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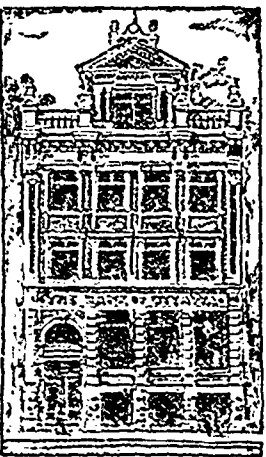
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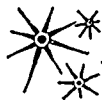
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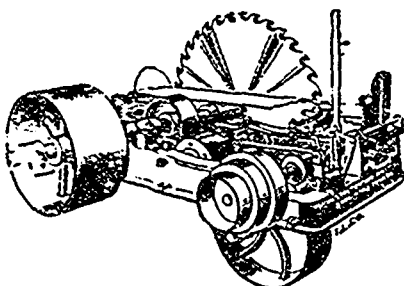
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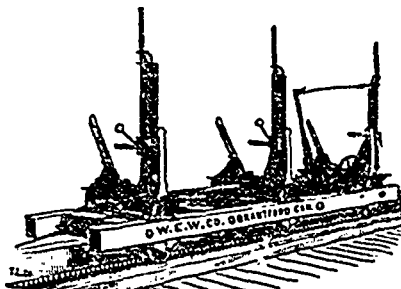
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WINNIPEG, MAY 13, 1899.

## REGULATING THE GRAIN TRADE.

A special meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade was held on Saturday afternoon last, to consider the Douglas bill, introduced at Ottawa with the object of regulating the grain trade of Manitoba and the Territories. The result of the meeting, as will be seen by the report in another column, was the passing of a resolution objecting to the bill in its entirety. That a business organization like the Winnipeg board of trade should condemn the Douglas bill is not to be wondered at. The bill certainly contains some very absurd and very unreasonable proposals. At the same time, the upholding by the board of the elevator restrictions is perhaps a stronger pronouncement against the bill than might have been expected from the board. There can hardly be two opinions as to the value to the country of our unexcelled elevator system, without which the farmer would certainly not be able to realize upon his crop to as good advantage as he now can do. Furthermore, this excellent elevator system is undoubtedly due, to a considerable extent at least, to the elevator restrictions. Viewed from another standpoint, however, these elevator restrictions are irksome, and they certainly interfere with the reasonable liberty of the people. While the prac-

tical working out of the restrictions has been to the general advantage of the country, there is also, it must be admitted, an interference with ordinary commercial conditions, which is not easily reconciled with our ideas of commercial liberty. The general gain to the country, however, may compensate, in the opinion of many, for the overriding of principle.

The elevator restrictions, it must be understood, have been imposed by the railways. In the opinion of The Commercial, it has been a question whether or not the railway companies could not be compelled to accept grain for transportation, shipped through a flat warehouse, without the passing of a special act to secure this end. Should not the general law regarding common carriers, provide for such cases as this?

Now that the elevators have been built under the restrictive conditions, the further question of vested rights is introduced. Over \$2,000,000, it is said, have been invested in modern, standard elevators, under the understanding that cheap elevators and warehouses would not be allowed. It does seem somewhat hard to those who have made this investment, that the restrictions to which they were obliged to yield, should now be abolished and the field thrown open for the erection of a smaller and cheaper class of competing buildings.

The most absurd feature of the Douglas bill is that relating to the appointment of a government official, whose business it would be to watch the grain men as though they were a lot of criminals. It would be about as reasonable to ask for an official to keep a check on the grocers of Manitoba, and to regulate their profits, etc. The farmers are not obliged to sell their grain to any one individual or company. There is ample competition everywhere in the grain trade. If any producer thinks that the proposed dockage for dirt is excessive, he can go to another dealer, or he can have his grain cleaned at the elevator before selling it. He can even load it into a car and ship it. Dealers cannot be expected to pay for seeds of weeds, of which there is such a large percentage in much of the grain offered by the farmers. There are no doubt instances where an unreasonable dockage has been made for dirt, as well as cases where the dockage has not been sufficient to cover the shrinkage on account of dirt in the grain. This, however, will not justify the treatment of the grain dealers generally as a lot of criminals. Such legislation as this proposed by the Douglas bill might go in Russia, but it is a scandalous thing to propose in a British community.

It has hardly been claimed that the elevator charges are excessive. In fact

it is generally admitted that they are moderate. This being the case, it is not necessary to regulate the elevator charges by law. With the ample competition which exists in the grain trade, the elevator charges, as well as the question of dockage, may well be left to be governed by the usual commercial conditions.

## WASTE OF LABOR.

The Commercial has several times called attention to the tremendous waste of labor in connection with the scavenging work of the city of Winnipeg. The refuse is carted out of the city some distance and dumped on the prairie. For a city approaching the 50,000 mark in population this seems a very primitive way of disposing of garbage. This garbage is hauled on vehicles over an unimproved road, and every person who is familiar with this part of the country knows that the roads around Winnipeg are practically impassable in wet weather. The waste of labor in hauling this garbage out of the city, particularly when the roads are bad, is beyond the comprehension of any one who has not had some means of observing the situation.

But while this great waste of labor will appeal readily to the business man, this is perhaps not the worst feature of the situation. In prolonged seasons of wet weather the roads become simply impassable, and all attempts to remove the garbage have to be abandoned, thus allowing the city to get into a filthy condition. When this occurs in warm weather there is great danger of disease resulting from the inability of the officials to remove garbage. It is not creditable to the city that this matter has not been satisfactorily dealt with before this.

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# WINNIPEG BOARD OF TRADE

## CONDEMNS THE DOUGLAS BILL

A meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, called at the request of the general grain committee of the board, was held on Saturday afternoon, to consider the provisions of the 'act to regulate the trade in grain in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,' introduced to the house of commons by Dr Douglas, M. P., and now before a special committee of the house at Ottawa.

Mr E. L. Drewry, president of the board, in the chair, briefly stated the object of the meeting, and printed copies of the bill were distributed among those in attendance.

Mr S. A. McGaw denounced the bill as the most absurd proposition ever made in parliament. The elevators west of Fort William had, he said, a capacity for fifteen million bushels of wheat, and they had been erected at a cost of \$2,500,000. To allow every wild-cat speculator who desired to do so to come in and erect a \$300 flat warehouse, would, he maintained, leave the farmers without accommodation during the greater part of the year. If the elevators should be closed on the 1st of September all the rolling stock of all the railways in Canada would be unequal to carrying out the crop; and within a fortnight parliament would be deluged with petitions. He characterized as absurd the statement of Dr Douglas that only ten per cent of the wheat tributary to Moosomin had been marketed there. Last year 200,000 bushels had been marketed at that point, and it was absurd to say that the amount tributary to Moosomin was 2,000,000 bushels.

Mr McGaw concluded his speech by making the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. A. M. Nanton:

Whereas the attention of the Winnipeg Board of Trade has been called to a certain bill concerning the grain trade of the country, introduced by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, M. P.,

And whereas this board has fully considered said bill, and has come to the following conclusions, viz.:

1. That it would be impossible to handle the grain of this country in our short market in season before the close of navigation without a system of elevators.

2. That the policy adopted by the railroads of this country has resulted in providing the finest system of elevators in the world, with a total capacity of fifteen million bushels, erected at a cost of \$2,500,000, and contributed largely to the support of the schools and municipal institutions in the localities where erected by way of taxes, and which insure convenience and safety to the producers.

3. That the producers are not bound in any way to sell to the elevator

owners. Their interests are protected by their being able to ship direct on cars without the intervention of any elevator or warehouse.

4. That should the bill now before parliament become law, the proposed restrictions, along with grain chutes and flat warehouses, might render the elevators unprofitable and lead to their being closed down, so restricting the movement of grain that only a small proportion of a year's crop could be handled before the close of navigation at Fort William. The loss that would necessarily follow to the various business interests of the country by any such enforced holding of grain in the farmer's hands would be a most serious matter, not only to the business men, but to the farmers as well.

Therefore, be it resolved that this board is of the opinion that the legislation proposed by the Douglas bill is based on a misapprehension of the true needs of the country, and that any enactment on such lines would be ill-advised, as it would seriously interfere with our most important industry.

Mr. Nanton expressed his entire concurrence in Mr. McGaw's opinion. He agreed that it was absurd to allow every Tom, Dick and Harry to erect warehouses and grain chutes which might destroy the investments of the elevator men. He considered that the farmers had protection in that they could ship on cars if they were unwilling to use the elevators. He regarded the appointment of an inspector as one of the most objectionable features of the bill. The bill assumed that the grain men were all sharks; but he found that they had treated the farmers fairly. He objected to the use of flat warehouses, that from these hundreds of tons of dirt would be shipped to Fort William. This, he considered, would be a public calamity. He pointed out the advantage farmers derived from elevators, in that a ticket from a respectable elevator company was as good as a bill of the Bank of Montreal. As these certificates were always negotiable they enabled farmers to hold their crops over if they so desired.

Mr. D. E. Sprague was in thorough sympathy with the motion; he hoped that its adoption would prevent the passage of the ill-advised legislation at Ottawa.

Mr. James Porter said he understood that some of the grain men were in favor of Dr. Douglas' bill, and that the legislature of the Northwest Territories was in full accord with it. He felt that the board was not in a position to reach a decision on this matter after so brief a discussion. He wished that Mr. McGaw had gone into the subject more fully. When there were so many complaints it was generally found that there was some reason for them. He had confidence in the wisdom of the house of commons to deal with the matter, and he held that the whole board were not sufficiently acquainted with the subject to deal with it satisfactorily. He was in favor of the matter being referred to the grain section of the board.

The motion was carried, only Mr. Porter dissenting, and on motion of Mr. F. W. Thompson it was ordered that a copy of the resolution be sent to Hon. Mr. Sifton and a copy to Mr. Bam, the chairman of the special committee to which the bill has been committed.

The resolution passed by the meeting addressed by Mr. McFee, of Montreal, as published at the time in the Free Press was then taken up. The clause relating to the carrying of Canadian grain by American vessels was the one chiefly discussed, several of the speakers expressing the feeling that they had not sufficient information concerning the matter to warrant giving a vote at present. The clause was as follows:

"Be it further resolved that pending the increase of Canadian vessels sufficient for the requirements of the grain trade at Fort William, that U. S. vessels be allowed to load at Fort William for Canadian eastern ports for export."

Mr. Strang moved that the motion pass with the exception of this clause. He did not think that privileges should be accorded the Americans until they were prepared to give something in return.

Mr. Bawll understood that the proposed arrangement was to be cancelled as soon as there were Canadian vessels enough to carry the grain.

Mr. Muir said that for years the bulk of the trade had been in the hands of American vessels, which had to be unloaded at Buffalo, or some other American port. If this clause were adopted the trade would go by Montreal.

Mr. MacKenzie seconded Mr. Strang's motion.

Mr. Porter contended that the same privileges should be accorded to Canadian vessels, if this concession were made to the Americans. He would support relaxing almost anything towards the United States if they would do the same with us.

Mr. Bole thought the passing of the resolution might embarrass the proceedings of the commission at Washington.

Mr. F. W. Thompson did not believe that the Montreal board of trade had yet passed on the measure and he thought it would be premature for the Winnipeg board to do so under the circumstances.

Mr. Strang expressed his willingness to withdraw his motion in favor of a postponement.

Mr. Drewry called attention to the point that there was danger of important harbor facilities in Montreal passing into the hands of a Buffalo syndicate. The grain exchange, he said, had adopted the resolution in full. He thought that if the matter were dealt with it should be at once.

Mr. Bole moved the postponement of the question for two weeks and suggested that the grain section of the board place their views in print in the hands of the members.

Mr. Nanton seconded this motion, and it was carried in the following form:

"That the discussion be delayed for two weeks, or to a meeting to be called by the president; and that the general grain committee of this board be requested to consider the matter and publish their views, so that members of the board may have an opportunity of learning the facts before being asked to vote on the motion."

The meeting then adjourned.

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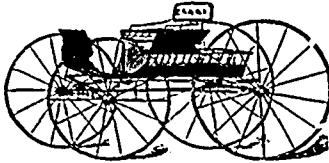
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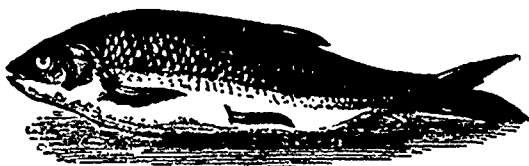
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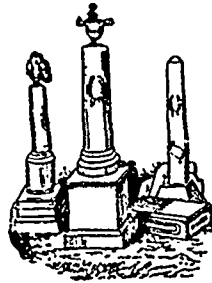
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### The Douglas Grain Bill.

Following is the text of the grain trade bill introduced in the house of commons by Mr. J. M. Douglas, member for Assiniboia East, on April 20th.

#### BILL.

An Act to regulate the Trade in Grain in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Every railway company now or hereafter engaged in the transportation in the Province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories shall, at every station on its lines of railway from which grain is now shipped, or other points on the said lines from which in future it may be shipped, either provide at its own expense adequate facilities to receive and ship such grain at such station, or grant to any person who demands it in writing the privilege to erect, maintain and use, on some portion of the company's land adjoining the railway main track, siding or spur at such station, an elevator, flat warehouse or grain chute for the purpose of storing and shipping grain by the said railway; but the said elevator, flat warehouse or grain chute shall not be used for any other purpose.

2. Where a flat warehouse now exist or an elevator of less capacity, than a standard elevator (viz.: twenty-five thousand bushels), such flat warehouse or elevator may be used for shipping grain under the terms of this act, and no discrimination shall be made against it in favor of standard elevators.

3. The period and the terms of the holding of such privilege so granted by the railway company shall be arranged between the parties; and such period and terms shall be substantially the same as those under which the standard elevators are held and operated.

4. Where such elevator, flat warehouse or grain chute is from necessity constructed on land not the property of the railway company, the company shall, in lieu of granting the privilege aforesaid, build and maintain a side track or spur to such elevator, flat warehouse or grain chute, not less than one hundred yards and not more than three hundred yards in length; if such track or spur requires to be of greater length, then the additional length shall be built and maintained by the person applying for the said privilege or the owner of such elevator, flat warehouse or grain chute so situated; and in either case any person keeping and operating such elevator, flat warehouse or grain chute shall not be compelled to pay for the privilege of doing business in it any sum or compensation to any person: Provided always that in the event of the cars not being loaded within a reasonable time customary demurrage charges may be exacted from the shippers by the company.

5. The railway company shall permit the producer to ship grain directly from his vehicle into the car, either through a grain chute over the company's platform, or over a portable platform erected by him at his own expense. When grain is shipped directly from vehicles, no charge shall be made by any elevator owner or other person for such privilege, except when the grain chute is the possession of a private party, and such charge shall not exceed one-half of one cent per bushel.

6. Grain chutes shall not hold less

than seven hundred bushels and not more than one thousand four hundred bushels, they shall protect the grain from the weather; and they shall be constructed high enough to run the grain into the car without the aid of machinery.

7. The company shall on reasonable demand, supply cars for the purpose of carrying the grain received and stored in such elevators, flat warehouses and grain chutes, and grain to be shipped directly from the producers' vehicles; and when the company is unable, from any reasonable cause, to furnish cars according to the demand, such cars as are furnished shall be divided equally among the applicants until each has received one car, and after that the available cars shall be distributed in proportion to the amount of business transacted by such applicants.

8. The tolls or rates to be charged by the railway company or by any person who owns an elevator or flat warehouse on the station grounds of the company, or on the ground to which the company has built a side track or spur, as provided for herein, shall not exceed the following sums for the services mentioned, viz.:

(a.) For receiving, storing and shipping grain, one cent per bushel;

(b.) For cleaning it, in addition, if required by the shipper, half-cent per bushel;

(c.) For storing twenty days, if stored at the request of the shippers, one-half cent per bushel; and so for each additional thirty days thereafter.

9. With a view to an intelligent oversight and just control of the grain trade in the public interest, and to check some of the irregularities that exist in the matter of weight and dockages made by dealers in the said trade, a competent inspector, directly responsible to the government, shall be appointed.

(2.) He shall be called the general inspector of the grain trade of the province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

(3.) He may investigate all irregularities in weights and dockages, and call for and examine the grain accounts of each elevator company and individual grain dealer in the said province and territories; and may institute a comparison as to the amount paid for grain, the number of bushels bought and received under each particular standard grade, and the number of bushels under each such grade shipped out to Fort William, Port Arthur, and other ports to which the grain may be sent, or sold to other parties within the said province and territories.

