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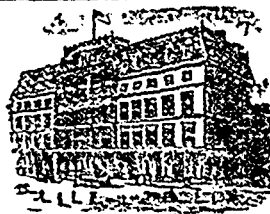
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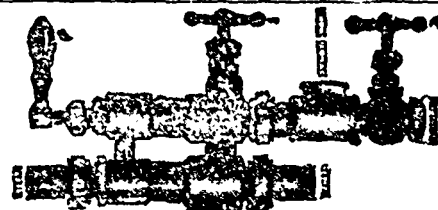
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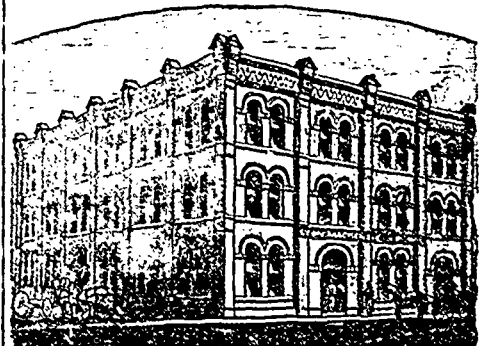
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WINNIPEG, MARCH 26, 1888.

E. L. DREWRY, M.P.P., has returned from a visit to Port Arthur.

NOTICE has been given that an application will be made to the Legislature of Manitoba, for an Act to incorporate "The Winnipeg Power and Navigation Company," with power to utilize the water power of the Assiniboine river, construct and operate canals or waterways, where necessary to connect the Assiniboine river with Lake Manitoba and the Saskatchewan river, and to operate lines of vessels on said waters and intervening waters, with power to expropriate lands and sell bonds, and to construct lines of telegraph and telephone in connection with said works.

A LARGE and influential meeting of the live stock dealers of western Manitoba was held at Brandon lately, for the purpose of forming an association and asking certain concessions from the C.P.R. regarding freight rates on live stock, passenger tariff, etc. It was carried that the meeting form themselves into an association to be called the Western Live Stock Dealers Association of Manitoba. Officers were elected as follows:—President, R.J. Collins; Vice-President, F. Russel; Secretary, T. Harkness; Treasurer, J. A. Howey. It was moved that the Executive Committee prepare a resolution and forward the same to the Winnipeg Association, asking certain concessions from the C.P.R. enjoyed by the Dominion Association, and so adjusting the rates on live stock and fixing passenger tariff that the members of this Association may be entitled to all the former's privileges. A delegation will wait on the C.P.R. officials jointly with the Winnipeg association and endeavor to get concessions,

VANCE & SHORTREED, livery, Emerson, have given up business.

— ALLAN will open a bakery and confectionery store at Neepawa, Man.

H. FIELD, dealer in stoves, tins and hardware, Brandon, is selling out his business.

NOBLE & JOHNSTON, grocers, Winnipeg, are adding boots and shoes to their business.

S. A. HAMILTON, hardware merchant, Emerson, has opened a branch at Dominion City.

FRED. STARKEY has leased the New Douglas house, at Winnipeg, and will assume charge on the 1st of April.

CHRISTIE & BROWN, general storekeepers, Millwood, have dissolved partnership; business continued by John Brown.

J. S. DOUGLASS & Co., dealer in boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have sold out their Portage la Prairie branch to J. F. Douglass.

JAMES THURBURN, livery, Fort Qu'Appelle, has admitted Arthur Atherton into partnership under style of Atherton & Thorburn.

CHAS. McARTHUR, baker, Whitewood, Assa., has sold out to Hammon, who will commence operations about the 1st of April.

J. E. LLOYD, grocer, at North Plympton, near Winnipeg, was burned out last week. Loss, about \$5,000; insurance, \$2,000.

ALFORD & Co., hotel, Oak Lake, Man., have dissolved partnership, Thomas McCormack going out. J. D. Alford will continue alone to erect the new hotel and when completed, carry on the business.

A LONDON cable on Thursday says: Canadian stocks are again much advanced. Dominion issues are up to 2½; three and a half per cents. standing at 109; fours at 116; British Columbias up to 6½; Quebec, Toronto and Winnipeg bonds went up 1 to 3.

A PETITION was presented at Ottawa last week by Mr. Watson for a charter to construct a line of railway from a point in Winnipeg on the north side of the Assiniboine, across said river and thence westerly along the south side of said river as contiguous thereto as the nature of the country will permit to Portage la Prairie, recrossing the river at or near the last named town.

A COMPANY, in which Sir A. T. Galt, Wm. Ramsay, W. G. Conrad and D. W. Davis, M. P., are the prime movers, is applying at Ottawa for a charter for the Alberta Railway and Coal company to build and operate a line from Calgary to a point in Montana, with power to acquire the mines and other property of the Northwest Coal and Navigation company.

GEORGE P. DRUMMOND, of Ottawa, Ont., has invented a type-writer, for which he claims the advantages over other type-writers of simplicity in construction, cheapness and rapidity in operating. It is also said to space automatically, which is a very important feature. It is proposed to organize a joint stock company to manufacture the machines in Britain, Canada, and the United States. Stock in the proposed company may now be obtained. The inventor is a brother of Drummond Bros. and H. M. Drummond, assistant receiver-general, of Winnipeg.

Dr. HARRIS has located at Killarney, Man., and put in a stock of drags

DAVID MAXWELL is erecting an agricultural implement warehouse at Langenburg, Man.

The Clarendon hotel, lately known as the McKenzie, will be opened next month by Mr. Bennett, late of the New Douglas. P. McCaffery has been engaged as manager.

THE movement started by the farmers of Belmont to secure the erection of another grain elevator at Morden, has fallen through, for the time at least. It was found impossible to secure the necessary capital.

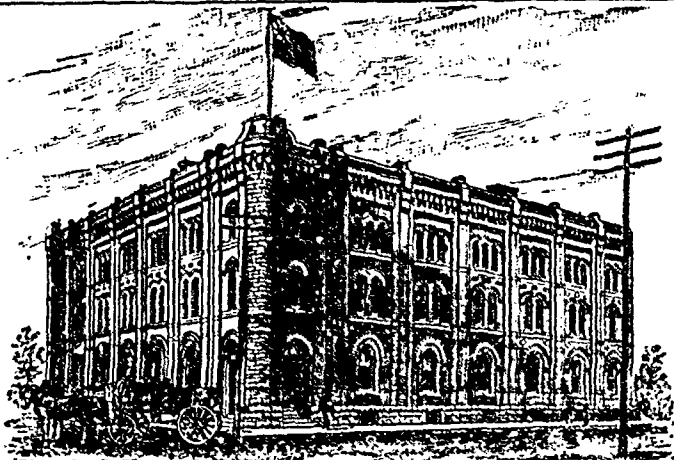
J. D. PIERSON, late of the Commercial Hotel, Maple Creek, Assa., has purchased the Anglo-American hotel at Gretna, Man., and is now in charge of the latter house. Mr. Pierson is popular with the commercial travellers.

THE Brandon Times has issued a circular asking settlers to write out a brief statement of their success in this country with a view of assisting and promoting immigration from Eastern Canada and the old country to Manitoba and especially to the Brandon district.

THE receipts of the municipality of Rat Portage for 1887 were \$11,492, and expenditure \$11,447, leaving a balance on hand of \$45. The total liabilities of the town are placed at \$13,104, and assets, including \$3,842 unpaid taxes, at \$17,042. Rat Portage, it will be seen, is sound financially.

THE estate of Max Goldstein, clothier, Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff on Saturday, to satisfy the \$7,000 judgment in favor of his wife as her dower claim. The stock was knocked down to L. Vineberg, who it is understood was hired to do the dirty work for Goldstein throughout this sickening affair. It is supposed the business will be continued by Goldstein in his wife's name. Previous to the sale, the claims of several of Goldstein's Winnipeg creditors, whose judgments followed that of Goldstein's wife, were bought up at 50 in the dollar. The eastern creditors of the estate, whose judgments come in later, will not get a nickel. The paper to the amount of \$12,000, which Goldstein had endorsed for Cohn, his father-in-law, will also be completely worthless. Cohn is now out of the country, and safe in the United States. It is not to be supposed that any feelings of honesty or commiseration towards the Winnipeg creditors, prompted the purchase of their judgments. This was purely an act of self preservation on the part of Goldstein. It was necessary for him to have possession of a certain amount of the claims against the estate, in order to hold control of the stock. These judgments were therefore purchased as a protection against the other creditors whose claims came next in order. This affair throughout has been one of the most disgusting which has happened in Winnipeg for many a day, and it is to be hoped it will be a long time again before anything similar occurs. As one dealer remarked, the more the matter was investigated, the fouler became the odor. One deplorable feature of the case is, that Goldstein has obtained possession of \$20,000 worth of goods, at a fraction of the original cost, which will enable him to sell at a figure with which honest traders cannot compete.

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The British Columbia Government has sent out an engineer to report on the feasibility of carrying out a system of irrigation in the dry belt of the province. This dry belt includes a strip of country east of the Selkirk and Gold ranges of mountains, extending for a considerable distance along the C. P. R. and southward to the United States boundary. Quite a large extent of country is included in this dry belt, much of which is otherwise well adapted to agriculture. In some instances where it could be provided cheaply, irrigation has already been done by private parties, with excellent results, almost fabulous crops of wheat and other cereals having been produced. The region has an excellent climate, such as would be very favorable to the cultivation of apples and other varieties of fruits, as well as vegetables and cereals. Stock raising is now the principal industry of the district. If an extensive system of irrigation can be devised, the result will be to add a large extent of valuable land to the somewhat limited agricultural area of British Columbia. It is to be hoped the engineer will be able to report favorably.

The Calgary council and board of trade have prepared a memorial and sent a couple of delegates to Ottawa in the interest of certain measures. The first thing asked for is a full measure of local responsible government for the Northwest Territories, similar to that enjoyed by the other provinces. It also asked that "in order to remove a serious cause of obstruction to the settlement and progress of the country, some equitable arrangement be made with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the surrender of the monopoly clauses of its contract," and that "for the encouragement of mining, all mining tools and appliances not made in Canada, should be placed on the free list of imports, which would help immensely in developing our mineral resources." Some of the reasons given for asking a provincial form of government for the Territories are such as would likely have an opposite influence with the Ottawa authorities. For instance, the first argument in favor of responsible government is, that it would enable the people of the Territories to charter their

own railways. Now, if there is anything that Ottawa does not wish to lose control of, it is the exclusive charge of railway legislation. The Calgary people could not have urged any feature which would operate to defeat their object more readily than this railway idea. However, it is not probable that the deputation will have much weight with the ministers toward securing provincial government for the Territories.

The number of animals being brought into Manitoba this spring is surprising. Horses are arriving by the car-load almost daily, and they seem to meet with ready sale, farmers being the purchasers. But horses are not the only animals being brought to the country. Stock cattle are coming in freely, both for sale and by parties who intend placing them on their own property. Quite a number of sheep will also be brought in. This movement indicates that Manitoba farmers are going in more for mixed agriculture. The continued low prices for wheat, and the experience of the past winter with grain blockades, is no doubt having some influence in this direction. Especially in districts more distant from the railways, farmers are showing a tendency to give up grain growing to a great extent. The experience of the past winter will induce a great many to reduce their grain crops, in favor of mixed farming. Many who were obliged to haul grain this winter to distant markets, will greatly reduce their cereal crops and in many instances grow only sufficient for their own use, until such time as better railway facilities are provided.

