal scrap is steady, and rubber has advanced 1-2c at Boston. We quote prices here as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton; No. 2, do., \$1 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$1 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$1 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire

9c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1-2c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber, boots and shoes free from acetates and rivets, 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have this week been rather more interesting, the movement in prices in the speculative centres almost amounting to a boom, and the week closes with a net gain in price of 1 1-2c to 2 1-2c per bushel. The highest point was reached on Wednesday, when the advance touched was as much as 4c per bushel, but since then the markets have reacted, and part of the gain has been lost, and the situation generally seems less strong, but still as uncertain as ever it has been during the last two months. The damage to the winter wheat crop in the States seems to be settling down to a condition that suggests the probability of a yield of winter wheat, of somewhere around 275 million bush., against an actual yield last year of 380 million bush. Harvesting has begun in Texas on what is reported as a good average crop of finer quality than last year's, and it will begin in Tennessee and Oklahoma in a few days, and will gradually creep northwest as the days go by. The spring wheat crop in the northwest states shows a most promising aspect at the present time. Reports from Europe tell of serious drought in southern Russia and Roumania, which is calculated to impair these crops considerably, and curtail the quantity available for export. The crops in England, France and Germany on the other hand, are about all that can be desired, and it would seem as if the bounteous crops of last year in these countries, were about to be repeated. While speculative dealing in the American centres continues active and of considerable volume, the demand for actual wheat for shipment, and for milling purposes, continues slack and of limited amount. European buyers maintain much the same attitude of indifference manifested for some considerable time past. They see supplies of old wheat in sight on ocean passage, and more still available for shipment from exporting countries, which will fill all requirements for weeks to come, and with harvest almost in view in their own countries, in several of which, as we have noted above, the prospect for the crops is very satisfactory, they care not to leave off the hand to mouth method of dealing they have so sedulously pursued during the last twelve months. The American visible supply increased last week 1,276,000 bushels. The world's visible supply increased only 593,000 bushels. The world's shipments for last week were again large, 8,931,000 bushels. This week the Argentine shipments are much less, 1,501,000 bushels against 2,108,000 bushels last week.

The local market has followed Chicago in price fluctuations. The demand is extremely moderate, as prices being above export value, the large shippers are practically out of the market, and the trade is very much confined to the small dealers, trades being in small parcels though wonderfully numerous considering the situation. Last week the price left off at 75 3-4c offered for 1 hard spot Fort William. On Monday morning

with a firmer feeling, 76c was paid, and after outside markets closed with some advance, 77c was the price with sales at that figure. Tuesday was a holiday in all American markets, but business proceeded here much as usual, and this market held firm and further sales were made at 77c. On Wednesday with a very strong market in Chicago 1 hard sold here up to 78c, but weakened in the after part of the day, when 77 1-2c was the best figure, with buyers careless at that. On Thursday markets were weaker outside, and the price of 1 hard spot Fort William declined to 76c again although sales at 77c were made early in the morning. Yesterday as much as 76 1-2c was paid at the height of the market, but later 76c was the best price, and buyers hard to find. No. 2 hard and 1 northern continue at 3c less than 1 hard. Dried wheat is not much wanted, and the price runs about 5c under 1 hard for dried 2 hard, and 9c under for dried 2 northern. Country dealers and shippers have been pressing their wheat on the markets this week, and in the absence of a good shipping demand to relieve the market, the quantity of wheat turned over has been absorbed very quietly and smoothly. At the same time sellers have had to use much exertion in effecting sales. Glowing reports are coming to hand of the growing crop in Manitoba and the Territories, and there is evidently at present a fine promise of abundant results, provided favorable weather is given till harvest time.

LOUR—Ogives quotations for flour were advanced 10c Friday, and the Lake of the Woods company will probably follow the advance. This makes an advance of 20c altogether within two weeks. The demand for flour in the city has been quite active and a large trade has been done. We quote prices now as follows: Ogive's Hungarian patent, \$2.00; Glenora, \$1.80, Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.50, Lake of the Woods' patent, \$1.90, strong bakers, \$1.70, second bakers, \$1.35; XXXX, \$1.10 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to cash buyers.

