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WINNIPEG, MAY 4, 1891.

## Manitoba.

Arbor day May 7.

Longstreet & Co., hardware, Stonewall, sold out.

A. Pope will open in drugs and stationery at Melita.

Charles Carr, grocer, St. Boniface, sheriff in session.

The Minnedosa town tax sale is fixed for the 4th of June.

Edward Bowers, harness, Morden, sold out to J. H. Ruddell.

Robert Hunter, saloon, Winnipeg, sold out to Jas. Fairbairn.

C. A. Larkin, lumber, Brandon, has sold out to L. J. Ashley.

Duncan Bros., hardware, Austin, have sold out to E. C. Wheeler.

Lindsay & Co., general store, Griswold, stock sold at 61c on the dollar.

Fire in the linseed oil mills at Winnipeg, did slight damage one day last week.

The capacity of McDough & Shea's Winnipeg brewery has been considerably increased.

Samuel Robinson, brother of the former proprietor, has leased the Carney House, Emerson.

D. J. Dyson & Co., who secured the Winnipeg spice mill's last fall, report a good business so far.

Some Winnipeggers are suggesting a wheat palace as an attraction for the proposed city industrial exhibition.

W. C. Riesberry, clothing and boots and shoes, Carberry, has moved to his fine new store in the brick block.

The stock of Hill & Currie, of East Selkirk, has been sold by the Sheriff at 70c on the dollar to Henry, of East Selkirk.

M. Bull, manager of the Royal Soap Co., has been Elected by Acclamation to Represent Ward one in Winnipeg's council board.

The people of St. Boniface will vote on a \$35,000 by-law to assist the Norwood Company in building a bridge over Red river above the Assiniboine.

W. J. Hemenway, general dealer Carman, has moved from the Starkey house to the Campbell block, where he has large and commodious quarters.

J. D. Roberts, western agent for the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, has opened an extensive sample room at No. 182 Market st east, Winnipeg.

A. D. McIlquham, who has carried on a tinshop at Wawane a for some time, has started the erection of a store and when completed will move his business to Alexander.

The negotiations by Porteous, of Birtle, for the control of the Grand Central hotel, Minnedosa, have fallen through, and the hotel will continue under its present management.

Several coopers are employed in connection with the Winnipeg breweries, but there is no cooper shop in the city. It is thought that such an industry would pay in Winnipeg.

Gordon's train of fat cattle, says the Pilot Mound *Sentinel*, to leave here on May 5th, will consist of nineteen car loads. The animals will be brought into town by farmers on Monday, May 4th.

Lawley & Barker, livery and feed stable, at Deloraine, have dissolved partnership; Barker continues, and Lawley goes to Melita, where he contemplates going into the flour and feed business.

E. S. Hill, of the Northwest Aerated Water Company, Winnipeg, is on an extended trip west. The works are kept very busy supplying the demand, so that operations have to be kept up almost night and day.

W. H. Mallet, jeweler, of Souris, is opening a branch shop at Hartney. The merchants of Hartney say they feel the want of a bank. Mr. Hopkins, veterinary surgeon, has hung out his shingle at Hartney.

St. Laurent, Dominion civil engineer, is taking levels on the Red river between Selkirk and Winnipeg. During last winter he was surveying and taking levels as regards the proposed locks at St. Andrews Rapids.

A Winnipeg industry which is turning out considerable work in a quiet way, is the Winnipeg show case works, carried on by J. & D. J. LaLonde. All the varieties of counter and standing cases, etc., are made and supplied to the trade.

J. A. Christie, of the Brandon saw mills, says the *Times*, has seven million feet of logs coming down the river for his mill. One and a half million feet are about 17 miles from the city and the balance of the logs are at Birtle and further up the river.

W. W. Stirling and John McCaul have formed a partnership to carry on a general store business at Emerson. They are well known at Emerson; Stirling has been manager of the Smith estate since the assignment, and McCaul has been with Whitman & Co. for some time.

There has been some talk of late regarding the acquirement of the Winnipeg system of water works by the city. This is exactly what should be done. It is most necessary that the city should control the water works, and it is worth while making some sacrifice to attain this end.

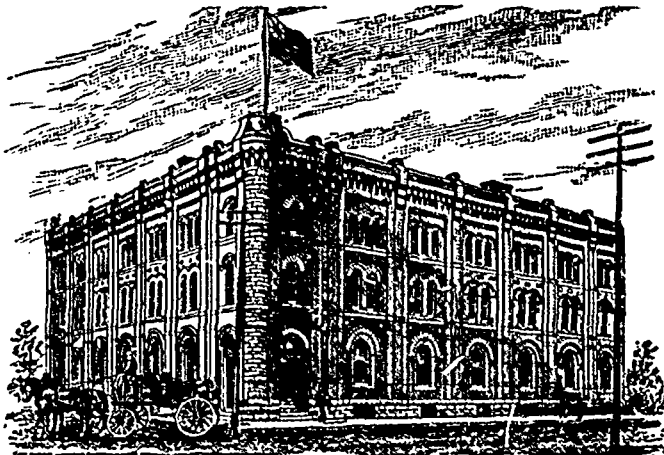
A sale was closed through A. M. Peterson last week for forty-eight feet on Rosser avenue, Brandon, just west of the Bank of British North America. The purchasers were the Imperial Bank of Canada, and it is understood that the price was \$7,500 or over \$155 per foot. A new bank building is contemplated.

The Brandon city council and board of trade propose combining in a memorial to the Dominion Government to have a mail service inaugurated on the Northern Pacific and also to have work commenced at once on the Great Northwest Central, or have the road handed over to the Northern Pacific, to be operated by that company.

Jas. White has started operations for the erection of a double three-story store at Alexander. The masons are now at work on the foundation, and when completed it will add much to the appearance of the town. Dickson Bros., storekeepers at Chater, have rented one of the stores, and will move to Alexander when completed, about the end of June.

W. W. Watson, assistant secretary of the Watson Manufacturing Company, of Ayer, Ont., and manager of the western business of the company, with headquarters at Winnipeg, has resigned both these positions. He has been succeeded in the management of the Winnipeg business by A. E. Watson. W. W. Watson, it is understood, will remain in Winnipeg and will retain his interest in and connection with the Winnipeg business, though he will also handle some lines of implements on his own account. The business of the Watson Manufacturing Company in the west will not otherwise be affected by the change, and will be continued as before.

Dawson & Graham, solicitors, give notice in the *Manitoba Gazette* that Robert Strang, of Winnipeg; S. J. Jackson, M.P.P., of Stonewall; John Hettle, M.P.P., of Boissevain; Alexander Lawrence, M.P.P., of Morden; Robert G. O'Malley, M.P.P., of Somerset; John Fleming, of Deloraine; John Crawford, M.P.P., of Neepawa; Kenneth McKenzie, M.P.P., of Burnside; S. J. Thompson, M.P.P., of Carberry; F. W. Colclough, M.P.P., of Selkirk; will petition the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council to grant a charter by letters patent under the great seal of the province constituting them and such other persons as may become members in the company thereby created a body corporate and politic under the name of "The Provincial Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Manitoba." The objects for which the incorporation is sought is for the purpose of enabling the above named persons and such others as are or shall become members to carry on the business of mutual insurance against loss or damage by hail, tornadoes, cyclones and hurricanes in all branches and modes of conducting the same. The chief place of business of the company will be in Winnipeg, and the directors of the company are to be: Robert Strang, F. D. Lord, of Grand Forks, J. Hettle, F. W. Colclough, and A. Lawrence.

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### The Territorial Experimental Farm.

In our review of the Dominion Experimental Farm report two weeks ago we dealt with the farm at Brandon, Man. This week a few of the leading points from the report of Superintendent MacKay, of the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, Assa., will be given.

In introducing his subject, Mr. MacKay makes a few remarks on the advisability of farmers in this country devoting a share of their attention to something besides wheat. He argues that to a farmer who is depending entirely on his wheat for a living, an early frost is almost ruin; whereas, if he divided his attention between wheat and some other kind of agricultural products, he would not be entirely at the mercy of the frost. This argument is good, and should be carefully considered, not only by farmers in the territories, with which his report more particularly deals, but also by Manitoba farmers.

On the question of early seeding, Mr. MacKay has a few words to say which it might be as well to copy just as they are. He says: "Another point of great importance is early seeding. Every farmer realizes this, but very few act up to it. As long as seed and land hold out seeding continues, whether it be in April, May or June. The result is that much of the late sown grain is frozen and the country sometimes on this account pronounced a failure."

The preparation of the soil also comes in for

a word of comment. His experiments have shown that the grain sown on fallowed land is several days longer ripening than that sown on fall or spring plowing.

Wheat—On the farm, 19 new and 28 old varieties were tested. Red Fife and Ladoga seem to have received the greatest amount of attention. From the tests made it appears that Ladoga is a few days earlier in ripening, but does not give quite such a large yield. The varieties of wheat which matured earliest were Karachi, Club, Bombay, and Hard Calcutta. The kind known as Gehun, is also early and gave the best results of all. This was sown April 24th, harvested August 15th, yielded 46.34 bushels to the acre and weighed 64½ lbs to the bushel. Some experiments were made with frozen wheat and the results were interesting. A quantity of No. 3 frozen Red Fife was put in by drill at the rate of two bushels per acre, and it returned 21 5/6 bushels. The drill method of putting in seed is recommended as superior in every respect to broad-cast seeding.

Barley—Thirty-two varieties of this grain were sown in the spring of 1900. Of these, all except the India sorts, were very heavy in straw and the rain storms before harvest laid down a lot of it. "The only barley not lodged was Duckbill, and this, although having more straw, than any other, was not in the least

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injured in this respect; it was, however, more discolored than any other sort, from having fewer beards and the exposed position of the grain in the heads. For earliness, yield, good straw, vigorous growth, and general appearance, none equalled the Duckbill." Duckbill is a two-rowed barley.

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We take the above paragraph just as it is in the report. Owing to the large growth of straw the grain was not so plump and rounded this year as it was last.

Oats—Oats were a good crop last year, but were also very heavy in straw. They were sown on fall and spring plowing and on fallow. That sown on the latter was badly lodged. The variety known as Prize Cluster, gave the best results both in point of earliness and in grain. The largest yield was obtained from the black oats, which gave 74 3/4 bushels to the acre.

The whole quantity of oats sown on the farm was put in between the 22nd and 26th of April and harvested between the 13th and 29th of August.

Peas—Five varieties of field peas were sown. Unfortunately a hail storm which passed over the farm on the 12th June cut off all the young leaves and battered the stocks. From this the most of them never recovered.



Fodder Plants—Rye, millet, Hungarian grass, tares, oats, peas and corn were sown for fodder. Of these rye proved to be the most satisfactory. This was the case in 1890 also, so that Mr. MacKay is safe in asserting that "it can, without doubt, be depended on every year for a crop of fodder or hay.

Experiments were also made with grasses, flax, buckwheat, beans, turnips, mangolds, carrots, sugar beets and potatoes with varying success.

Fruits—During the last three years, apple, crab apple, pear, plum and cherry trees have all been planted but with indifferent results. Currant, raspberry, and gooseberry bushes have also been put in. Seventeen varieties of grapes were planted in the spring of 1890. These are all doing well.

Forest Trees—In May 1890, 38,317 forest trees were planted. They were made up of 4 varieties of pine, 1 of spruce, 3 of maples 4 of ash, 3 of elm, 2 of chesnut, 2 mountain ash, and 1 variety each of cedar, larch, juniper, bass wood, birch, hickory, oak, butternut, walnut, Russian Mulberry, honey, locust, coffee tree, cottonwood, Russian olive and red cedar. The majority of these were still living at the end of the year, but whether they would come through the winter or not would not be known at the time the report was written. Besides the trees mentioned several varieties of poplars and willows were planted and over 1,300 shrubs of different kinds.

To his report on the agricultural operations of the farm of Mr. MacKay adds a few words on stock raising, which, though not really a branch of the farm work is still of sufficient importance to warrant continuance.

The above resume of the report although it covers all the principal points does not by any means give all the good ones, and is intended only to give the reader a general idea of the work carried on on the farm.

