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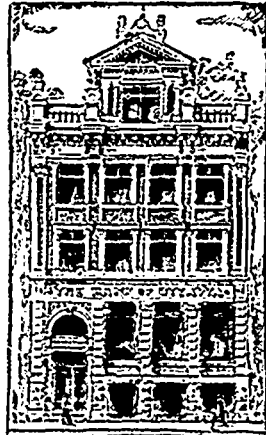
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The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the vast region lying between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast, than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale, commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.

WINNIPEG, MAY 28, 1898.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 21.—Cooler weather is lessening the danger of Fraser river floods though fears in this regard are not yet at an end, meanwhile farm prices continue very good, an extremely limited supply of oats in particular realizing high prices with every prospect of a large early rise when the new crop comes in if business keeps up as present indications denote. Hay is rising in price and commands exceptional figures ranging between \$16 and \$18 a ton. In consequence of these things it is expected that the British Columbia oat and hay crop of the present season will embrace a larger acreage than has ever hitherto been devoted to such production in the province although even then the supply will probably be unequal to the constantly growing demand. Wheat has also stiffened up in fact the entire feed and grain market is very strong at advanced prices. The flour and feed men stated to-day that oats had certainly been bought up, all in slight, through some mysterious agency. The Klondike trade has revived somewhat on account of the recent arrival of Australian prospectors who have been securing supplies in the city, but there is as yet no revival of the boom. The lumber mills are exceptionally busy, most of the large concerns are working over time and benefitting by satisfactory advances in prices, which had not come before it was necessary in most cases. The cannery men are all preparing for a fairly active season, but a considerable loss has just been sustained by several local concerns as a result of the rusting of the ribs of a large shipment recently made from England.

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An eastern exchange says: It speaks well for the enterprise and energy of the above company, that while the recent destructive fire at their factory was in progress, and it was seen that the machinery would be ruined beyond repair, orders were wired the principal manufacturers of the most modern and best machinery for an outfit and plant to take the place of that destroyed, says the Maritime Merchant. The energy and resources of the company will be taxed to the utmost in the endeavor to make the interruption to their business as brief as possible. Already work has started on the walls of the burned building, and its re-erection will be pushed forward vigorously, and it will only be a matter of a short time before pure and fresh goods will be on the market. Secretary McKay has had his hands full in looking after the various phases which are nearly always connected with a destructive fire in any industrial establishment. The new factory will be a model of the latest and best practice in condensing.

Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin says: The executive committee of the eastern lines have decided to restore rates to the 20c tariff on flour and grain on May 30, Chicago to New York. This is about double the rate now in force. The restoration it is believed, is to brace up the lake and rail lines. Present rates on flour and grain are 10 to 12c. Ocean rates have declined sharply—1 1-2 to 2 1-2 per bushel on grain from the high point. The rate from New York to Liverpool is 4 to 4 1-4. Through rates from Chicago to Liverpool are 15 0/8c, per bushel on wheat and 14 7-8c on corn. Flour is 24 0/8 to 25c per 100 lbs and provisions 36 1-2 to 37c per 100 lbs. Lake and rail rates to New England are 16 1-2c per 100 lbs on flour, 9 1-2 per bushel on wheat, 8 1-2 on corn and 5 1-2 on oats. Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo were steady with a fair business at 13 5/8c on wheat, 11 5/8 to 11 1-4c on corn and 1c on oats. Corn was taken to Kingston at 2 1-2c.

The average charge in 1897 for carrying a ton of freight one mile on the Lake Superior routes was .83 of a mill as compared with .99 of a mill per ton per mile in 1896. In other words, at the scale of charges of last year a ton of freight could be transported on the lake routes at the cost of 1 cent for twelve miles. At the same time, in connection with specific articles the actual rates were even lower. Wheat, for instance, was carried 1,000 miles for 13-4 cents a bushel and coal for 20 cents a ton for the same distance, while iron ore was transported from the docks at Duluth to Lake Erie ports at 55 cents a gross ton. Yet, even with these remarkably small charges the aggregate freights earned by vessels passing through the "Soo" canal reached the substantial total of over \$13,000,000 for the season on cargoes which averaged 841 miles of distance transported. The tendency upon the lakes continues to be to increase both the power and the capacity of the vessels engaged in traffic upon them. It is this process which has reduced the charges for lake transportation to such remarkable figures, and at present there seems to be no limit to the further application of the principle. In 1896, for instance, the largest vessels on the lakes were of the 5,-

000-ton class. Last year no less than eight of the boats using the "Soo" canal averaged over 6,000 tons capacity, and there were in addition twenty-eight ships plying between Lake Superior and the lower lakes capable of carrying loads of about 5,500 tons each. With the opening of the present season two or three vessels of 7,000 tons capacity will be in the service, and while the prospect is that the tonnage on the lakes will increase enormously, the growth of the facilities provided for the business seems to insure a continuance of the reduction in rates for the service.

The Lumber Trade.

Cedar, as a paving material, is rather passe, says a lumber trade paper. It is going out of style like pointed-toed shoes.

It is rumored that an English syndicate is negotiating to secure control of the sash and door industry in the United States.

Cedar shingles are quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.15 per thousand in the Minneapolis market. While the shingle market is weak, the market for fir lumber continues as strong as it has been all the year to date.

At the last meeting of the Northwestern States Lumber and Sash and Door Salesmen's association a member brought up the matter of the false branding of shingles. He cited an instance of where a dealer had quoted a price to a would be purchaser and then added that if he would take an inferior shingle he could brand them with the trade mark of the better shingle. The shingle business is not the only one in which this practice is common, and wherever it is in vogue it will eventually react to the injury of the trade. Like the apple business, the best shingles are frequently found at the top. The shingle that wears the brand may be an honest shingle and be what the brand calls it, but there is deceit in the bunch. If the inferior of the bunch is not too much off grade it will frequently go. The deception is not liable to be discovered until the bunch is sold to the final consumer, and then it is often in the hands of one who does not know the difference anyway. When it is discovered it teaches the retail buyer to be careful, and usually stamps the wholesaler or the manufacturer at least as a dishonest man and one to be avoided in future deals.

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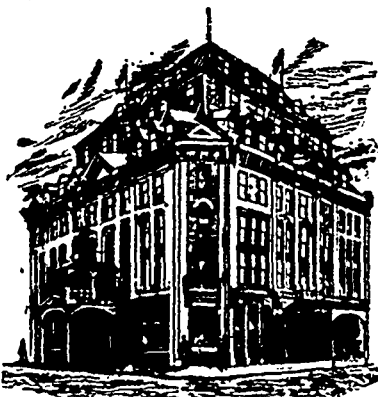
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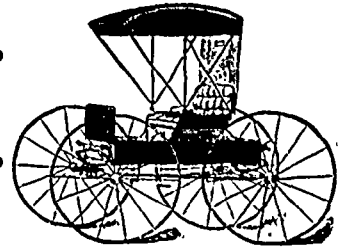
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Wrangel, Alaska, May 13.—The opening of navigation on the Stikine river is an event of great importance to Wrangel and to those who favor the Stikine-Teslin route into the Yukon. After the ice went out a few days ago, the sternwheel steamer Monte Christo and the Courser started up the river. An accident to the machinery of the latter, disabled her about one hundred miles from the coast. The other boat carrying a good load of supplies reached Glenora and made a clean run down again. The Canadian Pacific railway's steamer Hamlin, which had arrived from Vancouver, went up the river in a couple of days, tying up at night, spent a day unloading at Glenora, and made the down trip in a little over twelve hours. She made the up trip without any assistance, but her own wheel. She proved to be a fine river boat in a strong current. Her length is 140 feet, gross tonnage 514 tons and will carry one hundred passengers. Her commander, Capt. Wisley, is a veteran in river navigation.

The sternwheeler Elwood was the next arrival from Victoria and took a load of supplies up to Glenora. She is 165 feet long and has a speed of 14 miles per hour. The Ogilvie, the flagship of the C. P. R. river squadron, is the last to arrive and is an elegantly furnished vessel. She is larger than the Hamlin and speeds along at the rate of 16 miles per hour when hurried. More of the Stikine fleet are expected daily and when all are in there will be over a score of them in commission on this run.

The present rates quoted from Wrangel to Glenora, 150 miles, are, freight \$40 per ton, passengers \$20. It is a pity that the success of this route should be jeopardized by such rates, but no doubt they will shortly be cut in two. As to rates from Glenora overland to Teslin Lake, there are practically no available transport animals there as yet and until they begin to arrive, freighting will be done for speculative prices. Orders are said to be in for more than a thousand horses for the wagon road.

The provincial government engineer at Glenora was endeavoring to hire two hundred men to bridge the Tal Tau river, 25 miles north of Glenora, and a smaller one farther on, where it crosses the trail. He has a force of men improving the latter as fast as possible. The manager of MacKenzie, Mann & Co., has as many men as he can secure at the work of cutting out the right of way along the new railway line. There is every confidence that the line will be built this summer. The trouble is that it is late in being opened for traffic. There is little doubt that it will be much travelled as soon as the summer is well on. Snow still lies on the higher parts of the trail, but in the valleys the grass is already springing up. There is a good deal of feed along the way in season, but grain will have to be brought in from the coast.