MILLFEED—We quote prices as follows: Bran \$10; shorts \$12, with \$1 off large orders.

GROUND FEED—Best corn feed this week is worth \$20 per ton, inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$22 for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$18 to \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Oatcake, \$24 per ton and scarce.

MEAL—Rolled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.85 net in 80 pound sacks to the retail trade. Granulated and standard, \$2.35. United States meal is being quoted at \$1.65 for car lots on track. It is arriving quite freely in car lots.

OATS—Stocks of oats in the country are becoming much reduced and No. 1 white and very little No. 2 is now held, at least none is being offered in the market. At present prices for oats offering, No. 1 white should be worth 47c and No. 2 white 45c. No. 2 mixed are selling in carlots on track Winnipeg at 40 to 42c as to quality. Some days ago a lot of about three cars were sold at 41c for a good No. 2 mixed. These oats had been dried, much of the offerings having been on the damp side. Cars of mixed feed oats have been sold here at 42c. Much depends on the quality which is very irregular and varies widely.

CORN—There is a good demand for corn for feed, which improves as oats grow scarcer. Receipts have not been equal to the demand at all times. Offering are freely taken at 41 to 42c on track Winnipeg.

BARLEY—Very little barley is changing hands among dealers. The demand for seed is still good, but this will cease in a few days. There is a divergence of opinion between buyers and sellers as to the value of barley. Holders are asking 41c on track Winnipeg for feed grades, while the most that is being bid is 38c.

FLAX—There is no movement of flax at all. It may be quoted nominally at \$1.00 per bushel.

WHEAT—There has been quite an active delivery of wheat at a few country points this week and good prices have been realized. Farmers at Portage la Prairie and similar freight rate points are getting 58 to 60c for their best wheat. At most country markets buyers are not on the market yet, as deliveries are not large enough to make it pay to operate the elevators.

HAY—Fresh baled hay on track, Winnipeg, is worth \$8 to \$8.50 per ton. Loose hay on the street is worth \$9 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—The offerings of creamery butter have been small. Most of the dealers have not had any to offer in this market yet, but have been buying for British Columbia trade whatever they could secure. As low as 16c has been paid at the creameries for butter this week, although 16 1-2 and 17c has also been paid for some lots. We quote 16 to 17c as the prevailing quotations.

BUTTER—Dairy—Finest, full grass, fresh dairy butter is worth 15 to 17c in the city on a commission basis. Fodder or light colored butter has to meet lower prices. Probably about 10c represents the value of second grade although even much less than this would have to be accepted for anything very inferior.

CHEESE—A very limited quantity of new cheese has been in the market. This is quoted at \$1-2 to 9c for smalls. Some old cheese is still held which will probably last for some weeks yet. Old cheese is quoted at 9 to 10c.

EGGS—The supply of eggs continues light in comparison with the demand and prices have advanced to 13c per dozen on a commission basis.

VEGETABLES—A few carlots of potatoes have been offering, mostly from Dakota. These are quoted at 60c for best varieties. Asparagus is in the market at 35c per dozen. Radish has been very scarce this season, but all other varieties of fresh vegetables are plentiful. We quote prices as follows: Potatoes, choice, 70c per bushel; red, 60 to 65c for small lots. Car lots are quoted at 60c per bushel; turnips, 30c per bushel; parsnips 11-2c per pound, beets 50c per bushel; onions 31-2c per pound; rhubarb, 11-2c per lb. radish, 25c; parsley and lettuce, 25c per dozen bunches; green onions 15c per dozen bunches, asparagus 35c per dozen.

SENECA ROOT—No root has yet been offered, but there is considerable interest being taken in the market prospects owing to the apparently high prices being quoted by some buyers. The regular market value, according to city dealers, is really about 17c for best root and only about 15c will be paid for inferior root.

