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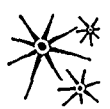
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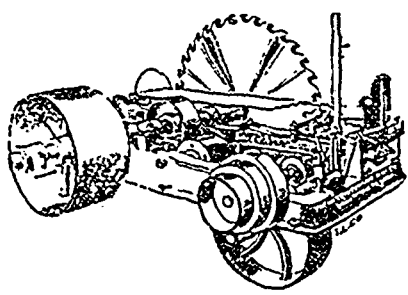
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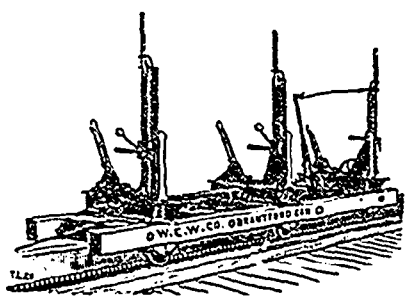
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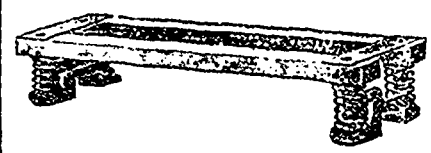
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Brandon Experimental Farm.

The blue book containing the annual report of the Dominion experimental farm for 1898, just out, contains as usual a great deal of valuable information relating to the farming industry in Canada.

With the farms in Eastern Canada we have not so much to do in the prairie country but the work on the Brandon and Indian Head farms is of immense importance to us and the work on the farm at Agassiz, B. C., is also of interest as it deals with problems which have direct bearing upon our future supplies of fruit, etc., and upon the progress of the west generally.

At the Brandon farm the work done last year was more varied and important than ever. Experiments were carried on in the cultivation of grains, grasses, trees, shrubs, fruits, berries, vegetables, live stock, etc. Wheat growing still occupies the leading place in the list of experiments. The tests of varieties are still continued and yield most useful results. No less than forty-two different kinds of wheat were sown. The land for this test was summer-fallowed the previous year. The soil was a clay loam. One twentieth of an acre was sown to each kind and the date of sowing was April 20. The largest yield was obtained from a variety called Goose, but the quality was not so good as that of Fyle wheat. It is also longer in ripening. Monarch is another very productive variety which Mr. Bedford says would pass readily for Red Fyle. White Fyle has for three years given better returns than Red Fyle. Crown, a cross-bred wheat, bearded, gave very good results. These seem to be the varieties that give the best results.

A test of average results for five years with wheat placed White Fyle first with Red Fyle a good second.

The average yield of the former was 37 bushels and 28 pounds and of the latter 35 bushels and 28 pounds.

Wheat after a clover crop was another interesting experiment. It was found that the yield on land on which sweet clover had been grown exceeded that from wheat stubble, but was not equal to the summer-fallowed land.

Land rolled after sowing wheat gives better results as regards yield. Drill sowing is shown to be by far the most satisfactory method of putting in seed. Experiments in regard to the amount which should be sown to the acre showed that five pecks of wheat per acre gives the best results.

Experiments in smut prevention proved the continued efficacy of bluestone. In order to secure perfect results it was shown that smutty seed even if bluestoned is not so desirable as clean seed thus treated.

Tests of different ways of preparing land for seed showed that the best results are obtained after pease. Wheat following flax is always a small yield. Early, medium and late sowing was also tried and conclusive proof obtained of early sowing. This same rule applies to other grains, although barley does not suffer much if sown after wheat and oats.

Extensive experiments were carried on with oats. As regards rotation, wheat, oats and fallow is recommended for some soils. In a test of varieties, White Giant, American Beauty, California Prolific Black, Bavarian, Memmonite, Oxford, Pense and Banner yielded the best results. Bluestone and formalin are recommended for smut in oats. In a test of average results for a given number of seasons Banner oats gave the highest yield, at 93 bushels and 12 pounds per acre.

Barley experiments were largely carried on. The season was favorable and the results very useful. The best varieties of six-rowed were found to be those called Stella, Baxter, Pioneer, Common and Trooper. The best varieties of two-rowed were Kirby, Danham, French, Chevalier, Beaver and Leslie.

These were carefully tested at Brandon last year. As a result it is recommended that these be sown on a strong, stiff, clay loam. The field should be summer fallowed the previous year, and it should not be harrowed in the spring before sowing. The grain should be sown as early as wheat, with a drill, and as deeply as possible. From 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 bushels of seed should be sown to the acre, according to the size of the pea. If the crop is to be cut with a binder, two pecks per acre of oats should be sown with the pease.

The year was a good one for flax culture. The largest average yield of flaxseed was obtained from plots sown so late as May 28th, being 25 bushels to the acre.

As yet very few western farmers have any regular rotation in sowing their crops, but sooner or later, Superintendent Bedford says, they will have to adopt some system suited to their individual needs. This feature of farm work has been the subject of some experiments. Wheat alternating with roots or corn have given the best results, but the outlay has been proportionately large. The second best results were obtained from wheat and oats sown alternately, but the land became very weedy.

Corn formed the subject for some interesting experiments. The tests were principally with a view to its use as fodder. The variety known as

Thoroughbred White Flint seems to have done the best.

Field roots, such as turnips, mangels, carrots, beets, potatoes, etc., received attention and were found to yield splendidly under the late rains of last year. Grasses and clovers also did well.

As a result of a series of experiments in cattle feeding it was proven that hay is not essential to the successful fattening of steers in this country, as straw yields practically the same results mixed with other suitable feed such as turnips and barley.

Poultry and bees were experimented with to some extent. Large and small fruits also received a share of attention. Fair success has attended the efforts in the direction of small fruits, but it seems doubtful if any useful variety of apples can be obtained which will stand the severities of our winter climate.

Wool.

The Toronto Globe says: The outlook is anything but reassuring. To begin with, it is estimated that 75 per cent of the clip of last year is still held in this province. A good deal of this wool was purchased from 16c to 18c for washed fleece, while the price bid for it to-day in this market is 13c. Not only is the bulk of last year's clip still held, but a Canadian exporter has at an American point a large lot of the 1897 clip. The position of the Canadian clip for the present season is this: The greater part of the last clip is unsold. The best price that can be obtained in the United States for Canada fleece now is 27c. The duty is 12c, the freight charges 0.55 of a dollar, the consular charges 0.25, and the commission for selling on the other side of the line 1 1-2 cents per pound, which makes a total of 14.30 per pound for charges after the wool is purchased here. This would leave for the purchaser of the wool in Canada, reckoning on a sale at 27c in the United States, 12 3-4c per pound for washed fleece, and that price leaves no margin of profit for the exporter. This is the situation at present as it is figured out by local exporters. The position of unwashed is even more unpromising. Within the past few weeks a Toronto dealer has sold some unwashed at 18c in Boston, which, after paying the duty and freight and other charges, makes the value of the unwashed wool in this market exactly 6 1-2c per pound.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company's publication, "Wonderland, '99," a guide to the holiday resorts tributary to its lines, exceeds in beauty of appearance and attractiveness of subject matter anything that has heretofore been attempted by the company in that line. It is almost as good as a holiday to skim through the pages of this neat little publication.

The Commercial is in receipt of a pamphlet giving an address delivered by Dr. Saunders, director of the Dominion Experimental Farms, Ottawa, before the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association at its annual meeting on the subject, "Manitoba and the Northwest Territories as Markets for Ontario and British Columbia Fruit." This address puts the case in a nutshell, and is worthy of perusal by every person interested in the Canadian fruit growing industry.

The Dominion government has definitely decided not to favor any insolvency legislation in the house this session.

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Great Fire at Dawson.

Information was received on Monday last that the new city of Dawson, the centre of the Yukon gold country, had been visited by a most disastrous conflagration, almost the entire business portion of the place having been consumed. The first reports of the fire were undoubtedly greatly exaggerated. For instance, it was said that the Bank of British North America had lost \$1,000,000 in gold and notes. This, of course, was absurd, as the burning of the notes of the bank would only represent a loss equal to the cost of printing the notes, while the bullion could be gathered up after the fire and would not represent a serious loss. It was said that the vaults of the bank had proved worthless. This, however, was later denied by the bank officials, who reported that the only loss was the loss of the building, the vaults and safes being all right. The total loss was placed at \$4,000,000, but this is

Awnless Brome Grass.

Hungarian brome grass has proven, after experimenting with it in all portions of the Northwest, to be the solution of the problem as to the growing of a grass in the arid and semi-arid sections of the country that will surpass timothy for pasture and hay. It had become a very serious question what would be raised as a substitute for timothy, and now come reports from Iowa, Minnesota, Canada and different sections of North Dakota all confirmatory. This grass does not kill out by drought nor is it in danger from rather a moist condition of the soil.

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Debt-Dodging Employees.

The following circular has been issued by the United States treasury department:

"In all cases brought to the attention of this office where clerks or employees of this department neglect to pay their bills for necessary family supplies, and creditors seek to enforce their claims by appeals to the department, the following rules will be applied:

"The secretary will not make the department an agency for the collection of debts contracted by its employees, but where a clerk receiving a stated salary neglects or pleads inability to pay debts contracted after this date for the necessary support of himself



VIEW IN DAWSON BEFORE THE FIRE.

reduced by the \$1,000,000 attributed to the Bank of British North America, and probably the actual loss will be found to be considerably less than half—possibly less than a quarter of the amount stated.

The fire, of course, will be very disastrous, owing to the fact that no insurance was carried in Dawson, as the insurance companies have not yet undertaken to accept risks in the Yukon metropolis. The great cost of getting in supplies to this remote and comparatively inaccessible place, will also make the fire the cause of great loss and suffering. Fortunately the large stock of provisions and general merchandise carried by the Commercial company, was outside the burned district, and this will enable the residents to obtain the necessities of life until new supplies are in.

The fire occurred on April 26 last, but in the absence of telegraphic communication the news could only be carried to the outside world by couriers, hence the delay. Stocks of goods in Dawson would not be large, as no supplies have been taken in since last year.

Forestry Ideas.

In his inaugural address Governor Lind, of Minnesota, announces himself a firm believer in forestry reform. He says: "So long as nine-tenths of our people would rather cut a tree than plant one time devoted to the discussion of scientific forestry is usually wasted." He proposes that a plot of land be set apart at each school house in the state, on which land the children shall be taught to plant trees in a practical way, care for them and love them.

The governor recommends legislation strengthening still further the hands of the fire warden; the extension of Itasca Park as recommended by the game warden, and the prohibition of the alienation by the state of the fee in the public lands which are clearly within the permanent forestry area of the state. He would also have the state regain title to as much of such land as can be recovered on lapsed taxes and otherwise, for the purpose of adding to the tracts that shall in time be devoted to the raising of timber because unfit for farming,

and his family, without presenting satisfactory reasons for such action, the department will regard such clerk as guilty of improper practice, and one who ought not to be retained in public service.

"When charges of such nature are made and sustained by proper evidence, the secretary will take action looking to the removal of the offending person.

"This order does not apply to debts contracted by parties at a time when they were not employed in this department.

This is setting a good example for employers of all kinds of labor. Clerks or other persons receiving fair salaries, should be made to pay their debts, and employers should see to it that they do pay their honest obligations, or know the reason why. The man who tries to escape paying his honest debts is not honest himself and therefore he is not a desirable employee. Merchants, therefore, have an interest in knowing whether or not their clerks are of the class who try to escape paying their bills.

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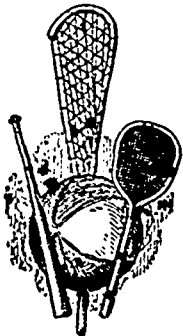
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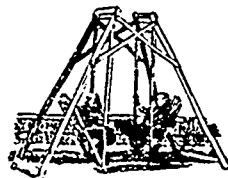
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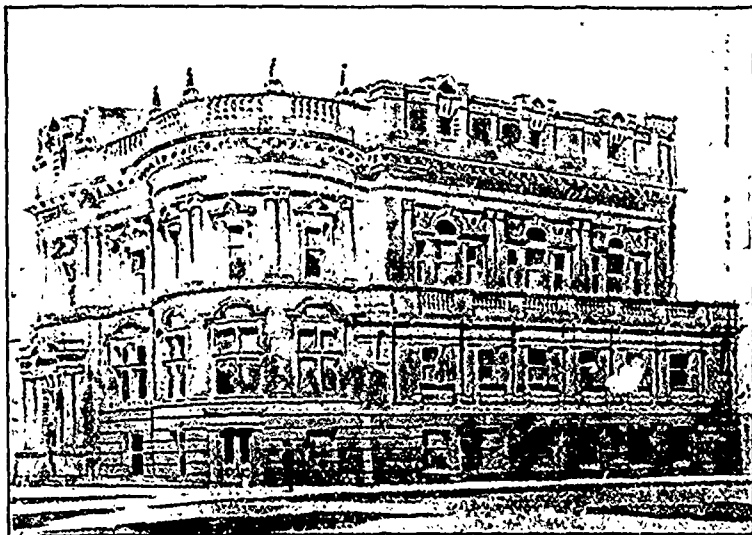
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Naturally, where so many banks are established, we may expect to find some fine bank buildings. The chartered banks in the past have done business in leased property, with the exception of the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Ottawa and the Merchants' Bank. Last year the Imperial Bank and the Bank of Hamilton acquired buildings of their own. This year the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Dominion Bank are each erecting handsome bank buildings in the city. Engravings made from the accepted plans of these two buildings are shown in The Commercial this week. The Bank of Commerce building will occupy the site of one of the oldest business blocks in Winnipeg—the old Bannatyne property, on the east side of Main street, about midway between McDermott and Lombard streets. The new Dominion Bank building will occupy the southwest corner of Main and McDermott streets, across Main street from the post office, and one of the best corner properties on Main street. The accompanying engrav-

ings show that the buildings, when completed, will be ornaments to the city, and will do much toward adding to the attractiveness of our main business street.

THE BANKS.

