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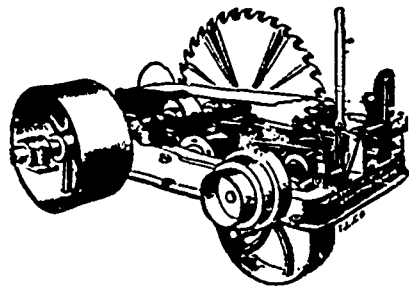
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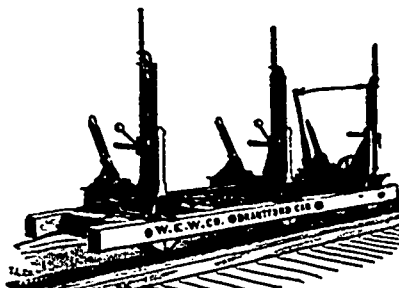
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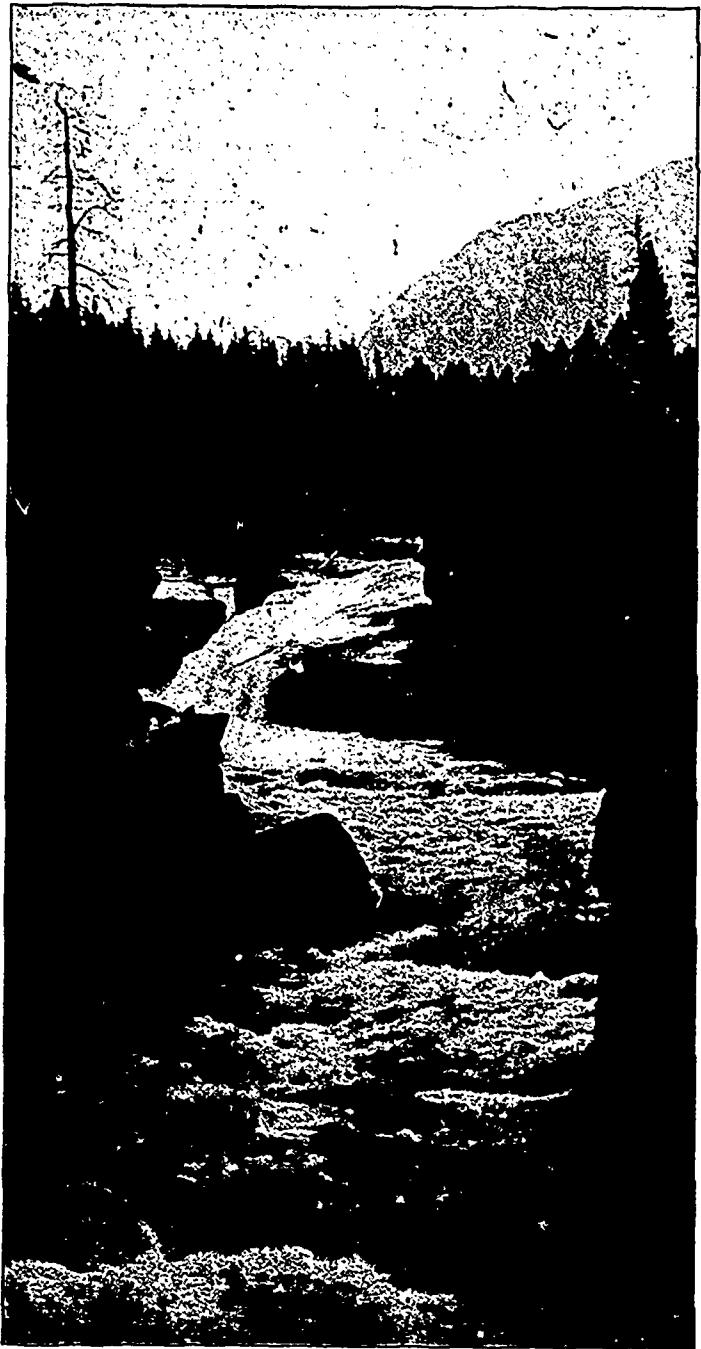
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Crow's Nest Railway Towns

The construction of the Crow's Nest railway has led to the building up of a number of new towns in that hitherto practically unaccessible region owing to the large deposits of coal of good quality and the existence of other valuable mineral deposits, some of these towns are likely to develop into important centres within a few years. One of the new towns which has particularly good prospects is Elko, a point on the Crow's Nest road in the district of East Kootenay B. C. A folder descriptive of the new town and district has recently been issued by the Land Department of the C. P. R.

Elko is situated at the crossing of the Elk River. The valley of the Elk River, down which the railway is carried for forty miles, here merges into the great valley of the Kootenay. The valley averages about two miles in width above Elko. The flat bottom lands show their richness in the growth of forest trees, consisting of cedar, fir, pine, spruce and tamarac. These are rapidly being removed to supply the saw-mills located along the river and the land is being quickly cleared by the action of forest fires. The country, especially in the vicinity of Elko, is one of extreme beauty. The grassy bench lands are dotted over with pines. The absence of undergrowth permits an uninterrupted view in every direction, and through the groves of pine can be seen on either hand the sharp peaks of the Rocky Mountain, while looking up the valley glimpses of the bright blue waters of the river winding its way through cedar covered flats suggest sites for the homes of the coming agriculturists. To the tourist this district pos-



ELK RIVER FALLS, EAST KOOTENAY, B.C.

sesses many attractions, and in addition to its picturesqueness it is the home of big game, as the name of the town suggests. The Elk river is well known as one of the best fishing rivers in British Columbia.

The valley of the Elk is capable of supplying quite a number of settlers with homesteads, and before long a thriving agricultural population will spring up in the valley, which will make Elko its market town. All the elements required to constitute a rich and progressive district are found in the valley of the Kootenay, these comprise in part, a rich agricultural soil, bunch grass lands, forests of merchantable timber, pine, cedar and fir, the minerals of commerce, gold, silver, lead, iron and copper, and immense deposits of bituminous coal. Added to this the country enjoys a dry salubrious climate, favorable to health and

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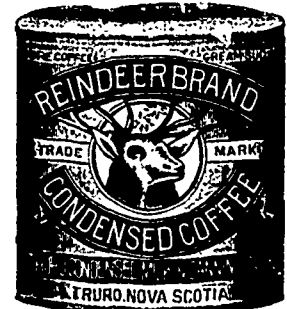
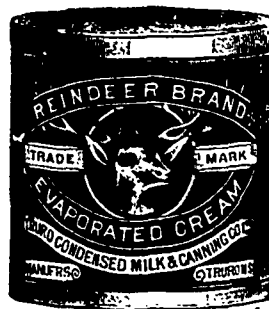
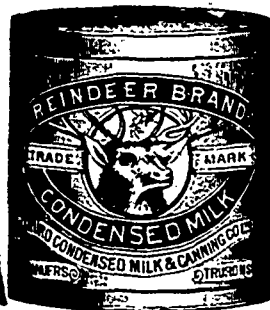
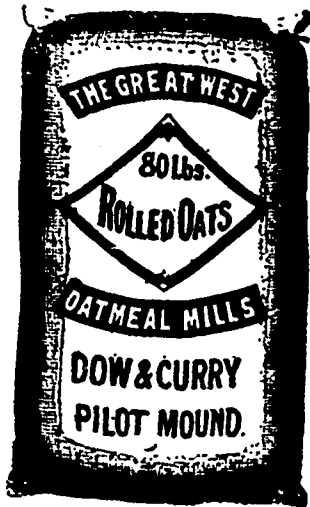
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A vote as to whether a banquet should be held or not, resulted in favor of the banquet.

The committee on fair grounds and park reported that they had secured over \$8,000 subscriptions towards a company to purchase and improve the fair grounds, and that they would recommend the acceptance of fifty-five acres of land on the lower Hudson's Bay Co. flat. There was every prospect that the remainder of \$10,000 required to ensure the incorporation of the company would be forthcoming.

The immigration committee was instructed to press upon the town council the desirability of providing accommodation for immigrants in town during at least three months in the coming spring, by renting a building. And falling action by the council to circulate a subscription list to secure the necessary funds to provide such a building.

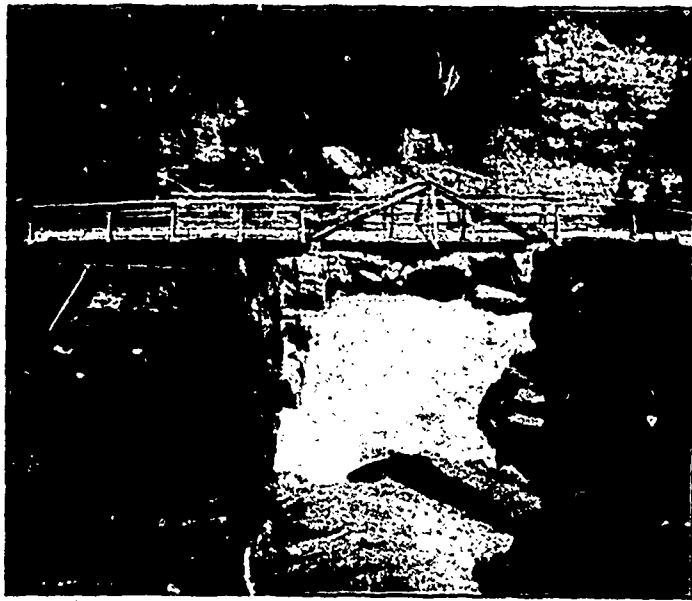
The committee appointed at a former meeting to memorialize the government regarding the desirability of the early completion of the bridge across the river was instructed to proceed with their memorial.

The mining committee was instructed to take up the question of the geological survey of Great Slave lake, already alluded to in correspondence read by Mr. Cowie.

Messrs. Picard, McDougall and Cowie were appointed a committee to memorialize the government regarding mail service to the Peace and Mackenzie river regions. A letter from H. H. Lawrence, of Vermillion, Peace river, was read, in which an urgent case for mail facilities was presented.

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In the United States cotton goods hold firm all along the line. Gray cottons maintain a very strong tone at the advance, while other cottons in the way of bleached and finished goods are also being worked higher in price. The mills are full of business and the outlook very promising. Printed fabrics are going well. Gingham are free sellers and very strongly situated. In some instances Henriettas, serges and chevots have been advanced in price 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. The few firms who reduced their prices on domestic woollens have put the prices back to where they were, and in some instances have increased them.



