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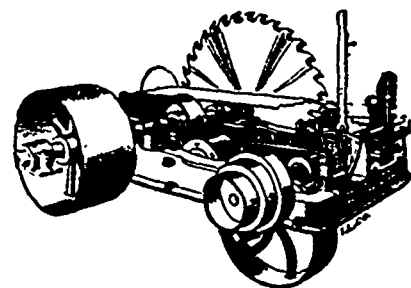
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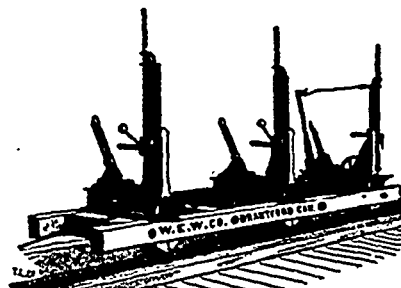
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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 25, 1899.

## Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A largely attended special general meeting of the board of trade was held in the board room on Tuesday afternoon.

At the outset the president of the board, Mr. E. L. Drewry, in opening the meeting took advantage of the opportunity to thank the members of the board for the honor they had conferred on him by electing him to the position he was occupying. He promised, as far as was in his power, to do everything that lay in his power to advance the interests of the city and to justify the confidence they had reposed in him. He then stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the Kettle River Valley railroad charter and as there was no motion before the board he threw the meeting open for the discussion of the subject.

Some confusion was created at first by the members being undecided as to how the subject should be introduced, but Mr. R. J. Whitla finally moved, seconded by Mr. D. W. Bole, that "Whereas it is probable that an application will again be made at the coming session of the Dominion parliament for a charter for the Kettle River Valley Railway company, which, if granted, will divert the trade of the Boundary Creek district of British Columbia into the United States. And whereas the avowed purpose of the large grant of public money in aid of the Crow's Nest Pass railway was to conserve the trade of Southern British Columbia for Canada, be it, therefore, resolved that this board reaffirms the resolution of its council upon this subject, passed at its meeting on March 18, 1898, which read as follows: "Whereas this meeting understands that the C. P. R. Co. and Kettle River

Valley company are both proposing to construct railroads into the Boundary Creek district, B. C.

And whereas it is the opinion of this meeting that the construction of a railway by the Canadian Pacific Railway company will result in conserving the trade of said district for Canada.

And whereas it is evident that no matter for what purpose it is urged that the Kettle River Valley company's line is to be built, the result would be the taking of ores from Boundary Creek district, to Northport or Spokane, U. S., for smelting, and also in supplies being taken from the United States to Canadian territory.

Be it resolved that this meeting recommend that, provided the Canadian Pacific Railway company is prepared to construct a line covering practically the same ground as that of the Kettle River Valley Co.'s road (but not entering American territory) and on the same terms as to aid, time of building and of Government control as to rates, the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. be given the preference over the proposed Kettle River Valley Railway Co.

The mover and seconder ably supported their motion, but it became evident at an early stage in the meeting that the consensus of opinion was strongly against the motion. Vigorous speeches were made against the motion by A. Strang, A. B. Bethune, John Russell, J. H. Ashdown, R. L. Richardson, R. W. Jameson, and J. H. Brock, while A. M. Nanton and J. B. Somerset spoke briefly in favor of the motion. Finally, after the most heated debate which has occurred in the board of trade for many a day, the following amendment, moved by A. Strang and seconded by John Russell, was carried by a large majority:

"That whereas the board at the time of the disallowance of Manitoba railway charters, took strong grounds against such action and interference and advocated freedom in railway building and opposed interference from outsiders in the purely local affairs of the province.

"And whereas this railway is local to the province of British Columbia, this board considers that it should not in any way interfere to prevent the fullest and most free development of that province by opposing free railway intercourse of that province with the adjoining states at whatever point may be found advantageous to the said province.

"Therefore this board desires to be placed on record as strongly in favor of granting a charter to this railway, particularly as it is proposed to build the road without any aid from the public."

## Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—Provision merchants report a practically unchanged market last week, the only items of interest being the consignment of San Francisco grass butter to the Victoria market which sold retail at 65c, and the heavy consignment of a splendid lot of Washington ranch eggs which were jobbed at 24 cents. The price of eggs is much lower, and from this out eggs will be a cheaper commodity, as mild weather has set in in British Columbia, and the ranchers are becoming heavy producers. Potatoes are becoming very stiff in price. It is impossible to secure Ashcroft potatoes. Naval oranges are a trifle cheaper. Business continues very good. The building boom continues in Vancouver. Sash and door factories cannot begin to fill orders, and two new brick-yards are being established. Business premises continue at a high premium for rentals. A large number of Van-

couver citizens, including the mayor and council, the trades and labor council, and all residents of the west end, are indignant at the action of the Canadian government in leasing Dead Man's Island—a picturesque adjunct to Stanley park property—to a Chicago firm for the purpose of erecting a saw mill thereon. Those in the extreme east, who are not so much affected by this desecration of Vancouver's beautiful preserve, refer to the fact that 800 men are to be employed in the mill, which will be a great advantage to Vancouver. The mayor and council are indignant, as the city were themselves trying to secure the island to prevent a consummation of the very thing that has happened. The builder of the mill is Mr. Ludgate, formerly of Peterboro, Ont. He is backed by the First National bank, of Chicago, the Ross-McLaren mill, which has been idle for years, is also being repaired for active service. A syrup refinery which will handle the sugar of the British Columbia refinery, will start operations in twenty days. The Australian steamships are to be replaced by much larger and more modernly constructed steamships as the present ships cannot handle the trade. More freight boats are being put on between Vancouver and Victoria. These and other indications, point to the promise that the danger from too rapid increase in the city's population will be at least in a large measure modified.

## Teas Very Strong.

Tees & Perse, wholesale brokers, Winnipeg, have received advices from Dodwell, Carill & Co., Colombo, Ceylon, regarding the tea market. When the good quality of the 1898 crop became known by buyers, prices firmed up from the low level established in June last, and prices had an upward tendency for some time. The demand has been large, even to the extent of being in excess of the supply at Colombo, while the extension of the industry of tea production has been checked by the unprofitable nature of the business for many of the tea planters.

A later report of Dodwell, Carill & Co. say: "Our market is very strong and the demand is active from all places. How long this is going to last of course we cannot say, but at the same time we candidly believe that the supplies of Ceylon and Indian teas, combined, are short of requirements, and it behoves all holders of teas to be stiffer in their ideas."

Writing to Tees & Perse a few days later, dated Colombo, Jan. 17, Dodwell, Carill & Co. say: "Without wishing to appear sanguine we earnestly believe ourselves that a more favorable opportunity for the purchase of tea has not occurred for a considerable period. We believe that the time has arrived when consumption has overtaken production. Supplies from India are very little in excess of last year; our production is progressing but very moderately, the gardens at the moment are making no increase and from everywhere, including London, we hear that deliveries are heavy."

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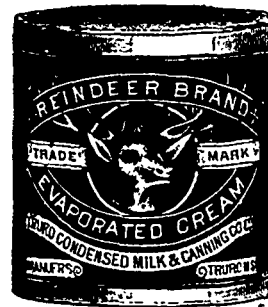
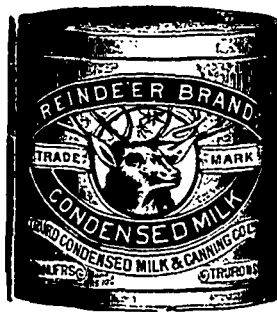
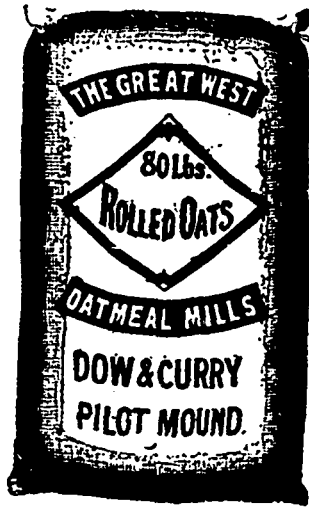
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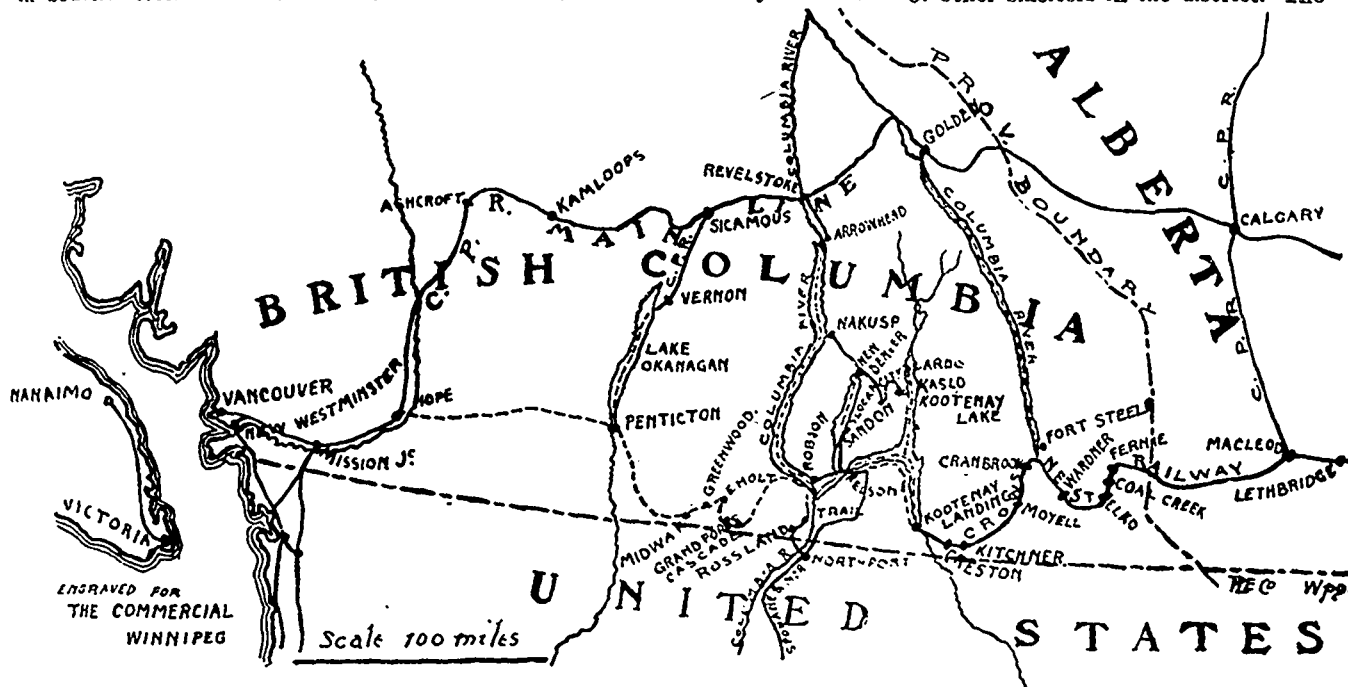
Last week we gave a review of the new railway work in the eastern portion of Western Canada, including Manitoba and that portion of Ontario lying west of Lake Superior. This week we continue the subject, taking the remaining portion of the West where new railway work has been carried on during the past year. This takes in the southern portion of the great province of British Columbia and southwestern Alberta.

About the most important railway work carried on in Canada last year was the construction of the CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY in southwestern Alberta and south-

ern. From Nelson there is railway communication through to Robson, Trail and Rossland. Thus a direct line of communication has been established right through the richest portions of east and west Kootenay. These inland navigable waters referred to are very deep and navigation remains open on Kootenay Lake practically all winter.