### The Lard Difficulty.

The increase in the lard duty from 1c per lb. to 3c has proved an unfortunate change for the trade generally, and it seems that the difficulties are not yet over. It will be remembered that when the increased duty came into force

last year, the Chicago product was prohibited, but rather than lose its old established connections a large Chicago firm commenced the manufacture of lard in this city, which created such a sharp competition, that it was deemed advisable to form an agreement among all the lard manufacturers of the city to adhere to one rate. This was observed for some time, when a refractory concern was discovered kicking over the traces, and one of the worst "cutting" campaigns ever remembered in the lard trade was at once inaugurated, values being slapped down to such a low ebb, that it was impossible to manufacture a good article and sell it at a profit. This unsettled state of things has gone on ever since until efforts are again being made to put an end to this cut-throat policy which is depriving manufacturers of a fair living profit. At the same time, however, consumers are not reaping the full benefit which should accrue to them through the late abnormally low prices, owing to the fact that the quality of the lard is not as good as it was before the extra duty was put in force. The situation may therefore be summed up in a nutshell, namely:—The Government has lost the revenue it formerly derived from importations of lard, dealers are bereft of their profits, and the public are getting a poorer article.

The iniquity of the tariff on lard is the way in which it is imposed, as the package weighing about one-fifth of the gross weight of the lard is also taxed 3c per lb. In consequence of the change in the duty, therefore, the lard trade has been completely demoralized, as not only have the Government lost the duty altogether and dealers and manufacturers their profit, but the people are dissatisfied with the quality of the lard, while the large number of hands that were to be employed in the new manufacture is a complete farce, as by the addition of six or seven hands sufficient lard can be turned out by the now process to supply the whole Dominion. —Montreal Trade Bulletin.

A cable was received at Toronto recently announcing the opening of the Japan tea market at Yokohama at one dollar per picul higher than last year, with the quality about the same.

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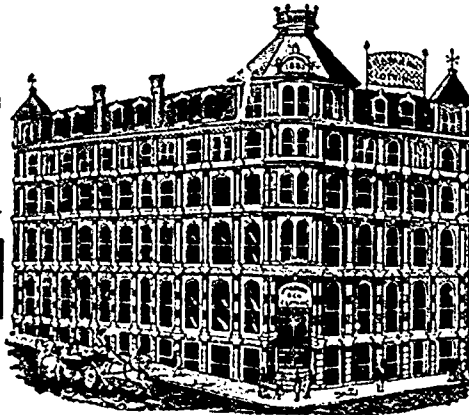
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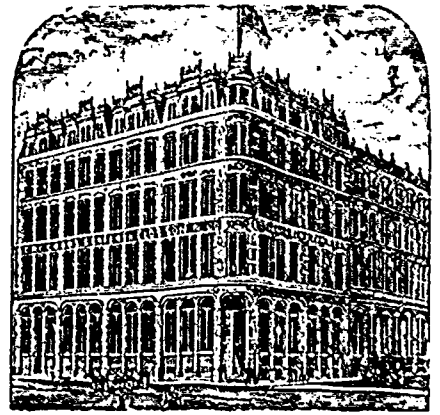
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## Eastern Business Changes.

## ONTARIO.

J. Farlow, tins, Inneskip, has sold out.  
 Jos. Pim, baker, Toronto, has assigned.  
 C. Peters, shoes, Walkerton has assigned.  
 Jas. Young, teas, Hamilton, stock seized.  
 Alex. Stewart, harness, Stratford, is dead.  
 John Simpson, shoes, Appin, has assigned.  
 Thos. Dunn, butcher, Brockville, has assigned.  
 Philip Levy, clothing, London, has assigned.  
 James Clarke, butcher, Ottawa, has assigned.  
 G. G. Pope, grocer, Peterboro, has assigned.  
 Hy. Dakin, brass founder, Galt, has assigned.  
 P. Boiveau, carriages, Ottawa, has assigned.  
 A. W. Robb, publisher, Chesley, has sold out.  
 Wm. Robinson, baker, Glenco, has sold out.  
 G. E. Wray, publisher, Rodney, has sold out.  
 Geo. Fach, hotel, Egmondville, has sold out.  
 W. J. Gilpin, hardware, Orillia, has sold out.  
 Joseph Scott, hotel, Algoma Mills, has sold out.  
 John McMillan, oil refinery, Petrolia, is dead.  
 J. Yandon, general store, Canaan, has assigned.  
 C. A. Fanjoy, photos, Collingwood, has assigned.  
 David Ellis, general store, Elmvale, has assigned.  
 Eric McConnell, hotel, Mattawa, has assigned.  
 Chas. Butler, grocer, etc., Peterboro, has assigned.  
 Patrick Hunter, butcher, Brockville, has assigned.  
 John M. Redmond, shoes, Toronto, has assigned.  
 E. L. Bannister, drugs, Brampton, has assigned.  
 Smith & Co., general store, Orono, have dissolved.  
 J. S. Richards, general store, Carlow, is selling out.  
 John Wiseman, general store, Clinton, has sold out.  
 Ashley Carriage Company, Belleville have sold out.  
 C. Beck, stoves and tins, Kincairdine, has sold out.  
 J. W. McDonald, general store, Emsdale, has sold out.  
 Wm. Stevenson, boilermaker, Petrolia, has assigned.  
 Wm. Clayton, watchmaker, Clarksburg, has assigned.  
 G. W. Pitt, jeweler, London, is out of business.  
 Albert Little, grocer, Wallaceburg, is out of business.  
 Cross Bros., grocers, etc., Drayton, have dissolved.  
 M. Fleming, banker, has closed the branch at Forest.  
 J. H. Laidlaw, jeweler, Sarnia; bailiff in possession.  
 E. H. Jeeves, groceries, etc., Port Rowan, has sold out.  
 Jas. McIntosh, confectionery, Port Elgin, has sold out.  
 David Ballantyne, general store, Bruce Mines, has assigned.  
 J. W. Strickland, house furnishings, Galt, has assigned.  
 E. & E. Hazard, fancy dry goods, Toronto, has assigned.

Duncan Sinclair, general store, Alvinston, has assigned.  
 E. Bannister, drugs, Brampton, the sheriff is in possession.  
 J. A. & Geo. Meadows, grocers, Lancaster, have assigned.  
 W. Robertson & Co., stationery, Toronto, have assigned.  
 McMillan & McLean, general store, Glencoe, has assigned.  
 Jas. Brady, liquors, Ingersoll, is succeeded by F. A. Brady.  
 A. Clubb, cigars, Toronto, firm now A. F. & W. J. Clubb.  
 Peter Franklin, confectionery, etc., Leamington, has sold out.  
 Wm. Baizer, general store, Alliston; style now J. C. Badger.  
 Philip Levy, gents' furnishings, London, was arrested for fraud.  
 Thos. Fitzpatrick, general store, Wallaceburgh, has assigned.  
 Thos. Austin, grocer and butcher, Fenlon Falls, has assigned.  
 Brown, Anderson & Co., grocers, Collingwood, have assigned.  
 J. L. Gourrice & Co., general store, Holmesville, have dissolved.  
 Robson Bros., sash and door manufacturers, Alexandria, has assigned.  
 Miller & Chadwick, brokers, Toronto, H. T. Miller of this firm is dead.  
 Elliott & Neelon, builders, Toronto, John Elliott, of this firm, is dead.  
 Stone & Black, bakers and confectioners, New Market, have sold out.  
 W. Erb & Son, mattress manufacturers, etc., Bloomingdale, have sold out.  
 Jos. Clarke, tailor, Watford, is dead; W. Bell will continue the business.  
 Thos. Deering, general store, etc., Exeter, was burned out; partially insured.  
 John Wall, dry goods, Chatham, is offering to compromise at 40c on the dollar.  
 Wm. McKim, sodawater and groceries, Ingersoll, has sold out his grocery business.  
 Hess Bros. & Co., furniture manufacturers, Toronto, have sold out their retail business.  
 Gillespie, Ansley & Martin, wholesale hats and caps, Toronto, G. E. Gillespie, of this firm, is dead.  
 Williams, Greene & Rome Co., manufacturers of collars, cuffs, etc., Toronto, D. Rome, of this firm, is dead.  
 Morrow & Irwin, dry goods, London, have dissolved; C. Q. Morrow will continue the business alone.  
 Mrs. B. F. Stevens, fancy goods; B. A. Case, tailor; Misses McCandless, dressmakers, Strathroy, were burned out.  
 L. M. Green, jeweler, London, has formed a partnership with Mrs. G. W. Pitt, under the style of Pitt & Green.  
 F. W. Mark, drugs, etc.; John Barry, groceries; J. G. Raymond, tailor, Strathroy, have had their stocks, etc., damaged by fire and water.

## QUEBEC.

F. Monette, hotel, St. John, is dead.  
 Ernest Neveu, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Nap. Dechene, tins, Montreal, has assigned.  
 P. E. Lizotte, dry goods, Sorel, has assigned.  
 A. Davidson, drugs, Waterloo, has sold out.  
 M. H. Leprohon, hardware, Joliette, has assigned.  
 L. H. Derick, general store, Noyan, has assigned.

Alfred Pominville, hotel, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Lonergan Bros., bakers, Montreal, have assigned.  
 Fridolil Barbeau, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.  
 R. mi Fortin, general store, Weedon Tp., has assigned.  
 J. L. Lamarche, general store, St. Johns, has assigned.  
 Star Collar Box Company, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 C. E. Spragge, commission, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Demers & Rivetain, foundry, Quebec, have suspended.  
 Union Shoe Company, Quebec, are offering a compromise.  
 E. A. Manny, foundry, Beauharnois, has compromised.  
 Alphonse Bessette, general store, Iberville, has sold out.  
 Jos. Bellavance, general store, St. Faiben, has assigned.  
 Hodgson Bros., provisions and commission, have dissolved.  
 Wm. Leach & Co., fruits, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Martel & Blacklock, contractors, Montreal, have assigned.  
 Nap. Beaudoin, grocer, St. Jacques L'Achigan, has assigned.  
 Onellet & Bourgeois general store, Napierville, have assigned.  
 John McMillan, oils, etc., Montreal and Petrolia, Ont., is dead.  
 E. Lefort & Co., manufacturers' agents, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Lonergan Bros., bakers, Montreal, demand of assignment made.  
 Aime Dion, trader, St. Barbe, has had a meeting of creditors.  
 Stanislas Coallier, general store, St. Telephore, has assigned.  
 F. X. Mersoin, provisions, feathers, etc., Montreal, has assigned.  
 Jean Leroux, general store, St. Joseph de Soulanges, has assigned.  
 Papin & Corboil, shoe manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Piche, Tisdale & Pinchaud, wholesale hardware, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 N. Tetrault, jr., manufacturers shoes and retail dealer, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Lane & Boissonneault, shoe manufacturers, Quebec, demand of assignment made.  
 J. Belair & Co., shoe manufacturers, St. Ephrem d'Upon, are offering to compromise.  
 Alex. Nelson & Co., hats and furs, Montreal, have admitted Michael Hulbig as a partner under the same style.  
 Henri Jonas & Co., essences, sauces, etc., Montreal, have dissolved; Henri Jonas will continue business under the same style.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

J. M. Peers, Oxford, has assigned.  
 Neville Holland, Avonport, has assigned.  
 N. S. Thompson, hotel, Oxford, has assigned.  
 A. B. Cunningham, drugs, Annapolis, is dead.  
 Godfrey Bros., grocers, Yarmouth, has assigned.  
 F. D. Rodgers, shoes, Lunenburg, has assigned.  
 J. B. Morris, general store, Bridgewater, has assigned.  
 A. Y. Seeley, general store, Port Medway, has sold out.



O'Brien, Adams & Co, confectionery, Halifax, has dissolved.

Crook & McQuarie, blacksmiths, Dartmouth, have dissolved.

Reuben Smith, general store, Cape Island, stock advertised to sell at auction.

J. C. Morrison, general store, Springfield, is offering to compromise at 25 per cent.

Freize & Roy, general store and shipping, Maitland, Geo. Freize, of this firm, is dead.

Thompson & Sutherland, stoves and tinware, New Glasgow and North Sydney, have dissolved.

D. E. McKay, wooler mill, Antigonish, has admitted Henry K. Brine as a partner; firm now McKay & Brine.

G. O. Jacques, general store, Auburn, has admitted H. A. Jacques as a partner; firm now H. A. Jacques & Co.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rains Price, hotel, Canterbury, has assigned.

