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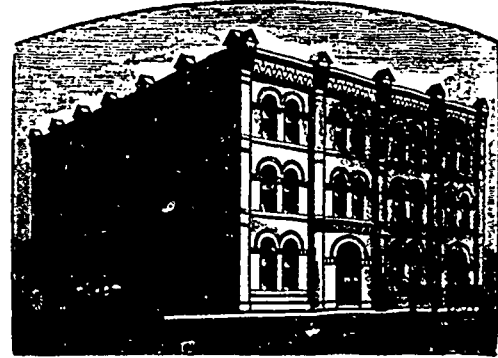
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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 3, 1891.

## Manitoba.

A large addition is being added to the Cavanagh hotel, at Elkhorn.

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A. C. McColl, confectionery and fruits, Winnipeg, advertises his business for sale.

W. Elliott, of Winnipeg, has decided to start a furniture store at Pilot Mound.

Moses Droxerman, clothing, Winnipeg, has sold out to John Rosenplot and is moving to Seattle, Washington.

The hardware firm of Murphy & Todd, Rapid City, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Murphy will continue the business.

R. Burden has his Turkish baths, at the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, completed and ready for business. They are fitted up in good style, at a cost of about \$5,000. They are the first baths of the kind in Winnipeg.

J. Macleod, Holiday & Bro, commission merchants, etc., Winnipeg, have received the agency for the manufactures of the Donald Produce company, of Norwich, Ontario, and Montreal. This company is engaged largely in the manufacture of jams, jellies, pickles, evaporated goods, etc.

J. Machesney, of the Brandon Times, and E. J. Wilson, of Birtle, will start a paper at Birtle, to be called the Eye Witness. The plant now publishing the Brandon Times will be sent to Birtle for the publication of the new paper, and an entire new plant will be put in by the Brandon paper.

A company of citizens has been organized says the Brandon Times, with a view to providing Brandon with an electric street railway. The application of the company for a thirty years franchise has been made to the city council and the matter is now under the consideration of the board of works.

Brandon Sun, July 30: "J. D. McGregor & Co. are leaving for England this week with some six hundred head of cattle. They hope to get their next importation of horses out in time for the Winnipeg show. They intend bringing about 25 head comprised of Shires, Suffolks, Punches, Cleveland Bays and thoroughbred stallions. They will also bring a few specially selected fillies.

## Alberta.

W. Thornton, formerly with J. Field at Calgary, has opened a drug store at that place.

The Calgary board of trade, says the Tribune, is in communication with a prominent firm in the east with the object of inducing them to establish a woolen mill in Calgary.

It was expected that the Calgary & Edmonton railway would be completed by August 1st, but it is now learned that the line will not be handed over to the C. P. R. company before the 10th. Gen. Supt. Whyte will inspect the line before a regular freight and passenger service is established between Calgary and Edmonton. A mixed train will then be placed on the road, making two trips a week each way, the same as obtained on the Prince Albert branch.

## Assiniboia.

Mac Elvery, of the new hotel at Indian Head has sold out to Last, of Fort Qu'Appelle.

Medicine Hat has decided to move for incorporation. Ontario parties have offered to establish a woolen mill there, providing the town will erect a suitable building and rent it to the company at a nominal figure. In order to accept this offer incorporation is necessary.

## Lumber Cuttings.

There is some talk of the establishment of an extensive saw mill at Esquimalt, under the auspices of certain Moodyville and other capitalists.

The royalty upon lumber and other material manufactured from burnt timber cut on lands under license in Manitoba and the Territories has been reduced from 5 per cent. to 2½.

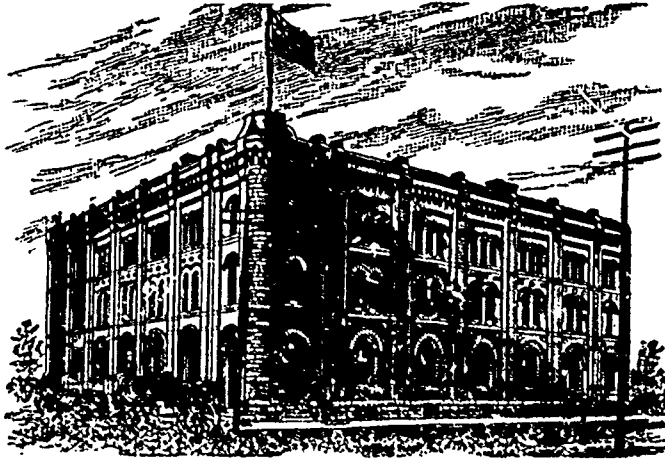
The Hastings saw mill, Vancouver, B. C., closed recently for an indefinite period. R. H. Alexander, the manager, says that if any ships arrive the cargoes will be cut for them, but no charters will be sought for some time. The falling off of the South American trade and a periodic dullness in the lumber trade of the world are the causes assigned. The ships now at the wharf are loaded and will sail in a few days.

The lumbermen's excursion from Rat Portage to Rainy river was a great success. It was attended by a large number of business men, and everything passed off successfully. On the return to Rat Portage, a joint meeting of lumber manufacturers and retail dealers was held, and the question of forming a retailers' association was discussed, but nothing definite decided upon. There is talk of making the excursion an annual affair.

A tax of fifty cents per 1,000 feet of lumber got out from this Province has always been charged as "stumpage tax," but in accordance with an order-in-council, dated the 27th of November, 1888, a rebate of 25 cents was allowed on every 1,000 feet exported from the Province. A notice is now inserted in the British Columbia Gazette stating that the rebate on the royalty received from lumber exported will be discontinued, the new regulations to come into effect on and after the 31st day of August of this year.

Vancouver News: The party of tourists from Minnesota points and Iowa points who arrived in Vancouver on Monday bound for Alaska, contained several of the best known lumbermen of the Mississippi valley. They did not miss the opportunity of visiting some of Vancouver's saw mills. In conversation Wm. Carson, of Eau Claire, Wis., said he had been much pleased with a visit to the Hastings saw mill where he had seen larger logs than he had ever seen before. There was no doubt, he said, but western lumber would gradually become more common on the eastern markets. This last summer Puget Sound timber had been shipped to Eau Claire, the centre of the Wisconsin trade. It was estimated that the timber supply of the Mississippi valley would be exhausted in about eight years, and he thought the Pacific coast timber would hardly compete with the white pine of Wisconsin and Iowa for fine work but he admitted that he had not had much experience with the cedar of British Columbia or Puget Sound. There was no doubt but that the lumbermen of the east were turning their attention to the west and some of them would no doubt engage in the business in the west.

The Vancouver News says: N. L. Slaght, one of Michigan's lumber kings, who last year came to British Columbia and invested extensively in timber, arrived in Vancouver yesterday and is staying at the Manor House. His company had intended to erect extensive saw mills in this province some time this year, but the dullness in the lumber market caused him to advise the suspension of building operations until 1892. He would go into the exporting of lumber from the beginning of operations. Mr. Slaght has been engaged in lumbering since he was a boy, and that is quite a long time ago, and consequently is conversant with the business in all its details. He holds some opinions on the lumber question which is slightly different from the practice of the mills of this coast. He would prefer to have all the lumber, or the greater part of it, exported from the province, cut up into small stuff and dressed before shipping. He argues that in this form it could be more conveniently stowed aboard ship, would sell more readily when it reaches the foreign market, and would yield a profit upon the extra labor done in this province which now goes to the purchaser, who has the deals and fitches, after he receives them, sawn into smaller pieces and dressed before retailing. He would also advocate having the saw mill men engaged in exporting to unite, so that a system of grading could be adopted and joint action on certain matters affecting all. The lumber business of Michigan was not reduced to a solid paying basis till this was done. Write such an association a salesman could be sent to each of the leading foreign markets, who would handle the produce of all the mills, thereby turning the profits of the middlemen into the pockets of the producers.

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(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, July 27,—Heat! It is not often residents of the coast have to complain of not being able to sleep at night on account of the heat, but that has been the experience of last week, and the warm spell still continues. It is decidedly good for fruit and the harvesting of crops which is now under way and nobody complains. Business in all lines throughout the province is good, and the volume of shipments is large.

The Empress of India from Japan and the Taichow from San Francisco arrived heavily laden, and a tea ship from China; while local and coast trade is excellent. The best of the lumber trade so far as foreign demand is concerned is about over owing to general dullness in the world's market. The disturbances in South America have disorganized the usually good trade of that country, and the other markets are not brisk as usual.

Since last writing arrangements for the Westminster tramway and the extension of the Vancouver system have been pushed and both are expected to be completed in a short space of time. Work is about to start on the Chilliwack railway, while traffic arrangements are being completed on the Columbia & Kootenay, and Shuswap & Okanagan.

Sealers are returning to Vancouver and Vic-

toria from the north, and the catches necessarily very limited. So far as can be learned most of the sealers have been warned off the sealing grounds and as a consequence heavy damages will be claimed from the Imperial government.

A good deal of interest is being manifested in the Toronto exhibit by the various parts of the province, and the cities are all going in for it with a will and the exhibit this year it is expected will be exceedingly large.

Local and imported fruit is coming in freely, the shipments being heavy. Local fruit was somewhat damaged by the late cold spring, but quantity and quality on the whole cannot be complained of. Vegetables are in good supply and fairly reasonable. New hay is on the market. Altogether the crops, of fruit, grains and vegetables are highly satisfactory, although in some respects there have been disappointments.

Real estate generally is quiet. Mr. Robert Ward, of Victoria, while in England, floated another large loan company for British Columbia, the incorporation of which is gazetted. There is also announced at Victoria the establishment of a large beer brewery on a large scale, the contract for which it is understood has been let to a San Francisco man. There will be connected with it a malt house and distillery. This has an im-

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portant bearing on the interests of the province. Besides the large imports of foreign beer, practically all the malt consumed in the British Columbia breweries is imported, some one million pounds per annum, which represents in round figures 50,000 bushels of barley. Fifteen hundred or two thousand acres of land in British Columbia would grow barley sufficient for present malting purposes, and speaking of the Okanagan district, which has eminent capabilities to grow barley to malt, the supply for which must come from San Francisco and pay duty, barley as a crop there ought to pay as well as wheat at 60 and 65c per bushel, and thus add a new industry and retain for ourselves the benefits accruing therefrom. With railway facilities established in the interior this is now possible. In this connection it may be stated that the arrangements for the consolidation by a syndicate of all the breweries in British Columbia at one time thought to have fallen through, is likely to be consummated after all. Prices are as follows:—

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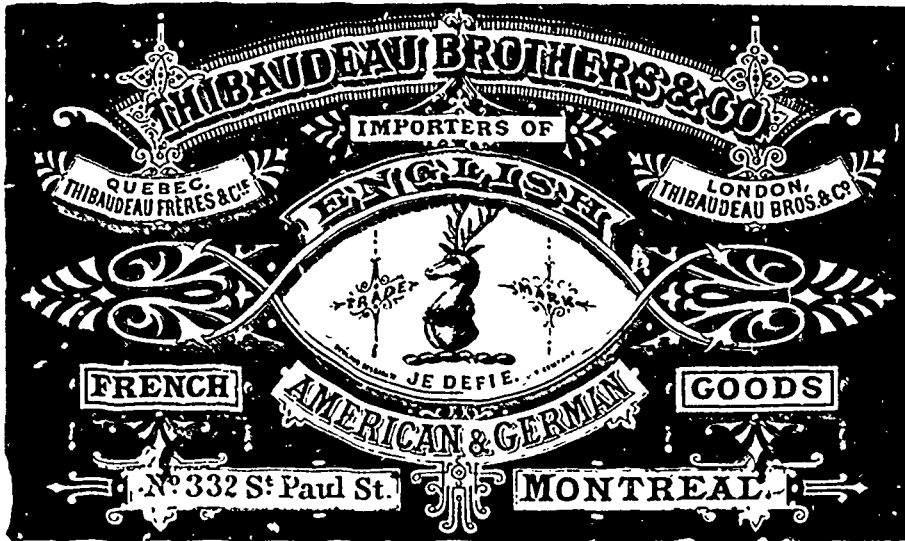
Meats—Dry salt, 12c; roll bacon, 12c; break fast bacon, 14c; backs, 13½c; hams, 15c; lard, in tubs, 12c; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13c; lard compound, 12c.

