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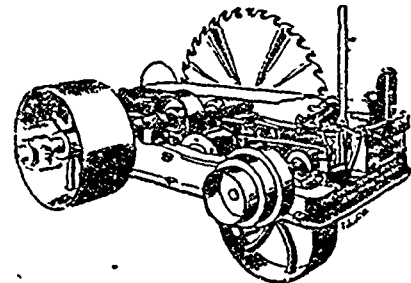
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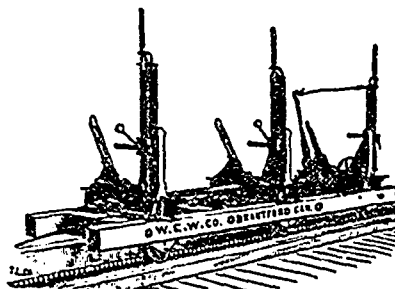
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 29, 1899.

## BAD ROADS AGAIN.

A gentleman signing himself an unfortunate Kiddanan tax payer, has written to the Winnipeg Free Press a complaint of the abominable condition of the country roads in the vicinity of Winnipeg. "Unfortunate Taxpayer" thinks that it is a mistake to spend money trying to secure settlers for the vacant lands around the city while the roads are in such a dreadful condition. The Commercial has frequently referred to this same matter of bad roads, and we still believe that it is or should be about the most important question for the consideration of the residents in the Red river municipalities. Though the oldest municipalities in Manitoba are located in the vicinity of Winnipeg, there is not yet a single mill of passably good road in the vicinity of the city in any of these municipalities. One municipality is at the present time spending money foolishly in bonusing a little flour mill, while the roads, which are of vastly more importance, are left in the same condition that they were twenty-five years ago. Good roads leading into the city through these municipalities, would do more to advance the value of farm lands tributary thereto than any other improvement which we can think of. The loss to the residents on account of bad roads must be a

very serious matter—greater even than many of the sufferers themselves would be prepared to admit of. Because some of these people have been used to this kind of thing all their life, however, does not make the loss any the less real.

## WINNIPEG STREET LIGHTING.

Since the passing of a by-law authorizing the city to invest \$80,000 in the establishment of an electric lighting plant, the electric lighting company has made a very much more favorable offer for the lighting of the streets than the city has ever received before. While The Commercial is favorable to the city ownership of franchise of this nature, the present offer seems to be so favorable that its acceptance would probably be better for the city under the present circumstances than to go ahead with the new plant. It is questionable if the city would be able to do the lighting any lower than the offer of the company. Besides this, the time for the establishing of the civic plant is limited. It would of course be a mistake to give the company a long contract, but it would probably be to the advantage of the city to make a short contract with the company under the existing circumstances.

## WOODEN BLOCK PAVEMENT.

The Winnipeg city council has decided to put down more block pavement this year. The worthlessness of block paving having been so thoroughly established, it seems strange that the city keeps on using this material. Winnipeg is away behind the times in this matter. Eastern cities were beginning to abandon the use of block pavement about the time we began to use it here. Besides being a very poor paving material, this wooden block pavement makes about as unsanitary a street as it is possible to secure.

## COLLECTING DEBTS.

Mr. Kennedy's bill introduced in the Manitoba legislature, to provide a more efficient way for the collection of small debts, may or may not be a very great improvement on the present method, but he at least deserves credit for good intentions. Anything which will tend to simplify the law and do away with legal quibbles and technicalities, deserves support. The expense attending the enforced collection of debts, or the straightening out of disputed transactions, seems to be often enormously greater than it should be, and the result of a suit at law is often unsatisfactory, even to the person who is supposed to have won the case.

If The Commercial were to venture an opinion in this respect, we would

say that we would prefer to see reform come in the direction of arbitration, rather than to heap up more laws of which we already have too much. We may not be ready for it yet, but the day will, no doubt come, when arbitration will take the place of law in the settlement of many difficulties and disputes. The establishment of courts of arbitration for dealing with disputed as well as undisputed transactions should be a feasible matter.

## DANGERS OF THE STREET.

The running down of a mere baby on a Winnipeg street crossing, in broad day light, by an electric car, should attract attention to the necessity for greater public control over the street railway. It seems difficult to find an excuse which will completely exonerate the company and its servants from blame in this matter. The occurrence happened on a back street, where the street traffic is limited. If street cars can be supplied with fenders, which largely reduce the risk in case of accidents of this nature, as it is claimed they can be, it is little short of criminal that the cars in Winnipeg have been allowed to go for years without this protection. The speed attained by the electric cars in Winnipeg is frequently excessive. This must be apparent to any observer. The rate of speed frequently attained should not be permitted. The William street line, where the accident referred to occurred, is particularly conspicuous for the speed at which the cars often run. It is greatly to be regretted that an inquest was not held in this case. In fact there seems to be something very slack about the manner in which accidents of this nature are passed over in Winnipeg. It is high time the public made a demand for a searching investigation of such occurrences.

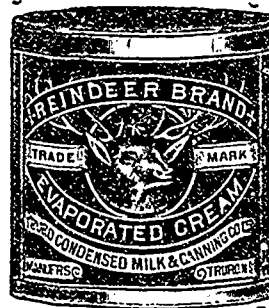
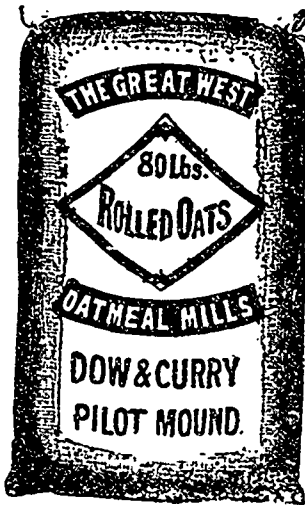
Some people imagine that pedestrians have the right of way on the street. In Winnipeg at least this right is completely ignored. Street cars, wheeled rigs of various description and bicycles dash along the streets and over the crossings, utterly regardless of the rights of pedestrians. If any notice is paid of those who travel on foot, it is to jangle a bell as a warning to them to get out of the road. The bicycle bell has become an intolerable nuisance in this way in Winnipeg. Most bicycle riders here seem to think that they have the right of way, and in this idea they are encouraged by an absurd civic by-law. In nine cases out of ten it is easier for the bicycle rider to dodge a pedestrian, than it is for the latter to make way for the bicycle. This continual jangling of bicycle bells as a command to pedestrians to make way should be stopped.

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Millstuffs—Bran, \$12 per ton; shorts, \$14 in large lots.

Oatmeal—Dealers selling to trade at \$2.20 per sack of rolled in small lots. Ontario meal, \$1.85 nominally.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 41 to 43c per bushel for feed. oats.

Corn—Cars on track, Winnipeg, \$1 1-2 to 45c per bushel.

Barley—12 to 43c for feed.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices 17 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1-2c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 93-4 to 101-2c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 12 to 12 1-2c.

Hides—No. 1 green hides 61-2c.

Wool—8 to 9c for unwashed fleeces.

Hay—Baled, on track, here advanced to \$11 to \$12 per ton.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 9c per lb; dressed turkeys, 15c, live chickens, 60 to 75c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 6 to 6 1-2c; mutton, 8c; for frozen, 9 to 10c for fresh; hogs, 63-4 to 7c; veal, 7 to 9c.

Live Stock—Cattle, butchers 31-2 to 1c, yearling stockers, \$10 to \$13, hogs, all cars \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon. sheep, 1 to 41-2c, lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.50 each.

**Winnipeg's Assessment.**

J. W. Harris, assessment commissioner, has presented his report of the completion and return of the assessment rolls. The total assessment for the current year amounts to \$23,520,260, exclusive of the valuations placed upon the property exempt from taxation, which amounts to \$4,965,100, showing a net increase in the ratable property over that of last year of about two-thirds of a million dollars. The total assessment by way of capitalized rental value for business tax is \$3,470,390, being an increase in this class of assessment of about \$290,000 over that of last year. The balance of the net increase of two-thirds of a million dollars is caused principally by the buildings erected during the year 1898, which have overbalanced the reductions made for depreciation in buildings erected throughout the city and losses occasioned by fire, which in one instance alone amounted to nearly \$200,000, to the extent of over one-third of a million dollars. The land values, while changed considerably in different localities, show, upon the whole, about the same aggregate amount as last year. The total population of the city, which has, as usual, been carefully taken in connection with the assessment, is shown to be inclusive of a fair percentage added for transient or floating population—40,112, showing a substantial increase over last returns. Our population having reached the 40,000 mark, it is, I think, judging from the growth of other cities somewhat similarly situated reasonable to assume that our increase in population in the future, will be even greater proportionately than it has been in the past. I feel quite warranted in making the observation that Winnipeg has entered upon

a period of development and progress of a lasting and permanent nature. Real estate values are becoming more fixed and definite in many localities, and the general business of the city is rapidly increasing. It is not to be expected that outlying, vacant properties will be in much steady demand for some time; but we frequently find owners of this class of property holding it at prices far in excess of the assessed valuation placed upon it, while, of course, others, forced to sell, may have to take much less. This condition of the real estate market is, however, not confined to the city of Winnipeg, but is a condition that prevails to a considerable extent at times in the history of all cities. Complete tabulated schedules will, as usual, be furnished after the close of the court of revision.

**Crude Rubber.**

According to a report recently received at Washington from United States Consul Kennedy, in Para, Brazil, there is not likely to be any shortage of rubber in the near future. The quantities gathered and brought in lately are double what they used to be and exploration of the rubber region show that the supply can be increased indefinitely by simply increasing the number of gatherers. Those of our people, the report says, who have gone down into Mexico and Central America to engage in rubber production may fare no better than those who expected to make fortunes in coffee raising; by the time they get their plantations bearing, the product may be so cheap as to yield little or no profit.

**Change of Name.**

The firm of Love, McAllister & Co., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, have issued the following announcement.

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The May number of the Delimitator treats very fully with illustration and description of appropriate gowning for commencement and graduation wear. The literary features are thoroughly enjoyable, and the household and social discussions crisp and piquant.

A bill has been introduced in the Dominion house to allow Dominion civil servants to be garnished for debt. It is to be hoped the bill will promptly become law. From a business point of view it is difficult to understand why dead beat civil servants should be sheltered in their crookedness and dishonesty any more than any other fellow.

The Winnipeg Elevator Co. has been granted incorporation under the Dominion act. The new company as previously reported, will continue the grain business of Bready, Love & Tyron, of Winnipeg. The parties forming the company mentioned in the letters of incorporation are T. T. W. Bready, John Love and C. R. Tryon, Winnipeg, and James Carruthers and Charles Walter Band, of Toronto.

**GRAIN AND MILLING****THE ELEVATOR QUESTION.**

Quite a heated debate occurred in the Territorial legislature at Regina lately on the elevator question. The debate was not heated in point of opposing elements, as all the speakers appeared to be on one side, and that in opposition to the present elevator arrangements. Several very extravagant charges were made against the grain dealers and elevator men, some of which were quite unreasonably. A resolution calling upon the federal government to compel the railway companies to permit anyone to build and operate elevators, grain warehouses or grain chutes, was carried unanimously.

The elevator regulations adopted by the railway companies in Manitoba and the Territories, the Commercial believes, have proved of great advantage to the country and a great benefit to the farmers. If any one had been permitted to build flat warehouses for the handling of grain, we would have had a lot of little, unsightly shacks at every railway station, instead of the splendid line of elevators which now exist, without which there would be very little storage and handling accommodation for the farmers in the busy season, resulting in frequent grain blockades and loss to the farmers. At the same time the Commercial has taken the ground that it would be better to remove the elevator restrictions than have a continual agitation kept up. Restrictions are distasteful, even when they are beneficial. At any rate, we have the elevators now. The only question is that of vested rights, in consideration of the fact that parties who put their money in these buildings, expected that the restrictions against cheap competing warehouses would continue in force. However, the theory as to the existence of vested rights in this case is a debatable question. The Commercial would not be disappointed if the restrictions were removed. At the same time we do not see any occasion for making so many violent and untruthful charges, as is often done by many of those who agitate for the removal of the present restrictions against the erection of a cheap class of elevators or warehouse for handling grain at country points.

**DRYING WET WHEAT FOR MILLING PURPOSES.**

There is very little milling value in artificially dried wheat, unless dried under what I term natural conditions, that is, by the action of the wind and sun, as when the wheat is exposed in the sheaf in the fields. I am satisfied that any artificial process that does not carry out these conditions cannot dry wheat to any real value for milling purposes; and the only really successful wheat drying for milling that I had been able to do in the past was by spreading wheat on a large dock, holding about 4,000 bushels, 21-2 inches deep, and having it exposed and turned to the strong sun and heavy wind. About 200,000 bushels of wheat dried in this manner were sold for milling purposes, and the miller was astonished at the quality of the flour this wheat produced; and he had no complaint from any of his customers who purchased the flour.

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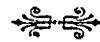
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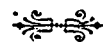
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Drying wheat for milling purposes is an operation that must be carefully handled, because if the wheat is overdried, the granulating properties are ruined, and if not sufficiently dried, the wheat will not keep; therefore, both these extremes must be avoided.

Now, the question is asked, What is the effect the drying has upon the flour. The quality of the flour depends largely upon the gluten, and whether the gluten is damaged or not in drying depends upon circumstances. I am satisfied that if the wheat is delivered at a drying elevator perfectly cold and has not heated nor soured there has been no damage done to the gluten. My own opinion is that gluten will not ferment under a temperature of 60 degrees, and that this wheat, dried under the conditions above stated, is just as good for milling purposes as is the same grade that has never been wet. And even wheat that is slightly heated will also, after drying, produce good flour; for I do not think a single car of that 200,000 bushels which I dried in the open air arrived at our elevator without being more or less in a heated condition. So that the conclusion of my experience is this: That wheat dried promptly and with efficient machinery is not materially damaged for milling purposes, although these results depend entirely upon the grain being scientifically dried. If this is not done, of course, that is another matter.

I have reports from several of the Ontario millers who have milled wheat dried at Port Arthur elevator, and their reports are practically the same so I will just quote from a letter recently received from one of the largest flouring mills in Canada:

"We have made a test of 3,000 bushels of the dried No. 2 hard wheat, and on the whole find it fairly satisfactory. The strength of the flour is good, but the color is a shade off, but not enough to signify. The yield is also good, but the percentage of low grade is a little larger. The wheat is very flinty and requires tempering before grinding, so that large mills can use it to better advantage than small mills which have not the appliance for tempering; for this reason also we do not think that it will grind well in a mixture with other wheat, but will give the best results when ground by itself.

We estimate the difference in value at about three and a half cents below the regular grades, and we are prepared to handle it at this difference.

"We have had the flour baked here and we must say that the bread made from it is excellent, and as far as we can see not very much difference between it and the regular grades. As to the keeping qualities of the flour,

time alone will tell this. We, however, think that it will keep all right for a moderate period."

It is evident that we had trifled over-dried this wheat, which would also affect the color of the flour. This, perhaps, is one of the most difficult defects of drying to overcome. Another large miller, on a test, reported that our dried No. 2 hard produced flour on four pounds more wheat to the barrel than natural No. 1 hard wheat, and the flour was all right.

JOSEPH G. KING.

Port Arthur, Ontario.

#### THE CANADIAN GRAIN ROUTE.

A meeting was held on Monday afternoon in the large assembly room of the board of trade and grain exchange of gentlemen interested in the grain business and transportation question, to meet Mr. Alex. McFee, president of the corn exchange of Montreal, and to hear an address from him in the interests of the all Canadian route, via the lakes, the St. Lawrence and Montreal to the Atlantic seaboard and the markets of Europe. Mr. E. L. Drewry, president of the board of trade, occupied the chair, and Mr. A. E. Burch was appointed secretary. There were present Messrs. W. Beech, J. Harris, L. G. Tilley, T. Kellett, B. McBean, E. L. Drewry, W. S. Logan, C. A. Young, S. P. Clark, Wm. Martin, W. McKinley, D. Horn, S. A. McGaw, W. C. Graham, R. Reid, S. Spink, W. J. Lindsay, T. Thompson, F. H. Metcalfe, W. Chalmers, A. C. Archibald, R. Muir, A. E. Burch, H. S. Patterson, R. F. Roblin, W. W. McMillan, W. Gibbins, N. Bawlf, A. Atkinson, L. O'Reilly, D. G. McBean, John Love, T. T. W. Bready. After a few introductory remarks by the chairman, Mr. McFee was invited to address the meeting.

