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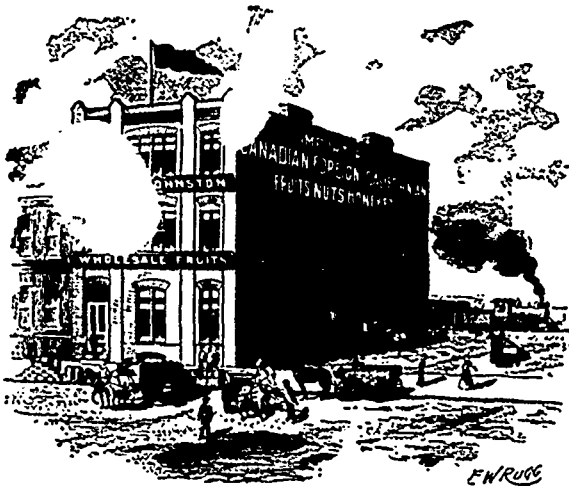
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WINNIPEG, MAY 21, 1898.

Virden District, Manitoba.

In The Commercial of May 7 we gave some information about the town and district of Virden, from a pamphlet published by the Virden board of trade. Virden is located in the fine agricultural and stock country included in the county of Dennis, Western Manitoba. Following is some further information taken from the pamphlet mentioned:

The Canadian Pacific railway (main line) runs from east to west through the county. The Pipestone branch of the Canadian Pacific railway starts from Kennay terminating at present in Reston. When completed this branch will traverse the whole southern part of the county and tap the large forest reserves of the Moose Mountain district and also bring it within a few miles of the Souris coal fields. The northeast portion has facilities through the Northwest Central railway, a line running from Chater in a northwesterly direction. It will thus be seen that the settlers of to-day have considerable advantages in this respect over those who came in the early days, but as a matter of fact the present settler has scarcely any of the difficulties or hardships encountered by the pioneers. Of course there are always the difficulties and inconveniences incident to starting afresh amid new surroundings. One thing is certain that in a few years free grant land or farms at low prices and easy terms will be a thing of the past, in any part of the western country, particularly if the present advantageous offer of the Dominion government to grant free homesteads of 160 acres to each person over the age of 18 is long continued, and it will soon be an open question as to whether it

is not better for those who can afford it to buy a quarter or half section nearer town and thus naturally in a better location.

The land in the county is mostly rolling prairie. There is nearly always some wild hay that can be cut on each farm and there are stretches of marsh upon which settlers can get permits from the government to cut hay. In some parts there are surface stones on the land, and these are most useful, as the number of stone dwell-

every name are in evidence at all points.

The Dennis Agricultural Society No. 1 has for a number of years past taken 1st prize for the best interprovincial exhibit of grains, grasses, roots, etc., at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition, and on the occasion of the first Northwest Territories exhibition, held at Regina, Dennis again took first prize, there being several competitors. It must not be inferred from this that Dennis is in any way super-



MANITOBA FARM HOMES—COOK'S FARM, NEAR VIRDEN.

ling houses, barns and other buildings plainly show.

A few years ago much of the land was a long way from markets. Now, this is not the case. Every section is within convenient distance of a market, for while there are points where there is not much more than the post office, store and blacksmith's shop there is nevertheless an elevator. The diversified character of the farming is very marked though almost all farmers now follow more or less what is called mixed farming, and Dennis

for to Manitoba in general, but simply shows that when good careful thrifty farmers take hold of the land they can here as elsewhere produce the best of grain, grasses and roots.

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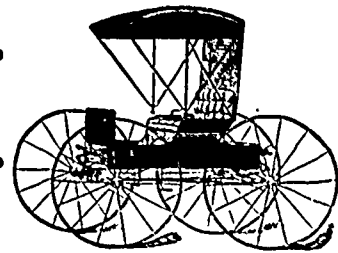
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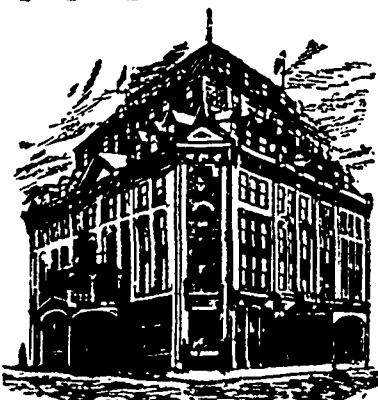
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Vancouver, May 16.

The Yukon outfitting and shipping trade of Vancouver is reviving somewhat as a result of summer travel to the north. It is not, however, what it was in early spring and the diminished volume is disappointing mercantile expectations considerably. The merchants of Vancouver, however, hoped that the beginning of the Mann and Mackenzie railway and wagon road operations under the provincial subsidy of \$1,800,000 now granted, to the Klilnat-Glenora and Teslin Lake enterprise, will aid in reviving the trade. The agricultural outlook of the coast district of British Columbia and of the Fraser valley in particular is excellent, and apparently both root and grain crops will be exceptionally large as a result of long continued good weather in spring, provided only that no sudden access of great heat in the interior do not cause floods in the Fraser valley. It is, however, hoped that the danger of this is passing and meanwhile with grain and root prices higher than they have been for years on the Pacific coast and with an ever increasing demand from mining districts north and east the farmers of this part of British Columbia have excellent reason for hopefulness as to the immediate future.

The price of flour has, of course, advanced to Manitoba and Oregon rates, the home production being confined as yet to mills in the Okanagan valley, which, though very successful in producing an excellent grade of flour from some of the best wheat in the world are not operated on any very extensive scale. The retail consumers of bread are naturally also suffering as a joint result of the rise to war and corner prices in sympathy with a like movement in the States and ten cents per loaf is the price now asked for loaves supposed to weigh a pound and a half.

British Columbia Items.

J. F. Pugh, tailor, Golden, is dead.

A. Morin, hotel, Ymir, has given up. Mrs. Carter, Sicamous hotel, is burned out.

S. DesBrisay is opening a general store at Ymir.

Mrs. McIlvanie, general storekeeper, Lumby, is dead.

R. A. Chisholm, Ymir, is out of business and away.

J. Clearihue is opening a general store at Glenora.

The estate of Wm. McKee, Lainer's, is offered for sale by tender.

J. Gill is opening in dry goods and men's furnishings, at Revelstoke.

J. M. Carroll, is opening a general store at St. Eugene, near Fort Steele.

A. A. Richmond contemplates opening in clothing and men's furnishings at New Westminster.

The balance of the stock of J. McGregor, clothing, etc., Nanaimo, is offered for sale at a rate on the dollar.

The following items are reported from Nelson: Morrison & Caldwell, grocers, have succeeded Harington & Co. Russell & Thurman, cigars, have dissolved, Wm. Thurman continues. Salmo Lumber Co., have sold their branch yard at Nelson, to F. Lavin.

The store of G. R. Ashwell & Son, Chilliwack, was burglarized on Monday last. The safe was blown open, and then the store was fired and

completely burned. Loss estimated at \$15,000. Insurance about \$7,000.

