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## Manitoba.

R. Walton, general store, Clarkleigh, is selling out.

Mr. Kobold, of the firm of Kobold & Sons, Winnipeg, left last week with 112 head of young cattle to place upon his ranch at Maple Creek.

J. Siddons, of Stonewall, Winnipeg district, showed a sample of wheat, pulled on Monday on his farm measuring thirteen inches in length.

People are beginning to get anxious over the rise in bread. At present the price in Winnipeg is 6 cents per loaf, or eighteen loaves for \$1. Two pound loaves.

A new paper has appeared at Manitou. It is called the Independent. W. D. Ruttan is business manager. It is issued, the publishers state, "in the interest of clean politics and good government."

The Brandon Mail has re-appeared, printed in abbreviated form. New presses and type are being purchased for the paper which is to come out in the course of a few days in enlarged form.

J. Bousfield & Co. are moving their creamery, from Rapid City to Hamiota, as they have been getting a large amount of cream from the latter district. They have shipped about 5,000 pounds of butter already this season.

The Winnipeg city school board wish to introduce the best known system of heating and ventilation into the new school buildings which they are about to erect, and invite correspondence from parties dealing in the same.

Meikle and Coppinger are getting the material on the ground for the erection of their new store at Morden. J. B. McLaren will also build on the same lots immediately west of the store, a two story building, the upper story for a loan office and the lower story for the private bank to be opened shortly by Huley and Sutton.

Application will be made for a charter of incorporation of "The A. Macdonald Company," for the purpose of carrying on business in Winnipeg as wholesale grocers, pork packers, dealers in provisions and of general commission merchants, with a capital stock of \$150,000, in 1,500 shares of \$100 each. The names of the applicants are: Alexander Macdonald, Rockley Kaye and Percy Chapman all of Winnipeg.

A meeting was held in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, on Wednesday in the interests of a movement to establish a cattle market in Winnipeg. Assurances were given that the Canadian Pacific Railway company would favor the enterprise and assist it in every possible way. It was agreed that the formation of a private stock yard company would be advisable. As the scheme is one in which all engaged in the cattle trade, including large farmers, and others in the vicinity of Winnipeg and at other provincial points, it was resolved to hold another meeting on or about June 18th, and to invite the attendance of all known to be interested in the cattle trade. The secretary was instructed to send out a circular letter of invitation, and steps were taken to furnish him with names of gentlemen whose co-operation it was hoped might be secured. The object is to establish regular market days, say once or twice each week, during the season.

## Alberta.

Dr. Selwyn, chief of the Dominion Geological survey, has received from a survey party working near the head waters of the Saskatchewan, word of the finding of valuable deposits of alluvial gold in a minor stream tributary to the river. For the past two years Indians have been washing gold out of the river sand, and the chief of surveyors, D. B. McTavish, has sent word to Comptroller White, of the Canadian Mounted police to prohibit any more gold working until government action has been taken. Particulars are meagre.

## Northwest Ontario.

W. L. Blannerhasset has opened a carriage shop at Fort William.

One of the barges of the Lake of the Woods Fish Co., was upset on the lake recently, and the whole cargo lost.

The question of assisting a pulp mill and power development is up for discussion at Port Arthur.

A boom of 10,000 ties belonging to Mr. Labby, broke up on the river at Fort William and floated down stream. About 1,000 were recovered.

Graham, Horno & Co., are putting an electric light plant in their saw mill at Fort William.

Dr. S. S. Scovil and John R. Bunn have patented a mining property which promises to be the most valuable yet discovered in the Rainy River district. The extreme richness of the vein at the surface made it necessary up to the present to keep the location from becoming generally known until means could be taken to protect it from the too eager curiosity of those who are looking for just that kind of property.—Rat Portage News.

## The Insolvency Bill.

In the senate at Ottawa the second reading of the insolvency bill was moved by Premier Bowell. McCallum moved the six months hoist. Scott and Power opposed the bill because there was no general demand for it. After other senators had spoken in the same vein, Bowell would not admit that they represented the mind of the country. The government had brought down the measures because of a promise made last session. He argued strongly in favor of the passage of the bill. Senator Clemow moved the adjournment of the debate and this was carried. The bill will not likely be heard of again. Premier Bowell admitted that the senate appeared to be opposed to the bill.

## Grain and Milling News.

Maddon and Shannon have started work on the flour mill and elevator to be built at Hamiota, Man. The lumber is on the ground and the work will be rapidly pushed to completion.

Crops in this district, writes a correspondent at Morden, Man., are looking fine and much in advance of the past few years at the present season of the year. The flax crop, of which there is a large area in this neighborhood, is looking well. It was feared at one time that quite a large amount of the early sown flax was injured by the frost of two weeks ago, but the damage if any is very slight.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Great Northern Elevator company, of Winnipeg, it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a large cleaning and sorting elevator at this point. A site has been chosen on the north side of the Canadian Pacific railroad yard on Sutherland street, a short distance west of the freight sheds. As soon as a few matters of detail regarding the plans, etc., have been agreed upon, tenders for the erection of the elevator will be invited.

A correspondent at Gretna, a Manitoba town near the Dakota boundary, writes as follows: "The wheat market continues to boom. The ruling price is 85 cents, with a tendency still to rise. At Neche, just across the boundary, wheat is 65 cents. Now is the time for the farmers south of the international boundary line to get in their work. By bringing their grain and selling it on the Gretna market, after paying the customs duty on wheat of 15 cents a bushel, they would still realize a profit of five cents per bushel over the ruling prices in their markets in the United States on the south side of the boundary line.

## California Wheat.

A factor in the wheat market which public opinion does not place in the important position to which it is entitled, is the California crop. A writer in a Liverpool paper has the following to say; California is to all interests and purposes a country by itself and upon which Liverpool can depend with assurance for getting supplies even more readily than Chicago or any other eastern American city.

California has available for export about 25 million bushels of wheat annually. This is fully three-fourths as much as Argentine can depend upon for export and yet our dealers watch the progress of the Argentine crop as closely as possible and allow actions to be controlled to a considerable extent by these reports, paying little or no heed to conditions in California. In Europe the crop from this state is looked to with a good deal of interest and California conditions affect the markets very materially. India in 1891 exported less than 15 million bushels and yet with what interest our traders read reports of a decrease in wheat acreage in that country.

The bulk of California wheat for some time to come is bound to be exported as it can reach foreign markets more cheaply than domestic points. The fields lie on the coast and so long as that is the case California wheat is bound to cut about as much figure in the wheat prices of the world as Argentine does, and considerably more in some seasons than India can.

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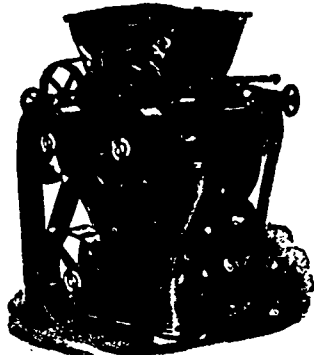
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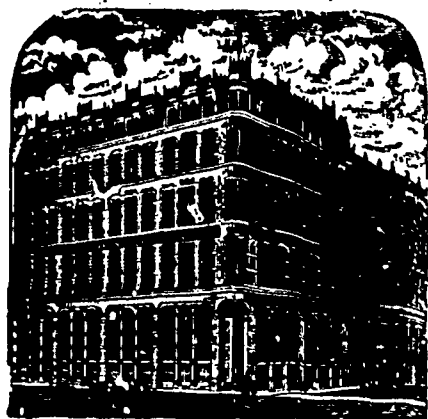


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## Condition of Crops in Foreign Countries.

Beechholm's London List of May 10 says: "We have had a week of very favorable weather for the crops, and vegetation is making rapid progress. Last week's cold easterly and northeasterly winds were prejudicial to the pastures, but this week the temperature has been altogether more genial. In France the weather has also left little to desire this week, and the crop reports are generally quite favorable; nobody looks for a large crop, but if all goes well, France may likely enough reap 87 million quarters, which would be about 5 million quarters less than last year.

In Germany the weather has improved this week, but complaints continue to be heard regarding the condition of the winter crops, whilst the spring grown crops badly wanted rain in many parts of the country. In Hungary, according to our own correspondent's advices, the condition of the crops in the eastern parts was deplorable, but elsewhere the outlook was promising. In Austria the general prospects are fair, and in Roumania they are described as excellent; the area under wheat, however, is very much reduced this year.

The advices from Russia are various and rather contradictory; our Riga correspondent expresses the opinion that the fine weather came too late to repair the damage to the winter crops, but on the other hand our Odessa reports are very satisfactory; rain is reported from the latter center, and this has been much desired for spring crops. Much of course depends upon spring wheat, which represents about two-thirds of the total crop. It is believed, although there is no official confirmation of the statement, that the area sown has been less than last year.

In Italy, according to an official report of April 30, dry warm weather was wanted, especially in upper Italy, where maize sowing had been much delayed. In Spain, milder weather, with rain, has greatly benefitted the crops, which are now described as in a very satisfactory condition. In Belgium and Holland the winter crops promise well, but the latter country complains of the outlook for spring grain. From Algeria and Tunis the latest advices are less favorable, but from Smyrna we are told, under date of May 4, that the crop prospect continues most favorable, although here and there damage has been done by rain and hailstorms.

The Indian wheat crop is estimated to be less than last year as a whole, but the Kurrachee wheat districts have been blessed, it is stated, with a very good crop. Latest cables from Argentina speak well of the maize crop, which it is expected will reach a total of 5,750,000 quarters, of which 3,500,000 quarters would be available for export to Europe. The same reports state that supplies of wheat from the interior are drawing to a close, and that after May the shipments may be expected to be unimportant.

## Decrease in Wheat Acreage.

It is generally conceded that prices reached during 1894 the lowest point they are likely to touch for some years to come. The principal reason for this opinion is that the low prices of the last few years has turned the attention of farmers to other crops. The acreage seeded to spring wheat is evidently somewhat less than it was last year, and the same conditions appear to be true with winter wheat farmers in this country, while in Europe nearly every state reports smaller acreage. The United Kingdom reports a less acreage of approximately 10 per cent. Too little is known of the acreage of Russia to state with any certainty the area there. With the extension of railroads through that country it is probable that the acreage may be increased, although it is possible that the

increased cultivation of land would be put into other crops more than to wheat. The Argentine appears to have reached the top for the present at least with their large yield of last year. Australia has been for the past year calculating upon a reduction of its wheat acreage while going into diversified farming instead. The acreage of India is estimated by the best authorities to be not less than one million acres smaller than last year.