EAST KOOTENAY SCENES

1. Bridge Over Elk River.

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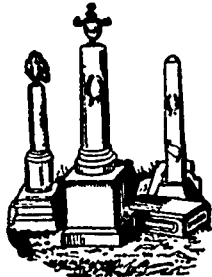
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NEW MILEAGE FOR THE YEAR 1898

The year 1898 witnessed considerable activity in railway building in Western Canada. Within the boundaries of the province of Manitoba alone construction work was carried on on no less than five separate and distinct lines of railway. The list is made up of the extension northward of the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company's railway, familiarly known as the Dauphin road; the construction of the first section of the Manitoba and Southeastern railway; the construction of a new branch in the southwestern portion of the province by the Northern Pacific company; the extension in a northerly direction of the Stonewall branch of the C. P. R.; and construction work on a westerly extension of the Pipestone branch of the last named company. This, it will be admitted, makes a very good showing for new railway work in Manitoba for 1898.

MANITOBA SOUTHEASTERN.

A brief reference to each one of these lines will be in order. Probably the most important of the railways mentioned is the Manitoba & Southeastern, as this line is expected soon to become a portion of a through line to Lake Superior, thereby forming another great trunk line outlet for our grain and other export products. It is therefore more than a local line for the development of the country through which it will pass. The Southeastern will connect with the Ontario & Rainy River railway, now in course of construction in northwestern Ontario, and form the through line mentioned. This important work is not likely to be completed this year, but there seems good reason to believe that it will be consummated within two years.

But aside from the expectation of its becoming a through line, the Southeastern has already done an important work in developing a new section of country, which was previously without railway communication. While railways have been built freely west of the Red River, that portion of Manitoba east of the Red River has been almost entirely neglected. The Southeastern is the first railway for Eastern Manitoba since the Emerson branch of the Canadian Pacific railway (the first bit of railway constructed in Manitoba) was built.

The portion of this railway constructed last year extends from Winnipeg in a southeasterly direction a distance of forty-six miles. This first section of the road is completed and is now being operated. It passes through an excellent agricultural and stock country, including the fine country about St. Anne. The present end of the road is just about where the forest region begins, which forest extends eastward to the Lake of the Woods. Between the forest country and Winnipeg is found the usual Red River valley prairie, interspersed with bluffs.

One result of the completion of this piece of railway is the opening of a new source of supply of wood fuel. A large quantity of cordwood has al-

ready come into the city over the new road, resulting in a reduction in the price of wood fuel which is much appreciated by the consumer. The wood country is brought closer to the city by this road than by any of the other railways reaching wood districts, consequently there is a saving in freight rates.

Another result of the building of this road will be the establishing of large saw mills in Winnipeg. The Rat Portage Lumber company has already secured property in Winnipeg, with the object of establishing a large saw mill in the city. When the road is extended to the Lake of the Woods or the Rainy river, it will provide a means of hauling saw logs from the timber country tributary to those waters, to Winnipeg. The charter of the railway company provides for a special low freight on saw logs and cordwood to Winnipeg so that there is a guarantee that any lumber industry established here will get a favorable freight rate for logs over the road.

The Southeastern has not yet secured terminal facilities in Winnipeg. The trains now come into the city on the Canadian Pacific railway track. The stations located on this road are Lorette, Dufresne, Ste. Anne, La Broquiere and Marchand.

THE DAUPHIN RAILWAY.

Another important railway work carried on last year was the extension of the line familiarly known as the Dauphin road. The official name of this company is the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Co., but it has been recently announced that the name of the company will be changed to the Canada Northern, a much more appropriate title for the road. This road is the youngest line in Manitoba, with the exception of the Southeastern, and it has been pushed ahead each year vigorously. Some fifty-six miles of new road were built last year and added to the portion now being operated. This includes the portion of the road extending in a northerly direction from Sifton station.

The Dauphin road has opened up a new and excellent agricultural country, and as a colonization road it is the most important work done in Manitoba since the early days of the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway. Since the completion of the first section of this road two years ago, a large number of new settlers have gone into the districts tributary to the road, and a number of new towns have been established at points along the line. The principal point is the town of Dauphin, which was the centre of an isolated agricultural settlement before the road was built. There are as fine agricultural districts in northern Manitoba as in any other part of the province, and with the railway facilities now being extended in this direction, we may expect that in time the north will compare favorably with the older settled sections of the south in point of population and general prosperity.

About Lake Winnipegosis there is a fine timber country which has been opened up by the construction of this road. A saw mill has been erected at the lake, and thus another source of lumber supply has been established. An important fishing industry has also been established on the lake. The stations located on the new extension of this road are Ethelbert, Garland, Pine River, Selater and Cowan.

NORTHERN PACIFIC EXTENSION.

The new railway work done in Manitoba last year by the Northern Pacific company consists of the construction of a new branch in the southwestern portion of the province. The new line starts from the Morris-Bronco branch of this road, near the town of Belmont, and runs in a westerly direction a distance of 46 1/2 miles. The present temporary terminus of the road is a few miles from the town of Hartney. The road runs through an old and well settled district, and affords additional railway facilities to an excellent agricultural country. The following stations have been located on the new road: Ninette, Duarea, Minto, Fairfax and Elgin. If the road is not extended into Hartney, another station will be established near this town.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY EXTENSIONS.

The principal railway work done in Manitoba last year by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. was the extension northward of the Stonewall branch, a distance of 20 miles. The object of this extension was to afford railway facilities to the settlers residing in the excellent agricultural country extending northward from Stonewall. A number of settlers went into this district in the early days of settlement here and they have long been working to secure a railway. Two stations have been located on the new line and grain elevators have already been erected at each of these. There is no better mixed farming country in Manitoba than this district and with improved railway facilities it should secure many new settlers. The new stations are Balmoral and Teulon.

THE PIPESTONE BRANCH.

Some work was done in the direction of extending the Pipestone branch of the C. P. R. in Southwestern Manitoba. About nineteen miles of new road were graded, extending westward from the present terminus of the road at Reston. Owing to pressure of other work the company was not able to get the rails laid before winter set in, consequently the road is yet in an unfinished state. Only a few miles were ironed and this has not yet been operated. The Pipestone branch extension, when completed, will afford much needed railway facilities to an excellent agricultural district. No stations have been located yet on this extension.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR 1899.

Prospects for new railway work during 1899 are good. In fact railway extensions aggregating a greater mileage than was built last year, are already as good as assured. The most important extension in regard to length of new road to be built will undoubtedly be the Canada Northern or Dauphin road, which it is the intention to build as far as the Saskatchewan river, a distance of 120 to 130 miles. This will take the road some distance beyond the boundary of the province of Manitoba, and into the territory of Saskatchewan. It is be-

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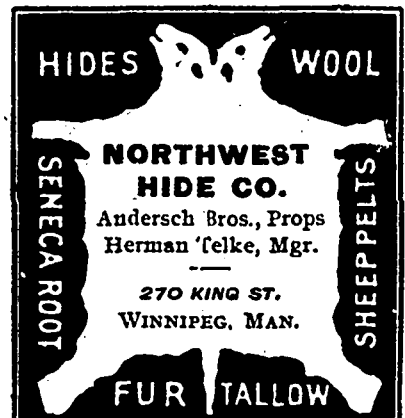
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hered that ultimately this railway will be extended to Hudson Bay. There is also some prospect that a branch of the railway will be built this year, extending westward from a point near the town of Dauphin, to provide railway facilities for the fine Gilbert Plains agricultural district, which is rapidly filling up with settlers. Survey work is going on this winter to locate the railway to the Saskatchewan river. A branch of this road extending westward through a fine agricultural country known as the Carrot River district, to the town of Prince Albert, is also projected.

A further extension of the South-eastern this year is also practically assured. It is not generally known whether this road will cross the Lake

miles, and possibly it will be completed to the Rainy river, about 125 miles. The immediate object in making this extension is to reach the navigable waters of the Lake of the Woods and the Rainy river, which will give the road a large business in hauling saw logs, lumber, etc.

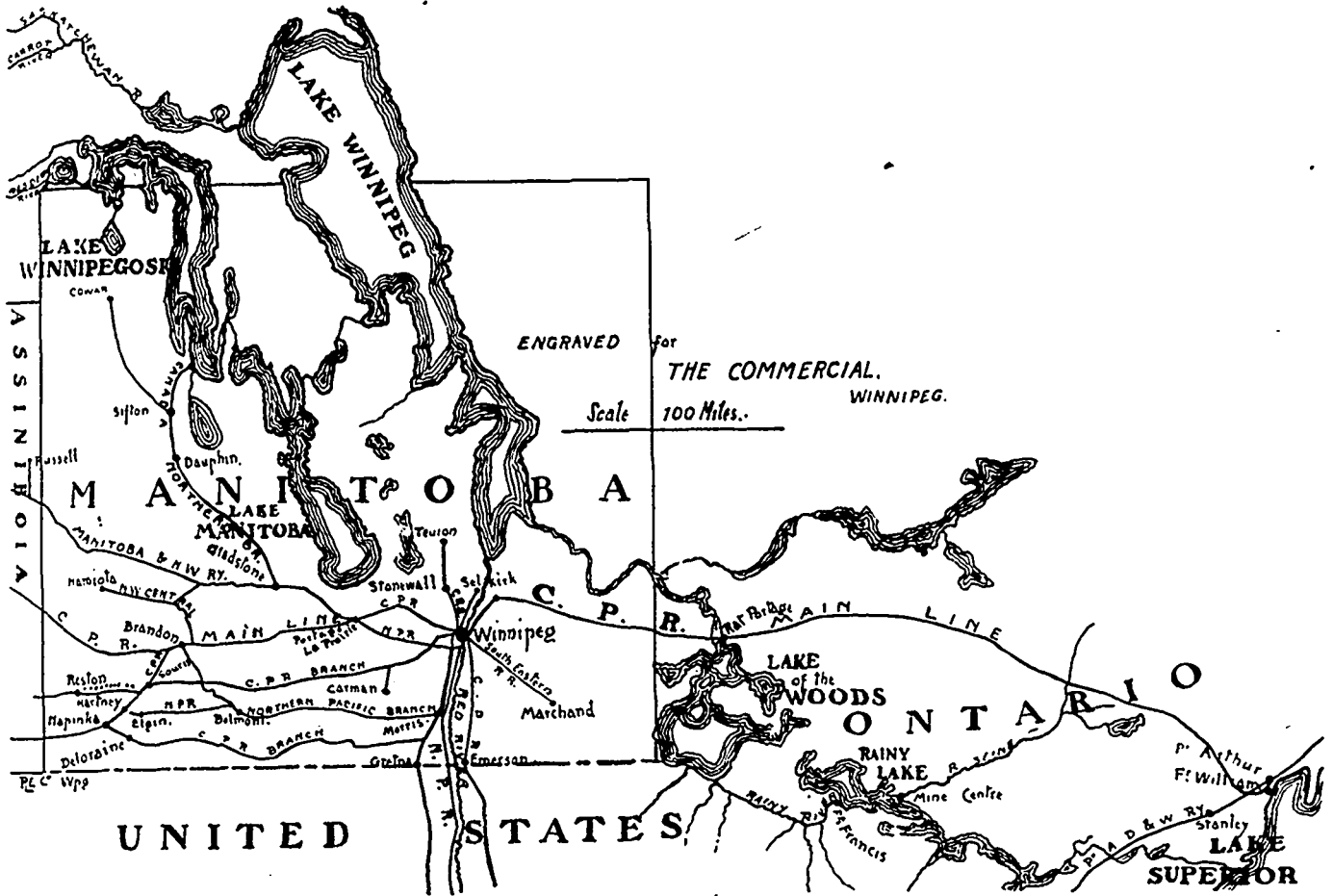
Nothing positive has been announced in regard to Canadian Pacific extensions this year. It is believed, however, that the Stonewall line will be extended to about Gimli, on Lake Winnipeg, a distance of about 20 miles, with a branch in a westerly direction to Lake Manitoba. The new grade westward from Reston, on the Pipestone branch will, at least be completed, and it is generally understood that the road will be carried this year to a point