The drug business of W. A. Griffiths & Co., Revelstoke, has been taken over by Chas. E. Reid, who has been manager for Griffiths & Co. The business will now be carried on under the name of Chas. E. Reid & Co.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: Gilbraith & Co., grocers, have opened business here. The English Bay Canning Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation. Allardyce & Co., bakers, have started business. J. G. Bleeker, watches and jewelry, has opened business. J. C. Arthur, grocers, is starting business here. E. Spillman, paints and wall paper, has bought a half interest in the Pacific Varnish Co. F. Muskett, men's furnishings, style now R. A. Muskett.

The stock of the estate of W. J. Armstrong, hardware, Vernon, has been purchased from the assignee by Chambers & Co. The stock amounted to about \$5,000. S. W. Chambers, of the new firm, who has long been favorably known in connection with the hardware trade in Winnipeg, and who has now severed his connection with the wholesale hardware house of J. H. Ashdown, left on Wednesday to take charge of the business. The business will be continued as a general hardware establishment and with the experience of the managing partner in this branch, can hardly fail to be a success.

The following items are reported from Victoria. Wing Chong & Co., Chinese merchants, have assigned. McKilloan & Anderson, contractors, have dissolved partnership. G. E. Munro & Co., are opening business in commission, produce, etc. J. Wilson & Co., feed, etc., has sold out to Skew & Dickinson. Braden Bros., plumbers, have opened a branch at Vancouver. Michal & Canary, hotel, have dissolved. Jas. Schroder, groceries, has opened business. Wm. Blair, groceries, is out of business. J. H. Gutschmann, groceries, is opening business here. John Richards, grocer, is out of business and moving to Glenora.

Grain and Milling News.

A sale was made in Winnipeg on May 15, of 16,000 bushels of No. 1 hard wheat for direct shipment to Liverpool, at 50 shillings per quarter, equal to \$1.33 afloat Fort William.

J. W. Daly, M. Jordan, S. Lowry and O. Howard, of Cartwright, and John Lawrence, D. B. McKinnon, Jas. Robertson, T. B. Coulthard, and C. A. Graves, of Clearwater, are applying for letters of incorporation as "The Mather Joint Stock Farmers Elevator Company, Ltd." It is proposed to erect an elevator at Mather Siding, Man.

The Montreal Gazette of May 13 says: The Lake of the Woods Milling company placed 2,000 sacks of flour for shipment to Glasgow at a higher price than has been realized at any previous time during 1898. They also received a cable this afternoon offering the same price for 1,000 sacks for shipment to Dublin and another 1,000 for Glasgow, which they accepted, making sales for the day on export account 4,000 sacks.

The Montreal Gazette of Tuesday says: The Lake of the Woods Milling Company report that the offers made to London of all grades of flour were contrary to their expectations, accepted, as the price put on each grade

was beyond, in their opinion, what the Englishmen would pay. Not only did they accept, but also cabled to make daily offers of all grades of their flour. The quantity placed to-day was 2,000 sacks. They marked up prices 25c. per barrel on all grades, and on receipt of cables this afternoon made a further advance of 25c. as they claim they are not only justified in doing this on account of the price they are receiving for export orders.

The Live Stock Trade.

C. Atkinson, cattle buyer, took a shipment of 300 Manitoba stocker cattle to this week.

Kobold & Co., Winnipeg, secured four cars of very choice cattle at Pilot Mound last week for the local market.

H. E. Walker shipped seven carloads of stockers from Carberry and Reburn, Man., recently, for the United States.

E. Fearon, of Maple Creek, Assa., will take a drove of sheep to Dawson City. He has already taken a shipment of cattle to the Klondike.

Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg, have shipped about 6,000 of Manitoba stocker cattle this season to the western ranges and 3,000 to the United States.

Mullins & Wilson, Winnipeg, have sold 1,400 head of Manitoba yearling cattle to Conrad Bros., ranchers, of Lethbridge, 1,000 of these were shipped last week and 400 will go west this week.

D. W. Mills, of Carman, Man., shipped 100 fat cattle to Vancouver on Saturday last, and a train of stockers to his ranch at Rush Lake. It is his intention to ship 1,000 stockers from his farm near Carman to the western ranges this month.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel says: Another large shipment, comprising beef cattle and stockers, a train load of fourteen cars in all, was shipped from here Wednesday of last week by Chalmers Bros. & Bethune, consigned to Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg. The stockers will be placed on their ranges in the west. A number of hogs were also shipped the same day.

Mr. Haslam, of Headingly, Man., has returned from the maritime provinces with a shipment of 700 young cattle, which he is taking to Alberta, where they will be fed on the ranges. It seems strange that while stocker cattle are being shipped out of Manitoba to the United States, other shippers are bringing in cattle from the east for stocking our western ranges, live weight.

Regulations for the navigation of the Stikine river through United States territory have been received at Ottawa from Washington, and are said to be satisfactory.

The Crow's Nest Coal company will at once begin the construction of coke ovens for making coke at the mines in the Crow's Nest Pass. The smelters in that region, on both sides of the boundary, are now using Welch coke, which costs them \$16 to \$18 per ton. The Canadian coke can be supplied, it is said, at about \$7 per ton to the smelters in Canada and about \$8 to United States smelters, duty paid. It is expected the railway will be sufficiently advanced to permit of shipping coke and coal by October.

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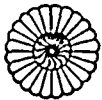
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FINANCIAL

THE COMMERCIAL BANK.

Mr. Wm. Hespeler, liquidator of the Commercial bank, has issued a report to the shareholders, in which the assets and liabilities are stated and the present position of the estate given. The liquidator says:

"In my last report to the shareholders I estimated that the estate would pay at least \$25 per share to those shareholders who are entitled to participate in the assets. As the stock on which the calls have been fully met, amounts, so far as settled by the court to \$348,500, and as the estimated surplus assets are over \$120,000 after payment of \$6 per share, it would appear that my previous estimate was a safe one."

MR. MATHEWSON RETURNS.

Mr. Mathewson, manager at Winnipeg of the Bank of Commerce, returned recently from an extended visit to Europe. Mr. Mathewson's trip was purely of a private nature, undertaken for the benefit of his health, which was somewhat impaired by long and close application to business, and it will be a source of gratification to his friends to learn that he returns fully restored to good health. The winter was spent in sunny Italy. Mr. Mathewson spent some time in England on his way home and he speaks very encouragingly of the situation there. The people of Great Britain, he says, are happy, contented and prosperous. Throughout the United Kingdom generally, the condition is one of prosperity. We in Canada will certainly be glad to learn of the prosperity of our kinsmen across the sea, and hope this prosperity may long continue with them. Mr. Mathewson found that the people there had a high regard for Canada, but at the same time there is no disposition, so far as investing money is concerned, to rush into every scheme that is placed before the public. There is abundance of money available for legitimate investments. Industrial enterprises within the United Kingdom are in great favor, as is shown by the enormous applications for shares in the Lipton company. This was recently described in The Commercial. Regarding mining investments, Mr. Mathewson says that South African enterprises are at a standstill at present, and so far as Canada is concerned, we cannot look for British capital to float mining enterprises unless they can be shown almost beyond a doubt to be sound and legitimate. The somewhat troubled situation regarding foreign relations at present operates against colonial as well as foreign investments. The troubles of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, Mr. Mathewson found, had had a bad effect, particularly as regards Manitoba investments, and the influence of this disaster was still apparent in financial circles in London.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has declared a dividend of 3-2 per cent for the half year.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Just a hundred years ago the first bank—the Bank of New York—was opened in New York city.