Mr. McFee showed that on the completion of the deepening of the canals elevator facilities would be needed at Montreal. The harbor commission, for lack of funds, could not incur the expense, and steps should be taken to secure assistance from the Dominion government. In view of the lack of sufficient Canadian tonnage American vessels should be allowed to carry grain from Fort William to eastern Canadian ports. He gave statistics showing that at present but a small portion comparatively of the grain that is shipped east goes by the all Canadian route, and he urged the importance of Canada getting the advantage of the natural route, that of the St. Lawrence, and of making Montreal the national port of Canada. He stated that an American syndicate is trying to lease for 99 years a mile and a half of Montreal harbor frontage, and pointed out that their success would mean increased charges. The government should provide facilities and prevent this result.

#### THE PROPOSALS ENDORSED.

Mr. R. P. Roblin spoke briefly, giving his hearty endorsement to the position taken by Mr. McFee. He maintained that the smallness of the proportion of the grain from the Northwest shipped via Montreal was not due to the desire on the part of shippers to ship via that route, but to the coasting laws which prevent the using of American bottoms from Fort William to Canadian ports. He considered it important that the coasting laws should be amended, and he accordingly moved the following motion, which was

seconded by Mr. N. Bawlf and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas it is anticipated that there will be a large increase in the agricultural products of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories and ample transportation and terminal facilities for the handling of same will be of advantage to the producer; and whereas it is of paramount importance to the west, and also to the eastern provinces that a large share of this business should pass through Canadian territory to the seaboard; and whereas the Canadian inland marine is insufficient to meet the requirements of the grain trade originating at Fort William elevators; and whereas there are no elevator facilities at Montreal for the storage of grain arriving by the water route; be it therefore resolved that it is the opinion of this meeting in view of the large anticipated increase in the grain products of this country which will require all the harbor space in the port of Montreal to provide for the same, that the property now controlled by the Montreal Harbor Trust be not alienated by long term of leases to either individuals or corporations; be it therefore resolved that pending the increase of Canadian tonnage sufficient for the requirements of the grain trade originating at Fort William that United States vessels be allowed to load at Fort William for Canadian eastern ports for export; and that the port of Montreal be equipped with the most modern permanent elevator facilities by the government as an adjunct to the canals thereby assuring to the producer that the minimum charges for the transshipping and storage of grain will be made; and also that such facilities be provided by the Dominion government as will prolong navigation at Fort William to the latest date possible."

Mr. Bawlf said that the Canadian people had hitherto been sitting and looking on, seeing the trade diverted to the United States. If the Montreal people would get a move on just now they would be able to secure a large portion of that trade. He suggested that the resolution should not be worked as to prevent sailing in Montreal.

Mr. L. A. Tilley also spoke in favor of allowing the use of American boats.

Mr. Roblin urged that steps be taken to induce the Dominion government to put in an ice-breaker at Fort William to keep the river open, and thus lengthen the period of navigation by some two weeks. He contended that this was not an impossibility, having already been done by the C. P. R. Co., which, however, announced its intention of not continuing it in the future. He was sure that the annual expense would not be more than a few hundred dollars.

Mr. McFee, in answer to a question by Mr. Roblin, said he would, on his return, bring the matter before the Montreal Corn exchange. He suggested that he would like to have some resolutions passed here to give his representations all possible weight.

On motion of Mr. Bawlf, seconded by Mr. Spink, the resolution adopted by the meeting was referred to the councils of the board of trade and grain exchange of Winnipeg, to deal with as early as possible, and lay the matter before the minister of public works, the minister of railways and canals, and the councils of the board of trade and corn exchange of Montreal.

On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded



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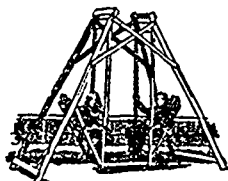
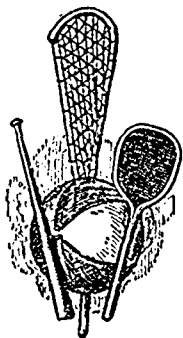
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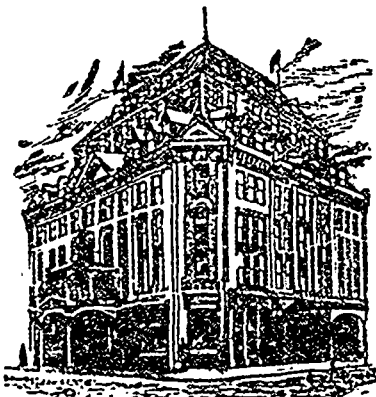
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by Mr. Bawlf, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. McFee, for bringing the matter to the attention of the meeting.

#### WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week reported 176 cars of wheat inspected — compared with 253 cars the previous week — which graded as follows: Extra Manitoba hard, 2 cars; 1 hard, 40 cars; 2 hard, 4; 1 northern, 35; 2 northern, 5; 3 northern, 3; 1 spring, 14; rejected, 11; no grade, 62 cars.

#### MANITOBA WHEAT STOCKS.

There were 3,345,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 22. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 939,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,682,000 bushels; three years ago 3,893,000 bushels; four years ago 930,000 bushels, and 2,338,000 five years ago.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 10,000,000 bushels, compared with about 3,700,000 bushels a year ago, 6,338,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels four years ago.

#### GRAIN AND MILLING NOTES.

It is proposed to erect a 1,000,000 bushel elevator at Quebec to accommodate the grain traffic from the Parry Sound route. An engineer has been on the ground recently looking over the site.

On Wednesday, May 17th, there will be submitted to the ratepayers of Carberry a by-law authorizing a loan of \$3,000 to bonus a grist mill. The municipality of North Cypress will also shortly submit a by-law for the same object.

A company of farmers has been formed at Greta to build an elevator. Construction will be commenced as soon as the site has been decided on. A contract for the machinery has been given to the Waterous Engine Works Co.

Kingston, Ont., has now four elevators—the M. T. company's capacity, 800,000 bushels, Kingston Elevator & Transit Co., 550,000 bushels, Richardson's, 250,000 bushels, and Donoghue's, 80,000 bushels. Twenty million bushels of grain were handled last season.

#### THE DRY GOODS TRADE

##### ADVANCE IN WINDOW SHADES.

The New York Carpet and Upholstery Trade Review says: "The manufacturers of mounted window shades and shade cloths have advanced prices on oil and water color opaque shades and shading and felt shades. This action is due to the very sharp and strongly-sustained advance in raw materials and other costs of manufacturing. The advances made in the past two weeks only partially cover the increased cost of materials, and if the prices of the latter remain at the present high rates further advances must be made on shades and shade goods."

"These advances come none too soon, for it is an undisputed fact that unwise price-cutting had brought prices of shades down to a point where adequate profits no longer existed."

"The big increases in the prices of cotton cloth, benzine, oil, etc., have

absolutely forced the window shade manufacturers to protect themselves. The advance is general among all manufacturers."

##### DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

The Corticelli Silk company and the Belding-Paul company, manufacturers of silk threads in Canada have both withdrawn quotations for their wares, thus indicating the strength of the advance in silk.

The Canadian markets for cottons are still firm, but no further advances have been made. According to the new price list of the Merchants Cotton Co., the only concern which has actually advanced prices yet in Canada, the advance is 5 to 7 per cent, but on some lines that company was formerly below the other mills, and the advance brings them more in line with the ruling figures.

A steady jobbing movement continues in dry goods at New York, according to Bradstreets. Trade is largely affected by the weather. At first hands trade is more quiet, but values are firm. Gray cottons are ordered ahead, and manufacturers have no disposition to concede prices, although the demand is quiet on new orders. Finished goods are selling much below the basis of cost compared with gray cloths, which makes it unsatisfactory for converters. Printed fabrics are going steadily, with percales, cretonnes, dimities and piques freely called for. Gingham is firm and jobbing freely. Dress wools are steady, and quite liberal orders for fall goods have been placed. Flannels are in fair shape. Men's wear wools are quiet, with the market about steady.

A Canadian mill has turned out some very nice lines of mercerized goods. They are in various colors and are turned out with the water effect; they will be used largely for blouses, and compare favorably with the imported line of the same material considering the facilities and experience of the respective manufacturers. Canadian goods each season appear to be taking a better place in the market. Greater effort is being made in the matter of finish, and the greater enterprise of the mill men has resulted in their products being up-to-date and as they realize that novelty is what makes goods popular each season there is a marked and usually successful effort in that direction.—Globe.

#### THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Lamb and flag ruled lower at New York last week at \$25.75 as against \$26.00 the previous week.

C. C. Baker, of Winnipeg, has bought the hardware business of McDougall & Co., at Neepawa, Man.

Canadian plate glass dealers are endeavoring to form an association with a view of securing better prices.

Stove manufacturers in the maritime provinces have decided to put up prices to correspond with advances elsewhere.

The total visible supply of tin on March 31 was 28,058 tons. On April 15 the visible supply in the United States was 6,720 tons.

Wire advanced again in the United States last week. Ten cents per 100 pounds to large buyers about represents the increase.

The Hamilton Blast Furnace company and The Rolling Mill company

have agreed to amalgamate. The capital stock will be \$2,000,000.

Copper advanced in London last week and is now £2 5s. higher than the week before. At New York the price is also up 1-8c to 17 1-2 to 18 5-8c according to grade.

Owing to the scarcity of whitening in Toronto dealers have withdrawn the 5c reduction on five-barrel lots, and now quote a straight rate of 60c per 100 pounds. This is to discourage the ordering of large lots.

The Chicago Times-Herald of April 23 said that definite information had reached Chicago to the effect that contracts had been signed in London which formally transferred to a single organization practically all of the larger producing copper mines in the United States.

Local jobbers are anxious for the opening of navigation, as they will be able to take advantage of the lower water freights to replenish their stocks, which are short in some lines. It is practically out of the question to bring in heavy goods, particularly the low priced lines at the all rail freight rate. On such lines as nails, plaster, cement, etc., the freight charges represent a considerable portion of the cost of the goods laid down here.

Iron and Steel has reviews the market for hardware at Chicago in its issue of April 22: "Trade is strongest, perhaps, in those lines of goods in which wire enters largely as a material. The scarcity and the higher prices of wire are the causes of the advances in the lines noted. The volume of the hardware trade is large in the aggregate, though not evenly distributed. As noted last week, it is largely a matter of roads. Where travel has been made easy on country roads the trade is quite brisk. In the Northwest the trade is reported to be exceptionally good. The farmers are contented and the steady advance in prices, the permanency of which was at first seriously doubted, has at length induced a wide buying which according to some advices amounts practically to a boom."

#### Manitoba Southeastern.

This railway, it is understood, will be completed as far as the Minnesota boundary as soon as possible. Neil Keith has been awarded the contract.

A special cable dispatch to the New York Sun makes it appear as if English telegraph shareholders were becoming alarmed at the successes of the experiments with wireless telegraphy. Eastern Telegraph company's shares were quoted at 160 Wednesday, while last week they were quoted at 180, but the fall is due possibly to the probable construction of the Pacific cable. An official of the Anglo-American Telegraph company, in an interview Wednesday, said: "While recognizing the enormous scientific value of Marconi's wireless system I do not regard it in the light of a rival that is likely to encroach upon our preserves. I fall altogether to understand how Marconi can counteract the great curvature of the earth that is to be met across the Atlantic. There is a great difference between crossing the channel, thirty or forty miles, and crossing the ocean, 4,000 miles."—Bradstreets.

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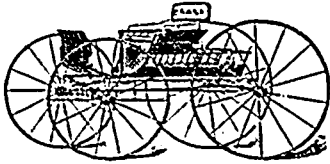
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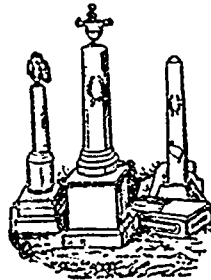
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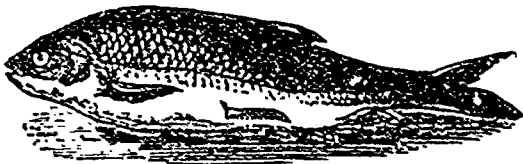
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Tenders will be received until Monday, May 1st, for the erection of a frame residence on stone foundation, on Edmonton street, Winnipeg.

Stovel & Co., Winnipeg, are calling for tenders for the erection of an addition to their building on McDermott avenue, 22 feet wide and 60 feet deep. The building will be two stories high, with basement.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of one 30 horse power engine and one 40 horse-power boiler, delivered f.o.b. cars Winnipeg, will be received until Wednesday, May 3.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of an elevator at Miami, for the Miami Farmers' Elevator company, (Limited), the company to furnish all the material and machinery, and the contractor to dig pit and well, lay the foundation and complete the building ready to receive wheat.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, will be received until Wednesday, May 2, for the construction of the following works, viz.: Sewers—In Main street, from Selkirk avenue to Alfred avenue, and in Alfred avenue, from Main street to Atkins street. In Portage avenue, from the east line of lot 2, D. G. S., St. St. James, to Maryland street. Asphalt pavement—On Main street from Graham avenue to Assiniboine bridge. And for the supplying of the following materials, viz.: Coal, dynamite, cement, oils and fuse.

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**WHEAT IN CANADA.**

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

Montreal	28,000
Toronto	52,000
Kingston	20,000
Winnipeg	461,000
Manitoba elevators	5,750,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin	3,795,000

Total, April 15	10,108,000
Total a year ago	3,859,000

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 39,141,000 bushels reported by Bradstreet's on April 15, were 51,161,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 40,577,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on April 1, were 4,321,000 bushels, compared with 3,466,000 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 April 22, was 29,179,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,323,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 25,914,000 bushels, two years ago 36,201,000 bushels, three years ago 57,946,000 bushels, and four years ago 65,776,000 bushels.

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

Chicago	5,135,000
Duluth	11,116,000
Minneapolis	8,370,000
New York	1,498,000
Buffalo and afloat	322,000

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**  
The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 10,426,000 bushels, compared with 11,775,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 28,101,000 bushels, compared with 1,649,000 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 April 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

1899	128,659,000
1898	114,267,000
1897	122,376,000
1896	161,978,000
1895	181,442,000

**CROP MOVEMENT.**

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.

Minneapolis	73,009,336	61,065,850
Milwaukee	11,202,006	7,735,128
Duluth	64,679,765	35,882,030
Chicago	30,037,292	30,455,364

Total ... 178,928,399 135,138,372  
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.

Toledo	11,963,542	10,317,369
St. Louis	13,158,666	11,059,594
Detroit	4,553,584	4,476,714
Kansas City	24,051,843	27,002,566

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TRADE MOVEMENT.

The trade in drills and such spring lines is now practically over. The season has been a very backward one for the farmer, but they are now into their spring work. City jobbers report a fair trade in spring requirements. A great deal of delay was experienced in securing stocks earlier in the season, but this difficulty is now pretty well over. Reports re vehicles are very favorable as to the amount of business doing this season.

THE ADVANCE IN WAGONS.

Chicago Farm Implement News says. Reports from several distributing centers indicate that the threatened advance in the price of farm wagons has materialized. General agents and branch house managers have been instructed to raise prices about \$3 to \$5 per job according to style and construction. Some of the jobbers, we understand, have also instructed their men to obtain higher prices. Following is a copy of a trade circular sent out by one of the leading wagon manufacturers:

"To Our Trade: In consequence of the heavy rise in the price of all classes of wood stock, and of iron, rivets, nails, screws, bolts, and every other material used in the manufacture of farm wagons, and in view of the already very small margin of profit on our goods, we are obliged to look to the dealer and consumer to bear a portion of such additional cost of manufacture, and make accordingly this announcement of an advance in our prices, taking effect from date. Thanking you for your past patronage and soliciting your further valued orders, which will have our careful and prompt attention."