The Crow's Nest railway starts from Lethbridge, a town on the Canadian Pacific railway system in the southern portion of Alberta territory, from which point the distance to Kootenay Landing is 287 miles. The cars are transferred down Kootenay Lake to

of these great coal deposits, and active mining work has been going on at this point for some time. Fifty coke ovens were put in at this point, and the owners of the mine have recently called for tenders for 200 more ovens. The development of these coal mines is one of the important features in connection with the building of this road. In a mining country coal is very necessary for smelting and other purposes. The lack of coal and coke greatly retarded mining operations in the Kootenay country heretofore, but now those who are interested in the silver, gold and other mines of the region will have an abundant supply of coal and coke right at their doors, as the construction of the railway has brought the other mining centres into direct connection with the coal districts. A large business in coal between Fernie and points west has already been developed. The development of this home supply of coal has proved a great boon to the smelting interest, and no doubt will lead to the establishing of other smelters in the district. The



RAILWAY MAP OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND PART OF ALBERTA

New Mileage—Crow's Nest Line (commenced in 1897), Lethbridge to Kootenay Landing, 287 miles. Calgary-Macleod Railway extension, 2 miles. Columbia & Western Railway, under construction from Robson to Midway, and which will be soon completed, 105 miles. Total, 394 miles.

ern British Columbia. A charter for this road was passed by the parliament of Canada in 1897, and construction began late in July of the same year. Early in October last the road was completed to Kootenay Lake, a navigable body of water centrally situated in the rich Kootenay country. The completion of the Crow's Nest Pass railway to Kootenay Lake at once brought the great Kootenay country into direct communication with the country to the east. The point where the railway reaches Kootenay Lake has been named Kootenay Landing. From this point the navigable water is used to reach the town of Nelson, where connection is made with the Columbia & Kootenay branch of the C. P. R., a short line of railway built some years ago to provide communication between the navigable waters of the Columbia river and the navigable basin of the Koot-

Nelson on barges, so that connection is made right through to Trail without breaking bulk. According to the terms of the charter the company has two years to complete the sixty miles or thereabouts of line between Kootenay Lake and the town of Nelson. There is some very heavy work on this portion of the road, and the time allowed may be consumed in building this portion, but ultimately the road will be carried right through to Nelson, so as to avoid the necessity of using the lake as a link in the system.

A number of new towns have sprung up along the railway. The more important points are shown on the accompanying map.

**GREAT COAL DEPOSITS**  
of fine quality exist at several points along or in proximity to the Crow's Nest road. A short spur line of a few miles runs from Fernie to one

coal is of a high quality and excellent for coking purposes. Spur tracks to other coal deposits in close proximity to the railway are contemplated. A spur track northward from Cranbrook is also talked of, where there are a lot of mines and mineral claims in various stages of development. It is not for its coal alone that

**EAST KOOTENAY,** is likely to become famous. Gold, silver, lead, copper, iron, etc., have been found, and many believe that the eastern district is quite as rich as the famous West Kootenay in other minerals, aside from the coal deposits. Owing to the inaccessible nature of the country previous to the construction of the railway, however, there has not been as much development work here as to the west of Kootenay Lake. Thousands of mining claims have been taken up and within the next year or two East Kootenay will

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no doubt be heard from. Some placer mining for gold has been done on the streams of East Kootenay.

Besides coal and other minerals there are considerable stretches of timber country tributary to the Crow's Nest Pass road. The Canadian Pacific Railway company has erected a large saw mill at Coal creek with a capacity of 100,000 feet per day of ten hours. It is estimated that there are tributary to this point 100,000,000 feet of standing timber, consisting of a fine quality of fir, cedar, spruce, tamarac, etc. A shingle mill plant has also been put in at this mill. At Cranbrook a private company has also established a saw mill. This mill was burned recently, but it is understood it will be rebuilt at once. This timber supply ensures cheap lumber for the district, and no doubt lumber will also be shipped from these

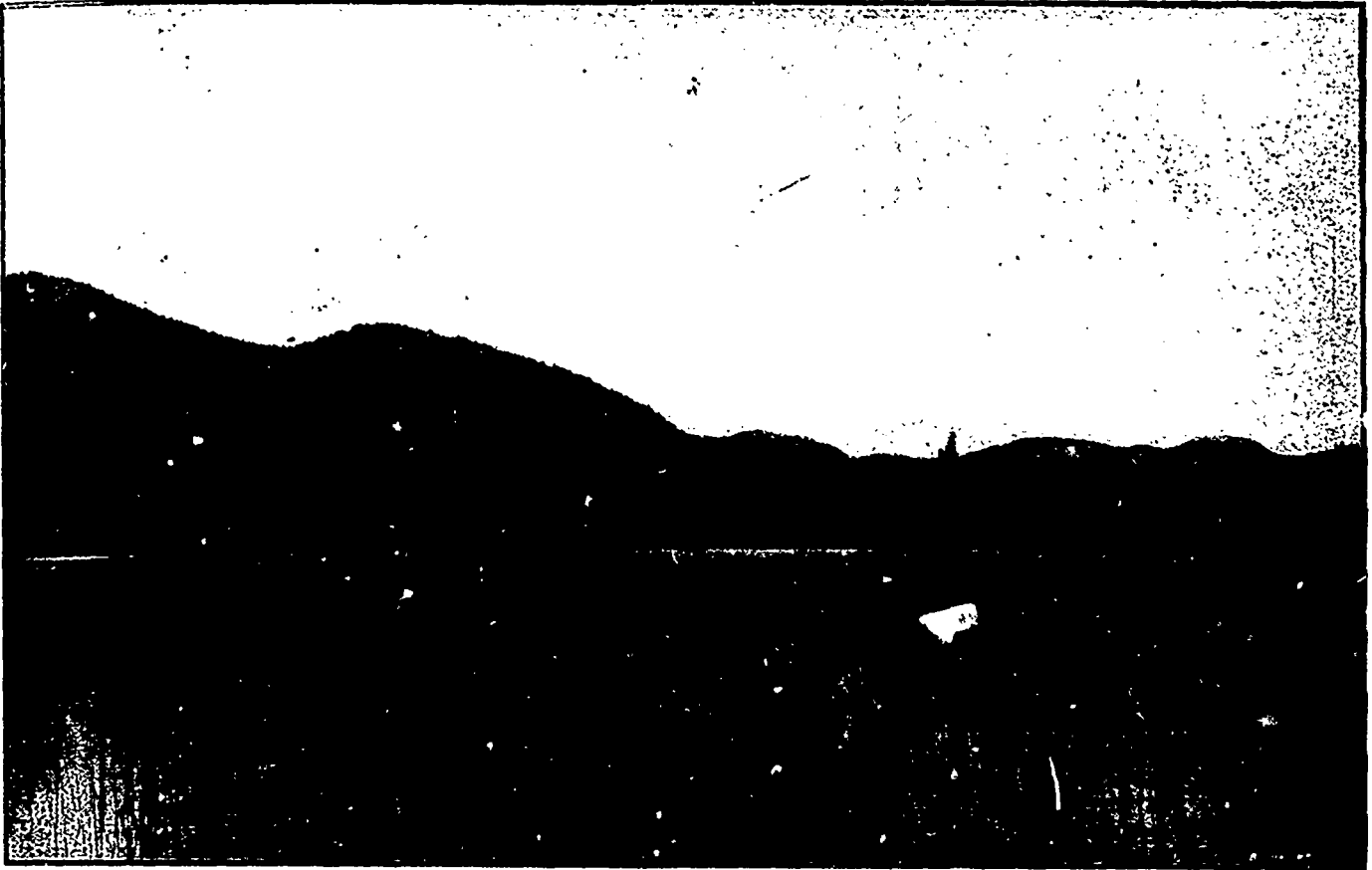
company had some heavy work in crossing the deep and wide valley of the St. Mary's river at Lothbridge.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company last year purchased the short railway between Robson and Roseland. This purchase included the Trail smelter. The portion of this line between Trail and Roseland, which is a narrow gauge, will be widened to standard gauge in the spring. Coke from the Crow's Nest mines has been used at the Trail smelter, and it has been found that it leaves less ash than the famous Connellsville coke.

#### THE BOUNDARY CREEK ROAD.

Another railway enterprise of first class magnitude, in addition to the Crow's Nest Pass railway, is in progress in southern British Columbia and is being pushed forward with great vigor. This is the railway

under contract and the work has been pushed with such vigor that it is expected the road will be opened for traffic during this spring or early in the summer. From 4,000 to 5,000 men have been employed building this road and the work has been going on actively all winter. This is one of the most rapid stretches of mountain railway building in America, especially considering the heavy nature of much of the work. The contract was let early in June last, for the first 105 miles of the road, so that according to present expectations it will be completed within a year. The contractors are Mann, Foley Bros. & Larson. Not far from the eastern end of the road a 3,000 feet tunnel has to be built, the plant for which work alone cost \$15,000.



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While the general nature of the country is mountainous, there are some valleys and bench lands in East Kootenay, tributary to the Crow's Nest Railway which are adapted to cultivation and stock raising. There are several fine water-powers in the district which can be utilized for manufacturing and mining purposes.

Besides this work on the Crow's Nest road, the Calgary and Macleod branch of the Canadian Pacific railway in Alberta was extended south two miles, to connect with the Crow's Nest road. This included the construction of a bridge over the Old Man river at Macleod. The Crow's Nest Pass itself is one of the easiest passes of the Rocky Mountains for railway construction.

At the eastern end of the line the

which is being carried through from the Columbia river to the famous Boundary Creek mining district. The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. is also building this road, for which object the company secured the charter of the Columbia & Western railway. The road starts at Robson, on the Columbia river, which point is also the western terminus of the Columbia & Kootenay road. Thus the Columbia & Kootenay will form a connecting link between the Crow's Nest road and the Columbia & Western, making practically one through line under one management. From Robson the Columbia & Western is located in a generally westerly direction, though owing to the heavy nature of the country the course of the railway is very irregular. During the past year 105 miles of this railway, from Robson to Midway, were put

#### THE WONDERFUL DISCOVERIES

of mineral wealth during the past year or two in the country extending westward from Roseland, led to the establishment of a number of new towns throughout the region, and newspaper readers have already become familiar with such names as Greenwood, Grand Forks, Cascade City, Midway, etc., names which were unknown in the geography of the West until quite recently. These towns are situated in the region through which the Columbia & Western railway is being so rapidly built. The location of these towns as well as the railway itself are shown on the map prepared to illustrate this article.

The country which will be opened up by the construction of the Columbia & Western railway seems destined



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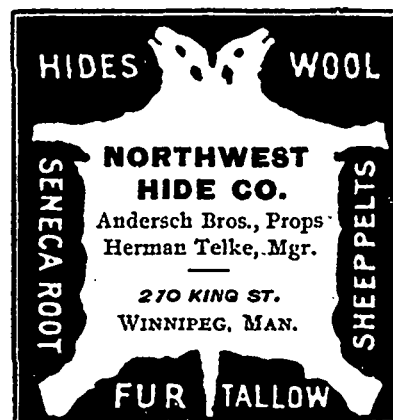
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**WHAT IT MEANS.**

The construction of the Columbia & Western railway means that within a short time we will have a through line of railway by the most direct route, piercing the heart of the famous mineral sections of southern British Columbia—through East Kootenay by the Crow's Nest road, on through the older mining centres of the Kootenay country by the Columbia & Kootenay road, and thence still onward to the more recent but already famous Boundary Creek country by the Columbia and Western railway. This will mean great development in the districts served by the new roads, as well as increased trade with other portions of our country. It is evident that this portion of British Columbia, at least, is entering upon an era of development such as has not yet been experienced in the mining history of the country. By this development Winnipeg, Victoria, Vancouver and other trade centres will be benefitted, and the farmers and ranchers of the prairie country east of the mountains will gain by the increased demand for their produce. The coke and coal of East Kootenay will be in demand for the smelters which are sure to be established. It is understood that the Canadian Pacific Railway company contemplate establishing a large smelter at Cascade City or some other point on the railway.