Mr. Higginbotham, of Brandon, contemplates opening a private bank at Oak Lake, Man.

F. S. Young, manager at Winnipeg for the Globe Savings and Loan company, is charged with embezzling funds of the company.

E. W. Day, of Toronto, manager of the Savings & Loan company, was in Winnipeg this week on business in connection with the local branch. While here, Mr. Day will install Mr. Gardner, late of Nares & Robinson's office, as manager of his company in place of F. S. Young.

The financial statement of the Bank of Montreal for the year, ended April 30, shows net profits of \$1,265,300 compared with \$1,230,561 for the previous year; \$1,200,000 has been paid in dividends, at the rate of ten per cent, and \$952,210 is carried forward, compared with balance carried forward a year ago of \$886,909. The statement is regarded as very satisfactory.

Dolge Felt Shoes.

A rumor has been in circulation here to the effect that the company which manufactures the Alfred Dolge felt shoes was in financial difficulties. On making inquiry we learn that the financial stringency resulting from the war has led to the embarrassment of the felt shoe company, through the failure of other concerns with which the felt shoe company was associated. The factory was compelled to close for a short time, but work has again been resumed. Mr. Congdon, who handles the Alfred Dolge felt shoes in Canada, received positive information this week that the factory is in full operation again and that his orders were partly completed and would be filled promptly as usual. It is not to be expected that such an important industry as the Dolge felt shoe factory would long be held in suspense owing to any trouble of this nature. Mr. Congdon returned recently from an eastern trip, which included a visit to Dolgeville, where the famous felt shoes are made.

Still Progressing

The Canadian Magazine has opened its eleventh volume with a bright May number. W. A. Fraser, the Canadian Kipling, who has won so much praise in New York and London, contributes a weird tale of India, Elton Harris, the bright Prince Edward Island writer, is author of a charming English love story. Prof. Adam Shortt, of Kingston, contributes the leading article of the month, and in it criticizes the social life of Canada, showing wherein we fail to attain the culture, courtesy and breadth of view attained by educated Europeans. Reginald Gourlay, the well known hunter, tells a good bear story, which Simonski has profusely illustrated. There are many other good things in the number, including book reviews and national sport. The war has not been overlooked. John A. Ewan, of the Toronto Globe writes about it under "Current Events Abroad," and the editor writes of "War and Finance," with special reference to the present struggle. One of the prettiest illustrations in the issue is a full page portrait of Julia Arthur, the well known Canadian actress.

Wool

John Hallam, wool dealer, Toronto, says in a recent circular "that the new duty of 12c on wool, both washed and unwashed, going into the United States, will prevent the export of anything but the strictest selection of merchantable fleece from Canada to that country. Owing to the large purchases of last year, many of the large mills having supplied themselves with stock sufficient for two years before the duty went into effect, there has been little or no demand for wool, and there is still unsold in the United States, over 1,000,000 pounds of last year's clip belonging to Canadian dealers. Current quotations in a number of the United States markets for Canada wool range from 28c to 30c. Deducting from this 12c for duty, 1c for freight and charges, 16c is all dealers should pay for washed fleece."

Dyson, Gibson Co., Ltd., spice mills, Winnipeg, are opening a branch at Vancouver, B. C.

"The De'il Among the Tailors"

The awarding of the annual contract for clothing for the Winnipeg fire department has created quite a commotion in the city among the tailors, owing to the low price at which the contract has been taken. The tender was awarded to a tailor named McClellan, at \$12.50 per suit. The goods to be furnished is an Irish serge, which it is said will cost \$7 per suit. The trimming, the tailors say, will cost \$3 more, leaving the tailor \$2.50 from which to pay wages, cutting, expenses and profit. The tailors further claim that they would have to pay \$6.00 per suit to their help for making the clothes, so that it would appear that McClellan would lose heavily on the contract unless he could get the clothes made at starvation wages, such as no honorable person would endeavor to force help to work for.

A sequel to the case came up at the city police court, when McClellan was summoned for non-payment of wages. The plaintiff, who claimed to be forewoman, said she had worked for McClellan for five weeks at the rate of \$2 per week, and had not received her pay. The defense put in was that plaintiff had spoiled a lot of work and there was consequently nothing coming to her. The full amount of wages was ordered to be paid. A witness testified that she had received \$1 for working from March 15 to May 7.

At the time the tender was awarded, the tailors strenuously objected to the acceptance of McClellan's offer, but the city council was not influenced thereby. In city public works labor is protected by a provision limiting the minimum wage which contractors may pay, and the principle would seem to be the same in the case of the clothing tender. While the matter of rejecting a tender because the price is too low, would seem somewhat peculiar, still it would seem that some cognizance should be taken of the wage question in such cases. It is simply a scandal to the community that such wages should be paid or rather offered, in Winnipeg, and the offence is magnified by the fact that the city is supplying clothing to the fireman made on such a basis.

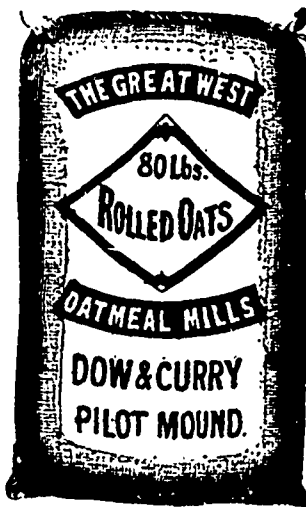
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INSURANCE

A CRASH FOR ASSESSMENT COMPANIES PREDICTED.

A writer signing himself "Old Mortality," has the following letter in the Ottawa Citizen:

Editor Citizen—Your editorial of the 6th Inst., referring to the standing of assessment life assurance associations as presented to the banking and commerce committee of the house of commons by Mr. Fitzgerald, the Dominion superintendent of insurance is both timely and at the present juncture eminently in the public interests.

When we consider on the one hand the millions of insurance carried by these associations in Canada, and the implicit faith in their stability exhibited by their members, and, on the other, the failures that occur yearly and the warnings of their instability and insecurity uttered by competent actuaries and those qualified to judge, we believe it is the bounden and sacred duty of our government to protect the vested rights of its people and prevent them from being deluded by the unreliable or ignorant assertions of stability and solvency on the part of agents, members and interested individuals. It is true there is no subject on which there is so much ignorance displayed as that of life insurance, and that, even as I shall prove, with men who are remarkably clever in law, in finance and in medicine and theology.

A leading lawyer of this city with a strong delegation of ancient and venerable members of the Mutual Reserve Life Assessment Association, of New York, presented their grievances to the Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, with the sanguine hope of immediate redress, only a few weeks ago. It will be remembered that this United States concern raised its rates to the freezing out point on most of its old Ottawa members, and their indignation took the form of a protest to the Hon. Mr. Fielding. Surely redress from such a high financial authority was devoutly expected. What was the Minister's answer to this simple-minded delegation? "Gentlemen, I carry myself \$30,000 of insurance in that same association, I am, therefore, in the same boat as you yourselves." Now, here was the Finance Minister of Canada, whose name was used as being enrolled as a heavy certificate holder in the Mutual Reserve, a lusty bait for the unwary to be drawn into its membership, confess that as far as he knew that there was no redress but grin and bear the increased assessments or drop out entirely. I should refer here, if space permitted, to the tendency of ecclesiastics, high and low many of whom would not invest a dollar themselves in a fraternal assessment association, yet will advise and exhort their congregations from the pulpits to become members of them. This is assuming a grave responsibility. The writer does not deny that the assessment associations and fraternal organizations do much good; far from it. What he wishes to inculcate is this: They are not secure; on the contrary he is of the opinion that all of them are based on very insecure and unscientific principles and are doomed to failure, which, when it

comes, and come it will inevitably, will bring hardships on millions.