(4.) If in any case, after deducting one bushel as demurrage for every carload of seven hundred bushels exported or sold within the said province and territories, any considerable surplus is at any time discovered in the possession of the company or dealer at the point of purchase or elsewhere exceeding five hundred bushels, such surplus shall be seized and sold, and the amount thus recovered shall be paid to the Minister of Inland Revenue as funds to pay the salary of the general inspector. The company or dealer with whom this surplus of grain is discovered shall be held guilty of an indictable offence and liable to the penalties of The Criminal Code, 1892, for theft, and dealt with accordingly.

(5.) The general inspector shall overlook the work of the other inspectors of grain at present employed by the Government, and prepare an annual

detailed report of the whole grain traffic giving the number of bushels received into, and graded out from, terminal elevators under each particular grain standard. This report shall be a sworn statement. The general inspector shall be sworn not to divulge the business of any company or individual grain dealer to any other company or dealer; and a full report of his work shall be annually published and submitted to the Government through the Minister of Inland Revenue.

10. The provisions of this act shall apply to every elevator or warehouse now situated on the station grounds or property of the railway companies mentioned in the first section hereof, or operated in connection with the lines of such companies, and to which this act applies.

11. Every railway company, elevator company, flat warehouse owner, and individual grain dealer operating in the province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, failing or refusing to comply with the provisions of this act shall, on summary conviction, be subject to a penalty of not less than three hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.

12. All prosecutions under this act shall be in the name of Her Majesty, under the direction of the attorney-general of Canada.

13. Nothing herein contained shall interfere with the duties and obligations of the railway companies as common carriers at common law, or under the provisions of the Railway act.

### Criticizing the Douglas Grain Bill.

Sir,—I would ask you to be kind enough to grant me space in your valuable paper for some remarks in reference to the Douglas grain bill, suggested by your leading article on the subject in this morning's edition.

In that article you quote Mr. Douglas' speech when introducing the bill, and as your article is founded on the statements made in this speech, I will quote direct from Hansard, a copy of which is before me as I write. Mr. Douglas said.

"I may explain to the house the conditions of things in the Northwest that has given rise to the necessity for the introduction of this bill. Some few years ago, an arrangement was entered into by the Canadian Pacific Railway company and the gentlemen who control what is known as the elevator system, handling grain in the Northwest Territories; and they have come to such an agreement that these gentlemen investing their capital for the purpose of constructing elevators holding not less than 25,000 bushels of grain, should enjoy the protection of the company, and that no one else should be allowed to do business at points where such elevators were constructed."

This statement is entirely incorrect. Regulations re elevator building were made by the C. P. R. not less than thirteen years ago, and were made without consultation with any grain dealers or elevator owners. There could not have been any agreement come to between the C. P. R. and the gentlemen who form what is known as the elevator system, as this system has grown up since that date. It is entirely misleading to say that no one else is allowed to do business at points where such elevators were constructed. It is open to any one to build an elevator at any point on the C. P. R., and many buyers are accommodated in the elevators belonging to others. In some cases as many as five or six buyers are buying through the one elevator. One of the rea-



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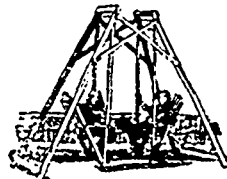
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corn given by the C. P. R. in insisting upon 25,000 bushels capacity for a standard elevator, was that the elevator owners should be in a position (having this amount of capacity) to provide space for other buyers, so that, even where there was only one elevator at a point, there would still be competition. Another point insisted upon was that efficient cleaning machinery should be provided in every elevator, the contention of the railroad company being that the grain should go out of the country in as clean a state as possible, and reflect credit, and not discredit on Manitoba and the Territories. The saving of freight on dirt, by having the wheat cleaned in the elevators is very considerable, running from about 1-2 a cent per bushel to over 2 cents in cases where the wheat is very dirty. In shipping through flat warehouses or direct on cars there are no facilities for cleaning the wheat, and the consequent loss to the farmer in freight on dirt, is in many cases equivalent to the total elevator charges, as it is well known that very few farmers clean their wheat before bringing it to market.

Dr. Douglas goes on to say:

"Two years ago the owners of flat warehouses and men who had smaller buildings were notified that they could not do business longer through that medium, and that they must ship their grain through the standard elevator system."

This, again, is entirely misleading. For the last thirteen years, at any rate, anyone putting up a flat warehouse at any point on the C. P. R. was perfectly aware of the conditions under which said flat warehouse was erected, viz: that such building could be used so long as no one erected an elevator of standard size at that point. Any owner of a flat warehouse had the option at any time that the market at that point would warrant it, of putting up a standard elevator, or of changing his flat warehouse in such a way as to make it of standard capacity and requirements. When any person built an elevator at such point, the owner of flat warehouses (if any) were notified that they must either erect an elevator in place of their flat warehouse, or remove said building. The impression conveyed by Dr. Douglas is, that it is only small dealers who own flat warehouses. This is not the case. Nearly all the elevator companies are also owners of flat warehouses, erected at small points where the supply of wheat will not warrant the erection of a standard elevator. When the bulk of wheat becomes larger, elevators take the place of flat warehouses, said flat warehouses generally being utilized in some way in connection with the new building. The railway regulations in this matter do not apply to any particular set of men, but are applicable to all alike. Dr. Douglas goes on further to say:

"We can very easily show that the men doing business in these smaller buildings had given great satisfaction to the public generally, and when this matter was before the house last session, the honorable gentlemen will remember that we showed upon sworn testimony that the men engaged in this line of business were able to pay prices ranging from 3 to 15 cents per bushel more than had been paid by the men interested in the larger elevators."

It is quite true that there have been cases of this sort, but "one swallow does not make a summer." Dr. Douglas can, no doubt, give an instance that occurred in his own constitu-

ency, of a small dealer who paid at a certain point ten cents per bushel more than the elevator companies could sell the wheat for. At the end of the season said small dealer owed the farmers between four and five thousand dollars, and I understand that he complacently continues to owe it. We know of tickets issued for wheat purchases in Southern Manitoba which have been out for four or five years, and which are not worth one cent on the dollar. It is very easy to offer large prices for wheat if you do not intend to redeem your wheat tickets.

Dr. Douglas takes great credit to himself for having arranged with the C. P. R. that farmers should be allowed to load direct on cars. It might perhaps surprise the doctor to learn that it was the elevator companies who brought about this change by asking the C. P. R. to grant this privilege.

Dr. Douglas claimed that the farmers wanted a safety valve, and the elevator owners were only too glad that they should have one. The result has quite justified the anticipations of the elevator owners, their only regret being that the farmers did not more freely take advantage of this privilege. It would have been a big saving in grades and weights to the elevator owners. Dr. Douglas further claims as follows.

"Then there are objections to the use of the elevator system exclusively. One of these is that grain for use for seeding purposes in the other provinces, cannot be shipped through the elevator system. There are not a sufficient number of compartments to keep such grain separate and unaltered, so that it is impossible to-day to tranship such grain through these elevators to Ontario, Quebec and the provinces by the sea."

This again is entirely incorrect. The standard elevator contains generally 12 or 14 bins (the larger buildings containing many more, running all the way up to 46 bins), and has proved itself in practice fully equal to handling all the grades marketed at any one point and of keeping separate any shipments for seeding purposes that have been required. In the whole experience of the elevator companies, we do not know of one complaint on this score. We have ourselves shipped considerable quantities of seed wheat this season, quite in the ordinary way of business, and had no difficulty whatever in the matter. Dr. Douglas makes the following astounding statement:

"It is perfectly safe for me to say that the town of Moosomin, which is the centre of a large grain growing country, did not this season receive 10 per cent. of the amount of grain that was grown in the district."

The returns for Moosomin show that over 200,000 bushels of wheat were marketed there last year. According to Dr. Douglas the wheat tributary to Moosomin must have been over 2,000,000 bushels, which, of course, is perfectly absurd. This is only one instance out of many of the rashness with which statements are made in this matter. By far the largest market in the Territories is Indian Head, and even that market has never produced one million bushels, let alone two. The only case which Dr. Douglas urges, to try and prove that the elevator people are taking excessive profits out of the farmers is the case of Mr. Plinn, of Moosomin. Mr. Plinn had 2,000 bushels of one hard wheat at Fort William. On November 23rd he sold it for 71-2 cents at Fort William, netting him 57-1-2 cents at Moosomin, "on the same day the wheat at Moosomin was worth

only 50 cents, according to buyers on the market. This case has been perfectly established and verified, and here were 71-2 cents gain on every bushel."

I have no doubt that this is perfectly correct and the explanation is so simple that if Dr. Douglas had known anything about the wheat business it would have occurred to him at once. Wheat bought at Moosomin on the 23rd November, '98, could not be got out before the close of navigation. It therefore had to be bought on an all rail basis. The difference between all rail and lake rates at that time was 9 cents per bushel, so that 50 cents at Moosomin on that date was 11-2 cents per bushel more than the wheat was worth, according to Mr. Plinn's sale at 71-2 cents at Fort William.

At that very time we were buying wheat at Fort William at 71-2c because we could get it out by lake. Immediately navigation closed, the Fort William price dropped to 62-1-2c.

Probably the most amusing feature of Dr. Douglas' speech was that referring to grain chutes. He says, "This grain chute is supposed to contain from 700 to 1,400 bushels, not less and not more, and it is so constructed that by the force of gravity of the machinery, the farmer can run his grain directly into the car and so escape the expense of three cents per bushel for shipment charged by the elevator company."

This is about the greatest farrago of nonsense we have ever had the fortune to come across. In the first place nobody in the grain business has ever heard of such a thing as a grain chute. Dr. Douglas has asserted that they were in use in the States. Inquiries were instituted, and it was discovered that there was one place in the States where there was a grain chute. This was at a particular point where the line ran through a cutting, and there was a long gradual ascent to the bank above the cutting. On the top of this bank a little warehouse was built. The farmer could haul his load up the bank and from that position could shoot his grain into the car. How it is possible in our flat prairie country to have grain chutes at all is a mystery. Just as mysterious as that "force of gravity of the machinery!" We were not hitherto aware that machinery had any force of gravity, but there is something fascinating in the idea of grain helping itself to get into a car. In this statement Dr. Douglas asserts that three cents per bushel for shipment are charged by the elevator companies.

Is it possible that any one who has studied this matter for two years is unaware of the fact that elevator charges for receiving, cleaning and loading grain (including ten days storage) is 11-2 cents per bushel; or including insurance, 13-4 cents per bushel? This is the standard charge without exception throughout the country. I do not for a moment think that Dr. Douglas would make any assertion that he knew to be untrue, and so am compelled to take the only other alternative, and conclude that it is pure ignorance; but fancy a man posing before the house of commons as an authority on the grain trade and not being aware of such an elementary fact as this. It is like a man posing as an authority on literature without knowing his alphabet.

It is time that these baseless assertions and scurrilous charges against the elevator owners should cease. Last year when the matter was up before

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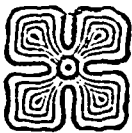
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the local house the elevator owners asked for a commission, but it was refused. We also asked through the press that definite charges should be laid so that we might have the chance of meeting them, but nobody would "face the music." We are suggesting to the government at the present time that they should appoint a commissioner to receive complaints and inquire into them. All that the elevator owners want is "a fair field and no favor." All the charges laid against the trade so far have been either of such a general character that we could not take them up, or have been made under the protection of "privilege" in the house of commons and the Northwest Assembly. Thanking you in anticipation for your courtesy in inserting this letter.

JOHN LOVE.

Winnipeg, May 8.

**The Commercial Men.**

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J. H. Bastedo, western representative of Gillespie, Ansley & Dixon, is now on the road with his fall samples in hats, caps, furs, etc.

R. S. Norton, a well known western commercial man, will leave Winnipeg in a few weeks, having accepted a position with Rice, Dixon & Co., a wholesale firm of St. Louis.

E. H. Taaffe left for the main line west this week with Tooke Bros.' samples. Before going out Mr. Taaffe located new sample rooms in the McIntyre block.

Thos. Montgomery, traveller for Stobart, Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, one of the oldest and best known men on the road in this country, met with a runaway accident on May 9th at Wawanesa, whereby his leg was broken.

J. McA Cameron, representing the Torontic Discuit Co., has arrived from the east and will open an agency in Winnipeg for his company. Pending the securing of suitable quarters, he has located temporarily in the Sanford block. Mr. Cameron is not a stranger to the west, having made trips here for T. A. Lytle & Co.

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**Statistical Wheat Reports.**

**WHEAT IN CANADA.**

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	101,000
Toronto	43,000
Kingston	25,000
Winnipeg	458,000
Manitoba elevators	5,525,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,902,000

Total April 29 ..... 10,052,000  
Total a year ago ..... 3,251,000

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States, as reported by Bradstreet's on April 29, were 47,258,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 31,039,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1, were 4,455,000 bushels, compared with 3,051,000 bushels a year ago.

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 6, was 27,466,000 bushels, being a decrease of 678,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 22,528,000 bushels two years ago 31,862,000 bushels, three years ago 54,000,000 bushels, and four years ago 59,623,000 bushels.

**WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.**

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,931,000
Duluth	9,885,000
Minneapolis	8,229,000
New York	354,000
Buffalo and afloat	5,000

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,891,000 bushels, compared with 9,534,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 22,045,000 bushels, compared with 24,913,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

**WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.**

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on May 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows:—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1899	115,413,600
1898	100,890,000
1897	107,198,000
1896	146,682,000
1895	172,099,000

**CROP MOVEMENT.**

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	75,747,086	66,508,640
Millwaukee	11,493,906	8,132,937
Duluth	64,793,270	36,741,203
Chicago	30,831,121	32,299,042

Total ..... 182,865,383 143,681,822

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	12,241,726	10,882,979
St. Louis	13,360,654	11,355,394
Detroit	4,701,810	4,567,987
Kansas City	24,597,443	27,650,366

Total ..... 54,701,633 54,457,126

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## MINING NOTES

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Fifty thousand shares of Camp McKinney Mines company have been sold by J. Graham Ure to Chas. Needham of Vancouver.

At the annual general meeting of the B. C. Mining and Prospector's Exchange, Ltd., Vancouver, held on May 4, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. E. Skillman; vice president, Mr. C. Cattell; directors, Messrs. Atkinson, Bouchler, Hariman, Horton, Kitchen, Roblison and Wye.

The annual report of the British Columbia minister of mines is in circulation and in view of the very large development in that industry is a most interesting volume. The report gives a most complete resume of the mining progress of that province up to December last.

The ore shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending May 6, and for the year to-day, are as follows: Le Roi, 1,795 tons for the week; 25,530 for the year; War Eagle, 1,697 tons for the week; 10,437 tons for the year; Iron Mask, 18 tons for the week; 760 tons for the year; Evening Star, 36 tons for the year; Deer Park, 18 tons for the year; total tons, 3,510 tons for the week, 36,781 tons for the year. The ore shipments are still below the average.

### MINING IN CANADA.

Ottawa, April 27.—The annual report of the geological survey department for 1899 has just been issued. The aggregate value of the production of minerals in Canada during the year 1897 is \$28,661,430, being an increase of about 27 per cent over that of the previous year. This was largely accounted for by the great development of gold mining, particularly in the Yukon district, the value of the gold produced being more than double that for 1896. Several other mineral products, however, likewise show a very significant growth. The returns for 1898 are at this time not complete, but they are sufficiently known to indicate that the further increase of twenty-five to thirty per cent in value will appear in this as compared with 1897.

But there are other new gold fields in Canada, outside the Yukon, which promise satisfactory results in the near future. On the North Saskatchewan river alone over a quarter of a million dollars has been taken out by dredging. In 1893 about \$9,000 was got out from the bed of the river, and last year there was about \$75,000 returns, the exact business for 1897 being \$50,000. The dredging business for gold is in its infancy yet, but two or three large English companies have been organized to prosecute the work, and during the coming season, the output is expected to be considerable.

Gold in fine scales and particles, says Dr. Dawson, the director of the geological survey, generally so minute as to require the employment of mercury in collecting it, is now known to occur on almost all the rivers running eastward, from the Rocky mountains to the north of the international boundary, wherever these have been

prospected. To the south of the Peace river, this gold, in any workable quantity, seems invariably to characterize a portion of the length of each of the rivers, giving out to the westward before the base of the Rocky mountains is reached, and to the eastward along a less well defined line, but one probably due, in this case, to the local substitution of sand and clay banks and bed for the gravel bars of the upper and more rapid parts of the streams. The Peace river and the Laird, rising to the west of the Rocky mountains proper, among rocks known to be auriferous, contain more or less gold, throughout their lengths or to points in their lower course where the changed conditions of flow render the collection of any minutely divided gold which they may still carry practically impossible. In other words, in these two rivers, and possibly also in some still further to the north, a considerable part at least, of the contained gold comes directly from their upper tributaries; while in the case of the Athabasca, the North Saskatchewan, and other rivers further to the south, the evidence at first sight appears to be entirely against the possible derivation of gold from the mountains to the westward.