Most of the argonauts who built small boats at Wrangel and undertook to go up the river in them with their outfits, have had to give up the task and wait for steamers to take them on. The water is too high for the present to make successful polling and tracking a possibility. Dozens of these boats have been abandoned along the way and will be left to rot or be picked up by the natives. The wood

choppers on the Stikine formed a combine and asked \$10 a cord for wood. The steamer men heard of it and started in to use coal. The price of wood will tumble to five or six dollars per cord.

Everything in Wrangel is at a standstill awaiting the outcome of the railway negotiations now pending between the government of British Columbia and MacKenzie, Mann & Co., except in cases where the parties seem to have a sure feeling that the line will be built. The Dunsmuirs, of Victoria, are having a large pile wharf built northwest of the town. Other people are carrying on the work of construction on buildings, etc. The "shell men" who remember the rich harvest reaped from the innocents this spring, are returning by twos and threes. It is said, and let us hope it is true, that the new United States marshal will not allow them to operate here.

The spirit of patriotism has burnt up in this far off spot and a company of volunteers is being organized to defend home and country against the Spanish foe. It is raised by Lieutenant Powell, who served with the British army in the Soudan, and later with the Illinois National Guard in 1893. The course of the war is watched with intense interest by these self-exiles from their native states. It is of more interest than the latest rumor of a find.

If Canadians wish to get and to hold any of the trade of their own Yukon territory, they must have an all-Canadian route into the interior. It is perfectly true that the customs rings at Dyea and Skagway are making it so irksome and costly for those who buy their outfits in Canada that, those who have an experience with them tell me frankly that it will pay to buy the American goods at the same duty into Canada, than to pay the convoys and custom charges which the officials make on Canadian goods bonded across the strip of Alaska. They have every means of evading the spirit of the customs laws. Americans themselves will tell you that these officials are perfectly corrupt and can only be placated by bribes. I have no doubt it is perfectly true. It is said that the same vexatious regulations are now to be put in force in Wrangel, over the Stikine route. A railway from Port Simpson to Glenora and on to Teslin Lake is the only remedy. If Canada cannot build it she may as well drift out of the Yukon trade at once and hand it over to the Americans.

H. J. WOODSIDE.

The World's Wheat.

The latest Mark Lane Express prints the following indicating that the wheat yields and supplies about balance, but that the deficit is reducing stocks on hand to very low totals. The exhibit is given in quarters of eight bushels:

	Average crops. Quarters.	Average wants. Quarters.
United Kingdom ..	7,000,000	30,000,000
France	40,000,000	43,000,000
Italy	15,000,000	19,000,000
Germany	14,000,000	17,000,000
Austria-Hungary ..	24,000,000	22,000,000
Russia	45,000,000	30,000,000
Roumania	7,000,000	4,000,000
United States	60,000,000	44,000,000
India	27,000,000	25,000,000
Argentina	8,000,000	5,000,000
Netherlands	4,000,000	8,000,000
Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Greece	14,000,000	18,000,000
Totals	265,000,000	255,000,000

	Crops in 1897. Quarters.	Promises for 1898. Quarters.
United Kingdom ..	6,880,000	7,250,000
France	34,000,000	42,000,000
Italy	14,000,000	16,000,000
Germany	13,500,000	14,000,000
Austria-Hungary ..	21,000,000	23,000,000
Russia	42,500,000	45,000,000
Roumania	7,500,000	7,000,000
United States	60,000,000	65,000,000
India	25,000,000	27,000,000
Argentina	6,000,000	9,000,000
Netherlands	4,000,000	4,000,000
Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Greece	14,000,000	14,000,000
Totals	248,380,000	273,350,000

RESUME.

Two year's wants, 1897-98 ..	530,000,000
Two year's crops, 1897-98 ..	621,630,000
Pre-announced reduction in stocks.	8,370,000

"It may be added," says the Express, "that returns of granary stocks both at home and abroad fully bear out the above presumption. The figures for the crops of 1897 are not estimates made before the harvest, but according for 1898 are of course estimates on present promises in all cases except those to subsequent deliveries. The figures of Argentina and India, where the yields have quite recently been secured."

Current History.

While the war with Spain is absorbing the attention of the newspaper press Current History (that excellent periodical for the busy business man who wishes to keep posted on public matters) remains true to its purpose of presenting a faithful record of the world's doings along all lines, without undue exaggeration or distortion. The present number, 1st quarter, 1898 reviews the Cuban imbroglio up to the time of the submission of the report of the "Maine" court of inquiry; and also covers the usual world-wide range of topics giving a complete handbook of easy reference on all questions and events of the day. The political developments in the far east, the Hawaiian question, Behring Sea dispute, the problems arising out of the Greco-Turkish war, the Dreyfus case, currency reform, the Klondike, the Dingley tariff and reciprocity, the relations of the powers in Africa, United States and Canadian politics, the general business situation, progress of science and mechanical invention, etc., etc., are among the other prominent topics presented in this valuable number. Illustrations are very abundant. Current History, edited by A. S. Johnson; \$1.50 a year; single numbers 40 cents. Specimen pages free. New England Publishing Co., 3 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

Prosperous Manitoba.

There is no surer indication of the prosperity of the people in a community than when mortgages are paid off and improvements made to premises. More money was spent on the Portage Plains the past two years for new buildings, improvements and enlargements than for many previous seasons, yet the number of mortgages discharged last fall was largely in excess of the record of corresponding months. In the month of October the number of mortgages relieved was the largest since establishment of the land titles office here and were more than three times the number discharged in the corresponding month of 1896.—Portage la Prairie Liberal.

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INSURANCE

ASSESSMENT INSURANCE.

The Winnipeg Free Press of recent date, gave publicity to a most remarkable editorial article headed, "Assessment Insurance." This article was quite in keeping with editorial "puffs" which appeared in the Free Press and other Winnipeg papers a short time ago, eulogizing the Mutual Reserve Fund Life, which latter articles would prove very soothing to the unfortunate policy holders of the concern just mentioned. The said policy holders, from bitter experience, evidently know a good deal more about life insurance than the writers of the articles referred to. This latest effort of the Free Press, in discussing insurance matters, can only serve two purposes, namely: to mislead the superficial mind, and show how much the writer of the article in question does not know about life insurance. An illustration of the great wisdom of the Free Press in insurance knowledge is shown by its taking the Mutual Reserve fund as an example from which to prove the soundness of the assessment principle. Here again, the policy holders of the concern, who have tasted of the sweets of "successful" assessment assurance, will no doubt acknowledge that the Free Press speaks with authority on such matters. It is a great pity that the editor, who writes with such feigned familiarity about insurance questions, is not a member of the fifteen-year class of Mutual Reserve Fund policy holders, so many of whom have been frozen out by the enormous increase in their assessments. And yet these very members are assured in an official circular issued by the association, that they have not been called upon to pay one dollar over cost of insurance in their department. What a gratifying success! What an illustrious example this is, which leads the Free Press to pin its faith to the principle of assessment insurance.

The Free Press writer thinks that parliamentary regulations might be made in the direction of providing for the regulation of assessment companies, which would give the insurer a reasonable guarantee as to security. He further suggests that at the same time parliament might do something toward lowering the rates of the regular line companies, which, he adds, "are admittedly too high." Here again the Free Press speaks with authority. It is most peculiar however, that a number of the strongest and best life insurance companies doing business in Canada have been obliged to advance their rates within a year, owing to the decrease in interest earning power of their investments.

An essential difference between assessment insurance and old line or regular insurance, that is entirely overlooked by the Free Press and other superficial observers of insurance is, that in all assessment insurance there is no surrender value. If the policy holder neglects payment of one premium, he is in the same position as the holder of a fire policy. In an old line company the policy holder would be entitled to the value of the reserve in paid up or extended insur-

ance, or in cash if he desired it. It ought not to be above the grasp of ordinary intelligence that a premium is not necessarily a higher one because, in addition to providing the temporary cost of the insurance, it also provides a reserve that serves as a guarantee against the increase in rate. It is undoubtedly true that the majority of people do not appreciate this distinction, or pretend not to appreciate it until action is taken to increase the rate, as has occurred recently in the Mutual Reserve and a number of other associations of the same class. Then the insured set up a mutual howl because they have not got something which they were not willing to pay for.