HIDES—The hide market is quiet and

without change. Prices remain as follows: Inspected hides No. 1, 61-2c; No. 2, 51-2c; No. 3, 41-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3, kip, 6c to 61-2c; calf, 8c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, 40 to 65c, as to length of wool; clips, 10c; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

POULTRY—Chickens are scarce and high. From 80c to 90c per pair is being paid for live birds. Turkeys are worth 11c per pound, alive, or 15c dressed.

DRESSED MEATS—The market for beef is steady and quotations unchanged. Plenty of beef is offering for all the requirements of the trade. Mutton has advanced this week to 11 to 11 1-2c. Some dealers were quoting these figures last week, but the advance is now firmly established. This advance is due to the fact that the market is now being supplied with Ontario and Quebec mutton. The Manitoba supply having become exhausted Mutton is being taken this year from the city by country points which have generally heretofore been sellers. The supply being brought from the east costs more to lay down here than could be obtained for home grown stock. Pork has been offering freely at last week's figures. We quote as follows: Beef, extra choice, 71-2c per pound, good to choice, 61-2c to 7c. Fresh killed mutton, 11 to 11 1-2c; veal, scarce at 7 to 8c; pork, 6 to 6 1-2c per pound, the top price for city dressed; spring lamb, \$4.00 to \$5.00 each, as to size and quality.

WOOL—For long, coarse wool 7c is being offered by dealers, and for clothing or fine wool, with the exception of merino, 8c per pound. Chaffy or burry wool is worth 6c. The market has not fully opened yet, but receipts will be more liberal from now on.

TALLOW—No. 1 tallow is worth 3 1-2c per pound; No. 2, 2 1-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—No export trade has been done. Prices being paid here are too high to permit shipments being made. The market is if anything a little weaker and the top price of 5c can only be realized for steers of the choicest quality. The ruling quotation is 41-2 to 4 3-1c. Some dealers will not quote over 41-2c and that price was accepted for a fine bunch of cattle about the middle of the week. Stockers are still in demand at \$12 to \$16 per head for yearlings and \$18 to \$22 for two year olds.

HOGS—Offerings of hogs have been more liberal. Farmers from the vicinity of Winnipeg have been offering quite a number and Memmonites from southern Manitoba have also marketed freely this week. We hear of one lot selling at a rate of \$4.65 per 100 pounds and the ruling figures have ranged from \$4.50 to \$4.75, according to quality.

SHEEP—The Manitoba supply is practically exhausted and dealers are obliged to draw their supplies from Ontario and Quebec. One car arrived from Montreal on Thursday and another is now on the way. These sheep cost about \$7.75 per 100 pounds to lay down here on a very close estimate but this import cost should not be taken as the market value of home grown stock. Probably about 5c is the true market value of western sheep here and when the range stock begins to come in it is doubtful if that figure will be obtained. Range sheep should be in by the end of this month or early in July.



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TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial. Toronto, May 30.

Receipts of live stock at the market to-day were 70 carloads of all kinds, including 1,500 hogs, 1,200 cattle and 350 sheep and lambs.

The market was an active one, with a brisk demand, at firm prices.

Export cattle—Prices were about 10c per 100 lbs. higher. One bunch of choice cattle sold at \$5.15 per cwt. Prices ranged mostly from \$4.80 to \$5.10. Light exporters were 25c per cwt. higher at \$4.50 to \$4.80 per cwt. There was a good demand.

Butchers cattle—All cleared out early at firm prices. Choice selections \$4.25 to \$4.60; medium and common grades \$3.25 to \$4 per 100 lbs. Inferior \$3.

Stockers and feeders—Quoted 25c per cwt. lower at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$4.15 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep (clipped) brought \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt, and with wool were quoted at \$4 per cwt. (Choice yearlings brought \$4 to \$5 per cwt.

Hogs—Prices were unchanged. Choice selections were quoted at \$5 per cwt. Light were firm at \$4.50 per cwt. and thick fats were steady at \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. Bucks were quiet at \$3 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, June 2.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 67 carloads, including 250 sheep and lambs and 1,100 hogs.