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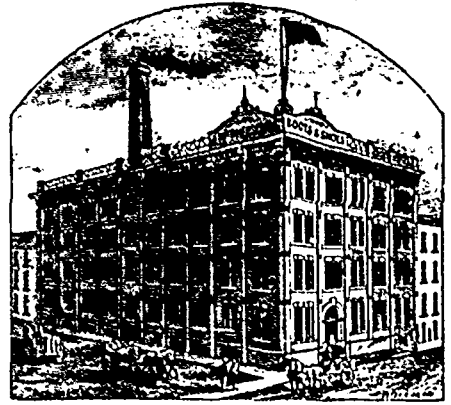
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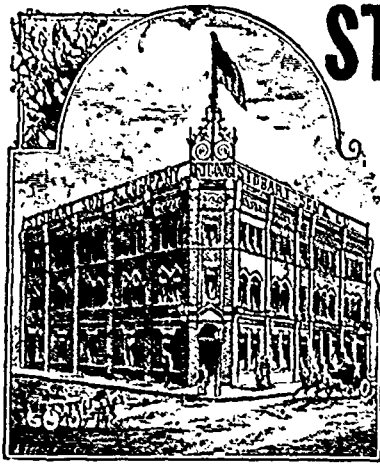
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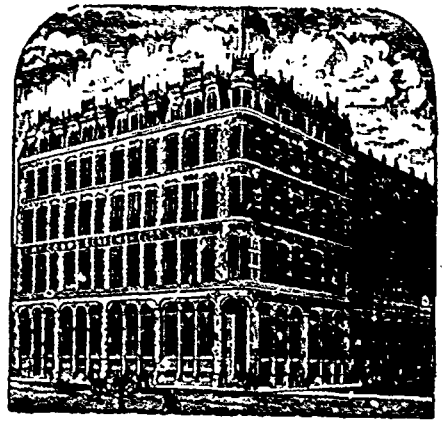
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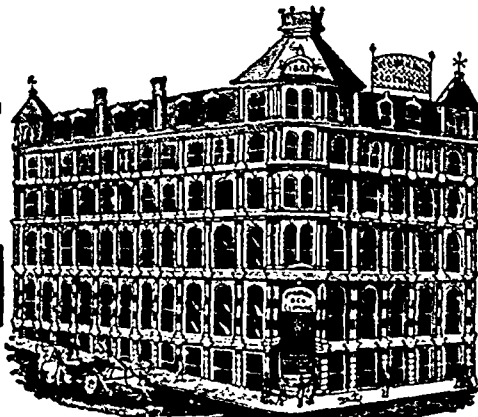
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## A RETAILERS' CONVENTION.

It is now over a year since the retail merchants of Manitoba and the territories met in convention at Winnipeg to discuss matters pertaining to their general welfare. The convention was a success, both in point of the number in attendance and in the work accomplished. Good seed was sown, which has since borne fruit to the advantage of the merchants, individually and collectively. It could not be expected, however, that the first convention would be as profitable to the trade as a second or third would be. In order to be of the greatest value to the country, it would be necessary to keep up an organization, with conventions at intervals to be agreed upon. A convention at least once a year would certainly be of great advantage to retail merchants, and they might be held even more frequently, to advantage.

On the first occasion the retailers came together, without any definite programme arranged upon. It was a gathering of merchants from all parts of the country, drawn together by the belief that there were certain trade matters which should be discussed, but not knowing what would be the outcome of the gathering. The first thing which had to be done was to organize, and a great deal of time was consumed in preliminary work. Now something of an organization exists, and at a second convention, the merchants would be able to get to work quicker, and expedite matters much better than they could have hoped to do at the first gathering. The experienced gained from the former convention would also be of assistance on a second similar occasion.

It is always an advantage to business men, to meet together and talk over matters affecting their trade interests. A exchange of ideas is an advantage in any calling, and remarks from one person draw out ideas from others, which otherwise they never would have thought of. The mere fact of discussion, even where no definite plan of action is resolved upon, will be beneficial to those attending a convention of this class. Men will get their ideas rubbed and brightened up, and will gain information which they will be able to apply in their business to advantage. But besides the good to be derived from general discussion (which alone would warrant the holding of a convention at intervals), there are certain matters affecting the interests of the retail merchants of Manitoba and the territories, which require united action to produce the best results. This is yet a new country, and we are now laying the foundation of our business structure. Now is the time therefore, to see that trade be established on sound business principles. It is to be regretted that some very unbusinesslike customs prevail to a great extent in this community. It should be the aim to remedy these at once. The crop prospect points to the harvesting of an unusually bountiful crop. If nothing occurs to mar our prospects, a splendid outlook will be before the country. Money will be free, times will be

prosperous, and there will be a grand opportunity to reform our improper business methods. The best time to introduce the needed reforms would certainly be during a season of prosperity and financial freedom, though this is often the time when needed reforms are lost sight of. "Hard times" simply show the great necessity for proper business methods in conducting the trade of a country or community; but though not so apparent, correct business customs are really more necessary during seasons of affluence, for it is really during the existence of "good times," that business men are more liable to carelessness. Then when a time of stringency comes, the folly of their past actions becomes more readily discernible.

What THE COMMERCIAL would propose is, that another convention of retail merchants be held in Winnipeg during exhibition week. The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition will be held from September 28 to October 3. There will undoubtedly be a large number of merchants in the city that week, without the convention, while with the double attraction of the convention and exhibition, there would be a certainty of a much larger attendance than at the first convention. There are such questions as credit business, security for credit accounts, collections, insurance, exemptions, taxation of stocks and many others which could be discussed to advantage at such a convention, and upon some of which united action is of pressing necessity. If the executive of the retailers' association do not care to take the responsibility of calling a convention, THE COMMERCIAL would ask the opinions of retailers generally as to the advisability of taking action in the matter. We think, however, that the officers of the association would be sustained by the trade generally, in calling and arranging for a convention during exhibition week, without further inquiry or delay.

## ANOTHER DISTRICT OPENED.

Edmonton, Alberta, July 25. Tracklaying on the Calgary & Edmonton railway was finished to Edmonton this evening. The last spike was driven by Donald Ross, the oldest settler.

The telegram above conveys information of a most important nature to northern Alberta in particular, and Canada in general. It intimates that the great Saskatchewan country has again been invaded by the iron horse, and that a vast and fertile region has been opened to settlement and civilization. Less than a year ago, the first railway was completed to the North Saskatchewan river. Now, a second railway has been constructed to this river, at a point about 300 miles west of the place reached by the first railway to the Saskatchewan.

The Calgary and Edmonton railway, as its name implies, is a line of railway connecting the towns of Calgary and Edmonton, both of which are in the territory of Alberta. At Calgary the road connects with the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway. The road, commencing at Calgary, runs in a northerly direction, a distance of about 200 miles, to the North Saskatchewan river, near Edmonton, the town being situated on the north side of the river, opposite the railway terminus. The road runs through an excellent stock and agricultural country. The region is well watered by num-

erous streams flowing eastward from the Rocky mountains, and along these streams abundance of fine timber, suitable for lumber and fuel, can be obtained. The slopes and foothills of the mountains are wooded, and belts of timber also extend along some of the streams well into the prairie country. Saw logs can be floated down these streams to points convenient to the railway, and there manufactured into lumber. Thus settlers are assured of cheap building material. There are saw mills at Edmonton, and on the Red Deer river. Coal also exists throughout this region. The famous Red Deer country is on the line of this railway. Work was commenced on the Calgary and Edmonton Railway just a year ago last month, so that the railway was completed in the same month in which construction was commenced. The road will be operated by the Canadian Pacific, under lease, and to all intents and purposes will form a branch of this great system.

Edmonton has been an important post of the Hudson's Bay Company for many years, and a considerable settlement has also existed here for years. The town has a population of about 800 to 1,000, with over fifty business institutions, including several important mercantile concerns. Those not acquainted with the circumstances, will wonder how such a town and settlement became established at a point distant hundreds of miles from railway communication. There are several reasons for this. The original location of the Canadian Pacific railway would have taken the great transcontinental line through this district, had it not been abandoned in favor of the southern route. A number of early settlers located about Edmonton, while under the belief that the transcontinental road would pass through the district. The agricultural advantages of the district, induced others to locate here. The location of the town on the North Saskatchewan river, with the advantages of navigation afforded by the river, assisted in making the place an important point. The geographical position of Edmonton is such as to make it the doorway to the great and valuable region north of the North Saskatchewan. This made it an important point in the fur trade, and the principal base of supplies for the immense territory watered by the Athabasca, Peace and other rivers.

Now that the country between Calgary and Edmonton has been provided with a line of railway, an increased inflow of immigration will follow, which will have a beneficial effect upon the trade of Calgary. Edmonton, as the chief centre of northern Alberta, will also be favorably influenced by the inflow of settlement which may now be confidently expected.

Now that we have a railway at the doorway to the great region north of the Saskatchewan, we will likely soon learn more about this portion of the Dominion, about which so little is now known. Exploration, and even settlement will be stimulated in the north country. The North Saskatchewan country has up to the present time been the stopping place of those adventuresome settlers, who wished to be in the vanguard of advancing civilization, and who accordingly selected the most remote parts accessible. But now with two railways to the Saskatchewan, this region will have lost its



charm to such adventuresome individuals. We may therefore expect in a few years to find settlements as far north of the Saskatchewan, as the Saskatchewan settlements themselves were until recently distant from communication with the outside world.