The narrowing of the area seeded to wheat is the chief reason in sight for an expectation of higher prices in the coming few years, for with the exception of 1891 in this country and one or two late seasons in Europe and Argentine, the crops of the world have yielded per acre only about an average, which it is fair to presume they will yield in the future, excepting on some extraordinary occasion. Wheat area had been broadened largely in the last five or six years in the entire world, until the excess of production brought prices to such an extremity that it was not profitable to raise it. This is the cause of the smaller area seeded to this grain and once started as it is, is likely to continue until a shortage in production may occur that will put up prices so far, a few years hence that area will again be broadened.

So far as the prospective yield per acre this year is concerned it seems to be on the whole about an average. It promises above an average in England, a fair crop in Germany, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Hungary, Roumania, Italy, Spain and most other northern countries. There is no doubt that supplies are ample for all demands at the present, yet they are decreasing faster than in any other late year, although some of that decrease may be due, and probably is, to the large amount that was fed to live stock. Still it is evident that the shortage that will necessarily come from decreased acreage in the next few years, will consume the production without dropping prices so low as to feed the grain to farm animals.—Minneapolis Market Record.

## How Two Boys Became Great.

The death of A. M. Smith, Toronto, brings to mind a little bit of history. Two lads joined the 91st Highlanders, and came to Canada with the regiment to quell the rebellion of 1837. They were bosom companions, always together when off duty. They were excellent soldiers; never grumbling; it was duty first and all the time, and their commanding officer was heard to remark that they would be officers some day.

One of them took his discharge just as the regiment was leaving Canada. He was fond of soldiering, but fond of a Scotch girl whom he met in Canada. He married her, and went into the grocery business, in which he made a great success.

As time went on his assistance and counsel were much sought after by financial corporations, and he became president or director of several banks, loan companies, insurance corporations, and many other interests, and an extensive steamship owner. He became one of the wealthiest men in Canada. He went into the militia, and for a time during the Fenian raid commanded a garrison brigade. Going into politics, he became an alderman, Mayor of Toronto, and member of Parliament, and, had he so desired, could have been a Senator, for he sank his politics when he considered it in the interest of his country that he should do so.

The other boy, much grieved at the parting, remained with his regiment, won distinction and promotion for his bravery in the Crimea, and afterwards in the Indian Mutiny and in lesser campaigns. He led his men to victory in many a storming party in many a battle. He was at Alma, Inkerman, Balaclava, at Cawnpore and Lucknow. He was one of the famous "thin red line" that

withstood the desperate Russian cavalry charge. He won a Victoria Cross, the highest award a soldier can get. When there was hard and dangerous work to do, he was selected to lead, for his regiment would follow him anywhere. He never thought of himself, his duty was his first consideration. He became a major-general, and, if I mistake not, was knighted.

They are both gone now. The first boy was A. M. Smith and the other Major-General McBean.

This is a story for clerks. It shows that hard work and strict attention to duty will always tell in the long run. The boy or young man who considers his personal comfort and engagements before those of his employers never makes a success.

## British Trade Returns.

The British board of trade returns for the month of April show that the imports for the month amounted to £31,311,353, against £35,015,781 for the corresponding month last year, being a decrease of \$674,423. The imports for the four months ended 30th April were £135,140,418, against £142,704,036 for the corresponding period last year, showing a decrease of \$7,564,218. The exports last month amounted to £17,252,311, compared £17,559,876 in April, 1891, being a decrease of £307,565. The exports for the four months were £69,972,672, against £71,490,108 in the corresponding period of 1891, showing a decrease of £1,517,436.

## The Dairy Interest.

A Washington dispatch says that a dairy division has been created in the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Agricultural Department, and that it will be organized about the 1st of July. The purpose of this division will be to collect and disseminate information about the dairy industry of this country.

The wisdom of such a department can not be questioned when we consider the wonderful development of the dairy industry in this country in the last twenty years. Its growth and development has been so phenomenal that it is almost impossible for dairymen to keep track of them and secure the statistics necessary to show the production of butter and cheese.—Cincinnati Price-Current.

## Importing English Hides.

A few weeks ago a Quebec tanner, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, imported a lot of English green salted hides, costing about 7½c laid down in that city. Following this lot, 2,000 hides are being received from England, —1,000 for Quebec and 1,000 for St. Hyacinthe; the quality, however, is not quite as good as that of our own. But now that three good sized lots have been brought in, dealers here are asking themselves how many more of the same description are likely to come in?

## Extraordinary Prices.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Hart & Tuckwell the well-known fruit dealers of this city, sold two barrels of apples for the sum of fifty dollars to a large retail grocer in this city. The specie of the apple is called Longovity, and these are the first two barrels ever sold in Canada. In appearance the Longovity resembles the Cooper's Market, save that it is much larger and brighter. These are the highest prices ever realized in Canada.

We have just received now price list from Jas. McMillan & Co., dealers in hides, wool, seneca root, etc., of Minneapolis, Minn. It can be referred to at this office at any time.

**Leather and Shoe Trade Prospects.**

All kinds of black leather and sole are in active demand at the advanced figures. A large lot of waxed upper was sold in this city last week at thirty-five cents. Attention is invited to our correspondence column this month as to present prices in relation to the increased cost of production. Tanners are not as a rule getting the advance called for by the increased cost of hides. In some cases they are getting a little more but everyone knows that tanners have been losing money for years at the business. It is about time they throw aside modesty and made a little headway. Leather is to-day at normal values, being about where it was five or six years ago. Twenty-five cents for splits and forty cents for grain are not exorbitant figures. Trade will be more healthy.

The great squirm has been in the shoe business. There are some men in the trade who seem to be afraid of their own shadows, and as a consequence prices have advanced very gingerly in shoes. The trade realize pretty well now that they have to toe the mark and are putting a proper advance on their lines. The average has not yet been anything like equal to the advance in leather and we are afraid some concerns will come out at the small end of the horn at the end of the present season. In long boots the hange necessitated is so great that it requires considerable nerve, manufacturers claim, to insist on a proper advance. Thirty to forty cents in split stogas and fifty to sixty cents on grain boots is a stiff advance, but it is necessary under the circumstances. Most of the trade have been caught asleep by the advance. A story is told of a western manufacturer who five or six weeks ago was offered splits at thirteen cents in Montreal, and the day following sixteen cents in Quebec. When he returned west he could not get any for less than twenty cents. It is said he went to the magistrate when he got home and asked him to give him thirty days for not buying at first.—Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for the week ending May 30 were \$881,908, balances, \$161,256. For the previous week clearings were \$952,733. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$765,532. For the month ending April 30, clearings were \$3,093,079, as compared with \$2,958,886 for April of last year.

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

	Clearings.	
	May 9.	May 16.
Montreal..	\$12,060,006	\$12,208,813
Toronto...	6,810,147	5,881,553
Halifax...	1,366,972	1,060,193
Winnipeg.	1,018,212	830,921
Hamilton.	677,277	576,247
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,462,612</b>	<b>\$20,610,757</b>

**Financial and Insurance Notes.**

There has been a falling off in the demand for time money and the New York loan market shows the effect of it by an increase in the offerings of funds and a slack tone in rates. The transactions on behalf of the government bond syndicate have apparently had no effect. Business in time loans is on a very limited scale at 2 to 2½ per cent. for thirty to 90 days and 2½ to 3 per cent. for longer time. It is understood that on extra choiced collateral even these figures are shaded. As regards commercial paper the situation is unchanged, there being a limited amount of offerings, while the demand for all kinds of buyers is very good. Call money is 1 1/2 per cent. and steady at that.—Bradstreet's, May 25.

**Toronto Grain and Produce Market.**

**Wheat.**—There were few sales being made owing to the high prices asked for Ontario red and white wheat, nearly all the holders west asking \$1. Manitoba wheat is firmer, with sellers asking \$1.08 for No. 1 hard, Toronto and west, and \$1.10 Montreal freights, lake and rail.

**Flour.**—Straight roller is now quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.60, Toronto freights, and patents \$1.75. Manitoba grades were advanced 25c per barrel to-day, and holders are now asking \$5.25 for patents and \$5 for strong bakers'.

**Millfeed.**—The city mills are asking more money for bran at \$15, and shorts are quoted at \$17. Shorts are quoted at \$16 to \$17 west, and bran at \$18 to \$14.

**Barley.**—Cars of feed are firmer at 50c outside. Malting barley is nominal at 52c east for No. 1.

**Oats.**—Are in good demand and firm at 38c for cars of white north and west, and 39c middle freights west. Cars on the track here are quoted at 42c.

**Cured Meats.**—Heavy mess \$15.75; shoulders \$18.50; clear shoulder mess, \$18.75 to \$14.25; short out \$16 to \$16.25. Dry salted meats—long clear bacon, cars 7½c; ton and case lots, 8 to 8½c, backs 9 to 9½c. Smoked meats—hams 11c; breakfast bacon 11c; backs 10½c and rolls 8½c, picnic hams 8c. Lard—tierces 9c; tubs 9½c; pails 9½c; compound 7 to 7½c.

**Butter.**—The receipts are fair, there is a moderate demand and the market is steady at 12 to 12½c for large rolls and 12c for fresh-made dairy tubs, and 4 to 6c for low grade. Creamery is slow and easy at 18c for rolls and 16 to 17c for tubs.

**Cheese.**—Is dull and easy. Job lots are quoted here at 7½ to 8c. The Liverpool cable was 1s lower to-day at 43s for colored and 42s for white.

**Dried Apples.**—Job lots here are quoted at 15½ to 15½c, and round lots outside at 5c; evaporated are quoted at 7c and round lots at 6c to 6½c.

**Wool.**—There is a fair amount of new fleeco wool and the market is steady, with dealers paying 19c to 20c for lots of washed and 11c to 12c for unwashed. The stocks of Territories wools carried over from the last crop are so large that the outlook for our ranchmen for the coming clip is not very bright. These wools now have to compete with the wools from North and South Dakota, which are offering in Chicago at 5c to 7c for heavy, 7c to 8c for heavy fine, and 9c to 10c for fine choice. This makes the prospect for Territories wools less bright than formerly and prices are not likely to be as high as expected for these wools. The inquiry from the home manufacturers is slow and the market is dull and steady at 20c to 21c for supers and 22c to 23c for extras.