Export cattle were easier at \$4.80 to \$5. Choice butchers are firmer at \$4.50 to \$4.65. Common grades easier. Stockers are also easier and quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.00. Yearling lambs easier. Hogs firm and unchanged at Tuesday's prices.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, June 3. Ocean freights are firm and active.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, June 2.—Cheese quoted at 50s for white and 47s for colored, a decline of 1s on each for the week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, June 2.—Cattle, 1-2c lower at 10 1-2 to 11 1-2c per pound. Sheep 1-2c lower at 13 to 14c.

SUGAR.

London, June 2. Beet quiet; June 11s 3-4d, July, 11s 11-2d.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, June 3.
Dry Goods.—There is an active, sorting trade as a result of the hot weather. Values are firm in all lines. Cottons are firmer in sympathy with United States advances. Hardware.—Trade is fairly active. Staple goods are showing increased strength. Barb wire is higher, following the advance in the United States. Prices here are 25c per 100 pounds higher. Double pointed tacks are higher, the discounts now being 85 and 10. The discount on Escutchcon pins is changed to 55c for brass. Lined oil is 1c dearer. Turpentine is unsettled. The discount on rivets and burrs is reduced to 50 and 45 per cent respectively. It is reported that Canadian file makers will soon put out a new list. Jobbers have withdrawn prices of earthenware. United States makers have advanced prices on picks, mattocks, etc., 10 per cent.

Groceries.—The demand is more active. The sugar refiners and wholesale grocers guild have re-adopted the agreement of last October. Jobbers are now selling 15c per 100 pounds lower at \$4.63 for granulated at Toronto. Yellows are quoted at from \$3.83 up. The canners' association is meeting in Hamilton, but there is no news yet of prices fixed. In the meantime prices for futures are withheld. It is reported that future prices will be fixed at 75c for tomatoes, 65c for corn, and 65 to 70c for peas. New Japan teas are being received here. They are better quality than last year and price is lower.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, June 3.
Grain is more active. Ontario winter wheat is quoted at 71 to 72c, an advance of 1c for the week. Manitoba grades are steady and not much one hard is offering. Flour is 5 to 10c lower. Manitoba flour is firm. Hog products are more active. Grass dairy butter is offering more freely and is quoted at 1c lower at 12c. Eggs are firmer. Prices are:
Flour—Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 71 to 72c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 88c grinding in transit, and 86c Toronto freights.
Oats—White 30 to 30 1-2c for cars at country points.
Barley—No. 1, 42c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14.00 per ton; bran \$12 to \$12.50 per ton at country points.
Oatmeal—\$3.80 in bags per barrel, and \$3.90 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 11 1-2 to 12c.
Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh, 12c; seconds, 10c; creamery, tubs, 16c.
Cheese—New, 9 1-4 to 9 3-4c.
Hides—Choice steers, 63-4c, cows, 81-4c for No. 1, 71-4c for No. 2, and 61-4c for No. 3. Cured hides firmer at 83-4 to 9c. Sheepskins full wool, 75c to \$1; lambskins, 20c; calfskins 7 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow 4 1-2c.

Potatoes—Car lots, Toronto 75c per bushel; out of store 85c per bushel.
Wool—Washed fleeces, 13 to 14c; unwashed, 8 to 8 1-2c.
Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5.35 to \$5.60 per 100