At a meeting of the grain men's section of the Toronto board of trade, on Tuesday last, the following resolution was passed: "Whereas information has been received that a considerable quantity of Manitoba barley, badly mixed with foreign grains and weeds, is being offered for sale throughout Ontario for seed, be it resolved that this section of the board of trade, in order to preserve the good quality of Ontario barley, places on record these facts, requesting the parties interested to see that any barley offered for seed, whether from Manitoba or elsewhere,

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is free from all foreign seeds or weeds of any kind, farmers in particular being requested to see that the good reputation Ontario enjoys for growing fine barley is not affected by the introduction of prairie and other weeds into their land which would take years to get rid of." A petition to the Dominion Parliament was also adopted embodying the proposed amendments to the Inspection Act of 1885, relating to Manitoba hard wheat, northern spring wheat, white Fyfe wheat and Manitoba barley. It was also decided to send a copy of the petition to the board of trade of Montreal for approval, and to endeavor, if possible, to have the act amended during the present session. As to the action of the Toronto board concerning Manitoba barley, there is perhaps some excuse. It has often been a complaint that Manitoba oats and barley are frequently very dirty - that is, mixed with other grains and foreign substances. The idea of introducing prairie weeds into Ontario, however, is somewhat ridiculous. The only weeds we have in this country are such as have been introduced here in seed grain, which has come mainly from Ontario. The principle objection to Manitoba barley is the mixture of wheat which it frequently contains, and which is an injury for malting. As to seeds of weeds, the average grain of the prairie is probably much cleaner than eastern grain. Oats are dirty simply because they are marketed as they come from the thresher, without being put through any cleaning process. The exact nature of the petition of the Toronto board regarding changes in the Manitoba wheat grades, is not yet fully known here, but it is inferred that the desired changes are similar to those recently petitioned for by the Winnipeg board of trade.

#### British Wheat Markets.

February Russian wheat for Easter shipment has been offered at 25s. to 31s. per qr. for the cheaper sorts; at 32s. to 34s. for the best. Polish wheat, which ranges high in quality this season, has been quoted 31s. for April shipment. Indian wheat, now crop, has been equally moderate in estimated value. Sellers of No. 2 club Calcutta are willing to ship in April, May, June,

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The Indian new crop is put on official prices, which represent the necessity of competing with No. 1 Californian at 34s., with good Australian at 33s. 6d., and with fine English white at 33s. per qr. Such considerations as are exclusively Indian would point to a far higher price. The total shipments last year from all India aggregated 721,000 tons of wheat, of which 462,000 tons went from Bombay, 229,000 tons from Calcutta, and only 33,000 tons from Karachi, against 1,133,000 tons of wheat from all India in 1886, and 1,063,000 tons in 1885. India has been credited with an export surplus of 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 qrs. for 1888. But 2,896,000 qrs. in 1887 was a big falling off in the previous years, in each of which over 4,000,000 qrs. were shipped. The acreage is not increasing; while agriculture seems stationary, not so much from want of enterprise as from the unprofitableness of introducing European methods and machinery into a tropical country for use under a tropical sun and on a tropical soil. The yield this year is likely to be an average; but a total exportation of three million qrs. is probably as much as the most sanguine can fairly allow themselves to expect. India, therefore, cannot be regarded as a source of weakness.

Australia during February has been shipping wheat, but not with any eagerness, at such prices as now prevail. Victoria is stated to have from 14,562,000 bushels of wheat on 1,121,000 acres, being 13 bushels to the acre, against 11.7 bushels to the acre in January,

1887. The average yield in Victoria is, perhaps, 12 bushels. Of the 14,562,000 bushels grown, half will be required for home use, leaving about 900,000 qrs. for export.

Frequently imported wheat has been 3s. per qr. lower in price than fresh English samples, whereas now Duluth and some other fine foreign sorts are reckoned a couple of shillings higher than the home farmers' wheat. This change is probably due to the strong competition in recent years—1887-8—of American flour. *London Miller.*

### For Commercial Union.

The House committee on foreign relations, at Washington, unanimously voted to report favorably Mr. Hill's resolution "To promote commercial union with Canada." The bill provides that whenever Canada declares a desire to establish commercial union, having a uniform revenue system, like internal taxes to be collected and like import duties upon articles from other nations, with no duties upon trade between the United States and Canada, the President shall appoint three commissioners to meet a similar commission from Canada and prepare a plan for the assimilation of the import duties and internal revenue taxes of the two countries and an equitable division of receipts in a commercial union.

### An Elevator Enterprise.

The Scandinavian Elevator company, recently organized by C. C. Woolcut & Co. and the Farmers' Alliance of Minnesota and Dakota, promises to cut an important figure in the wheat trade of the northwest during the present season. The main object of the association, as set forth by those principally interested, is to prevent the adulteration of the spring wheat of the northwest, and in that way secure better prices in the Liverpool markets. It is claimed that under the present system of operations at Buffalo elevators, especially, the hard wheat of the Northwest and the soft grains of Kansas are mixed, then exported as Minnesota and Dakota No. 1 hard. As a result, the grades

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are reduced at the English warehouses, with a corresponding reduction in prices at the expense of the producers of the Northwest. The new elevator combination intends to send the hard wheat through to the Eastern or European markets without adulteration and thus maintain the high standard of the grain. It is claimed that the farmers are backing the scheme to the extent of their ability, and branch companies are being formed in Dakota. A new line of thirty-one elevators will be in operation during the present season, and large transfer elevators will be built in this city and Duluth. With the backing and influence of the farmers' alliance this novel competitor for the grain trade of the Northwest threatens to create a lively interest in more than one quarter before the next crop begins to move.—*St. Paul Pioneer-Press.*

### Dairy Matters.

The Emerson Times says: "It is proposed to start a cheese factory at Emerson. Dealers in butter have been losing so much money lately that their attention is directed now to the production of cheese." The Times should be informed that the loss in butter is due to the faulty nature of manufacturing and handling, rather than to the demand. No doubt there has been a good deal of money lost in butter, but at the same time it is doubtful if cheese manufacturing could be made much more profitable than butter manufacturing, when scientific principles are applied to each. There has never been a lack of demand for good butter at profitable figures in Manitoba. The trouble has been that the bulk of the butter handled here is unfit for table use. This will continue until the mode of manufacture and handling is changed. Apply the same system to butter manufacture that is applied to cheese and there need be no fear as to finding a profitable market. At the present time a bit of really choice butter can hardly be obtained in the Winnipeg market, whilst the country is glutted with medium and inferior grades.

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## THE SUGAR COMBINE.

The alleged sugar combination has lately received a great deal of attention from the Eastern Canadian press, since the matter has been undergoing investigation by the committee on trade combinations. The sugar combination is simply an agreement between wholesale grocers and refiners, whereby the latter are pledged not to sell to wholesale grocers who in turn sell at a less price than has been established by the wholesale grocers' guild. The combination is a result of the ruinous custom of selling sugar at or less than cost. Owing to keen competition in the trade, wholesale grocers were practically handling sugar for nothing. This was certainly a very unprofitable and undesirable state of things. In such an important item as sugar, it is only just that dealers, both wholesale and retail, should make a reasonable profit. The custom of selling this commodity often at an actual loss, is simply absurd. In order to remedy this bad state of affairs, the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild took the matter in hand and attempted to regulate prices for sugar so as to supply a small profit. In order to prevent wholesale grocers from selling at a less price than that fixed by the guild, an agreement was made with the refiners, to the effect that the latter were to sell only to members of the grocers' guild, except under certain conditions. The guild undertook to furnish refiners with a list of the wholesale grocers who adhered to the scale of prices fixed by the associated grocers. All grocers who would not be bound by the prices fixed by the guild, were to be charged  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent per pound more for granulated sugar, by refiners. Shortly after the first agreement was made between the Grocers' Guild and the refiners, the grocers asked that  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent extra per pound be charged to grocers outside the guild, as the first arrangement had not had the desired effect in preventing the selling of sugar at a loss. This advance, however, was not adopted. The wholesale grocers made an arrangement with the refiners that they should charge an advance to the retailer of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent a pound on lots of fifteen barrels or more, and of  $\frac{3}{8}$  cent a pound on

smaller lots of granulated sugar. This it could not be said was an exorbitant profit, amounting to about 4 per cent. over expenses. Yellow sugars were not included in the arrangement. The 4 per cent. advance is the figure estimated by the grocers' guild, on granulated sugar alone. Taking entire sales of yellow and granulated sugars the estimated profit was 2 per cent. Those opposed to the guild estimated the profit on granulated sugar allowed by the agreement at 5 to 6 per cent. It will, therefore, be seen that taking sales of all classes of sugar the wholesalers are only making a profit of from 2 to 3 per cent. as the maximum. The arrangement at present existing between the wholesale grocers and the refiners is to the effect that grocers who are not members of the guild, must pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent more per pound for granulated sugar, payment within fourteen days, without the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. discount for cash. Given the guild grocers.

Whatever objection may be taken to the sugar combination, on principle, it cannot be said that the result of the agreement has been to place an excessive profit on sugar. The price at which the refiner sells is in no wise affected by the combination. The only extra cost to the consumer is the small profit of say four per cent. on granulated sugar, now made by the wholesale grocers, that is providing that previous to the agreement they were selling at cost. The profit is certainly a legitimate one. A wise wholesaler would not sell his goods on time to a dealer whom he knew systematically practised the custom of selling at less than cost. So far the refiners are interested in encouraging the movement to stop the unbusiness-like system of handling sugar at a loss, which was doing so much to demoralize trade. There certainly appears to be a violation of principle in this sugar combination, the idea being that certain wholesale grocers are thereby given an advantage over others. The agreement practically amounts to a partial application of the principle of "boycotting," which cannot but be looked upon as an illegal action. On the other hand no great hardship has been caused to the public, and the result has on the whole been beneficial in establishing greater commercial security.

## COMMERCIAL UNION.

Interest in this important question has been revived by the lecture delivered at Winnipeg lately by Mr. Erastus Wiman,

of New York, under the auspices of the board of trade. The keen interest which is taken in this question was demonstrated by the very large attendance at the lecture, the large hall being packed by the highest type of a Winnipeg audience, previous to the hour at which the lecture was advertised to commence. Marked attention was given the speaker, and the frequent outbursts of most enthusiastic applause seemed to convey the impression that if those present were not in active sympathy with the Commercial Union movement, they at least appreciated the lecture and the importance of the subject. As no resolution was brought forward either for or against Commercial Union, and nothing but a simple vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved, the exact feeling of the meeting as to the merits or demerits of Commercial Union could not be ascertained. If enthusiasm and attention could be taken as an indication, it could be said that the audience were almost unanimously favorable to the subject. This idea does not, however, necessarily follow, and besides, it is known that many who extended such a hearty welcome to the eminent Canadian-American, are undoubtedly opposed to Commercial Union in principle.