While the country to be served by the Columbia and Western railway is pre-eminently a mineral region, there are some valuable timber areas, and also some valleys and bench lands suitable for agricultural settlements. The valley of the Kettle river affords quite extensive areas of arable land, admirably adapted to fruit growing in particular. Apples, plums, peaches, pears, prunes, etc., can be grown in this region to good advantage. The country therefore, has other attractions than that of its mineral wealth. The accompanying map shows the Columbia & Western railway as projected through to Hope station on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway. Nothing is being done, however, at present towards building the road west of Midway. It will no doubt ultimately be extended to Pentleton, at the southern end of Okanagan lake. Steamers run on this lake making connection between Pentleton and the Okanagan branch of the Canadian Pacific railway which terminates at the northern end of the lake. The extension of the road beyond Pentleton to Hope is a matter for more distant future consideration.

Discovery has been made of the systematic robbery of a number of leading Montreal business establishments by employees. Goods were carried off in almost wholesale quantities from some of the houses and disposed of through an accomplice.

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**Manitoba.**

J. E. Birch & Son, burned out at Round, will re-build.

Wilson & English have opened a carriage shop at Brandon.

John Forrester has opened a hardware store at Swan River.

J. A. Clare intends erecting a two story brick building at Neopawa.

S. Randle, of Portage la Prairie, will open a butcher shop at Swan River.

Higgins & Webster, merchants, Round, recently burned out, intend building a new store at once.

A. J. McPherson is opening a hardware store at Swan River, with Wm. McIntosh as manager.

Johnston & Southworth have disposed of their butcher business at McGregor to Chas. Street.

Thos. O'Brien, of Thornhill, has arranged to take over Pickel's feed and mill stables at Morden.

T. L. Scott & Co. contemplate building a brick store at McGregor to replace the burned premises.

L. E. Turner, McGregor, has sold his stock to N. Holmes and intends devoting his attention to the live stock trade.

J. Giles, butcher, Portage la Prairie, intends to retire from the business and devote his entire time to the live stock trade.

Geo. H. Cameron, of the Pullford Drug Co., Winnipeg, left on Monday for Napinka, where he will open a drug store.

Co.ville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, will occupy a large new warehouse on Kammatyne street east, before another year goes round.

Temple & Bolton, general merchants, and Josh Blackie, merchant tailor, who were burned out recently at Napinka, are preparing to commence business again.

J. S. Andrews, tailor, Brandon, is admitting to partnership W. H. Moore, and adding clothing and furnishings, and will continue business under the firm name of Andrews & Co.

P. W. Martin, McGregor, has sold out his business to Sam. and Walter Little. New premises will be erected for the general store business, which the purchasers contemplate carrying on.

The Wiebe brothers have been selling out their general store and lumber stock at Rosenfeld, previous to moving to Rosthern, Saskatchewan territory, where they have purchased the flour mill.

The McClary Manufacturing Co., have acquired 47 feet on the north side of Kammatyne street east, Winnipeg, and will erect thereon this year a four story and basement stone and brick warehouse 47 feet by 135 reaching back to the Transfer railway track in the rear.

Graham & Co., well-known general merchants, of Rat Portage, have bought the stock of Hallouquist & Co., of Napinka. The new purchasers have rented premises at Napinka, and will continue the business permanently. They will also continue their Rat Portage business as heretofore.

Mr. Mills, of the wholesale firm of Mackenzie & Mills, Winnipeg, will have the sympathy of the community in loss of his wife, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Mills was an energetic worker in the interest of charitable and kindred institutions and her loss will be felt widely throughout the city.

The Crystal City Courier gives a list of building improvements in that district during last year. At Cartwright the cost of building improvements exceeded \$12,000, at Holmfeld over \$18,000 was invested, including \$10,000 for Harrison Bros. mill, and at Mathor \$7,500, including \$5,000 for the farmers' elevator.

The sudden and mysterious death of R. W. Jameson, member of parliament for Winnipeg, on Tuesday evening last, through the discharge of a revolver in his own hands, caused a great shock to the citizens. Mr. Jameson attended the meeting of the board of trade in the afternoon, and an hour or two after the meeting the announcement was made of his death.

**The Lumber Trade.**

The annual meeting of the Ontario Lumbermen's association was held on Feb. 17 at Toronto. D. C. Cameron, president of the Rat Portage Lumber company, who was present, discussing the position of Manitoba, said the volume of business coming into the province from Minnesota was steadily increasing, advancing from 1,000,000 feet in 1894 to 38,000,000 feet in 1898. There was a growing feeling in the west, he said, that while Canada was being treated as she had been, the government should take steps to protect the industries of the country. There was sufficient competition in the lumber business in the west to prevent any man or set of men from getting fancy prices for their lumber. A resolution was passed by a large majority declaring that in the absence of reciprocity in lumber, the government should impose an import duty on lumber corresponding to that of the United States, and relieve the injustice at present existing with regard to Canadian lumbermen.

Tenders were received by the Winnipeg city council for the delivery of from 1,000 to 2,000 cords of cedar blocks, as follows: J. G. Hargrave, \$12.14 per cord; T. D. Robinson, \$11.98 per cord; Kelly Bros., \$12.47 per cord. The tender of T. D. Robinson & Co. was recommended for acceptance.

**The Commercial Men.**

Walter S. Crone, of Toronto, is at the Leland, Winnipeg.

J. Pesse, of the firm of Tees & Pesse, left on Thursday for St. Paul on a business trip.

T. Homer Middleton went east from Winnipeg on Wednesday, on a business trip to Eastern Canada, and United States cities, representing F. C. Davidge & Co., of Victoria. B. C., importers of Japanese silks, wall papers, etc. Homer handles a magnificent line of goods, and his samples show that a high condition of artistic skill has been reached by the Japanese in manufacturing such lines. Some of his lines of wall paper are quoted at so many dollars per yard.

H. G. Middleton, a well known western traveller, has taken the second floor, extending the full length over White & Main's new building on Main street, where he purposes carrying a stock of boots and shoes, gloves, mits, moccasins, etc. Mr. Middleton has represented a number of eastern manufacturers in these and other lines of goods for many years in the West, and now he proposes going into a regular jobbing business. His first car load of shoes has already arrived. Mr. Middleton is also the proprietor

of a special line of shoes for miners and prospectors, which he manufactures in Winnipeg, and in which he is working up a good trade. A brother is taking a partnership in the business, and the firm will be known as H. G. Middleton & Bro. The new business will have commodious and convenient premises, right in the centre of the city with entrance from Albert street.

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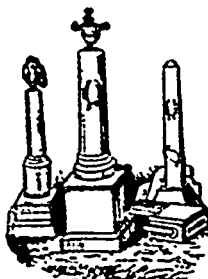
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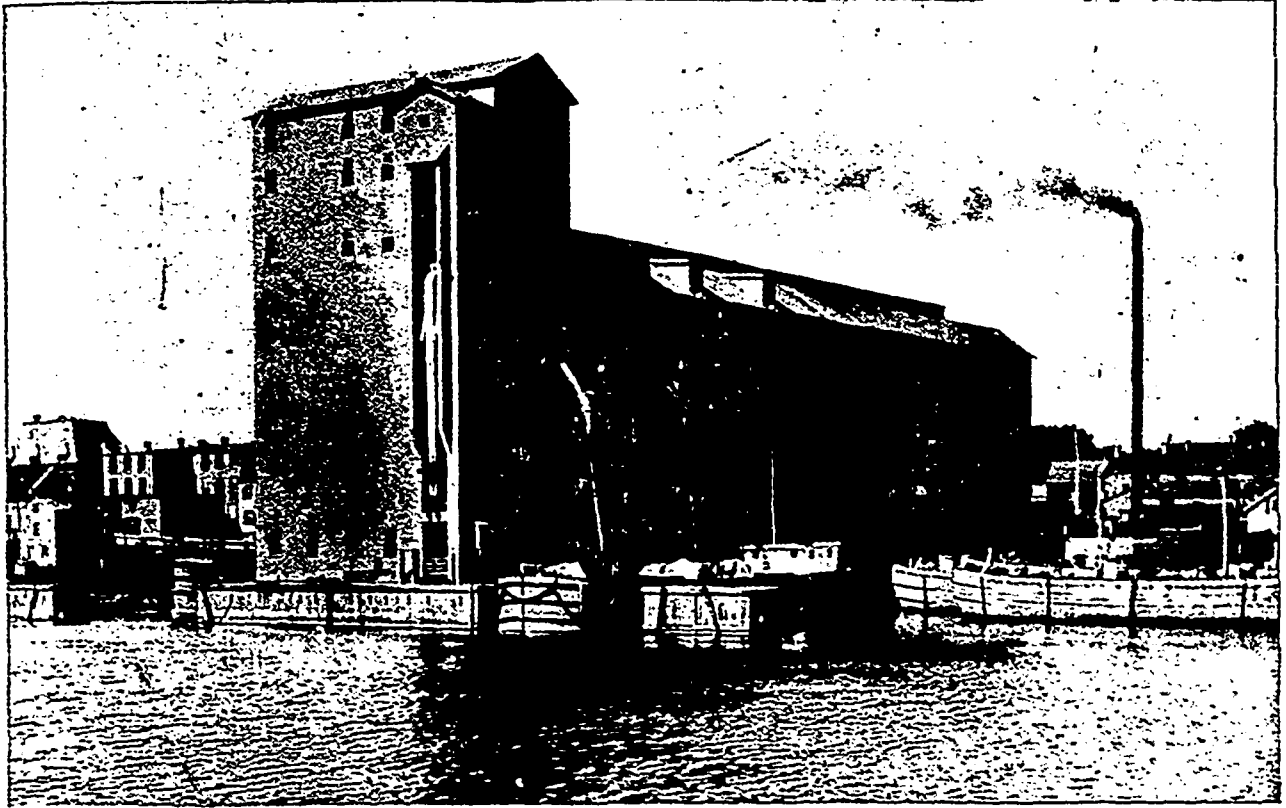
### The Prescott Elevator

The city of Prescott, Ontario, is located at the extreme limit of the deep water navigation on the St. Lawrence from the lake end of that magnificent stream. It is thus an important point in the water route of grain from the west seeking export via Montreal and American Atlantic ports. In order to handle the grain taking this route, the elevator shown in the fine picture above was built in 1895 for the Prescott Elevator Company, Ltd., by J. A. Jamieson, engineer and contractor and superintendent of elevators for the Canadian Pacific railway. During the season of navigation the house is used chiefly for the transshipment of grain from lake steamers to the barges which navigate the 9-foot channel between Prescott and Montreal, a distance of 110 miles, 43 of

capacity of 12,500 bushels per hour. It is contained in the marine leg tower attached to the front of the elevator, which also contains the winches and machinery for operating the leg, as well as the power shovel machinery. The marine leg discharges into the elevator into either of the two inside legs, each of which has a capacity of 15,000 bushels per hour, whence the grain is elevated to the scales, where it is weighed and distributed. The loftier legs discharge into twin series of 30,000 pounds capacity each, to the hoppers of which are attached revolving spouts. These revolving spouts are counterweighed, so that the weighman, simply by turning a handwheel, can distribute the grain to any of the high storage bins, or to the conveyors, without leaving his scales. The height of the tower, or cupola, is 132 feet from the top of the cap stones. The storage portion of the elevator

tion to these, there are two car shipping bins, fitted with bifurcated spouts, one on either side of the elevator. A double track runs through the elevator on the land end, and grain can be loaded into cars at the rate of 20,000 bushels per hour.

Power is transmitted by means of a six-ropes drive, which runs under the side wharf from the power house out to the main line shaft in the basement under the tower, of which all the machinery in the elevator is run. The loftier legs are driven direct from the main line shaft by means of Jamieson's Independent Leg Drive, which does away with the necessity for line shafting above the bin floor. Rope transmission, with friction clutches for applying the power is used throughout. The power house, which is situated at the side of the elevator and distant therefrom sixty feet, is a brick building 40x50 feet in size. The power



BUILDING OF THE PRESCOTT ELEVATOR COMPANY, LTD., AT PRESCOTT, ONTARIO.

which is canal, the time occupied by barges in making the trip from Prescott to Montreal being 36 hours. The storage capacity of the house is also used at this season for storing export consignments pending the arrival of ocean space at Montreal. During the winter months, however, the elevator is used as a point for distributing grain to millers in the vicinity and for transshipping grain for export through New York City, Boston, Portland and St. John, New Brunswick.