pounds.
Dried apples—1 1-2 to 5 1-2c for round lots, evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.
Maple syrup—90c to \$1.10 per gal. in tins, imperial measure.
Honey—6c to 6 1-2c in bulk; tins; Honey—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c in bulk; tins, 6 to 7 1-2c; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.
Poultry—Turkeys, 11c to 13c chickens 50 to 70c a pair.
Seeds—Red clover, \$5 to 6 per 100 lbs., alsike, \$4.50 to \$6; timothy, \$2.25 to 2.75.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, June 3.
Oats are lower at 31 to 31 1-2c per bushel. Flour is a shade firmer and is steady with a fair amount of business doing. Hides have advanced 1-2c to 9c. No. 1 lambskins and clips are now worth 20c. Sheepskins have advanced 5c on the top price to 55c. No. 1 calfskins are worth 10c per lb. Eggs are steady and in fair export demand. Butter is firmer, creamery being quoted at 15 1-2 to 17c which is 1-4c over over last week's quotations. Dairy is unchanged in price. Cheese is weak and the export inquiry dull. Western is quoted at 8 1-2 to 9 1-4c. Country cheese boards are declining daily. Potatoes are also lower at 65c on track, asked. We quote prices as follows:
Oats—No. 2 white, 34 to 34 1-2c afloat.
Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong oakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$4.00.
Bran, \$16 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.
Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.
Hides—No. 1 green city hides 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 8c; sheepskins 55c; lambskins and clips, 20c; tallow, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.
Eggs—Choice fresh, 11 to 11 1-4c per dozen; second grades, 9 1-2 to 10c.
Butter—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c.
Butter—Creamery, fresh, grass, 16 1-2c to 17c.
Cheese—\$1-2 to \$3-4c for Ontario.
Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.
Potatoes in car lots 65c on track.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, June 3.
Iron and hardware prices are firm with an upward tendency. Paints, oils and glass are strong and active. Turpentine has advanced 1c to 65c per gallon in one to four barrel lots. Raw oil has advanced 2 to 3c and is now quoted at 52 to 53c. Boiled oil has advanced in like proportion to 75 to 56c. White 1 a 1, government standard, is quoted at \$6.00 per 100 pounds, and No. 1 is worth \$5.62 1-2. Other prices unchanged. Trade is active and steady.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, June 3.
Grocery trade is brisk and fairly steady. Granulated sugar is weaker and 10c per 100 pounds lower at \$4.50 per 100 pounds, and yellows are quoted at \$3.70 to \$4.25. Molasses has declined 1c. Car lots are now quoted at 35c, and single puncheons 36c. Canned goods have firmed up owing to the increased price of cans. Other lines are unchanged. We quote prices as follows:
Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.50 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$3.70 to \$4.25; molasses, 35c in car lots; syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c, as to qual-

ity; Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c, currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 7 to 9c; Mocha, 21 to 23c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c; standard B, 33-4 to 4c; canned corn, 90 to 92 1-2c; peas, 67 1-2 to 70c; tomatoes, 77 1-2 to 80c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 30.
Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 300 cattle, 300 sheep and lambs.

In consequence of the light offerings of cattle, prices were firm, the poorer class of stock being picked up at higher prices. Choice sold at 5 to 5 1-4c, good at 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; fair at 4c, and lower grades at 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c per lb, live weight. Sheep sold at 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c, as to quality, per lb. Lambs, \$2.50 to \$4 each. Hogs were 10c higher at the St. Charles market, selections selling at \$5, and mixed lots at \$4.75 to \$4.90, with heavy at \$4.25 to \$4.90 per 100 lbs, off cars.

The Gazette says of cattle freights: "The freight market is weaker and space to Liverpool is being offered freely at 30s, and to London at 25s, the latter showing a decline of 2s 6d to 5s per head within the past week."

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, June 2.
At the market yesterday 550 head of cattle and 600 sheep and lambs were offered.

The larger offerings of cattle weakened values about 1-4c. Best cattle realized 43-4 to 5c, fair to good, 33-4 to 41-4c, and other grades remained unchanged. Sales of export sheep were made at 4c, while butchers grades have brought 31-2 to 4c per lb. Lambs brought \$2.50 to \$4.50 each. Hogs sold at \$4.50 to \$4.70 off cars.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

C. E. Read is starting a general store at Glen Lyon, Man.

Dagg & Co., general store, Seikirk, Man., are reported sold out.

Johnston & Morrow, hotel, Rolau, Man. are succeeded by S. T. Cook.

Alberta Trading Co. is starting a general store at Cardston, Alberta.

Joyner & Elkington, flour millers, Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., have dissolved partnership.

J. C. Robinson, general store, Wawanesa, Man., has sold out to Samuel Coppleman.

Geo. A. Beers has sold out his tailoring business at Carberry, Man., to W. G. Murphy & Co.

Willoughby & Duncan, lumber merchants, Regina, are opening a branch yard at Balgonie, Assa.