**Hides.**—There is a good demand for all the hides offering and the market is firm at 8c for cured and 7c for green. Sheepskins are in good demand and the offerings will likely be smaller now that the season for wool has opened. The market is firmer at \$1 to \$1.25 here and country skins are quoted at 75c to \$1. Calfskins are in fair demand and firmer at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2. Tallow is weak; local dealers are paying 5c to 5½c and asking 5½c to 6c.—Globe, May, 27.

The Toronto Globe says: "The damage to the fruit crop was not in some places as bad as at first reported and it is believed we shall yet have abundance of small fruit, which will, of course, make a better demand for sugars as the season gets on. Granulated is selling here at 4½ to 4¾c."

**Comparative Prices in Staples.**

Prices at New York on May 21 and a year ago.

	May 24, 1895.	May 26, 1894
Flour, straight spring..	\$3.50 to \$4.20	\$3.00 to \$4.40
Flour, straight winter..	\$3.60 to \$4.00	\$2.45 to \$2.85
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	73½c	67½c
Wheat, No. 2 mixed.....	67½c	63½c
Oats, No. 2.....	32½c	40½c
Rye, No. 2, Western ..	....	....
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	....	....
Cotton, mid. upld.....	7 6-10c	7½c
Print cloths, 64x64....	21	2 11- 6c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X....	15 to 16½c	20½c
Wool, No. 1 comb.....	19 to 20c	23 to 25c
Pork, mess new.....	\$13.75 to 14.60	\$13.00 to 13 1/2 0
Lard, westn., stm.....	6.85c	7.40c
Butter, creamery.....	18c	17c
Cheese, ch. east ft.....	6½c	11c
Sugar, centrif., 90°.....	3½c	2 13-10c
Sugar, granulated.....	4 7-10c	4c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	10½c	10½c
Petroleum, N. T. Co. ...	1.07½c	8½c
Petroleum, rid. gal., ..	8 60c	8.11c
Iron, No. 1 anth.....	\$12.00	\$12.50 to 13.2c
*Iron, less, pg. ....	\$11.60	....
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$17.00	\$19.00
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool .....	13d	7d
Cotton.....	5-6½d	6-6½d

**A Change Needed.**

A radical change is needed in our criminal code. Men are permitted to breathe the air of freedom who are as consummate thieves as any who languish behind prison bars. It is possible to-day for a man in business to buy goods, dispose of them before payment matures, pocket the money, and coolly ask his creditors what they will take on the dollar. Case after case of this character has arisen, business men ask, is it possible that seeing the enormity of the evil no redress will be afforded by the government. There should be some provision making it penal for a man to dispose of his stock without notifying those holding unpaid claims against it. Another way to meet the difficulty would be to provide that the purchaser should be held responsible for at least thirty days after the transfer. In either case it would be impossible to fraudulently convey stock.—Shoe and Leather Journal.

**Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.**

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of May 24 says "Very little business has been done in grain freights during the past week, the wild speculative advance in Chicago having prevented fresh engagements to any extent, the price of wheat in Chicago being about 10c higher than in Liverpool. We quote 1s to 1s 3d Liverpool, 1s 3d to 1s 6d London, 1s to 1s 8d Glasgow, and 1s 4d Bristol. Quite a lot of sack flour is coming forward on old contracts, and going out at 6s Liverpool, 8s London, 7s Glasgow and 9s Bristol. To the Continent 2s to 2s 3d for heavy grain. Provisions 8s 6d to Liverpool, 12s 6d to London, 15s to Glasgow, and 15s Bristol. Cheese and butter 15s to Liverpool, 20s London, 25s Glasgow and 22s 6d to Bristol. Hay is quoted at 20s to 25s, and cattle 40s London and Liverpool, and 45s Glasgow and Bristol."

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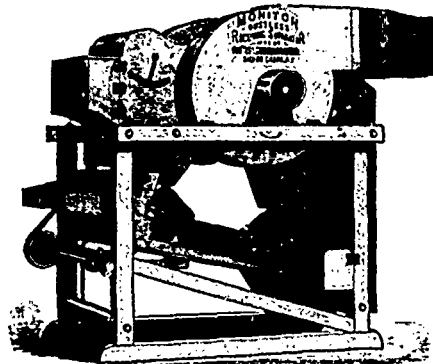
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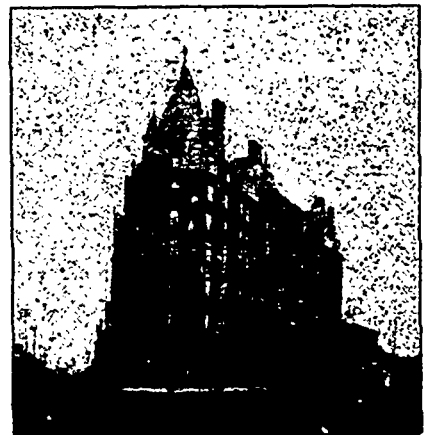
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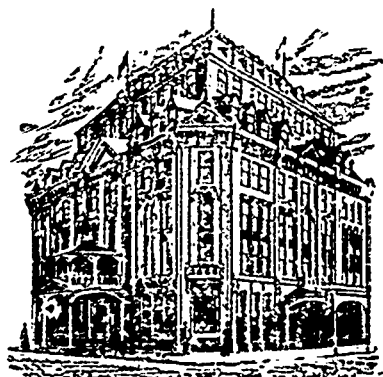
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, June 1.

The continued advance in wheat has had a most important effect upon the business situation here. While Manitoba is not in a position to gain very much immediate advantage from the big advance in wheat, there being very little grain left in the country to sell, yet it is believed that prices will continue to hold up until the next crop is marketed. This prospect of much higher wheat prices for the next crop than has been obtained for the past two years, together with the splendid condition of the growing crop, makes the outlook very hopeful. It is reported that some parties are making contracts with farmers for their next wheat at 65c per bushel, this price being 25c per bushel higher than the price the bulk of the last crop was sold at. We do not believe, however, that very much contracting for wheat will be done in advance, and these reports from the country have probably originated though some misunderstandings. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continue to show a good increase over the corresponding time last year. Total clearings for May were \$1,156,282, as compared with \$3,455,639 for May of last year. There was also a moderate increase in April this year over the corresponding month of last year. The first three months of this year were all under last year, but April and May have reversed the order. The following table shows bank clearings at Winnipeg for the first five months of the past two years:

	1891.	1895.
January.....	\$1,818,846	\$1,067,408
February.....	3,192,537	2,721,028
March.....	8,510,411	2,929,438
April.....	2,958,886	3,093,079
May.....	3,455,639	4,156,282

The general situation is firm in many staple lines of goods. Advances show a higher tendency this week for steel, iron, tin plates, cereals, cotton, leather, shoes, sugar, flour, coffee, lumber and coal. Lower prices are noted for petroleum, cattle, sheep, hogs, provisions and print cloths in the United States. Wool is also easy.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, June 1.

[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.]

**BOOTS AND SHOES**—The outlook is still very strong for prices in boots and shoes, on account of the continued advance in leather. Every week brings some further advances in some lines of leather, and the situation shows no signs of easing up. The general belief is that there will have to be further sharp advances in boots and shoes, as these goods are still below a parity with leather.

**DRY GOODS**—The feature of interest is the excitement in cotton, which seems to have caught the full force of the present "booming" tendency of prices in many commodities. Raw cotton has had some big advances lately in the speculative markets, due mainly to bad crop reports. Canadian mills have made some further advances in prices, notably 5 per cent on sheeting, and no doubt further advances will come soon, if the advance holds for the raw material.

**COAL**.—Prices delivered to consumers in Winnipeg are as follows: Imported anthracite, \$9 per ton for egg, stove and nut sizes. Western anthracite, \$3.50 per ton for stove and furnace size, and \$3.50 for small nut; Lethbridge bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; Souris lignite, \$1.25 delivered or \$3.75 on cars here, and \$1.50 to \$1.75 on cars at the mines.

**DRUGS**.—Cream tartar keeps very firm with further advances reported abroad, making a total advance of about 8c per lb lately. Camphor is also very firm, being 5c higher in Japan. Bluestone is 25 per cent higher abroad and chlorate of potash is 1c higher. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Alum, per pound, 8 1/2 to 4 1/2; alcohol, \$1.75; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 4 1/2 to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 18c, bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor, ounces, 80 to 90c; 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 \$8.00; 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, 30 to 40c; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 35 to 45c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to 2.25. Opium, \$4.50 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; oxalic acid, 18 to 16c; potash iodide, \$1.25 to \$1.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg 8 1/2 to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$1.25; sal soda, \$2.00 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb, 45 to 55.

**FISH**.—We quote: British Columbia salmon, 14c lb; British Columbia halibut, 14c, Fresh mackerel, 12 1/2c lb.; cod, 9c; haddock, 9c; smelts, 12c; sea herring, 35c dozen; Lake Superior herring, 25c doz; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 6c; pickerel, 4c; sturgeon, 7c; smoked whitefish, 8c lb.; smoked goldeyes, 80 to 85c dozen; red herring, 20c box; finnon haddies, 6 to 7 1/2c lb.; salt herring \$1.50 per barrel; bladders, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per box, Oysters, \$1.90 for standards and \$2.00 for selects, per gallon; dry cod, 7c lb.; boneless cod, 7 to 7 1/2c; boneless fish, 6c.

**GROCERIES**.—Sugars hold as last reported, prices at Eastern refineries being quoted at 4 1/2c for granulated and 3c to 4c for yellows. Willett & Gray say: "The Cuba sugar crop by our figures already reaches 850,000 tons visible supply, and it will be comparatively easy to reach our former estimate of 975,000 tons now that the higher prices make it expedient to grind cane that would at low prices have held over to next crop. But the same thing tends to lessen the size of the full wing crop, and there is very good data now on which to form an opinion that the next Cuba crop will be at least 200,000 tons smaller than the present, without bringing in the insurrection at all. We have no doubt also that a serious increase of the shortage of 200,000 tons from natural causes in Cuba will be caused by the insurrection in the Island." New Japan teas are now in transit across the Pacific for Chicago, New York and other points, and some lots have arrived.