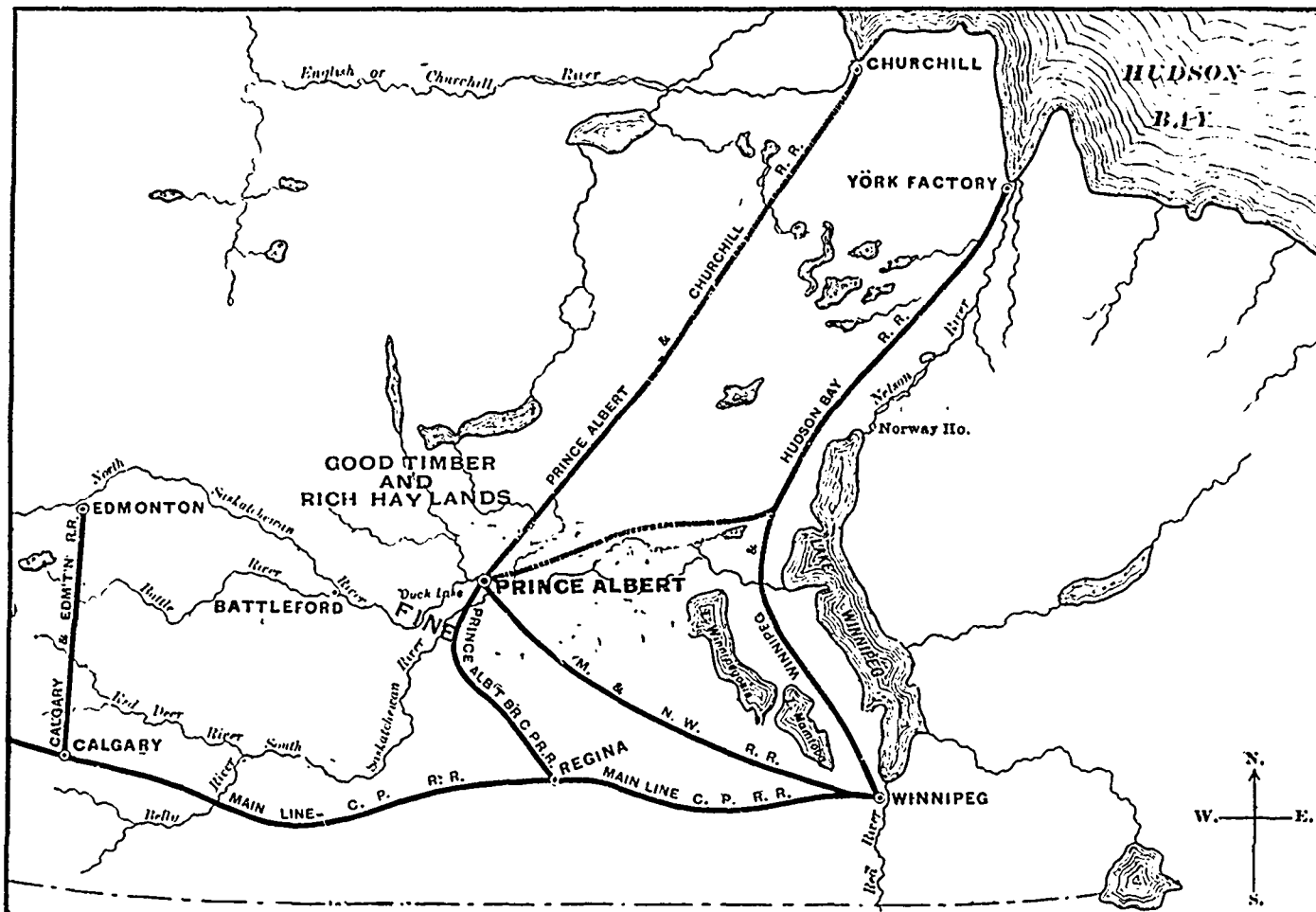
The completion within a year of a second railway to the North Saskatchewan, is a matter of importance to Canada in general, in that it indicates the rapid development of Western Canada. New regions, equal in superficial area to the larger countries of Europe, are being opened annually for settlement, and still there

was said, would be worth a fortune to the inventor, and would be a great boon to the farmer. The cost of binder twine is a heavy tax on the farmers, and some years in Manitoba, when twine was dear and crops heavy, the cost of twine has been over 75 cents per acre on heavy crops. It now appears that a harvester to bind with straw has been invented, and we read of tests of these machines being made in the United States. One report says. "An important exhibition of improved grain-binding machines was made on the farm of Dr. Foke, near Joliet, Ill. The Walter A. Wood

### Toronto Live Stock Market.

Export cattle—The offerings of this grade of stock were almost all grass fattened, but of a good quality. The supply was good, and a little above what has been coming lately. Prices were firm, ranging from 4½ to 5½ per pound, and all were wanted at these figures.

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OUTLINE MAP OF THE SASKATCHEWAN VALLEY.

This map is given as an index to the article headed, "Another District Opened." It shows the two North Saskatchewan points—Prince Albert and Edmonton—which may now be reached by railway. The M. & N. W. R. (Manitoba and Northwestern) is not completed to Prince Albert, but if extended as contemplated, will eventually reach that point. The dotted lines toward Hudson Bay, are merely possible routes for railways in that direction. Battleford is another important Saskatchewan point, which it is expected will next be given railway connection, either by a road to connect with the Prince Albert branch, or by some other route. The Northwest Central is projected to Battleford, of which 50 miles, extending north westward from Brandon, have been completed. The distance from Winnipeg to Regina is 357 miles; Regina to Prince Albert, 247 miles; Winnipeg to Calgary, 840 miles; Calgary to Edmonton, about 200 miles. The two great branches of the Saskatchewan river unite a short distance below Prince Albert. The main river, including the North branch, is navigable from Lake Winnipeg to Edmonton.

is room to go on with the same work for years to come. Only the doorway to the great north country has now been reached. Accompanying this article is a map of the Saskatchewan valley, showing the two railway terminal points on the North Saskatchewan.

### A STRAW BINDER.

A couple of years ago, in an article on binder twine, THE COMMERCIAL said that some mechanical genius should put on his thinking cap and invent a harvesting machine which would utilize straw for binding. Such a machine, it

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Butchers' Cattle—The market was off from 25 to 50c per cwt for this class of stock, and a good many of the offerings were left over unsold. Prices ranged from 2½ to 4c per pound, but mostly within the of 3 to 3½c, very few going up as high as 4c, and that for an extra grade.



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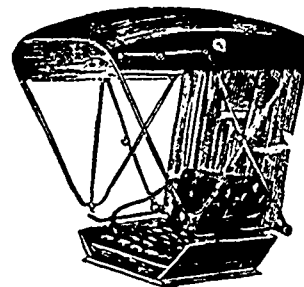
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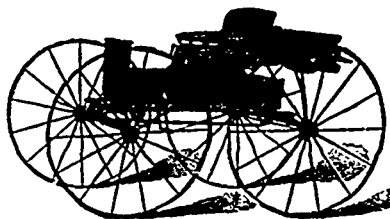
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## DRUGS.

Jobbing prices are:—Howard's quinine, 50 to 55c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65c; English camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 85 to 90c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$4.50; copperas, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c. Insect powder, pure, 40c; alcohol, \$1.65 per gallon.

## DRIED FRUITS.

Prices here are as follows. California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Valencia layers, \$2.70; currants, 7½c; figs, cooking, in bags, 6½c; inboxes, 7c; choice do., 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Elemo figs layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 9c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 20 to 22c; peeled peaches, 28c; pitted plums; 20c; raspberries, 30c; prunes, 8c to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitis, \$5.

## FISH.

Fresh caught whitefish were locally scarce for a part of last week and refrigerator frozen stock were the only sort obtainable. The shortage was only temporary, and supplies came in later from the lake. The catch of whitefish on Lake Winnipeg is very large, and the three exporting companies are working on a larger scale than ever, while the local fishermen are prohibited from working, under the new, bungling regulations. It is said there will be an exodus of settlers from the Lake Winnipeg districts, unless the regulations are speedily changed. Whitefish are jobbing here at 6c per lb. Lake Superior trout, 9c, British Columbia salmon, 14c.

## GREEN FRUITS.

California fruits are arriving freely, and prices have a lower tendency, and quotations will perhaps be still lower for the next week. Apples of good season quality are arriving freely. Watermelons are selling largely at low prices. Oranges are not in great variety. Blueberries have not come to hand very freely, and the price keeps up. Sales have been mostly at 9c. Letters from Rat Portage say that berries are scarce this year, though some claim differently. Not much has been done in other native fruits. Currants are offering on the market at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per pail. Prices are: Oranges, California, \$5.00 to \$5.75. Messina lemons, \$6. to \$6.50. Bananas are quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 per bunch. California soft fruits in 20 lb. boxes; peaches, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per box; plums, \$2.00 to \$2.50; apricots, \$0.00 to \$0.00. Southern apples, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel;

watermelons, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per dozen. Tomatoes, \$1.75 to \$2.00 per crate of 24 pounds. Blueberries, 9c per pound. Comb honey, 23c a pound.

## GROCERIES.

Reports from the east indicate that the scarcity of sugar is still very great, and refiners and wholesalers are altogether unable to cope with the orders pouring in upon them. Prices were unchanged. Eastern jobbing prices were at 5 to 5½c for granulated. Grocers A. was offering at 4c less than granulated, and yellows at 1c and up. Some raws were also to be had at 3½ to 4c. The Canada refinery was still quoting 4c lower than the other refiners, or 4½c for granulated, eastern jobbers' prices being on a basis of the Canada refinery's price. In Winnipeg jobbers were quoting 5½c for granulated, and yellows at 5, to 5½c. Deliveries of sugar were made, however, during the week, as low as 5½c, but this was probably on orders booked earlier. Winnipeg retail grocers are selling granulated at 17 pounds for the dollar, and some were giving 20 pounds of yellow for \$1. The latter must be at a loss, as very little yellow can be had under 5c here. Reports of the salmon pack from British Columbia are rather disappointing. The Fraser river run has been light, but latest advices reported an improvement in the run of fish on the Skeena and Naas. The New Westminster Business Review of July 25 says: "During the month the take of salmon on the Fraser has varied considerably and has been altogether rather below the average. Report says the canneries at Elaine have as many fish as can conveniently be handled, and such being the case it is still possible that the Fraser River canneries have a busy season before them. Prices here are:—Sugars, Yellow, 5 to 5½c; granulated, 5½c. Coffees, green, Rios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Gov., 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas—Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c; T. & B. tobacco, 61c per pound; lilly, 7s. 57c; diamond solace, 12s, 53c; P. of W. butts, 52c; P. of W. caddies 52½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 60c; Brier, 7s, 58c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 61c; Index thick Solace, 6s, 53c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 53c. McAlpine Tobacco Co.'s plug tobacco; Old Crow, 51c, Woodcock, 57c; Beaver, 68c; Jubilee, 65; Anchor, 64c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 70c; Cut Cavendish, 75c; Senator, 85c; Standard Kentucky, light, 90c; do., dark, 85c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1,000. Mauricia, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$10; Turkish Caps, \$35; Commercial Traveller \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby \$36c; Sports, \$30. Mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.25 to \$2.50; do., 5 gallons, \$3 to \$3.50; do., 10 gallon kegs, \$6 to \$6.50.

## HARDWARE.

Trade is steady in this branch. Prices are as follows:—Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.10 wire nails \$4.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch 13½c; 1½ inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 9c per lb.;

galvanized iron, 28 guage, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6c per lb., tar red felt, \$2.20 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 5½ to 6c net; sisal rope, 12c per pound; manilla rope, 16c per lb.

## LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Quotation here are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; France calf, \$1.25 to \$1.50; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z. kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c. slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffalo, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

## LIQUORS.

Quotations here are: Whiskies—Canadian rye, in barrels, \$2.05 per gallon; do, five year old, \$2.50; do, seven year old, \$2.90, do ten year old, \$3.50; Club, in cases, \$9; Mackie's pure Scotch whiskies, Islay Blend, in cases of 12 bottles, \$9.50; do., Rare Old Special \$11; do., pure Lagavulin, 10 year old, \$11.50; Irish whiskey, \$8 00 to \$10.00; Brandies—Cognac, in bulk, \$4 per gallon; in cases, \$9; do., Martel and Hunnesy, in cases, 14; do., V. O., \$20. Port wine, \$2.25 to \$5.00; Shery wine \$2.50 to \$5 00. Jamaica rum, \$1 to \$4.50. Gin, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per gallon; DeKuyper red gin, \$12.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7.50 per case; Tom gin, \$9 to \$10. Alcohol, 65 o.p., \$4.65 per gallon.

## NUTS.

Taragona Almonds, per lb. 18 to 19c; Walnuts, grenoble, 17 to 18c; do., Marbot, 15 to 16c per lb; Sicily Filberts, per lb 14 to 15c; Peanuts, White Virginias, green, per lb 14 to 15c; Peanuts, do roasted, per lb 16 to 17c; Pecans, polished, per lb 19 to 20c; Brazils, 14 to 15c; Cocoanuts, per hundred, \$9.50 to \$10 00.

## WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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## WHEAT.

Wheat had its ups and downs during the week, and up to the close on Friday, there was little variation in prices over a week ago. Prices advanced 3 to 3½c at Chicago on Monday, but did not hold, liberal receipts and other causes operating adversely. Chicago is getting from 500 to 600 cars of wheat per day, some days going over 600. British and European cables were all higher, on Monday, ½ to 1c per bushel. The visible supply, United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, increased 1,629,000 bushels for the week, as per Chicago statement on Monday. The total is now 14,100,332, as compared with 18,416,491 a year ago. Cables were all very strong again on Tuesday, showing advances of 1 to 3c. The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage showed a further decrease, the reduction being estimated at 1,120,000 bushels. Receipts on Tuesday were again heavy, and the arrivals at eleven United States points were twice as large as the shipments from the same points. Cables were unsettled on Wednesday, and reports of large exports from United States ports failed to sustain the markets, Chicago and Duluth ruling lower. Bradstreet's reported an increase of 1,525,000 bushels east and an increase of 84,950 bushels west of the Rocky

Mountains. Strong cables and large exports boosted up prices on Thursday, but the gain at Chicago was entirely lost on Friday, under weakness caused by large receipts and fine crop weather reports.

Locally there is nothing doing in wheat, and values are nominal. Stocks at Fort William and Port Arthur on July 23 were 210,612 bushels, a decrease of 129,001.

#### FLOUR.

There has been no further change in flour. Jobbing quotations per one hundred pounds to the local trade are: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers', \$2.40; Second bakers, \$2 to \$2.10; XXX, \$1.50; superline, \$1.20.

#### MILLSUFFS.

Local prices hold at \$12 per ton for bran and \$14 for shorts. The eastern demand continues good, especially for shorts, which is bringing high prices east.

#### MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Quotations are: Oil cake, in bags \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26. in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.90; granulated, \$3.00 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$3.00 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$2 to 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$3.00 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.25; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

#### OATS.

Present values are very irregular, as usual at this season of the year, when it is known that any stocks on hand after new oats come in, will be depreciated in value. Prices for consumption in the city are above the value for shipment eastward. Loads offering by farmers in the city have brought 35 to 38c, and dealers were selling small lots from store at 43c per bushel. On track prices were nominal at 36 to 37c. One car offered was held at 35c, though later offered at 37c. In the present condition of eastern markets, there would be too much risk in buying for eastern shipment, on a full basis of eastern values, as in the face of new oats soon to be coming in, prices might be very much lower before shipments from here would reach those markets. From 25 to 30c per bushel is probably about as high as dealers would care to go, for cars at Manitoba points, for shipment. As stated the local demand at Winnipeg, gives a proportionately higher range to values here.

#### BUTTER.

Local trade amounts to next to nothing, and prices nominal at 10 to 14c. Western markets are loaded up, and no shipments are being made to coast points. A car lot of medium and low grade dairy was shipped to Montreal from here during the week.

#### CHEESE.

Cheese is quoted in a jobbing way at 9 to 10c. Small lots are obtainable at 9½c, and larger quantities at 9c. Factories are reported to have sold some small quantities in the city at about 8½c. Wholesalers' views are about 8c for round lots, buying price.

#### EGGS.

There was something of a firmer tone. Dealers' price for small lots was 15c per dozen, and 15½c was asked in some cases, with round lots about 14c.

#### SENACA ROOT.

Prices are irregular, and dealers appear to be at a loss to know what to pay, as their advices are unsatisfactory as to prices abroad, and there is also much objection to the quality of Manitoba root. We quote 22 to 24c per pound.

#### WOOL.

Locally there is very little doing in wool. The Manitoba clip has been mostly marketed. A few lots of western wool were sent to Winnipeg for sale by tender, and being of fine quality would bring about 13c. Ordinary long wools quoted at 10½ to 11½c. Considerable ranch

wool has been bought up in the territories west, and will be made up in car lots and shipped through to Toronto. This wool is of the cross merino variety, and has been bought at an average of about 12½ cents at western points. Up to 13c has been paid. The rate from Medicine Hat to Toronto is \$1.35 and \$1.45 from Calgary, which would make the wool cost about 14c at Toronto, without allowing much for travelling expenses of buyers and cost of packing. There is considerable ranch wool held yet in the territories, principally at Swift Current, and something less at Calgary. Except these two points, the wool has been pretty well purchased, including also a portion of the clip of the Calgary district, by a Winnipeg and Toronto house. The balance, it is understood, will go to Montreal on consignment. Swift Current will be by far the largest shipping point for wool, from the territories, the big C. A. & C. Co.'s sheep being clipped at that point. The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* reports that a Montreal buyer bid 14c per lb delivered at Montreal for a large quantity of western wool, but did not get it, as it appears holders are somewhat stiff in their views, and inclined to hold for more than the market at present will warrant buyers in paying. At Toronto unwashed fleece is quoted at 10 to 12c.

#### HIDES.

Prices were some firmer again in eastern markets, and part of the recent decline at Montreal has been recovered. Here there is no change in prices. Buyers say there is no money in cows at the ruling prices, but the demand is better for heavy steers. We quote No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheepskins, 25c. Lambskins, 30 to 35c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

#### CURED MEATS.

Prices continue very firm and higher prices are being asked on some lines. Long clear is quoting at the outside price. Hams have a higher range, and all lines are firm. Prices are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½ to 9¾c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11¼ to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; smoked hams, 13½c to 14; mess pork, \$17 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

#### LARD.

Pure lard is scarce and higher, being held at an advance of 10c per pail. Compound firmer and some asking higher. We quote: \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per pail.

#### POULTRY.

Chickens bring from 50 to 70c per pair. Turkey 10 to 12c, live weight. A few spring chickens are now offering, and bring 25 to 35c per pair, as to quality.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

The feeling is generally easy, and prices continue to tend toward a lower range. Beef leads in the drooping tendency, and 5 to 5½c is now about the views of buyers. The quotation of 6c is now an outside price, only obtainable for something extra quality, or for a sale in a small way. Mutton is easier and quotable at 11 to 12c. Lamb lower at 12½ to 13c. Pork 6½ to 7½c, lower price for country dressed, with city dealers sometimes asking 8c. Veal quoted at 7 to 8c.

#### VEGETABLES.

The market is well supplied with most sorts, and prices have a lower tendency. Potatoes are away down, and have probably reached a steadier basis of values for some time. Cauliflower of very good quality is now offering, but the price is high as yet. Report says the cauliflower crop will be light this year. Native cucumbers are offering, and prices are lower. Celery is becoming abundant, with prices lower. Most other sorts tend lower. Tomatoes are

about the only imported article now offering. Prices are: Potatoes, 50 to 60c per bushel. New California onions, 5c lb, Bermuda onions, 8c lb. Cabbage, 50 to 75c per doz., tomatoes, \$1.80 per crate of 24 pounds. Green stuff in bunches is plentiful, at 20 per dozen bunches for onions, 10c to 15c for radishes, 19 for lettuce, 20 to 25c for rhubarb or pie plant. Carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, 50 to 60c per dozen. Cauliflower 50c to \$1.50, as to quality, per dozen. Peas, in pod, \$1.00 per bu., celery, 35 to 40c per dozen, beans, \$2 per bushel. Horseradish is in demand at 8c per pound for good clean root.

#### HAY.

Hay is now going on throughout the country, and the put up will likely be very large, as the crop is abundant, and any quantity of wild prairie hay may be put up.

### Live Stock Markets.

A special cable to the Montreal *Gazette*, dated Liverpool July 27, says: "The easiness noted in this market last week continues, and while the demand was brisk only the very tops brought 13½c. The supply of sheep continues very heavy, and the market in consequence is still very sluggish and prices low. Quotations are as follows: Finest steers, 13 to 13½c; good to choice, 12½ to 13c; poor to medium, 11½ to 12c; inferior and bulls, 10 to 10½c."

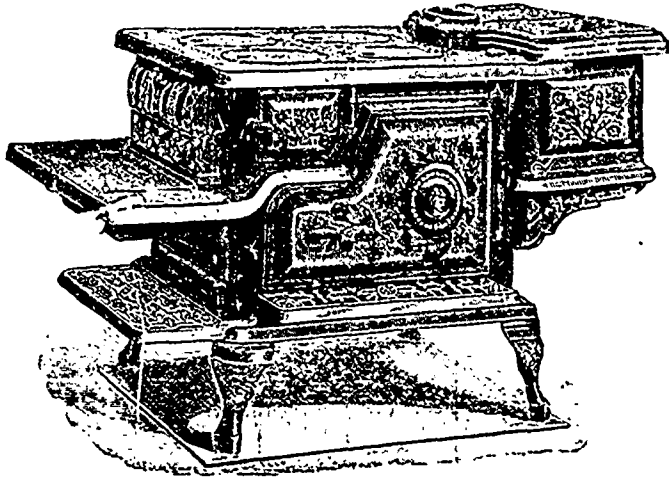
The Montreal *Gazette* on July 27 says: "The past week has been a busy one in live stock circles, the shipment being unusually heavy for this season of the year. The only reason for the rush was that shippers wanted to catch the good markets, but it is doubtful if their hopes will be realized, as the cables to-day note a general decline with no hopes of any immediate improvement. In Glasgow on Wednesday, shippers just about let out. London made a little money on cattle to-day but sheep sold at a very heavy loss, and private cables from Liverpool quoted 6½d for the finest cattle, at which price they must surely lose money. Shippers are dabbling in stockers again, but do not appear to have very high hopes of the success of their shipments. There is every indication of a lull in shipments this week, but the steamship companies are evidently expecting another rush next week, one of the regular line companies informing their customers that the rate would be advanced 5 shillings, to 70 shillings, after next Monday. There were about 45 cars of cattle at the Point this morning but only 5 cars were offered for sale. The best cattle sold at about 3½ to 4½c, and medium grades at 3½ to 3¾c. At the east end abattoir there were about 500 head of cattle. The best cattle offered sold at 4½ to 4¾c, the outside being paid only for choice stock. Medium small cattle brought 3 to 3½c, shippers picking a load or two for stockers. Inferior stuff was hard to sell at any price, as low as two cents per pound being paid in some instances. There is a continued good demand for small stuff however. There was no demand for shipping sheep, but butchers took all offering at \$3.50 to \$7, and lambs sold freely at \$2.50 to \$5.

It is reported that the new Manitoba fishery regulations will apply only to summer fishing. This is something worth knowing, but it does not take away the injustice and absurdity of the new enactment, even if applied to summer fishing only. These new regulations are so ridiculous, so far as protecting the fish is concerned, that it would give one the impression there is something "fishy" about the thing.