roads. It is understood, however, that they will have considerable work in renewing temporary bridges and trestles on the old line.

The Northwest Central should be extended, according to the terms of its charter, but no announcement has been made of any contemplated new work this year.

IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Commercially that part of Ontario lying west of Lake Superior is intimately associated with Manitoba. The only new railway work going on in this region was in connection with the Ontario and Rainy River road. The first section of this road, commencing at Stanley station, on the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway, and extending in a westerly



RAILWAY MAP OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

New mileage constructed last year—Dauphin Road or Canada Northern, Sifton to Cowan, 56 miles. Southeastern, Winnipeg to Marchand, 46 miles. Northern Pacific, Belmont to near Hartney, 46½ miles. C.P.R. Stonewall to Teulon, 20 miles, and Pipestone Branch (graded only) 19 miles. Total 187½ miles.

of the Woods at the narrows, or run around the southern end of the lake. It is believed, however, that the road will pass around the southern end of the lake, as it would be a very expensive work to carry the road across the lake. It would be much shorter to cross the lake, and the location of some islands in the lake at the narrows would facilitate carrying the road this way. If the road is built around the lake, it will pass for a short distance through United States territory, and back again into Canada by crossing the Rainy river, where connection will ultimately be made with the Ontario & Rainy River road. The Southeastern this year will be built as far as the eastern boundary of Manitoba, a distance of about 75

about fifty miles west of the present terminus at Reston to Moose Mountain. This extension is much needed, as the district is already well settled. The Pipestone branch will ultimately be extended as far west as Regina, but it is not likely that more than fifty miles will be built this year.

The new Northern Pacific branch in Manitoba will probably be completed into the town of Hartney, and it is said that this company will do some further railway building in Manitoba this year, but no official announcement to this effect has been made yet.

The new owners of the Manitoba and Northwestern have not made any announcement regarding their intentions in the way of building new

direction a distance of twenty miles, was put under construction last year. There will be much heavy rock work on this road, and this work is being carried on this winter, on the portion under contract. Five or six survey parties are also employed this winter locating the road through to Rainy river. It is expected that a portion of the road will be completed this year. The Ontario and Rainy River road is of special interest to Manitoba, as it is expected to form a through line to Lake Superior, in connection with the Manitoba and South-eastern.

A number of Manitoba railway proposals in a more or less indefinite shape, are as usual before the public, such as: the proposed Brandon and

Southwestern and a proposed road from Portage la Prairie westward, but as none of these projects are beyond the paper stage, so far as we can tell, they will not be considered at present.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Feb. 13.

British Columbia wholesalers are reaching out for the Boundary country trade, 90 per cent of which is done by United States shippers. At their request the United States roads have made concessions which enables the British Columbia wholesalers to compete more favorably with the United States firms. Owing to the building of the railway through that section of country there is a rush of people, to the mining camps and the demand for provisions is becoming very active. Last week over sixty freight cars were being unloaded at Bossburg siding. The local trade at Victoria and Vancouver is quiet, but jobbers are busy filling orders for Kootenay and the upper country and putting up summer supplies for far off Cariboo. Yukon and Altn shipments have been disappointingly small and it is feared that the alien bill, as passed by the provincial government, is seriously injuring the trade on the coast. "Canada for the Canadians" expresses a pretty sentiment, and the British Columbia legislature has been lauded for its courageous legislation, but the bill is not a judicious business investment for the Canadian Pacific coast. Shipping was very active last week. There were twenty-five vessels in port, with a total of 30,379 tons.

There were but few changes in the market last week. Sugar declined 1-16. Potatoes are very scarce. The ordinary Fraser valley potatoes are selling as high as \$14, while Ashcroft can scarcely be procured at any price.

The Vancouver's building boom still continues and strange to say there are not enough stores and houses to go around. It is thought the population must be increasing very rapidly—perhaps too fast for the business health of the city.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Reports from Smyrna are to the effect that the Sultana raisins have an advancing tendency owing to small supplies.

The state of Florida was again visited by a severe frost, on Feb. 13, just as the orange plantations were recovering from the frost of 1893. Snow fell as far south as Tampa. The plantations are badly damaged.

London cable advices report a much firmer market for Persian dates and state that for the first time in the history of the trade Khadravees are bringing better prices than Haliwooes, owing to the finer quality of the former this season.

The outlook for the Florida orange crop this season is brighter than at any time since the freeze of 1893, which caused such a tremendous loss to the planters of that state. It is estimated that the crop this year will be about 500,000 boxes, or about 100,000 more than last season. Unless another disastrous frost comes various authorities estimate that next season the orange crop of the state will range from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 boxes.

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Last year we gave a comparison of the position of the Mutual Reserve at the end of 1896 and 1897. We are now in a position to compare the results of 1898, from the published statement submitted at the annual meeting recently held in New York, and find it as follows:

	1896	1897	1898
Total Assets	\$ 5,759,450	5,129,961	3,391,042
Total Liabilities	1,343,025	1,644,988	2,007,866
Surplus	4,416,425	3,484,973	1,383,176
Business Written	73,026,330	56,234,785	32,027,390
Business Term'd.	56,659,040	79,693,745	61,425,170
Business in force			
Dec. 31	325,026,061	301,567,101	269,169,321
Death Claims			
Unpaid	927,326	1,644,988	1,782,384
Prem. paid by insured per \$1,000.	17.16	19.15	22.19

After our comments of last year an examination of the affairs of the association was made by the superintendent of insurance of the state of New York, and his report showed that the assets had been overstated and the liabilities omitted from the sworn statement to a sufficient extent to reduce the surplus from \$3,484,937 to \$1,531,951 or to less than one half the amount claimed, and the association's own statement just published only claims at Dec. 31st, 1898, as above, \$1,383,176.83.

The tremendous reduction in business written and in force at the end of the year is in accord with the experience of all assessment concerns as soon as it has to be admitted that the premiums previously charged were insufficient and higher assessments are made.

The loss in one year of over \$2,000,000 or 60 per cent of the surplus shows that the death rate is increasing faster than it is possible to increase the calls on policyholders with any hope of collecting the money, and the withdrawal of policyholders last year reduced the healthy lives by over \$64,000,000, while only \$32,000,000 of new business was effected or \$21,000,000 less than in 1897.

A struggle with a fast increasing death rate, a rapidly decreasing amount of business in force, the withdrawal of the healthy lives in increasing numbers and an impossibility to cut down expenses, has proved a hopeless one with many assessment concerns in the past, and history usually repeats itself where the conditions are the same.

The average premium collected from members per \$1,000 of insurance has increased over \$5.00 in two years, and this increase of 30 per cent does not convey the full effect upon those of the classes who have been raised, as some large classes have not yet been increased. Some unfortunates have had to pay over three times their original payment or drop their policies.

The Spectator of New York, a paper that has always been friendly to the Association, concludes its comments on the last report in the following words:

"The Mutual Reserve is now striving to work itself free of the old obligations and liabilities, the result of the original unscientific plans upon which it was conducted and which the present management in-

herited. In the interests of the more than one hundred thousand policyholders who rely upon it for the protection life insurance should unquestionably afford to dependent families, it is to be hoped that the management may be successful. It would be more encouraging to those who hope for this result if the amount of outstanding losses could be reduced materially year by year instead of increasing."

The admission by the annual report that the surplus claimed last year has been reduced by over \$2,000,000 will be a rude shock to the policyholders who have paid the increased premiums, and those holding the 10-year and 5-year policies, whose premiums have not yet been raised, will be wondering when their turn will come, and if the awful leak can be stopped.

When goods are being sold at half price, somebody has to get left, and in life insurance it is those who don't die soon enough.

Insurance Items.

The directors of the Canada Life have voted to move the head office from Hamilton to Toronto.

A license has been granted the Manitoba Assurance company to carry on business in the Territories.

The Manitoba Assurance Co. has declared a dividend of 6 per cent for the year ended December 31.

The annual general meeting of the Great West Life Assurance company, of Winnipeg, is called for the last day of February.

The A. O. U. W. grand lodge of Ontario has decided that agents of the old line insurance companies may still hold positions in the grand lodge. Certificates for \$3,000 are not to be issued. Members attaining the age of 70 years are not to be exempt from the payment of assessments.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Fire Insurance company was held in Winnipeg last week. The following were elected directors for the present year: W. R. Allan, G. W. Baker, W. R. Dick, Thos. Gilroy, J. S. Hough, Sheriff Inkster, D. E. Sprague, R. Ross Sutherland, J. A. Christie, Hon. Walter Clifford, J. C. Kavanagh, and E. M. Williams. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Sheriff Inkster was elected president, and J. A. Christie, of Brandon, vice-president, and Messrs. Allan, Gilroy and Baker, executive committee.