There are no two men in Canada better qualified, the writer holds, for giving a just and unbiased opinion on the question at issue than the Dominion superintendent of insurance and his able assistant, Mr. Blackader, the government actuary. Their judgments and decisions should be followed implicitly, but, unhappily, party politics at one time, and at another members of parliament who depend on the votes of one or other fraternal organization force on parliament almost at every session, legislation inimical to the scientific basis of stability and security.

I have before me the last report of the superintendent of insurance, and at page 32, I note the following paragraph which bears out my contention in this letter, and which it were well that our legislators should weigh well and act upon.

He says, respecting the failure of the Massachusetts Benefit Assessment Association.

"What has just taken place in the case of this company, and is now taking place, exemplifies in a striking manner what may be expected in the case of all similar associations. Policy holders paying less than the proper premium for temporary insurance are led to believe that such rates are amply sufficient to carry the policies throughout life; they are assured by the agents and officers of such associations that no increase will take place and relying on such assurances and representations are induced to become members, only to find, when too late, if the company insured in does not wholly collapse, that they must either drop out or pay very largely increased premiums, and that to at a time when, by reason of impaired health, or from other causes, it may be impossible to obtain insurance elsewhere."

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Before the banking and commerce committee of parliament last week a discussion took place which is of interest to the thousands of members of fraternal organizations throughout Canada. It arose on the bill to incorporate the subsidiary high court of the Ancient Order of Foresters. There was also a kindred measure to incorporate the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benefit Society.

The bill was objected to in the public interest by the Dominion superintendent of insurance, Mr. Fitzgerald, who stated broadly that nearly all these fraternal organizations charged rates which were too low for properly conducting the life insurance business. While admitting that the A. O. F. rates since 1894 were better than most other friendly societies, still the rates were 20 per cent less than would enable the society fairly to meet its liabilities. Furthermore, he stated that the Independent Order of Foresters, which is Oronhyatekha's company, intends at next supreme court meeting to raise its rates enormously on new business, and possibly on old memberships as well.

This attitude of the superintendent of insurance is significant, especially when taken in connection with the statement made a year or two ago by the inspector of insurance of Ontario on the same subject. That gentleman in a valuable leaflet, quoted by us on January 8th, 1897, and since, arraigned one friendly society

in particular and others in general for professing to give life assurance and pay endowments while charging premiums not one-fourth, in some cases not one-tenth, what is necessary to be charged for such purpose. After showing how one society promised to give \$500 endowment where the total sum paid in for a quarter century only amounted with interest to \$510.71. Mr. Hunter added: "No insurer in the land would impose upon his victims such a monstrous bargain as the members of this society are imposing upon themselves for the benefit of the few first maturing endowments." He closed by pointing out that the suffering caused by the failure of a life assurance society is very great, and it falls upon the most helpless classes of the community. "There are now in such societies—friendly societies—a large number of persons who, from age or ailments, have become uninsurable elsewhere."

The evidence of two such officials, both barristers, both students of economic science, both in positions enabling them to see the dangers of assessment insurance, ought to go a long way to convince the public that the hat-passing method of life underwriting is based upon fallacy. It is something, at any rate so learn from Mr. Fitzgerald, that the whole question of friendly society legislation is to be dealt with by a general bill to be introduced next session of parliament. Friendly societies are very well in their way, and have doubtless done good, but many of them go too far when they promise indemnities and endowments that cannot be paid under the rates of assessment charged.—Monetary Times.

Irrigation in Western Canada.

At the date of the last annual report of the department of the interior there were some 157 ditches in operation in the Territories supplying water sufficient to irrigate an area of 65,000 acres. The number of constructed ditches increased during the past year to 174, having a carrying capacity sufficient to irrigate 76,000 acres, and the present indications point to the larger part of this area being brought under cultivation by the aid of the artificial application of water at an early date. The experimental stage of irrigation in the Territories may now be said to be passed as the irrigated areas are so widely settled throughout the arid portion of the country and the returns from these areas have been so uniformly satisfactory during the past three seasons that the principle is no longer looked upon as impractical and residents of the arid region are now practically unanimous in the opinion that much of the future development of that portion of the Territories within which irrigation is necessary is dependent upon the early construction of some of the larger canals which have been projected.—Report interior department.

W. J. Guinane, shoemaker, Toronto, has assigned with liabilities of about \$15,000.

One hundred miles of the C. P. R. main line between Winnipeg and Lake Superior will be relaid with steel rails shortly.

G. F. Bryan & Co., cigar manufacturers, Winnipeg, were fortunate in receiving some time ago a large supply of Havana tobacco, a commodity which is now a scarce article.

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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	206,000
Toronto	18,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	270,000
Manitoba elevators	1,510,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	980,000

Total May 7 2,984,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on May 7, were 29,818,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 45,533,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1 were 3,051,000 bushels, compared with 1,614,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended May 14, was 22,004,000 bushels, being a decrease of 524,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 25,737,000 bushels, two years ago 53,146,000 bushels, three years ago 56,484,000 bushels, four years ago 62,044,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	3,161,000 bushels
Duluth	3,000,000 "
Minneapolis	9,273,000 "
New York	1,061,000 "
Buffalo	969,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 9,534,000 bushels, compared with 10,895,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 24,913,000 bushels, compared with 15,061,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on May 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: May 1, 1898, 100,890,000; May 1, 1897, 107,198,000; May 1, 1896, 146,682,000; May 1, 1895, 172,099,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	69,799,760	55,088,480
Milwaukee	8,535,453	7,118,437
Duluth	38,200,472	40,456,870
Chicago	33,991,760	14,744,468

Total 149,527,445 117,458,255

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United

States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	12,127,732	7,065,478
St. Louis	11,718,594	11,152,789
Detroit	4,792,501	3,167,914
Kansas City	28,196,572	6,834,600
Total	56,805,399	28,220,781

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

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

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb.	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kit . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" spring . . . . .	.08	.12
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, May afloat Fort William, 73½@74c.
Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.10; Bakers, \$1.90.
Bran—Per ton, 4.00@4.50.
Shorts—Per ton, \$4.50.
Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 18@24c
Barley—Feed, 25c; Malting, 27@28c per bushel.
Butter—Dairy, dealers' selling price, 14@17c.
Cheese—Dealers selling at 10@10½c for new.
Eggs—Fresh selling at 10c.
Beef—City dressed, fresh, 6@6½c.
Mutton—Frozen Sc. Fresh 10c.
Hogs—Dressed, 6@6½c.
Cattle—Butchers, 3@3½c; export, 3½@4½c.
Hogs—Live, off cars, 4½c for best bacon.
Sheep—1@4½c off cars here.
Hides—No. 1 green, 6@6½c.
Wool, 6@9½c.
Seneca Root—Dry, 15@16c.
Poultry—Chickens, 10c per pound; turkeys, 14c per lb.
Potatoes—10@50c per bushel.
Hay—1@55 per ton.