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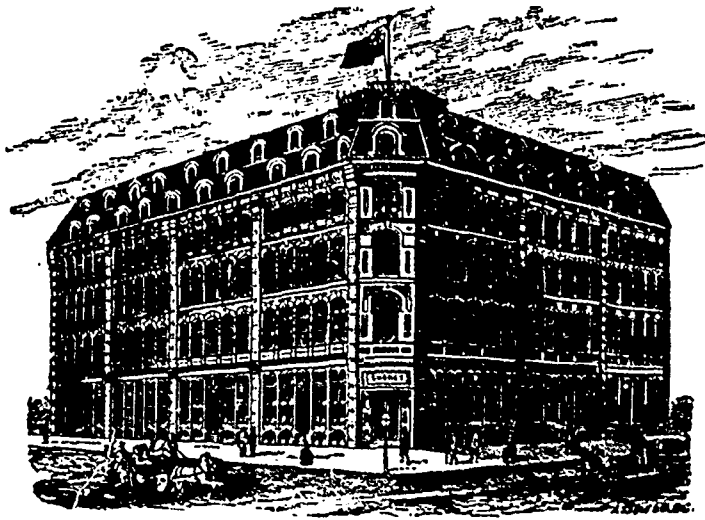
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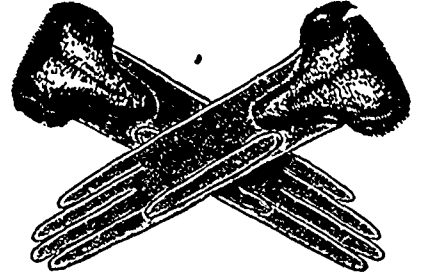
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**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Wheat took quite a spurt on Monday, July 27, closing 2½ to 2¾ over Saturday. Liverpool cables were 1 to 1½ higher, and continental cables 1 to 1½ higher. Higher cables and a big "short" demand caused the firmness. Closing prices were: -

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	91½	89½	89	---
Corn .....	65½	61½	59½	---
Oats .....	37½	29½	28½	---
Pork .....	---	---	11.70	11.75
Lard .....	---	---	6.82½	6.92½
Short Ribs .....	---	---	7.02½	7.15

Wheat, corn and oats took a turn downward on Tuesday. Wheat opened strong, but declined 1½ to 2½, rallying some before the close. Liverpool quoted 1½ to 2d higher for spot California. Paris was 1½ to 2½ higher, and Berlin ½ to 1½ higher. Heavy realizing selling was the local cause of weakness. Closing prices were: -

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	90½	88½	88½	---
Corn .....	64½	60½	58½	---
Oats .....	36½	29	28½	---
Pork .....	---	---	11.47½	11.52½
Lard .....	---	---	6.70	6.80
Short Ribs .....	---	---	6.90	7.00

On Wednesday prices for wheat were irregular, and the close 1 to 1½ lower. July oats broke 4½c. Corn also lower. Closing prices were: -

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	89½	87½	87½	---
Corn .....	63	59	57½	---
Oats .....	32	27½	27½	---
Pork .....	---	---	11.40	11.45
Lard .....	---	---	6.72½	6.82½
Short Ribs .....	---	---	6.92½	7.02½

Wheat was strong on Thursday, on large export reports from the seaboard. Closing prices were: -

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	89½	88½	88½	---
Corn .....	62½	59½	57½	54½
Oats .....	31½	28½	28½	---
Pork .....	---	---	11.50	11.57½
Lard .....	---	---	6.75	6.85
Short Ribs .....	---	---	7.00	7.10

Heavy receipts of new wheat and good weather depressed prices on Friday. Closing prices 1 to 1½ lower.

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	---	87½	87½	---
Corn .....	61	59	58½	53½
Oats .....	27½	27½	27½	---
Pork .....	---	---	11.25	11.42½
Lard .....	---	---	6.70	6.82½
Short Ribs .....	---	---	6.92½	7.02½

**Minneapolis Market.**

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, July 30: -

	July	Sept.	Dec.	On track.
No. 1 hard .....	39	---	---	97½ 1.00
No. 1 northern .....	97	85½	86½	97½ 98
No. 2 northern .....	93½	---	---	91 92½

Flour—Quoted at \$4.80 to 5.20 for first patents; \$4.65 to 4.80 for second patents; \$3.90 to 4.50 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.10 to 2.45 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. The demand for flour was active.

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at \$9.50 to 9.75 for bran, \$15.00 to 15.25 for shorts and \$16.00 to 18.00 for middlings.

Oats—Quoted at 34½ to 36½c by sample.

Barley—Normal at 40 to 55c for poor to fine samples of No. 3.

Food—Millers held at \$22.00 to 22.50; less than car lots \$22.50 to 23.00, with corn meal at \$21.00 to \$22.00.

Butter—Creamery, 12 to 16c; dairy, 10c to 11c.

Eggs—Quoted 15 to 15½c, including cases.

Potatoes—30 to 40c per bushel.

Hides—Green, 4c, green salted, 4½c. Steers green salted, 6½c. Calfskins, 6 to 7c. Market Record, July 30.

**Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.**

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, Aug. 1, wheat prices closed as follows, for No. 1 northern: September 84½c. December, 85½c. A week ago September closed at 83½c.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week for July option: Monday at 97c, Tuesday 97½c, Wednesday 96½, Thursday 97c, Friday 96½c. September No. 1 hard wheat ranged during the week from 86½ to 87½, and closed on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 87c. A week ago September wheat closed at 86½.

**Toronto Markets.**

Flour and grain—Dull and unchanged. Prices have a lower tendency, as dealers have large stocks on hand, which they are trying to move off before the product of the new wheat comes on the market. Bran, firm. Wheat, firmer. Oats dull and easy. Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights) Manitoba patents, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Manitoba strong bakers' \$5.50 to \$5.60; Ontario patents \$4.75 to \$5.25; straight roller, \$4.40 to \$4.50; extra, \$4.20 to \$4.25; low grades, \$2.00 to \$3.75; Bran—\$16.00. Shorts—\$19 to \$20. Wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 2, spring, 99; No. 2 red winter, \$1.01 to \$1.02; No. 2 hard, \$1.07; No. 3 hard, 95½c to 96c; No. 2 northern, \$1; Peas—No. 2, 70 to 75c. Barley—Feeding 48 to 55c. Corn, 70c. Oats—48 to 51c.

Produce—Quotations are: Beans, \$1.70 to \$1.80; potatoes, new, per bbl, \$1.75 to \$2.25; hops, 1890 crop, 35 to 37c; dried apples, 8½ to 9c; evaporated do, 13½ to 14c; eggs, fresh, 13½c 14c; sheepskins, \$1.25 to \$1.50; pelts and lambskins, 30 to 40c; calfskins, 5 to 7c; hides, green, No. 1, 5 to 5½c; do, cured, 6c.

Dairy produce—The market does not improve for sellers who have any but the finest dairy butter, which still quotes at 14 to 15c. Grades below this are listless at quotation prices. Cheese is steady at 9 to 9½c. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice, western, 14 to 15c; dairy medium, 11½ to 13; common, 9 to 11c; creamery, tubs, 19c; rolls, 22c. Cheese, May and June, 9½ to 9½c.

Provisions—Quotations are. Mess pork, Canadian, \$15.90; short cut, \$16.50 to \$17; bacon, long clear, per lb, 8c to 8½c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 10 to 10½; compound do., 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, 12c; bellies, per lb., 10½ to 11c; rolls, per lb., 8½ to 9c; backs, per lb, 11 to 11½c.—Empire, July 28.

Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg during July were \$23,290.

E. J. Keeping, general merchant, and a leading resident of Austin, Man., is dead.

ALB. Wilson, of Winnipeg, has purchased the bankrupt stock of J. Langman, of Portage la Portage, at 62½c. on the dollar. He will dispose of it by retail at the Portage.

**Weekly Crop Report.**

Last week was a decided improvement upon the three previous ones. Though not so warm for the season, the temperature averaged very much higher than other weeks since July 1, and warm enough to keep the crops moving nicely. The temperature was steady, without extremes of either heat or coolness. There was much less cloudy weather than had prevailed previously since June, Saturday, July 25, Sunday and Monday were clear and fairly warm. Tuesday was cloudy and showery, except in the Winnipeg district, which was mostly clear, without rain, and warm. Showers in other districts were mostly very light, except at a few points. On Wednesday and Thursday reports indicated clear and warm weather, but Thursday night and Friday morning there were light local rains at some points, varying to heavier at others. Winnipeg had a heavy shower for five minutes on Friday, but otherwise the day was warm and clear to cloudy. Telegrams Saturday morning indicated warm clear weather for Friday and Saturday. At Winnipeg clear and fairly warm Saturday. In the very earliest districts some grain may be cut in about two weeks, but a full month will elapse before other districts can do much toward harvest.

**Ontario Cheese Markets.**

At Ingersoll, on July 28, offerings were 4,650 boxes first half of July make. Sales, 375 at 8½c, 732 at 9c. Market quiet, salesmen holding firm for 9c, and buyers not inclined to pay the price.

At Belleville, on July 28, 35 factories offered 2,725 boxes, comprising 1,850 white, 875 colored. The following sales were made: White, 430 at 8½c, 45 at 8 9 16c, and 165 at 8½c; colored, 260 at 8½c, and 190 at 8-13-16c.

THE Parsons Produce Company, of Winnipeg, made the first eastern shipment of butter from this market this season. It consisted of a car of medium to poor dairy quality, shipped to Montreal.

Gordon & Ironside have secured nearly one thousand cattle for shipment to England. During a recent trip on the North western Mr. Gordon purchased nine carloads of fine animals.

The Business Review is a new trade paper hailing from New Westminster, B. C. This makes the third trade paper for British Columbia, one each at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster. Nanaimo should follow next in order, and then one for the interior, at Kamloops, to complete the procession.

The first harvest laborers' excursion from Eastern Canada, arrived at Winnipeg on Friday. There were 559 men, mostly young strong fellows, who will do good execution in helping to gather our big crop. There were applicants for them all, before their arrival, and many more are still wanted.

A Duluth dispatch says: Messrs Graham & Horne, lumbermen, were there on Wednesday on a peculiar errand, namely, to buy logs for towing to their mill at Port Arthur. This is the first time that Canadians have desired to buy logs on this side of the boundary. They made a thorough canvass and were unable to get anything at the prices they offered.



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## COMMUNICATIONS.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT MANUFACTURERS  
VS. THE FARMERS AND  
MERCHANTS.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

About six weeks having elapsed since Mr. Van Allen's last contribution to this discussion appeared, some others of his friends and myself had begun to conclude that he had been seized by a fit of discretion, which, had it come in proper time, would in the opinion of not a few have induced him to stay out of it altogether. This, however, is his affair, not mine. Mr. Van Allen, by giving this subject the form of a controversy having enabled me to secure an attention for my remarks which I could not otherwise have hoped for, has, as I have already stated, earned my gratitude. As to the relative soundness of our contentions, I leave your readers to judge.

I had a sort of sneaking impressing obtained from a re-perusal of the correspondence and from some comments which I had heard, that I had rather had the better of the controversy. This I was not vain enough to think, was due to any other cause than the weakness of Mr. Van Allen's case and a most unexpected display on his part of a singular lack of logical acumen. Under these circumstances it will be easily understood that I was thunderstruck when I learned from Mr. Van Allen's last epistle that I had been living in a fool's paradise, and that I had not only been not victorious, but that I had been most ignominiously "done up." Mr. Van Allen shows most conclusively, and to his own entire satisfaction, that he has turned me at every one of the eight points into which he divides his amusing quasi-judicial summary of the case. I am very certain that the surprise of a good many of your readers will be no less than my own.

There is only one point in Mr. Van Allen's latest effusion which calls for attention. This is a question of fact. The incident referred to in my last and which Mr. Van Allen characterizes as "not so," was, as I explained, related to me by a reliable eyewitness. I have seen this gentleman since the appearance of Mr. Van Allen's letter. He reiterates the statement and asserts its correctness and permits me to give Mr. Van Allen his name, which I enclose, and which Mr. Van Allen can learn by referring to your office. As my informant is very easy of access to Mr. Van Allen, he can take the "statutory declaration" if he thinks necessary, as I have done all that I am called upon to do in order to show the *bona fides* of my reference. I might just add that Mr. Van Allen's own version of the incident in question, in which he states that an order for one kind of American machines was cancelled, and another order placed for a different make of American machine, does not go a long way in support of his contention that the Canadian machine is equal to the American, as the purchaser (Mr. Sanderson) has the reputation of being one of the shrewdest and most progressive farmers in Manitoba. The rest of Mr. Van Allen's contribution is simply a rehash of his two previous communications in which he persistently misapprehends the real points of discussion, as those of your readers will remember who have followed the dispute. Those who have not I would re-

fer to my two previous letters in both of which I deal with Mr. Van Allen's objections to my statements. Going over the ground a third time would be both tiresome and unnecessary, more especially as Mr. Van Allen in his judicial capacity has decided that I have no case, and has given suggestive insight into his classical erudition by making copious if somewhat irrelevant, citations from that profound philosophical authority *Eli Perkins*. I trust I may without impertinence suggest to Mr. Van Allen the desirability of a less exclusive devotion to literature of the stamp produced by Mr. Perkins, as its influence is already unhappily apparent in Mr. Van Allen's controversial faculties, which do not seem to have been constructed on any very herculean model originally.

