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WINNIPEG, MAY 6, 1880.

DOMINION Parliament was prorogued on May 2nd.

THE roller flour mill at Virden, Man., is offered for sale.

JOHN A. McDonald, hotel keeper, Winnipeg, has absconded.

A Dominion lands office has been opened at Touchwood Hills, Assa.

LANE RICE, photographer, from Ontario, has opened a studio at Regina.

MANWARING & WRIGHT, general storekeepers Birtle, Man., have dissolved.

DRAPER & BOSTON, dry goods, Winnipeg, contemplate dissolving partnership.

FREIGHT is \$1.75 to \$2.50 per 100 pounds from Calgary to Edmonton, Alberta.

The stock of Moore & Co., China Hall Winnipeg, is advertised for sale by the sheriff, on May 9th.

A.J. HALLOWAY, from Clinton, Ont., has commenced business as a tailor at Manitou, Manitoba.

THE Shuswap Milling Company, of Kamloops, B. C., has brought in a plant for the manufacture of bricks.

KING & PELLETIER, general storekeepers, Fort William, Ont., have dissolved partnership. John King continues.

W. H. EATON & Co's general store, Selkirk, Manitoba, was damaged by fire last week; covered by insurance:

A SCHUBERT, who formerly run the stage from Kamloope to Okanagan, has leased the hotel at Yernon, B. C.

The coal shed, water tank and ten cars loaded with coal were burned at Swift Current, Assa., one day last week.

THE stationers, jewellers, grocers, dry goods, music dealers, and boot and shoe men of Winnipeg, now close at 7:30 o'clock.

A JOINT stock company is being organized at Prince Albert, Sask., to bring in a newspaper plant for the new paper, the Critic.

A NEW store has been opened at Yorkton, Assa., by Thorneman, of Saltcoats, who also occupies the position of postmaster.

THE Deloraine Times says: — That taxescaping company, the Northwest Land Company, has put up the price of many of its lands.

W. Cousins, general merchant, Medicine Hat, Assa., has accepted an agency of the London furniture company, for the sale of their goods.

THE stock of the late A. B. Mackay, druggist, Battleford, Sask., has been disposed of to Mr. Mercer, from Macleod, Alberta, who will continue the business.

The general stock of Pelkey & Co., merchants, Glenboro, Man., offered for sale by tender, has been sold to George H. Rogers & Co., of Winnipeg, at 52½ cents in the dollar.

THE buildings and machinery of the Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Company, near Medicine Hat, Assa., have been sold to E. Clarkson, of Toronto.

E. M. GATLIFF, of Emerson, Man., has rented a store at Catharine, into which he will move his hardware stock. Catharine is a station on the Red River Valley (N.P.) railway, ten miles north of Emerson.

The interest of the late Thos. Brown in the Queen's Hotel, Winnipeg, has been purchased by Mr. O'Connor, of the late firm of O'Connor & Brown. This gives Mr. O'Connor exclusive control of the property.

J. A. MACDONALD, the missing proprietor of the St. Julien restaurant, Winnipeg, succeeded in making away with his stock of liquors before leaving. His creditors are therefore badly left. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

THE Edmonton Bulletin says: The amount of bear skins traded in this district during the past winter is enormous, and the selling price much higher than usual, as high as \$22 all around being paid for some lots. Bears will surely be scarce next year.

THE Inland Sentinel, published at Kamloops, B. C., came to hand last week in a complete new dress. The Sentinel new shows up as neat and clear as could be desired by any paper, and in every respect it is a very excellent journal, and a worthy representative of interior British Columbia.

Mr. D. Miller, who has retired from the position of manager of the Merchants Bank, Winnipeg, to accept a similar position in the service of the bank at Toronto, was presented with an address and gold-headed cane, by the local branch of the Catholic Mutal Benefit Association. Mr. Miller's loss will be felt by a large circle of friends here, as well as by the business community with whom he came in contact.

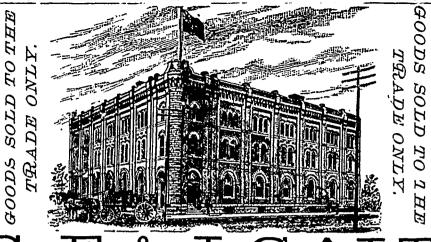
Over twenty car loads of farm machinery are already at hand this season at Neepawa, Man., and much more will be received before harvest. This will give an idea of the trade implement men are doing this season in Manitoba. The same activity prevails all over the province, and receipts at Neepawa are only a sample of what is going on at other points.

AT a meeting of the shareholders of the Manitoba Electric & Gas Light Co., of Winnipeg, a resolution was passed approving of the action of the directors in ordering an incandescent plant. Manager Bathgate says the company will be ready to supply the incandescent light about the first of July. They propose to make a very low rate. A second company is also forming to light the city with incandescent lights, so that with gas, electric lights, and two incandescent light companies, the city is not likely to suffer in the future for lack of artificial lighting. The Manitoba Electric & Gas Light Co., which has now ordered the incandescent lights, is also the proprietor of the existing systems of gas and electric lighting.

THE bankrupt stock of Thomas Whitehead, general merchant, Neepawa, Man., has been sold to R. C. Ennis, general merchant, of the same place, at 46 cents in the dollar. The purchase of the stock by a merchant regularly in business in the town, will no doubt prevent a slaughter sale of the stock, with its demoralizing effect on trade.

AT the last meeting of the Regina board of trade, reference was made to the printing and distributing of the Regina pamphlet, which it was pleasing to note had produced the best results, as was proved by the number of new settlers arriving daily. During the quarter the council had inssructed A. Martin and the President to locate a trail in a souh easterly direction from the town. Arrangements had been made so that a very fine settlement would be opened up and the settlers have easy access to market. The directors of the Bank of Montreal had been petitioned to erect a more commodious building in a central position. Treasurer Fergusson reported balance on hand of \$20.36, after an expenditure since January 18 of \$325.68, receipts during the quarter being \$333.75. Mr. Watts, of McAra & Watts, and Mr. Jackson were proposed and duly elected members.

A copy of Williams' new directory of British Columbia, just published, has been received. This is beyond doubt the best directory of British Columbia ever published. It is a bulky volume, as thick as Webster's unabridged dictionary, and contains every conceivable class of information about the Pacific Province. The book is further illustrated by a number of fine lithographic engravings, and all around is a credit to the publisher, especially as the work was done in Victoria, printing, engraving, binding and all. It is therefore entirely a home production. The work gives a large amount of general information concerning the province, production. climate, history, resources, development, sta-tistics, etc., in addition to the ordinary directory matter. Business men and others in Manitoba and the Territories, requiring information regarding British Columbia, should have a copy of this directory, which can be secured by writing to R, T, Williams, Victoria.



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For some time past the flour trade in this city has been disappointing to holders, shippers and commission men alike, owing to large offerings, and the great difficulty in finding a market therefor in consequence of an absence of demand. This depression has been intensified of late by the action of Western millers, in ordering their flour to be sold for what it would bring, thus forcing the market and breaking prices beyond what some of our dealers think there is any need of. At present there is little or no demand for round lots, business being restricted to filling the hand-to mouth wants of retail dealers and bakers. In hehalf of Western millers on the other hand, it is contended that they now see a good crop of winter wheat making excellent headway towards an early harvest, and that this fact in conjunction with the recent break of 271c per bushel in Chicago wheat, has caused them to lose heart and force their holdings. This may account for a large line of straight rollers being offered on this market at 35, although it is stated by some that the brand is not choice; till it inspects straight rollers. It is the opinion of some of our leading dealers that after the opening of navigation a change for the better will set in, and that it is useless forcing the market at present in the absence of demand. The stocks in this city continue large, amounting to 104,-819 bbls, against 32,330 bbls. at this time last year, showing an increase of 72,489 bbls, but these stocks are expected to show a considerable reduction after navigation is fairly opened. -Montreal Trade Bulletin.

The Lobster Pack.

Reports to hand from the lobster-packing districts throughout the lower provinces advise the season to be from four to six weeks earlier than usual. The fish are running well, the industry is being actively pushed, and undoubted by the pack will be larger than last year. Notwithstanding the more favorable indications, however, the packers are indifferent sellers at anything below present prices, which are about \$1.50 per dozen f.o.b. It appears that English

ard German buyers have been free to contract this season, and already large quantities have been placed for shipment thither; the efore, it is largely for this reason that the firmness is exhibited, packers feeling assured that there will be a demand sufficient to absorb readily any reasonable quantity they may put up during the season. A favorable feature of the market this year is the absence of any consider able stocks of old, the packers' hands being bare, and in the principal distributing markets there is nothing of any consequence to disturb the situation.

