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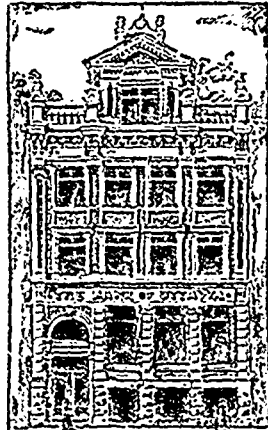
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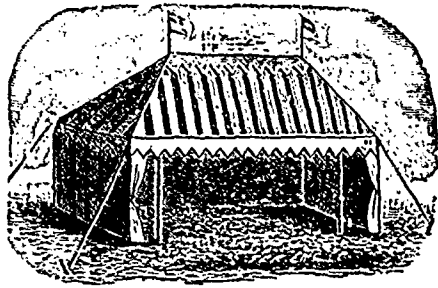
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STATUTE LABOR.

Manitoba municipalities are now sending out notices of statute labor requirements for the current year. Two or three progressive municipalities have abandoned this wasteful plan of road improvements, but the great majority still hold to this old and miserable custom of statute labor. This statute labor is generally carried out in largely a loss of labor. It is simply a plan for putting in time to the least possible advantage. If one half the amount were expended in cash under efficient and systematic direction, the result would be vastly greater.

THE STIKINE ROUTE.

The Edmonton board of trade has issued a lengthy circular "to the people and press of Canada," dealing with the Stikine route railway contract, and the question of routes to the Yukon. The circular attacks the contract very vigorously. There are some good points in the circular, particularly the objections to granting land in aid of the proposed railway. The Commercial has always strongly opposed grants of land under any consideration. At the same time, it is very doubtful if any good can be accomplished by the publication of this circular. The Stikine route railway question has now degenerated into the position of a straight party fight, and it will be carried through on this basis. Aside from the question of the

contract, The Commercial cannot see that it is necessary to oppose the Stikine route in order to advocate an interior route.

OUR LEAD INDUSTRY.

The editor of the Kootenayan is publishing a series of articles on lead mining in British Columbia. He points out that owing to the high tariff charged on lead going into the United States, we cannot ship lead to that country, and at present we have no market at home, consequently the smelting of lead ores is out of the question. The duty on lead ores going into the United States is lower than on the lead, and at present the ores of the Kootenay mines are shipped to the United States for smelting first and afterwards for sale. But even on this basis the lower grade mines cannot be profitably worked, while the presence of silver permits the working of the higher grade ores for shipment to the United States on a profitable basis.

The Kootenayan claims that the home market is not available "because of our low duty on lead and lead products, which admits foreign lead and lead manufactures comparatively free." The Kootenayan thinks we should advance the duty to such an extent as to shut out foreign lead. Following up this line it says:

"The question naturally follows: Can Canada consume the product of her lead mines? The official statistics given out by the department of Trade and Commerce show the consumption of lead in bar, sheet, white lead and lead manufactures to be about 25,000 tons per annum. The lead output of Canada for the year 1897 was approximately 18,000 tons, 7,000 tons short of the consumption. It is true that the establishment of factories to supply the demand for lead products would require time, but there is already a Canadian market for 8,000 tons of pig lead, none of which is now supplied by Canadian mines, and the comparatively easy establishment of roasting works would make a market for 6,000 tons more for the manufacture of lead paints. On the immediate or any future surplus we would be at no great disadvantage, so far as the United States market is concerned, than we are at the present time. Eighty per cent of the output could be almost immediately utilized in Canada."

The Commercial is not prepared to advocate this proposed increase in the duty on lead. It involves a very serious question and one which should be very carefully looked into before any such advance is made. At the same time the great importance of doing everything within reason to secure the development of our mineral resources, makes the question one worthy of consideration. While, therefore, The Commercial is not in possession of sufficient information to lead to any definite conclusions, we present the matter for the consideration of those interested.

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THE COMMERCIAL VISITS THE ELEVATOR TOWN.

The "Elevator Town" it is often termed. It might with equal justice be called a railway town, a sawmill town, a lakeport town, for all of these are factors that are combining with the grain trade to build up a thriving industrial community. Fort William is thriving, and it is also very progressive. During the past year by-laws were passed authorizing the expenditure of money to establish an electric light plant and waterworks, both to be municipal property and to be operated by the town. This is not only progressive, it is eminently a wise move, for a young town to take steps to control the valuable public franchises for its own benefit, and not allow them to pass into the hands of any private individuals. The electric plant of Fort William has been installed, and temporarily the power for generating electric energy will be steam, but it is expected that in the near future, when Mr. Jennison's company for utilizing the water power of Kakabeka falls is in operation, that this will take the place of steam. The project referred to, of developing power from the falls has now passed the preliminary stage and it is presumed that the company now moving in the matter will soon establish a power which when transmitted to the town will create a small revolution. It is also expected that manufacturing interests will be attracted west by the same means.

The proposed waterworks system will be commenced the coming season. The source of supply will be the lake on the top of Mount McKay, from which water will be conducted down the mountain and under (or over) the river to supply the town. Sufficient quantity for all possible needs can be obtained and the elevation gives a most adequate pressure. In fact a more perfect natural reservoir could hardly be found. And the most prominent feature of the landscape near the town on the Kam, will also have an economic importance.

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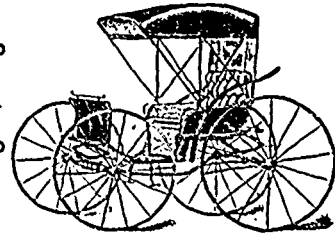
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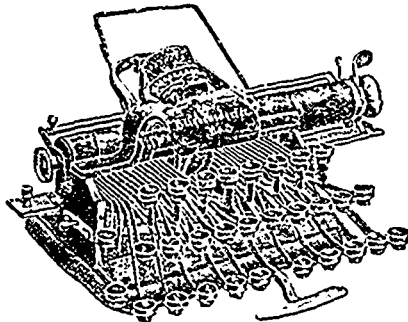
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beginnings of such interests exist at Fort William, and the near future promises great strides of development in that line. And there are reasons why the town by the Kam, will be a dangerous competitor with the city by the Red. Its situation where water transport ends and rail begins, offers advantages in transshipment and handling of freights. Winnipeg must look to more than her laurels. As long as the grain traffic all comes to Fort William, so long will it be a dangerous rival to Winnipeg as a centre of grain men. Already nearly every grain man in the west has an agent at Fort William, and it has been ascertained that soon every grain firm will have a branch office at Fort William, and that such a move will in a short time be followed by making that point the headquarters of all the important grain firms and the western offices will become the branches. This may be rather too strong, but it is of course possible, for there are advantages in being right where the wheat is transhipped, and grain men realize this. However, it was a prejudiced resident of Fort William who ventured the suggestion.

There is a market in Fort William for no small amount of western produce, the single item of cattle averaging two cars per week. R. Spofford is a local dealer and jobber, who brings in a good many and sells to local butchers. Alex. Spiers, of Griswold, Man., also takes shipments to Fort William for sale. A much larger market could be opened up, including vegetables, dressed meats, shipped in cold storage, etc., in the summer season, but the freight rate from Winnipeg equals navigation rates from Toronto, with eastern prices a shade lower on many lines.

One of Fort William's oldest industries is the large sawmill and lumber business of Graham, Horn & Co. The firm has been 21 years in business here and have a wide reputation through the west as straightforward and thorough business men. They have an average season's cut of 8 or 10 million feet of lumber, mill run. Their mill is fitted with band saws, and in the cutting season they give employment to 100 or more men. The planing mill, turning, etc., which are carried on more or less regularly all year, employs 20 to 25 men. Just now they are in the woods with 120 men getting out logs for next season's cut. They expect to have an extra large run of logs this season. They are now cutting on Pine river, down which the logs are run to the lake and then towed into the Kaministiquia to their mill, a total distance of some 50 miles. Their stock of lumber is practically shipped out, having all been sold off last season, so that they will have to wait for next season's cut. All their lumber is kiln-dried before shipment, the apparatus for that purpose being an important part of the plant. This is a desirable feature as the improvement in results from using stock so seasoned is apparent to any one who has seen green lumber shrink in new buildings under the hot western sun. Graham, Horn & Co. have other large interests in Western Ontario and have also the Brown ranch at Lethbridge.

The Jno. King Co.'s departmental store is one of the largest retail establishments in the west. This year the premises were enlarged and the buildings improved, the cellars were extended under the entire space covered by the buildings, the bonded warehouse was made double in size. An-

other large warehouse was erected. The retail business occupies three large stores, both flats being crammed full of goods. The basement which is full size, is used for storage largely and will hold twenty cars of merchandise, and when I saw it, it was full. The company carries a \$50,000 stock and does a jobbing trade west to Rat Portage. Mr. Jno. King, the head of the firm, is his own business manager and no detail is too small for his attention. He is a native of Quebec and in spite of his name is a thorough French-Canadian. He has been in Fort William a long time and the business he has built up shows his ability.

There are some fine brick blocks in the town, notably the H. B. Co.'s stores at the east end; the block occupied by Ray Street & Co., W. F. Hogarth's store, the Bank of Montreal block, and the new Victoria block, built by Jos. G. King, of Port Arthur. This handsome building is fitted up in most modern and artistic style throughout, electric lighted, steam heated and finished in a style that vastly improves the appearance of stocks displayed in the stores it contains. There are three firms occupying splendid quarters in this block:

James Miller, grocer, lately of Hamilton, Ont., where he still carries on a business, opened out in November with a very choice and varied stock of groceries. Mr. Miller was here six years ago, and returned east, but has thought better of it and came west again. The W. H. Whalen Co., successors to Hamilton & Whalen, dry goods, millinery and house furnishings, occupy the next store with a very up-to-date stock. Routledge & Jackson, gents furnishings, boots and shoes, occupy a double fronted store, the last in the block. Upstairs they have a customs tailoring department. They carry a heavy stock in their exclusive lines.

H. Murphy and A. H. Brown are two butchers and jobbers in stock, doing good business and carrying large stocks. Mr. Brown has installed in his store a model meat chopper, running noiselessly. It is made by C. Wilson & Son, Toronto, and is in the form of a steel bowl into which a curved chopper strikes, a cog-wheel turning the bowl slowly at the same time. The most interesting feature is that Mr. Brown has an electric power connected to run his machine, replacing the old style "armstrong" motion.

W. F. Hogarth has a large grocery stock and also handles flour, feed, etc. Speaking of the supply of such articles of produce as butter, Mr. Hogarth said he bought most of his butter in the east while navigation was open, and laid in a large supply before the season closed. Freight rates were against western produce. A factor in the supply that was coming to the front was local production, he said. There are considerable areas of farming lands in the Thunder Bay district and in the vicinity of the town some farming is being done, and gradually people are going into dairying. Mr. Hogarth has one man who has made a specialty of butter, and gone into the production on a rather extensive scale. Of course he makes nothing but an A1 article, equal to choice creamery, and Mr. Hogarth places every pound of it at a good price, and could sell many times more if he had it. The H. B. Co.'s store is a large brick block of two double stores. Mr. Marriott is the local manager, and the company car-

ries a very large stock. Some small fur trade is still done here.

The Windsor Hotel, Queen's, and Kaministiquia are the principal houses in the town, the latter a very large one, being owned by the C. P. R., and occupied by R. Smith, a well-known C. P. R. contractor. The Windsor is owned by M. T. Gorman, who is an old-timer, having been in business when West Fort was the town. Phillips & Co. run the Queen's. Both hotels give very good accommodation.

The Daily Journal is published by Routledge and Smith, who have a very complete printing plant, and are thorough practical men. J. C. McNally, a clever young newspaper man, is editor, and handles the news as well as moulding public opinion. Mr. McNally is a Winnipeg boy and was connected with the press here and in Chicago.

Winnipeg Industries.

One of the growing industries of Winnipeg is the wood working establishment of La Londe & Milord, located on the west side of Main street, just north of the Canadian Pacific railway. The factory is well supplied with machinery, including planer, moulder, scroll saws, jointer, mortising machine, rip and cross cut saws, turning lathes, shaper, boring machines, spindle chuck, etc., all from the works of Macgregor, Gourlay & Co., of Galt. One of the specialties of the firm is the manufacture of show cases of all kinds, for which they now fill orders from all parts of the west. Special attention is also given to store and office fittings, and all kinds of specialties in wood work are done.

Implement Trade.