My object, however, was not to bandy phrases with Mr. Van Allen. My design was to clearly bring out the fact that the business of which Mr. Van Allen is, I am pleased to believe, a very successful representative, is conducted in a manner which makes it a menace to the mercantile community. For their inferior position in regard to collections, the merchants themselves are to blame. The machine dealers have profits enormously greater than theirs, yet the machine dealer is invariably secured for every dollar that the farmer owes him. If a farmer has not enough to pay all his liabilities he will, and as experience has shown, he does pay the creditor who is in the position which enables him to compel payment. This means, of course, that when the farmer has not enough to go round all his creditors the retail storekeeper is the one who will have to wait or lose. This necessity causes more insolvencies than all other causes combined. Is there any reason why the retail merchant who supplies the farmer with what he eats and what he wears, and gets only a very moderate profit, should take virtually a gambling chance of getting paid, whilst people who supply him with goods certainly not more necessary and in a great many cases not nearly so much so, and who sell them at high rates of profit, should be absolutely secured? If this is necessary then no man capable of reasoning effect from cause should be found in the retail business. Why cannot a merchant, who supplies a farmer with his necessities take security for the advances which he is compelled to make? It is done elsewhere, why not here?

Again, there is, except in rare cases, no regular system of closing accounts, which often run for months without any acknowledgement of the indebtedness by the debtor, or any interest being charged. The loss of interest on an account which has been running a year materially reduces the margin of profit, already small enough through stress of over competition. It will, of course, be argued that a retail storekeeper in this country dare not ask a farmer for a chattel or other security as he would thereby lose his trade. This argument would not be accurate as to fact, as there are a few cases of merchants who insist on securities after the lapse of a certain time, and, by the way, these merchants are invariably successful. But if the statement that a demand for security would cause a loss of the customer's trade were true, what would it mean? Every farmer almost without exception has given security in some shape or other to loan companies, machine dealers, etc. If he will give security for debts like these and

refuses to give a storekeeper security for his debt to him, what is the presumption? Simply that he wants to be in a position to evade payment of this debt if necessary, or to take his own time to pay it. When his customers have given security to other creditors is it business for the retail man to trust to chance? The result of this system is too well known. A large proportion of the retail trade of this country is tied up on account of large items of book accounts in their assets, which are collectable only by the good will, and in the event of the good luck of their customers, and which, if collected by an assignee would probably realize on an average 10 to 15 cents on the dollar.

It is necessary to do business in order to succeed, but it is still more necessary to collect. The selling of goods without reasonable security of payment is simply shortsighted gambling. The mere fact that their purchaser can get goods elsewhere on his own terms is no excuse for a merchant supplying him on these terms. It is no good reason for any man doing a foolish thing, that some other will take advantage of the opportunity to do so if he declines. Then comes the argument that he might as well get out of the business as refuse to do business on principles which he admits to be unsound and unsafe. To which the reply is simply that if he cannot do business on business principles he would certainly be much better to get out, because he can never make a success on any other plan. He can go on selling goods and making profits—on paper. But when he wishes to turn these paper profits into hard cash a disillusionising process is at hand.

If all the creditors of the farmer were unsecured and on an equal footing the retail merchant would still be at a disadvantage compared with the machine agent, on account of the comparative narrowness of his profits. But when the machine people hold security the position of the unsecured retail merchant is precarious and absurd. The credit system of Canada is vicious and unreasoning and is of course the main cause of the humiliatingly large proportion of insolvencies which discredit the country. A thorough revolution could only be effected by combined action the prospect for which is almost hopeless in view of the absurdly large number of people "in business," so many of whom have no business training or capacity. Such "business men" I do not address. The notion that they could be turned into possibly successful competitors of the machine people in collecting by any demonstration of the aimlessness of their present methods would be a vain one. They will meet their fate irrevocably decreed for all such as they, and nothing can save them from it but timely retirement, and they never do retire in time. I invite the attention of all men well up and shrewd in a general way who from force of a bad custom have given too little close examination into this subject of collecting, and who in their desire to do business where competition is keen are apt to study the susceptibilities of their customers too much. Collection is the consummating process of the whole business. If it is not effectually done the business cannot succeed no matter how well other branches of it may be attended to. Collecting can never be affected properly while a merchant accepts as a reason for non-payment of the account due him that the debtor has liabilities to meet to other creditors who hold security. The preposterousness of such a plea is borne on its face.

The debt to the retail merchant is as much a liability as any of the farmer's debts. The retail merchant has therefore as much right to security. He has also more right to preferential payment and I trust that in the collecting season now close at hand the retail merchant will act on these truths with a vigor he has not hitherto displayed.

MANITOBA MERCHANT.

**Eastern Business Changes,  
ONTARIO.**

E. Morgan, hardware, Delhi, was burned out.

Fred. Schmidt, shoes, Delhi, was burned out.

Allison Adam, grain, etc., Belmont, has assigned.

Wm. Ormsby, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.

M. A. Kemp, tins, etc., Colborne, has assigned.

W. Koenig & Son, general store, Ayton, have sold out.

James Goodwin, grocer, Hagersville, is closing up.

A. Imlach & Co., machinists, Renfrew, have assigned.

Mrs. W. T. Bonathan, tins, Newcastle, was burned out.

J. Rochelleau, gents' furnishings, Chatham, has assigned.

Kerr Bros., dry goods, Walkerton, meeting of creditors called.

J. & J. Kerr, lumber, planing, etc., Petrolia, planing mill burned.

L. A. Mehlenbacher, harness and livery, Delhi, were burned out.

J. E. Proctor, general store, Courtwright, out of business and leaving.

George Draper, hotel, Point Edward, burnt out, loss covered by insurance.

St. Lawrence Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Prescott, have sold out to J. S. Corbin.

H. Penny & Washburn, shoes and mens' furnishings, North Bay, meeting of creditors held.

Brigden Banking Co., Brigden, style changed to W. J. Ward, who still carries on the business, but in his own name.

QUEBEC.

J. Brosseau, lumber, Montreal, was burned out.

W. F. Bower, general store, Mallard, has assigned.

Antonine Paquet, merchant, Quebec, has assigned.

J. Lawrie & Bro. machinists, Montreal, damaged by fire.

Dme D. A. Blais, grocer and dry goods, St. Moise, has assigned.

B. Laurance & Co., optical goods, Montreal, asking an extension.

Chas. Brouillette, sash and door factory, Montreal, burned out.

John Maclean & Co., wholesale millinery, Montreal, have assigned.

J. Marcotte & Co., manufacturers cigars, Montreal, have compromised.

Jos. Robert & Sons, sash and door factory and lumber, Montreal, lumber stock partially burned.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Wm. Ripley, Amherst, has assigned.

John McIntyre, boots and shoes, Annapolis, is away.

A. L. McLean, tailor, Oxford, sold out by the sheriff.

C. S. McLeod, joiner, Amherst, has sold out to W. M. Chalvey.

Isabella Lawlor & Son, grocers, etc., Dartmouth, advertises business for sale.

James Stewart & Son, Little Harbor, co-partnership registered. Style now J. & W. S. Stewart.

The estate and stock of Godfrey & Bros., grocers, etc., Yarmouth, advertised for sale on July 25th.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

H. W. Mindon, tins, St. John, advertises his business for sale.

E. J. Armstrong, printer, St. John, estate conveyed to him by trustees.

Geo. Lewis, jewelry and pictures, Bathurst, offers to compromise at 50c on the dollar.

**A Boomless Town.**

The greatest curse which has been inflicted on towns and cities of the west, is the system of booming real estate, to which most of them have been subjected to at sometime during the past ten years, and as a rule this booming business has been engineered and brought about by a class of men, who do nothing for the actual development and progress of either town or country, but are simply a set of parasites, living upon the energy and industry of better people.

Occasionally a town in the west is met with, where a boom was never known, and the town of Carberry is a notable one of this class. With the omnivance of the chief engineer of the C. P. R. in 1881 a boom town plat was laid out and named De Winton, some two or three miles from the present site of Carberry, but with a change in engineers came a change in town sites, and De Winton, of boom birth, without a railway station, dwindled out of existence, while Carberry the new town commenced a slow but natural growth. Travelling men can remember its steady growth in 1883-4-5 and 6, as a struggling village, and since that it has grown into a live town of at least one thousand population. The town is owned body and boots by the people who live in it, and the numerous handsome residences in its outskirts, and solid brick business blocks going up in its centre, and replacing frame structures, prove that the residents are a progressive people. Its roller mill, row of grain elevators, large and spacious stores, and the location of two banks show, that quite a volume of business is done in the town, and yet there is an utter absence of the bluster and blow about a future Chicago, which is so common in many of our boom prairie towns. The country around Carberry is as rich as any in the west, and is pretty thickly settled up with an intelligent and enterprising lot of farmers, and the residents of the town are equally intelligent and enterprising, but thoroughly practical in their business views.

A leading hotelkeeper, Mr. Huckle, of the "Western," is building an addition of solid brick to his house, on the ground floor of which will be J. L. Blair & Co.'s new dry goods house and a grocery store of equal dimensions. The Commercial Bank of Manitoba, will occupy another street floor portion while above there will be an addition of some thirty bed rooms to the hotel. The proprietor of the Dufferin house just across the street from the Western finds

his house too small and contemplates making a similar addition this fall. Other building operations and improvements indicate that Carberry has entered upon a period of rapid natural growth, and yet during a visit during the early part of last month, the writer of this article failed to see the shingle of a single professional real estate man, who depended solely upon that business as a means of profit. It would be well for many other of our Manitoba towns if the real estate shingle were less prominent than it is and has been.

Mexico.

Mexico is evidently not now the country it was described to be in our school books a few years ago. A writer in the *Chicago Industrial World* says of this country "The railway system of Mexico has increased from 300 miles in 1880 to 6,000 miles in 1891, with 4,000 more projected and most of it under contract. With the completion of these lines, the country may be said to be well provided with facilities for transportation, and the government subsidies may safely cease. Private capital will supply future demands. Mexico's greatest peril, financially, I opine, lies in these railway subventions. But with schools, railways, banks, telegraphs, religious liberty and a stable government, what possibilities lie within the grasp of this people! Among their resources are climate unexcelled, mineral wealth unapproached and unapproachable. A soil unsurpassed, sow to-day and reap to-morrow—three and four crops a year, even more if you but will it. Fuel and clothing are but small factors in this land of wonders. Fruits and flowers are so superabundant that the eye wearies with their gay colors, and the tongue tires of their varied sweetness."

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of July 27 in its weekly review of the grain trade says: "English wheats are 4d lower on the average. The country markets are firmer. Foreign wheats are firmer for all sorts. At Liverpool foreign wheats are 1d per cental higher. Lessening the shipments of America, India and Russia have caused a tendency in favor of sellers. At Monday's market English wheats were scarce and held for 6d advance. Foreign wheats were firm, especially Australian. Flour was in good request."

Jos Tasse, of Tasse, Wood & Co., Montreal, arrived from the east last week, on one of his regular western business trips. Tasse, Wood & Co.'s cigars are so well known all over the west, that it is not necessary to mention the business of the firm.

A Toronto telegram of July 25 says: "Harvesting in Ontario, particularly in the western parts of the province, is well under way, and threshing has revealed the fact the yield will be even larger than anticipated a few weeks ago. Fall wheat promises to yield ten to fifteen bushels per acre more than last year. Peas, barley, oats, and in fact all cereals promise a magnificent return. So far spring wheat promises well. In the eastern part of the province rains have been somewhat excessive, and it is feared barley may be damaged in color. In the west no such complaints are heard, the crops being excellent."

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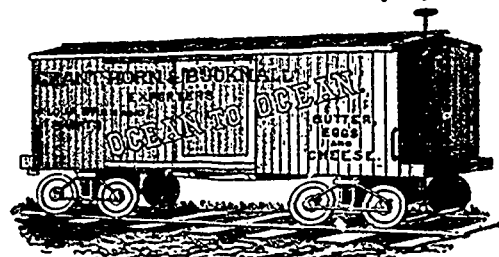
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### Montreal Hardware and Paint Market.