It is to such absurd editorials as that referred to in the Free Press that a large proportion of the blame must attach, for the disasters of assessment insurance, as the editor is assumed by the general public to know something about subjects upon which he writes. If parliament does take the step advocated by the Free Press, the assessment societies will simply be legislated out of existence, as the requirements advocated by that journal would constitute these assessment societies regular old line companies. The only distinction between the two is that the old line companies put up a reserve to guarantee that their premiums will not increase beyond the amount specified in the policy, while the assessment societies claim that the certificate-holders carry this reserve in their pockets to be put up when required. The universal refusal of the certificate-holders to put up this reserve when it is wanted is the rock upon which these societies have struck, as the certificate-holders, when they have to pay sufficient premium to give them guaranteed rates, prefer to have their insurance with a company that is compelled by law to hold a reserve sufficient for an effectual guarantee.

If such journals as the Free Press would simply quote the words of the superintendent of insurance without adding their own comments, the general public would be more correctly informed, as will appear when we quote from the Free Press the following: "Objecton was taken to the bill, (introduced in parliament at Ottawa to incorporate an assessment society,) by the superintendent of insurance upon the ground that the rates charged by the society to its members were insufficient, and that insolvency would sooner or later be the inevitable result."

The Rat Portage Fire.

The following report of insurances and losses in the Rat Portage fire has been received: The Hilliard Opera house, loss \$25,000; insurance \$15,500; Royal, \$1,000; Hartford, \$200; Union, \$1,000; Scottish Union and National, \$3,000; North British and Mercantile, \$1,500; London and Lancashire, \$3,000; Atlas, \$200; Canadian, \$200. Rodgers' general store, loss \$13,000; insurance, Hartford, \$3,500; Mercantile, \$1,000. Drewry's block, of three stores, loss \$8,000; insurance \$3,000. The Harrington building, loss \$3,000; insurance \$700; Brown, taxidermist, loss \$1,000; no insurance. Jas. Courtenay, liquors, loss \$2,000; no insurance. Belyea & McKenzie, loss on building, \$1,200; insurance, London and Lancashire, \$800. Mrs. Sharpe's dwelling, loss \$1,200; insurance, Royal, \$700. The Golden restaurant, loss \$1,000; no insurance. D. H. Currie,

insurance agent and town assessor and collector, loss \$1,000.

Kobold's warehouse was saved.

Hides, Wool, etc.

The third series of wool sales at London closed with prices firm. Competition was keen throughout and good prices were realized.

The new United States tariff admits calfskins free of duty. Skins under 25 lbs. green weight were admitted free, but owing to the importation of light cow hides, by close trimming to bring them under weight, a change has been made in the tariff, reducing the weight for free importation to 12 pounds green, and 11 pounds green salted or 7 1/2 pounds dry salted. This is causing an easier feeling for calfskins.

The Boston wool market shows a firmer tone for fleeces which will grade about half blood. These wools are wanted for army goods, and this demand has also started other users of these grades. The price of half blood unwashed is 21c at Boston, equal to about 8c here, freight and duty allowed for.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The tobacco market in the United States has been excited of late by reports of a union of manufacturers who are outside the tobacco trust.

The China and Japan war and the famine in India have been two of the principal agents responsible for the high price of rice at the moment. Both in the bearing each had upon consumption without corresponding production.

A Toronto report says: A feature of the local market is the strong position of rice. Local wholesale houses are unable to get full supplies owing to the scarcity at Montreal, and the London and New York markets are in about the same position. It will be the middle of July before a cargo arrives from Burmah. It is almost impossible to get any Japanese rice now, and Patna is 5s higher in London.

Grain and Milling News.

James Sanders, proprietor of the Whitewood flour mills, has purchased the mill at the neighboring town of Wapella, Assa.

The American Elevator, of Chicago, says: The excited and rapidly rising wheat market had the usual result on bucket shops. Three of them gave up the ghost in Kansas City in a week.

A Chicago paper says: The Buffalo elevator pool has been one of the most monstrous trade combinations that the country has seen. It has absolutely owned the New York legislature. It has cost more to elevate grain out of lake vessels in boats or cars at Buffalo than the cost of freight from the head of the lakes to Buffalo or from Buffalo to tide-water.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

The weekly report of the Winnipeg Clearing House, issued yesterday, is as follows:—

Clearings.	Balances.
Week ending May 26.	
1898	\$321,689 \$1,792,048
Corresponding week,	
1897	180,739 970,420
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1896	157,270 850,210

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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	155,000
Toronto	12,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	154,000
Manitoba elevators	1,175,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	852,000
Total May 14	2,388,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on May 14. were 28,525,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 42,480,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1 were 3,051,000 bushels, compared with 1,614,000 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 May 21, was 23,085,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,091,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 28,296,000 bushels, two years ago 51,298,000 bushels, three years ago 54,244,000 bushels, four years ago 62,044,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	2,260,000 bushels
Duluth	3,246,000 "
Minneapolis	8,311,000 "
New York	2,911,000 "
Buffalo	1,162,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 8,144,000 bushels, compared with 8,889,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 19,504,000 bushels, compared with 11,475,000 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 May 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: May 1, 1898, 100,890,000; May 1, 1897, 107,198,000; May 1, 1896, 146,682,000; May 1, 1895, 172,099,000.

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 year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	69,726,980	56,228,030
Milwaukee	8,712,253	7,227,637
Duluth	39,668,272	41,760,449
Chicago	35,046,530	14,858,740
Total	153,154,035	120,074,856

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, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	13,118,156	7,120,121
St. Louis	11,865,180	11,201,909
Detroit	4,817,946	3,186,260
Kansas City	28,640,372	6,891,000
Total	58,441,654	28,398,390

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb.	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark . . . . .	.40	.75
" peale . . . . .	.25	.60
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" spring . . . . .	.03	.12
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, May afloat Fort William, 71c; No. 2 68c.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.10; Bakers, \$1.90.

Bran—Per ton, \$6.
Shorts—Per ton, \$8.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 18@24c.

Barley—Feed, 25c; Malting, 27@28c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, dealers' selling price, 14@16c, and 16 @ 17 paid for creamery at the factory.

Cheese—Dealers selling at 9 @ 10c for new.

Eggs—Fresh selling at 11c.
Beef—City dressed, fresh, 6 @ 6½c.

Mutton—8@9c.
Hogs—Dressed, 6@6½c.

Cattle—Butchers, 3@3½c; export, 3½ @4½c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 4½c for best bacon.

Sheep—1@4½c off cars here.
Hides—No. 1 green, 6½c.

Wool, 9@9½c.
Seneca Root—Dry, 15c.

Poultry—Chickens, 10c per pound; turkeys, 14c per lb.
Potatoes—10@15c per bushel.
Hay—4@5 per ton.

The Live Stock Trade.

Several carloads of horses have been brought in from Ontario for railway work in Manitoba.

The Argentine cattle trade is declining. Exports for three years from that country show as follows: 1895, 408,126 head, 1896, 382,939 head; 1897, 228,123 head.

I. W. Thompson, of Portage la Prairie, Man., shipped recently to a St. Paul firm 124 head of young cattle. Between Portage and McGregor stations this firm has expended this spring the sum of \$75,000 in purchasing cattle, and this is the third shipment of cattle sent south by them.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has let the contract for the erection of the new station and dining hall, at Moose Jaw, to James McDiarmid, of Winnipeg. The building will be one of the finest structures of its kind between the Pacific coast and Montreal. It will cost about \$30,000.

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Manitoba

Mr. Paulin, butcher, St. Jean, has given up business.

H. E. Thompson will open a drug store at McGregor.

R. C. Emms has purchased the implement stock and business of the late Wm. Currie, Neepawa.

Miller & Hafner, and W. P. Landon, of Ninga, contemplate having new store buildings erected this year.

J. H. Rogers, furrier, of Toronto, who is opening business in Winnipeg, left for the east this week to arrange for the purchase of stock, which will be opened about July 1st.

A fire which originated in some crates in the rear of the Montreal block, Main street, Winnipeg, did considerable damage to the block on Monday afternoon. W. J. Craig, hardware; J. A. McKerehar, groceries, and G. Frankfurter, dry goods, are the principal sufferers, their stock being damaged to the extent of a couple of thousand dollars each, principally smoke and water. All are covered by insurance.

Northwest Ontario.

M. Tynan has opened an hotel at Rat Portage.

J. E. Walker and D. W. Parsons have taken over the business of the People's restaurant and bakery at Rat Portage.

John Kennedy is giving up his interest as a partner in the Russell house, Rat Portage, and James Gleason takes his place. The business will

**ANNUAL MEETINGS.**

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal will be held on June 6 at Montreal.

The Merchants Bank of Canada holds its annual meeting at Montreal on June 15.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce meets at Toronto on June 21.

The Dominion bank held its annual meeting on May 25, at Toronto.