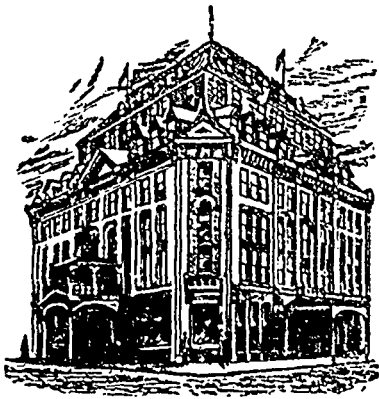
Mr. E. W. Hutchinson, of the Fairchild Company, Winnipeg, reports that the fine weather early in the week led to an urgent demand from country dealers for supplies of spring farm implements, and they were shoving out goods as fast as possible. A little colder weather, Mr. Hutchinson said, would do the implement men a good turn, as it would give them more time to handle the spring business. When the spring comes in so early the farmers all want their goods at once, and it is difficult to supply the trade as fast as the goods are wanted. Trade so far has been good, Mr. Hutchinson said, their sales in a jobbing way to date showing up very well.

The March Canadian.

The Canadian Magazine for March is a handsome and interesting number. Jean Blowett, Charles Lewis Shaw, Fergus Hume and Winifred Graham contribute entertaining stories. Thos. Hodgins, Q. C., writes of "British and American Diplomacy Affecting Canada," showing how Canada lost the territory now known as Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. John A. Cooper reviews McCarthy's Life of Gladstone; Pierre Marot writes of Dreyfus, Zola and France; and Thos. E. Champion gives the first of three historical articles on the Anglican Church in Canada. The illustrations are numerous and include a fine pen and ink sketch of a hockey match. Everybody should read this national publication.

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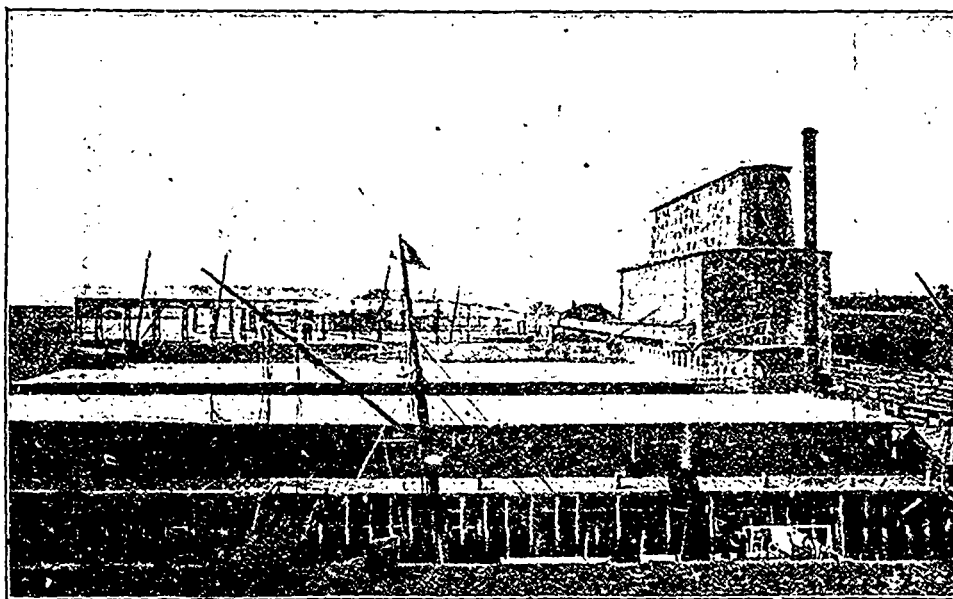
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New Grand Trunk Elevator.

The Grand Trunk Elevator Company of Canada has built a new elevator at Portland, Maine, the Atlantic terminus of the company, through which a large quantity of grain from Eastern Canada is handled for export. The western connections of the company enable it to handle considerable grain from Chicago and other ports in the United States. The capacity of the elevator is 1,250,000 bushels. The elevator is operated under the name of the Portland Elevator Co. It is 221x97 1-2 feet and 160 feet high. The foundation is formed by building granite and concrete piers, and walls on piling. The basement extends under the entire house. The bins are supported by posts. The basement contains a system of cross-belt conveyors by which grain can be taken from any of the bins. There is a complete system of pneumatic sweepers throughout the entire house, and is arranged to discharge dust into the furnace, where it is burned. Along the side of the elevator is a belt gallery which leads to two belt galleries running along each side and the entire length

in Victoria, so that it is pretty safe to say that in the two coast cities the business community are making a clean up of \$175,000 a week. Bradstreet, Dun Wiman, or any other trade authority may be able to reduce this estimate by some method of their own, but they cannot efface the fact demonstrated by these figures, that the Canadian Pacific coast is just about as prosperous a place at this present minute as there is on earth. In brief conversations had with the wholesalers this week by The Commercial correspondent gained the impression that in all lines of trade business had constantly improved, owing to the Kondiko rush, until the merchants could not conveniently handle more without increasing their capacity all around by the employment of new hands and shipment of large extra supplies. Some of the wholesalers preferred to continue on present lines rather than increase their shipments, for fear of a more or less sudden collapse of the rush. The business being done is safe, and merchants are only ordering as the goods are needed. Dr. Philpot has interested \$100,000 English capital in erecting a factory for

for staple articles, also that persons living in American towns bring such goods as cotton goods, syrups, tobacco, coal oil and hardware, and sell these articles to farmers and some even to merchants in Manitoba. These smugglers have been doing this illegitimate business for a number of years in a quiet way and to a very limited extent by private roads through the bush and at night, but during this winter they have become so venturesome as to drive loaded sleighs and wagons in broad daylight, right into the towns and dispose of the goods. One merchant told me that he is doing almost no business now with persons living close to the border, where he did a large business for years owing to these people going across the line for articles on which they could make a large saving and while there buying a number of lines on which there is nothing saved. Another merchant told me that never in the history of the province has there been such a large business done in this way and apparently as little effort on the part of the government made to stop it. There are also large quantities of goods brought from Manitoba across



NEW GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY ELEVATOR AT PORTLAND, MAINE

of the Atlantic wharf. These galleries are 50 feet above the wharf. Two systems of belt conveyors traverse the galleries and are supplied with iron trippers, which will trip grain into any hatchway of a vessel. The shipping capacity is 30,000 bushels per hour.

the treatment of salmon offal on the Fraser.

Dr. Philpot has arranged with the canneries for their offal, and arranged with California fruit growers for the fertilizer manufactured, so that the scheme seems successful from its inception.

to Dakota. In fact while I was in a certain store an American farmer bought several lines of woollen goods and said he never yet paid duty and never expected to do so.

The honest merchant, who is the greatest sufferer in this way is not in a position to make any complaint as he is afraid it would prejudice his business interests, although I think all would like to see some capable body in Winnipeg, draw the attention of the government to this matter. A smart detective could with very little trouble catch one or two persons in each locality and if they were heavily fined I think it would put a quietus on this illegitimate business for a month or two, when the dose could be repeated, and then the Manitoba merchant, the wholesaler and manufacturer would get a lot of business that they are now being deprived of.

Yours truly,
A TRAVELLER.

Hazelwood & Co., cigars, Winnipeg, were robbed by burglars of \$200 worth of cigars and cigarettes, the other night.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, March 9.

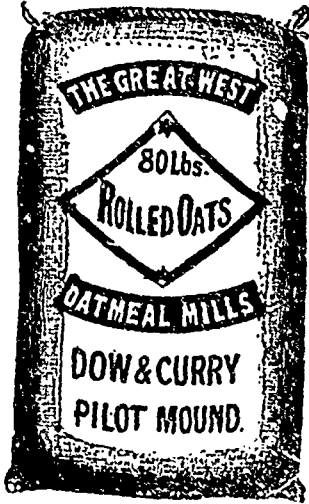
It is difficult to estimate the exact amount of money being left in Vancouver and Victoria by Klondikers. It has been estimated, however, at \$100,000 a week. This may be over-estimated, but the fact remains that the leading outfitters in Vancouver took in last Saturday over \$2,000 each, say \$25,000 between them; add to this the sale of tickets, say 100 at \$30, or \$3,000, \$28,000 in all; cut it in half to get an average day \$14,000, and multiply by six for the week, and we have for Vancouver alone \$84,000 a week. The business is heavier

Letters to the Editor.

WHOLESALE SMUGGLING.

To the Editor of The Commercial.

I am satisfied the Winnipeg Board of Trade and other like associations are not acquainted with the facts, as to the enormous degree that smuggling is being carried on along the boundary line of Manitoba or they would have brought their influence to bear in the right direction before this. I have just completed a trip along the Pembina branch and it is the exception to meet a merchant who has not a complaint to make as to the injustice they have to suffer owing to their customers going to North Dakota towns



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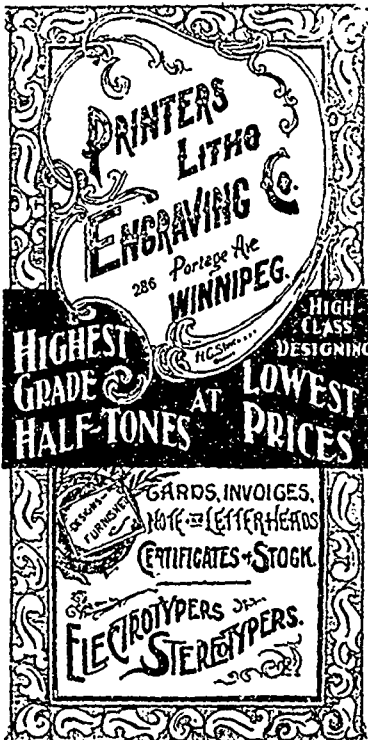
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T. A. Blackwell is erecting a workshop in connection with his harness and shoe trade at Melita.

Frank Lightcap, dealer in furs, hides, etc., Winnipeg, has moved to numbers 172 and 174 King street, near Market street.

W. P. Johnston has rented Victoria hall at Carman to F. Harris, of Morden, who purposes opening in gents' furnishings.

Murdoch Cameron has leased Jas. Duncan's blacksmith shop at Melita and will conduct the business on his own account.

William Beech & Co., brokers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by William Beech. J. D. O'Brien retiring.

Sarah Graham, storekeeper, of Balduv, has assigned to John Harrower. A meeting of creditors will be held in Winnipeg on March 24.

A new weekly paper has been started at Carman, called the Dufferin Leader, J. W. Jameson and R. G. Marshall are the publishers.

Butchart & Somersall, hardware, Carman, are enlarging their premises by an addition at the rear, which they will use as a workshop.

A Winnipeg wholesale house received a check for five cents one day; this week, the amount being a dividend from a bankrupt estate.

A portion of the upper flat of the store of D. McIntosh, at Dauphin, is being fitted up for a millinery department, which is being added to his business.

Drummond & Spratt, general storekeepers, Minnedosa, have assigned to Donald Fraser, Winnipeg. The stock will be sold by auction on March 15, at the office of the assignee. Stock and fixtures amounts to \$6,375, and book debts \$1,500.

The Boyd Candy company, which opened in the wholesale confectionery manufacturing business in Winnipeg a few months ago, report that the venture is proving quite successful and business gradually expanding. They now keep quite a force of hands employed. Attention is given chiefly to the finer grades of confectionery.

The Price Current, a weekly paper and market report, established in Winnipeg last fall by the Colonist Publishing company, has been discontinued for lack of support. The publishers made an energetic canvass of the country, but the amount of support obtained was very limited and there was no hope of making the venture a financial success.

The annual meeting of the Virdeu board of trade was held on February 28. The council report was of a very satisfactory character and showed that good progress has been made with the immigration scheme developed by the board. The following officers were elected: President, W. J. Wilcox; vice-president, D. Fraser; secretary-treasurer George H. Healey.

Assiniboia.

Bricks are in demand at Indian Head, owing to building preparations being made there.

R. H. Lithgow has purchased the Herd building at Maple Creek, and has fitted it up as a hotel.

Hugh Armour, of Regina, grocers and meat dealer, has bought the ranch of D. A. Macdozald, in the Qu'Appelle valley.

C. Salm, baker, Regina, is giving up business, and will go farming. He has sold out to G. Gamble, who will take possession in a few days.

A board of trade has been formed at Indian Head with the following officers: President, E. J. Brooks; vice-president, J. K. Welsh; treasurer, A. G. Orchard; secretary, H. H. Campkin; directors, J. Conn, Geo. Thompson, W. M. Crawford, H. W. Sherwood, J. W. Sherwood, J. C. McCaul, W. M. P. Starr. The board of arbitration consists of W. F. Johnston, A. J. Osmont, C. W. Hunt, G. Thompson, T. E. Donnelly, T. H. Bunting.

Alberta.

Jos. Larose, livery, South Edmonton, has sold out to John H. McNulty.