Cauned Goods at Toronto.

Tomatoes are selling from 75c up, but there are not many to be had at that price; in fact, holders would not sell more than a few cases at that price. The ruling price is 85c to \$1 10. Corn is hardening; a round lot of good brand sold to jobbing house at 9.4c to-day. Prices are:—

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Lobster, other 1's 1 45 to 1 60	
Sardines, French 2's 0 09 to 0 11	
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Apples, galls 1 95 to 2 10	
Corn, 2's 0 90 to 1 10	
Corn, cream, 3's 1 75 to 1 80	
Praches, 2's	
Peaches, pie	
Peas, 2's 0 85 to 1 00	
Plums, greengages, 2's 2 40 to 2 55	
Plums, blue, 2's 2 25 to 2 40	
Strawberries, 2's 2 35 to 2 45	
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Mysterious Pires.

The Herald, of Selkirk, Manitoba, a short time ago, reported an unusual occurrence which

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took place in Dagg & Hunter's store, at that place. About two o'clock in the afternoon a fire broke out in one of the front windows, which in a moment consumed part of the curtains, and would have resulted more seriously if it were not for the presence of several customers who extinguished the flames. Upon investigation, it was found that the fire originated from the eff 's of the sun striking on a lamp reflector which was in the window, near which the curtain hung Several cases of mysterious fires in shop windows and in other places have come to the knowledge of the writer, caused by the action of the sun's rays, concentrated upon and reflected from some bright object. In one instance a pile of cotton goods which were lying upon the floor, were set on fire by the reflection from a mirror, and in another instance lace curtains in a shop window were consumed, probably caused by lamp reflectors which were in the window. This is one cause of many mysterious fires, which a little scientific knowledge will explain. Merchants could study this phenomenon to advantage.

A. McKay, barrister, Emerson, Man., has moved to Superior, Wisconsin, where he intends practising.

ALLAN HUBER, of Berlin, Ont., was in Winnipeg last week on his way to Japan, where he will make an effort to open up trade in several branches of Canadian manufactured goods.

A K. BARRETT, inspector of Inland Revenue for the west, says the Lethbridge News, passed through town yesterday on his way to Macleod. We understand that he has informed the breweries here that they will have to discontinue the manufacture of all kinds of beverages, and that final action will be taken on his return.

THE Calgary Tribune says:—Major. Walker, who returned from Canmore yesterday morning, informed us of an important coal find made by Brinckerdorf the preceding day. The seam is 14 feet in thickness, of clean, good anthracite, and is located on Mr. Brinckerdorf's own property, and is said to befree of shaloand other impurities and very much superior to any previously found in the mountains,

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THE GROCERS' ASSOCIATION.

·The recently formed association of retail grocers in this city has already been attracting considerable attention through the press, growing out of the flour agreement. One of the first matters which the association took up was the question of wholesalers selling retail. This is a very important matter to the retail trade in a city like Winnipeg, and one which retail dealers have a perfect right to consider. In several lines of trade, wholesale dealers and manufacturers in the city no doubt sold considerable quantities of goods direct to consumers in competition with retail dealers in the same line of trade. The retail grocers complained that this was unfair, inasmuch as it compelled them to meet the competition of those from whom they purchased their stocks. The retail grocers' association took up this question from the very formation of the association, the matter having been discussed at the first meeting. A committee was appointed to call upon the wholesale grocers, produce and commission dealers, packers, fruiters, millers and other parties doing wholesale trade. with the object of endeavoring to arrange for the discontinuance of selling to consumers, on the part of such wholesale dealers. In this matter the grocers have been very successful, nearly all the city wholesale dealers having agreed to discontinue selling to consumers entirely.

At ong those who have agreed to discontinue selling to consumers are the city millers and wholesale flour dealers. Heretofore the flour trade has been in very bad shape so far as the retail grocers were concerned. Most of the wholesale flour-dealers in the city sold flour direct to consumers in any quantities asked for, as well as to the grocers and other retail dealers in flour. The only difference made was that consumers were charged ten cents more per sack than the retail dealers. The retail grocers were therefore obliged to sell flour at an advance on the wholesale price of ten cents per sack, in order to compete with the wholesale flour dealers and millers, who also sold retail. Some even sold at an advance of five cents per sack. This of course made the flour business unprofitable to the grocers, as the small advance on wholesale

prices would not pay for handling the article. They were obliged, however, to handle flour in order to protect their trade. Since the formation of the grocers' association, and the consequent action regarding selling to consumers, the city millers and wholesale flour dealers have agreed to discontinue entirely selling flour to consumers. Exception is made in the case of the city millers, who will be allowed to exchange flour for wheat with farmers at their mills, at the regular retail price of flour. It is also understood that the retail price all around will be 25 cents per sack, advance on the wholesale price. This arrangement went into force on the first of May.

So far the arrangement seems to be a perfectly legitimate one. The millers are perfectly justified in refusing to sell flour to consumers, just the same as other wholesale houses refuse to sell to others than retail dealers. The grocers have acted quite properly in their efforts to stop the sale of flour to consumers by the millers, and they are also justified in their effort to place the flour trade in a more satisfactory shape. The agreement between the grocers and the millers, however, goes farther. It is also understood that the millers are not to sell to retail grocers who are not members of the association, except at an advance of 25 cents per sack over the price to association grocers. The wisdom of thus attempting to bar out grocers who do not see fit to join the association may be questioned. We are told that every retail grocer in the city with but one single exception has joined the association. From this it would seem that the association is strong enough to have ignored this one dealer, and allowed him to go on and buy flour from whom he pleased and sell it in the same way. The attempt to prevent dealers outside of the association from obtaining flour at the regular prices, will tend to create a sympathy for the boycotted persons which we are afraid may result in injury to the association.

As to the advance upon millers' prices, at which the grocers have decided to sell flour, no objection can be taken by any fair-minded person. Twenty-five cents per sack is certainly a very small margin on a bag of flour. Flour is practically a cash article to the trade, and dealers are expected to pay, at least within a month, for their flour. In selling it out to consumers they are obliged to give a great deal of credit, and to give credit

means the contraction of bad debts, no matter how careful the dealer is in giving credit. Then flour is a heavy article to handle, and must be delivered by the dealer. In discussing the flour question a retail grocer said the other day: "A week or two ago a customer came in and ordered a bag of flour sent to a certain street and number. On the way an accident happened which resulted in a breakage to the rig, costing a considerable sum for repairs. The margin on the sack of flour was ten cents, at which figure it would take several hundred sacks to pay for the breakage to the rig, to say nothing of the other expenses of handling the article and the probability of making some bad debts." The same, grocer had just sold a bill of goods, including two sacks of flour. The flour cost \$5.80, and was sold for 25 cents per sack advance on the wholesale price. The grocer said: "I will not get paid for these goods until after harvest at the soonest, and of course run some risk of losing all or a portion of the account." It will therefore be seen that even at the margin of 25 cents per sack there is not much in handling flour under the credit system in vogue, and no reasonable person will object to the margin allowed to the grocers. Those who understand the situation will therefore have no fault to find with the grocers. In some quarters, however, the action of the grocers appears to be misunderstood.

One letter which appeared in the Free Press made a number of unreasonable and false charges against the grocers' association, and was so full of inaccuracies that it is a wonder it was allowed to appear in the paper at all. It is understood to be the settled policy of the association to make no efforts to regulate prices. Indeed, the leaders in the association are strongly opposed to such a course, and the members will have every freedom to sell at such prices as they see fit. The flour question is and will be the only one in which any effort will be made to regulate prices. In this commodity the situation was so bad that the grocers cannot be blamed by any reasonable person for the action they have taken, though we think it would have been better had the restriction regarding selling to retailers who are not members of the association been left out. The restriction clause affords an opportunity to those who are opposed to the association to work up an agitation, and attempt to make the public believe that they are being imposed upon.

WESTERN GRAIN STANDARDS.