The Manitoba Assurance company held its annual meeting in Winnipeg on Feb. 2. The following were elected directors for the present year: Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald, Q. C., H. H. Beck, A. M. Patton, Robert Hall, W. J. Tupper, H. S. Crotty, A. J. Adamson. A meeting of the directors was held immediately after, at which the Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald was elected president, and H. H. Beck, vice-president and manager.

The Central Canada Fire Insurance company held its first annual general meeting at the company's office, in Winnipeg, on Feb. 7. The report showed that from the 15th of December one hundred and eighty-five policies were in force, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$165,539. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: John Love, R. P. Roblin, G. V. Hastings, H. B. Hanna, Hon. J. D. Cameron, Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald, J. A. Thompson, J. T. Gordon, A. J. Adamson, Alex. Reid, H. H. Beck was appointed manager.

A subsequent meeting of the new board was held, when R. P. Roblin, M. P. P., was elected president, and John Love vice-president.

The Canadian Commercial Travelers Mutual Benefit society held its annual meeting recently at Toronto. The report showed as follows: Membership on books, class A, 1,854; on books, class B, 529; in arrears, class A, 43; in arrears class B, 20; total, 2,446. Insurance in force, \$2,380,000. Twenty death claims were paid during the year, seventeen at \$1,000, and three at \$2,000, a total of \$23,000.

The master in ordinary at Toronto has decided that the United States receivers of the Massachusetts Benefit Life association were not entitled to any part of the Canadian government deposit of \$112,000 made by the association, or to the \$20,000 of the investments of the association made in Canada.

The eighth annual meeting of the Provincial Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Manitoba was held in Winnipeg on Wednesday. The report for 1898, stated that the business of the company had more than doubled that of the previous year. The number of policies issued was 1,087. The number of claims was 133, all of which were adjusted at an aggregate of \$23,175.56. It was stated that last year the hail storms were more frequent and much more destructive than for some years previously. The amount to be paid for total loss of crop was fixed at \$4.50 per acre, and partial losses in proportion. The following were appointed directors for 1899: T. L. Morton, Gladstone, F. Schultz, Balduf, James Molland, Glendale, H. B. Brown, Morden, C. J. Thomson, Virden; Robert Strang, Winnipeg; John Renton, Deloraine. The business of the company is purely mutual and is done on the premium note basis, the notes falling due in October after the crop has been reaped.

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Manitoba.

Mr Marquis has opened a tailor shop at Belmont.

Alex. Bonham, baker, Baldur, offers his business for sale.

G. W. Ray, general merchant, Newdale, is giving up business.

Wesley Meredith has opened in the flour and feed business at Ochre River.

An official inquiry into the Manitoba hotel fire has been commenced.

R. Scott, formerly on the Killarney Gold, will start a paper at Belmont.

J. Partridge, blacksmith, of Newdale, who was burned out recently, has resumed business.

Gould & Elliott have disposed of their coal and wood business at Pierson, to F. Campbell.

The general stock of Hallonquist & Co. of Napinka, will be sold at auction in Winnipeg on Feb. 18.

Francis & Toms, grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by W. B. Francis.

The dwelling house of James Cruden, Selkirk, was burned on Feb. 12. The loss is about \$1,000; no insurance.

A. L. Fry, men's furnishings, Hartney, is starting a branch store in Egan, with Jos. Campbell in charge.

The Emerson-Hague Manufacturing company, Winnipeg, are applying for letters patent of incorporation. The capital stock is placed at \$75,000.

E. W. Pack has purchased the interest of W. Fairall Hopkins in the general store business of Hopkins & Pack, Hartney.

Stuart & Harper, dealers in machinery, Winnipeg, have been appointed agents here for the McLurney-Seattle company bicycles—a Toronto company.

Ex-Alderman Jas. Stuart has been appointed waterworks commissioner for Winnipeg. The appointment is a good one and will give general satisfaction.

A party named Newman was fined under a municipal by-law for selling sewing machines at McGregor. The case was appealed to the full court at Winnipeg, resulting in the quashing of the conviction.

Assiniboia.

S. V. Bray is opening in the flour and feed business at Wolsely.

G. J. Jupp, of Fleming, has purchased the store owned by Mr. Joiner and is moving into it.

The annual meeting of the Grenfell board of trade was held on Feb. 3. A resolution was adopted that those members of the board who attend the Winnipeg hospital be a committee to interview the immigration commissioner to the effect that some of the Doukhobor immigrants be sent to this district. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Edward Fitzgerald; vice-president, B. P. Richardson; secretary, F. W. Chisholm; treasurer, P. Bell; council, Messrs. Jones, McDonald, J. Walker, J. Nichols and J. W. Brown.

Saskatchewan.

The annual meeting of the Prince Albert board of trade was held on Feb. 5. President D. C. McLellan in the chair. Reports from the president and secretary-treasurer, outlining the work of the past year, were submitted and approved. New officers were

elected as follows: President, F. C. Baker; vice-president, A. McDonald; secretary-treasurer, A. McNabb; council H. Keith, S. McLeod, G. H. Russell, T. J. Agnew, W. J. Kernaghan, J. F. Botts, W. R. Gunn, D. C. McLellan, H. LaCroix.

It was suggested that a petition be drawn up and submitted for the signatures of all the residents of the town and country, urging on the Dominion government the necessity of another railway from the east.

A general discussion took place regarding the building of a road to Green Lake by the Territorial government, better railway communication, and improvements in mail service. Messrs. Agnew, McDonald and the secretary were appointed a committee to urge on the minister of public works to complete the road to Shellbrook settlement according to promise.

The meeting was of the opinion that business would be better facilitated if mails were to arrive here on other days of the week than at present. The train arrives late Saturday night and leaves early Monday morning, necessitating business men working on Sunday to answer correspondence, or take the option of leaving it over for four days to the next train. The passenger car in present use was condemned as being the worst on the Canadian Pacific system. After discussion it was decided to draft a resolution outlining these grievances and submit the same to the member of the Dominion parliament for the district.

The Commercial Men.

Mr Horsfall, clothing, Montreal, is on his way west.

J. H. Tilden, of Hamilton, was in Winnipeg this week.

J. Mundle, of the Sanford Manufacturing company, Winnipeg, went east this week.

Mr. Porter, wholesale crockery, Winnipeg, is on his way to Europe on a purchasing trip.

W. G. Spera, who handles the samples of McKenna, Thomson & Co., Montreal, went east last week, having finished his spring round-up.

F. G. Crawford and his assistant, Mr. Cross, of Gault Bros. & Co., went east last week. They have had a good business on spring orders.

J. F. Boxall, of John Macdonald & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, expects to go east next week. He has a couple of near-by orders to close yet. Mr. Rough of this firm is still out after business, but he is expected in within a week or so.

E. H. Taaffe, of Tooke Bros., is winding-up his spring orders and will go east within a week or two. Mr. Taaffe has secured quarters in the new McIntyre block, where he will open his sample rooms on his return to Winnipeg.

J. K. McLaughlan, of J. McLaughlan & Sons, biscuit and confectionary manufacturers, Owen Sound, Ont., was in Winnipeg this week, on his way home from a western trip as far as the coast. The Rublee Fruit Co., Winnipeg, are western agents for the McLaughlan goods.

S. D. R. Fernie, who represents the Hudson Bay Knitting company, and Horsfall & Sons, clothing, Montreal, was one of the unfortunates in the Manitoba hotel fire. He lost his clothing samples and also his personal effects. The Knitting company's

samples were fortunately at another place and were saved. As he was through with his spring business, the loss of the clothing samples would not cause as much inconvenience as if it had occurred earlier in the season, though the value of the samples was considerable.

Complaint from Moosejaw

The Commercial has received a letter of complaint regarding the treatment of Mr. Smith, of Moose Jaw, by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Mr. Smith had charge of the dining hall at that place and lost heavily in the fire which destroyed the building. It is stated he was promised the new hall when it would be ready, but after waiting for it and losing a good chance of another business in the meantime, he was informed about the time the new building was ready, that it would be taken charge of by the dining car department. Mr. Smith appears to have a grievance against the company, and as he was very popular with the commercial men, they are ready to take up the cudgel in his behalf. The matter, however, seems to be one of a personal nature between Mr. Smith and the company and not a public question for press comment.

Grain and Milling News.

The Carnduff Farmers' Grain Co., Carnduff, Assa., has applied for incorporation.

The grain exchanges in the United States were closed on Monday, the day being the Lincoln anniversary holiday, consequently there are no market quotations for that day.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada increased over a million and three quarter bushels last week, whereas in corresponding weeks of recent previous years there has always been a reduction in stocks.



TENDERS

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed, "Tenders for Lands Office, Regina," will be received at this office until Friday, March 3rd, 1899, for the erection of a Dominion Lands Office at Regina, N. W. T.

Plans and specifications may be seen and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this department, at the office of Mr. D. Smith, clerk of Works, Winnipeg, and on application to the caretaker at the Court House, Regina.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

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

Week ended Feb. 16, 1899.....	\$1,379,949
Corresponding week, 1898.....	1,186,549
1897.....	516,244

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

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$6,317,108	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March ...	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May	8,583,364	5,014,786	4,246,201
June	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,516,603	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,885	6,298,574	4,046,959
Sept.	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct.	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov.	11,553,669	13,550,761	8,895,176
Dec.	10,708,781	9,784,498	7,786,945
Year ...	90,672,798	88,436,121	64,143,935

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

J. B. Monk, manager of the Bank of Ottawa, Winnipeg, has left for the east on a business trip.

A bill has been introduced in the New York legislature reducing the legal rate of interest from 6 to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Hamilton opened a branch in Vancouver on Wednesday. W. Farrell is the manager of this new branch.

Another bank is to build in Winnipeg this year. It is reported that the Dominion Bank has purchased the property at the corner of Main and McLernott streets, just across Main street from the new Bank of Hamilton building, and during the coming summer will build thereon.

The Lumber Trade.

The saw mill at Cranbrook, B. C., burned recently, will be rebuilt at once.

A report comes from New Westminster that the Brunette Co.'s saw mill and sash and door factory at Sapper-ton was nearly wrecked by a boiler explosion on Feb. 15. One man only was seriously injured, but a dozen more had narrow escapes.