**GREEN FRUITS**.—Bananas are now more plentiful and dealers are able to fill orders, a thing which they have been unable to do at all satisfactorily during the two previous weeks. A ship cargo of bananas was sold at Montreal on Monday at 45c to \$1.55 per bunch. Seedling oranges are getting scarce and stocks will not hold out much longer. Apples are practically a thing of the past. Lemons are very firm and dealers look for an advance. The first tomatoes of the season from Florida

have arrived. Quotations here are as follows: California oranges seedlings, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per box; California Mediterranean sweet oranges, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box; Messina lemons, \$5 per box; apples \$7 to \$7.50 per barrel for anything good; bananas, \$2.25 to \$3.75 per bunch as to size. Pineapples, \$1.50 to \$6 per dozen; strawberries \$1.50 per crate of 24 boxes; California cherries \$2 to \$2.25 per box. Egyptian onions, \$1.50 to \$5 per 100 pounds. Layer figs, 10 lb boxes, 15c per pound. White comb honey, 22c a lb; new dates, 7 to 7 1/2c a lb. Maple sugar, 10c 1/2, maple syrup, \$1.10 per gallon tin.

**RAW FURS**.—The next fur sales in London open on June 10, and continue to June 14. After the June sales no further sales will be held until October 16. The following quotations give range of prices paid in Winnipeg. 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 80
Bear, black or brown.....	3 00 to 8 00
Bear, grizzly.....	1 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large.....	6 00 to 7 25
" medium.....	3 00 to 4 C
" small.....	1 50 to 2 00
" castors, per lb.....	8 00 to 7 00
Fisher.....	3 00 to 9 00
Fox, cross.....	2 50 to 15 00
" kitt.....	10 to 40
" red.....	50 to 1 70
" silver.....	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large.....	1 50 to 2 75
" medium.....	1 00 to 2 00
" small.....	75 to 1 25
Marten.....	1 00 to 5 00
Mink.....	50 to 1 75
Musquash.....	02 to 09
Otter.....	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk.....	25 to 75
Wolf, timber.....	1 00 to 3 00
" prairie.....	25 to 75
Wolverine.....	1 00 to 3 50

**WOOD FUEL**.—There is very little selling. We quote car lots on track here. Tamarac, \$3.75 to 4 per cord; pine \$3.25 to 3.50; poplar \$2 to 2.25 as to quality. Oak about the same as tamarac.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**.—Wheat has continued very excited and active this week, with a wide range in values. On Wednesday the highest notch reached since the present excitement started, was touched, July wheat selling at 82 1/2c at Chicago. Yesterday there was quite a drop in prices. United States markets were broken up by one full day holiday, and were also closed Friday afternoon. The strong feature is the damage to wheat, principally in the winter wheat states, from frost and drought. There were frosts in Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and other parts on Saturday and Sunday nights last. Hot winds followed on Wednesday in Nebraska, but rain was reported on Friday throughout the western states, which was accountable for the drop in prices on that day. The damage from drought, frost and insects in the winter wheat states has been so serious that the Cincinnati Price Current estimates a shortage of 70,000,000 bushels in the United States winter wheat crop. Exports of wheat flour included, from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week, amounted to 2,446,000 bushels against 2,751,000 bushels last week, 2,401,000 bushels in the corresponding week a year ago, 3,253,000 bushels two years ago, 2,891,000 bushels in 1892 and 2,697,000 bushels in the corresponding week in 1891. To-day the drought continued in Illinois and east of the Mississippi.

**WHEAT LOCALLY**—Scarcity of wheat makes the local situation dull. A few loads are being marketed in the country by farmers, but very little is offered. Prices for this limited quantity vary from 75 to 85c to farmers, according to the different local conditions of the various country markets. There are no round lot transactions, but a few cars have changed hands at a range of 97c to \$1 per bushel afloat Fort William, on account of Eastern Canada millers. The price of Manitoba wheat at lake ports is on an import basis, and the price at Duluth, with the duty added, will show the value of Manitoba grades.

**FLOUR**—Prices remain at the advances reported a week ago, but are very firm. Sales by millers here are now made at \$2.45 for patent and \$2.25 for strong bakers per sack of 48 lbs, delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash in 30 days. Second bakers, \$1.75 to \$1.85, XXXX \$1.25 per sack.

**MILLSTUFFS**—The quotation to the local trade is \$12 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more. The demand keeps good.

**GROUND FEED**—Prices are steady, and range from \$17 to \$19 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

**OATMEAL**—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades. In the eastern markets prices are very firm. Eastern millers this week wire advances in prices to local agents.

**OATS**—Prices are stronger this week and car lots are held higher. We quote 1/2 to 3/4c for cars on track here per bushel of 34 pounds. Quite a sharp advance has been made in oats lately in Eastern Canada markets, prices being up 3 to 4c per bushel.

**BARLEY**—We quote about 40c per bushel of 48 pounds for feed grade. Scarcely any offering. A few farmers loads have been taken at 38 to 40c.

**FLAX SEED**—There has been still some demand for flax seed for seeding. The only business done has been in a retail way, at about \$1.50 per bushel here for a poor quality of seed, and very scarce at that.

**OIL CAKE**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

**FEED WHEAT**—Feed wheat is very scarce and brings 70 to 75c per bushel readily.

**BUTTER**—There is no material change in prices but the tendency is easier. We quote 10 to 12c per lb for new dairy butter. New creamery is selling at 1c lower at Montreal, having touched as low as 14c in that market. Here we learn of creamery having sold at 10c in the country, which may be considered a good price as the markets stand now.

**CHEESE**—Prices are very low. At the leading Ontario primary markets this week higher prices were paid, prices ruling from 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c for raw cheese. This is about 1/2c higher than a week ago, though it is said the export outlook does not warrant this advance, notwithstanding the low prices.

**EGGS**—Prices are the same. Packers and dealers are paying 7 1/2c net, and selling at 8 1/2c per dozen.

**CURED MEATS**—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12 1/2; do backs, 11 1/2; picnic hams, 9 1/2; short spiced rolls, 8c long rolls, 8 1/2c; shoulders, 9 1/2c; smoked long clear, 10c, smoked jowls, 5 1/2c. Dry salt meats are quoted. Long clear bacon, 9c per lb. shoulders, 8c, backs, 10c, canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, 3c per lb.

extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess, \$16.00, short cut, \$18.00, rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**LARD**—We quote: Pure, \$1.90 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.80 for 50-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 8, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tins 9 1/2c pound.

**POULTRY**—Hold, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices: Chickens 8c, turkeys 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c. 40c per pair for live chickens.

**DRESSED MEATS**—There is no change this week in beef. We quote beef at 6 to 6 1/2c as to quality. Good fresh mutton sells at 9 to 10c, the tendency being lower. There is very little mutton selling, as several retail butchers still hold some frozen mutton from last winter's stock, in cold storage and are cutting this. Wholesale butchers get 6c for dressed hogs. Veal is worth 5 to 6c.

**HIDES**—There is no change this week. Quebec tanners are in vorting hides from England. We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green, 6 1/2c for No. 1 cows, 5 1/2 to 6c for No. 2, and 4 1/2 to 5c for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 6 1/2c, No. 2 Steers, 5 1/2 to 6c; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 8c per lb. Deacons, 15 to 25c each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, full wool, 60 to 75c each, as to size, etc. Clips, 5 to 10c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL**—The feeling in the States is easier, prices being higher in the interior than at seaboard markets. We quote prices here as follows:—Unwashed Manitoba fleeces, 8 to 10 1/2c, or heavy short wools about 8c and up to 10 1/2c for desirable long wools, not too coarse. These prices are for wools free from burs, chaff, etc. Dirty stuff, 5 to 8c per lb.

**SENECA ROOT**—A little new root is coming in, and 7 to 8c per lb has been paid for green root. The outlook is for low prices this season, on account of the over-supply last year, large quantities of which are held in New York and London. We quote, 17 to 20c for dry root, as to quality, clean, dry, fine root bringing the best price, though very little will go over 18c per lb.

**VEGETABLES**—Prices are: Potatoes, easier at 80 to 85c per bushel for farmers' loads; car lots could be had at 25c at country points, per bushel, but few are wanted. We heard of a car selling at 2 1/2c at a country point, for shipment to Rat Portage. Cabbage, 3c per lb for good, to 2c for poor stock; carrots, 60 to 75c per bushel; beets, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.; rhubarb, \$1.75 to \$2 per box of about 45 pounds. Egyptian onions, \$5 per 100 pounds.

**HAY**—Prairie baled is quoted at \$1 per ton on track here.

**LIVE STOCK**—This was another quiet week at the stock yards. There were no export cattle in. Grass cattle are not ready to ship yet and the stall fed animals just about cleaned up. Some of the buyers have gone west to the range country to look up the the stock there, but it will likely be a few weeks yet before the range cattle will be fit to ship. It is thought some will be ready by the latter part of June. Prices here range from 3c for poor to 3 1/2c for fairly good butchers' cattle. Choice cattle for export would range at 3 1/2 to 4c if they were offering. Butchers do not feel like going above 3 1/2c for anything. Hogs hold about the same, some loads having sold at 4 1/2c off cars here. Buyers are paying a little lower in the country. Nothing done in sheep and we quote the price nominal at 4 to 4 1/2c shorn.

At Toronto on Tuesday last there was a good demand for every thing and all offerings were sold early. Export cattle were in better demand. A new firm Gordon & Ironsides, of Winnipeg were buying at Toronto for the first time. They bought 14 cars at \$1.90 to \$5.40 per cwt. Export bulls sold at 4c to 4 1/2c. Stockers sold at \$3.65; nearly fat feeders sold at 4c to 4 1/2c. Butchers' cattle were in better demand, even common being firmer and none selling at less than 9c per lb. Best butchers' sold at \$3.50 to \$1.70 per cwt. Butchers' sheep sold at 4c per lb; yearlings sold at 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c per lb, and spring lambs at \$3 to \$1 each. Hogs were quiet: and sold at \$1.40 to \$1.65 per cwt.

Sheep have declined sharply at Chicago this week. Friday sheep were selling in that market at 50 to 75c lower than a week ago. There was also a drop in hogs at Chicago to-day.