The elevator is 72 feet wide by 289 feet long, and has a storage capacity of 1,000,000 bushels. It is built out into the river on pile foundations, surrounded by concrete piers and masonry. The depth of water at the front of the building is 20 feet, and at the sides, where barges are loaded, fourteen feet.

The marine leg, which is 45 feet long and hung on a boom, has a ca-

capacity of 90 bins each, 12x18 feet in size and 10 feet deep, with a capacity of 10,000 bushels. In addition to these there are 14 high storage bins under the cupola, with capacities ranging from 2,000 to 6,000 bushels each. On the bin floor, and over the bins, are two 36-inch conveyor belts, running the entire length of the elevator. Each has its own improved self-moving grain tripper, by means of which grain can be deposited into any bin desired. Corresponding belts are placed under the bins in the basement, discharging into traveling hoppers for collecting the grain for shipment. On each side of the elevator there are four shipping bins of 1,500 bushels capacity each, to which are attached swinging iron shipping spouts 70 feet long, for delivering grain to barges. These spouts are fitted with telescopic revolving ends, with turned up points, and will throw the grain into any part of the barge. In addi-

tion to these, there are two car shipping bins, fitted with bifurcated spouts, one on either side of the elevator. A double track runs through the elevator on the land end, and grain can be loaded into cars at the rate of 20,000 bushels per hour. Power is transmitted by means of a six-ropes drive, which runs under the side wharf from the power house out to the main line shaft in the basement under the tower, of which all the machinery in the elevator is run. The loftier legs are driven direct from the main line shaft by means of Jamieson's Independent Leg Drive, which does away with the necessity for line shafting above the bin floor. Rope transmission, with friction clutches for applying the power is used throughout. The power house, which is situated at the side of the elevator and distant therefrom sixty feet, is a brick building 40x50 feet in size. The power

by the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co., of Peterboro, Ont., and the elevator machinery by John McDougall's Caedonia Iron Works of Montreal.

The elevator as originally built had a capacity of 500,000 bushels only; but the volume of business offering necessitated the addition of another half million bushels' capacity, which was effected by extending the house rearwards from the river. It handled this season over 6,000,000 bushels of grain.

In addition to the elevator, the Prescott Elevator company operates a line of barges between Prescott and Montreal for the purpose of transshipping grain to Montreal en route for export. These barges are built of steel, with bottoms of rock elm six inches thick, and have a capacity of from 25,000 to 35,000 bushels each on a nine-foot draft.

The location of this elevator at the foot of lake navigation and its proximity to Montreal, together with the excellent facilities provided for handling and storing and moving grain, combine to make Prescott a most valuable and important adjunct to the St. Lawrence route. Prescott's present importance as a transshipping point will no doubt be permanent.

**Hardware and Paint Trade.**

Official announcement has been made of the completion of a deal which will give the American Steel and Wire company a practical monopoly of the wire business. Already controlling fourteen large plants, it has conducted negotiations for the purchase of twelve more. The most important of the independent companies which are about to pass into the control of the big combination is the Washburn and Moen, with a capital of \$4,000,000. The agreement which has been entered into provides for a reorganization of the American Steel and Wire company, with a capital stock of \$90,000,000. The present capital is \$24,000,000.

The Glasgow Herald comments upon the phenomenal advance in tin as follows: "At 2111 bloc's tin has made an advance of £25 a ton since the close of last year. This is, by a long way, the highest price reached since 1887 & the period of the famous copper boom, the operators in which took hold of tin also, and for a time forced it up to the artificial price of £165 to £170 per ton. Last year it opened at £62 10s. and closed at £56. Last year the consumption was 10,000 tons in excess of the production. Whilst the visible stocks at the end of the year were by no means the smallest on record, they show a tremendous drop in two years. The prospect of the present year is of greater consumption than ever, but it may be taken for granted that the high prices now current will stimulate production in all parts of the world. An advance of £25 per ton within a month is, in any case, altogether too sudden to be wholesome, and strong as is the statistical position, it is evident there is a feverish undercurrent of speculation at work."

"The strong speculation in the metals which has carried copper this week up to 18 cents in New York and over £74 in London is much to be regretted," says the Engineering Journal. "With the improved conditions of business and the active demand for the metal, both here and in Europe. In

electrical, shipbuilding and other work, a rise in price was to be expected. Until quite recently the improvement and the producers could derive only was a natural and legitimate one, benefit from it. Now, however, the speculators have taken hold, and the intention is said to be to force the quotations up to 20 cents, which is quite possible under present conditions. The inevitable result will be to curtail consumption and to turn manufacturers to other metals wherever they can possibly be used. Moreover, there will be a general opening up of old mines which have been abandoned as unprofitable and an exploitation of new ones, which will be sure to increase production to a point beyond the real demand. The inevitable reaction will be disastrous.

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

The visible supply of broom corn in the United States is said to be between 10,000 and 11,000 tons short of last year's stocks at this date.

The New York Commercial says: Salmon is high, scarce and firm. Holders are confident that prices will advance. They point out as a reason that there are almost no supplies obtainable. It is a fact that a buyer tried at different times last week to get a car of Columbia River for a special purpose, but failed completely. Holders had none to spare.

A Montreal exchange says: Although the stock of Barbadoes molasses held here is claimed to be the smallest for some years past, yet these facts have not been looked upon by some in the wholesale grocery trade as strong enough factors in order to maintain prices as during the past week one of the above concerns broke the market by making a sale of fifty puncheons at 30c per gallon, and it is reported that further round lots are offering at the same figure.

**Dry Goods Trade.**

Japanese silks are very firm. Advances from Japan say that prices are higher than ever before, and are still advancing. T. H. Middleton, a traveler handling Japanese silk goods, who was in Winnipeg this week, received instructions from his house to advance prices five per cent.

Cotton fabrics hold firm in the United States and the situation is hardening. The cost of raw cotton has advanced, and this affects the goods market favorably. Gray cottons are in a strong position and buyers are unable to meet their full wants in many instances. Bleached goods are also strengthening in price. Printed fabrics are going well for seasonable goods, and prices have been marked higher on many makes. Percaloes and piques are firm and active, with ginghams selling well and firm in price.

The advance in the price of cotton fabrics may receive a further stimulus in addition to that afforded by higher values for cotton and an expanded demand. The Fall River and New Bedford mill operatives are beginning to agitate for higher wages. They want a restoration to the scale in force prior to the cut of 10 per cent last year. This movement with its accompanying possibilities of strikes or lockouts, may prove quite a powerful market factor.



**WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.**

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended Feb. 23, 1899.....\$1,465,819  
Corresponding week, 1898..... 1,306,215  
1897..... 1,059,271

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

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ....	\$0,347,108	\$5,009,819	\$4,077,200
Feb. ....	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March .....	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,280,000
April .....	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May .....	8,083,864	5,014,788	4,240,201
June .....	7,398,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July .....	6,316,238	5,316,003	4,961,277
Aug. ....	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,648,959
Sept. ....	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,680,706
Oct. ....	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ....	11,553,609	13,550,761	8,895,173
Dec. ....	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,915

Year ...\$0,672,798 83,435,121 64,143,956

1899.  
Jan. .... \$ 7,683,052

**Financial Notes.**

The Union Bank of Canada will erect a new building for their branch at Neepawa, Man., this year, to cost \$10,000.

J. M. Kains, of Calgary, has been appointed manager of the South Edmonton bank, Alberta, branch of the Imperial bank.

The town council of Regina, Assa., will borrow money this year at a rate of interest of 4 1/2 per cent, being a reduction of 1 per cent on the rate of last year.

It has been decided by Winnipeg aldermen to again submit to the electors a by-law to authorize the establishment of an electric lighting system controlled by the city. A similar by-law was defeated a short time ago.

A by-law passed by the Brandon council to extend the time during which a rebate is allowed for the repayment of taxes beyond Dec. 31, has been quashed, as a contravention of the Manitoba municipal act, the council having no power to make a rebate after the last day of December.

The report of the provincial auditor for Ontario shows that while the losses by municipalities through the deficits of officials in 1897 exceeded \$100,000, the losses for 1898 from the same source have been less than \$12,000. This is no doubt largely due to the action of the provincial government in undertaking the supervision to some extent of municipal accounts.

A rope factory is to be established in connection with the Ontario government central prison at Toronto. The prison labor will be farmed out to a company that will operate the factory. The company will also continue the manufacture of binder twine, which was started at the central prison a couple of years ago.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Table listing various grocery items such as Canned Goods, Dried Fruits, Nuts, Syrup, Sugar, Salt, Spices, Cereals, Coffee, Cigarettes, Cured Fish, Dried Fruits, and Teas, with their respective prices per case or pound.

Dried Fruits

Table listing dried fruit items like Raisins, Loose Muscatels, London Layers, Apples, and California Evaporated Fruits with prices per pound.

Matches

Table listing match brands like Telephone and Tiger with prices per case.

Nuts

Table listing nut items like Brazil, Tarayona Almonds, Peanuts, and Shelled Almonds with prices per pound.

Syrup

Table listing syrup items like Extra Bright, Medium, Maple, and Molasses with prices per pound.

Sugar

Table listing sugar items like Extra Standard Gran, German Granulated, and Bright Yellow Sugar with prices per pound.

Salt

Table listing salt items like Rock Salt, Common, and Dairy with prices per pound.

Spices

Table listing various spice items like Assorted Herbs, Allspice, Cassia, Cloves, and Pepper with prices per pound.

Teas

Table listing tea items like China, Indian and Ceylon, Young Hysons, and Japan with prices per pound.

Tobacco

Table listing tobacco items like T. & B., Lily, Crescent, and T. & B. Black Cheewing with prices per pound.

Wooden Ware

Table listing wooden ware items like Pails, Star fire, and Tubs with prices per dozen.

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Table listing cured meats and lard items like Lard, Hams, Smoked Meats, Dry Salt Meats, and Barrel Pork with prices per pound.

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Table listing fresh fish and oyster items like Whitefish, Trout, Pike, Salmon, and various oyster types with prices per pound.

DRUGS

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

Table listing various drug items like Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, Camphor, Castor Oil, and many others with prices per pound or ounce.

LEATHER

Table listing leather items like Harness, Sole, Penicang, and various types of leather with prices per pound.

FUEL

Table listing fuel items like Coal, Canadian anthracite, and various types of coal with prices per ton.



**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 95c.
- Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.50; bakors, \$2.30.
- Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$11 in large lots.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 35 to 37c.
- Barley—35 to 38c for feed; malting, 38 to 43c.
- Butter—Dairy, Jobbers' prices, 17 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1-2c.
- Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c.
- Eggs—Dealers selling at 18 to 19c for fresh.
- Dressed meats—Beef, city dressed, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c; country, 3 to 5c; mutton, 5 to 7c; hogs, 6 1-4 to 6 1-2c.
- Live stock—Cattle, butchers' 3 to 3 1-2c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, none offered.
- Hides—Frozen hides, 7c.
- Hay—Baled, on track, \$7 to \$7.50.
- Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
- Poultry—Chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; turkeys, native, 10 to 11c; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8c.

**The Implement Trade**

E. T. Baines has sold his farm and is going into the implement business at Hamiota, Man.

An implement warehouse is in course of erection at Sintaluta, Assa., for Geo. Hurlburt.

The Massey-Harris Co. intend putting up an implement warehouse at Beausejour, Man.

Thomas and John Tucker, of Regina, will open business in implements and hardware at Weyburn, Assa.

Cameron & Duncan, implement dealers of Melita, Man., contemplate opening business at Napinka in the same line.

The Fairchild Co., of Winnipeg, are opening a branch agency in Killarney, Man. John Britton and Jas. Too-hill have arrived there to represent the firm and secure suitable quarters for their business.