However, there is no doubt but that in the present state of affairs in the West, Commercial Union would be welcomed by a considerable portion of our population. Many perhaps who do not believe in Commercial Union in theory, would undoubtedly prefer such an arrangement in preference to the policy of monopoly and isolation forced upon this country by the Dominion. The "trade policy" of the Dominion Government has undoubtedly driven a great many of the people of Manitoba and the West to look favorably upon this Commercial Union question. Anything to break the policy now forced upon the West, is the statement of many, and most undoubtedly Commercial Union would be a thousand times preferable to the continuation of monopoly and isolation. If, therefore, the people of this part of Canada are favorable to Commercial Union, the "trade policy" of the Dominion is largely accountable for it. To the Manitoba farmer the fact that during the past winter wheat has been bringing from four to six cents higher just across the boundary in Minnesota and Dakota, is a stronger argument in favor of Commercial Union, than anything which can be said against it. Railway monopoly has there

fore been a great factor in educating the people to look with favor upon the Commercial Union proposals. Aside from the monopoly, it is easy to show that the protective tariff of the Dominion discriminates against the West in many particulars, and that consequently the people of the West are made to pay a heavier tax per capita than the people of Eastern Canada. Indeed, one of the great arguments used in the East in favor of protection is, that it holds the West as a preserve for the East. It is therefore, not to be wondered at, that Mr. Wiman was given such an enthusiastic reception in Winnipeg.

In introducing Mr. Wiman at the meeting the other evening, Mr. G. F. Galt, president of the board of trade, remarked that the Winnipeg board had not discussed the question of Commercial Union. In inviting Mr. Wiman to lecture in Winnipeg, the board did not necessarily endorse his views. Mr. Wiman commenced his address by referring to the present isolated position of Winnipeg and Manitoba, and used this to make a point in favor of his subject by showing the isolation of Canada from the rest of the continent, through the operations of the protective tariffs of this country and the United States. Canada, he argued, was, owing to her geographical position, largely dependent upon her neighbor. This neighbor is a very large one and has a valuable market. In order to gain access to this market, we would be obliged to take some of her manufactures. Mr. Wiman next dealt with the state of the country under the reciprocity treaty of 1854-66, which he declared was the most prosperous era in the history of Canada. He thought reciprocity would be an excellent thing now, but the United States would not agree to its re-enactment. Nothing but Commercial Union would be acceptable to them, and it was therefore useless to talk about reciprocity. In reference to the argument that Commercial Union would be ungrateful to Great Britain, he thought charity should commence at home. It was a case of loyalty against prosperity. However, he did not think that Commercial Union would diminish loyalty to Great Britain. He pointed to the fact that Canada already has a hostile tariff against British imports. He thought Canadians could hold their own against the United States, under Commercial Union. The protective policy was like a man trying to lift himself by

his boot straps. The fact that \$2,000,000 worth of eggs were exported to the United States last year, was used as an illustration to show the possibilities of international trade, under Commercial Union, eggs now being admitted duty free. Mr. Wiman held that the progress of this country had been retarded on account of its being cut off from its natural market. This country was exceedingly rich in mineral wealth and had enormous resources and great natural advantages, but these could not be developed until a market was provided. Special reference was made to the mineral wealth of the country. Canada had greater resources in iron than the United States, but was doing scarcely anything to develop this industry, whilst last year 6,000,000 tons were manufactured in the United States. Regarding the oft repeated statements that Commercial Union simply means annexation in disguise, Mr. Wiman thought it would have quite the opposite effect. Commercial Union would make the country prosperous, and would do away with any necessity for annexation. On the other hand a continuation of the present policy would create dissatisfaction, which would ultimately lead to a desire for annexation. There were \$667,000,000 of British capital invested in Canada, which would be rendered vastly more valuable by Commercial Union, thus making it a benefit to British investors. Mr. Wiman admitted that the revenue feature was an objection to Commercial Union. The tariffs of the two countries would require to be the same, and naturally Canada would be obliged to yield the control of her tariff to the United States. He thought, however, that this difficulty could be overcome, and at any rate the objection was slight in comparison with the great advantages to be gained.

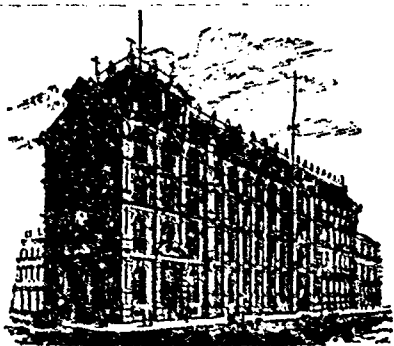
This is but a brief reference to some of the more important points made by the speaker. The question is undoubtedly one upon which a great deal can be said on both sides, and in view of the recent action at Washington favorable to Commercial Union, the matter deserves the most earnest attention of our people. It is not a question upon which a conclusion can be jumped at. Recent events have shown that public opinion in the United States is rapidly changing in favor of freer trade relationship with Canada. On the other hand, it is the almost unanimous belief in Canada, that more favorable trade intercourse with the

United States would be beneficial to both countries. The only difference of opinion here is as to the nature and degree which this increased freedom of international commercial relationship should attain. To Mr. Wiman is due in no slight degree the credit for this improved feeling in the United States toward freer trade arrangements with Canada. He has delivered many lectures in the United States upon his favorite theme, and in that country his lectures have partaken largely of the nature of discourses upon the extent and resources of Canada. In this way he has awakened interest in the subject, and very materially altered the ideas of many United States citizens, in their conceptions of this country. On this account his services deserve recognition even from those in this country who do not accept his Commercial Union theories.

### DISHONEST EMPLOYEES.

The retail grocers' association of Detroit, Michigan, has asked employers of labor to refuse to employ men who endeavor to evade the payment of their store bills. This is a somewhat novel move, but if acted upon, it would no doubt have a desirable effect. Men who endeavor to evade the payment of their honest debts, are almost invariably people of an extravagant habit, and who have no hesitation in contracting debts. If such persons were aware that dishonesty of this nature were likely to deprive them of a situation, they would be more careful about running into debt. The principle of refusing to employ dishonest men is a just one. The very fact of a man's being employed in a responsible capacity, adds to his possibilities of obtaining credit. The employer is therefore responsible in principle to some extent for the honesty of his employe. By giving a man employment, especially in a responsible capacity, the employer improves, and in a sense assures the credit of his employe. He therefore has a right to expect that his employe shall not abuse the position by profligacy and dishonesty. This is a matter which is worthy the attention of employers, both private parties and corporations. It is still more applicable to employes of governments and councils, who by the nature of such employment are placed in a public position, whereby they can the more readily obtain credit by nature of their supposedly honorable position. Government's municipal, provincial and federal, certainly share in the character of their employes. The more important or responsible the position of the official or employe, the more is the responsibility of the employer. The employer who knowingly places a dishonest and dishonorable man in a position where he will naturally be respected and trusted, is committing a moral wrong, the result of which to no slight extent he is morally responsible. This is a principle which should be recognized to a greater extent, especially in civil service and public appointments.





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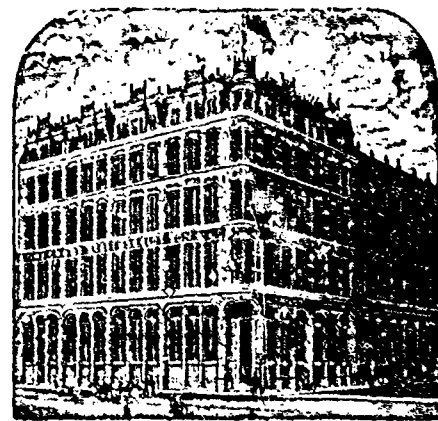
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## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There does not appear to have been any great change in the monetary situation, other than the gradual relaxation of the financial closeness which has been perceptible for a few weeks back. This easier feeling, however, is still perhaps one more of hope than reality. There has really been little to cause any marked freedom in money circulation. As to the wheat movement, the blockade is about as complete as ever, and instead of money being put in circulation from this source, there must be a vast sum locked up in wheat, upon which there is little chance to realize before the opening of navigation. The amount of money locked up in this way has drawn heavily upon the banks, and, of course, has the effect of decreasing funds available for miscellaneous commercial discounts. Rates, therefore, remain firm at 8 per cent. In real estate mortgage loan business, a very quiet feeling is apparent. Agents look forward to the future with hope, in view of the negotiations for the removal of monopoly and expect that real property will be given thereby a more stable value. At present, however, there is not much new business doing.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

In wholesale trade circles matters moved slowly and steadily along. The unseasonably cold weather of last week had a dampening effect upon the movement toward spring activity which had commenced to be apparent. However, cold weather cannot hold out long now. In branches which are expected to show an active movement toward spring, there has been visible signs of improvement. In hardware, paints, oils and colors, lumber and building material, and agricultural implements, there is more or less activity, and in some of these branches a good trade for the season is doing. In agricultural implements especially the season is opening very favorably. Other branches of trade are steady and with moderate movement. Collections are not satisfactory in many instances, though some dealers find returns very good.

## CANNED GOODS.

Prices were as follows: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.25 to \$3.45; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$3.50; pears, \$8.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$3.00.

## DRY GOODS.

There is still but a light demand for goods for present requirements, the cold wave of last week, having acted as a set-back to the disposition to purchase spring goods. Some late orders are coming in from dealers whose cautiousness had delayed their completing purchases of spring stock at an earlier date. Spring shipments are still going out. In clothing, the only movement is in shipping out the balance of spring orders, there being scarcely any call for present requirements.

## DRUGS.

Business keeps on fairly active, and with prices steady. Quotations were as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German

quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.75 to \$3.25; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5. sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c, alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 9½c.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

The principle interest in green fruits is centred in apples. There are fairly large stocks in the city, but very few come up in quantity to reach prices quoted, stocks being often damaged. It is said the bulk of sales are made at from \$3 to \$4 per barrel, of course such prices are only for damaged lots. All good, sound fruit will bring quotations below. A shipment of Bermuda onions and tomatoes was received during the week. Quotations are as follows: Apples, fancy, \$6 to \$7 per barrel, common varieties, \$5 to \$6. Messina oranges, \$6 to \$6.50 a box; California Riversides, seedlings, \$6.50 to \$7; Fancy Riverside Navel, or seedless, \$7.50 to \$8.00; Choice Los Angeles, \$5.25 to \$5.75; Messina lemons, \$6 to \$6.50.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are unchanged: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.50 to \$2.65 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

## FURS.

A cable from London gives a rather gloomy report of the Hudson's Bay Co's. fur sales for March. Prices show a very serious decline on the prices obtained in March of last year. In fisher there was falling off of 6 per cent; marten 25 per cent; silver fox 30 per cent; cross fox 20 per cent; red fox 5 per cent; white fox 35 per cent; lynx 20 per cent; skunk 12 per cent; mink 25 per cent; black bear 25 per cent; brown 10 per cent; a later cablegram says: the Hudson's Bay fur sales were even more unsatisfactory than reported. Prices have fallen in several cases 25, 30 and 60 per cent. The shares of the company have also fallen.

## FISH AND OYSTERS.

Prices are somewhat unsettled for fresh fish, as the season draws near a close. Prices are: White fish, 6 to 8c, Cod and Haddock, 8c; Oysters, select, \$2.10; Standards, \$1.90 gal.