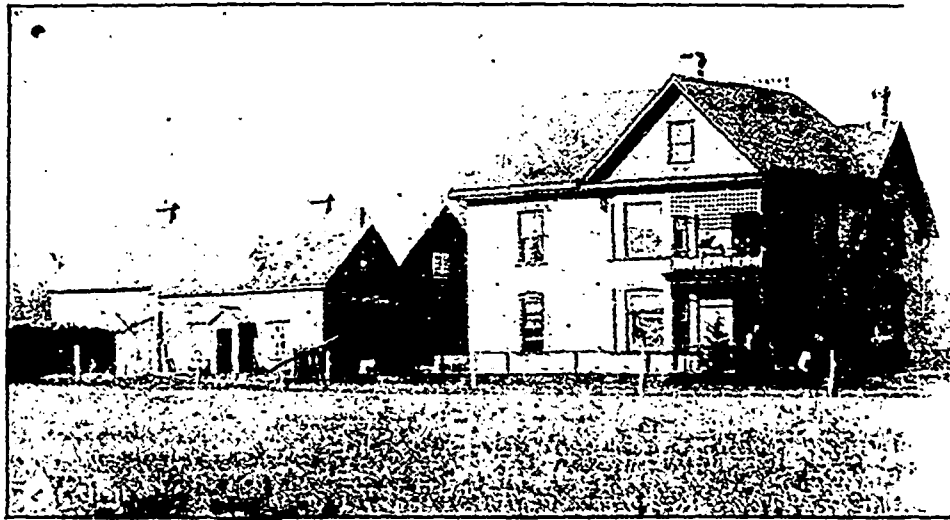
The Ontario bank meets at Toronto on June 1.

The Standard Bank meets on June 15 at Toronto.

The Bank of Toronto meets at Toronto on June 15.

The Imperial Bank of Canada will hold its annual meeting at Toronto on June 15.

The Union Bank of Canada will hold its annual meeting in Quebec City on



MANITOBA FARM HOMES—Farm Buildings of Thos. Sissons, Portage la Prairie.

Jos. Stone, general store-keeper, Bates, has sold his business and good will to Ira Bates, of the same place.

The fruit growers of British Columbia will make an extensive exhibit at the Winnipeg summer fair.

H. F. Forrest, manager of the Great Northwest Central railway says that he believes it is the intention to extend the railway fifty miles this summer.

Robt Weir, gent's furnishings, Winnipeg, has sold out and will accept a position with the Fit Reform clothing house.

The stock of the estate of F. Cloutier, Winnipeg, was sold on Wednesday by auction for 60 cents on the dollar. M. Finklestein was the purchaser.

Robt. Balfour, of Hamilton, Ont., formerly a resident of Winnipeg when the firm of Greening, Balfour & Co., carried on a branch wholesale grocery house here, is dead.

It is reported from Portage la Prairie that some Winnipeg capitalists have made an offer for the farmers' flour mill and elevator, but was considered too low and was rejected.

be continued under the firm name of Gleason & Gaudaur.

Alberta.

J. Leroy, blacksmith, Edmonton, has sold out to Jas. Kelly.

Edwin R. Rogers, of Calgary, has purchased the hardware business of W. J. McBride, of Toronto Junction.

The Calgary council has accepted the proposals of the Canadian Pacific railway for the erection of machine shops and the establishment of Calgary as a divisional point. This will give this enterprising town a great boost onward.

The June number of the Delineator is exceptionally strong in every department. The College Tales in May appear to have struck a popular note. This month there are three sketches of life at Wellesley. A realistic bit of negro humor is to be found in the story of 'De Big Singin'.' Mrs. Meynell's series on Children's Ways concluded. The housekeeper is well considered. Closing the House for the Summer, Suggestions for Picnics. A page on Girl's Interests and Occupations, will be found suggestive for club work.

June 15.

The Bank of Hamilton will meet at Hamilton on June 20.

British Cattle Markets.

London, May 23.—Trade in cattle was very dull. The market showed little weakness for Canadian stock, but values for others were 1-4c to 3-4c lower than this day week. Choice States sold at 11c; choice Canadians at 11c; Argentines at 9 1-4c. The market for sheep was weak, owing to the large supplies from South America, and prices broke 1c, choice Argentines selling at 10c.

Liverpool, May 23.—The market for Canadian cattle was weaker and prices declined 1-2c, choice selling at 10 1-2c.

Tenders are asked for the purchase of \$15,000 debentures of the Neepawa, Man., school.

The Winnipeg Gun club tournament, Queen's birthday, was attended by a large number of shooters, and some good scores were made. The principal event was the Dupont trophy, which was won by G. Andrews, with Robin Hood powder.

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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9.
Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; 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, 3.00 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.75; 22 and 24 guage, \$4; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is 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, \$6.50 lb., broken lots \$7.00.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6½c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; ¼ kegs, 4½ lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFg, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12½ lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFFg, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12½ lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12½ lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12½ lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12½ lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12½ lbs, \$22.00, 6½ lbs, \$11.25, 3½ lbs, \$5.75, ¼ canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.45 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4½@6 inch, \$2.55 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 5 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$4.00; steel hoese, \$4.25; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 11c base; manilla, lb., 12½c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch and larger, 16c lb.

Binder Twine—Sisal 8½c; Manilla 8½c, Pure Manilla 9½c per 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, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

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

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; 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@19c; 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, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. 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 \$5.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2½c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2½c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2.05 for second break.

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

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 60c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 55c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18½c, crescent, 20c, oleophene, 20½c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2½c for eocene and 2½c for sunlight.

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; 5x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x 12; 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimen-

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

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$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, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

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

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$15.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

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

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

Finishings—1½, 1¼ and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar 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, \$35.00, 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, \$65.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c, lattice, 1x1½, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1x1½, 100 feet lineal, 55c, window and door stop, 1½ inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; ¼ round and ½ cove, 75c; 1½ inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2½ inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3½ inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4½ inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1½ \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1½, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2½ inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1½ stock add 25 per cent; 1½ add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.



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Winnipeg Industry Sold.

The most important business transfer which has taken place in Winnipeg for some time, was announced this week, when it was made known that the Ogilvie Milling Company had purchased the oatmeal milling business carried on here for years by Stephen Nairn. F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie company, stated to The Commercial that it is the intention of his company to at once begin the enlargement and improvement of this new industry. The roof will be taken off the oatmeal mill and two stories will be added to the building, including a mansard roof. The entire buildings and plant will be overhauled and whatever is required will be added to make the mill thoroughly up to date in every particular, and equal to any mill of its class to be found anywhere. The work will be pushed forward so that the mill will be ready for the new crop.

The taking up of this industry can hardly be said to be a new line for the Ogilvie Milling Company. The company has always handled a large quantity of oatmeal, and it is a line which fits in thoroughly with their flour milling industry. It is simply an extension of their great cereal food manufacturing industry, and the two cereals will work well together, with the same business connection that is required for the flour trade alone. The oatmeal mill practically adjoins the flour mill which will be a convenience in operating the plant.

With the world wide ramifications of the business of the Ogilvie company, the ample capital possessed, and

the complete commercial organization and connection, the business of oatmeal milling in Winnipeg, will undoubtedly be greatly extended, and the importance of the city as an industrial centre proportionately increased. The purchase carries with it a valuable piece of real estate property adjoining both the oatmeal and the flour mill.

Tenders.

Tenders for plans for a central fire hall building in Winnipeg are called for.

Tenders will be received on May 31st for the new Winnipeg grain exchange building.

Tenders are asked up to June 1 for the erection of a central school building at Neepawa, Man.

Western Business Items.

Dagg & Co. are opening a general at Selkirk, Man.

C. Martin, shoemaker, Killarney, has given up business.

The Regina Trading Co. is applying for incorporation.

W. McCullough, harness, Methven, has moved to Brandon.

Kerns & Marks have opened in lumber at Plum Coulee, Man.

D. Stewart has opened a harness shop at Plum Coulee, Man.

Hewitt & Co., are opening in hardware at Pilot Mound, Man.

Weir & Co., men's furnishings, Winnipeg, is succeeded by Forde Bros.

Joseph Kee, tailor, late Wolseley, has opened at Pilot Mound, Man.

Mr. Kent, of Nesbitt, Man., has bought the store and stock of Mahon & Ross at Douglas.

G. R. Russell, butcher, Prince Albert, has sold out his retail shop to J. McKenzie and Norman Russell.

The Eau Clair Lumber Co., of Calgary, have closed their branch business at Regina, Assa.

The Virden Advance newspaper has been enlarged and is printed from new type, giving it a handsome appearance. It is a good specimen of a local paper.

Downey & Co., confectionery, Oxbow, Assa., are out of business, as are also J. Harper, confectionery, and Thompson & Drennan, implements, of the same place.

Mr. Gordon Rickert, of Montreal, who has been on a three months' business trip to the west, in the interests of Jas. Coristine & Co., returned east yesterday.

J. W. Barnett and J. E. Green have purchased the machine shop at Brandon, Man., formerly owned by George Thomas, and will operate it under the firm name of Barnett & Green.

Mr. Grierson, furniture dealer, White-wood, is erecting a brick store for his business. His old store has been purchased by the H. B. Co., whose store it adjoins, and will be used for their liquor department.