Several of the leading chartered banks have issued statements of their business for the past year, and during the next three or four weeks most of the banks will have presented their shareholders with balance sheets for the financial year ending with the close of the present month. The banks that have so far reported make very satisfactory returns, the net earnings in the cases of the Bank of Montreal, the Dominion and the western banks all showing a good increase in the net earnings for the last year. In the

case of the Bank of Montreal the earnings for the last half year show a handsome increase over those for the first half of the financial year which ended last December. An increase in net earnings of 11-2 per cent. on a capital of \$12,000,000, as was shown in this case, is certainly very satisfactory and gives promise of most excellent reports from the banks yet to be heard from. All the banks have been heard from in the matter of dividends, and there has, with one exception, been no reduction in the regular dividends. The banks, as will be shown by the statements yet to come out, have certainly had a very successful year. Money rates have been very fair the past six months, and there has been a good margin of profit between the interest paid on deposits and the rates obtained by the banks on funds loaned to customers. Bank shares have shown a considerable appreciation in the expectation of a more prosperous condition of the business with these institutions, and relying on the skilful and businesslike direction which has always characterized the chartered banks of the Dominion it is fair to assume that holders of bank stocks even at present prices will find no cause for dissatisfaction with the results of the business of the past year.—Globe.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

E. Mortlock contemplates opening a private bank at Dominion City, Man. The manager of the Bank of British North America at Montreal has received a cable from the court of directors of the bank in England subscribing \$1,000 to the sufferers in the fire at Dawson City.

The closing day of last week saw "one of the most dramatic events in the history of Wall Street," says a New York paper. The excitement was caused by the death of Mr. Flower who was one of the most prominent operators in that sphere. The question is suggested: What sort of con-



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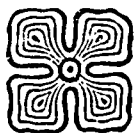
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ditions prevail in Wall Street when the death of one old man can create a panic which causes a shrinkage in values to the extent of over 100 millions of dollars? It appears that Mr. Flower was the leader of the bulls, and was the most active promoter of speculation in trust stocks. Outside would-be speculators may well feel cautious when a ruinous slump in the prices of stocks is liable to occur from such an ordinary incident as one man's death.

The following statement has been given out by the manager of the Standard Bank, Bowmanville branch, which was recently robbed. The notice is issued with the authority of the Ontario government: The Standard Bank of Canada was burglarized on May 13 by four or more persons said to be in dark clothing. The vault and burglar-proof safe were completely wrecked by nitro-glycerine, and \$17,000 taken, as follows: \$2,000 in Standard Bank \$10 notes; \$4,350 in Standard Bank \$5 notes; \$1,100 in Canadian silver; \$400 in gold; \$2,000 in Dominion Bank \$1 and \$2 notes; \$1,285 in notes of other Canadian banks. \$5,000 reward will be paid by the Standard Bank of Canada for the recovery of the money and such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties. Or, \$2,500 will be paid for the recovery of the money. Or \$2,500 will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows: Week ended May 25, 1899 ... \$1,421,661 Corresponding week, 1898 1,792,048 Corresponding week, 1897 970,420

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

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March ...	5,968,000	4,289,000	3,285,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,161,962	4,032,000
May ...	8,683,364	5,531,786	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,014,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ...	11,553,669	13,550,761	8,803,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,786,945

Year ... 90,072,798 83,435,121 64,143,935

	1899.
Jan. ...	\$7,683,052
Feb. ...	6,209,471
March ...	6,756,094
April ...	6,016,431

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal ...	155,000
Toronto ...	35,000
Kingston ...	35,000
Winnipeg ...	400,000
Manitoba elevators ...	4,800,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin ...	3,674,000

Total May 13 ... 8,899,000
Total a year ago ... 2,388,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States, as reported by Bradstreet's on May 13, were 43,520,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 28,525,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1, were 1,455,000 bushels, compared with 3,051,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 20, was 25,468,000 bushels, being a decrease of 500,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 23,085,000 bushels, two years ago 28,290,000 bushels, three years ago 51,298,000 bushels, and four years ago 54,214,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago ...	4,707,000
Duluth ...	6,849,000
Minneapolis ...	7,740,000
New York ...	323,000
Buffalo and afloat ...	385,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,957,000 bushels, compared with 8,114,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 16,978,000 bushels, compared with 19,504,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on May 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows:—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1899 ...	115,413,000
1898 ...	100,890,000
1897 ...	107,198,000
1896 ...	146,382,000
1895 ...	172,099,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis ...	77,827,756	69,165,320
Milwaukee ...	11,705,306	8,577,703
Duluth ...	65,556,629	38,751,124
Chicago ...	31,330,565	34,602,058

Total ... 186,420,256 151,096,205

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo ...	12,581,352	12,384,936
St. Louis ...	13,606,775	11,753,180
Detroit ...	4,814,506	4,782,807
Kansas City ...	24,830,746	28,605,572

Total ... 55,833,379 57,526,495

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THE GROCERY TRADE.

MOLASSES FIRM.

The excitement and strength in the Barbadoes molasses market referred to last week, still continues, says the Montreal Gazette, and prices to-day scored another advance of 1c per gallon at the Island, the first cost now being 17c, but it is stated that purchases during the week were made at a still higher price than the above by parties who were anxious for goods. Advice to hand in some cases say that the sharp advance of late has been caused purely by speculation, while others state that it has been legitimate, and they would not be surprised to see prices go still higher. As a result the feeling here has been strong and the Wholesale Grocers' Guild, at a meeting held Wednesday, decided upon a uniform price on old and new crop stock, which is equivalent to an advance of 2c to 3c, ear lots to arrive being quoted at 37c, and single puncheons 35c. The demand for the new crop has been good, but the volume of business transacted small, owing to the difficulties in filling orders at the Island. A few small sales have been made at 36c. here, ex wharf. A representative of a New York house is here offering Antigua molasses and some lots have been placed at 33c.

J. A. Lynch, of Barbadoes, in their circular, say: "The weather has been favorable to reaping—hot and dry—but rain would be very acceptable for the plants. It is fortunate that planters are obtaining high prices for produce, as the crop is likely to be very disappointing. We hear of one estate already finished, having made less than half its average crop. The shipments to date amount to 6,512 hogsheads sugar, and 6,353 puncheons molasses; at same time last year 11,529 hogsheads sugar and 11,920 puncheons molasses."

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

The Japan tea crop, according to the latest information received, will be about the same as last year.

Montreal dealers have experienced an active demand for canned corn lately and holders prices have been firm at 90c with \$7 1-2c bid.

The output of Barbadoes molasses this year, will, according to some estimates, which are looked upon as reliable, be 30,000 puncheons. Last year 30,500 puncheons were produced.

Cable advices received from Tamsui, Formosa, reported that the tea market had opened and that tea had been settled at \$35 per picul. The quality of the crop, it was reported, is about the same as last year.

Mr McMillan, has introduced a bill at Ottawa providing that a dozen eggs shall weigh a pound and a half. This rule is intended to apply to export trade only. The purchase of eggs by weight, however, would seem a fair proposition for general use.

The Puget Sound Packers' association, which embraces all of the canneries operating on Puget Sound, with the exception of those owned by the Alaska Packers' association and the Pacific American Fisheries company, has made prices on 1899 pack of Sockeye salmon as follows: Talls, \$1.20; flats, \$1.30; half pounds, 55c. These prices are about 10 per cent, higher than the opening figures last year, and are said to be due to the largely increased cost of raw fish.

Recent cable advices say that the market for Congou tea at Hankow has opened, and that there is a good demand for the common grades, England being the principal buyer.

Present advices from Smyrna are to the effect that the weather has been favorable for figs, satisfactory rains have fallen, which insure a moderate crop, which is estimated at about three times that of the very small output of 1898.

The drop of 1-4c in the price of culinary and laundry starches, announced in our telegraphic dispatches from Toronto last week, has since gone into effect in the local market. Prices have been reduced 1-4c on first quality culinary starch and 3-4c on second quality, and 1-4c on laundry starches.

Cables on pepper are strong and quote 11 5-8d for Singapore black, June and August sail shipment; and 10 3-4d for Acheen class C ditto, steam shipment. Nutmegs are quoted at Montreal at 40 to 60c per pound as to size; mace, 45 to 50c per pound as to quality, and pimento, 12c per pound.

Opening prices on 1899 pack of California canned fruits in 21-2 lb. cans have been put out by one concern, the J. K. Armsby Co., as follows: Apricots, extras \$1.75, standards \$1.20 and seconds \$1.15; cherries, white or black, extras \$1.90, standards \$1.35, seconds \$1.25; cherries, Royal Anne, extras \$2, standards \$1.50, seconds \$1.30; peaches, yellow, extras, \$1.70, standards \$1.35, seconds \$1.10; lemon cling and white Heath, extras \$1.85, standards \$1.30, seconds \$1.25; Bartlett pears, extras, \$1.80, standards \$1.25, seconds \$1.20; plums, extras \$1.80, standards 55c and seconds 50c. Prices on extras are for A1 and Cypress brands, on standards seal and on seconds Carnival and gilt edge.

The chief feature of the tea trade since our last has been the demand from American buyers for Pingsueys and some large sales are reported to have been made for shipment to Chicago at much better prices than could have been obtained here. Some sales of siftings were made on local account at 6c, and common blacks at 12 1-2c. Ceylons are quiet, but firm, and are still cheaper here than they are in London. Cables from Hankow report that the crop of North China Congou tea promises to be somewhat larger than last year, and common grades were settled at 12c. Cable advices from Japan reported an active tea market, settlements thus far this season amounting to 32,000 piculs, against 28,000 piculs last year. Prices were reported slightly easier and the demand, it was stated, has been largely speculative, as neither Canada nor the United States has been an extensive buyer.—Montreal Gazette.

Stocks of bituminous coal at all points west of the lakes in the United States are very heavy and prices are weak. On the other hand, anthracite coal continues scarce owing partly to the strike at Buffalo which has curtailed shipments.

A Toronto telegram of May 22 said: Section men all over the Grand Trunk railway system went out on strike this morning. Several thousand men are involved. The strikers demand \$1.25 per day, with \$1.50 for outside foremen and \$1.75 for city foremen.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

UNITED STATES IRON AND STEEL PRICES.

As unflinchingly as fate, the iron and steel markets of the west continue to advance, says Iron and Steel, Chicago. All kinds of products are slowly but steadily rising in value. The substratum of the whole movement is the consuming demand for the iron and steel throughout the length and breadth of the land. This continues in spite of the advance in values, which are approaching the point of trade prohibition theoretically. The ultimate consumer may not be buying so generously, but, if so, the producer does not know that the former has a chilly attitude towards the ascending price list. What the producer knows is that he has more business in sight than he can take care of. He knows this fact to his sorrow, for while trade may be filled with profit it is none the less to him an unceasing annoyance. He is checkmated in obtaining his own material. His customers, who are not getting the product which he had arranged to sell them, are making audible and frequent inquiries and protests. On all sides conditions are apparently out of joint. The fact is the country in which all this is occurring is a larger one than had generally been suspected, much larger than it was a few years ago. Its appetite is relative to its growth.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

The market for mixed paints in the east is very much stronger and higher prices are anticipated.

Galvanized iron continues to advance in the United States and at present quotations it is cheaper for Canada to import from England.

The volume of business in bicycles in the United States this year will, it is said, surpass that of 1898 by about 20 per cent.

In sympathy with the advance in leads, white zinc paints are ruling firmer at Montreal and prices are 1c per pound higher at 8c for pure.

The hardware dealers of St. John, N. B., will give their employees a Saturday half holiday during the months of June, July and August.

Our Toronto wire of last week stated that black iron sheets were dearer. This is the result of action on the part of United States manufacturers. The extent of the advance has not at the time of writing been made public.

Last week green wire cloth was reported 10c dearer at Toronto. This is the result of a scarcity of raw material and an active demand. Canadian prices are still 20c per 100 square feet below United States quotations.

The decline of 5c per 100 pounds in the price of whitening at Toronto is due to an increase in the stocks on hand. The ruling price is now 55c, and it is said that as low as 50c has been accepted. Glider's whitening is still quoted at 85c.

Stove manufacturers say that they are making less money on stoves now than formerly. There have been two advances on stoves this season, but the margin of profit is still small, owing to the high price of raw material and advance of wages. A further advance in the price of stoves is expected if the price of raw material keeps up.

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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

THE TWINE MARKET.

Farm Implement News, of Chicago, in its weekly review of the binder twine situation says: "Late reports indicate a continued and stronger effort on the part of many jobbers to effect sales to others, of large lots of twine, in order that no surplus may be left on their hands when the candle is snuffed. In this feature of the situation, described last week, a little more eagerness is now shown and some slight concessions in price have been made to fellow jobbers who were buyers. Such concessions represent fractional reductions from the manufacturers' jobbing prices, which latter, from all accounts, remain firm. Two of the most thorough twine men in the United States yesterday advanced the opinion that, in view of the condition of winter wheat, now well known, enough twine to meet the season's requirements has already been sold by the manufacturers. If this twine was proportionately distributed the wholesale business for the season would now be finished, provided these opinions are substantiated. There are those who profess to believe that the twine already contracted for is more than ample for the coming harvest and state that a surplus is already assured.

Rumors of concessions in price to the dealers by western jobbers have been in circulation this week. Jobbers at Omaha, Kansas City, Indianapolis and Des Moines are charged with having offered slight reductions from scale rates. Verifications are lacking in all cases except Des Moines. Our correspondent at that point states, in his letter that the schedule rates have recently been shaded by some of the jobbers of that city, and it is probably true that the reports concerning other places have some foundation. The feeling prevalent among the wholesale dealers that no twine should be carried over is responsible for it, although aside from a few scattering sales, it is believed that no business will be written because of the reductions. As a general proposition the sales are never increased by cutting rates, and if the estimates of leading twine men are correct, trade tributary to any certain jobbing centre cannot be forced by such a move. If the territory needs the twine it will not be necessary to reduce prices to obtain orders.

As far as Chicago houses are concerned there are no indications of the slightest weakness in price. Business is quiet, inquiries scarce and orders more so. The prices f. o. b. Chicago remain as before, viz:

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TRADE CONDITIONS.

Now that the seasons trade in spring lines is over, it is possible to compare the amount of business done with previous years. Winnipeg jobbers in implements generally report a good spring trade—some say the largest on record for their houses. The proportion of cash paid, however, was not as great as during the past year or two. Stocks generally in spring lines have been well cleaned up. At present wheeled rigs and breaking plows are the principal lines moving. The trade

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IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

J. T. Cook, implement dealer, Souris, has opened a branch at Elgin, Man.

E. Beach is opening in implements at Weyburn, Assa., a town on the Soo line.

The Moline Plow company, of Moline, Ill., has publicly announced that it is unalterably opposed to trusts and will not be a party to any combination.