Wm. Johnston, who sold out his agricultural implement business at Brandon recently, has moved to Winnipeg, and hereafter the business of Johnston & Stewart will be centred here. The firm has had an office in Winnipeg for the past year. The business is in the nature of a jobbing trade. The office of the firm has been recently moved to the new grain exchange building, and a city warehouse and show room will be opened as soon as suitable premises can be obtained.

**Insurance Items.**

A. C. McEown, of Brandon, Man., general agent of the Confederation Life, was in Winnipeg last week. He has renewed his contract with the company for the third year.

The insurance on the life of the late R. W. Jameson, of Winnipeg, amounted to about \$25,000. The Canada Life Insurance company carried a policy for \$10,000 and Equitable of New York another for \$5,000. English companies held the most of the remaining amount.

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**Statistical Wheat Reports.**

**WHEAT IN CANADA.**

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

Montreal	19,000
Toronto	107,000
Kingston	32,000
Winnipeg	480,000
Manitoba elevators	5,310,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewathau	2,497,000

Total, Feb. 11... ..8,445,000

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on Feb. 11, were 52,430,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 49,413,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Feb. 1 were 5,039,000 bushels, compared with 5,318,000 bushels a year ago.

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Feb. 18, was 29,618,000 bushels, being a decrease of 543,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 35,433,000 bushels, two years ago 45,215,000 bushels, three years ago 65,011,000 bushels, and four years ago 79,470,000 bushels.

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

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,120,000
Duluth	6,712,000
Minneapolis	6,929,000
New York	3,906,000
Buffalo and afloat	2,774,000

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 8,676,000 bushels, compared with 13,346,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 31,820,000 bushels, compared with 39,907,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

**WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.**

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on Feb. 1, for a series of years were as follows. Bradstreet's report: Feb. 1, 1899, 118,787,000 bushels; Feb. 1, 1898, 127,723,000; Feb. 1, 1897, 148,597,000; Feb. 1, 1896, 176,981,000; Feb. 1, 1895, 204,135,000; Feb. 1, 1894, 213,693,000; Feb. 1, 1893, 203,362,000; Feb. 1, 1892, 167,587,000 bushels.

**CROP MOVEMENT.**

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	60,747,236	56,045,000
Milwaukee	9,726,485	8,544,072
Duluth	59,142,965	33,377,619
Chicago	27,096,283	26,755,481

Total ... .. 156,712,969 122,722,172

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	11,256,764	9,406,674
St. Louis	12,521,621	10,314,956
Detroit	4,048,089	4,013,086
Kansas City	22,110,413	24,783,366

Total ... .. 49,936,887 48,518,082

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Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 23, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9 00; IX, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$8 @ \$8.50.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$6.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12½c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$8; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.10 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 and 22 guage, \$1.00; 24 guage, \$4.25; 26 guage, \$4.50; 28 guage, \$4.75 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: ½ inch, \$2.50; ¾ inch, \$2.75; 1 inch, \$3; 1 ¼ inch, \$4; 1 ½ inch, \$5; 1 ¾ inch, \$7; 2 inch, \$8.50; 2 ½ inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4½ to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$8.00 lb., broken lots \$8.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 15@19c.

Ammunition — Cartridges — Rim fire pistol, American discount 37½@40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12½ per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 7c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; ¼ kegs, 4½ lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12½ lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$6.50, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12½ lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12½ lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12½ lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12½ lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12½ lbs, \$22.00, 6½ lbs, \$11.25, 3½ lbs, \$5.75, ½ canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain twist, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.; staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.40 for 30 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4½@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 3, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$4.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 10c base; man-

illa, lb., 11c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

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

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.75 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.75.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6½c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½c; less quantities 4c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12½c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2½c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2½c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass — Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 57c; boiled, gal., 60c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 78c; less than barrels, gallon, 83c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

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

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20½c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 24½c for eocene and 21½c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

**Winnipeg Lumber Prices.**

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at Winnipeg, plus freight to outside points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6

to 2x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber—26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$18 00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00 No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1½, 1¼ and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clear, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B. C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2½ inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear \$40 00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—¾ sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Part'ng strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, ½x1½, 100 feet lineal, 75c, ¼x1½, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1½ inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; ¼ round and ¾ cove, 75c; 1½ inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2½ inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3½ inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4½ inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1½ \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1½, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2½ inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1½ stock add 25 per cent; 1½ add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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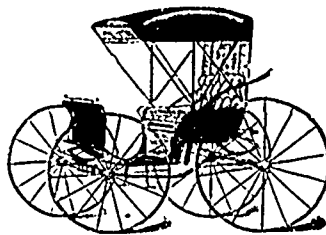
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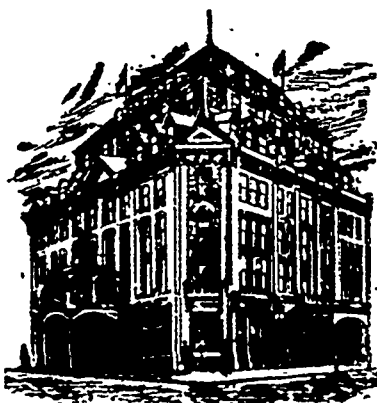
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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 25.

Business is increasing in volume as the season advances. Building prospects for this year in the city are excellent. The erection of several more large business blocks has been announced, making a good list of blocks, the erection of which is already assured. This warrants the expectation of a brisk demand for building material and the employment of labor to a considerable extent. Work on the new city waterworks and street improvements will also give employment to a large number of men. The outlook is therefore for a particularly active season in the city. The grain movement has increased considerably, but a large percentage of the grain moving has been off grade stuff, owing to varying degrees of dampness. Out of 251 cars inspected at Winnipeg last week, 140 were "no grade," which means damp or tough grain. There is increasing apprehension as to the keeping quality of a portion of the crop, after warm weather sets in. Many farmers continue to hold their grain for higher prices, though there appears little prospect of any material change in wheat values for some time in the future. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continue in excess of like periods in previous years.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 25.

(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.)

### BICYCLES.

Evidences are becoming manifest of the opening of a new bicycle season. Prices are very much lower than a year ago. Many of the standard high grade wheels will sell from \$15 to \$20 less than last year. On the cheaper wheels of course such a big cut cannot be made. Cheaper grades of wheels will sell from \$5 to \$15 under last year's prices, according to grade. With this big reduction in the price of standard wheels there will likely be a much larger sale of the better class of wheels, in preference to the buying of cheap wheels, as the difference in prices between the high grade standard wheels and cheap wheels is not now nearly so great as formerly.

### BLUESTONE BOOMING.

The big advance and continued strong market for bluestone makes this commodity worthy of further special mention, though it has been twice referred to at length in recent issues of The Commercial. The market continues very firm, due to the big advance in copper, of which bluestone is a by-product. At New York car lots are held at 53-4 to 6c, at which price it could not be sold here at less than 6 1-2 to 7c. Local dealers have been selling out their stocks at ridiculously low prices, compared with the cost to lay down new stocks, and

now it is said stocks in the local market are about exhausted. The demand for bluestone in Manitoba is very large for the spring trade, as the product is largely used here for treating seed grain to prevent smut. A considerable portion of the spring requirements have already been filled, but should the demand continue there will have to be a big advance in the local market, as new supplies will have to be brought in at the increased cost. Winnipeg jobbers had a good chance to make big money on bluestone this season, but they have thrown it away, as they usually do, by refusing to take advantage of the market. Retail dealers who have purchased their supplies of bluestone, should hold for firm prices, as the market warrants their making a good profit on this commodity. If they have to replenish stocks later, they may find that they will have to pay about 6 1-2c for it, instead of 4 to 4 1-2c as ruled for earlier purchases.

### FUEL.

The screw was given another turn on anthracite coal this week, prices being advanced 25c at Duluth and Chicago to \$5.25 per ton for stove size, equal to \$8.25 for car lots on track at Winnipeg. Some local dealers, however, still continue to deliver coal in retail quantities to consumers at \$8 per ton, which shows an apparent loss, on the basis of present cost to import, of 25c per ton, in addition to cost of delivering and other business expenses. Other dealers are trying to secure an advance in prices. Of course there is a considerable difference in the quality of different coals. Wood fuel is abundant and easy in price. The Canadian Pacific railway has reduced the freight rate on cordwood, equal to about 25c per cord, which will enable those holding wood on that line to compete to better advantage with the lower priced cordwood which has been coming into the city from points on the new Southeastern railway.

### GROCERIES.

The only change in the local market this week relates to tobacco. The little tiff among jobbers in regard to tobacco has been arranged. T. & B. and Prince of Wales have been advanced, but not to where they were before the cutting started. Package and tins have been reduced 1c to 6c, pretty much all through the list. Cable advices have continued to report a firm market for Japan rice. Patna also has advanced and new crop Burma has been reported offered rather sparingly. Dried fruits are advancing, particularly for prunes. Recent advices from Brazil state the coffee crop this year is some 25 per cent. less than last, in which case, with a greater consumption, there may be an advance in prices.

### GREEN FRUITS.

Messina lemons have now arrived and the market is now stocked with a good quality of this class of lemons. California lemons are also offering. Apples continue very scarce, several dealers being practically out of stock this week, or confined to a very limited variety. Spies are held at \$5.50 to \$6, the latter figures for anything good. Oranges are easier. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.25 as to size, Mexican oranges, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; bananas, per bunch, large \$3 to \$3.50; medium, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Messina lemons \$4 to \$4.50, as to quality. California lemons, \$4 to \$4.50 per box. Apples, spies, \$5.50 to \$6 barrel. Other varieties obtainable \$4 to \$5 as to

quality. Almeria grapes, nominal; frozen cranberries, \$6.00 per barrel; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8 barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 14c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c lb.; shell-ed walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c per pound; comb honey, \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, \$1-2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 7 1-2c per pound; celery, 40c per dozen bunches.

### HARDWARE.

There are some changes in prices, all in an upward direction. In fact the strong tone of the market for all staple lines continues. In this branch of trade everything seems to be getting into the hands of trusts in the manufacturing department and competition is being crushed out. Along with the formation of trusts there is a considerable speculative element at work which has affected prices on several leading commodities. While prices have generally advanced considerably of late, they are still low on many important staples, compared with what they were a few years ago, for it must be remembered that prices were at a very low ebb before the recent advance. Locally shot is 1-4c higher. Lused oil has advanced 2c, and plaster is 25c per barrel higher.

### LUMBER.

Indications point to a good season's trade. The mills are better supplied with lumber for the spring trade than they were a year ago, as they have more lumber in the yards and they also have more logs at hand to begin cutting early in the spring, so that they are therefore, not likely to be tied up as they were last spring on account of inability to secure logs owing to low water. Nothing has been

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announced yet in regard to prices for the spring movement, but as prices are very firm south of the boundary, this would indicate a firm market here.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—The past week in the wheat markets has been characterized by a slightly firmer tendency, and prices have improved about 1-1c on the week. Trading, however, has been light, and perhaps the strength, such as it is, has been principally caused by the apprehension of damage to the growing crops of winter wheat. Crop damage reports from various parts of the United States winter wheat districts, have been very plentiful during the week, but for the most part there must be a good deal of guess work about them, as nothing very definite can be known as to the damage until growing weather arrives. It is in order to expect more or less, perhaps even considerable damage, from such weather as has prevailed, but in this connection it will be well to keep in mind, that according to the recent government report of the acreage under winter wheat in the United States for the crop of 1899, there are 4,000,000 acres more than were harvested in 1898, so that if a few millions of acres are killed out there may still be enough left to raise an average crop. A considerable change has to be noted in the usual statistics for the week. Thus, the export clearances from North America, both coasts, last week, were only 2,454,000 bushels, against 5,750,000 bushels the previous week. The American visible supply decreased 545,000 bushels against an increase of the previous week of 1,177,000 bushels, and the world's visible supply decreased 1,586,000 bushels, against an increase the previous week of 1,878,000 bushels. The shipments by exporting countries also were only 4,701,000 bushels, against 8,332,000 bushels for the previous week. This week the shipments from Argentine are reported to be 1,310,000 bushels, being slightly larger than the previous week. Latest advices give the surplus of the Argentine crop available for export, as at least 56,000,000 bushels and the surplus for the Australian crop is given as 13,000,000 bushels. The export shipments from Argentine to Europe in 1898 were 23,000,000 bushels, and Australia shipped no wheat to Europe the last three years but was herself an importer of both wheat and flour.