TWINE TO ADVANCE.

It is reported on good authority that the eastern manufacturers have oversold themselves on the amount of twine manufactured, and are now running of their spindles on rope stock for twine purposes. Prices have been advancing for the past month, and from all indications, the highest figure has not been reached yet. A prompt cessation of hostilities in the Philippines would have no tendency to lower prices, as it takes some weeks, in fact, months, to get hemp from Manila to the factories, and there is no immediate prospect of such good fortune. It is estimated that all the hemp that can be used in the season's harvest is afloat, and from now on it becomes apparent that prices will continue to climb—no one offering to quote an advance figure.—Machinery and Hardware Review.

THE TWINE MARKET.

Farm Implements News, of Chicago, says: The market is dull and quiet. Prices are firm, but little business is being transacted and inquiries are not frequent. So large a proportion of the season's supply having already been contracted, the present apathetic condition is not at all surprising. There are a few dealers who have not as yet given orders for any quantity of twine, as is evidenced by occasional letters received by the manufacturers and jobbers. Some of these letters come from the far northwest where a repetition of last year's market at harvest time is feared, and others from territory where the

weather, throughout the winter, was menacing to wheat.

Reports from dealers in several states indicate extensive damage to winter wheat in some localities, but in averaging up the situation, including an estimate on oats, the general opinion seems to be that the consumption of twine will be equal to that of last year. The lateness of the season however, will undoubtedly cause a falling off in the acreage of oats, for many wheat fields that are being plowed up will be put to corn rather than oats. As a partial offset the acreage of spring wheat will undoubtedly be greater.

The element of uncertainty appears to be more pronounced than it was a few weeks ago. Then it seemed certain that further advances in the price of twine must soon occur, but the condition of crops, the lateness of the season and the slightly easier fiber market have raised a question as to the future. As stated last week the leading concerns still reiterate their determination to, at least, maintain present prices throughout the season, without regard to the price of hemp. If it is true that 90 per cent of the twine has been sold, as nearly all agree, it must be true also that a large percentage of the required fiber has been purchased, and that on the basis of cost a steady price for twine would not be irregular, even though hemp declined. Yet if fiber should weaken there would be nothing to prevent certain manufacturers from quoting lower prices on twine, as they did in the early part of the winter. Every day, however, decreases the danger on this score, and as long as the price of hemp remains fairly steady, that of twine will not decline. The fact that so much twine has been sold is considered by many to be a bar to declining prices, at least until harvest is completed in the middle west.

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IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Another motor wagon and vehicle company has just been organized in New York with a capital stock of \$10,000,000.

During February United States manufacturers exported to Canada \$29,032 worth of carriages, etc., as against \$5,216 in the same month of 1894.

The Stock Fountain Company, of Lake City, Iowa, has a new invention in the line of stock waterers on the market this spring. Over 20,000 of these devices have been sold this year already.

At a meeting held in Chicago on April 11th, wind-mill men decided to advance the prices for windmills and towers to cover the heavy advances which have been made in their raw material.

The state prison binder twine factory in Minnesota appears to be the cause of considerable friction. During the past season not less than fifteen bills had been introduced in the legislature, affecting the sale or manufacture of prison binding twine.

Another trust to include the large farm machinery factories in the United States, is in process of formation. The capital is to be \$50,000,000, of

which \$15,000,000 has already been subscribed.

A meeting of Winnipeg bicycle dealers was held recently. The question of taking old wheels in trade, and other matters, was discussed in an informal way, but no concerted action was decided upon.

It is said that of the 5,700,000 pounds of prison twine reported ordered by Minnesota farmers, 1,400,000 went on less than carlot orders, while the rest went to clubs of farmers in car lots.

Southern dealers who supply implements for the Manitoba trade say the demand from this province has not been so large this year for spring lines as in 1898. Still they express themselves as satisfied with the results.

United States railroads have changed the classification of binder twine from fourth to third class, although it was announced that it had been changed to second class. This means higher rates on binder twine in this territory. The increase in rates is from 25 to 33 per cent.

The National Association of Wagon Manufacturers of the United States at its semi-annual meeting, in Chicago, about three weeks ago, decided upon a general advance in prices. The action was made necessary, the members explained, by the marked advance in the cost of materials.

A manufacturer of wind stackers says: The wind stacker has evidently come to stay. There has been volumes written about the wind stackers, a good deal of which is for and some against them, but the old objection that wind stackers waste grain has been exploded long ago.

It is reported on good authority, says the Farm Implement News, that all the large plow factories, except those located at South Bend, have executed options to the promoters of the combination. That some of the concerns that loudly proclaimed their opposition to the plan are really in it. That a few weeks will tell whether it is to go or whether it is all off. That the leading manufacturers of plows, harrows, cultivators and related lines have agreed to make a uniform advance of 10 to 15 per cent.

All but two of the threshing manufacturing concerns of the United States have agreed to enter the trust which is now being formed to control the output of that industry. A representative of Farm Implement News had an interview with a gentleman who has taken an active interest in consolidating the threshing machine manufacturing concerns. He claims to hold options, signed, sealed and delivered, on every leading plant in the country except two whose affairs were not in shape to permit of a sale to the big company. "As far as the manufacturers are concerned," said he, "the matter is settled. They have given their options and have nothing further to say in regard to the formation of the company. All that now remains is to float the stock."

In view of the continued and surprising advances in the cost of all raw materials entering into implement construction, occasion was taken by "Implement Age" to call attention to the question of "price raising" vs. "price cutting," and we ventured the query: Who will be the first to "mark up?" From present indications, and the returns are only beginning to come in, there is recognized the necessity of an

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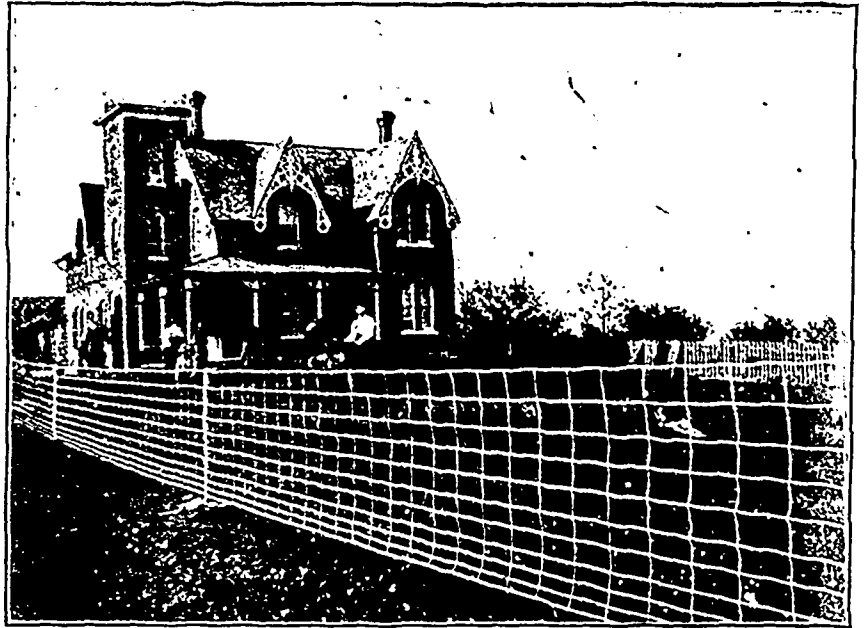
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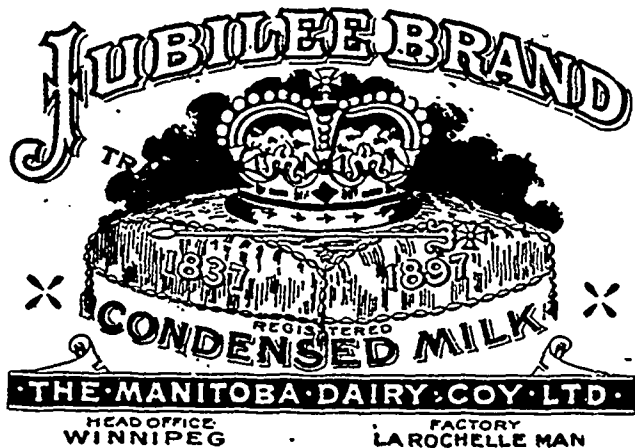
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advanced by nearly every implement and carriage concern, and their circular letters notifying a withdrawal of old quotations, are in the hands of their customers. Fortunately for the dealers, most of them are supplied, or have orders placed to cover the bulk of their spring trade, and they are not "crossing any bridges" yet. But after present stock and goods in transit are exhausted, what follows? It is a popular delusion with some that advantage is being taken of the occasion to "force prices" and "bitch" the dealer. Others hold to the belief that advancing quotations cannot be long maintained, because the price, being in a sense prohibitive, manufacturers' stock will accumulate until they will be only too willing to reduce it by making prices to cash buyers. The majority, however, take a sensible and business like view of the situation, recognizing the fact that it is less difficult to sell goods on an advancing than on a declining market. They welcome the change, and see in it the forerunner of better profits in the agricultural implement business.

### New Station at Moosejaw.

This issue of The Commercial contains an engraving of the new Canadian Pacific Railway depot and hotel at Moose Jaw, Assiniboia, which was

were very small. Advices from Antigua by cable report stocks almost exhausted and notes an advance of 5 1-2c per gallon since the opening of the market this season with very little to be had even at present prices. Latest advices from Porto Rico report a firm and advancing market, with offerings light.

### GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Toronto wholesale grocers are reported to be discussing a proposal to operate a vinegar factory of their own, to oppose the vinegar trust.

The Cuban sugar crop is placed according to the latest estimate at 500,000 tons, 250,000 of which is available for export. The total production last year was 214,000 tons.

Stocks of sugar in Canada are said to be light and the market for the refined article is decidedly firm, although raw sugar weakened considerably towards the end of last week, for which no special reason could be given.

The market for canned goods in the east is steady and the demand fair. At Montreal the prevailing price for corn is 85c for large lots, but as high as 90c has been paid for some small quantities.

The tea market at Montreal continues active. There is a good demand for gunpowders and low grade China

this a more nourishing food than the best butter made from cream. When the raw peanuts are ground, they produce a meal, but after they have been roasted and then ground they come from the mill an oily, tough, yellow, delicious butter, ready to spread on bread.

Two more parties residing in southern Manitoba have been fined for smuggling in tobacco from the United States. Now that fine Canadian leaf tobacco is being put on the market at such a low price, the temptation to smuggle in this article should be greatly reduced. A customs officer says the Menonites of southern Manitoba are adepts in the art of smuggling. Their plan is to buy fifty tins or so of American tobacco, take it from the tins and put it in a common meal bag, which they put on the seat of the wagon. Then they pay duty very religiously on one tin of tobacco, get the Canadian customs stamp put on it and sell from this tin for months. That is, they keep refilling it from the sack of tobacco.

The American Grocer, speaking of the present situation in the United States sugar market, says: "The fierce competition which marks the sugar refining interest never was stronger than at present. It looks now as if the outcome of the trouble would be a complete revolution in



NEW CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY STATION AT MOOSEJAW, ASSINIBOIA

recently opened for business. The station is by all odds the best railway building between Winnipeg and the coast and as will be seen from the engraving is a handsome one architecturally. It is designed to handle the traffic of the main line, the Soo line which branches off here to St. Paul, and to provide first-class accommodation for travellers stopping over. The foundations are of Calgary stone, the superstructure of Moose Jaw red brick and the finishing inside is mainly of British Columbia fir. The hotel has accommodation for 100 guests.

### THE GROCERY TRADE.

#### MOLASSES.

Considerable business transpired last week at Montreal according to the Gazette, in both spot and new crop Barbadoes stock, due to the fact that prospects are that the crop will be much shorter owing to the damage done by the recent hurricanes being greater than was at first expected; in consequence, the general impression is that prices at the island will not go much below what they are at present. A private cable reports the market strong at 12 1-4c first cost, which means 25 1-2c to 29c laid down here. It also stated that supplies

blacks. The latter kind is getting scarce. Ceylons at 17 to 20c have also been in demand and prices higher. Japans are quiet and firm.

24,913 packages of tea were sold at an auction sale in New York last week. The sale is said to have represented a valuation of \$100,000. Good prices were obtained throughout, but low grades were in special favor.

The Brazilian Review of March 14th says of coffee: A well informed correspondent writes from San Paulo that "the coming crop of 1899-1900 is estimated to yield 20 to 30 per cent. more than the current one." Taking this at 5,500,000, the San Paulo 1899-1900 crop will be between 6,600,000 and 7,100,000 bags.

A dispatch from Havana dated April 22, says: The sugar crop for 1899 is officially estimated at 307,903 English tons, against a total for 1898 of 232,032 tons. The tobacco crop is said to be of good quality and more abundant than for two years past. A large stock of Remedios filler was sold in the field for \$23 per quintal. The planters in the province of Pinar del Rio are very cheerful as to the outlook.

At Philadelphia, Pa., there is one factory grinding 2,000 pounds of peanuts per day, and converting it into peanut butter. Chemists pronounce

methods of distribution. We would not be surprised if eventually refiners were forced to sell sugar direct to consumers, just as milk, soap, and other articles are now sold. The introduction of package sugar was an innovation that is still in its infancy. The 2-lb. paper package has been followed by the 2-lb. and 5-lb. cotton packages, and in time the packages will be made to conform to the wants of consumers in various sections. And then we shall have the dollar package, and soft sugars, as well as hards, in packages of varying weight. And then?"

The senate of Minnesota has passed a bill requiring peddlers to pay a license that is considered practically prohibitive. These fellows might be regulated in Manitoba to advantage to the community at large. Merchants should take up the matter.

A company known as The Alaska Navigation Mining and Trading company, of Chicago, which is exploiting the country north of Edmonton for gold and also engaging in the business of carrying passengers and freight to and from Great Slave Lake, has a representative at Edmonton this spring making preparations for the season's operations.



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**Manitoba**

F. McIntosh will open a butcher shop at Dugald.

Wright & Wright, grocers, Winnipeg, are selling out.

J. F. Reid, of Selkirk, will open a general store at Dauphin.

B. Cummings, of Gladstone, will open a jewelry store at Plumas.

H. Skeoch has sold his butcher business at Miami to R. Rutledge.

A shoemaker named Anderson intends opening a shop at Dugald.

H. Ross intends opening a general store and butcher shop at Dugald.

J. W. Ramsey has sold out his grocery business at Plumas to his brother.

F. Logan, of Carberry, will open a flour and feed store at Swan River.

P. Magnusson, grocer, Selkirk, has opened a branch store in the same town.

W. A. B. Hassett has purchased the general store of Taylor Bros. at Minnedosa.

A. J. Wallen & Co. have purchased the drug business of C. Craunston at Winnipeg.

Temple & Bolton have bought the grocery business of Mrs. Newberry at Napinka.

John Reuter has purchased the harness and saddlery business at Winkler of Albert Jackling.

The work of laying new waterworks pipes in Winnipeg will be started the first week in May.

It is reported that Carman is talking of incorporating as a village and that a petition is being circulated to that effect.

Hamilton & Co. has purchased the butcher business of George Rising, at Ripka City. They intend doing a cattle business as well.

Parks & McMillan are the purchasers of the Ford & Stewart grocery business at Winnipeg the sale of which was mentioned last week.

The partnership heretofore existing between Clara J. Dillingham and W. G. King, under the firm name of the Independent Printing and Publishing Company of Brandon, has been dissolved.

The Manitoba Anchor Fence Co. are applying for incorporation. The applicants are W. H. Hutchison, J. T. B. Perse, R. J. Campbell, and Jas. Fisher. The capital stock is placed at \$25,000.

Last Saturday afternoon, fire broke out in McMillan's livery and feed stable at Gladstone, destroying the building and most of the contents. One horse perished in the flames. The loss is about \$1,500; insurance \$500.

Hemenway, Lawson, & Smiley, general merchants, Carman, have dissolved. Lawson & Smiley continue the Bates branch, and Hemenway will continue the Carman business as Hemenway & Co. This concern was burned out in the recent fire at Carman.