Johnston & Stewart, implements, Winnipeg, will erect a new warehouse on Main street, north of the Canadian Pacific railway track. It will be a three story brick building.

Hay press manufacturers of the United States met recently and decided to advance prices as follows: On full circle steel presses, 15 per cent; on belt power steel presses, 12 per cent; on belt power wood frame presses, 16 per cent; on wood frame horse power presses, 10 per cent. It was further decided that at least one-fourth the amount of retail sales should be required in cash within ten days from delivery, and further, that the lengths of credits should be greatly shortened.

The Fairchild Company Ltd., Winnipeg, have given notice that they intend to apply to the lieutenant-governor-in-council for supplementary letters patent under the Manitoba joint stock-companies act to confirm a by-law passed by the shareholders to increase the capital stock of the company from \$50,000 to \$100,000. This move has been made necessary by the steady growth in the business of the company. Mr. Hutchinson, manager of the Fairchild Co., informs The Commercial that this season they have had a large increase in their business and find it necessary to increase their capital stock. All the new stock has been allotted to the old members of the company, which will be composed of the same persons as heretofore.

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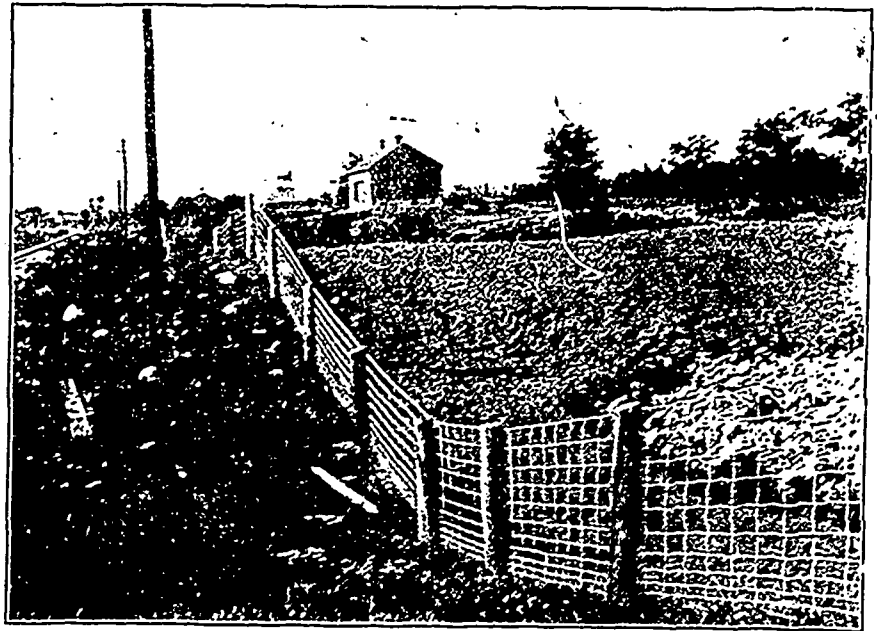
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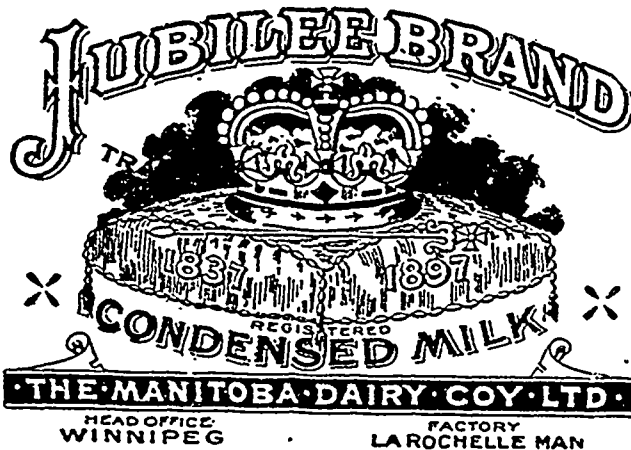
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Prices to retail dealers for ordinary quantities, subject to usual reductions for large quantities or for cash transactions are as follows:

IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.30, and iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05 to \$2.70; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5 to \$6, sleigh shoe steel \$3; 1-1 tire steel, \$3.75; cast tool steel, 10. 9 to 12 1-2; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8; genuine Russian sheet, 10. 12 to 13c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-10 inch, 30, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$2.75.

BOILER TUBES—2 inch, 12c per foot; 1-1/2 inch, 15 1-2c, 3 inch, 17c per foot.

SHELL IRON—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50, 22 to 26, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.

CANADA PLATE—Galva and blatta, \$6.25.

GALVANIZED IRON—American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22 gauge, \$4.50, 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5, 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs.

IRON PIPE—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-1/2 inch, \$3.40; 3-8 inch, \$3.10; 1-2 inch, \$4.20; 3-4 inch, \$4.60; 1 inch, \$6.60; 1-1/4 inch, \$8.80; 1-1/2 inch, \$10.80; 2 inch, \$14.40.

GALVANIZED PIPE—1-1/4 inch, \$6.40; 3-8 inch, \$6.40; 1-2 inch, \$6.80; 3-4 inch, \$7.60; 1 inch, \$10.10; 1-1/4 inch, \$14.40; 1-1/2 inch, \$17.60; 2 inch, \$23.00.

STAMPED TINWARE—Plain, 70 and 20 per cent; retinned 70 and 12 1-2 per cent.

CHAIN—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$9. do. 1-1 in. \$6.50; do. 5-16 in. \$5; do. 3-8 in. \$4.75; do. 7-16 in. \$4.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$1.25; trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.00; jack chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c; jack chain, double, per doz. yards, 25c to \$1.

CUTLER—Tinned copper sheets, 30c; planished, 35c; boiler and T K pits, plain tinned per lb. 29c; spun 33c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 4 1-2 to 5c.

SHEET ZINC—In casks, \$9 per 100 lbs.; broken lots, \$9.50.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb. 19c.

SHOT—Soft, 6 1-2c per lb; chilled 7c; buckshot, 7 1-2c.

AMMUNITION—Cartridges—R. F. M. shot, American discount 37 1-2 to 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent to 50 and 5 per cent; centre fire military, American, net list; centre fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1-2 per cent; centre fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to \$7.50.

LOADED SHELLS—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft \$1.50; chilled \$1.65; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2.00; chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, \$1.90; chilled, \$2.05; No. 10 gauge, soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb; thin card wads, in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauge, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

ANVILS—Per lb. 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.

AUGER BITS—American, 65 to 70 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 60 per cent; post pole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.

AXES—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$5.50 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.

BELTING—Extra, 30 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent.

BOLTS—Carriage, 1-4 and 5-16, 52 1-2 per cent; 3-8 and up, 47 1-2c; tire dis. 60 per cent; stove, dis. 60 per cent; machine discount 55 per cent; coach screw, dis. 65 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.

BUTTS—Loose plu cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose pins, dis. 65 per cent; Berlin bronzed, dis. 45 per cent; gen. bronzed

per pair 35 to 85.

HINGES—Light T and strap, 65 per cent; heavy, per lb 5 to 6c; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 lb., 8c per lb.; 12 lb. up, per lb., 1c; spring screen door, \$1 to \$2.25 doz.

HOES—Garden, mortar, etc., pls. 60 and 10 per cent.

ROPE—Sisal, 10. 11c base; manila, lb. 12c base; cotton, 1-1 to 1-2 in. and larger, 15c lb., deep sea, 10 1-2c; lath yarn 10c.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor brand plain 45c; do. tarred, 60c, Justice, plain 37c; do. tarred 73c.

HORSE NAILS—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 6, \$7.50 per box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$8 box, No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices, 40 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.25; 2 and larger, \$4. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$4.50; 2 and larger, \$4.30; snow shoe, \$3.15; 3 in. \$3.20; 2 1-2 in. \$3.25; 2 in. \$3.40; 1 1-2 in. \$3.50, 1 1-4 in. \$3.75; 1 in. \$4.10.

NAILS—Wire—1 1-2 in. up, \$3.10, 4 in. \$3.15, 3 in. \$3.20; 2 1-2 in. \$3.25; 2 in. \$3.40; 1 1-2 in. \$3.50, 1 1-4 in. \$3.75; 1 in. \$4.10.

NAILS, Cut—30d up, \$2.55, 20d, \$2.60; 10d, \$2.65; 8d, \$2.70; 6d, \$2.85; 4d, \$2.95; 3d, \$3.20; 2d, \$3.55.

SCREWS—Wood, F. L., iron and steel dis. 80 and 5; wood, R. H. iron, dis. 70 and 10; wood, F. L., brass, dis. 70 and 10; wood, R. H., brass, dis. 65 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 37c.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50.

WIRE FENCING—Galvanized 4 barb. regular, \$3.50; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.50.

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.00 per 100 lbs.

WIRE CLOTH—Painted screen, per 100 sq. ft. \$1.50.

RIVETS AND BURS—Carriage, section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 45 per cent; black M rivets, 45 per cent; black and tinued rivets, 45 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 32 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsominig, 20 to 25c.

AXLE GREASE—Imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, case, \$2.25.

COAL TAR—Per barrel, \$5.

CEMENT—Portland cement, barrel, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

PINE PITCH—\$4 per barrel.

PLASTER AND HAIR—Plaster, barrel, \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$6.62 1-2 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$6.37 1-2.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6 1-2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c. less than barrels, 4c; Venetian red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels 3 1-2c; American, vermilion, 15 cents; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Paris green, 18 to 20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2 1-2c; less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c; less quantities 4c lb.

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

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 pkgs, \$6.50 to \$7.50 as to color.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

WINDOW GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 20 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$3.30; 51 to 60, \$3.50; 61 to 70, \$3.30 per 100 feet boxes.

LENSSED OIL—Raw, gal. 57c; boiled,

gal. 60c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, 72c, less than barrels, gal. 77c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oils, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Prices here are as follows. Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20 1-2c, oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1-2c for cocene and 2 1-2c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

The following prices cover the range as to size and color for prime skins. Very small and pale skins bring the lowest price, and very large the top range, skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	...	...	...	...	...
Bear, black	...	...	...	...	...
Bear, brown	...	...	...	...	...
Bear, black yearlings	...	...	...	...	...
Bear, brown yearlings	...	...	...	...	...
Bear, grizzly	...	...	...	...	...
Beaver, large	...	...	...	...	...
Beaver, medium	...	...	...	...	...
Beaver, small	...	...	...	...	...
Beaver, cubs	...	...	...	...	...
Beaver, castors, lb.	...	...	...	...	...
Fisher, dark	...	...	...	...	...
Fisher, pale	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, cross dark, large	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, cross pale	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, kitt	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, red	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, silver dark	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, pale	...	...	...	...	...
Lynx, large	...	...	...	...	...
Lynx, medium	...	...	...	...	...
Lynx, small	...	...	...	...	...
Marten, dark	...	...	...	...	...
Marten, pale or brown	...	...	...	...	...
Marten, light pale	...	...	...	...	...
Mink, dark	...	...	...	...	...
Mink, pale	...	...	...	...	...
Musquash, spring	...	...	...	...	...
Otter, dark	...	...	...	...	...
Otter, pale	...	...	...	...	...
Skunk	...	...	...	...	...
Wolf, timber	...	...	...	...	...
Wolf, prairie	...	...	...	...	...
Wolverine, dark	...	...	...	...	...
Wolverine, pale	...	...	...	...	...

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard afloat, Fort William, \$1.30.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$3.30; best bakers', \$3.10.

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

Oatmeal—Dealers selling to trade at \$2.20 to \$2.25 per sack of rolled in small lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 47c.

Corn—No business done. Nominal value 4 1-2 to 4 5c per bushel of 56 lbs.

Barley—15 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 17c for fresh; creamery 16 to 17 1-2c at the factories.

Cheese—New cheese, .90 to 9 1-2c in small quantities.

Eggs—9 1-2 to 10c per dozen on commission basis.

Hides—No. 1 green hides 7c.

Wool—S 1-2 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

Hay—Baled, on track here, \$11 to \$12 per ton for local hay.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 15c; live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 6 3-4 to 7 1-4c; mutton 9 to 10c for fresh; hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c; veal 7 to 9c.

Live stock—Cattle, butchers' 4 to 4 1-1c off cars; yearling stockers, \$14; hogs, off cars, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep 4 1-2 to 5c.

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THE DRY GOODS TRADE

IMPORTANT DRY GOODS CHANGE.

An important change in the organization of one of the wholesale dry goods concerns of Winnipeg is now on foot. Application has been made by Stobart, Sons & Company, for a charter of incorporation under the name and style of Stobart, Sons & Company, Limited. The object for which incorporation is sought is to carry on business in buying, selling, manufacturing and importing dry goods, clothing, furnishings and fabrics of every nature and kind and generally to carry on the business of wholesale merchants and all other business arising out of that. Winnipeg will be the chief place of business. The capital stock of the company will be \$1,000,000 divided into 50,000 shares. The names of the applicants are as follows: I. W. Stobart, Margaret S. J. Stobart, A. C. Rulling, H. M. Howell and A. G. Mathers, all of Winnipeg.

ADVANCE IN KNITTED GOODS.

Fuller information regarding the advance in prices of knitted goods in Canada, advices of which were published in our Toronto wire of last Saturday, is contained in the following from The Globe: "On Tuesday of this week the largest manufacturers of knitted goods in Canada sent out to their customers here a revised list of prices that show advances over the old list of 15 to 17 1-2 per cent. The principal of the concerns in question was in this market a short time ago, and stated that unless his firm could obtain advances on the prices they had been getting they had determined to close down their mills, as there was no profit in the prices at which they had been selling the goods. There is no doubt, however, about the advance for these goods being established. Owing to the steadily rising markets abroad for fine wool, all goods of the class in question have gone higher, and so long as orders can be promptly executed the prices in the present situation are a secondary consideration. There will be a very large demand for knitted goods within the next few months, and, owing to the quality the Canadian mills are now turning out the purchases of domestic makes are likely to be larger the coming season than ever before."

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Refract manufacturers of linens have notified their customers in Canada of a general advance in the price of linen goods.