## OROCENIES.

Prices are as follows: Sugars, Dark yellow, 7 to 7½c; bright yellow, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 9c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffee—Rios, from 24 to 26c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan Newseason's 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeyuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quiet and prices steady as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$2.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices, ingot tin, 40 to 42c per lb., according to quantity; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

## HIDES.

A good many hair-slipped and damaged hides are coming in now. This is caused by the hides being allowed to freeze and thaw. Parties having frozen hides on hand at this time of year, should thaw them out and salt at once or ship to market immediately. Prices now are as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; bulls, 2½c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Frozen lots of hides are taken at 3c all around; tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 1½c per pound.

## LEATHER AND FINDING.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish role 28 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 75c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 31 to 34c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 23 to 25c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

## PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Spring business in this branch has started up well, and during last week was quite active, orders coming mostly from the country. City business quiet. Prices were: Turpentine, 85c in five-gallon cans, or 80c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 25c; water white, 28c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$1.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.25; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2 \$6.25; window glass, first break, \$2.25

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage, 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, ¼ per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

JOHN STEVENS has sold out his flour and feed business at Deloraine Man. to Wright of Plum Creek.

## THE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## WHEAT.

The wheat markets were decidedly flat last week, owing to the continued inactivity in moving grain. Indeed the grain blockade seems to be becoming worse instead of better, during the past two weeks. The road east was blocked most of the week. At least there were few cars getting through, and few cars to be had to make shipments. Some eastern mills depending on Manitoba wheat, were obliged to shut down, including the large Ogilvie mill at Montréal, which it has been found impossible to keep supplied with wheat though the company have had elevators all over Manitoba crowded with wheat all winter. This, of course, means a heavy loss, in capital locked up, carrying charges, insurance, interest, etc. Speaking of the absurd statement that the lack of elevator accommodation was the cause of the trouble, one large dealer remarked, that the more elevators one had, the worse he was off, as it simply meant the locking up of capital and the trouble of carrying a large amount of wheat at a heavy expense. With this state of affairs, trading done last week was unimportant in extent. Quotations were about nominal at 55c for No. 1 hard and 52c to 53c for No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern, on track here.

## FLOUR.

There was no change in the flour situations. The slowness in making eastern shipments injures immediate prospects, but the mills keep grinding pretty steadily. Local prices were: Patents, \$2.05; strong bakers, \$1.80; XXXX, \$1.30; superfine, \$1.10.

## MILLSTUFFS.

Brand holds at \$11 per ton and shorts \$13 per ton.

## OATS.

Were offered freely on the market, the desire being to rush in the grain before the sleighing was all gone. From 28 to 30c appeared to be about the usual price paid for lots, with the feeling easy. Car lots on track were worth about the same figure. 30c being obtainable for good samples.

## OATMEAL.

Local prices are unchanged, as follows: Standard, \$2.45; granulated, \$2.60; rolled oats, \$3.00.

## EGGS.

Country eggs arrived very slowly last week, owing to the cold weather, and if receipts do not improve, some importing will probably be done for Easter. 25c in case lots was the usual price.

## BUTTER.

This commodity is about as dull as ever for the qualities to be had. The only demand is for choice, of which grade there appears to be very little left, as receipts are almost entirely of medium or poor quality. Prices unchanged at 17c to 18c for best qualities of dairy.

## CHEESE.

Cheese is quoted in small lots at 13 to 13½c, and only moving in limited quantities.

## LARD.

The prices of both local make and Chicago is \$2.30 in 20 pound pails.

## CURED MEATS.

Prices hold at the following quotations: Home cured quoted as follows: Long clear bacon, 11 to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 13c; hams, 14½ to 15c; pork sausage, 10c per pound. Eastern Canada quoted: Long clear, 10½ to 11c;

breakfast bacon, 14c; rolls, 13c; hams, 14 to 15c; Chicago mess pork, \$21 per bbl.

## DRESSED MEATS.

Hogs scarce and bringing 7½ to 7¾c. A few choice hogs sold on the market at 8c, but this price would only be paid for special requirements. Frozen beef was still offering, farmers sides bringing 4½ to 5½c, and sometimes, 6c for choice. Mutton quoted at 10c; veal 8 to 10c.

## LIVE STOCK.

From 4 to 4½c is the usual quotation given for good cattle.

## VEGETABLES.

Potatoes readily bring 35 to 40c, the latter price being freely paid for good lots. The same price is being paid at outside points for lots for good no. 1 mixed potatoes for shipment. Other quotations are: Onions, \$1.50 to \$1.80 per bushel; cabbage, \$10 per 100 for good; celery, 50c to \$1 per dozen bunches, as to quality; carrots 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 25c per bushel.

## HAY.

Pressed, in car lots on track is worth from \$8 to \$8.50 per ton.

J. J. PHILIP, of Philip & Co., fruits, Winnipeg, returned from the east last week.

EX-ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAMILTON, of Manitoba, now of St. Paul, was at Calgary last week. The Calgary Tribune says: "Mr. Hamilton, of St. Paul, who is in town, is on a mission that may prove of a good deal of interest to Calgary. He is sent on behalf of capitalists to enquire into the general resources of the country, and the approximate cost per mile of building a road south to connect with the American stem of railways. He inquired particularly into the coal and iron resources of the neighborhood."

THE following will show the necessity of railway competition for Winnipeg. On a shipment of several cars of apples, which lately were received here from Ontario, the freight from Ontario to Chicago was 16 cents per 100 pounds, from Chicago to Minneapolis 10 cents per 100 pounds, and from the latter place to Winnipeg 69 cents per 100 pounds. The last amount included the C. P. Ry. rate of 25 cents from Emerson to Winnipeg. To bring the apples to Minneapolis, say two thirds of the distance, the cost was \$52.75 per car. The remaining one-third of the distance to Winnipeg cost \$208.50 per car.

THE Winnipeg Salesmen's Early closing Association, held a meeting on Friday evening last. The following draft of a petition to the Legislature was submitted and approved. It will be at once circulated for signatures: We, the undersigned voters of the electoral divisions of North and South Winnipeg, humbly petition your honorable body that you will cause such legislation to be passed as you in your wisdom think necessary in order to provide that such a large section of the community as the retail salesmen may not be compelled to remain confined in their various places of business for such a large portion of the twenty-four hours. We would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the Legislature of the province of Ontario have passed such a remedial measure. The chairman stated that he had received a cheque of \$50, from a merchant, towards defraying legislative expenses.

## A Possible Northwest Industry.

The attention of capitalists, says Mr. Pearce, of the Land Department, in his annual report, might well be directed to the prospect of tanning being conducted with large profits at some point along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In the Selkirk range of the Rocky Mountains any amount of hemlock bark should be cheaply procurable in close proximity to the road, and any number of water powers could readily and cheaply be rendered available for bark grinding mills. It is stated the practice is now to ship the portions of the bark valuable for tanning purposes in a pulverized state, pressed into bales. There are now available annually at, say Calgary, at least 10,000 cow hides and 3,000 sheep skins. This supply would be double in probably a couple of years, from the fact that once there was a fair market for hides every available one would be brought to market; at present cattle that die natural deaths are seldom skinned. In proportion to the population probably three times more leather is consumed here than in the Eastern part of Canada. Harness, saddles and leather leggings add extensively to the consumption.—*Lethbridge News*.

SIMS & Co. have opened a carriage Manufacturing establishment at Brandon.

I. A. COWIE has returned from Morden to Emerson to go again into the manufacture of pumps.

D. T. REID, of the late firm of Reid & Co., fish dealers, Selkirk, is said to intend starting again in the business, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

J. H. BROWNLEE C. E. and Ed. Hughes of Brandon have formed a partnership in the real estate business. They will handle all classes of farm and city property.

MACKEY, superintendent of the new experimental farm at Indian Head, Assa., is on his way bringing with him the horses, cattle, etc., for the farm, and it is expected operations will be commenced immediately after his arrival.

JUST as the shipping season is all but over, the customs officials at Ottawa have discovered that it is possible to allow the exportation of wheat in bond over the Northern Pacific. The Emerson Times says: "The agitation which has been in progress since November last, over the difficulties presented by the department of customs, to the shipment of grain over the Northern Pacific Ry. to Ontario in bond has resulted in the opening of that route. A communication was received on Saturday last by Mr. Burnham, from the railway officials, enclosing a telegram from Ottawa to the Grand Trunk railway, advising that no certificates need be issued by the collector here to facilitate re-entry of the grain into Canada, but that it need merely be entered and American officers satisfied that the grain is of Canadian growth, when they will bond it to its destination. The Customs Department assert that there is no desire to prevent free flow of the traffic by American channels. It is the intention very soon to send a trial car to the boundary line, which will be loaded and pushed east as rapidly as possible, after which an ample supply of cars for the trade will be provided."

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**EASTERN MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO**

Favorable weather for winter wheat, a small decrease in the visible supply, and large increases in receipts in northwestern markets, and light exports all combined against the bulls on Monday and made wheat dull and easy. The decrease in the visible supply of wheat for last week was 408,000 bushels, making the total visible supply on 17th at 36,253,324 bushels, against 53,172,927 bushels at the same time one year ago. May wheat opened at 73½c, or ½c under Saturday's close. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.
Wheat	73½	75½
Corn	47½	51½
Oats	—	31
Pork	13.95	14.10
Lard	7.52½	7.57½
Short Ribs	7.15	7.22½

On Tuesday wheat prices receded under free selling, and closed at the bottom. Other cereals weak. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.
Wheat	72½	74½
Corn	47	50½
Oats	—	30½
Pork	13.92½	14.05
Lard	7.47½	7.52½
Short Ribs	7.12½	7.20

Cereal prices continued weak on Wednesday. May wheat sold down to 76½c. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.
Wheat	72½	74½
Corn	45½	49½
Oats	—	30
Pork	13.90	13.92½
Lard	7.45	7.52½
Short Ribs	7.07½	7.15

Wheat opened firmer on Thursday, on unfavorable cable crop news. The feeling however was nervous, with several breaks and changes. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.
Wheat	73	77½
Corn	45½	49½
Oats	—	30½
Pork	13.75	13.87½
Lard	7.47½	7.52½
Short Ribs	7.12½	7.20

Wheat kept getting down on Friday. May sold down to 76½c by noon, a break of about 1½c. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.
Wheat	71½	76½
Corn	46½	49½
Oats	—	30½
Pork	13.67½	13.80
Lard	7.45	7.52½
Short Ribs	7.10	7.17½

Closing prices on Saturday, were:

	March.	May.
Wheat	71½	76½
Corn	—	—
Oats	—	—
Pork	13.25	13.57½
Lard	7.42½	7.47½
Short Ribs	—	—

**MINNEAPOLIS.**

Closing quotations on Thursday for wheat were as follows:

	Mar.	May.	On track
No. 1 hard	75	77	75½-76
No. 1 northern	73½	74	74½
No. 2 "	71½	72	72-73

Closing quotations for flour were as follows:

Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$4.30 to \$4.50; Patents to ship, sacks, car lots, \$4.10 to \$4.25; in barrels, \$4.25 to \$4.35; bakers, here, \$3.20 to \$3.40; superfine, \$2.00 to \$2.60; red dog, sack, \$1.50 to \$1.60; red dog, barrel, \$1.65 to \$1.75.