The Manitoba Clothing Co., Winnipeg, will erect a block 180 feet deep, 25 feet wide and two stories high, on Main street, between James and Rupert avenues. The cost will be about \$25,000. The inside fittings will cost \$5,000, in addition to the amount named for the building. The company hopes to open its new store Oct. 1.

The Hudson's Bay company has been finally awarded the contract for supplying the summer clothing for the

Winnipeg fire brigade, the figure being \$574.60. Considerable delay has been occasioned over this contract owing to a resolution regarding the union label which was passed when the city council first considered the matter. The successful tenderers have been able to meet the requirements of the city in this respect.

The Elkhorn board of trade—recently formed—is now more fully organized and ready for work. The membership already reaches 24. The names of the officers were given a week ago. The council has now been elected as follows: W. J. Dixon, C. F. Travis, W. M. Cushing, R. de W. Waller, R. Melvor, E. A. Parsons, G. W. Marsh, J. R. Duke, A. McN. Fraser and Dr. Goodwin. A committee on immigration composed of President Clingan, Vice-President Silvester, Secretary Malcolm, and Messrs. Cushing, Waller and Travis has also been appointed.

**Assinibola.**

D. Anderson is opening in business at Sintaluta.

B. Davis has bought out the general store of J. A. Warner at Fletwode.

It is reported that a drug store will be opened shortly at Fleming. It is needed.

W. J. Richardson, of Winnipeg, has succeeded to the tailoring business of J. A. Trussler at Qu'Appelle Station.

**Alberta.**

Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, intend establishing a branch warehouse at Calgary.

J. J. Mellon, formerly of St. Albert, has leased the hotel owned by Theo. Mallette in South Edmonton, and will run it in future.

**Northwest Ontario.**

Word was received in Winnipeg from Fort William this week to the effect that the Kaministiquia is now clear of ice, and that navigation will open within ten days.

Letters patent have been issued to the Ontario & Rainy River Contracting and Supply Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$80,000. The objects are described as follows: "To carry on in all its branches the business of contracting for construction of railways and other public works, for sinking of shafts and for other work in connection with the development of mines and to manufacture and sell timber, ties, lumber, pulpwood and other cordwood." It is stated that this company will carry out the Rainy River railway contract.

**Brandon Board of Trade.**

A meeting of the Brandon board of trade was held on the evening of April 25th. A committee appointed to canvass for new members presented 68 names for election.

The following officers were elected: President, W. A. Machaffie; vice-president, F. Nation; secretary-treasurer, K. Campbell; council, W. F. Wilson, F. W. Smith, W. Zink, J. Hanbury, Charles Adams, J. R. Christie, E. L. Christie, W. L. Harcourt, J. M. Brown, J. R. Strome, G. R. Coldwell.

A motion was introduced by J. Hanbury, seconded by Dr. McDermid, protesting against the imposition of any duty on lumber, as requested by members of the Ontario Lumber associa-

tion. This was carried unanimously.

A motion was introduced requesting the council to take up at once the question of railways proposed to be built in the country, north, east and south of the city, and urge that such railways be built into the city of Brandon. In speaking of this motion one member said he thought the council should do all they could to assist the Brandon and Southwestern railway, which under its charter from the Dominion proposed to build from Brandon to a point on the international boundary within twelve miles of Bottineau, where it would eventually, he had no doubt, connect with the Great Northern railway. In regard to the road passing north of the city he held that the charter should force the road to be built, not to, at, or near Brandon, but to a point in Brandon, south of the C. P. R. track.

**The Commercial Men.**

S. D. R. Ferule, representing Joseph Horsfall & Sons, was in the city this week.

W. G. Pennington, of McKenna, Thomson & Co., Montreal, was in the city this week.

Geo. Aftel, representing the American Tobacco Co., of Montreal, left on Monday on an extended western trip.

Thos. Dowsell, western representative of the Empire Tobacco Co., was in the city this week, returning from an eastern trip. Later in the week he started for a trip to Edmonton.

The Winnipeg Free Press issued a twenty page illustrated number on Wednesday, devoted largely to a write up of the Northwestern Ontario mining districts.

It is stated that owing to faulty construction and the lightness of the rails used for its tracks the great trans-Siberian railway of Russia is to a large extent a failure. This is the opinion of a special commission appointed by the imperial government to examine the road. The locomotives in use are of American build and very heavy, while the rails being light are unable to sustain the strain of a speed of over sixteen miles an hour.

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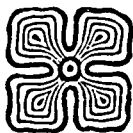
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**THE LIVE STOCK TRADE.**

**THE RANGE INTEREST.**

Macleod, Alta., April 22.—The annual meeting of the Western Stock Growers association was held here this week, with a large attendance of delegates.

D. W. Marsh, Calgary, was re-elected president by acclamation; F. W. Gosdal, Pincher Creek, first vice-president by acclamation; W. F. Cochrane, High River, second vice-president; board of management, Bow River district, R. W. Cowan, re-elected; Maple Creek district, D. H. Andrews; Medicine Hat, J. Niblock; Lethbridge, Howell Harris; Sheep Creek, J. Rodgers; High River, Henry Smith, F. S. Stimson; Pincher Creek, C. Kettles, Ed. Maunsell; Willow Creek, A. R. Springett, D. Warnock.

Among the motions passed were the following:

Andrews-Cochrane—That the C. P. R. so reduce their tariff on thoroughbred stock as to conform with their rates from the east, in carlots or singly.—Carried.

Mr. Niblock stated that this rule is now in force.

Lane-Cochrane—That the C. P. R. be requested to refuse to carry into the Territories thoroughbred stock that have not had the tuberculine test.—Carried.

Cochrane-Springett—That the secretary request the Territorial legislature to secure power from the federal government to enact that no tuberculous cattle be imported into the Territories, we having learned that this legislation is now within their province.—Carried.

James Wilson-R. Patterson — That the people of Lethbridge and other districts be notified that that part of the country in the Blood reserve shall for purposes of general round-up be included with the Macleod and Pincher Creek district, and that all persons having cattle on the reserve be requested not to obstruct, but to co-operate with the Pincher Creek round-up.—Carried.

The question of inspection came up. Messrs. Skrine and Niblock argued for an inspector at Winnipeg. This was combated on the ground that such inspection will be unnecessary when the proposed changes pass the house. Mr. Herron thought a rancher's loss would be as great having cattle driven out of the country afoot as though they were taken out on the cars. President Marsh and A. B. Macdonald opposed the suggested attempt at organized inspection in such cases as being impracticable.

Mr. Bray introduced the subject of cattle illegally driven into Montana, and stated that convictions were difficult owing to the impossibility in many cases of proving intent and to the fact that fifty-three Montana brands are similar to Canadian brands.

Gray-Foster—That all cattle driven from Canada across the boundary line be inspected for Canadian brands, and that the non-com. officers of the N. W. M. P. be inspectors for this purpose.—Carried.

Skrine-Niblock—That this association considers inspection at Winnipeg necessary.

Kettles-Staunton—In amendment, that this association do not consider it necessary to have an inspector at Winnipeg, all stock to be thoroughly inspected before being shipped.—Carried.

Gray-Foster—That the Dominion government be asked to appoint a

properly qualified veterinary inspector at Medicine Hat.—Carried.

Warnock-Herron—That the C. P. R. be asked to issue transportation to stock inspectors on duty.—Carried.

An unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the president and other officers for their zealous and efficient conduct of affairs.

At a meeting of the board of management on Thursday it was decided to continue the bounty on female wolves as formerly—\$3 a head—and that an additional bounty of \$1 on pups under three months old be tried during April, May, June, July and August.

E. E. Maunsell was elected managing director for Southern Alberta, vice T. Curry, who has left the country.

Springett-Cochrane—Resolved that this association recommend to the C. P. R. that shipping yards be built at a convenient point near the east of Macleod, and that feeding yards to accommodate five carloads be built at the present Macleod station, and that E. H. Maunsell, J. W. Bell, and R. G. Mathews to act in conjunction with the Macleod board of trade in choosing and recommending a site for such shipping yards.—Carried.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Prentiss of the Montana Stock association with a view of locating any strays belonging to members of this association that may have been shipped from Montana. A. R. Springett was re-elected auditor, and R. G. Mathews re-elected secretary-treasurer, and the association adjourned to meet next year at Medicine Hat.

**LIVE STOCK TRADE NOTES.**

D. J. McLean shipped a carload of cattle from Virden, Man., last week and Mullins five cars of cattle and hogs.

P. Gallagher, Winnipeg, has closed a number of purchases of cattle at Pilot Mound made through Dow & Curry.

G. B. Murphy, of Carberry, Man., made a shipment of two carloads of cattle, comprising thirty head, averaging 1,500 pounds each on the 12th inst.

Eleven cars of stockers left Carberry last week for the ranges of South Dakota. The shipper was H. F. Waller, who has in all 3,000 head to ship from points between Brandon and Winnipeg.

Thirty-one head of fat cattle, which were delivered last week at Pilot Mound, realized in the neighborhood of \$2,200. Several carloads of fat cattle and stockers were shipped from that point during the week.

W. C. Burns, of Oak Lake, Man., has sold 250 head of yearling cattle to W. P. Danton, of Frederick, South Dakota. Danton has bought others at Elkhorn, Man., and expects to take altogether about a thousand head to the States.

Prices of leather belting have advanced in the United States on account of a rise in hide values. The discounts have been lowered materially, especially on standard high grade goods.

Wm. Stitt, chief clerk in the passenger department of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, who has been in California for his health, has returned very much improved, to the great pleasure of his many friends among the business community of the city.

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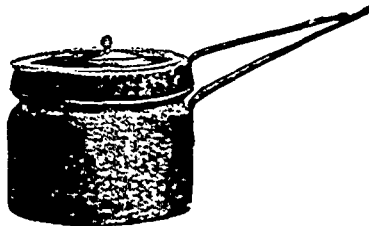
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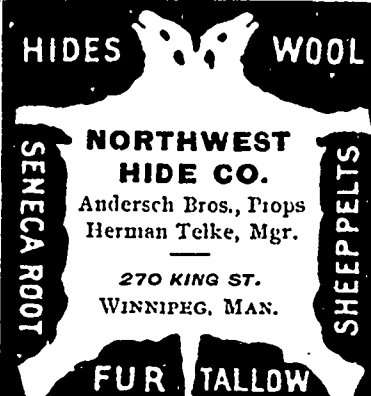
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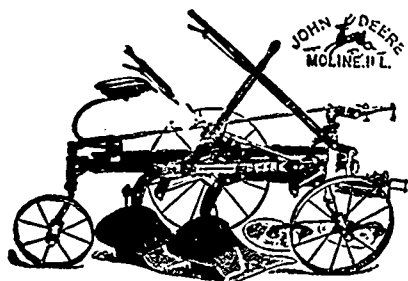
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Canned Goods	Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz	2 15 2 25
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz	3 00 3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz)	2 50 3 00
Black or Lawton berries, 2s, 1 doz	3 25 3 50
Beans, 2s, 2 doz	2 00 2 10
Corn, 2s, 2 doz	2 10 2 50
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz	3 00 1 00
Peas, Marrowf, 1, 2s, 2 doz	1 00 2 00
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz	2 25 2 50
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz	3 25 3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50 4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz	5 00 5 50
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz	4 50 5 00
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz	5 50 6 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz	3 75 4 00
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50 5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz	5 50 6 00
Plums, 2s, 2 doz	3 75 4 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50 5 00
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz	2 00 2 50
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz	3 25 3 50
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz, new	3 10 3 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz	2 15 2 25
Salmon, tails, 1s, 4 doz	5 50 6 00
Salmon, Cohoes tails, 1s, 4 doz	7 50 8 00
Sardines, domestic, 1/2s	05 08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09 15
Sardines, imported, 3/4s	18 25
Sardines, imp 1/2s, boneless	20 33
Sardines, Dom, mustard 1/2s	10 12
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s	1 40 1 50
Imp Kipperd Herrings, 1s	1 75 1 85
Imp. Herring, Tom Sauce 1s	1 50 1 60
Imp. " Anch Sauce 1s	1 00 1 10
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s	2 00 2 10
Canned Meats	Per case
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz	3 00 3 50
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz	2 00 3 00
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz	2 00 2 90
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz	6 00 6 50
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz	6 75 7 25
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz	2 00 3 00
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz	2 00 2 75
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz	3 00 3 50
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s	2 25 2 35
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75 75
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75 75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75 75
Potted Ham, 3/4s	1 50 1 50
Devilled Ham, 3/4s	1 50 1 50
Potted Tongue, 3/4s	1 50 1 50
Coffee	Per pound
Green Rio	9 1/2 10
Inferior grades	8 1/2 10
Cereals	Per sack
Split Peas, sack 9s	4 50 4 50
Pot Barley, sack 9s	2 50 4 65
Pearl Barley, sack 9s	4 00 4 25
Roll Oatmeal, sack 50	1 00 1 00
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 30 2 30
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 30 2 30
Beans (per bushel)	1 35 1 35
Cornmeal, sack 9s	1 25 1 25
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 40 (per 1/2sac)	0 65 0 65
Rice, B	4 1/2 4 1/2
Patna	5 1/2 5 1/2
Rice, Japan	4 1/2 5 1/2
Sage	1 1/2 5c
Tapioca	5 1/2 5c
Cigarettes	Per M
Old Judge	5 00 5 00
Athlete	5 00 5 00
Sweet Caporal	5 00 5 00
Sweet Sixteen	5 00 5 00
Derby	6 00 6 00
Cured Fish	
Boneless Hake, per lb	05 05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs	6 00 6 00
Codfish, Pure per lb	07 07 1/2
Herrings, in half barrels	3 65 3 65
Dried Fruits	
Currants, new, Prov 1 Bhs	05 1/2 6
Currants, Prov 1 Cases	5 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Prov 1 1/2 Barrels	05 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Finest, cases	05 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Finest, cases	05 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Finest, cases	05 1/2 6 1/2
Dates, Cases	07 1/2 7 1/2
Figs, Home about 10 lb box	20 20
Figs, Home 10 lb per doz	3 00 3 00
Figs, Cooking per	1 1/2 1 1/2
Figs, boxes	1 1/2 1 1/2
Figs, Tappet	05 1/2 05 1/2
Figs, Peeling case boxes	05 1/2 05 1/2
Prunes, Bosnia, cases	05 1/2 05 1/2
Sultana Raisins	13 13 1/2

Dried Fruits	Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	1 40 1 50
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	1 70 1 80
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	75 1 00
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	5 1/2 5 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	06 1/2 07
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 8 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 00 2 00
Apples, Dried	07 1/2 08
Evap Apples, finest quality	10 1/2 1 10
California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	17 15
Peaches, unpeeled	14 14 1/2
Pears	12 1/2 13
Apricots	07 1/2 13
Pitted Plums	09 1/2 10
Nectarines	14 14 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 130	5 1/2 6 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	6 1/2 6 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	6 1/2 6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2 7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 5 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11
Matches	Per case
Telephone	\$3 45
Telephone	3 25
Tiger	3 10
Nuts	Per pound
Brazils	11 12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	14 15
Peanuts, roasted	11 1/2 12
Peanuts, green	9 10
Grenoble Walnuts	14 15
French Walnuts	12 13
Sicily Filberts	13 11
Shelled Almonds	30 35
Syrup	
Extra Bright, per lb	3 1/2 3 1/2
Medium, per lb	2 1/2 3c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	60 6 75
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	34c 35c
" Porto Rico	40 40
" Barbadoes	45 50
Sugar	
Extra Standard Gran.	5 1/2 5c
German Granulated	4 1/2 5c
Extra Ground	5 1/2 7c
Powdered	6 1/2 6c
Lumps	6 1/2 6 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2 4 1/2
Maple Sugar	11c 12c
Salt	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2c 1 1/2c
Common, fine	1 00 2 00
Common, coarse	1 00 2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25 3 50
Dairy, 60 5	3 15 3 30
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine salt sack	4 45
Spices	Per oz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 90
Allspice, whole	15 20
Allspice, pure ground	15 22
Allspice, compound	15 18
Cassia, whole	15 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	17 20
Cloves, pure ground	18 20
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	16 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	16 15
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	23 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	23 25
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	12 20
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochin.	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	21 25
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55 50
Mace (per pound)	1 00 1 25
Teas	Per pound
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	15 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	15 22
Young Hyson—	
Choice	35 45
Medium	25 35
Common	22 30
Japan	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Common	15 20