There is still some speculation as to the possibility of a general advance in the price of cotton goods at Canadian mills. The agent of one of the leading mills stated recently that he fully believed there would be an advance and that it would come soon. In some wholesale centres the opinion is held that the advance if it occurs at all will not be for some time yet.

The advance of 12 1-2c per 100 pounds in the price of white and red lead at Montreal last week was due to continual strong advices from abroad, coupled with an active demand from all Canadian markets.

Cotton chain was reported firmer in our Toronto telegram of last week. Mail advices convey the intelligence that a substantial advance has taken place. No. 6 chain is now quoted at 10 1-2c, an advance of 3-4c over previous prices. Other sizes have advanced proportionately.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

LUMBERING AT THE LAKE OF THE WOODS.

A special correspondent of The Globe in the Rat Portage district writes as follows regarding the outlook for lumber this season: "The present season promises to be one of the most prosperous that the lumbering business has ever seen in the rainy river district. Mr. Margach, crown timber agent, states that there has been 30,000,000 feet of timber cut in Canada during the past winter, which will be sawn in the mills here, while about the same amount of United States timber will come to Rat Portage to be manufactured. There has also been cut 500,000 railway ties, 10,000 telegraph poles, and 20,000 cords of fire wood, so that it can be seen that the forests have been the scene of great activity. This year's cut is almost double that of the previous season. It is estimated that over a thousand men were employed in the woods during the winter.

All of the timber cut here is sold in Manitoba and the Territories, where a ready market is found. The increased activity in business there has given prices a better tone, while the immense number of new settlers brought into the country by the vigorous immigration policy of the Dominion government has created a demand for lumber for building purposes that lumber companies will find hard to satisfy. The activity in mining has also created a good local demand. Additions are being put to some of the saw mills, and when the logs begin to come in the hum of the saws will be heard day and night."

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

D. Sprague's saw mill at Winnipeg resumed operations for the season last week, the first drive of logs having arrived from up the Sossou river. Another large drive is now on the way down and will be followed by a third from below the boundary line.

It is stated that the output of the Columbia river Lumber company's mills at Golden, Beaver and Kault will be larger this year than in any previous season. The output of the Glen mill has been enlarged by the introduction of new machinery.

Incorporating.

The Stuart-William Machinery Co., Ltd., is applying for letters patent of incorporation. The applicants are: A. R. Williams, of Toronto; James Stuart, W. J. Levy, W. A. McLeod and R. M. Stuart, of Winnipeg. The capital stock is placed at \$49,000, divided in \$100 shares. It is understood the company will take over and continue the machinery business of Stuart & Harper, Winnipeg. Mr. Williams is head of the large machinery manufacturing concern of Toronto, known as the A. R. Williams Machinery Co. W. J. Levy, who has been connected with the Toronto company, will take up his residence in Winnipeg and take an active part in the business here. W. A. McLeod has been with Stuart & Harper for some time, practically as manager. R. M. Stuart is a son of James Stuart. The business of Stuart & Harper has been steadily expanding, and the new company will make improvements so as to be in a better position to handle the business. A siding will be put in from the Canadian Pacific railway track, for convenience in receiving and shipping goods.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, B. C., May 22.

Jobs in Victoria and Vancouver report business good and prices almost stationary. Fresh eastern eggs are now selling at 13 cents, case eggs 15 cents, and ranch eggs, from the British Columbia farms, 20 cents. There is an abundance of good butter, though the Manitoba article is not so favorably spoken of as usual, in many cases the grocer not being up to the standard of first class creamery butter. Business up towards the north pole is good, particularly to Altn. Victoria and Vancouver wholesalers have loaded up boats recently sailing to their fullest capacity.

The different industries on which British Columbia depends are not in the best shape possible. In the salmon industry there are not sufficient rigs to go around, and the ridiculously stringent regulations will seriously handicap the canners without doing any good. The New Westminster Sun recently obtained interviews with a number of canners in New Westminster, who expressed alarm at the probable result of the federal government's unwise regulations governing the industry.

Fraser river farming is in peril by floods, at this writing the water in the lower Fraser is rising rapidly. Warm weather has not yet set in. The spring is as backward as the year of the great floods. While raining on the coast it has been snowing in the mountains—piling up the snow against the evil day when the hot weather comes on suddenly and melts the mighty mass down into the valley. The Westminster and Vancouver newspapers become indignant when any warning is given of the probable approach of the terrible floods, but the truth may be written at all times, and certainly the signs are very ominous.

In mining the eight hour metalliferous mine law is the last legislation born at Victoria of moment and has been ushered into the world in the throes of convulsions. Mine owners objected to the law in a body from some sections, particularly Slovan, the most prosperous district in British Columbia. The government decided to suspend the law, but immediately they were deluged with protests from organized labor all over the province and again yielded to their demands announcing that the law would go into force June first. This means trouble ahead. The Slovan mine owners have issued a proclamation that they will reduce wages from \$3.50 to \$3.00 per day. In Slovan alone there are 800 union miners. A strike is imminent.

In the lumber trade Vancouver is still without a mill. The Hastings mill is not yet completed and the Ross McLaren mill recently started up is making New Westminster its shipping point owing to inconvenient highways to Vancouver, while Ludgate, who wishes to establish a mill on Deadman's Island, claimed by both the Dominion and provincial governments, is the victim of vexatious delays and law suits owing to the rival claimant's aggressive attitudes.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce will erect a new bank building at Vancouver, plans of which are now being prepared.

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Manitoba.

A. Bennett has opened a butcher shop at Dauphin.

B. Sexsmith is engaging in the butcher business at Baldur.

Jas. Morrison, of Valley River, has opened a general store at Dauphin.

J. B. Fisher has opened a complete stock of hardware at Carman.

J. Thompson has sold his hardware business at Elgin to Temple & Maguire.

J. Furtney has purchased the tailoring business of T. A. Blackwell at Melita.

T. W. Stubbs has sold out his furniture business at Miami to Messrs. McCullough & Ferris.

The first steamer to leave Selkirk for Lake Winnipeg was the Red River. She left on Saturday morning, May 20.

Coppleman & McClocklin, general merchants, Carberry, have dissolved partnership. Chas. McClocklin continues the business.

The tender of the Manitoba Anchor Wire Fence Co., of Winnipeg, for fencing Dufferin park at \$393.75, has been accepted by the parks board.

The customs employees who were suspended a few weeks ago at Winnipeg for alleged purloining of goods in bond have been reinstated.

Chas. Wynn is advertising a sale of the furnishings of the Commercial hotel at Neepawa on June 3rd. He will be succeeded in the business by J. W. Hazleton.

The tender of J. & J. McDiarmid for the construction of an extension to machinery hall, Winnipeg Industrial exhibition, has been recommended for acceptance. An extension, 14x300 to the speed stables and for extra accommodation for carriages are other improvements projected.

The legal firm of Andrews & Pitblado, Winnipeg, will be dissolved and on June 1st Pitblado will enter into partnership with Alkins and Culver, McLennaghan, of that firm, retiring on account of ill-health. Mayor Andrews will take his brother, Fletcher Andrews, into partnership, the firm to be known as Andrews & Andrews.

The Northern Pacific are making a number of extensions and improvements in their facilities for handling traffic at Winnipeg. A new train switch is being put in on the southwest side of the Water street yard, running down toward the Assiniboine bridge. Another storage switch half a mile long is being added at Clark street, Fort Rouge. The timber is now on the ground for a new coal shoot to replace the present one, which is too small. The new one will hold about 100 tons of coal and power elevators will be put in.

The Winnipeg Strike.

An arrangement for the settlement of the Winnipeg carpenters' strike by arbitration, has been arrived at. The strikers have appointed one arbitrator, the contractors a second, and the third will be chosen by the two so appointed. G. F. Galt represents the employers, and J. A. McKecher the strikers. While the arbitrators are considering the matter, it has been decided that the men shall return to work, without prejudice. Thus, the strike may be said to be off. The bricklayers and masons who went on strike in June, along with the carpenters, will, of course, return to work at once. The painters, who also proposed striking last Saturday to assist the carpenters, did not go out.

St. Andrew's Rapids.

A public meeting was held in Winnipeg on Thursday evening for the purpose of again considering the proposed St. Andrew's rapids' improvements in the Red river. There was a unanimous feeling that the people have been hounded too long by the government in this matter, and that patience has about ceased to be a virtue. There is a further almost unanimous feeling among the citizens that a public work of the same importance required in eastern Canada, would not be allowed to remain so long untouched. A resolution was passed reciting the importance of the work, and calling upon the government to undertake construction at once.

Alberta.

W. N. Trimble has recently opened a general store at Leduc.

Williamson & Mooney have opened in the butcher business at Edmonton.

Potter & McDonald, auctioneers and traders, Edmonton, have dissolved. Potter & McDougall continue the business.

Notice is given of the incorporation of the Edmonton Prating company, limited, with a capital of \$5,000 divided in shares of \$10.00 each.

T. H. and William Slack, of Petrolia, are en route to Victoria, Alberta, where they will increase the depth of the government oil well from 1,640 to 2,000 feet.

Wyndham & Channell, Calgary, have been awarded the Blackfoot Indian reserve beef contract, amounting to 350,000 pounds. The contract for the supply of beef to the other Indian reserves in Southern Alberta has been awarded to Beupre brothers of Gleichen.

Assinibola.

Mrs. Chas. Grant offers to sell out her bakery and confectionery business at Wolsely.

Smith & Price, butchers, Indian Head, have dissolved partnership. J. Price retiring. The business will be carried on under the name of J. S. Smith.

Northwest Ontario.

James W. Black has purchased the hotel business of Froome T. Johnston, at Wabigoon.

Gauvreau & Joly, painters and decorators, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership. Gauvreau will run the business alone.

The Rat Portage Brick Co., Limited, has elected the following officers: Directors, J. Hose, J. W. Humble, T. R. Deacon, R. Dowsett, J. O. Dauphin, and John Brenchley; president, J. Hose; vice-president, John Brenchley; secretary, T. R. Deacon. The company is capitalized for \$25,000. The company expects to manufacture between three and four million of building brick this season. Fire brick are also manufactured of a good quality.

Tenders.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd., Fernie, B. C., are open to receive tenders for the erection of a coal bin to contain 3,000 tons of coal and trestle leading to same.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, for the wiring of the municipal buildings will be received up till Friday, June 2nd.

Tenders will be received until the first of June for the erection of a school house at Bale St. Pauli. For particulars apply to T. Rochon, public school inspector, 554 Balmoral street, Winnipeg.

Tenders in part or for the whole, will be received up to May 30, for the erection of a three story brick warehouse on Main street, Winnipeg, by Johnston & Stewart, Grain Exchange, Winnipeg.

Tenders will be received for erecting and equipping a farmers' elevator at Myrtle, Man. All material supplied by company. Tenders received until June 1st. John L. Wilson, sec. and treas., Myrtle P. O., Man.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, for the supply of 100 horsepower high speed engine; also shafting, pulleys, pedestal bearings, belting, etc., will be received up to Friday, June 2nd.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to June 10, for the erection and completion of a six-room brick school building with stone basement, in the town of Moosomin, Assa. B. D. McNaughton, chairman school board, Moosomin, Assa.

Tenders will be received up to June 1st, for the following work in connection with hotel building on Stephen street, Morden, namely: Brick work, carpenter work, and painting, and heating equipment for hot air and also for steam. Address tenders to John Kennedy, Morden.

Tenders will be received until June 14th, for the erection and completion of a Farmers' elevator at Rosebank. Tenders to include the supplying of all material excepting machinery. Building to be completed on or before August 1st. James Riddell, secretary-treasurer, Rosebank, Man.

Tenders will be received by the town of Fort William, up to June 1, for the following material for streets: Two thousand yards of good coarse gravel, to be approved by the board of works either I.O.B. C. P. R. or P. A., D. & W. tracks, or delivered on the streets where required. One thousand yards of shale rock broken so as to pass through a four inch ring, and delivered on the streets where and when required.

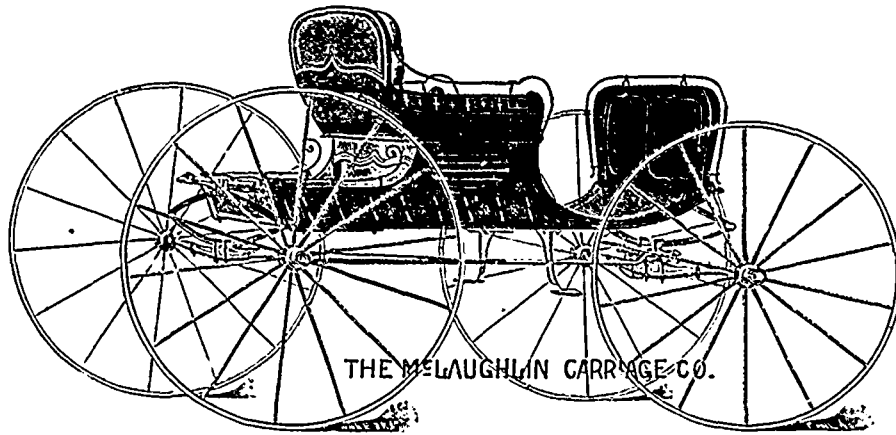
Under the new time card the designation of the C. P. R. through express will be the "Empire limited."

Sir Henry Joly has introduced a bill in the Dominion house to amend the weights and measures act. The bill makes provisions as to the measurement of a barrel of apples.

There is now en route to Halifax on three steamships the largest party of Doukhobors that has yet come to Canada. This party numbers 2,600 souls and when settled here will bring the total number of these people in the west about 8,000.

James Hooper, well known for a number of years in connection with the journalistic profession in Winnipeg and also at Portage la Prairie, has assumed the business management of the Telegram, one of the morning dailies of Winnipeg.

G. F. Stephens & Co., paint, oil and glass dealers, Winnipeg, have been enlarging and improving their premises lately, and have this week occupied a handsome suite of offices in the west side of their building on Market street.



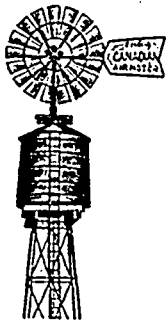
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INSURANCE

INSURANCE IN DAWSON.

