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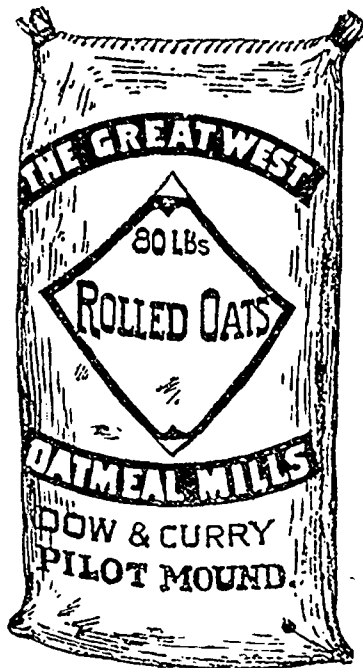
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WINNIPEG, MARCH 16, 1896.

Manitoba.

W. Clow has opened a butcher shop at Oak Lake.

E. Landton has opened business in flour and feed at Virden.

J. P. Keeler, tobaccos, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to S. G. Giroux.

Jas. Murphy, blacksmith, Minnedosa, has sold out to Henry Steel.

J. S. Andrews has opened business at Brandon as merchant tailor.

John McKenzie, carriage ouilder, Portage la Prairie, has moved to Winnipeg.

Buchanan & Hunter, liverymen, Carberry, have dissolved. S. Hunter will continue in the business.

E. Meharry has purchased the fruit and confectionery business of J. C. Saunders, of Maniton.

Eleven Winnipeg dealers were fined on Monday for selling cigarettes to boys under fourteen years of age.

T. S. Mathewson, grain dealer, Brandon, has purchased the business and plant of the Brandon Machine Works Co.

T. M. Percival, grocer, Brandon, who was burned out recently has opened again in new premises.

F. H. Joslyn, baker, and Jas Lyons, butcher, Belmont, were burned out on March 9. Partially insured.

Blanchard & Co., Bankers, Carman, have completed arrangements for opening a branch bank at Miami.

Geo. Hogarth, general merchant, of Minnedosa, has arranged a compromise settlement with his creditors and will continue the business.

W. H. Hall of the Advance newspaper of Virden, Man., has retired from the management of the paper and is succeeded by D. J. Benham, who has bought the business.

The stock of R. J. Spratt & Co., general dealers, Minnedosa, is in the hands of the sheriff, and advertised for sale on March 20, under chattel mortgage foreclosure.

Morfit & Raincock will open a general store at Gladstone, on March 16. Both gentlemen are residents of Gladstone. Mr. Morfit having been employed with different merchants in Gladstone, while Mr. Raincock has been farming in the district.

The law amendments committee of the Manitoba legislature discussed municipal taxation in Winnipeg on Tuesday afternoon. The committee declined to take up the proposals made owing to the lateness of the session for the imposition of an income tax. The special classes of barbers, photographers, carpenters, blacksmiths and other mechanics, are to have their rental tax rate put at 6 1/2 per cent instead of 10 per cent, and in the case of barbers who have bath rooms, the latter to a certain limit of space are to be exempt altogether. The business tax for merchants is to be 8 1/2 per cent, computed on the rental, instead of 10 per cent.

Alberta.

Jas. Scott, of Leeson & Scott, general merchants, Morley, is dead.

Gordon & Ironside have recently purchased five cars of cattle in the vicinity of Wetaskiwin for export.

Fraser & McKernan, lumber dealers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. McKernan will continue the business.

Van Wart & Livingston, lumber, Calgary, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by Van Wart alone.

The stock of John Cameron, general dealer, Edmonton, is offered for sale by tender.

Assinibola.

Caswell's creamery at Qu'Appelle station made 88,200 pounds of high grade butter last year.

Mowat Bros. & Baxter, grocers, Regina, who were reported in difficulties a few weeks ago, have now assigned.

The number of stores in Solsgirth will be increased by the dissolution of Anderson & Clair, who will each continue business alone.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The Edmonton Milling Co. have purchased a quantity of wheat in Manitoba.

The Sowden elevator of Souris, Man., has been leased to Wm. Postelwaite of Brandon.

It is expected that 150,000 bushels of wheat will be handled at Qu'Appelle station this season.

Tenders are asked for a supply of seed wheat, oats and barley, in carload lots, by the commissioner of the mounted police, Calgary.

The shipments of grain from Pilot Mound, Man., of the crop of 1895 to date are wheat 100,520 bushels, oats 175,350, barley 23,540, oatmeal 9,000 barrals.

Dow & Curry, of Pilot Mound, Man., are manufacturing ten cars of oatmeal for export, says the Sentinel. The meal will be shipped at once to Fort William and stored there till navigation opens.

A petition signed by over half the ratepayers in Wolseley municipality has been presented to the municipal council asking that a by-law be submitted to the people for borrowing \$6,500 to build an elevator of 80,000 bushels capacity at Wolseley, Assa. The council has taken the necessary legal proceedings in the matter to have a vote taken.

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Northwest Ontario.

The Regina mine, Lake of the Woods, recently turned out 204 ounces of gold in a run of eight days—value \$3,500. The prospective output from present indications when further development will have exposed a large body of ore, is largely in excess of the above. —Rat Portage News.

Fur Trade Matters.

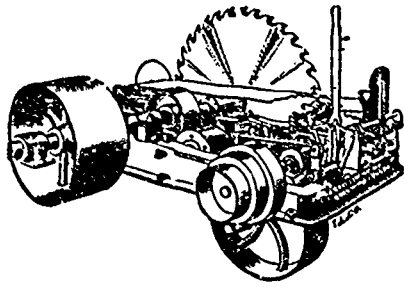
Occasionally an instance comes up of some one being fined for killing game or fur bearing animals out of season. The law, however, is not enforced in Manitoba and the Territories as vigorously as it should be. These animals are a source of wealth, as well as one of the attractions of the country, and every effort should be made to perpetuate them.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: Owing to the moderate values of many articles, our home trade has evidenced some interest in American furs and fair-sized parcels of mink, muskrat, skunk, raccoon and small lots of other skins have been secured by manufacturers. These purchases would no doubt have been much larger, were it not for the fact that manufacturers still have considerable capital tied up in stock from last year, and in outstanding accounts. The present indications are that American furs will, during the coming season, be more popular than they have been within some years past, and we are glad to note this prospect, as we are certain that the various articles will, in general give more satisfaction than the large proportion of the very low priced common dyed furs so extensively handled last year.

United States Crop Report.

Washington, March 11.—The agricultural department has issued the following crop report. Returns from the township, county and state correspondents (if the department indicate as the amount of corn yet held by farmers 49.8 per cent of the total crop or 1,072,000,000 bushels. Proportion and total farm reserves are both unprecedented. A year ago this stock so held was but 476,000,000 bushels. The amount to be sold outside the country is estimated at 21.9 per cent, last year's percentage having been 13.4. The merchantable property is 88.14 per cent, against 82.4 last year. Average value of merchantable corn 25.6 cents and of unmerchantable 15.4 cents. The wheat reserves in farmer's hand amount to 26.8 per cent, of the crop or 123,000,000 bushels. Of this amount 4.9 per cent is reported as coming over from 1894 or before.

The new British Columbia fruit exchange, which takes every fruit grower in the province under its maternal wings, is at present very active in organizing and preparing for the summer trade. Its eye is turned on Manitoba and the Northwest and its every effort will be to successfully introduce its goods into those markets. The by-laws and constitution have been placed in the hands of competent lawyers to revise. There is at present a total paying membership of 75, while each fruit district is organizing of its own local interests. One thousand shares are to be issued at \$10 each. All shareholders will at once notify the secretary of their requirements as shippers. The machinery of the association appears rather complicated at present, but no doubt any part that jars will be properly adjusted by experience. G. W. Henry was elected president, and A. H. D. Macgowan secretary.

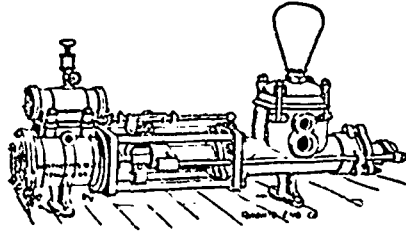


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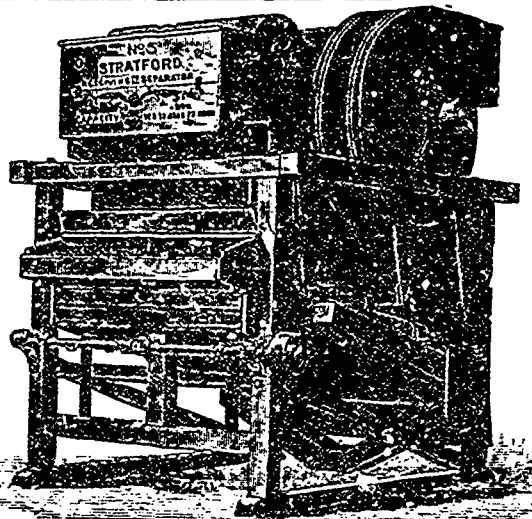
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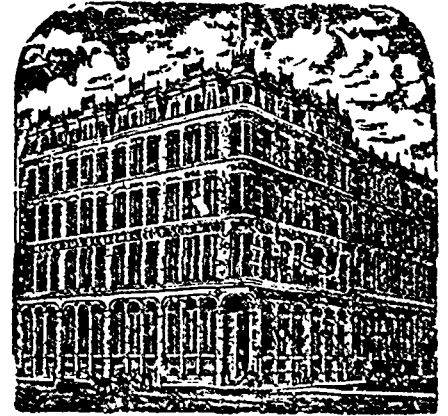
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THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

One of the most thoughtful and practical papers presented at the recent immigration convention in Winnipeg was read by Mr. Hespeler. This paper was published in full in The Commercial of last week. Mr. Hespeler, in this paper, made a vigorous protest against the granting of our lands to railways or other private corporations, claiming that they should be held for free settlement. Mr. Hespeler's remarks in this connection strike a responsive chord in The Commercial. About five years ago this journal, in a series of articles, started an agitation against the alienation of our public lands in this way. These articles attracted considerable attention at the time, and many of the leading papers of Eastern Canada not only reproduced them in whole or in part, but also devoted editorial space to the matter. The efforts of The Commercial were vigorously seconded by The Week, of Toronto, The Merchant's Magazine and Financial Review, of Montreal, and many other leading journals. Now that an immigration association has been formed here, it should be one of the duties of this association to take up this question. The articles published in The Commercial years ago are as applicable to the situation now as they were then, and as fresh attention has been called to the matter, we take the liberty of reproducing the following article, which appeared under the heading "Dissipating the Public Domain," in The Commercial of September 21, 1891:

"A return brought down at Ottawa last week, showed that the vast amount of 42,000,000 acres of land in Manitoba and the territories has been granted to railways, and still the iniquitous policy goes on. The majority of people will pass over this without realizing what it actually means. Comparison is therefore necessary to show the enormity of the evil which has already been inflicted upon Western Canada, by this suicidal policy of dissipating the public domain in this manner. The entire province of Manitoba contains a superficial land area of 41,002,240 acres, including swamps, muskegs, or other land unfit for cultivation. A considerable portion of this 41,002,240 acres is unfit for cultivation, whereas a large portion of the land granted to the railways has been the pick of the country. These figures must prove a startling revelation to those who have not given the matter a consideration heretofore. It is indeed time to cry a halt in this business of granting the public domain to private corporations. Just think of it! One million acres more than the entire superficial land area of the province of Manitoba, has already been granted to railways, and in the face of this but a small portion of the country has been supplied with railways. Take a map of Manitoba and divide the province into three parts of equal size, by drawing lines across the map from east to west, and what will you find? The railways will be all in the one southern division. The two northern divisions will be without railway communication whatever. Go westward into the territories and the proportion of country now served by railways is even less. If land grants are to continue until all parts are opened up by railway, at the same proportionate rate that it has in the past, there will not

be land enough in the entire country to satisfy the railways. The railways will own all the land and will still be unsatisfied.

The time has come when a vigorous and unanimous demand should come from the West that not another acre of the public domain be granted to any private corporation. It is nonsense to talk about their being plenty of land. A large portion is reserved for school purposes, the Hudson's Bay Company has a nice little slice of 7,000,000 acres, besides other landed monopolies of one kind and another, to say nothing of the large areas held by private speculators. These lands already withdrawn from the public domain are largely the pick and choice of the country. When the water surface, and lands not valuable for agriculture are counted out, the portion of the public domain still undisposed of will not be so large as is generally supposed.

But it makes no difference what amount of land remains, the granting of lands to corporations or private speculators is iniquitous in principle. Were the quantity of land ten times as great as it is, there would still be every reason for denouncing the policy. The public lands should be held for the people. There is no use in trying to encourage settlement and then following up a policy which will effectually block it. There is no use in squandering money to bring in immigrants, and then adopt a policy of creating huge land monopolies, to drive the settlers out of the country. The recent census returns were not satisfactory in point of increase in our population. They indicate that some changes in our public policy are necessary to encourage settlement and induce our people to remain at home. The management of the public domain is one of the matters which should be considered and reformed to this end. Eastern Canada is interested in the settlement of the West. Business people there look in this direction to find a market for their manufactures and to extend their business. The people of the east should therefore bestir themselves, as well as those of the West, in demanding a cessation of land grants at once.