. The result of the movement to place the fixing of the standards for grading grain grown in the West in the hands of western people interested in the grain trade, is a cause of satisfaction. Long ago it became apparent that some change would be necessary in the interest of our grain producers and dealers. Under the old regulations by which the standards for grading grain grown in the West were selected at Toronto, great inconvenience and injury was forced upon our grain industry. The causes which led to the demand that the regulation of the grain trade of this part of Canada should be placed more under the control of western men, are well known. One of the principal reasons urged was, that the annual meeting held at Toronto to select standards for grading the crop was invariably called at a date too early to meet the requirements of the western grain interest. The eastern people claimed that they could not delay the annual meeting without injuring their eastern grain interests. It therefore became apparent that two meetings of the grain examiners would have to be held, and if standards for grading grain grown in the West were to be selected at a later date and at a different meeting than that for the selection of standards for grading grain grown in the East, it certainly would seem absurd to continue the custom of sending our samples of grain to Toronto for inspection there. The only natural and reasonable course to follow. was to allow western men to have control of the matter, and have the annual meeting of examiners held at some western point. Western grain men did not! ask to be given a say in regulating matters bearing only upon grain grown in the East, but they did ask that matters relating to grain grown only in the West, largely controlled by the eastern grain interest, should be placed exclusively in the hands of western grain men. Naturally the eastern grain men objected to the loss of their control over the western grain trade; but the Government has wisely acquiesced in the reasonable requests coming from the western interest. Hereafter, therefore, it will not be necessary to send our samples all the way to Toronto in order to have the standards fixed for grading the crop of each year. It was certain, from the commencement of the movement, that it would only be a matter of time when the Government would hand the fixing of grain standards for grading grain grown in the West over to the control of western grain men. That a decision favorable to the West has been already arrived at, is due no doubt to the unanimous action of all the western boards of trade in urging the matter upon the attention of the Government.

The delegates who went to Ottawa to urge the matter upon the attention of the Government have been entirely successful in their mission. They were met at Ottawa by a deputation from the Toronto board of trade, who came with the object of opposing any concessions to the western men. The arguments advanced by the Toronto delegates were overcome, and the Government decided to make the changes asked for by the western boards, as set forth by the delegates of the latter. At a meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade held last week, the report of the delegates was received, in which the action of the delegates while at Ottawa was set forth. The information contained in the report has been already published. The following is the amendment to the Inspection Act, under which standards for the grading of grain grown in the West will in future be selected:

The standards in respect of grain grown west of Port Arthur shall be chosen by a board of persons annually appointed by the Governor-in-Council, five of whom shall be a quorum; such board shall be elected from the boards of examiners of applicants for the office of inspectors of wheat and other grain and from the duly appointed grain inspectors, which examiners and inspectors are resident at Port Arthur or west thereof; and such persons shall meet at such time and place as the Governor-in-Council is bound to appoint, and by the standards so chosen, the inspectors of grain throughout Canada shall be governed as respects grain grown west of Port Arthur.

Under this amendment the annual meeting for the selection of standards for grading grain grown in the west, will be held at Winnipeg, The meeting will be called by the Winnipeg board of trade, by which body the date for holding the meeting will be decided upon. Winnipeg board will be responsible to the Government for the distribution standards, as selected at the meeting, to grain inspectors throughout Canada. The meeting to select the standards will be composed of delegates from the boards of trade of Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Regina, Moose Jaw and Calgary, or such of these boards as can qualify under the Board of Trade Act. All of the boards mentioned cannot at present qualify, but as five delegates will constitute a quorum, there will be no difficulty in securing a sufficient number of delegates to secure the holding of the meeting

While at Ottawa the delegates also secured the privilege (and we may also say the right) of representation for the Winnipeg board of trade at the annual meeting held at Montreal, to fix flour standards for Canada. Hereafter the Winnipeg board will have the right to three representatives at the meeting to select flour standards.

A MISTAKEN POLICY.

While distributing cash freely for the construction of railways in Eastern Canada, the Dominion Government has nothing for western railways but land grants. This surely is a mistaken policy. The people of Western Canada have to pay their full share, and more than their share per capita, owing to the effect of the protective tariff upon the West, to assist in paying for these cash grants to eastern roads, in a country where railroads already penetrate every section. But here in the West, where the population is sparse, and railroads are needed to develop the country, the Government can give nothing but land grants. The lands of the West properly belong to the people of the West, and to those who are coming hither. These lands should be held for free settlement, and as a public heritage to the people, and not given away to railways, to be locked up, or held for sale at high prices. When the Government can spend cash so freely in aiding railroads in the East, where roads are not nearly so badly needed as here, it should be able to afford something to aid western roads in the same way. It is an injustice to the people of the West to squander their lands in this way, while we have to help pay for the cash grants to Eastern roads. Free land is all the West has to induce settlement and bring about the development of the country, but at the rate these lands are being squandered by the Dominion, there will soon be little public land left. The land commissioner of the C. P. R. Co. only the other day remarked to a reporter that next year there would be no lands left for homesteading in Manitoba, as it would all be taken up this summer. This shows that it is time to call a halt in these land grants to railways. The statement of. the land commissioner is liable to do grea t injury to Manitoba by turning away immigration. It is necessary to refute the statement, which is far from being correct. The statement is no doubt correct, so far as it applies to the C. P. Railway belt in Manitoba, and it was no doubt made to influence sales of the company's lands. All the same, it is very misleading. In the northern part of the province, and north of the Northwestern railway, there is abundance of as fine land as can be found anywhere in the West. This region is better adapted for mixed farming and stock-raising than the southern portions of the province. It is better watered than the south, and there is abundance of timber for fuel and lumber, which cannot be said of the southern and western portions of the province This northern district is yet practically without settlement, but where farming has been tried, the country has been found equal to any other part of the province, and it will yet support a large and thrifty population.

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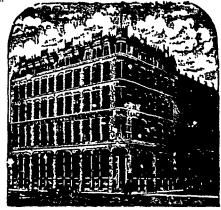
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WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Trade has continued steady and without important features, since our lust report. Textile branches show some improvement in the call for seasonable goods, though the weather has been unfavorable of late, but warm weather has apparently now set in for good. Grocery trade is steady, sugars remaining strong, but without further advance to the time of writing. Lumber, hardware, paints, etc., are fairly active, and without changes in prices since our last quotations. Other brands are without any special features. The advent of another month has not developed anything new in financial circles, and dealers still complain of slow col-

FRUITS-GREEN.

Trade has been fairly brisk. Stocks of apples were pretty low last week, being nearly used up, and prices at southern points are thought to be too high to import from the States. There has been a loss on some Ontario apples brought in, one car having brought only \$5 over the cost of freight, owing to the damaged condition in which they were received. Prices are steady as follows .- Apples, repacked, \$3.00 to \$1.00 per barrel. Damaged lots were selling as low as \$1 00 per barrel. Messina lemons are quoted at \$5.00 to \$5.50 per box. Messina oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. California fancy Riverside seedle s oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$6.00 per box. Bananas, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per bunch. Cranberries, \$7 to \$8.00 per barrel for sound fresh fruit. Pie plant, or rhubarb, 8c per pound. Southern red onions, \$1 25 per crate of 50 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate of about 50 pounds. Cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon. New maple sugar, cakes, 13 to 14c per lb. Maple syrup, in tins or bulk, \$1.25 per gallon, with some of indifferent quality offered as low as \$1 per gallon.

FURS-RAW.

Quite a number of small lots of furs keep coming in. So far the lots that have arrived are mostly prairie furs from points convenient to the railway, and consist of prairie wolf, fox, badger and skunk and some lynx, mainly. Some fine lots of furs have been received from the eastern district and Lake Superior region, including beaver, otter, martin and mink, also some fine black and silver fox. A great many furs have come from the latter district to Winnipeg this season, from traders and dealers who formerly sent their furs east, some direct to New York. The high prices paid here and brisk competition in this market has drawn these furs here. Muskrat is reported to be scarcer than usual, receipts of this fur being light, supposed to be owing to the dry season of late, which has dried up many of the lakes and smaller streams. Prices, however, for rat, are lower here, as it is found that manufacturers are using other furs in place of rats, on account of the high prices of rats. Domestic cat is said to be taking the place of the muskrat. Local prices here are considerably down to what they were awhile ago. Very high prices were paid here previous to the March sales in London, but these sales put a different aspect on the market. Matters are a little unsettled now, on account of the coming June sales of

Lampson & Co., in London. An easier feeling prevails with a lower tendency. The northern furs have not commenced to come in yet, only one lot having yet been received. These furs are expected to commence to 'arrive about the first of June, when the market here may be expected to be pretty active. Rat, mink, martin, wolf and red fox are said to be very flat at New York, and not wanted. The following prices wil' give a fair idea of the figures being paid in this market at present, the wide range of prices covering all qualities of skins, top prices being for prime skins: Beaver, 50c to \$6 per skin; .abs do. 25c to \$1.50; badger, 10c to \$1.50; black bear, \$1.50 to \$22; cubs, do. \$1 to \$5; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$18; grizzly bear, \$1 to \$16; cubs, do. 50c to \$3; lynx, \$1.25 to \$5.75; cubs. do 20 to 70c; timber wolf, 50c to \$2.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5.00; as to colour and quality; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 20c to \$1.60; kit fox, 10c to 50c; cross fox, \$1.00 to \$5 00; silver and black fox, \$10 to \$60, as to beauty and condition of skin; martin, dark, 50c to \$2.50; martin, brown, 50c to \$2.00; martin, yellow or pa'e, 25c to \$1; mink, 20c to \$1; muskrat, 6c to 15c; otter, \$1.50 to \$7.50; skunk, 10c to 65c. Prices all per skin.