J. R. Colpitts, baker, Moncton, has assigned. G. L. Hoyt, blacksmith, Prince William, has assigned.

Harris Chapman, carriages, Port Elgin, has assigned.

D. G. Scott & Co, grocers, Moncton, have dissolved.

Mrs. W. S. Henderson, millinery, Hartland, has sold out.

F. Parent & Co. general store, St. Leonards, have sold out.

Morrison & Morse, general store, Oak Bay, have dissolved.

Bissett & McLoon, grocers, St. John, are closing up business.

J. A. Mahar, general store, Campobello, has moved to St. Stephen.

Sam McGirr, grocer, St. John, reported as having left the country.

J. A. McAlmon, hotel, Kingston, (Kent C.), was burned out; no insurance.

W. A. Erb, saw and grist mill, Apohaqui, was burned out; no insurance.

A. B. Whetmore, dry goods, St. John, has compromised at 60c on the dollar.

H. W. Northup & Co., wholesale grocers, St. Johns, co-partnership registered H. W. & I. H. Northup.

Stewart & Co., wholesale and retail confectionery, St. Stephen, receiver appointed under bill of sale.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Ellis Schurman, lumber, Summerside, has sold out.

R. Roblee & Co., general store, Tignish, was burned out.

Stern Bros., clothing and mens' furnishings, Souris, have dissolved.

McInnis Bros., general store, St. Peters, are compromising at 50c on the dollar.

P. E. I. Navigation Company, Charlottetown, have sold out to the Charlottetown Steam Navigation Company (limited).

#### Prices at Montreal.

Flour—The feature in the flour market has been the further advance of 25c per bbl. Latest sales reported were car lots of straight rollers at \$5.45 to \$5.50 and \$5.65, extra at \$5.10 to \$5.15 and 200 barrels of superfine at \$4.90. City strong bakers have been advanced 25c to \$6 with sales at that figure. Spring patent has sold at an advance of 20c to 25c per bbl. A lot of 4,000 sacks of strong bakers was

sold at \$6 for May delivery. The market is strong all round and dealers look for still higher prices. There is a good export demand at steadily rising value, the sale of a round lot of low grade flour is reported for English account at 3s per sack advance upon bids made about 2 weeks ago.

Oatmeal.—The market is very unsettled and prices have really no definite basis owing to the belief that the oatmeal combine has gone to pieces, offers being made from the West at prices varying 25c per bbl for Standard. We quote standard granulated and rolled oats at from \$6 20 to \$6 30 per bbl and large lots at lower prices.

Mill Feed.—Bran, firm, at \$21 per ton in car lots. Shorts, in limited supply at \$23 to \$24 and Moultrie at \$28 to 30.

Wheat.—The sale of a lot of 11 cars of No. 2 have been made at \$1 22½ and a lot of about 3,000 bushels at \$1 25, some holders refusing to offer under \$1.30. Red and white winter wheat is quoted at \$1.20 to \$1.25 but prices are more or less nominal.

Oats.—It is impossible to obtain over 59c for white Ontario oats, and the general price is 58c. Manitoba mixed have sold at 56c per 34 lbs.

Barley.—Good demand for feed barley at 65c to 68c which is quite an advance on the week. Malting barley is quoted at 72 to 80c as to quality.

Cured Meats.—Local packers are still selling at last weeks quotations but an advance may be expected at any moment. Canada short cut mess pork per bbl, \$17.00 to \$17.50; mess pork, heavy, per bbl., \$17.00 to \$17.50; hams, city cured, per lb., 11 to 12c; lard, western, in pails, per lb., 8½ to 9c; lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb., 8 to 8½c; bacon, per lb., 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb., 8½ to 9c.

Butter.—The market is easier. Sales of new Eastern Townships and Morrisburg dairy have transpired at 23c to 25c but dealers say it is very difficult to obtain 25c for finest. Good to choice new rolls sell at 20 to 22c. Last week about 1,500 packages were shipped to the English market and 2 cars went to New York. Sales of poor to medium grades of old butter have sold at 7c to 14c.

Cheese.—In new fodder cheese contracts have been made in the Belleville section at 10 to 10½c for April make.

Eggs.—The market has held steady all the week, chiefly under the very active demand that has sprung up consequent to present low prices, at which they are retailed in the stores. There are some very large lots coming forward and in all probability lower prices may be looked for next week. Prices now paid by collectors are 9c east of Toronto and 8c west. The rate to-day in the city is from 11½ to 12c.

Apples.—The market is drooping under small demand and prices are all in buyers' favor. Choice fruit is scarce and poor lots seem to be plentiful enough. Good stock is quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.50. The market is firm for evaporated apples and quotations have advanced to 14 to 15c. Dried apples are firm at 8½ to 9c. For gallon apples there is a fair demand at \$3 25 per doz tins.

Onions.—Holders are offering at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 to clear.

Nuts.—New Brazils 9 to 11c per lb; walnuts, 9½ to 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; peanuts, 7 to 9c; almonds shelled, 23 to 35c.

Maple syrup—demand slow, at 4½ to 5c per pound.

Hides.—At a meeting of local dealers it was agreed to drop present prices to 6c. Several car lots have been sold to Quebec buyers during the past week on a basis of 6½c to 6¾c for No. 1.

Dried fruits.—The feature of the week has been the much better feeling in currants, and several good round lots to arrive have changed hands at 6c to 6¼c. An old sample on spot was disposed of at 5½. In Valencia raisin sales have been made at 5½c up to 5¾c, and some very good brands are offered at 5½c.

Tea.—New crop Japan teas are on the way, and samples will soon be received via Vancouver. On spot a number of sales have transpired in Japans at 14½c to 15½c for common to good medium qualities, and at 20c to 25c for fine to choice. In black teas sales have transpired on English account at 8 to 10½d cost and freight Montreal, which prices it is said show a little better terms for buyers. *Trade Bulletin*, April 21.

#### Meat Prices in the States.

The price of meat at St. Louis has gone up and is still advancing, and packers, butchers and dealers say that they think it will continue to advance till about the middle of June or the first of July. At present the prices of dressed meats, excepting pork, range from 9½ to 12½c per lb at wholesale for first-class grade. Pork is beginning to take an upward turn. A retail choice steaks sell at from 17½ to 20c a pound, while sound steak is worth from 12½ to 20c and roasts go at 15 to 22c. Mutton chops are hard to get at 17 to 25c. This is an average advance of from 6 to 7c since the first of the month. Representatives of Armour & Co., Nelson Morris and others say the advance is due to natural causes, mainly the scarcity of good stock. Then the failure of the oat crop and the minimum amount of hay for several years are other causes and the removal of the cattle from the Cherokee strip is still another. The cattle, they say, were taken from the strip and put on the market at once. This took away one source of obtaining feeders for the spring market. Then on account of the short crops last year and the consequently high price of grain, feeders could not afford to fatten stock and take the price paid for it. The farmers did not have the feed and so put all surplus stock on the market at any price they could get. This took away another and the remaining source of obtaining feeders and the factor is the eastern demand, chiefly from New York and Philadelphia for high grade beef and mutton. This is a regular demand, and pays well for the stock to supply it. As long, however, as fat stock was plenty this demand did not much affect the prices here, but since the supply became scarce, unless prices be paid here equal to those of eastern buyers the stock goes east.

The first train of the season on the Calgary & Edmonton railroad left Calgary on the morning of April 14th, and consisted of 17 cars, most of which were filled with settlers' effects for the Red Deer country.

A subscriber at Cypress River, Man., writes: A drug store will be opened here by a Mr. Butchard. There is a good opening for a doctor. W. E. MacLeod has been appointed agent for the Massey implements. A Mr. Saunders will open a butcher shop.



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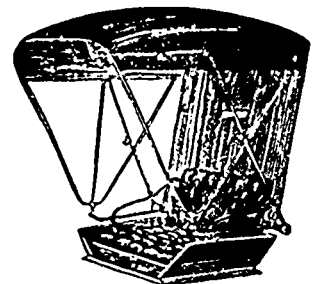
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Most dried fruits are firm. Quotations are: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.10 to \$2.25; Valencia layer., \$2.75; currants, 7c; figs, cooking, in bags, 6½c; in boxes, 7c; choice do., 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit Apricots, 22 to 24c; peeled peaches, 35c; pitted plums; 22c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 5½c to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitia, \$5.

FUEL

There has been no change in prices of fuel since the early spring. Tamarac wood is quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cord, on track as to quality, the lowest price for mixed spruce and poor quality. Good poplar is worth from \$2.40 to \$2.50

FURNITURE.

Furniture dealers report a very fair trade though business in this line in this market is mostly of a retail nature. Cash, however, is not as plentiful as is desirable, and credit is asked much more largely than should be the case.

GREEN FRUITS.

Lemons continue very firm, with further advances expected. California oranges are arriving freely in car lots, and are selling at lower prices than usual for this market. Apples are scarce and dear, and the consumption accordingly is small. Apples held at \$7 to \$8 per barrel. Lemons \$6.50 to \$7 a box. California oranges \$3.25 to \$4 per box. Bananas are quoted \$3 to \$3.50 per bunch. Comb honey, 23c a lb; maple sugar, 12 to 13c per lb; maple syrup \$1 to \$1.25 per gallon, as to quality.

HARDWARE.

Business is commencing to move some, but is not particularly brisk yet. Considerable change has been made in prices, in the nature of a spring revision, rather than due to any recent feature in the outside condition of prices. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.25, wire nails \$4.50; I.C. tin plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50 as to grade; I.C. tin plates double, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch 13½c; 1½ inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.20 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6c net; sisal rope, 12½c per pound; manilla rope, 16c per lb.

LUMBER.

Since the failure of the scheme to form a combination among the Lake of the Woods manufacturers, a number of meetings have been held, with the object of arranging an agreement which would be kept, as to prices, etc., on the old lines. An agreement has finally been arrived at which has been signed by all the lake mill proprietors, providing for a uniform price list and uniform terms and grades. \$1,000 is to be forfeited by any firm or company violating the agreement. The association will

appoint an inspector, who will grade the output of the different mills. This will provide for a uniform grade according to quality, and to this extent will be an advantage to the retail trade, as the quality can thus be depended upon. It will also prevent the mills from cutting prices by putting in a better quality, at the price of a lower grade. The terms of the association are sixty days, or two per cent. off for payment within thirty days from date of invoice. Eight per cent interest after sixty days. Following is the new price list agreed upon, f.o.b. at Lake of the Woods mills: Dimensions 2x4 to 12x12, 18 feet long, \$14; do., 10 feet long, \$15; cull dimension, \$10; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches in depth and width; 50c per M advance on each foot over 18 to 24 feet. \$1. per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50c. sizing, \$1; dressing 4 sides, \$2. Boards—1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd. do., rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; 3rd. do., rough, \$12, dressed, \$13; culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common stock, 12 in., rough, \$19; dressed, \$20; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, \$18; dressed, \$19; 2nd. do., 12 in., rough \$16, dressed, \$17; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, 15, dressed, \$16; wide box boards, No. 1, rough, \$19; dressed, \$20; do, No. 2, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Siplap—6 inches, \$14; 8 and 10 inches, \$16; cull, \$12. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$31; do., red pine, \$26; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$27; do, red pine, \$24; 3rd, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$23; do, red pine, \$20; 3rd, 4 inch, white pine, \$22; do., red pine, \$19; 4th, 5 and 6 inch, white and red, \$15; do., 4 inch, white and red, \$14; culls, white and red, \$10. \$1 per M advance for dressing both sides, \$2.00 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding—No. 1, ½ in. x 6 in. white pine, \$20; No. 2 do. white and red, \$17. Finishing—1½, 1½ and 2 in. Clear white pine, 1st and 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$17; selects, white pine, \$30; shop, do. \$25; clear red pine, \$27; selects, do, \$22. 1 inch white pine—1st, and 2nd clear, \$40; 3rd, do, \$32; 1 in selects, \$20; 1 in. red pine, clear, \$25; No. 1, stock, white pine, 12 in, \$37; No. 1, do, 8 and 10" \$35; No. 2, do, 12 in, \$32; No. 2, do, 8 and 10", \$30; No. 3, stock, white and red pine, 12 in, \$26; No. 3, stock, white and red pine, 8 and 10 in, \$25. Moulding—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 40c; window stops, do. 50c; door stops, do, 75c; 1 round and cove, do, 50c; 4 in. casing O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.50; 5 in. do, \$1.90; 6 in. do, \$2.25; 8 in. base, \$3; 10 in. base, \$3.75. Mouldings not mentioned above at 45 per cent off prices in universal moulding book. Lath, \$2. Shingles—No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.25; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.

