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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 16, 1889.

L. H. DOLL, jeweler, Donald, B.C., has sold out.

THE Victoria, B.C., Standard News Co. have discontinued.

L. STOCKTON, tailor, Brandon, has sold out to Miller & Co.

D. ROBINSON, flour and feed, Meadow Lea, has gone out of business.

J. M. BENSON, livery, Winnipeg, has rented stable to T. H. Richards.

THOS. RYAN, boots and shoes, has sold out his retail business to Geo. Ryan.

MURRAY & HUME, hotelkeepers, Vancouver, B.C., have sold out Mrs. S. Burr.

CANNELL & RATCHFORD, hotelkeepers, Kamloops, B.C., contemplate selling out.

C. STEWART, general storekeeper, Meadow Lea, has sold out to A. E. Hainsworthy.

M. E. BOUGHTON, general merchant, Arden, has admitted H. D. McCanis into partnership.

COOK & COLE, grist mill, Wolseley, have dissolved partnership. W. D. Cook continues the mill.

RAT PORTAGE and Norman, Ont., is to be connected by telephone and an exchange established.

GEO. MITCHELL, fruits, etc., Winnipeg, is about to dispose business to his brother, L. Mitchell.

THE Prince Albert mail bag, in transit to Winnipeg, and which left that place on August 7th, did not arrive at the office here. Merchants at that place, are somewhat uneasy over the matter.

J. BLACKWELL, will open a harness shop at Melita,

SIMPSON, has opened a bakery at Portage la Prairie.

JAMES PIERCE, has opened a butcher shop at Lothbridge.

RAT PORTAGE taxation this year is 43 mills on the \$.

LARUE & PICARD have opened a general store at Edmonton.

JOHN DONOHUE, hotelkeeper, Calgary advertises to sell out.

D. ROBINSON, flour and feed, Portage la Prairie, has closed out.

THE Commercial Bank, of Manitoba, will open a branch at Minnedosa.

The last issue of the Manitoba Gazette, was printed in one language only.

GRUNDY & Co., of this city, are opening a wareroom, at Portage la Prairie.

BIRTLE, is to have another newspaper; E. A. Bailey, of Rapid City, being the new aspirant.

RYAN & MACARTHUR, blacksmiths, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, business will be continued by John McArthur.

ROSS, of the firm of Fullerton & Ross, general storekeepers, and Fullerton, Ross & Gordon, hardware and lumber merchants, Manitou, is dead.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, is to be lighted with electricity in the near future. Arrangements are now being made, and the project established on a good financial footing.

MCCARTHY & Co., boot and shoe dealers, Regina, will immediately begin operations on a large extension to their premises when they will open out in the fur goods line.

E. RAYMER, & Co., jewellers and stationers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. A. Raymer, of Portage la Prairie, retires and the business will be continued by E. Raymer.

THE Gas company, last week reduced the price of that commodity to \$2.70 per 1000 feet. Competition in this matter is bringing illuminating down to a reasonable price, and also improved service.

THE C. P. R., are about acquiring the Louisa bridge solely for the purpose of their road, in which event, the City Council will erect another to the north, or near the proposed new cemetery location.

HULL, TROUNCE & Co., butchers and stock dealers of Alberta, and British Columbia, have dissolved partnership. W. P. Trounce, withdraws entirely from the business, and the new firm continues under the name of Hull Bros. & Co.

Mr. Grant, representing the Imperial Oil Company, spent several days in McLeod, recently. After visiting the oil fields, he met a number of the gentlemen who have claims up there, and made an offer for the lands which was not accepted.

BRANDON civic authorities, are pushing the by-law in regard to overhanging signs, in that town and a general tearing down was done last week. A little attention to the same matter in Winnipeg, would improve the appearance of Main Street.

It is contemplated to again operate the Portage la Prairie paper mill.

JAS. H. BURKE, photographer, Fort Saskatchewan, advertises his business for sale.

COAL is announced for the coming season at a \$1 a ton reduction from former prices.

THE Morris-Brandon branch of the N. P. & M. Ry. will be opened for traffic about the middle of November.

THE framework of the large warehouse in connection with the flouring mill of Messrs. Smith & Brigham, at Moosomin, is about completed.

SPRAGUE & SCARLETT, general storekeepers, Regina, have dissolved partnership. Scarlett is about to open out a dry goods and grocery business.

THE quantity of wheat shipped from the Port Arthur elevators last week was 93,993 bushels; the amount in store on night of Sept. 7th, was 388,132 bushels.

BRYDON & CHARLESWORTH, carpenters, Winnipeg, were burnt out on the evening of Sept. 11th. Several kits of tools belonging to the workmen were destroyed.

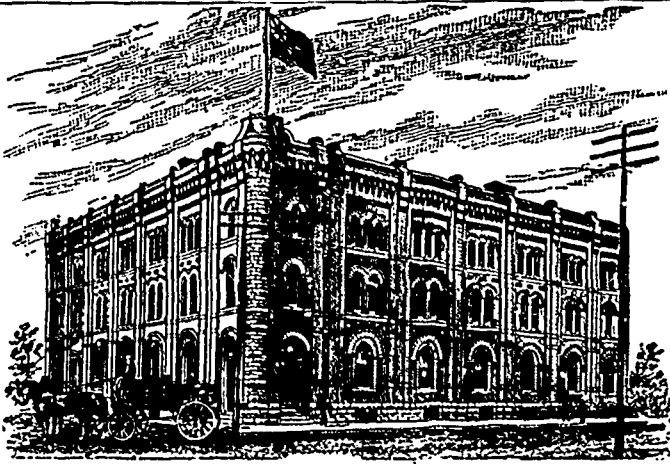
ASPIRANTS to the mayor's chair for 1890 are already in the field and indulging in a little quiet canvassing. Alf. Pearson is definitely in the field, ex-Ald. Macdonald and Mulvey are also cogitating over the matter.

THE C. P. R. company are contemplating the erection of a mammoth hotel. Two railway hotels to the already large hotel accommodation of the city will shut out some of the small fry now catering to the public.

THE writ for a new election in Dennis has been issued. Nomination is to be on Sept. 23th and polling Oct. 5th. Provincial Secretary McLean is now working his constituency for all it is worth to secure his re-election.

IMPROVEMENTS are to be made to the rapids on the Rainy River in the shape of piers and capstans as suggested by the Rat Portage board of trade. The Government engineer has inspected the proposed work and reported favorably.

THE town of Shoal Lake, on the line of the Manitoba and Northwest Railway, suffered a serious loss by fire last Thursday. The blaze starting in the stables of the Grand Union Hotel, its progress to the other buildings was rapidly accelerated by the great gale of wind, and the whole solidly built north side of the town, was soon demolished. The following parties were the principal sufferers:—George Raymond, tinware, loss \$200; H. Burton, butcher, \$1,200; C. H. Greenshaw, carriage shop, \$800; Thomas Parkinson, general store, \$500; R. S. Hamilton, saddler, \$2,000; Grand Union Hotel, \$600; G. M. Chambers, Commercial hotel, \$2,500, C. P. Greenshaw, H. Colfas and Wm. Chambers, loose a total of \$1,800 with no insurance; Burton, butcher also had no insurance. The others were insured as follows: George Raymer, \$800; R. Hamilton, \$400; T. Parkinson, \$2,000; Commercial hotel, \$1,500; Grand Union hotel and stables, \$3,000, Messrs. Scott, Raymer, Greenshaw, McGregor, Chambers, Burton, and Hamilton will rebuild at once. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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EVERY day it becomes more apparent, that the forthcoming International American Congress is a gathering called together through the influence of United States trade interests, and for one purpose above others, namely to see by what means the export business of the great republic to other American countries can be increased without infringing upon the policy of national selfishness in matters of tariff, which the political party now in power there seem determined to adhere to. Canada has had long experience this selfishness on the part of its nearest neighbors, and the duties imposed upon ores mined in other countries, when entering the U. S. have recently given Mexico a taste of the same commodity. How to trade with all their neighbors, and keep the trading all on one side, is certainly a knotty problem to solve, and there is not much hope, that it will be solved at the coming congress of representatives, from different countries in America. A much shorter and more certain way of bringing the United States to the position, it should occupy as an exporter of manufactured goods, lies in the reduction and practical removal of its tariff, on such goods. That tariff has now become so tangled that in a multitude of instances, the tariff intended to protect one manufacturer, is a tax upon the raw material required by another, and all tending to increase the cost of production. Under such a system the United States never cannot and never will, take the rank it ought to hold as an exporter of manufactures, and any attempts to re weave, or re-tinker the tangled muddle, will only furnish laughing stock for clear-headed political economists, and a source of gain at the public expense for political mountebanks. At the present time the United States, is the heaviest exporter of any nation in the world of the products of field and forest, which her legislators are powerless to change the value of by any tariff legislation and which being ruled in price by foreign market quotations are literally unprotected by tariff. When her manufactures, are in a similar position, their exports will be in proportion, and the nearer they approach that state, the more their exports will increase. The fact that

after nearly thirty years of tariff tinkering, a nation of sixty millions of people, claiming to be the most progressive in the world, are powerless to compete with their manufacture in foreign markets, should suggest that some change of policy in that respect is necessary.