The Northwest Provision Co. (not incorporated) is starting business in Winnipeg, with a branch at Rat Portage.

H. A. Peters, of Derksen & Peters, implements, Plum Coulee, Man., has sold out his interest in the business to J. Loepky.

Tenders will be received by Geo. F. Munroe, of Kildonan, Man., up to June 17 for providing material and building a bridge on Inkster's Creek.

J. H. McCarthy, principal of Carlton school, Winnipeg, has accepted the provincial management of the Temperance and General Life Assurance company for Manitoba. The new agency will be opened on July 1.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, May 29.—Wheat, May opened 75c, closed 76 1-2c. July opened 75 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 77 1-8c. Sept. opened 75 1-2 to 1-4c, closed 67 3-4c. Corn, May opened 32 1-4c, closed 32 5-8c. July opened 32 1-2c, closed 32 3-4c. Sept. opened 32 7-8 to 33c, closed 33 1-8c. Oats, May opened 25 5-8c, closed 25 3-4c. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 3-4c. Sept. opened 19 5-8c, closed 20c. Pork, July opened \$8.17 1-2c, closed \$8.20. Sept. opened \$8.30, closed \$8.35. Lard, July opened \$5.02 1-2c, closed \$5.05. Sept. opened \$5.15, closed \$5.17 1-2. Ribs, July opened \$4.65 b, closed \$4.65 b. Sept. opened \$4.82 1-2c, closed \$4.80. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.05 1-2, S. W. \$1.02. May \$1.05. July \$1.03. Sept. 92 1-2c. New York, May 29.—A holiday.

The United States market exchanges were closed Tuesday on account of the decoration day celebrations, but wheat on the curb remained firm, 77 1-2c being bid for July. The Liverpool market was strong, opening 11-4d higher. Indications are that the market will be very bullish to-day, Wednesday, as all the new point that way. No. 1 hard wheat at Fort William was quoted at 77c.

Chicago, May 31.—Wheat, May opened 77 3-4c, closed 77 7-8c. July opened 77 1-8c, closed 78 5-8c. Sept. opened 78 1-4 to 78c, closed 78 3-8c. Corn, May opened 32 7-8c, closed 33 3-8c. July opened 33 1-8 to 33c, closed 33 3-8c. Sept. opened 33 3-8c, closed 33 7-8c. Oats, May opened 24 7-8c, closed 24 3-4c. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 23 to 1-4c. Sept. opened 20 to 1-4c, closed 20 1-8 to 1-4c. Pork, July opened \$8.05, closed \$7.90 b. Sept. opened \$8.20, closed \$8.07 1-2c. Lard, July opened \$5.02 1-2c, closed \$4.92 to 1-4c. Sept. opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.50 b. Ribs, July opened \$4.60, closed \$4.50 b. Sept. opened \$4.72 1-2, closed \$4.65 a. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.01, S. W. \$1.02. May \$1.06. July \$1.02. Sept. 92 1-2c b.

Chicago, June 1.—Wheat, July opened 78 to 77 7-8c, closed 76 1-2c. Sept. opened 77 3-4c, closed 77c. Dec. opened 78c, closed 77 3-4c. pCorn, July opened 33 1-4c, closed 33 1-8c. Sept. opened 33 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 33 3-8c. Dec. closed 32 7-8c. Oats, July opened 23c, closed 22 7-8c. Sept. opened 20 1-8c, closed 20 1-8c. Pork, July opened \$8, closed \$8. Sept. opened \$8.15, closed \$8.15. Lard, July opened \$5, closed \$5. Sept. opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.12 1-2 b. Ribs, July opened \$4.52 1-2c, closed \$4.55 b. Sept. opened \$4.67 1-2c, closed \$4.67 1-2c b.