NUTS.

Taragona Almonds, per lb. 20c; Grenoble Walnuts, per lb 19c; Sicily Filberts, per lb 15c; Peanuts, White Virginias, green, per lb 15c; Peanuts, do roasted, per lb 17c; Pecans, large, polished, per lb 20c; Cocoanuts, per hundred, \$10.00.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business is very satisfactory in this branch, the month of April having been about the best ever experienced in trade here. Linceed oil is lower. Other prices unchanged. Quotations are: Turpentine, in barrels, 72c per gallon; luseed oil in barrels, raw 78c; boiled, 80c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$8 per

barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 per barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt; Elephant genuine white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1, do, \$6.40; Bull's Head, do, \$6.00; Royal Crown, do, \$5.00; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Red Star, \$5.50; calomine, in cases of 29 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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WHEAT.

Wheat ruled weak and lower in leading American markets. on most days last week. The heavy drop in prices on Saturday, April 25th, was followed by an unsettled feeling on Monday, April 27th. Liverpool cables were ½ to 1½ lower, but London was higher for near futures, and lower for more distant futures. The visible supply statement on Monday showed an increase of 150,000 bushels. A year ago the visible decreased 530,050 bushels. The total quantity reported was 22,342,000 bushels and a year ago 23,982,000 bushels. Wheat continued weak and lower on Tuesday. Liverpool cabled ½ to 1d lower, and London 3d to 1s lower. Paris and Berlin also cabled lower. Weather was favorable for growing crops. The quantity of wheat on ocean passage, as per statement on Tuesday, increased 800,000 bushels—making a total available supply of wheat and flour of 38,240,000 bushels, against 25,419,000 bushels a year ago and 17,920,000 bushels two years ago. On Wednesday there was quite a drop in prices at Chicago. Liverpool cabled ½ to ¾ lower, and crop advices were generally favorable. *Bradstreet's* reported a decrease in the supply of wheat of 1,303,000 bushels of which decrease 873,000 bushels was east of the Rockies, against a decrease same week last year of 1,400,000 bushels. Liverpool cables were again 1d lower on Wednesday. On Friday the situation was reversed, Liverpool cables came in ½ to 1½ higher, and hot winds on the Pacific coast were reported to be damaging the crop.

In Manitoba the weather was more favorable and averaged a lower temperature than the previous week, with frost on some nights, and light rains. The week, however, was favorable for spring work, which went on uninterruptedly most of the time, while the cooler weather would be favorable to the strengthening of the wheat plants, the heat of the previous week being calculated to produce a hothouse growth, rather than a healthy development of the plants.

FLOUR.

Prices held at the advance reported last week as follows per 100 lbs: Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers', \$2.70; Imperial, \$2.45; second bakers', \$2.35; XXXX, \$1.85; superfine, \$1.50.

MILLSTUFFS.

Hold firm at previous quotations of \$15 for bran and \$17 shorts, per ton.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Quotations are: Oil cake, in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26 to \$27; in bulk \$25; oatmeal, standard \$3.15; granulated, \$3.25 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$3.25 per sack of 30 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$2.25 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

## GROUND FEED.

Ground feed is held firm, the finest quality being quoted at \$27 to \$28 per ton for pure feed. Mixed qualities are sometimes obtainable lower.

## OATS.

There was very little doing in the way of farmers deliveries. Prices are about the same as reported a week ago, about 18c per 34 lbs. being paid for the few loads offering. Dealers were selling jobbing lots at about 54 to 55.

## BARLEY.

Worth locally about 45c and dealers selling at 50c per bushel for feed quality.

## BUTTER.

There was a little more offering in new butter, but the article is still very scarce. Retail dealers in the city were paying 25 to 30c per pound to farmers, for nice new rolls and prints, and even as high as 35c has been paid in trade for choice. Dealers are selling at 18 to 22c for such as they have, but very poor quality for the money.

## EGGS.

Dealers were getting a little better prices for sales in small lots, and such lots are quotable at 12½ to 13c per dozen. Packers are paying 11 and 11½, in large lots.

## CURED MEATS.

Quotations are: Dry salt bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c; smoked hams, 13c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna, do., 9c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound.

## LARD.

Pure lard held at \$2.20 for 20 pound package compound, \$1.90.

## POULTRY AND GAME.

A few turkeys may be had at 17c; chickens, 15c, and geese, 11c or 67 to 89c per pair for chickens.

## HIDES.

Offerings light and mostly confined to city butchers' stock. No. 1 cows are quoted here at 4½c, inspected, and No. 1 steers at 5c per pound; calfskins, 4 to 5½c per pound, the highest price for best quality for local tanning; sheep pelts have brought as high as \$1 each for extra long wool, while some are offering which are not worth over 25c each; average round lots are worth from 50 to 75c per skin.

## VEGETABLES.

There has been no more buying of potatoes for shipment, but offerings are light, and prices keep up fairly well. Green stuff is becoming more plentiful. Potatoes bring 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 25 to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, about \$1 per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; cabbage, 7½c to \$1 per dozen, as to quality; Spanish onions, \$1.49 to \$1.50 per crate of 30 pounds net; common onions, \$6 per 100 pounds; lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; asparagus, \$1.50 per dozen; radishes, 50 to 60c per dozen; rhubarb, \$3.50 per 50 pound box; cucumbers, \$2 per dozen.

## DRESSED MEATS.

Veal is very scarce and higher, 12c per pound being paid for choice, and poor quality has sold at 10c and over; mutton holds firm at 14c for choice city dressed; beef is plentiful at 6 to 7c per pound for good to choicest city dressed; country dressed, 5 to 6c; pork, 7½ to 8c.

## Assiniboia.

Fred Campbell has opened a harness shop at Whitewood.

The first car of British Columbia sugar consigned to Moosomin was unloaded by Messrs. R. D. McNaughton & Co. on Tuesday.

H. N. Ruttan, city engineer of Winnipeg,

was in Regina recently making an examination of the drainage system with a view to making some improvements.

J. A. Pritchard & Co., general dealer, Wapella, is in the hands of the sheriff, and the stock will be sold at Moosomin, on May 9th. Pritchard has since assigned to C. H. Mahon & Co., Winnipeg.

The Ottawa hotel, Moose Jaw, has again changed hands, Holt having rented it for a term of six months. Jackson the former occupant, is retiring from the hotel business. The Queens hotel at the same place has been leased by T. E. McWilliams and is now open for business. Thos. Healy, Moose Jaw, has opened a confectionery store.

Captain Holmes, the colonization agent, who has been working in South Dakota for the past month, returned last week, and with him were twenty-four people from the locality of Aberdeen who intend settling in the Yorkton district. Later eighteen more South Dakotans arrived with seven cars of stock, including 90 head, followed by twenty one settlers with 52 head. These, with twenty-four settlers previously arrived with nine cars of stock, will all settle about Yorkton. The captain explained that the reason why Yorkton was selected for the settlement of these people was because they were assisted by the Canada Settlers' Loan Co., which was largely interested in the lands of that district.

## Butter and Cheese Prices at Toronto.

Butter prices at Toronto the first of last week were: Dairy—Good to choice western, 19 to 22c; mediums, 14 to 17c; common and store packed, 5 to 10c; large rolls, 11 to 23c; pound rolls, 22 to 26c.

Cheese—New and late fall makes, 12 to 12½c; summer, 10 to 11c; skims, 8 to 9c.

## Flying over the C.P.R.

A special train was dispatched east over the C.P.R. from Vancouver last week, with passengers from the steamship Empress of India and others. The train reached Winnipeg in 52½ hours, or 49 hours actual running time, delays having been made at some points to view the mountain scenery. The rate of 61 miles an hour was made over a portion of the prairie section. The time for the total distance of nearly 1,500 miles, makes one of the best runs on record, considering the nature of the country and length of the run.

## Grain and Milling.

The Minnedosa mill has closed down until after seeding.

Thirty-four firms operate grain elevators in Chicago, giving employment to 510 men and 14 women.

D. G. McBean, of McBean Bros., Winnipeg, was married in Montreal recently to Miss Gardner.

P. Barclay, late of the Portage la Prairie oatmeal mill, has formed a partnership with Cahoon, of the High Bluff flour mill.

W. H. Fraser, of the Emerson, Manitoba, grist mill, has sold out to his brother Alex. and a Mr. Davis, and has gone to Duluth.

The material for the Ogilvie Milling Company's elevator at Carberry is now on the

ground and the building will be commenced about May 1st.

It was reported from Portage, Man., early last week, that nine-tenths of the wheat on the Plains was already reaped. R. H. Smith had finished his farm of \$10 acres.

The Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., mill has been closed for a short time for the purpose of overhauling. It is expected that the mill will be run full time until the new crop comes in.

Wheat of this year's growth, says the *Globe*, of Boissevain, Man., measuring 4½ inches, was left at the *Globe* office on the 18th of April, by Geo. Morton. It was sown on the 3rd of April, at Lake Max, a few miles south of Boissevain, to test the germinating powers of a sample of wheat.

The Winnipeg grain exchange has now on hand the question of erecting an exchange building in the city. The grain trade of Winnipeg is an important item. A large number of firms and individuals dealing in grain are located in the city, and their business places are scattered about the city. An exchange building would bring the various grain firms together, and would thus concentrate the business, to the advantage of the trade generally. The exchange would therefore be assured of a considerable revenue from the grain men alone, and any additional space in the building would undoubtedly be quickly taken up by other business men, providing the building is a good one, and the location good. A first class building, in a first class location, would undoubtedly prove a paying investment for the exchange from the start, whereas an inferior building in a poor location would not likely be as profitable. If the scheme is carried through, as doubtless it will, Winnipeg will likely be given a creditable grain exchange building.

F. F. Head, architect, of Portage la Prairie, Man., is preparing a number of plans for elevators at several places in the province. Among the proposed structures are: Addition to the Farmers' Elevator, Portage la Prairie, with a capacity of 50,000 bushels, increasing the total capacity to about 115,000 bushels; Farmers' Elevator, Rapid City, capacity 70,000 bushels; Farmers' Elevator, Neepawa, capacity 90,000 bushels; elevator at Austin for Walter Clifford, capacity 30,000 bushels; elevator at Indian Head for Lord Brassey, capacity 21,000 bushels.

In the Ontario Legislature the Commissioner of Crown Lands announced that the government in consequence of the opposition aroused by the royalty clause in its mining bill had decided to exempt iron ore from royalty for the present, and also not to impose a royalty on silver, nickel or copper until four years after the issue of the patents. He considered the present time most opportune for making regulations. If the opportunity were allowed to slip now it might never come again and these valuable lands would get into the hands of speculators as had been the case in the United States.

The clothing stock of L. R. Arnett, Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff on Thursday last, and brought 77c on the dollar. It is supposed to have been bought in, in the interest of the former owner.