Y. J. Beaupre, of Gleichen, Alberta, has been awarded the beef contract for Indian treaty No. 7. This includes the Blood, Pegan, Sarcee, Stoney and Blackfoot reserves, and will require the distribution of 1,200,000 pounds of meat during the year.

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, May 28, 1898.

The supply of hay on the coast is short owing to the drouth in California, and prices are firm. California buyers have been securing all they can. Oats are very firm owing to the supply being concentrated in few hands, as previously reported. Ontario creamery and dairy butter is now selling freely at 2 @ 3c lower prices than the former price here. Fresh meats and lard are 1/2 @ 1c higher.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 24c; local creamery 25c; Eastern Dairy 17c.

Eggs—Local, 20c; Eastern eggs 17 @ 18c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11 @ 12c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12 1/2 @ 13c; short clear 10 1/2c; short rolls 10 1/2c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 11 1/2c per lb, in pails and tubs 11c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 16c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; kippered herring 8c; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes 8 @ \$12 per ton; ashcroft \$19.50; California onions, 2 1/2c; cabbage 2 1/2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons 2.25 @ \$2.75 box; Navel oranges, 3.00 @ \$3.25; seedling oranges, 1.80 @ \$2.25; bananas, bunch \$2.75; California cherries, \$1.75 box; strawberries, 15c for small boxes.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.05; 2 1/2 pounds sacks \$3.10; 4 2 1/2 pound sacks \$3.30; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.75 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$7.50; strong bakers \$7.25; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.50.

Grain—Oats, \$30.00 per ton; wheat 28 @ \$30 per ton; barley, 27 @ \$30 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$17 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 10c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 10c; veal 11c; Pemmanian 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$5.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$5.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.50 per 100 lbs; cows, 4.50 @ \$5.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$1.50 to \$1.60 pair.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 7 1/2 @ 9c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9 @ 10c; prunes, French 5 @ 7 1/2c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6 @ 8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C. 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$1.25 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo Fair, 11 1/2c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, May 28

Pig Iron—\$15.50.
Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.45 @ 1.55; hoop and band iron, \$1.35 for Canadian and \$2 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18 @ 20, \$2.30 @ 2.40; 22 @ 24, \$2.30 @ 2.40; 26, \$2.35 @ 2.45; 28, \$2.45 @ 2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3 1/2c; 18 @ 24, \$3.87 1/2c; 26, 4 1/2c and 28 at 4c.

Lead—Pig, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/4c; sheet, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/4c per lb; shot, can., dis. 7 1/2 per cent; pipe, dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10 @ 12 gauge, \$2.25 @ 2.40 per 100 lbs; 14 @ 16 gauge, \$2.60 @ 2.70; 18 @ 20 gauge, \$2.30 @ 2.40; 22 @ 24 gauge, \$2.25 @ 2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30 @ 2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45 @ 2.55.

Coil chain—1/2 in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; 3/4 in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1 1/4 in., \$2.80; 1 1/2 in., \$2.75.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 1/2c per lb.

Antimony—10 1/2 @ 11c; solder 11 1/2c @ 12 1/2.

Ingot Copper—12 1/2c @ 13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—16 1/2 @ 17c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Timplates—Cokes, \$3.00 @ 3.10 for 14x 20; do, squares, \$3.15 @ 3.25; \$6.25 for 20 x 28; charcoal plates, \$3.50 @ 3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., 1 to 3/4 inch, 1.87 to \$2.00; 1 inch, 2.15 @ \$2.20; 1 1/4 inch, \$2.62 1/2; 1 inch, \$3.60; 1 1/4 inch, \$4.75; 1 1/2 inch, \$6.20; 2 inch, \$8.30. Galvanized, 1 inch, \$3.80; 1 1/4 inch, 4.60 to \$4.80; 1 inch, 6.40 @ \$6.70; 1 1/4 inch, 8.25 to \$9.20; 1 1/2 inch, 11.25 @ \$11.80; 2 inch, 15.20 @ \$16.00.

Barb Wire—\$2, terms 30 days or 2 per cent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.90 for delivery in Toronto, Montreal and London; terms, four months or 3 per cent off for cash 30 days.

Cut Nails—\$1.80 @ 1.85 base price Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 @ 3.35 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 8 1/2c and 10; round head bright, 80 and 10; flat head brass, 8 1/2 and 10; round head brass, 75 and 10 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, 70 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4 1/2c; hexagon, 5 1/2c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent, all sizes; copper rivets, 50 and 10.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.45, and in 100-foot boxes, \$2.75; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 45 and 2 1/2 per cent.

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Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9 1/2c; 3/4 in., 9 1/2c; 1 and 5-16 in., 10 1/2c; 3-16 inch, 10 1/2c; Manilla, 7 16 and larger, 10 1/2c; 3/4, 11c; 1 and 5-16, 11 1/2c; 3-16, 11 1/2c.

Binder Twine—Pure Manilla, 7 1/2c @ 7 1/2.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, May 28.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 1/2c; No. 2 granulated, 4 1/2c; Dutch granulated, 4 1/2c; yellows, 3 15-16 @ 4 1/2c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 28c @ 30c; special bright, 35c @ 42c. Molasses—West Indian, bris, 32c @ 45c; New Orleans, 23c @ 30; for medium and 35c @ 50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c @ 17c per lb; mediums, 18c @ 24c; fines, 30 @ 35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c @ 15c; mediums, 22c @ 25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Oologs, 25c @ 65c; Ceylons, 17 @ 45c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 1/2 @ 12c; Mocha, 26c @ 30c; Java, 28c @ 32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20 @ 1.25; peas, 90c @ \$1; sifted peas, 1.05 @ \$1.20; corn, 90 @ 95c; beans, 75 @ 90c; pumpkins, 70 @ 75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40 @ 1.65; 3's, \$2 @ 2.40. Colchos Salmon, 95c @ \$1; sock-eyes, \$1.17 1/2 @ 1.30; mackerel, \$1.30 @ 1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.60 @ 1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40 @ 2.65; flats, \$2.90 @ 3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4 1/2c @ 5c; fine, off-stalk, 5 1/2c @ 5 1/2c; selected, 6 @ 6 1/2c; layers, 6 1/2 @ 7c; Provincial, currants, 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2c; Filiatras, 6 1/2 @ 7c; Patras, 7c @ 7 1/2c; Vostizzas, 8c @ 8 1/2c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c @ 14c; pears, 9c @ 10c; peaches, 10c @ 14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 9c @ 10c; 50's to 60's, 7 1/2c @ 8 1/2c; 60's to 70's, 8c @ 8 1/2c; 70's to 80's, 7 1/2c @ 8c; 80's to 90's, 7c @ 7 1/2c; 90's to 100's, 6 1/2 @ 7c. Bosnia prunes, 5 1/2 @ 6 1/2c; Sultanas, 9c @ 13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 15c per lb; citron, 18c @ 20c; lemon 11c @ 14c. Hallowee dates, 4 1/2 @ 5c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30 @ 1.50 per box; black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Delhesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Natural in bags, 4 @ 5c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7 1/2c, 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10 @ 12c; 6-crown; 12c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4 @ 4 1/2c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14 @ 15c.

Nuts—Marbots, 10 @ 11c; filberts, Sicily, 9 @ 11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 11 @ 12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 1/2 @ 4c; do Patna, 5 1/2 @ 5 1/2c; do Japan, 6 @ 6 1/2c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochim, 15 @ 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboy, 18 @ 25c; allspice, 16c, nutmegs, 50c @ \$1; cream tartar, pure, 25 @ 28c, 15 @ 23c for compound.

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Mess Pork—\$17.00 for Canada mess; short cut, \$18.00; clear mess, \$15.50

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8 1/2c, ton and case lots, 8 1/2c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11 @ 11 1/2c; hams, large 10 @ 11c and 11c for medium; picnic hams, 8 1/2 @ 9c; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

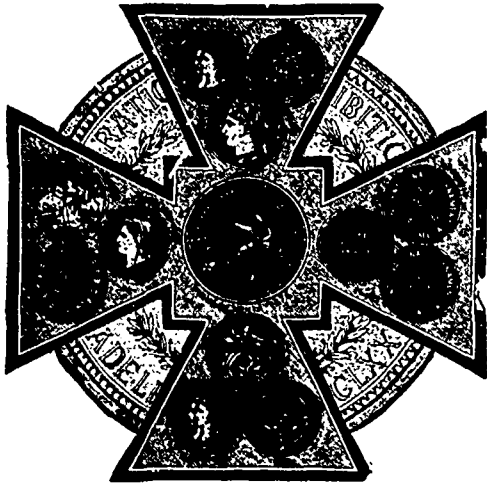
Lard—Tierces, 7 1/2c; tubs, 8 1/2c; pails, 8 1/2c.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 28.
Dry Goods—The holiday interrupted the dry good trade. Business picked up later. A feature of dry goods are the large cash sales. April and May shows the largest cash business in many years. United States cotton show better values than Canadian offerings here at the same price, duty paid. It is difficult to get mills to accept repeat orders for underwear as they are so busy.