### THE DERIVATION.

The result of recent observations appears, therefore, to indicate that the gold found in the Saskatchewan and other rivers of the Northwest, has come in part from several sources, but has been derived chiefly from the crystalline rocks of the Laurentian axis or plateau to the eastward or northeastward, from which it has been transported with the fragments of these rocks that now form so conspicuous a part of the "drift" of the Great Plains. The recognition, in late years, of the Huronian as a distinctly gold bearing formation, in itself, goes far to establish the correctness of the hypothesis originally advanced on this subject, as rocks of this formation occupy considerable areas of the Laurentian plateau.

The gold, in workable quantities, characterizes parts of the rivers crossing a belt of country that extends from the vicinity of the base of the mountains, for a variable distance eastward. This distribution has led to a popular belief that some ancient system of streams has carried the gold from northwest to southeast, or in the opposite direction, parallel to the base of the mountains, forming a wide belt of auriferous alluvium in the direction of its flow. The existence of such a belt is, in all probability, due to other circumstances, and that the gradual cessation of payable bars along the rivers to the westward, results chiefly from the diminished slope of the country and the consequently reduced erosive and sorting power of the existing rivers.

### THE NORTH SASKATCHEWAN

has hitherto been by far the most important stream upon which gold mining operations have been carried on and is the only one which has offered a continuous and somewhat considerable output of gold. The length of the river upon which work has been found to pay, under favorable conditions, is about 120 miles. Edmonton, being situated almost in the centre of this length of the river. Up to the present time gold washing has been prosecuted almost entirely by hand, or with the aid of very rude mechanical appliances for lifting small quantities of gravel from the submerged bars and bed of the river. The prosecution

of this work has been desultory, being practically limited to the low-water stages of the river, and even then conducted by a number of men, who generally wish to devote only a part of their time to such work, influenced largely by the inducements offered by employment in other directions. It must be added, however, that experience here, as elsewhere, in regard to river-bar mining, shows that the best returns are obtained from the first working of such bars.

In New Zealand spoon dredges were first used, and sand pumps or suction pumps were then tried, but as in the western part of the United States, proved to be unsatisfactory. Steam bucket dredges were then introduced, and successfully worked. These soon superseded all others, and the tendency now is to build them of increasing size and capacity. Electric motors have also been employed with advantage. A great improvement was effected by the introduction of what is known as a tailing-elevator, which prevents the tailings from finding their way back into the excavation made by the buckets, and enables them to be stacked, from the stern of the dredge where desired; in the case of the larger dredges to a height of forty feet above the water-level. By means of this arrangement the dredges can work the low river flats cutting channels for themselves, and can even attack gravel banks twenty-five feet in height.

In saving the gold, various ingenious devices are employed. The greatest advance recorded is that of the introduction of revolving screens with water jets. By perfected appliances extremely finely divided gold may be saved. Actual experiments having shown that particles as minute as one thousandth of a grain in weight are successfully collected. An instance is quoted, showing profitable work in ground yielding only 1.35 to 1.41 grains (5 1/2 to 5 3/4 cents) per cubic yard and in Montana, the running of working gravels with steam power has been reduced to nine cents per cubic yard, or with electric power, as low as four and a half cents.

There appears to be no reason to doubt he adds, that satisfactory results, comparable with those achieved in a number of cases in New Zealand may be obtained on several rivers in the Northwest, and more particularly on the North Saskatchewan. Properly constructed dredges of adequate size and capacity will permit work to be carried on continuously during about half the year. It is to be remembered that such dredges enable the working not only of bars and beds of the river but also of the adjacent river flats, where these do not possess a greater and more permanent value for agricultural occupation. Many of these flats are known to be underlain by auriferous gravel which have never yet been touched.

The impression here is growing, says a Toronto report, that prices for canned salmon will be advanced in the near future. It is reported that the entire pack of Warren's "A1" brand of Columbia River salmon, amounting to 60,000 cases, has already been sold. Of steel head, practically the whole catch goes to Europe frozen, and a large part of the chinooks have also been shipped east frozen. Hence the expectations of an early advance in the canned stock.

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**Manitoba.**

Dr. Stewart will open a drug store at Plumias.

D. H. McLean is starting a brick yard at McGregor.

A furniture store is being opened at McGregor by Shirriff.

A. E. Summerfeld, general merchant, Plumias, has assigned.

S. H. Roseborough will open a jewelry store at Dauphin.

Lugrin is opening a butcher shop and fruit store at Rathwell.

Reid & Partridge have opened a blacksmith shop at Shoal Lake.

A. E. Pirt contemplates opening in the drug business at Cypress River.

R. Haslam has purchased the Arlington hotel, Market street, Winnipeg.

The first provincial crop bulletin will be issued the first week in June.

Stuart & Harper, Winnipeg, sold a 250 horse-power engine a few days to a New Brunswick firm.

Arthur Creighton has purchased the stock and business of Young & Co., hardware dealers at Cypress River.

T. Stubbs has opened in the furniture business at Carman. McCulloch & Ferris are also opening in that line.

Advance copies of the live stock prize list of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition programme are being sent out.

J. Malcolm, hardware and lumber merchant, Rosebank, contemplates adding a meat and poultry department to his business.

One Ontario nursery alone shipped three carloads of nursery stock into Manitoba this week for distribution among farmers. This is an indication that interest in fruit growing, etc., is increasing.

The Portage and Northwestern railway will ask for further powers at the adjourned session of the Manitoba legislature to enable it build another twenty miles of road through the municipality of Minota westerly or northwesterly to the western boundary of the province.

L. Mitchell and other Winnipeg fruit merchants have communicated with the city council asking that the license on fruit peddlers be raised from \$15 to \$100. They urged that they are paying taxes, rents, etc., while there are about 30 or 40 peddlers selling fruits of inferior quality at small prices, without such expenses.

A meeting of the council of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical association was held at the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg on May 10. It was reported that the following candidates had passed the major examinations recently held: Wm. Young, Neepawa; W. Harrison, Neepawa; H. H. Agnew, Winnipeg; J. Mounsey, Elkhorn; C. F. Oke, Morden; W. B. Wilton, Morden; G. A. Ostrander, Carman; J. P. Leveque, Winnipeg.

The upper floors of the fine, new McIntyre block, in Winnipeg, are nearing completion, and the apartments are being rapidly taken up by a good class of tenants, as fast as they are ready. John M. O'Loughlin, manufacturers' agent, will move into this block the first of next week. This means that the headquarters of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association of which Mr. O'Loughlin is secretary-treasurer, will be in the new block. A number of commercial travellers have also taken permanent rooms in the block.

**Alberta.**

Carl Intermin will open a grocery store at Edmonton.

D. Moreault will open a general store at South Edmonton.

**Assinibola.**

Jos. Darragh has sold out his livery business at Oxbow to T. Wiggins.

D. R. Anderson, of Elkhorn, was the purchaser of the stock of Manson Bros., at Sinitaluta.

**Northwest Ontario.**

Through tickets can now be had from the C. P. R. to Fort Francis and Mine Centre, as navigation is open on Lake of the Woods.

The steamer Van Horne arrived at Rat Portage from Rainy River on May 10. This is the first boat from Fort Francis.

The Dominion Express company will open offices on Rainy river, at Emo and Fort Francis, Ont., and will accept shipments for these points from this date.

The sailing of the steamer Keenora from Rat Portage for Fort Francis and intermediate points had to be postponed from the 11th to the 13th inst.

The steamer St. Andrew arrived at Port Arthur on May 7, from Goderich, being the first boat of the season to reach that port, thus opening navigation at Thunder Bay. The following day the steamer Manitoba, of the C. P. R. line, arrived at Fort William, followed later by the Alberta and Athabasca of the same line.

**Tenders.**

Tenders for the new addition to the Hudson's Bay Co.'s stores in Winnipeg close to-day.

J. H. G. Russell, Winnipeg, is calling for tenders, to May 15, for the erection of a residence.

Tenders are called by Rev. H. W. Baldoek, Foxton, Man., to May 30, for the erection of a church.

Tenders have been let for the improvements to the post office and immigration buildings in Winnipeg.

The Manitoba Clothing Co., Winnipeg, invite tenders for the erection of a new store building, to May 16.

Plans for a new court house at Medicine Hat, Assa., have been prepared by D. Smith, of the public works department, Winnipeg, and tenders are called for the work.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the Winnipeg committee on works, for the supply of a quantity of sewer pipe, will be received up to Wednesday, May 17.

The owners of the Thunder Bay mine situated in the township of Macgregor, near Port Arthur, are prepared to contract for the purpose of pumping out the shaft of the mine, and also for sinking said shaft for an additional distance. Address C. S. Campbell, 11 Hospital street, Montreal.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the Winnipeg committee on works, will be received until Wednesday, May 17, for the construction of the following works, viz: Sewers—In Portage avenue, from Kennedy street to Carlton street. In Main street, from St. John's avenue to Redwood avenue, and in Redwood avenue from Main street to Alkins street. In Alkins street, from Redwood to St. John's avenue;

in St. John's avenue and the proposed street north of St. John's park, from Alkins street to the Red river. In Main street, from Church avenue to St. John's avenue. Macadam pavement.—On St. Mary avenue, from Main street to Hargrave street. On St. Mary avenue, from Carlton street to Colony street. On Kennedy street, from Portage avenue to Lillic avenue. Boulevard—On both sides of Kennedy street, from Portage avenue to Lillic avenue.

**Dry Goods Trade.**

The wholesale warehouse of R. J. Whitla & Co., Winnipeg, will close at 5 p. m. daily for the summer months. It is likely that other firms will follow this example.

In the color line cyanos is the favorite of favorites this season. This color or shade is practically a cerise and runs from a light to a dark shade in that color.

Advances of 1-1c to 1-2c in staple lines of prints were made by leading New York houses last week, and mark the beginning of an onward movement in values that will carry all varieties of prints at least that much above spring prices. The recent advances in bleached cottons have been met by nearly all agents, and print cloths and allied goods are moving actively and are 1-16c to 1-8c higher than they were.

The strike of 120 spinners at the Merchants Cotton Manufacturing company continues. The management offered a general advance of 0.1-2 per cent in the wages, which they claim is 1-2 per cent better than the rate before the schedule of 1894. They further state the rate of wages for like work in the United States is not within three per cent as high as that which they now offer. The manager says: If the strike continues very long, the mills which now employ about 1,500 men will have to shut down.

This promises to be a very good season for sailor hats. There is a certain freshness and jauntyness or novelty about the sailors this season which is very attractive. To begin with they run mostly on the coarser braids. There is no very striking change in the shapes used, but the trimming is more taking than ever seen in any previous season. Many are trimmed with fancy silks, the bands around the crown being made with a fold effect. The sailor hat at its best is bound to be a plain affair, because the nature of the thing does not admit of much trimming, but the mode of trimming the sailor hats this year gives them a character and style refreshingly new. Most of the sailors have a couple of quill feathers. The sales of sailor hats this season promise to be larger than in any previous season.—Globe.

**Live Stock News.**

Mr. Stimson, of High River, Alberta, has shipped a train load of stockers to his ranch.

Gordon & Ironsides have shipped six double ecked carloads of hogs from western points to British Columbia this spring.

**Insurance Items.**

The Winnipeg office of the Equitable life has been moved to the new McIntyre block.

The Ontario Mutual Life Insurance company will hold its annual meeting at Waterloo, Ontario, on Thursday,

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## THE GROCERY TRADE.

Recent mail advices from Marseilles are to the effect that the crop of Princess paper-shell almonds has been lost. There is still a trifling quantity of old crop left, for which the holders want a price equivalent to 28c in New York.

Since last week there has been no change to speak of in the molasses market. Cable advices from primary points are exceedingly strong in tone, and still higher prices are anticipated in the near future, owing to the fact that the output for the month of May has been about sold up, and for what has not, holders are demanding 1c more than present prices, which is 18c to 18 1/2c first cost.

All kinds of black teas, it is claimed, are especially strong throughout the world and in London they are scouring the European continent for black teas, and numerous shipments have been made from this country, not only of China black tea, but even Indias and Ceylons, which were imported for consumption here. Again, it is claimed that "teas for price" has been the cry, but that nothing desirable can now be bought from first hands under 25c duty paid. It is argued that as long as inquiry comes from abroad it is fair to suppose that prices here will advance to something like uniformity with values abroad.—Toronto Globe.

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

The white lead manufacturers met in Toronto this week to discuss an advance in prices.

United States makers of cast iron hardware have notified their Canadian customers that these goods have been again advanced in price to the extent of 10 per cent.

The iron moulders' strike at Montreal has seriously affected the iron trade in that city. Thirteen foundries are affected and about 2,000 are off work directly or through the influence of the strike.

Tin continues to advance in the European markets. The visible is much less than a year ago and the market is in strong hands. The visible supply on April 30 was 19,504 tons, as against 20,534 tons on the same date last year.

Iron prices retain and threaten to increase their high range. Abroad the advances and excited state of the market are remarkable. In America the situation is no less interesting. At New York old rails have gained another 50c per ton, and No. 1 wrought scrap iron \$1 per ton. Bessemer pig iron gained 10c at Pittsburg last week, billets gained 50c, sheet steel bars 75c and muck bars 75c per ton.

## THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

## THE TWINE MARKET.

The twine market, as far as prices are concerned, remains unchanged and the general situation is practically that of last week. Some of the jobbers who are holding unsold stocks of fair proportions have opened negotiations with others with a view to cleaning up entirely, but as far as we can learn no concessions in the jobbing price have been made to effect such deals. It simply shows a prevailing feeling that twine will be unsafe property to carry until the season of 1900, and while some of those who are seek-

ing relief in the direction referred to, claim to be confident that their trade and second orders will consume all twine now on hand, they, at the same time, consider "discretion the better part of valor" and are taking no chances. It should prove that their later orders require more twine, it will undoubtedly be available, possibly at higher prices than were paid for present stocks, but still at a rate by which a fair margin may be made.

From all appearances it is advisable for the dealers to use the utmost caution in the matter of purchases, buying only what the harvest promises to demand and selling as fast as possible, keeping in view the prospect, recognized by all twine men, that next year's prices may be much lower.

The fears of lower prices before the end of the coming harvest are not entirely dissipated, but the general opinion continues firm that no drop in fiber prices will effect those of twine. Crop failures that develop later may cause a break but there would be no reason in it, since, in the event of extensive crop damage, little more twine could be sold, so much having already been placed. Fiber has several degrees to fall before the ruling quotations on twine may be called disproportionate.

Prices are as follows f.o.b. Chicago, L. C. L.:

Sisal.....	9 1-2
Standard..	9 1-2
Manila (600-foot).....	10 1-2
Pure Manila.....	11

Car lots, 1-4 cent less. Five ton lots, 1-8 cent less. Fall terms.—Farm Implement News, May 4.

## IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

It requires the product of 3,200 trees to make one gross ton of manila fibre. One man prepares about fifteen pounds a day, earning in the neighborhood of 20 cents.

At a meeting of the National Association of Wool Pump Manufacturers, held in Indianapolis, Ind., the latter part of March, it was decided to abolish discounts existing at that time. It was further decided to list wood pumps in three grades, classified as first, second and third, the discounts applying in each grade to be as follows: First grade, 50 and 10 per cent; second grade, 60 per cent; third grade, 65 per cent; terms, 60 days; 2 off 10 days. The next meeting of the association will be held in Chicago, June 14.

## RAW FUR ITEMS.

From the Fur Trade Review. Dorchester is entitled to the proud distinction of being the greatest muskrat-producing county of the state of Maryland. Two hundred and fifty thousand muskrats in one year is the record, and no other county can approach it. Not only is there profit in the peltries, but the flesh of the muskrat is said to be by some of the local epicures an excellent substitute for diamond-back terrapin.

When trappers throughout the country learn that a single silver fox skin brought \$340 at London in March, they will conclude that all foxes are worth about \$300, and will "hold out" for something like that price. It will be worse than that when the daily papers discover the fact of the high price.

## HIGH PRICES FOR FURS.

Many very remarkable prices were realized at the London March sales

for single choice skins, making the sales unexampled in this respect in their history. Following are some of the top prices:

Sea otter. One skin, the choice of the collection, brought \$260; 175 skins brought from \$100 to \$150, and 32 skins brought from \$150 to \$200, five skins bringing the latter price.

Silver fox. A single skin, secured by a French firm, brought the really wonderful price of \$340; eleven skins brought from \$80 to \$100; ten skins from \$100 to \$120; two skins brought \$100 each.

Marten. The highest priced very dark marten brought 190 shillings each.

Russian sable. The highest price paid was \$47 per skin, and was a very high price.

Mink, 30 shillings each for 250 firsts, extra large skins; the next priced, consisting of firsts and small firsts, brought 29 shillings.