Movements of Business Men

A. Carruthers left for the east last week.

J. W. Peck left for Montreal on Thursday.

D. Ross, lumberman, Whitemouth, was in the city this week.

J. Galt, of the firm of G. F. & J. Galt, left Wednesday for Montreal and Toronto.

K. J. Johnston, of Bright & Johnston, Winnipeg, has returned from a visit to Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Nixon, of the Hudson's Bay Co., has returned from a trip to New York and other eastern points.

W. S. Crone, representing H. A. Nelson & Sons Co., Toronto and Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week returning from a western trip.

Mr. Ansley, of the firm of Gillespie, Ansley & Jackson, wholesale furriers, Toronto, went east this week on his return from a trip to the coast.

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Manitoba

T. H. Moorehead has opened a grocery store at Neepawa.

E. H. Lawley, V. S., of Brandon, has moved to Dauphin.

A. E. Walkey is opening a grocery store at Newdale, Man.

Walton Leaveness has opened a harness shop at Foxwarren.

W. McCullegh, harness-maker, Methven, Man., has moved to Brandon.

Lawrie Bros., general merchants, of Morris, are building a new store.

Jas. Rogers, furrier, Toronto, will, it is said, resume business in Winnipeg.

J. D. Naismith, Queen's hotel, Winnipeg, is succeeded by Mr. Gregory.

C. Pennock, formerly of Toronto, will open a tailor shop at Manitou, Man.

C. Vickery, lumber, Makinak, Dauphin district, has added flour and feed.

Mr. Dow, of Dow & Currie, oatmeal millers, Pilot Mound, was in the city this week.

Our suburban contemporary, the Stonewall Argus, has been enlarged and improved.

Jas. Butler, blacksmith, Souris, has sold out to David Blaine, a late arrival from Ontario.

A. Madill, Virden, has purchased the stock of flour and feed of D. Fraser, of the same place.

The Pacific hotel, Methven, has changed hands. Blair & Williamson are now proprietors.

McGlashen & Harrison, manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg; styls now McGlashen & Walden.

Wm. Ererar, butcher, Dryden, Ont., has moved to Roland, Man., where he will open in the same line.

Kelly & Kent, proprietors of the Kelly House, Rapid City, have dissolved. Kelly continues the business.

Grading was begun on the South-eastern railway, to run from Winnipeg to Lake of the Woods, on Monday.

The Ray house, at Newdale, with the stables and skating rink attached, have been purchased by E. Cassidy.

B. L. Lewin is building a store and residence at McGregor, Man., where he will open in the confectionery business.

George English and Donald Irwin have entered into partnership as paper hangers and decorators at Carberry.

Hepwell & Co., general store keepers Westbourne, are dissolving. E. G. Hepwell has purchased land and intends going farming.

Kilgour and Carroll have secured the lease of the Queen's hotel at Morden, and entered into possession of the premises on Monday.

B. Wilson, formerly manager for the Bank of Hamilton in Winnipeg, who retired on account of ill health, has returned from a trip to California.

H. B. Brown has sold out the Queen's hotel business, at Morden, Man., to D. Kilgour, of Morden, and E. J. Carroll, of Portland, Maine. Mr. Brown goes farming.

Editor Wilson, of the Brandon Sun, called on The Commercial this week. He says Brandon is going ahead as a jobbing point, there being now four jobbing houses there, and he thinks there is room for a hardware house.

The stock of the estate of F. Cloutier, Winnipeg, consisting of clothing, men's furnishings, boots and shoes, shop furniture, to the amount of \$21,550, will be sold by auction on Monday, May 23. Also the book accounts, amounting to \$9,712.

The Grand View Hotel, Dauphin, has been sold to E. Widmeyer, who takes possession on the first of June. With him will be associated his brother-in-law, J. J. Shiel, wholesale liquor merchant of Altona.

SeGitt & Peter, brokers, Winnipeg, received this week the first samples of new crop Japan tea from Yokohama. It was expected new teas will be ready to ship from Yokohama the middle of next month.

It is expected work will be commenced on the extension of the Dauphin railway to the North Saskatchewan river, next week. J. W. Buchanan will have the first outfit at work on this line.

Jas. H. Rodgers, furrier, of Toronto, who owns a block on Main street in Winnipeg, has bought the stock of W. N. Brown, hatter and furrier, and will move the business to his own block, where the business will be continued with Mr. Brown as manager.

The Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg, are now quite busy. A good many orders have been received for columns for buildings, from the city and outside points. A lot of coke frames have also been made for the Crow's Nest Coal Co., and iron work for coal cars for the same company. Another outside job recently turned out at the works is a new boiler for Caldwell's mill at Rat Portage.

Work on the erection of an office and warehouse building for the Vulcan Iron Works has been commenced, on the corner of Point Douglas avenue and Maple street. The building will be 40x66 feet, two stories and basement, and will be of brick. It is expected that this building is only the commencement towards erecting further large structures for this important local industry. The new building will be built so that the wall can be used for an annex for a machine shop.

Alberta.

R. McIntosh is opening a furniture store at Edmonton.

Mrs. Mariaggi, hotel, Fort Saskatchewan, is giving up business.

A. C. Herdert, St. Albert, is opening a general store at St. Albert.

H. F. Scandeman and N. D. Mills have formed a partnership to do business at South Edmonton as real estate, insurance and commission agents.

C. Gallagher is erecting a brick building, 25x60, adjoining his butcher shop at South Edmonton.

H. A. Finch has bought the stock of Schmidt & Brauman, who were starting a harness shop at Wetaskiwin.

The Lumber Trade.

Mr. McArthur is getting out 100,000 ties at Lake Winnipegosis for the Southeastern railway.

Minneapolis mills are still idle on account of the low water, which has delayed the arrival of logs. It is not expected there will be any logs down before two weeks.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: The demand for red cedar shingles is about as it was a week ago. *A* shingles are selling at an average price of about \$2.10 to \$2.15 per thousand, and though it is expected that there will be an increase in price before the end of the month the light

demand at the present time is not sufficient to warrant an increase just now. The demand for fir lumber is increasing daily, and prices are about at the top notch.

The Commercial was slightly in error last week in saying that the original tender of Dick, Banning & Co. was accepted by the Winnipeg city board of works for the supply of lumber for the current year. A new tender was put in by the firm named, on the second call for tenders, but it was the same on everything except an advance of 25 cents on one size of dimension. The figures of the different tenders were given correctly last week.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A Toronto report says: Orders for foreign granulated sugars are again beginning to be placed a little more freely by wholesalers.

Advices from Italy state that the cost of making macaroni has greatly increased, owing to the large advance in wheat. Some of the makers, it was reported, had withdrawn from the market.

Quotations for new pack lobsters have been received at Montreal. Tails are quoted at \$9.75; flats, \$10.75. This is a dollar higher than the opening quotation of last year.