Groceries—Business in this line is better. There have been large sales of sugars at firmer prices. Foreign and No. 2 Canada granulated are 1-16c higher. Market will likely advance more soon on sugars. Samples of new Japan teas are here, and show fine quality. First shipment of tea are expected in about two weeks. Prices in primary markets about two cents lower. Tobaccos made from Canadian leaf have been advanced two cents.

Hardware—The hardware branch is active. Manila rope 1-1-2c, and sisal 1-1-4c dearer. Wire nails in good demand. Prices unsatisfactory. Ingot tin 1-4c higher. Glass is firmer and likely to advance.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 28.
Grain markets are quiet, but there is a fair export inquiry. Wheat is lower. Oats are 1c lower again this week. Flour weaker. Dairy butter has advanced owing to lighter receipts. Unwashed wool has declined 1c to 10c for fleeces. Hides are 1-2c higher. Dressed hogs and cured meats are higher. Eggs firm.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$6.35 to \$6.90; bakers, \$6.35 to \$6.40. Ontario straight roller, \$5.25 in barrel.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, \$1.07 for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, Owen Sound, \$1.42.

Oats—White, 32 to 33c for cars at country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$12 to \$13 per ton; at country points. Bran, \$10.50.

Oatmeal—\$4.30 per barrel for car lots and \$4.20 in bags.

Eggs—10 to 10 1-2c.

Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 12c; tubs, 12 1-2c; creamery, tub, 16 1-2c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8 1-2c; cured, 9c; sheepskins, 90c to \$1.35 for fresh.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 to 4c; 9 to killed; calfskins, 8 to 9c; tallow 23-4 demand and all sold for Buffalo at 10c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—85 to 90c per bushel.

Wool—New washed 16c, unwashed 10c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per bushel. Red clover, \$5 to \$4 per bush.

Maple syrup—65 per gallon.

Dressed hogs—Higher at 6 1-2c per pound.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 27.
Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 94 carloads including 2,000 hogs. Export offerings were heavy, and some were left unsold. Prices for export were easier, but stocker cattle were higher, owing to keen demand for Buffalo. Hogs were firm.

Liverpool, May 27.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 1 red northern spring 10s 6d. Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed new 3s 4 3-4d.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 28.
The hardware trade is without important change. Paints and oils active demand. Rope is higher.

White lead, government standard, \$3.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; turpentine, 47 to 48c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50, tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3 25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; lin bladders, \$1.80, ingot tin, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2. Cement English brand, \$2.25 to \$2.35. Germany, \$2.30 to \$2.45, and Belgium, \$1.80 to \$2 per barrel, ex-wharf.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 28.
Sugar unchanged, fairly firm. Molasses very firm, and stocks light. Dried fruits active and firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 41-2c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 3-16c; yellows, 3 5-8 to 4 1-8c; molasses 30 to 31; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2 as to quality. Valencia raisins from 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, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-4c, B., 3 3-4c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 85 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 28.

Oats declined 1c at the beginning of the week and closed 1c lower. Flour is easy. The outside range has been reduced 20c per barrel. Millfeed is firmer and in active demand. Eggs are firm. Creamery butter 1-4 to 1-2c lower. Cheese 1-8 to 1-4c lower. Potatoes higher. Shipments of cheese this week were 13,127 boxes and butter 262 boxes.

Oats—38c per bushel for No. 2 white delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.50; Manitoba patents, \$6.90.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton; shorts, \$6.90 to \$7.10.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$2.10 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 8c; calfskins 10c; sheepskins \$1; tallow 3 to 3 1-4c.

Eggs—Fresh 9 1-2 to 10c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy 14 to 15c.

Butter—Creamery 16 to 16 1-4c.

Cheese—7 to 7 1-8c.

Potatoes—75c per bag.

Maple syrup—Barrels, 4 3-4 to 5c lb.; tins, 45 to 50c; in wood, 4 1-2 to 5c lb.; sugar 6 to 6 1-4c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 24.
Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle, 300 sheep and lambs, and 600 calves. There was a very good local and export demand and prices were steady. Choice heaves sold at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c; good at 3 3-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3 1-2c, and common at 2 1-4c to 2 3-4c. Sheep were easier, as present prices abroad do not warrant prices ruling here at present for export. Good to choice stock sold at 3 3-4c

to 4c and common to fair brought 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c. Lambs in demand at \$2.25 to \$3.50 each. Exports for last week were: Cattle, 22,823; sheep, 64; horses, 272, which is less than half the exports for the same time last year.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 27.
At the semi-weekly market yesterday the market was quiet and prices unchanged. Shipments for export this week were: Cattle, 3,874 head; sheep, 145. Offerings yesterday were 400 cattle, 800 calves, 400 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Choice, 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c; good, 3 3-4 to 4c, fair 3 to 3 1-2c.

Sheep—Shippers, 3 1-2 to 4c; calls, 3c. Spring lambs, \$2.25 to \$4 each.

Hogs—\$5 per 100 lbs.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c higher, bran and shorts 50c lower, oats 2c lower, a decline of 3c in two weeks, flax seed 4c lower, creamery butter 1c higher, potatoes 5c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$7 to \$7.20; second patents, \$6.85 to \$6.95.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10 to \$10.25; main in bulk, \$10 to \$10.25; corn feed \$13.50 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 34 3-4c for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 28 1-4c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 37c.

Flax seed—\$1.28 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—9 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 10c; fair to good 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 14 to 15 1-2c; seconds, 12 1-2 to 13c; dairy, 13 to 13 1-2c for good to choice; seconds, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4c to 7c; lambs, 5 to 8 1-2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1-4c; for heavy and 4 1-2c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 35 to 37c; named varieties, 35 to 60c.

Poultry—Chicken, 4c to 8c; turkeys, 8 1-2c; ducks, 7 1-2c; geese, 7c, all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 7 3-4 for No. 1, 6 3-4 for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1-2 to 6 3-4c; sheepskins 40 to 80c each; veal calf 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c; tallow, 2 1-4c to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 19 to 21c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 11c; medium, 12 to 13c; coarse, 14 to 15c.

Hay—\$7.00 to \$9.50 per ton, including timothy.

Sales. 32 cows, av 1,140, \$4.00; 10 av 905, \$2.85; 16 cows, av 1,003, \$3.65; 5 stockers, av. 300, \$4.75; 6 av. 795, \$4; 5 heifers, av 316, \$3.80; 5 av 628, \$3.50, 4 bulls, av 685, \$3.30; 3, av 1,030, \$5.40, 3 calves, 136, \$5.25.

Hogs—The market is 15c lower, in sympathy with a 20c decline in Chicago.

Sheep—Sales: 3 spring lambs, av 43 lbs. sold at \$6; 10 muttons, av 115, \$3.75; 5 av 70, \$3.90.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, May 28, No. 1 northern wheat closed at \$1.42 for May option, \$1.41 1-2 for July, and 83 1-2c for September. A week ago July wheat closed at \$1.52 3-4.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

There is nothing doing in wheat to-day locally and the market closes nominal at about \$1.30 for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 28.

Business with the city jobbing houses continues good. There is a large movement in hardware, paints, oils, building materials, etc. The crop outlook has been improved by rain in a good many districts, but it appears the rain came in the nature of showers, being much lighter at some places than in other districts. Unless we have plenty of rain during the next two weeks, the hay crop will be light. Grain crop reports are generally favorable. There is some movement in farm lands. Quite a number of sales have been reported recently in the Winnipeg district. There is talk about a British syndicate being formed to buy up Manitoba farm lands. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show almost double the figures of the same period in previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

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BINDER TWINE.

The rapid upward tendency has continued on binder twine, and prices show a further advance of 1-2c over a week ago. There is scarcely any business doing in twine, however, as orders were mostly placed some time ago, and dealers are completely sold out. Holders of twine are independent about selling. If the crop should be heavy, so as to consume large quantities of twine, prices may range very high toward the tail end of the season.

DRUGS.

Opium and morphia are firm at the recent advances in leading markets. Glycerine has been advanced 2c by manufacturers in the States. Sulphur is very strong and the market is excited.

FUEL.

Business is quiet. The tendency of prices is firmer for wood fuel, but there is very little doing in car lots, and it is difficult to make sales of car lots here.

GREEN FRUITS.