Bastard chinchilla, 175 shillings.

Real chinchilla, 510 shillings per dozen, this price was realized for two lots, 240 mark and also 219 pale skins.

Raccoon, 38 shillings per skin for 32 firsts.

Skunk, 9.6 shillings per skin for 672 black firsts.

Ermine, 85 shillings per timber, 40 skins.

Wolf, 38 shillings per skin for two extra large firsts and two extra large firsts blue.

Gray fox, 10.6 shillings per skin.

Kitt fox, 8 shillings per skin.

Blue fox, 250 shillings per skin for 8 skins.

Red fox, 27 shillings per skin for 51 dark skins.

Cross fox, 180 shillings per skin for 16 dark skins.

White fox, 32 shillings per skin for 28 firsts and seconds.

Fisher, 52.6 shillings per skin for 31 extra large skins.

Black bear, 190 shillings per skin for first and seconds, rough.

Brown bear, 125 shillings per skin for 20 firsts and seconds.

Grizzly bear, 160 shillings per skin for 11 fine specimens, with claws.

White bear, £28 per skin for 4 extra large skins, with skulls.

Musquash, 12 pence; black musquash, 21 pence per skin.

American opossum, 33 pence for 1,039 extra large firsts.

Grebe, 26 pence per skin.

Copper Island fur seals, 74 shillings.

Northwest Coast fur sealskins, 56 shillings.

Capo Horn fur seals, 47 shillings.

In the sundries, the finest lion skin, with skull, brought 610 shillings, the highest priced tiger skin 600 shillings, the highest price leopard skin 40 shillings, snow leopard 35 shillings.

## THE LIVE STOCK TRADE.

## BY-PRODUCTS.

To such an extent has the utilization of by-products been carried in the stock yards of Chicago that now the only waste in a steer is the gastric juice, and what was formerly the waste is now worth more than the meat. As a result of this care and economy, the financial returns from a steer, as estimated by one in the business and quoted by the Boston Journal of Commerce, are: "From the meat and compounds of meat, \$10; from the hide, hair, horns and hoofs, \$25; from the fats, blood, sinews and bones, \$15; from all other waste, \$15; or \$55 received from the by-products."

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WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Table of grocery items including Apples, Beans, Corn, Peas, Pears, Plums, Pumpkins, Raspberries, Strawberries, Tomatoes, Salmon, Sardines, and Imported Fresh Herring.

Table of Canned Meats including Corn Beef, Lunch Beef, Lunch Tongue, Brawn, Pigs Feet, and Roast Beef.

Table of Potted Meats including Chicken, Duck or Turkey, Potted Ham, Potted Tongue, and Potted Ham.

Table of Coffee including Green Rio and Inferior grades.

Table of Cereals including Split Peas, Pot Barley, Pearl Barley, Rolled Oatmeal, Standard Oatmeal, Beans, Cornmeal, and Tapioca.

Table of Rice including Rice B, Patna, Rice, Japan, and Sago.

Table of Cigarettes including Old Judge, Athlete, Sweet Caporal, Sweet Sixteen, and Deryl.

Table of Cured Fish including Boneless Hake, Codfish, and Herrings.

Table of Dried Fruits including Currants, Raisins, and Prunes.

Dried Fruits

Table of Dried Fruits including Raisins, Loose Muscatels, London Layers, Apples, and Evap Apples.

California Evaporated Fruits

Table of California Evaporated Fruits including Peaches, Pears, Apricots, Pitted Plums, Nectarines, Prunes, and Telegraph.

Nuts

Table of Nuts including Brazils, Paragon Almonds, Peanuts, and French Walnuts.

Syrup

Table of Syrups including Extra Bright, Medium, Maple, Molasses, and Porto Rico.

Sugar

Table of Sugars including Extra Standard Gran, German Granulated, Extra Ground, Powdered, Lump, and Bright Yellow Sugar.

Salt

Table of Salts including Rock Salt, Common, Dairy, and Dairy, white duck sack.

Spices

Table of Spices including Assorted Herbs, Allspice, Cassia, Cloves, Pepper, and Nutmegs.

Teas

Table of Teas including China Blacks, Indian and Ceylon, and Young Hysons.

Japan

Table of Japanese Teas including Finest May Picking, Choice, Fine, Good Medium, and Common.

Tobacco

Table of Tobacco including T. & B. 35, 45, and 95 Cuds, Liberty, Grand, T. & B. Black Chewing, T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut, T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut, T. & B. in pouches, T. & B. in 1-5 tins, T. & B. in 1/2 tins, Oinaco, Orinaco, Yuckatts Cherub Cigarette, Brier, Derby, P. & W. Chewing, Cads., P. & W. Chewing, Butts, Tonka, Canadian Leaf, and Lower grades.

Wooden Ware

Table of Wooden Ware including Pails, Tubs, and Butter Tubs.

Smoked Meats

Table of Smoked Meats including Hams, Breakfast bacon, Spiced rolls, Shoulders, and Long Clear.

Dry Salt Meats

Table of Dry Salt Meats including Long clear bacon, Shoulders, Short Clear, and Backs.

Barrel Pork

Table of Barrel Pork including Heavy mess and Short cut.

Meat Sundries

Table of Meat Sundries including Fresh pork sausage, Bologna sausage, Pickled pigs feet, and Sausage casings.

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Table of Fresh Fish and Oysters including Whitefish, Pickerel, Trout, Pike, Salmon, B.C. halibut, Smelts, Cod, Haddock, Smoked haddies, Bloaters, Salt Whitefish, Salt Trout, Oysters, extras, Oysters, select, Oysters, standards, Oysters, cans, and Shell Oysters.

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Table of various drugs including Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, Bluestone, Borax, Bromide Potash, Camphor, Carbolic Acid, Castor Oil, Chlorate Potash, Citric Acid, Copperas, Cocaine, Cream Tartar, Cloves, Epsom Salts, Extract Logwood, Extract Logwood, boxes, Formalin, German Quinine, Glycerine, Ginger, Jamaica, Ginger, African, Howard's Quinine, Iodine, Insect Powder, Morphia, Opium, Oil, olive, Pure, Oil, U.S. Salad, Oil, lemon, super, Oil, peppermint, Oil, cod liver, gal., Oxalic Acid, Potass Iodide, Paris Green, Saltpetre, Sal Rochelle, Shellac, Sulphur Flowers, Sulphur Roll, Soda Bicarb, Tartaric Acid, and Strychnine.

LEATHER

Table of various leathers including Harness, American Oak Sole, Sole, Lintwell, Penetang, Acton Sole, B. F. French calf, B. F. French kip, Canada calf, Canada Calf, Niagara, Niagara Brand Kip, Wax upper, Grain upper, Kangaroo, Dolgona, Dolgona, bright, and Bag sheepskins.

FUEL

These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.

Table of various fuels including Pennsylvania anthracite, Stove, nut or lump, Penna anthracite, Canadian anthracite, Canadian anthracite, nut, Lethbridge bituminous, Crow's Nest bituminous, U. S. bituminous, Souris Lignite, Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines, and Blossburg smelting.

CORDWOOD

Table of various cordwoods including Winnipeg, Tamarac, Pine, Spruce, Poplar, Oak, Minnesota Hard Maple, and Minnesota Oak.



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**WINNIPEG.**

**Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.**

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary quantities, subject to usual reductions for large quantities or for cash transactions are as follows:

**TIN**—Lamb and Plagg, 36 and 28 lb; Ingots, per lb, 29c.

**TIN PLATES**—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 14, 12x12 and 14x20, \$4.50 to \$4.75; 1 X, same size box, \$5.75 to \$6; 10, charcoal, 20x28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to \$9; 1X, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$10.50 to \$11.

**TERNE PLATES**—10, 20x28, \$8.50.

**IRON AND STEEL**—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.80; band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.55 to \$2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 to \$6; sleigh shoe steel \$3; tire steel, \$3.50; cast tool steel, lb., 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c genuine Russian sheet, lb. 12 to 18c.

**STEEL BOILER PLATE**—3-16 inch, \$3; 3-8 inch and thicker, \$2.75.

**BOILER TUBES**—2 inch, 14c per foot; 2 1-2 inch, 15 1-2c; 3 inch, 17c per foot.

**SHEET IRON**—10 to 12 gauge, \$3; 14 to 20, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

**CANADA PLATES**—Garth and Blufau, \$3.10.

**GALVANIZED IRON**—American, 16 gauge, \$4; 18 to 22 gauge, \$4.25; 24 gauge, \$4.50; 26 gauge, \$4.75; 28 gauge, \$5 per 100 lbs.

**IRON PIPE**—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-4 inch, \$3.40; 3-8 inch, \$3.40; 1-2 inch, \$4.20; 3-4 inch, \$4.60; 1 inch, \$6.80; 1 1-4 inch, \$8.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$11.80; 2 inch, \$14.40.

**GALVANIZED PIPE**—1-4 inch, \$6.40; 3-8 inch, \$6.40; 1-2 inch, \$6.80; 3-4 inch, \$7.00; 1 inch, \$10.40; 1 1-4 inch, \$14.40; 1 1-2 inch, \$17.60; 2 inch, \$28.00.

**STAMPED TINWARE**—70 and 20 per cent.

**CHAIN**—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$9; do. 1-4 in. \$6; do. 5-16 in. \$4.75; do. 3-8 in. \$4.25; do. 7-16 in. \$4; do. 1-2 in. \$3.85; do. 5-8 in. \$3.75; trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50; Jack chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c; Jack chain, double, per dozen yards, 25c to \$1.

**COPPER**—tinned copper sheets, 28c; planished 34c; boiler and T K patts, plain tinned per lb. 29c; spun 33c.

**LEAD**—Pig, per lb. 4 1-2 to 5c.

**SHEET ZINC**—In casks, \$8 per 100 lbs; broken lots \$8.50.

**SOLDER**—Half and 1/4, per lb. 18c.

**SHOT**—Soft, 6 1-2c per lb; chilled 7c; buckshot, 7 1-2c.

**AMMUNITION**—Cartridges—R. F. pistol, American discount 37 1-2 to 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5 centre fire military, American, net list; centre fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1-2 per cent; centre fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to \$7.50.

**LOADED SHELLS**—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft \$1.50; chilled \$1.65; No. 10 gauge, soft, \$2.00; chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, \$1.90; chilled, \$2.05; No. 10 gauge, soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.

**WADS**—Grey felt, 75c per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb; thin card wads, in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauge, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

**ANVILS**—Per lb. 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.

**ADGER BITTS**—American, 65 to 70 per cent; Jennings's Excelstor, 50 per cent; post sole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.

**AXES**—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$5.50 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.

**BELTING**—Extra, 30 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 60 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent.

**BOILERS**—Carriage, 1-4 and 5-16, 52 1-2 per cent; 3-8 and up, 47 1-2c; tire dis. 60 per cent; stove, dis. 60 per cent; machine discount 55 per cent; coach screws, dis. 65 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.

**BUTTS**—Loose pin cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose pins, dis. 65 per cent; Ber-

lin bronzed, dis. 45 per cent; gen. bronzed per pair 85 to 85c.

**HINGES**—Light T and strap, 65 per cent; heavy, per lb 5 to 6c; screw hook and hinge, 0 to 10 in., 5c per lb; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c; spring screen door, \$1 to \$2.25 doz.

**HOES**—Garden, mortar, etc., dis. 60 and 10 per cent.

**ROPE**—Sisal, lb. 11c base; manila, lb. 12c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 in. and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 10 1-2c; lath yarn 10c.

**BUILDING PAPER**—Anchor brand plain 45c; do. tarred, 60c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred 73c.

**HORSE NAILS**—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 per box; No. 6, \$8.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices, 40 per cent.

**HORSESHOES**—Iron shoes, keg. 0 and 1, \$4.25; 2 and larger, \$4. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$4.55; 2 and larger, \$4.30; snow shoe, \$4.10.

**NAILS**—Wire—4 1-2 in. up, \$3.10; 4 in. \$3.15; 3 in. \$3.20; 2 1-2 in. \$3.25; 2 in. \$3.40; 1 1-2 in. \$3.50; 1 1-4 in. \$3.75; 1 in. \$4.10.

**NAILS**, Cut—30d up, \$2.55; 20d, \$2.60; 10d, \$2.65; 8d, \$2.70; 6d, \$2.85; 4d, \$2.95; 3d, \$3.20; 2d, \$3.55.

**GLUE**—Sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20 to 25c.

**AXLE GREASE**—Imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, case, \$2.25.

**COAL TAR**—Per barrel, \$5.

**CEMENT**—Portland cement, barrel, \$4 to \$4.25.

**PINE PITCH**—\$4 per barrel.

**PLASTER AND HAIR**—Plaster, barrel, \$3.25; plasterer's hair, P. P., 85c bale.

**SCREWS**—Wood, F.H., iron and steel dis. 80 and 5; wood, R.H., iron, dis. 70 and 10; wood, F. H., brass, dis. 70 and 10; wood, R. H., brass, dis. 65 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.

**SOLDERING IRONS**—Per lb. 32c.

**WIRE**—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50.

**WIRE FENCING**—Galvanized 4 barb, regular, \$3.50; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.50.

**STAPLES**—Galvanized, \$4.00 per 100 lbs.

**WIRE CLOTH**—Painted screen, per 100 sq. ft. \$1.50.

**RIVETS AND BURS**—Carriage, section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 45 per cent; black M rivets, 45 per cent; black and tinned rivets, 45 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 32 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

**LINSEED OIL**—Raw, gal. 59c; boiled, gal. 62 in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans.

**TURPENTINE**—Pure spirits, in barrels, 75c; less than barrels, gal. 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

**OILS**—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oils, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

**REFINED PETROLEUM**—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20 1-2c; oleopheno, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1-2c for coceno and 2 1-2 for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

**Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.**

The following prices cover the range as to size and color for prime skins. Very small and pale skins bring the lowest price, and very large the top range. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger ... ..	\$ .25	\$ .50
Bear, black ... ..	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown ... ..	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings ...	6.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings...	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly ... ..	4.50	20.00
Beaver, large ... ..	5.00	7.00
Beaver, medium ... ..	3.00	5.00
Beaver, small ... ..	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cubs ... ..	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb. ....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark ... ..	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale ... ..	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large ...	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale ... ..	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt ... ..	.25	.75
Fox, red ... ..	1.00	2.25
Fox, silver dark ... ..	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale ... ..	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large ... ..	1.50	2.50
Lynx, medium ... ..	1.00	1.75
Lynx, small ... ..	.50	1.00
Marten, dark ... ..	3.00	6.00
Marten, pale or brown...	2.50	5.00
Marten, light pale ... ..	1.00	3.25
Mink, dark ... ..	.75	2.25
Mink, pale ... ..	.75	1.50
Musquash, spring ... ..	.04	.12
Otter, dark ... ..	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale ... ..	5.00	8.00
Skunk ... ..	.25	.80
Wolf, timber ... ..	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie ... ..	.40	1.00
Wolverine, dark ... ..	3.00	4.00
Wolverine, pale ... ..	1.25	2.00

**Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.**

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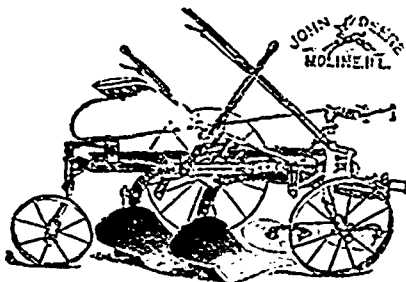
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## WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows—  
 Week ended May 11, 1899.....\$1,728,096  
 Corresponding week, 1898..... 2,268,965  
 Corresponding week, 1897..... 1,111,955

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for four years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ....	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$1,977,200
Feb. ....	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March ...	5,968,009	4,289,000	4,286,000
April ...	6,540,000	4,161,962	4,032,000
May ...	8,684,564	5,014,786	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,045,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,385,472
Nov. ...	11,553,669	13,530,761	8,395,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,738,945
Year ...	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,743,935
		1899.	
Jan. ....		\$7,683,052	
Feb. ....		6,209,471	
March ...		6,756,094	
April ...		6,916,431	

## THE MONEY MARKET.

The prevailing bank discount rate is 7 per cent, with a range of 6 to 8 per cent as to name.

Mortgage loans range mostly at 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property, with special large loans on most valuable properties ranging 1 to 1 1/2 per cent less. While the loan companies are holding for 8 per cent on ordinary farm property loans, an increasing number of loans are going through at 7 per cent.

## FINANCIAL NOTES.

A by-law to issue debentures to establish a market was carried at Fort William this week. A park by-law was defeated.

A by-law to raise \$12,000 for the erection of a new school building at Mousomin, Assa., was carried.