LONDON FUR PRICES.

We have already published the cable reports, showing the percentage of advance or decline in prices at the recent London fur sales. The following gives the actual prices, in shillings, at the Hudson's Bay Company's March sale :--

Otter, Yorkfort Firsts, large, 59; Moose River, 58; East Maine, 70; Fort Garry and Little Whale River, 71; Esquimaux Bay, 70; Canada, 523, and Northwest, 42 shillings. Seconds, large, Y. F., 47; M.R., 50; E. M., 60: F.G. and L. W. R., 70; E. B., 62; Canada, 491; and N.W., 47 shillidgs. Thirds, large, 31, 341, 35, 38, 40, 321 and 26.13 shillings, respectively. Firsts, small, Y.F., 411; M. R., 46; E. M., 59; E.B., 58; and Canada, 42 shillings. Seconds, small, Y.F., 35; M.R., 45; E.M., 51; F G. and L. W. R., 60; E. B, 55, and Canada, 411 shillings. Thirds, small, Y. F., 221; M. R., 251; E.M., 25; Canada, 261, and N.W., 18 shillings. Cubs, firsts, M. R., 42; Canada, 43; thirds, Y. F., 15; M.R., 14: E.M., 16; Canada, 151, and N.W., 10 shillings.

Fisher, Yorkfoct, large, 487; small, 49; large pale 31; small pale, 33; seconds, 35; thirds, 26 shillings; M. R., 59, 56, 30, 31, 42 and 31 shillings, respectively, Canada, 54, 54, 32, 34, 37 and 28 shillings, respectively; N.W., large, 59; small, 55; seconds, 421, and thirds, 30 shillings.

Cross fox, Y.F., first, 109; second color, 59: pale, 331; seconds, 44; thirds, 321 shillings; M.R., 105, 60, 38, 484 and 37 shillings respectively; E.B., 130, 87, 47, 60 and 33 shillings, respectively; N.W., 80, 47, 38, 43 and 29 shillings respectively; Canada, 105, 59, 42, 46 and 30 shillings, respectively.

Silver fox, Y. F., dark, fir-ts, 40; middling tire s, 18; pale firsts, 14; seconds, 131£; M.R., 55, 25, 15 and 91£ respectively; E.B., 53, 24, 23 and 121£ respectively; Canada, 17, 18, 12 and 113£ respectively; N.W., 17, 13, 15 and 7£ respectively.

Red fox, Y. F., firsts, 17; second color, 131; pale, 12; low red, 12; seconds, 91; thirds, 71.

shillings; M. R., 191, 107, 103, 144, 12 and 72 shillings respectively; E.B., 181, 184, 124, 152, 121 and 9 shillings respectively; Canada firsts, 16; second color, 117; low red, 16; seconds, 91, and thirds, 71 shillings; N.W., second color, 12; seconds, 81, and thire , 1 shilling.

White fox, firsts, large, 26; small, 227; greasy, 921; seconds, 177; thirds, 10, and fourths, 47 shillings; M. R. and L. W. R., 29, 231, 24, 211, 121 and 51 shillings, respectively; E.B., firsts, large, 34; small, 241; seconds, 231; thirds, 14, and fourths, 41 shillings.

Blue fox, Y.F., firsts, large, 160; small, 80; greasy, 55; seconds, 85, and thirds, 26 shillings. ".unk, firsts, cased, 61 open; seconds, cased, 34 shillings; M. R. firsts, open, 44; Canada firsts, cased, 41 shillings.

Marten, Yorkfort large, 23; small, 13; pale, 112; small pale, 97; seconds, 121; thirds, 79; fourth, 41, and damaged, 61 shillings; F. G., 521, 32, 16, 13;, 16}, 111, 5%, and 8%, respectively; M. K. R., 194, 15, 12", 22, 11, 73 and 4 shillings respectively; M. R., 19, 131, 121, 87, 94, 74, 44 and 64 shillings respectively; E. B., 361, 241, 131, 11, 131, 92, 43 and 8 shilling respectively; E. B., 37, 234, 154, 94, 154, 104, 13 and 84 shillings; Canada, large, 14; small, 10]; pale, 91; N. W., large, 221; smill, 144, and pale, 121 shillings.

Beaver, Yorkfort firsts, large, 454; smull, 204; seconds, large, 371; small, 164; thirds, large, 24, and small, 13 shillings; M. K. R. firsts, large, 42; small, 184; Canada firsts, large, 374 shillings; N. W. firsts, large, 46; small, 20; seconds, large, 36; small, 16; thirds, large, 26; small 124, and cubs, 77 shillings.

Lynx, Yorkfort large, 301; middling, 193; small, 144; seconds, large, 24 shillings; M. R. large, 331; middling, 251; small, 181; Canada, large, 301; middling, 22; small, 17; seconds, large, 24% shillings; N. W. large, 281, middling, 21; seconds, large, 221; seconds, small, 151 shillings.

Wolf, Y. F. large, 23h; small, 7h; seconds, large, 41, and small, 41 shilling; E. B. large, 90, and N. W. large, 8 shillings.

Mink. Y. F. firsts, large, 73; small, 61; teconds, 64; thir is, 24 shillings; M. R., 91, 71, 64 and 24 shillings respectively; Canada, 84, 74, 57 and 21 respectively; N. W. firsts, large 8; seconds, 4; thirds, 1 11 12 shillings.

Black bear, Yorkfort I. rough, 215; low, 180; II. low, 120; II. rough, 170; I. woolly, 145 shillings; M. R. and Canada, 240, 190, 125, 163, 195 and 155 shillings respectively; N. W., 270, 200, 140 147½ and 185 shillings.

Grey bear, Y. F., I. rough, 145; N. W., do.,

160 shillings.

White bear, I. rough, 60 shillings.
Wolverine, Y. F., open, firsts, 28; cased, 20; seconds, open, 16½; N., 21¼, 17½ and 13½ shillings respectively; E. B., firsts, open, 28½; M. R. do., 23 shillings.

Badger, Y. F. firsts, 22 shillings. Brown bear, Y. F., I. rough, 340; I. low, 275; woolly, 260 shillings; N. W., I. rough, 185; woolly, 240 shillings.

Hair seals, N. W., large, 34; middling 3; small, 24; extra small, 2; large cub, 24 shillings.

Musk ox, large, 185; small, 105 shillings. Kit fox, Yorkfort firsts, 3 shillings—New York Fur Trad Review.

A little wool is coming in. About 8 to 81c is bein; paid for unwashed, and about 141 for washed Cotswold and Leicester.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

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There is nothing new to be added to the situation in wheat. In outside markets prices held pretty steady last week, and without inportant features. All attention is now centered on the crop situation. Reports from the fall wheat districts of the continent have continued favorable, and with prospects of an early harvest. Fall wheat is up from 4 inches in the northern portion of the fall wheat belt, to 24 inches or more in the southern fall wheat districts. Rain was said to be needed in some sections. Spring wheat reports are also favorable, though rain is also needed in some parts. In Manitoba the weather was warm during the last few days of last week, though early in the week there were some cold days. Growth has not been very rapid yet, and rain is now needed all over the province, to bring on the crops, though there is no actual suffering yet from lack of moisture. There is not enough business doing to give any close quotation. After the rush of spring work is over, it is expected there will be some activity in delivering wheat, though there is no reliable estimate of the quantity of wheat yet held by farmers.

FLOUR.

Prices hold at the decline noted last week. Quotations to the local trade, delivered in the city, or f. o. b. care are:—Patents, \$2.90; st ong bakers, \$2.70; XXXX, \$2.00; second bakers, \$2.45 to \$2.55; superfine, \$1.40; middlings, \$2.90; Graham flour, \$2.70.

MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold unchanged at \$10 per ten for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts.

OATS

On the market as high as 33c has been paid for feed oats, and up to 35c for choice oats for seed. Quotations for ordinary feed, however, may be placed at 31 to 33c for loads on the market, and 30 to 32c for cars on track.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Quotations are unchanged as follows: \$2.60 for standard catment and 2.75 for granulated per hundred. Rolled cats, \$3 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal is held at \$1.75 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

CHEESE

Prices appear to be irregular. Sales are reported at 10c and 10jc, with some dealers quoting 11c.

TUTTER.