The Northwestern Miller says: Wheat has been arriving at Minneapolis more freely in the last few days, with promise of a good flow continuing during the spring. Receipts at other points have not been large, though an Duluth they have greatly improved. The amount of wheat yet held by farmers is considerable, but the per cent of the crop yet in their hands is below that of a year ago. Flour has continued fairly steady, though it appears to be weakening the views of buyers, who are asking for lower prices to meet the decline in wheat.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

Stocks of wheat in store on Monday were 7,376,217 bushels, showing an increase over the previous week of 285,054 bushels. Closing prices for No 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash	May.	June.	July.
Monday	76	77½	79	80
Tuesday	75	77½	78½	79½
Wednesday	75	76½	77½	78½
Thursday	75½	77½	78½	79½
Friday	74½	76½	77½	78½
Saturday	74½	76	—	—

**MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.**

The following quotations on March 23rd as compared with prices on the same day of the previous week, will indicate the course of the stock market:

	March 16.		March 23	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal	215	214½	220	219½
Ontario	118	114	123	121
Toronto	200	195	203	200½
Merchants	120	127½	132½	131½
Dominion	—	—	—	—
Commerce	115	114½	117	116½
Imperial	—	—	—	—
Molson's	140	132½	142	137½
Union	85	90½	88	90
N. W. Land Co.	48	53	54	53
C. P. R.	57½	57	55½	57½

**CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.**

The Canadian Gazette of March 8, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
Canada 4 per cents, 1874-90	111	½	—
Ditto 3½ per cents	105½	1	—
Ditto 4 per cents, 1885	110½	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents	111	—	—
do 6 per cents 1877	—	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents	109	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents, 1874-6	114	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents	109	1	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register)	57½	—	½
Ditto shares (London register)	57½	—	½
Ditto mortgage bonds	103½	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	101	—	—
Ditto first preference	70½	—	—
Bank of B. C. fully-paid shares	30rd	—	—
Ditto £10 paid	19rd	3½	—
Bank of B. N. A.	73	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage	—	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid	5	—	—
Canada North-West Land	2½	—	—
Hudson's Bay	21	—	—
Vancouver Coal, £9 paid	—	—	—

The general stock and store of K. Froeman, of Deloraine, Man., will be offered for sale by auction, at a rate on the dollar, on March 29th, at Winnipeg.

**Removing Monopoly.**

Definite announcement has now been made at Ottawa that monopoly will be done away with, on the basis of the purchase of the C. P. Ry. Co.'s exclusive rights in the entire West. The exact terms of the purchase have not yet been announced, but they will no doubt include a pretty liberal allowance to the C. P. R. The Manitoba Ministers, who had left Ottawa, have been recalled to conclude arrangements of details. This would make it appear that Manitoba is expected to do something—probably purchase the C. P. R. Emerson branch. The purchase of monopoly alone would not require the presence of the Manitoba Ministers. Mr. Greenway's hasty departure from Ottawa has been the subject of frequent comment, the consensus of opinion being to the effect that he has suffered a loss of diplomacy thereby. In the light of present knowledge, the Manitoba Ministers evidently made a mistake in withdrawing from the negotiations at the time they did. However, "all's well that ends well," will be the general sentiment in the matter.

The first issue of *The National Park Life* has made its appearance.

J. L. WALTERHOUSE, representing the Geo. F. Smith Midling's Purifier Co., of Stratford, Ont., was at the Douglas House, Winnipeg, last week.

The *Deloraine Times* of Friday last says: This week the blockade has been worse than ever; buyers have been able to take wheat only on an average for about one hour each day, and instead of farmers being able to sell their grain they have had to pile it on the ground. About 20,000 bushels of good wheat is piled in bags on the ground, and there has not been a price offered for wheat this three days past.

A good many hair-slipped and damaged hides have lately been shipped into market here. This is caused by the hides freezing and thawing. As long as the hides remain frozen firmly they are all right, but when they commence to thaw, they will soon become damaged. Parties holding frozen hides should therefore ship them to market at once, or thaw them out and salt properly, otherwise they will greatly deteriorate in value. Green hides should not be allowed to freeze now.

*EMERSON Times*: A carload of barley was purchased in Emerson a few days ago for shipment to St. Vincent. The C.P.R. demanded a rate of 7 cents per hundred for carrying to the latter place, a distance of about two miles and a half. Rather than pay so exorbitant a price the purchaser secured teams and was about hauling the grain across the line, when the C.P.R. officials, having heard of his intention and wired to Winnipeg, put the rate down to 3 cents per hundred.

MR. PERLEY has introduced a bill at Ottawa to amend the act relating to the Qu'Appelle Valley & Wood Mountain railway by extending until the 1st of July next the time for the completion of the first section of the road between Fort Qu'Appelle and the C.P.R., providing for one hundred miles of the road to be completed by the 31st of December next, and to give the company power to increase or reduce the number of directors.

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# COFFEE.

The new cheese factory at Wolsley is about completed, and Mr. Dill expects to begin operations soon.

The offer of the Bank of Montreal to loan the city of Toronto the sum of \$500,000 at five per cent. has been accepted by the Executive Committee of the City Council.

*Mercury:* The number of patrons of the Manitowish cheese factory is likely to be considerably increased during the coming season. It is expected that the milk from nearly five hundred cows will be available.

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of South Eastern Assiniboia held at Carduff on  
March 19th, the following resolutions were ad-  
opted:—We the settlers of South-Eastern Assiniboia,  
assembled to consider the matter of railroads  
as they affect us, hereby resolve:—1. That we are being most unfairly dealt with  
in the matter of railroad facilities, and concur  
in the belief that unless definite action is taken  
in the building of the Southwestern Railroad  
from Deloraine west during the coming summer,  
there is no inducement for us to sow or reap  
longer, as we have proven this year that no pro-  
fit can accrue from growing wheat, which is  
our staple, when it has to be hauled from fifty  
to eighty miles, and sold for 50 cents per bushel  
or less.2. On the action of the Dominion Government  
in granting a charter to the C.P.R. Company  
to build and operate the Southwestern road in  
a stated time (now long past) we based our  
calculation, and the farming community gen-  
erally have assumed obligations to implement  
agents and others, on the assurance of the Gov-  
ernment and the C.P.R. company that the road  
would be built in a stated time, which obligat-  
ions have not and cannot be met owing to our  
isolated position from the railroad.3. And we hereby urge upon the Government  
through our representative, Mr. Perley, to se-  
riously consider our position and the unfulfilled  
pledges of the past, and in no case relieve the  
C. P. R. Company from their part of the con-  
tract, but request that the fifty miles stipulated  
when their renewal of charter was obtained be  
built.4. The most of us have been here since 1882,  
and our position is worse than when we came,  
as can be easily understood, as we are unable  
to make advancement handicapped as we are,  
for want of a railroad.5. In view of the fact that a letter has been  
received from Mr. Van Horne stating that the  
company do not intend building any of their  
branch lines in Manitoba this year, we more  
strongly urge upon the Government our neces-  
sity, feeling that we have nothing to expect from  
the C. P. R. company. The Government is  
morally bound to hold the company to their  
contract of building not less than fifty miles of  
the S. W. road this season.**A Magnificent Country.**A correspondent of the Kamloops B. C. Sentinel  
says: "Steamers can ply from 200 miles below  
Revelstoke up 75 miles to Death Rapids, and  
no doubt in time, when this country is devel-  
oped, and appropriations made by the Govern-  
ment to clear out obstructions, that it can be  
made navigable through to its source, viz, the  
Columbia Lakes. Thousands of acres of the  
best land would then be open for settlement,  
great stretches being already cleared by that  
industrious animal, the beaver."The failure of Wright, Ainsworth & Co., to  
carry out the railway to Kootenay has been a  
disappointment. Their forfeiture of \$25,000  
could not be put to better use by the Local  
Government than to appropriate that sum  
equally between Golden and Revelstoke for  
roads to the Kootenay country.

### Business East. ONTARIO.

R. Manser, grocer, Toronto, has sold out.  
E. Bricker, livery, Berlin, was burned out.  
Ira Fyke, grocer, Woodville, has sold out.  
W. Johnston, druggist, Amherstburg, is dead.  
Geo. C. Hunter, tins, Hamilton, has assigned.  
V. Herres, hotelkeeper, Elmira, has sold out.  
N. Phillips, clothing, Cornwall, has assigned.  
Allan Crawford, physician, Alviston, is dead.  
E. K. Bowen, grocer, Napanee, has assigned.  
F. Waldon, butcher, Lakefield, has sold out.  
J. D. Akerman, grocer, Norwood, has sold out.  
A. Harrington, grocer, Brantford, has sold out.  
H. W. Craft, butcher, Hamilton, has assigned.  
Peter Thomson, grocer, Hamilton, has assigned.  
Rodolph Chevrier, tailor, Ottawa, has assigned.  
Geo. Edwards, saw mill, Fortwich, has assigned.  
Glover Harrison, dealer in crockery, Toronto, is dead.  
W. Dunn, tins, Kingston, is offering to compromise.  
R. Hatch, dealer in hardware, Toronto, has sold out.  
L. Schultz & Son, tailors, Belleville, has assigned.  
Ferris & Strachan, grocers, Rockwood, have assigned.  
W. Robinson, fruit dealer, Kingston, has assigned.  
Robert Cooper, stationery, Chatham, was burned out.  
Robt. Turner, grocer, Brantford, has sold out grocery.  
E. Archer, grocer, Mitchell, stock sold for 40c in the \$.  
R. W. Vance, dealer in fancy goods, Napanee, has assigned.  
Max Vineberg, general storekeeper, Blakeney, has assigned.  
Jas. H. McCall, general storekeeper, Victoria, has assigned.  
J. G. Paulin, general storekeeper, Bayham, has sold out.  
J. P. Martin, dealer in shoes, Galt, is giving up business.  
Leith & Lefroy, general storekeepers, Madoc, have assigned.  
Lambeth & Kippen, woolen mill, Morriston, have absconded.  
W. J. O'Brien, general storekeeper, Erinsville, has assigned.  
Wm. Campbell, general storekeeper, Blenheim, has sold out.  
E. Rogers & Co., plumbers, London, are going out of business.  
W. B. Dobbin, general storekeeper, Laurel, is removing to Osprige.  
Dunlap & Phair, dealers in liquors and cigars, Brantford, have dissolved.  
Ed. Letang, general storekeeper, Almonte, stock advertised for sale by tender.  
Morgan Bros., manufacturers of whips, Hamilton—Benj. J. Morgan is dead.  
Coulson & Goathe, dealers in hardware, Comber, have dissolved—Gotha retires.