A branch of the postoffice savings bank will be opened at MacGregor, Man.

The special committee of the Winnipeg school board appointed to investigate the utility of penny savings banks for schools has reported favorably to the idea and it is likely that the scheme will be adopted.

The Winnipeg finance committee has recommended that the offer of G. A. Stinson & Co., of \$24,437.50 for \$25,000 3 1/2 per cent school debentures, being at the rate of 97 3/4 on the dollar, be accepted, debentures to be transferred to bear interest from July 1 next.

## Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard float, Fort William, \$1.29 to \$1.30.
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$3.60; best makers', \$3.40.
- Millet—bran, \$12 per ton, shorts, \$14 in large lots.
- Oats—Dealers selling to trade at \$2.20 per sack of rolled in small lots.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 37c.

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 Barley—15 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.  
 Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 14 to 18c for fresh; creamery 17c.  
 Cheese—Jobbers selling at 9 3/4 to 10 cents for old; new cheese 10 to 11c in small quantities.  
 Eggs—D 1-2 to 10c per dozen on a commission basis.  
 Hides—No. 1 green hides 6 1/2c.  
 Wool—8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.  
 Hay—Itated, on track here \$11 to \$11.50 for United States hay. Local hay, \$12 to \$12.50 in the country.  
 Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.  
 Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 15c. live chickens. 60 to 75c per pair.  
 Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 6 1/2 to 7c; mutton, 8c for frozen, 9 to 10c for fresh; hogs, 7 1/2c for country and 8c for city dressed; veal 7 to 9c.  
 Live stock—Cattle, butchers' 3 1/2 to 4c at country points; yearling stockers, \$14; hogs, off cars, \$3.25 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.50 each.

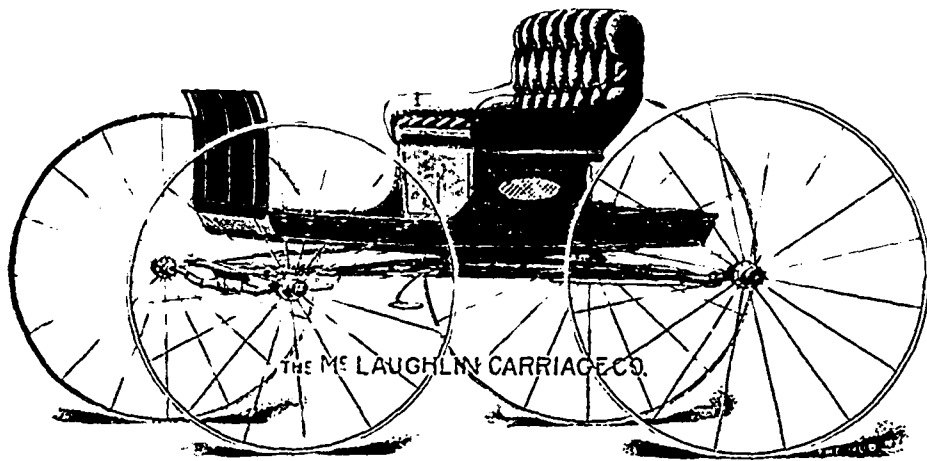
## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, May 8.

Spring has been extremely backward in British Columbia, which has somewhat adversely affected business. There were many changes in the market last week. Butter fell still lower, and large consignments of Ontario, has forced other makes out of the market. Eggs are in abundant demand at a lower price. The market for cured meats is very unsatisfactory. One of the dealers here gives the following reasons for the trouble: For years the long established, strong houses of Eastern Canada, have been cultivating the English trade, and recently scored a complete triumph in establishing their cured meats on the British market. Some of the smaller houses becoming jealous of the bigger concerns, and trading upon the reputation of their more famous rivals, offered an inferior article in England, at a lower price. The British dealer with the excellence of the Canadian product in his mind, ordered largely from these houses, and as a result the English market was flooded with inferior Canadian goods, and the market was for the time being at least ruined. On the English demand ceasing many of the packers dumped their stock wherever they could get it off their hands, and at ruinous prices. A quantity of this stock reached British Columbia and the local dealers to prevent over accumulation sacrificed, forcing their goods on the market below cost. Cured meats could not be laid down here for prices quoted in The Commercial. Old potatoes are rapidly giving way to new and the price is slumping. The grain market is much stronger all around. Sugar is advancing. The building boom is still on in Vancouver and there is such a scarcity of lumber that the Ross McLaren mills, idle for years, have started cutting to supply the demand.



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**PRICES AT VANCOUVER.**

By wire to The Commercial Vancouver, May 13.

Eastern eggs are now arriving freely and have forced United States stock out of this market. Prices are 3c lower this week. Butter is unchanged. Ontario creamery is at present supplying the market. Old potatoes are now about done. Prices are as follows:

**BUTTER**—Ontario creamery, 23c. Eggs—Fresh eastern, 19c. **CHEESE**—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c. **CURED MEATS**—Hams, 11 1-2 to 12c, breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1-2c; backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c; Lard, tins 9 to 9 1-2c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c.

**FISH**—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c, whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c, fresh halibut 6c; salmon 8c; bloater 7c; cod 6c per lb.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes, \$28 per ton; new California potatoes, 4c lb; California silver skin onions, 1 1-2c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box.

**GREEN FRUIT**—California lemons \$3.25 to \$3.75 box; naval oranges, \$3.50 to \$4 box, seedlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75 box; St. Michael oranges, \$3.50; blood oranges, \$3.50 box; cherries, \$2.25 box; strawberries, \$3 crate; bananas, \$2.75 bunch.

**MEAL**—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.90; 345 pound sacks, \$3; 422 1-2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10 7 lb. sacks, \$2.60; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 25's \$3.

**FLOUR**—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.20; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

**GRAIN**—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton; wheat, \$25 to \$28.

**GROUND FEED**—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$24 ton; bran, \$22; oil cake meal \$35 ton; L.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

**HAY**—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton 13c; pork 8 to 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; cows \$4 to \$4.50; sheep \$5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

**POULTRY**—Chickens, 70c.

**EVAPORATED FRUITS**—Apricots 10 1-2c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c; loose muscatel raisins 8c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

**NUTS**—Almonds 13c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

**SUGARS**—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c. Paris lump 6 3-8c; granulated 5 1-4c extra C. 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

**SYRUPS**—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb. 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

**TEAS**—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Oeylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 36c lb.

**PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.**

Nelson, B. C., May 13

Following are jobbers prices here: Creamery held—20c. Creamery, fresh eastern—23c. California bricks—25c. Cheese, large—11c. Cheese, small—12 to 12 1-2c. Eggs—Ontario fresh, 19c. Oats, per ton—\$28. Flour, Manitoba patent, per barrel \$4.50. Potatoes, per ton—\$36 to \$38.

**British Columbia Items.**

J. Parkor, butcher, Victoria, has sold out.

J. W. Jackson, jeweller, Vancouver, has sold out.

Geo. W. Kennedy, hotel, Wellington, reported sold out.

Geo. Sareault, of Sareault Bros., hotel, Alberni, is dead.

A. M. Beattie, auctioneer, Vancouver, is leaving for Atlin.

Kaslo Transfer Co., has taken in Henry Black as partner.

G. S. Scuito, hotel, Vancouver, is offering business for sale.

McCague Bros. bakery, Revelstoke, have sold out to A. N. Smith.

C. J. Campbell, hotel, Sirdar, has sold out to Frank Campbell.

Scott & Devlin, dry goods, Vancouver, are applying for incorporation.

W. Hargreaves, blacksmith, is commencing business at Kamloops.

Murchison & Desmond, are re-opening the Ottawa hotel at Kaslo.

MacGregor & Richards, real estate and insurance agents, Victoria, have dissolved; F. C. Richards continuing.

Clayton & Costin, engineers, bicycles, etc., have started business at Victoria.

Carlin & Durick, general store, Fort Steele, advertise dissolution of partnership.

Houston & Co., sashes and doors, Golden, have dissolved; W. L. Houston continuing.

Whitehouse Trading Co., Ltd., dry goods, etc., Rossland, advertises going out of business.

Fitzgerald & Day, soda water and confectionery, Sandon, are succeeded by M. W. Day.

Sechelt Trading Co., game, etc., has sold Vancouver branch to the Vancouver Trading Co.

Johnson Bros. & Co., laundry, Vancouver, have sold out to Dominion Steam Laundry Co.

S. McOrmand, general store and hotel, Gladstone, has sold out his store business to Grant Bros.

Ibbotson & Mathers, confectionery, Vancouver, are succeeded by California Pop Corn and Candy Co.

The T. W. Gray estate, sawmill and lumber, Nelson, is succeeded by Nelson Saw and Planing Mills, Ltd.

**Manitoba Wheat Stocks**

There were 3,412,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on May 6. At Port Arthur there were 223,215 bushels in store. Receipts at Fort William for the week were 214,900 bushels, and shipments, 92,800 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 880,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,250,000 bushels; three years ago, 3,612,000 bushels; four years ago, 589,000 bushels; five years ago, 1,543,000, and six years ago, 3,353,000.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 10,000,000 bushels, compared with about 3,000,000 bushels a year ago, 6,328,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels four years ago.

**Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.**

Returns for last week reported 209 cars of wheat inspected — compared

with 194 cars the previous week — which graded as follows: 1 hard, 95 cars; 2 hard, 13; 3 hard, 1; 1 northern 44; 2 northern, 0; 3 northern, 5; 1 spring, 4; rejected, 3; no grade, 44 cars.

**ONTARIO CHEESE MARKETS.**

Ingersoll, May 9.—The Ingersoll cheese market opened to-day; 890 boxes first week May cheese were boarded, no sales; 83-4c offered for colored and 9c for white, salesmen holding off for 9 1-8c and 9 1-4c.

Belleville, May 9—Seven factories offered 275 white and 45 boxes colored cheese, 9c was bid; no sales.

**PROSPEROUS BOARD.**

At the last meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade thirty new members joined. J. O'Connor was elected president; J. G. King, vice-president, and H. A. McKibbin, secretary. The council will be elected at the next meeting.

**MONTREAL CATTLE MARKETS.**

Montreal, May 9.—There has been no important change in ocean freight rates except that the rate paid for Manchester space for May, June and July was 35s, and not 32s 6d, as stated some two weeks ago. At the east end market yesterday the receipts of live stock were 400 cattle and 500 calves. The butchers were present in large numbers and trade was fair, with no material change in prices since last week. The highest figure for cattle was 5 1-4c less one dollar per head, from that down to 4 3-4c per lb. for prime heaves; good sold at 3 5-8 to 4 1-2 and common at 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c per lb.

Sulphate of copper (bluestone) steadily advanced some £2 per ton in England during last month, and the report says that as the foreign requirements are late this year, this, combined with copper boom, should justify much higher prices yet during May.

Watt & Albert, general agents for the Victor Safe and Lock Co., Cincinnati, have received the contract for vault doors for the Scott building to be erected at the corner of Portage avenue and Main street, Winnipeg.

Chas. McQueen, late of the North American Life, has been appointed manager for Algoma and Manitoba for the Excelsior Life Assurance Co.

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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 13.

The weather has been more favorable for seeding this week, and a large portion of the wheat crop has been sown. On heavy, flat land, however, seeding is still very backward, and in some sections the land is so wet that seeding cannot be done to advantage even yet. In such districts the wheat area will certainly be curtailed. These districts, however, include only a limited portion of the total wheat area. The week closes with most unseasonable weather, with a cold dip almost unprecedented for the time of year.

Navigation opened at our Lake Superior ports the first of the week the first steamer having arrived at Port Arthur on Sunday last, May 7, and regular steamer lines are now running. Navigation also opened this week on Lake of the Woods, and active work will at once begin at the saw mills about the lake. The strike of grain shovellers and freight handlers at Buffalo will retard the movement of Manitoba wheat from our upper lake ports, otherwise there would, no doubt have been a brisk wheat movement forward as soon as navigation opened. Buffalo is already blockaded with wheat and there is no use forwarding any more that way until the strike is settled and the blockade relieved. The trouble at Buffalo will further emphasize the need of improving the Canadian route through to Montreal, so our grain can reach the seaboard via the latter port instead of going via Buffalo and New York.

The strike of carpenters continues in Winnipeg, causing delay in building operations. The strike, combined with the scarcity of some kinds of building material and consequent high prices, may lead to the postponement of some contemplated buildings until another season. Good residence buildings are scarce now in Winnipeg and rents have advanced 15 to 20 per cent this spring. The large immigration this season is regarded as hopeful for more rapid development of the country in the future. Some further new railway enterprises are projected, and work has been renewed on some lines where it was left off last fall.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 13.

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### DRUGS.

The drug business is comparatively quiet and prices steady. If anything there is an easier tendency in regard to prices. The rush of business which characterized this trade a few weeks ago is not so apparent now. For quotations see market page.

### DRY GOODS.

The unseasonable weather is having a detrimental effect on this line. Orders are much smaller and fewer in number than they would be were the weather fine. Nevertheless the general results of the spring trade have been large and there is a strong undertone to the market. A very large summer and fall trade will be done if present expectations are realized. Woollens, tailors' supplies, shirts, etc., are the principal samples shown in fall goods so far.

### FISH.

Fresh whitefish appeared in the market this week, but only in limited quantities. Some difficulty has been experienced at the lakes in securing supplies. Those in the market are from Lake Manitoba. It is expected that receipts will be much more liberal next week. The quotation for this fresh stock is 6c per pound. One city concern is supposed to hold some old stock yet. Trout is not yet in the market. This variety will be obtainable next week. Pickerel and pike will also be in next week as the close season ends on the 15th. Stocks of salt water fish are light. Haddock and cod are about done and no more is expected to arrive.

### GREEN FRUITS.

As the season advances the movement of green fruits increases, and from now on the market will be more active. Lemons have excited the most interest this week. The sales at Montreal on the 5th and 10th inst. were largely attended. Winnipeg buyers bought heavily and it is stated that one Winnipeg house took the largest quantity bought west of Toronto. Oranges continue firm in California. Navels are about out, Mediterranean sweets and bloods are in season and in fair supply at quotations given below. Strawberries are quite plentiful now and are down to \$4.00 to \$5.00 per case. Bananas are steady and firm. The southern combination is said to be holding up prices. Cranberries are almost done. The maple sugar and syrup business has been a disappointment. Supplies are very light. A few tomatoes are coming in. Prices are:

Navel oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50; seedlings \$3.25 to \$3.75, as to quality, per box; Mediterranean sweets, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per case; bloods, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box; bananas per bunch, \$2.00 to \$2.25, as to size and quality; Messina lemons, fancy November cuts, long-keeping stock, \$3.75 per case, and 5 case lots, \$3.50; choice Messinas, \$3.00 per case, and in 5 case lots \$2.75; California lemons, \$3.75; apples, spies, \$6.50 per barrel; Washington box apples, \$2 box of 50 pounds; strawberries, per case, twenty-four one quart boxes, \$4.00 to \$5.00, cherries, \$2.75 per box; cranberries, \$8 per barrel; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5.50; cocoanuts in sacks of 100, \$5; Sicily filberts, large, 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; new shelled walnuts, 25c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 5 1/2c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c per lb.; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections; strained honey, 8 1/2 to 9c per pound; orange marmalade in 7 lb. pails, 60c; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in gallon cans, \$1.10; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider, put up in 10, 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$1.25 per box; in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.40 per dozen; dates 7c

per pound; native lettuce, radish, water cress, etc., per dozen bunches, 35c. California cabbage, 7c per pound; pieplant in 50 pound boxes, \$1.80; onions, 3 1/2c per pound.

### GROCERIES.

Sugars are firm at the advance of last week. Beans in sacks are 5c per bushel lower. Japan rice is also slightly lower at 5 to 5 1/2c per bushel. Currants are lower owing to local competition. New provincials in barrels are now quoted at 5 1/4 to 5 3/4c as against 5 3/4 to 6c last week. In cases these are worth 5 3/8 to 5 1/2c now, as compared with 5 7/8 to 6 1/8c a week ago. Half barrels are quoted at 5 1/2 to 5 5/8c as against 5 7/8 to 6 1/8c last week. Fillaria currants in cases have declined 3/8 to 1/2c, and cleaned currants in cases are 1/4 to 1/2c lower. Fine off-stalk Valench raisins are firmer at \$1.15 to \$1.50. Teas remain very firm. Wholesale houses are asking and getting from 2 to 4c more for India and Ceylon teas than they were a short time ago. The greatest advance is on low grades. New Japan teas are in the market at prices which range 10 per cent lower than last year's opening quotations. Other quotations are unchanged. For prices see market page.