Tobacco	Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads	00 70
Lily, 3s, cads	00 61
Crescent, 3s, cads	00 68
F. & B. Black Chewing, Sor16s	00 54
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, Ss or 16	00 64
T. & B. 1 1/2 pkgs, cut	00 85
F. & B. 1-5 pkgs, cut	00 85
F. & B. 10 pouches, 1 4	00 85
T. & B. 10 1 1/2 tins	00 96
T. & B. 10 1/2 tins	00 86
T. & B. 10 1 1/2 tins	00 83
Orinoco, 1 1/2 pkgs	00 81
Orinoco, 1 5 tins	00 90
Orinoco, 1 1/2 tins	00 86
Tucketts Cherub Cigarette	
1 12	00 87
Brier, 3s, cads	00 63
Derby, 3s and 4s, cads	00 65
Derby 3s, cads	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 05
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00 00
Tonka, 1 1/2 pkgs	00 88
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21
Lower grades	10 1/2 12 1/2
Wooden Ware	Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 60 1 75
Pails, wire hoop	2 00 2 10
Pails, Star fib	4 00 11 00
Tubs, No 0 common	5 00 11 00
Tubs, No 1 common	9 00 10 50
Tubs, No 2 common	7 00 7 50
Tubs, No 3 common	6 00 6 50
Tubs, nests (3)	1 55 1 65
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25 2 40
Tubs, fibre, No 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	45 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80
CURED MEATS AND LARD	
Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend	\$1 50
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend	1 65
Lard, imported, 20 lbs	1 55 1 60
Lard, pure, in 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 25 5 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	5 5
Lard, 4 tubs	8
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	30 1 35
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs	5 00
Smoked Meats	per lb.
Hams	10 1/2 11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 1/2 10 1/2
Spiced rolls	09 07 1/2 8 1/2
Shoulders	8 1/2 9 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	5 1/2
Shoulders	5 1/2
Short Clear	5
Backs	9
Barrel Pork	Per barrel
Heavy mess	16 00 17 00
Short cut	16 50 17 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	5
Hologna sausage, lb	7
Pickled pigs feet, kts	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	25 30
FRESH FISH, OYSTERS	
Whitefish, lb, nominal	07
Pickrel, lb	04
Trout, lb	09
Pike, lb	02
Salmon, lb	15
B.C. halibut, lb	12
Smelts, lb	05
Cod	05
Haddock	05
Smoked galdives, doz	45
Smoked haddies	08
Bloaters, per box	1 50
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bli	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bli	7 50
Oysters, extras	3 25
Oysters, selects, per gal	2 00
Oysters, standards	1 80
Oysters, cans, each	40 50
Shell Oysters, bbis	6 50

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Alum, lb	3 1/2 4
Alcohol, gal	5 25 5 1/2
Bleaching Powder, lb	05 7
Bluestone, lb.	09 0
Borax	09 1
Bromide Potash	75 30
Camphor	68
Camphor, ounces	75 40
Carbolic Acid	35 00
Castor Oil	13 40
Chlorate Potash	18 0
Citric Acid	50 21
Coppers	03 1/2 4
Cocaine, oz	4 90 5 1/2
Cream Tartar, lb	25 5 15
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 4
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 5
Extract Logwood, boxes	15 20
Formalin, lb	40 10
German Quinine	50 55
Glycerine, lb.	20 25
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	15 20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	55 60
Iodine	4 75 5 00
Insect Powder	30 35
Morphia, sal	1 90 2 00
Opium	4 75 5 25
Oil, olive, Pure	2 10 7 1/2
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 00 1 25
Oil, lemon, super	1 60 2 00
Oil, peppermint	2 00 4 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25 7 1/2
Oxalic Acid	14 16
Potass Iodide	3 75 1 00
Pain Green, lb	30 22
Salt Petre	20 20
Sal Rochelle	20 10
Shellac	25 35
Sulphur Flowers	34 04
Sulphur Roll, krg	34 04
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75 4 25
Salt Soda	2 00 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40 45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	55 1 00
Harness, oak	Per pound
Harness, union oak No. 1	30
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	31
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	31
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	31
Harness, hemlock country	31
Harness, hemlock country tanage, No. 1	30
Do, No. 1 R	32
Black collar leather	35
American Oak Sole	40
Sole, union oak	40
Listowell, sole	26 25
Pentang, sole	27 30
Acton Sole	27 30
B. F. French calf	1 25 1 30
B. F. French kip	6 25 6 30
Canada calf	6 50 6 50
Canada Calf, Niagara	6 50 6 50
Niagara Brand Kip	6 50 6 50
Wax upper	41 41
Grain upper per foot	10 10
Kangaroo, per foot	10 10
Dolgoon, per foot	25 48
Dolgoon, bright	30 30
Bag sheepskins, per doz	5 00
FUEL	
Coal	
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	0 00
Pea size	2 00
Canadian anthracite, stove	2 00
Pickler, anthracite, nut	1 50
Lethbridge bituminous	1 50
Crow's Nest bituminous	1 50
U. S. bituminous, as to mine	1 50
Souris Lignite	4 00
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Blossburg smthing	9 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, in train	
Winnipeg	1 10 1 20
Tamarac	4 00 4 25
Pine	1 00 1 20
Spruce	2 50 3 00
Poplar, green cut dry	2 00 2 25
Poplar, dead cut	2 00 2 25
Oak, green cut dry body	4 00 4 25
Oak dead cut	4 75 4 25
Minnesota Hard Maple	6 00
Minnesota Oak	6 00

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## THE LUMBER TRADE.

## THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The outlook for the city trade looks somewhat brighter this week. We announced a few weeks ago that a new list had been prepared by the Winnipeg trade, and that it was expected the foolish cutting of prices which ruined the trade last year would not be repeated this season. This view, however, proved disappointing and soon cutting was resumed again. Several meetings of the dealers have been held lately, and it is believed the list will hereafter be kept. The city contract, which was one of the stumbling blocks, is now out of the way. There is every prospect for a good season's trade this year for the city dealers, and it would be the height of folly to throw away profits the way this was done last year. The margin of profit on lumber is a very moderate one at best, and it is sheer folly to do business in the reckless fashion that was followed last year. In fact it is not business at all, and the wonder is that intelligent business men will indulge in such recklessness.

The wholesale trade is a little quiet yet. The long continued wet weather and bad roads last fall cut off the sales of lumber in the country very materially and left country retailers with more lumber on hand to carry over winter than they had figured on. The prospect, however, is for a good season's trade, and we believe all the lumber to be cut this season will be wanted. At the time of writing the ice was not clear at the Lake of the Woods, but as soon as it is, the mills will get to work. The cut of the Lake of the Woods mills will be about 60,000,000 feet.

## MORE RESIDENCES WANTED.

A large number of new business blocks have been projected for Winnipeg this season, and it was thought that building activity this year would be mostly in the direction of erecting business premises. From present appearances, however, it would appear that there is a scarcity of suitable residences in Winnipeg, and we may expect considerable activity in this class of building as well. The most certain sign of a scarcity of residences is the sharp advance which has taken place in rents this spring. Many houses renting from \$20 to \$25 per month have been advanced about \$5 per month, and in some cases even more. The class of residences wanted are houses with modern conveniences which will rent at a moderate price.

## HARDWOODS.

There is no immediate prospect for relief from the famine of dry stock, although reports received from the south this week are more encouraging than they have been for several months. Dealers who have returned recently from the Memphis district state that conditions are improving rapidly at the mills, and that if the present weather continues for two or three weeks there will be no trouble in getting in logs. Many of the mills are now in steady operation, but the stock that is being cut is all under contract and much of it is being shipped green from the saws. With improved weather conditions there is prospect of getting out some stock that has been on sticks for a year or more but which could not be moved

on account of inability to get it to the railroads. When this stock is finally released it may result in relieving the tension of demand for a time, but the amount of such stock is very inconsiderable in comparison to the consumptive requirements. Under favorable conditions very little of the new cut of oak from the southern mills will be available until after mid-summer, and the users of oak are already put to their wits' ends to supply present requirements. The same is true of ash, and to a degree of all the southern hardwoods.

In the northern territory the mills are running practically without interruption and stock is going rapidly into pile, though as usual the softer woods are being cut first. It is said that very little of the northern oak is likely to come on the market before August or September, and therefore no one is anticipating lower prices within two months. A large percentage of the northern stock is held in strong hands and prices at the mill have ranged considerably higher than they did a year ago. Such mill men as have not already disposed of their cuts are holding them at prices that the wholesalers regard as practically prohibitive and transactions are therefore about at a standstill for the time being. Some basswood is being shipped from northern points, but it will be a month or two yet before any great amount of this season's cut shall be in shipping condition.—American Lumberman.

## LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

The Standard Oil company will use oak barrels in future in the distribution of coal oil throughout Canada discarding the elm barrels now in use.

F. A. Maguire, of Elgin, Man., has sold out his stock of lumber to T. H. Patrick, of Souris, who will continue both yards. Maguire will continue in charge of the Elgin branch.

Hemlock lumber has advanced 50 cents per thousand at New York and is now on a \$12.50 basis. Other eastern markets for this lumber have also advanced.

North Carolina pine has advanced two dollars per thousand in price within the past three months, and even at the advance is said to be the cheapest lumber in the market.

A very large amount of low grade lumber is being consumed in the manufacture of boxes. This has always been a profitable outlet for accumulations of this class of lumber.

A Barrie, Ontario firm is advertising semi-ready houses for shipment to the Northwest. The houses are small and lightly constructed, being made so that they can be knocked down for shipping purposes.

On April 15 the prices of yellow pine were advanced in the western states to within less than the accepted margin between yellow and white pine. This advance is due to the very heavy demand and inadequate supply.

United States mills are away behind with their orders for dry poplar lumber and prices have an advancing tendency. Quotations for box cuts of this wood are \$4 to \$5 higher per thousand than they were a year ago.

Hardwood floors, uncarpeted and now regarded as highly desirable for dwelling houses from a sanitary point of view. It is charged that carpets are great germ breeders and assist very often in the transmission of disease.

Purchasing of white pine around the great lakes has been so heavy during the past winter that it is said the city stocks on hand have been cleaned up and all the way from 25 to 75 per cent of the prospective output for this year sold.

A prominent southern furniture manufacturer recently made this announcement. Owing to an advance of 10 per cent to 25 per cent in the cost of all raw material and labor entering into the construction of our goods, we are obliged to withdraw all quotations made you on office desks. That is the general tendency of the times.

Cypress is a line of lumber which is gaining favor in the south. It is said that many of the retail yards are putting in ones of cypress siding and finishing and are well pleased with the result. Cypress shingles are also coming into favor. It is said that grade for grade prices for cypress are lower than the prices for white pine.

At the meeting of the Winnipeg city council on Monday last, the following item was accepted: "That the tender of the Rat Portage Lumber Co. for supply of lumber at the prices stated in schedule attached to tender be accepted." The lumber required by the city is mostly plank, and the tender price is understood to be about \$17 per thousand, compared with \$14.75 last year. Of course lumber is higher everywhere this year and the city could not expect to make as good a bargain as last year.

At a meeting of manufacturers held last week in Chicago, an advance in the prices for red cedar shingles was decided upon. The market is said to be in a very strong position. The general demand for shingles south is said to be improving, and advances amounting to 10 to 20 per cent have been made at the mills. White pine stocks on hand at the beginning of 1899 were lighter than at any corresponding time for many years previous. In fact, it is likely that never since production in the northwestern states passed the 5,000,000,000 mark have stocks at the beginning of the year been so low. The output of the year will be larger than for two or three years past, though not materially so.—American Lumberman.

The total number of failures in Canada during the week ending April 20 was 22 as compared with 29 in 1898. Manitoba contributed one to the total.

H. J. Boswell, of Boswell & Adams, Sydney, Australia, was in Winnipeg a few days ago. This firm represents several Canadian manufacturing concerns in Australia and accordingly are fitted to speak of the position and prospects of Canadian trade. Seen by a city daily reporter, Mr. Boswell said: "My firm represents only Canadian manufacturers, and during the past four years we have been in the business I find that there is a rapidly increasing demand for goods made in Canada. They are a thoroughly loyal people, deeply imbued with the imperial spirit of the day, and give the preference wherever possible to Canadian firms. There is especially an active demand for Canadian knitted goods, boots and shoes, clothing, Mackintoshes, braces, cottons, hams and bacon. In braces we control the market of Australia and in other lines the advance is very marked. Most of the goods is taken by the western route over the C. P. R., which has given the most favorable rates possible."

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 29.

Prospects for immigration continue favorable. The season will apparently prove an active one in building and general improvements, and important new railway work will be carried out. Altogether, the season promises to be one of general and marked advancement for Western Canada. The unfavorable feature at the moment is the backward season. Further rains this week have again delayed seeding, and it is now evident that a large portion of the crop will be sown considerably later than usual. Of course, favorable weather may later make up for the disadvantage of the delay now. The crop area, however, is likely to be curtailed somewhat by the unfavorable weather for seeding, but this may not prove a very great disadvantage. The tendency in Manitoba with most farmers is to put in more crop than they can properly handle. If the land best suited for crop is sown, and a larger area summer fallowed for next year, on account of the backward season, it may prove a benefit rather than a disadvantage.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 29.

(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.)

### BLUESTONE.

A very small quantity of bluestone has been offering this week from wholesale druggists at a price of about 10c per pound. Beyond this none has been obtainable in a wholesale way. One Winnipeg retail grocer had a half ton in from Montreal on Monday which he soon disposed of at 12 1/2-2c per pound.

### DRY GOODS.

Dry goods houses are experiencing a little let up in the volume of business due to the unfavorable state of the weather and the bad roads. Travelers are out with fall samples and are securing very satisfactory orders for articles of that season's wear. The trade presents no other features worthy of note.

### DRUGS.

The demand from all parts for drugs, drug sundries and patent medicines is quite active and city houses have difficulty to keep up with the orders. There is still an active inquiry for bluestone but practically speaking none can be had. A substitute known as formalin is taking the place of bluestone to some extent and has met with considerable sale. It is said that one pound of formalin will treat forty bushels of wheat. The wholesale price, Winnipeg, is 40 to 50c per pound.

### FUEL.

Locally the situation remains pretty much unchanged. Although the bad state of roads throughout the country retards receipts considerably, dealers are not much concerned thereat as stocks of wood in the city are said

to be ample for immediate requirements. The city council dealt with some tenders for the supply of wood this week and awarded a contract for the supply of 250 cords of jackpine at \$3.50 per cord delivered at Winnipeg. Coal dealers are interested in the question of summer prices for coal at lake ports. So far as can be learned these have not been announced to the trade here yet but a Chicago coal journal says the price of coal at lake ports will be \$4.75 for broken and \$5.00 per ton for egg, stove and nut sizes, net, on board cars. The Buffalo price will be \$4 broken and \$4.25 per ton gross domestic sizes, and 25c per ton extra on board vessels. These are high prices, and will mean higher prices here next winter, if they are held.

### FISH.

There is very little change in this market. Fresh water fish such as trout, whitefish, pike, pickerel, etc., are practically out. Salmon, halibut, haddock, cod and fishman haddock are in fairly good supply. The demand for fish of all kinds is good. Fresh caught whitefish may be in the market next week as on account of the good demand every effort is being made to get them. It is possible too that some Wabigoon trout may be offering next week. Prices remain unchanged.