The rice mill at Montreal has advanced rice prices to the grocers to \$3.30 for Standard B in 1,000 bag lots, the grocers' guild there has so far not increased its list quotations. There are only three grades of fancy rice offering through the mill, instead of the customary seven grades, and it is not expected that this will improve for a month to come.

The rice market is very strong everywhere owing to light supplies. The high price of wheat also has an influence on rice prices. The New York Commercial says that Java would not be laid down there, which is the lowest price anything is obtainable for. The Japan crop is said to be even shorter than earlier reports indicated and prices have advanced in Japan.

Dry Goods Trade.

Silks are very firm at a considerable advance in values. But silks are showing very much better values than formerly for the money, so that the consumer does not now notice the advance.

Bradstreet's says of trade in the United States: About the only activity noted is in bunting and flags. Worsteds wanting is in active demand and the price has advanced sharply, while mills which are able to turn their machinery onto these goods are making a good thing. Cotton fabrics, as a whole, are quiet, the cold weather being depressing to business.

Tenders.

Winnipeg city committee of works is calling for tenders for the supply of a 30-horse power portable engine.

Tenders are called for the erection of a three-storey solid brick hotel building of 35 bedrooms at Moose Jaw, Assa.

Tenders are invited for the heating of the land titles' office, Morden, Man., by the department of public works, Winnipeg.

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Mr. Chipman Interviewed.

Mr. C. C. Chipman, commissioner of the Hudson's Bay company, arrived in the city from Winnipeg on Friday afternoon, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. In reply to inquiries, the commissioner said that his visit to British Columbia was in the ordinary official course, and for the completion of arrangements in connection with the company's northern trade. As to any new work to be undertaken, the News-Advertiser was informed that, in addition to the steamers recently built in Vancouver for the company, to be used on the Skeena and Stikine rivers, it is proposed at a very early date to erect a large store at Nelson, where the growing importance of the Kootenay trade necessitates the same facilities as those which are provided by the company at its large general stores at Winnipeg, Vancouver and other important points. A warehouse is also in course of construction at Vernon. In the north, a general store building and a warehouse are now being completed at Glenora, and a suitable building for the requirements of the place has been constructed at Teslin Lake. Extensive improvements have also been made to the company's wharf at Port Simpson.

"Would you give me some idea as to the extent of the Klondike outfitting trade done by the company?"

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Mr. Chipman notices a great improvement in Vancouver since he was here a few months ago. He will, while on the Coast, visit Victoria. He got down to business very soon after his arrival here and when the News-Advertiser representative saw him he was deep in conference with Mr. Hall and Mr. Lockyer. As noted elsewhere, Mr. Chipman christened the company's fine river steamer, Stratheona, which had her trial trip on Friday. The vessel is, of course, named after Lord Stratheona and Mount Royal, the governor of the Hudson's Bay company.

Mining River Beds.

A wonderful invention for mining in river beds has lately been attracting attention here. This is the Pneumatic Caisson, with Air Lock elevator. This is being introduced here by John Love of Winnipeg. It is proposed to form a company in Winnipeg to build and equip a river steamer for the purpose of operating the invention in the rivers of Yukon territory. By means of this invention it is claimed that the beds of rivers can be mined very cheaply and on a large scale, and the operators can work in the river beds dry shod and without any inconvenience from water or lack of fresh air. While the use of the vacuum process to go into river beds is not new, the process of elevating the sand and gravel from the river bed after it has been made dry, is claimed to be entirely new, and a great achievement for running in river beds.

Northwest Ontario.

The delegation from Rat Portage to interview the governments regarding improvements in Lake of the Woods

navigation will be composed of the following: W. A. Wehr, president of the board of trade and manager of the Imperial Bank; D. C. Cameron, manager of the Rat Portage Lumber company; R. Rogers, manager of the Bullion Mining company; R. Hall, of the board of water commissioners, and Acting Mayor Belyen.

Rat Portage had a disastrous fire on Thursday night, which broke out in Hilliard's opera house, a few minutes after the closing of a performance. The building was burned. D. H. Currie, insurance office and the Golden restaurant, were burned; also Drowry's block, in which were situated Brent's flour and feed store, J. Courtney's liquor store, Chinese laundry, and high school upstairs. Belyen's block, containing Rogers & Rae's dry goods store, Brown, taxidermist, and Kold's storehouse, is almost a total loss.

Dairy Trade Items.

The creamery at McGregor, Man., has shipped its first small lot of new butter this season to Rossland, B. C., at 21c per pound.

The Liverpool cheese cable declined 6d on May 12, to 41s 6d to 43s 6d. On May 13 there was another decline to 43s for colored and 41s for white.

Notes.

The C. P. R. telegraphic system will be connected with the Dauphin road by a special wire from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, and hereafter the rate to points on the Dauphin road will be the same as to other Manitoba points.

Dominion supplementary estimates contain the following items: \$4,000 for a further amount to pay accounts outstanding of the Regina exhibition; \$10,000 for creameries in the Territories; \$6,900 for Prince Albert court house and jail.

A library of five royal quarto volumes is now being issued by the Linscott Publishing Co., of Toronto, called "Canada," being an encyclopaedia of the country. It is by far the most extensive, complete and valuable book so far undertaken on the Dominion.

The Hudson Bay Company will put a pack train of from two to three hundred horses on the trail between Glenora and Teslin Lake on the Stikine route to Yukon. The first lot of sixty horses, in charge of experienced packers, leave for the north on the steamer Islander. The outfitting of this big train is keeping the saddlers at Victoria busy.

The Dominion Cigar Manufacturers' association is endeavoring to obtain a rebate of ten cents per pound on all cuttings exported from cigar factories in which solely foreign leaf tobacco is used. The association claims that for all cuttings so exported an equal and probably a greater quantity of unstemmed raw leaf tobacco must necessarily be imported, to replace such export. The ten cents import duty is paid on the unstemmed leaf, and as it is equivalent to about fourteen cents on the stemmed leaf, i.e., cuttings exported, it is argued the revenues of the government would be increased by the proposed rebate. Thos. Lee, of Winnipeg, has been appointed to co-operate with the representatives of the association in their endeavor to secure the rebate.

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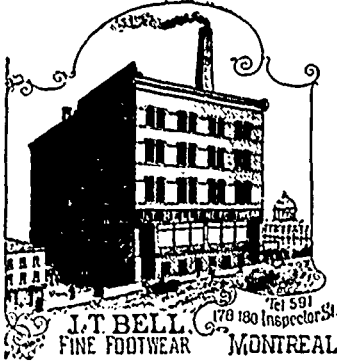
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Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @ \$3.15.

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

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1 inch, \$2.50; 3-8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 3/4 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.50 lb., broken lots \$7.00.

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

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 4 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFg, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb. kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFg, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/4 lbs, \$5.75, 4 canisters, \$1.00.

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

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.45 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.55 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$9.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 5 per cent.

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

Rope—Sisal, lb., 9 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 11c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Binder Twine—Sisal 7 1/2 @ 7 1/2c; Manilla \$4 @ 8 1/2c, Pure Manilla \$3 1/2 @ 9c per lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

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

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 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, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; 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@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @ 2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @ 25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

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

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

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 57c; less than barrels, gallon, 62c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

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

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 20c; oleophene, 20 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 24c for cocene and 21c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

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

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2 x 6 to 2 x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimen-

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

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

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

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

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

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

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

Finishings—1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B. C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B. C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B. C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00, No. 2 do., \$32.50; B. C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$35.00, selects, C, \$30.00, red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B. C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B. C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

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

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1-1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/4 round and 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, May 21, 1898.