Receipts of new butter are not large yet, and now only about sufficient to supply the demand. The feeling, however, is easy, in expectation of larger receipts soon, and dealers do not care to hold any quantity of fodder butter in excess of immediate requirements. Present receipts are largely in the shape of rolls and prints, for which 22c is obtained for best quaities. From that figure prices range downward to 18c per lb. for medium to fair, now rolls and prints. Stocks of old butter are not large, and mostly of indifferent quality. Prices for old range from 12 to 18c, as to quality, though really choice old, which is hardly obtainable, would bring a cent or two more.

EGGS.

Case lots were selling at 12ac most of the week, though quoted as high as 13c in some instances. Sales of large lots for packing were learned of at 12c, and one sale reported at 11ac for a similar lot. Receipts were not excessive, but freer than the previous week, and larger receipts are looked for, now that the rush of

spring work is about over, when farmers will have more time to market their produce.

LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago at \$2.35.

CURED MEATS.

Prices hold at last quotations as follows:—Mess pork, \$19 to \$20 per brl; long clear dry salt bacon, 10½c per lb; smoked breakfast bacon, 13½ to 14c: rolls, 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c per lb. Bologna sausage, 8c per lb. For smoked meats, sales at close cash prices are being made at ½ to ½c per pound under above quotations.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef of good quality is in plentiful supply, and is selling at close prices on the cost, in proportion to prices paid for live cattle. Prices usually range from 6) to 7c for good to choice. Pork is held at 8½ to 9c usually, but some hogs have been obtained at about Sc for packing. Mutton is steady at 12½c. Veal easy at about

POTLTRY.

Chickens are the only things offering in quantities, and these are easier, at 75 to 80c per pair.

LIVE STOCK.

Just at present the market for cattle is very flat. No rail lots were received last week, but a couple of cars came in at the close of the previous week sold at a loss to the shipper. Buyers here are well stocked up for some time ahead, and are holding a large number of cattle in the country. A straight quotation cannot be given, but at present it would be difficult to obtain a profitable figure. Say from 3 to 3½c per pound. Hogs find ready sale, quotations ranging from 5½ to 6c per pound. A sale is reported at \$6.65 per 100 pounds.

Grain and Milling.

McCulloch & Co. are building a large storehouse adjoining heir mills at Rapid City, Man.

A correspondent at Boissevain, Man., writes: W. Preston, of Stratford, Ont., has wired from Winnipeg to our mill committee his willingness to accept the offer made and to commence the building of a roller mill at once with a capacity of 100 barrels per day. The building is to be of stone, 30 x 48, 40 feet high.

The outmost business in Ontario appears to be in bad shape. At a recent meeting of the Oatmeal Millers' Association, held at Toronto, about a dozen were present out of about fifty mills represented in the association. So discouraging is the outlook that a resolution winding up the association was adopted. New mills are constantly bein tablished, though only about a third of those in existence are running.

The Portage la Prairie Liberal says :- "A local grain dealer informed us the other day that more wheat in proportion to the amount of land under cultivation has been sown this year than ever before. Oats and barley seem to be at a discount." No doubt the high prices which ruled for wheat in Manitoba during the past season for marketing wheat, will have the effect of inducing farmers to put in a large acrange of wheat this season, but farmers should not shorten their other crops, in expectation of the high wheat prices continuing for another year. At the present time the prospect for wheat prices next season is all the other way. Wheat prices at leading wheat centres are now about as low as they were this time last year. The season has been a very favorable one all over the continent, and prospects so far point to a big wheat | creasing prosperity.

crop for the present year. Of course the crop is liable to serious damage at any time between now and harvest, but if present prospects are realized, wheat is liable to be very low next fall. Besides, our wheat buyers have been very unfortunate this season, having bought their wheat while prices were high, and they are not now able to sell out their stocks to clear themselves. Grain dealers will therefore be careful another season and not pay extravagant prices because Chicago speculators are successful in working a corner in wheat, or for some other similar reason. The present season has been all in favor of the wheat-grower and against the buyers, in Manitoba, but next year may reverse the situation.

Confederation Life Association.

The annual report of this association for the year 1888, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, is well worthy of a careful perusal, not only by the policy holders of that association, but by all who have made or are likely to make the life insurance provisions which are so necessary for business men above all others.

The figures on the surface of this report give the most complete assurance, not only of the healthy and prosperous state of the association. but of the careful and economical manner in which its business has been managed from the date of its establishment. At the beginning of the year the association carried forward a balance of \$2,079,065.71, to which was added during the year \$510,102.78 of premiums and other items of income aggregating \$639,797.96, from which has to be deducted payments of claims amounting to \$208,124.23, and other expenditures, aggregating in all \$354,238.14, leaving a balance to be carried forward at the end of the year of \$2,364,615.82, which st vs a clear addition to the resources of the association for the year of \$285,560.11.

The above are the surface figures of the report, and the deeper one goes below these the more he is convinced of the economy and good judgment that has all along been used in the conduct of the association's business affairs. One prominent point in connection with those affairs is, that at no time duing the history of the association has its capital been impaired.

The statement of the Confederation, while it is only the figures of a record of steady plodding and careful work, destitute of sensation, or even novelty, embraces some points which call for more than passing notice. For instance the unusally small item of \$12,147.53, paid out for dividends to stockholders and civic taxes, can only be accounted for by the fact that the profits of the association are divided up by allowing ninety-five per cent. of them for distribution among participating policy holders, and only five per cent. to the stockholders, who guarantee the association's capital.

The Confederation is not only heavily interested in life insurance business in Manitoba, but has quite a large proportion of funds invested here. Funds, is fact, equal to, if not greater, than all the revenue it has hitherto drawn thereform. It is satisfactory, therefore, to know that the Northwestern business of the Association under the supervision of Messrs. McDonald, Kerr & Markley, is quite an important item, and one which contributes materially to its increasing prosperity.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Confederation Life Association

For the Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1888.

In presenting the Soventeenth Annual report of the Association your Directors are glad that they can congratulate the policyholders and shareholders on the satisfactory results which the report and financial statements show. They have nothing startling to report, as the conservative principles which have guided, the operations of the Company in the past have been kept steadily in view, though they have had to contend with the apparent determination of many companies to get brainess at any cost, and in any way, a practice which is having a demoralizing effect on both the agents and the public.

During the year the board has had under consideration 1831 applications for a total assurance of \$2,750,803: of these, 121 for \$11,0,500 were declined. The total new issue for the year, including 25 policies for \$37,535 revived, was 1,735 for \$2,037,843. The total business in force at the close of the year was \$16,702,937, under 10,890 policies on 9,588 lives. The death claims have been favorable. There were 67 deaths, calling for the sum of \$112,044.00, including bonus additions. The following statement of the death claims for the past eight years, and the receipts for interest and rems during the same period, will doubtless prove interesting to persons already connected with the Company, and will be well worth the consideration of intending insurers:—

DEATH CLAIMS (NET),

1881 \$ 40,540 68
1882 51,656 18
1883 73,914 75
1584 70,526 60
1885 82,525 33
1886 85,948 85
1887 119,800 o2
1888 112,044 09

\$036,471 4S
INTERFST AND RENT.
1881 8 48,229 95
1982 57,229 73
1883 61,006 ol
1881 72,889 72
1885 85,968 78
1886 98,718 51
1\$87 112,590 40

1888 129,672 17

8060,**3**84 27

These figures show that for the past eight years the interest and rents actually ressived have paid the death claims and left a balance over of \$32,912.79. If, to the foregoing there be added the figures for the previous nine years of the Association's existence, it will be found that the interest and rents have not only paid the death claims from the outset, but leave a surplus of \$14.761 of. a result which your directors believe has never before been attained in the same period of time. Such a result bears the most emphatic testimony to two things, namely, carefulness in the selection of risks, and the ealistatory character of the Company's investments. Your Directors do not think it prudent to enter for the race for new husiness at any cost, being satisfied to secure a fair share on conservative lines. As a result substantial progress has been made, and the Company's stakes in every way strengthened. In this your directors are convinced that they are best carrying out the true principles of a life insurance institution. The financial statement, duly attested, submitted herewith, will fully exhibit the Con-pany's condition. Mr John Langton, who has been one of the auditor's for years, having felt it accessify to resign, owing to Ill-health, Mr. W. R. Trarris was appointed to the vacancy, and with Mr. John M. Martin has continued the audit.

Your directors are pleased to refer to the continued taithfulness of the agency and office staff, in both of which some important changes have taken place.

All the directors retire, but are eligible for re-election.

W. P. HOWLAND, President, J.E. MACCONALD, Managing Director.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	disbursements.
Net ledger assets carried forward from 1897	Napenses \$110,332 d8 R - Insurance premiums 5,409 95 Annuities 4,042 30 Commissions on losas 5,035 00 Renty 3,301 02 Taxes 1,420 S7
Dec 31st, 1339. Premiums	To FOLICYHOLDERS, TO FOLICYHOLDERS,
Interest and rents	Dividends to stockholders and civic tax

BALANCE SHEET.