The Marks-Clavet-Doble company, of Port Arthur, Ont., have shipped a portion of their stock to Edmonton, where they are opening a store.

Frederick J. Long, of the Northwest Trading Co., has visited Edmonton to make arrangements for the opening of a branch.

A Calgary paper says the Alberta Railway and Coal company will widen their line from Lethbridge to Great Falls, Mont., to standard gauge next month.

Northwest Ontario.

Fred Hemmings has taken over the cigar and tobacco business lately carried on at Rat Portage by Mr. Tilley.

Cameron, of Collingwood, and Burton, of Barrie, have arranged to place one steamer each from the Black and White lines—the City of Collingwood and Majestic—on the route between Collingwood, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur, Fort William and Duluth. This will give Port Arthur six passenger steamers per week each way.

Saskatchewan.

W. J. Fleming, druggist, Prince Albert, advertises selling out.

Mrs. Leclaire has opened a confectionery shop at Battleford.

British Columbia Items.

Mr. Field, of Milton, Ont., is opening a drug store at Golden.

G. H. Miner, recently with Chambers Bros. & Bethune, Manitou, Man., is opening in hardware, stoves and tinware at Cranbrook, East Kootenay.

G. M. Manuel, for several years past one of the general agents of the Massey-Harris company in the west, will in future represent E. W. Gillet, an eastern manufacturer, at the Pacific coast, with headquarters at Vancouver.

It is reported from Rossland that the War Eagle mine has entered into a contract with the Canadian Pacific railway for the daily shipment of one hundred tons of ore for one year. This ore will be treated at the Trull smelter, which the C. P. R. recently took over from F. A. Helnze. The combined rate of freight and treatment is \$7.50 per ton, a reduction of \$3.50 per ton on the rates which have ruled heretofore. The

Le Roi company's smelter was also a bidder for the big contract. It underbid the C. P. R. It wanted the ore of the Northport, and with President Corbin, of the Spokane Falls and Northern offered

On Wednesday, Feb. 10th, the New Westminster board of trade held its annual meeting. There had been four general meetings and sixteen council meetings during the year, and the membership is now 73. A resolution that in view of the United States tariff on lumber and shingles "the Dominion government ought to provide a remedy by which the lumber industry of British Columbia may be relieved from the disabilities under which it exists, and which threaten to retard its operations," was carried. A committee of three was appointed to look into the matter of obtaining better postal and telegraphic service, and another to look after improvement of navigation of the Fraser river. General meetings of the board are to be held in future on the third Wednesday of each month. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, G. D. Brynner; vice-president, Judge Bole; secretary-treasurer, D. Nelson. Members of council—Jas. Cunningham, T. J. Trapp, R. F. Anderson, J. G. Scott, Jno. Peck, M. Sinclair, D. J. Munn, L. A. Lewis, Jas. Johnson, J. E. Phillips, G. W. Booth, T. S. Annandale, Jno. McNab, J. W. Creighton and D. S. Curtis. Board of arbitration—John Hendry, Geo. Kennedy, Peter Grant and Jos. Reichenbach.

The Lumber Trade.

Brown & Rutherford's saw and planing and factory at Winnipeg, which has been shut down since December, has resumed work.

The Keewauin Lumbering Co. are putting in new dams and new wheels. The planer will now be run independently of the sawmill, and any mishap in the one will not affect the other.

It is reported that P. McLaren will build a large sawmill this spring in the Crow's Nest Pass. The McLaren mill will open a branch lumber yard at Macleod station.

Negotiations and plans that had been formulating for some months, says the Minneapolis Valley Lumberman, were consummated last week in the incorporation of a mammoth concern with the name of the Coast Lumber Co., which will handle the shingle and lumber products of the west coast on a scale which is hitherto had no precedent.

A Seattle report says: Orders for lumber and shingles are coming in well, and the mills are busy. Shingles are stiff at \$1.30 for "A's" and \$1.45 for Clears. Last week a number of leading manufacturers advanced "A" prices five cents. This action was thought necessary in view of the high price and scarcity of cedar logs. Shingle logs are now selling for from \$5.75 to \$6.25, which makes the cost of manufacture \$1.25 per 1,000. However, as the rains moderate and loggers get to work the scarcity will not last long. \$2.15 is quoted for "A's" delivered at Minnesota and Dakota points.

The Hanbury Manufacturing company, of Brandon, has ended starting their planing mill this week.

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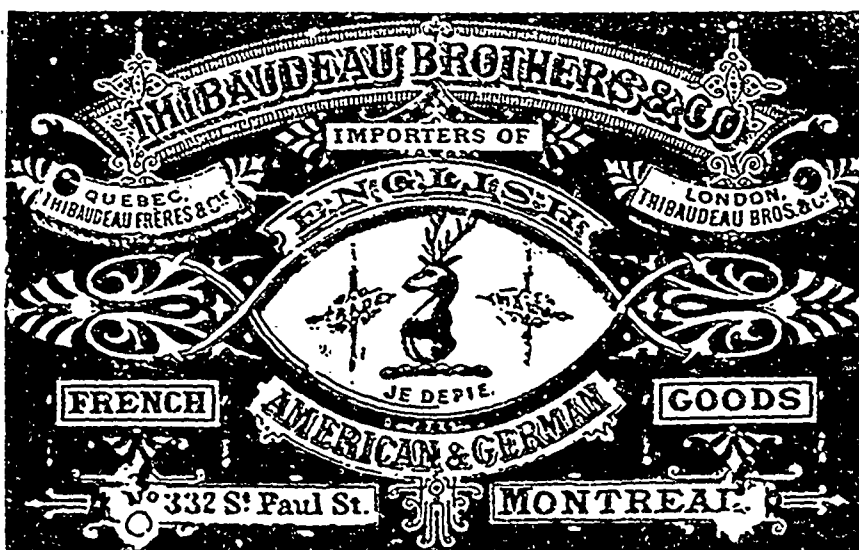
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Manitoba elevators	2,875,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	847,000

Total February 26 4,211,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Feb. 26, were 46,532,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 61,664,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 4,424,000 bushels, compared with 1,857,000 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 March 5, was 33,012,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,076,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 42,768,000 bushels, two years ago 62,596,000 bushels, three years ago 77,717,000 bushels, four years ago 74,507,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	8,450,000 bushels
Duluth	2,707,000 "
Minneapolis	12,057,000 "
New York	1,881,000 "
Buffalo	800,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 13,163,000 bushels, compared with 13,823,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 41,471,000 bushels, compared with 26,377,000 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 February 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: February 1, 1898, 129,123,000; February 1, 1897, 128,629,000; February 1, 1896, 160,425,000; February 1, 1895, 181,419,000; February 1, 1894, 183,927,000; February 1, 1893, 178,058,000; February 1, 1892, 155,308,000; February 1, 1891, 105,057,000; February 1, 1890, 105,533,000.

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 year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	57,383,560	44,881,950
Milwaukee	6,741,672	5,772,525
Duluth	33,644,853	33,050,875
Chicago	27,196,169	13,135,779

Total 124,966,254 98,841,129

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, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	9,582,819	6,295,820
St. Louis	10,473,956	10,066,505
Detroit	4,164,650	2,918,109
Kansas City	25,392,766	5,980,800
Total	49,616,191	25,261,234

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb.	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark . . . . .	.40	75.00
" peale . . . . .	.25	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" fall . . . . .	.04	.07
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, 72@73c; No. 2, 69@70c.
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05@2.10; Bakers, \$1.85@1.90.
- Bran—Per ton, \$6.
- Shorts—Per ton, \$8.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 19@24c.
- Barley—Feed, 21 @ 24c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.
- Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 45@50c per bushel.
- Butter—Dairy, dealers' price, 14@16c.
- Cheese—Dealers selling at 9 1/2@10c.
- Eggs—Fresh selling at 20@22c.
- Beef—City dressed, fresh, 5 1/2 @ 6c; country beef, 3@4 1/2c.
- Mutton—5@6c.
- Hogs—Dressed, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4c.
- Cattle—Butchers nominal 2 3/4@3 1/4c.
- Hogs—Live, off cars, 3 1/2c for best bacon.
- Sheep—Nominal at 3 1/2@4c.
- Hides—Green frozen, 61@7c.
- Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.
- Poultry—Chickens, 6@7c per pound; turkeys, 9@10c per lb.
- Potatoes—30c per bushel.
- Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

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In reply to a question in parliament by Hon. G. E. Foster, the minister of finance stated the terms upon which the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is to be assisted in establishing a branch at Dawson. The bank is to be employed by the government to do the government's banking business in the Dawson district, including acting as receiver of royalties upon the output of gold. The bank is to be allowed the privilege of erecting a building temporarily within the mounted police enclosure. Compensation to be allowed for the bank's services is to be fixed hereafter by the minister of finance. In other respects the bank will stand in the same position, and receive only the same protection, aid and privileges as any other bank which may be established there.

FINANCIAL ITEMS.

The Union Bank of Canada is opening a branch at Hamilton, Man., under the management of F. J. Boulton.

The new branch of the Merchants' Bank of Canada at Edmonton, Alberta, is now open for business. J. S. Willmott is manager and A. C. Fraser, cashier.

The statement of La Banque Du Peuple shows assets of \$2,611,362, and liabilities of \$1,866,461, leaving an apparent balance of 745,000. It is expected that the depositors will receive in the neighborhood of 75 per cent., but the shareholders will get nothing.

Binder Twine.

The outlook for binder twine is very firm. Those who have followed the market for rope will have noticed that prices have been going up every now and again about 1-4c. This upward tendency has been owing to the advance in raw material. Binder twine, of course, affected in the same way as the same raw material is used. Binder twine was placed on the free list on the first of January this year, but this does not mean that prices will be any lower, as the advance in the cost of sisal twine is about equal to the reduction which would have been made by the removal of the duty. The advance on manilla has not been as great as on sisal, but there has, nevertheless, been a substantial advance on manilla as well, with the prospect of further advances. In fact the manufacturers claim that they are indifferent about booking orders at present prices, as they look for higher values. The total advance in sisal twines is not far from 1-2c, compared with prices a year ago, and on manilla 1-8c to 1-4c. Last month a meeting was held in New York to form an association of rope manufacturers, and as

this move is progressing favorably, it has a further influence in strengthening prices of cordage, which will affect twine in sympathy. Speaking of binder twine, a United States exchange says: Prices of raw material have been steadily advancing since last summer, from 23-1c for sisal and 33-8 to 37-16c for manilla on June 12, 1897, to 41-16 to 41-8c for sisal, and 45-16 to 43-8 for manilla on Feb. 15, 1898. This makes an increase of 15-16 to 13-8c in sisal and of 15-16 of a cent in manilla in eight months. Twine has not kept pace with this advance, although it rules a full cent higher now than it did a year ago.

London Fur Sales

Following is a report of the prices realized in British currency at the Hudson's Bay Co.'s January fur sales:

Beaver, Yorkfort, number one 27.6, number one small 12.6 to 12.9, number two 21 to 22, number two small 9.3 to 9.6, number three 16.9 to 17, number three small 6.6 to 6.9, cubs 4, shillings; Mackenzie River, number one 25.6, number one small 10.3, number two 21.6, number two small 9.3 to 9.6, number three 16.3 to 16.6, number three small 6.3, cubs 3.9, shillings; Fort Garry, number one 37.6, number one small 16, number two 32, number two small 15.6, number three 18.9, number three small 8.6, shillings; McOo River and East Maine, number one 32.6 to 33, number one small 15.3 to 15.6, number two 26.6 to 27, number two small 13 to 13.3, number three 19, number three small 8, cubs 5 to 5.3, shillings; Esquimau Bay, number one 27.6, number two 25, number two small 13.6, number three 17.6, shillings; Northwest, number one 22, number one small 9.9, number two 20 to 20.6, number two small 8.9 to 9, number three 18, number three small 6.6 to 6.9, cubs 4.9, shillings; Canada, number one 29 to 29.6, number one small 13.9 to 14, number two 22 to 22.6, number two small 12 to 13, number three 18, number three small 9.3, cubs 5.3, shillings per skin

Musquash, Yorkfort, number one 83-1 to 91-2, number one small 7 to 71-1, blue pelts 61-2 to 7, kits 43-1 to 5 pence. Moose River, number one 91-2 to 93-1, number one small 81-2, blue pelts 71-1 to 71-2, kits 53-1, pence. Mackenzie River, number one 7, number one small 6, blue pelts 6 to 61-1, kits 41-1, pence. East Maine, number one 123-1, number one small 91-1, blue pelts 83-1, kits 7, pence. Northwest, number one 9, number one small 61-1, blue pelts 73-1, kits 51-2 pence. Canada, number one 101-1 to 101-2, number one small 81-1, blue pelts 81-2 to 83-1, kits 61-2, pence per skin.