### HARDWARE.

The only changes to note in our list this week are more in the nature of revision than of actual change in values. Swedish iron is now given at \$5.00 to \$6.00 per 100 pounds, while fire steel has been changed from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 pounds. Stamped tinware has been added to the list at 70 and 20 per cent. The advances of last week in the east have not affected the Winnipeg market yet. Stocks of heavy hardware in the city are low, owing to the large winter and spring demand. It is expected that with navigation open on the lakes some very large shipments will arrive shortly.

### LUMBER.

Business has been quiet so far this season owing to wet weather and bad roads, as well as to the larger stocks carried over from last fall by country dealers, owing to the same trouble last fall. However, when farmers get through with their seeding and more settled weather sets in, an active business is looked for. Now that navigation has opened on the Lake of the Woods, the mills in that quarter will get to work at once. The mills will be running by Monday most likely. With the abundance of rain last fall and this spring, there should be no trouble this season about getting all the logs safely down the small streams. Prices are steady.

These prices are quotations at Winnipeg yards, and are subject to a cash discount of 2 per cent for small orders. For \$1,000 orders or upward, a cash discount of 5 per cent is allowed.

Dimensions and Timber—No. 1. 2x12, 12, 14, and 16 ft, \$19, 18 ft \$20, 20 ft \$21, 22 ft \$22; 2x14 \$21, 2x16 \$22, 2x18 \$23, 2x20 \$24, 2x22 \$25, 2x24 \$26, 2x26 \$27, 2x28 \$28, 2x30 \$29, 2x32 \$30, 2x34 \$31, 2x36 \$32, 2x38 \$33, 2x40 \$34, 2x42 \$35, 2x44 \$36, 2x46 \$37, 2x48 \$38, 2x50 \$39, 2x52 \$40, 2x54 \$41, 2x56 \$42, 2x58 \$43, 2x60 \$44, 2x62 \$45, 2x64 \$46, 2x66 \$47, 2x68 \$48, 2x70 \$49, 2x72 \$50, 2x74 \$51, 2x76 \$52, 2x78 \$53, 2x80 \$54, 2x82 \$55, 2x84 \$56, 2x86 \$57, 2x88 \$58, 2x90 \$59, 2x92 \$60, 2x94 \$61, 2x96 \$62, 2x98 \$63, 2x100 \$64. No. 2 dimensions \$2 less than No. 1. Dimensions 26, 28 and 30 ft \$26. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft \$28. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches in depth and width. Tamarac dimensions same price as pine. Spruce dimensions at \$2 per M less than

plue. Cull plank, all widths, at \$18 per M. B. O. fir dimensions up to 32 ft at \$28 per M, 38 to 40 ft \$30, 41 to 60 ft \$36. \$1 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25, 2nd common, red and white pine, \$18.50, 3rd common, red and white pine \$16.50; No. 1 cull pine or spruce, \$14, No. 2 cull \$9; spruce boards, \$16.50. \$1.50 per M extra for stock boards. \$2 per M less for 6 to 8 feet and under. No. 1 box, 1 1/2 inch and up, \$30, No. 2 box boards, 1 1/4 in. and up, \$22. Extra dressing \$2 per M.

Siding, flooring and ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$31; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch red and white, \$21; cull siding, red and white, \$16; B. O. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$35. B. O. No. 3 flat and edge mixed, 4 and 6 inches, \$26; B. O. No. 1 and 2 flat grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inches, \$26; 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 inch, \$1 per M more than 1 inch. B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$30; B. O. No. 3 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$26; B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 5-8 inch, \$25; B. O. No. 3 fir ceiling, 5-8 in. \$21; B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir siding, 6 inch, \$30; No. 3 fir siding, 6 inch, \$26; B. O. spruce No. 1 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$36; B. O. spruce No. 2 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$30; B. O. cedar siding, No. 1 10 to 16 ft \$39; B. O. cedar siding, No. 1, 6 to 9 ft, \$34; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 10 to 16 ft, \$42; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 6 to 9 ft \$35; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 5-8 in, 10 to 16 ft, \$33; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 1-2 inch, 10 to 16 ft, \$30; 4, 5 and 6 inch native spruce, \$21; cull spruce, \$16. \$2 per M advance for dressing on both sides.

Bevel siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26; No. 2 red and white, \$24.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.50, 8 and 10 inch, \$20; spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19, 6 inch, \$18; pine and spruce cull shiplap 8 and 10 inch, \$17; do., 6 inch, \$14.

Shingles—B. O. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B. O. cedar dimension shingles, \$4; B. O. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.40.

Fluorings—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 inch — White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$30, 3rd clear, \$25, selects, \$42, shops, \$34, red pine, clear, \$40, selects, \$32, B. O. cedar clear, up to 12 inches, \$48; do., over 12 inches, \$53; B. O. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$48; No. 2, \$42; B. O. fir flat grain, No. 1 \$42; No. 2 do. \$36; B. O. fir finishing up to 12 inch, \$38; do. over 12 inch, \$44; \$5 per M advance on 2 1-4 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$50, 3rd clear, \$45, selects, B \$35, selects O \$30, red pine clear \$40, selects \$30; B. O. cedar clear \$46. B. O. fir finishing, up to 12 inches \$38; do. over 12 inches \$44.

Oak—Red and White—1-4 sawed, \$85; 1st and 2nd, \$60 to \$63; common \$40.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1-2x1 1-2, 100 feet lineal, No. 1 75c; No. 2, 50c; 1-2x1 3-4, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1-2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1-4 round and 7-8 cove, 75c; 1 1-2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1-2 inch mould, \$2; 3 inch mould \$2; 3 1-2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1-2 inch mould, \$3; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4; 5 inch window stool, 1 1-4 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool 1 1-2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5; 12 inch base, \$7; hand rail, 2x4, \$3.50; wainscot cap, 2 1-4 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Mouldings made from 1 1-4 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1-2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

IMPLEMENTMENTS.

The implement trade is quiet at the moment. The demand for implements for the spring trade has been supplied and goods for the harvest trade are not yet in immediate call. Binder

twine is steady. It is doubtful if there will be any further advance this season.

PAINTS, OIL AND GLASS.

White lead maintains its strength here and the prospects are for an advance. Window glass is also very firm. Linseed oil is the only weak commodity in the market. Large offerings of English oils in other markets and a threatened invasion of this field has led to a reduction of 2c and further reductions are expected next week. Turpentine is very scarce. In fact there has been no turpentine for sale by dealers for two or three weeks. It is said that not a barrel is to be had in the city. For quotations see market page.

RAW FURS.

Spring rates are coming in plentifully. It is said that stocks of these on hand are quite large. The trade in furs generally is active although Winnipeg is not getting so many as in former years owing to the larger amount of buying at primary points. Prices remain unchanged as given elsewhere in this issue.

SCRAP MARKET.

The market for scrap is active. There is a good demand for all kinds of old materials, especially iron. Rubber is not so firm owing to the unexpectedly large receipts. We quote prices f. o. b. Winnipeg as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton; No. 2, do., \$1 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$4 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$4 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire 9c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1-2c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber, boots and shoes free from arctics and rivets, 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have this week seen more interesting developments than for some time past. There had been a looking forward to the U. S. government crop report to be issued on the 10th of the month, with even a keener interest than the monthly report is always looked for. But in the present instance, it was well known that the development of crop damage in the winter wheat states, had been exhibited in a much higher degree, during the period subsequent to the gathering of the information making up the April report, which gave the condition as 77.9; and as the most sensational crop damage reports had been daily circulated in April, there was an especial degree of interest attaching to the government report for May. For a day or two previous to the 10th, the markets almost stood still in the hesitation of dealers either to buy or sell. When the report was issued, it was found to give the condition of winter wheat on May 1st as 76.2, on an acreage reduced to 25,900,000 acres, as against 77.9 on April 1st, on an acreage of 29,930,000 acres, the difference in acreage representing the quantity estimated to be killed or ploughed up. The acreage of 25,900,000 acres with condition 76.2, is calculated to indicate a yield of 311,000,000 bushels, compared with last year's yield of 380,000,000 bushels on 25,700,000 acres. Another fresh circumstance affecting the American

wheat trade is the strike of the grain shovellers at Buffalo. A large fleet of grain laden vessels is lying in Buffalo harbor waiting to be unloaded, and until the strike is settled, shipment of grain via Buffalo will be obstructed, and the usual course of trade very much disturbed. This is detrimental to the value of grain in the west, and taken along with the government report, which is seemingly not deemed very bullish, it is matter for remark that prices have not declined to a greater extent than they have. As it is, values show a decline of only 1c per bushel from a week ago. The winter wheat crop in the States shows improvement since the first of the month, under extremely favorable weather. The Cincinnati Price Current said on Thursday: "Recent conditions about as favorable as could be for wheat and other crops. Winter wheat indications 300,000,000 to 310,000,000 bushels, possibilities higher. Spring crops getting a good start, but belated." Crops in Europe continue to present a satisfactory appearance. Argentine shipments this week are reported as 2,184,000 bushels, against 2,800,000 bushels last week, and 824,000 bushels same week last year. India is shipping freely of her new crop to Europe. Australian shipments are falling off, not for lack of wheat, but the farmer there having supplied his immediate money wants, is now holding back from marketing. Russia continues to ship moderately, but visible stocks in that country are more than double at same time last year. World's shipments last week were 8,820,000 bus. The world's visible supply increased last week 1,486,000 bus. On May 1st the world's visible amounted to 139,909,000 bus., as compared with 111,229,000 bushels on May 1, 1898; an increase of 28,680,000 bus. over last year.

The local market has been dull with little disposition for trading until the United States government report was published, when there was at once developed a desire on all sides to sell wheat. The price of 1 hard spot Fort William, ranged in the forepart of the week from 72c to 72 1-2c. On Wednesday afternoon, after the report was known, basis 1 hard was freely offered at 72c, but very little changed hands, buyers only offering 71 1-2c. On Thursday morning the American markets opened lower, but advanced, and some sales were made of straight 1 hard at 72c, but after markets had closed at a decline of 2c from previous day, 1 hard was freely offered at 71c without tempting buyers. Yesterday 71c was about the prevailing price, some sales of basis 1 hard were made at 70 3-4c spot Fort William, but after outside markets closed with a little advance, 71 1-4c was bid for straight 1 hard. Sales on basis 1 hard are usually now made with a spread of at least 1-4c under straight 1 hard, but straight 2 hard or 1 northern will not fetch more than within 3 1-2c of 1 hard; 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring sell at about 6 1-2c under 1 hard. Dried 2 hard and 1 northern have been offering at 63c, and dried 2 northern was wanted yesterday at 62 1-2c.

FLOUR—Quotations this week are: Ogilvies—Hungarian patent, \$1.80; Glenora, \$1.60; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.30. Lake of the Woods—Patent, \$1.80; strong bakers, \$1.60; second bakers, \$1.25; XXXX, \$1 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to dealers.

MILKFED—Bran and shorts com-

time in fair supply. We quote prices as follows: Bran \$10; shorts \$12, with \$1 off large orders.

**GROUND FEED**—Best corn feed this week is worth \$20 per ton, inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$21 for best grades. Mixon feed of barley and oats is worth \$18 to \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Ollcake, \$24 per ton, and very scarce.

**MEAL**—Roiled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.85 in 80 pound sacks to the retail trade. Granulated and standard \$2.35.

**OATS**—As the season advances the oat market becomes more disappointing to dealers. There is not the demand for oats from country points that was expected. Districts that were fully expected to want oats for seeding, etc., are not taking any. Farmers seem to have more than they were given credit for. In the city the situation is almost entirely unchanged but prices are a little firmer. There is a good demand for feed oats. We quote prices on tracks here as follows: No. 1 white, 38, No. 2 white, 38c; No. 2 mixed, 36 1-2c; on track Winnipeg. Street oats are worth 36c. Seed oats are quoted in a retail way 43 to 45c.

**BANLEY**—Seed barley is a little more called for, and there is good demand for all kinds. For malting barley 37c is being bid, and for seed 35 to 36c on track here.

**CORN**—Some coming in at 41 to 43c per bushel of 56 pounds for car lots.

**FLAX**—There is no market for flax. Stocks are all in one or two men's hands, and there is no movement of any kind.

**WHEAT**—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 52 to 53c for best grades of wheat. Movement nominal.

**HAY**—Fresh baled hay on track, Winnipeg, is worth \$7 to \$7.50 per ton.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—Several of the butter factories at provincial points are now open, but owing to the bad state of the roads and the backward weather very little has yet been done. We have not heard of any straight sales, but some butter is being sent on consignment to British Columbia branches of Winnipeg houses. Ontario is quoting finest fresh made butter at very low figures for shipment west. Based on these creamery butter is worth here about 17 to 18c per pound.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—Receipts have been very liberal during the past week, causing a drop in prices. Finest separator made bricks are being sold by jobbers at 18 to 20c, fresh made rolls, bricks, etc., at 15 to 18c, according to quality. There is no demand for off-flavored goods.

**CHEESE**—Some of the factories are now in operation, but are doing so little that there will not be much cheese on hand before the first of June anyway. Not a pound of fresh made cheese has yet been marketed. Existing stocks of old are being reduced at prices ranging from 1-2 to 10c.

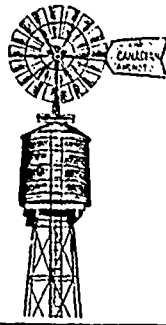
**EGGS**—On Monday the market opened at 11 1-2c, at which figure it held until Friday, when values dropped to 11c. Wholesale houses are paying from 10 to 10 1-2c per dozen, delivered at Winnipeg to-day.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes are scarce. We quote prices as follows: Potatoes, choice white, 75c per bushel; red, 70c; turnips, 25c per bushel, parsnips, 11-2c per pound; carrots, 50c;

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## LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—Further shipments of stockers have been made this week, both west and south. Beef cattle are fairly plentiful and easier. We quote choice beef cattle 4 1-2c per lb.; common 4c; yearling stockers \$12 to \$16; two-year-olds, \$18 to \$22.

**HOGS**—Live hogs are moving a little more freely. Several shipments have been made to British Columbia lately, and receipts at Winnipeg have also been larger. One car of hogs arrived from Ontario costing 5 1-2c per pound, off cars, Winnipeg. We quote 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per pound as the prevailing quotation.

**SHEEP**—Manitoba fed stock is coming in freely enough to supply all local demands. Quoted at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per pound.

**MILCH COWS**—From \$30 to \$40 is the ruling price for good dairy cows.

**HORSES**—A good work horse is worth in the city to-day from \$100 to \$175, and a heavy draft horse from \$125 upwards. Southern horses are coming in freely. Western horses will be in the market about the end of May.

beets, 40c per bushel; onions, 3 1-2c per pound; rhubarb, \$1.60 box; radish, 25c; parsley and lettuce, 25c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20c per dozen bunches.

**SENECA ROOT**—The season for new root has hardly opened yet, owing to the wet, backward weather. Arrivals of new root, however, may be looked for very soon now. Old stocks have been practically cleared out here. Some lots that were gathered up during the past two or three years were cleared out some time ago. The quantity of root marketed here this season will, of course, depend on prices. There is plenty of it to be had. If the price paid is sufficient to induce the gathering of the article on a large scale, it will be found that there is no shortage of the crop. The present idea of values is 17 to 18c.

**HIDES**—There is some misunderstanding among outside shippers as to what constitutes a calfskin, and what a deakin. A calfskin should weigh from 8 to 15 pounds. Anything below that, even to the extent of a half pound is a deakin. These skins cannot be sold to tanners on any other basis. The hide market is quiet and without change. Prices remain as follows. Inspected hides No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf, 8c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each, sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c, as to length of wool, horsehides, 50 to 75c each. Shearlings, 10c each.

**POULTRY**—Live chickens are worth 75 to 80c pair; dressed chickens, 15c; turkeys, best Smith's Falls, 16c, Manitoba, none offering.

**DRESSED MEATS**—The easy feeling in regard to beef continues. The fact is being amply made more evident that the recent flurry in beef was not based on any real shortage in the supply, but was an attempt by one concern to corner the market. Cattle have since been found to be more plentiful than it was thought they would be and prices are easier in consequence. About 7 1-2c is the highest price for beef in a wholesale way. Veal continues scarce owing to the bad state of country roads. Prices are. Beef, extra choice, 7 1-2c per pound, good to choice, 6 1-2c to 7c; fresh killed mutton, 9 to 10c; veal, scarce at 7 to 8c; pork, 6 to 6 1-2c per pound, the top price for city dressed; spring lamb, \$1.00 to \$5.00 each, as to size and quality.

**WOOL**—None offering. Value about 7c.

**TALLOW**—No. 1 tallow is worth 3 1-2c per pound; No. 2, 2 1-2c.

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Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.00 to \$3.70, second patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25, bran in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$12.75 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 26 1-2c.