	
Mortgages\$1,632,529	
Debentures 207,459	Assurance and annuity fund82,234,415 00
Real estate	58 Losses by death, accrued
Loans on stocks and debentures 125,313	30 Premiums paid in advauce
Government stock and deposit 4,727	82 Fees-Doctors, Directors, Auditors 7,938 22
Leans on company's policies	68 Rent
Fire promiums due from mortgagors 1,700	85 Held to cover cost of collecting outstanding
Furniture 2,783	of and deferred premiums
Loans to azents, etc. (secured) 1,050	
Advances for travelling agents' expenses 1,090	
Agents' balances	
Sundry current accounts 859	37
Suspense (cash in Bank of Commerce) 4,816	16 \$2,553,362 86
Cash (in banks, 853,213.75; on hand, 8498.20) 58,709	95
 -	-1
£2,385,500	64
Less liabilities (current accounts) 884	Surplus above all liability \$178,554 27
\$2,361,015	82 Capital stock, paid upas above 100,000 00
Outstanding premiums (reserve included in	Capital stock subscribed, not
liabilities) \$49,340.36 covered by notes 97,515	catled in 900,000 00
Deferred (4 yearly and 4 yearly) premiums (reserve included in liabilities	•
Interest due and accrued 57,039	Total ournitie encurity for
Difference between cost and market value	policyholders\$1,178,584 27
debentures 5.747	97
	·-
Total assets	J. K. MACDONALD, Managing Director.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have audited the books of the Association for the year ending 31st Dec., 1888, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and the above financial statements agree with the books and are correct. We have also examined the securities represented in the rasets, which are safely kept in the Association's vault (except the securities lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to \$34,046, par value) and found them in good order.

Toronto, March, 18th, 1888.

JOAN M. MARTIN, F. C. A., Auditore. W. R. Harris,

ACTUARY'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have computed the value of the assurance and annuity obligations of the Association as at December 31st, 1888, as set forth below. The assurances were valued according to the Institute of Actuaries' Mortality Experience Tables and 41 per cent interest—the annuities according to the Go-criment Annuity Sables and 4 per cent interest.

Amount	Reserve.
. \$16,661,084 00	\$2,074,407 00
. 101,853 00	50,661 on
\$16,762,937 ou	\$2,125,063 00
146,576 50	23,357 00
. \$16,616,360 50	\$2,101,711 oo
	23,535 oo
	101,500 on
er surrender	7,600 00
	82,234,415 oo
	\$10,061,054 oo 101,553 oo \$16,702,937 oo 146,576 5o \$16,616,360 5o

Toronto, March 11th, 1888.

W. C. MACDONALD, Actuary.

Note—It having recently been asserted that all companies doing a Life Insurance business suffer an impairment of capital in the earlier years—a mis-statement which has been specially applied to this Association—the directors take this opportunity of stating that the capital of the Confederation Life has never been impaired, as the Association has enjoyed a Surplus over all Liabilities, increasing scarly from \$4,237.99 at the end of the first year. The Directors would also call special attention to the fact that the participating policy-holders are getting 95 per cent, of the profits on the participating branch, the shareholders receiving only 5 per cent, in return for the guarantee afforded by the capital, \$1,000,000.

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A NEW wholesale establishment has been added to the business institutions of Winnipeg. Reference is made to the business of James Grigor, who has opened in the wholesale jewellery line, at 543 Main street. Mr. Grigor is already acquainted with the jewellery trade of this country, having been formerly connected with the jewellery house of W. F. Doll, in the capacity of commercial traveller. We wish him every success in his venture.

J. E. Mills, a well known commercial traveller, lately on the road for the house of Mackenzie and Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, has set up business for himself in Winnipeg. Mr. Mills has opened a real estate and mining exchange and collecting and employment sgency at No. 543 Main st. He will also look after and rent properties for non residents and others. Parties having property for sale, or wishing to do any business in the lines mentioned, will find Mr. Mills a reliable and trustworthy person His friends of the grip will wish him success.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, April 29, May wheat opened &chigher than Saturday's closing price, at \$1\frac{1}{2}c, and ranged during the day from \$1\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$1\frac{7}{2}c. The visible supply statement to-day showed a decrease of 943,000 bushels, making the total now 26,046,:595 bushels, against 32,464,000 bushels a year ago, and 47,313,476 bushels two years ago. Exports of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports for last week, were equal to 1,000,000 bushels. This showing gave some strength to the market. Closing prices were:

		o unc.	•	aug.
Wheat .	S12	857	283	77}
Corn	33]	843	351	352
Oats	555	23	23}	_
Pork	11.574	11.70	11.80	11.90
Lard	G S2}	G.S74 .	0.92}	6.973
Short Ribe	5.92}	0.033	6.12}	6 173

There was no meeting of the board on Tuesday, being a holiday. On Wednesday May wheat opened at \$13c, and ranged from \$03 to \$13c. July ranged from 783 to 793c. Closing prices were:

		May.	June.	July	Aug.
Wheat		81	813	79	77}
Corn		33}	24	34}	35}
Oats	••	20	∞}	22}	-
Pork		11,42}	11.521	11 60	11.72}
Lard.		6.77	0.82}	6.85	6.92}
Short Ribs		5.85	5.921	0.00	6.10

On Thursday, wheat was weak and closed at about the lowest prices of the day. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	_	78]	773	_
30 m	_	34	34}	223
Oats	_	_		_
Pork	-	11.62}	11.72}	11.821
Lard		0.851	6.571	6.923
Short Ribs			·`	

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Wheat had a better tone on Friday. Opening prices at 78% for June and 77% for July, were the lowest of the day. Closing prices were & to de under the top for the day, as follows:

	wy.	94114	• •••	*****
Wheat	_	S01	781	76}
Corn	_	34}	35	353
Oats	_		-	-
Pork		11.65	11.75	11 85
Lard		6.83	$6.87\frac{1}{2}$	6.923
Short Ribs				

The Sugar Situation.

Statisticts point to the fact that the production of the world's supply of sugar is rather below than abreast of consumption, and that stocks have been declining since 1885 6. On the 1st March, and nearest approximate dates, the visible supply according to Licht, was 1,069,803 tons, against 1,313,621 tons at corresponding date in 1888, and 1,480,986 tons in 1887, showing a decrease in two years of 411,178 tons.

Czarnikow's London circular of the 5th discloses a similar condition. The cargoes affoat for Europe are reported at 45,454 tons, against 105,488 in 1888, and 113,807 tons in 1887. The stocks in the four ports of the United Kingdom on the 30th of March were 151,536 tons against 304,240 at the same date in 1888, a reduction of about one-half in three years. To add to the strength of the situation, there is a large shortage in the supply from Brazil. Also a large deficiency in the Java shipments. The Cuban crop also shows a shortage of from 150,000 to 200,000 tons, while the best root sugar production will be much below the earlier estimates—Toronto Monetary Times.

The board of trade and town council of Regina have appointed a committee to welcome new sett'ers to the district, and render them any possible assistance, such as furnishing a guide for land hunters, etc. This is a laudable move, and one worthy of imitation.

THE Calgary Tribune urges the appointment by the Government of a hide and brand inspector at that place. The chief duty of such an inspector would be to examine all cattle which are being shipped out of the country, and keep a record of the brands which the animals bear. It is an easy matter, says the Tribune, for a shipper to pick up cattle which do not belong to him, when he is driving in his cattle to the railway for shipment, and ship them away with his own animals, without detection. The appointment of a Government official to inspect the brands of cattle which are being shipped, would provide a remedy.

Ir is learned that the past winter has been a mild one away up north in the Mackenzie river country. The Bulletin, published at Edmonton, nortern Alberta, says. Dr. McKay, chief factor for the Hudson's Bay Co., arrived from Slave lake on Saturday evening. The winter at Slave lake and Peace river has been quite as mild as at Edmonton. There was a snow fall in the early part of the winter, but warm weather made the ground bare again shortly. Horses have been used all winter in packing supplies instead of dcg trains. The cattle on the Hudson's Pay ranch near Dunvegan have picked their living all winter and have done well." It is evident from this that there is a vast territory north of the North Saskatchewan river which is well adapted to agricultural and pastoral pursuits, and possessing a climate as favorable as more southern districts.

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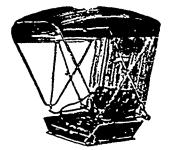
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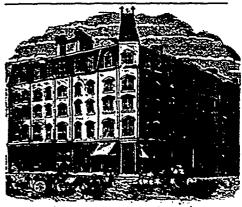


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O. O'Boyle, hotelkeeper, Drayton, has sold nut

J. M. Chase, manufacturer, Paisley, has assigned.

Robert Greene, clothier, London, has assigned.