### GREEN FRUITS.

A car of nice spy apples arrived this week. This will probably be about the last of this fruit. All the early varieties of oranges have been shipped from California and there is no more of these to arrive here. There only remains now the paper rind St. Michaels and late Valentinas to come. The season for these will be over early this year. Receipts of strawberries are light. A car of coconuts was the principal feature of interest locally. This shipment came direct from Jamaica and was all for one dealer. It is said to be the first car lot of coconuts ever received here. They are being offered in sacks of 100 at \$5.00 per sack. When it is considered that the duty is \$1.05 per sack on these it will be seen that the margin of profit is small. We quote prices as follows:

Navel oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50; seedlings \$3.25 to \$3.75, as to quality, per box; Mediterranean sweets, \$3.75 per case, bloods, \$5 per box; bananas per bunch \$2 to \$2.25, as to size and quality; Messina lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00; California lemons, \$1 a box; grape fruit, per case, \$4.50 to \$5.00; apples, spies, \$6.50 per barrel; Washington box apples, \$2 box of 50 pounds; strawberries, per case, twenty-four one quart boxes, \$7.50; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8 per barrel; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5.50; coconuts in sacks of 100 \$5.00, Sicily filberts, large, 12c a lb., Grenoble walnuts, 11c; new shelled walnuts, 25c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 12c, roasted, 12c, pecan nuts, 12c per lb.; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections; strained honey, 8 1/2 to 9c per pound; orange marmalade in 7 lb. pails, 60c; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in cans of 1-2 gallon, 60c; in gallon cans, \$1; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider, put up in 10, 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$1.90 per box; in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.40 per dozen; dates 7c per pound; native lettuce, radish, water cress, etc., per dozen bunches, 40c; California cabbage, 7c per pound;

pleplant in 50 pound boxes, 2.40; onions 3 1-2 to 4c per pound.

### GROCERIES.

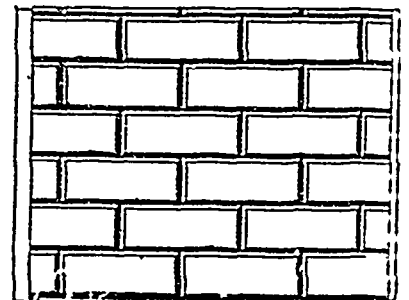
Trade has been quiet, largely on account of the bad roads. Sugar prices remain firm at last week's advance. Dried fruits are in fair demand and a stronger feeling is apparent in all classes. Although dried apples are likely to be lower, according to latest reports they are still very scarce. Evaporated apples while plentiful, maintain their strength, and from present indications there will not be more than enough for requirements. Canned goods are firm all around and been becoming scarce, which has led to an advance of 10 to 15c this week. Cherries are also 15c higher on the inside quotation. Pot barley is slightly easier. California unpeeled peaches are 1c higher. Dates in cases are 1-2 to 1c higher. Other prices remain unchanged. Teas continue very firm. An offer has been accepted at 3 1/2-4c advance on December shipment, for Ceylon, for this market. Nothing can now be had under 8d in London, in Ceylon tea, or equal to 16c or better cost laid down here. Tapioca is costing very high to import now. A recent importation cost 4 1-2c laid down here, compared with a cost of 3c a year ago, or an advance of fully 50 per cent. Layer Valencia raisins are scarce and higher and cost 1-4c more to import.

### HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

Bar iron has advanced 10c per 100 pounds on the base price, and land iron is also up 5c. A new iron pipe list shows a general advance in prices 1-1 inch being now quoted at \$3.40 per 100 feet as against \$3.00 a week ago. Other sizes have gone up proportionately. These are the only changes this week. Business is a little quiet owing to the unsettled state of the weather. The paint trade has no new features, business being good and prices unchanged.

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## CURED MEATS AND LARD.

Some changes have been made in our quotations this week, but the general situation remains unchanged. Imported lard is now given at \$1.53 to \$1.00 and lard in tins at \$5.25 to \$5.50. These figures represent variations between different dealers. Smoked hams are now given at 10 1-2 to 11c, breakfast bacon, bellies, at 11 to 11 1-4c, breakfast bacon, backs, 10 1-4 to 10 1-2c; spiced rolls, 7 to 9 1-4c; and long clears at 8 to 9 1-2c. Cured meats are firmer in United States markets.

## SCRAP MARKET.

Old metal is stronger owing to continued good demand. Prices are firm but not perceptibly higher. In the United States there is a feeling of uneasiness among dealers and while they are willing to take all that offers at current values they are not accumulating any stocks, but turn over their purchases as soon as possible. Rubber seems to be easier with a tendency to lower prices. Car lots of old rubber are worth 6c at Boston. We quote prices f. o. b. Winnipeg as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton; No. 2, do., \$4 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$4 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$4 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire 9c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1-2c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber, boots and shoes free from arctics and rivets, 3c per pound.

## LIME.

Supplies of lime in the city with which to start the numerous building operations are not very large. Bad roads are preventing deliveries from the Tyndall and Selkirk kilns and the only lime reaching the city is from Stony Mountain. It is said that the kilns there are sold ahead ten days or more. Best white lime is worth in the city this spring 30c per bushel, and grey 25c per bushel.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—This has been another week of uncertainty in the wheat markets. The sensational crop damage reports emanating for some weeks back from the winter wheat sections of the States, seem to have in large measure subsided with the beginning of the present week, and with fine spring weather causing a show of growth, the wheat fields have presented some improvement in appearance, and caused speculative buying to relax, and speculative selling to become more aggressive. Yesterday the weather over the continent proved to be of a less desirable type for spring; needed rain being withheld in some important sections of the States winter wheat area, and colder and ungenial weather prevailing in the spring wheat country to the north. These were grounds for a rally in the American markets, notwithstanding such bearish items as low cables, and large shipments from Argentina. The net results however, on the week's trading is a decline in price of about 2c per bushel. While the advent of growing weather in the States has, to a certain extent, brought about improvement in the appearance of the wheat fields in a general way, and shows a good deal of what to be alive that was considered dead, it has also

shown up the blanks caused by winter killing, and reliable authorities, while admitting the improved appearance caused by the advancing season, find that the percentage of condition previously arrived at is not raised by the change in appearance, but that a revising of the condition will rather result in the percentage being lower. It would seem that there is still a great measure of indefiniteness as to the prospects of the wheat crop on this continent, and until the time comes when this indefiniteness of prospect gives away to some degree of certainty, the markets will be swayed from day to day by the crop reports of the hour, and the sentiment of the crowd of speculators in wheat. For the first time since last fall, there has this week come a whisper of apprehension in regard to some of the European crops. It has been reported that in some parts of Russia rain is badly needed for the young wheat and on the other hand France and Germany are having too much wet, ungenial weather. In other European countries the wheat crops maintain their previously high promise. There is no further news from India, but shippers are holding the new wheat at rather above export price, which would indicate an absence of pressure to sell. Argentina is to the front again this week with shipments of 2,376,000 bushels, against 1,464,000 last week, and 936,000 for same week last year. The world's shipments last week were 6,613,000 bushels, against 7,360,000 bushels previous week. The American visible supply decreased 1,300,060 bushels, and the world's visible supply decreased 3,750,000 bushels.

The local market is featureless, and there has been little doing. Export buyers who bought rather freely last week have been out of the market this week, and such trading as there was has been left to the smaller dealers. Last week the price of 1 hard in store Fort William left off at 72 to 72 1-2c. On Monday with some advance in outside markets, the price of 1 hard went to 73c, but on Tuesday fell back again, sales in the morning being made at 72 3-4c, later at 72 1-2c, and in afternoon, other markets having slumped badly, buyers reduced their offers to 71 1-2c. On Wednesday and Thursday trade was dull but steady, and prices practically unchanged. Yesterday the feeling was rather better, and 1 hard Fort William was fetching 72c. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern remain at 3c under 1 hard, and 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring at 61-2c under 1 hard. Dried 2 hard was yesterday worth 61 1-2c, and dried 2 northern 63 1-2c in store Fort William. There are only a few old cars of these latter grades coming on the market, and dealers are surprised that there seems to be so little of the dried wheat, after all the talk there has been about damp and wet wheat. Navigation at Fort William is expected to open about the end of next week if weather continues favorable.

**FLOUR**—The end of the month finds trade dull and the market in a sluggish condition all around. The advance noted in Ogilvie's quotations last week has been taken off again and we quote the various grades as follows: Ogilvie's—Hungarian patent, \$1.80; Glenora, \$1.60; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.30. Lake of the Woods—Patent, \$1.80; strong bakers, \$1.60; second bakers, \$1.25; XXXX, 90c to \$1

per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to dealers.

**MILLFEED**—Bran and shorts is more plentiful owing to lessened country demand. We quote Bran, \$11; shorts, \$13, with \$1 off large orders.

**GROUND FEED**—Best corn feed this week is worth \$20 per ton, inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$21 for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$18 to \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Oatcake, \$24 per ton, and very scarce.

**OATMEAL**—Rolled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.85 in 80 pound sacks to the retail trade. Granulated and standard, \$2.35.

**OATS**—Offerings are more liberal this week. The shipments arriving in the city are mostly direct from farmers and are probably oats that have been left after requirements for seed and feed have been provided for. If anything the feeling is again a little easier, particularly for feed oats. Choice qualities are scarce and there is practically no No. 1 quality. No. 1 white, 38c; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 2 mixed, 35c; on track Winnipeg Street oats are worth 33 to 55c. Seed oats are worth in a retail way 40 to 43c.

**BARLEY**—The demand continues good. Brewers are buying to some extent. For good malting barley 37c is being bid, and for feed 32 to 35c on track here.

**CORN**—In better demand at 41 to 43c per bushel of 56 pounds for car lots.

**FLAX**—Flax seed for seed purposes will be supplied by mills on contract to farmers at 80c per bushel. For small lots \$1 per bushel is asked, for cleaned seed for seed purposes.

**WHEAT**—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 52 to 55c for best grades of wheat.

**HAY**—Fresh baled hay on track Winnipeg is worth \$7 to \$7.50 per ton. There is a lot of very poor hay offering which can hardly be given away. This is hay baled in the winter in a damp state, and it is now hardly fit for use. Our price is for fresh baled hay, owing to the bad quality of much of the hay offered, dealers are afraid to buy more than will supply their immediate wants.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—Nothing doing. Based on eastern prices, Manitoba creamery would be worth about 18 to 20c f.o.b. factories, if put up in one-pound bricks.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—No demand for either medium or low grades. Finest fresh made put up in rolls is offering at 15c to the trade, while parchment covered bricks are worth 19 to 21c.

**CHEESE**—The movement is very light and stocks in the city are much reduced. We quote 10 to 10 1-2c per pound according to size, although some dealers are selling at lower figures.

**EGGS**—The market opened on Monday at 16c and on improved receipts gradually worked down to 12c, which was the ruling quotation yesterday. There was talk to-day of reducing the price to 10c, and this will likely be in effect early next week.

**VIGIBLES**—Some potatoes have been shipped into the city this week from outside points, and delivered by farmers have also been made in a small way. Prices are up another 10c per bushel and further advances are looked for. We quote as follows: Potatoes, choice white, 70c per bushel; red, 60c; turnips, 25c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per pound; carrots, 50c; beets, 40c per bushel; onions, 3 1-2c.

per pound; rhubarb, 4c per pound; radish, parsley and lettuce, 30c per dozen bunches; green onions, 25c per dozen bunches.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 17c per pound.

HIDES—Very little movement. We quote Inspected hides No. 1, 61-2c; No. 2, 51-2c; No. 3, 41-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 2 11, 6c to 61-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 25 to 35c each, sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c, as to length of wool, horsehides, 50 to 75c each. Sheatings will be in the market in a week or two. About 10c per pound would represent the value now.

POLLTRY AND GAME—Very scarce and high. Some wild geese and ducks are offering at 75c apiece wholesale for the former and 25 to 40c for the latter. Live chickens are worth 75 to 80c per pair, dressed chickens 15c; turkeys, best Smith's Falls, 16c, Manitoba, none offering; geese, 10c.

DRESSED MEATS—The easy feeling in beef continues, and the market is rather quiet. The cutting off of country trade has something to do with this. Prices are: Beef, extra choice, 71-2 to 8c per pound, fresh killed mutton, 9 to 10c; frozen stuff is about out, but quoted at 7 to 8c; veal, very scarce at 7 to 8c, pork, 6 to 61-2c per pound, the top price for city dressed: spring lamb, \$1.00 to \$5.00 each, as to size and quality.

WOOL—None offering. Value about 7c.

TALLOW—No. 1 tallow is worth 31-2c per pound, No. 2, 21-2c.

#### LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Continued liberal offering give an easy and even weak feeling to the trading in cattle. Bad weather has discouraged business to some extent. The week has been mainly occupied with stocker trade, only sufficient fat cattle being moved to supply the local demand. Between two and three thousand head of stockers have been lifted this week, most of them being now in the Winnipeg stock yards, temporarily. Some of these are destined for the west, but the majority will go south. We quote: Choice beef cattle, 41-2 to 43-4c per pound; common, 4c, yearling stockers, \$12 to \$16; two-year-olds, \$18 to \$22.

HOGS—The movement is very light. About 41-2 to 43-4c represents the value.

SHEEP—Two cars of sheep arrive from Emerson this week. Outside of these there has been but little movement and until the range sheep begin to come in about the end of June this will be the case. Quoted at 41-2 to 43-4c per pound.

MILCH COWS—From \$37 to \$40 is the ruling price for good dairy cows.

HORSES—The hindrance to farming and other outside work by rains, etc., is having its natural effect on the market for horses and for the time being quietness reigns. It is expected though that the work will have to be crowded into a shorter period this spring and will therefore require more help and more horses. This will make a demand later on. A good work horse is worth in the city today from \$100 to \$150, and a heavy draft horse from \$125 upwards.

#### Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is unchanged, millied 25c a ton lower, oats 3-4c lower, corn 1-4c lower, flax seed 21-2c lower, eggs 1c lower, butter 1c lower, potatoes 5c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First pat-

ents, \$3.60 to \$3.70; second patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.00 to \$10.25, bran in bulk \$10.00 to \$10.25, corn feed, \$12.75 to \$16.00 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white 27 1-4c.

Corn—Quoted at 311-2 for No. 3; yellow 31 k-4 for No. 3, and 29 to 31c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.

Flaxseed—\$1.13 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—11c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 8c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 11c to 13 1-2c, fair to good 9 to 10c.

Butter—Creamery, 14 1-2 to 16 1-2c for choice to extras, seconds 11 to 11 1-2c; dairy 11 to 13c for choice to fancy; seconds, 10 to 11c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 81-2c for No. 1, 71-2c for No. 2, steers over 60 lbs. 8 and 9c; bulls, oxen and brands, 61-2 to 71-2c; sheepskins 25 to 70c each; veal, calf, 91-2 to 11c; tallow 3 to 4c; seneca root, 21 to 25c.

Apples—No. 1 stock, \$5.50 to \$6 per barrel, boxes, \$2 to \$2.25.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 8c; lamb, 5 to 10c, veal, 6 to 9 1-2c, hogs, light, 4 1-2c, medium, 4 1-2c; heavy, 4 to 4 1-4c.

Poultry—Chickens, 91-2 to 12 1-2c; hens, 10 to 11 1-2c; roosters, 4 to 5c, turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c; ducks, 6 to 11c; geese, 7 to 10c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 40 to 60c; mixed, white, 38 to 40c; mixed, red, 35 to 38c.

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

Hay—\$8 to \$9 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$5.50.

Live stock—Hogs—\$3.70 to \$3.85.

Sheep—Lambs, \$1.50 to \$5.50. Cattle

—Butchers' choice cows, \$4.25; good steers, \$4.50. Stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$5.

#### Western Business Items.

The estate of A. A. Hunter, dry goods, Brandon, was sold at 64 cents on the dollar.

The Lyons Shoe Co., Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

Paulin-Chambers Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, confectionery, has been incorporated.

Williams & Co., hardware, are opening business at Stonewall, Man.

Wm. Johnston, stoves and tinware, Qu'Appelle, Assa., has sold out to Vickers & Brown.

Halpenny & Co., hardware, Minnedosa, Man., have dissolved, H. N. Halpenny continuing alone.

J. A. McKenzie is opening in implements, at Calgary, Alberta.

Manson Bros., general store, Sintaluta, Assa., have sold out.