## Manitoba Weather and Crops.

Abundance of rain has fallen this week about all over the country, ensuring an excellent crop condition for some time to come and the outlook is now very hopeful. The crop should now be in a condition to stand a long period of dry weather, should such conditions prevail, though there is no reason to look for such. Wheat is now sufficiently advanced to shade the ground well, and before the moisture now in the ground can dry up, the crop will be well advanced. Wheat is now mostly from six to ten inches high. The spring frost period is now over. There was a slight frost here the first day of the week, but it was not perceptible on crops. The flax crop, which it was supposed was severely damaged by the frosts some time ago, now appears to be turning out with very slight damage. Interested parties who have visited the flax districts have been agreeably surprised to find very little damage done. A letter from Morden, one of the best flax sections, says the crop is all right there. The only important damage feared from the frosts was to the flax crop, and later reports are now very hopeful even for this crop. In the far west territories there was a storm of rain and snow on Monday night, which was followed by low temperature on Tuesday night.

## British Columbia.

Henderson Bros., general store, Chilliwack, have dissolved.

R. Porter & Son, butchers, Duncan's, have sold out to Ford Bros.

J. Almoure, general store, New Denver, has assigned.

Freeze & Ryan, general store, New Denver are selling out.

Mrs. L. E. Gordon, teas, New Westminster, is succeeded by J. H. Williams & Co.

Chas. McDonough, general store, New Westminster, has assigned.

Rao & Lamb, grocers, New Westminster, have assigned.

McCain & Menzies, contractors, Vancouver, have dissolved; James W. Menzies, continues.

McMillan & McLeod, grocers, Vancouver have assigned.

Watts & Trott, boat builders, Vancouver, are out of business.

N. H. Brown, Victoria, is succeeded by W. Sills.

Wm. Hazlett, grocer, Victoria; effects advertised for sale.

Ewen Morrison, lumber, Victoria; effects advertised for sale.

British Columbia Grocery Co., (not incorporated), New Westminster, has dissolved. Minnie McKenzie retires. The company has assigned.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Wheat continued excited on Monday, and influenced by further reports of frost in Nebraska and other States on Saturday night and a sharp advance in Liverpool, prices were strong and higher. Early in the day July wheat sold up to 81½c, or 2c over Saturday's close, but declined and closed considerably below the top. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	77½	78½	79½
Corn.....	51½	52½	53½
Oats.....	28½	28½	29
Mess Pork...	12 42½	12 52½	12 80
Lard.....	6 52½	6 65	6 82½
Short Ribs...	6 27½	6 27½	6 47½

Wheat opened very strong on Tuesday and sold up very quick about 2c, on poor crop reports, one house circulating a report that the six principal wheat states would not produce more than half a crop. Prices fluctuated widely and rapidly and closed at the highest closing price yet recorded since the advance in wheat set in. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	79½	80½	81½
Corn.....	52	53½	55½
Oats.....	30½	30½	30½
Pork.....	12 60	12 70	13
Lard.....	6 60	6 72½	6 87½
Short Ribs..	6 30	6 35	6 55

Wheat opened on Wednesday with another big advance, and soon touched 82½c, the highest price yet recorded on this crop. The top, however, did not hold, prices fluctuating up and down at a wide range. Reports of hot winds in the west started the bulge. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	79½	80½	80½
Corn.....	52½	53½	54½
Oats.....	30½	31½	31
Mess Pork..	—	12 90	13 17½
Lard.....	—	6 85	7 00
Short Ribs..	—	6 45	6 75

There are no quotations for Thursday, it being Decoration Day holiday. Only half a day's business was transacted on Friday, the exchanges closing at noon on account of the funeral of Secretary Gresham. Good rains were reported to-day (Friday) west of the Mississippi. The Cincinnati Price Current estimated a shortage of 70,000,000 bushels in the winter wheat states. Prices had an easterly tendency. The highest price was 80½c and the lowest 78½c. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	77½	78½	79
Corn.....	51½	52½-53½	53½
Oats.....	29½	29½	29½
Mess Pork..	—	12 72½	13 00
Lard.....	—	6 75	7 00
Short Ribs..	—	6 37½	6 57½

On Saturday wheat opened higher at 79½c on continued dry weather in the Illinois region. Prices were steadier during the day, averaging about 79c for July option. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	78½	79½	80½
Corn.....	51½	52½	53½
Oats.....	29½	30½	30½
Mess Pork..	12 47½	12 57½	12 87½
Lard.....	—	6 72½	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

A week ago July wheat closed at 79½c.  
A year ago July wheat closed at 55½c.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, June 1st, July wheat closed at 81½c and September delivery at 82½c. A week ago wheat closed at 81½c for July and 81½c for September.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 79½c for July delivery, and September at 76½c. A week ago May wheat closed at 80½c, and July at 80½.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—May 79½; July, 80½. Sept. 78c.  
Tuesday—May 81½; July, 82c. Sept. 79½c.  
Wednesday—May, 80½; July, 81. Sept. 78½c.  
Thursday—May, — July, — Sept., — Holiday.  
Friday—May, 78½; July, 78½. Sept. 78c.  
Saturday—May, — July, 80c. Sept. 78c.

A week ago prices closed at 80½c for May and 81½c for July. A year ago July wheat closed at 57½c, and two years ago at 66c. No. 1 hard is quoted at about ¾c to 1 over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern ½c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

**Wheat Stocks.**

The visible supply of wheat in the the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 27, 1895, shows a decrease of 2,210,000 bushels, against a decrease of 715,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 1,393,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first week in each month on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2..	88,581,000	80,223,000	81,228,000	45,997,000
Feb. 5..	83,376,000	79,893,000	81,391,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4..	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,088,000	41,558,000
April 1..	74,398,000	71,458,000	77,651,000	41,038,000
" 8..	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,294,000	41,177,000
" 15..	71,457,000	69,217,000	76,096,000	42,055,000
" 22..	70,626,000	68,425,000	74,869,000	39,149,000
" 29..	69,770,000	66,553,000	75,027,000	37,936,000
May, 6..	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
" 13..	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,652,000	35,199,000
" 20..	57,484,000	62,044,000	71,892,000	34,617,000
" 27..	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,169,000	29,522,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on May 18 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	215,000
Toronto.....	49,000
Kingston.....	6,000
Winnipeg.....	247,000
Manitoba elevators.....	1,050,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	761,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on May 18, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	69,789,000
Pacific coast stocks.....	8,506,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
East of the Mountains.....	75,758,000
Pacific coast.....	8,899,000

Stocks of wheat in Europe and afloat for Europe on May 1, 1895, were 61,376,000 bushels, which added to American stocks above, make a grand total for Europe and America and afloat of 151,950,000 bushels as compared with 170,695,000 bushels a year ago.

F. V. Young, banker, of Souris, Manitoba, contemplates opening a branch bank at Prince Albert.

Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, who have had temporary offices in the grain exchange building since their warehouse was burned, have now moved to permanent premises in the Garry block, 132 Princess street.

**Crops in the United States.**

Garner, Iowa, May 21.—There is considerable diversity of opinion as to the amount of damage done by the recent frosts. It is generally conceded that oats and flax have been badly damaged. Many low-lying fields will be plowed and sown to something else. The damage to wheat is slight if any and that cereal is looking well. The weather continues cold and cloudy making the prospects for corn very uncertain.

Burdette, Iowa, May 21.—The weather is remarkably cold for this time of the year, and has been for over a week. The frosts have taken most of the corn that was up and most of the fruit. I think the oats are damaged considerably. The crops have been put in better than usual on account of the soil being in such excellent condition. Very few cattle or hogs being fed as corn is so high and scarce.

Kansas City, Mo., May 29.—The hot winds which have been blowing over Western Missouri, Kansas, and parts of Nebraska for the past forty-eight hours have badly damaged, and in some cases completely destroyed the crops. In Dickinson, Clay and adjacent counties dust and sand storms have added to the great heat.

Washington, May 28.—The weather bureau in its review of crop conditions for the week ended May 27th says. "Upon the whole the weather conditions of the week have been unfavorable. Farm work has been retarded in the gulf, middle and south Atlantic states from excessive rains, while crops generally need rain from the Ohio valley westward. Complaint as to the unfavorable effects of the unseasonably low temperature upon crops is general throughout the middle, central and southern portion of the country. The planting of corn has been general during the week owing to the damage effects of the recent frosts. Tobacco planting is progressing rapidly. Winter wheat is reported as in good condition in northern Illinois, but in poor condition in the central and southern portions of the state. The condition of wheat has declined rapidly in Missouri owing to drouth and insects. In Indiana some wheat has been ploughed and planted in corn and the crop has sustained further injury from frost in Ohio.

**Live Stock Markets.**

At London on May 27 owing to hot weather an easier feeling prevailed and prices show a decline of ½c per lb since a week ago, finest United States steers being quoted at 12½c and Canadians at 12c. At Liverpool the market was also easier and finest Canadian steers are quoted ½c lower at 11½c. Another cable from Liverpool quoted cattle at 12c and sheep at 1½c.

At the Montreal stock yards on May 27th the offerings of cattle were small, but values were not any higher. Choice heaves were very scarce. Shippers stated that they would have paid 5½ to 5¾c for such stock to-day, but there was none to be had, and about a load of fair to good beasts were picked up at 5c per lb. There was a good demand for butchers' stock and all the offerings met with a ready sale at prices ranging from 4 to 4½c per lb live weight. There continues to be a good inquiry for sheep for export account, but receipts are very small owing to the scarcity in the country and prices, in consequence, rule firm, some small lots to-day selling at 4½ to 5c per lb live weight. The receipts of live hogs were smaller, there being only 300 offered, for which the demand was fair and values were about steady at 4½ to 5c per lb.—Gazette.

## Montreal Hardware and Paint Market.

A good steady business has been transacted in all lines in this department of the trade, the demand from both local and country buyers being good, and a number of orders have come to hand for fair sized lots. The general tone of the market is firm and values as a rule are all improving and have an upward tendency. Advices from abroad on leads continue strong, and the feeling here in consequence is firmer. Paints of all kinds are well enquired for and the turnover if anything is larger than usual at this time of year. The demand for glass is good and prices are steady. In oils the feeling is strong and higher prices are looked for in the near future. Linseed oil is very scarce and firmly held. On account of the limited quantity of cod and castor oil here values are very firm and an advance in prices is anticipated before our next issue. Cod oil is still quoted at 37½c to 40c, castor oil at 5½c to 6c, and seal oil at 40c to 45c as to quality. Shelac gum has ruled stronger in primary markets and prices have advanced 20 per cent. The above will also affect the price of all grades of varnish in the near future. Paris green has also advanced 25 per cent and supplies here are very limited they not being equal to the demand. In the States glue has ruled strong and values have gone up about 25 to 30 per cent. and dealers state here that a rise will take place soon. We quote:—Choice brands white lead Government standard, \$1.75; No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$1.25; No. 3, \$1; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½c; red lead, pure, 3½c to 4c; do. No. 1, 4c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; glass, \$1.15 to \$1.20 first break; \$1.25 to \$1.30 second break per 50 feet; \$2.70 to \$2.80 for third break per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 55c to 56c; boiled, 58c to 59c; putty in bulk, \$1.85.