Wm. Beattie, harnessmaker, Chesley, has assigned.

E. J. Stephenson, shoes, Brantford, has assiened.

George Hunter, millinery, Strathroy, has assigned.

Wm. Getty, hotelkeeper, Leamington, has sold out.

Philip Ridley, baker, etc., Radgetown, has sold out.

John G. James, tins, Waterford, has moved to Belmont.

Howard E. Hughes, tins, etc., St. Thomas, has assigned.

Thomas Stephenson, cabinets, etc., Ailsa Craig, is dead.

Leo & Chillas, wholesale jewelers, Toronto, have dissolved.

H. W. Moad, general storekeeper, Chester-

ville, has assigned. Jas. G. Anderson, general storekeeper, Flesh-

erton, has assigned.

A mstrong & Co., books and stationery, Toronto, have assigned. J. M. Wilson, baker and confectioner, To-

ronto, has assigned. Van Velson & Shaver, physicians, Blenheim,

Dr. Van Velson is dead.

Samuel Kirkland, builder and furniture, Teeswater, has assigned.

J. J. Dutton, groceries and liquor, Toronto, has sold out his grocery business.

B. & E. Baxter, dealers in grain, Caynga, grain warehouse and contents burned.

P. W. Bell, general storekeeper, Collingwood, has compromised at 60c in the dollar.

QUEBEC.

A. Noiseux, hotelkeeper, Beloeil, has assigned.

M. Bisaillon & Fils, carriages, Laprarie, has assigned.

Loranger & Jurret, builders, Montreal, have dissolved.

Messier & Collette, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

I. D. Thurston, manufacturer of shoes, Montreal, has assigned.

C. W. Niggins, general storekeoper, Papincauville, has assigned.

Mrs. Jos. Lavallee, grocer, St. Cyrille de Wendover, has assigned.

P. Gardener & Fils, general storekeepers, Woodside, have assigned.

Geo. Robb & Son, carriage hardware, etc., Kuowlton, have dissolved.

G W. Vancor & Son, pump manufacturers, Knowlton, have dissolved.

Lake Superior Region.

S. Smith started his shingle mill at Fort William last week.

It is reported that the Silver Islet mine will be put under work again at an early date. It is probable that a shaft of 1000 feet will be sunk on the mainland and prospecting operations started at that depth.

Toronto Hides and Wool Prices. ---

The demand for hides is of a limited character. Stocks in dealers hands are large. Car lots of cured, presnt take off have sold at 54c, but for fall and early winter more than this is asked. Sheepskins are dull. Calfskins more plentiful and prices weak. Prices are:-

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Stonewall.

The town of Stonewall, Manitoba, is one of the places in the province which has been neglected by the Winnipeg papers. Write-ups and articles of information concerning othe sections of the province have been freely published in the city papers, but very little has ever been said of Stonewall. The only reason which can be given for this is, that Stonewall is too near home to have been considered worthy of much attention. This is a peculiar reason, but in the absence of any more reasonble excuse, this one may be given. THE COMMERCIAL will try and make up to some extent for this neglect on the part of the city papers, by devoting a brief article to Stonewall and district.

Stonewall has been an old and familiar name to many in Manitoba for years. The place has been visited by a great many of the residents of Winnipeg from time to time, owing to its nearness to the the city, and to the fact that it is a favorite point for pic-nics and excursions from the city. Stonewall is situated a little over nineteen miles north by west of Winnipeg. by railway, and it is the terminus of the Stonewall branch of the C. P. R., which connects the place with the city. Ten years ago there was not much sign of a town where the place now stands. land upon which Stonewall is built, was homesteaded by S. J. Jackson, M.P.P., in 1873. A few years later Mr. Jackson conceived the idea of

STARTING A TOWN

upon his farm. He consequently had a portion of his property surveyed in 1878, and layed out in town lots. A grist mill has frequently proved the neuclus of a future town or city, and so it was in the case of Stonewall. O. P. Jackson and James Drake built a grist mill here in 1878, in aid of which the proprietor of the future townsite gave ten acres near the centre of his town plot. O. P. Jackson epened the first store about this time. Thus the neuclus of the town was established, and gradually additional business places were established. Mr. S. J. Jackson followed the custom of giving free building sites to all parties who were willing to erect | which there is not much travel, the district has

buildings in the place, and in this way quite an amount of property was given away. In 1881 the railway was built from Winnipeg to Stonewall, by the Dominion Government. Mr. Jackson gave thirty acres of land as an inducement to locate a station at the rising town, and a well and water tank was a'so donated for the same purpose.

It will be remembered by the settlers in Manitoba previous to 1882, that Portage la Prairie was reached via Stonewall. The Government extended the railway from Stonewall to Portage la Prairie, but when the road passed into the hands of the C. P. R. syndicate, a new road was built direct from Winnipeg to Portage, and the road between Stonewall and the Portage was torn up. Stonewall then became the northern terminus of the branch road, and it has remained so since.

With the advent of the railway in 1881, Stonewall was given quite a "boom," and the place grew rapidly. Operations were commenced quarrying the

EXCELLENT BUILDING STONE

which is found on the town-site, and during the rapid construction of the C. P. Railway, a large quantity of stone was taken out for bridging and other purposes on the railway. At this time about 150 men were employed in the stone quarries. This nelped greatly to boom the place. At this time Mr. Jackson could have sold out his town-site and retired wealthy, but he had such faith in the future of the place that he did not do so. This is where he got left, to use a common expression. With the flattening out of the great Manitoba "boom," which so seriously affected all the o'der towns of the province, Stonewall also flattened. The stoppage of railway construction and general building, brought about the closing of work at the stone quarries, and thus the principal source of revenue to the town, outside of the farmers' trade, was destroyed. Several years of depression followed, with a shrinkage in population and the number of business places. About two years ago it begains apparent that the depth of depression had been reached and passed, and signs of improvement were visible. During the last two years the town has slowly but steadily improved, and it is now quite as prosperous as the average village in Manitoba. The population is now about 400, and there are about thirty business establishments in the place.

The present improved condition of Stonewall is due to the gradual setflement of the excellent farming country surrounding, and to the better financial condition of the older settlers. As an agricultural district the residents of Stonewall and vicinity declare that there is none better in Manitoba. The country has been fairly well settled in the vicinity of the town, and particularly to the north and west, for years, and many settlers who travelled all over the province, have retured and located in this district, in preference to any other. During recent years the stream of immigration has been. westward and southwestward, and the Stonewall region has not received its fair share of new settlers. No effort has been made to draw the attention of new-comers to the excellence of the district, and being on a brauch line upon

not re cived that attention which its advantages entitle it to. The

ADVANTAGES OF THE STONEWALL DISTRICT for sattlement are many and important, and may be summarised as follows: First, as an agricultural district, it will compare favorably with the most renowned sections of Manitoba. There is abundance of wood all through the district. Excellent water is easily obtained in unlimited quantities. In this respect the residents claim that they have better water than any section of the country. There is plenty of hay, and the numerous bluffs afford protection to stock Schools and churches are established all over the district. In the municipality of Rockwood, of which Stonewall is the centre, there are thirteen schools and about twenty churches. Another important feature is the market facilities. Stonewall affords as good a local market for the disposal of grain and farmers' produce as can be found in Manitoba, and in addition to this, settlers here are within driving distance of Winnipeg. Thus it has advantages of markets possessed by no other place in the province. Another important point is that land can be obtained here at lower figures than in most of the other favorite districts of the province. Prices of land vary from \$2 to \$5 per acre as to quality. It will be seen from these statements that the Stonewall district is really one of the most favored localities of the province. There are some districts having an excellent soil for farming, but without wood. Other districts possessing really choice land, are at a disadvantage from the difficulty in obtaining water. It can therefore be truthfully said that the Stonewall district has all the advantages and none of the drawbacks to settlement.

The town of Stonewall itself is situated on a gravel ridge, affording excellent natural drainage. Mud and dirty streets are unknown. The town is surrounded by groves of trees, which give a pleasing effect. Underlying the town is a solid strata of excellent building stone, and this stone forms a natural floor for the cellars of the stores and residences. A great deal of stone was taken from here during the construction of the C. P. railway, and for use for building purposes in Winnipeg. Of late years very little has been done, but this year operations in the quarries are more active. Stone has recently been taken out for the two bridges across the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, for the Northern Pacific railway. Lime is also manufactured

The principal industry of Stonewall at present is the

ROLLER FLOUR MILL,

of Rutherford & Co. The mill has a capacity of 50 barrels daily, but there is ample room in the building for a grinding capacity of 125 barrels. The proprietors contemplate enlarging the mill to this capacity at some future time. The mill was originally a stone system mill, the roller plant having been put in two years ago. The mill is a great convenience to the farmers. The surplus flour over local requirements has all found a market in Winnipeg. There is another roller flour mill in the municipality, at Balmoral, north of Stonewall.