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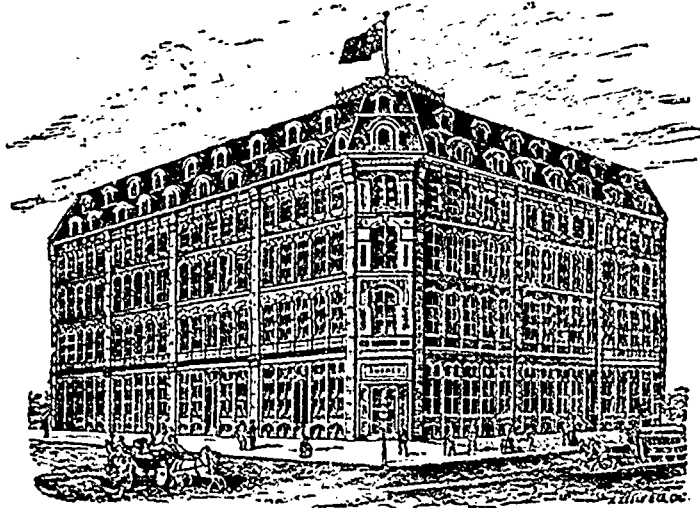
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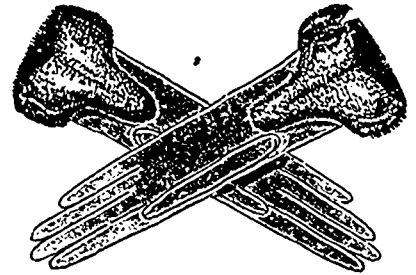
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**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

On Monday, April 27, May wheat opened about Saturday's closing price, at \$1.09 to \$1.09½, and ranged during the day from \$1.08 to \$1.09½. Business was large and prices unsettled. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	\$1.09½	\$1.09½	---	\$1.07½
Corn	64½	65½	---	61
Oats	---	50½	50	46½
Pork	---	12.60	---	12.97½
Lard	---	6.67½	---	6.97½
Short Ribs	---	6.22½	---	6.52½

Wheat opened on Tuesday at \$1.08½ for May and ranged during the day from \$1.06½ to \$1.08½. Fine crop weather, lower cables and heavy selling caused the weak feeling. Closing prices were:

	April	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	\$1.08½	\$1.08½	---	\$1.06
Corn	67½	66½	---	62½
Oats	---	50½	49½	46½
Pork	---	12.62½	---	13.00
Lard	---	6.75	---	7.02½
Short Ribs	---	6.22½	---	6.55

Wheat opened 1½c lower on Wednesday, at \$1.06½ for May, and ranged during the day from \$1.06½ to \$1.08. A large speculative business was done, with a nervous tone to the market. Fine weather and lower cables also increased the weakness. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	\$1.06½	\$1.06½	---	\$1.04½
Corn	67½	66½	---	62½
Oats	---	51½	51	46½
Pork	---	12.62½	---	12.95
Lard	---	6.75	---	7.00
Short Ribs	---	6.25	---	6.57½

On Thursday business was of a local nature and unsettled. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	\$1.05½	---	\$1.04½	05
Corn	68½	---	63½	---
Oats	52½	---	47½	36½
Pork	12.75	---	13.05	13.40
Lard	6.77½	---	7.02½	7.27½
Short Ribs	6.27½	---	6.60	6.90

On Friday wheat was stronger on higher cables. A report from San Francisco of hot winds doing much damage to wheat was also a strong factor. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	\$1.07½	---	\$1.06½	\$1.04½
Corn	67½	---	62½	62
Oats	53½	---	48½	40½
Pork	12.82½	---	13.10	13.43
Lard	6.77½	---	7.02½	7.27½
Short Ribs	6.25	---	6.57½	6.85

On Saturday, May 2, regular No. 2 wheat closed as follows: May, \$1.05; July, \$1.04½. A week ago May closed at \$1.09½ and July at \$1.067.

**Minneapolis Market.**

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, April 30:—

	April.	May.	July.	On track.
No. 1 hard	1.08	---	---	1.08½-9½
No. 1 northern	1.06	1.03	1.08	1.06-61
No. 2 northern	1.03	---	---	1.03-4

Flour—flour was unsettled. Some millers are asking \$5.75 for flour classed as the highest grade of patents, while others are selling at \$5.50 and still others quoting export patents down to \$5.25. The break was scarcely so much on bakers' and low grades. Even at the decline buyers are waiting for another drop apparently. Quoted at \$5.60 to \$5.25 for first patents; \$5.25 to \$5.55 for second patents; \$4.35 to \$5.25 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.20 to \$2.70 for low grades, in bags, including red dog.

Bran and shorts Quoted at \$14.00 to \$14.50 for bran, \$15.50 to \$16.00 for shorts and \$16.00 to \$17.00 for middlings.

Oats—Quoted at 50½ to 52c by sample. Oats have recently been shaken down pretty well.

Barley—Quoted at 60 to 70c for poor to fine samples of No. 3.

Fed—Millers held at \$26.50 to \$27.50 with corn meal at \$25.50 to 26.

Butter—Creamery, 20 to 24c; dairy, 13 to 22c; rolls, 12 to 16c; packing stock, 9 to 11c lb.

Potatoes—The market is dull and weak. Prices are barely steady. Offerings are large and outside demand light. Good many car loads on track that buyers are anxious to sell. Buyers are very slow except at concessions. No outside demand and market over supplied. Quotations for car lots are as follows: Burbank, good to fancy, 75 to 85c; Herbon, common to choice, 75 to 80; Rose, rough to fancy, 72 to 76c; mixed stock, fair to choice, 55 to 70c per bushel; sweet potatoes, \$3.25 to \$1.25 per barrel.

Meats—Veal, 2 to 6c lb; mutton, 7 to 7½c for country dressed; hogs, 5 to 5½c lb.

Apples—\$5 to \$6.50 a barrel.

Green stuff—Good fresh stock is quoted as below: Asparagus, doz., \$1.00 to \$1.25; cabbage, southern crate, \$3.00 to \$3.50; radishes, doz., 25 to 35; cucumbers, doz., \$1.00 to \$1.50; spinach, bu box, \$1.00 to \$1.25; onions, doz., 20 to 30c; cauliflower, doz., \$2.25 to \$2.50; lettuce, doz., 25 to 35c; pieplant, 50 lb. box, \$1.15 to \$1.25; parsley, doz., 25 to 35c; tomatoes, Florida, 10 lb. box \$1 to \$1.50.—Market Record, April 30.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

On Saturday, May 2, No. 1 hard wheat at Duluth closed as follows: Cash, \$1.09½; May, \$1.10; June, \$1.11½; July, \$1.12. A week ago Cash closed at \$1.09½ and May at \$1.12½.

**Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.**

At Minneapolis on Saturday, May 2, No. 1 northern wheat closed as follows: May option, \$1.06 per bushel; June, \$1.07½; July, \$1.07½. A week ago May closed at \$1.03, and July at \$1.09½.

**Toronto Grain and Produce Prices.**

Flour was dull and easy. Car prices were: Flour—Manitoba patent, \$6.25 to \$6.40; Manitoba Strong bakers', \$6.00 to \$6.10; Bran—\$18.50; middlings, \$19 to \$22. Wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.12 to \$1.13, No. 2 spring, \$1.05 to \$1.06; No. 2 red winter, \$1.12 to \$1.14; No. 2 hard, \$1.21; No. 3 hard, \$1.12 to \$1.13; No. 2 northern, \$1.15; No. 1 frosted, \$1 to \$1.02; No. 2 frosted 92c. Barley—No. 3, 53 to 54c. Oats—53 to 54c.—Empire, April 29th.

**Saskatchewan.**

Prince Albert will, according to present indications, have a steam ferry shortly.

Prince Albert ratepayers have carried a by-law to raise \$7,000 for street improvements, etc.

A by-law to raise money for enlarging school accommodation has been passed at Prince Albert.

The Government intend doing a good deal of surveying in the Territories this year. Among

the districts where work is to be done is Prince Albert.

A. H. Axford, general territorial manager for Massey Company, visited Prince Albert and Battleford recently on a tour of inspection.

Prince Albert *Saskatchewan*: "The ice commenced to move in the North Saskatchewan on April 15th being earlier than it has started for some years back."

The Prince Albert board of trade, says the *Saskatchewan*, is moving in the matter of trying to secure connection by rail with Hudson bay at the earliest possible moment. A petition to the Dominion Government has been drawn up representing the importance of this country of the opening up of the direct route to the markets of Britain which Hudson bay offers.

The Battleford *Herald* of April 24th says: "H. A. Head has a field of wheat, sown this spring, that stands more than three inches high. The amount of grain put into the ground in this district is very much greater than in any previous year. The reason is that the favorable opening of the season tempted many to put in more than they had at first intended or made provision for. The quantity of barley being put in is light, only a small amount of seed being available. Of oats a very large acreage is sown, much of the seed of which is of a very superior quality."

**Montreal Stock Market**

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, May 2, 1891:—

Banks	Sellers.	Buyer.
Bank of Montreal	22½	22½
Ontario	221	218
Molson's	161	15½
Toronto	---	---
Merchants	1.91	1.18
Union	---	---
Commerce	1.19	1.15½
Miscellaneous		
Montreal Tel.	104½	103½
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	67	54½
City Pass. Ry.	190	186
Montreal Gas	203½	201
Canada N. W. Land Co.	75	75
C. P. R. (Montreal)	79½	79½
C. P. R. (London)	---	---
Money—Time	---	---
Money—On Call	---	4½
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Posted Rate	480	---
" Demand " " "	480	---
" 60 Days Montreal Rate Between Banks	91	91
" Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks	9.5 10	91
New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks	1.10	1.32

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The Confederation Life Association, the annual report of which appeared in THE COMMERCIAL last week, is the first insurance corporation to invest in a building in Winnipeg, for its head offices for western business, etc. In the eastern cities in Canada and the United States, many of the finest business blocks have been erected by the great insurance companies, as a means of profitably investing funds. The Confederation is now erecting one of the finest buildings in Toronto for its head office, costing over \$300,000. In Winnipeg, as noted, the Confederation is the first company to make a move of this nature. The company secured possession of the Biggs block on Main street, last year, and proceeded to fit it up in such a manner that it is now one of the finest business blocks in the city. About \$10,000 was expended in improving the building. A complete new front was put in, including stone facings, plate glass, cupola and a handsome central entrance. The internal arrangement of the block was considerably altered, new stairs were put in, a complete system of hot water heating for the block was provided, new floors in part and better drainage was added, and the entire interior was fitted and finished in first-class style.

On the ground floor to the right, the Confederation occupy a handsome suite of offices at the front, finished in British Columbia cedar, rose wood imitation and walnut, and ground beveled plate glass. In the rear, Dawson & Graham, solicitors, have their offices. The ground floor to the left of the central entrance is occupied by the city ticket and telegraph office of the Canadian Pacific. The basement is partly taken up with the heating apparatus, fuel and other storage, closets, etc. On the first flat, Mr. Jenkins, superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraph system, has his offices at the front of the building, and the telegraph inspector's office adjoins. In the rear of these offices a large space is taken up by the telegraph batteries. This is one of the finest and largest batteries in Canada, containing 1,200 cups. On the opposite side of the wide hall, Russell & Cooper, managers of the Freehold Loan, and M'lock & Robarts, solicitors, occupy fine suites of rooms. The second flat or third story is occupied with offices and private apartments. The good position of the block and the way in which it has been fitted up, makes it a desirable property. It has been fully occupied from the completion of the improvements, and has returned about 9 per cent. upon the investment. Thus it is a profitable property for the owners.

Daniel McDonald, inspector and chief officer of the Confederation Life in the west, is at present in British Columbia, looking after the interests of the association in that quarter, though his permanent place is in Winnipeg. C. E. Kerr, cashier, is in charge of the Winnipeg offices and local loans. J. R. Somerset and P. D. McKinnon are the general agents for Manitoba, and A. W. R. Markley, of Calgary, is general agent for the territories. The Confederation owns other valuable properties in Winnipeg, and also has considerable invested on mortgage security in the city.

A. McBean, general storekeeper, Clearwater, stock and accounts have been sold to Mary McBean for \$1851 89.

## North West Ontario.

Arthur Collins, painter, has opened business at Port Arthur.

At the Singleton mine, says the Port Arthur *Standard*, C. R. Gehl and George Slipper have struck some good lead and native silver, the showing being very good.

The Port Arthur *Standard* says: "The trestles along the North Shore, are now being filled up. It is the intention of the Canadian Pacific to put on a considerable force of men and work trains during the spring and summer and fill them all in. There will be seven steam shovels employed in the work."

A branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada has been opened at Rat Portage. The Imperial continues to pursue a progressive policy in the west, and is opening branches at principal points as fast as prospects will warrant. The officials of the new branch at Rat Portage are: Wm. Moffat, manager; Mr. Craig, of Woodstock, accountant, and H. R. Kingsmill, of Toronto, junior.

The Rat Portage *News* says: "The Imperial Bank of Canada opened a branch here on Monday, and Alloway & Champion coming to the conclusion that there was no room for two banks here, withdrew, transferring their accounts to the Imperial Bank. Alloway & Champion well satisfied the majority of the business men, who regret their decision of closing the branch here."

An adjourned meeting of the License Commissioners was held at Rat Portage and licenses granted for the three hotels, Hilliard house, Russell house, and the Queens. Keewatin has the same places as before, Norman has none, and in Rat Portage, Mulligan's license and that of Mrs. Charles Ward is cancelled, and an hotel license is granted to W. Lavie. The application of the Hudson's Bay Company for a shop license was refused, while two applications from Rainy River were granted.