The feature of the market this week has been the sharp advance in breadstuffs. Oats are \$2 per ton higher on the inside, and it is reported that a corner is being worked on oats and higher prices are looked for. Hay has advanced \$1 per ton, and wheat \$2 per ton. Cured meats and lard are tending upward.

Butter—California creamery, 26@27c.

Eggs—Local, 20c; Eastern eggs 17@18c.

Cheese—Manitoba 12c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12½@13c; short clear 9½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10½c per lb, in pails and tubs 10c lb.

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

Vegetables—Potatoes 8@12 per ton; ashcrofts \$19.50; local onions, 3c; cabbage 2½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

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

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.05; 245 pounds sacks \$3.10; 422½ pound sacks \$3.30; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.75 per sack.

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

Grain—Oats, \$30.00 per ton; wheat 29 @ \$30 per ton; barley, 27@30 per ton.

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

Hay—\$17 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8½@9½c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 9; veal 9@10c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, 5.00 @ \$5.25 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$5.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 @ 7.50 per 100 lbs; cows, 4.50@5.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$1.50 to \$1.60 pair. Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 7½@9c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

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

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

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, May 21.

Pig Iron—\$15.50.

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

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

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3½c; 18@24, \$3.87½c; 26, 4½c and 28 at 4c.

Lead—Pig, 4½@4½c; sheet, 4½@4½c per lb; shot, can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, dis. 25 per cent.

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

Coil chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in. \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1½ in., \$2.80; 2 in., \$2.75.

Zinc—Sheet, 5½c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c; solder 11½c@12½.

Ingot Copper—12½c@13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—16½@16½c.

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

Timplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20x28; charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ¼ to ¾ inch, 1.87 to \$2.00; 1 inch, 2.15@2.20; 1½ inch, \$2.62½; 2 inch, \$3.60; 2½ inch, \$4.75; 3 inch, \$6.20; 4 inch, \$8.30. Galvanized, ½ inch, \$3.80; ¾ inch, 4.60 to \$4.80; 1 inch, 6.40@6.70; 1½ inch, 8.25 to \$9.20; 2 inch, 11.25@11.80; 2½ inch, 15.20@16.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Screws—Flat head bright, 87½c and 10; round head bright, 80 and 10; flat head brass, 82½ and 10; round head brass, 75 and 10 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, 70 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

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

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

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

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 45 and 2½ per cent.

Harvest Tools—Discounts 60, 10 and 5 per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 8c; ¾ in., 8½c; 1 and 5-16 in., 9c; 3-16 inch, 9½c; Manilla, 7-16 and larger, 9c; ¾, 9½c; 1 and 5-16, 10c; 3-16, 10½c.

Binder Twine—Pure Manilla, 6½c@6½.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, May 21.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4½c; No. 2 granulated, 4 7-16c; Dutch granulated, 4 7-16c @ 4½; yellows, 3 15-16 @ 4½c.

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

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

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@12c; Mocha, 20c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.25; peas, 75c; sifted peas, 90c @ \$1.00; corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@1; sock-eyes, \$1.17½@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1 60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4½c@5c; fine, off stalk, 5½c@5½c; selected, 6@6½c; layers, 6½@7c; Provincial, currants, 6½@6½c; Filiatras, 6½@7c; Patras, 7c@7½c; Vostivzas, 8c@8½c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@14c; pears, 9c@10c, peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 9c@10c; 50's to 60's, 7½c@8½c; 60's to 70's, 8c@8½c; 70's to 80's, 7½c@8c; 80's to 90's, 7c@7½c; 90's to 100's, 6½@7c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 9c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallowee dates, 4½@5c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30@1.50 per box, black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Natural in bags, 4@5c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7½c, 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown; 12c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4½c; 4-1b Glove boxes, 14@15c.

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

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do Patna, 5½ @5½c; do Japan, 6@6½c.

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

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16.50 for Canada mess; short cut, \$17.00; clear mess, \$15.00

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8½c, ton and case lots, 8½c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11@11½c; hams, large 10 @ 11c and 11c for medium; picnic hams, 8½@9c; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

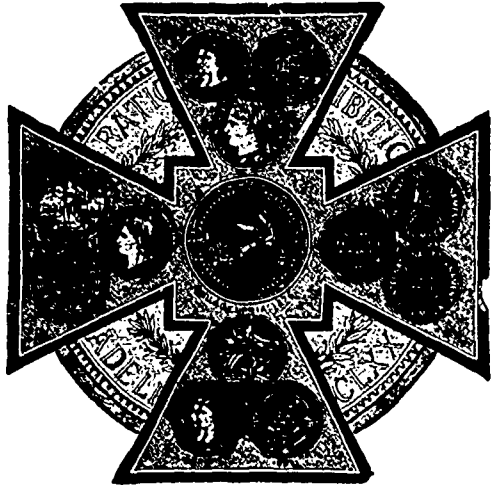
Lard—Tierces, 8½c; tubs, 8½c; pails, 8½c.