Rabbits, All sections, 81-1, to 83-1, pence per dozen.

Northwest coast sealskins, salted. Middlings and smalls 16 to 19, smalls 16 to 64, large pups 53 to 71, middling pup: 53 to 60, extra small pups 33 to 35, extra, extra small pups 29, wags, middlings and smalls 45 to 59, shillings.—New York Fur Trade Review.

Grain and Milling News.

W. H. Cleghenning will enlarge his mill at Carman, Man., and also build a 20,000 bushel elevator in connection. New cleaning machinery will be put in the mill.

Mr. Nalrn, of the Winnipeg Oatmeal mills, has received a letter from the Ontario Millers' association, offering the aid of the association in securing the re-arrangement of the oatmeal duties. The writer appeared to be unaware of the action already taken here in the matter.

The demand for feed is very heavy. The Ogilvie Milling company put a feed on the market some time ago which is having a large sale in the country. It is called Ogilvie's standard feed, and is a pure wheat feed and very valuable for fattening.

The Montreal Witness of March 3rd says: The vice-president of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, W. A. Hastings, stated this morning that the company is shipping flour to Australia on the steamer sailing from Vancouver for Sydney, March 10, and a further shipment on the steamer sailing from Vancouver on April 7th.

Hardware and Paint Trade

"The feature of the market since our last, says the Montreal Gazette, "has been the strong undertone to turpentine, and prices have scored an advance of 1c per gallon, which is due to the improved demand on spot, and the continued strong advices from points of production. The demand for sisal and Manila rope is good, and an active trade is doing. The tone of the market is strong, and a further advance in prices is anticipated in the near future, owing to the steady upward tendency of hemp, private cables received to-day noting an advance of 10c per 100 lbs. The advance in turpentine noted by the Gazette was reported by wire to The Commercial last week.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A combination of salmon canners to restrict production and regulate prices, is reported from British Columbia.

The feature of the molasses market this week, says the Montreal Gazette, has been the cable advices received from Barbadoes offering round lots of new crop stock at 8c first cost, which means 23c landed here, and this figure is just the same as what it opened at last season. Stocks in first hands here are exceedingly light, but at the same time, wholesale grocers state they have ample supplies on hand until the new crop comes forward.

Fur Trade Notes.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: Shippers of raw furs should send their goods only to reliable firms. Before shipping to concerns conducting business under company titles, be sure and ascertain the name or names of the responsible person or persons represented by the title. Before shipping to concerns offering prices above market values, think twice.

Some of the western papers are carrying an advertisement for the Providence Fur Company. The Commercial made inquiries regarding this so-called company, but could not learn that any such institution was really in existence, though it was reported that a party who had done business under various names was supposed to represent the concern.



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Situation in British Columbia.

Mr. R. A. Rogers, manager of the Parsons Produce company, Winnipeg, returned recently from a trip to the Pacific province, during which he visited all important interior and coast points, with the object of studying the business situation and requirements of the province on the spot. Mr. Rogers reports that in the Kootenay business is quite slow at present, speaking in a general way. This is partly owing to the season, the winter being usually a quiet time there, and partly to the Klondike attractions. Instead of spending their money as they usually do for the comforts and requirements of life, Mr. Rogers says the prospectors and miners have been hoarding up every nickel, they could provide a fund with which to start for the Klondike. This saving process makes quite a difference in business. It is his opinion, however, that within eighteen months many of these men will find their way back, as he believes they have a very good Klondike right there, and in a good climate and accessible region.

Regarding Kootenay towns, Mr. Rogers says Nelson seemed to be in good shape, owing to the fact that it is being made the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific railway for that region, and the company has made some substantial investments there. Rossland is also a substantial place and has a sure future, surrounded as it is by paying mines. The situation there, he says, has been greatly improved by the taking over by the Canadian Pacific railway of the Helntz smelter at Trail. The

company is making a rate for hauling and smelting which will make it profitable to work some of the lower grade ores which could not be treated before at a profit. Trail depends upon the smelter very largely and the increased activity in this line will greatly benefit the latter place. Great expectations are being looked forward to from the opening of the Boundary region.

Mr. Rogers also thinks that Revelstoke is a town which has a good future before it, and he believes it will become one of the leading cities on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway in the interior. The railway company is centering its workshops on the main line at this place.

Mr. Rogers says he was surprised to find such good hotel accommodation at all the Kootenay and other interior towns. Good clean hotel accommodation was found everywhere. The service on the Canadian Pacific railway steamers on the Columbia river was also good. People who imagined they were going into a rough mining country, where reasonable comforts of life could not be had, would be agreeably disappointed.

At the coast Mr. Rogers inspected the premises of his company. The Parsons Produce company has recently established a pork packing industry at Vancouver, and raised their business interest there to the status of an extensive branch business, with a large warehouse and fine office quarters.

Business at Victoria and Vancouver, he said, was very brisk, owing to the Klondike outfitting. In fact the mer-

charts at both places have now about all the business they can handle with present facilities. In the produce trade at the coast some Australian butter, had been received, but it was not as good quality as Canadian creamery, and only a limited quantity had been handled. Stocks of Canadian butter were very low, nearly all old stock being cleaned up. Fresh California grass butter was coming in, but owing to drought in that state the make is not as large as usual and prices were high.

The Retail Association

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Retailers association was called for Tuesday evening. The election of officers was postponed to consider the advisability of amalgamating with the Caterers' union. Both associations will meet next Tuesday evening and take the necessary steps and when their amalgamation is effected, officers will be elected by the united body. A deputation was appointed to confer with the board of trade in reference to the settlement of vacant lands around Winnipeg. A resolution was passed that a committee be appointed to wait on the mayor and council urging the appointment of an agent to secure settlers for vacant lands in the vicinity of Winnipeg.

The Manitoba legislature was opened on Thursday. The address contained no reference to the much talked of new railway to Lake Superior. Nothing of any importance was mentioned in the address.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES		Dried Fruits		Tobacco		DRUGS	
Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.		Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs ... 1 70	Per pound	T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads..	Per pound	Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for broken packages.	
Canned Goods		Raisins, Val. Layers, per box 25	2 55	Lily, 8s, cads.	00 63	Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	Loose Muscatels, 2 crown ...	06 0 1/2	Cresant, 8s, cads.	00 60	Alcohol, gal.	5 50 5 75
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25	Loose Muscatels, 3 crown ...	07 7 1/2	T. & B. Black Chewing, Sorol6s	00 64	Bleaching Powder, lb.	06 08
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 00	Loose Muscatels, 4 crown ...	08 3 1/2	T. & B. Mahogany Chewing,		Bluestone, lb.	06 07
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	London Layers, 20 lb Boxes..	1 90	Ss or 16	00 64	Borax	11 13
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	2 50	Apples, Dried.	07	T. & B. in 1/2 pkg, cut	00 89	Bromide Potash	65 75
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1 80	Evap. Apples, finest quality .	11 12	T. & B. in 1/5 tins	00 91	Camphor	65 75
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 10	California Evaporated Fruits		T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 90	Camphor, ounces	80 90
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz. 4	75	Peaches, peeled	18 20	T. & B. in 1s tins	00 87	Carbolic Acid	40 65
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	Peaches, unpeeled	11 13	T. & B. in 1/2 pkg.	00 85	Castor Oil	15 17
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	Pears	10 11	Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00 94	Chlorate Potash	25 30
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 45	Apricots, new	10 11	Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 91	Citric Acid	55 65
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 1	75	Bitted Plums	11 12	Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette		Copperas	0 1/2 0 1/2
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2 6	1-12	00 87	Cocaine, oz	4 50 4 00
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	Prunes, 50 to 100	6 6 1/2	Brier, 7s, cads	00 65	Cream Tartar, lb	20 25
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz. 5	00	Prunes, 20 to 50	7 7 1/2	Derby, 3s, cads	00 68	Cloves	20 25
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	Derby 7s, cads	00 68	Epsom Salts	0 1/2 0 1/2
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 4	75	Prunes, 60 to 70	5 5 1/2	P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 66	Extract Logwood, bulk	11 18
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz. 5	00	Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11	P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 66	Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	Matches		Wooden Ware	Per doz.	German Quinine	35 45
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 4	50	Telegraph	53 60	Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50 1 60	Glycerine, lb	20 35
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	Telephone	3 40	Pails, wire hoop	2 25 2 40	Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	Tiger	3 25	Pails, Star fibre	4 00	Ginger, African	20 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	Nuts		Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50 10 50	Howard's Quinine, oz.	45 55
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	3 10	Brazils	12 1/2 15	Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50 9 00	Iodine	5 00 5 50
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50	Paragon Almonds	13 15	Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50 7 00	Insect Powder	35 40
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz. 2	50	Peanuts, roasted	13 15	Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50 6 00	Morphin, sul.	2 10 2 25
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	06 08	Peanuts, green	10 12	Per nest.		Opium	1 50 2 00
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09 15	Grenoble Walnuts	15 18	Tubs, nests (3)	1 65 1 75	Oil, olive	1 25 1 40
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	18 25	French Walnuts	13 15	Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25 2 40	Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25 1 40
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless ..	20 35	Sicily Filberts	11 15	Per doz.		Oil, lemon, super	2 75 3 25
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s. 10	12	Shelled Almonds	25 30	Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50	Oil, peppermint	4 00 4 50
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s. 1	75	Syrup		Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50	Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 50 2 00
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 1s. 1	90	Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2c 4c	Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50	Oxalic Acid	14 16
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1s. 1	90	Medium, per lb.	3c 3 1/2c	Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50	Potass Iodide	3 75 4 00
Imp. "Auch. Sauce 1s. 1	90	Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	27 00	Per nest		Paris Green lb.	18 20
Imp. "Shrimp Sauce 1s. 1	90	Molasses, per gal.	35c 45c	Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20	Saltpetre	10 12
Canned Meats	Per case.	Sugar		Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2) ..	50 55	Sal Rochele	30 35
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00 3 25	Extra Standard Granulated ..	5 1/2c	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3) ..	75 80	Shellac	35 40
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	3 75 3 00	German Granulated	4 1/2c	CURED MEATS AND LARD		Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 05
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 50 7 00	Extra Ground	6 c 6 1/2c	Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 80	Sulphur Hall, keg	3 1/2 05
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.	6 25 6 50	Powdered	6 c 6 1/2c	Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb	6 00	Sulphur, keg	3 1/2 05
Braven, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50 2 75	Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c	tins, per case of 60 lbs.	8 60	Tartaric Acid, lb.	45 55
Rigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	6 00 6 50	Maple Sugar	12 1/2c 15c	Lard, Tierces, per lb	8 5 1/2	Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75 3 00	Salt		Smoked Meats	per lb.	Harness, oak	Per pound
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s	2 doz. 50 5 00	Rock Salt	1 1/2c 1 1/2c	Hame	11 11 1/2	Harness, union oak No. 1 ..	33
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75	Per barrel		Breakfast bacon, bellies ..	11 12	Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	33
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75	Common, fine	1 90 2 00	Breakfast bacon, backs ..	10 10 1/2	Harness, henlock No. 1, an-	33
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75	Common, coarse	1 90 2 00	Spiced rolls	8 1/2 9	chor brand	33
Potted Ham, 1/2s	1 50	Dairy, 100-3	3 25 3 50	Shoulders	8 1/2 9 1/2	Harness, henlock No. 1 R.	33
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	1 50	Dairy, 60-5	3 15 3 30	Long Clear	9 1/2 9 1/2	anchor brand	33
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	1 50	Dairy, white duck sack	00 50	Dry Salt Meats		Harness, henlock country	33
Coffee	Per pound.	Common, fine jute sack	00 45	Long clear bacon	8 1/2 8 1/2	tannage, No. 1	33
Green Rio	12 15	Spices		Boneless Shoulders	8 1/2 8 1/2	Do., No. 1 R	33
Cereals	Per sack	Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins.	75 90	Backs	9 1/2 9 1/2	Black collar leather	36
Split Peas, sack 9s	2 25 2 50	Allspice, whole	18 20	Imported Short Clear	8 1/2 8 1/2	Sole, union oak	36
Pot Barley, sack 9s	2 40 2 50	Allspice, pure ground	18 20	Barrel Pork	Per barrel	Listowell, sole	37
Pearl Barley, sack 9s	4 00 4 50	Allspice, compound	15 20	Heavy mess	15 00 16 00	Peutawg, sole	37
Rolled Oats, sack 9s	4 00 4 50	Cassia, whole	18 20	Short cut	16 30 17 00	B. F. French calf	25 1 30
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 10 2 20	Cassia, pure ground	20 25	Meat Sundries		B. F. French kip	9 1 15
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s 2	10 2 20	Cassia, compound	13 18	Fresh pork sausage, lb	7	Canada calf	65
Beans (per bushel)	1 20 1 30	Cloves, whole	18 25	Bologna sausage, lb	6 1/2	Canada Calf, Horseshoe	60 60
Comical, sack 9s	1 45 1 35	Cloves, pure ground	25 30	Ham, chicken and tongue, doz	\$1 20	Horseshoe Brand Kip	80 80
Commeal, 1/2s ac 49 (per 1/2 sack) 7	0 50	Cloves, compound	18 20	Pickled hocks, per lb	0 1	Karn Kip	42 46
Rice, B.	Per pound	Pepper, black, whole	10 15	Pickled tongues	0 5	Wax upper	42 46
Rice, Japan	4 1/2c 4 5c	Pepper, black, pure ground ..	13 15	Pickled pigs feet, nail 15 lbs	1 40	Grain upper	42 46
Rice, Japan	5 1/2c	Pepper, black, compound	10 13	Sausage casings, lb	20 25	Kangaroo, per foot	25 50
Sago	4 c	Pepper, white, whole	20 25	FRESH FISH.		Dolgon, per foot	25 40
Tapioca	4 c	Pepper, white, pure ground ..	25 35	OYSTERS		FUEL	
Cigarettes	Per M	Pepper, white, compound	18 20	Whitefish, lb	4 1/2 05	Coal	
Old Judge	85 90	Pepper, Cayenne	30 35	Pickered, lb	0 1/2 0 1/2	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.	
Athlete	8 90	Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30	Trout, lb	0 9	Penney's anthracite—	
Sweet Caporal	8 90	Ginger, whole, Cochian	20 25	Lake Superior Herrings, doz.	20	Stove, nut or lump	10 00
Sweet Sixteen	5 70	Ginger, pure ground	25 30	Pike, lb	0 2	Pea size	7 50
Derby	6 60	Ginger, compound	15 25	Salmon, lb	10	Western anthracite, stove ..	9 50
Cured Fish		Nutmegs, (per pound)	60 1 00	Salmou, lb	12	Western anthracite, nut ..	7 25
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00	Mace (per pound)	1 00 1 25	H.C. halibut, lb.	10	Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Codfish, boneless per lb	0 1 06	Teas		Smelte, lb	0 8	Hocking	7 50
Codfish, Pure per lb	0 7 08	China Blacks—		Cod, lb	0 8	Souris Lignite	4 50
Herrings, in kegs	3 50 3 75	Choice	35 40	Bladders, per box	1 25	Souris, cat lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Dried Fruits		Medium	25 35	Hindon haddock, lb.	06 07	Blossburg smelting	9 50
Currents, Prov'l Barrels	07 7 1/2	Common	15 20	Smoked goldeyes, doz	40	Cordwood	
Currents, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	07 1/2 7 1/2	Indian and Ceylon—		Oysters, standard, gal	1 80	These are prices for car lots, on track	
Currents, Prov'l Cases	07 7 1/2	Choice	32 40	Oysters, select, gal	2 00	Winnipeg.	Per cord
Currents, Vostizza Cases	07 1/2 08	Medium	25 32	Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl ..	6 50	Tamame, good, last winter's	4 25
Currents, Finatria, bbis	07 1/2 7 1/2	Common	22 28	Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50	cut	4 25
Currents, Finatria, cases	07 1/2 08	Young Hysons—		FRESH FISH.		Pine, green cut, dry	3 75 4 00
Dates, Cases	06 07	Choice	35 45	Whitefish, lb	4 1/2 05	Pine, dead cut	3 50 3 75
Pigs, Eteme, about 10 lb box.	12 1/2 18	Medium	28 35	Trout, lb	0 9	Spruce	2 50 2 75
Pigs, Cooking, Sax	05 1/2 06	Common	22 30	Lake Superior Herrings, doz.	20	Poplar, green cut dry	2 50 2 75
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases	08 09	Japan—		Pike, lb	0 2	Poplar, dead cut	2 50 2 75
Prunes, French, Cases	06 07	Finest May Picking	35 40	Salmon, lb	10	Oak, green cut dry body	4 50 4 75
Sultana Raisins	10 12	Choice	30 35	H.C. halibut, lb.	12	Oak, dead cut	4 00