At the adjourned meeting of the recently formed Fort William board of trade the election of six members necessary to complete the council resulted in the return of the following: J. T. Horne, A. McLaren, R. Bowman, P. McKellar, C. W. Jarvis, and James Hammond. The committee on mining regulations presented the draft of a memorial to the Lieut. Governor protesting against some of the clauses of the proposed new mining act, and on motion it was adopted and the secretary instructed to forward it.

The Vancouver World on Saturday last issued a special number in honor of the arrival of the Empress of India. Many splendid engravings of the interior and exterior of the steamer are given, also a map of the route around the world.

## Business Before Pleasure.

—The fable of the hare and the tortoise was illustrated in a striking manner in Edmonton recently. Two land hunters were out prospecting on the Stony plain, the one on horseback and the other outfitted with an ox hitched to a broken buggy. Both chose the same quarter section, the ox man having examined the land and started for town a little ahead of the horse man. He was soon overtaken and left out of sight by the latter, who had on

fear that the ox would overtake him. Getting near town and it being about noon he called at a friend's house a little off the road to have dinner. The dinner was good, the friends friendly, valuable ideas were exchanged as to the property—and time slipped away. At last the visit ended and the land seeker started out. He looked back up the road but could see no sign of the ox, and thinking how lucky it was that he had a good horse under him that day he started for the land office to secure his farm. But as he came in sight of the building he saw a man, an ox, and a broken buggy turn away from the door and move slowly—oh so slowly—towards town. The ox man had entered for the land about a minute and a half before."—*Edmonton Bulletin*.

Dr. Brett has leased the Sanitarium hotel at Banff, Alberta, to J. Hastie, who also manages the C.P.R. hotel at Field, B. C. Dr. Brett is making additions to the Sanitarium for the summer trade.

Mayor Pearson received last week a telegram from Hugh John Macdonald, member for Winnipeg, now in Ottawa, announcing that an order-in-council had been passed transferring the exhibition grounds property from the Exhibition Association to the Winnipeg city council. This is in accordance with a request made by the association some time since. The delay in transfer has been advanced as a reason for delay in pushing work on the grounds and buildings, but now that this is settled, every effort should be made to rush the work. There is no time to be lost, if Winnipeg is to have a decent exhibition next fall.

The McCormick harvesting machines, which will be handled in Manitoba this year by H. S. Westbrook, are turned out on a very large scale. It will surprise our readers to learn that one of these machines is turned out every minute, and they are sold all over the world, where harvesting machinery is used. Mr. Westbrook has a fac-simile of the Gold Staats Medaille, which the McCormick machine won at the great Exposition trials held at Vienna last summer. The catalogue which he keeps for gratuitous distribution, is a work of art. The lithographic poster of the historic battle of the Monitor and Merrimack is one of the finest things of the kind published. The McCormick Company sold 105,468 machines in 1890. The capacity of their mammoth works affords an interesting subject for contemplation.

The chattels of the Binscarth stock farm will be sold by public auction, on June 17th and 18. The farm was established as a colonization enterprise, by the Scotch Ontario and Manitoba Land Co., and having served its purpose, will now be discontinued. A very high class of pedigreed stock has been kept, and the influence of the farm has been felt for good throughout Manitoba. The sale will afford an excellent opportunity for procuring fine live stock, at buyer's prices. The herd of pure bred short horn cattle comprises ninety pedigreed animals, in good condition. There is also a flock of pure Shropshire sheep, some of which are imported animals. The work horses, implements, household furniture, etc., belonging to the farm, will be disposed of at the same time, by auction. Arrangements have been made with the railway for return tickets at one fare. The company will provide accommodations for purchasers. Favorable terms of credit are offered.

## Lumber Cuttings.

A saw mill will be established at Sycamouse, B. C.

Jas. McKay is starting a lumber yard at Minnedosa.

The lumber mills of the Lake of the Woods have started sawing.

Mr. Carman, of Dick & Banning's Portage business, will open a lumber yard at Alexander, Manitoba.

A gang of men has been brought from the east to drive logs for Graham Horne's mill at Fort William.

Colett & Hunter are about to establish a saw mill at Nicola, B. C., most of the machinery is already on the ground.

W. J. Mathers has bought out J. Lewis south end lumber yard at Neepawa, Man. Law will continue his business at Neepawa station.

The machinery for the mill that will shortly be started at Ladner's Landing, and which will have a capacity of 75,000 feet, has been purchased.

The widest plank on earth is on exhibition in Humboldt, Cal. It is 16 feet in width. It will be among the Humboldt exhibits at the World's Fair.

McArthur & McRae have arranged to saw a million feet of lumber at Birtle, Man., this season. Their drive of logs and ties are now at the railway crossing.

The shingle mill established by Tait, formerly of Manitoba, at Vancouver, B. C., has commenced running. The capacity of the mill will be about 40,000 a day.

Morse's mill, at Vancouver, will be improved, and the capacity largely increased. This company will put in a quantity of new machinery, and make its capacity about 200,000 feet per day.

The Western Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, has opened a yard at Brandon, Man. J. D. Kennedy, who formerly had charge of the saw mill at Brandon, has the management of the yard.

The capacity of the Rock Bay saw mill at Victoria, B. C., is to be increased to 90,000 feet per day. This will necessitate the putting on of a night gang and running night and day. An electric plant has been put in for the purpose of lighting the mill.

Negotiations are on foot for the formation of a company with extensive capital, to construct and operate a line of sailing ships in connection with the Cheminus saw mills, Chemainus, B. C. The proposed company is separate and apart from the saw mill company.

At Norman, Ont., recently, fire broke out in the carpenter shop at Cameron & Kennedy's mill, the result being the building was damaged beyond repair. The loss will probably not exceed \$250, and is covered by insurance. Fortunately the wind was blowing from the mill and yard, else the result might have been serious.

The contract has been awarded for supplying the machinery for the Pacific Lumber Company, who are starting a mill at New Westminster under the management of McLaughton & Fraser. This mill will be supplied with all the modern and improved machinery, and when completed it will have a daily capacity of about 250,000 feet.

The saw mills at the Kootenay Lake country, B. C., have agreed on the following prices for the product of their mills, delivered at either Nelson, Ainsworth or Balfour: No. 1 common boards, \$20; No. 2, \$15; culls, \$12; 4-inch flooring and ceiling, \$32; 6-inch, \$27; rustic, \$27; select clear D. D., \$10; No. 1 common D. D., \$27; No. 2 do, \$25; moldings from 2½ to 12½ per lineal foot; shingles, \$1.50.

A Golden, B. C., correspondent writes: "The Upper Columbia Navigation & Tramway Company are building a saw mill, with a capacity of 60,000 per day. In connection with this is the Kootenay mail line of steamers, which run from Golden to Windemere and tap East Kootenay, which is known to be the richest country in minerals and also for ranching in British Columbia. The company is an English one, with a directorate composed of Lord Norbury, Hon. T. B. H. Cochrane and F. P. Armstrong, and will expend this season about \$100,000 in tramways and other improvements generally."

The *Columbian*, Westminster, B. C., says of the lumber trade: "The mills are running extra time to fill orders from the east. The foreign market is very dull at present, especially in South America, but the domestic demand for British Columbia lumber remains good. Australia would take plenty of our saw mills' products, but great difficulty is found in getting vessels to ship in. One prominent lumber man to-day remarked that if it were not for the domestic trade some of the mills here would be obliged to shut down. There is no fear, however, of a scarcity of orders, as the territories will always draw largely for its supply from the mills of this province."

## Alberta.

Twenty eight homestead entries were made in the Edmonton land office between noon on Friday, April 10th and noon on Friday April 17th.

Seventy-five homestead entries were made in the Edmonton land office from December 1st, 1890 to April 1st, 1891. A large proportion were made in March.

The *Prairie Illustrated* of Calgary, has suspended publication. Lack of support is the reason for the demise. The *Prairie Illustrated* was a credit to Calgary, and its demise is to be regretted.

The *Edmonton Bulletin* says: "The H. B. Company is desirous of securing samples of grain grown in the Edmonton district for exhibition in the offices and agencies of the company in Winnipeg and elsewhere."

Mayor Magrath of Lethbridge has forwarded to the Mayor of Springhill, Nova Scotia, an accepted cheque for 1,627 which amount was subscribed by the people of Lethbridge for the relief of the families distressed by the late colliery disaster.

*Lethbridge News*: W. Scott, general manager in the west, and W. J. Scott, general agent, of the Manufacturers' Life Association, are in town, looking after the interests of their company. Mr. Scott has appointed Mr. Barford, bookkeeper for H. Bentley & Co., local agent of the Company for Lethbridge.

Twenty five German families settled at Dunmore, Assa., have moved to Edmonton where they will take up land. They found the land at Dunmore too dry for mixed farming. The

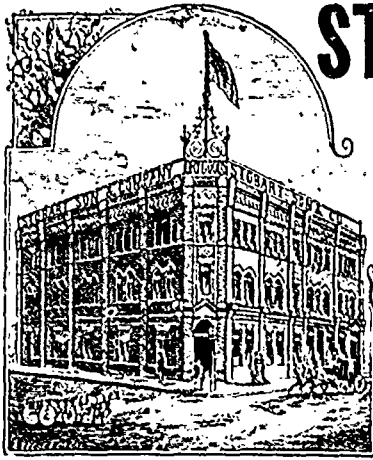
C. P. R. has given them a good rate for the removal of themselves and their effects. There are 187 persons and 20 carloads of cattle and effects.

The *Edmonton Bulletin* of April 13 says:—"Seeding has been general all week and the weather has been excellent, both for work and growth. In some cases, however, the ground is still too wet for cultivation, something unusual in this country in the spring. A more favorable seed time could not exist. The ground is damp and the weather warm and calm. The season is from two to three weeks earlier than last year which was one of the latest on record, but was not the less favorable on that account."

Irrigation has frequently been suggested as a means of converting an area of dry land in southern Alberta into good farming land. At present it is only useful for stock-raising. All that is required to convert it into good arable acres is moisture. The Government has been more than once petitioned to begin the work of irrigation, but so far has not seen its way to do so. Now private enterprise is to step in to the breach, and a company has been formed to construct an irrigation canal on the principle of similar works in California. The incorporators are D. W. Davis, C. E. D. Wood, Dr. Kennedy, of Macleod, and John B. Bright, C. E., of Lethbridge. The latter the engineer of the concern. The supply of water will be obtained from the Old Man's River, and the cost is set down at about \$120,000, and the amount of land the ditch will reclaim is estimated at 65,009 acres.

*Macleod Gazette*: The steps being taken to secure a charter for the construction of an irrigation canal on the bench land between the Old Man's and Belly rivers, have evidently given the question of irrigation in this district a decided impetus. Parties on Belly river have had levels taken for a ditch which will water a good average of bottom lands, and Leeds and Elliot, who are located on Willow Creek, are also making preparation for the construction of a ditch. Heretofore the construction of private ditches, except in a very limited way has been next to impossible, because there was no legislation which would guarantee the necessary rights and protection. If the charter now being applied for is granted, it will establish legislation under which private individuals as well as companies, can go to Parliament, and secure all the powers, rights and privileges which it is necessary should accompany such works.

Geo. H. Rodgers, who has carried on a large mercantile business at Winnipeg and other Manitoba points for some years, is now offering his stocks for sale by tender. His intention is to entirely give up the regular retail trade for a time at least, though he may consolidate his different branches in one establishment, should he not succeed in finding a purchaser. Mr. Rodgers has been very successful in business in Manitoba, and is doing a large trade at all his stores. His Morden branch is one of the best business stands in Manitoba, and at this point a general stock is carried. In Winnipeg a dry goods stock is carried in one store, and a boots and shoe business in another, the two establishments being entirely separate. Mr. Rodgers has already discontinued business at one or two country points.