The saw mill owned and operated by T. A. Burrows at Pine River, on the Swan river extension of the Dauphin road, was totally consumed by fire recently, as previously reported. The work of rebuilding the mill will be proceeded with at once, and it is expected that it will be in running order inside of three weeks. Twenty-four men have been temporarily thrown out of work.

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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	18,000
Toronto	94,000
Kingston	32,000
Winnipeg	475,000
Manitoba elevators	5,460,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,422,000

Total, Feb. 4 8,501,000

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. 4, were 51,732,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 50,061,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Feb. 1 were 5,080,000 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. 11, was 30,701,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,777,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 35,634,000 bushels, two years ago 40,653,000 bushels, three years ago 65,926,000 bushels, and four years ago 80,733,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. PORTS.

Chicago 4,034,000
Duluth 6,258,000
Minneapolis 6,880,000
New York 4,500,000
Buffalo and afloat 2,966,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,115,000 bushels, compared with 14,012,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 30,624,000 bushels, compared with 38,572,000 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, 204,185,000; Feb. 1, 1894, 213,695,000; 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	59,527,046	54,774,750
Milwaukee	9,603,285	6,407,722
Duluth	58,550,144	33,145,527
Chicago	26,797,983	26,483,868

Total 154,468,458 120,811,867

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	11,157,202	9,323,226
St. Louis	12,413,498	10,239,856
Detroit	3,990,586	3,999,541
Kansas City	21,904,618	24,452,366

Total 49,466,197 48,015,089

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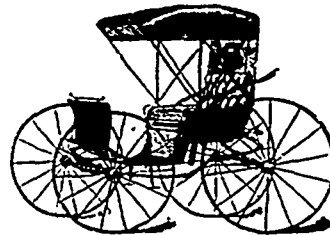
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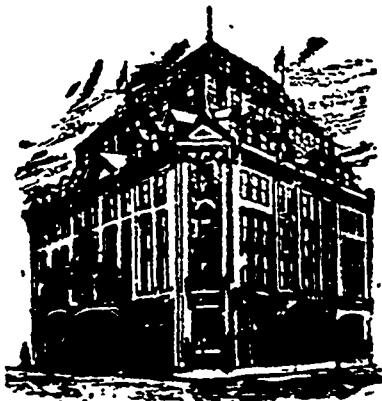
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MINING NOTES

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The Lakeside Mining company has decided to continue the development work on the company's property at Seine River.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It is rumored that F. T. Hamshaw has sold his Summit Creek and Six Mile Creek placers to eastern people for \$32,000.

The Darby Mining company, it is said, has purchased the Swansea property in East Kootenay. The price is reported to be \$30,000.

The Bank of Montreal at Nelson recently reported a gold brick from the Athabasca mine, consigned to the United States assay office at Helena, Montana, and was valued at \$1,500.

A report from Quesnelle says the Discovery Placer on Little Valley, has been sold to Vancouver people for \$2,000. The ground is two miles from Barkerville and is partially developed. The Twin and Lily K., on Pass Creek,

on the north fork of the Kettle River, have been bonded to C. D. Porter and associates, of Spokane. The consideration is \$50,000 upon which 5 per cent has been paid down.

The shipments of ore from Rossland mines during the week ending Saturday last were light owing to the fact that the Le Roi did not hold any ore. The shipments, all of which went to Trull, were as follows: War Eagle, 468 tons; Iron Mask, 504 tons.

Charles H. Parson, of Golden, B. C., has secured a lease from the provincial government for the purpose of dredging Bull river and Wild Horse creek for placer gold. Mr. Parson is the agent for a large syndicate. The machinery will be shipped to Fort Steele as soon as possible, thence to Bull river. mining

MISCELLANEOUS.

A great boom in Cripple Creek stocks is reported from Colorado. One mine jumped from thirty cents to \$1.80 in a few days.

Probably not many people are aware that the coal mined in the United States annually is worth more than three times as much as the gold mined in that country. The product of the anthracite fields alone exceeds in value the output of the United States, Canada and Alaska, which last year amounted to over \$50,000,000. East of the Rocky Mountains there are 192,000 square miles of coal lands, and the yearly output is nearly two hundred million tons. Geologists estimate the great coal fields of the world as follows: China, 200,000 United States east of the Rockies, 190,000; Canada, 65,000; India, 35,500; New South Wales, 24,000; Russia, 20,000, and the United Kingdom, 11,500 square miles. There are many deposits in other countries, but their extent is inconsiderable. England's coal area is small; still, she for years produced more than any other country. Now the United States is ahead. English coal veins are thin; one only fourteen inches wide has been worked 1,200 feet down. On the other hand, there are

veins in the Pennsylvania anthracite region sixty feet thick, and in the bituminous regions eighteen feet thick. The Appalachian coal fields are the largest known, and alone could supply the whole world for centuries to come.

Local Factory Strike

About thirty sewing girls employed in Emerson & Hague's factory, Winnipeg, went out on strike at the end of last week, their demand for certain changes in the scale of wages and other modifications having been refused. An effort has been made to arouse public sympathy in the cause of the strikers, with more or less success. The general tendency of public sympathy is almost invariably in favor of the wage-earners, and this is especially so in the case of women. If the matter were looked into, however, it would be found that there are two sides to the story, and in this case it might be decided that the firm have not acted in an unreasonable manner toward their employees. The girls, we are told, receive about double the rate of wages that is paid in the east, and the more expert ones make \$5 to \$6 per week. The employment is not skilled labor, consisting in running seams, etc., on overalls, the finishing being done by other hands. The firm have to compete with eastern goods, and this controls their ability to pay wages to a greater or lesser extent. It is a question of giving employment here to a number of girls at fairly remunerative wages, or not providing such employment at all.

In this case the strike resolved itself into a question not so much as to scale of wages, as to the management of the factory. The firm claim the right to manage their business themselves, rather than have it managed by a labor organization. It is understood the girls were willing to go back at the old rate, but the firm were not willing to discharge some new hands at their request.

The strike will not greatly inconvenience Messrs. Emerson & Hague, as they have their spring orders nearly all filled, and there appears to be a good supply of girls ready to take the place of the strikers.

The Implement Trade

The Massey-Harris company will erect a warehouse at Lumsden, Assa.

A. C. McRae, wholesale carriages, Winnipeg, has been appointed agent for the west for the McLaughlin Carriage Co., of Oshawa, Ontario. A stock of the goods will be carried in Mr. McRae's warehouse here.

The Minnesota prison twine plant is supposed to dispose of its product entirely within the state, and the legislature proposes to enact a law compelling merchants handling the twine to limit their profits to one cent a pound.

North Dakota is threatened with an attack of the state prison blinder twine fever. The senate and house have passed a joint resolution appointing a committee of five to visit the Minnesota penitentiary, inspect the twine plant, and report back with a view to establishing a similar plant at the North Dakota penitentiary.

The Laufenburg traction engine and combined harvester is thus described by the Scientific American. The harvester which is used in the great wheat fields of California and the Pacific coast states, cuts a swath

28 feet wide, and threshes, cleans and sacks the grain as it moves along. It would seem that a machine cutting a strip of grain 28 feet wide, would be hauling straw fast enough to suit almost any one, but the Laufenburg machine has been built to cut a nice little swath 52 feet, and sack the grain completely cleaned and ready for market. While the combined harvester is not a new feature in the handling of crops on the coast, only recently, and not until the traction engine became a success in the field, did they ever attempt to cut wider than 18 feet, 16 feet being the standard machine, requiring from 30 to 40 head of stock to handle it.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

Coal oil has made a sharp advance at Montreal, with sales at 37 1/2 to 42 1/2c.

Late advices from Belgium state that owing to the active demand from the United States and Canadian buyers the market is strong, and prices have advanced about 4 per cent.

The feeling for Manila rope is former and if the present troubles continue any length of time in the Philippines a sharp advance in prices is anticipated.

The stove manufacturers in the east have slightly reduced the discounts and discontinued delivery to nearest railway and shipping points. By this means prices are from 3 to 4 per cent. higher.

Tenders.

The Dominion government is calling for tenders for the erection of a lands office building at Regina.

Tenders will be received by the commissioner of public works, Regina, up to Tuesday, 21st February, for the construction of new ferry scows for the ferries at Carleton and Waingard, on the North Saskatchewan river.

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Tim 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 28, 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 @ \$4.00; 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, \$3; 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, \$4.00; 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., 18@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, 8½c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; ½ 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, \$6.00, 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, \$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. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount 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 65c; 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 \$3.00; 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., 55c; boiled, gal., 58c 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; neatfoot oil, \$1, steam reined 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; 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12, 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

tc 2 x 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 \$38.00. \$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, \$13.00, 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, \$38.00; 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, \$1.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

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

Finishings—1½, 1½ and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$38.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$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—½ sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, ½x1½, 100 feet lineal, 75c, ½x1¾, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1½ inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; ½ 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.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 18.

The cold wave passed over the first of the week and all this week the temperature has been quite mild. As a consequence the grain movement at country points has increased somewhat and an active movement is looked for, for the balance of the winter. Travellers in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., have now completed their work for spring business and they report their sales about equal to last year. The spring immigration movement is about beginning, a few early parties having arrived. A large number of new settlers are looked for this year. Sales of farm lands have begun to improve somewhat, though it is too early yet to look for much business in land sales. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continue larger than in previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 18.

(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.)

DRUGS.

Quinine has been advanced by the manufacturers about three cents an ounce, and there is a probability of still higher prices. Camphor is stiffening in price. Cocaine, bromide and its preparations are higher. Blue vitrol and Paris green are firm in price at the advance in the east, but there is no change in the local market, bluestone still being offered here at 4 1-2c in barrel lots, which is much below a parity with manufacturers' prices since the recent advances.

DRY GOODS.

Quite a number of travellers have completed their trips on spring business during the past two weeks, in dry goods and clothing, and practically all the travellers are now in. The general report is, that spring orders are quite up to the business done a year ago. There are very few orders that have not been placed. Collections have not been good, though perhaps equal to expectations.

FISH.

Oysters are advanced 30c per gallon in the east, owing to the recent severe weather which prevented operations along the Atlantic coast. The advance will likely be only temporary, however. Haddies are now offering more freely. Lake trout are out of the market at present. With the Lenten season now on, a brisk trade is doing.