THE recent fire at Shoal Lake, Man., which wiped out the best of the business portion of the town seems to have brought home too late lessons that should have been learned in time to save regrets. As usual the amount of insurance on the property burned is fractionally small when compared with the loss sustained. Some merchants there, who were a week ago worth several thousand dollars, are to-day worth what the leniency of their creditors will allow them. The old story comes to the surface again. High insurance premiums were demanded, as is customary in new western towns, where fire prevention is a matter but poorly considered, and merchants who found it necessary to carry heavy stocks followed a false economy in refusing to insure to an extent that would keep them even comparatively safe, and the folly of their fancied economy they have discovered only after fire has brought heavy loss, if not absolute business ruin. This is one phase of their folly, and if it ended here they would not be so culpable. But in the Shoal Lake fire, as in all other large fires in the smaller towns of Manitoba, that which took place in Holland excepted, the uninsured or inadequately insured sufferers bring not only loss to themselves but in some instances loss to their creditors. If a table covering the past five years in Manitoba were made out, showing how many burned out country merchants were forced into insolvency by their fire losses, it would show that a burn out practically meant insolvency, there would be no more exceptions than are allowed in any general rule. Indeed, a safe insurance is most general among merchants considered financially weak who are compelled to keep well insured by their creditors. Such pressure the creditor can put upon a customer who has to ask favors at times, but the competition for the business of

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merchants considered financially solid is too keen to allow of any such interference in the management of their affairs. It does seem as if the cure for the evil lay entirely in the hands of the country merchant, and those doing business with him should not shrink from stigmatizing failure to insure to an extent sufficient to cover liabilities as simply a piece of criminal negligence, for it is such in a moral sense, whether it is in a legal one or not.

THE *Hamilton Spectator*, comments as follows on the *Edmonton Bulletin's* remarks on Mormons in Alberta:—"The Mormons in the Northwest are there because they were not permitted to do as they pleased in Utah. They come to Canada in the hope that they would be allowed to do as they pleased here. They have already asked the Dominion Government for special privileges, and if the *Empire* and others continue to encourage them they will ask for more. The *Edmonton Bulletin*, knowing the history of the Mormon church has good reason for the alarm it professes. It will not do to treat this matter lightly. Canada should have no use for any exclusive body of people. Mormons will not assimilate with the rest of the people, and if they are encouraged to come to Canada in considerable numbers they will be sure to make trouble. It is to be hoped that the Government does not look so lightly upon the *Bulletin's* alarm as the *Empire* does."

Some time since we drew the attention of the Federal authorities to the encroachments that would probably be attempted by these people when they were sufficiently strong in numbers, to render any irregular attempt on the part of the authorities to curtail special privileges futile. The history of these people, is sufficient to cause the alarm that is now expressed in the west, leaving out of the question the report of their adopting their religious principle, in this country. This problem was an extremely knotty one for the United States authorities to deal with, and their suppression for infraction of the laws of that country was not accomplished without considerable bloodshed. It behooves the Dominion Government to keep a strict watch upon these exiles, and see to it that they conform to the laws of this their adopted country.

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SETTLING WITH INSOLVENTS

That class of the commercial community of Canada, who desire and long for a more honorable condition of trade affairs, than now exists throughout the Dominion must have experienced a feeling of intense disgust, when some two weeks ago the commercial press of the east announced, that a patched up settlement had been reached in the affairs of W. E. Brown, late wholesale boot and shoe merchant of Ottawa, whose insolvent affairs necessitated his temporary exile from Canada. The point which would be most productive of the feeling above mentioned is the fact, that by this arrangement Mr. Brown, can return with safety and even impunity to the Dominion, without fear of molestation from his suffering creditors. A few months ago it did seem as if Mr. Brown, should he return, would most assuredly find a residence, and probably a lengthy one within prison walls, where his commercial eccentricities would be effectually held in check. But then it is folly to oppose the power of money in such cases, and seemingly Mr. Brown had friends possessed of sufficient of this omnipotent commodity, which they were willing to launch out or jeopardize, in order to soothe the irritation of the swindled creditors, and apparently the financial syrup has had the desired effect, and Mr. Brown can now return to the scene of his trading exploits, and receive the welcoming smile of the men, whose claims against him are now to be paid at 33 cents on the dollar.

The news of this settlement of Mr. Brown's insolvent affairs, while it doubtless produced the feelings of disgust referred to, furnished no cause for surprise, as his case is only one of the many, which could be cited to show how thoroughly subservient justice can be and is made to financial expediency in connection with the affairs of insolvents. Mr. Brown's case was one in which large amounts were involved, and it seemed to the casual observer of such affairs more aggravated. But it only illustrated the principle of dishonest expediency, which instead of justice now decides for settlement or no settlement with a man or firm that reaches insolvency. Had there been no gain to his creditors by making a settle-

ment Mr. Brown, would have been an exile for life, or until he paid his debts in full, which was a probability not to be calculated upon.

There is here a matter for serious consideration in connection with criminal affairs of the Dominion. If Mr. Brown was guilty of all the crimes credited to him four or five months ago, he is just as guilty of them to-day. The gist of a crime lies in the intent, and conviction of a criminal frequently fails for want of the intent being clearly proven. In Mr. Brown's case the intent to defraud his creditors was asserted in the most positive manner, and if these creditors have lost a little less money, than they at one time anticipated, by entering into the arrangement for settlement, the intent is in no way removed thereby, but is simply an intent in some measure frustrated, and the frustration cannot obliterate the crimes even if it has lessened the injury intended. How is it then, that on his return Mr. Brown can snap his fingers at our criminal laws? The punishment of crime is a responsibility as well as a duty resting on the Minister of Justice and his representatives throughout the Dominion, and we are led to believe, that the *ipse dixit* from this source decides when and where criminal prosecutions shall take place. But seemingly there is an exception in connection with criminal insolvency. In such cases the creditors of the criminal are evidently the judges, and are in a position to criminate or exculpate just in proportion as the insolvent, or his friends are shrewd and wealthy enough, to appeal to the pockets, or perhaps only the greed and cupidity of the tribunal.

Compromising a crime is a serious matter in this Dominion and especially a paltry crime. To aid in compromising the theft or embezzlement of fifty dollars might be the means of sending a man to prison, even in a case where the action is prompted by feelings of humanity, that rise above and defy law. But there is no danger or anything serious about the proceeding, when a hundred thousand dollars are concerned. There is an air of respectability about such big figures, that would prevent any officer of the law from prying into the details of the transaction.

Looking at this disgusting case from any point, it shows the crying necessity for an insolvency law for Canada. Such a law is invariably agitated for, in order that creditors may have more protection

than they now possess, and is usually advocated purely in the intents of creditors. It might not be out of place for it to contain provisions, that would prevent even suffering creditors from bartering the claims of justice for a few cents on the dollar of their own claims against an insolvent.

But to lay aside the claims of justice, creditors in cases like that of W. E. Brown should do something for the protection of their customers, who pay a hundred cents on the dollar. The huge stock of W. E. Brown, has been slaughtered in the cities of the east, and even in Winnipeg some of it has been sold in slaughter sale, in competition with the goods, which honest traders pay a hundred cents on the dollar for. Mr. Brown will now be free to commence again, for if he can secure capital to start in, he will soon get goods and credit and he can paddle his canoe along until he reaches another crash. The duty of his creditors in the first place was, to effectually prevent him from ever being able to start business again, to compete with their honest customers. But then it seem as if honesty in business was actually at a discount now a days, and trade had reached a state, similar to the competition which once took place between two heather broom peddlers in a Highland Scotch village. One peddler put the price of brooms down to three half pence, but his competitor at once outdone this drop and fixed prices at one penny. Exasperated at this ruinous competition the three halfpenny vendor demanded. "How can you undersell me. I cut the heather myself, and I steal the sticks." The opponent coolly replied "You're but a novice at the business, for I steal my brooms ready made."

ASSINIBOINE WATER-POWER.