It seems strange that this land question has been allowed to slide along as it has. During the past few years The Commercial has several times raised a warning voice, but the people of the West evidently fail to comprehend even to a slight extent the enormity of the interest at stake and the terrible evil which has been fastened upon the country. It is to be hoped that the figures given above will come as a revelation to the people, and that such a demand will be made as will effectually stop this evil policy.

Not only should the custom of granting lands cease at once, but an effort should be made to repair some of the injury already done. In cases where corporations have not earned the lands granted them, they should be held strictly to the conditions upon which the grant has been given, and any failure to fulfil these conditions should result in every case in the forfeiture of the lands. In some cases it might seem unduly harsh to deprive some corporation of a land grant, some equivalent substitute might be given, but in every case the land grant should be forfeited. An effort should also be made to induce some of these corporations to relinquish their land for some other consideration or concession. It would pay the government to buy back the lands, rather than have such an evil inflicted upon the country.

Of the vast amount of public money granted to be expended upon railways in Canada, none of it has come to Manitoba and the territories. It has been expended upon eastern roads, while the people of the West have had to pay their share of the debt incurred (and more than their share on account of the discrimination against the West resulting from the tariff) from this railway expenditure. But when it comes to a western road the land is

given away and the evil is fastened upon the people. Let an effort at once be made to check this policy, which will in the future prove disastrous to the country."

WATER ROUTE TO HUDSON BAY.

The Discussion of the bill before parliament to grant a charter to a company to open a waterway to Hudson bay, has drawn attention to the question of the feasibility of such an enterprise. So far as The Commercial is aware, no very reliable information has yet been gathered upon this question. If a waterway suitable even for barges could be opened between Winnipeg and Hudson bay, it would certainly be a most desirable thing to have carried out. A waterway between the grain fields of Manitoba and Hudson bay would be worth millions to the country. Even the knowledge that such a route could be established at a reasonable cost, would be an advantage to Manitoba, as it would be a buoyant hope for the future of the country. Such a route would put Manitoba in a splendid position, so far as transportation is concerned, in competing in the markets of the world. It would place us in as good a position as the most favored countries among those now producing breadstuffs for export. The knowledge that such a route were feasible and would likely be opened in the future, would encourage those who are now here and assist in inducing others to come here.

In view of the vast importance of this matter, an effort should be made to induce the Dominion government to make a rough survey of the route, with a view to securing some reliable information upon the subject. If the Dominion would not make a preliminary survey of the route, the Manitoba government might be induced to send a practical engineer over the route, with the object of securing some official information in the matter. As the Winnipeg board of trade has already taken some action in regard to the granting of a charter to the company, it might be within the sphere of the board to ask for a survey of the route. The matter is one of such vast importance to Manitoba, that it would be exceedingly interesting, and indeed valuable, to know that the proposed enterprise could be carried out at a reasonable cost.

THE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

Further proof is continually coming up of the almost insuperable barrier to immigration from the south which is raised by the quarantine regulations. Speaking in the Manitoba Legislature the other day Capt. Johannason said that many settlers would come in from Dakota but for the live stock quarantine regulations.

Capt Johannason is a representative Icelandic and he referred in these remarks to the Icelandic colonies in Dakota. These Icelanders would make excellent settlers and it would be greatly to our interest to secure them, if they could be induced to come here. The Icelanders in Manitoba have gone into districts which were passed over by other settlers. They do not search over the country for the pick and choice of the land and they have not objected to taking hold of the bush or scrub districts, to locate their farms. They are a

patient, industrious, pastoral people. Instead of seeking the open prairie land, like the great majority of settlers, who possibly expect to get rich in a few years growing wheat, they are willing to take the rougher land for their homes. This scrub or bush land, though involving much more labor to bring it under cultivation, is quite as valuable when cleared as the best prairie sections.

The Icelanders in Dakota, like those in Manitoba, have no doubt devoted their attention largely to cattle and sheep, and it is but natural that they would decline to sacrifice their property in order to come to Manitoba. To come here would involve either the sacrifice of the live stock, or entail upon them great inconvenience and expense, in addition to the usual expense and worry in moving.

It has been said that people who desired to come here could sell their stock and buy here to better advantage than they could move them, even if there were no quarantine regulations. This is a mistake. Farmers south of the boundary who decided to come to Western Canada, would be obliged to dispose of their live stock at forced sale, and this would invariably mean a loss. A farmer can only have a portion of his stock ready for the market at one time. Some would be too young to market. Others would be breeding stock, and so on, and these could only be disposed of at a loss. Besides, the great majority of farmers would prefer to take at least a portion of their stock with them, even if they believed they could buy to good advantage in the district to which they were going.

It certainly seems that something might be done to remove these restrictions upon immigration to this country from the best field which is open to us for immigration work.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

IN North Dakota the law authorizes county commissioners, on petition of one-third of the voters in any county, to levy a tax of one-fourth of one mill on the dollar for immigration purposes. In several of the counties says the Northwest Magazine of St. Paul, a movement is on foot to get the necessary number of signatures and thus to provide a portion, at least, of a fund which can be used for printing and other expenses of the new movement to bring in more settlers. The Commercial merely mentions this as a hint to the newly formed Western Canada Immigration Association. If a small fund were raised by the municipalities, particularly for looking after immigrants when they arrive here and assisting them to locate land, it would no doubt be money well spent.

THE various societies and organizations among the farmers have been busy of late proposing grades for the future government of Manitoba wheat. None of these organizations have so far come near agreeing in their proposals. The proposal of the Patrons of Industry is, that a board, composed of at least one-half producers of wheat, should be appointed next fall to fix permanent standards. They want the following grades provided for. Extra hard, No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 hard, No. 1 and No. 2 Northern, No. 1 and No. 2 regular and No. 1 and No. 2 re-

jected. No scoured wheat to be allowed in the first two grades. The grades of No. 1 and two regular would take in low grade stuff, under No. 3 hard in quality. The proposal to place low grade stuff in No. 1 and No. 2 grades under any name, The Commercial considers a mistake. These grades should be classed as No. 4 and 5.

It is reported from Ottawa that the government is considering the advisability of placing a sum in the estimates towards the construction of locks at St. Andrew's rapids, in the Red river, near Winnipeg. This is the work which the Winnipeg board of trade has so persistently pressed upon the government for years, without any practical results so far. The St. Andrew's rapids is the only obstruction to navigation between Winnipeg city and Lake Winnipeg and the expense of overcoming this obstruction would be insignificant in comparison with the great value which the work would be to the country. It would assist very materially in developing the lumber, fuel, mineral and fishery industries of Lake Winnipeg and vicinity.

A circular, or rather two or three circular letters enclosed together reached The Commercial this week, without any names attached, but purporting to come from "The Canadian Republican Committee." We have not heard anything about this alleged committee before, and feel rather inclined to treat the thing as a joke. We do not believe that there is any desire at the present time among the people of Canada to change their form of government or sever relationship with the empire. The people of this country are contented, prosperous and free. The people of no other country in the world enjoy greater freedom and better protection than do Canadians. Education is within the reach of all, and all citizens are equal, under the law and entitled to the same privileges and protection. The alleged committee have gone to a useless expense in distributing their circular, which will provoke only a smile of pity for the senders, from those who receive it.

California Fruit.

Mail advices from San Francisco to February 29 were as follows: "There is only a moderate quantity of dried fruits left in the State. Strictly choice or fancy fruit is hard to find. The bulk of the peaches on hand will grade only good to choice, with a few up to fancy. The cold weather East is creating a good demand for dried fruits. Peaches are cleaning up at the low prices. Eastern evaporated apples, all grades, are reported from 4 to 4c lower, with trade dull and pressure being used to make sales. Export business in apples is very light. Apricots are moving at 8c to 8½c for good Royals. Finer grades not wanted at present. Reports reach us from Santa Clara Valley that the Moorpark crop will be short this season. Prune trees are in bloom."

Concerning the position of prunes in California the Fruit Grower, in its issue of February 29th, says: "The last stray lot of northern grown prunes was purchased, early in the week, by a large dealer, and is now in strong hands. To further the export trade the Southern Pacific Company has made a through rate of \$1.00 per hundred pounds to London, and \$1.10 to Liverpool and Continent of Europe. This rate will hold good via

Sunset Route until March 31st. The old rate was \$1.25. The holdings on the Coast were comparatively light, and are bound to go out clean before now crop, even under the present moderate demand. Our Eastern advices indicate an improved demand, but at prices somewhat below the present lay-down cost of goods. We learn, from Chicago, that there is an effort being made on this Coast to corner the prune market. We doubt if a corner in prunes is contemplated at this time. There may be some concert of action on the part of the few large holders regarding f.o.b. sales, but that is about as far as it goes. A little firmness at this end of the line will have a very beneficial effect upon the consigned goods held in the East. There are five months in which to market and consume the stock of prunes on hand. The weather throughout the East and West is very cold and deep snow covers the ground in all directions. This is ideal dried fruit weather, and we look for a good consumptive demand."

A Suggestion.

A correspondent wrote some time ago to a Montreal paper as follows: A practical way for the Canadian Pacific Railway to help the Northwest farmers and encourage settlers would be by the establishment of potato starch works at central points; these works could also produce other starches and farinaceous foods that could bear higher freights than wheat, etc. Potato spirit is made in large quantities in Belgium and Germany. It was imported into England for manufacturing purposes. It is an alcohol of good quality, and is suitable for all purposes that alcohol is used for, in fact, its chemical constituents are identical. The price was about 24 cents per gallon, so that it can be produced very cheaply. After experimenting on the quantity of superfluous moisture that a potato contains, I find that sliced and dried the loss in weight is 73 per cent., therefore 100 pounds potatoes are reduced to 27 pounds net. I enclose you a sample slice—these chips would, I think be suitable for hotel use for fried chips, can give you further sample if you like, it may be part of the future food supply. One hundred pounds of sliced carrots are reduced by drying to 17 pounds net, sample enclosed. If this can be utilized it will be an immense advantage to remote points. If we are to be a manufacturing country we need a plentiful food supply, at remunerative prices to the growers. Potatoes and carrots could also be machine grated and dried; I presume the loss by evaporation would be about the same, but have not tried.

Silver.

The silver market has been strong to steady all week. The London quotation for bars advanced from 81 8-16d. per ounce to 81 13-16d. and receded to 81 5-16d. The New York market rose correspondingly from 68½c. to 68¾c. Silver prices on March 6 were: London 81 5-16d. New York 68¾c.

The cheese market on spot is quiet, says the Montreal Gazette, of March 5, but it is understood that a lot of new business has been transacted over the cable. In all, one or two leading holders have closed out about 15,000 boxes. The terms for this business were private, but it is understood to be close to ruling quotations, the goods comprising both summer and fall makes. This reduces the stock on spot to very moderate dimensions. In this connection, another dealer claims to have offers of a line of 4,000 from the country, but nothing is known for certain. In a nominal way we quote spot prices 7½ to 8c for summer and 8½ to 9c for fall makes.

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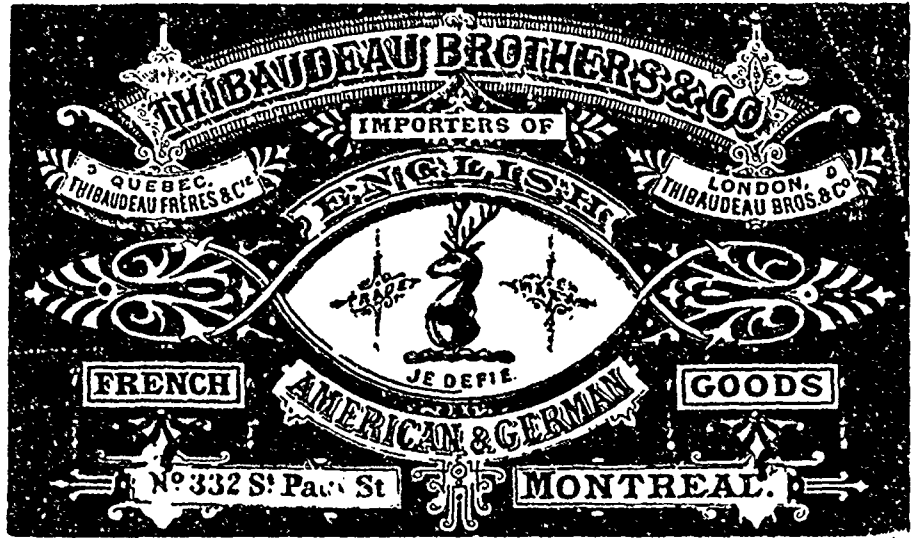
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British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, March 10, 1896.