Corn—Quoted at 30 1-4c for No. 3 yellow; 30c for No. 3; and 28 to 29 1-2c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.01 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—10 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1-2c; fair to good, 7 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 1-2 to 17c for choice to extras; seconds 11 to 11 1-2c; dairy 11 to 15c for choice to fancy; seconds, 10 to 11c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 8 1-2c for No. 1; 7 1-2c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs. 8 and 9c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins 25 to 70c each, veal, calf, 9 1-2 to 11c; tallow, 3 to 4c; seneca root, 22c.

Apples—No. 1 stock, \$5.50 to \$6 per barrel, boxes, \$1.75 to \$2.25.

Dressed meats — Mutton, 5 to 8c; lamb, 5 to 10c; veal, 6 to 9c; hogs, light, 4 1-2c; medium, 4 1-2c; heavy, 4 to 4 1-4c.

Poultry—Live chickens, 6 to 10c; turkeys, 9 to 10 1-2c; ducks, 5 to 9c; geese, 5c.

Potatoes — Straight varieties per bushel, 30 to 40c; mixed, 25 to 30c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$8.50 to \$9 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$5.50.

Live stock — Hogs, \$3.50 to \$3.60; sheep, \$4.25 to \$5; cattle, butchers', choice cows, \$4.25; good steers, \$4.70; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.80.

**Western Business Items.**

Geo. Gorst is starting a general store at Solsgirth, Man.

Thos. McKee, of Neepawa, is opening a furniture at Strathclair, Man.

A. I. Lagarde is opening business in implements at Duck Lake, Sask.

J. Boisvert, general store keeper, Laurier, Man., has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

W. Grob, blacksmith, Portage la Prairie, is succeeded by Ballard & Hoover.

A. Hartle, butcher, is starting at Lumsden, Assa.

H. L. Chabot, grocer and crockery, Winnipeg, has sold out.

P. H. Hanson is opening a general store at Edna, Alberta.

G. A. Allan, tobacconist, Calgary, has sold out to Nelson Hoade.

W. B. Leavens is opening in tinware, etc., at Foxwarren, Man.

J. J. Yopni, builder, Winnipeg, has admitted H. Jalderson as partner.

Laidlaw & Fraser contemplate opening a general store at Lumsden, Assa.

A. A. B. Sprout, general store, Prince Albert, Sask., has sold out to J. D. McLeod.

The Selkirk Trading Co., Ltd., general store, Selkirk, Man., is moving to Dauphin, Man.

A. R. Stevens is enlarging his lumber yard at Cypress River, Man., and is also adding furniture.

T. F. Kirkham, stoves and tinware, Lethbridge, Alberta, is adding hardware to his business lines.

Saunders, McCartney & Corcoran, harness, Calgary, Alberta, have dissolved partnership; Wm. McCartney retiring.

The assets of A. E. Sommerfeld, general store, Plumus, Man., who assigned recently, have been sold to J. D. Ramsay at 65 cents of the dollar.

R. A. Lister & Co., started operations at their Brandon creamery on Monday last. Their new creamery at Morris, Man., will begin operations on Monday next.

S. W. Taylor, who lately arrived in Winnipeg from Philadelphia, Pa., has been appointed city agent for the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance company.

G. B. Housser & Co., Portage la Prairie, have opened a branch lumber yard at Bagot, Man. The report that J. C. Lowrie was opening business in this line at Bagot was an error.

Thos. L. Waldon, traveller for Clare, Bros. & Co., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to the factory at Preston, Ont. Mr. Wilson, manager of the Winnipeg business, expects his samples for the fall trade at once.

The firm of Boucher, Langstaff & Holmes, Rainy River, has been dissolved. E. J. Boucher will continue that branch of the business, and is responsible for all the firm's obligations. C. R. Langstaff will continue at Emo and W. J. Holmes at Big Forks.

Safe manufacturers have advanced their prices sharply on account of the advance in raw material.

**Press Excursion.**

The Western Canada Press Association has arranged for an excursion, to start from Winnipeg on June 15 for the Pacific coast, via the Northern Pacific railway, returning via the Canadian Pacific railway. At Revelstoke the party will turn south through the Kootenay, and thence eastward via the Crow's Nest road. The cities along the route have already tendered receptions to the association, and no doubt a most enjoyable time will be experienced.

An outing for the average newspaper man is almost a necessity. Their work is trying and tedious, and a change of air and scene is necessary to enable them to carry on their work to good advantage. Besides the physical necessity for an outing now and again, newspaper men, as leaders of thought, require the knowledge which is to be gained only by travel. Every newspaper writer should try to take a good trip every year. It will widen their thought and brighten up their ideas. And it is well to begin by making an acquaintance with the to them unknown parts of their own country. The trip will no doubt be of great value in this way to those who take part in it.

**Molasses Booms.**

The Montreal Gazette of May 10 says: The excitement in the molasses market continues and prices have been steadily advancing. A cable from Barbadoes yesterday reported the market excited and bare of stock and quoted 15c first cost. This cable was followed by another one to-day noting a further advance of 1c per gallon to 16c first cost. This figure means 36 1-2c laid down at Montreal, with discount. In sympathy with the above the Wholesale Grocers' Guild have marked up prices to 31c for car lots, and 35c for smaller quantities. The position of the market was probably never so strong as it is at present, and the general opinion is that prices are going to be maintained. There has been a heavy demand this season from Scotch and United States refiners, owing to the scarcity of low grade cane sugars, and this accounts for the output which is small, being bought up at such an early date.

London, May 8.—The wool auction sales were continued to-day with competition very active. Superfine merino greasy wools realized 20 to 25 per cent above the March sales.



## Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, May 13.

**ANTIMONY**—11 to 11-1/2c per lb. for Cookson's.  
**BARKED WIRE**—f.o.b. Toronto, \$3 per 100 lbs. Terms 2 per cent off 10 days.  
**BAR IRON**—\$1.70 from stock and \$1.65 from factory.

**BLACK SHEETS**—28 gauge at \$2.85.  
**BOLTS**—Common carriage bolts, 5-16 inch, 60 per cent; do. 1/2 and larger, 55 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 60 per cent; coach screws, 75 per cent; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 75 per cent; stove bolts, 65 and 10 per cent. Nuts, square, all sizes, 4 1/2c; hexagon, 5c; tapping nuts, 70 per cent.

**BRASS**—Roll and sheet, 14 to 16 gauge, 5 to 7 1/2 per cent to net; sheets, hard rolled 2x4, 24 to 25c per lb. cutting, 25c base.

**BUILDING PAPER**—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarred haling, 40c, according to quality; tarred roofing felt, \$1.45 per 100 lbs.

**CANADA PLATES**—All dull at \$2.50 per 100 lbs; half polished \$2.60 and all bright \$3.10 per 100 lbs.

**CEMENT**—Canadian Portland, \$2.65 to \$2.90; English do., \$2.90 to \$3.10; German do., \$3.10; Belgian do., \$2.70; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Calced plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

**OIL CHAIN**—1-4 in., \$6.90; 5-16 in., \$4.40; 3-8 in., \$4; 7-16 in., \$3.80; 1-2 in., \$2.75; 5-8 in., \$3.55; 3-4 in., \$3.45.

**COPPER**—Ingots copper 19 to 19 1/2c per pound; sheet copper, 24c; braziers 23 to 25c, according to weight; planished 34c.

**CUT NAILS**—\$2.05 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London, with 5c per keg rebate.

**FENCE WIRE**—Discount 25 per cent factory.

**FINE STEEL WIRE**—Discount 25 per cent f.o.b. factory point. We quote for 100 lb. lots—No. 17, \$5; No. 18, \$6.50; No. 19, \$6; No. 20, \$6.55; No. 21, \$7; No. 22, \$7.30; No. 23, \$7.65; No. 24, \$8; No. 25, \$9; No. 26, \$9.50; No. 27, \$10; No. 28, \$11; No. 29, \$12; No. 30, \$13; No. 31, \$14; No. 32, \$15; No. 33, \$16; No. 34, \$17. Extras net. Tinned wire—Nos. 17-25, \$2; Nos. 26-31, \$4; Nos. 32-34, \$6. Coppered, 75c; oiling, 10c; in 25 lb. bundles, 15c; in 5 and 10 lb. bundles, 25c; in 1 lb. hanks, 50c; in 1-2 lb. hanks, 75c; in 1-4 lb. hanks, \$1; packed in casks or cases, 15c; bagging or papering 10c.

**GALVANIZED IRON**—Queen's Head, 28-gauge, \$4.75 per 100 lbs; American make, 28 gauge, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Gordon crown, 28 gauge, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

**GLASS**—Star, first break in 50-foot boxes \$1.95, and in 100 foot boxes, \$3.75; double diamond under 25 united inches, \$6.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms, 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

**GREEN WIRE CLOTH**—\$1.20 per 100 square feet.

**HORSE NAILS**—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia counter sunk head, 50 and 20 per cent.

**HORSESHOES**—Iron shoes, light, medium and heavy \$3.65 f. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton, London and Guelph.

**IRON PIPE**—1-8 to 1-2 in., \$3.10; 3-4 in., \$3.40; 1 in., \$4.85; 1 1/4 in., \$6.50; 1 1/2 in., \$8; 2 in., \$11; 2 1/2 in. to 6 in. discount 60 to 10 per cent. Galvanized pipe—1-4, 3-8 and 1-2 in., \$5.60; 3-4 in., \$6.10; 1 in., \$8.70; 1 1/4 in., \$12; 1 1/2 in., \$14.75; 2 in., \$19.75.

**LEAD PIPE**—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste 7 1/2c; discounts, 17 1/2 per cent.

**PIG IRON**—American \$16.50, and southern \$17.65 in bond.

**PIG LEAD**—Imported at 1-4 to 4 1-2c per lb.

**PIG TIN**—28 1-2c for Straits and 29 1-2 to 30c for Lamb and flag.

**POULTRY NETTING**—Discount of 50 and 5 per cent.

**RIVETS AND PUNNS**—Carriage section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 60 per cent off the list; do. Norway iron, 55 per cent; black M rivets, steel, 60 per cent; do. Norway iron, 55 per cent; iron burrs, 50 and 5 per cent; copper rivets, 35 per cent; bifurcated, with box \$1.25; coppered iron rivets and burrs, in 5-lb. carton boxes, 30c per lb.

**ROPE**—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 10 1-2c; 3-8 in., 11c; 1-4 and 5-16 in., 11 1-2c; Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 10 1-2c;

3-8 in., 11c; 1-4 to 5-16 in., 11 1-2c; deep sea line, 13 1-2c for water laid and 14 1-2c for machine made; hemp, 7 to 9c lath yarn, 83-4c. Clothesline, 48 feet, 90c; 60 feet, \$1.20; 72 feet, \$1.50; 100 feet, \$2.

**SCREWS**—Flat head, bright, 82 1-2 and 5 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 and 5 per cent; flat head brass, 75 and 5 per cent; round head brass, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1-2 and 5 per cent.

**SHEET ZINC**—8 1-4 to 8 1-2c for cask lots.

**SMOOTH STEEL WIRE**—The base is \$2.50 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.

**SPELTER**—7 1-2 to 7 3-4c per lb.

**SOLDER**—Half and half, 17 3-4 to 18 1-4c; refined 17 to 17 1-2c; wiping 15 to 16c.

**SLEIGH SHOE AND TIRE STEEL**—\$2.50.

**TINNED IRON**—No. 72, 21 gauge, 6 1-4 to 6 3-4c.

**WIRE NAILS**—Base price at \$2.55 Toronto and west.

### PAINTS AND OILS.

**CASTOR OIL**—East India, in cases, 9c per lb. and 10c for single tins.

**GUM SHELLAC**—In cases, 22c.

**LINSEED OIL**—Prices delivered at Western Ontario points are: Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 53c; 4 boiled, 1 to 4 barrels 56c. Prices 11 Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c per gallon less.

**LIQUID PAINTS**—Pure, \$1 per gallon; No. 1 quality, 90c per gallon.

**PARIS WHITE**—90c.

**PLASTER PARIS**—Ordinary, \$1.75 per barrel; New Brunswick, \$2 per barrel.

**RED LEAD**—Genuine, in casks of 500 lbs., \$4.90 to \$5; do. in kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.15 to \$5.50; No. 1, in casks of 500 lbs., \$4.75; do. kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.

**SEAL OIL**—59 to 60c per gallon, and yellow seal at 49 to 50c.

**TURPENTINE**—Price delivered at Western Ontario points are as follows: 1 to 4 barrels, 66c; in less quantities than barrels, 5c per gallon extra will be added and package charged for. Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c less than the above. Terms, net 30 days.

**WHITING**—60c per 100 lbs; casks' whitening, 85c.

**WHITE LEAD**—Ex-Toronto pure white lead, \$6; No. 1, \$5.62 1-2; No. 2, \$5.25; No. 3, \$4.87 1-2; No. 4, \$4.50; dry white lead in casks, \$5.10.

**WHITE ZINC**—Genuine French, V.M., in casks, \$7 to \$7.25; Lehigh, in casks, \$6.

## Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, May 13.

**SUGARS**—Granulated, delivered Toronto \$4.78; yellows, \$4.18 to \$4.58.

**SYRUPS**—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 35c to 42c.

**MOLASSES**—West India, barrels, 32 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium and 35 to 47c for bright.

**COFFEE**—Rio, green, 7 1-2 to 14c; Mocha, 23 to 28c; Java, 30 to 32c.

**TEAS**—Japan, low grade, 16 to 20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 45c; Indian, 18 to 50c; Congous, low grades, 10 to 15c; mediums, 22 to 25c; and fines 40 to 55c; Ceylons, 17 to 25c; Formosa oolongs, 25 to 65c.

**CANNED GOODS**—Tomatoes, 80c to 85c; peas, 80 to \$1.00; silted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; corn, 95c to \$1; beans, 80 to 90c; pumpkins, 70 to 75c; strawberries, 2's \$1.50 to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55 to \$1.65; 3's \$2.50 to \$2.65; apples, 3's, 85c; gala, \$2.20 to \$2.40. Salmon, Cohoes, prime dark pink fish, \$1.15 to \$1.20; sock-eyes, red fish, \$1.35 to \$1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

**RICES**—Rice bags, 35-8 to 4c; Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Patna, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.

**SPICES**—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 to 18c; Amoyana, 18 to 25c; Penang, 28 to 30c; all-spice, 20c; nutmegs, 50 to \$1; cream tartar, pure, 25 to 28c; compound, 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 16c; Penang, 15c; compound, 8 to 12c; pepper, pure white, 26 to 28c.

**DRIED FRUITS**—Raisins, Valencias, fine off-stalk, 4 7-8 to 5 1-8c; selected, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; layers, 6 to 6 1-2c; figs, layers, 10's and 28's, 18 to 20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18 to 19c; provincial currants, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; Fillarias, 4 3-4 to 5 1-4c; Patras, 6c; Vostiznas, 8 1-2 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 17 to 20c; pears, 9 to 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 5 3-4 to 6c. Bosnia prunes, 5 to 6 1-2c; Sultanas, 11 to 13c. Hallowee dates, 6 1-4c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.75 to \$1.90 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, quarter flats, 75c, and blue baskets, quarter flats, 85c; Dohesia, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

**NUTS**—Shelled Valencia almonds, 26 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 45c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 26 to 28c; Grenobles, 12 1-2 to 13c; Sicily filberts, 9 to 10c.

**PEEL**—Orange, 12 to 13c; lemon, 10 1-2 to 13c; citron, 17 to 20c.

### PROVISIONS.

**PORK**—Canada mess, \$14; short cut, \$15; clear shoulder mess, \$12.50.

**DRY SALTED MEATS**—Long clear bacon, car lots 63-4c; ton and case lots, 7c; breakfast bacon, 10 1-2 to 11c; hams, large 9 1-2c; medium, 10c; rolls, 8c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

**LARD**—Tubs, 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c.

## NOTICE

Is hereby given that application will be made to the parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of the promoting and stimulating of trade between the merchant and the consumer or dealer with him, for the perfecting of plans and systems for such purposes, the procuring of copyrights thereof, of buying and selling the same, and of doing a general advertising and canvassing business and other business as is necessary or convenient for the attainment of the said objects.

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**New York Wheat**

New York, May 8.—Wheat, May opened 78 7-8c, closed 78 1-4c a. July opened 77 1-8c, closed 76 1-2c a.

New York, May 9.—Wheat, May opened 78 1-4c a, closed 78 5-8c a. July opened 76 1-2c, closed 77c.

New York, May 10.—Wheat, receipts 27,750 bushels; exports, 118,180 bushels. Options opened to-day steady on bullish government gossip. They subsequently turned weak and ruled dull and heavy all the afternoon under liquidation, disappointing cable news and small export trade. The market closed easy at 3-8c to 1-2c net decline.