The action of the Winnipeg city council at its regular meeting on the 2nd instant, in practically shelving this important undertaking of constructing the Assiniboine water-power for another year, has been productive of quite a strong feeling of discontent among the rate-payers of the city generally, and the feeling has been more fully expressed since the subsequent regular meeting of the council, which took place on the 9th instant, when it was thought the matter would be reconsidered and some action for the speedy prosecution of the work taken. Since that meeting it has become

a fixed opinion in the minds of many that the present council look upon the project as a subject over which there is great danger of getting themselves into trouble, and they have accordingly left it as a legacy for their successors to settle or wrangle over.

The council had advertised for tenders for the construction of the water-power on the Assiniboine, and had received but one tender in reply, which was from the Assiniboine Water-Power Co., a chartered company possessing a charter covering all the powers necessary, not only for constructing the works proposed by the city, but also for connecting with Lake Manitoba and greatly enhancing the value, as well as increasing the volume of the power to be secured. The offer of the company was a business-like one, whether it was sufficiently advantageous for the city or not, and that is more than can be said for the manner of advertising for, or seeking tenders on the part of the city council, which showed most distinctly that tenders were not really wanted. If there existed any doubt about this last statement, it vanishes when the fact is known that not even the business courtesy of acknowledging receipt of the tender was extended to the company. In short the city council wanted no offers for the construction of this work, nor do they wish the construction of the work commenced during their term in office. This is speaking of the council as a body, for it must be remembered that there are exceptions within its membership.

Sometime ago in criticising the report of Col. Fanning on this project, THE COMMERCIAL made use of the following:—

"This project has been thoroughly sifted, and its feasibility, safety, and great value for water-power purposes placed beyond doubt. The \$2,500, or thereabouts, spent by the city council of last year in response to the memorial from the Board of Trade and other citizens, in securing the preliminary survey and examination in connection with this project, was the first practical step towards its being carried to completion, and the expenditure in securing a report from Engineer Fanning, of Minneapolis Water-Power Company completes all that is necessary in the line of preliminaries. The point has now been reached when further steps must be taken towards the actual construction of the proposed water-power."

In concluding the same article the following paragraph which seems likely to prove a prophetic expression of fear occurs:—

"It is frequently asserted, and with some truth, that a project like this is invariably muddled and tangled, when it is undertaken by

a government, either civic, provincial, or dominion. Let us hope that in this case there will be an exception, and that there will now be neither delay nor hitch in the carrying out of this scheme. First class engineering skill proclaims, that there is no difficulty in the way, and any that may be met with will be caused by blundering in the business management of the work, and the project is one of such importance to the city, that the ratepayers will resent quickly any bungling or mismanagement which may occur."

The point may have been reached two months ago when further steps should have been taken towards actual construction, but seemingly the time when such steps will be taken is in the distant future, if the Winnipeg city council is to follow the course it has now adopted. That the ratepayers will resent this delay is a certainty, as aldermen who wish reelection will find out in December. A project, on which depends practically the industrial life of the city cannot be shelved to suit the convenience of a few men, without these men being called to account for the action. There doubtless is a great difference of opinion among ratepayers as to whether the city should undertake the construction of these works, or entrust it to a company; but there is no difference of opinion upon the point of the construction being pushed without delay, and in shelving the work for a year, as the city council did at its meeting on the 2nd instant, a course in direct opposition to the wishes of the citizens was adopted, and in adopting such a course the council must be prepared to take the consequences.

COMBINES.

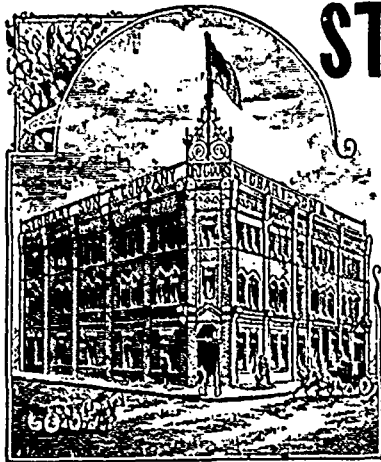
A great deal of nonsense is being talked and written at present about combines, and especially about when and where they infringe upon the rights of others, and should be curtailed or checked by law. Few people who pretend to be posted upon these points ever admit the fact, that combines, which might be justifiable under one set of circumstances, might be unjustifiable under another.

A decision rendered some time ago by Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, and since confirmed by a Court of Appeal, will be rather a staggerer to some western people, who claim the justice of legal interference with almost every trade organization on the ground that it must be a combine infringing upon the rights of the public. Some shipowners engaged in tea carrying between Chinese ports and London formed a combine and offered a 5 per cent. rebate

to all shippers who patronized the combine exclusively. Another outside company offered a cut on rates to meet this, but the combine lowered rates also; and the outside company lost all the business. It brought suit against the members of the combination on the ground that it was an unlawful conspiracy intended to defraud this one company out of its just share of the trade. The Lord Chief Justice decided that the combination was quite within the limits of legitimate trade, and in no way placed restraint upon the same. So long as the members thereof sought only to promote their own interests, and did not circulate false statements, or resort to intimidation, bribery or fraud, their actions were quite within the scope of the law. This is allowing a latitude to combines, which forms a striking contrast to the limits within which some people would seek to confine them, and within which they are sometimes confined by western legislation.

It does seem as if most of the feeling against combines is concentrated against those which are connected with commerce, while the whole field of professional combines is left to take care of itself. For instance some people would oppose violently a combination formed to compel the sale of a staple article of merchandise at a profit instead of at a loss, but would not contemplate an interference with the fees fixed by faculties of lawyers, doctors and other professional men, many of which are a much more flagrant fraud upon the public than has ever been heard of in the field of commerce. In fact faculties of professional men seem to fix the scales of their charges much as they please, and look upon as an unwarrantable interference any attempt of the outside public to question their right to do so. The difference between the combines they form, and those in the commercial field is, that they seek to establish themselves as a privileged and exclusive class, possessed of certain privileges, to which none but themselves are entitled, while the great majority of commercial combines are formed to prevent trade from running into a channel leading to trade disaster and eventually commercial crisis.

There are undoubtedly some commercial combinations which do work injustice to the public interest, but the number of these are comparatively few, and they invariably bring their own cure in time. To abolish or curtail these is no doubt commendable, but to raise a howl against every description of trade combination, without assailing those of the professions, based as they are either upon professional cant or obsolete usage, is a phase of inconsistency, only to be expected from that most inconsistent of all members of society, the politician.



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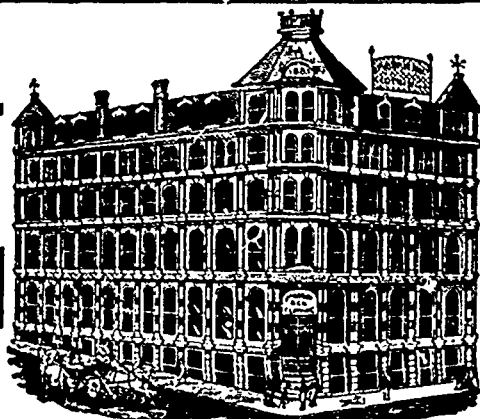
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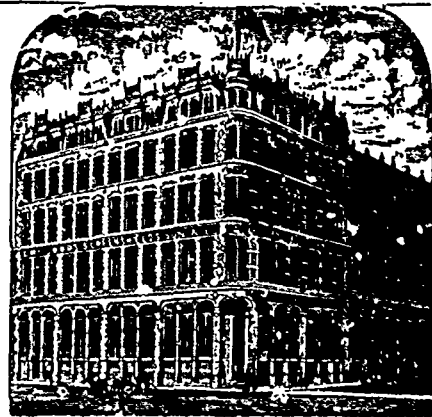
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary matters in the city have settled down to the usual steady gait they assume after the opening bustle of the opening of the month, and trade discounts have decreased somewhat in volume, their being an evident effort to hold the amount of paper at the banks as low as possible until crop movement gives a freer circulation of money throughout the country. On the other hand calls for funds for grain handling have increased a little, but are still far short in volume of what they will reach when the crop movement is in full swing. This is now the period of expectation with the banks, and the outlook promises that these expectations will not end in disappointment. In real estate mortgage business a fair business with the promise of an early increase in farm loans has been done, while quite a few city loans none of which were very large, have been heard from. Once threshing is well advanced a good business in farm loans is looked for. There has been no circumstance tending to change rates of interest on such loans, and commercial discount rates are equally steady, the range of both is from 7 to 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There has been very little change in the state of the wholesale trade since our last report was issued, but what little has taken place has been for the better. The most marked improvement has been in connection with food articles and other staples of every day consumption, and a great share of such sales have been in connection with railway contractor's supplies. There has been however a firm feeling among buyers generally, and further improvement in this direction is expected during the current week. In seasons goods the bustle of getting out fall orders still continues, and the first frosts of the season which came about the middle of the week brought in a few additional demands, and developed a little more impatience on the part of country merchants to get their fall and winter stocks in. In builders and contractors material there has been a little more movement, and the cold snap has got credit in some respect for this. In several minor lines business has been quite active, so that the sleepy feeling of a month ago is entirely gone. The report on cash returns indicates very little improvement, and no material one is calculated upon until the grain movement is fairly in swing. The feeling all round is decidedly hopeful, and the opinion is general that the last quarter of 1889 will be one of general activity in mercantile circles.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

The rush of getting out fall goods has been even greater than noted in our last report, as owing to the snap of frost and chilly weather retailers all over the country were anxious to get supplies for fall in without delay. The demand also created a demand for a few sorts that were overlooked in first orders, but the aggregate of such was but small. The report on cash returns does not improve the situation from that of the previous week.