The local market has been dull and featureless, with very little trading doing. Transactions on the call board here have been unimportant. The price of 1 hard spot, Fort William, left off last week at 69c, and opened this week at the same figure. The next two days it remained about the same figure, with a hardening tendency, in line with the course of United States markets. Wednesday finding buyers in the afternoon at 69 1-2c. On Thursday, with a little further strength small sales were freely made at 69 1-2 to 69 3-4c, and one or two odd cars made 70c for 1 hard spot Fort William, and 66 1-2c for 1 northern in same position. Yesterday holders were able to tighten the screw still further, and nothing under 70c was quoted for spot 1 hard, sales being made at that, and as high as 72 1-2c was paid for May delivery. 2 hard and 1 northern remain at 31 1-2c under 1 hard, and

3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring at about 6 1-2 to 7c under 1 hard. Dried wheat is in moderate request at about 60 1-2 to 61c for 2 northern, and 63c for 2 hard, but there are only one or two buyers for it. Remarkable on the situation in a general way it may be noted that there is at present no shipping demand for our wheat, other than is required to supply the wants of Ontario millers, which are neither urgent nor important, and the prices paid on this market since the middle of December have been and continue to be several cents per bushel above export values.

**FLOUR**—Prices here to retail dealers are as follows. Patents, \$1.95 strong bakers, \$1.75; XXXX, \$1.05 to \$1.15 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

**MILLEFEED**—Prices are steady. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

**GROUND FEED**—Prices vary widely all the way from \$7 to \$18 a ton as to quality. Oat chop is quoted at \$15 to \$16 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$13 to \$14, and wheat and mill mixtures at \$7 to \$10 per ton as to quality; oil cake, \$23 per ton; ground corn, \$18 to \$19 ton.

**OATS**—The price of oats has continued very firm and higher prices are asked. Values, however, are very irregular and there is a wide range of quotations, which is partly owing to the great variation in the quality of the last oat crop, and partly to the varying views of holders. We have heard of sales of car lots on track here of feed oats at a range of 29c to 31c. One car was sold at the lower quotation, but it was poor quality, slightly damp. Most holders, however, are asking higher than the range quoted. Some have asked as high as 30c for cars at country points, equal to 35c on track here, but buyers have refused to pay these prices. A few cars have been bought in the Edmonton district for this market at 23 to 25c there, equal to 34 to 36c laid down here, the freight rate being nearly 11c per bushel from Edmonton to Winnipeg. These are expected to be fancy oats for seed purposes. For good milling oats high prices will be paid. Prices of oats have now reached a point where consumption will be greatly curtailed, as consumers will now turn to corn, which is already coming in in increased quantities.

**BARLEY**—Barley is stronger, owing to the advance in oats. We quote 26 to 28c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here, feed grades, and 28 to 30c for malting samples.

**FLAX SEED**—Nominal. This article is scarce and in a small way will bring 70 to 80c here, from retail dealers.

**CORN**—Car lots on track here would cost laid down about 40 to 43c per bushels of 56 lbs., as to grade on the basis of prices at Minneapolis this week.

**WHEAT**—Country markets—Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets have ranged about 55 to 56c.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—The market is steady, and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

**Butter**—Dairy—The market is easy. Jobbers are offering rolls and prints at 15 to 17c, the latter for choice pound prints. Good tubs will bring about the same prices. Some lots of fall butter are still held in the country. One round lot was offer-

ed this week by a country holder for which 15 1-2c was offered last fall. Of course it would not bring this price now. In fact it would be hard to find a buyer at all for any large lots of held stock, in the present condition of the market. Buyers offer 12 1-2 to 14c for dairy tubs or rolls. Choice pound prints would bring 1c more.

**CHEESE**—Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes. The market is nominal.

**EGGS**—We quote 22c for fresh candled, and 15 to 16c, for limed. Hens, fresh are quoted at 18 to 20c, as to quality. Some limed were offering as low as 12 1-2c, as holders are anxious to clear out stocks. Buyers are offering 20c for Manitoba fresh. New laid, in a retail way, bring 25 to 40c per dozen.

**POULTRY**—Chickens are scarce, and higher again. Buyers are now offering 10 to 12c per pound for good mixed lots of chickens, as to quality. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality, geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 10c.

**GAME**—Rabbits 8 1-2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes, 40c per bushel, turnips, 20c per bushel, parsnips, 1 1-2c per pound; carrots, 35 to 40c, beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 40 to 50c per dozen; cabbage, 1 1-2c per pound; onions, 2 to 3c per pound.

**SENECA ROOT**—Nominal at 21c.

**WOOL**—Nominal at 8 to 8 1-2c per pound.

**HIDES**—Hides are 1-2c higher, 7c having been paid this week for No. 1. Frozen hides are quoted 6 1-2c; bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds tare taken on frozen hides. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1 7c, No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branched hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

**HAY**—Baled is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on track here and loose on the street market at \$3 to \$7.50 as to quality. Owing to the large quantity of dump hay, an effort is being made to push it off before the weather turns warm, hence the lower prices quoted this week.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Dressed hogs continue to come in from the east, where prices have been a little higher recently. A little higher will be paid for Manitoba hogs than for eastern stock. Packers pay 53-4c for Manitoba hogs, and small lots are taken by butchers for cutting at 6c. Beef is firm. Western range beef is still being used in the local market. A load of beef from western range cattle was examined yesterday and showed fair quality, though pretty dark in color, indicating that the cattle are going off in condition, which of course could not be otherwise. The best frozen beef is quoted at 5 1-2c, and fresh killed at 6 to 6 1-2c; mutton 7 to 8c, lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 6 to 7c. Hogs, country lots, 53-4c to 6c as to quality.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—There is only a limited business doing in the local market, but the demand is increasing. Good cattle are scarce. Further lots of range cattle have been brought in for the local market, which is a very unusual thing to look to the range country as a source of supply for fat cattle at this season of the year. These range cattle are being put on the market here at 6 1-2c dressed weight. The highest price

paid yet has been 4c, which was paid by a city butcher for one load of good domestic cattle. About 3 1-2c is the usual quotation for butchers' cattle.

**SHEEP**—No sheep have been wanted yet. The market is still supplied with held stocks of frozen mutton. The quotation is nominal at about 4c.

**HOGS**—Quoted at 43-4c off cars for selected weights.

**MILK COWS**—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

**HORSES**—There is a good demand for farm horses for the spring work. A considerable number of horses are being brought in from Ontario and the United States. The general range of prices for horses suitable for farm work is from \$200 to \$250 per team.

### Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago the principal changes in this market have been as follows: An advance of 75c on the lower grades of corn feed; a decline of 3-4 to 1c on corn; a decline of 1-4 to 3-8c on oats; a decline of 1 to 2c on malting barley, and an advance of 1c on feed grades, eggs have jumped up to 27c and the market has been very much excited, owing to the corner in the market, packing butter is firmer, cheese has advanced slightly, and No. 1 and 2 hides have advanced 1-4c.

**Flour**—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.55 to \$3.65, second patents, \$3.35 to \$3.45.

**Milfeed**—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00, bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00; corn feed, \$14.00 to \$15.00 per ton as to quality.

**Corn**—Quoted at 313-4c for No. 3 yellow, and 31c for No. 3.

**Oats**—Held at 233-4c for No. 3 and No. 3 white.

**Barley**—Malting, 38 to 42c; feed, quoted at 40 to 41c.

**Flax seed**—\$1.143-4 per bushel.

**Eggs**—27c for strictly fresh including cases, seconds, 18c.

**Cheese**—Choice to fancy, 10 to 12c, fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

**Butter**—Creamery, 17 1-2 to 20c; for choice to extras seconds 13 to 15c; dairy, 14 to 17c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12c.

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

**Poultry**—Chickens, 8 1-2 to 11c; hens, 7 to 9c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 8 to 10 1-2c; ducks, 6 to 9c; geese, 5 to 8c. Frozen stock 1c less.

**Hides**—Green salted hides, 9c for 1, 8c for No. 2; green salted steers, 9 1-4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 30c each; veal, calf, 93-4 to 11 1-4c; tallow, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c; seneca root, 21 to 24c.

**Potatoes**—Straight varieties per bushel, 33 to 40c; mixed, white, 35 to 37c; mixed, red, 30 to 35c.

**Apples**—Good winter stock, \$4.75 to \$5 per barrel.

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

**Hay**—\$7.00 to \$7.50 per ton for timothy, mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

**Live stock**—Hogs, medium weight, \$3.30 to \$3.50. Sheep range, \$4 to \$4.75; cattle, stockers, \$3.25 to \$4.45, butchers' steers, \$3.75 to \$4.50.

### Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade was held on Thursday afternoon at which there was a good attendance of members.

It was brought to the notice of the

board that, in all probability, the president of the Northern Pacific railway system would be in the city in the near future, and it was considered desirable that the board should meet him in connection with the rebuilding of the Manitoba hotel. All arrangements in this regard were left in the hands of Mr. E. L. Drowry, president of the board.

The following committee was appointed to see to the carrying out of the steps suggested by the board for the improvement of St. Andrew's Rapids: Messrs. Wm. Hespeler, John Russell, D. W. Bole, Lt.-Col. Ruttan, A. M. Nanton, H. S. Crotty and J. H. Ashdown. These gentlemen will see that every effort is put forth to have the proposed work carried out.

Mr. W. A. Cavanagh, general agent of the McCormick Harvester & Machine Co., was elected a member of the board.

A communication was read from Lt.-Col. Scoble on the subject of the proposed improvement of the waterways between Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay. Col. Scoble requested that he be given an opportunity of meeting the board and addressing them on the subject. It was decided to grant the request, all arrangements being left in the hands of the president.

### Double Track to Fort William

Wm. Whyte, manager of C. P. R. lines west of Fort William, returned to Winnipeg on Thursday, from Montreal, where he has been submitting to the head office estimates for changes and improvements to be made this year in the divisions over which he has charge. He reports that improvements will be in the direction of enlarging the capacity of the carshops at Winnipeg. East of Winnipeg there will be many changes along the line, the more important of which will be the replacing of the wooden bridges with more solid structures. Rat Portage will get a handsome new station, round-house and enlarged yards. West of Winnipeg there will be many prairie bridges filled in with archways of cedar blocks and vitrified pipe or masonry, where the pipe would not be strong enough. The station building at Virchen which was destroyed by fire will be rebuilt. Right through to the Pacific coast the policy of introducing substantial improvements will be kept and in any wooden bridges will be replaced with steel structures and handsome depots will be erected at New Westminster and Sicamous.

The question of having a double track between Winnipeg and Fort William will be under consideration this year, said Mr. Whyte, and as soon as the snow goes a competent engineer will go over the ground and prepare an estimate of the cost. The time is coming shortly when double tracks to Fort William will be absolutely necessary and we are going to be ready with an estimate of what the work will cost.

The Brandon Creamery company have leased the Portage Cold Storage company's building at Portage in Prairie, Man., and will collect cream by rail from points not represented by local creameries. J. Bousfield will assume the management of both the Brandon and Portage creameries. Mr. Bousfield has shown much energy and push in conducting the enterprises with which he has been connected in the past, and he will no doubt make a success of the new venture.

## MINING NOTES

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A. A. McKenzie, formerly of Winnipeg, but now of Rossland, mine owner, arrived from the east this week on route home. Mr. McKenzie has been in Montreal in connection with mining deals.

### NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The coming summer will see four stamp mills at work in the Manitou district.

Barker Bros. have closed the deal for the Woodworth-Sanderson locations near Calder Lake, Lower Manitou district.

The machinery for the Lake Manitou Gold Mining Company's location near Carlton Lake, has arrived at Wabigoon.