Mr. Rogers, manager of the Parsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, confirms the report that they carried \$10,000 insurance on the stock of goods at their Dawson branch. This is probably the only insurance carried in Dawson. The amount of insurance was first \$15,000, but was reduced in January to \$10,000 owing to reduction in stock. Mr. Rogers is of the opinion that considerable of their stock was saved by removal.

INSURANCE NOTES.

The Federal Life Assurance Co. will open offices at Medicine Hat, with J. H. Cavanah in charge.

R. Thompson has been appointed inspector for Manitoba for the London and Lancashire Life Assurance company.

MINING NOTES

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

As a result of a sixteen-day run at the Mikado mine, Rat Portage, \$15,000 was realized.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

English capitalists have purchased the Black Cock at Kaslo, for \$10,000 cash.

A body of excellent copper sulphide is said to have been struck on the Oro Deneo, in Summit camp, B. C., at the 110-foot level.

Two samples of ore recently taken from the bottom of the shaft of the Sullivan group at a depth of 115 feet near Fort Steele, B. C., have been assayed. The values are among the best yet had from this mine. No. 1 ran 63 per cent lead and a fraction over 34 ounces silver; total value per ton, \$71.24. No. 2 carried 62 per cent lead and 33.6 ounces of silver; total value \$69.44 per ton.

The Le Roi mine, Rosland, B. C., will be equipped with one of the largest and most thoroughly furnished plants in America, having a capacity of sinking to the 2,500 foot level and of getting out from twelve to fifteen hundred tons per day.

GRAIN AND MILLING

A PNEUMATIC ELEVATOR.

Possibly as one of the outcomes of the present serious strike of grain handlers at Buffalo, the announcement is made that a one million bushel pneumatic elevator will shortly be built at that city. By this system, which is not altogether a new one, it is said that grain shovellers can be entirely dispensed with and the largest vessels unloaded with the utmost dispatch. The drawings for this new elevator show four pipes, each having a capacity of 6,000 bushels per hour, or a total unloading capacity of 24,000 bushels per hour. A number of small flexible pipes are connected to the large pipes by means of which all

the corners and cracks of a vessel can be completely cleaned out. Five or six men, one at the nose of each pipe, can clean out a vessel at the rate above mentioned. The advantages of such a system of unloading vessels is at once apparent. The cost of labor is reduced over 400 per cent. It is not affected by weather or light and moreover thoroughly aerates the grain. It can be fitted to the present elevators without much trouble, and will when generally adopted greatly simplify the number of appliances on the docks and lessen the danger to life and limb of workmen. This system is now in successful operation in England, at Limerick, Ireland, and at Glen Cove, Long Island.

GRAIN AND MILLING NOTES.

The Grenfell Milling company proposes erecting an elevator at Summerville, Assa.

T. Bulloch & Son will enlarge their elevator at Melita, Man., and will also erect a flour warehouse.

The Manitou Milling Co., Manitou, Man., will overhaul their flour mill and add considerable new plant, which will materially increase the capacity of the mill.

W. J. Cochrane, Glenboro, Man., is enlarging his flour mill by increasing the capacity to 300 barrels. This is about double the former size of the mill. The Stratford Mill Building Co., represented by Stuart & Harper, Winnipeg, have the contract.

The May corner of flaxseed talked of at Minneapolis failed to connect and the market is easier. At May 1, there were at Minneapolis and Duluth 1,250,000 bushels with only moderate demand. The Minneapolis Record says, "It is plainly the intention of farmers to put in a large crop of flaxseed this season," on account of the unpropitious weather for seedling wheat in the north of Minnesota and in North Dakota. Besides that, the high price of flaxseed last season has stimulated the expansion of acreage and the increase of acreage this year promises to be large.

THE DAIRY TRADE.

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

The market for cheese at Montreal is steady, according to the Trade Bulletin, and cable orders seem to be sufficient to absorb all offerings of new cheese, with sales on this market for last week's shipments at 9.5-8c for choice white, and at 9.1-2c for colored. The country markets have gone the west pretty steady at 9.1-8c to 9.1-4c and 9.15-16c.

The Montreal Gazette in its review of the cheese market for last week says: "Bids in the country range from 9.1-4c to 9.1-2c, according to quality and locality. The bulls say it is only a question of time, when the short supply of old cheese will have its effect. As it stands there is a difference of 1-4c to 1-2c between the old and new make. In the country exporters are bidding all the way from 9.3-8c up for the first half of May make, and finding few sellers."

A patent leather shoe trust is talked of in the United States. Manufacturers of this line are probably encouraged by the success which has attended the efforts of the upper leather people in their trust movement.

Kootenay Freights.

Travellers returning from the Kootenay report that there is dissatisfaction in that and the Boundary Creek districts on account of the delay in receiving goods from Winnipeg. They say that goods are not usually received in the Boundary Creek country in less time than a month from date of shipment, and that shipments from Toronto and Montreal arrived about as soon as from Winnipeg. Goods from Winnipeg should certainly reach their destination much sooner than shipments from Eastern Canada. An improved freight service to the southeastern districts of British Columbia is greatly desired by Winnipeg jobbers, who are looking for a large expansion of their trade in that quarter. If goods from Winnipeg cannot make any better time than shipments from Montreal and Toronto, this city loses much of its advantage on account of its position so much nearer the source of demand, as compared with eastern points.

NOTES.

P. Burns & Co. have bought the McIntosh ranch, Calgary district, and 7,000 head of sheep.

At the last meeting of the town council of Portage la Prairie, Man., the offer of H. J. Webber, of Toronto, of 1.00 3-4 cents for \$95,000 of town debentures, was accepted.

The American Hide and Leather company is the name of the new organization of upper leather makers which is seeking to dominate the trade in this line in the United States. The capital stock of the concern is \$70,000,000.

The items which are appearing so frequently in the press of this continent about English orders for iron and steel goods being placed with United States manufacturers lose much of the significance which is supposed to attach to them in the light of the testimony of those who have recently visited England that manufacturers there are utterly unable to keep up with the business which is being offered them. As one gentleman puts it, "The United States factories and workshops have all been built with a view to future requirements while in England no such surplus capacity is available."

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

Canned Goods Per case

Table listing various canned goods including apples, beans, corn, cherries, peas, and pumpkins with prices per case.

Table listing various sardines and herring products with prices per tin and per dozen.

Canned Meats Per case.

Table listing various canned meat products including beef, corn beef, and roast beef with prices per case.

Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15 2 35

Table listing various poultry products including chicken, duck, and turkey with prices per pound.

Coffee Per pound.

Table listing various coffee grades including Green Rio and Inferior grades with prices per pound.

Cereals Per sack

Table listing various cereal products including split peas, barley, oatmeal, and rye with prices per sack.

Table listing various rice products including different grades of rice and tapioca with prices per sack.

Cigarettes Per M

Table listing various cigarette brands including Old Judge, Athlete, and Sweet Sixteen with prices per M.

Cured Fish

Table listing various cured fish products including boneless hake, codfish, and herrings with prices per lb.

Dried Fruits

Table listing various dried fruit products including currants, raisins, and dates with prices per lb.

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Table listing various dried fruit products including raisins, muscatels, and apricots with prices per pound.

California Evaporated Fruits

Table listing various evaporated fruit products including peaches, pears, and plums with prices per pound.

Matches Per case

Table listing various match brands including Telegraph and Tiger with prices per case.

Nuts Per pound

Table listing various nut products including almonds, walnuts, and pecans with prices per pound.

Syrup

Table listing various syrup products including extra bright and medium grades with prices per lb.

Sugar

Table listing various sugar products including extra standard granulated and powdered sugar with prices per cwt.

Salt Per pound

Table listing various salt products including common fine and coarse with prices per barrel.

Dairy Per Sack

Table listing various dairy products including white duck and common fine jute sack with prices per sack.

Spices Per doz.

Table listing various spice products including allspice, cassia, cloves, and nutmegs with prices per dozen.

Starch Per pound

Table listing various starch products including Basons and Canada Durlam with prices per pound.

Silver Glass, 1 lb cartons...

Table listing various glass products including silver glass and rice with prices per lb.

China Blacks—

Table listing various China black products including choice, medium, and common grades with prices per lb.

Indian and Ceylon—

Table listing various Indian and Ceylon products including choice, medium, and common grades with prices per lb.

Young Hysons—

Table listing various Young Hyson tobacco products including choice, medium, and common grades with prices per lb.

Japan—

Table listing various Japan tobacco products including finest May Picking and choice grades with prices per lb.

Tobacco Per pound

Table listing various tobacco products including T. & B. 35, 45, and 95 Cads with prices per lb.

Brier, 35, Cads...

Table listing various tobacco products including Brier and Derby with prices per lb.

Wooden Ware Per doz.

Table listing various wooden ware products including pails, tubs, and wire hoops with prices per dozen.

Tubs, No. 1 common...

Table listing various tub products including No. 1, 2, and 3 common grades with prices per nest.

Tubs, No. 3 common...

Table listing various tub products including No. 3 common grade with prices per nest.

Tubs, No. 1...

Table listing various tub products including No. 1, 2, and 3 with prices per nest.

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Table listing various cured meat and lard products including lard pure leaf, imported, and compound with prices per lb.

Smoked Meats per lb.

Table listing various smoked meat products including ham, breakfast bacon, and spiced rolls with prices per lb.

Dry Salt Meats

Table listing various dry salt meat products including long clear bacon, shoulders, and short clear with prices per lb.

Barrel Pork Per barrel

Table listing various barrel pork products including heavy mess and short cut with prices per barrel.

Meat Sundries lb...

Table listing various meat sundry products including fresh pork sausage, hologna sausage, and pickled pigs feet with prices per lb.

FISH

Table listing various fish products including whitefish, pickerel, trout, and salmon with prices per lb.

DRUGS

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

Table listing various drug products including alum, alcohol, bleaching powder, bluestone, borax, bromide potash, camphor, and various oils with prices per lb or other units.

LEATHER Per pound

Table listing various leather products including harness, union oak, hemlock, and American oak sole with prices per pound.

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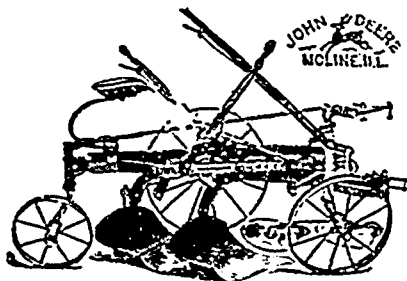
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 27.

The general business situation in the city has presented no new features of special interest this week. Fine weather the forepart of the week stimulated trade somewhat in every line, but the improvement was especially noticeable in dry goods and clothing. Articles of summer wear are now in good demand. The holiday on Wednesday and the steady rain of Friday have reduced the aggregate of business for the week somewhat, and the continuance of the strike in the building trades has also had a detrimental effect. The holiday brought a very satisfactory increase in the demand for fruits and confectionery which was very acceptable to dealers in those lines. Heavy lake and rail shipments of goods continue to reach the city and the volume of traffic both passenger and freight on the railways is large. A large influx of settlers is adding its quota to the volume of trade.

Bank clearings for the week ending Thursday, were smaller than the previous week, but this was probably due to the holiday reducing the number of business days in the week. The strike in the local building trade is being arranged by arbitration, and the men would have returned to work yesterday if the weather had been favorable. Building operations will now get ahead briskly. The report that the federal government would go ahead at once with the improvements necessary to open navigation between this city and Lake Winnipeg, has been received with great satisfaction here. This will be the first step toward opening up the vast system of navigation tributary to Winnipeg, the development of which would certainly do great things for the country.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 27.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

BOOTS AND SHOES.

For the time being trade is a little quiet. Orders for fall goods are plentiful and the prospects for trade are naturally bright. The market presents no special features in regard to boots and shoes. Rubber footwear is reported to be meeting with a lessened demand in some quarters owing to uncertainties arising out of the recent advance in prices. The trade is gradually getting accustomed to the new list, however, and will not settle down to business as if no change had been made.

DRUGS.

The market for drugs remains unchanged this week. Orders are plentiful and business is generally satisfactory. Last week we noted an advance in the prices for blue vitrol in

our eastern telegraphic reports, but this has not affected local quotations as there is really little or none of that commodity in this market now and prices are already about as high as they can get. For prices see market page.

DIY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Warmer weather is stimulating the demand for seasonable goods and an increased volume of trade is noticeable this week. All the jobbing houses are busy and particularly the dry goods houses. Seasonable men's goods such as bicycle and golfing suits, summer shirts, ties, hosiery, etc., are all in active demand. Values remain firm and the trade is generally on a most satisfactory basis.

FISH.

Receipts of fresh whitefish from the northern lakes are not so large as predictions of last week indicated they would be, and dealers have had barely enough to supply the demand. Next week should bring a more plentiful supply. The feature of the week is a temporary shortage in the supply of trout. Deliveries from Port Arthur have not been sufficient to supply the demand. Some have been brought from St. Paul. In salt water fish the only offerings are some shads, and smelts, although a few cod and haddock are coming in for the use of hotels, etc. For quotations see "prices current" page.

GREEN FRUITS.

The demand for fruit for use on the Queen's birthday was quite heavy and constituted the principal feature of this week's trading, although there has been a steady demand throughout the whole week. Thursday was a busy day at most of the warehouses owing, perhaps, to the complete clean-up on Wednesday. The market situation remains much the same as last week. Oranges are in active demand, Navels are about out, and it is hard to get selections of sizes, Med. sweets, and St. Michael's are still offering. A few late Valencias are offering. These are a little too high yet for general sale. The season for these will open soon. Bananas are arriving freely and are steady in price. Lemons are unchanged. Apples are out of the market. Strawberries are firmer this week and the low figure of \$2.75 per case mentioned last week has not been touched again. \$3.00 to \$3.25 is now the prevailing price. A large shipment of cherries is expected shortly from California. Cucumbers, imported, will be in the market next week. We quote prices as follows: Naval oranges, \$1.00 to \$1.50; seedlings \$3.25 to \$3.75, as to quality, per box; Mediterranean sweets, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per case; St. Michael's, \$4.50 to \$5.00; late Valencias, \$6.00; bloods, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box, bananas per bunch, \$2.00 to \$2.50 as to size and quality; Messina lemons, fancy November cuts, long-keeping stock, \$3.75 per case, and 5 case lots, \$3.50; choice Messinas, \$3.00 per case, and in 5 case lots \$2.75; California lemons, \$4.00; pineapples, \$2.50 to \$3.00, according to size; strawberries, per case, twenty-four one quart boxes, \$3.25; cherries, \$2.75 per box; coconuts in sacks of 100, \$5; Sully Gilberts, large, 12c per lb., Grenoble walnuts, 14c; 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 gallon cans,

\$1.25. 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, \$2.10 per dozen; dates 7c per pound; native lettuce, radish, water cress, etc., per dozen bunches, 35c; California cabbage, 7c per pound; papian per pound, 11-2c; onions, 3 1-2c per pound; cucumbers, 75c per dozen.