M. Kelly, grocer, Clinton, has assigned.  
J. C. Woon, hotelkeeper, Oshawa, was burned out.  
Jos. McDonogh, grocer, Ridgetown, has sold out.  
H. D. Arnold, stationer, Owen Sound, has assigned.  
Mrs. M. Ross, hotelkeeper, Owen Sound, has assigned.  
R. Stewart & Co., grocers, Hamilton, have closed up.  
Morton Bros., jobbers, Hamilton, assignee's sale advertised.  
W. R. McClung, dealer in shoes Paris, has removed to Galt.  
Hugh McDonald, dealer in hardware, Ridgetown, has sold out.  
Grantham & Co., dealer in hardware, Galt, is offering to sell out.  
R. H. Sanderson, confectioner, Belleville, sheriff in possession.  
Geo. Tindall, dealer in confectionery, Auburn, is giving up business.  
J. Bachrach & Co., dealers in dry goods, Toronto, were burned out.  
McDonald & Featherston, dealer in dry goods, Coburg have dissolved.  
J. C. Arnold, general storekeeper, Coldwater, is offering 50c in the \$.  
Jos. Haynen, tailor, Prescott, stock advertised for sale by assignee.  
H. D. Arnold, stationer, Owen Sound, a meeting of creditors held.  
Hiram Larry, general storekeeper, Algonquin, is offering to compromise.  
H. Brown, general storekeeper, Unionville, has removed to Stouffville.  
Logan & Co., bankers, Seaforth, S. G. McCaughy of this firm is dead.  
Bowlby & Collings, general storekeepers, Sault St. Marie, were burned out.  
Gardner Bros., dealers in hardware, Essex Centre, compromise at 65c in the \$.  
Donald McKay, dealer in dry goods, Owen Sound, compromised at 55c in the \$.  
Gidley & Spettigue, tailors, London, have dissolved—B. Gidley continues alone.  
Harvey H. Holmes & Co., painters, Hamilton, have dissolved—H. A. Harvey continues.  
H. H. Marter, dealer in harness and furniture, Gravenhurst, has sold out harness business.  
J. M. Rousseaux & Co., grocers, Hamilton, have dissolved—J. M. Rousseaux continues.  
W. Conn & Bro., hardware dealers, Aylmer, have dissolved—Wesley Conn continues alone.  
McWha & Watson, dealers in dry goods, Dresden, are offering to compromise 66c in the \$.  
O. C. Wilson, dealer in seed and agricultural implements, Seaforth, has sold out his seed business.  
W. J. Ward, general storekeeper, West Lorne, is about closing up here and moving to Niagara.  
T. G. Dockstader, hotelkeeper, and G. W. Redner, general storekeeper, Ameliasburg, were burned out.  
J. G. Robinson, dealer in dry goods, Toronto, has admitted Wm. H. Scott; style now Robinson & Scott.  
Parkdale Lumber Co., Parkdale and west Toronto junction, have sold out west Toronto junction branch.

J. O. Clark, grocer, Seaforth, has assigned.  
Jas. Crapper, Sr., plumber, Toronto, is dead.  
J. M. Hamilton, dealer in dry goods, Toronto, has assigned.  
Frank Wheeler, dealer in furnaces, Toronto, has assigned.  
M. J. Coyne, dealer in dry goods, Toronto, has assigned.  
A. L. Struthers, dealer in dry goods, Stratford, has sold out.  
Robt. Davidson, general storekeeper, Scarborough Junction, has sold out.  
S. D. Douglass & Co., dealers in wallpaper, Toronto, are offering 25c in the \$.  
Wm. Thomas & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, Toronto, Glover Harris, special partner is dead.

### QUEBEC.

J. B. Proteau, miller, St. Thomas, has assigned.  
E. Poliwka & Co., druggists, Montreal, have assigned.  
P. Lusser & Co., furriers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
Langelier & Larivee, grocers, St. Hyacinthe, have assigned.  
E. D. Seguin, confectioner, Hull, is offering to compromise.  
Champagne & Decelles, grocers, St. Hyacinthe, have assigned.  
H. Duhamel, general storekeeper, St. Denis, is reported away.  
Vibon Savard, dealer in dry goods, St. Saviour, has assigned.  
Blais & Meilleur, dealers in shoes, St. Genevieve, have dissolved.  
W. Bennett & Co., wholesale stationers, Montreal, have assigned.  
Balmont Laundry and American Laundry, Montreal, have dissolved.  
Doherty & O'Neil, dealers in furniture, Montreal, have dissolved.  
H. Gardner, general storekeeper, St. Ferdinand d'Halifax, has assigned.  
C. B. Poisson, general storekeeper, St. Sophie de Levrard, has assigned.  
Gideon Morency, general storekeeper, St. Marie de la Beauce, demand of assignment made on him.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

Fred Mosher, trader, Pleasant Point, has assigned.  
P. G. Bird, general storekeeper, Chezzetcook, has assigned.  
DeBlois & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, have assigned.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Longworth & Co., shippers, Charlottetown, have assigned.  
Harris & Stewart, general storekeepers, Charlottetown, have assigned.  
McDonald, McDonald & Co., general storekeepers, Souris, have dissolved.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

Jas. Duffy, grocer, Portland, (Strait Shore), has assigned.  
Stephens & Figgures, wholesale grocers, St. John, have dissolved.



### British Columbia.

W. W. Dodd, general storekeeper, Stanley is dead.

A. R. Reid, stationery, Vancouver, has been closed out.

— McManus has opened a dining room at Vancouver.

T. Bishop has opened a dining and chop room at Vancouver.

Barber & Howlings have opened a carriage factory at Victoria.

J. B. Lovell, general storekeeper, Yale, has removed to Vancouver.

J. C. Douglass has opened a wholesale and retail liquor store at Vancouver.

W. C. Archer has formed a real estate partnership with Jas. M. Holland, and opened up an office at Vancouver.

The Canadian Pacific steamship *Batavia* left Yokohama on the 10th inst., and will arrive at Vancouver about March 27th.

The work of running the lines for the railway from Jack Hart Point to the Como mines about to be opened out by R. Dunsmuir & Sons, is progressing.

Alex. McLean, who has been established in the clothing business at Victoria since 1862, is retiring from commercial pursuits on a competence. The business will be continued by a son.

Frank Hayes has opened a store at a point twenty-four miles up the Columbia river from Golden, known as the Hog Rauche, which will serve as a base of supplies for miners going into the Spillumachene Valley.

Capt. John McCarthy and H. Munden, of Moodyville, have decided to build a schooner, to be named the "Venture," for the sealing trade in Behring's Sea, and the keel has already been laid at Leamy & Kyle's yard on Coal Harbor.

From the interior of the province it is learned that the winter was extremely favorable for cattle and no losses whatever are reported. Stock are coming out in splendid condition. Very little feeding was necessary and the large supplies of hay are being held over.

Vancouver News: It is reported that Robt. Barker, real estate agent, has effected the sale of the Gold Hotel and the adjoining lot on Water street to English & Griffin. The price is stated to be \$15,000, which includes all the furniture and fittings of the house and the good will of the business.

Findlay, Durham & Brodie are about to commence the erection of a large addition to their cannery on Deann Island. When the additions and improvements are completed the establishment will have a capacity of 800 cases a day. A steamer, 30 boats, and close upon 200 men will be employed during the season, besides fishermen, who work on their own account.

Kamloops Sentinel: The interest in coal prospects has been considerable around Kamloops for the last week or so. Numerous samples of mineral have been shown, from locations on the Indian Reserve and from some miles up the North Thompson river, the latter being pronounced pure coal, without any doubt.

A company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, has been formed at Montreal for the prosecution of sealing fishing in the Pacific Ocean, with headquarters at Victoria.

*Columbian*: The first shipment east, of salmon, this season, was made by W. H. Vianen, of Westminster. The fish were billed to Calgary and consisted of 200 pounds of as fine salmon as ever were taken out of the river.

*Victoria Times*: Were anything necessary to convince the most skeptical that agricultural lands in this province are now becoming valuable, that proof can be found in the following facts stated to-day to the *Times* by J. R. Southerby, of Ladner's Landing. Some months ago that gentleman sold a farm in the Delta municipality for \$1,900. A few days since it was again sold for \$4,000, an advance of over 100 per cent. in six months. Dr. Kent's farm has been re-sold at figures greatly in advance of those received by him from the first purchaser. Another farm was sold in the fall for \$1,600, which sum included the stock of cattle on the farm. The purchaser about new year sold the land for \$1,600 and the cattle for \$700. Last week the farm was again sold for \$2,500. Mr. Southerby considers that land throughout the Fraser river valley has advanced from 25 to 50 per cent. since last fall. It is probable that the large farms owned by many of the oldest settlers will be cut into small farms of about 100 acres. He thinks the lower Fraser valley will become a thickly settled district and beyond question the garden of the province.

Vancouver News: A wealthy English company has completed the purchase of three mines near Field station on the C.P.R., known as the Monarch and Cornucopia mines on Mount Stephen and the Alpha mine on Cathedral mountain, just across the river. They will be worked in connection with the smelting works to be erected in this Province by the same company which will smelt the ore from these mines, as well as any other that may be offered. It is expected that this will be the means of opening up largely the mineral wealth of this Province, especially along the line of the C. P. R., as the works will enable the owners of mines to turn their ores into cash and enable them to further develop their mines. Arrangements have been made to commence work in the mines, and it is hoped that before the summer is out that a ship-load of rough ore will be sent to England to be smelted there, and this will continue until the works for treating it are erected in this province.

Vancouver News: John Devine, who, since its incorporation, has been the efficient secretary of the board of trade, has resigned his position, as he finds that the demands upon his time from the increase in his collection and real estate business will not permit him to retain the office. In view of the importance of the matters which are constantly coming before the board of trade, and the many subjects of interest to the city and province which require to be dealt with by it, the council has decided to engage a secretary who will require to give all his time to the office, and have called for applications for the appointment according to a notice which appears in our advertising columns.

*Victoria Colonist*: We understand that S. L.

Kelly has made all the necessary arrangements for organizing a joint stock company for the purpose of preserving salmon, halibut and all kinds of fish caught in the waters of this province. This is a step in the right direction, and will bring wealth to the country. The company propose to locate a depot at Beecher Bay, for the purpose of freezing fish in solid cakes of ice, to accomplish which patent ice machines will be used. Kelly has had a patent issued to him so that the investment ought to be a good one. The process of catching and expenses of freezing and shipping shows a profit of 4½ cents per pound. The plant, it is understood, will cost about \$20,000, which will enable the company to put up 100 tons of fish each season.

### Lumber Cuttings.

It is rumored that a company of Ottawa capitalists are about to erect a large sawmill at New Westminster, B.C.

G. F. Slater has increased the capacity of his shingle mill at False Creek, Vancouver, B. C., from 30,000 to 100,000 per day.

McConnell & Brown and John Cameron, contractors, of Rapid City, Man., are getting out ties in the Riding Mountains for the Northwest Central Railway.

J. M. Taylor, of Portage la Prairie, Man., was at Rat Portage recently arranging for a supply of lumber. He will move his planing mills at the former place to a more convenient location near the railway track.

During February four ships arrived at Burrard Inlet, B.C., to load lumber, all for Australia. Two were at the Hastings and two at the Moodyville mills. The clearances during February from the Inlet with lumber were five ships, all from the Moodyville mill. Four were for China and one for Australia.

*Victoria Colonist*: It was rumored on the street last evening that the sale of the saw mill at Hastings, B.C., to California parties has fallen through, the proposed purchasers having failed to arrange matters satisfactorily to the sellers.

The rates on lumber per 1,000 feet from Burrard Inlet, B. C., to the ports named, are quoted: To Melbourne wharf, Australia, 50s. to 52s. 6d.; to Sydney, 40s. to 45s.; to Adelaide, 55s. to 57s. 6d.; to Shanghai, 55s.; to west coast South America, 37s. 6d.

The Brunette Sawmill at Westminster, B. C., received an order for the timber to be used in the construction of two stern wheel steamers, which are to be built at Golden City. The steamers will run on the Columbia river in connection with the Kootenay Valley Co. The first shipment of this lumber has been made.