Business is reported good in the different lines of retail trade. There is also activity among the wholesalers after an unusually quiet month. Collections are said to be fair. Several more wholesale firms, who have become identified with the prosperity of Victoria have established substantial branch houses in Vancouver. There are now few wholesale firms at the capital, of any importance, which are not represented in the terminal city. In the past twelve months the commercial development of the province, particularly of Vancouver has been remarkable. It is said by those who give such matters deep consideration that this branching out of wholesale firms, in the incorporation of numerous largely capitalised companies, together with the fact that long established industrial concerns are increasing their capacity is certainly warranted in view of the increasing coast trade, the rapid settling up of the country, the activity in mining and from the fact that a mining population is ever pouring into the interior in a constant ever increasing stream. The restless spirit of commercial enterprise is ever in advance of the times in a new country, but the very fact that the newly organized companies must labor to live gives us the assurance that trade will be stimulated, and should the boom strike us in the next two or three years as prophesied by every mining man in the country, the province will be prepared for it.

British Columbia Business Notes

Currie & Clemes, lumber, Sandon, have sold out.

John Keefer, tobaccos, etc., Rossland has sold out.

A. A. McKinnon, hotel, Ainsworth, is out of business.

J. G. Hutchison & Co, grocers, Vancouver, have sold out.

T. Brown & Co., men's furnishings, Victoria, are giving up business.

The stock of Perry & Turner, stoves, Victoria, is advertised for sale.

M. R. Counter, jeweller, Nanaimo has sold out to Wm. Stewart.

Wadds & Grant, stationery, Rossland, have sold out to J. E. Saucier.

G. A. Biglow, general merchant, Nelson is giving up his Rossland branch store.

In Vancouver building operations will be more numerous this summer than since 1892.

The wholesale markets have changed very little this week. The most important feature is the advance in sugar.

The salmon industry has commenced. One hundred and forty seven licenses have been issued. The run is very small and big fish unusually scarce in the market.

The mining tax bill before the local legislature is to be amended so that the tax will be on the net profit of the mine. There is now little opposition to the bill.

Numerous private syndicates are forming in the cities for the purpose of sending experienced miners into the interior to prospect for them. Everyone in Vancouver from the office boy to the bloated capitalist is now directly or indirectly personally interested in the mines of British Columbia.

In shipping circles the same activity is apparent. Saturday last the "Vancouver World" made the assertion "that Vancouver's harbor presented a spectacle which they were confident was not to be witnessed in any other port in the Dominion, as no less than 25 deep-sea-going vessels were there riding at anchor in front of the city." This is exclusive of a numerous fleet of small craft and local steamers. It is also reported that a large fleet of ships

are on their way here to load lumber at Vancouver.

Over crowding in the harbor has again suggested to the minds of the members of the local administration and trade board the necessity of more wharfage accommodation and no doubt the Canadian Pacific Railway will again be appealed to to extend their wharfage.

At this writing mining is creating unusual interest in the coast cities, and news from the mining districts is eagerly looked for. Word comes from Golden that the big gold bearing quartz vein at Bagaboo Creek assaying in parts \$140 to the ton is to be worked on a large scale this summer.

A company of British capitalists it is said will work the Daisy mine at McCallum Point near Victoria. Samples assay very high. The ore is said to resemble Trail Creek quartz.

There is a constant ripple of excitement at Trail Creek owing to the authentic reports constantly coming in to camp, of some big strike at one of the claims. The Josie mine provides the latest sensation. The whole face of the tunnel, striking the ore chute at a depth of 280 feet, is in ore running \$10 in gold. These discoveries demonstrate the permanency of the Trail Creek ore veins.

This week Inspector McNab will let loose in Harrison Lake 6,400,000 sockeye salmon and 4,000,000 whitefish fry. The latter were sent from Manitoba at the suggestion of the Dominion government, as it was too expensive to run the Manitoba hatchery for such a small batch of youngsters. Most of the whitefish will be liberated in Harrison River. The little immigrants are very lively and very healthy, and there is every indication that the experiment of introducing whitefish into the British Columbia rivers will be a success.

H. D. McGuire, the Oregon state fish protector, does not believe that salmon only return to the river from the sea every four years, as they differ so in size. He is going to test the matter by marking a number of youngsters with silver wire and offering a reward for any of them afterwards caught.

Creamery matters are progressing very nicely in this province. A co-operative creamery is to be established at Chilliwack, the garden of British Columbia. A meeting has been held and a site is being chosen. There are rumors of other creameries starting up.

The customs returns show a large increase in trade as do the Inland Revenue receipts. The duty collected in Vancouver for February was \$21,455.60 an increase of \$5,090.01 over the corresponding month of last year. The duty collected in Victoria for February was \$16,749.77, and in Nanaimo \$8,706. The largest increase is shown in Vancouver. In Vancouver there was in February 10,100.76 collected as inland revenue, which is almost double the amount collected for a similar period last year, the increase being \$1,833.25. The inland revenue collected in Victoria was \$18,116.40. In February, Victoria exported \$36,937 worth of goods and imported goods to the value of \$121,814, while Vancouver imported goods valued at 155,489. The exports amounted to \$59,100. The export credit to Westminster was nearly a million and a half dollars. From the present date the export and import figures will be largely increased by the returns from Nelson, British Columbia and other ports in the interior.

In West Kootenay there will be great activity this summer, particularly at Trout Lake. The district is said to be rich in gold, silver, bismuth, lead and asbestos. The Silver Cup, Abbott Group and America mines were worked all winter with good results, particularly the Silver Cup. The Great Northern Mine Co. have exposed a 5 foot vein running \$150 to the ton. The Albert Group

are all rich in mineral and are being rapidly developed and will ship ore shortly. The America vein is 2 feet thick running 120 ounces of silver to the ton. The Badshat, to be worked this summer, assayed 300 ounces in silver. The Black Prince, Poole Group, True Fisher, Jenny Lind, Horn, Blackhorn, Par-sold, are all rich in silver and will be worked this summer. Lardo Creek will be exclusively placer mined from the commencement of mild weather. The same encouraging reports come from all parts of West Kootenay.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, March 14, 1896.

Business is improving steadily. Cured meats are lower all around about 1/2c. Wheat has advanced \$2 per ton. Fruits are lower. Fresh meats are firm.

Butter.—Dairy butter, 18 to 20c; creamery 25 to 26c; Government creamery, 27c; Manitoba cheese 10 1/2c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon 12c; backs 11 1/2c; long, clear 8 1/2c; short rolls 9c; smoked sides 10c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10 1/2c per pound; in rails and tubs 10c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$15.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 9c; smelt 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 9c; halibut 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 8c; finnan haddies, 9c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut 8c; bloaters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes now, \$10 per ton; onions silver skins, 1 1/2c; cabbage, 1 1/2c; Ashcroft potatoes, 75 to 76c; carrots, turnips and beets, 3/4 to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 18 to 19c.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges \$2 to \$1.85, navals, \$3.00; native apples \$1.00; California lemons, \$3.50, Oregon apples, \$1.75.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7 1/2c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.40; Oregon, —; Oak Lake patent \$1.60; do strong bakers \$4.40.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22 1/2 pound sacks, \$3.20, 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.00, 2-50's, \$2.75. Offgrades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.85. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's, \$2.35.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton, shorts, \$18.50 ton; bran \$16.50; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 7 1/2c; mutton, 8 1/2 to 9c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7 to 10c per lb.

Live Stock.—Steers, 3 1/2 to 4c lb; cows 3 to 3 1/2c; sheep, \$1.00 to \$1.50; hogs, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$6 per dozen, scarce.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 6 1/2c; granulated, 5 1/2c; extra C, 5 1/2c; fancy yellows 4 1/2c; yellow 4 1/2c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$4.50 per case of 20.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, March 14, 1896.

The weather has been steady and rather cold for the season, and with good sleighing farmers have been offering more grain of all kinds. Wheat prices in Manitoba are high in comparison with outside markets, and the sharp decline in leading markets cannot help but weaken values here. Business is generally improving and the usual spring movement is setting in in all lines. In produce, the local butter market is in good shape, being well cleaned up. Cheese is very weak in British markets and prices low so that the outlook is not favorable. Eggs are declining, and country buyers will have to buy under the market to avoid loss. Bank clearances at Winnipeg were about 55 per cent greater this week than for the corresponding week a year ago, 21.5 per cent greater than the like week in 1894.

Failures in Canada this week number 58, against 61 last week, 89 in the week a year ago, 45 two years ago. Bradstreet reports the situation in the United States this week as not favorable. Cotton industries are depressed, wool is very dull and pig iron production is being curtailed.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Mar. 14.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

CORWOOD FUEL.—The quantity of wood offering is very limited and poplar particularly is very scarce. In fact poplar can hardly be got at all. It is said the supply of seasoned wood is very limited, owing to the limited cut in the woods a year ago. Wood cut this winter is of course too green for use. At present farmers are hauling in considerable, but as soon as the roads break up this supply will be cut off and the city will have to depend on supplies coming in by rail. A sharp advance is therefore effected at an early date. We quote prices as follows for car lots on track here; Tamarac, good, \$1.00; mixed or poorer tamarac, \$3.50 to \$3.75; pine, \$3.25 to \$3.50; spruce, \$3.00 to \$3.25; oak, dead, \$3.00 to \$3.25; oak, good, green cut, \$3.75; poplar, dead, \$2.25; poplar, green cut, dry, \$2.50 per cord.

COAL.—Prices are unchanged. Winnipeg prices are as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite, \$3.50 per ton delivered to consumers; Souris lignite, \$4.25 per ton, delivered to consumers, and \$3.85 at the yard here; Lethbridge bituminous \$6.50 to consumers; western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton to consumers.

CEREALS.—National Food preparations in cartons: Densicated rolled oats, 2 doz., 2 lb pkgs, per case, \$2.90; densicated rolled wheat, 2 doz. 3 lb. pkgs per case, \$3.25; Densicated wheat, 1 doz., 2 lb pkts., per case, \$2.75; Snowflake barley 2 doz. 2 lb pkgs., per case, \$2.90; Buckwheat flour, 1 doz., 5 lb pkgs per case \$2.75; Buckwheat flour 2 doz., 2 1/2 lb pkts., per case \$2.90; breakfast hominy, 1 doz., 3 lb pkts., per case, \$3.25; prepared pea flour 1 doz., per case, \$2.50; g'utin flour, 1 doz., per case, \$3.50; rolled wheat, in bbls., 180 lbs. \$4.50.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.—Grenoble Walnuts, 16c; Tarragona almonds, 16c; princess paper shell almonds, 22c; Sicilly filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 15c; peanuts, roasted, 15c; peanuts greens, 13c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; figs, old, 14 oz. boxes, \$1 per dozen; figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 14c; figs, superior, \$5 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per

lb; dates, new, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 18 1/2 to 14c.

DRY GOODS.—An easier tendency is reported from the east in cottons, but woollens hold firm. Local wholesalers have the bulk of their spring orders shipped out, but the weather has not been favorable of late for sorting business, and there is very little small order trade doing yet. Clothing houses will start out next month with samples for the fall trade.

DRUGS.—There is the usual heavy demand for bluestone at this season of the year, but the large number of houses which are handling it divides up the trade and tends to cutting in prices. It has sold as low as 4c in special cases. Strychnine is coming into demand for the annual spring onslaught against the gophers or ground squirrels, which are sometimes so destructive to crops. Cod liver oil is stronger; and is advancing in Norway. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Alum per pound, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c, alcohol, \$5 to \$5.25 gal.; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 4 1/2 to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c. coppers 3 1/2 to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$7.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3 1/2 to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica, 30 to 35c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25, Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.25 to 3.25 per gallon; oxalice acid, 18 to 16c; potass iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetre; 10 to 12c; sal rocnelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3 1/2 to 5c; soda bicarb., per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

FISH.—The market is well supplied with fresh fish. Winnipeg market, jobbing prices are: Cod, 9c a lb; haddock 9c a lb; salmon, 14c; halibut 12 1/2c; smelts 9 to 10c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 5 1/2 to 6c; pickerel 4 to 4 1/2c; pike 2 1/2 to 3c; perch 2 to 2 1/2c; sturgeon 6c; finnan haddies 7 to 7 1/2c, or \$2.10 to \$2.25 per box; kippered goldeyes 30c doz.; oysters, \$1.80 to \$2.00 per gal; shell oysters, \$7.50 per barrel. Cured fish are quoted: Boneless codfish, 40 lb boxes 7c, do crates 7 1/2c; boneless fish, 40 lb boxes, 5c; smoked herrings, 15 to 20c box; dry cod \$6 per box of 100 lbs.; salt whitefish, \$5.50 per barrel of 100 pounds; salt lake trout, \$6.50 per barrel; salt herring, 1/2 barrel \$4.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 3oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$21.30. Staminol—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz., \$5.10; do, 8 oz., \$7.65; do, 16oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$4.25

GREEN FRUITS.—Apples are firm, with a higher tendency. Greenings are about done and are getting out of season. Really fancy apples would be held at \$6 per barrel. Cranberries are out of the market. Bananas are increasing in demand, but they are difficult to handle, as the weather has been cold. Prices are: Lemons, New Messinas, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per box; California navel oranges, \$4

to \$4.50 per box, as to size; California seedlings, \$3.25 to \$3.75 as to size; Bananas \$2.75 to \$3.50 per bunch as to size, a few very small bunches sell as low as \$2.50; Apples, eastern Canada choice red varieties, \$5 to \$5.50 per barrel; russets, \$4.50 per barrel; Malaga grapes \$9 per keg for large sizes; pineapples, \$3.50 to \$5 per dozen; Apple cider, 35c per barrel gallon, in 30 gallon barrels.