A few naval oranges are still obtainable, but the season for navals is about over and California Mediterranean sweets are taking their place. Apples are getting down pretty fine. They have to be picked over very closely to get a barrel of fair quality. Bananas are selling lower. Pie plant is now supplied by local growers. California cherries are offering more freely. Strawberries are again lower. Prices are: Navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4. California Mediterranean sweets, \$3.75 to \$4 a box; seedling oranges, \$2.75 to \$3; bananas, bunch \$1 to \$1.50 as to size; Messina lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per box, as to quality; apples, \$4 to \$5.50 per barrel for best sorts, as to quality; off quality, \$2 to \$3.50 per barrel, as to condition; pineapples, \$3 to \$4 per dozen, as to size and quality; pie plant 2 1-2c; strawberries \$4 to \$4.50 per case; of twenty-four quarts; tomatoes \$3.75 to \$4 per crate of

six baskets; California cherries \$1.75 per ten pound gross box; cocoanuts, \$1 per dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11c to 12c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, clemes, 10 lb boxes, \$1.25 to \$1.40, as to quality; 50 lb boxes, 17c per lb; dates, 6 1-2 to 7c per lb; Tarragona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 9c; peanuts, roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c per lb; maple sugar 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen 1-2 gallon tins, \$7; apple elder, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; Egyptian onions, 4 to 4 1-2c per lb.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

Business in this line is quite active. The movement continues heavy. Large sales of linseed oil are reported for shipment to all points west. The local scarcity of turpentine has been relieved by recent arrivals. Turpentine is easier, and we reduce quotations 2c this week to 55c and 60c, for barrels and less than barrels, respectively. The "boom" in rope continues. There have been several advances within the week, aggregating 11-2c altogether, and making the bare price quotation now 11c for seal and 12 1-2 cents for Manila. These prices, however, may be altered any time by a further advance, as the market still has an upward tendency.

LEATHER.

There is no change in this market, but advice from other markets note a firmer tendency again since the upward turn in hides. Business is good.

LUMBER.

Winnipeg dealers have not yet followed the advance of \$1 at the mills, announced last week, but it is expected an advance will be decided upon very soon. When they begin to replenish their stocks the necessity of an advance to meet the advance made by manufacturers will be brought closely home to them. Business is good.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The range in wheat has been about the same as last week, running from \$1.32 to \$1.35 afloat Fort William for No. 1 Manitoba hard. On Tuesday, when the markets were declining, as low as \$1.32 was quoted, and again yesterday at the close \$1.32 was about as high as buyers would offer. No transactions, however, were reported yesterday and there was simply nothing doing. On Wednesday the highest point was reached when a sale was made at \$1.35, and this price was again paid Thursday morning for a lot of seven cars, but at the close of Thursday \$1.34 was quoted. The sharp decline in United States markets yesterday caused a very fall feeling locally. There has been some demand for Manitoba wheat for export at about \$1.30 to \$1.31 for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William, which was about the export value. United States markets are of course much above export values. With all the talk about scarcity of wheat shipments are enormous. World's shipments last week were nearly 12,000,000 bushels, while only in one week last year did they touch 10,000,000 bushels and that was in September when the movement is usually heavy. Atlantic port exports were very heavy this week. Crop reports are good everywhere, both in Europe and America.

The receipts of wheat at the Fort William elevators last week aggregated 199,000 bushels. The shipments were 50,000, and the amount in store on Saturday last 851,000 bushels.

FLOUR—A continued good export demand is reported for Manitoba flour at good figures compared with domestic prices. The market has been steady this week and prices are unchanged. We quote patent \$3.30; best bakers, \$3.10; second bakers \$2.75, and XXXX \$1.70 per sack of 98 lbs; 5c discount from these prices net cash.

MILLFEED—Quiet. We quote bran at \$12.00 and shorts \$14.00 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Grain feed is quoted at \$27 to \$30 per ton as to quality. Ground corn \$20 per ton. These prices show a sharp advance.

OATMEAL—The market is easier owing to the recent decline in oats east and south. Still the local market prices are low compared with what oatmeal could be laid down here for. We quote rolled \$2.20 to \$2.25 per sack.

CORN—Corn is easier south and at quotations yesterday it could be laid down here at about 44 1-2 to 45c per bushel of 56 pounds. Several cars sold in one lot at 43 1-2c on track here, but this was below the market value on a forced sale to stop demurrage charges.

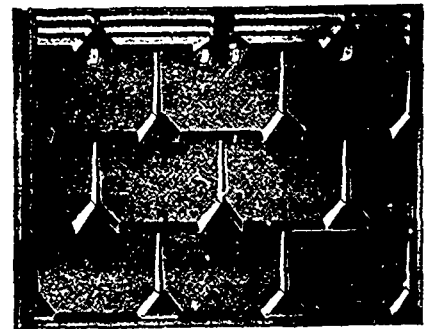
BARLEY—Absolutely none offered. Nominal at 45 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.

OATS—Oats are held steady at about 47c on track here for car lots. Oats are practically at an import price here now, and therefore they are not likely to advance any further unless prices east and south advance considerably. Any material advance here would permit of imports from the United States and from Eastern Canada. It is only this feature that probably prevents a further advance, as practically all the

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available supply has been bought up, as noted two or three weeks ago, by one local grain company.

BUTTER—Dairy—Has been moving more freely. Heretofore there has been a scarcity all the season. An easing up of this scarcity is now just beginning to be noticeable, though there is no actual accumulation yet. It is sufficient, however, to cause an easier feeling in the market and to make local retailers, who want supplies, considerably more independent as to selection. The outside range of values is about 1c lower, and we quote 16 to 17c, as the selling price in this market for choice fresh dairy, less freight and commission. There has been no medium butter, so far, as everything has been taken as it came in, but hereafter anything not good will have to take a lower price as medium or poor, according to quality. We quote second quality 12c to 14c. Some rolls came in in bad shape this week on the warm days, and rolls are not wanted now.

BUTTER—Creamery—The factories have been offering a few small lots which have been taken at 16 to 17 1-2c at the factories, as to quality, which has not averaged very good for much that has been offering.

CHEESE—A little new cheese has been offering, but the make has been very trifling so far. The high price of dairy butter this season has no doubt operated against the factories, as farmers have been making all the butter they could. Dealers are selling at 9 to 9 1-2 for new cheese.

EGGS—The market has held firm.

Dealers have been paying 9 1-2 to 10c net for receipts, and as high as 10c has been paid in the country in some special cases. This is owing to a good demand to ship to British Columbia points, and also for packing. The quality of receipts is good.

DRESSED MEATS—The market keeps firm for all kinds of fresh meats. We quote dressed hogs at 7 to 7 1-2c. Beef is held higher at 6 3-4c to 7 1-4c for city dressed. Some choicest beef has brought 7 1-2c. Mutton, 8 to 10c, as to quality. Veal, 7 to 9c, as to quality. Retail butchers have advanced their price 2c in some cases, while several shops have been closed up on account of the high price of meats, as the butchers claim there is no money in the business on the present basis of prices.

DRESSED POULTRY—Good chickens will bring 60c to 70c per pair live, and turkeys 10c to 11c per pound live weight or 15c dressed.

CURED MEATS AND LARD—The market is very strong. Higher prices are looked for.

VEGETABLES—Native rhubarb is now offering freely at 25c per dozen bunches, or about 2c lb, and will go lower. Asparagus is tending lower. Prices are: Potatoes 35c to 40c per bushel, onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; imported Egyptian, 4 to 4 1-2c; cabbage, 2c per lb.; new cabbage, \$4 per crate; beets 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c. Green stuffs is offering at 15c for onions and 25c for lettuce and

radishes, per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2c per lb. asparagus, 40c per dozen bunches; spinach, 5c lb.

HIDES—The market holds fairly firm at the recent advance. We quote green hides No. 1, 7c; kip, 6c to 7c; calf, 7 to 9c lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts, 40 to 80c as to size and quantity of wool; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Special interest is now taken in the wool market, as the season for marketing the new clip is at hand. So far very little business has been done. A few little lots have been offered and sold at 8 1-2 to 9c, which are regarded as high prices. Since the last wool clip was marketed in Canada, a new tariff imposing very high duty on wool, has gone into effect in the United States. The duty is 12c per lb on long wools and 11c on fine wools. A very heavy stock of wool was imported into the United States before the new tariff went into effect, and the large quantity of this wool still held there, has kept prices lower there than they would otherwise have been on the basis of the present tariff. It is possible, however, notwithstanding the high duty, that considerable Canadian wool will be shipped to the States. Canadian wool is nearly all of the long varieties, suitable for combing. Our western territorial wool, which is of the mixed Merino class, however can hardly be shipped to the States at a profit. The highest quotation for this class of wool at Minneapolis is 14 1-2c, for medium bright, and fine heavy is quoted at 7 to 9c, unwashed. Taking 11c

per lb duty from these prices, and there is only 3 1-2c left from the highest quotation for the wool, to say nothing of freight, cost of handling and profit for the dealer. A circular to hand from Ontario quotes 10 to 11c for unwashed fleece. Manitoba wool is of the same class generally as Ontario wool, thus differing from the finer Territory wool. Manitoba wool contains much more dirt than Ontario wool, owing probably to the nature of our prairie country, and on this account it is claimed to be worth 1 to 1 1-2c less than Ontario wool, as it shrinks in weight more heavily in cleaning. It will therefore be seen that when freight and cost of handling is provided for, 9c is a high figure here compared with eastern prices.