**Pig Iron**—There has been absolutely nothing doing in this article during the week except a small jobbing business. Prices are unchanged from those of a week ago. Summerlee and equal brands range from \$21 to 21.50 and lower grades at \$19 to 150.

**Bar Iron**—There is no change in bar iron, which furnishes an ordinary sort of jobbing movement, the basis being \$2, but this would be shaded on in the case of a round lot. Hoops and bands move at \$2.40, while Swedes are somewhat lower at \$3.50.

**Scrap Iron**—The demand for old material is small, like that of other lines and there is no change to cite. Prices have an easy tendency, though, and a good order would probably induce concessions. We quote \$17 for wrought, cast proportionately less.

**Tin Plate**—The market is now sufficiently supplied for the demand and prices have fallen off still lower than they were a week ago. The arrivals since our last comprise a good round quantity of stock, two-thirds of which are in the hands of one firm. Coakes, therefore, are quoted 25c lower, at \$3.75, and charcoal at \$4.25.

**Terne Plate**—The scarcity of this article also is now a thing of the past, quite a good quantity arriving during the week, the general basis now being \$7.50 for what business there is doing.

**Canada plates**—Recent steamers have brought out a good quantity of this line, one boat alone having a lot of 5,000 boxes. With a quiet demand, therefore, prices are 10c lower at \$2.90 to \$3 for ordinary purposes, but it is probable that less would be accepted for a round lot.

**Iron Pipe**—There has been no particular business doing in iron pipe, while various quotations are given, but it appears that 62½ per cent. is a fair basis for the market.

**Copper, Lead, etc.**—Other metals such as the above show no change, business being quiet. Copper remains at 13½ to 15c, while lead is still \$3.60 to \$3.70 per cwt., and tin as before, 22½ to 23c. An easier feeling is noted on outside markets, though.

**Pig Iron**—Calder, \$21.00 to 21.50; Summerlee \$21.00 to 21.50; Gartsherrie, \$21.00; Eglinton, \$19 to \$19.25; Carnbroe, \$19.25 to \$19.50.

**Bar Iron**, per 100 pounds—Ordinary crown, \$2.00; best refined, \$2.25; Siemens, \$2.25; Swedes, \$3.50; lowmoor, \$5.25 to 5.50; hoops and bands, \$2.40; sheet iron, \$2.40 to 2.60.

**Copper**, per pound—Ingot, 13½ to 15c; sheets, 20½ to 24c.

**Canada Plates**—Good brands, Terne plates, charcoals, IC 20x29, Orion Crown per box, \$7.5

**Tin Plate**—Coke, \$3.75; charcoal, \$4.25; ingot tin, 22½ to 23c.

**Lead**, per 100 pounds—Pig, \$3.60 to 3.75; sheets, \$4.75; shot, \$5.75; lead pipe, \$5.50 to 5.75.

**Wrought Iron**—Scrap, \$17.

**Zinc**—Sheets, \$6.25 to 6.50; spelter, \$6 to 6.25; remelted, \$4.75.

**Russian sheet iron**, per pound, 10c; galvanized iron, according to brand, basis No. 23, per pound, 5 to 7c.

**Iron Pipe**—Discount 62½c.

**Nails**—The nail market remains about as before, with nothing particular to say. More or less irregularity in quotations are reported, but

\$2 15 to \$2.20, our old quotation, seems a fair enough basis.

**Leads**—Leads are quiet and unchanged under a moderate jobbing business. We quote: Choice, \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5; No. 3, \$4.50; dry white, 6c; red do, 4½c.

**Glass**—There is no demand for glass except in a jobbing way, and prices are more or less nominal. The ordinary idea is \$1.40 to \$1.50, but it is certain that this would be cut for a round lot.

**Oils**—Cod, Newfoundland, 40 to 45c; seal, refined, 17½ to 50c; linseed, raw, 62 to 64c; do, boiled, 64 to 66c; castor oil, 9½ to 10c; cod liver oil, Norway, 95c to \$1.15. —*Gazette*, July 24.

### Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

**Flour**—In spring wheat flour, there have been sales of city strong bakers at \$5.25 delivered, a car load of very good strong bakers from Manitoba selling at \$5 and half a car at \$4.90. In winter wheat brands, sales of straight rollers have taken place for city account at \$4.90 for ordinary sized lots, and sales of extra were made at \$4.60 to \$4.65. Regarding the through trade to Newfoundland, St. Louis millers seem to be cutting out western brands just now, as they are offering straight rollers delivered here in bond at \$4.75. Patent, winter, \$5.10 to 5.30; patent, spring, \$5.25 to 5.50; straight roller, \$4.90 to 5.00; extra, \$4.50 to 4.70; superfine, \$4.00 to 4.35; Manitoba bakers', \$4.75 to 5.00.

**Mill Feed**—Sales of 3 car loads of bran are reported at \$15 on track, and we quote \$15.00 to 15.50. A little more Ontario and Manitoba bran is being offered. Shorts are still in limited supply and quoted at \$19.00, to 20.00; middlings, \$22.00 to 23.50.

**Oatmeal**—Rolled, oats, \$6 per barrel, and \$2.95 per bag; standard, \$2.90 per bag.

**Wheat**—Sales of No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat have been made in the West at \$1.04 Montreal freights, and we quote prices here at \$1.01 to \$1.06; No. 2 northern is quoted at 98c to \$1, and No. 3 hard at 93 to 95c.

**Oats**—The market is weak and the business reported is at lower prices, sales of several car lots having been made at 52½c for No. 2 Ontario, and we quote 52 to 53c.

**Barley**—We quote 55 to 60c for feed.

**Eggs**—The market has retained its steadiness fairly well during the past week, prices ruling at 13c for straight lots and 13½c for single cases of select candled stock.

**Butter**—The market has maintained the firm tone, sales of round lots of choice creamery being reported at 18½ to 19c, and single packages of selected bring 19½c. In Eastern Townships a straight lot of 55 packages was sold at 15c, but it was mixed in color, and another straight lot brought 16c, single packages selling at 16½ to 17c. In Western the market rules steady at 14 to 15c, as high as 14c having been paid for car lots in the West, which of course cannot be brought here and sold for less than 15c.

**Cheese**—The market presents a somewhat quieter aspect, although prices remain very firm, sales being made to-day at Brockville at 8½ to 8¾c for white and 6½ to 9c for colored. In this market sales were reported of about 5,000 boxes within the past few days at 8¾c for finest white and 9c for finest colored. Sales of under priced goods were also made at 8¼ to 8½c.

**Hides**—There is another change in the hide

market this week, the one cent decline recorded last week having failed to be maintained and an advance of half a cent having been made. This second change is generally attributed to the dealer who still holds the stock of last fall and who is anxious to see as little depreciation as possible. Lambskins are a little higher. The feeling in the West seems better, and prices in Toronto are firm. We quote: Hides, No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4½c; No. 3, 3½c; tanners pay 1c more, lambskins, 30 to 35c; calfskins 7c.

**Leather**—In splits some large sales have been made but those were in old stock left over from last fall, the sales were made on p. t. but the price was about 12c. We quote: Manufacturers sole, No. 1, 17 to 19c; No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed upper, 22 to 27c; splits, Quebec, 11 to 13c; splits, western, 15 to 19c. —*Trade Bulletin*, July 24.

### The Dominion Illustrated.

A page of the last issue of the *Dominion Illustrated* presents a complete group of portraits of the Canadian Bisley team of 1891, with a brief sketch of the shooting record of each in past years. It is timely and interesting. The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Canadian exhibit at the Royal Agricultural Fair, Doncaster, England, is also made the subject of a page of illustrations. From the Maritime provinces there is a view of Windsor, N. S., in 1840, one of the Studley Quoit Club, Halifax, and a portrait and biographical sketch of F. Blake Crofton, the well known Nova Scotia litterateur. There is a portrait and interesting biographical sketch of the late J. Beaufort Hurlbert, LL.D., widely remembered in connection with the Anti-Jesuit agitation. St. George's Cathedral, Kingston; Interior of Fort Henry, Kingston; Scenes at Tadousac Bay and Cacouna; the famous cathedral at Rheims, France, perhaps the finest specimen of Gothic architecture in existence, are among other subjects of illustration in this charming number. The literary contents are not less interesting.

### Dairy Association.

The annual meeting of the Dairymen's association of Manitoba was held in Brandon on Thursday evening last. S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the Brandon experimental farm, was called to the chair.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, was present and gave an address. He congratulated the Brandon Agricultural society upon the success of their annual exhibition. Proceeding with his address he said the holding of the convention of the Dairymen's association at the time of the agricultural show was a *happy arrangement*. In judging the butter at the exhibition he found the flavor and body of the butter excellent in nearly every lot. Some lots were salted by using coarse salt that had not dissolved. He was struck mostly by the fine horses, good cattle and superior physique of the people. The hopeful element of confidence in the country and its future were manifested on all sides. The temporary period of speculative farming and speculative business seemed to be giving way to sober effort to develop the resources of the country and establish permanent homes. More mixed farming and less exclusive grain growing will ensure steady profits to the farmers and make known the country in its most attractive aspects to intend-

ing emigrants from Europe. With a view to rendering all possible assistance in the taking up of mixed farming, the Minister of Agriculture has approved of a plan whereby he was permitted to have two dairy experts to give lessons in butter making and cheese making. Meetings will be held by these two gentlemen and instruction will be given at some fifty different places.

The two experts, C. F. Whitney and J. B. McEwen, were then called upon for short addresses.

Afterwards Prof. Robertson gave an hour's lecture on "Feeding Stock and Making Butter." He intimated that bulletins would be sent to all who applied to the Central Experimental farm at Ottawa.

At a meeting of the association subsequently held, it was resolved to have J. W. Bartlett act as representative of the Dairy association on the directorate of the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition.

### British Columbia.

Chas. McLeod, grocer, Vancouver, has sold out to Hutch.

Irving & Strachan, planing mill, Vancouver; style of firm now Housley & Co.

Wm. Hancock, saddler, has commenced business at Lansdown, Spallumcheen.

D. J. McDonald, clothing, etc., New Westminster, has sold out to Ben Johnson.

Vancouver Steam Laundry Co, Vancouver, have sold out to Ellison & Edmunds.

R. Robertson, clothing and gent's furnishings, Vancouver, is advertising his business for sale.

Clark & Co, groceries, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership; W. A. Clark will continue the business.

Harvey & Harrild, contractors, Victoria, have dissolved partnership; W. B. Harrild will continue the business.

The Hudson's Bay Co., Victoria, shipped, on Saturday, 22 bales of furs to London via the C. P. R., valued at \$40,000.

Information is received that the salmon run on the Skeena is the best that has been known for years. The run on the Nass is also improving.

The plant of a newspaper to be called the *Golden Era*, has arrived at Golden, and the paper will soon be issued under the editorial control of Mr. Ramsay.

George F. Slater, late shingle manufacturer, and Geo. E. Barnard, have entered into partnership as locators of timber, grazing and farm lands, and money brokers, at Vancouver.

It is announced, says the *Colonist*, that arrangements are being made for the establishment in Victoria of a large malting and brewing establishment upon a joint stock basis.

The British Columbia *Gazette* announces the incorporation of the Chilliwack Tramway Company, (Limited), capital \$25,000, in 100 shares. Its objects are the construction, operating and maintaining a street railway or tramway within the limits of the municipality of Chilliwack.

The Gold Mining and Smelting Company have their smelter nearly completed; it is a most complete establishment, replete with massive machinery, contained in two large buildings; the whole will cost when completed about

\$50,000, and will have a capacity of from twenty-five to forty tons of ore per day.