GROCERIES.—Business is improving and prices are steady. Regarding sugars, Willett & Gray, of New York, in their last circular say: "The weakness in beet sugars abroad has checked any advance here which otherwise would have come, because of the limited supply of cane sugar. Should the President issue a proclamation in favor of Cuba the Cubans would probably allow American estates in Cuba to make sugar. This would tend to check the rise in raws, but it must come eventually because of the statistical position."

HARDWARE.—Business is now beginning to move fairly well in this branch. Prices are steady. The recent advance by manufacturers has caused an advance here in nails of 10c; per keg for both cut and wire nails. The discount on horse nails has also been reduced. Prices are as follows:

TEN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 20 to 21c.

TEN PLATES. — Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$9.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$8.50 to 9.00.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.50 to \$2.65; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.15; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast tool steel, per lb, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to 3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5 1/2c, 28 gauge, per lb., 5 1/2c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

CHAIN.—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb. 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c; 1/2 inch, per lb, 6 to 6 1/2c; 5-16 inch, per lb., 5 1/2 to 6c; 3/8 inch, per lb., 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c; 1/2 inch, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2c.

SHEET ZINC—In casks, 5 1/2c lb., broken lots, 6c.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 1/2c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 1 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 3/4 inch as 1 larger, 16c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3 to 3.10; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$3.50 keg; 2 1/2 inch, \$4.20 keg; 2 inch, \$4.50 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50

box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 15 to 50 per cent.

LUMBER—A couple of weeks ago we referred to an expected advance in British Columbia lumber in this market. The new list has now been arranged. Agents in Winnipeg for the British Columbia mills quote delivered prices here, and the new list shows some advances, principally on cedar stuff, but the advances are not as important as was expected. The British Columbia people evidently understand that they would lose trade by making any very sharp advances in this market, as it would simply increase the consumption of the pine lumber cut nearer home. While the new British Columbia list does not show heavy advances, compared with the old list, it must be understood that there was frequent and heavy cutting in prices under the old list, and this it is expected will now be stopped. The British Columbia manufacturers, it is understood, have made a very binding agreement among themselves, with a penalty attached for violation, not to cut prices in this market, and it is now expected that the new list will be adhered to. It would be better for the trade to have regular established prices, than to have irregular prices. As the British Columbia mills are now enjoying a larger export trade by water than they have had for some time, they would naturally not be so keen to cut prices in this market, even if there were no agreement against cutting.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—Leads are very firm. Present prices, it is claimed, are too low in comparison with the cost, and an advance may come, though it is not very certain at the moment. Glue is very firm and an advance is not unlikely. Business is becoming fairly active. There has been a good demand for carriage paints. Glass is firm and 10c higher here. Prices are as follows.

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 3-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, 5½c; yellow ochre, 2½c; golden ochre, 4c; Venetian, red, French, 3½c; Venetian, red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½ per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c. English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 90c per lb.; less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 18 to 20c.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50, No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and include cost of cans.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00, benzine, per case, \$1.00, benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50, Frasier's axle grease, per case, \$3.75, diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$3, Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.00, plaster, per barrel, \$3.00, plasterer's hair, 90c. per bale, putty, per lb., 2½c. for less than barrels, barrels, per lb., 2½c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 63c, boiled, per gal., 66c in barrels.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 60c, less than barrels, per gallon, 65c.

OILS.—Range about as follows. Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon, clear machine oils, 33 to

40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal., tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows: Silver star 24½c; crescent, 27½c, oleophane 29½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 81c for eccene and 80c for sunlight.

RAW FURS.—Other parties bear out our remarks of last week regarding the high prices paid for furs in this market. Several parties who have shipped to leading United States markets, state that the prices they received were in every case lower than they would have obtained here. Winnipeg is undoubtedly the best fur market on this continent for the seller, as higher prices are paid here than in any other market, and there is always lots of competition for everything offered. One party in the trade explains the situation in this way. He says, what is quite true, that the average class of furs received here is of a quality and buyers can afford to bid good prices. If furs are sent to eastern and southern markets, they come into competition with a poorer class of skins, and their real comparative value is not realized, as the buyers in those markets are used to paying lower prices for poorer class of skins. The following quotations give the range of prices here. The prices cover the range from small to large skins, size, color and condition being considered though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on account of being killed out of season.

Badger	.....	\$0 15 to \$0 60
Bear, black or brown	.....	5 00 to 26 00
Bear, yearlings	.....	2 00 to 8 00
Bear, grizzly	.....	5 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large	.....	5 50 to 7 50
" medium	.....	3 00 to 4 50
" small	.....	50 to 2 50
" cubs	.....	25 to 60
" castors, per lb.	.....	2 50 to 5 50
Fisher	.....	3 00 to 8 00
Fox, cross	.....	2 00 to 15 00
" kitt	.....	10 to 40
" red	.....	25 to 1 50
" silver	.....	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	.....	1 50 to 2 50
" medium	.....	1 00 to 2 00
" small	.....	75 to 1 25
Marten dark	.....	1 00 to 4 50
" Pale or Brown	.....	1 00 to 3 50
" Light pale	.....	75 to 1 75
Mink	.....	50 to 1 50
Musquash, winter	.....	03 to 07
Otter	.....	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	.....	25 to 80
Wolf, timber	.....	1 00 to 2 75
" prairie	.....	25 to 75
Wolverine	.....	1 00 to 4 00

WHEAT.—GENERAL SITUATION.—Wheat has been weak this week in leading markets and the general tendency has been downward. Yesterday prices declined heavily at all leading United States markets, favorable crop news has been the principal weakening factor. Total exports of wheat, flour included, from both coasts of the United States during the week ending with March 12, amount to 2,401,000 bushels, against 2,407,000 bushels last week, 2,791,000 bushels in the corresponding week last year, 3,253,000,000 bushels in the second week of March, 1891, and as compared with 2,836,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

WHEAT.—LOCAL SITUATION.—There has been a considerable increase this week—as was expected—in the receipts of wheat from farmers at Manitoba country points, as the time is now short before the beginning of the busy spring season with them, and the roads may break up any day. Prices were fairly

well maintained most of the week, particularly for high grade stuff. At some points which were above the general range, the tendency was to reduce prices to a parity with other country markets. When deliveries are light country markets usually vary more widely, and with increasing receipts the equilibrium is restored. From 48 to 50c per bushel was the usual range for No. 1 hard in most country markets, according to freight rates. Lower grades did not hold as steady as high grades and the tendency for low grades was weaker particularly for damaged grain, which is considered risky to handle as the season advances and the weather gets warmer. It will be seen from our quotations that Manitoba farmers are getting comparatively high prices, when a comparison is made with Duluth and other markets, allowing for freight and cost of handling. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended March 7 were 168,603 bushels, shipments 104,881 bushels, in store 3,693,591 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 910,836 and two years ago, 2,115,023 bushels. Stocks of Manitoba wheat at lake ports and interior points here aggregate over 700,000,000, as compared with about 3,250,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts at Fort William for the corresponding week last year were 25,218 bushels and shipments were 3,895 bushels. The situation at the close of the week is very uncertain. Exporters are practically out of the market, as they claim prices are too high, and their buyers at country points are not operating, but millers are taking the most of the choice wheat offering. Prices will likely drop at country points, unless there is a sharp advance on Monday in outside markets. There have been sales of No. 1 hard, at Fort William, May delivery, at 66c, and we quote 66c as the outside price to-day. No. 1 hard, North Bay, 78c. There is a considerable movement all rail eastward. Fort William is not taking any this week, storage being full.

FLOUR.—There is nothing new in flour to mention. Manitoba millers are now more inclined to hold stocks for shipment after the opening of navigation. There has been no change in prices. Sales by millers here are now made at \$1.85 to \$1.90 for patents and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for strong bakers per sack of 93 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.85 to \$1.45; XXXX \$1.20 to \$1.25, delivered. Brands of country mills are offered at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS.—City mills are selling at \$9 per ton for bran and \$11 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots.

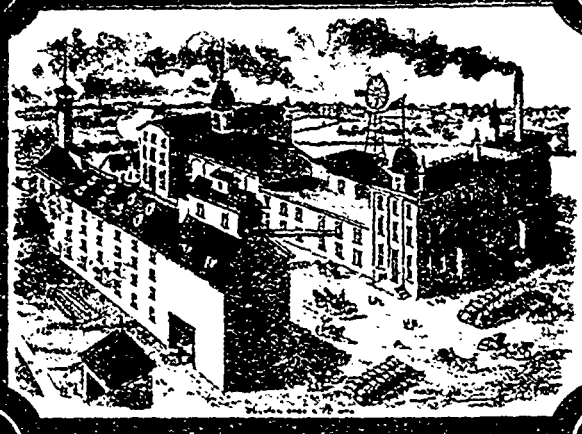
OATS.—At Manitoba country points, for shipment east, car lots on track were worth from 12 to 14½c, as to quality and freight rate. In the Winnipeg market dealers are paying 17c for farmers loads, per bushel of 31 pounds, and for choice milling up to 18c has been paid; but this has only been for extra quality. Winnipeg prices of course are only for the local trade, as all the oats marketed in the city are consumed here, and they could not be shipped at these prices. Car lot prices at country points represent shipping value. Winnipeg prices represent local consuming value, Winnipeg being a consuming market. Oats close weak and very slow, owing to offerings in excess of the demand, and we cannot safely quote over 14c for cars of No. 2 white, and hard to sell at that. A sale equal to 11c was made at North Bay for mixed.

BARLEY.—There is no improvement in this grain. No one seems to want it even at the low prices ruling. Car lots at Manitoba country points quoted at 14 to 15c, as to quality and freight rates for from feed grade up to No. 3. A few farmers loads have been taken for local consumption here at 18c for feed barley, per bushel of 48 pounds.

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WHEAT.—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.

GROUND FEED. Prices range from \$11 to \$18 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is selling at about \$1.25 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers.

FLAX SEED.—Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets are about 60c per bushel.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BUTTER.—The local market is not at all in bad shape, so far as the supply is concerned. In fact there is hardly sufficient butter offering to supply the local demand—that is, of the right quality. Of course the demand is not very heavy, but it is fully equal to the occasion. This is in favorable contrast with a year ago, when everyone was loaded with butter and country merchants were even sending their butter here to the auction rooms, to be auctioned off to consumers. This year there are no large stocks held of any quality, and receipts of choice are all wanted. Prices are firm, and really choice fresh butter would bring 3/4 to 1c higher. We quote fair to choice dairy tubs at 12 to 15c per lb. and lower grades at 8 to 10c. Good rolls 9 to 11c, fancy, fresh made rolls or bricks, nicely handled, 12 to 15. While the ordinary mixed quality of rolls are not in good demand, really nice, fresh goods are wanted.

CHEESE.—Cheese is jobbing here in small lots at 9 1/2 to 10c for large and 10 1/2 to 11c for small sizes. The low price of cheese in England is attracting attention. Cable reports on Monday noted another decline of 6d at Liverpool to 42s 6d, which is the lowest price at this season for seven years. The position of the Liverpool market at this date in previous years may be interesting in view of its present low position. It was as follows as reported by cable:

	Highest.	Lowest.
1896	43s 6d	42s 6d
1895	51s 0d	48s 0d
1894	57s 0d	56s 6d
1893	55s 6d	54s 6d
1892	57s 0d	56s 0d
1891	57s 6d	53s 0d
1890	54s 0d	53s 0d

EGGS.—The usual slump in eggs at this season of the year has set in. Local dealers will not buy round lots, as prices are uncertain, and are handling on commission. Retail dealers are buying only in such quantities as will serve them from day to day, for the same reason. While there has been no heavy accumulation of receipts still the market is very nervous, in view of the fact that a spell of mild weather, which is liable to come any time, would be sure to greatly increase the supply. Prices opened on Monday at 18c, selling to retail dealers in a small way and declined to 17c and later to 16c, and in a few instances sales were made to retail dealers at 15c per dozen. Only the cold weather prevents a further decline. Receipts have been mostly from the Mennonite settlements in southern Manitoba. On Wednesday 200 cases came in. Country merchants should exercise care in taking eggs at this season to avoid loss, as a further heavy slump in prices is liable to occur any day. It is necessary to buy under the market and make due allowance for the declining tendency. City dealers sell their receipts in the order that they arrive, and even after a lot arrives here, a further drop may take place before they can be sold.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure, \$1.80 for 20 pound pails, and \$4.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard

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CURED MEATS.—Hog products are firm. Smoked meats are quoted Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11 1/2; do., backs, 10 1/2c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7 1/2c long rolls, 7 1/2c; shoulders, 6 1/2c smoked long clear, 9c; smoked jowls, 5 1/2c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7 1/2c per lb; shoulders, 5 1/2c; backs, 8 1/2c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$13.00; clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2 1/2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

POULTRY.—Poultry of all kinds is very scarce. Eastern stock has been selling here at the following prices: Turkeys 19c; ducks 12c; geese 12c; chickens 13c. Really fine native poultry would bring these prices, less commission.