SENECA ROOT—Buyers do not seem to want any root this season at all. They are only offering 10 to 12 1-2c, and they make no bones of advising against digging any root this season. They say that the only way to work off the present surplus stock held in consuming markets, is to stop digging any root entirely for a season. In this way it is hoped that prices will get a chance to recover.

HAY—Another short crop of hay is feared on account of the dry weather, and unless we have a great deal of rain during the next two weeks the crop will be light. A short hay crop two years in succession would be very unfortunate, as there is no old hay to carry over this season. Baled hay is worth \$11 to \$12 per ton for car lot; on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The market is, if anything a little easier this week for cattle, owing to more plentiful offerings. A couple of carloads of remarkably fine cattle were sent east this week for export by Gordon & Ironsides, as they were too fat and heavy for this market. The quality of the cattle offering is very choice, as they are cattle which were fed for export, but which, owing to local scarcity and low values for export, are being taken for the local market. We quote 4 to 4 7-8c for cattle here. No really good cattle can be got under 4 1-2c, and higher has been paid for choice.

SHEEP—The market is firm and the supply limited. It is expected that some western range sheep will be fit for marketing in from two to three weeks. We quote 1-2 to 5c for sheep off ears here as to quality.

HOGS—The market is firm at prices quoted last week. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at 5 1-4c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs. \$4.50 to \$5.00; heavy hogs over 300 lbs. \$3.25 to \$4.25, as to quality, live weight.

COWS—Milking cows are in good demand, and good cows will bring \$35 each. Poor cows and small heifers selling at \$18 upward as to quality.

HORSES—Several carloads of eastern horses have been brought in from Ontario for railway work. Western range horses from the United States are also being brought in, of the broncho class, and these sell at from \$25 to \$60. Auction sales of bronchos are being occasionally held.

New York Wheat.

New York, May 23.—Wheat—Receipts, 647,600 bu; exports, 339,227 bu. Options opened weak under disappointing cables, but rallied excitedly, led by a scare of July shorts. This was followed by a second reaction, which continued until the close, the latter being 1-2 to 3-4c net lower. Traders sold on bearish weekly statistics, favorable crop news

and peace rumors; No 2 red May, \$1.02 to \$1.70, closed \$1.03; July, \$1.16 5-8 to \$1.19, closed \$1.16 3-4; Sept., 93 1-8 to 94, closed 92 3-4; Dec., 87 1-8 to 87 7-8, closed 87 3-4.

New York, May 24.—Flour receipts 15,707 barrels, exports 151 barrels, sales 6,000 packages, neglected at a shade lower with wheat. Barley malt steady. Wheat receipts 679,875 bushels, exports 380,098 bushels, sales 2,605,000 bushels futures, 16,000 bushels spot. Spot easy; No. 2 red \$158-1-2 f.o.b. float, export grade 95.3-4c f.o.b. float; Sept. 1 to 15. Options weak under decreasing cable news, big northwest receipts and favorable crop reports. Trade was dull all day with little feature save a late rally in July on covering which left it unchanged from last night, against 3c decline on May and 1 3-8c drop in later months.

New York, May 25.—Wheat—Receipts 47,588 bushels; exports 413,987 bushels. Options opened higher on Liverpool news, and thereafter was strong but dull all day, led by July, in which shorts were anxious buyers at times. Trade getting quite bullish on July, but opposes late deliveries on the splendid crop prospects. Final prices were 7 cents off on May, 1 3-4 cents up on July, and 5-8 to 7-8 cent up on later months. No. 2 red May opened \$1.53 to \$1.60, closed \$1.53; July opened \$1.16 3-4 to \$1.18 1-2, closed \$1.18 1-2; Sept. opened 92 to 93, closed 93; Dec. opened 86 1-2 to 87 1-4, closed 87 1-4.

New York, May 26.—Wheat—Receipts 512,450 bushels, exports 258,622 bushels. Options opened easy under selling pressure, but rallied on favorable Liverpool cables and a squeeze of July shorts; succeeding this came a late break under liquidation and short selling in all months but May, which closed 3c higher against 1 1-4 to 1 7-8c decline in late positions. No. 2 red May \$1.48 to \$1.56, closed \$1.56; July \$1.16 3-4 to \$1.20, closed \$1.17; September 90 3-4 to 93 1-4, closed 91c; Dec. 85 1-2c to 87 5-8c, closed 86c.

New York, May 27.—Wheat—Receipts 465,275 bushels, exports 486,697 bushels. Options opened lower on cables and after a rally attended by covering, experienced a heavy afternoon decline. Selling was stimulated by reported big French crop estimates and weak Paris markets. Prices closed 10 cents off on May, 3 cents lower on July and 1 5-8 to 1 7-8 cents on later months. No. 2 red May closed \$1.46, June \$1.13 to \$1.17 1-8, closed \$1.13 3-4; Sept. 89c to 90 15-16c, closed 89 1-8c; Dec. 84 3-8c to 85 5-8c, closed 83 3-8c.

On Saturday, May 28, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.35 for May option, and \$1.09 1-3 for July, and 86 3-4c for September. A week ago July wheat closed at \$1.18 1-8.

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 for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, May 23.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May, \$1.65; July, \$1.11; Sept., 89 1-4c; Dec., 83 5-8c.
Corn—May, 34 7-8c, July, 35 1-8c to 35 1-4c; Sept., 36c to 36 1-8c.
Oats—May, 29 3-4c; July, 25 7-8c; Sept., 23 1-8c.
Mess Pork—July, \$12.15; Sept., \$12.50.
Lard—July, \$6.57 1-2; Sept., \$6.45.
Short Ribs—July, \$6.12 1-2; Sept., \$6.17 1-2.

Chicago, May 24.—Selling by longs, together with weaker cables and the fine crop prospects caused another break in wheat to-day. The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2, May \$1.65, July \$1-09 1-2; Sept. 87 1-4c; Dec. 82 3-8c.
Corn—May 34 1-8c; July 34 1-8c; Sept. 35c.
Oats—May 28 1-2c, July 25 5-8c; Sept. 22 1-2c.
Pork—July \$11.87 1-2, Sept. \$12.
Lard—July \$6.17 1-2, Sept. \$6.27 1-2.
Short ribs—July \$5.97 1-2, Sept. \$6.05.

Chicago, May 25.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.70; July \$1.12 1-4; Sept. 88 3-8 to 1-2; Dec. 83 3-4.
Corn—May 34; July 34 1-4; Sept. 35 1-8.
Oats—May 27 1-2; July 24 7-8 to 25; Sept. 22 3-8 to 1-2.
Mess pork—July \$11.82 1-2; Sept. \$11.95.
Lard—July \$6.22 1-2; Sept. \$6.30.
Short ribs—July \$5.95; Sept. \$6.

Chicago, May 26.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.75; July \$1.10; Sept. 86 1-4; Dec. 82 3-8.
Corn—May 33 1-8; July 33 1-8; to 33 1-4, Sept. 34 to 34 1-8.
Oats—May 27 3-4; July 24 1-2; Sept. 21 7-8.
Mess pork—July \$11.77 1-2; Sept. \$11.87 1-2.
Lard—July \$6.22 1-2; Sept. \$6.30.
Short ribs—July \$5.90; Sept. \$6.

Chicago, May 27.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.75, July \$1.06 1-2, Sept. 84 3-4c, Dec. 80 7-8c.
Corn—May 32 3-4c, July 32 3-4c, Sept. 23 5-8c.
Oats—May 27c, July 24 1-4c, Sept. 22 3-4c.
Mess pork—July \$11.55, Sept. \$11.65.
Lard—July \$6.07 1-2, Sept. \$6.15.
Short ribs—July \$5.80, Sept. \$5.90.

On Saturday, May 28, July wheat opened at \$1.06 1-4 and ranged from \$1.01 3-4 to the opening price, which was the highest of the day. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May \$1.75, July \$1.03 1-2, Sept. 83 1-4, Dec. 79 7-8c.
Corn—May 32 7-8c, July 33.
Oats—May 26 1-2c, July 24 1-8c.
Pork—May \$11.40, July \$11.47 1-2.
Lard—May \$6.12 1-2, July \$6.12 1-2.
Ribs—May \$5.85.
Flax seed—Cash \$1.29 1-2, May \$1.29-1-2, Sept. \$1.13.

A week ago July option closed at \$1.11 1-2. A year ago July wheat closed at 68 3-8c, two years ago at 57 7-8c, three years ago at 79 1-4c, and four years ago at 55 1-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—July, \$1.55 1-2, Sept., 92c.
Tuesday—July, \$1.54; Sept., 90 1-4c.
Wednesday—July, \$1.55; Sept., 91c.
Thursday—July, \$1.54; Sept., 89c.
Friday—May \$1.45; July, \$1.49; Sept., 87 1-2c.

Saturday—May \$1.45; July \$1.42; Sept. \$1 1-2c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.45, and cash No. 1 northern at \$1.45.

Last week July option closed at \$1.54 1-2.

A year ago July option closed at 71 1-4c, and two years ago at 59c.