DRUGS.

Prices in this branch are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German

quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 55 to 60c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$7 to \$9; bicarb soda, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$1.50 to \$5.00; American blue vitrol, 8 to 10c.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

Prices are nominally as follow: Dried apples 5½ to 6c per pound, evaporated apples, 8 to 8½c. Figs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c in lb. cartoons, per doz, \$1.75; dates—Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 19c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22; white apricots, do, 21c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoa-nuts, \$9 per hundred.

FRUITS—GREEN.

There has been an active business done all week, and buyers have been taking hold freely. Steady cool weather has helped business considerably. The only new arrivals are Delaware grapes and Jamaica oranges. Other goods have changed very little in price. Quotations are:—Lemons, \$7.50 to \$8 per box; Oranges—Rodi and Palmero oranges, \$8.50 for 200 size boxes, and \$8 for 160 size box; Jamaica oranges in bbls, \$12, in boxes, \$6; apples, \$3.75 to \$4 per bbl., as to quality; California plums, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; California peaches, \$2.25 to \$2.50; California pears, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per box; California grapes, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per crate of 20 pounds, as to variety, several kinds being in the market; Concord grapes, genuine, 80c a basket of 10 lbs. Delaware grapes, 10 lb. baskets, \$1.50. Bananas, \$2.75 to \$3 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per box 75c; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per bushel basket; Melons, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per dozen, or \$30.00 to \$45 per 100; cucumbers, 50 to 60c per dozen; onions—Southern, \$1.00 per 100 lbs.; Bermuda, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$2.25.

GROCERIES.

Business has been moving along in a fairly satisfactory way, with a little unusual ripple caused by calls for contractor's supplies. The only unsatisfactory feature in cash returns, which seem to improve very slowly. Prices of goods are unchanged, quotations being:—Sugars, yellows, 8½ to 9c, as to quality; granulated, 9½ to 9¾c; lumps, 11 to 11½c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congor, 22 to 69c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solaco, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solaco, 12s, 48c; Beaver, 61c; Oldcrow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arth., \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METAL.

The upward tendency in all iron goods still continues, but the Winnipeg dealers have not advanced in proportion, although some lines are quoted a little higher, but none as high as the British and eastern advances would warrant. The movement in heavies has been a little slow, but shelf goods are now in fair demand. The following are quotations:—Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.99 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

LUMBER.

Prices are unchanged and are as follows, on cars at the mills: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50, 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25, 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding ½ in. x 6 in, \$90; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear—1½, 1½, and 2, inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; ¼ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do. \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. American oak butts, 50 to 55c; buffe 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business has been quite active all last week, and frost has evidently made many hurry to get contracts finished by the time cold weather sets in. Linseed oil has jumped a little and promises to advance further. Prices are; Turpentine in barrels, 80c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled 80c. benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$1.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

WINKS AND LIQUORS.

Prices are unchanged and are as follows:— Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75, Jules Rabin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., \$4.50; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1890, \$7.50, Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1890; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$10.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel & Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.00.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The situation generally seems to have changed very little since our last issue, and the same weak feeling has been general throughout all the leading markets of this continent. There has seldom been a period during the last five years, when American markets have been so completely ruled by the tone of British markets, and these have continued to be of the most discouraging character. Advices day after day have quoted Liverpool weak and demand light, and it is becoming a general opinion among the exporters on this side of the Atlantic that until the Englishmen are able to grasp more completely the state of affairs in connection with their own abundant home crop, they are not prepared to give much attention to the affairs of markets here. The weather there has certainly been favorable for harvesting, and the grain being placed upon the market in good condition, and this fact combined by the troubled outlook as to labor affairs over there have intensified the seeming carelessness about American grain supplies. No circumstance connected with our own continent seems to make any marked impression upon prices. For instance, the visible supply figures announced on the Chicago Board last Monday showed a decrease of 739,316 bushels, instead of an increase of a million or more as was freely predicted by bearish operators of prophetic proclivities, and yet this surprise which on most occasions would have caused a rush of shorts to cover, scarcely affected prices, which were held within a range of three quarters of a cent during the day. Receipts at leading western centers while heavy have not been abnormally so

for this season of the year, and are certainly far short of the expectations of a month ago. It is well known, however, that farmers are holding back as a general rule, and will not sell at present prices. The country press all over the west is advising farmers to hold their grain, and in many instances for the avowed purpose of keeping down the visible supply figures and thereby forcing better prices, and evident; this advice is being followed pretty generally where the farmers is in a position to hold.

In Canada the situation is much the same as in the States. Farmers in the east are determined not to sell at present prices, and are holding back. The crop yield has been good, but in the Western States the quality of spring wheat is poor on the average, if a judgment is to be based upon the receipts already come to market, and while in the eastern provinces there is abundance of wheat, there is no promise of a surplus of high grades. In this respect the Northwestern crop will make a favorable contrast, as the bulk of the wheat will be of the finest quality, and the sample on the average the best of any year's production. As yet receipts are very light, and only about a dozen points are receiving in any reasonable quantity. With the local market the feeling has improved, and an advance equal to about 3c. on the figures of our last report is now offered, which makes the figures about 63c. for No. 1, hard at Winnipeg on cars, with 3c. for No. 2, hard and No. 1 northern.

FLOUR.

With the British markets being supplied largely with stuff sent from the Dominion, and the States on consignment, our eastern markets are naturally in a very weak state, and exports in that direction are about at a standstill. The Pacific points have made some light demands during the week, but have not relieved our millers much. The local market has been fairly active and steady, with prices unchanged. Quotations being; Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers, \$2.30; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.20.

MILLSTUFFS.

A light eastern demand is still in existence, but the local trade has been rather quiet. Prices are unchanged Bran in ton lots \$12, shorts \$13, Car lots of either \$1 a ton less.

OATMEAL, POT & C.

No change in prices. Quotations are: granulated, \$2.75; Pot barley, \$2.45 and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 pounds

OATS

No receipts beyond a few strong wagon loads have been received from the new crop, and the supply from points west promises to be very limited this winter. The sales have been few, and reliable quotations are difficult to secure. However equal to 40c. in bulk, and 42c. in sacks on cars here are the figures offered by buyers.

BARLEY.

The only sales heard of are a few wagon loads bought by brewers, the quality of which was rather poor. About 45c was the figure paid, but bright samples will bring considerably higher offers. It is every day becoming more apparent that the surplus for export this year can be carried in a few cars, if indeed there be any to spare above local wants.

WHEAT.

What to say about this market is somewhat of a puzzle. Holders will not sell at present prices, and nobody is prepared to buy very heavily even at these figures, and thus the stock in the city and country keeps steadily increasing. Quite a few predict an early

advance, although the wish may be father to the thought with them. Be that as it may no offers for round lots of choice dairy are being made at over 14c, and only in one or two instances has this been quoted, the general offer being 14c. Whatever the future of the market may be, the present does not warrant higher prices, and we know of several orders for the Pacific coast, which have been filled to the order of dealers here and shipped from eastern markets at figures that pay better than buying at 14c here. It is to be hoped that another butter glut is not approaching.

CHEESE.

Most factories have still a large share of their season's make on hand, and will not sell at present prices. Offers of 8c at the factory have been refused in several instances, and in fact taken at no point so far as can be learned. This offer is for the make of early months, and the August and September products would probably bring half a cent more.

EGGS.

There have been a few cases of prime fresh sold as high as 15c, but 14c is the general figure, with 13 for some questionable lots.

LARD.

There is scarcely anything but Chicago lard in the market, and this is quoted at \$2, for 20 pound pails.

CURED MEATS.

Stocks are very low in the city, and prices are also low, although the sales of the week have been liberal. Quotations are Dry Salt 9½c. Rolls 1½ to 1½c, according to quality, Breakfast Bacon 13½ to 14c, Hams 14 to 14½c.