DRESSED MEATS.—The frozen meat trade is about over for the year and fortunately the market is well cleaned up. There is very little frozen stuff held. Mutton is firm and higher. The little frozen beef offering is easier, but fresh killed is firm. Hogs are easier, and the tendency is not to go over 5 1/2c. We quote \$5 to \$5.80 per 100 lbs. for hogs; country beef at 3 1/2 to 4c as to quality. Fresh, unfrozen, city dressed beef, 5 to 6c, as to quality. Mutton, city dressed, 7 1/2 to 8c, with a further advance possible.

GAME.—Rabbits, 6c each; jack rabbits, 50c each.

VEGETABLES.—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes, 20c per bushel, cabbage 40 to 75c per dozen, as to size; celery 25 to 40c per dozen bunches; onions 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips 10 to 15c per bushel; parsnips, 40 to 50c bushel; carrots 30 to 40c; beets 25c bushel.

HIDES.—The feeling is easier, but the usual keen competition here in this line keeps Winnipeg prices above a parity with other markets. Prices much higher than corresponding values in other markets have been paid here for some time. The tendency this week has been to buy a little lower, and about 4 1/2c has been the prevailing price for green frozen hides. Some buyers, however, say they cannot see their way clear to pay more than 4c and make any profit. On the other hand in some cases 4 1/2c has been paid. The tendency is to get more tares in buying frozen hides on a flat rate, as at this season of the year the hair is very heavy and there is often much manure adhering to hides. We quote prices here as follows: Green frozen hides 4 to 4 1/2c, 4 to 8 lb tare off. Green city hides, No. 1 buff, 5c; No. 2 1/2c. Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6c per lb; deacons, 15 to 20c each; kips, 4 1/2 to 5c; sheep and lambskins recent kill, 5 to 65c. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

HAY.—Baled prairie is quoted at about \$5.00 \$5.50 on cars here. Loose hay on the street market, \$3.50 to \$1.50 per ton.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—We hear some reports of exporters buying in the country, to ship, but no cattle have gone forward yet this season. Prices are so low on the other side that exporters do not seem anxious to operate. Not much local demand. One load of good butchers, containing a few cows sold at 3c here, and we quote 3 to 3 1/2c for good to choice butchers. Cows, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c.

SHEEP.—Hardly anything doing in sheep yet, and very few wanted. A part car was sold here at 4 1/2c, live weight, but these were said to be a very fine lot.

Hogs are steady at 3 1/2 off cars here for average mixed packing stock.

Milkers and Springers—Are in some demand. We saw a good new milker sold at

\$40 the other day, and the range is from \$20 to \$40, as to quality.

There were some unfavorable reports from the western ranges recently, owing to cold weather and snow, which prevented the cattle from feeding. The cold weather was last week, and this week was milder again. If the cold has been serious, it will put cattle back, and make exports later than was expected. Up to last week the weather has been very favorable in the range country, and cattle were coming through the winter in good shape.

Gordon & Ironside will make their first export shipment of Manitoba grain fed cattle for this season on March 23. The cattle will be received from various districts in Manitoba and made up here in train loads for the seaboard.

HORSES.—There is a better demand for horses in Manitoba than there has been for over a year. This is said to be due to the heavy crop last year, which put farmers behind with their fall plowing, and they are now buying horses to be ready to put on extra teams this spring. Many farmers have been in the city looking for teams, and the same report comes from other provincial towns. Horses are now being brought in again from Eastern Canada. The general demand is for teams from \$150 upward to \$200 per team. A pretty good team of general purpose farm horses can be had for about \$200. Say a fairly nice young team of about 2,400 to 2,600 pounds weight. For a really good farm team up to \$250 is asked, but \$200 is the usual limit of buyers.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Mar., 6 1896.	Mar. 8, 1895.
Flour, straight spring..	\$3.10 to \$3.60	\$2.75 to \$3.25
Flour, straight winter..	\$3.30 to \$3.75	\$2.40 to \$2.75
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	81 to 91c	55c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	35c to 40c	30c
Oats, No. 2.....	26c	3 1/2c
Rye, No. 2, Western ..	45c	
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	47c	61 to 65c
Cotton, mid. upld.....	7c	5 13-16c
Print cloths, 64x64....	211-16c	2 1/2
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X....	18c	15 1/2 to 16c
Wool, No. 1 combg.....	22 to 23c	21 to 21 1/2c
Pork, mess new.....	\$11.25 to \$10.50	\$11.75 to 12.25
Lard, westn., stn.....	5.5c	6.80c
Butter, creamery.....	2 1/2c	2c
Cheese, ch. east ft.	10 1/2c	11 1/2c
Sugar, centrif., 96°.....	4 1/2c	3c
Sugar, granulated.....	5c	3 1/2c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	14c	17c
Petroleum, N. T. Co....	\$1.25	1.07 1/2c
Petroleum, rfd. gal....	7.0c	6.40
*Iron, Besse. pg.	\$12.0	\$10.00
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$17.00	\$14.85
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool.....	1 1/2d	2 to 2 1/2d
Cotton.....	3 3/4d	7-8 1/2d

Manitoba Wheat Crop.

The position of the Manitoba wheat crop of 1895 is about as follows:

Shipped before the close of navigation.	
To Fort William.....	10,097,000
" Duluth.....	1,500,000
Flour.....	2,000,000
	18,597,000
Shipped since close of navigation or held in flour.....	3,000,000
Wheat in store interior.....	4,000,000
	20,597,000

Conservative estimates place the surplus still held by farmers, for sale, at about 6,000,000 bushels.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday as follows: May delivery at 58 1/2c, and 60 1/2c for July. A week ago May wheat closed at 60 1/2c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per tierce and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat started in firm on Monday, influenced by strong cables. Prices fluctuated some but closed about 1/4 higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	68 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Oats.....	19 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Mess Pork..	9 67 1/2	9 82 1/2	—
Lard.....	5 80	5 42 1/2	—
Short Ribs..	6 10	5 22 1/2	—

Wheat was weak on Tuesday, with weak cables and reported heavy Russian exports. Closing prices were:

	March	May.	July.
Wheat....	68 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Oats.....	19 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Mess Pork..	9 80	9 95	—
Lard.....	5 85	5 50	—
Short Ribs..	5 15	5 32 1/2	—

Wheat was irregular on Wednesday. Cables were weak, but prices advanced on export buying and cold weather. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	68 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Oats.....	19 1/2	20 1/2	21
Mess Pork..	9 70	9 85	—
Lard.....	5 80	5 45	—
Short Ribs..	5 15	5 30	—

Wheat was weak on Thursday, influenced by lower cables and better crop reports. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat....	62 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	—
Oats.....	19 1/2	20 1/2	26 1/2
Pork.....	9 55	9 70	—
Lard.....	5 30	5 40	—
Short Ribs	5 05	5 20	—

Wheat was fairly firm at the opening on Friday, but became weak, influenced by favorable crop news and declined heavily. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2
Oats.....	19	20 1/2	20 1/2
Mess Pork..	9 50	9 65	—
Lard.....	5 30	5 42 1/2	—
Short Ribs.	5 02 1/2	5 17 1/2	—

On Saturday wheat was firmer. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July
Wheat....	61 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/2
Oats.....	19	20 1/2	20 1/2
Mess Pork..	10 00	9 82 1/2	—
Lard.....	5 60	5 47 1/2	—
Short Ribs.	5 37 1/2	5 27 1/2	—

A week ago Saturday, May wheat closed at 65 1/2c and a year ago at 65 1/2c per bushel.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May., 63 1/2c, July, 64 1/2c.
Tuesday—May, 62 1/2c, July 64 1/2c.
Wednesday—May, 62 1/2c, July, 64 1/2c.
Thursday—May, 62 1/2c, July, 63 1/2c.
Friday—May, 60 1/2c, July, 62 1/2c.
Saturday—May, 61 1/2c, July 62 1/2c.

A week ago Saturday price closed at 63c for May. A year ago May delivery closed at 62 1/2c. Two years ago May closed at 60 1/2c. No. 1 hard was quoted at about 1 1/2c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of March 12 reports the irregular, but fairly firm with prices follows in barrels, f.o.b.: First patents, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Second patents, \$3.00 to \$3.00. First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2.45; Export baker's, \$2.45; second export baker \$2 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. Jul \$10 25. These prices for patents are 10 to 1 lower than a week ago, but other grades are unchanged.

Mitstuffs.—Bran in bulk \$6.75 to \$8. Bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$8. Bran in sacks, 11 lbs, \$8.50; Shorts \$5.50 to \$6.75; Middling fine \$8 to \$8.25.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, March 14, May delivery closed at 70 1/2 and July delivery at 69 1/2. A week ago May closed at 71 1/2.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express, of March 9, in its weekly review says: English and foreign wheats were 6d lower to-day. Flour decline 6d. Oats were steady, barley was 8d dearer.

At Montreal on March 5 there was a weak feeling in the provision market and prices for pork show a further decline of fifty cents per barrel, and even at present prices buyers show no inclination to take hold, sales being slow. There was also a decline of 50c per barrel on March 4.

The opening article in the March number of The Northwest Magazine is entitled "With the Northern Cheyennes," written by Herman Hall of the United States army. It contains graphic descriptions of the customs and characteristics of these celebrated Indians. "Progress of Agriculture in the Province of Manitoba," by E. Cora Hind, is another paper of merit. The story "Three Phases of Life," is by Florence Kerr. Other notable contributions are "Placer Mining with the Hydraulic Dredge," "Bee-Tree Hunting in Washington."

The Brandon Times of Thursday last says: "Daily receipts of wheat are larger this week than at any time during the winter. Fifty cents was still being paid yesterday for No. 1 hard, but outside markets were lower and unless to-day's reports show an advance the price here will go down a cent or two. We notice, as spring approaches, that dealers are more suspicious of frozen grain and consequently the price is not correspondingly as high as for the hard grades. Receipts of oats are in excess of the demand, and while 15c is still being paid for the best milling oats, buyers do not want them in large quantities. This owing to their having a difficulty in finding a market for the stocks they already have on hand."



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Toronto Grain and Produce Market

Wheat—On 'Change yesterday No. 1 hard Midland was offered at 76½d. with 76c bid. One car of No. 1 hard sold North Bay at 82c; No. 1 hard was offered afloat Fort William May at 18c, with 67c bid; No. 2 hard was offered to arrive North Bay at 80c, and No. 3 hard was offered to arrive North Bay at 78c, with 70c bid; 60c was bid for 5,000 bushels of No. 3 hard afloat Fort William May; No. 1 frosted was offered afloat Fort William May at 60c, with 55c bid; No. 1 Northern was offered North Bay at 81c, with 79½c bid; 76c was bid for for No. 2 Northern North Bay, 55c was bid for goose wheat outside. On Saturday No. 1 hard at Sarua was offered at 83 to 84c.

Flour.—Cars of straight roller are offering west at \$3.80 Montreal freights.

Millfeed—Cars of shorts are quoted at \$12, and bran at \$11 west.

Barley—On 'Change to-day No. 1 was offered outside at 40c. Most holders are asking 41c for No. 1 hard east; fancy is quoted at 45c to 46c, and No. 2 at 38c to 39c outside.

Oats.—Cars of mixed are quoted at 22c to 22½c west, and white at 23½c. On 'Change to-day two cars of mixed sold outside at 22½c, and 22½c was bid for more. White were offered outside at 23½c.

Butter—Choice large rolls are scarce, dairy tubs are being received in fair quantities, receipts are fair, but more could be taken. We quote.—Dairy tubs, 11c to 13c; medium and low grade dairy tubs, 8c to 10c; dairy pound prints, 15c to 17c; large rolls, 15c to 16c; creamery tubs, 19c to 20c; creamery rolls, 20c to 22c.

Eggs—Prices are firm. We quote:—New laid, 18c to 18½c; limered, 12c for five and ten case lots and 13½c for single cases; cold storage and held fresh, 8 to 12c.

Baled Hay—For car lots on the track here we quote:—No. 1, \$14 to \$14.50; No. 2, \$13 to \$13.50.

Dressed Hogs—If the weather breaks hogs will go at any price. Car lots of heavy and mixed weights are slow, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$1.80. Trade in selected weights is fair at from \$1.80 to \$1.90 for car lots. There is an easier feeling.

Wools.—Fleeces.—There is practically nothing being done. Prices are nominal at 20 to 22c.

Hides.—Prices are unchanged. Green are quoted at 5c and cars of cured at 6c. Sheepskins.—The best sell at 90c to \$1, and country skins bring 75c, according to quality. Calfskins.—No. 1 skins sell at 6c. Extra good bring a fraction more. Tallow.—Local dealers bid 4c and sell at 4½c.—Globe, March 11.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain.—Business in grain on spot was quiet. Prices were: Peas, per 60 lbs., 58 to 59c; No. 2 oats, per 34 lbs., 30c; Corn, duty paid, 45 to 47c; Barley, feed, 38 to 39c; Barley, malting, 52 to 54c.