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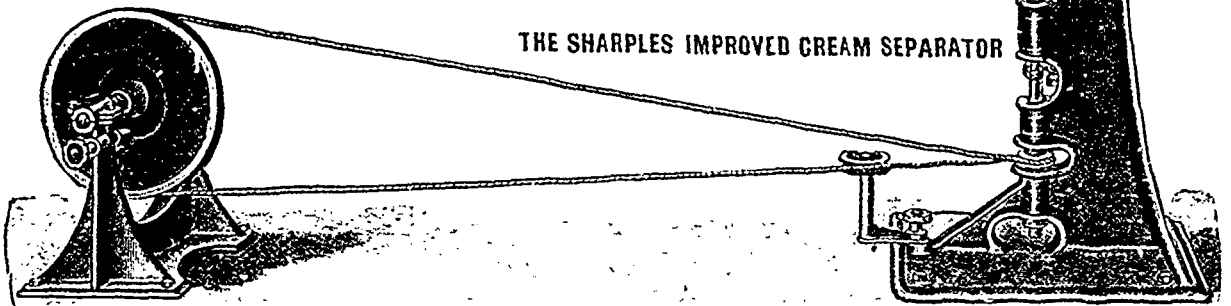
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Learning that Messrs. Michel Lefebvre & Co., the leading manufacturers of pickles, preserves and vinegar in Montreal, had contracted for a supply of 300 barrels of Manitoba cauliflowers of the crop of 1891, a representative of THE COMMERCIAL recently visited their factory located on Papineau avenue in that city, and saw there some proofs of the magnitude of the industry which this firm have built up, and was not a little astonished at the importance which must be attached to this branch of manufacture.

The works of this firm cover an area of fully two acres, while their main building, a solid structure, is 60 by 200 feet in area and four storeys in height. Two-thirds of this immense building is utilized for warehouse and offices, while the balance is utilized for the manufacture of jams, jellies and other preserves, a branch only added a year ago, but in which the house already takes the first place in Canada. In the rear of this building is the pickle works, 50 by 70 feet in area and the vinegar works, 50 by 80 feet, both two storeys high. The other buildings are the salt houses 40 by 120 feet in area, the cooperage, blacksmith shop, stables and four comfortable and commodious houses for the foremen of the different departments. Taken altogether the works have an imposing appearance such as few industrial concerns have, even in Montreal; and the following facts and figures go to show, that the concern is one of the most valuable industries of that city. The firm at the beginning of a manufacturing season have in their stock fully 100 car loads of vegetables to be used in pickle manufacture, nearly 40 car loads of which they carry as a reserve stock for fear of a failure in crops any year. Of fruits for the manufacture of jams and other preserves they use about 50 car loads per annum, while on the premises they give employment to about 150 hands. Large as it is this important industry is only a growing one, having advanced under the management of the present firm from a comparatively small concern to its present proportions in a few years. The excellence of their pickles is now a fact beyond dispute, and their quality will not suffer by their using the product of Manitoba in cauliflower, for the province can beat the world in the production of either quantity or quality of this vegetable. Michel Lefebvre & Co., are securing 300 barrels from the crop of this year, but with the rapid growth of their business, and the stimulus it will receive by the using of the fine Manitoba product, we may expect that three years hence their contract will be for 1,000 barrels.

### Toronto Grocery Prices.

Sugars, syrups and molasses.—Sugars are quiet and easy. The demand has fallen off almost entirely from the border counties on the Niagara, Detroit and St. Lawrence rivers, where consumers are smuggling their sugars across from the States. They are able to buy 20 lbs granulated and 30 lbs yellow for \$1. Locally there is a good deal of cutting in yellows; a nice bright sugar can be bought for 5½c. In white sugar there is an evident weakness and refiners would shade prices. Syrup steady at 3½ to 4½c per lb. There is a fair demand for molasses at unchanged prices. Fine bright Porto Ricos offered at 45c in bbls; Barbadoes

at 40c and New Orleans at 48 to 60c. Sugars are: Granulated, 1 to 15 bbls, 7c; do, 15 bbls and over, 6½c; Paris lump, boxes, 7½c; extra ground, bbls, 9c; do, boxes or less than bbls 8½; powdered, bbls, 7½c; do, less than bbls, 7½c; refined, dark to bright, 5½ to 6c.

Teas and coffees.—The movement in low grades has been at 17 to 20c for Japans, 19 to 21c for Hysons and 15½c to 17c for black. Coffees are steady, with a fair demand for Rios at 22c. A good sample of the first of the new crop Porto Rico is offered to arrive here at 27c. Rios, 22 to 23c; Jamaica, 22 to 23; Java, 20 to 35c; Mocha, 29 to 35c; Porto Rico, 25 to 29c.

Rice and spices.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do, Patna, 6½ to 6¾c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 8 to 8½c; sago, 5½ to 6c; tapioca, 6½ to 7c; pepper, black, 22 to 25c; do, white, 25 to 40c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 35 to 40c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 95c to \$1.20; cream tartar, 25 to 50c.

Dried fruits.—Valencia raisins are lower, offering at 6 to 6½c for prime off stock. Currants are much firmer and most holders asking a slight advance; 6½c is generally asked, and some business has been done in barrels at 6¾c. Prunes are more active and prices are firm. Currants, bbls, now, 6½ to 6¾c; ½ bbls, 6½ to 6¾c; cases, 6¾c; Vostizza, now, cases, 7½ to 9½c. Raisins, Valencias, 6 to 6½; do, select, 7½ to 8c; do, layers, 8½ to 9c; sultanas, 15 to 18c; London layers, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Prunes, cases, 8½ to 10½c; hogsheds and bags, 7½ to 8c. Figs, Natural bags, 4½ to 5c; Malaga mats, \$1 to \$1.22; Plemes, 10 to 20 lb, 10 to 13c. Dates, Hallowee, 5½ to 6c; old 4c. Nuts, Almonds, Tarragona, 15½ to 17c; Ica, 14 to 15c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Gro-nobles, 16 to 17c; Marbots, 12 to 13c; Bordeaux, 12 to 12½c.

Canned goods.—Peas are not readily obtainable, even at the firm price of \$1.25. Tomatoes are selling generally at \$1.45, though cutting to \$1.40 is sometimes made. Salmon is firm with a good demand, at \$1.40 up. Fish, salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.70; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.35 to \$1.55; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.75; lobster, other 1's, \$2 to \$2.30; mackerel, \$1.40 to \$1.50; sardines, French, 1's, 9 to 11c; sardines, French ½'s, 14 to 22c; sardines, American 1's, 6 to 8c; sardines, American, ½'s 9c.

Fruits and vegetables.—Corn, 2's, \$1.10 to \$1.25; corn, cream, 3's, \$1.75 to \$1.80; peas, 2's \$1.25 to \$1.30; strawberries, 2's, \$2.25 to \$2.40; tomatoes, 3's, \$1.15 to \$1.55; apples, 3's, \$1.10 to \$1.15; gallons, \$3 to \$3.20; peaches, 2's, \$2.50 to \$2.65; peaches, 3's, \$3.50 to \$3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.60; 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's, \$2.—Empire, April 21.

### The New Line to the Orient.

The steamship Empress of India, the first of the new C. P. R. steamers on the line between Canada and China and Japan arrived off Victoria, B. C., at 6.30 in the morning on April 28, beating the best previous records. She encountered a strong gale on the 29th inst., and a cyclonic gale on the 26th, which reduced her speed. She had 131 first class passengers and 353 Chinese. Upon the steamer's arrival she was met by the mayor and council and on behalf of the citizens of Victoria, Mayor Grant presented the captain and officers with a handsome punch bowl. The steamer left Liverpool

on Feb. 8, and proceeded via Suez to Hong Kong and Yokohama, thence to Victoria and Vancouver. Thirteen days has heretofore been about the fastest time from Yokohama to Vancouver or San Francisco. The actual time of the steamer was 11 days 16 hours and 15 minutes to Vancouver, including four hours lying at Victoria. The Empress of India is 5,900 tons register and 10,000 indicated horsepower. She is commanded by Captain O. P. Marshall.

The Empress of India is a floating palace and has been fitted up by the Canadian Pacific railway in every respect equal to the finest vessels afloat. The hull is of the best Siemens Martins steel, with double bottom extending the full length, and divided into numerous watertight compartments by cross and longitudinal bulkheads so arranged as to guarantee the greatest possible safety, and render it practically unsinkable. The engines are in two sets, driving twin screws, and have developed a speed of over nineteen knots an hour. The dimensions of the vessel are: Length over all, 435 feet; between perpendiculars, 440 feet; breadth, moulded, 51 feet; depth, moulded, 33 feet; tonnage, 5,700 tons gross. She is lightly rigged with pole masts and fore and aft canvas, and her form, both under and above water, is of such symmetry and fineness as to insure easily attaining the highest point of speed required. The steering engines, which are of the best and strongest make, are connected with a drum working on the rudder head, which is again controlled by a patent hydraulic brake. The arrangements and fittings for passengers are of the most complete and luxurious kind. On the promenade deck aft, is a large smoking room, and forward, the library and special staterooms, all panelled in hard wood. Above the promenade deck are carried 10 lifeboats and two collapsible boats, all fixed with patent lowering and disengaging gear. At the forward end of this deck are the captain's quarters, chart room and wheel-house. On the upper deck is a large dining saloon, with galleys and pantries attached, and on one side are some dozen special staterooms, while on the other are the quarters of the officers and engineers. Further aft is the steerage, smoking-room and various other quarters. The remainder of the first and second class passenger accommodation, consisting of unusually large state rooms, is upon the main deck, on which also provision is made for 500 steerage passengers. The vessel is lighted throughout by electricity, and ventilated by a series of electric fans, each of three feet in diameter and delivering about 400,000 feet of cubic air per ton. The vessel will carry in addition to her large complement of passengers about 4,000 tons of tea, and is especially designed with side ports and side hatches, arranged with a view to the speedy reception and delivery of cargo.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture has been consulting with Dr. McEachren in reference to the proposed cattle shipping bill. It is understood that McEachren strongly advised that the bill provide two feet eight inches space for each animal. The steamship companies will fight for 2 feet 6 inches space. It is stated, that, pending the passage of the bill the doctor will refuse to pass any boat with less than 2 feet 8 inches. It is the intention to have every animal inspected, and those found to be so will be marked sound.

## The British Columbia Legislature.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

After being in session 54 actual working days. The British Columbia Legislature adjourned on Monday of last week and accomplished more probably than any previous body did in one parliamentary season. His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor assented to some 75 bills, 35 of which were private and the remainder public in character. The session was characterized mainly by work, there being little or no oratorical fireworks. There was a good deal of talking but it cannot be said there was one speech at all memorable for its ability or exhaustiveness. The Legislators are all matter of fact business men. A feature of the business done was the absence of wrangling and acrimonious debate. Although the opposition proper is not numerically strong, the large and important body of independents preserve the balance of power, thus preventing the government from assuming any attitude of recklessness or disregard for public opinion which is often the result of too large a party following. Throughout the proceedings were dignified and business-like.

As an evidence of the development in progress it may be stated no less than nineteen private bills were passed incorporating railway and tramway companies, nearly all of which, there is good reason for believing, mean business. The railways in contemplation are: The Crow's Nest & Kootenay, to connect with the American system; a tramway to connect Vancouver and Westminster, now in course of construction; the Burrard Inlet and Fraser River valley; the Ashcroft and Cariboo railway, supposed to have in view connection with Alaska; the Vernon & Okanagan, virtually an extension of the Shuswap & Okanagan, to connect at Osoyoos with an American road; the Chilliwack railway, to run on the south side of the Fraser from Mission to Chilliwack, a branch of the C.P.R.; Burrard Inlet railway and ferry; Nelson & Fort Sheppard to connect with an American railway; Nicola Valley Railway, which controls some 10,000 acres of coal land in the Nicola Valley; the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Co.; the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway; the Hood Mountain and Nelson tramway, to tap the mines in the vicinity of Nelson; the Liverpool (opposite Westminster) and Canoe Pass railway; the Vancouver and Lulu Island Electric Railway Co.; the Vancouver and Alaska railway; the Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen railway; the Hot Springs and Goat River tramway; Okanagan telephone and tramway lines between Vernon and Enderby.

An important private bill was that incorporating the British Columbia Dredging and Improvement Co., which has in view the reclamation of the Sumas Lake and considerable overflowed lands adjacent. This has been referred to at some length in previous issues.