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INSURANCE ITEMS.

J. R. C. Honeyman, late editor of the *Moosomin Spectator*, has been appointed general agent for the Federal Life Assurance company at Regina.

Charles McMillan, who has acted as agent of the Commercial Union at Calgary, has resigned, and W. B. Barwis has been appointed in his stead.

O'Hara and other capitalists of Toronto have applied for a charter for a new insurance company, to be called the Prudential Life Assurance company, with lead office at Toronto. It is intended to transact business on the same lines as the Prudential of England.

The seventh annual meeting of the Provincial Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Manitoba was held in Winnipeg recently. The report contains the following: "The acreage insured was 43,100 acres, and number of policies issued was 597. The notes received amounted to \$10,776.25, and the number of claims made was 60, which were adjusted at \$6,664.45.

A public meeting was held at Indian Head, Assn., recently, to consider the proposition of the Waterous Engine Works Co. to establish a system of fire protection for the town. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Welsh and Camkin, was appointed to ascertain what reduction in insurance rates would be made, provided a proper system of fire protection should be inaugurated, and to report at a public meeting, to be held at an early date.

The Economist, Toronto, says: The Order of Woodmen of the World held their bi-annual meeting recently in this city, and from what we can gather from the reports, when taken in connection with the report made to the Dominion government, this will probably be the last session the society will see. The report for 1897 shows a large decrease in new members in comparison with the previous year, while the lapses more than doubled. There is dissatisfaction over the disfranchising of small camps and other matters.

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The Live Stock Trade.

Wm. Gardner, Seeley's Bay, Ontario, is shipping a carload of horses to Manitoba.

J. Booth has disposed of a carload of Ontario Clyde horses at Indian Head, Assn.

Gordon & Ironside, of Winnipeg, have 11,000 head of cattle wintering on the ranges.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade this week a committee was appointed to take into consideration the matter of the exportation of stocker cattle from the province.

P. Gallagher, of Winnipeg, bought a very heavy steer from Dan Mills, of Carberry, recently. The animal

weighed 2,500 pounds. Mr. Gallagher intends to feed it for the exhibition at Winnipeg this year. He also bought from Mills a pair of yearling steers weighing 1,300 each.

Such a large number of horses have been brought in from the south to Edmonton, with the expectation of meeting with a sale to parties going to Klondike via Edmonton, that the market has been overstocked. The Bulletin reports 600 horses there now and 1,000 or more on the way.

The railway war goes merrily on. The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern have cut the rate from St. Paul to Seattle to \$10 to meet the Soo line cut.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb, 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb, 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge \$3.50

Canada Plates—Garth and Blainia, 3.00 @3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 gauge, \$3.75; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4; 26 gauge, \$4.25; 28 gauge, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1 inch, \$2.50; 3-8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 3/4 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/4 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 gauge, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 gauge, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFg, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFg, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 7 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 9c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.45 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 5 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$4.15; steel hoes, \$4.40; Snow shoe, \$4.40 per keg.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/4c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

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

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 1 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, lb, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2.05 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 5 1/4c; boiled, gal., 5 7/8c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 60c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 20c; oleophene, 20 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for cocene and 2 1/2c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1 Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B.C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B.C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B.C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Revel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B.C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

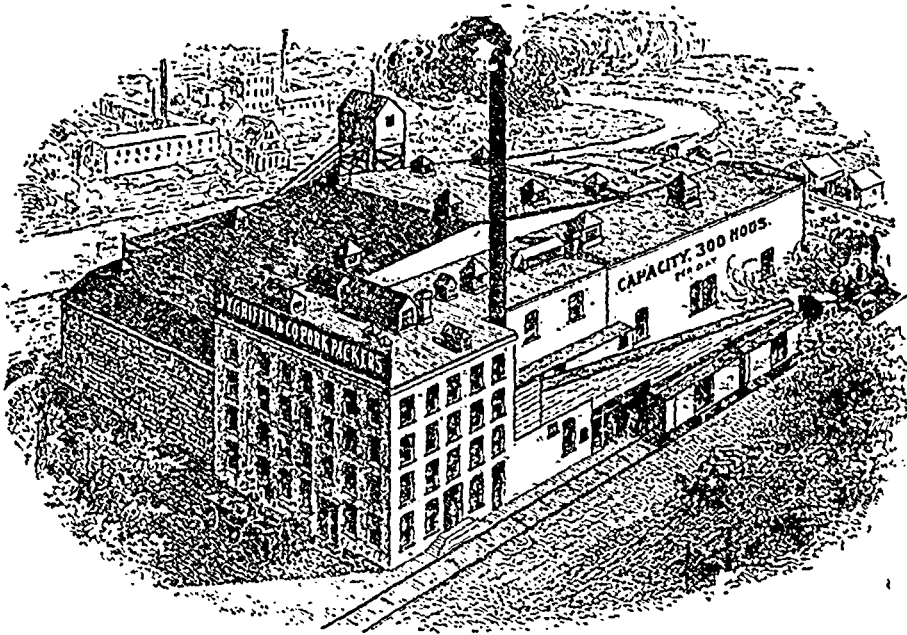
Oak—Red and White—1/4 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 12

Spring shipments in textile lines have been largely sent out, and it is out of season for sorting trade. The implement trade was very busy filling orders for spring stocks, country dealers being anxious to get in stocks on account of the fine weather which early in the week indicated an early spring. The heaviest snow storm of the winter, however set in on Wednesday, covering a large area of country, and this rather changed ideas as to very early spring. This will be an advantage, as it will give more time to handle spring supplies, and very early springs are not regarded as favorable for the crops, as crops which get started very early are more liable to damage from late frosts. The export cattle trade is becoming active again, but so far attention has been directed mainly to the export of stocker cattle to the United States. Labor is well employed. Men are wanted for the Crow's Nest as well as for the Stikino railway construction. Railway passenger traffic is the heaviest on record, but it does not directly affect the trade of the city to any extent, as the traffic is largely through passengers for the Klondike, and the amount of outfitting done here is not large. The annual spring immigration movement has now set in, thus adding to the heavy railway traffic. Indirectly the city trade is benefited by the larger number of men employed in railway work here, the railway shops being busy for the season.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 12

FUEL.

There is abundance of wood fuel offering, with prices about the same. Coal is unchanged.

FISH.

Prices are about the same and there is very little change in the variety of fish offering. Shell oysters are out of the market. Haddies are offering freely at low prices. The quantity of Manitoba lake fish offered here this winter has been much less than usual, and the season for winter fishing is about over.

GREEN FRUITS.

Good cranberries are very scarce. Any good unfrozen stock is sold at much higher prices. Navel oranges are 25c lower per box. Malaga grapes have a wide range as to quality, as some are going off quality. Other lines are unchanged. Prices are as follows: Mexican oranges, \$3.00 to \$3.50; navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4.00; California seedling oranges, \$3.25; bitter oranges, \$6 per case; bananas, per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3.50; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per box; apples, Ontario stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for good to

choice; southern apples \$4 per bbl.; off quality, \$2.00 to \$3.50 per bbl. as to condition, cranberries, unfrozen, \$8.50 to \$9 a barrel, frozen stock, \$4 to \$7 per barrel, as to quality, which varies widely; sweet potatoes, \$5.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes \$7 to \$10 per keg; Ontario black walnuts, 8c lb.; coconuts, \$1 per doz.; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, fancy elemes, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 10 lb. box. 30 lb. boxes, 18c; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; dates, 7 to 7 1-2c per lb.; shelled walnuts, 25 to 27c per lb.; imported celery, 60 to 75c per doz.; honey, 7 1-2 to 10c.

GROCERIES.

The market is firm for most staple goods, particularly canned goods, which are selling here at less than fresh supplies could be laid down for. Tomatoes continue very firm. Oatmeal is costing higher to lay down. Rice is firm and importations would cost above parity with present prices here. Lard is 1-4c to 1-2c higher, and breakfast bacon has advanced 1-2c. Mess pork is 50c per barrel higher.

IMPLEMENTS.

The change from springlike weather to more wintery weather, following the heavy snow storm of Wednesday, was rather welcomed by the implement houses, as the farmers and country dealers were beginning to crowd for their spring supplies. The change in the weather will give dealers more time to handle the spring trade. Besides this a very early spring is not regarded as favorable for crops, as cold weather may set in later and weaken crops sown early. Business has been good in spring requirements. Binder twine is very strong and prices tend upward.