New York, May 11.—Wheat — Receipts 93,435 bushels, exports 30,948 bushels. Options opened easy on the crop report, but at once rallied on reports of insects in the southwest and the strength in corn. Following this came a final collapse under a furious bear raid and heavy liquidation. The market closed nervous and weak at 13-8c to 17-8c net decrease.

New York, May 12.—Wheat—Receipts 159,100 bushels; exports, 95,517 bushels. Options opened steady on foreign buying and after a foreign setback under moderate liquidation and fine weather, advanced sharply in the last hour. Bulls found short interests heavy and with the aid of export sales and the strength in corn experienced little difficulty in driving them to cover. The market closed firm at 3-8 to 7-8 net advance.

New York, May 13.—Wheat closed to-day as follows. May, 76 3-8c; July, 74 7-8c; Sept., 73 3-1c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, May 8.—Wheat, May opened 71c, closed 70 3-8c. July opened 72 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 71 3-4c b. Sept. opened 71 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 71 to 1-8c. Corn, May opened 32 7-8c, closed 32 1-8 to 1-4c. July opened 33 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 33c b. Sept. opened 34 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 33 5-8c a. Oats, May opened 26 5-8c, closed 26 1-4c. July opened 23 3-4c, closed 23 1-4c. Sept. opened 21 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 21 to 1-8c. Pork, July opened \$8.72 1-2c, closed \$8.60. Sept. opened \$8.90, closed \$8.72 1-2 to 7-8c. Lard, July opened \$5.17 1-2c, closed \$5.10. Sept. opened \$5.30, closed \$5.22 1-2c. Ribs, July opened \$4.72 1-2, closed \$4.70. Sept. opened \$4.85. Flax, cash S. W. \$1.11 cash N. W. \$1.13; May \$1.12, July \$1.07 1-2; Sept. 92 1-2c.

Chicago, May 9.—Wheat, May opened 70 7-8 to 71c, closed 71 1-8c. July opened 71 3-4c b, closed 72 3-8c a. Sept. opened 71c, closed 71 7-8c a. Corn, May opened 32 1-8c, closed 32 1-8c b. July opened 33c b, closed 33 1-8c. Sept. opened 33 5-8c, closed 33 3-4c a. Oats, May opened 26 1-4c, closed 25 1-2c. July opened 23 1-4c, closed 22 7-8c. Sept. opened 21c, closed 20 7-8c a. Pork, July opened \$8.60 a, closed \$8.50. Sept. opened \$8.72, closed \$8.65. Lard, July opened \$5.10, closed \$5. Sept. opened \$5.22, closed \$5.12. Ribs, July opened \$4.70, closed \$4.65. Sept. opened \$4.82, closed \$4.77. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.15 1-2; S. W. \$1.13; May \$1.14 a; July \$1.14; Sept. 95c a.

Chicago, May 10.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-8c, closed 70 7-8c a. July opened 72 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 72c a. Sept. opened 71 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 71 3-8c b. Corn, May opened 32 1-8c, closed 32 1-4c. July opened 33 1-8 to 3c, closed 33 1-8c b. Sept. opened 33 5-8c, closed 33 5-8c b. Oats, May opened 25 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 25 3-8c. July opened 22 7-8 to

23c, closed 23c. Sept. opened 20 3-4c, closed 20 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$8.17, closed \$8.40. July opened \$8.65, closed \$8.55. Lard, May opened \$5. closed \$4.97 b. July opened \$5.12, closed \$5.10. Ribs, May opened \$4.65, closed \$4.62. July opened \$4.77, closed \$4.75. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.10. S. W. \$1.09. May \$1.10. July \$1.09 b. Sept. 92 1-2c b.

Chicago, May 11.—Wheat, May opened 70 7-8c a, closed 69c. July opened 72c a, closed 70c. Sept. opened 71 3-8c b, closed 69 5-8c. Corn, May opened 32 1-4c a, closed 32 1-2c. July opened 33 1-8c b, closed 33 1-4c a. Sept. opened 33 5-8c b, closed 33 3-4c a. Oats, May opened 25 3-8c, closed 26c a. July opened 23c, closed 23 1-8c. Sept. opened 20 3-4c, closed 20 3-4c. Pork, July opened \$8.40, closed \$8.27. Sept. opened \$8.55, closed \$8.45. Lard, July opened \$4.97 b, closed \$4.95. Sept. opened \$5.10, closed \$5.07. Ribs, July opened \$4.62, closed \$4.60 b. Sept. opened \$4.75, closed \$4.72 b. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.08. May \$1.08. July \$1.05 3-4c b.

Chicago, May 12.—Wheat, May opened 69 1-4c b, closed 69 3-8c a. July opened 70 to 1-4c, closed 70 1-2c. Sept. opened 69 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 70 1-8c. Corn, May opened 33 3-4c, closed 33 7-8c b. Sept. opened 34 to 1-4c, closed 34 3-8c a. Oats, May opened 26 1-8c, closed 26 3-8c. July opened 23 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 23 5-8c. Sept. opened 21c, closed 21 1-8c. Pork, May opened \$8.27, closed \$8.30 b. July opened \$8.45 to \$8.50, closed \$8.47 b. Lard, May opened \$4.95, closed \$4.97. July opened \$5.10, closed \$5.12. Ribs, May opened \$4.65, closed \$4.65 b. July opened \$4.75, closed \$4.77 a. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.08. May \$1.07 1-2 a. July \$1.06. Sept. 91c.

Chicago, May 13.—Wheat opened at 70 3-8c for July and ranged from 69 5-8c to 70 7-8c. Closing prices were: Wheat—May, 68 5-8c; July, 70c; Sept., 69 1-2c.

Corn—May, 32 3-4c; July, 33 3-8c. Oats—May, 26 1-8c; July, 23 3-8c. Pork—July, \$8.40; Sept., \$8.57 1-2. Lard—July, \$5.07 1-2. Ribs—July, \$4.72 1-2.

A week ago July option closed at 72 1-4c; a year ago July wheat closed at \$1.04; two years ago at 72 7-8c; three years ago at 62 3-8c; four years ago at 71 5-8c, and five years ago at 56 3-4c.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET**

Chicago, May 13.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.07 for cash and May \$1.05 1-2, which is a drop of 3c on the week, and a drop of 12c in two weeks.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—May, 72 1-4c; July, 72 3-4c. Tuesday—May, 72 1-2c; July, 73c. Wednesday—May, 72 1-4c; July 72 3-4c.

Thursday—May, 70 3-4c; July 71 1-4. Friday—May, 71c; July 71 5-8c. Friday—May, 71c; July 71 5-8c; September 69 1-2c.

Saturday—May, 70 1-8c; July, 71 1-2c, Sept., 69 1-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 69 1-2c and cash No. 1 northern at 68 1-4c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 72c. A year ago July wheat closed at 75 1-4c.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Saturday, May 13.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 68 5-8c for May, and 69 5-8c for July; cash, No. 1 northern, 69 1-2c; cash, No. 2 northern, 68 1-4c.

**LIVERPOOL WHEAT.**

Liverpool, May 13.—Wheat closed 1-8d lower.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

Wheat closes dull and lower to-day, influenced by the decline in United States markets. We quote to-day 71c for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William.

**OCEAN FREIGHTS.**

Montreal, May 13.—Ocean freights are very firm and active.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool May 12.—Wheat, spot steady. No. 2 red western winter 6s 10 1-2d. No. 2 red northern Duluth 6s 2 1-2d.

**Klondike Gold Output.**

Toronto, May 12.—The Globe publishes correspondence from Yukon this morning under date April 7, stating that the Yukon Midnight Sun's estimate of \$20,000,000 for the spring wash-up is very moderate, and intimating that it may possibly be considerably higher. The writer says that Gold Hill, one of the benches of the Bonanza, is alone expected to produce \$1,500,000, though not mentioned specially, in the Sun's summary. This hill, he says, is counted among old timers as the most wonderful ever worked in the history of gold mining. He says much difficulty will be encountered in collecting royalty on this output and points out how the difficulty is increased by the use of gold dust as currency, large quantities being paid to merchants, saloon keepers, etc., to escape the tax, though the miners are badly cheated in this way. The best way of remedying this, urges the writer, is for the government to buy all the dust at a certain figure, say at the assayed value, less a certain percentage to be deducted, in lieu of the present royalty, which the miners find so distasteful.

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS.**

It's easier to sit upon forms than it is to stand upon ceremonies.

If men had the courage of their convictions there would be more convicts.

The man who is afraid to face the light will never get ahead of his shadow.

A cheap coat does not make a cheap man, but it makes him feel that way at times.

A phrenologist says large bumps on a man's head often indicate a musical wife.

Men and women may get too old to love, but they never get too old to want to be loved.

A man may be proud of his ancestors but the chances are his ancestors wouldn't be proud of him.

One druggist does not make a summer, but his soda fountain enables him to turn out a good many swallows.

The best way for a spinster to improve her lot is to build a house on it and put some good man in the house.

A man may shut his eyes to a painful truth, but he seldom shuts his ears if the aforesaid truth happens to be about his neighbor.

"What time did the hotel catch fire?"

"Midnight."

"Everybody get out safely?"

"All except the night watchman. We couldn't wake him up in time."-- Boston Traveler.



## TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Toronto, May 13.

## Special to The Commercial.

**Dry Goods**—Cool sorting business and fall orders are also more numerous. The advancing foreign markets are stimulating purchases as retailers fear they will have to pay more when present stocks have to be repeated. A representative of a large domestic mill, who was here yesterday, said he believed cotton prices would advance soon, but wholesalers do not expect an advance till the close of the season.

**Hardware**—Fair volume of business moving. Many lines are scarce, especially harvest and garden tools. Range boilers are \$1 dearer. Pig iron is firmer. Tin plates are 25c dearer for redipped charcoal. White lead unchanged. Window glass advanced yesterday. Star is 25c per box higher, and double diamond sizes, under 25 united inches is 50c higher.

**Groceries**—Trade is active, canned goods particularly so. Tomatoes are easier at 80 to 85c. Samples of new Japan tea, which have arrived, show excellent stock. Valencia raisins firm. Inquiries have been received here from Liverpool for shipment to that market, showing that stocks must be light in leading centres. It is reported here that Winnipeg houses lately purchased Valencias in New York.

## TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 9.

Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day were 85 carloads of all kinds, including 1,200 hogs and 100 sheep and lambs.

**Export cattle**—Prices were steady. Choice heavy exporters were quotable at \$4.50 to \$4.85 per cwt. Light were in very heavy supply, and sold at \$4 to \$4.55.

**Butchers' cattle**—Trading was brisk and all good stuff sold readily at steady prices. Good to choice sold at \$4.40 to \$4.50 per cwt. Medium cattle were slow at \$3.25 to \$4.25 per cwt. Inferior \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

**Stockers**—Market firm and quoted 1-8c higher at \$3.75 to \$4.25. Light steady. Good feeders \$4.40 to \$4.65 per cwt.

**Sheep and lambs**—Offerings light, demand active, and everything sold at steady prices. Sheep, export and butchers', sold at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. Spring lambs \$2 to \$5 each. Yearlings \$5.25 to \$5.75 per cwt.

**Hogs**—These sold well at firm prices. Choice selections were 1-8c higher at \$4.62 1-2 per cwt, thick fat, 1-4c higher at \$4.25. Light 1-8c higher at \$4.25. Sows steady at \$3, stags, \$2 per cwt.

## FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 12.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 15 carloads, including 130 sheep and lambs and 1,200 hogs.

**Export cattle** were 5c lower than on Tuesday. Butchers' cattle were firmer at \$4.60 for extra choice. Stockers were also firmer at \$4.40 to \$4.60. Hogs were in good demand and firm at Tuesday's prices.

## TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 13.

Offerings of Ontario wheat are light and the market steady. Oats are firmer at 32 to 33c, as against 32c last week. Barley is easier with 11c quote as the top price. Millfeed has advanced \$1, \$16 being now the top figure for shorts and \$12.50 the top

figure for bran. Creamery butter is 1-2c lower. New make cheese is in the market at 10 to 10 1-2c. Other prices are unchanged. Wool is being taken at very low prices for new clip.

**Flour**—Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4. Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80. Ontario straight roller, \$3.10 to \$3.15 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freight rates.

**Wheat**—Ontario winter wheat, 68c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard 79 to 80c, Lake Huron ports.

**Oats**—White, 32 to 33c for cars at country points.

**Barley**—No. 1, 41c at country points for car lots.

**Millfeed**—Shorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton; bran, \$12 to \$12.50 per ton at country points.

**Oatmeal**—\$3.80 in bags per barrel, and \$3.50 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

**Eggs**—New laid, 11 to 11 1-2c.

**Butter**—Dairy, fresh, large roll, 10 to 11c; dairy tubs, 9 to 10 1-2c; creamery tubs, 15 1-2 to 17c.

**Cheese**—New, 10 to 10 1-2c.

**Hides**—Green, 81-4c for No. 1, and 71-4c for No. 2. Cured hides and choice steers, 83-4c. Sheepskins and lamb-skins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 4 1-2c.

**Wool**—Washed fleece, 13 to 14c; unwashed, 8 to 8 1-2c.

**Beans**—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

**Dressed hogs**—\$5.35 to \$5.60 per 100 pounds.

**Dried apples**—4 1-2 to 5c for round lots; evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

**Maple syrup**—90c to \$1 per gallon in tins, imperial measure.

**Honey**—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c in bulk; tins, 6 to 7 1-2c; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

**Poultry**—Turkeys, 10 to 13c; chickens, 40 to 70c a pair.

**Seeds**—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.25; alsike, \$3 to \$4; timothy, \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel, cleaned seeds ex-warehouse, 50c advance on these prices. Flax seed in bags is quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.00.

## MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 9.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 409 cattle, 250 sheep and lambs and 100 hogs.

Business was fairly good in cattle, at steady prices; 5 1-4c per pound less one dollar per head was the top notch reached. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-2 to 5c, good at 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c, and common at 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c. Shipping sheep 4c per pound; yearlings 4 1-2c to 5c, spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$4.50 each. Hogs sold at \$4.50 to \$4.60 per 100 pounds for straight lots, off cars, selects 4 3-4c per pound; heavy fat, 4c.

The Montreal Gazette says. "In regard to cattle space regulations on board steamships, the government have instructed the inspectors here that they may use their own discretion on what vessels space of two feet six inches should be allowed. There has been no important change in ocean freight rates, except that the rate paid for the Manchester space for May, June and July was 35s, and not 32s 6d, as stated some two weeks ago."

## THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 12.

The cattle market remained unchanged from Monday owing to Thursday being a holiday. Offerings were light and very little trading was done. Prices unchanged.

## MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 13.

Groceries steady at following prices. Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.65 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, 54-60 to \$4.40, molasses, 81 to 32c, syrups, 13-4 to 2 1-4c, as to quality. Valencia raisins, 13-4 to 5 1-2c, Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand. Coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c, Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c, standard B, 33-4 to 4c; canned corn, 30 to 35c; peas, 75 to 80c; tomatoes, 82 1-2 to 85c.

## MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 13.

Eggs were firmer at 11c as against 10 1-2 to 11c last week. Other prices remain steady and unchanged. Prices are:

**Oats**—No. 2 white, 368-4 to 37c afloat.

**Flour**—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.80, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.10.

**Bran**, \$16 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.

**Oatmeal**—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

**Hides**—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2, 71-2c; No. 3, 61-2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lamb-skins and clips, 10c, tallow, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.

**Eggs**—Choice fresh, 11c per dozen.

**Butter**—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c.

**Butter**—Creamery, tubs, 16 to 16 1-2c.

**Cheese**—Old, 103-4 to 11c; fodder cheese, 9 1-2 to 9 3-4c.

**Beans**—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

**Potatoes**—In car lots, 70c on track.

## MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 13.

Hardware paints and oils are all active and firm. Prices unchanged from last week.

## LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 12.—Cheese quiet at 51s for white and 50s for colored, a decline of 6d on white and 1s 6d on colored for the week.

## SUGAR.

London, May 12.—Beet 2d lower at 10s 11d for May and June, this being a decline of 5 1-2d on the week.

## LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 12.—Cattle 1-4c lower than a week ago. Canadian steers 10 1-4c to 11 3-4c per lb. Sheep steady at 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c.

## BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London, May 8.—Trade in cattle was firmer and prices advanced 1-4 to 1-2c since this day week. Choice States cattle sold at 12c, Argentine at 10 1-2c. The market for sheep was strong and prices were 1c higher than a week ago, at 12 1-2c for clipped, and at 13c for woolled.

A private cable received from Liverpool quotes Canadian cattle at 11 1-4 to 11 1-2c.

## LINSEED OIL.

The price of linseed oil in this market was reduced 2c to-day to 57c for raw and 60c for boiled, in barrels. A further drop early next week is expected.