Vancouver News: In the boom of logs which the Beaver brought down from Thurlow Island on Friday were two which were worthy of note. One of them was 100 feet long, and was 57 inches in diameter at the smaller end, and 97 by 110 inches at the larger, another log 24 feet long had been cut from the same tree, and both of these were entirely free from knots or flaws. The whole log contains 18,000 feet, and weighs about 40 tons. This giant of the forest was cut by two "hand" loggers, and was brought to the water's edge by means of jack-screws.

The following were the shipments of lumber from the mill at Chomanimus, B. C., during February: The Don Nicholas, 1085 tons, carried 570,000 ft. lumber, 100,000 ft. flooring, 9,000 laths, 168 piles, for Mexico, on February 1st. The California, 795 tons, carried 600,000 ft. lumber, 33,700 ft. pickets, 75,000 laths, for Australia, on Feb. 17th.

The barquo Bandoleer will load supplies and lumber at Vancouver, B. C., for the Southern Pacific Railway at San Diego, California. The piles are now being got out on the north arm of Burrard Inlet for Leamy & Kyle, and the latter firm will supply the lumber from their mill on False Creek. The Bandoleer is expected to take about 1,000 piles and a large quantity of lumber.

**Colonist:** At intervals during the past two weeks the Royal City Planing Mills Co. have shipped from their yards in New Westminster, B. C., to the east no less than 350,000 feet of lumber. The company's steamer Stella towed a large cargo consisting of 60,000 feet of lumber, 40,000 shingles and 20,000 laths, to Vancouver, where it will be transferred to the steamship Abyssinia, for shipment to Tientsin, China. A much larger cargo than this will be shipped to China by the next steamship.

### Men's Fashions.

So far as at present can be judged, the styles for men's spring suitings show very little variation from those of last year. For business suits, the sack and the cut-away are still the leading styles, and show no signs of being displaced in popular favor. In fact a special sack coat, intended to be worn without an overcoat in moderately cold weather, has been brought forward as a fashionable novelty. This new garment is double breasted, with five buttons on a side, and is intended to close up high in order to protect the chest. It is square cornered and has pocket flaps except upon the breast pocket. Ordinary sack suits are made chiefly of Scotch or Canadian tweeds in plain colors, stripes and checks; the patterns as a rule being neat and quiet, although some pronounced figures are sought for by a portion of the younger trade.

The cutaway coat still monopolizes a large share of the business patronage, being at once neat, convenient and comfortable. The only change apparent this year is the lower cut at the neck, in order to show more of the shirt front and to admit of the display of the wide four-in-hand scarfs which are now so fashionable. The coat may have either three or four buttons, the latter being preferable, but if the larger number be used they are simply put closer together and do not change the fit of the garment in any way. The vest may be with or without a collar, and of the two it may be said that the feeling is somewhat in favor of collared vests; but if the goods be heavy a collar on the vest is apt to be cumbersome, and in that case a plain vest is to be preferred.

In the case of sack suits it is usual to have the whole suit of the one cloth; but in the case of cutaway suits it is more stylish to have the trousers of a different pattern, yet matching the coat and vest. A quieter pattern should be chosen for the cutaway, even for

young men, than in the case of sack coats, and there is a wide range of neat stripes, dark solid colors and small checks that will satisfy the most exacting purchaser and are always suitable for business requirements. In trousers the tendency to increased width is perceptibly decreased, and according to one of our leading tailors the rule for fashionable makers is about twenty inches at the knee and eighteen at the foot, shaped slightly over the boot. Stripes rule decidedly in trousering, in some cases the pattern being very pronounced, and rough material seems to have the preference, at all events in the early spring months.

The linen collar most in use is the standing one with the points folded back, but no rigid rule can be laid down as to shape. In fact the utmost latitude is allowed, and the variety of shapes offered bears testimony to the freedom with which each wearer follows his individual tastes. In ties the four-in-hand and Teck are more in favor than ever, and in fact pretty well monopolize the trade. Little jewellery will be worn. Watch chains are light and link buttons plain and quiet. The law in respect to scarf jewellery, that it shall only be worn when serving some distinct purpose as in the case of pins worn in flat scarfs, has been somewhat modified, and the four-in-hand is now largely worn with a small pin which, now that it has come into general use, may be accepted as correct.

In full dress suits the newest style is to have the lapels of the "clawhammer" faced with heavy black gros-grain silk either to the seam or, if preferred, to the extreme edge of the lapel. Either is fashionable. The new vests have the opening more V-shaped than last year, when it was well rounded out at the bottom. An inner facing of white or cardinal satin, not projecting beyond the edge, is now universally used to conceal the lining, which would be otherwise plainly visible as the vest opens when the wearer is seated. There is also a disposition to favor black silk vests of ottoman, moire or matelasse, and a new idea is a black worsted vest embroidered with a vine pattern on the collar and pockets. White vests also are largely worn and appear to be growing in favor.

Dress trousers are made somewhat fuller than last year, and new styles show a continued use of the soutache braid down the seams. But there are many gentlemen who adhere to the plain doeskin dress trouser, and this will never be replaced for universal wear. Very little jewellery is still the rule; to expose the watch chain across the vest is not considered good form, and there is very little to modify the rigid black and white, except an increasing tendency towards embroidered shirt fronts. — *Journal of Commerce.*

### Western Notes.

Three trains leave Lethbridge, Alberta, daily and about 375 tons of coal are being taken out daily at the mines.

Harris & Sons, implement men, are establishing an agency at Gladstone, Man., with Mr. Cory as their agent.

The municipality of Shoal Lake has appointed A. R. McDougall an agent to go to Winnipeg to secure immigrants for that district.

ELMORE BROS., traders, Fort Chippewaya, Athabasca, are succeeded by K. H. Armstrong.

D. W. Davis, M. P. for Alberta, is urging upon the Government the necessity for taking some steps in regard to irrigation in Alberta.

L. P. DesBrisay, of the public works department, has arrived at Medicine Hat, Assa., to locate the site of the proposed bridge across the South Saskatchewan.

Medicine Hat *Times*. It is pretty well understood that work will be commenced on the Medicine Hat railway and coal company's road about the first of June next.

Carberry is making steady progress. Buildings are now in course of erection, and some are being contracted for. Mr. Venables has opened a harness shop, Mr. Swallow, from Brandon, has bought out R. S. Humphries, merchant tailor. W. W. Ireland, from Boissevain, has opened a lumber yard, and is preparing to do a business in that line.

A Port Arthur telegram reads: The C. P. R. authorities have written the Neebing council that unless they are guaranteed exemption from taxation their shops cannot be located at Fort William. Reeve McKellar is around with a petition in favor of exemption which cannot legally be granted under the Ontario laws.

Government Lands in the mile belt have been by order-in-Council brought under provisions of the Dominion Lands Act as it applies to other lands. A cancelled homestead within the mile belt can now be entered for on the same conditions as lands outside the belt.

At the last meeting of the council at Regina, Councillors Martin and Dawson moved and carried that whereas it appears from the public press that arrangements are being made between the Government and C. P. R., with the object of doing away with disallowances of railways in Manitoba and the Northwest, resolved that the clerk be instructed to telegraph Mr. Davin to urge that the question of the right to tax C. P. R. lands be settled at the same time.

James H. Ross recently addressed the Moose Jaw, Assa., council on the necessity of some action being taken to advertise the town and district by a map and pamphlets, and offered, on the recommendation of the council, to appropriate \$125 for this object. The council decided to accept Mr. Ross' offer, and agreed to pay all expenses necessary for the purpose of preparing and compiling pamphlets to accompany proposed map.

A meeting was held last week at Wolseley, Assa., to discuss ways and means for securing for this district a share of the immigration now coming from Ontario and Europe. A committee of ten, consisting of T. T. Bray, chairman; C. O. Davidson, secretary; Reeve Dill, S. V. Bray, R. E. Hall, Robt. Nimmons, E. A. Banbury, A. R. McKay, W. A. Jamieson and G. E. Coll was appointed to take charge of the matter to secure temporary sheds, etc. The secretary was instructed to open correspondence with Emanuel Ohlen, of Winnipeg, in reference to a number of Scandinavian families that he is engaged in locating, and point out to him the advantages of this district as a place of settlement, both as regards its agricultural and market facilities.

**Grain and Milling News.**

The Portage Milling Co. have placed a grain buyer at Minnedosa, Man.

The new roller mill at Crystal City, Man., has been completed and put in operation.

A letter has been received from David Fraser, of Denton, Texas, in which he states he is prepared to invest \$1,000 cash in the new mill project at Neepawa, Man., provided he is given a situation as miller.

The total amount of grain shipped from Minnedosa, Man., this year to date is about 75,000 bushels, and there are 50,000 now stored in the elevators, and probably 30,000 still to come in, making 150,000 bushels from this station. The total last year was 60,000.

A correspondent at Oak Lake, Man., writes. A great many farmers in this neighborhood, chiefly south and southwest, have only just completed threshing, owing to the heavy crops and insufficient supply of threshing machines. Much grain will therefore remain unmarketed till after seeding.

G. Hastings, of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, has gone to Montreal. He will inspect the mills in the east while away. Mr. Hastings expects to return to Winnipeg in two months.

Rapid City Spectator: A large quantity of wheat still remains to be marketed by the farmers of this district. No part of Manitoba has produced a larger yield of grain this season than that surrounding Rapid City.

A correspondent writes the London Miller as follows: "Would you or any of your readers

inform me what is the nearest type of English wheat that approaches in character that of the Manitoba No. 1 hard fye wheat?" To which the Miller replies "In reply to our correspondent, the nearest sample of English wheat we have yet seen approaching in appearance in color and configuration of the kernel of Manitoba hard fye wheat was a sample of "Nursery" wheat sent to us from the well-known miller, Mr. Napper, of Brighton, grown in 1884 on the farms of His Grace the Duke of Richmond, near Chichester, Sussex. The weight when threshed was 69½ pounds per bushel. The sample when received on the 23rd Feb., 1885, weighed 68 pounds per bushel, and was sent by Mr. Napper as a comparison with the samples of Manitoba No. 1 hard red fye wheat we distributed amongst many of the principal millers of this country at that time."

**Insurance Briefs.**

M. Turriff has been appointed agent, at Rapid City, Man., for the manufacturers Life and accident Insurance Co., of Toronto.

Two fires were started in Chicago last week by electric light wires which had not been properly insulated. Evidence of the danger of these wires is constantly accumulating.

Buffalo insurance rates, have been raised 20 per cent. by the Buffalo Board of Fire Underwriters. During the last two years the losses to insurance companies have been \$2,500,000, while the net premium receipts have not exceeded \$600,000 per year. It is estimated that the losses in the last month alone will use up two years' receipts in that city.

The Board of Underwriters, Winnipeg, in reply to a communication from chairman McCusker, of the fire and water committee, of the Regina, Assa., council, said that if the town would supply a steam engine, paid engineer, horses belonging to town, plentiful supply of water and hose, and a chemical engine, the Board would rate Regina class "B" instead of class "C" as at present.

The outlook for insurance cannot be very favorable in New York when a company like the Merchants, with cash assets of \$376,753 and a net surplus of \$52,002, decides to wind up. The Merchants has paid \$2,321,997 in losses and \$1,140,000 in dividends since its organization in 1850. The managers thought that it was better to leave the field than contend against the storm of low rates and destructive fires that is now sweeping over the country.