LEATHER.

The market holds very firm. Upper leather cannot be secured at the prices lately quoted here. This market has not responded to the last advances east, but the feeling is very firm, business is good—in fact is very active in the harness and leather trade, and dealers are pushed to fill orders.

LUMBER.

Dealers report business opening out nicely, and already there is quite a demand from the country. The heavy snow storm this week will be received with favor, as ensuring more water to float logs in the spring. Stocks of lumber are smaller than for many years, and it would be a great inconvenience to have logs hung up this year for lack of water.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has averaged lower. Prices took a drop on Monday of about 1-2c, recovered on Tuesday, held steady on Wednesday, but declined nearly 1c on Thursday and another 1c on Friday, in United States markets.

Locally the market has been quiet, No 1 hard has ranged from 97 to 98 1-2c, above basis Fort William. Yesterday 97c was quoted for cash and about \$1 for May delivery. Some wheat is going east all rail. Yesterday \$1.09 was quoted, North Bay, for No. 1 hard shipped east all rail. Receipts at Fort William last week were 27,000 bushels and shipments 23,500 bushels, leaving in store 727,000 bushels. A year ago Fort William stocks were 2,834,000 bushels, two years ago 3,693,000 bushels, three

years ago 910,836 bushels, four years ago 2,115,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at lake and interior points a year ago were estimated at 7,000,000 bushels, compared with about 4,400,000 bushels at present. This includes lake ports, milling points and country elevators, country elevator stocks being estimated at about 3,000,000 bushels.

FLOUR—The market is steadier and unchanged. Renewed shipments of flour to Australia indicate that the Australians have learned by experience of the good qualities of Manitoba flour for toning up and giving strength to soft wheat flour, and though Australia is not obliged to import wheat this year, they will no doubt continue to take limited quantity of the Manitoba article. We quote Patent, \$2.50; best bakers \$2.30; second bakers \$1.90; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 48 lb., with discount of 5c net.

MILLEED—Prices are unchanged. There is a good demand for bran and prices are firm. We quote bran at \$11 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

OATMEAL—Prices are firm. The last Ontario meal brought in here cost \$1.70 laid down for bags of rolled meal, but eastern millers now ask \$2. United States meal was laid down here as low as \$1.60 some time ago, but this week equal to \$1.70 here was refused, and round lots, freight and duty paid, would cost \$1.75 to \$1.80. Rolled meal is generally held at \$2 in small lots.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is quoted at \$16 to \$17 per ton, Oil cake \$22 per ton.

OATS—The market is very strong and prices have advanced sharply. This is probably owing to the demand for seed. A large quantity of oats will be required for seed, as many farmers are without any, and choice oats are very scarce. Up to 35c per bushel of 34 pounds is asked at country points for choice oats, and only at a few points are there any to be had. This would be equal to about 41c cost including freight, on track Winnipeg. Feed oats are held at 39 to 40c and seed at 41 to 43c.

BARLEY—There is some demand for seed barley, but there is scarcely any obtainable. What has been offered is not fit for seed and very high prices have been asked, ranging from 43 to 50c per bushel. About 45c is the outside idea for a good seed barley, though more may have to be paid. Feed barley nominal about 40c.

CORN—We quote 40c per bus. of 56 lbs., for cars on track here. Market firm owing to advance south.

BUTTER, creamery—A little fall creamery is still held, which is selling at 23 to 23 1-2c.

BUTTER—Dairy—Market is steady. There is very little held and receipts are light. We quote dealers paying 14 to 16c net for good to choice dairy tubs, and selling at 16 to 18c on a commission basis, less freight and commission. Good rolls will bring about as much as dairy.

CHEESE—Dealers are selling at 10 to 10 1-2c. Stocks limited.

EGGS—Eggs are easier. Dealers have paid 16c for receipts of fresh country eggs. We quote 16 to 18c for fresh, as to quality, in small lots. Lined 12 1-2c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is getting scarce. Very little frozen

stock is held in cold storage. Chickens will bring 9c and turkeys 12 1-2c; geese 9 to 10c. Ducks would bring about 8c.

DRESSED MEATS—Frozen beef is slow sales as the season is well advanced to handle this class. Fresh beef is firmer and tending higher. Mutton is steady with liberal supplies of frozen held in cold storage. Hogs steady and firm. Frozen beef 3 to 4 1-2c as to quality. Fresh killed beef 6 to 6 1-2c. Mutton, good to choice, 6 to 7c; hogs, round lots, 6 1-4 to 6 1-2c. Choice hogs in small lots to butchers, 7c.

CURED MEATS and LARD—Prices are firm. Lard has advanced 1-4 to 1-2c, breakfast bacon is 1-2c higher and mess pork 50c higher. See quotations on another page.

HIDES—Prices are the same here, though advices reported eastern markets easier. There are scarcely any hides offering here. Hides at this season of the year are about at their worst in point of quality and buyers are naturally more careful about selection. One feature of our hides here is that they are free from grubs, while eastern and southern hides are usually badly damaged on account of grubs at this season. We quote: Green frozen hides, 6 3-4 to 7c flat, 5 lbs tare; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 40 to 75c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each, colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleece.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—The market is weak. About 18c is now offered.

VEGETABLES—Prices as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel, carrots, \$1 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb; imported, 3c; celery, 60 to 75c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c.

HAY—\$6 to \$6.50 per ton is quoted for baled hay f.o.b. country points.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—In butchers' cattle a very limited business is doing, as considerable frozen beef is still being used. Prices are firm; 4c was paid this week for one car of steers, and good cows would bring 3 1-2. Quite an active movement has started in stocker cattle for shipment to the United States. Buyers for such are paying \$10 to \$12 per head for yearlings and \$15 to \$22 for two years old, in the country. Several good sized lots have been shipped recently.

HOGS—The market for live hogs is firm at unchanged prices. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4 as to quality, live weight.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour 5 to 10c lower. Oats shade higher. Flax seed 4 1-2c lower. Eggs 1c lower. Butter 1c lower. Hides 1c lower for frozen stock.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$5.10 to \$5.20; second patents, \$4.90 to \$5.05.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.50 to \$9.75; bran in bulk, \$9.75 to \$10.00; corn feed, \$11.25 to \$13.00 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 27 3-4 for No. 3. Oats—Held at 26 3-4 for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 30 1-2 to 31c.

Flax seed—\$1.17 per bushel.

Eggs—10 to 10 1-4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2 to 9 1-2; fair to good, 6 1-2 to 7c.

Butter—Creamery 37 to 18 1-2c; seconds, 14 to 15c; dairy, 14 to 17c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6c; hams, 5 to 8 1-2c; hogs, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 for heavy and 4 3-4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 36 to 38c; choice named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6 to 8 1-2c; old fowls, 4 to 7c; turkeys, 9 to 11c; ducks, 9 to 9 1-2c; geese, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Hides—Green, frozen hides, 7 to 8c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 to 7 1-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 18 to 22c.

Cattle—Sales: 4 stockers, av. 625 lbs, \$6.70; 3 stock calves av. 240 lbs, \$4.25, 3 cows av 985 lbs, \$3.40; 2 cows, av 863 lbs, \$2.90; 1 av 807 \$3; 5 helpers, 296 lbs, \$5.35.

Hogs—Shade lower. Sales: 103, hogs av 184 lbs, \$3.80; 88 hogs, av 194 lbs, \$3.80; 37 hogs, av 406 lbs, \$3.75; 48 av 191, \$3.72 1-2.

Sheep—Sales: 23 lambs, av 73, \$4.25; 21 av 97 \$5.25; 46 muttons, av 127, \$4.

George Craig Estate.

The stock of the estate of George Craig & Co., Winnipeg, including store furniture and fixtures, was sold this week and brought 50 cents on the dollar. The purchasers were Mr. Campbell, owner of the block in which the business was located, and brother, of Carman. Messrs. Campbell have arranged with Mr. Craig to continue the business, and the store will be opened for business again to-day. It is Mr. Craig's intention to go out of the grocery, boots and shoes and carpet departments, and continue the dry goods, clothing, furnishings and millinery branches. Mr. Craig is an energetic business man and he will now no doubt make a success of the business. He has been badly handicapped in the past owing to the heavy load which he was carrying, and for years he has made a gummy fight against big odds.

Cornell Spera Stock.

The stock of small wares and furnishings of the estate of Cornell Spera & Co. was sold this week and was bought in by the mortgagees at 58 cents on the dollar. After paying off preferred claims for rent, wages, etc., amounting to about \$1,500, the amount realized would about meet the mortgage claim against the stock. The stock amounted to \$19,900 and the mortgage \$10,000. About \$5,000 in book accounts remain to be distributed among the creditors. It is understood an arrangement is being made whereby the business will be resumed.

Western Business Items.

H. Humby, confectionery, Fort William, has assigned.

W. Blackadar, flour and feed, Winnipeg, has sold out.

Seager & Hall, surveyors, Fort William, have dissolved.

W. H. Kinniston, tobaccos, fruits, etc. Calgary, is dead.

R. Gibson, is opening a private bank at Wolseley, Assa.

J. F. Brownridge is opening in fancy goods at Morden, Man.

R. E. A. Leech has again opened in the grain trade at Brandon.

W. T. Clark, harness, Hilton, Man., has sold out to David Dalgleish.

M. H. Ritchie, general store, Poplar Point, has sold out to Adam Cunningham.

The Dominion City, Man., Farmers' Elevator Co., is applying for incorporation.

G. L. Meikle, late of Saltcoats, is moving to Russell, where he will establish a paper.

E. J. Brooks, of Indian Head, Assa., has disposed of his stock of furniture to J. A. MacCaul & Co.

M. E. Boughton, & Co., general store, Arden, Man., have changed style to McCams & Boughton.

Edwards & Dermody, publishers, Saltcoats, Assa., have dissolved, and are succeeded by Edwards & Ward.

The operators of the creamery at St. Eustache, Man., contemplate adding the manufacturing of condensed milk.

Scott & Chambers, Hamiota, are making preparations to build a large addition to their general store at Hamiota, Man.

Hugh Jack, of Porth county, Ont., has bought Mr. Gray's interest in the Lion brewery at Brandon, Man. The new firm will be Koller & Jack.

Neil McKelvie, of Rapid City, Man., whose stock of dry goods and groceries was partially destroyed recently by fire, will reopen for business next week.

Senkbeil Bros., manufacturers, felt boots, etc., Brandon, Man., have dissolved partnership. C. Senkbeil has bought out the interest of his brother, Wm. Senkbeil.

The business of Hinton & Williams, spice mills, Winnipeg, who recently dissolved partnership, has been amalgamated with Dyson & Gibson, in the same line, here.

Jas. Burrledge, manager of the Gurney Stove and Range company, Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to British Columbia. He reports that business is simply "booming" at the coast.

G. B. Houser & Co. have put in some new machinery during the winter in their planing mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., including a joiner and buss saw. J. M. Taylor, of the same place, has also added to his plant.

J. Wright, blacksmith, Pipestone, has bought out the share of James Rattray in the hardware business of Rattray & McKinnon. The business will now be known by the name of McKinnon & Wright, hardware and general blacksmiths.

There was very little demand for wheat at New York to-day. Thirty-five loads of corn were worked for export.

An Argentine cable via London reads: "The grain market is weak, with fair demand. Advices are less favorable. Marketing is retarded by the recent bad weather. Corn is ripening late. Fine weather is absolutely necessary."

The Commercial has received a copy of "The Klondike Official Guide," from the Consolidated Stationery Co., Winnipeg, who are handling this book to the trade. This is the famous Klondike book prepared by Wm. Ogilvie, Dominion government explorer and surveyor.

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 reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, March 12, 1898.

Butter $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c higher. Eggs 1c lower. Cured meats higher. Sharp advance in fresh meats, cattle and sheep.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 19@20c; Manitoba creamery 22@23c. per lb; California creamery, 24c; Australian, 25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17c. per dozen. Local, 22c; California and Oregon, 20c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11@12c. per lb. Cured Meats—Hams 12c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls 10c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; frozen salmon 6c lb; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 9c; kippered herring 8c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 7c; frozen white fish, 10c lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$15.00 per ton asicrafts \$20; California onions 5c lb; cabbage 1c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$3.00 box; apples, 75c@81.25 box; Navel oranges, \$3.00; seedling oranges, \$2.25.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 22 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.50; strong bakers \$6.25; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.00

Grain—Oats, \$28.00 per ton; wheat \$25@26 per ton; barley, \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$18 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 6 1/2@7 1/2; veal 7@9c; Pemmanican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$4.50; per 100 lbs; sheep, \$5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 @ 6.00 per 100 lbs; cows, \$3.75 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, 11c lb; ducks, 11c lb; turkeys, 15c lb.