Chicago, June 2.—Wheat, July opened 77 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 76 3-4c. Sept. opened 77 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 77 5-8c. Dec. opened 78 1-4c, closed 78 3-8c. Corn, July opened 33c, closed 33 3-8c. Sept. opened 33 3-8c, closed 33 7-8c. Oats, July opened 22 7-8c, closed 23 1-8c. Sept. opened 20 1-8c, closed 20 1-4c. Pork, July opened \$8.05, closed \$8.10. Sept. opened \$8.20, closed \$8.25. Lard, July opened \$5, closed \$4.97 1-2c. Sept. opened \$5.10 to \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.10 b. Ribs, July opened \$4.60, closed \$4.57 1-2c. Sept. opened \$4.70, closed \$4.70. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.01, S. W. \$1.01. July \$1.02. Sept. 94c.

Chicago, June 3.—Wheat opened at 76 3-4c for July and ranged from 76 1-2 to 77 3-4c. Closing prices were: Wheat—July, 77 5-8c, Sept., 78 5-8c, Sept., 75 7-8c.

Corn—July 34c; Sept., 34 1-2c. Oats—July, 23 5-8c; Sept., 20 3-4c. Pork—July, \$8.17 1-2; Sept., \$8.32 1-2. Lard—July, \$5.00; Sept., \$5.17 1-2. Ribs—July, \$4.62 1-2; Sept., \$4.75.

A week ago July option closed at 75 3-4c; a year ago July wheat closed at 92 3-4c, two years ago at 66 7-8c, three years ago at 61 7-8c; four years ago at 81 3-4c, and five years ago at 60 5-8c.

New York Wheat

New York, May 29.—Holiday.

New York, May 30.—Holiday.

New York, May 31.—Wheat, May opened 82c b, closed 85c. July opened 80 1-8c b, closed 83 1-2c a. Sept. opened 79c, closed 82 1-4c a.

New York, June 1.—Wheat; July opened 83 1-4c, closed 81 5-8c b. Sept. opened 82 1-4c, closed 81 1-8c b. Dec. opened 8 3/4c, closed 81 7-8c.

New York, June 2.—Wheat, July opened 82 1-8c, closed 81 3-4c b. Sept. opened 81 7-8c, closed 81 3-4c. Dec. opened 82 5-8c, closed 82 3-8c a.

New York, June 3.—Wheat closed 1 1/4 day as follows: July, 82 3-8c; Sept., 82 3-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Holiday.

Tuesday—Sept., 77 3-8c.

Wednesday—Holiday.

Thursday—July, 76c; Sept., 75 1-8c.

Friday—July, 76 3-8c; Sept., 76 3-4c.

Saturday—July, 77 1-8c; Sept. 76 3-4c.

Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 79 3-8c and cash No. 1 northern at 76 7-8c.

A week ago July wheat closed at 75 1-8c. A year ago July wheat closed at \$1.32, two years ago at 69 1-4c and three years ago at 62c.

GREAT BRITAIN IMPRESSIONS.

In conversation with a Commercial representative, R. T. Riley, manager of The Sanford Manufacturing Company's business at Winnipeg, who has just returned from a pleasure trip to the old country, talked very pleasantly of his experiences while away. The nature of his trip, which was purely a holiday one, did not bring Mr. Riley very much in contact with business interests, but he has nevertheless brought back with him many recollections of the commercial and industrial activities of Great Britain. The question of American competition, especially in regard to iron and steel contracts, both government and private, was a burning one, while Mr. Riley was there. He thinks that the agitation was largely of a sentimental character as British manufacturers were really not able to handle the business. They have orders enough ahead to keep them going for many months yet.

Canada is attracting a great deal more attention in Great Britain than heretofore. The development of our mines is partly responsible for this. The old prejudice against American cattle is dying out gradually, which, Mr. Riley thinks, is partly due to improvement in quality and shipping facilities.

As regards the respective standings of Canada and South Africa in the estimation of the investing public of the old country, Mr. Riley says the preponderance of attention is still largely with South Africa. This may be partly due to the personality of Hon. Cecil Rhodes, who is really a remarkable figure in colonial life and attracts a great deal of attention whenever he visits England.