Flour.—A fair business was reported in Manitoba grades of flour, but Ontario dealers stated that sales were slow. Prices were: Winter wheat, \$1.35 to \$1.40; Spring wheat, patents, \$1.25; Straight roller, \$1 to \$1.10; Straight roller, bags, \$1.95 to \$2; Extra bags, \$1.75 to \$1.85; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.

Oatmeal.—Standard brls., \$3 to \$3.10; Granulated, brls, \$3.10 to \$3.20; Rolled oats, brls., \$3 to \$3.10; Rolled wheat, per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to \$2.50.

Feed.—Bran, \$14 to \$15; Shorts, \$15 to \$16.

Hay.—The demand for baled hay continues slow, and prices rule about steady at \$14 for

No. 1, and \$13 for No. 2 per ton in car lots on track.

Cheese.—The only transaction that was spoken of was a line of 700 July goods, which were closed up at 7c. The buyer claimed that they were prime stock, but on the other hand, more than one dealer as positively asserted that the lot in question had been culled over twice, and that they did not offer a fair criterion of the market as regards value. In fact, values continue nominal.

Butter.—Choice parcels of creamery are not plentiful, and, as a result, command full figures, 22c being easily obtainable, but goods can be had considerably below that figure, sales at 20c being noted in some cases. Townships dairy jobs out at 18c to 19c, and a few western rolls are selling around 14c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 17 to 18c; Montreal limered, 9½ to 10; Western limered, 8½ to 9c, and refrigerator stock, 7½ to 8½c per dozen.—Gazette, March 11.

Live Stock Markets.

The tone of the Liverpool market, on March 9 was stronger. Sheep advanced 1c per lb. Best States cattle, 10½c; Argentines, 9c, and sheep 18c. At London there were heavy supplies and values were easier. Best States cattle 10½c; Argentine, 8½c, and sheep, 12c.

At the East End Abattoir market at Montreal, on March 9, prices showed no material change. Good to choice stock sold at 3½ to 3¾c; fair 2¾ to 3½c; common 2 to 2½c, and inferior 1½ to 1¾c per lb., live weight. There were only a few sheep, and they sold slowly at \$3.75 to \$5 each, as to quality. At the Point St. Charles market, Montreal, on the same day hogs sold at \$1 to \$1.10 per 100 lbs. Sheep sold at 8½c per lb.

The had a severe spell of weather in the western range country during the week ended March 9, and cattle were reported suffering on some ranges.

At Toronto on March 10, butchers' cattle were slow, best selling at 8½c and only two or three picked head touched 8½c per lb., and 2 to 2½c for medium. The feature of the market is receipts of a quantity of frozen mutton from St. John. Stockers and feeders are quiet. Few were taken for distillers at 2½c to 3½c per lb. Lambs sold at 3½c to 4½c per lb. Sheep were not in demand. Milch cows and springers steady at \$20 to \$35 each. Hog in demand and steady at 3½c per lb. for best bacon hogs; 3½c for thick fat, 3 to 3½c for sows. Rough hogs and stags sold at 2c to 2½c. Prospects for hogs weak.

At Chicago on March 13, prices for hogs were a shade lower than the day before. Sales ranged at \$3.75 to \$1.05 for common and choice to heavy with sales largely around \$4, and a few prime assorted light sold at \$4.10 to \$4.15. These prices are about the same as a week ago.

Hot Winds and Wheat.

The Northwest Elevator company, of Minneapolis, is sending the following circular to country correspondents: "It has been demonstrated beyond cavil that the prime enemy to the maturing of wheat in certain portions of the northwestern and southwestern States is the hot winds which strike about the time the wheat is in the milk or dough, thus shrinking the kernel and depreciating the grain in weight and quality.

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Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 21	Feb. 29
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	62	83	76	139	132
No. 2 hard.....	20	39	24	38	60
No. 3 hard.....	23	33	23	45	37
No. 1 North'n.....	9	11	7	15	12
No. 2 North'n.....	5	5	3	3	2
No. 3 North'n.....	1	0	1	3	0
No. 1 white fyte	0	1	1	6	2
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 3 Spring.....	2	3	2	1	2
No. 2 Spring.....	0	2	0	1	6
No. 1 frosted ..	15	23	25	25	22
No. 2 frosted ..	11	4	17	21	12
No. 3 Frosted ..	3	9	7	11	3
No. 1 Rejected ..	15	24	13	20	31
No. 2 Rejected ..	45	51	20	46	44
No Grade.....	0	2	1	3	2
Recd.....	7	13	7	10	6
Total.....	218	305	227	332	363
Same week last year.	30	51	31	51	51

Oats.—For week ended Feb. 29—No. 1 white, 2; No. 2 white, 22; No. 3 white, 0; No. 2 black, 0; No. 2 mixed 15; feed, 10; rejected, 0; total, 49.

Barley.—For week ended Feb. 29—No. 2, 0; No. 3, 1; feed, 2; total, 3.

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters

The table below shows all-rail rates, in cents per 100 pounds, from Duluth to the points named:

From Superior or Duluth to—	
New York	80
Montreal	80
Boston	82
Philadelphia	28
Baltimore	27
Buffalo	22½
Kingston	29
Chicago	12½

Saskatchewan.

The Prince Albert Advocate says: The Killarney Fish Co. mean business. They have just awarded the contract to Geo. Cockrill for the erection of a freezer, to measure 100 x 24 feet, to be located at the Forks of the Saskatchewan. Construction will be commenced at once. T. H. Brooks is manager for the company. The company have bought the steam yacht "Northern Belle," form the owners, and hereafter she will be used in the sturgeon fishing trade on the Saskatchewan.

V. Massa, grocer, Vancouver, offers his business for sale.

There was a firmer feeling in the local grain market at Montreal on March 9 for oats, and prices were 3c higher. Holders were asking 80c for No. 2 white, and buyers bid 29½c, which figure would not be accepted. Sales of No. 1 white Ontarios were made at .1c.

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Montreal Grocery Market.

There has been no important changes in the situation of the sugar market of late. The demand continues of a very limited character, and business, on the whole, is dull, but refiners state that values are as firm as ever. Advices from the West, however, state that some of the larger houses are underselling refiners, but, even at the cut in prices they find it difficult to get buyers. This scheme has also been practised here to some extent, consequently, until outside holders work off their present stock, refiners do not anticipate much activity. We quote.—Granulated at 4½c in 250 barrel lots and over; 4 11-16c in 100 barrel lots, and 4½c in smaller quantities. Yellows range from 3½c to 4½c, as to quality, at the factory.

In syrups business has continued fairly active, there being a good demand for small lots, and prices were firm at 1½c to 2½c per lb., as to quality at the factory.

The market for molasses on spot has ruled very quiet during the past week, and the only sale reported is one lot of 200 puncheons of Porto Rico at 31c, on local account. There is only one more lot of this grade held here, which consists of 500 puncheons, and as soon as this is wiped off the market will be practically bare of stock, that is to say in first hands. In a jobbing way Barbadoes was sold at 36 to 37c, and Porto Rico at 34 to 35c.

The market for rice continues to rule steady, with a fair amount of business doing for the season. The following quotations are what millers sell at:—Japan standard, \$1.25 to \$1.40; crystal Japan, \$1.75 to \$2; standard B., \$3.45; English style, \$3.30; Patna \$4.25 to \$5, and Carolina at \$5.50 to \$7.50.

A fair business is reported in spices, the demand being good for small lots. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only:—Penang black pepper, 6 to 7½c; white pepper, 10c to 12½c; cloves, 7½c to 9c; cassia, 8½c to 9½c; nutmegs, 60c to 90c, and Jamaica ginger 15½c to 18½c.

Business in coffee continues as dull as ever, and, outside of a few small lots changing hands, there is nothing doing. We quote. Maracaibo, 10c to 20c; Rio, 18c to 18½c; Java, 21c to 27c, Jamaica, 17½c to 18½c, and Mocha, 27½c to 30c.

The tea market has shown no signs of improvement during the past week, in fact, jobbers seem to think they have a sufficient supply of tea on hand to last them over until the appearance of the new crop on the market, and importers state that the demand is very slow, but the tone is steady and holders do not feel inclined to make concessions in order to force sales. Late mail advices from London state that during the week ended 21st ult., a fairly steady tone continued to prevail at the public auctions, and the competition for whole leaf Indian and Ceylon teas up to 8d was particularly good, Indian teas generally were very firm, but Ceylons over 8d showed irregularity, the higher grades selling in as many instances at ½d to 1d per lb. more money as at 1d to ½d decline from previous quotations. Common China Congous were steady, although the better sorts, notwithstanding their temptingly good value, were difficult to move. In New York there is not much spirit to trade, and buyers are, in many cases, looking for custom, even at prices that would be considered specially favorable to the buyer, but the inducements offered are not sufficient to induce free purchasing.—Gazette, March 7.

Over-Worked Merchants.

Many business men wear themselves out by overwork. The following from the Toronto Monetary Times will illustrate the case. The Times says

The death by suicide of James Scott, the well-known dry goods merchant and bank

director, is one of the saddest events that has ever taken place in Toronto. That his mind was unhinged of late was quite evident; as to what caused its derangement there are differing opinions. Our idea is this. Mr. Scott was one of the most conscientious of men, and seemed to think that his duty required him to be perpetually at work. Hence, when he had left the warehouse he visited the bank, and kept other business engagements, away he would go to the House of Industry, the Home of the Friendless, to attend to church work, or to do private visiting of the poor. In thirty year's acquaintance the writer has never known him to take any form of recreation. He was forever at work; his mind always on the rack. And this we believe was one great cause of his mental and physical break-down—a perpetual strain on body and mind. The human system is not intended to bear such a strain. The penalties we sometimes see men undergo because of neglect of relaxation are proofs of the need of it; it is as much a man's duty to look after his own health as to minister to his neighbor's comfort. It is not the loss of some money by an unfortunate investment that affected the sanity of James Scott; it was the neglect of a prime element of daily life—the refreshing of mind and body by reasonable rest from the harassment of business and other cares. He was a valuable member of the community—kindly, unselfish, exact, diligent—an honorable and successful merchant, as well as a scrupulous philanthropist. We cannot but repeat therefore, that to lose such a life in such a way is one of the saddest of events."

Spring Apparel.

Men who give any thought to what is "just the thing" will be pleased with the coming styles in spring apparel. A new style of box coat has come out, the peculiar feature of which is that it is longer, and extends lower in the back than in front. This difference is not much noticed but gives it a pleasing effect. The collar and lapels are narrow. The creasing of trousers is not likely ever to be entirely done away with, although it is not the universal custom. Frocks and sack coats are to be creased for the warm weather. The crease to extend from the lapels to the bottom. Some gentlemen are as fastidious as ladies regarding their clothes and are very ready to welcome a new idea. Knickerbocker suits, used for bicycles, etc., are not the outcome of any particular sport, but are in response to the increasing demand for a comfortable nobby suit for all outdoor sports. The bicycle has perhaps given the knickerbocker an impetus, and there is no doubt that those who have a wheel are the best customers for this particular style of garment. Rough faced goods are the makes most suitable for bicycle suits. Fancy chevots, Scotch, Irish, and Canadian homespun tweeds, etc., are well thought of. Corduroys have a limited demand for hunting suits, but for bicycle suits they are looked on with disfavor. Undressed worsteds are still to be fashionable for evening dress suits. The very newest idea for dress suits is the velvet collar. The coats are to be out shorter and the tails are not so pointed. The regular black vest is preferable although some watered silk and white vests will be worn. In tailor-made gowns for ladies wear the latest creation is a single-breasted coat, buttoned close to the throat, with a small step collar. The novelty of the garment is the shape of the back, which is very flat and entirely without the slightest ripple. This has the same effect as the back of a man's dress coat with the front term, naming the same as a pointed waist. The skirts vary according to the figure. The most popular are about five yards around and are square in the front with a ripple entirely around from the first side gore. This suit has no trimmings. As may be imagined it

is an extreme production of the tailor.—Globe.

The Hudson's Bay Route.

At the Imperial Institute, London, recently, Colonel J. Harris delivered a lecture on "The New British Trade Route to the Pacific." He traced the new route on a map from Liverpool to Churchill Harbor (Hudson's Bay), and thence to Sea Falls and Albert Park, joining the Canadian Pacific Railway at Calgary. The distance from Port Churchill to Calgary is about 1,000 miles, and a saving of 1,828 miles over the present route from Liverpool to San Francisco and Vancouver would thus be effected, or, in other words, three days would be saved in going to India, China, Japan and our Pacific colonies. The London Times says "the necessity for the new railway was insisted upon as a vital and imperial question."

World's Wheat Supply.

Available stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada during February decreased 4,647,000 bushels, less than one-half the decrease in February, 1895, but considerably more than the falling off in February in 1894 and in 1893. February's reduction in supplies in 1895 was phenomenally heavy and the decrease last month is materially above the average for the February decrease in three years prior to 1895.

Stocks of wheat available United States and Canada, on March 1, as reported to Bradstreet's, are contrasted with those on like dates in preceding years as follows: March 1, 1896, 93,834,000; March 1, 1895, 110,546,000; March 1, 1894, 107,863,000; March 1, 1893, 110,693,000; March 1, 1892, 68,007,000; March 1, 1891, 50,995,000; March 1, 1890, 49,441,000; March 1, 1889, 48,219,000 bushels.