Young & Co., hardware and lumber, Cypress River, Man., have given a bill of sale for \$1,360.70, to Arthur Creighton.

Thorn Bros. have sold out their general store at Sidney, Man., to D. McLellan, of Glenboro.

Chas. May has bought out the furniture business of W. D. Munro at Carberry, Man.

The stock of J. C. Anderson, general store, Solsgirth, Man., was sold at 40 cents on the dollar.

About \$15,000 has been paid out for stocker cattle in the Stonewall district this spring.

F. Paimer, harness, Virden, Manitoba, has been operating a branch at Pipestone. This he has now closed out and the stock has been moved to Virden.

J. Lawson has opened a butcher shop at Alexander, Man.

Emile Griesbach, of Gleichen, general merchant, has made an assignment.

Recent shipments of cattle from the Edmonton district aggregated \$18,000 worth.

The Vulcan Iron Co. wants tenders for the erection of a frame, metal clad warehouse at Winnipeg.

J. W. L. McCraney, accountant for the British Columbia Mills, Lumber and Trading Co., Winnipeg, has gone to the coast to reside.

Tenders are being called for the erection of a brick house on Donald street and of a frame house on Roslyn road, Winnipeg, to be in by May 1.

The Marks Clavet Dobie Co., of Edmonton, Alberta, intend selling their stock and closing the branch there in order to devote their entire energies to their eastern branches.

Today (Saturday) the people of Rat Portage vote on a by-law to raise \$75,000 to complete their waterworks. The \$75,000 already spent on the waterworks has produced a good system, but this amount will be required to complete the work.

It is rumored that the Brandon Machine Works, one of the most important industries of the place, will be moved to Winnipeg unless more favorable freight rates can be secured for Brandon. The Brandon board of trade will endeavor to secure comparatively the same rates as was obtained by Winnipeg jobbers and manufacturers.

#### Movements of Business Men

D. R. Dingwall, jeweller, Winnipeg, left last Saturday for a three weeks' purchasing trip to New York and the east.

Representative Roseberry, of H. A. Lazier & Co., manufacturers of Cleveland bicycles, was in Winnipeg this week visiting the Fairchild Co., the local agents.

Leitch Bros., millers, Oak Lake, are supplying their patrons and friends with blotters this year. The design is a special one appropriate to the business, with a caender added, and the blotters are renewed each month.

Another street danger has manifested itself in Winnipeg. This time it is the cow. A little girl was attacked on the street the other day by one of these animals. This is not the first occurrence of this nature, however. Large herds of cows are driven through the city daily, to and from the prairie, where they are taken to pasture each morning, trampling and destroying the boulevards as they go. The cow nuisance should be looked after.

The Dominion Syndicate, Limited, has been formed at London, with a capital of £500,000, to build the Georgian bay canal within three years, and develop the electrical, mineral, pulp, and other industries along the route. Sir Edward Thornton, ex-British minister to the United States, is chairman. Members of the Cunard and Elder-Dempster steamship lines are members of the syndicate. Sir Benjamin Baker is consulting engineer, while Lord Kelvin has accepted the post of consulting electrical engineer. Ministers of the Imperial government have been appointed with a view to securing an imperial subsidy. Lord Aberdeen has spoken to the Imperial importance of the scheme before the Royal Colonial Institute.



**Dairy Trade Items.**

The supply of old cheese at Montreal is steadily diminishing. A lot of 2,500 was sold last Saturday on private terms for immediate shipment.

The machinery and plant for the new creamery plant of Bousfield & Co. at Portage la Prairie, is being installed.

The market for cheese at New York is quiet. New cheese is quoted at 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c, the former figure being bid by exporters.

Butter for the British Columbia market was selling at 17c for creamery at Montreal last week. Two or three cars were taken.

The demand for butter at Montreal is moderate and prices for creamery continue at 17c to 17 1-2c. The outside figure is an extreme, and 17 to 17 1-4c represents the basis for the bulk of the trading. Dairy butter is not wanted.

Since May 1, 1898, 366,638 packages of butter have been exported from Canada via the port of Montreal, as against 267,111 packages the previous year. From New York 150,135 packages were shipped, as against 200,810 in 1897-98.

The exports of cheese from Canada and the United States from May 1st, 1898, to date, compared with those of last season, have been as follows.

	Boxes.	
	1898-9	1897-8.
From Montreal .....	2,357,370	2,586,413
From New York .....	395,948	711,921
Total .....	2,753,318	3,298,334
Decrease .....	545,016	

At the annual meeting of the Yorkton Butter and Cheese Manufacturing association, held on Monday, the 10th inst., the officers of last year were re-elected as follows: President, F. W. Bull; vice-president, A. Hutchinson; directors, Jno. F. Reid, Robt. Sinclair, and H. Harris; secretary treasurer, J. E. Poaker.

R. A. Lister & Co. have a large force of men putting machinery, etc., in their factory at Morris, preparatory to their summer operations. They also intend putting a steamer on the Red river, which will run as far south as Letellier and as far north as Union Point, having stations or landings, at given points, where farmers will deposit their cream to be picked up by the boat. They also intend putting on three wagons, going in different directions each day. As well as this there will be cream coming every day from the Deloraine branch both ways from the Morris-Brandon branch three times a week, and from the N. P. R. twice a day.

Montreal Trade Bulletin. "Factories in the Brockville and Belleville sections are pretty busy on their April make, one large combination having contracted its April make at 10c while another factory has sold its spring make up to May 7th at 10c. Some of the first contracts were made at 9c to 9 1-2c, but prices were soon advanced to 10c. Estimates of the folder make range from 10,000 to 17,000 and one shipper says that from his late advices from the west he would not be surprised to see 20,000 boxes. The price of old cheese is steady at 11c."

Notwithstanding the largely increased shipments of butter from Canada during the past season, and liberal supplies from Denmark, Ireland, the Antipodes, France, Sweden and Argentina, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, at

no time during the past twelve months have the English markets been surfeited with surplus stocks, as in former seasons. This has been accounted for in some measure by the changed methods of English dairying, which causes more milk to be sent from the farms to the large centres for daily consumption, and less for the churn. Consequently, the English make of butter has fallen off, and this has opened a wider field for the foreign article. The chances are therefore good for the Canadian export trade during the coming season. A few small lots have been taken for English account during the past week at 16c to 16 1-2c in the country.

The Montreal Gazette, in its weekly review of the cheese situation on Thursday last says: There is no change in the cheese situation, and it does not look now as though any radical alterations will occur until the new season is opened. The old cheese held here for sale is so limited that it cuts little figure in the market, and it is likely that it will be wanted before the new cheese is on the market. Whether buyers will concede the extreme figures asked for, however, is a matter of speculation, but not a few still believe that the price of old cheese will go higher before the flush time for new make. Reports from the country in regard to the fodder make reflects no change in the situation, and the April make will not be on the market in any quantity until the second week in May. The Belleville section, as already noted, is contracted, and we hear of other contracts for groups of factories in the Brockville section at 10c and better in some cases. The cable is unchanged at 52s 6d. Receipts are hardly worth mentioning, being only 25 boxes today.

**Insurance Items.**

Mr. Brock, general manager of the Great West Life, has returned from an eastern trip.

John B. Gardiner, of Brandon, has been appointed manager of the Northern Life Insurance company for Manitoba and the Territories, succeeding T. C. Livingstone. Mr. Gardiner will make his headquarters in Winnipeg.

F. J. Holland & Co., insurance agents, Winnipeg, are opening a branch office at Vancouver, with W. S. Holland in charge. This firm have been appointed agents for the Equity Fire Insurance Company of Ontario.

The Dominion Life Assurance Co. has obtained a license to do business in Manitoba. This company opened an office in Winnipeg a short time ago, with S. G. Chamberlain as local manager. Mr. Chamberlain is an old insurance man, and will, no doubt, soon make the presence of the Dominion Life felt here.

S. M. Kenny, general manager of the Excelsior Life, of Toronto, spent some time in Winnipeg recently. While here it is understood Mr. Kenny arranged with C. P. McQueen, Wm. Scott and E. C. B. Bagshaw to represent his company here. This company first opened business in Manitoba last fall, with F. Holland as agent.

The Bulletin Publishing Co., of Toronto, has issued an assessment life insurance chart, showing the business done, death claims paid, assessments made, income, expenditure, assets, etc., of the leading assessment companies and friendly societies doing business in Canada. The little book also contains interest and mortality tables.

An advance in marine insurance rates at the Pacific coast is anticipated. It is said that the various companies doing business on Puget Sound have instructed their agents to demand higher rates, but Vancouver and other Canadian agencies had no instructions at date of last mail advices. It is felt, however, that the prevailing rates are too low and recent disasters have strengthened the position of the insurance companies.

Notice has been given at Ottawa by the minister of finance, of a bill to amend the insurance act. The amendment makes a change in the rate of interest which is the basis of calculations as to the value of insurance company reserves. That is to say, in estimating the value of the reserves it is assumed that the companies could invest their money at a given rate of interest. Owing to the low rate of interest now prevailing the companies find it difficult to find investments of a satisfactory character at the rate of the present calculation. The new law will provide that the reserves shall be calculated at the rate of 3 1-2 instead of 4 1-2 per cent as heretofore.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, April 24.

Business is somewhat quiet this week, and somewhat demoralised owing to internal dissensions. Some of the grocery firms are asking wholesalers to refuse to sell to other dealers who are cutting prices, as is illegal below living rates, while for the past week or ten days the tailors of the city have been on strike and there seems no possibility of a settlement. Attempts have been made to bring tailors in from Montreal and Winnipeg, without avail however, for outsiders must have their fares paid and merchant tailors fear that should this be done, the unions would simply give them an expensive holiday by paying their fares for an immediate journey home. In the meantime Vancouver dealers are obliged to content themselves with last year's spring suits as no clothing is being turned out. The Trades and Labor council met this week and endorsed the action of the striking tailors and condemned the government for suspending the eight hour law passed by the legislature, claiming that the government had been influenced by mine owners without hearing the case of the miners. The argument of the mine owners however was most convincing, for they threatened to close their mines should the eight hour legislation become law.

There is a lull in the tremendous building operations in full swing for some time. It is still, however, next to impossible to get a house to rent, and stores are still going on at a premium on Hastings and Cordova streets. It is possible at present (how long it will last is another question) to make from 10 to 20 per cent net on an investment of from \$10,000 to \$20,000 on Hastings, Cordova or contingent streets, in spite of the fact that land is selling at from \$150 to \$600 a foot.

## 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 reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

## PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, April 29.

The market is bare of eastern dairy butter. Creamery is 1c lower. Two car loads of butter will be received next week, and prices are expected to be lower. Eggs are easier. California eggs are 3c lower. Potatoes have declined \$2 to \$3 per ton. Flour is 20c per barrel lower. Oats \$2 per ton higher. Chop feed \$1 per ton higher. Poultry is out of the market, except chickens.

Butter—California dairy, 23c; California creamery, 24c; Ontario creamery, 24c.

Eggs—Fresh local, 22 to 23c; Washington eggs, 22 to 23c; California eggs, 22c per doz.

Cheese—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c per lb., jobbers' price.

Cured Meats—Hams, 11 1-2 to 12c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1-2c. backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 11 to 12 1-2c; Lard, tins 9 to 9 1-2c per lb., in pails and tubs 9c.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon

10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 8c, bladders 7c; cod 6c per lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$25 to \$26 per ton; new California potatoes, 4c lb.; California silver skin onions, 1 1-2c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box.

Green fruit—California lemons \$3.25 to \$3.75 box; apples, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 50 lb. box; naval oranges, \$3.50 to \$4 box; seedlings \$2.50 to \$2.75 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 lb. sacks \$2.50; oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.20; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel. Grain—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton; wheat \$24 to \$25 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; oil cake meal \$35 ton. L.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton 13c; pork 8 to 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.

Live Stock—Steers \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; cows \$4 to \$4.50; sheep \$5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

Poultry—Chickens, 75c.

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

Nuts—Almonds 13c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 1-2c; Paris lump 6 1-8c; granulated 5 cts; extra C. 4 3-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-4 cts; yellow 4 1-8c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 35c lb.

## PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., April 29.

Business is quiet for the season owing to the backward spring. Eggs are firmer. Washington are the only stock in the market here now. Ontario creamery butter is selling to arrive at 23c. Choice dairy butter is scarce, and no new stock is offering. Held creamery is lower. Potatoes are \$3 to \$5 per ton lower. Oats \$2 per ton lower.

Following are jobbers prices here:  
Creamery held—20c.  
Creamery, fresh eastern—23c  
California bricks—25c.  
Dairy, selected—16c.  
Cheese, large—11c.  
Cheese, small—12 to 12 1-2c.  
Eggs, fresh—23c.  
Oats, per ton—\$29.  
Flour, Manitoba patent, per barrel \$4.90.  
Potatoes, per ton—\$35 to \$37.

## British Columbia Items.

J. G. Bent, cigars, New Westminster, has gone to Athl.

Morse & Royal, grocers, have opened at Nelson.

"Old Country Shoe Store," Vancouver, stock sold to Jas. Rae.

Tisson & Hermitte, bakery, have commenced business at Vancouver.

H. Herzog, tailor, has commenced business at Vancouver.

Simon & Co., tailors, Vancouver, have admitted L. D. McPherson as partner under style of Simon, McPherson & Co.

A. J. Law & Co., dry goods, have opened business at Vancouver.

J. Lake & Co. are opening a general store at Athlmar.

Garr & Coombs, blacksmiths, have succeeded Jones & Barr at Fort Steele.

D. Lyal & Co. have sold their stationery business at New Westminster to Mrs. C. H. Watson.

The stock of Thomas A. Kennedy, general store, Cranbrook, has been seized by the sheriff.

J. J. Guest, of J. J. Guest & Co., men's furnishings, Kamloops, is dead. Business will be taken over by W. T. Franklin.

The population of the town of Greenwood, in the Boundary Creek district, is now over 1,000, having trebled within the past year. The town is situated on Boundary Creek.

The following business items are reported from Victoria: E. Miller, printer, is out of business. J. Hastie, variety store is opening; Mansell & Morley, coffee and spices, James Mansell's interest purchased by Morley, who continues alone. J. W. Penney, of the B. C. Soap Works, has purchased the Victoria branch business of the Canada Paint Co., and will continue under the name of the British American Paint Co. Spratt & Macaulay, coal, wood, etc., are dissolving partnership; C. J. V. Spratt will continue alone. The business of J. Parker, butcher, is offered for sale. S. N. Reid, clothing and men's furnishings, stock damaged by fire; insured.

## THE NORTHWEST CENTRAL.

A report from Ottawa this week says: "It is learned on excellent authority that Messrs. Shaughnessy, Angus and Judge Clarke have purchased the Great Northwest Central railway. A bill affecting this road is now before the house. This means that the Canadian Pacific railway has secured this Manitoba road, and will build it eastward, to connect with the main line at about McGregor station.

Canada laundry starch, silver gloss crystals in kegs, No. 1 white, and rice starch in cartons are 1-4c per pound lower in the east. This reduction has been made by Canadian manufacturers to meet the competition of United States factories. A special brand of corn starch, without a name is being put on the market at 1-2c per pound less than United States prices.

J. H. Patterson, representing R. C. Struthers & Co., wholesale dry goods, gents furnishings, carpets, etc., of London, Ontario arrived in Winnipeg this week with a full line of fall samples, and will immediately start out over the branch lines in Manitoba, and the main line west to Regina. From that point west to the coast another traveller takes up the work.

## NOTICE

Is hereby given that application will be made to the parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of the promoting and stimulating of trade between the merchant and the consumer or dealer with him, for the perfecting of plans and systems for such purposes, the procuring of copyrights thereof, of buying and selling the same, and of doing a general advertising and canvassing business and other business as is necessary or convenient for the attainment of the said objects.

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**New York Wheat**

New York, April 24.—Wheat — Receipts 55,500 bushels, exports 80,906 bushels. Options were easy on rain news from the west, but developed subsequent strength on the unexpected large visible supply decrease. By reason of a big shrinkage in local stocks the May option was especially firm all day. The late market was helped by covering and higher French quotations. It closed strong at 1-4 to 1-2 net advance.