DRESSED MEATS.

The finest carcasses of beef sell at 6c, but the average at 5½ and inferior at 5c; Veal is quoted at 6 to 6½; Mutton at 9c, and dressed hogs at 5½c, and one offer was heard of 6c for any choice carcasses.

Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of Aug. 29th, gives the following quotations for leading Canadian securities in the London markets.

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
British Columbia 4½ per cents	115	—	—
Canada 4 per cents, 1885	112	—	—
Ditto, 3 per cents	95½	½	—
Manitoba 5 per cents	115	1	—
Quebec Province 4 per cents, 1883	103	—	—
Montreal 3 per cents,	84½	—	—
Quebec City 6 per cents, 1878	123	1	—
Toronto 4 per cents	103	—	—
do 3½ per cent	96	—	—
Winnipeg, 5 per cents	112	1	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register)	63½	½	—
Ditto shares (London register)	63	½	—
Ditto first mortgage bonds	110	½	—
Ditto 3½ per cents	97	—	—
Ditto Algoma branch first mortgage bonds	110	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	13½	—	½
Ditto first preference	79	—	½
Bank of British Columbia	33½	½	—
Bank of E. N. A.	79	—	—
Canada Permanent 4 per cent debenture stock	100	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage	½	—	—
Trust and Loan, £5 paid	6½	—	—
Ditto £5 paid	3½	—	—
British American Land	23	—	—
Canada Company	65½	1	—
Canada North-West Land	4½	—	—
Hudson's Bay	21	½	—
Land Corporation of Canada	—	—	—

An aluminum manufactory at Pittsburg is producing about 50 lbs of that metal daily, worth \$4 per lb. The metal is produced by a patent process of which electricity is a chief factor. The product is largely used in place of silver leaf in sign painting and kindred arts.

Bring Your Capital to Canada.

Although there is apparently a very strong feeling in England, in favour of investments in American breweries, distilleries, and other joint stock enterprises many of which are being disposed of for almost fabulous sums, it is not every one who is in that way of thinking, as is apparent from the following allusion in the *Stock Exchange Times* of London, the editor of one of whose departments says: "I have persistently recommended British investors to avoid American breweries, and I have generally been met with the exclamation, 'See what a price they bring, and there must therefore be something in them for the buyers are men who know what they are about.' How the price has been run up so high it is easy to explain. The intervening buyers persuaded themselves that these brewery concerns were just the things to palm off on the Britishers. in their mood to turn all things into public companies. So they bid eagerly against each other, with the natural effect that sellers improved the occasion and meekly allowed themselves to raise their terms. Fortunately for investors the bargains in question are left to the middlemen. Embarrassed syndicates now hold car loads of brewery shares, and wait for a favorable opportunity to 'unload' them on the public. Forewarned is, or ought to be, equivalent to being forearmed." Why is not some of this excessive capital which some Britishers appear to be anxious to throw away upon precarious and over estimated schemes directed into legitimate Canadian channels of which there are

numbers which could not fail to be profitable? —*Trade Review.*

Personal.

Mr. Clark, head miller of the Ogilvie Mills in Montreal, is on a visit to Winnipeg at present, and is meeting old friends here.

Mr. Tiffin, of Tiffin Bros. wholesale grocers Montreal has been in Winnipeg for some days looking after the interests of the home house.

M. A. W. Mackenzie representing the McAlpine Tobacco Company of Toronto and New York, passed through on his way to British Columbia last week, from which province he will return in a few weeks and make a stay in Winnipeg.

Mr. R. R. Grindlay general manager of the Bank of British North America, left Winnipeg for his home in Montreal on Monday evening, after a tour over a good portion of Manitoba, with the prospects of which he expressed his high satisfaction.

Wheat clearances from the three principal Atlantic ports Sept. 10th, were 49,000 bushels against 172,000 bushels a year ago.

On Friday morning, at an early hour a destructive fire occurred, originating in Mandeville's stables at the corner of Fort and Graham street, and spread to the old International hotel, and Scott & Leslie's workshop also got a scorching. The fire brigade done excellent work, and this point has been the general comment after every fire of a difficult nature that

has occurred, and the appointment of Chief Code which it is satisfactory to know made permanent. Mandeville lost seven horses, beside a number of rigs. The old International building was owned by the city, and was vacated by a tenant but a few days. The stables were the property of a Mortgage Company, represented by Mr. A. Bain, and were erected at a cost of \$5,000; insured for \$3,000. Mandeville's loss is placed at nil, as an insurance of \$2,500, covers the animals burned Scott & Leslie place their loss at \$500.

AFTER a bitter local struggle the location of the N.P. & M. station at Brandon has been fixed, and the road enters the town from the south. The Salvation Army has to leave its quarters to make room for the depot.

Montreal and Toronto are vieing with each other as to who will secure the contemplated carpet mill of Messrs. Hugher Bros', carpet manufacturers of Kidderminster, England, who are purposing establishing a branch factory in Canada, employing about 200 hands, and using long staple Canadian wool in connection with English and Australian long staple. Hughes Bros. Kidderminster factory employs about 3,000 hands and produces about 1,000 rolls of carpet a week. Last year the total product was 56,000 rolls, or about 2,340,000 yards, the grades produced being of the finest quality—Brussels, Wiltons, velvets, tapestries and rugs. Hughes & Sons' trade with Canada amounts to about £30,000 a year, on which they pay 25 per cent duty.

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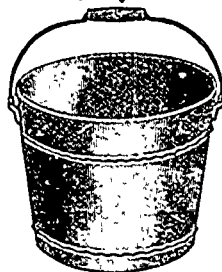
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

At the opening of the Board on September 9th, there was nothing indicating business of a lively character. Efforts were made to lift the monotony several times during the day but the relapses were often a fraction below former prices, and the most interesting feature of the day was the discussion of the visible supply figures although they were still an uncertain quantity. In corn there was some interest to know the Government estimate of the present condition of the crop and traders were inclined to be cautious. Provisions were weak and nervous and prices were a shade higher than those of Saturday. October pork made an advance of 15c from Saturday and was freely maintained. Closing prices were as follows.—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	75½	75½	77½	81½-¾
Corn	33½-¾	33½	33½	35½
Oats	19½	19½-¾	20	22½-¾
Pork	11.50	—	—	—
Lard	6.00	5.90	5.72½	6.00
Short Ribs	5.10	4.85	—	—

Tuesday ushered in a better feeling among wheat traders and there was more activity and better prices. The improved tone was somewhat spontaneous then being in apparent point on which bulls could make capital. Provisions were weak and nervous, and pork closed at a net decline of 15c. Closing prices were as follows.—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	76½	76½	77½	82½
Corn	33½	33½	33½	35½
Oats	19½	19½	20½-¾	22½-¾
Pork	11.40	—	—	—
Lard	5.92½	5.87½	5.75	—
Short Ribs	5.07½	4.80	—	—

On Wednesday wheat bulls again bobbed up serenely and pushed prices along a few fractions, and although there was no general activity still there was sufficient interest to keep shorts near at hand. The Government report indicated somewhat of a general reduction in the outlook for the combined crops of winter and spring wheat, which was the factor of to day's strength. Corn also was stronger and provisions were materially aided by the strength on the cereals. Closing prices were as follows:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	77½	77½	78½-9	82½-¾
Corn	33½	33½-¾	33½	35½
Oats	19½	19½	20½	22½
Pork	11.00	11.00	—	—
Lard	5.90	5.87½	—	6.00
Short Ribs	5.00	4.90	—	—

Thursday continued to be an interesting day to the bull element and they made another favorable turn. Fluctuations were confined to narrow range but the tendency was upward. Pork suffered a decline. Closing prices were as follows:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	77½	78	79½	83½
Corn	33½	33½	33½	—
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	10.70	10.70	—	—
Lard	5.92½-5	5.87½	5.72½	—
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

On Friday there was a slight bull and prices closed at a fraction lower than yesterday. Trading was easy. Provisions were about the same as the previous day. Closing prices were as follows:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	77½	77½	78½-¾	—

Duluth Wheat Market.

Closing prices for wheat on Sept. 13th were as follow: Cash, 80½c; Sept., 80½c; Oct. 80½c; Dec., 81c.

Grocery Pointers.

Some authorities raise the prospective crop of California prunes to 20,000,000 lbs. The French crop is a large one, and the Turkish and Bohemian are not far behind. Verily there will be enough and plenty for all sections of the world.

The mince meat manufacturers of the U. S. are beginning to consider the offspring of the poor and undesirable raisins, that are too poor for any other purpose. It is expected that a considerable portion of the carry-over-stock will be worked off through this channel.