The British Columbia Corporation (Limited), has been incorporated in London, England, with a capital stock of £300,000. Mr. Robert Ward, when in England recently, promoted the company. The directors believe they will have no difficulty in obtaining mortgages on suitable security at rates varying from six to eight per cent.

The smelter at Revelstoke has been put in operation. This is the first smelter in British Columbia. It was completed about a year ago, but this was in advance of the requirements of the district, as heretofore there has not been enough ore to warrant starting the works. The smelter will doubtless get the provincial bonus of \$12,000 offered for the first smelter of a certain number of tons of ore in the province.

The summit of Toad Mountain, says the *Nelson Miner*, is beginning to show up like a mining camp, now that development work is being done on half a dozen contiguous claims. On the Grizzly Bear men are at work building quarters and making a face for a tunnel. Superintendent Robertson says he has the finest tunnel site in the district, and on a ledge too that is fully thirty feet in width. A road will be built from the mine to the main road, a distance of two and a half miles through a good country and by an easy grade. The distance from Nelson will be less than six miles.

P. Goudron, of the firm of Goudron Bros, iron manufacturers, Montreal, is in town, says the *Vancouver News*. He visits the Province with the intention of finding out whether there is a field here for a factory for the manufacture of bolts and spikes. He met several hardware men yesterday and some members of the board of trade, with whom he discussed the matter. He finds there are some lines which it would pay to manufacture here, and there is every probability that he will establish a factory somewhere in the province, on a small scale at first, but fully equal to demands of the trade. The iron or steel could be brought from Great Britain to Vancouver almost as cheaply as to Montreal, few skilled hands would be required and the enterprise, he feels assured, would be profitable.

An Ottawa telegram says: "Alex. Begg, agent of the British Columbia Government in Scotland, has arrived from Scotland, whither he went to promote crofter emigration to the Pacific province. He has made arrangements with the Chancellor of the Exchequer for a loan of £150,000 for colonization purposes. This will be advanced as required and repaid by the British Columbia Government, who in turn will collect it by installments from the settlers. They get thirty years in which they repay their loans, not having to pay anything for the first five years. The scheme provides for the settlement of six thousand crofter fishermen. From £120 to £150 will be expended on each family. A syndicate is being formed in England to carry on fishing and mining operations in British Columbia to afford employment for these settlers. They will ask the Dominion Government to locate and assist in developing the fisheries of the coast. Before the scheme is adopted it must receive the endorsement of both Governments."

Frank Otton has opened a harness shop at Battleford.

### Grain and Milling.

A movement is on foot to erect a joint stock elevator at Moosomin, Assa., but stock is being taken very slowly.

The annual picnic of the employees of the Lake of the Woods Milling company took place on Monday last on the lake.

An addition is being made to the Hudson's Bay Co.'s mill elevator at Winnipeg, which will increase the capacity by 30,000 bushels.

Alex McGaw, head of the grain purchasing department of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, is lying at Koowatin with fever.

Joyner & Elkington have let a contract for the erection of a 10,000 bushel elevator in connection with their mill at Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa.

A vote will be taken upon a by-law granting a bonus of \$4,000 to assist in the erection of a grist mill at Killarney, Man., on Friday, August the 7th next.

### Saskatchewan.

Macfarlane Brothers, ranchers, Battleford, have dissolved. James M. Macfarlane will continue.

The business of D. C. McLellan & Co., harness, Prince Albert, will in the future be carried on under the style of Hutchings & McLellan.

A. Bigelow & Co., Chicago, in a recent circular say: "We do not expect to see extravagant prices paid for wheat this year but we are well grounded in the belief that the average of the 1891 crop will be above 90c a bushel for cash wheat in Chicago, and that purchases on any dip below that range will be safe investments."

There has been a good deal of talk about the Farmers' Alliance of the United States undertaking to corner wheat. This is all nonsense on the face of it. The report arose from the fact that a circular has been issued by the Alliance, prognosticating good prices for wheat, and countenancing the idea of holding until favorable prices are offered.

In Parliament at Ottawa on Thursday, Hon. Mr. Tupper introduced a bill respecting live stock. He explained that what he proposed was to enforce the regulations of the English agricultural department as regards the carrying of cattle. The government had received a draft of the regulations which would be enforced as soon as the bill became law. It proposed that the space for cattle should not be less than two feet, eight inches for each animal, or that for store cattle it be two feet, six inches not more than five cattle being placed in each stall.

The Hudson Bay Company's annual meeting was held in London, England, last week. Sir Donald Smith, governor, deplored the unsatisfactory state of affairs revealed by the report, but said the prospects are better as regards both fur and land sales. The board is making earnest and persistent efforts to reduce expenses and earn a good dividend. Several shareholders made a bitter attack on the board and said the management was extravagant both here and in Canada. Sir Donald Smith replying, denied the alleged extravagance of the board. The board is applying to the Dominion government to relieve the company from the support of Indians of the Northwest. Others defended the board from the attacks. The report was then adopted almost without dissent.

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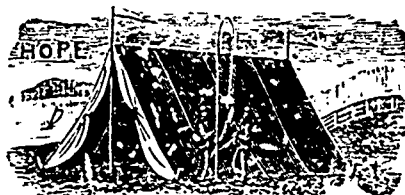
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### Toronto Grocery Market.

**Sugars, Syrups and Molasses**—The consumption of granulated sugar, though phenomenally great this summer, has undoubtedly been kept down very much by the limitations put on the supply. There would perhaps have been nearly one third more consumed if it could have been furnished when it was wanted in every case. This has restored to yellow in some measure the proportion of the demand that passed from it to granulated when the latter became cheaper by the removal of the duty. It was expected that the price of fruit would be kept up pretty well throughout the season because of the sharp demand for it that cheap sugar would create, but because of the difficulty of getting sugar, fruit prices have ruled generally easy. The want for sugar is as great as ever at unchanged prices, that is, 5 to 5½c for granulated and 4c and upwards for yellow, with the majority of jobbers quoting no lower than 4½c on yellows. Raw sugars are offering at \$3.65 and upwards, which enables wholesalers to job them out at at \$3.75 to 3.90 per cwt. A lot of 300 barrels of Trinidad is on the way to one house. Molasses is moderately firm at at 38c for barrels of West Indies and 55c for good table New Orleans. The latter is selling fairly well. Granulated 1 to 15 barrels, 5½c; do, 15 barrels and over, 5c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½ to 5¾c; extra ground, barrels, 5¾c; do, boxes or less than barrels, 6¼c; powdered, barrels, 5¾c; do, less than barrels, 5¾ to 5¾c; refined, dark to bright, 4½ to 4¾c. Syrups—D., 2½ to 2¾c; M., 2½ to 2¾c; B., 2½ to 3c; V. B., 3 to 3½c; E. V. B., 3½ to 3¾c; E. S. V. B., 3½ to 3¾c; N. X., 3½ to 3¾c; N. X. and special, 3½ to 3¾c.

**Teas and Coffees**—New Darjeelings are offering and receiving attention at prices to jobbers from 13½ to 1s 9d. The drawing quality is good. Consignments will soon reach this market. Low grades of Japan to retail at 25 to 30c are in leading demand, but business has to wait on their arrival, which is now nearly due. Coffee is plentiful and dull. The market is supplied with all the grades that sell. Rios, 21 to 22c; Jamaica, 22 to 23c; Java, 27 to 35c; Mocha, 29 to 35c; Porto Rico, 25 to 28c.

**Rice, Spices, etc.**—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do, Patna, 6½ to 6¾c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 4 to 4½; sago, 3½ to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; pepper black, 12 to 18c; do, white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 20 to 35c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 95c to \$1.20; cream tartar, 25 to 50c.

**Dried Fruits**—Currants are the only fruits with any life in them. They are quite firm and selling reasonably well at 6½ to 6¾c in barrels, and 6½ to 6¾c in half barrels for provincials. Case prunes are 6½ to 7½c, and tend to remain in the low range, as stocks are full. Valencia raisins are still in the demoralized state frequently referred to, 4½ to 6c being the lowest and highest prices. Currants, barrels, new, 6½ to 6¾c; half barrels, 6½ to 6¾c; cases, 6½ to 8c; Vostizza, new, cases, 7½ to 9½c. Raisins, Valencias, 4 to 5½c; do, selects, 7½ to 8c; do, layers, 8½ to 9c; Sultanas, 15 to 18c. London layers, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Prunes, cases, 6½ to 7½c; hogheads and bags, 6½ to 7c. Figs, natural bags, 4½ to 5c; Malaga mats, \$1 to \$1 25; Elemeas, 10 to 20 pounds, 10 to 13c. Dates, Hal lowce, 5½ to 6c; old 4c. Nuts, almonds, Tarragona, 15 to 17c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenobles, 16 to 17c; Marbots, 12 to 13c; Bordeaux, 12 to 12½c.

**Canned Goods**—The enquiry for canned goods is clearly not so forward as it commonly is at this season, though improvement has been wrought in it by the weather of the past fortnight. Future peas, corn and tomatoes are unchanged at \$1 to \$1.05, with none but ordinary stock contracted for at the lowest figure. In fact, in the upper ranks of brand prices are nearly always steady and cutting is unusual. The peas referred to a day or two ago are quoted at \$1.15. There is no change in the situation of the salmon pack. Local brokers are making slow progress with business, the dulness being perhaps as much due to indecision on the part of packers as to hesitation on the part of jobbers. There appears to be no special eagerness on either hand. Spot tomatoes are \$1.60 and nearly out. Lobsters are \$2.75 for Clover Leaf, and \$2.25 to \$2.30 for other grades. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.65 to 1 70; do, 1's tall, \$1.35 to 1.50; lobsters, Clover Leaf, \$2.75; do, other 1's, \$2.25 to 2 30; mackerel, \$1 20 to 1.40; sardines, French, 1's, 9 to 11c; do, ½'s, 15 to 22c; do, American, ½'s 6 to 8c; do, ¼'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Corn, 2's, \$1.10 to 1.25; do, cream, 3's, \$1.75 to 1.80; peas, 2's, \$1.30 to 1.50; beans, 99c; pumpkins, 75; strawberries, 2's, \$2 25 to 2.40; tomatoes, 3's, \$1.60; apples, 3's, \$1.10 to 1.15; do, gallons, \$3 to 3.20; peaches, 2's, \$2.50 to \$2.75; do, 3's, \$3.50 to 3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.60; do, 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's, \$2.—*Empire*, July 24.

### An Official Grain Weigher.

The grain section of the Toronto board of trade have had under consideration for some time the question of an official grain weigher. At a recent meeting the matter was referred to a special committee, which has since reported. The report recommended the erection of a joint central elevator capable of holding single cars; that a committee be appointed to wait on the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways and urge the necessity of building a joint elevator here and a transfer one at Junction points for weighing grain loaded outside, not destined for the city. The committee considered that ½c per bushel would be sufficient remuneration for the railway companies for the extra work entailed in weighing the cars of grain in the elevators, and that the weighing should be done by the inspector at the rate of 25 cents per car. The report was adopted and Messrs. Carrick, McIntosh, Chapman, Baird and Tilley were appointed a committee to wait upon the railway companies. In the meantime the council of the board will be requested to exercise all possible energy to secure a qualified person for the position of official weigher. The *modus operandi* at present is to have the grain weighed by the load at the city scales, as taken from the car. This is often disappointing, as the quantity contained in the car is not thus ascertained till the aggregate is made up and then it is not an uncommon occurrence for the dealer to be informed that there is a shortage of several bushels. A case in point, of recent date, is that of Norris & Carruthers, who were out 33 bushels on one car of oats. Under the proposed change every car of grain will be run into an elevator, where it will be unloaded, weighed, replaced in the car and sealed, and a certificate of weight will then be issued by the official weigher and this taken as final.—*Canadian Miller*.

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