GROCERIES.

The feature of interest this week in the local grocery market is the reduction in the prices for starch both culinary and laundry. This reduction has been made in sympathy with the decline in prices in eastern markets. The decline amounts to about 1-4c all round. Jobbing houses have received notice of another advance of 25c per dozen in the price of brooms and this now applies to local quotations. Pot barley is lower at \$2.10 to \$2.50. Valencia raisins have advanced 5 to 10c and are now quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.60 for fine off stalk. Layer Valencias are worth 10c more at \$1.85 to \$1.90. Apricots are 1c higher at 18 1-2 to 19 1-2c. Extra standard granulated sugar is a little easier at \$5.20. Common coarse salt is firmer at 5c advance on the inside quotation. Other prices remain unchanged. Business is moving freely and there are no unusual features. For quotations see "prices current" page.

HARDWARE.

Our price list has undergone several changes this week all in an upward direction. Ingot tin is now quoted at 31c as against 29c last week. Tin plates are also 25 to 50c higher. Terne plates have advanced 50c. Sleigh shoe and tire steel have advanced 25c to \$3.25 and \$3.75 respectively. Sheet iron, 10 to 20 gauge has advanced to \$3.50, 22 to 26 gauge, is 50c higher at \$3.75, and 28 gauge is 50c higher at \$4.00. Canada plates have advanced 15c to \$3.25. Galvanized iron is up 25c all around. Coil chain has advanced, 1-1 inch, 50c to \$6.50, 3-16 inch advanced 25c to \$5.00, 3-8 inch advanced 50c to \$4.75, 7-16 inch advanced 50c to \$4.50, 1-2 inch advanced 40c to \$4.25. This is the result of last week's advance east. Tinned copper in sheets is 1c higher at 37c, and plates of copper 1c higher at 35c. Sheet zinc in casks has advanced \$1 to \$9 per 100 pounds, broken lot, are also quoted \$1 higher at \$9.50. Solder is 1c higher at 19c per pound. Heavy shipments of hardware are now arriving from the east and prices as will be seen from the above changes are getting on a par with quotations at Toronto and Montreal. The volume of trade is fairly large. For prices see another page.

LUMBER.

There is very little change in the market for lumber. Trade is quiet both in city and country for the time being. The season promises well, however, and dealers are pleased with the prospects. The end of the strike in the building trades at Winnipeg, which is now under arbitration, will improve the demand here.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business has been affected somewhat by the suspension of building operations in the city owing to the strike, but a fair trade has been done this week notwithstanding, in city orders and of course, country trade is in a normal condition. The only change in prices to note is in white and red lead.

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Prices have been advanced to correspond with the advance of last week in eastern markets. We quote pure white lead at \$6.62 1-2 per 100 pounds as against \$6.50 old price. No. 1 white lead is now \$6.37 1-2 as against \$6.25 a week ago. Red lead in kegs is worth 6 1-2c. as against 6 1-4c one week ago. Turpentine is a little easier at 72c for pure spirits in barrels. Window glass has not yet advanced here, but the prospects are that it will within a few days. Prices are too low compared with other markets.

RAW FURS.

Rats are arriving pretty freely and are bringing from 4 to 12c according to quality. One lot of 13,000 skins arrived in the city this week from Lake Winnipeg. They were all consigned by one trader. Generally speaking the trade in furs presents no unusual features this spring. Most of the furs are supposed to be in now, although a few large lots are still to arrive. About the usual number of skins have been handled.

SCRAP MARKET.

We quote prices for scrap f.o.b. Winnipeg as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton; No. 2, do., \$1 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$1 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$1 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, 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt.; rubber, boots and shoes free from articles and rivets, 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have been more active during the past week, but irregular and uncertain. In the American speculative markets there has been much activity, stimulated by a continuation of excessively bad crop reports from the winter wheat districts, and prices have touched 3c per bushel above the close of a week ago, but subsequent reaction leaves them with a gain of 1 1-2c per bushel on the week. The reports on the winter wheat crop show a gradual lowering of condition since the beginning of the month, notwithstanding very favorable weather. The chinch bug andessian fly are destroying much wheat which escaped winter killing, and a considerable breadth of the acreage that started well after coming out of winter quarters has been affected and deteriorated; not destroyed by these insects. Besides this, there is much wheat that has not responded to the influence of favorable weather as was expected of it. The effect of this lowering of condition has caused statisticians to lower their estimates of the probable yield of winter wheat to 200,000,000 bushels, against 382,000,000 bushels reported actual yield of last year's crop. Up to the present time the prospect for the spring wheat crop is eminently satisfactory. During the past week the receipts of wheat from the spring wheat districts have materially increased, and are much heavier than at same time last year, and country offerings are reported as liberal. Harvesting of wheat is reported as beginning in Alabama and Texas. The crops in the p continue on the whole to show a favorable prospect, but there are not wanting some complaints as to adverse suggestions in various

localities. Southern Russia and Roumania report too much dry weather, bordering on drouth, and yesterday France and England complain of too wet weather, causing the wheat to grow too rank. Although harvest is beginning or is about to begin in the most southern districts of Europe and the States, much may yet happen to make or mar the outcome of the season's crops on both continents, and the situation is a particularly trying one to dealers and holders of wheat for while the crop prospect is to a certain extent in doubt, especially on this side, there is at the same time a great deal of wheat in sight for the European consumer and the indifference of European buyers, mentioned several times previously in these reports, still continues, and in a general way prices on this side are kept by speculative operations above an export basis, and exporters are working under a precarious environment, which forces them to take much risk in trading, and has been resulting in considerable unremunerative business, and in some cases serious loss. Statistics for the past week show that the American visible supply decreased 560,000 bushels, compared with a decrease of 1,438,000 bushels for previous week. The world's visible supply decreased 1,300,000 bushels, against an increase in previous week of 876,000 bushels. The world's shipments were 6,788,000 bushels, against 8,900,000 bushels the week before.

The local market continues to follow the ups and downs of Chicago, but the large buyers and shippers are more than half the time out of the market, not being able to buy freely at the current quotations, because of the difficulty of selling for shipment at a profit. Last week the price of 1 hard in store Fort William closed at 73 3-4c, and on Monday 73 1-2c was paid in the morning, but market strengthened, and 74 1-2c was paid in the afternoon. On Tuesday the price was at 74c. On Wednesday 74 1-2c in the morning, but outside markets closing with a spurt 75c was paid in the afternoon. On Thursday outside markets were very strong and scored an advance of 1 1-2c per bushel, and 1 hard sold at 76c, but in the afternoon the feeling was weaker, and no buyers could be found. Yesterday the outside markets declined, and in the morning 1 hard sold for 75 1-2c in a small way, but in the afternoon 75c was the best price, with few buyers caring to touch it even at that. 2 hard and 1 northern remain at 3c under 1 hard, and 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring at 6 1-2c under 1 hard. A car or two of tough 2 hard has been sold at 60c to 63c in store Fort William, but this wheat is not wanted, shippers are afraid of it. Dried 2 hard at close of week is worth 8c under 1 hard, and dried 2 northern 9c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—The feature of the week is an advance of 10c in the local quotations, which took effect on Tuesday. We quote prices now as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.10; Lake of the Woods' patent, \$1.90; strong bakers, \$1.70; second bakers, \$1.25; XXXX, \$1 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to cash buyers.

MILLFEED—We quote prices as follows: Bran \$10; shorts \$12, with \$1 off large orders.

GROUND FEED—Best corn feed this week is worth \$20 per ton, inferior grades \$18 per ton. (at chop is quoted at \$22 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. Ollcake, \$21 per ton and scarce.

MEAL—Rolled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.85 in 80 pound sacks to the retail trade. Granulated and standard, \$2.35. United States meal is being quoted at \$1.65 for car lots on track.

OATS—Oats are becoming scarcer and prices have advanced 2c this week in consequence. The improvement in supply noted two or three weeks ago has not continued and deliveries are now very light. Enquiries made by some of the grain dealers through their agents at country points has failed to locate any considerable quantity. We quote prices this week as follows: No. 1 white, 42c; No. 2 white, 39 to 10c; No. 2 mixed, 38c, on track Winnipeg.

CORN—The demand for corn improves as oats become scarcer and it is gradually taking the place of oats for feed. This week quotations are 41 to 42c on track, Winnipeg.

BARLEY—There is good demand for barley for both seed and feed purposes. Offerings are very light. We quote 35c to 36c for seed quality on track, Winnipeg.

FLAX—None offering. Quoted nominally at about \$1.

WHEAT—The country market for wheat is improving. Several elevators have been opened this week and more are to follow. The advance in prices has tempted many farmers to sell. We quote No. 1 hard wheat, on track Brandon at 60c. For farmers' loads about 56c is being paid.

HAY—Fresh baled hay on track, Winnipeg, is worth \$8 to \$8.50 per ton. Loose hay on the street is worth \$9 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery. The factories are now getting to work, but the backward nature of the season has kept the output rather small to date. Buyers are not anxious to pack up the early make and prefer to handle on commission only. On the basis of eastern markets prices would be about 17 to 18c as to quality and freights at factories here. Eastern creamery has been going through freely to British Columbia points, and both the coast and Keotenay markets are well supplied with Ontario creamery. This creamery was bought at low prices, ranging as low as 16 to 16 1-2c in Ontario, which indicates what Manitoba creamery will have to compete with in British Columbia markets.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is not at all in satisfactory shape and the outlook indicates lower prices as compared with prices paid last year in Manitoba for dairy butter. Last season's trade in dairy butter was not satisfactory to those who held, as is now well known to the trade. Considerable old butter was carried over, which found a very poor market. Now only the choicest sells at all readily at fair prices, for local demand, and this demand is limited, as the city is nearly supplied by farmers from the surrounding districts. There is considerable old dairy held in British Columbia markets, and more local made butter is offering in British Columbia than ever before. To ship our dairy east would mean very low prices. Country merchants have been paying more than the goods will bring for dairy butter, and with the outlook before them, it will be necessary to reduce prices paid to farmers if the merchant is to come

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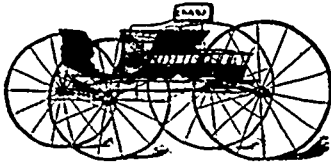
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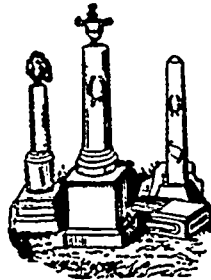
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out without a loss on purchases of butter. While there will be a moderate demand for fine fresh dairy, anything but choicest will be slow sale at very low prices. Commission houses here now quote: Finest fresh rolls, 14c; finest dairy tubs, 15c; fine separator bricks, 18c. Freight and commission off these quotations to country shippers. Dairy butter is being handled mostly on a commission basis, as dealers do not care to buy early goods.

CHEESE—No new cheese has been received yet, but is expected in a week or ten days. Old stock is selling at 9 1/2c to 10c per pound in a small way.

EGGS—Receipts of eggs have not been very heavy this week and on a good demand the market has gained a little strength. Commission men are now quoting 11c net for strictly fresh eggs, which is an advance of 1-2c since a week ago; 10 1/2c was paid the early part of the week.

VEGETABLES—Local cutting has demoralized the price of potatoes to some extent in the city and prices have dropped 15 to 20c. We quote prices as follows: Potatoes, choice, 70c per bushel; red, 60 to 65c for small lots. Car lots are quoted at 60c per bushel; turnips, 30c per bushel, parsnips 11-2c per pound; beets 50c per bushel; onions 3 1/2c per pound; rhubarb, 11-2c per lb; radish, 25c; parsley and lettuce, 25c per dozen bunches; green onions 15c per dozen bunches.

SENECA ROOT—No new root has yet been offered. We quote 17c per pound for clean, dry root.

HIDES—The hide market is quiet and without change. Prices remain as follows: Inspected hides No. 1, 6 1/2c; No. 2, 5 1/2c; No. 3, 4 1/2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3, kip, 6c to 6 1/2c; calf, 8c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, 40 to 65c, as to length of wool; clips, 10c. horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

POULTRY—Chickens are very high in price. From 80c to \$1.00 per pair is being paid for live birds. Turkeys are worth 11c per pound, alive, or 15c dressed.

DRESSED MEATS—The market remains steady. Mutton is very firm in price. We quote as follows: Beef, extra choice, 7 1/2c per pound, good to choice, 6 1/2c to 7c; fresh killed mutton, 9 to 10c; veal, scarce at 7 to 8c; pork, 6 to 6 1/2c per pound, the top price for city dressed; spring lamb, \$1.00 to \$5.00 each, as to size and quality.

WOOL—Scarcely anything has been done in the new clip of wool yet. A few small lots have been picked up at 7 to 7 1/2c for unwashed Manitoba fleece. The outlook for prices is not improved, wool being very low in the East, with considerable of last year's clip held yet. There is much complaint about the dirty quality of much of the Manitoba wool, which is said to contain far more straw, chaff and other dirt than is found in the Ontario wool. For this reason eastern manufacturers want a closer price for Manitoba wool. Considerable of last clip of territory wool is also still held East. One house has 80,000 pounds of territory wool, which it is said they have offered at about cost. This makes the outlook unsatisfactory for territory wool as well as for the longer wools such as are produced in Manitoba. Territory wools are expected to bring between 8 and 9c for fine grades, with coarser

wools 1-2 to 1c lower range. Eastern manufacturers are importing fine wools, but they are of a different class from our home clip. One trouble with our territory wool is, that it varies so greatly in the grade. Almost every rancher has a different class of wool, through crossing with different stock. At the present time fine short wools bring the best price in Canada, while our territory wool is a much longer wool than was formerly produced in the territories a few years ago. At that time fine short wools were comparatively low. Now the situation is the other way. While territory sheep have been bred for longer wool, we are now importing fine wool. The nature of the demand as well as the nature of the supply, is of course subject to change. The wools being imported at Montreal are fine, even qualities, such as are not produced in this country to any extent.