GROCERIES.

Business is quiet. There are a few changes in prices. Sugars are unchanged, but New Orleans molasses is quoted 3 to 5c lower. In dried fruits the only change is a decline of 1 1/2c on Sultana raisins. Japan rice is 1-8 to 1-4c lower. Granulated and standard oatmeal have declined 5c per sack. Rolled meal is unchanged at the recent decline. Several lots of meal

have been brought in from the United States recently, though it was thought that no more meal would be brought in after the new Manitoba crop came to market. The poor quality of the last Manitoba oat crop, however, has been a drawback to the home mills. Canned herring have been reduced in price. Canned tomatoes are also being sold at closer prices, the inside price being now \$2.15 per case. Tomatoes are being sold at very fine prices in the local market, T. & B. and Prince of Wales selling at practically cost, owing to a little local tiff among jobbers.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples are scarce, stocks having been reduced very much. One house had nothing but a new shipment of Ontario spies in, and another house was reduced to Ontario Ben Davis only. Prices are firm. Shipments of lemons on the way here were tied up by the recent severe weather, but with the mild weather now prevailing supplies of Messinas are expected at once. Bananas are arriving irregularly. There is no demand for seedling oranges. The prices are: California naval oranges \$5.75 to \$1.25 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 nominal, California lemons, scarce at \$1.25 to 1.50 per box; Ontario apples Ben Davis \$1 to \$1.50; spies \$5.50 to \$6 per bbl.; Almeria grapes, nominal; frozen cranberries, \$6.00 per barrel; cranberries, unfrozen, \$5 barrel, coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c. Tarragona almonds, 14c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c. peanut nuts, 12c lb.; shelled walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c per pound; comb honey, \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, \$1.1-2 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 AND PAINTS.

The market is very firm on almost every staple line, in sympathy with the continuous upward tendency of prices east, where there has been almost a "boom" in prices of staple lines of metals, and many advances have been made as reported in our weekly telegraphic report from Toronto and Montreal. Tin, copper and lead are all very strong commodities, as shown by the frequent advances in prices of late. This affects various manufactured lines into which these commodities largely enter. Iron is also firm. Locally barb wire, cut and wire nails, solder, sheet zinc, bar iron and galvanized iron have been advanced. Rope is 1c lower. In paints dry red lead is up 1-4c and turpentine is 3c higher and very firm. Glass is also very firm, owing to advances by manufacturers. An advance in varnishes is expected, owing to the high price of turpentine.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets close this week at practically the same figure as last. In the interval the daily fluctuations have been of sufficient variety to excite the interest of those who follow the markets with a speculative bent, almost every day showing a range of from 1c to 1 1-2c in the American markets. People who have viewed the situation in a bullish

light, have had some slight ground, for their anticipations, in the crop damage rumors that have circulated in reference to the winter wheat crop in several important sections in the United States. At the end of this week, however, the best information goes to show that the probability of serious damage is small, so far as can be judged at present. With snow storms and excessive cold over the eastern part of the States, the movement of merchandise has been greatly restricted during the week, in consequence of which, the clearances of wheat from the Atlantic seaboard have been very small. This may imply another increase in the American visible supply for the current week, when as a rule a decrease is the natural order of things at this time of year. Last week there was an increase of 1,176,000 bushels, against a decrease of 388,000 same week last year. At the same time the inter-r movement of wheat (the western states having been free from storms) has been at least 50 per cent larger than for same time last year, which suggests no lack of wheat in the country. The world's shipments from exporting countries last week were 8,332,000 bushels, which quantity is considerably more than a week's requirements of importing countries. The world's visible supply increased 1,878,000 bushels, compared with a decrease last year of 500,000 bushels. The shipments from Argentina this week are reported as 1,256,000 bushels. Growing crops of winter wheat continue to be favorably reported of. The severe cold spell over the winter wheat belt of the American continent has probably done some injury, but to what extent cannot be definitely known until mild weather starts growth. At present the general estimate is that not much injury has been sustained. In Europe the weather for the most part has continued unseasonably mild, yet the wheat crops are reported all looking well. The local market is

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shipment is out of the question, and for the most part the trading done merely passes the property from one dealer to another around the exchange. With the advent of mild weather farmer's deliveries are increasing, and with accumulating supplies to take care of prices must very soon come into line with the value in outside markets. The price of 1 hard has undergone little change on the week. In the forepart of the week 69 1-2c per bushel in store Fort William prevailed, and during the latter part 69c has nominally been the price. On Thursday sales were made on the call board at 69c for spot 1 hard, and 71 1-2c for May delivery. Values yesterday stood at the same figures. Two hard and 1 northern remain at 81-2c less than 1 hard. Dried 2 hard is 62c in store Fort William, and dried 2 northern 60c. There is very little demand for dried wheat. The quantity of damp wheat in the country is a serious problem, and much loss by it is almost certain. Shippers have had a great many cars shipped from country points for good conditioned 1 and 2 hard, graded at Fort William as tough. A few weeks ago, before many of these cars had shown up, they were forwarded to North Bay and sold to Ontario millers on sample at prices approaching in many instances to nearly the value of the straight grade. Latterly, however, the increasing number of such cars has been sufficient to glut the Ontario market and the prices that can be obtained now are very unsatisfactory to the shippers. This week, tough 1 hard has sold at 75c, North Bay equal to 63c, Fort William and tough 2 hard has sold at 72c North Bay or 60c Fort William, and buyers are very scarce even at these figures.

BUSINESS ON 'CHANGE.

This was a very quiet week in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, and very little business was transacted on the open board. Nothing was done on Monday owing to the absence of quotations, on account of the holiday in the United States. On Tuesday, 69 1-2c was bid for No. 1 hard spot, Fort William, with sellers at 70c. On Wednesday 69 3-4c was bid; sellers 69 1-2c. On Thursday 5,000 bushels No. 1 hard, May delivery Fort William, sold at 71 1-2c. Five cars 1 hard spot sold at 69c. There were no sales on Friday, 68 1-2c was bid for 1 hard spot Fort William.

FLOUR — Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: Patents, \$1.95 strong bakers, \$1.75; XXX, \$1.65 to \$1.15 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLEED—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. In the country car lots have been held at 25c per bushel of 34 lbs, equal to 30c cost on track here. Ordinary feed oats were held at about this price here. Very few oats have been marketed lately and supplies are scarce. It is expected that with the milder weather offerings, will increase. Farmers were offering some

on the street here, but they were mostly very poor quality and brought 25 to 28c per bushel.

OATMEAL—Owing to the scarcity of oats and the poor quality of the bulk of those offering, makers have had difficulty in securing supplies of oats suitable for milling. While the price of oats here has been advancing, the oatmeal market has been depressed by importations of United States meal.

BARLEY—We quote 24 to 25c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here, feed grades, and 27 to 30c for malting samples.

WHEAT — Local street market—Millers have been paying 58 to 63c for choice hard wheat delivered at the mills by farmers, as to quality. Tough and damp wheat brings 5 to 8c under dry grain of the same grade. Prices to farmers at country points range from 53 to 62c, according to freight rates and local conditions.

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 41 to 43c per bushels of 56 lbs., as to grade on the basis of prices at Minneapolis this week.

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 steady. 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.

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

EGGS—We quote 22c for fresh candlen, and 18 to 17c for hined. Held fresh are quoted at 18 to 20c, as to quality. Increased receipts are now looked for. Receipts of Manitoba eggs have been about nil during the late cold weather.

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, 40 to 45c 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 SCOT—Nominal at 21c.

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

HIDES—Frozen hides are quoted 6 to 6 1-2c; bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds tare taken on frozen hides. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c No. 2 5 1-2c; No. 3 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3: kip 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; 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 \$7 to \$7.50 on track here and loose on the street market at \$6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

DRESSED MEATS—The supply of dressed hogs comes mainly from Ontario still. Prices of hogs were weak in the east recently and car lots were laid down here from Ontario at as low as \$5.50 to \$5.60 per 100 lbs. Eastern markets, however, have had an upward tone according to advices to

hand this week. Our telegraphic reports from Toronto and Montreal will give later reports. There is no change in local prices. Beef is firm. There is scarcely any frozen beef offering. 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, 5 3-4c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There is very little doing in the local market. The impression prevails that fat cattle will be scarce this spring and that there will be none to spare for export, over local and western requirements. No advices are to hand regarding the effect of the recent cold weather on the range cattle, as it takes weeks to look over the ranges and size up the situation. Some range cattle, right from the west, however, were in the Winnipeg market this week. Some of these were killed and dressed and turned out not bad, though they certainly showed a falling tendency, which, however, could not be otherwise. These cattle, it is said, had been fed some hay and were not left to rustle entirely for themselves. The fact that any range cattle are fit for the market at this season of the year, is a favorable feature. Though the weather has been very severe throughout the range country lately, it is said the cattle have been able to get plenty of feed, there being little snow. We quote 8 to 8 3-4c off cars here for ordinary butchers' cattle.

SHEEP—None offering. Market nominal. Plenty of frozen mutton offering yet.

HOGS—Quoted at 4 3-4c off cars for selected weights.

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

HORSES—A considerable number of horses are being brought in from Ontario and the United States for the spring trade. Several car loads of Montana range horses were offered at auction this week here.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 98 to 98 1-2c.

Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.15; bakers, \$2.25.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$11 in large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, casier at 35 to 37c.

Barley—35 to 38c for feed; malting, 38 to 43c.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1-2c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 17 to 18c for fresh and 14 to 15c for pickled and held stock.

Dressed meats—Beef, city dressed, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c; country, 4 to 5c; mutton, 5 to 7c; hogs, 6 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, 6 1-2c.

Hay—Baled, on track, \$7.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; turkeys, native, 10 to 11c; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8c.

Live Stock News.

On Sunday, Feb. 5, says the Medicine Hat News, Mr. Benlack shipped to Winnipeg two carloads of fat cattle off the Medicine Hat ranch. They were picked up off the open range in midwinter.

Minneapolis Markets.

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

Millicena—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00, bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00; corn feed, \$13.25 to \$15 per ton as to quality.

Corn—quoted at 32 1/2 for No. 3 yellow, and 32c for No. 3.

Oats—Here at 29 1/8c for No. 3 white, and 29c for No. 3.

Barley—Malt, 40 to 43c; feed, quoted at 39 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.16 per bushel.