Game—Venison, 4c lb; grouse, 60c brace; mallard, 30c brace.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots, 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C. 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$1.65 basis per, refined, \$1.90; Swedes inch and over, \$3.25 @ \$4.25; Lowmoor, 5 1/2c@6c; hoops, coopers, \$2.25 basis; boiler rivets, best, \$4.50; sheet 10 and 12 gauge, \$2.20 and 2.50; 22 to 24 do, 2 1/2c @ 2 3/4c. 26 do, 2 1/2c; 28 do, \$2.75; Russian sheet, per lb 10c @12c.

Iron Pipe—1 to 3/4 inch, 65 per cent. off; 1/2 to 2 inch, 67 1/2c @ 70 1/2c and 10 off.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 28 to 56 lb. in-gots, 16 1/2c per lb.

Copper—Ingot, 12 1/2c; sheet 17c @ 28c. Lead—Bar, 4 1/2c @ 5c; pig, 4 1/2c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75@5.25; shot, can., dis., 12 1/2 per cent.

Steel—Cast, 12c@14c; boiler plate, 1/2-inch, \$1.90; 5-16 do, 3/4 do, sleigh shoe, \$2.15.

Canada Plates—Half bright, \$2.50, all bright, \$3.

Tin Plate—IC coke, \$3.15; IC charcoal, \$3.75@4; 1 1/2 charcoal, \$4.75 @ 5; IXX charcoal, \$5.75@6; DC charcoal, \$3.75@4.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 1/2c@5 1/4c; zinc, spelter, 4 1/2c; domestic, imported, 5 1/2c; solder, hf. and hf., 13c@14c.

Brass—Sheet, 21c@23c.

Galvanized Iron—18 to 21 gauge, 4 1/2c; 26 do. 4 1/2c; 28 do. 25c.

Horseshoes—Per keg \$3.35.

Barb Wire—2 1/2c.

Wire and Coppered Spring—30 per cent. for Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto market; tinued, per lb, 4 1/2c@8c; galvanized, fence, same discount as annealed; coiled chain, 1/2-inch, 4 1/2c; 3/4-inch, 4 1/2c; 1-inch, 3 1/2c; galvanized, off list, 50c discount; boiler tubes, 2-inch, 15c; 3-inch, 18 1/2c.

Horse Nails—Canadian dis., 50 per cent. Canadian Horse Nail Co., "C" brand, f. o. b., Montreal, 50 p. c. "M" brand, 50 p. c.

Nails—Cut nails (iron) basis, 50 to 60 dy., \$1.95 f. o. b., Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, London. Cut nails (steel), add 10c to the prices in list for iron nails. Wire nails, \$2 per keg, Toronto; for places outside factory points \$1.90 f. o. b., Montreal. Carload lots, 5c per keg less than above figures. Brads and finishing nails, special sizes, 80 p. c. from new list.

Rope—Manilla, 7 1/2c basis; sisal, 6 1/2c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$6@11.

Glass—Fourth quality, star, 1st break, \$1.50; second do, \$1.60; third do, \$2.55; fourth do, \$2.85.

Binder Twine—Pure sisal, 5c@5 1/2c; mixed, 5 1/2c@6 1/2c.

Paints and Oils—Turpentine, 58c delivered at western Ontario points. Liseed oil, raw 49c, boiled 52c delivered.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 1/2c; No. 2 granulated, 4 5/16c; Dutch granulated, 4 3/8c; yellows, 3 1/2c @ 4 3/16c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup mediums, 32c@38c; special bright, 40c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 28c@30; for medium and 35c@50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c; fines, 30@35c; Hysons, low grades, 24c@37c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oolong, 25c@65c; Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 1/2@12 1/2c; Mocha, 26c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.30; peas, 95@91; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 75@80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80;

raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@1; sock-eyes, \$1.17@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4 1/2c@5c; fine, off stalk, 5 1/2c@5 1/4c; selected, 6c@6 1/2c; layers, 6 1/2c@7c; Provincial, currants, 6 1/2c; Filiatras, 6 1/2c@7c; Patras, 7c@7 1/2c; Vostizzas, 8c@8 1/2c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 10c@11c; 50's to 60's, 8c@8 1/2c; 60's to 70's, 7 1/2c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7 1/2c; 80's to 90's, 6 1/2c@7c; 90's to 100's, 6@6 1/2c. Bosnia prunes, 5 1/2@6 1/2c; Sultanas, 10c@12 1/2c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallooee dates, 5 1/2@6 1/2c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.50@1.65 per box; black baskets, \$2.25; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.50; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3 1/2@4c; Elene figs, 10 oz., 7 1/2c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12 1/2c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4 1/2c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Nuts—Marbots, 10@11c; filberts, Sicily, 9@11c, Grenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 1/2@4c; do Patna, 5 1/2 @5 1/4c; do Japan, 5 1/2@6 1/2c.

Sices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochín, 15@20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@18c; Annboy, 18@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@51; cream tartar, pure, 28c, 22 @25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16 for Canada mess; short cut, \$16.50@17.00; clear mess, \$14.

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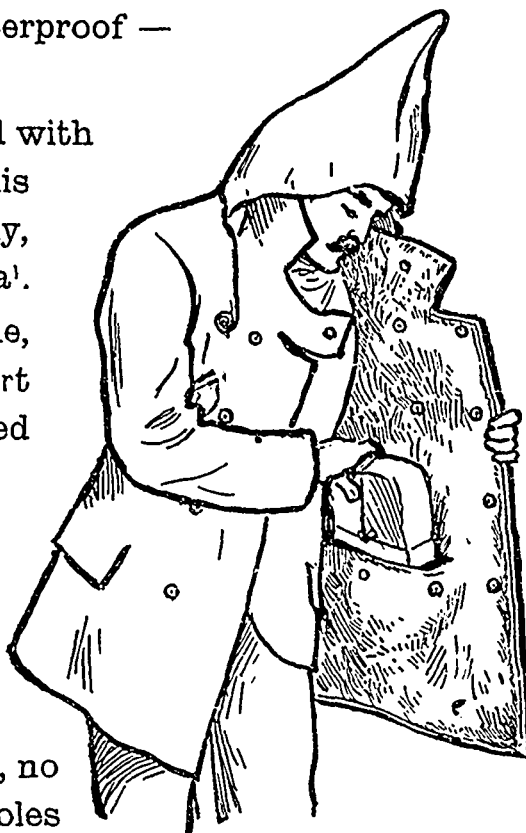
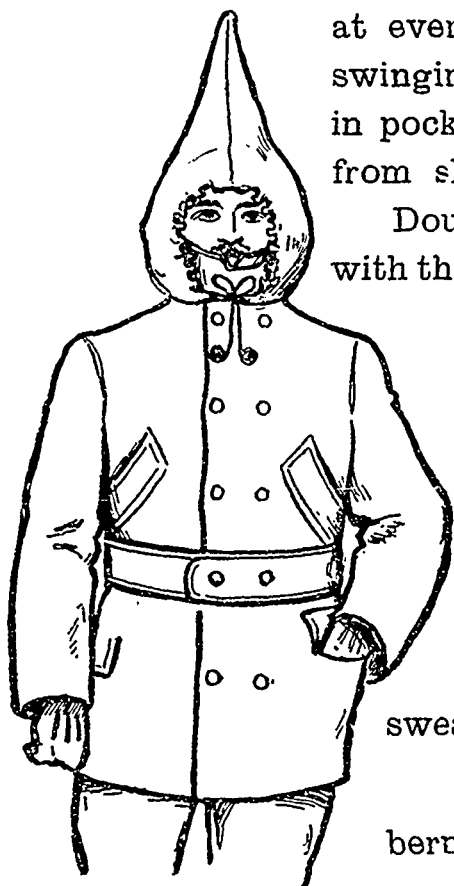
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TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 8.
Offerings to-day were 32 carloads. These include 300 sheep and lambs, 2,000 hogs.

Export Cattle—Were slow at 31-2 to 41-4c for good steers; bulls 31-4 to 33-4c.

Butchers' Cattle—Were firmer and all sold at 23-4 to 33-4c, some extra choice touching 4c.

Stockers and Feeders—Light stockers for Buffalo sold at \$2.90 to \$3.30 per cwt. Good feeding steers sold at \$3.20 to \$3.60 and feeding bul's at \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep were steady at 31-4 to 31-2c per lb. for both butchers' and export. Lambs firm at 5 to 53-8c.

Hogs—Prices were firm. Choice sold at 5 to 51-8c; light hogs 43-4c; thick fat \$4.50 to \$4.60 per cwt.; stores \$4.55; sows \$3 to \$3.25; stags and other rough hogs 2 to 21-4c.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, March 11.
Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 77 carloads, including 3,300 hogs. Butchers' cattle were weaker, outside prices being scarcely realized. Hogs were unchanged on spot, but sales to arrive were made at 1-4c below quotations. Something of a scare has been created by reports of hog cholera in the local government piggery, and consumers are discussing the supposed danger of using diseased pork. Prices were as follows:

Export cattle	\$3.75 to 4.25
Butchers' choice catt'e ...	\$3.50 to 3.75
Butchers' good catt'e ...	300 to 3.25
Butchers' common to medium	2.75 to 3.00
Bulls	2.75 to 3.00
Feeders	3.50 to 3.75
Stockers	2.80 to 3.25
Export sheep	3.25 to 3.50
Butchers' sheep	3.00 to 3.40
Lambs	5.00 to 5.35
Choice bacon hogs	5.00 to 5.10
Light hogs	4.70 to 4.75
Thick fat hogs	4.55 to 4.60
Stores	4.50 to 4.60
Sows	3.00 to 3.25
Stags	2.00 to 2.25

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 12.
Dry Goods—Wholesale business is good but fewer buyers were in this week. Travellers are rushing in large orders.

Grocery—Groceries are active. Sugars declined 1-8c at New York yesterday and a reduction is expected here. Low grade Young Hyson teas are firmer. Spanish cables report a sharp advance in nuts. Prices for paper bags have been fixed by agreement and the cutting in this line is ended.

Liquors—Toronto and Hamilton breweries are cutting prices as much as \$1 to \$2. The former at Hamilton and the latter in Toronto.

Hardware—Demand for hardware is improving. Nails are unsettled owing to cut by a Quebec province factory not in the association. Lead taps are reduced fifteen per cent owing to United States competition. Metals are in better demand for spring delivery. Window glass stocks are short and prices are very firm and likely to advance.

Grain and Produce—Grain deliveries are falling off as the roads are breaking up. Straight roller flour is 10c lower. Eggs declining. Cattle easier and hogs lower.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 12.
Grain deliveries have been falling off owing to the break up in the roads Ontario straight roller flour is 10c per barrel lower. Eggs have declined 2c. Hides weak and lower.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.55; bakers, \$5.05; Ontario straight roller, \$4 to \$4.10.

Wheat—Ontario wheat 81 to 85c.
Oats—White 30 to 301-2c, mixed 291-2c.

Barley—Quite at 42c for No. 2; 38 to 39c for No. 3 extra, and 31 to 32c for feed.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 per ton; bran \$12 to \$12.50 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.70 to \$3.80 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh, 13 to 14c.
Butter, dairy—Tubs, choice, 18c, medium 13 to 15c. Creamery, tubs, 20c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 9c, the latter for steers; cured, 91-4; sheepskins, \$1.00 to \$1.25 for fresh killed; tallow, 23-4 to 31-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 to 41-2c; evaporated, 91-2c.

Honey—61-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—70 to 90c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.25 per 100 lbs.
Wool—Fleece 201-2c. Pulled, sauners, 22 to 23c; extras, 191-2 to 211-2c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1 to \$1.90 per bushel.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 8.
Receipts at the East End Abattoir yesterday were 500 cattle, 50 calves and fifty sheep and lambs. The supply of cattle was larger and about 100 head were left over sold, but prices were not materially lower. Choice heaves weighing 1,200 lbs. and over sold at 41-4c to 41-2c; good at 31-2 to 4c, and common to fair, 3c to 31-4c. Sheep were scarce and firm at 31-2 to 4c, and lambs at 43-4 to 51-4c. At the Grand Trunk yards 150 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs and 100 hogs were offered. There was an easier feeling for hogs and prices declined 5c to 10c per 100 lbs. Offerings were taken at \$5.20 to \$5.35 per 100 lbs.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 11.
At yesterday's market receipts of cattle were heavy and prices declined 1-4c. Hogs were also 10 to 20c per 100 lbs lower. Sheep steady.