TALLOW—No. 1 tallow is worth 3 1/2c per pound; No. 2, 2 1/2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The week has been a quiet one. In the absence of export trade the movement of beef cattle is light. Further shipments of stockers to the western ranges have been made. Local batches seem to be pretty well supplied with beef for the moment and there is no great inquiry for butchers' cattle. We quote 4 to 4 3/4c per pound for choice beef cattle, although slightly better than this can be obtained for an extra fine animal. Yearling stockers are worth \$12 to \$16 per head, and two year olds \$18 to \$23. There is a better demand for Manitoba stocker cattle for the western ranges, than ever before. Instead of the stockers going mostly to the United States, as in years past, they are now mostly being shipped to our own western ranges. Small or scrub animals, however, are not wanted for the ranges, and range shipments of this class have been refused. While good animals are bringing firm prices. Scrubs are not selling at all. The class of stockers wanted for the ranges are animals that will make good export cattle, and poorly bred runts and scrubs are no use for this purpose.

HOGS—The market is a little weak. There is a fair movement, sufficient to meet all local requirements. We note 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c per pound for best weights.

SHEEP—An unexpectedly large demand for sheep from outside points has created a scarcity in this market and in consequence shipments have had to be brought in from Ontario to meet the immediate requirements. Points as far west as Regina have been drawing supplies of mutton from here and parts of Manitoba which usually have some to ship have been taking stock from Winnipeg dealers instead. Two cars of Ontario sheep have been brought in but at ruling prices in Toronto it does not seem possible to import from there without making a loss at present prices here. We quote 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c per pound as the prevailing price for home grown sheep, off cars, here. Sheep will undoubtedly be scarce for some time, as owing to the backward season, grass sheep will not be fit for market as early as usual, and the supply of fed sheep appears to be very small this year.

MILCH COWS—A good new milker will readily bring from \$30 to \$40 in the city to-day.

HORSES—There is a steady demand for all kinds of horses for both town

and country use and good prices are realized for desirable animals. Dealers who visit the United States markets state that horses suitable for this trade are becoming scarce there. For a good work horse from \$100 to \$175 will readily be paid in this market.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is up 20c per barrel, oats 1c lower, corn 1-4c lower, flaxseed 1c lower, potatoes 5c per bushel lower, butter 1c lower, eggs 1c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$3.75 to \$3.85, second patents, \$3.55 to \$3.65.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25, bran in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$12.75 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 26 1/2c.

Corn—Quoted at 20 1/2c for No. 3 yellow; 30 1-4c for No. 3, 29 to 29 1-2c for No. 4.

Barley—30 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.00 per bushel.

Eggs—12c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 9 to 11 1/2c; fair to good, 7 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 14 1/2 to 16 1/2c for choice to extras; seconds 11 to 11 1/2c; dairy, 12 to 15 for choice to fancy; seconds, 10 to 11c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 8 3/4c for No. 1; 7 3/4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs., 8 1/4 and 9 1/4c; sheepskins 25 to 70c each veal, calf, 9 1/2 to 11c; tallow, 3 to 4c; seneca root, 22c.

Apples—No. 1 stock, \$5.50 per barrel, boxes, \$1.75.

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

Poultry—Live chickens, 5 to 10c; turkeys, 5 to 10c; ducks, 5 to 9c; geese, 5c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 30 to 40c; mixed 20 to 25c.

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

Hay—\$5 to \$8.50 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$5.50.

The Commercial Men.

F. C. Shorey, of Shorey & Co., wholesale clothing, Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week.

Walter Crone, the popular western traveller for the H. A. Nelson & Son's Co., was in the city this week.

Alex. Jardine, representative of the Inure Gold Manufacturing company, of Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg on the 24th.

E. M. Kallmeyer, a well known western traveller, was in the city this week, coming from the west.

Alex. Munro, representative of Knox, Morgan & Co., Hamilton, Ont., was in the city this week. Mr. Munro takes the place of R. H. Climie, who formerly represented this firm in the west, but resigned recently to accept another position.

Gordon J. Drummond, who has represented the Winnipeg house of J. W. Peck & Co., for the past three years in the far west, died in Winnipeg on Monday morning last. Mr. Drummond was taken ill at Fernie, B. C., about a month ago. He was a young man, only 26 years of age, and was a Scotchman by birth.

Nelson Bros., large iron merchants, Glasgow, have failed.

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, May 27.

Creamery butter is 1-2c lower, eggs are 1c lower. Old potatoes are higher, but new are lower. Oranges are up 25c per box. The weather is warmer and the Fraser river is rising rapidly. Fear of flood. Two holidays this week interfered with business.

BUTTER—Ontario creamery, 21 1-2c.
EGGS—Fresh eastern, 17 to 18c.

CHEESE—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c.

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, 11c; 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, bloater 7c; cod 6c per lb.

VEGETABLES—1 lotatoes, \$35 per ton; new potatoes 2 1-2c per 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, \$3.50 box; naval oranges, \$4 to \$4.50 box; seedlings, \$2.75 to \$3 box; St. box; seedlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75 box; St. Michael oranges, \$3.50; blood oranges, \$3.50 box; cherries, \$2.00 box; strawberries, \$2.50 crate, bananas, \$2.75 bunch.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.90, 2 45 pound sacks, \$3; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10 7 lb. sacks, \$2.60; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 5's \$3.

FLOUR—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$1.50, strong bakers, \$1.20; Oregon, \$1.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton; wheat, \$25 to \$28.

GROUND FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$24 ton; bran, \$22; oil cake meal \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef 9c 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 1-2c; walnuts 13c lb.

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

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

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 28c; Ceylon and India: Fair 20c, good 30c; choice 35c lb.

PRICES IN THE BOGTOWN.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., May 27.

Business is quiet and the situation is unsettled on account of the proposed putting into effect on June 12 of the new eight hour law for miners. It is feared strikes will result from the proposed reduction of wages on account of the compulsory shortening of the hours of labor. Held creamery butter is now out of the market. Heavy receipts of Ontario eggs have arrived and prices are 1c lower this

week. Oats are up \$1 per ton, and potatoes are also \$1 ton higher. Flour has been reduced 10c barrel. The weather is warm.

Following are jobbers prices here:
Creamery, fresh eastern—22c.
Manitoba, creamery bricks—24c.
Cheese, large—11c.
Eggs, Ontario fresh—17c.
Oats, per ton—\$31.
Flour, Manitoba patent, per barrel—\$4.60.
Potatoes, per ton—\$38.

British Columbia Items.

F. Isley, lumber, is opening at Trail.
James Chisholm, grocer, Kaslo, is dead.

J. R. Choquette, fruits, etc., is opening at Trail.

F. P. Drummond is opening a general store at Salmo.

A. E. Fawcett, drugs, Ladner, has sold out to J. Gibbs.

W. T. Ka... hotel, Cranbrook, has sold out to Robt. Evans.

Mrs. V. Jensen, saloon, Victoria, has sold out to H. C. Marr.

J. H. Smith, brewery, is commencing business at Grand Forks.

S. Graham, butcher, has commenced business at Fernie.

C. J. Campbell is opening a hotel and general store at Kaslo.

Johnson & Nelson, hotel, Kaslo, are applying for transfer of license.

London & Liverpool Co., Fernie, are opening a branch at Cranbrook.

Olson & Thalen, groceries, Golden, have opened a branch at Rendell.

Clarke & Co., drugs, Ashcroft, have changed style to the Ashcroft Drug Co.

S. Marks, clothing, and boots and shoes, Victoria, is changing style to M. Marks.

W. J. Snodgrass & Sons, fruit, etc., are commencing business at Greenwood.

J. & A. Clearihue, commission and produce, Victoria, have retired from business.

The British Columbia Mercantile and Mining Syndicate, Gladstone, is opening a branch at Cascade City.

Victoria Shoe Co., Ltd., Victoria; application made for change of name to The Paterson Shoe Co., Ltd.

IMPORTANT LUMBER DEAL.

The Assiniboine Lumber Co., Brandon, has sold out to John Hanbury, who carries on a planing mill and lumber business at Brandon. The deal includes the sawmill at Brandon, stock of lumber on hand and logs for this season's operations.

ST. ANDREW'S RAPIDS.

The agitation in Winnipeg for the improvement of the Red river, to open navigation between the city and Lake Winnipeg, appears already to have borne fruit. However, as Winnipeg is one the eve of an election, it will not be well to place over-confidence in assurances of politicians that the work will be proceeded with. A telegram from Ottawa yesterday reported that a sum would be placed in the supplementary estimates for commencing the work this year, with the object of completing it next season. If this proves true it will be good news for Winnipeg and the Red River valley country and northern Manitoba generally, and will be a great step in the development of the country.

CREATED A MISUNDERSTANDING.

Toronto Shoe and Leather Journal: "A certain jobbing concern doing business in this city is credited with having sent out a circular which conveys to the reader the impression that the said concern are constituted exclusive agents for the "Maltese Cross" brand of rubbers. One or two other concerns who are handling this brand take exception to the statement contained in the circular, and have called our attention to this matter and asked us to have it placed correctly before the trade. They naturally feel that the firm in question is taking an unfair advantage by creating the impression that they are exclusive agents of "Maltese Cross" rubbers when such is not the case. On interviewing the Gutta Percha and Rubber Mfg. Co. we are authorized to state that they have made no such exclusive arrangement with any concern to handle their goods, and that all jobbing houses selling their product are on an equal footing. The authors of the circular disclaim any intention to create an impression as stated and doubtless will have no objection to our placing this matter correctly before the shoe trade."

Western Business Items.

The Record Printing Co. is being established at Brandon, Man.

McRae & Williams are opening a general store at Plumas, Man.

J. A. Williamson, brick manufacturer, is starting at Regina, Assa.

A. T. Andrews, drugs, Plumas, Man., has sold out to A. B. Stewart.

Fairbairn & Ritchie, are starting a flour mill at Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Wm. Macdonell & Co. are opening a general store at Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

T. J. S. Stinson, Palace hotel, Calgary, Alberta, has sold out to C. Christenson.

A. M. Kane & Co., general store, Rothwell, Man., are reported to contemplate discontinuing business.

Wm. Macdonell & Co., general store, Rear's Hill, Alberta, are dissolving partnership.

T. W. Thompson & Co., general store, Barwick, Northwestern Ontario, are dissolving partnership.

J. A. Stewart, who for some time past has been with the Regina Book & Drug company, has gone to Rosethorn to start in the drug business.

Lacombe Co-Operative Association, Ltd., general store, Lacombe, Alberta, contemplate opening a branch at Ponoko.

THE DAWSON FIRE.

A later report from Dawson places the loss by the recent fire at \$1,000,000. Even this reduced estimate will probably be found to be excessive. About 125 buildings were burned or torn down. About half the business part of the town was burned. The Canadian Bank of Commerce buildings at Dawson were not burned, the previous report that they were having been an error.

WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns of last week reported 215 cars of wheat inspected — compared with 178 cars the previous week — which graded as follows: 1 hard, 92 cars; 2 hard, 7; 3 hard, 0; 1 northern, 50; 2 northern, 10; 3 northern, 3; 1 spring, 3; rejected, 7; no grade, 43 cars.

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, May 22.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-4c, closed 71c. July opened 73 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 75c. b. Sept. opened 73 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 74 7-8c. Corn, May opened 32 3-4c, closed 33c. July opened 33 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 33 5-8c. Sept. opened 33 7-8c to 31c, closed 31 3-8c. Oats, May opened 27 1-8c, closed 26 7-8c. July opened 23 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 23 7-8c. Sept. opened 20 7-8c, closed 20 7-8c. Pork, July opened \$8.17, closed \$8.25. Sept. opened \$8.35, closed \$8.40. Lard, July opened \$5.12, closed \$5.15. Sept. opened \$5.25, closed \$5.27. Ribs, July opened \$4.70, closed \$4.72. Sept. opened \$4.80, closed \$4.85. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.05; N. W. \$1.07 1-2, July \$1.01 1-2c. Sept. 90c.

Chicago, May 23.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-2c, closed 73 1-8c. July opened 73 1-8 to 75c, closed 74 1-8 to 1-4c. Sept. opened 74 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 74 1-8 to 1-4c. Corn, May opened 32 3-4c b, closed 32 7-8c. July opened 33 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 33 1-4 to 1-2c. Sept. opened 34 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 33 7-8 to 31c a. Oats, May opened 26 3-4c, closed 26 1-2 to 3-4c. July opened 23 3-4 to 24c, closed 23 1-2c. Sept. opened 20 7-8c, closed 23 1-2c. Pork, July opened \$8.27, closed \$8.25. Sept. opened \$8.42, closed \$8.42 a. Lard, July opened \$5.12, closed \$5.27. Ribs, July opened \$4.72, closed \$4.72 to \$4-4c. Sept. opened \$4.85, closed \$4.87 a. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.07. S. W. \$1.05 3-4. May \$1.06 a. July \$1.04 1-4 a. Sept. 91c a.

Chicago, May 24.—Wheat—May opened 73 3-8c, closed 74 1-8c; July opened 74 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 75 1-8c; September opened 74 3-8 to 1-2, closed 74 7-8c.

Corn—May opened 32 7-8c, closed 33; July opened 33 1-1 to 3-8c, closed 33 3-8c; September opened 33 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 34c.

Oats—May opened 26 1-2c, closed 26 3-8c; July opened 23 1-2c, closed 23 1-2c; September opened 20 5-8c, closed 20 5-8c.

Pork—July opened \$8.20, closed \$8.22; September opened \$8.35, closed \$8.37. Lard—July opened \$5.10, closed \$5.07; September opened \$5.22, closed \$5.20. Ribs—July opened \$4.72, closed \$4.70; September opened \$4.82, closed \$4.82.