Eggs—16c for strictly fresh, including cases, seconds, 10 to 11c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1/2c; fair to good, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 21c; for choice to extras; seconds 12 to 15c; dairy, 14 to 18c for choice to fancy; seconds 12 to 12 1/2c.

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

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

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-1c for 1; 73-1c for No. 2; green salted steers, 91-1c, bulls, oxen and brands, 61-2 to 71-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 80c each; veal, calf, 93-4 to 111-4c; tallow, 21-2 to 31-2c seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Mixed lots, 27 to 30c, white, 30 to 37c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$4.50 to \$5 per barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 13c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 13 to 14 1/2c.

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

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight \$3.50 to \$3.75; lights, \$3.25; heavy, \$3.35 per 100 pounds. Sheep, yearlings, \$1.25, lambs, \$4.75; cattle stockers, \$3 to \$4.40; butchers steers, \$3.75 to \$5, cows and heifers, \$2 to \$3.80; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.75.

British Columbia Items.

A. McLeod is opening a store at Fort Steele.

G. McAlpine, hardware, Wardner, is burned out.

A. M. Schwig, tailor, has opened business at Cayce City.

Small & Musgrave, hotel have opened business at Cranbrook.

C. Keeley, butcher, Trail, is reported to have left the country.

Hunter Bros., general store, are opening a branch at Greenwood.

B. B. Draper, dry goods, New Westminster, has given up business.

W. A. Haiming, confectionery, Fairview, has sold out to J. Stewart.

Steg & Avison, hotel, New Denver, have dissolved, Stege continuing.

F. LoCasto, barber, cigars and fruit New Denver, has given up business.

Seyler & Graham, Cascade City, have dissolved. Style now Seyler & Roy.

McLennan, Norman & Co have opened business in grain and feed at Cascade City.

The Grand Forks Mercantile Co., general store, Grand Forks, has sold out.

Dr. Sibree Clarke and W. E. Janline will open a drug and stationery business at Ashcroft.

The Godfrey Hardware Co., New Westminster has sold out to R. F. Anderson & Co.

Hunter, Kendrick Co., Ltd., are opening a general store at Grand Forks and also at Greenwood.

The following items are reported from Rossland—C. Howson, hotel, has sold out. H. S. Merryweather has opened a hotel. Were & Hornsen butchers, have dissolved partnership; F. E. Weare continuing. W. S. Logan, dry goods, is opening business. A. Klockman, saloon, lost by fire.

The following items are reported from Victoria: F. W. Favcett & Co., drugs, are opening business here. G. C. Salter, bottling works, has sold out to V. A. Dodd. Greenwood, Smith & Randolph, printers, have dissolved partnership; J. J. Randolph retiring.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: Hopkirk & Spence, wholesale liquors, have assigned. The British Columbia Oil Co., Ltd., has been taken over by the Imperial Oil Co. H. G. Moore, fruit, etc., is burned out. Munn & Miller, bicycles, have dissolved; business continued by Miller & Co.

Alberta.

Jas Gibbons, wholesale liquors, Edmonton, Alberta, has sold out to A. Cristall.

The partnership existing between Young & Laxton, publishers, Calgary, has been dissolved.

W. H. Manarey & Co., butchers, Calgary, have dissolved. The new firm in future will be known as the Palace Meat Market Company, Ltd., who will be responsible for liabilities of the late firm of W. H. Manarey & Co.

Northwest Ontario.

Fire broke out on Monday in the Scott block, Ratertage, occupied on the lower floor by Rogers & Ray, general merchants, and Werner, druggist and upstairs by the Crown Lands offices; Kennedy's law office and others. Within a short time the firemen had the fire well under control. The damage to the building was considerable. The principal losers were Rogers & Ray, whose loss is placed at \$6,000 on their stock; insured in the Hartford for \$1,500; the Union, \$1,000, National, North British and Mercantile, \$1,000; Werner, druggist, loss \$500, insured in London and Lancashire and National for \$2,400.

Western Business Items.

H. J. Greer, barber and cigars, Stonewall, Man., has sold out.

Mr. Dowdie will open a harness business at Manitow, Man.

Andrews & Co., tailors, Brandon, are adding men's furnishings.

McLean & Stirling are opening in implements at Rosebank, Man.

Thompson & Milne are opening in implements at Oak River, Man.

Morrow Bros., Portage la Prairie, are adding groceries to their business.

The stock of the estate of Burke Bros., dry goods, Winnipeg, was sold to C. Cloutier.

Miss Baldwin, millinery, Minnedosa, Man., has sold out to Miss Alexander, of Newdale.

The flour mill at Rosthern, Sask., has been purchased by the Consolidated Milling company.

R. A. Bobier, Jeweller, Carberry, Man., has decided on account of failing sight to give up business.

Miller & Haines, Ninga, Man., contemplate opening a branch store at Margaret.

Raw Fur Sales.

Following are prices realized at the Hudson's Bay Co's, January fur sales in London, as reported by Phillips, Poltzer & Co.:

Beaver — Yorkfort — Firsts, large, 27.6, firsts, small, 12.9; seconds, large, 24.9; seconds, small, 11.3; thirds, large, 18.6; thirds, small, 8 and cubed 6 shillings. Mackenzie River — Firsts, large, 23.8; firsts, small, 11.9; seconds, large, 24.6, seconds, small, 10.6; thirds, large, 17.9; thirds, small, 7.9, and cubs, 3.8 shillings. Northwest — Firsts, large, 26, firsts, small, 12; seconds, large, 24.6, seconds, small, 10.9, thirds, large, 21; thirds, small, 7.9; and cubs, 4.9 shillings. Moose River and East Maine — Firsts, large, 30; firsts, small, 15.6; seconds, large, 26.9; seconds, small, 13.3; thirds, large, 20.9; thirds, small, 9.3, and cubs, 5.3 shillings. Fort Garry — Firsts, large, 36.6; firsts, small, 15.9; seconds, large, 32; seconds, small, 15.6; thirds, large, 20.6; thirds, small, 10.6 shillings. Esquimo Bay — Firsts, large, 32.6; firsts, small, 15.6; seconds, large, 26; seconds, small, 41; thirds, large, 19 shillings. Canada — Firsts, large, 29.3; firsts, small, 14.6; seconds, large, 24.6; seconds, small, 13; thirds, large, 19; thirds, small, 10, and cubs, 5 shillings.

Musquash — Yorkfort — Firsts, 8, small firsts, 6 1/8, seconds, 6; thirds, 4 3/4; fourths, 3 3/4 pence. — East Maine — Firsts, 11 3/4; small firsts, 9, second, 8 1/4; thirds, 6 1/2 pence. Canada — Firsts, 9; small firsts, 9, small seconds, 7 3/8, seconds, 7 7/8, thirds, 6 1/2, fourths, 4 1/2 pence. Moose River — Firsts, 8 3/4; firsts, small, 8, seconds, 6 3/4; thirds, 5 1/4, fourths, 4 1/4 pence. Mackenzie River — Firsts, 6; firsts, small, 5 1/4; seconds, 5 1/2; thirds, 4; fourths, 3 pence. Northwest — Firsts, 7 3/4; firsts, small, 6; seconds, 6 3/8, thirds, 5; fourths 3 1/4 pence.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection

Returns for last week report 151 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 27 cars; 2 hard, 6, 3 hard, 2, 1 northern, 31; 2 northern, 7; 1 spring, 5, 1 Ladoga, 4; rejected, 9, no grade, 63.

Damp Wheat

During the recent very severe weather the drying plants operating on damp and tough wheat were unable to work to any advantage, the moisture from the wheat clogging the machinery, besides the difficulty in keeping up the temperature to the right point. This week, however, rapid progress has been made. The Port Arthur plant handled 43 cars of damp and tough wheat on Thursday. Though there is a large accumulation of wheat on hand waiting to be dried, it will at this rate soon be worked down.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There were 2,097,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Feb. 11.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,500,000 bushels, compared with about 5,000,000 bushels a year ago.

The Canadian Pacific railway will run the first of the spring settlers' excursions from the east, leaving Toronto on Tuesday, March 7th, and every Tuesday thereafter during March and April.

New York Wheat

New York, Feb. 14.—Wheat, receipts 1,000 bushels, exports 67,215 bushels. Options opened stronger and for a time were supported by cables, active foreign buying of March wheat and cold weather news. Later developments were more bearish, however, following earlier late cables and a big visible supply increase and small clearances. Closed weak at 13-8c advance on March, but 1-4c decline on other months. March 82 and 85c, closed 82 3-8c; April 78 1-2 and 83c, closed 79c; May 76 15-16 and 78 3-8c, closed 77c; July 75 3-4 and 76 3-4c, closed 75 7-8c.

New York, Feb. 15.—Wheat—Exports 24,271 bushels; sales 1,505,000 bushels futures; 120,000 bushels spot. Spot strong; No. 2 red 85 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth 83 1-8 f.o.b. afloat spot; No. 1 Northern New York 82 1-8 f.o.b. afloat.

New York, Feb. 16.—Wheat, March opened 82 5-8c, closed 83 3-8c b. May opened 77 1-8c, closed 77 5-8c b. July opened 75 1-4c n, closed 76 1-4c a.

New York, Feb. 17.—Wheat receipts were 12,000 bushels, exports 157,133 bushels. Options had a firm start on the foreign demand for March but soon developed a weakness that lasted all day. In addition to the drop news of a bearish character, long wheat came out more freely, and the bears extended short accounts by hammering the market vigorously. It closed 1-4c and 3-4c net lower and weak. March 83 and 84 1-2c, closed 83 1-8c; May 76 7-8 and 78 1-8c, closed 77c; July 75 3-8 and 76 3-8c, closed 75 3-8c.

New York, Feb. 18.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 82 3-4c; May, 76 5-8c.

Exports of wheat from Atlantic ports this week, 2,454,000 bushels.