There is considerable excitement at Rat Portage over the rapid rise in Golden Star stock, the quotation being 94.

The cleanup of the Golden Star mine for January was a seventy-four pound gold brick valued at \$15,000. This makes \$10,125 in gold produced since the middle of November, which is nearly one-half of the total cost and expenditure of the mine, including property, buildings, plant and development work.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The Victoria-Alberta Gold Dredging syndicate, has been floated in London, for the purpose of mining on the Saskatchewan river. The capital of the new company is £100,000 in 41 shares of which £10,000 are allotted to the vendors of the dredging leases of 30 miles of river bed, and £25,000 are set aside for working capital. The vendors' stock is largely held by South Edmonton parties. Five miles of the company's leasehold lies just below the town of Edmonton and 25 miles in the vicinity of Victoria.

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**British Columbia Markets.**

[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.]

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Feb. 25, 1899.

The market for butter is firmer, but owing to the arrival of fresh grass butter from the states to the south jobbers are afraid to advance prices for Canadian butter. Eggs are weak. Fresh eggs are coming in from the south. There is considerable held stocks of early make cheese, which keeps down the price of good late cheese. Manitoba flour is 10c lower. Oranges are 25c lower.

Butter—California fresh grass butter, 60c; creamery, good, jobbers price, 25c choice dairy, jobbers price, 18@19c; Off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 35c; Washington fresh, 24c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18@19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12½c, jobbers price Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; bloaters, 7c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$14.00 per ton, Ashcroft potatoes, \$18@20; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$2.75 @ \$3 box; apples, 65c@ \$1.25 per 50 lb. box; navel oranges, \$2.75@ \$3.00 box; seedlings, \$1.75@ \$2.00 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.90; strong bakers \$4.50; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @ \$20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00@ \$25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7½@8c; mutton 9@10c; pork 9@9½c; veal 10@10½c; Pemican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; cows, \$3.50 @ 3.75; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$8.00 per lbs.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 1½c; good 18c; choice 20c. Ceylon and India: Fair, 20c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

C. B. Graham, tobacconist, Winnipeg, has admitted J. B. Thompson into partnership, under style of C. B. Graham & Co.

**British Columbia Items.**

A. Manson, has purchased the Grove hotel. Nelson.

Gilbert Lawrence, baker, Kamloops, has sold out to William Johnson.

R. A. Muskott, clothing, etc., Vancouver, has assigned in trust to W. T. Stein.

J. Trace, grocer, Victoria, has sold his stock at auction and given up business.

Pettipiece & Van, wood dealers, etc., Revelstoke, have dissolved; John Pettipiece continues.

Craig Bros., blacksmiths, etc., Nanaimo, have dissolved; Wm. S. Craig continues the business.

A company to be called the Canada Pacific Transfer company is being formed at Vancouver.

Loewenberg, Harris & Co., real estate and insurance, Victoria, (also New Westminster) has been succeeded by H. M. Grahame.

William Clark, of Donald, has opened a branch butcher shop for Hull Bros. & Co. at Field. After getting things in shape he intends leaving for Armstrong, where he will start for himself in the pork packing business.

The annual meeting of the New Westminster board of trade was held on Feb. 15. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, G. D. Brymner re-elected; vice-president, R. F. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, D. Robson, re-elected. Council—L. A. Lewis, A. Malins, T. S. Annandale, Jno. Peck, R. L. Reid, Dr. Fagan, M. Sinclair, T. J. Trapp, J. W. Creighton, D. S. Curtis, C. G. Major, Jno. Hendry, J. E. Phillips, W. R. Gilley, Jno. McNab, Jos. Reichenbach, and the officers of the board.

**Alberta.**

F. M. Rogers, general merchant Innisfail has sold out to Fred. W. Bilton.

The Pincer Meat Market Company has been formed at Calgary to succeed W. Menary & Co.

Goulter & Peterson, hardware, Innisfail, have changed the name of their firm to the Innisfail Hardware Co.

A law partnership has been formed at Calgary under the style of Smith & Pinkham, consisting of J. B. Smith, Q. C., and A. M. Pinkham.

**Assiniboia.**

M. A. Eby, is opening a drug store at Yorkton.

Edwin Bray & Co., are opening a general store at Wolseley.

Walter Hembroff, late with Natlon & Shewan, Brandon, will open a gents' furnishings store at Moose Jaw.

Thos. Tucker, of Regina, lately with Smith & Ferguson, and his brother, John Tucker, will open a hardware store at Weyburn.

**Northwest Ontario.**

Charles Fullames, plasterer, Rat Portage, has assigned to F. W. Canaff.

The manufacture of peat fuel may become an industry at Wabigoon, where large deposits of excellent peat are known to exist. Inquiries are being made as to the prospects of the demand for that class of fuel.

On the first of March next, says the Fort William Journal, the old established business of John McLaurin, gen-

eral merchant here, changes, and he takes into partnership his son-in-law, Thomas Dow. This business has been carried on by Mr. McLaurin for thirty-four years.

**Western Business Items.**

Nex & Odger are starting a printing office at Dauphin, Man.

The Balfour Implement company has been formed at Winnipeg.

J. F. Rodgers, general store, Treherne, has sold out to S. Calvert.

The Western Land Colonization Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation.

D. Cooper, who comes from Ontario, will open a harness shop at Carberry, Man.

The Canadian Litho Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation at Winnipeg.

Helman & Co., liquors, Morden, have sold out their Gretna branch to A. Coblenz.

The stock of J. R. Stewart, general store, Souris, has been sold to J. W. Breakey.

Brownrigg & Co., butchers and grocers, Winnipeg, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

A L. Ashdown, hardware and implements, of Portage la Prairie, is opening a branch at Swan River.

The strike of the employees of the Emerson & Hague establishment, Winnipeg, remains in the same position as a week ago.

Rogers Bros., T. E. Scott & Co., T. R. Vardon and E. E. Turner have agreed to erect a syndicate brick block of four stores, two stories high, on the site of the late fire at McGregor, Man.

A public meeting was held at White-wood, Assn., to establish a board of trade. Mayor Grierson presided. John H. Knowles made an explanatory statement. A membership roll was prepared and officers were elected as follows. President, Mr. James Morrison; vice-president, James Sanders; secretary-treasurer, John Hawkes; council, A. B. Gillis, B. Limoges, Wm. Waller, A. B. Potter, John H. Knowles, Mayor Grierson, R. Street, Fred. A. Morrison.

**Damp Wheat**

As the spring season approaches apprehension increases regarding the keeping quality of a portion of last year's wheat crop, on account of the quantity of tough or damp wheat. The companies operating lines of country elevators recently sent out notices that they would not be responsible for the condition of wheat held in store in their elevators after March 10. This will probably have the effect of increasing shipments from country elevators to Fort William.

At Fort William there is still a large quantity of tough and damp wheat held in cars on track, awaiting opportunity to get it dried at the Port Arthur elevator. It is now proposed to put this wheat temporarily into store in one of the elevators, to relieve the cars. In case of a sudden spell of warm weather, the wheat would be safer in the elevators than in the cars. A lot of wheat put into an elevator during cold weather, retains a low temperature for a long time.

T. C. McQuarrie has purchased J. K. Patton's stock of books and stationery at Minnedosa, Man.

**New York Wheat**

New York, Feb. 20. — Wheat—Receipts 21,600 bushels, exports 224,039 bushels. Options opened steady but quiet. Scalpers were bearish and went short in face of the crop damage news and small world's shipments, only to be scared in at mid-day by an unexpected decrease in the visible supply. Subsequently prices were well held on light offerings and closed firm at 3-4 to 7-8 net advance.

New York, Feb. 21.—Wheat — Receipts 27,200 bush.; exports 54,836 bush. Options opened easy on dispatching cable news. Shorts were forced to cover, however, on predictions of another cold wave in the north-west, and prices held firm until weakened again in the late afternoon, through realizing. The closing was weak at 1-4c to 5-8c net decline.

New York, Feb. 22.—No market. Holiday.

New York, Feb. 23.—Wheat, March 83 3-8c. May opened 77 1-2c, closed 77 5-8c. July opened 75 1-8c, closed 75 1-8c.

New York, Feb. 24.—Wheat, March opened 83 7-8c, closed 84 1-2c a. May opened 77 1-2c, closed 78 1-8c a. July opened 75 7-8c, closed 76 1-4c n.

New York, Feb. 25.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 84 1-4c; May, 78c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

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

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-2c, closed 73 1-8c. July opened 70 3-4c, closed 71 1-2c b. Corn, Feb. closed 34 1-4c n. May opened 35 5-8c.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Wheat, May opened 72 7-8c, closed 73 1-8c a. July opened 71 1-8c, closed 71 1-4c. Corn, Feb. closed 34 1-4c. May opened 35 5-8c, closed 35 3-4c b. July opened 36c, closed 36 1-8 to 1-4c. Oats, Feb. closed 26 5-8 n. May opened 27 1-2c, closed 27 5-8c. July opened 25 5-8 to 3-4c. Pork, Feb. closed \$9.35. May opened \$9.40 to \$9.42, closed \$9.55.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Holiday. Washington's birthday.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-4c, closed 73 1-4 to 3-8c. July opened 71 3-8c, closed 71 3-8c. Corn, Feb. 34 1-2c n. May opened 35 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 36c b. July opened 36 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 36 1-2c b. Oats, Feb. 26 7-8c. May opened 27 5-8c to 3-4c, closed 27 7-8c. July opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 7-8c. Pork, Feb. \$9.45 n. May opened \$9.62 to \$9.65, closed \$9.65.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Wheat, Feb. opened 73 to 73 1-2c, closed 73 5-8 to 3-4c. July opened 71 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 71 3-4c. Corn, Feb. 34 7-8c. May opened 35 7-8 to 36 1-8c, closed 36 3-8c a. July opened 36 1-2c, closed 36 3-4 to 7-8c. Oats, Feb. 27c n. May opened 27 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 27c a. July opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 7-8 to 26c. Ribs, July \$4.97 a. May opened \$4.85, closed \$4.85 a. Pork, Feb. \$9.40. May opened \$9.62, closed \$9.60. Lard, July \$5.57. May opened \$5.45.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Wheat opened at about 73 1-2c for May, and ranged from 73 to 74c. Closing prices were Wheat—May 74c, July 71 1-4c. Corn—Feb. 34 7-8c, May 36 3-8c. Oats—27c, May 28c. Pork—Feb. \$9.27 1-2c, May \$9.57 1-2. Lard—May \$5.45. Ribs—May \$4.82 1-2.

A week ago May option closed at 72c; a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.02 1-2; two years ago at 74 1-2c; three years ago at 67 1-2c; four years ago at 54 3-8c.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—May, 72 1-8c.  
Tuesday—May, 72 1-8c.  
Wednesday—Holiday.  
Thursday—May, 72 3-8c.  
Friday—Cash, 70 1-8c; May, 72 5-8c.  
Saturday—May 72 1-4c; July 72 3-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 71 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 69 3-4c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 71 3-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 96 1-2c; two years ago May option closed at 74 5-8c; three years ago at 64 3-4c; four years ago at 59 3-8c, and five years ago at 60 5-8c.

**MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.**

Montreal Feb. 25. No changes in prices of staples. Granulated sugar lower at \$1.30 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$3.75 to \$4.15; molasses, 31c in car lots; syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c as to quality. Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c.

**LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Cheese is quoted at 49s for both white and colored.

**BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

London, Feb. 20.—The tone of the market to-day was stronger, owing to short supplies, and as the demand was good, a sharp advance in prices took place. Choice States cattle sold 1c higher at 13c, good 12c. Argentine cattle advanced 3-4c to 12c and sheep 1 1-4 to 13c. Liverpool, Feb. 20.—This market was also short of supplies, and the prices of cattle advanced 1-2c to 1c. Choice States sold 12c; Canadians 11 1-2c, and Argentine 11 1-2c. Sheep were very strong and sold 1 1-2c higher at 12c.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Wheat, spot firm; No. 1 red northern spring 6s 1d. Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern spring firm at 6s 11-2d.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.18 1-4 for cash and May \$1.17.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, Feb. 25. — Wheat closed 1-8d higher.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Saturday, Feb. 25.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70 3-4c for February, and 71c for May; cash No. 1 northern, 70 3-4c; cash No. 2 northern 68 3-4c.