In the mercantile line there are four general

stores, the oldest estab ished business now in existence being that of J. B. Rutherford, who started in 1882. G. C. Longstreet & Co. carry on business as general merchants. Connected with this business is that of Longstreet & Co., hardware and boots and shoes. The hardware and shoe lines are carried on in a separate building from the general store. Lindsay & Paterson carry a large stock of general merchandise in all lines but hardware. Coumbs & Co. carry a general stock of staple goods, but make a specialty of boots and shoes. All the general merchants nand e farm produce largely, and some buy grain. J. Montgomery confines his business to hardware, tinware, etc., and he also represents the Watson Manufacturing' Co. in agricultural implements. Geo. Houston carries a stock of stoves and tinware, and manufactures tin, copper and sheet iron goods, etc... eavetroughing and roofing. He is the only manufacturer in these lines. James Walton buys cattle for shipment and carries on a meat business. He also handles groceries, provisions and produce. Wm. Hancock carries a stock of furniture, and in an adjoining building he also has a fine stock of harness goods. He does manufacturing in the harness and saddlery line. and he also manufactures blacksmiths' bellows. The bellows he disposes of principally to Winnipeg wholesale dealers. G. G. Graham has a blacksmith shop, and he also handles agricultural machinery and implements for Harris, Son & Co., in which line he does a large trade. H. C. McQuarrie, blacksmith, handles the implements of the Massey Manufacturing Co. J. W. Clift also has a blacksmith shop. The millinery and fancy goods line is represented by the Misses A. & L Anderson. Isaac Riley does the lumber trade of the town. N. H. Jackson carries on business in drugs, Mrs. Mc-Ewan handles confectionery, etc., W. E. Crawford is the jeweller, A. B. Thom, the photographer, and Dr. Dunn cures the sick. Thos. Lusted has a wagon shop, in connection with G. G. Graham's establishment. The painting line is attended to by Godfrey Brown, and Bell Bros. have a livery business. There are two hotels. The Villa House is kept by Isaac Walton. It has sample rooms for commercial men. Mr. Wulton also sel's agricultural implements for H. S. Wesbrook, of Winnipeg. This season he is experimenting in fa ming. The Canada Pacific Hotel is kept by Isaac Riley, who has good sample rooms and stabling in connection with his house, and a lumber yard adjoining.. Among the business institutions of the place must also be noticed the Stonercall News, which, though mentioned last. is not least in importance. The News is a weekly journal, published by Neil R. Mc-Donald.

Stonewall has

FOUR CHURCHES

and a splendid school building. There are also a number of very good residences, including that of S. J. Jackson. Mr. Jackson, who is member of the local house for the district, has a farm adjoining the town, which he claims is the best farm in Manitoba. A number of the buildings are built of store. Stonewall is not incorporated, and this is a very fortunate circumstance. Had it been incorporated during the "boom" days, it would, doubtless, like

many of the other older towns of the province, been now heavily in debt. The municipality of Rockwood, of which it forms a part, has only a debenture debt of \$7,000. The conneil has adopted the plan of paying for all improvements as they are made, and though this has made the taxes rather high while settlement is sparse, yet it leaves the municipality in good financial shape. There are unpaid taxes due sufficient to wipe out the present debenture debt. Stonewall has a registry office and court building, but the people are so law abiding that a case has never yet come up at the court for the district. The town has therefore no use for a lawyer.

The implement dealers report large sales of implements this spring and a large increase in the area of land under cultivation. About 25 per cent. more new land was broken last summer. The hardware dealers report large sales of wire fencing. This shows that the country is advancing in settlement. Wheat grown in the Stonewall district took first prize at the Manitoba Provincial Exhibition for several years in succession. A cheese factory has been operated at Stonewall for some years, but it is understood that it will not likely be operated this season. One of the sights of Stonewall is a field full of bee-hives. The bees are owned by A. Magwood, grain dealer, who brought in a few hives from Ontario some years ago, and found the bees so profitable that he imorted about fifty more hives last summer.

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A. N. Milne, tailor, Vancouver, has sold out.

Ewen Boll, general storekcoper, Clinton, has assigned.

P. Latham has opened in fruits, flowers, etc., at Westminster.

James Harvey, general merchant, Namimo, intends retiring from business.

Davis & Beveridge, clothie's, etc., Nanaimo, have opened a branch store at Comox.

I. H. Hallett, barrister, from New Brunswick, has opened a law office at Vancouver.

Grant, painter, Westminster, has skipped to the U. S., forgetting to pay up his little bills around town.

G. W. A. Gordon, stationery and post master, Revelstoke, has "skipped the country," and is now in Scattle.

At a meet ng of the Island Railway Co. and the Union Coal Co., held in Victoria, Alex. Dunsmuir was elected president of the former, and James Dunsmuir president of the latter.

The Nanaime Daily Courier has been again enlarged. Apparently the enterprise of publishing a daily paper in the Black Diamond city is proving very successful. New type and press has also been received.

The board of directors of the Vancouver Street Railway Company, have awarded the contract for the construction of the company's system to H. P. McCraney. Work will be commenced at once and the whole is to be completed by August 15th next.

The anti-Chinese agitation at Vancouver is spreading, and trouble is feared. After May 1, a number of employers of labor in the city have agreed not to employ Chinese, and mechanics and laborers are signing agreements not to work where Chinese are employed.

The assessment rate at Westminster has been fixed at one cent. on the \$, with a reductior of 25 per cent. for prompt payment. This is a very low rate, and shows that Westminster is in a healthy condition financially. Last year the rate was one and one-third per cent.

The steamer "Sardonyx," owned by the Canada Pacific Navigation Co., of Victoria, struck a rock in the Skena river, and is beached. She was loaded with supplies for the salmon canneties, which may cause very inconvenient delay to the canneties in the north.

The Westminster Columbian of April 26 says:

—The Bon Accord Packing Co, has the honor of packing the first salmon of 1889. The first boiling was made on Saturday lust, when a couple of dozen cases were packed. Since then a number of cases have been packed every day and the total pack now amounts to close on 150 cases. Only a few boats have been employed so far, but if the run shows any signs of increasing an additional number will be pressed into service.

Few people, says the Westminster Columbian, have any idea of the number of immigrants who have settled in this district sin. e the beginning of the year. T.L. Briggs, of the C. P. Navigation Co., says that not a steamer has left for up river ports during the last six weeks which

did not carry a number of new comers, and sometimes as many as twenty-five in one day. A number of new settlers who arrived in the country since the beginning of the year have already sent east for their families.

At the last meeting of the Vancouver.board of trade a discussion took place on the importance of having a mail sent to Nanaimo by the present direct tri weekly service, and the council was requested to take steps to this end. D. E. Brown read some extracts from Australian papers in respect to the proposed mail line of steamships between British Columbia, New Zealand and Australia, and a discussion took place on the matter, resulting in the committee on commerce and navigation being requested to provide a circular letter to be sent to the various chambers of commerce in Australia.

The Westminster Columbian says: largest tree on the Park Reserve was forcibly ejected from the ground on Saturday afternoon in the presence of Mayor Hendry, and the aldermen. The tree was 9 feet in diameter and considerably over 100 feet in height, and its estimated weight about 100 tons. Under the spreading roots of this monster was placed a 50 lb. box of power and a quantity of dynamite, which it was thought would be sufficient to send the tree bowling skywards. After the spectators had been removed to a safe distance, the fuse was lighted and the explosion soon followed. From out the cloud of dust, gravel, rocks and flying timbers the monster tree suddenly shot upwards in an almost perpendicular position, and a few seconds later sank downwards again, its butt striking the centre of the excavation made by the force of the explosives. For a moment it remained fixed, and then swayed forward and fell with magnificent force to the earth. An inspection of the tree showed that the stump and roots had been completely shattered by the explosion, and that the work intended to be accomplished had been most successfully performed.

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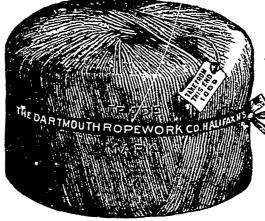
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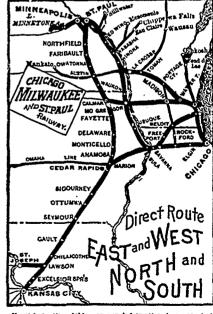
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