The arrivals of cement for the past week were 4,100 barrels of English and 3,500 Belgian, as against 8,215 English and 4,300 Belgian for the previous week, which makes a total to date of 14,015 English and 10,300 Belgian. The market continues to rule active and a brisk business is doing, but importers state that the bulk of the orders are for car load lots from western buyers, and few large transactions are being put through. The largest sale this season so far was the 25,000 barrel lot of Belgian brand placed by the Government with Messrs. Bellhouse, Dillon & Co., for the canal construction, at \$1.99 per barrel delivered. The casks are of a special size, containing 400 lbs. each. We quote English brands at \$1.90 to \$2. and Belgian at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per barrel ex-ship. The arrivals of firebricks for the past week were 95,000, which makes a total to date of 276,000. The demand for firebricks continues good and an active business is doing on the basis of \$15 to \$21 per 1,000 as to brand.

There has been no important feature in the naval store market since our last. The demand for all lines is improving, and a fairly active business is reported at steady prices. In the South the market for turpentine is firmer, but values here are unchanged. We quote: Turpentine, 17c; resins, \$2.50 to \$5, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cotton waste, 4 to 5½c for colored and 6 to 8c for white; oakum, 4½c to 6c, and cotton oakum, 9c to 11c. Cordage—Sisal, 5½ to 6c for 7-16 and upwards, and 14 to 15 for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 8 to 8½c for 7-16 and upwards, and 8½ to 9c for smaller sizes.

The feature of the petroleum market has been the weakness which has prevailed, and Canadian refined shows a decline of 1c per gallon and American 1½c. The market at present is very quiet, which is usually the case at this time of the year. We quote Canadian refined at 14½c in shed, and 16c for smaller quantities, with a discount of 2 per cent for cash. American prime white is

quoted at 18c in car lots and 19c for smaller quantities. Water white 19½c in car lots and 20½c in small lots.

The demand for coal is fair for this season of the year, and prices rule steady. We quote stove and chestnut at \$5.25 per 2,000 lbs., and egg and grate at \$5.10, Scotch grate at \$3, steam at \$3.75 to \$4, and Sydney steam at \$3.35 to \$3.75.—Gazette, May 25.

## Hides, Wool and Seneca Root

The last circular of Jas. McMillan & Co, says: Sheep Skins.—The wool on Territory pelts is mostly fine-medium and fine, and this grade of wool is particularly low, there being a somewhat better demand for medium and coarse grades. Be careful in skinning not to cut or score the pelts. Territory pelts should be dried thoroughly before being shipped. Now that the weather is warm the skins should be shipped promptly or the bugs will get into them and destroy them, and while they are being held they should be beaten frequently.

Hides.—Receipts continue to belight on account of the scarcity of cattle all over the country. Since the date of our last circular there has been a heavy advance. Green hides started the advance, and after rising considerably remained stationary for a week or ten days, but recently have gone up still further. Dry hides commenced advancing about two weeks after green hides started to go up, and recently dry hides have risen a good many cents per lb. Hides have not been as high for five years as they are to-day, and it would not be at all surprising if there should be a reaction. For this reason we advise shippers to send in their hides without any delay, and take advantage of the excitement while it lasts.

Furs.—Receipts of furs are gradually decreasing. There has been little interest shown since the March sales. The only article for which there seems to be any particular call is large heavy spring muskrat, although good bear, fisher, silver and cross fox, marten and mink command pretty good prices. Bear-skins taken off just after the animals have emerged from their winter dens are of very good quality and will bring prices accordingly. All other kinds of furs are dull.

Ginseng and Seneca Root.—The season will soon open for these articles, although we have not as yet received any shipments of the new crop. Seneca will without doubt rule at lower prices than have ever been known. Large stocks have been carried over from last year, which with the large quantity sure to come in from the new crop will make a supply which the requirements of the trade cannot absorb.

Wool.—The price of wool is going to be lower than last year, unless there should be an improvement in the market, of which there is no prospect at present. Our ports are open to importations of wool from every wool-producing country of the globe, free of duty, and with the enormous stocks of wool which are being held in the market of the world, it seems impossible to have any improvement in prices.

## Silver.

The market for silver at London has been weak and drooping during most of the week with no particular cause to account for this tendency. It would seem; however, that the continued lack of an Oriental demand of any importance has had an effect upon speculative holders of silver who bought on the recent advance. On Friday London came much stronger and most of the early loss was recovered. New York, as usual, has followed London. Silver prices on May 21 were: London 30½d; New York, 67½ to 67½c.

## British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of May 27 in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: During the week English and foreign wheats have advanced 1s. California selling at 28s 3d and Oregon at 28s 6d. Rye and peas have advanced 9d and barley and beans 6d, while there has been a good demand for flour at 1s 6d rise. To-day wheat values ceased advancing, chiefly on account of the American reaction. Flour continued in good request at a further rise of 1s, the top price reached being 28s. Feeding barley was up 6c and and malting barley was firm. Oats were 3d to 6d dearer. Linseed rose 1s and cotton 2s 6d per ton.

## Stop Croaking.

Much of the talk about hard times is meretricious chatter that helps to make the very conditions that are bemoaned. There are unfortunately people in every community who take up a cry like this, whether they realize its truthfulness or not and harp on it until others believe it and act on the belief. The surest way to perpetuate hard times is to keep up this talk. It promotes distrust and induces penuriousness in buying. We met one of these "hard times parrots" the other day who is in the civil service, and while getting as large a salary as ever, can buy more to-day with his money than ever before. When asked how he came to be affected by the hard times he was considerably nonplussed. Business may not be as bright as it ought, but it will take a long time to make it better by keeping up a disconsolate wail about "hard times."—Shoe and Leather Journal.

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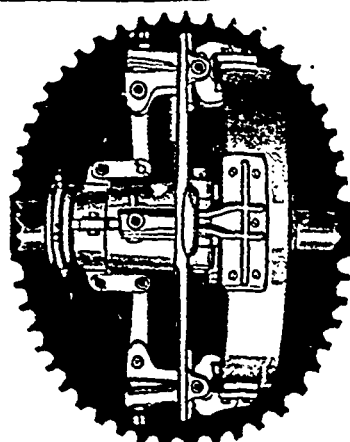
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## BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, May 27, 1895.

The principal topic of conversation among wholesalers is of course the advance in wheat. The grain and feed jobbers all had a fair supply of wheat on hand when the first rise in flour started, and did not dispose of it readily, for when Canadian flour advanced consumers at once commenced buying the soft cheaper grades from the Sound. This is the only change worthy of noting in the markets of British Columbia.

There is a very gradual improvement in trade and money is not any harder to get this week than last. Everybody is hopeful and they could not be otherwise if they listen to the magnificent stories coming in from the interior. The mountains of British Columbia are being relieved of fabulous wealth, thousands of dollars a day, and if this wealth was going direct to Vancouver, Westminster and Victoria, we would have the boom with us now, but the boom has been postponed owing to the tremendous leakage of bullion into the States. At Trail Creek alone thousands upon thousands are being lost to British Columbia wholesalers and capitalists, through their tardiness in allowing more enterprising men to come in from the States and get the cream of the profits at that modern Eldorado. An idea of the influx to Trail Creek may be gained from the fact that the customs office at Rossland the principal town, collects some \$16,000 a month duty on goods brought into the country. The ore being practically extracted by United States people and shipped to United States smelters, while the miners of Golden Cariboo have been principally brought from California to work the mines.

### British Columbia Business Notes

At the Horsefly and Cariboo mines \$60,000 in addition to the half a million dollars already spent has been laid out this season. The first clean up of these mines takes place next month, and it is said that a gold brick will be sent down from there that will astonish the world. The output of precious metal this year will be greater than any other year in the annals of British Columbia. This fact will be universally demonstrated, and will open the eyes of British Columbians to the wealth of their own country, and create a local and national pride, that will perhaps be a sufficient incentive to capitalists, municipalities and governments to devise means to keep British Columbia wealth in British Columbia as much as possible, and take some course of stopping up the present big leak through which part of the wealth of this province is being drained into the States.

On the last trip of the steamer Danube to the northern part of the province, unusually large quantities of supplies were taken to settlers. The northern country is being rapidly settled up. C. T. Illman, and Rev. Father Bunoz were passengers on board the Danube. The former to choose a home for 200 prospective Danish settlers and the latter to establish a Roman Catholic mission.

The fruit prospects of British Columbia are brighter than ever before according to the numerous reports of farmers throughout

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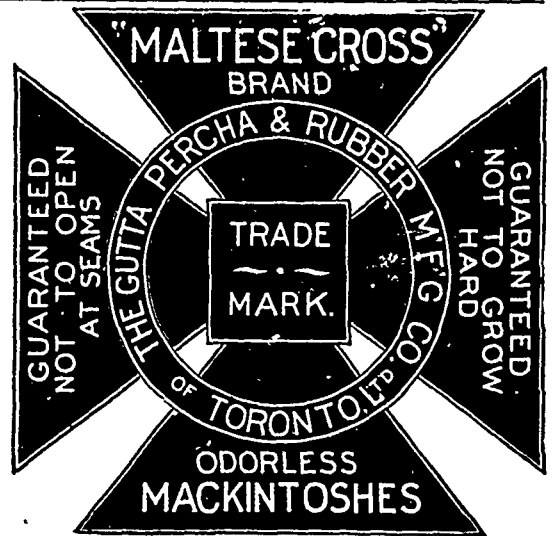
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The British Columbia Oil and Guano Co., are equipping and erecting a factory on the Fraser River, an attempt will be made to utilize the salmon offal from the factories which has heretofore gone to waste.