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. 14.—Wheat, May opened 74c, closed 72 3-4-7-8c; July opened 72 3-4c, closed 71 3-4c. Corn, Feb. closed 35 1-2c n; May opened 3 3-4c, closed 37 to 37 1-8c; July opened 37 7-8c, closed 37 3-4c b. Oats, Feb. closed 27 3-4c n; May opened 29c, closed 28 3-4c a; July opened 26 5-8c, closed 26 1-4-3-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.12, closed \$10.02.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-2c, closed 72 3-4 to 7-8c b. July opened 71 1-2c, closed 71 3-4c a. Corn, Feb. 35 1-4c n. May 36 7-8c, closed 36 3-4 to 7-8c. July opened 37 1-8c, closed 37 1-4c. Oats, Feb. closed 27 3-8c n. May opened 28 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 37 1-4c. July opened 26 1-4c, closed 26 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.95, closed \$10.02.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-4c, closed 73 1-4c b. July opened 71 1-2c, closed 72c a. Corn, Feb. closed 35 1-4c n. May opened 36 2-4c, closed 36 3-4 to 7-8c. July opened 37 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 37 1-8 to 1-4c. Oats, Feb. closed 27 1-8 to 1-4c. May opened 28 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 28 1-8 to 1-4c. July opened 26 1-4c, closed 26 1-8 to 1-4c. Pork, Feb. closed \$9.72 n. May opened \$10, closed \$9.92 to \$9.95.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-4c, closed 72 3-8c b. July opened 72 1-8c, closed 71c b. Corn, Feb. closed 34 1-2c. May opened 36 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 36c b. July opened 37 to 1-8c, closed 36 1-2c a. Oats, Feb. closed 26 3-4 to 7-8c n. May opened 28 1-4c, closed 27 3-4 to 7-8c. July opened 26,

closed 25 7-8 to 26c. Pork, Feb. closed \$9.70. May opened \$9.92, closed \$9.92.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Wheat opened at 72 3-8c for May, and ranged from 71 7-8 to 72 1-2. Closing prices were: Wheat—May 72c, July 70 1-2c. Corn—Feb. 34c, May 35 1-2c. Oats—26 3-8c, May 27 3-8c. Pork—Feb. \$9.60, May \$9.70. Lard—May \$5.45. Hibs—May \$4.85.

A week ago May option closed at 73 3-8c; a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.00; two years ago at 76 1-2c; three years ago at 64 5-8c; four years ago at 53c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Holiday.
Tuesday—May, 72 1-8c.
Wednesday—May, 71 7-8c.
Thursday—May, 72 1-4c.
Friday—Cash, 69 1-4c; May, 71 3-4c.
Saturday—May, 71 3-8c; July, 71 7-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 70 7-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 68 7-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 72 1-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at \$1; two years ago May option closed at 76 1-2c; three years ago at 61 7-8c; four years ago at 57 7-8c, and five years ago at 60 3-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

Saturday, Feb. 18.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 69 3-4c for February, and 70 1-8c for May; cash, No. 1 northern 69 3-8c; cash No. 2 northern, 67 3-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.19 1-4, for cash, and May \$1.18 3-4.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 18. — Wheat closed 3-3d lower.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market was dead to-day. The value of No. 1 hard spot Fort William is 69c, but only a very limited business could be done at this price. May quoted at 71 1-2c. On call to-day there was no business; 68 1-2 was bid for spot.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, Feb. 13.—Prices were irregular. Choice States cattle sold 1-4c lower at 12c, while Argentines were 1-4c higher at 11 1-4c. Sheep were also 1-4c higher at 11 3-4c.

Liverpool, Feb. 13.—The supply of cattle was light. Choice States cattle sold 11 1-2c; choice Canadian 11c; Argentines 10 1-2c. Sheep were weak and 1c lower at 10 1-2c.

An advance of 25c per barrel in the price of No. 1 herrings is reported from the east.

Davidson Bros., wholesale grocers and pickle manufacturers, Halifax, N. S., have suspended payment.

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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. 18, 1899.

Fresh grass butter is coming in from the States to the south and sells at 60c per lb. Fresh eggs are also coming in from the south. Potatoes are higher. There is a big boom in the lumber trade. The big Ross-McLaren mill, which has been idle since it was built, is starting up. Ludgate, of Peterboro, Ont., proposes building a mammoth mill here, to employ 800 hands.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23 @25c choice dairy, jobbers price, 18@19c; Off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 35c; California 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, \$3.00 @ \$3.25 box; seedlings, \$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 \$5.10; strong bakers \$4.60; 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, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon and India: Fair, 20c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

A corporation tax is to be put into effect in Ontario for financial purposes. Banks, loan companies, building societies, telephone companies etc. will be taxed.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 18.

Dry goods—Trade is quieter. Jobbers are busy shipping spring goods. Values are very firm. Cottons for fall delivery will likely be higher.

Hardware—There is a good demand and the general upward tendency of prices continues. Barbed wire is 15 to 20c per 100 pounds higher. Drawers of wire will hereafter sell at base price, the same as nails. Wire nails are advanced to \$2.10 and \$2.15. Copper and brass wire are up 5 per cent. Zinc sheet and zinc spelter are 1-1c higher. Turpentine is 2c dearer. Poultry netting 5 per cent higher at fifty and five discount.

Groceries—Quiet. Canned goods in more demand and firm. Teas are strong. United States buyers are here to-day and they have bought six hundred half chests of China green.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 18.

Deliveries of grain continue very light, but there is an improved export demand for wheat, which is 1-2 to 1c higher. Barley is up 1c. Dressed hogs are firmer. Fresh eggs are 1c lower.

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 hard 75 to 79 1-2c Midland.

Oats—White, 29c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 46 to 47c at country points for car lots.

Midfeed—Shorts, \$13 to \$15 per ton; bran, \$12 to \$14 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.60 in bags per barrel and \$3.70 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, \$19.5c, lime, 14 to 15c, head fresh, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13 1-2c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Hides—Cows, green, 8 1-2c; green steers, 9c, cured hides, 9 1-4c sheepskins and lambskins, 80 to 90c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 3 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15c.

Beans—1.10 per bushel for hand-picked, and 80 to 95c for ordinary quality.

Dressed hogs—\$5 per 100 pounds 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 7 to 8c for frozen stock; chickens 35 to 70c a pair; geese 5c to 7c.

Seed—Red clover, \$1.50 to \$1.75 a bushel, \$3.50 to \$4.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 11

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 19 car loads, including 100 sheep and lambs and 900 hogs.

Export cattle—The supply was light. Heavy sold at \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Butchers' cattle—Choice cattle were firm and higher prices were predicted. Choice \$1.75 to \$1.25, common \$1 to \$1.50 per cwt.

Stockers and feeders—Stockers were in ample supply and prices easier at \$1.25 to \$3.50 and \$3.60 for choice; feeders firm at \$1.50 to \$1 per cwt. Sheep and lambs—Light supply. Prices firm, lambs 15c higher at \$1.

25 to \$1.50 per cwt. Sheep export and butchers' \$1 to \$3.25; bucks \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Hogs—Offerings light. Prices firm. Choice selections \$1.50 per cwt; light \$1.25. Thies fat \$3.87 1-2; sows, \$3.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 17.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 50 car loads of all kinds including 200 sheep and lambs and 1,000 hogs.

Export cattle were 10c higher per 100 lbs. compared with Tuesday's prices. Choice butchers on the other hand were 10c lower at \$1.75 to \$1.15 per 100 lbs. Common cattle ranged 1 1-2c higher, owing to light supplies. Stockers also advanced 1-4c over Tuesday's prices. Sheep were firm at unchanged prices. Light fat hogs were 1-2c lower at \$1.12 1-2 per 100 lbs., but other hogs were unchanged at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 18.

Oats are dull. Flour is moving fairly well on local account. There is a good demand for millfeed. Cheese is a shade easier, though most holders are firm in their views. Butter is steady and fairly firm at unchanged prices. An error occurred in transmitting the price of creamery last week. Eggs are 1c lower, under increasing receipts since the weather became milder. Turkeys are 1-2 to 1c higher. Dressed hogs are firmer.

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

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are. Manitoba strong makers, \$3.50 to \$4; Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20.

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.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 18.

Special to The Commercial.

The market is steady and firm, and no important changes in prices are reported this week.

White lead, government standard, \$1.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 19 to 50c, boiled 52 to 53c; turpentine 64 to 65c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.85 to \$3; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.15 to \$2.25; tern plates, .595 to \$6.25; galvanized iron 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, .375 to \$4; iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in

bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 26c; cement, English brands, \$3.30 to \$3.40 Germany, \$2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium \$1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c. Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 18.

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 1-4 to 2 1-4c as to quality Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; 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 2 1-2c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 14.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 100 head, and 75 sheep and lambs.

Cattle were firm and in fair demand. Choice sold at 4 1-2 to 5c; good at 4c to 4 1-4c; fair at 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c, and common at 2 1-2 to 3 1-4c. Sheep were firm and sold at 3 1-4c, and lambs at 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c. Offerings of hogs were light and prices held firm at 4 1-2c per lb., weighed of the cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 17.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 400 head, sheep and lambs, 40.

The market for cattle was easier. The best sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c, and good cattle at about 4c. Common to fair ranged from 2 1-2 to 3 3-4c. Lent has the effect of decreasing the demand for meats, consequently the market is easier. Sheep, lambs and hogs were unchanged at Monday's prices.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 17.—Cheese is quoted at 49s for both white and colored.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Feb. 17.—Market firm. Beet February option 99 5-14, March 9s 6d. This shows a decline of 3 3-4d on the week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 17.—Cattle firm. Quoted at 11 1-2 to 12 1-4c, estimated gross weight.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 17.—The stock market opened easier. Atchison 22 7-8, Burlington 14 1-4, Louisville 65 1-8, Manhattan 111 1-8, Missouri Pacific 45 1-2; Brooklyn Transit 94 3-8; Northern Pacific 54 3-8, Northern Pacific preferred 79 5-8; Rock Island 118 5-8; Sugar 134 1-2; St. Paul 128; Southern preferred 59; Tobacco 134; Union Pacific 48 1-4; Union Pacific preferred 81 1-4; Federal Steel 51 1-2. Federal Steel preferred 88 1-2. Money on call easy at 2 1-4 to 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 2 3-4 to 3 1-4 per cent. Sterling exchange steadier at \$4.86 to 1-4 for demand, and at \$4.84 to 1-4 for sixty days. Postpaid rates \$4.85 and \$4.87. Commercial bills \$4.83 to 1-2. Silver certificates nominally 59 1-2 to 60 1-2. Bar silver 59 3-4. Mexican dollars 47 1-4. Government bonds weak.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 17.—Wheat, spot was steady. No. 2 red western winter stocks exhausted. No. 1 red northern spring 6s.