New York, April 25.—Wheat — Receipts 56,950 bushels; exports, 18,950 bushels. Options opened steady on Liverpool cables, but turned weaker and remained so all day, except for a little rally in the afternoon on export rumors. The influences promoting liquidation were bearish weather and crop news, disappointing late cables and small clearances. The market closed weak at 1-1-4 to 1-1-2 net decline.

New York, April 26.—Wheat, May opened 77c, closed 77c b. July opened 70 1-2c, closed 76c.

New York, April 27.—Wheat, receipts 18,500 bushels, exports 156,811 bushels. Options opened firm on calls and unfavorable home and foreign crop news. The advance inspired liberal unloading however, and in the afternoon influenced also by light clearances, less active export demand and more bearish crop reports, prices broke sharply and closed unsettled as a partial, 1-8c. net decline.

New York, March 28.—Wheat — Receipts, 61,975 bushels; sales, 1,665,000 bushels. Options opened easy under cable news, but promptly rallied, and later in the day revealed strength. Shorts covered freely on export developments, a bullish crop report by snow and scarcity of offerings. The market closed firm at 1-4 to 3-8c net advance.

New York, April 29.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: May, 77 3-4c; July, 77 3-8c; Sept., 76 3-8c.

**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, April 24.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 73c. July opened 73 1-4 to 1-2c, closed 73 7-8c b. Sept. opened 72 1-2 to 1-4c, closed 73 1-8c. Corn, May opened 34 to 1-8c, closed 34 1-2c b. July opened 34 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 35 3-8c a. Sept. opened 35 1-4c, closed 35 7-8c b. Oats, May opened 26 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 24 1-4c, closed 24 3-8c. Sept. opened 25 3-8c, closed 22 5-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.05, closed \$9. July opened \$9.20 to \$9.22 1-2, closed \$9.17 1-2. Lard, May opened \$5.20, closed \$5.15. July opened \$5.32 1-2c, closed \$5.30. Ribs, May opened \$4.70, closed \$4.70. July opened \$4.85, closed \$4.82 b.

Chicago, April 25.—Wheat, May opened 78c, closed 71 3-4c, July opened 73 7-8c, closed 72 1-4c. Sept. opened 78c, closed 71 1-4c. Corn, May opened 34 5-8c, closed 34 1-8 to 1-4c. July opened 35 1-4c, closed 34 3-4 to 7-8c. Sept. opened 35 7-8c, closed 35 3-8c. Oats, May opened 26 1-2c, closed 26 1-2c to 5-8c. July opened 24 3-8c, closed 24 1-4 to 3-8c. Sept. opened 22 1-2c, closed 27 1-8c. Ribs, May \$4.70. July \$4.85. Sides May \$9.22. July \$9.20. Lard, May \$5.20. July \$5.32.

Chicago, April 26.—Wheat, May opened 71 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 71 1-4c b. July opened 72 1-4 to 72c, closed 72 1-4c. Sept. opened 71 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 71

3-8c b. Corn, May opened 34 1-8 to 3-4c, closed 34 1-8c a. July opened 34 3-4c, closed 34 7-8c a. Sept. opened 35 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 35 3-8c. Oats, May opened 26 3-8c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 24 1-8c, closed 24c. Sept. opened 22c, closed 22c. Pork, May opened \$9, closed \$9. July opened \$9.17, closed \$9.17 1-2c. Lard, May opened \$5.15, closed \$5.17 1-2c b. July opened \$5.25, closed \$5.30. Ribs, May opened \$4.85, closed \$4.82.

Chicago, April 27.—Wheat, May opened 72c, closed 71 1-8c a. July opened 72 7-8 to 73c, closed 72c. Sept. opened 72 1-4c, closed 71 1-8c. Corn, May opened 34 1-4c, closed 34 7-8c. July opened 35c, closed 34 1-2c a. Sept. opened 35 1-2c, closed 35 1-8c a. Oats, May opened 26 1-2c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 24 1-8c, closed 24c. Sept. opened 22c, closed 22c. Pork, May opened \$8.97, closed \$8.95. July opened \$9.15, closed \$9.12 b. Lard, May opened \$5.15, closed \$5.15. July opened \$5.25, closed \$5.27 b. Ribs, May opened \$4.70, closed \$4.67 1-2. July opened \$4.82, closed \$4.82.

Chicago, April 28.—Wheat, May opened 70 7-8 to 71c, closed 71 3-8c. July opened 71 7-8 to 72c, closed 72 3-4c. Sept. opened 70 7-8 to 71c, closed 72c. Corn, May opened 33 3-4c, closed 33 7-8c b. July opened 34 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 34 3-4c. Sept. opened 35c, closed 35c. Oats, May opened 26 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 26 3-8c. July opened 24c, closed 23 7-8c. Sept. opened 21 7-8c, closed 22c. Pork, May opened \$8.90, closed \$8.92. July opened \$9.10, closed \$9.10. Lard, May opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.15. July opened \$5.27 1-2c, closed \$5.30. Ribs, May opened \$4.67 1-2, closed \$4.65. July opened \$4.82, closed \$4.82.

Chicago, April 29.—Wheat opened at 71 3-4c for May, and ranged downward to 71 1-8c; then recovered and advanced to 71 7-8c, easing off again at the close. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May 71 5-8c, July 73 1-2c; Sept. 73 1-8c.  
Corn—May 34 1-4c, July 35c.  
Oats—May 26 3-8c, July 24c.  
Pork—May \$8.90, July \$9.15.  
Lard—May \$5.17 1-2, July \$5.30.  
Ribs—May \$4.65, July \$4.85.

A week ago May option closed at 72 1-4c, a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.20 1-4, two years ago at 71 1-1c; three years ago at 59 7-8c, four years ago at 64 1-8c, and five years ago at 59 7-8c.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, April 29.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.19 for cash and May \$1.16.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—May 72 1-2c, July 73 5-8c.  
Tuesday—May 71 1-2c, July 72 1-4c.  
Wednesday—May 71 1-2c, July 72 1-2c.  
Thursday—May 71c, July 71 7-8c.  
Friday—May 71 3-4c, July 72 5-8c.  
Saturday—May 72 3-8c; July 73 1-4c; Sept., 71 3-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 75 5-8c and cash No. 1 northern at 72 1-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 71 3-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at \$1.16 1-2; two years ago May option closed at 73c; three years ago at 61 1-8c, four years ago at 67c; five years ago at 61c, and six years ago at 70 3-4c.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Saturday, April 29.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70 1-8 for May, and 71 7-8c for July; cash, No. 1 northern, 70 7-8c; cash No. 2 northern, 69 3-8c.

Egyptian onions have declined 5d per bag east.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

Wheat was quiet this morning with bids at 72c for No. 1 hard, Fort William. The close was firmer at 72 1-4 to 72 1-2c, owing to the advance in September option at Chicago, where September wheat opened at 72 1-8c and closed 1c higher at 73 1-8c.

**NOTES.**

A department store combine is the latest thing in the trust line in the United States.

Exports from Toronto for the three months ending March 31 were \$2,710,662, as against \$1,556,434.

Country merchants who have a surplus of bluestone, can find a market for it at other points, where there is a scarcity, as there is practically no bluestone to be obtained in Winnipeg wholesale.

The master builders of Toronto met on April 25th and decided to increase the wages of their men from 18 to 21 cents per hour, commencing May 1st. A strike was threatened on that date unless the increase was granted.

The C. P. R. will endeavor to so arrange its new summer time table so as to give an additional daily service between Winnipeg and British Columbia via the Crow's Nest Pass railway, terminating at Nelson, B.C. This train would serve as a local along the main line west, thus saving the through transcontinental train from stopping at minor points.

**MINING NOTES**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

The ore shipments from the Slocan from the 1st of January to the 1st of April, amounted to 9,169 1-2 tons.

Rossland reports state that the Velvet mines, limited, had disposed of its assets to the New Goldfields of British Columbia for a consideration of £90,000, \$140,000 has been spent in developing this property.

The ore shipments from Rossland camp for the week ending April 22 were: Le Roi, to Northport, 2,520 tons; War Eagle, to Trail, 1,360 tons; Iron Mask, to Trail, 30 tons. Total, 3,916 tons, making a total of 29,491 tons for the year.

A dispatch from Victoria says: "As a result of representations made by mine owners, the provincial government has definitely suspended the operation of the legislation prohibiting the employment of men under ground in auriferous mines more than eight hours a day."

**NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.**

Portage, has been granted a charter to operate the Boulder and other mines, the capital stock being \$2,000,000.

A charter has been granted to the Mikado Peninsular Gold Mining and Development company, at Rat Portage, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The Boulder Mining company, of Rat The Olive Gold Co. paid on April 15th dividend No. 6 of 1 per cent per share for March, and have declared another dividend for the month of April, payable on May 15th, of the same amount. At the price at which the stock is selling at present it will yield 12 1-2 per cent per annum.

### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 29.

**Dry Goods**—This has been the busiest week of spring trade. Large shipments are now being prepared for coast and western points that business being the best in years. Values are firm. A big advance has been made in Scotch crashes and towings. Higher prices were received to-day, from Bradford and Leeds for dress goods. Repeat orders will cost more.

**Hardware**—Active. Many new orders received for opening of navigation. Barbed wire has advanced 10c, revolving barrel churns are 15c dearer, soldering irons are up 25c, the price of cold blast lanterns has been fixed at \$7 per dozen, the price of smooth steel wire has advanced to \$2.80 at factory points. Brass is 15 per cent dearer, sheet being now 5 to 7 1-2c, hard rolled 2 1/2 to 25c, and tubing 25c. Zinc and spelter are 1-1/2c up, turpentine is 2c dearer, at 65c, horseshoes have advanced 30c to \$3.65, iron pipe is 25c to \$1.10 dearer, and hammers have also advanced.

**Groceries**—Increased movement. Sugars are dull, but steady. Quantities of United States refined are coming in owing to fears of advances in duty. Canned vegetables are in better demand, tomatoes selling lower at 77 1-2c. Currants are firm. Valencia raisins are firm for off stalk cleaned. California prunes are advised at 1-1/2c lower.

### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 29.

Grain is dull and deliveries light. Fall wheat and rye have been killed at a good many points and farmers are plowing it up. Manitoba flour is lower at \$3.80 to \$4.00 for patents' and \$3.50 to \$3.80 for bakers take and rail. Wheat has advanced 1 to 2c for Ontario winter wheat and Manitoba wheat is also higher by 1-2c. Eggs are 1c lower. Dressed hogs have advanced 25c. Hog products are firm, although lard is 1-1/2c lower in price. We quote:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4. Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80, Ontario straight roller, \$3.15 per barrel, Toronto freight rates.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 68 to 69c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 85 1-2c grinding in transit, and 8c North Bay.

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

Barley—No. 1, 41c at country points for car lots.

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

Oatmeal—\$3.80 in bags per barrel, and \$3.90 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 11c.

Butter—Dairy, fresh, large roll, 10 to 11c; creamery, tubs, 17 1-2 to 18c.

Cheese—Cholce 11c.

Hides—Green, 81-1/2c for No. 1, and 7 1-2c for No. 2. Cured hides, 83-1/2c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 4 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 13 to 14c; unwashed, 8 to 8 1-2c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5.25 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds.

Hog products—Firm. Lard 1-1/2c off at 61-1/2 to 61-2c. Long, clear bacon, 63-1/2c, ton and case lots, 7c, breakfast bacon, 10 1-2 to 11c.

Dried apples—4 1-2 to 5c for round lots, evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Maple syrup—90 to 95c per gal. in tubs, imperial measure.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c in bulk; tubs, 6 to 7 1-2c; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c; chickens, 40 to 70c a pair; geese, 7 to 8c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.25; alsike, \$3 to \$4; timothy, \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel, cleaned seeds ex-war-hous, 50c advance on these prices.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 25.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 35 carloads of all kinds, including 1,900 hogs and 150 sheep and lambs.

**Export Cattle**—There was no demand for heavy export cattle. This class were 15c per cwt. lower or \$1.50 to \$1.75 though offerings were fine quality. Lights were in ample supply at prices ranging from \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.

**Butchers Cattle**—The market was easier. Choice selections were in heavy supply and sold a shade lower at \$4 to \$4.40 per cwt. The demand for medium and common grades was slow at \$3 to \$3.75.

**Stockers and feeders**—Prices were firmer. Choice heavy stockers \$3.50 to \$4.15.

**Sheep and Lambs**—Prices unchanged from Friday. Sheep sold readily at \$3.50, spring lambs at \$2 to \$3 each; grain-fed yearlings firm at \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.

**Hogs**—Prices unchanged from Friday. Choice selections quoted at \$1.50 per cwt. Light \$1; thick fat \$3.75 per cwt. Sows \$3; stags, \$2 per cwt.

### FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 28.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 32 carloads, including 100 sheep and lambs and 800 hogs.

Export cattle were 10c dearer at \$1.50 to \$1.85 for choice heavy, and butchers cattle 20c dearer than on Tuesday at \$1 to \$1.60. Export sheep were 25c dearer than on Tuesday at \$3.75.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 25.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 300 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs.

Owing to the light offerings, the market for cattle was firmer, and all were picked up readily. Choice cattle were scarce and they sold readily at 5 1-4c. Good at 4 1-2 to 5c, and common down to 3c. Sheep sold at 4 to 4 1-4c. Yearlings 5c, spring lambs, \$2 to \$3 each. At the Point St. Charles market there were only 100 hogs offered, which sold at \$4.75 per 100 lbs, weighed off cars.

Ocean freights for May have all been taken at 25 to 30s London, and 32s 6d Glasgow.

### THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 28.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 450 head, sheep and lambs, 120.

The market for cattle was slow, but prices were well maintained. Best cattle brought 4 1-2 to 5c, and fair to good 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c as to quality. Common sold down as low as 2 1-2c. Sheep sold at 4 1-2c, yearlings at 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c per lb, and lambs at \$2.50

to \$6 each. Hogs ranged at \$1.50 to \$4.65 per 100 lbs off cars.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 29.

Molasses is firm and 1c higher is being asked on small lots. Canned goods are in brisk demand. Round lots of corn sell at 87 1-2c.

Granulated sugar quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.55 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$3.90 to \$4.30, molasses, 31 to 32c, syrups, 13-1 to 21-4c, as to quality. Valencia raisins, 13-1 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c, currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c, standard B, 3 3-4 to 1c; canned corn, 90 to 95c, peas, 75 to 80c, tomatoes, 82 1-2 to 85c.

### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 29.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36 1-2 May.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong oakers, \$3.70 to \$3.85; Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$16 to \$16.50 per ton; shorts, \$18, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2 7 1-2c; No. 3, 6 1-2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins and clips, 10c, tallow, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 11c per dozen.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery—Tubs, 16 1-2 to 17c.

Cheese—Choice western, 11 to 11 1-4c. Powder cheese, 10 to 10 1-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—in car lots, 75 to 80c.

Dressed Meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 7 to 9c; fores, 4 to 5 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lambs, 9 to 10c per pound.

### MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 29.

Turpentine is 2c lower at 65 to 66c. Linseed oil is now quoted 1c higher at 50 to 51c for raw and 53 to 54c for kild. Rope has advanced to 11 to 11 1-2c for Manila.

### LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 28.—Cheese is quoted at 5 1/8 6d for both white and colored, which is a decline of 1s this week.

### LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 28.—Cattle 1-4 to 1-2 cent lower. Steers, 11 to 12c per lb. Sheep steady at 13 to 14c, which is 1c better than a week ago.

### SUGAR.

London, April 28.—Beet firmer, April is quoted at 10s 11 1-4d and May 11s which is 1-2d better for May than a week ago.

### LIVERPOOL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 28.—A private cable received from Liverpool yesterday reported the market weaker and noted a decline in prices, quoting choice States cattle at 11 1-4c.

In view of the scarcity and high price of bluestone, the new preparation known as formalin can be used for treating seed grain to prevent smut. It has given excellent results for this purpose.