Recently the doctors of Vancouver met in convention and established a scale of prices, about double what is charged in the east. Disagreement and misunderstandings soon arose and no less than three doctors adopted the unprofessional plan of advertising cheap rates in the local papers, with the result that the three doctors mentioned have more patients than they can attend, while the others are dosing away at the old rates.

The western air has also affected the conduct of the druggists of Vancouver. Mc Dowell & Co., and Atkins & Co., two large firms controlling four stores, amalgamated recently with a capital of \$100,000 for the purpose of buying their goods cheaper and in large quantities. All the other druggists in Vancouver now say that should the new firm cut prices they will at once form a syndicate for the purpose of buying cheaper by which means they will be able to meet the other combination and sell as low as they do. A meeting has been held and this course decided upon.

### British Columbia Markets.

Vancouver, May 27, 1895.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 8 to 10c; California creamery, 11c, Manitoba creamery, 12c; Canadian cheese, 11½ to 12½, Manitoba cheese 12c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 12½c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides, 11½c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 8c; smelt, 5c; sea bass, 4; black cod, 5c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 6c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 12c; steel head salmon, 5½c; spring salmon, 7½c; smoked halibut, 10c; blasters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; finnan haddie, 8½c; trout 10c; oolachans, 6c lb; salt salmon, \$6 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$7 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes \$10 to \$12; onions silver skins, 1½c, cabbage, 2½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ½ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 16 to 18c; eastern, 10 to 15c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$3.25 to \$3.50; California oranges, naval, \$3 to \$3.50; seedlings, 2.25 to \$2.50; rhubarb 3c lb; cherries, \$1.25 box; Tasmania apples \$2.35.

Nuts.—Almonds, 10c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 13c; walnuts, 15c.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Kewatin Milling Co. quote in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per bbl., \$5.60; strong bakers, \$5.35; Oregon, \$4.00; Oak Lake patent, \$5.30; strong bakers, \$5.10.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb. sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.90.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31.00; Edmonton district oats, \$29.00; Washington State wheat, \$25.00; do, oats \$30.00, f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$22.00 ton; ground wheat, \$25.00 ton; ground barley, \$22.00 ton; shorts, \$20.00 ton; bran \$18.00 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

Live Stock.—Calves, 6 to 7c; steers, 4½ to 4¾c, sheep, 4c; hogs, 6 to 6¾c; lamb, per head, \$3.25 to \$4.25.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 8½c; mutton, 8½ to 9c; pork, 6 to 9c; veal, 7 to 10c.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow, 4c.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1¾c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 25c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c.

The Delineator for June contains: Summer Fashions, Garments for Sporting and Outdoor Wear for Ladies Misses and Girls, Conveniences For and Etiquette of Travelling by Sea and Land, Rose and Violet Culture (Employment Series), Around the Tea-Table, Summer Food and Dishes, Ohio State University (College Series), Venetian Iron Work (Last Paper), Kindergarten Papers, Burnt Work, Woman as An Artist, Serving and Waiting at Table, Preservation and Renovation, Article on Cleaning Lamp Shades an Oil Paintings, The Newest Books, A Studio Party, Knitting, Netting, Tatting, Lace-Making, etc., etc.



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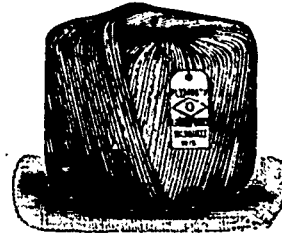
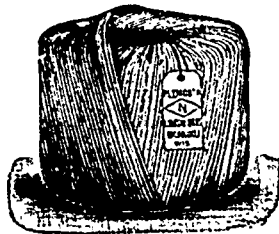
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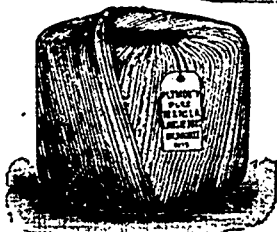
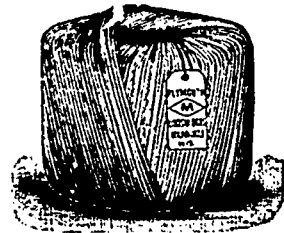
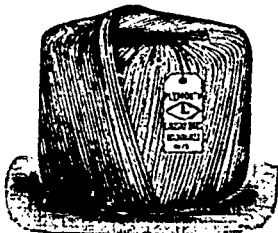
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### Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

**Flour.**—The flour market has become quite excited and prices continue to bound upward with surprising celerity. Straight rollers have been sold at \$1.65 and \$1.75, and the buyer offered to take 10,000 bbls. at the outside figure. To be on a parity with this price, strong bakers should be \$5 and spring patents \$5.15. The market, however, is in that strong and excited condition that holders scarcely know what to ask. At the beginning of the week sales of straight rollers were made at \$1.50, but buyers to-day would have to pay \$1.75. As we go to press \$5.00 and \$5.25 have been paid for straight rollers and \$5.00 for strong bakers. Spring patent \$5.15; winter patent \$5.25 to \$5.35; straight roller \$5.00 to \$5.25; city strong bakers \$5.00. Manitoba bakers \$1.75 to \$5.00 Ontario bags—extra \$2.05 to \$2.10; straight rollers, bags, \$2.45 to \$2.55.

**Oatmeal.**—The market for rolled oats and granulated was decidedly firmer, with an upward tendency in prices, and car lots on track are quoted at \$1.10 to \$1.15. In a jobbing way we quote prices as follows:—Rolled and granulated \$1.15 to \$1.25; standard \$1.10 to \$1.20. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.05 to \$2.10, and standard at \$1.95 to \$2.00. Pet barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

**Bran, etc.**—The market for bran is steady under a good inquiry. Sales of car lots have been made at \$15.75, but it is said \$16 is the lowest figure it could be bought at to-day. We quote \$16 to \$16.25. Shorts are steady at \$18 at \$19, and moullie at \$21.00 to \$22.50.

**Wheat.**—The market on spot is firm, and No. 1 hard Manitoba is nominally quoted at 95 to 97c, and No. 2 red winter at 90c.

**Oats.**—Receipts continue very light, and under a good demand prices continue to move upward, an advance of 2½ to 3c having been established since our last report sales of car lots having been made at 45½ to 43½c and 41c in store, with prices likely to go higher.

**Barley.**—There is a somewhat firmer feeling in sympathy with the improvement in the west, and feed barley is quoted here at 53 to 51c, while some refuse to sell at the outside figure. Malting grades are quoted at 58 to 60c.

**Pork, Lard, &c.**—Holders are said to be more inclined to shade prices for round lots. Lard is in fair demand, with sales of car lots at \$1.40 to \$1.42½ per pair up to \$1.45 and \$1.50 for smaller lots. Bacon continues to go forward to England, and is in good demand locally. Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$17.00 to \$18.00; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$16 to \$16.50; Hams, per lb., 10 to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 9 to 9½c; lard,

compound, in pails, per lb., 7 to 7½c; bacon, per lb., 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb., 8½c.

**Butter.**—Liberal offerings of May creamery are already being made; but as this quality is not very desirable for the English trade, buyers are not eager to take hold, and consequently what is not wanted for the local trade goes into cold storage, or is being held at the factory. A lot of 30 packages of fine fresh creamery was sold by an exporter at 14½c in this market, and we quote round lots at 14½ to 15c. In dairy butter, we hear of sales of eastern townships at 14c in lots of 20 to 30 tubs, while a lot of fresh western sold at 12c, a lot of white selling at 10c. In the west 8c is bid f.o.b. New butter: Creamery 14½ to 16c; townships 13 to 14½c; Morrisburg 13 to 14c; western 10 to 12c.

**Cheese.**—The receipts continue to show a material increase, week by week. The Quebec cheese which arrived by boat and rail on Monday sold at 6½c, a fraction more being got in one or two instances. Since then sales of finest western white and colored have been made at 6½ to 6¾c. At the country boards this week sales were made at 6½ to 6½-16c for a few picked lots, the rest being consigned. Next week will probably see some grass cheese on the market. Cable advices report sales of fancy old cheese in Liverpool at 10s, which is a big sag.

**Eggs.**—The receipts of eggs continue quite liberal, most of which are taken by picklers and packers at about 10 to 10½c.

**Maple Products.**—Market very quiet for syrup at 4½ to 4¾c per lb, choice 5c. Tins 55 to 60c. Sugar 6 to 7c and old 5 to 5½c.

**Wool.**—The wool market has not been so active this week, but some small sized parcels have been placed on a basis of 13 to 11c. In the country sales of Canadian fleeces were made on a basis of 19c to merchants in the surrounding districts; but as United States parties are active buyers of this wool, and as there is so far very little available stock to be had, higher prices are looked for, for the new clip. Prices here remain firm as follows: Greasy Cape 13 to 16c; Canadian fleece 19 to 22c; Buenos Ayres scoured 25 to 31c. In Canada pulled wool 20c to 21½c is quoted for supers. extra 23 to 26c, Northwest wool 11 to 12c; B. C. 9 to 11c.

**Hides.**—The market keeps strong, with sales to dealers at 8c for No. 1 light, an occasional lot bringing 8½c. Sales to tanners have transpired, 9½c; but Quebec tanners it is said will not pay over 9c. The stocks of one or two dealers here are said to be accumulating; but they are holding for higher figures. A few days ago a western tanner bought a car of heavy steers in this market at 10c. A lot of 2,000 hides is being imported from England,—1,000 for Quebec and 1,000 for St. Hyacinthe. Sales of calfskins are reported at 8c to dealers, lambskins at 20c,

and clips at 10. We quote:—Light hides 8¢ for No. 1, 7c for No. 2 and 6c for No. 3; to tanners 9 to 9½c for No. 1. Heavy hides 8 to 9c; calfskins 8c; lambskins 20c; sheepskins 75c to \$1.00; clips 10c. Trade Bulletin, May 31.