The public business transacted was of equally important character. It was generally understood that some changes in public policy would be effected, if not radical at least far reaching. We can hardly say whether the result was disappointing or otherwise. The three things which were in the mind's eye of the people and which required attention were the school laws, land laws and mining laws. It will probably be admitted that of the three the school law was least in need of revision, whereas the

change in principle brought into operation has been the most marked, viz., the substitution of the appointive for the elective system in regard to trustees, the government appointing one half and the city councils the other half. This may be regarded as a retrograde step rather than one in advance; at the same time a greater share of the burden of maintenance is thrown on the municipalities, which are handed over the poll tax heretofore collected by the province. The advocates of this measure or rather the members of the government claim that it is a provision best suited for the conditions of this province. One reason alleged for it is the lack of interest manifested by the electors in the matter, and it is held that the council under such circumstances is more apt to make a wise choice. The opponents of the measure regard it as a still further move in the direction of centralizing educational control with the government, instead of distributing it over the various responsible bodies elected by the people, something, it is claimed, which had already run to an abuse.

The most crying evil that demanded reformation at the hands of the government was the abuse incident to the state of the land laws, by which it was possible for single individuals to acquire large tracts of public lands and by which the best lands of the province at present accessible have been so acquired. That evil must not be laid at the feet of the Robson government any more than to any preceding administration. It simply represents a condition of things that existed at the outset—and has been perpetuated, the proportions of which and the injury to the province were not fully appreciated until too late. Previous to last session and especially during the election campaign the feeling was very strong and nearly every candidate included land law reform in his platform. It was expected that some clear, well defined public spirited policy would be crystallized into legislative enactment, but those who looked for a wise law in the interest of the prospective settler have been measurably disappointed. It is true the price of farm lands has been raised to \$5 per acre, but while the settler is required to put improvements on it equal to \$5 an acre, the purchaser can get an out and out title for \$5, \$2.50 or \$1 per acre according to the classification as to quality. This practically places no limit on speculation; in fact, makes it easier than before to acquire public lands, while no inducement has been held out to actual settlers. The one wise thing the Government has done in this connection and for which it deserves all credit is the raising of the wild land tax to about double what it was. This will discourage the holding of wild lands and produce a disposition to sell to those who will utilize it advantageously for their own good and the development of the Province. No doubt both the land laws and school laws will demand further attention in next succeeding sessions of the Parliament.

Coming to the mining laws this is one feature of legislation in which the Government has acted with wisdom and thereby given general satisfaction. Last year an independent commission was appointed to examine into the whole subject and after being in session for some months the members

reported certain resolutions which were approved of and adopted by Parliament, and without in any way endeavoring to outline its provisions it may be stated that they have apparently met with the unqualified approval of the miners and those most interested.

A determined effort was made by the leader of the opposition to introduce an anti-Chinese clause in all these private bills, restraining the employment of Chinese, but his amendments were as persistently voted down one after another. The inspiring principle of the opposition as alleged was this, that if the Chinese do not obtain employment they will not stay here, while on the other hand it was claimed that such a clause inserted in private bills, while all right for bills of a public character, would be unconstitutional and an interference with the rights of individuals or companies to employ whom they please, both positions being very sound.

A number of other bills were passed, relating to assessments, for libraries, workingmen, and so on, all of which received a fair share of consideration and in the main will be beneficial in effect. In respect to railways the province went in for connection with the railways south of the boundary, irrespective of any considerations of diverting trade. It was recognized that the people of Kootenay and Okanagan were bound to have railways, and if not from one side from the other. How the Dominion Government will treat these charters remains to be seen, but unless the Canadian Pacific can guarantee what the people want it is very evident that it will be a case of Manitoba over again. Local interests are so strong in favor of communication southward, in the absence of regular communication from the British Columbia side, that a hue and cry may be expected if any attempt is made to thwart the wishes of the people.

**Nelson Miner:** John F. Ward, the man who brought the first stock of provisions to and opened the first hotel in Nelson returned this week to stay with the town. He will erect a fine 2 story hotel.

We are sorry to learn, says the *Prince Albert Times*, that during the breaking up of the ice some 700 or 800 of the Sanderson Co's saw logs escaped by crowding under the boom on Shell River, and no doubt by this time many of them are floating in Cedar Lake. This is a serious loss to the company.

The Vancouver sugar refinery has shipped sugar to the States, owing to temporary scarcity. "Yesterday afternoon", says the *News*, the steamer Michigan took 75 barrels of sugar from the B. C. Sugar Refinery for Portland. They will ship several hundred barrels in the course of a few days, and as long as the high prices are maintained, they will be able to find a market there.

H. F. Anderson & Co., implement dealers, Winnipeg, arranged last week with Mercer Bros. & Co., of Alliston, Ont., to handle the Mercer binder in the west. Agencies are now being established at principal points. The Mercer is a new binder here, though it has been on sale for the past four years in Ontario, and for three years in Australia. The machine was exhibited here first last fall. It is an invention of Mercer Bros., and its distinguishing feature is that it works without canvass.

**British Columbia.**

A. E. Clarke has purchased the livery business of Huff & Clarke at Westminster.

James T. O'Brian, the senior partner of O'Brian & Dunlop, livery, Nanaimo, is dead.

The architectural firm of Sorby & Wilson, Victoria, has been dissolved. Each continue alone.

The first number of the *Chilliwack Progress*, published at Chilliwack, B. C., has made its appearance.

The establishment of a sauce, pickle and preserving works, under the firm name of J. H. Falconer & Co., at Victoria, is reported.

The prospectus has been issued at Vancouver by the Lion's Gate Woollen Manufacturing Company (Ltd.) with a capital stock of \$200,000, but of which \$100,000 shall be the first issue.

The steamer Taichow has been chartered by the C. P. Steamship Company from the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company, to do the coast trade in connection with the new C. P. R. steamers.

A. A. Clayton, jewelry and watches, Victoria, whose stock was seized by the customs department some time ago has come to a settlement with the department and reopened his store.

The Revelstoke *Star* of April 25 says:— "The steamer Lytton completed her first trip of the season this week. With ninety passengers on board carrying a good consignment of freight she started from the wharf. She reached Sproat at noon Sunday, and began the return Monday morning.

A correspondent at Golden writes: J. E. Askwith, of Ottawa, recently bought a mining claim in the McMurdoch district, and will put in a stamp mill for the reduction of free milling ores. The steamer Pert, Captain Armstrong, is now making weekly trips to Windermere. The Golden Mining and Smelting Company are about ready for business, and when completed will be perhaps the best smelter in the Dominion.

The *Victoria Times* says: "Some days ago, as it will be remembered, mention was made of the Canadian tug *Lornet* towing the United States vessel *Oriental* into Tacoma, bound from Frisco. No action was taken at the time, but last Saturday the *Lorne* went over to Angeles to take out the *Fairchild* when she was arrested, the question raised being whether a foreign tug can take a vessel from one United States port to another, even while taking hold of her outside of United States waters. The fine of \$514 was paid under protest and the case will be contested.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vancouver board of trade, the committee appointed to arrange for the banquet reported that the dinner would be held on the third day after the arrival of the steamship *Empress of India* at the Hotel Vancouver. The tickets had been fixed at \$10 each, and the dinner would cost \$7 a head. A guarantee of 100 would be required by the manager of the hotel, who had promised to give the best entertainment ever given in the city. Fifty-three complimentary invitations had already been sent out and 14 would be sent making 67 in all. The report was adopted. Fred. Cockburn was proposed and elected as a member.

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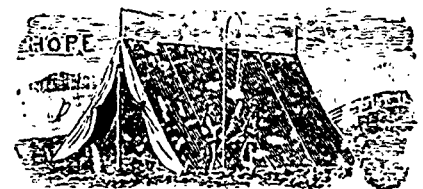
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### Sugar in New York.

Considerable excitement exists in the New York market for refined sugar, the reduction in price caused by the removal of the duty having created such an extraordinary demand for all grades of refined, that sellers were unable to fill the numerous and fast accumulating orders. Buyers who cannot get deliveries this month are extending their orders into next month. The enquiry was of such a fierce nature that sellers easily obtained an advance of 1/2c per lb. all round. Owing to the fact that certain re-milers were selling granulated and yellow refined sugar in this city within the last few days at considerably under prices, at which they can be obtained at the refineries. This fact appears to indicate that smuggled United States sugar has found its way into the heart of the Dominion. The price of granulated at the refineries is quoted at 6 1/2c, but it is said by reliable parties that round lots can be had at below that figure. The Canadian market for refined sugar is undoubtedly in a very unsettled condition, and it will remain so until the government announce the course they intend to pursue. Now that the duty has been removed from sugar, in the U. S., Canadians are watching the New York market with a great deal of interest.—*Trade Bulletin.*

### Winnipeg Beer.

The breweries and manufacturers of aerated waters, in Winnipeg, employ over 100 men, and yet vast quantities of these goods are brought in from the east and from the States. The importation of lager beer from the States is especially large. Here is an opportunity for encouraging home industry. We do not advise our temperance friends to take to drinking beer, but those who do use these articles might make a preference for the home article. Some who are supposed to be judges, claim that Winnipeg lager is equal to the imported, and the writer, though not an expert at sampling beer, could not detect any advantage in favor of a famous Milwaukee brand, when compared with the Winnipeg article. It is just possible that the great demand for imported beer, like the popularity of imported boots and shoes and some other classes of goods, is largely whimsical. At any rate, we should advise that a fair trial of the home article be made, and if it is up to requirements, it should be preferred on the ground of encouragement to home industry. The demand for Manitoba barley at home would be doubled and trebled if the imported beer were replaced by the home made article. Thus the encouragement of one home industry in directly supports other home industries.

### The North Shore Route.

The great improvements being done on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway between Winnipeg and Ottawa, should set at rest the foolish reports circulated at intervals during the past few years, that the company contemplates abandoning the route north of Lake Superior, in favor of a route south of that lake. All the trestles are being filled in, and the entire line is being relaid with 72 pound steel rails. The intention is to make this portion of the line first class, and this great expense would not be undertaken if there was even the vaguest intention of abandoning the route.

The Great Northern Railway Company have let a contract for a portion of their line through the mountains to the Pacific coast.

The Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, is being painted, calcined, enamelled and decorated anew throughout. The first floor has been furnished with new oak furniture, and new carpets.

The statement of J. Birrell & Co., dry goods, London, Ont., who assigned recently, show liabilities of \$285,030. The banks are owed \$153,000, English creditors \$65,030 and Canadian creditors \$61,000. The assets are placed at \$121,000.

The council of the board of trade has considered the Ontario Government's mining legislation. It was decided to ask the Government to abandon the scheme of royalties, or if not, to defer their collection until the mines become paying institutions.

The Dominion trade returns show the exports for nine months ending March 31st, of the current fiscal year amounted to \$73,734,013, compared with \$73,208,731 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of \$525,282. The imports were \$81,780,945, as against \$82,522,897, a decrease of \$722,944.

The Dominion Government has replied to the resolution of the Territorial Assembly on the subject of immigration, that the recommendation could not be made; that Parliament should not be asked to make a grant for immigration purposes which would not be administered by the minister responsible to the House of Commons for the expenditure.

The upper lake trade this year is said to be opening badly. There is less stuff to carry and rates are lower than last year. Contracts have been taken for wheat from Chicago to Montreal at six and three quarter cents per bushel, while last year eight cents was obtained. From Duluth to Montreal rates have opened at six and a quarter cents against a round eight cents last year.

There is said to be a virtual hay famine in the states of Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, due to the shortage in the hay crop of the south west. Agents from Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and St. Joseph are reported in the north west States buying all the hay offered at \$7.50 per ton. A dispatch to Bradstreet's from Memphis reports that market bare of supplies. Press dispatches report baled hay as worth \$17 per ton in St. Louis.

A despatch has been received at Ottawa from Sir Julian Pauncefote stating that Mr. Blaine has fixed Monday, October 12th, as the date for commencing negotiations between the United States and Canada on the reciprocity question. Any draft of treaty arrived at would have to come before Congress for ratification, so that there is no urgency in arranging for negotiations at once, as it could not be taken up by Congress before next fall anyway.

It is not yet too late to take a hand in the great Dominion Illustrated prize competition, and try for one of the hundred prizes which will be distributed among the subscribers to that splendid journal. The first prize is \$750 in gold, and the list includes a Heintzman piano, Bell, Karn and Cornwall organs, gold watches, etc., the lowest prize being valued at \$5. On receipt of 12 cents in stamps, the publishers, The Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal, will send to any address a sample copy of the journal and full particulars.



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