From the tomato growing sections of Jersey there comes a wail of poor crop and a heavy shortage in the pack, but New York dealers look upon the reports as rather bullish, and do not propose to be frightened by the statements that the farmers and packers are constantly sending forward. September is always viewed as a favorable month for the growth of the vegetable, and if frost holds off good results are anticipated for this year. In fact the pack will depend entirely upon this condition, undoubtedly some sections of the growing territory suffered by the prevalence of wet weather early in the season.—Ex.

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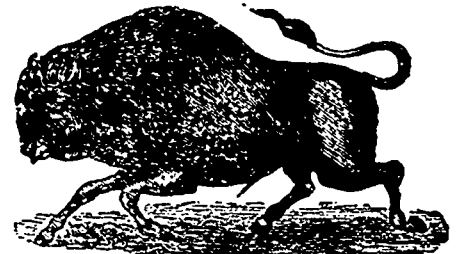
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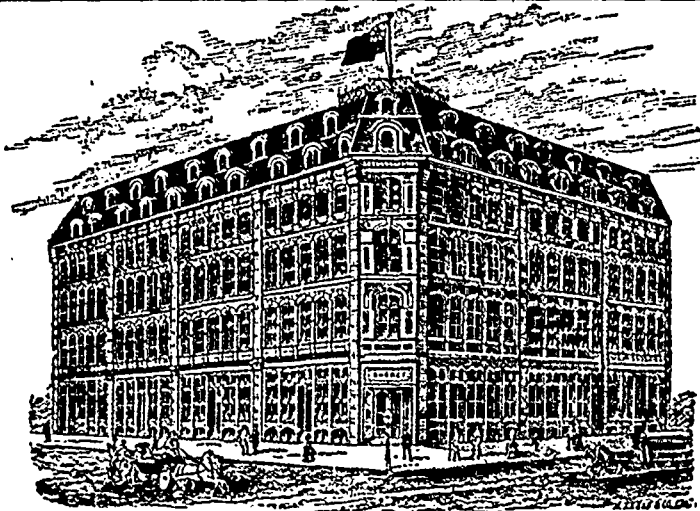
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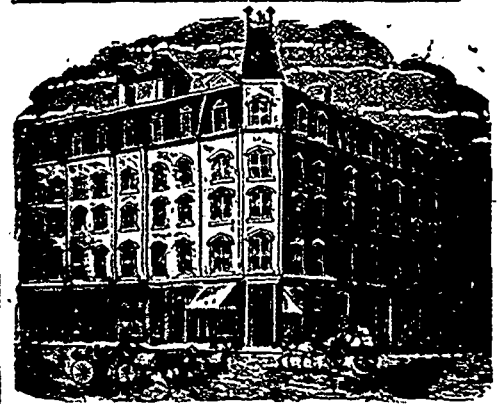
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The Hon. Mr. Dewdney will send a diamond drill to prospect for water in Southern Assiniboia.

Frank Boisseau, of the Grand View Hotel, Brandon, has purchased the building which he now occupies.

Freight rates from the railway to Battleford, have advanced to \$1.50 per 100 lbs. A further advance is expected.

The old Carey block at Portage la Prairie has been purchased by George Hall, who is removing the building to Saskatchewan avenue.

Finning & Hoskins are about to occupy their new brick store on South Railway street, Regina, which is said to be second to none in the Northwest.

The shortness of the grain throughout the province and the difficulty of gathering caused an unusual demand for rakes and the supply has been short. The stocks carried are not very heavy as these articles are not in great demand the labor saving machinery rendering their employment very light, hence the scarcity.

Virden continues to increase and several of the merchants are building large stores which would do credit to any town. A. D. Cooper, photographer, recently completed and occupied his studio, a handsome stone building. Charles Burgess' furniture warehouse, J. Smith's hardware store, and several fine residences are now completed. W. F. Scarth and Benjamin Meek will shortly complete their building which are of stone and will be the finest business blocks in town. Tenders have also been called for the new Presbyterian church.

The editor of the *Macleod Gazette* says in regard to the finding of oil in that region that he can add his personal testimony to the fact that the existence of crude petroleum in the mountains near Macleod is a solid fact. The oil comes to the surface in several places in fairly large quantities, and it is as absolutely certain as anything can be that, throughout the length of the valley in which the oil appears, boring will reveal vast deposits of the valuable fluid. A good many claims have been staked out and surveyed, and all that is now required is capital to open up and develop what will soon become one of the most valuable oil regions in the world. While the valley in which the oil has been formed is well in among the mountains, there will not be the slightest difficulty in getting the crude article down to the prairie. A stream runs the whole length of the valley, and out on to the plains, so that a pipe line along its course would be a comparatively simple matter. It is probable that steps will be at once taken to enlist capital for the development of these oil fields, and there is not much doubt that such capital can be obtained without much difficulty.

H. H. Foster, agent for the London and Colonial Financial Co., a syndicate for the handling manufacturing and industrial enterprises, has just concluded the purchase of the Davies brewery in Toronto for \$1,200,000.

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

Joseph Barnes, hotel, Fingal, sold out.
Henry Knowles, grocer, Hamilton, sold out.
A. S. Moyer, gardner, Pelham, has assigned.
A. Hutchinson, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
W. R. Fish, tobacco, Hamilton, has assigned.
N. Chester, wagons, Norway; giving up business,

Shields & Whitney, grocers, Petrolia, burnt out.

Shaw Bros., grocers, Orangeville, have assigned,

F. G. Love, bar supplies, Toronto, has assigned.

Campbell Bros, lumber, Toronto, have assigned.

Endres Bros., furniture, Petrolia, damaged by fire.

Spurr & Viger, butchers, Petrolia, damaged by fire.

G. B. Newbury, dry goods, Picton, has assigned.

F. A. Boldrick, general store, Norwood, has assigned.

Harkness & Co., books, etc., Woodstock, have sold out.

O'Donohue & Doherty, hotel, Toronto, have dissolved.

Chas. Eaton, dealer in shoes, Essex Centre, has assigned.

C. F. Holterman, general store, Fisherville, has sold out.

E. N. Moyer, publisher, etc., St. Catharines, has assigned.

Walter F. Woods, boots and shoes, Hamilton, has assigned.

A. W. Crysler, general store, Nelles Corners, was burnt out.

W. H. Ryckman & Co., grocers, Hamilton, have sold out.

J. Rieger, grocer and blacksmith, Aldershot, was burnt out.

T. R. & L. M. Mackon, stoves, etc., Highgate, burnt out.

C. Ferguson, harness and groceries, Norway, selling off by auction.

D. Smith & Son, handles, etc., Stewart: style now Smith Bros.

W. H. McClure & Co., dry goods and grocers, Grimsby, have dissolved.

Rico & Chapple, stationery, etc., London, have sold out one of their retail stores.

Thomas McAuley, books and bookbinder, Kingston, sold out book business to G. A. Odell, and continues bookbinding.

The following were burned out at Gananoque, D. J. Darling, grocer, etc.; A. F. Harrison, grocer; L. A. Osterhout, tailor; A. M. Purvis, general store and millinery; W. N. Rogers, carriages, etc.; Taylor & Green, general store; Stephen White, grocer.

QUEBEC.

Alex. Houle, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

V. Turcotte, tailor, Slierbrooke, has assigned.

Eli Giroux, general store, St. Clothilde, has assigned.

R. Lavoie & Co., hardware, Quebec, have dissolved.

Bush & Munro, restaurant, Montreal, have dissolved.

Laramée & Johnson, gilders, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Largenade, Beauchamp & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved. F. Dansereau, T. Legronade and A. Beauchamp continue under same style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Sharp & Co., victuallers, Halifax, have sold out.

Hancock Bros., soap, oil, etc., Halifax, have dissolved.

Evans & Co., Stationery etc., Yarmouth, have assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Anderson & Kelver, general store, Albert, have dissolved.

A. H. Larice, saw and grist mill, Perth, burnt out; no insurance.

Whitebone & Co., tobacco and cigars and liquors, St. John, have dissolved.

Railway Matters.

Work on the engine house of the N. P. & M. Ry., at Winnipeg, was commenced last week.

Canadian Pacific shares sold in London, Eng., on Sept. 11th at 68½, the highest paid this year.

The P. A., D. & W. Ry. is being pushed rapidly ahead. 700 additional laborers were put on last week.

The C. P. R. have purchased the northeast corner of 9th street and Princess Ave., Brandon, on which to erect a building for use as city ticket office.

Messrs. Middleton & Connee, contractors for the P. A. D. & W. Ry., are calling for tenders for 12,000 ties to be delivered at Port Arthur and 30,000 at Fort William.