The Budget: Speaking of last year's fire insurance business the New York Spectator says: "Many reasons are assigned for the unsatisfactory results, the most patent of which is the extravagant commission paid to brokers." The Spectator is now nearing the true cause that demoralizes insurance. Formerly it was the lack of organization, the cutting of rates, and what not, of disorganized action among underwriters. Now it is the extravagant commission paid to brokers.

THE stock and book accounts of the estate of Cowan & Richard, general merchants of Battleford, amounted to over \$11,000.

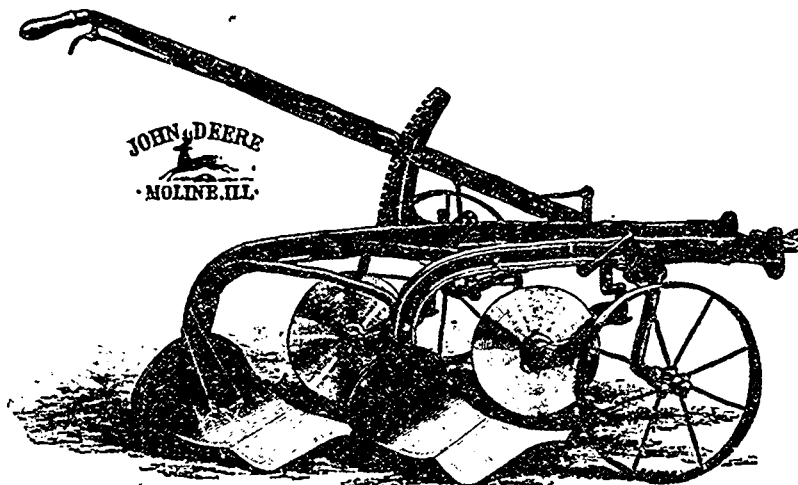
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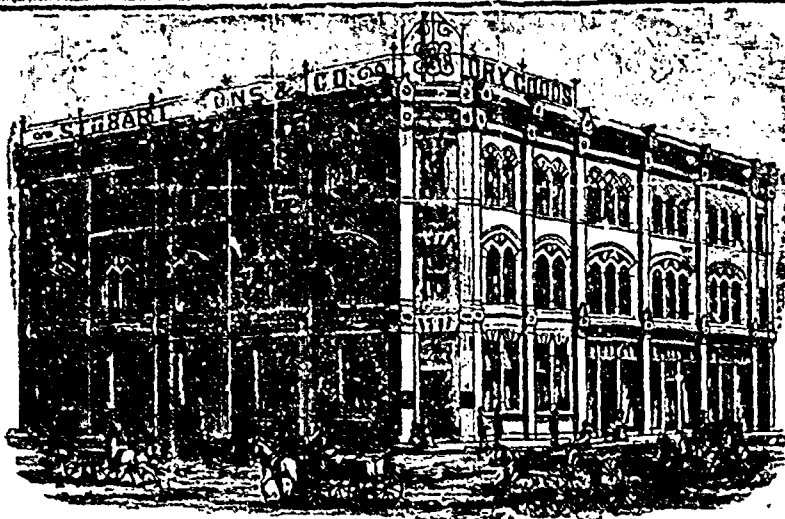
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Und nit der frauleins cuts a schwell?  
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Who wash it comes into mine schtore,  
Drows down his bundles on der vloer,  
Una neder schtops to shut der door?  
Der drummer.

Who dakes me by der hand und say:  
"Hans Pfeiffer, how you vas to-day?"  
Und goes for peesness right away?  
Der drummer.

Who spreads his samples in a trice,  
Und tells me "look und see how nice,  
Und says I gets "der bottom price?"  
Der drummer.

Who says der tings vas extra fine—  
"From Sharmany, upon der khloo"—  
Und sheats me den dimes out of mine?  
Der drummer.

Who dells how sheap der goods vas bought,  
Much less as vot I could imbort,  
But let dem go, as he vas "short?"  
Der drummer.

Who warrants all der goods to suit  
Der customers upon his route,  
Und ven dey comes dey vas no goot?  
Der drummer.

Who ven he comes again dis vas  
Vill hear vot Pfeiffer has to say,  
And mit a plack eye goes away?  
Der drummer.

—Exchange.

### Wheat Growing in China.

In the northern and middle parts of China wheat raising is one of the principal industries of the farms. The winter wheat is planted at about the same time that wheat is planted here. The soil, especially in the northern provinces, is so well worn that it is especially unfitted for wheat growing, and the Chinese farmers, appreciating this fact and the fact that all kinds of fertilizers are excessively dear, make the least money to do the most good by mixing the seedlings with finely prepared manure. A man with a bushel basket swung upon the shoulders follows the plough immediately and plants the mixtures in large handfuls in the furrows, so that when the crop grows up in the fall it looks like young cellery, even as well trained French soldiers in a row. Immediately after the first melting of snow, and when the ground has become sufficiently hardened by frost, these wheat fields are turned into pastures, and the theory that by a timely clipping of the tops of these

plants by healthy animals the crops will grow up with additional strength in the spring.

Wheat thrashing is the principal interest in Chinese farming. Owing to the scarcity of fuel the wheat is pulled up usually by the very root and bundled up in sheaves, the same as is done here, and immediately carted to the "mien chong," a smoothed and hardened space of ground near the home of the farmer. The tops of the sheaves are then clipped off by a hand machine. The wheat is thus left in the "mien chong" to dry, while the headless sheaves are piled up in a heap on the outside of the "mien chong" for fuel or thatching.

When the wheat is thoroughly dry it is beaten under a great stone roller pulled by horses, while the places thus rolled over are constantly tossed over with pitchforks. The stalks left untouched by the roller are thoroughly thrashed with flails by women and boys. The well beaten stalks and straws are then taken out by an ingenious manipulation of the pitchforks, and the chaff is removed by a systematic tossing of the golden grain into the air in shovelfuls until the wind blows every particle of chaff or dust out of the wheat. Even the chaff is carefully swept up and stowed away for fuel or other useful purposes, such as stuffing mattresses, pillows, and stable uses. After the wheat is allowed to dry a few hours in the burning sun it is stowed away in airy bamboo bins.

Wheat, in ordinary years, is worth in open market in Northern China about \$1 per American bushel. The milling process is a very ancient one—two round, large bluestone wheels, with grooves neatly cut in the faces on one side, and in the centre of the lower wheel a solid wooden plug, are used. The process of making flour out of wheat by this slow machinery is called "mohmien." Usually a horse or mule is employed. The poor, having no animals, grind the grain themselves.

Three distinct grades of flour are thus produced by this single grain. The "shon mien," or A grade, is the first siftings; the "nee mien," or second grade, is the grindings of the rough leavings from the first siftings, which are of a darker and reddish colour than the first grade; the last grade, or "mo D," is the finely ground last siftings of all the grades. Wheat

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bread is made from this grade it resembles rough gingerbread. This is usually the food of the poorest families, who buy it at something like twenty cents a bushel. The bread of the Chinese is usually fermented and then steamed. Only a very small quantity is baked in ovens. But the staple articles of food in Northern China are corn, millet, and sweet potatoes. Wheat and rice are the food of the rich, while the middle classes of the empire eat wheat and rice. In the southern provinces the entire breadstuff is rice.—"Wong Chin Foo," in the *New York Produce Exchange Reporter*.

*Canadian Manufacturer:* The Massey Manufacturing Company, Toronto, one of the largest concerns in Canada manufacturing agricultural implements, have proposed to the Toronto city authorities that they will build an extensive malleable iron works in that city which will give employment to from one hundred to two hundred hands, on the condition that the works be exempted from taxation for ten years. They claim that there is but one malleable iron works in Canada. The Massey Manufacturing Company is a wealthy concern and abundantly able to carry out any scheme they may engage in. They now give employment to about 500 hands at their agricultural implement works.

REPORT FROM ENGLAND.—Last year being a dry season, the crops have been small and a great scarcity now prevails in all parts of England, Ireland and Scotland, in the shape of fodder. No straw, no hay, and every prospect of a hard and long winter. Farmers are saving their own produce and those who have money are open to buy any foreign produce in the shape of hay, straw and lucerne. If this kind of produce can be shipped, it is bound to meet with a good demand, at fair prices. English hay is from 5.10.0 to £7.10.0; straw (oat) 3.0.0 to £4.; wheat, 3.10.0 to £4.10.0.

The following advertisement appeared in a contemporary last week: "Mrs Samuels having left off clothing of every description respectfully invites inspection." Considering the temperature so far, one must conclude that Mrs. Samuels must be forcing the season,

A tailor is wanted at Manitou.

R. Ironside, of Manitou, shipped to Winnipeg a car-load of fat cattle recently.

Lawrie Bros., general dealers, Morris, Man., have opened a new store.

W. D. Ruttan, general dealer, Manitou, shipped 9,000 pounds of butter to Winnipeg recently.

J Crawford, a Neepawa agent, states that he has already disposed of fifty binders for the coming harvest.

Robert Meiklejohn, blacksmith, Morris, Man., has let his premises to George Clube, who will in future carry on the business.

The Regina Leader was subsidized during the year ending June 30th last, to the amount of \$5,275, in printing and advertising from the Government.

Among the bills which have passed their second reading in the Ontario legislature is one to incorporate the Port Arthur water, light and power company.

The potato market is active at Morris, Man. Last fall Lawrie Bros. shipped about 4,000 bushels from that place, and a large quantity will be shipped this spring.

M. A. Ross, of the firm of Fullerton & Ross, general merchants, Manitou, Man., has returned from the eastern markets, where he had gone to purchase new goods.

Voting on the school debenture by-law for the issuing of debentures for \$4,000 for building a school house at Banff, took place Thursday and was carried by 52 to nil.

Graham & Gordon, hardware dealers, of Pilot Mound, have purchased a valuable property at that place and completed arrangements for the erection of a large store, 25 x 42, two storeys high.

At a meeting of the Dennis Agricultural Society, held at Virden, Man., Mr. Scallion read a lengthy paper on commercial union, and a resolution moved by C. J. Thompson, seconded by D. McLean, M.P.P., "That this meeting express themselves unanimously in favor of unrestricted reciprocity between Canada and the United States," was carried unanimously.

A correspondent at Indian Head, Assa., writes as follows concerning the Bell farm: Two or three car-loads of stock have been shipped East and local farmers are buying the remainder. There are still a number of horses and cattle unsold but each day sees strangers come to make purchases. Crawford & Robertson, of this town, having obtained judgment for a large amount, have seized a quantity of implements consisting of steam threshers, binders, rakes, etc., which will be sold by the sheriff if satisfactory arrangements are not made. The Commercial Bank has taken care to be well protected under a chattel mortgage and put Mr. Harvey, of Winnipeg, in possession of most of the chattels. The farm, holding so much of the best land of the district, has prevented the place from being settled up and thus retarded the progress of the town. But with the acquisition of the Experimental Farm and the Bell Farm land in the hands of the Colonization Company, we may reasonably hope to see a large influx of settlers here this spring.



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15 31	14 50	Gladstone	13 0.	12 20
17 25	15 02	Neepawa	11 35	10 00
19 45	17 00	Minnedosa	10 45	8 40
	18 10	Rapid City	9 00	
22 30	18 48	Snoo Lake	8 52	5 05
21 10	19 55	Birtle	7 45	3 30
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	23 45	Russell	3 45	
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