**GRAIN AND MILLING NEWS.**

The council of the town of Moosemin, Assa., is taking action to secure a flour mill for that place.

McCulloch & Herriot's new flour mill at Souris, Man., will soon be completed.

The Brackman & Ker Co., of South Edmonton, Alberta, propose to bring in a quantity of first-class milling oats for seed if the farmers of the district will order enough to make up car lots. They will be sold to the farmers at actual cost price.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

The market was quiet but firmer in the morning, with some small sales made at 70 1-2c, closing easier and nominal at 70c for No. 1 hard spot, Fort William, in store, following the decline at Chicago.

**BRITISH STOCKS.**

London, Feb. 24.—1 p.m.—Closing: Consols for money 111 1-4; consols for the account 111 5-16. Canadian Pacific 93 3-8; Grand Trunk 8 1-4; Erie 15 1-2; Erie first preferred 40 3-4; Illinois Central 131; Northern Pacific preferred 82, St. Paul common 134 3-4; New York Central 141 1-4; Pennsylvania 68 5-8; Reading 11 5-8; 5 Union Pacific preferred 81; Atchafson 24 1-2; Louisville 68. Bar silver 27 3-8d. Money 2 1-2. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 3-8 per cent; for three months bills 2 5-16 to 3-8 per cent.

**LIVE STOCK NOTES.**

Dan Mills, cattle buyer of Carman, has been gathering up a shipment of cattle for the west, at Killarney, Man. Five cars were sent out by him to the ranching country from Killarney district.

**TENDERS.**

Winnipeg city council is calling for tenders for scavenging work.

Tenders will be received, addressed to the commissioner of public works, Regina, up to March 1, for repairing the bridge over the Sturgeon river at St. Albert, Alberta.

Tenders will be received for the purchase of the book debts of the estate of Frank Hockin, of Wolseley, until Friday, March 3, by Geo. B. Murphy, of Moosemin, Assa.

**DOMINION BANK CLEARANCES.**

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The bank clearances for the Dominion for this week were as follows Montreal, \$17,727,311, increase 8.3 per cent; Toronto, \$9,652,944, increase 24.7; Winnipeg, \$1,165,819, increase 12.1; Halifax, \$1,017,758, decrease 1.6; Hamilton, \$675,952, increase 14.0; St. John, \$377,171, increase 15.8; Vancouver, \$535,079; Victoria, \$500,215.

There were no transactions on the local call board Friday morning. No. 1 hard wheat at Fort William is quoted at 68 1-2 to 69c nominally. The prices at country points, Brandon rate of freight, is from 55 to 56c. The Chicago market was stronger and higher Friday, but trading was light.

Primary receipts and shipments of wheat yesterday were 649,000 and 246,000, respectively, compared with 416,000 and 191,000 a year ago.

A St. Louis dispatch says that word has been received there from California stating that the wheat crop is 30 per cent larger than last year; that they have already had one inch more rain than fell last year, and that the crop can go two weeks without rain without serious damage.

A new life insurance company has been organized in Toronto with a capital of half a million. H. S. Howland, president of the Imperial Bank, will be president, and Elias Rogers, vice-president.

Collector.—"I called at your place last evening, and your man said you weren't at home; but I saw you at the window."

Debtor.—"Yes; but, d'ye see, there are times when I don't feel at home in that house."



### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 25.

**Dry Goods**—Trade is more active. Spring season is in full swing. A good many western buyers are here and more are expected for the millinery opening Monday. Swiss embroidery has been advanced 30, to 70 per cent. by manufacturers.

**Hardware**—Active. Some orders this week from Manitoba and British Columbia. The general feeling is decidedly strong; Wire nails, \$2.10 to \$2.15; cut nails firmer in sympathy with American advance. The new list issued on tacks advances prices about eight per cent. Wrought butts and heavy T and strap hinges are 10 per cent. higher. Soldering irons, 5c per pound dearer. Glass is firmer. Some houses have stopped taking import orders on account of Belgian advances. Black and galvanized iron is up 5 per cent. Brass, black sheets, have advanced 15c per cwt. Zinc sheets and zinc spelter 25c per cwt. higher. Brass escutcheon pins are dearer and the discount now is 50 per cent. Cop- per sheets are up 5c. Tinned copper and polished sheets, 3c per lb. dearer. Smooth steel wire, 5c per cwt. dearer. The discount on fine steel wire is now 25 per cent. at factory points.

**Groceries**—More active. American granulated sugar is selling here at 1c below Canadian prices, which is unsettling trade. Teas are in good demand and firm. California prunes are 1c dearer.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 21.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 77 car loads, including 150 sheep and lambs and 1,800 hogs.

**Export cattle**—The offerings were large. Heavy exporters were quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.85 and \$5 per cwt for choice selections. Heavy bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.

**Butchers' cattle**—Prices unchanged. Fair demand for choice at \$4 to \$4.25 for choice selections. The supply of common cattle was heavy. Prices ruled at \$3. to \$3.75.

**Stockers**—Heavy stockers sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Feeders, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.

**Sheep and lambs**—Sheep for export and butchers use sold at \$3 to \$3.25. Lamb, were in ample supply at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Bucks \$2.50 to \$2.75.

**Hogs**—Offerings were heavy and the demand was good, everything being cleared out early. The market for choice remained firm, while light were a little weaker. Choice \$4.50 light, \$4 to \$4.15 thick fat, \$3.57 1-2. Sows, 3 per cwt.

### FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 24.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 44 car loads of all kinds, including 100 sheep and lambs and 1,400 hogs.

Heavy export cattle were 15c per 100 lb. higher than on Tuesday, the best selling at \$5.15 per 100 lbs. Choice butchers' cattle were also higher the best selling at \$4.35 per 100 lbs. Heavy bulls were 25c higher at \$1.75 to \$4.25. Sheep were 25c per 100 lb. higher than on Tuesday. Other lines the same as Tuesday.

### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 25.

Grain deliveries are still small. Manitoba wheat is firmer. Exporters re-

duced the price of by 2c yesterday. There is a large export demand for oats, and 100,000 bushels have been bought for export this week by local dealers, in consequence of which prices have advanced 1c. Oatmeal on the other hand is 10c lower, car lots in barrels offering at \$3.60. New laid eggs are still scarce and firm. Dressed hogs continue firm. They are up 5c this week. Shorts are \$1 per ton higher.

**Flour**—Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20, Manitoba bakers, \$3.75 to \$4; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per bbl. Toronto freights.

**Wheat**—Ontario winter wheat, 69 to 70c for cars at country points. No 1 h. 79c Midland, and \$2.1-2c to \$3c North Bay.

**Oats**—White, 30c for cars at country points.

**Barley**—No. 1, 4c at country points for car lots.

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

**Oatmeal**—\$3.50 in bags per barrel and \$3.60 in wood for car lots.

**Eggs**—New laid, 21c. Lined, 14 to 15c; held fresh, 12-1-2 to 13c.

**Butter**—Dairy, tubs, 11 to 13 1-2c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

**Hides**—Cows, green, 81-2c; green steers, 9c, cured hides, 91-2c; sheepskins and lambskins, 80 to 90c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 4 1-1c.

**Wool**—Washed fleece, 15c.  
**Beans**—\$1.10 per bushel for hand picked, and 80 to 95c for ordinary quality.

**Dressed hogs**—\$5.05 per 100 lbs for cars lots of mixed weights.

**Dried apples**—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c for round lots, evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

**Honey**—6 to 6 1-2c in bulk; sections \$1 to \$1.20.

**Poultry**—Turkeys, 10 to 12c for frozen, chickens, 40 to 60c a pair; geese, 6 to 7c.

**Seeds**—Red clover, \$1.50 to \$1.75; a-sike, \$3.50 to \$4.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 21.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 500 head, and 75 sheep and lambs.

Cattle held fairly firm. Choice sold at 13-4 to 5c, good at 4 to 11-2c, fair: 1 31-2 to 33-1c, and common at 21-2 to 31-4c. Sheep were firm at 31-4 to 31-2c, and lambs at 41-4 to 13-1c. At the Grand Trunk stock yards there was a fair supply of hogs offered which sold at 41-2c per pound live weight, weighed off cars.

### THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 21.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 600 head, sheep and lambs, 40.

Prices on Thursday remained unchanged at Monday's quotations and no important features were noted. There was a fair demand for all kinds of live stock.

### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 25.

The only change to note this week is a reduction of 10c in the price of strong bakers' flour, and of 5 to 10c on Manitoba patents. Oats are strongly held. Receipts of potatoes have been larger and prices remain steady. Poultry and dressed meats are quiet. Eggs and butter are firm and steady.

**Oats**—No. 2 white 32 to 32 1-2c in store.

**Flour**—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.80 to \$3.90; Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

**Millfeed**—Bran \$14 to \$14.50 per ton, shorts, \$15.50, including sacks.

**Oatmeal**—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag. **Hides**—No. 1 green city hides, 9 to 9 1-2c, No. 2, 8 to 8 1-2c; No. 3, 7 to 7 1-2c; calfskins, 8 to 9c; sheepskins, 60 to 70c; lambskins, 70 to 75c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.

**Eggs**—Choice fresh candled, 15 to 16c per dozen as to quality.

**Butter**—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 1-2 to 15c; rolls, 14 to 15c; held stock, 12 to 13c.

**Butter**—Creamery, boxes, 20 to 20 1-2c; tubs, 19 1-2 to 20c.

**Cheese**—Choice western 10c; eastern, 9 3-4c.

**Beans**—\$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel, as to quality.

**Potatoes**—In car lots, 55c.

**Poultry**—Dressed turkeys, 9 1-2 to 11c; ducks, 7 to 9c; geese, 4 to 6c; chickens, 7 to 8c.

**Dressed meats**—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c; fores, 3 to 4 1-2c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$6. country dressed, \$5.15 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c; lambs, 6 1-2 to 7c.

### WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week report 251 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows. Extra hard, 1 car, 1 hard, 37 cars; 2 hard, 6; 3 hard, 2; 1 northern, 39; 2 northern, 13; 3 northern, 1; 1 spring, 4; 1 white fine, 1; frosted, 1; rejected, 6; no grade, 140.

### MANITOBA WHEAT STOCKS.

There were 2,274,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Feb. 18. Receipts for the week were 223,000 bushels and shipments were 40,000 bushels. Increase 183,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,450,000 bushels, compared with about 4,925,000 bushels a year ago.

### NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 24.—The stock market opened irregular. Atchison 24 1-8; Burlington 145 to 145 3-4; Louisville 66 1-2; Leather preferred 72; Manhattan 113; Missouri Pacific 67 1-8; Brooklyn Transit 96; Northern Pacific 53 1-2, do. preferred 79 7-8; Rock Island 120 1-4; Seagr 135 1-2 to 136; St. Paul 131 5 8; Southern preferred 50 3-8; Tobacco 188 to 190; Union Pacific 48 7-8; do. preferred 80 3-4; Federal Steel 50 3-4; do. preferred 58; Western Union 95 1-8.

Noon—Money on call nominally at 2 1-2 to 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 2 3-4 to 3 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firmer at \$4.86 1-2 to 3-4 for demand, and at \$4.84 to 1-4 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.84 1-2 to \$4.85 and at \$4.86 1-2 to \$4.87. Commercial bills \$4.83 to 1-2. Silver certificates, nominally 59 1-2 to 60 1-2. Bar silver 59 1-2. Mexican dollars 47 1-4. Government bonds steady.

### SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial. London, Feb. 24.—Market firmer. Beet February option 9s. 9d. March 9s. 9d. This shows an advance of 3d to 4d. on the week.

### LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Cattle firm and 1-2c higher. Quoted at 12 to 13c, estimated dressed weight.