Brydon & McIntosh have the contract for building the stations and section houses on the N. P. & M. Morris-Brandon branch, sixteen buildings in all. The lumber, 760,000 feet, is supplied by J. R. Sutherland.

About 1,400 men are at work on the southern end of the Duluth & Winnipeg railroad, and it is expected 1,600 more will be at work before the end of the week. Large numbers of men are also at work on the Mississippi river end of the proposed road.—*Mississippi Lumberman*.

The company who have the charter to build a line from Calgary to Lethbridge, or through to the boundary, if the Galt extension south is not constructed, have until November to commence operations. If they fail to do so, a firm of wealthy contractors will take over the charter, and build the line next summer, via Macleod.—*Gazette*.

The M. & N. W. Ry. Co. came near losing about \$3,000 worth of coal at Portage la Prairie last week. A spark from a passing C.P. R. engine ignited a large quantity of ties and cordwood near the roundhouse, and but for the timely arrival of the fire engine considerable damage would have been done, the coal sheds being barely saved.

Dairy Note.

Kaye's creamery at Swift Current will have a capacity for the milk of 500 cows. The building is being made of concrete and the establishment will be in operation in October.

An English syndicate with \$5,000,000 capital is buying control of the sole leather tanneries of the United States, and has already invested \$10,000,000 in options on 23 of the leading tanneries in the eastern states.

Nearly a thousand tons of raw sugars are stored at the Woodside Refinery stores in Halifax, waiting for a settlement of the sugar market.

Progress in Manitoba.

Under the above heading the *Northwest Magazine*, published at St. Paul, Minnesota, has the following excellent article on Manitoba:—The province of Manitoba, our near neighbor on the north, is beginning to show marked progress in population and industrial development under the stimulus of new railway building. After the boom period, which culminated about 1883, matters were for a time at a standstill. The large element of speculators and adventurers, which had been attracted by the opportunities for rapid gain afforded by the building of the Canadian Pacific and its branches and by the growth of new towns and the heavy movement of farming immigration, drifted away to fresh fields. The towns severely felt the effects of this reflux tide and for several years general dullness reigned. The people who went to the great prairies drained by the Saskatchewan, the Assiniboine and the Red to make a living by productive industries remained and were well satisfied with the country and their surplus of agricultural staples increased year by year. Persistent efforts on the part of the Provincial Government kept up a small inflow of new settlers, mainly from the older Provinces of the Dominion, but to some extent from England, Scotland, Germany, Ireland, etc. About a year ago the towns began to show the effects of the growing prosperity of the farmers and at the same time the long-continued struggle of the people to release themselves from the monopoly of a single railway system was crowned with complete success. An arrangement was made with a number of capitalists largely interested in the Northern Pacific road, by which a sort of partnership was formed between them and the Government and a corporation created under the name of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba. This corporation took over at once the unfinished line of the Government from the boundary at Rembina to Winnipeg and speedily completed it and put it in operation. The same company is now well advanced in the work of building lines from Morris westward to Brandon and from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie. Its present negotiations with other companies promise soon to give it possession of lines running to the extreme northwestern part of Manitoba, which will be pushed on to the Rocky Mountains and ultimately to the Pacific Coast. In face of this formidable competition the Canadian Pacific Company which formerly owned every mile of railroad in the Province, has made concessions which are of material benefit to the producers and merchants along its lines.

All conditions are now favorable for another important forward movement in Manitoba. The new railway system opens extensive new regions to settlement. Freight rates have been considerably reduced on the old system. Immigration is steadily increasing in volume. New business activity is apparent in all the towns. There are in Winnipeg and at several other points successful beginnings in local manufacturing. Wheat is not a large crop this year but it is not a short crop. The grade of the grain will be unusually high and the price compensates for the moderate yield. The raising of cattle and sheep has been demon-

strated by years of experience to be profitable and there is a marked increase year by year in the number of livestock in the Province. Manitoba is the natural outlet for the overflow of the population of the old Canadian Provinces, where there is no more good land to occupy and where towns and country are already crowded. It is an exceedingly fertile country, resembling Dakota in its general features and differing from Dakota chiefly in having a good deal more timber and a little more rainfall. The winters are no longer than in Quebec or Montreal, and although the extreme range of the thermometer is a little lower, the cold is not as severely felt, by reason of the dryness of the atmosphere. The present population is probably about 175,000, with room for at least a million more before the Province will be nearly as thickly settled as Ontario. There is practically no waste land, for the belts of timber are more valuable to the settlers than the open prairies and there are no extensive marshes and no areas of sterile soil.

Grain Crops of the United States.

Of our six cereal products, namely corn, wheat, rye, oats, buckwheat and barley, says Mr. Dodge, of the United States Agricultural Department, we raise enough of each excepting the last for home consumption, but of the last we imported 10,831,461 bushels, although the import duty was 10 cents per bushel. This condition shows that the import duty on barley is insufficient and should be raised to insure our farmers the benefit of our home market now so largely supplied by foreigners.

Of this grain less is grown than is consumed. It has increased materially in breadth and product, and still the imports have increased in quite as large a proportion. It gives a better return in value per acre than any cereal. The rate of yield varies annually, but averages nearly twice as much as wheat. California is the greatest producer, her crop in 1887 having been 15,291,000 bushels, while the product of the whole country was but 56,812,000 bushels, showing that California's product was nearly thirty per cent. of the nation's total harvest of barley.

ROBINSON BROS. & Co., general storekeepers, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. J. C. Robinson will carry on the business; J. M. Robinson has gone into partnership with G. J. Jackson under the firm name of Jackson & Robinson, and will carry on an organ and sewing machine business.

MR. R. R. GRINDLEY, General Manager of the Bank of British North America, was among the visitors of Winnipeg last week, and is now on a tour to Brandon and other western points. He expresses freely his admiration for the prairie province, and will carry home with him strong impressions of the progress being made here.

THE firm of J. E. Saucier & Co., dealers in watches and jewelry, retire from business in Revelstoke, and are succeeded by J. Guy Barber. He has taken the building erected by L. H. Doll who instead of filling it with his own stock, as was the original intention, leaves the entire business in the hands of Barber.

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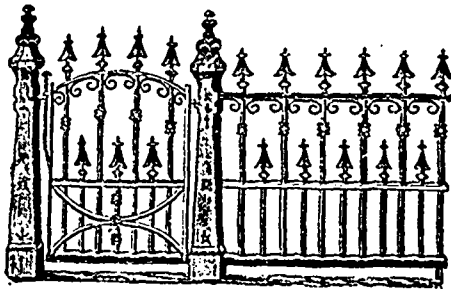
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Grain and Milling.

60¢. for No. 1 hard was the opening price for the season at Brandon.

The first elevator on the N. P. & M. line is in course of erection at Portage la Prairie.

The M. & N. W. Ry. expect to handle a million bushels of No. 1 hard this season from along their line.

The harvest on the farms of Sir John Lester Kaye is now over, and the yield will be at least 120,000 bushels.

The first wheat bought at Portage la Prairie this season was by the Portage Milling Co. and amounted to 3,000 bushels.

It is stated Portage la Prairie farmers are shipping their wheat over the N. P. & M. to Duluth, on the advice of an agent sent out by a company. There were fifty-three teams hauling grain to the N. P. cars one day.

There has been considerable talk among prominent members of the New York Produce Exchange regarding the advisability of sending experts to England to examine the grain received from Russia and India. They claim to be able to sell wheat as cheaply as any other dealers in the world, but say they are laboring under a great disadvantage because the precise quality of wheat received from Russia and India is not known. The samples received here are too small to make a useful estimate of its quality possible, and the object of appointing a committee is to send it where there will be a quantity of it open to inspection. The home crop last year amounted to 425,000,000 bushels, of which a large amount remains unsold. The wheat crops of France and England were a failure, but on the other hand those of Russia and India were good. The home supply this year is expected to reach 485,000,000 bushels, to which must be added last year's surplus, making a total of over 500,000,000 bushels. This year's crops in France and England are good, while those in Russia and India are poor.

—Trade Review.

Lumber Cuttings.

Logs are being towed out of Lake Superior to the Bay City, Mich., mills. One raft of 6,000,000 passed Sault Ste. Marie last week.

A Victoria, B.C., man is said to have discovered a process by which lumber can be rendered fire proof at a cost of \$1 per thousand.

The Crystal City mill is expected to be in operation by the middle of October. On account of the moulders strike and the cancellation of orders by Goldie & McCullough, of Galt, they were unable to get their engine completed and have purchased one now on exhibition in Toronto, which has received the highest commendation.