The total quantity of wheat available for immediate distribution in the United States and Canada, both coasts, plus the quantity afloat for Europe from all exporting countries, on March 1, added to available stocks in Europe, as reported to Bradstreet's is as follows: March 1, 1896, 154,042,000; March 1, 1895, 170,658,000; March 1, 1894, 184,116,000; March 1, 1893, 178,181,000; March 1, 1892, 145,615,000; March 1, 1891, 99,523,000; March 1, 1890, 95,841,000; March 1, 1889, 109,724,000 bushels.

The falling off in European stocks and quantities afloat for Europe, compared with a year ago, is nearly 5,000,000 bushels, compared with March 1, 1894, it is about 24,000,000 bushels, compared with the corresponding date in 1893 about 12,000,000 bushels, and with 1892 nearly 22,000,000 bushels.

It is evident the extraordinarily heavy falling off in supplies of wheat in January and February, 1895, has not been even approximated, the two month's decrease of a year ago, about 15,000,000 bushels, being in contrast with two month's decrease this year of only 3,200,000 bushels.

During February, 1890, world's supplies of available wheat, which included those in the United States and Canada, both coasts, in Europe and afloat therefore from all exporting countries, fell off fully 10,000,000 bushels, and in February, 1891, 6,000,000 bushels, while in 1892 the world's decrease in wheat stocks in the corresponding month was also 10,000,000 bushels. By this time, however, the effects of one or two extraordinarily heavy wheat crops, particularly in the United States, had begun to make themselves felt, and in February, 1893, the world's available wheat did not decrease at all, but, on the contrary, it showed an increase of about 100,000 bushels. This was practically repeated in February, 1894, when the increase was about 180,000 bushels. But in February, 1895, as pointed out, heavy shrinkages in wheat

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stocks on this side of the Atlantic had a natural effect and the world's total of available wheat declined 9,000,000 bushels, or nearly a- in the corresponding month of 1892 and of 1890. Last month, however, the decrease in the world's available was only 6,000,000 bushels, for three-fourths of which the shrinkage of supplies in the United States and Canada was responsible, the remainder being the net February decrease in Europe and afloat therefor.

The Coasting Law Modified.

It is understood that arrangements have been made whereby Manitoba wheat in bond at Duluth can be carried in United States vessels from that port to either Kingston or Prescott, and if such be the case, it is evident that some modification has been made in the stringency of the coasting law as hitherto observed, and it must be admitted that it is a step in the right direction if the grain trade via the St. Lawrence route is to be increased. Until our own lake tonnage has been augmented sufficiently to carry the Manitoba wheat crop to Montreal for exporters as well as millers, we think it a wise move to utilize United States bottoms rather than to lose the trade and have it diverted to a foreign route. —Trade Bulletin.

Prices of Sheep.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal says "The price of sheep never was lower at this time of the year than it is now. Average prices are fully 75c per hundred lower than a year ago, \$1.40 lower than two years ago, and \$1.80 lower than three years ago. The fact is the production has overtaken the demand and until one diminishes or the other increases there will not be much profit for the producer. A few years ago large numbers of sheep were shipped east and buyers for different eastern concerns caused considerable rivalry in the trade. Now all the sheep necessary to supply this trade are raised in the Atlantic states and the only competition is between local dealers and exporters, and this is not very strong. Nobody looks for much rise in sheep prices this spring."

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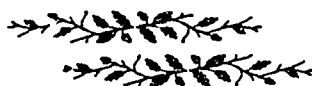
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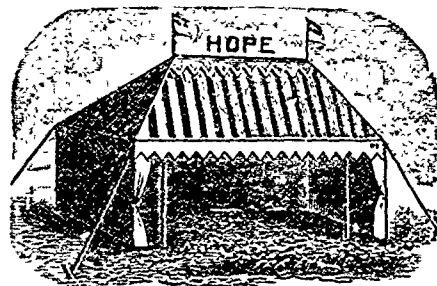
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Experimental Farming.

At a recent meeting of the Brandon Farmers Institute, S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the Dominion experimental farm at Brandon, gave an account of the experiments carried on at the farm last year. As the seeding season is now close at hand, these experiments will prove peculiarly valuable to farmers. Mr. Bedford explained regarding wheat that what was desired in making the various tests of new varieties was to get a wheat possessing at least as good milling qualities as the red fife, which would ripen earlier. Eleven of the most productive varieties experimented with were described in detail and their good and bad qualities enlarged upon. Preston, a cross-bred variety, yielded 52 bushels to the acre, in a large field, but it was not any earlier, and its milling qualities have yet to be tested. Percy, another cross-bred, yielded 48 bushels, and ripened in 125 days, while the red fife took 133 days, and Colorado and Ladoga 128 days. Nine out of the eleven varieties had good stiff straw. None of the tests had been such as would warrant him in recommending that any of the varieties be adopted in place of the old standby, red fife. Further tests would be made from year to year in the hope of securing a variety that would combine the three necessary essentials of early ripening, good yielding and good milling qualities.

The results of early and late sowing were given with the different varieties, all showing best returns from that sown the third week of wheat seeding, both in yield and weight per bushel. Wheat on summer fallow yielded 48 bushels, drilled on wheat stubble which had been the first crop after summer fallow, 54 bushels; spring ploughed 24 bushels; fall ploughed 18 bushels. He explained that sowing on stubble might be considered bad farming, but he thought all would agree with him in recommending that which gave the best results. In sowing on stubble he did not harrow either before or after seeding, which was done with the press drill. After a crop of wheat on summer fallow followed by one on the stubble, the land should be well ploughed and sown to coarse grains.

Experiments made last year in manuring land for wheat did not show any very great increase in yield. Green manure gave a fraction over 25 bushels, rotted manure 25 bushels, and without manure a fraction over 24 bushels per acre. He expressed the opinion that the effect of the manure would be more shown on succeeding crops.

The result of tests made with bluestone on plots ten feet square were as follows: The seed sown was very badly smutted, being almost black with it. In that from seed dipped in a liquid made of one pound of bluestone to three pails of water, there were 82 smutted heads and the crop yielded 14 bushels per acre. Sprinkled with a liquid containing one

pound of bluestone for every five bushels of wheat there were 256 smutted heads, with a yield of 48 bushels. Sprinkled with a liquid containing one pound of bluestone to every ten bushels of wheat there were 1248 smutted heads, with a yield of 88 bushels. In that sown without being bluestoned there were 3,685 smutted heads, and it only yielded 17 bushels per acre.

For putting in the seed, the returns from that sown with the drill are again ahead of that sown broadcast. Press drill 46 bushels; common shoe drill 44 bushels; broadcast 37 bushels per acre.

Oats.—The banner gave the largest yield—101 bushels to the acre. Mennonite (a Russian oat) 93, American beauty 96. The effect of bluestoning to prevent smut was satisfactory. Seed dipped showed 839 bad heads and yielded 68 bushels, while that not treated showed 1,632 bad heads and only yielded 42 bushels per acre. Sow on spring ploughing.

Barley, six-row.—Mensury yielded, 68, Royal 65, Surprise 65, Nugent 68.

Barley, two-row.—French Chevalier 62 bushels, Emerson 61, Sidney 60, Canada Thrope 58. Sown on spring ploughing.

Peas.—Pride 68 bushels, Crown 60, Potter 56, Mummy 53. All these varieties had done well last season as the large yields per acre showed. He recommended sowing two pecks of oats per acre along with the peas to hold them up so that they could be cut with a binder. With a fair average crop this could be done, but not with such a crop as those on the farm last year.

The following tests made with the different crops after flax were given: Wheat, after flax, 80 bushels; wheat, after wheat, 27 bushels; oats, after flax, 61 bushels; oats, after wheat, 57 bushels; barley, after flax, 51 bushels; barley, after wheat, 40 bushels. Effect of plowing flax and wheat land on the next crop: Wheat with ploughing, 24 bushels; wheat, without ploughing, 33 bushels; oats, with ploughing, 67 bushels; oats, without ploughing 52 bushels; barley, with ploughing, 48 bushels, barley, without ploughing, 42 bushels.

Fodder.—Peas wheat and oats sown together yielded 5 tons per acre. Peas, barley and oats, 4 tons per acre, and tares and oats, 4 tons per acre.

Millets.—Golden gave 8½ tons, Hungarian 3½ tons, and common 3 tons.

Corn.—For fodder gave from 11 to 14 tons per acre and made excellent winter feed.

Tests of turnips, mangles and carrots were given with the names of the best varieties, and the third week in May recommended for sowing all of them.

Wanted, a Cottage Hospital.

The Commercial been requested to publish the following from the Assiniboian: Saltcoats

is 260 miles from the nearest hospital, with the worst possible travelling convenience. There is only one doctor to attend the sick, scattered over some hundreds of miles of country. Medical aid under these circumstances is not only expensive but in numerous instances quite beyond reach. It is possible to overcome all this by the erection of a cottage hospital at Saltcoats. The Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum, the episcopal clergyman of Saltcoats, Canada, is asking for funds to enable him to undertake the erection of this much needed institution. The Archbishop of Rupert's Land—Dr. Machray and the Bishop of Q'Appelle—Dr. Burn, have highly commended this work. Mr. Teitelbaum will acknowledge through the Cottage Hospital Monthly all contributions for this purpose sent him. Those who in their own homes know what good and careful nursing means in days of sickness, will sympathize with this work. Donations no matter how small, will be gratefully received. We take much pleasure in endorsing this philanthropic movement and heartily commend it to our readers, as one well worthy of their support.

Literary Notes

The Commercial has received from John A. Murdoch, publisher of the Pilot Mound Sentinel, a little book called "In the Woods and on the Waters." Mr. Murdoch is well able to write a pleasing story under such a heading. He is a man of no mean literary ability, and a lover of nature—one of nature's gentlemen in fact. Mr. Murdoch is moreover a Canadian pioneer, and is familiar with the scenes of which he writes. The book should be very interesting to the rising generation of Canadians, who would care to know something of life in the early days in the woodlands of Canada. Mr. Murdoch weaves an interesting story of love, incident and adventure on the shores of wild lakes and rivers with vivid descriptions of bush life in the early days of the settlement of eastern Ontario, telling of narrow escapes and exciting encounters with wild animals. An account of the actions of a remarkable character who lived a solitary life far in the woods, and a pleasing description of the great forests of Canada as they appeared in primeval wildness; birds, beasts and fishes, as they existed in the unsettled solitudes and in the wild lakes and rivers of the wilderness. Said to be the only story of the kind in existence. Price 60 cents, by mail prepaid. If not for sale by your bookseller address W. Murdoch, Pilot Mound, Manitoba.

There was a weak feeling in the market for oats at Montreal on March 5 and prices declined ½ to 1c per bushels. Sales of car lots of No. 2 Ontario white were made early in the day at 29½c, but later a ¼c more was bid for some.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Mar. 7, 1896, shows a decrease of 1,493,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,044,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 962,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 15,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2 ...	83,681,000	80,223,000	81,233,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5 ...	83,376,000	79,823,000	81,332,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4 ...	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,033,000	41,556,000
Apr. 1 ...	74,308,000	71,459,000	77,654,000	41,038,000
May 6 ...	62,198,000	65,168,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 8 ...	59,229,000	59,394,000	71,060,000	27,910,000
July 1 ...	41,010,000	54,637,000	62,316,000	24,262,000
Aug. 3 ...	38,517,000	60,010,000	59,124,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7 ...	30,764,000	69,163,000	58,140,000	33,760,000
Oct. 7 ...	41,832,000	73,814,000	63,276,000	51,256,000
Nov. 4 ...	63,990,000	80,047,000	71,398,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2 ...	63,903,000	83,179,000	78,091,000	72,630,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4 ...	69,842,000	87,836,000	79,853,000	81,756,000
" 11 ...	69,945,000	80,815,000	80,433,000	84,080,000
" 18 ...	67,983,000	85,228,000	80,332,000	82,827,000
" 25 ...	67,623,000	84,665,000	80,234,000	81,457,000
Feb. 1 ...	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,330,000
" 8 ...	66,119,000	82,522,000	79,160,000	80,973,000
" 15 ...	65,926,000	80,753,000	78,607,000	80,214,000
" 22 ...	65,010,000	79,476,000	77,557,000	79,433,000
March 1 ...	64,029,000	78,761,000	75,569,000	79,033,000
" 7 ...	62,596,000	77,717,000	74,017,000	79,103,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on March 1 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	812,000
Toronto	25,000
Kingston	8,000
Winnipeg	290,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,875,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	4,075,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on March 1, 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	91,538,000
Pacific Coast	4,296,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains	99,745,000
Pacific Coast	11,801,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended March 7, shows a decrease of 1,685,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 92,853,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks on March 1, 1896. (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 154,052,000 bushels, which is about 16,500,000 bushels less than the corresponding total one year ago, more than 30,000,000 bushels less than were so held two years ago, about 24,000,000 bushels less than three years ago but about 8,500,000 bushels more than were so held on January 1, 1892, 51,500,000 bushels more than on January 1, 1891, and about 53,000,000 bushels more than on January 1, 1890.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending March 12 were \$1,011,631; balances, \$181,835. For the previous week clearings were \$1,001,155. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$655,379, and for the week two years ago, \$332,872. For the month of February clearings were \$4,052,581 as compared with \$2,721,028 for February, 1895, and \$3,132,537 for February, 1894.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

Montreal	March 5.
Toronto	\$3,809,208
Halifax	6,079,918
Winnipeg	1,109,917
Hamilton	1,101,155
	621,442
Total	\$17,221,670

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William May, C5. To farmers Manitoba points 50c.
 Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.85; Bakers, \$1.65.
 Bran.—Per ton, \$12.
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.
 Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 29 to 31c.
 Barley.—Per bushel, 35 to 40c, local freights.
 Flax Seed.—
 Butter.—Round lots country Dairy 8 to 11c.
 Cheese.—Small lots 10c.
 Eggs.—Fresh, 12 to 13c round lots.
 Beef.—Frozen country, per lb., 3 to 4c, unfrozen butchers, 5½ to 6c.
 Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 7 to 8c.
 Hogs.—Dressed, 4½ to 4¾c.
 Cattle.—Butchers, 2½ to 3¾c.
 Hops.—Live, off cars, 4c.
 Sheep.—3½ to 4c.
 Seneca Root.—
 Poultry.—Chickens, 5 to 6c, turkeys, 9 to 10c, geese, 8c, ducks 8c.
 Hides.—Frozen Hides, 3½ to 3¾c.
 Potatoes.—35 to 40c per bushel.
 Hay.—\$4.00 per ton, car lots, country freights.