Many other interesting observations were made as a result of this trip which will no doubt find their way to the attention of the business community of this country before long.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed strong to-day in sympathy with the advance at Chicago, though the tendency here is not to follow the advance.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, June 3.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.04 for cash and July \$1.02.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, June 3.—Holiday.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, June 3.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 74 5-8c for July; cash No. 1 northern, 74 3-8c; cash No. 2 northern 73 3-8c.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, May 30.—Trade in American and Canadian cattle is firm, and prices realized show an advance over those ruling a week ago. Choice States cattle sold at 12c, Canadian at 11 1-2c. On the other hand, the market was weaker for Argentine stock, prices being fully 1-2c lower at 10 1-2c.

Liverpool, May 30.—The trade in this market for Canadian cattle was firm, prices ruling higher, 12c being offered for choice.

PROFITS AND DISCOUNTS.

The following, says an exchange, should be posted on every merchant's desk. It means, discount your bills:

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NOTES.

The Dominion government is being asked to change the law respecting game in Canada to permit non-resident sportsmen to take away carcasses of game they kill, the number so taken, to be limited to two carcasses per capita.

A telegram from San Francisco states that a pool is being formed to hold Puget Sound salmon at a \$1.20 basis. Financial arrangements, the report says, have been made to advance packers \$1 per dozen. It was also stated that British Columbia bankers were offering to advance Fraser River canners \$4.50 per case. All indications, the telegram said, point to a very light pack on both the Fraser River and Puget Sound.

A correspondent representing one of the leading and most reliable firms in Great Britain, writing to a friend in Canada of the situation says: "Business in England is very bright, but prices are the very dickens, merino wool at the present sales being 50 to 60 per cent above the bottom. This means an advance of anything up to 1s 6d per yard. We are going on at present at about 3d advance, but unless there is a change we shall be compelled to have more money still."

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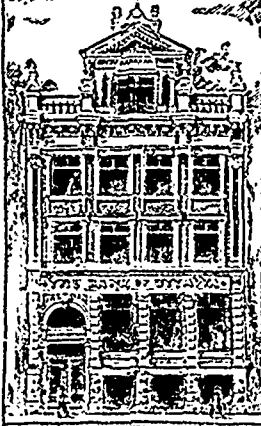
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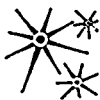
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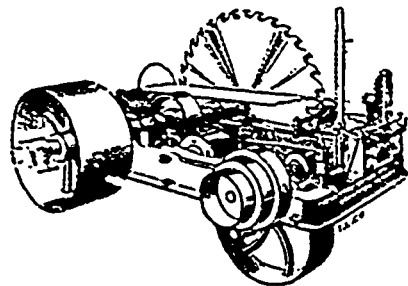
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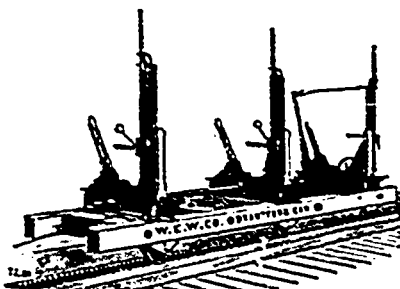
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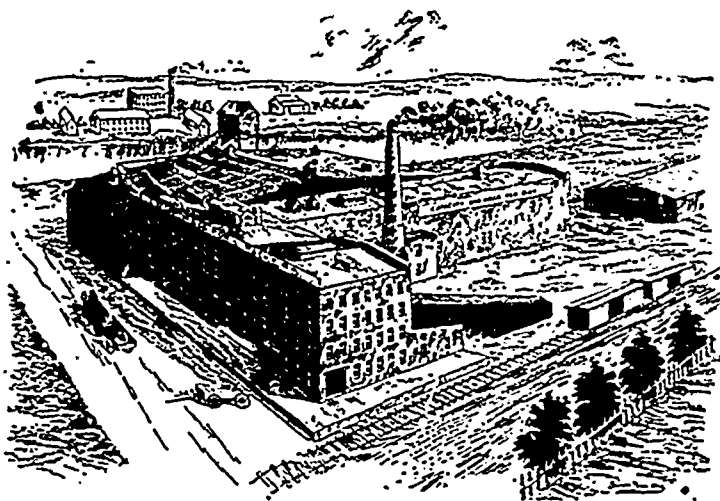
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