Hillman's saw mill situated on the Ottawa River four miles from the city was destroyed by fire on the 12th ult. Besides the loss of the mill 150,000,000 feet of lumber in the pile was consumed. The loss will be almost \$200,000. The mill was valued at \$22,000; insured for \$8,000. The lumber was owned by Rathburn & Co. of Desoronto and was valued at \$175,900.

The Standard Oil company is to make West Superior its distributing point for the North-

west and is putting in a large plant to enable it to do so. It is to build next season a saw mill to cut staves and barrel stock. It is proposed to manufacture the barrels, which will be used at Superior, although the saw mill will be located near the Soo, in a belt of hardwood timber.—Mississippi Lumberman.

It has been finally decided that the E. B. Eddy company will in future send no more men into the woods, throwing 500 men out of employment, but will close down the mills when the logs at present on hand are cut. Negotiations for the purchase of the mills and limits are in hand, but unless they are speedily concluded some 500 mill hands will be thrown out of work. The firm are concentrating all their energies on the new pulp mill.—Review.

Barnes & Co., of Ottawa, are suspending the manufacture of box shooks, owing to the action of the United States authorities in increasing the valuation of shooks. The firms contract with the Standard Oil company for the supply of an immense number of boxes, which were prepared there all ready for putting together and nailing, and so shipped will thus have to be carried on in future at their Rouse's Point factory. Ordinary duty was levied on their arrival, and a rebate allowed on the boxes being exported. The United States Government has decided that the mere nailing together of the boxes does not constitute manufacturing, within the meaning of the law, and that the rebate must cease.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The prospects for the farmers in Manitoba and the Northwest are much better than the gloomy reports prematurely circulated early in the season, by those who endeavored to make the worst impression of the wheat crop of Manitoba it was possible to conceive of, under the false insinuation that every favorable report emanating from Manitoba was a lie. Where now is that great Manitoba wheat crop exterminator, trotted out by an evening contemporary, who wanted to bet there would not be more than 5 to 6 bushels to the acre owing to drought and the devastation of his great gopher brigade? Is he living, or is he stone dead?"

Arrangements has been completed for the erection of a steam grist mill at St. Albert by Messrs. Geo. Hutton and D. Maloney to be completed by February 1st, 1890. The mill is to start with two run of stones, to be replaced by rollers when required. A bonus of \$1,500 is to be received from the Indian department, and a further bonus of \$2,000 from the St. Albert and Sturgeon river settlers. The mill will be located on the west side of the Sturgeon, a little north of the bridge, a grant of five acres of land for the purpose having been made by the St. Albert mission authorities. Mr. Maloney went east on Tuesday to purchase the necessary machinery, and work on the buildings will commence at once. Edmonton Bulletin.

The American Consul at Ottawa has brought to notice of the Customs Department the fact that a duty is imposed on railways ties, poles and round posts coming into Canada, while the statute defines, under section 725 of the Customs Act, that all logs and round unmanufactured timber shall be admitted free of duty, and which are admitted into the United States from

Canada on the free list. The Customs officials hold that whenever the logs have labor performed on them, as in the case of railroad ties, fence posts, and telegraph poles with the bark taken off, are subject to duty. The Consul now says that all these articles will be affected by the bill which will be pressed before the next congress in connection with the log exporting duty question. The third section reads that all articles on shipment into the United States, whether embraced on the free list of the United States or otherwise, shall pay no less a rate of duty than is or may be imposed by the laws of the country of export on like articles imported into the said country from the United States.—Canadian Lumberman.

Insurance Notes.

Over-insurance does not always lead to incendiarism. A farmer was about to burn the barn of a neighbor. When he heard that it was insured for more than its value, he changed his mind. His object was not to help, but to injure.

The Cincinnati Price Current says: "It does seem that there is no system of swindling, no matter how transparent, that will not catch dupes. A fellow has recently been going about this city getting insurance and collecting premiums before delivering policies. He gives receipts for the money in the name of some company that does not even know of his existence. It is strange, indeed, that such a fellow should meet with any success in a place like this city, where insurance agents and solicitors, able to identify themselves and show their authority to act for responsible companies, are as plenty as candidates for the public offices to be filled at our next election.

And this is not the only kind of swindling by so-called insurance agents. There is no business under the sun that gives so many sharpers and shysters an opportunity to fleece unsuspecting dupes. Unless the agent is known to be a responsible party by the party solicited we would say "be careful."

General Notes.

At Ottawa, in August, according to Custom House returns, the value of foreign exports was \$584,243, as compared with \$365,892 in August last year. The total imports were \$175,550 in value; less than half were dutiable goods.

A nickel mine is said to have been discovered upon land near Sudbury station, and the Copper Company, now operating in the neighborhood, has offered to sink a shaft to test the quality of the ore on condition that it has the option of purchase.

The following decisions were arrived at by the Board of Customs during June, July and August: Paper stucco, for decorated ceilings, 35 per cent; Paper flour sacks, illustrated and printed, 15 cents per lb. and 25 per cent ad valorem; Barrel head linings, 25 per cent; Sweet spirits of nitre, \$2 per gallon and 30 per cent; Hay rakes made of wood, 35 per cent; "Ridges Food," 30 per cent; Broken rice, 1 1/2 cents per lb; Silk circulars, lined with fur, 10 cents per lb and 25 per cent. Fur jackets, etc., lined with satin, 25 per cent; Felt slippers, 10 cents per lb and 25 per cent,

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12 15 p. m.	1.40 p. m.	Winnipeg	0	9:25 a. m.	4:15
11.57 a. m.	1.32 p. m.	Portage Junction	8	9:35 a. m.	4:21
11.30 a. m.	1.20 p. m.	St. Norbert	9	9:48 a. m.	4:34
11.00 a. m.	1.07 p. m.	Cartier	15	10:00 a. m.	6:18
10.17 a. m.	12.47 p. m.	St. Agathe	23	10:17 a. m.	6. 61
9.31 a. m.	12.30 p. m.	Silver Plains	32	10:37 a. m.	6:27
9.00 a. m.	12.10 p. m.	Morris	40	10:56 a. m.	6:39
8.24 a. m.	11.55 a. m.	St. Jean	47	11:09 a. m.	7:27
7.55 a. m.	11.33 a. m.	Lettalle	66	11:33 a. m.	8.00
7.15 a. m.	11.05 a. m.	West Lynno	85	12:01 p. m.	8.35
7.00 a. m.	10.50 a. m.	Pembina	98	12:15 p. m.	8.50
	2.25 a. m.	Winnipeg Junction		8:50 p. m.	
	4.40 p. m.	Minneapolis		6:35 a. m.	
	4.00 p. m.	Lv. St. Paul		7:05 a. m.	
	6.40 p. m.	Helena		4:00 p. m.	
	3.40 p. m.	Garrison		6:35 p. m.	
	1.05 a. m.	Spokane		9:55 a. m.	
	8.00 a. m.	Portland		7:00 a. m.	
	4.20 a. m.	Tacoma		6:43 a. m.	

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9.35 a. m.	4.15 p. m.
9.00 a. m.	4.51 p. m.
8.56 a. m.	5.16 p. m.
8.10 a. m.	5.43 p. m.
7.51 a. m.	6.03 p. m.
7.36 a. m.	6.19 p. m.
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14 00 Do	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
15 55	Woodpecker	23 35
16 50	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 Do	Cherry Coulee	20 55
18 50	Winnifred	Do 20 00
20 00	Seven Persons	Ar 19 55
20 55	Dunmore	18 45
22 10 Ar	Dunmore	Do 17 30

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† 17 45	35	Gladstone	† 12 05
18 45	61	Nepawa	10 33
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 55
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	116	Shoal Lake	8 00
† 22 30	133	Hirtle	† 7 00
23 30	155	*Bismarck	5 55
24 10	166	*Russell	5 15
24 40	180	*Langenburg	7 15
1 45	206	*Saltcoats	3 40

†Meals.

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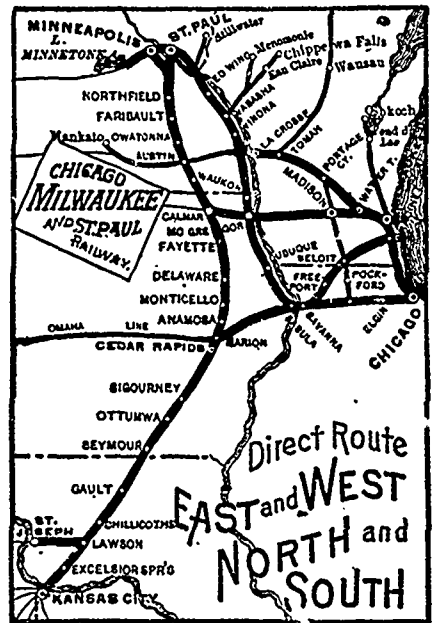
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