This week a year ago the butter market was utterly demoralized, and every device was being made use of to get rid of stocks of held dairy. Eggs, fresh, dropped 2 to 4c and limes sold as low as 5c per dozen. Several car lots of dressed hogs were shipped east.

Dairying in Alberta.

At the recent immigration convention at Winnipeg, Mr. Stone, of Calgary, read a paper on Alberta territory, from which we take the following on dairying:

The dairying resources of Alberta ought to insure for her a place right in the front rank. All the requisite elements, such as the purest of air and water, the richest of pasturage and the abundance of succulent winter fodder, which can be grown under irrigation, and which is so necessary for the proper winter feeding of the dairy cow, the comparative absence of tormenting flies, and the delightful cool nights which prevail during the hottest weather in summer, surely embrace all that nature can supply, that is necessary for the building up of this most important industry. There is no reason why Alberta should not take the very highest honor with any country in the world with respect to her dairy products, and she already puts out every inducement to those who wish to embark in this important industry. There are several creameries already established in several parts of the territory, and in Calgary there is a creamery with a capacity equal to deal with the produce of a large number of cows.

For the class of butter which is turned out by this creamery there is a ready sale on the markets of the world.

There is also a cheese factory at Springbank near Calgary, where most excellent cheese is turned out. In connection with this industry might be mentioned the raising of hogs, for although it is a well-known fact that hog

raising and feeding is not a profitable undertaking unless the feed can be grown at home, still from the refuse of dairying a large number of young pigs might be raised at such small cost up to the age of, say six months, and grain can be purchased at such a low price in Northern Alberta, as to warrant the purchase of food necessary to fatten up the hogs; or the young pigs might be sold to farmers who had the grain at such a price as would both pay the breeder and feeder.


As a market there is a local packing house established in Calgary whose present requirements are at least 5,000 head per annum.

In making the foregoing remarks the writer has studiously avoided exaggeration in any form whatever. The facts submitted are the outcome of eight years practical experience in this country on the subjects which have been touched upon; and the result of a close observance of all matters connected therewith. The object of this paper is to show and to point out to those who might wish to invest capital or to make a home for themselves in this country the inducements and opportunities which the country offers to them. It will be seen that the products of the country are nearly all staple articles, which have a sale in the markets of the world. With respect to the cattle industry, as long as the world lasts and its millions have to be fed, we may expect beef to continue a staple article of food for which there will always be a ready market. The same remarks apply to mutton and butter, and the same may be said with equal force with respect to wool.

For good horses there always has been and always will be a good market, notwithstanding the introduction of the "horseless carriage."

Socially, and with respect to the observance of law and order, and to the safety of life and property, Alberta and Western Assiniboia will compare favorably with any country on the face of the earth. In conclusion, the writer of this paper would not be doing justice to the country he has adopted, were he not to state that he does not believe that there is one person engaged in stock raising in this particular district who carrying on his business in a proper and business-like manner, is not doing well and making money.

Mr. McNichol, who has for years represented The Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association in Winnipeg, will shortly move to St. Paul, Minnesota. The company which he represents has decided to form a northwestern department with headquarters at St. Paul, and has given the charge of the same with the position of general manager and treasurer to Mr. McNichol. He will accordingly have control of the territory of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, in addition to Manitoba and the Canadian territories. The business here will be in charge W. R. Rook late accountant, as cashier.

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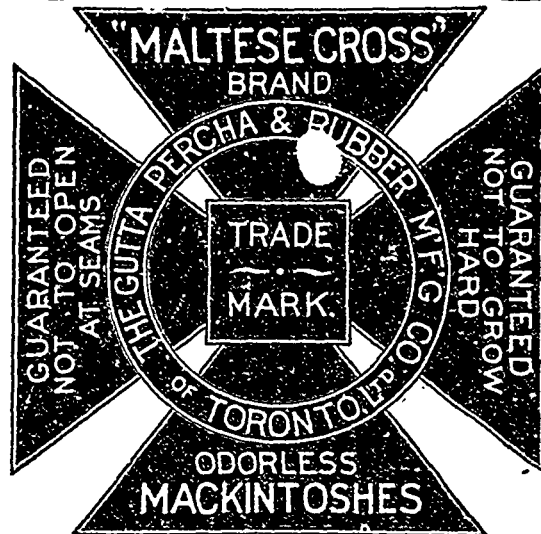
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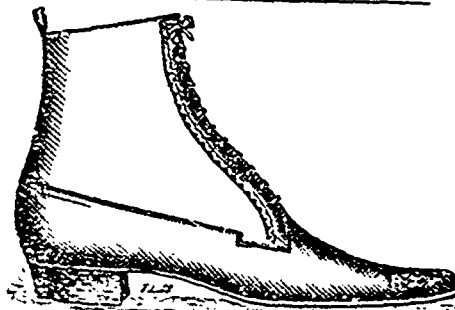


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London January Fur Sales.

Report by Messrs. Blatopel Stamp & Hancock, of London.

The general condition of the fur trade in Europe has proved satisfactory, and to some extent counteracts the unfavorable state of things in the United States. The prospects are in favor of moderately increasing values. The attendance of buyers at these sales has been large, and a generally good demand for fresh stock has been developed.

During the last and the present week there has been offered:

Monkey (76,183, last year 91,151), found practically no competition, and three-quarters of the supply remained unsold, a few only being purchased at extremely low prices.

Opossum, Australian (937,857, last year 1,259,615), demand was much improved; result shows an advance of 15 per cent, and in some instances 20 per cent. Particularly large red skins were required for dyeing purposes, largely purchased for Germany and Russia.

Wallaby (203,219, last year 67,981) While the Victoria skins were neglected and prices declined 30 per cent from last year's high figures, the silvery dark sides skins were more required, and choice lots sold a good deal higher.

Wombat (31,220, last year 95,373). This supply being no way equal to the demand, chiefly for America and Canada, prices advanced to nearly double figures.

Thibet lamb skins (83,631, last year 26,345); coats (3,997, last year 2,719); crosses (7,997 last year 3,018). A very large quantity of this fur has been used, in fact the present fashion makes it one of the most important articles. Demand remains strong for good qualities, and prices are tending higher than last sales, some parcels withdrawn. Coats and crosses were 5 to 10 per cent dearer.

China kid crosses (1,917, last year 5,493) were all withdrawn, there being no demand at present.

China goat rugs (55,315, last year 81,510), as usual mostly withdrawn for private sale afterwards. Values are steady.

On Monday, 20th January, the Hudson's Bay Co. sold:

Beaver (50,596, last year 43,245), Messrs. C. M. Lamson & Co. selling on the 23rd (12,963, last year 9,773). An increased supply and generally a week demand caused anticipation of some reduction in prices, but the result is an advance of 7½ per cent. The large firsts and all small skins improved in value, while the large seconds and thirds are quite as high as last year. Largely purchased for Germany.

Musquash (813,159, last year 636,996). Messrs. C. M. Lamson & Co. selling on the 23rd (1,013,493, last year 1,265,001), and black (10,129 last year 22,957). Accumulated stocks having been quite used up, this fur has come into much favor, and were briskly purchased, largely for Germany, at advanced prices of fully 25 per cent; small skins particularly were very dear. English and French trade were also good buyers. Compared with last March prices the advance must be called 40 per cent. Black advanced 20 per cent.

Salted fur sales, Northwest Coast (763, last year 3,966). A nice parcel of good quality sold at fully December sale prices.

On Tuesday, 21st January, Messrs. C. M. Lamson & Co. commenced their sale with: Martin (31,316, last year 29,812.) This collection was a good one; found much favor from the English trade, and sold briskly at advancing prices ranging from 10 to 15 per cent over figures current last October.

Marten, stone (2,531, last year—). A moderate parcel, sold at last year's values.

Marten, baum (316, last year—). Like American martens, advanced 10 to 20 per cent.

Russian sable (3,884, last year 1,591), chiefly Amorsky skins, were in very good request, and sold 20 per cent dearer than in October sale—almost exclusively purchased by French buyers. A few fair Jakutsky skins sold about 10 per cent over March prices.

Japanese sable (3,351, last year—) also show similar improvement in price.

Bear, black (6,477, last year 4,943); brown (803, last year 832); grizzly (1,421, last year 1,613); white (120, last year 92). A large supply of good skins fell upon a poor market; demand has fallen off greatly, and prices were again lower than in October. The average for black skins must be called 40 per cent below last March, brown and grizzly over 50 per cent lower; the further reduced prices tempted the English trade to again purchase a good many, but part have been now taken for the Continental trade.

On Wednesday, 22nd January:

Chinchilla, bastard (17,227, last year 32,276). This total includes 19,019 sold by Messrs. Flack, Chaudler & Co. on the 15th inst. Demand very strong, and prices realized are 20 per cent over the higher prices of last October, purchased chiefly for France and England.

Chinchilla, real (3,817, last year—), including 1,800 in Messrs. Rigg & Co.'s catalogue, comprises some very choice skins of this most fashionable fur and realized the same high figures as last October.

Japanese fox (20,375, last year 7,905) Chiefly common skins, and were not much appreciated; many found no buyers.

Kolinsky (12,293, last year 483). Mostly without tails and not choice, sold 15 per cent above last year's prices.

Cat, Wild (3,347, last year (com.) 9,958. Sold at very low prices.

Cat, House (10,055, last year 12,924). Realized last year's prices.

Badger (1,038, last year 3,007). Very common quality and sold cheap.

On Thursday, the 23rd January:

Mink (89,505, last year 127,693). This collection was only of moderate quality and comprised mostly last year's skins; the demand was good, and prices improved 10 to 15 per cent; they sold somewhat irregularly, small sizes still relatively the dearest. A good many were purchased for England, but Germany was the chief buyer.

Squirrel (99,973, last year 95,206). Chiefly of the usual Ochotsky sort, but without tails, depreciated 12½ per cent.

Opossum, American (117,319, last year 120,677). Proved in very fair demand, and sold only about 10 per cent below last June sale.

Fox, red (8,014, last year 16,837). A moderate parcel did not command much attention and prices remained stationary.

Fox, white (5,083, last year 3,083.) Have quite lost the favor they enjoyed last spring, and realized 15 per cent less than the depreciated prices of last June sale.

Fox, gray (5,358, last year 18,114). Purchased chiefly for Germany, averaging 20 per cent dearer.

Lynx (4,570, last year 4,615). This small collection sold at last October prices.

Wolf (2,679, last year 21,470). Sold at very low prices, about equal to last year's

On Friday, the 21st January:

Raccoon (134,964, last year 269,983). A very indifferent collection, chiefly of common sorts, the reduced supply caused some improvement in price, and the result reached last March values, or 10 to 15 per cent over last June.

Skunk (17,731, last year 180,467). In this collection there were less fresh skins than has been the case during the last few years in the January sale, and many were of indifferent quality. Contrary to the very general exception, prices did not decline, and we have to quote about June values, or 10 to 15 per cent below last March prices. Germany and

England purchased liberally; Franco but very few.

Hair seal, dry (8,078, last year 8,110). Rather neglected; average—a decline of 20 per cent; a portion were withdrawn.

Progressive Indians.

D. L. Clink, Indian agent at Battle River, Saskatchewan Territory, says that the Indians of his agency have within the past month sold 48 steers to Gordon & Ironside at \$38.50 each. The water power flour mill on Battle River has been grinding all winter on Indian grain, but has not been able to run full time owing to shortness of water. The Indians have enough grain from last year's crop to supply themselves with flour until next crop comes, and seed as well, which is more than many of their white neighbors can say.—Edmonton Bulletin.

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