### Leather and Boots and Shoes.

Leather continues to advance in price, and is selling well at the rise, a lot of about 1,500 sides of Cipe sole being just placed on the Montreal market at 23c, and resold at once at 21c for Quebec account. A lot of 3,000 sides of No. 2 manufacturers' sole was also sold in Ontario for delivery in Quebec at 21c, which a few months ago could have been bought at 15c. In black leather the advance is still more remarkable, a lot of 1,000 to 1,100 sides of waxed upper changing hands in this city at 39c, the same quality being obtainable not long ago at 21c. Fine leather, such as Chrome kid Dongola and colored stock, are also appreciating in value to such an extent that holders refuse to enter into new contracts for round quantities, preferring to sell their customers just sufficient stock to cover immediate wants, as they cannot replace the goods at anything like present values. The improvement in the leather market has been somewhat akin to that of wheat, the advance in values having been rapid and steep in both instances, leather, however, retaining a decided advantage so far. Dealers here are constantly receiving communications from their correspondents in the west, instructing them to advance the price of both sole and black descriptions, basing their action on the rise in the price of hides, which has been much greater than that of leather. The market for the latter article is very strong, and shows no signs of wavering; but on the contrary there are indications of still higher figures, No. 2 sole being confidently expected to be up to 25c next month. Buyers who would not look at either sole or black before the advance set in are now hunting around for stock, and begging for a cut of ½c on the latest rise. There have been some splendid turnovers of late for those who hold the low priced stuff as well as those who bought and sold for quick profits. Leather for years past has been a byword for all that was dull and demoralized in business; but it has redeemed itself at last, and can proudly lay claim to the old adage, "there is nothing like leather."

Sorting orders in boots and shoes are coming in fairly well at the advance in prices, notwithstanding that customers kick like steers against the rise. They will have to pay more money next month however. A few fall orders have been booked by those who believe in the coming advance. The price of leather continues to advance and that of boots and shoes must go higher still.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

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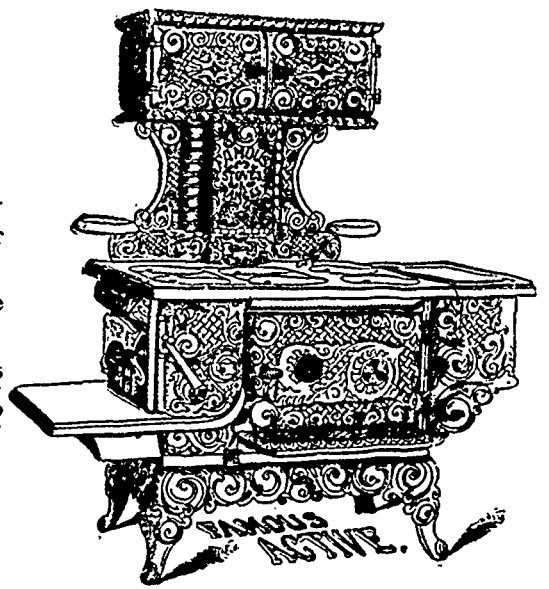
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**The Mining Breakdown in London.**

Signs have not been wanting of an impending collapse in the London market for South America mining shares, or as it is known in the jargon by Lombard street, the "Kaffir circus." It would seem that the attractions offered by the recent rising tendency in American railway stocks had deprived the mining market of a good deal of support, and rendered a liquidation all the more probable. This week has brought with it more positive indications that the end is at hand in the Kaffirs. Previous to the fortnightly settlement in the mining stock, which began on Tuesday last, a considerable degree of apprehension was expressed as to the fate of a good many overloaded speculators.

One of the ways in which London exhibits distrust is the rate of interest charge exacted for carrying over securities from one settlement to another. While there is a glut of money and call loans are quoted at about 4 per cent, to 3 per cent, we are told by cable advices that the rate charged for carrying stock this week is so high as to be almost prohibitory. The tendency of the London market may indeed be gathered from the fact that while nominal call loan rates were as stated above, American stocks were carried over to the next settlement at about 4 per cent, and a commission of 1/2 per cent. In the mining market, however, the current figures were much higher, although this corresponds very closely with the exaggerated rise, which a great many of the so-called securities dealt in that department have experienced on the narrowest kind of foundation. In some cases the preceding advances in a year's time have amounted to anywhere from 100 per cent, to 700 per cent., and it is claimed that the average rise in all active mining stocks during the period in question has been at least 50 per cent.

The fall which has taken place within the past fortnight has been heavy, but it is not yet in proportion to the executive character of the bull speculation which had previously raged in this part of the London stock list. There has been doubtless a considerable cleaning out of weak accounts. Nevertheless, so far as can be seen, the liquidation is far from complete, and must go considerably further.

It may be that the failure of the mining market to respond thoroughly to the necessity for a heavy reaction would indicate the force and breadth of the speculative sentiment which has been making itself felt in London, which to all appearances has also taken possession of the Paris and other continental markets, where so-called Kaffirs have been almost in as high repute as in London. The effect of the movement we have just been noticing upon American stocks is a matter of considerable interest to our own speculators.

The first effect of the incipient breaking down in mining shares abroad has been to check the growth of interest in "Americans." Damage to the one could scarcely fail to affect the other in an unfavorable way. Nevertheless, we are told that many of the wise members of the speculative fraternity, who had been early in the field when mining shares commenced to rise, and realized profits on the first signs of impending danger, were quick to take advantage of the opportunity presented by "Yankee rivals," and have been the most permanent supporters of Americans in that market.

It is further urged that putting the mining market abroad on a less excited and inflated basis will be apt to turn the attention of the British public in a greater degree to our securities, and thus give further support to a bullish movement, which our market has exhibited since the middle of March, and

which in the past fortnight was interrupted by the hesitation which appeared on the part of London.—Bradstreets.

**Britain's Trade with the United States.**

The *London Economist* says: "The resuscitation of our trade with the United States and a slighter improvement in connection with some South American countries, has more than offset a falling off in the value of our exports to the principal countries on the European continent. The gain of more than £3,000,000 in the quarter's exports to the United States covers, of course, a wide range of commodities, and can be best shown in tabular form, thus:

**EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.**

Articles.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Beer and ale .....	465,421	153,678	267,217
Wool .....	89,137	25,089	118,474
Cotton piece goods .....	1,433,232	3,301,918	638,901
Jute pie & goods .....	238,430	191,631	319,491
Linen piece goods .....	692,835	389,652	652,235
Woolen & worst ed yarn .....	41,510	2,704	3,288
Woolen tissues .....	343,116	92,110	194,812
Worsted tissues .....	1,339,825	286,373	769,173
Carpets .....	38,520	9,610	31,609
Trampets and sheets .....	714,391	598,619	983,468
Steel, unwrought .....	74,192	44,203	104,617
Alkal .....	202,185	505,619	388,813
Earthen & china ware .....	266,836	117,111	264,466
Skins and furs .....	159,601	131,710	212,912
Textile machinery .....	115,301	59,168	161,161

"In only one of these fifteen commodities was the value less than last year, and in most instances the values exceed both the previous years, while the comparison is interesting, as showing a substantial exportation of some classes of goods of which the shipments last year had almost ceased. The increase in shipments to Brazil is mainly in metal goods, cotton piece goods showing a reduction in value. Argentina, on the other hand, took more piece goods, but less railroad material and iron manufacturers."

**Montreal Grocery Market.**

The sugar market since our last has shown no material change in prices. The feeling is very firm in sympathy with advices from abroad on the raw article, and values in consequence for refined sugar are very well maintained. Refiners state that the demand at present is very limited and the volume of business doing is small and little improvement is anticipated until holders dispose of their present supplies. We quote Granulated at 1 1/2c and yellows at 3 3/4 to 1c, as to quality at the factory.

There has been no important change in syrups. The tone of the market is steady, but the demand continues slow and few sales are being made. We quote 1 1/2 to 2 1/4c, as to quality.

The strong tone to the molasses market already noted continues, and a further advance of 1c per gallon has taken place, the first cost price of Barbadoes, it now being 16c at the island. Cable advices state that the crop has not been half a one this season, and the entire production has been disposed of, consequently the market is now closed. Some very good Porto Rico molasses is coming into this market, for which the demand is good, and sales aggregating 1,000 puncheons have transpired at 3 1/2c. The last round lot of Barbadoes molasses sold on this market was 50 puncheons at 3 1/2c. Small quantities are selling at 3 1/2c.

The rice market is in a very good position at present, there being a good reasonable demand and importers state that a fairly active business is doing. A considerable advance has taken place in prices in the farm markets for the rough and cleaned article, and dealers state that a stronger market may be anticipated here in the near future, in

sympathy with the activity and strength in breadstuffs. The following quotations are what millers sell at.—Japan standard \$1.25 to \$1.10; crystal Japan \$1.85 to \$5; standard B \$3.15; English style \$3.80; Patna \$1.25 to \$5, and Carolina of \$5.50 to \$7.50.

The demand for spices has been limited and the market is quiet and steady. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only.—Penang black pepper 6 to 7 1/2c, white pepper 10 to 12 1/2c, cloves 7 1/2 to 9c, Cassia 8 1/2 to 9c, nutmegs, 60 to 90c, and Jamaica ginger 15 1/2 to 18 1/2c.

In coffee business has continued quiet, the demand being principally for small lots to fill actual requirements at steady prices. We quote.—Maracaibo 21 to 22 1/2c; Rio 18 1/2 to 20c, Java 23 to 29c, Jamaica 18 to 19c, and Mocha 26 to 28c.

There has been no special feature in the tea market during the past week. The demand from the country for small lots has been fair, and a moderately active business has transpired in this way, but few, if any, sales of importance have taken place on spot. Messrs. J. Alex. Gordon & Co. received the following cablegram from Messrs. Smith, Baker & Co. of Japan: The total settlements since the opening of the season amount to 80,750 piculs. The steamship *Belgie* sailed on May 19th and carries 5,400 packages as follows—To New York 1,500 packages; Chicago 3,100, and San Francisco 800. The rate of freight by steamers sailing at the end of this month will be 1 1/2c. The rate by sail and railroad is 3c. The prospects are that the first crop will be smaller than that of last year.—*Gazette*, May 25.

**United States Dry Goods Trade**

The volume of business has been more or less curtailed by the cold unfavorable weather, and trade has fallen off to very moderate proportions. Cotton goods are feeling the effect of the advance in raw cotton, and although new business is slow, prices are quoted firm. The mills are generally busy, they being largely employed on orders for goods taken before the prices were advanced; consequently, at the higher prices ruling of late, but little business has been done. With the opening of the fall demand for cotton buyers will be forced to pay the higher prices for goods, but the advance in raw cotton thus far has done but little except to help sell goods at the old prices. Woolens are generally quiet, the mills being well supplied with orders for fall goods, but agents are taking little new business. The flannel sale progresses moderately, with a steady tone.—Bradstreets.

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