Chicago, May 25.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-4c, closed 75 1-2c. July opened 76 1-4 to 76c, closed 76 1-2c b. Sept. opened 76 to 75 3-4c, closed 76 1-4c a. Corn, May opened 33 1-4c, closed 33 1-8c. July opened 34 1-8 to 3-4c, closed 33 7-8c b. Oats, May opened 26 1-2c, closed 25 3-4c. July opened 23 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 23 1-4c. Sept. opened 20 3-4c, closed 20 1-2c. Pork, July opened \$8.15 to \$8.17, closed \$8.15 a. Sept. opened \$5.17, closed \$5.15 b. Ribs, July opened \$4.67, closed \$4.65 a. Sept. opened \$4.80, closed \$4.77 a. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.07. S. W. \$1.05. May \$1.06. July \$1.04. Sept. 91 1-2c b.

Chicago, May 26.—Wheat, May opened 74 3-4c, closed 74 3-8c. July opened 75 1-2 to 1-4c, closed 75 1-4c. Sept. opened 75 1-8 to 75c, closed 75c. Corn, May opened 33c, closed 32 5-8c. July opened 33 to 33 1-8c, closed 33c a. Sept. opened 33 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 33 3-8c b. Oats, May opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 1-4. July opened 23 1-8 to 23c, closed 22 3-4c. Sept. opened 20 3-8c, closed 19 3-4c. Pork, July opened \$8.10, closed \$8.05. Sept. opened \$8.27 1-2c, closed \$8.22. Lard July opened \$5, closed \$5. Sept. opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.12. Ribs, July opened \$4.65, closed \$4.62. Sept. opened \$4.75, closed \$4.75. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.06 1-2c. S. W. \$1.04. May \$1.06. July \$1.04 1-2 b. Sept. 92 1-2c.

Chicago, May 27.—Wheat opened at 74 7-8c for July and ranged from 74

3-4 to 75 7-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May, 74 7-8c; July, 75 3-4c; Sept., 75 7-8c.

Corn—May, 32 5-8c; July, 32 3-4c.

Oats—May, 24 3-4c; July, 22 1-2c.

Pork—July, \$8.15, Sept., \$8.30.

Lard—July, \$5.02; Sept., \$5.15.

Ribs—July, \$4.65; Sept., \$4.80.

A week ago July option closed at 73 1-2c; a year ago July wheat closed at \$1.03 1-2; two years ago at 68 3-8c; three years ago at 57 7-8c; four years ago at 79 1-4c, and five years ago at 55 1-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, May 27.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.06 for cash and July \$1.03 1-2.

New York Wheat

New York, May 22.—Wheat: Receipts 67,525 bushels; exports 171,936 bushels. Options opened steady and immediately developed positive strength that increased as the day wore on. It was occasioned by a sharp southwestern advance and plentiful news of fly damage in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. The market closed strong at 7-8c to 11-4c net advance.

New York, May 23.—Wheat—Receipts, 72,150 bushels; exports, 58,023 bushels. Options opened firm on a little foreign demand, but developed in sudden weakness and ruled heavy until the last hour, when active covering inspired a sharp rally. The depression at noon was aggravated, by tight export trade, general realizing and declines in southwest markets. After 2 o'clock prices had a second collapse, under a bear raid, and closed weak at 5-8 to 1c net loss.

New York, May 24.—Wheat, May opened 81c, closed 81 1-2c; July, opened 79 1-8c, closed 79 3-4c; September opened 78c, closed 78 3-4c.

New York, May 25.—Wheat: Receipts 131,350 bushels; exports 88,751 bushels. Options opened active and strong on foreign buying, reduced crop estimates, local covering and bad crop news. Under subsequent realizing half the advance was lost, which was regained once more in the last hour on a demand from shorts, supplemented by strong English cables and bullish Roumanian crop news. The market closed strong at 3-8 to 1-2c advance.

New York, May 26.—Wheat, May opened 83c, closed 81 5-8c. July opened 80 1-2c, closed 80 1-8c. Sept. opened 79 3-8c, closed 79 1-8c b.

New York, May 27.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: May, 82c; July, 80 1-2c; Sept., 79c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 71 5-8c, July, 75c.

Tuesday—May, 74 1-8c; July, 74 5-8c.

Wednesday—May, 74 7-8c; July 75 1-8c.

Thursday—May 75 7-8c; July, 76 1-8c.

Friday—May 74 3-4c; July, 75 1-8c; Sept., 73 5-8c.

Saturday—May, 74 5-8c; July 75 1-8c; Sept. 74c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 77 1-8c and cash No. 1 northern at 74 5-8c.

A week ago July wheat closed at 73 3-4c. A year ago July wheat closed at \$1.12, two years ago at 71 1-4c and three years ago at 59c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat was quiet to-day, and nominal at about 75c. Later, with the strength at Chicago, the feeling was firmer, and the closing quotation was about 75 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, May 26.—Wheat, spot, No. 2 red winter steady at 68; No. 1 red northern Duluth steady at 68 1/4. May 26 6d.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 27.—Wheat closed 1 3-8d lower.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, May 27.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 71 1-2c for May, and 72 5-8c for July; cash, No. 1 northern, 72 1-2c; cash, No. 2 northern 71 1-2c.

MANITOBA WHEAT STOCK.

There were 3,185,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on May 20, compared with 3,374,000 bushels one week previously. Receipts for the week were 308,000 bushels and shipments 497,000 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 551,000 bushels, with receipts of 200,000 and shipments of 50,000 bushels for that week. Two years ago stocks were 3,250,000 bushels; three years ago 3,612,000 bushels; four years ago, 589,000 bushels; five years ago, 1,513,000 and six years ago 3,353,000.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,700,000 bushels compared with about 2,181,000 bushels a year ago, 6,328,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels four years ago.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Peterboro, May 23.—At the cheese sale to-day about 2,100 boxes of colored cheese were offered, first half May make. The following sales were made: 450 at 87-8c; 700 at 83-1c; 550 at 85-8c.

Ingersoll, May 23.—Offerings to-day 1,233 colored and 150 white; 81-2c bid for colored and 83-4c for white; no sales.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, May 26.—Closing: Consols for money 109 7-8; for the account, 109 15-16. Canadian Pacific 101 1-4. Bar silver 28 1-16d, quiet. Money 1 1-4. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months bills is 2 1/2 per cent. Grand Trunk 77-8; Amconda £12.

MONTREAL CATTLE MARKET.

Montreal, May 22.—There is a good demand for ocean freight, especially Liverpool and Glasgow, the latter having been booked for June at 32s 6d to 35s. Some shippers are now after July space for which higher rates are being asked. Space to Liverpool has been let freely at 30 to 32s 6d, and to London at 27s 6d to 30s. The shipments of the past week were the largest this season, being close on to 4,000 head forwarded, of which there was a large number of American cattle. The tone of the local market was very firm, and prices have an upward tendency, owing to the small receipts at the east end abattoirs. The market receipts were 350 cattle. Choice heaves sold at 5 to 5 1-4c, good at 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, fair at 3 3-4 to 4c and lower grades at 3 to 3 1-2c per lb.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Toronto, May 27.

Special to The Commercial.

Dry goods—Sorting trade is better owing to warmer weather. Fall goods are slow sale, but a few are buying liberally. Owing to advancing markets, nearly all British orders for woolen goods would cost 10 to 15 per cent increase. Cottons are firmer in sympathy with the rise in United States goods.

Hardware—Trade is more active in barbed wire. Nearly all the wire selling is imported owing to scarcity of galvanized wire. There is a good demand for ammunition. Green wire cloth is 20c dearer. Harvest tools are in active demand, but scarce. Bar iron is up 10c per 100 pounds. Turpentine is 2c lower.

Groceries—Quiet. The feature of the week is trouble between sugar refiners and wholesalers. The agreement adopted in October has been suspended and sugars sold at open prices for a time, but the agreement is now restored pending negotiations. In the meantime refiners are only selling on net cash basis. Refiners complain of wholesalers asking retailers too much and allowing United States sugars to come in. Molasses is dearer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 27.

Ontario flour is 10c higher. Oats are weak and 1-2c lower. Wool is not offering very freely and there is but little demand for it. Fleeced wool is 1-2c lower at 13c, and unwashed is also 1-2c lower at 8c. Calfskins are 1c lower. Eggs are 1-2c dearer at 12c. following are quotations to-day:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$3.30 to \$4. Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80. Ontario straight roller, \$3.25 per bbl. for car lots, Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 69 to 70c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 85c; grinding in transit, and 83c Toronto freights.

Oats—White 30 1-2 to 31c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 42c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton; bran \$12 to \$12.50 per ton at country points.

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

Eggs—New laid, 12c.

Butter—Dairy tubs, fresh, 11 to 12c; creamery, tubs, 16c.

Cheese—New, 9 1-4 to 9 1-2c.

Hides—Green, 8 1-4c for No. 1, 7 1-4c for No. 2, and 6 1-4c for No. 3. Cured hides firmer at 8 3-4 to 9. Sheepskins full wool, 75c to \$1; lambskins, 20c; calfskins 7 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow 4 1-2c.

Potatoes—Car lots, Toronto 75c per bushel; out of store 85c per bushel.

Wool—Washed fleeces 13c; unwashed 8c.

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

Dressed hogs—\$3.35 to \$5.00 per 100 pounds.

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

Maple syrup—90c to \$1.10 per gal. in tins, imperial measure.

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

Poultry—Turkeys, 11c to 13c chickens 50 to 70c a pair.

Seeds—Red clover, \$5 to 6 per 100 lbs., alsike, \$4.50 to \$6, timothy, \$2.25 to 2.75.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 23.

Receipts of live stock at the market to-day were 96 carloads of all kinds, including 2,300 hogs, 1,650 cattle and 300 sheep and lambs, being the heaviest all around receipts of the season.

Export cattle—Prices were firm. Good heavy exporters sold at \$4.75 to \$4.90 per cwt. One carload of choice sold for \$5. The offerings included some very fine cattle. Light exporters steady at \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle—Prices firm. Good to choice selections \$4.40 to \$4.60 per cwt. Medium and common firm at \$3.25 to \$4.25, and down to \$3 to \$3.25 for poor.

Stockers and feeders—Heavy stockers quoted at \$1 to \$4.25 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Active demand at firmer prices. Heavy sheep (clipped) sold at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt, and light at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. Sheep in wool steady at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt. Spring lambs \$3 to \$4.50 each. A few bunches of choice yearlings brought \$5 to \$5.75 per cwt. Bucks \$3 to \$3.50.

Hogs—Prices were firmer and 1-4c higher for selections. Others 1-8c higher. Choice selections at \$5 per cwt; light, \$4.50. Thick fat, \$4.37 1-2.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, May 26.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 50 carloads, including 300 sheep and lambs and 1,500 hogs.

Export cattle were 10c dearer at \$4.85 to \$5.00. Stockers have also advanced 10c over Tuesday's prices to \$4.10 to \$4.35 for heavies. Feeders were 3c dearer. Yearlings were easier. Hogs remain firm at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 23.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 350 cattle, 500 sheep and lambs.

There was a good demand for cattle at firm prices. Choice cattle sold at 5 to 5 1-4c, good at 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, fair at 3 3-4 to 4c, and poor at 3c to 3 1-2c per lb. Sheep for shipment met with a ready sale at 4c, and butchers paid as high as 4 1-2c for choice in small lots. Spring lambs were \$2.50 to \$6 each. Hogs easy at \$4.60 to \$4.75 off cars. Heavy hogs \$4.25 to \$4.60.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

There was a good export and local demand for cattle and sheep. Choice beefs quoted at 4 3-4 to 5 1-4c, fair to good, 3 3-4 to 4 1-2c, other grades, 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c per pound. Sheep quoted at 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c. Spring lamb \$2.50 to \$5.00 each. Hogs are active and higher, quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.80 off cars.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 27.

The movement of sugar is slow, and there is no change in prices. Molasses has advanced sharply, sales of round lots Barbadoes having been made at 36c. Canned tomatoes and peas are weaker, the former having sold at 77 1-2 to 80c and the latter at 67 1-2 to 70c. Corn is quoted at 90 to 92 1-2c. Rio coffee is lower at 7 to 9c, and Mocha is lower at 21 to 23c. Teas and other lines remain unchanged. Prices are:

Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.65 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$4.00 to \$4.40; molasses, 80c; syrups, 1 3-4 to 2 1-4c, as to quality; Valencia raisins, 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 7 to 9c; Mocha, 21 to 23c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B., 3 3-4 to 4c; canned corn, 90 to 92 1-2c; peas, 67 1-2 to 70c; tomatoes, 77 1-2 to 80c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 27.

The following changes are reported. Dry white lead, in casks, is now quoted at \$4.75 and in kegs \$5.00.

Red lead, pure, in casks, is quoted at \$4.25, and in kegs at \$4.50. Putty, in bulk, is now worth \$1.65; bladders, in barrels, \$1.80. Raw oil is quoted at 50 to 51c, boiled 53 to 54c per gallon. Turpentine, 63 to 64c per gallon. Cordage is unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 27.

Oats are quiet; buyers offering 36c and sellers asking 36 1-2c. Flour is in fair demand at \$4 for patents and \$3.60 to \$3.70 for strong bakers. Food is easy. Hides and skins remain unchanged and tanners are buying sparingly. Eggs are fairly active, firm and steady. Creamery butter is firmer. Dairy butter unchanged. Cheese is easier and 1-8 to 1-4c lower for new. Beans are only meeting with a jobbing demand. No potatoes are offering. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 36 to 36 1-2c afloat.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong makers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$4.00.

Bran, \$16 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.

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

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 8 1-2c; No. 2, 7 1-2c; No. 3, 6 1-2c; calfskin, 9 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins and clips, 10c, tallow, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 11 to 11 1-4c per dozen; second grades, 9 1-2 to 10c.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, full grass, 16 1-4 to 16 3-4c; fodder, goods, 16 to 16 1-4c per pound.

Cheese—9 1-8 to 9 3-8c.

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

Potatoes—In car lots, 70c on track.

SUGAR.

London, May 26.—Beet weaker and lower, compared with the previous day, 11c 3d for both May and June. This price is an advance of 1 1-2d over the quotation of a week ago for May and of 1-2d over the quotation for June.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 26.—Cattle, 1-4c easier at 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c per pound. Sheep firmer at 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 26.—Cheese quoted at 5s for white and 4s for colored, a decline of 6d on white and of 1s 6d on colored for the week.

Barbadoes molasses has declined 1c per gallon at the island, making the first cost 16c.