Cattle—Choice 4 to 41-4; fair to good, 3 to 33-4c.

Sheep—31-2 to 4c per lb; lambs 43-4 to 51-4c.

Hogs—5 to 51-4c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 12.
Flour is quiet and easier. Manitoba patents 5c lower. Feed is in active demand. Bran and shorts 50c higher. Eggs have made a big decline.

Butter is firmer, dairy 1c higher, creamery 1-2c higher. Dressed hogs 1-4c lower. Some export business has been done in Manitoba flour. Liverpool cheese cable advanced 6d.
Oats—Steady at 34 to 341-2c per bushel for No. 2 white.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90 to \$4.95; Manitoba patents, \$5.30 to \$5.35.

Milfeed—Bran, \$15.00 to \$15.50 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.90 to \$1.95 per bag.

Hides—9 to 91-2c for No. 1.
Eggs—Fresh, 14 to 15c per dozen.

Butter—Dairy, 171-2 to 181-2.
Butter—Creamery, 19 to 21c.

Cheese—73-4 to 8c.
Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 31-2 to 41-2c; hinds, 51-2 to 71-2c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 12.
The feature of the market is the sharp advance in turpentine of 5c. Lined oil is 1c higher.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 43-4c; lined oil raw, 46 to 47c; boiled, 49 to 50; turpentine 57; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 41-4 to 43-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk \$1.65; in bladders, 80; ingot tin, 151-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 12.
The sugar market is easier. The inside price on yellows has been reduced, owing to lower grade being offered.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 43-8c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 41-16; yellows, 31-2 to 37-8c; imported beet lows, 311-16 to 37-8c; imported beet granulated, 41-8c. Molasses, 29 to 30c; syrups, 2 to 21-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 9 to 10c; Mocha, 18 to 20c; Java, 17 to 20; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 31-2c. Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 35 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mis. Buckley, millinery, has opened at Nelson.

H. M. Strang, grocer, New Westminster, has sold out.

Mc McIntyre & Barr, plumbers, Vancouver, have dissolved.

Hicks, Gideon & Co., pianos and organs, have opened in Victoria.

Hillman & Davis, blacksmiths, Trill, has sold out to E. R. White.

Wilson & Matthews, Nanaimo, have dissolved, J. Wilson continues.

J. H. Cavanah, general store Stecan City, has assigned to Wm. Cousins.

Alex. McBryan, general store, Shuswap, sheriff's sale advertised for March 9.

E. Frank, men's furnishings, etc., Victoria, is leaving for Lake Bennett.

Wm. Huston, confectionery and cigars New Westminster, is out of business.

P. Burns & Co., of Nelson, have secured the contract for supplying meat to Mackenzie & Mann for the Stikino railway.

The following items are reported from Kamloops—N. Latremouville, hotel, has leased the Oriental hotel; W. E. McCartney, druggist, style now, Kamloops Drug Co., Ltd., W. E. McCartney, manager; E. Furrer, physician, has admitted P. Proctor into partnership.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 7.—Wheat receipts, 65,725 bushels; exports, 125,062 bushels. Options opened easy with the break in stocks; rallied on European war news, but again weakened under the bearish weekly statistics and light export demand. The only afternoon feature was a spurt in September, due to crop scares. It closed one cent higher against 1-4c decline in other months. No. 2 red, \$1.06 1-8 to \$1.06 3-4, closed \$1.06 1-8 for March; \$1.00 5-16 to \$1.00 15-16 for May, closing \$1.00 1-8; July, 91 1-8c to 91 3-4c, closed 91 3-8c; Sept., 81 3-8c to 83 1-8c, closed 82 3-4c.

New York, March 8.—Wheat — Receipts 152,625 bushels; sales 2,045,000 bushels futures, 128,000 spot. Spot firm No. 2 \$1.07 1-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive, No. 1 northern Duluth \$1.12 5-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.11 3-8 f.o.b. afloat spot; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.13 7-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive. Options opened firm on higher cables and European war news and after a midday decline under realizing finally rallied and closed 1-8c to 7-8c net higher. Late months were strongest on predictions of a cold wave west, following rain. Export inquiry was more active today. No. 2 red March \$1.06 1-8 to \$1.06 5-8, closed \$1.06 3-8; May \$1.00 1-2 to \$1.01 3-16, closed \$1.00 7-8; July 91 9-16 to 92 7-16, closed 92 1-4; Sept. 82 3-4 to 83 13-16, closed 83 3-4.

New York, March 9.—Wheat — Receipts 111,000 bush.; exports 113,168 bush. Options opened firm at 1-4c to 3-8c advance on higher cables, but were influenced by reactions abroad. The afternoon feature was a sharp advance on large export transactions and bullish Missouri crop news, followed by realizing, an unsettled market, 1-8c to 5-8c net advance, latter on distant months. No. 2 red March closed \$1.06 1-2; May opened \$1.00 7-8 to \$1.01 7-16, closed \$1.01; July opened 92 to 92 11-16, closed 92 1-4; Sept. opened 83 1-2 to 85, closed 84 1-2.

New York, March 10.—Wheat — Receipts 77,700 bushels; exports 98,123 bushels. Options opened easy at 1-8c to 3-8c, decline, under disappointing Liverpool cables and improved crop news. The undertone was generally weak all day, within a narrow range, influenced by foreign selling and prospective bearish government report on farm reserve prices, finally broke under liquidation, and closed 5-8 to 7-8c net lower. No. 2 red March opened \$1.05 1-2 to \$1.05 7-8, closed \$1.05 5-8; May opened \$1.00 3-16 to \$1.00 3-4, closed \$1.00 3-8; July opened 91 1-2 to 92 1-8, closed 91 5-8; Sept. opened 83 5-8 to 84 5-8 closed 85 3-8.

New York, March 11.—Wheat — Receipts 52,725 bushels; sales 5,330,000 bushels. Options opened easy on cable news rallying slightly on covering, and then collapsed in response to a raid by a prominent Chicago elevator man, and the bear crowd generally. Bulls were utterly routed, and made no attempt towards a recovery all day; prices closed 1-8c to 1 3-4c net lower. Heavy liquidation was a feature. No. 2 red March opened \$1.03 7-8 to \$1.04 1-2, closed \$1.03 1-8; May opened 98 7-8 to \$1.00 9-16, closed 98 7-8; July opened 90 to 91 1-16, closed 90; Sept. opened 82 1-2 to 83 3-4, closed 82 1-2.

On Saturday, March 12, No. 2 red wheat closed at 98c for May option, and 89 5-8c July. A week ago May wheat closed at \$1.00 5-8.

A. B. Botham returned Thursday from an eastern trip.

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 for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 60 pounds.

Chicago, March 7.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, March, \$1.02 1-2; May, \$1.04 3-4; July, 90 1-4c.
Corn, May, 29 7-8c to 30c; July, 31 1-8c; Sept., 32 1-4c.

Oats, May, 26 3-4c to 26 7-8c; July, 24 3-8c to 24 1-2c.

Mess pork, May, \$10.25; July, \$10.30.
Lard, May, \$5.12 1-2; July, \$5.22 1-2.
Short ribs, May, \$5.10; July, \$5.15.

Chicago, March 8.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—March \$1.02 1-2, May \$1.04 3-4, July 91c.

Corn—May 30 1-8, July 31 3-8c, Sept. 32 1-2c.

Oats—May 26 7-8c to 27c, July 24 5-8c.

Mess pork—May \$10.17 1-2, July \$10.22 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.12 1-2, July \$5.20.

Short ribs—May \$5.10, July \$5.15.

Chicago, March 9.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—March \$1.02 1-2; May \$1.04 1-2 to 3-4; July 90 7-8.

Corn—May 30 1-4; July 31 3-8 to 31 1-2.

Oats—May 27; July 24 5-8.

Pork—May \$10.30; July \$10.35.

Lard—May \$5.22 1-2; July \$5.27 1-2.

Ribs—May \$5.17 1-2; July \$5.22 1-2.

Chicago, March 10.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.04; July 90 1-8 to 90 1-4.

Corn—No. 2 May 30 3-8; July 31 1-2 to 31 5-8.

Oats—May 26 7-8; July 24 5-8.

Mess pork—May \$10.27 1-2; July \$10.32 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.22 1-2; July \$5.30.

Short ribs—May \$5.15; July \$5.20.

Chicago, March 11.—Wheat, March \$1.02 1-2. May opened \$1.04 1-8, closed \$1.04. July opened 90 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 88 1-4 to 3-8c. Sept. opened 80 5-8c, closed 79 5-8c. Corn, May opened 30 1-2c, closed 30 1-4c. July 31 3-8 to 1-2c. Sept. 32 1-2 to 5-8c. Oats, May opened 27 1-2c, closed 26 3-4c. July opened 24 3-4c, closed 24 5-8c. Ribs, May opened \$5.15, closed \$5.12. July opened \$5.22, closed \$5.17. Pork, May opened \$10.30 to \$10.35, closed \$10.20. July \$10.25. Lard, May \$5.20. July \$5.27 to \$5.30.

On Saturday, March 12, May wheat opened at \$1.01 and ranged upward to \$1.04 1-2. Closing prices were:

Wheat—March, \$1.01 7-8; May, \$1.01 1-8; July, \$7 1-8; Sept. 79 1-8.

Corn—May, 30 1-8c; July 31 3-8c.

Oats—May 26 3-8c; July, 24 1-2c.

Pork—May, 9 35; July, \$10.

Lard—May, \$5.12 1-2; July, \$5.17 1-2.

Rib's Mess \$5.02 1-2; July, \$5.07 1-2.

Flax seed—Cash, \$1.22; May, \$1.21 1-4.

A week ago May options closed at \$1.05 3-4. A year ago May wheat closed at 73 1-4c, two years ago at 63 1-8c, and three years ago at 56 5-8c.

E. Nicholson, commission merchant, Winthrop, has received some samples of Louisiana rice, but the price is too high for this market. This rice would cost July 5 7-8c laid down here, duty paid while Japan rice is selling here to the trade at 5 3-8c, though the latter is a close price compared with what it would cost to lay it down here now. It is said Japan rice would cost 5 1-4c laid down here now.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, March 7.—A firmer trade was experienced in cattle to-day, but prices showed no material change except for Americans which are 1-4c higher, at 11 1-4c for choice. Canadians, 10 1-2c, and Argentine, 9 1-2c. The supply of Argentine sheep was heavy and prices scored a further decline of 1-2c, choice being quoted at 10 1-2c, and Falkland Islands at 10c.

Liverpool, March 7.—There was no change in this market. Choice States being quoted at 10 1-2c; choice Canadians at 10c to 10 1-2c; middlings at 9 1-2c, and sheep at 11c.

LONDON MONEY.

London, March 11.—Consols for money 111 11-16, for the account 111 7-8; bar silver weak, 25 3-16; money 2 3-4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills 3 1-4 per cent, for three months bills 3 per cent.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, March 11.—Money on call steady, 1 1-2 to 2, last loan 2; prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent; sterling exchange weak at \$1.83 3-4 for demand and at \$1.80 3-4 for 15 days; posted rates \$1.82 to \$1.83 and \$1.85 to \$1.85 1-2; commercial bills \$1.80; silver certificates 51 1-4c to 55c; bar silver 54 1-4c; Mexican dollars 44 3-4c; government bonds weak; stocks closed weak and unsettled.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, March 11.—Opening: Wheat—Spot steady. No. 1 northern spring stocks exhausted; No. 2 red western winter 7s 11d.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The weekly report of the Winnipeg clearing house is as follows:

Clearings. Balances.		
Week ending March 10, 1898	\$1,426,793	\$254,578
Week ending March 10, 1897	879,798	153,853
Week ending March 10, 1896	1,011,661	184,835

D LUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 98 7-8c; July 96 5-8c.

Tuesday—May 99 1-8c; July 96 7-8c.

Wednesday—May 99 1-8c; July 96 7-8c.

Thursday—May 98 1-2c; July 96 1-4c.

Friday—May 97 1-4c; July 95c; Sept. 78 1-2c.

Saturday—May 96 7-8c, July 94 5-8c.

Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 98 3-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 96 7-8c.

Last week May options closed at 99 1-4c.

A year ago May options closed at 76 1-8c, and two years ago at 61 1-4c; three years ago May options closed at 62 1-8c, and four years ago closed at 60 3-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, March 12, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 34 1-8c, for May option, 93 1-8c for July and 77c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 97 1-4c.

The Stikine railway bill passed the house at Ottawa on Thursday. Notes

Mr. F. A. Fairchild, who recently returned from California and Mexico, says that the wheat crop in California has been damaged beyond repair by drought, and large areas are being plowed up.