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Apples, gallons (per doz.) 3 00
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 25
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 00
Beans, 2s, 2 doz. 2 10
Corn, 2s, 2 doz. 2 10
Cherries, red, pitted, 2s, 2 doz. 1 75
Pears, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz. 2 25
Pears, sifted, 2s, 2 doz. 2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz. 3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz. 5 00
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz. 4 50
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz. 5 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz. 5 00
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 7 50
Peaches, Canadian, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 5 00
Plums, 2s, 2 doz. 3 50
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 4 50
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz. 2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 00
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 50
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz. 3 10
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz. 4 50
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz. 4 50
Sardines, domestic 1/2s. 06 08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s. 09 15
Sardines, imported, 3/4s. 18 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless. 20 35
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s. 10 12
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s. 1 75
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 1s. 1 90
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1s. 2 00
Imp. Anch. Sauce 1s. 2 00
Imp. Shrimp Sauce 1s. 2 00
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Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz. 2 75
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz. 6 50
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz. 6 25
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz. 2 50
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz. 6 00
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz. 2 75
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz. 5 00
Potted Ham, 1/2s. 75
Devilled Ham, 1/2s. 75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s. 75
Potted Ham, 3/4s. 1 50
Devilled Ham, 3/4s. 1 50
Potted Tongue, 3/4s. 1 50
Coffee
Green Rio. 10 10 1/2
Cereals
Split Peas, sack 9s. 2 25
Pot Barley, sack 9s. 2 40
Pearl Barley, sack 9s. 4 00
Rolled Oats, sack 5s. 2 20
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s. 2 30
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s. 2 30
Beans (per bushel) 1 30
Cornmeal, sack 9s. 1 45
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 1/2sac) 75
Rice, B. 4 1/2c
Rice, Japan 6c
Sago 4c
Tapioca 4c
Cigarettes
Old Judge \$8 90
Sweet 5 60
Sweet Caporal 5 60
Sweet Sixteen 5 70
Derby 6 60
Cured Fish
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs. 6 00
Codfish, boneless per lb. 04 06
Codfish, Pure per lb. 07 08
Herrings, in kegs 3 50 3 75
Dried Fruits
Currants, Prov'l Barrels. 07 7 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels. 07 1/2 7 1/2
Currants, Prov'l Cases. 07 7 1/2
Currants, Vostizza Cases. 07 1/2 08
Currants, Filiatria, bbls. 07 1/2 7 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, cases. 07 1/2 08
Dates, Cases. 06 07
Figs, Elemc, about 10 lb box. 12 15
Figs, Cooking, Sax. 05 1/2 06
Prunes, Bosina, Cases. 08 09
Prunes, French, Cases. 06 07
Sultana Raisins. 10 12
Dried Fruits (continued)
Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs. 1 70
Raisins, Val. Laxcis, per box 2 25
Loose Muscatels, 2 cr. 06 6 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 cr. 07 7 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 cr. 08 8 1/2
London Layer, 20 lb boxes. 1 90
Apples, Dried. 07
Evap. Apples, finest quality. 11 12
California Evaporated Fruits
Peaches, peeled. 18 20
Peaches, unpeeled. 11 13
Pears. 11 12
Apricots, new. 10 11
Pitted Plums. 11 12
Prunes, 100 to 120. 5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100. 6 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90. 7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80. 7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70. 5 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50. 10 11
Matches
Telegraph \$3 60
Telephone 3 40
Tiger 3 25
Nuts
Brazilis. 12 1/2
Taragona Almonds. 13 15
Peanuts, roasted. 3 15
Peanuts, green. 10 12
Grenoble Walnuts. 15 15
French Walnuts. 13 15
Sicily Filberts. 11 15
Shelled Almonds. 25 30
Syrup
Extra Bright, per lb. 3 1/2c
Medium, per lb. 3c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins. \$7 00
Molasses, per gal. 35c 45c
Sugar
Extra Standard Granulated. 5 1/2c
German Granulated. 5 1/2c
Extra Ground. 7c
Powdered. 6 1/2c
Bright Yellow Sugar. 4 1/2c
Maple Sugar. 11c 12c
Salt
Rock Salt. 1 1/2c
Common, fine. 1 90
Common, coarse. 1 50
Dairy, 100-3. 3 25
Dairy, 60-5. 3 15
Dairy, white duck sack. 00 50
Common, fine jute sack. 00 45
Spices
As-sorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins. 75 90
Allspice, whole. 18 20
Allspice, pure ground. 18 20
Allspice, compound. 15 20
Cassia, whole. 18 20
Cassia, pure ground. 20 25
Cassia, compound. 13 18
Cloves, whole. 18 25
Cloves, pure ground. 25 30
Cloves, compound. 18 20
Pepper, black, whole. 10 15
Pepper, black, pure ground. 13 15
Pepper, black, compound. 10 13
Pepper, white, whole. 20 25
Pepper, white, pure ground. 25 35
Pepper, white, compound. 18 20
Pepper, Cayenne. 30 35
Ginger, whole, Jamaica. 25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochim. 20 25
Ginger, pure ground. 25 30
Ginger, compound. 15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound). 60 1 00
Mace (per pound). 1 00 1 25
Teas
China Blacks—
Choice. 35 40
Medium. 25 35
Common. 13 20
Indian and Ceylon—
Choice. 32 40
Medium. 25 32
Common. 22 25
Young Hysons—
Choice. 35 45
Medium. 30 35
Common. 22 30
Japan—
Finest May Picking. 35 40
Choice. 30 35
Fine. 25 30
Good Medium. 20 25
Common. 15 20
Tobacco
T. & B. 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads. 00 76
Lily, 8s, cads. 00 63
Green, 5s, cads. 00 60
T. & B. Black Chewing, 5s or 10s
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 5s or 10. 00 64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut. 00 89
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut. 00 91
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4. 00 91
T. & B. in 1/2 tins. 00 99
T. & B. in 1/4 tins. 00 97
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg. 00 85
Orinoco, 1 1/2 tins. 00 91
Orinoco, 1/2 tins. 00 86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette 1-12. 00 87
Brier, 7s, cads. 00 65
Derby, 3s, cads. 00 68
Derby 7s, cads. 00 68
P. & W. Chewing, Cads. 00 66
P. & W. Chewing, Butts. 00 66
Wooden Ware
Pails, 2 hoop clear. 1 50
Pails, wire hoop. 2 25
Pails, Star fibre. 4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common. 9 50
Tubs, No. 1 common. 8 50
Tubs, No. 2 common. 6 50
Tubs, No. 3 common. 5 50
Tubs, nests (3). 1 65
Tubs, wire hoop (3). 2 25
Tubs, fibre, No. 0. 16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1. 14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2. 12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3. 10 50
Butter tubs, wire hoop (2). 50 55
Butter tubs, wire hoop (3). 75 80
CURED MEATS AND LARD
Lard, pure, 20 lb pails. \$2 00
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs. 6 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb. 9 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails. 1 60
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs. 5 25
Smoked Meats
Hams 11 1/2 12
Breakfast bacon, bellies 12 12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs 11 1/2 12
Spiced rolls 10 10 1/2
Shoulders 9 9 1/2
Long Clear 9 10
Dry Salt Meats
Long clear bacon 9 9 1/2
Shoulders 8 9
Imported Short Clear 5 1/2 9
Barrel Pork
Heavy mess 15 16 00
Short cut 16 30 17 00
Meat Sundries
Fresh pork sausage, lb. \$
Bologna sausage, lb. 7 1/2
Ham, chicken and tongue, doz. \$1 20
Pickled hocks, per lb. 03
Pickled tongues, per lb. 03
Pickled pigs feet, pair 15 lbs. 1 40
Sausage casings, lb. 20 25
FRESH FISH
Whitefish, lb. 05
Pickrel, lb. 03 1/2
Trout, lb. 09
Lake Superior Herrings, doz. 15
Pike, lb. 02 1/2
Salmon, lb. 11
B.C. halibut, lb. 09
Smelts, lb. 08
Cod, lb. 08
Haddock 08
Smoked goldeyes, doz. 30
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl. 6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl. 7 50
Oysters, cans selects, each. 65
DRUGS
Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.
Alum, lb. 3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal. 5 50 5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb. 06 08
Bluestone, lb. 06 07
Bluestone, barrel lots. 04 1/2 05
Borax 11 13
Bromide Potash. 65 75
Camphor 65 75
Camphor, ounces. 80 90
Carbolic Acid. 40 65
Castor Oil. 15 17
Chlorate Potash. 25 30
Citric Acid. 55 65
Copperas. 03 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz. 4 50 5 00
Cream Tartar, lb. 30 35
Cloves. 20 25
Epsom Salts. 03 1/2 04
Extract Logwood, bulk. 14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes. 18 20
German Quinine. 35 45
Glycerine, lb. 30 35
Ginger, Jamaica. 30 35
Ginger, African. 20 25
Howard's Quinine, oz. 45 55
Iodine. 5 00 5 50
Insect Powder. 35 40
Opium, sul. 2 10 2 25
Morphia. 4 50 5 00
Oil, olive. 25 1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad. 25 1 40
Oil, lemon, super. 2 75
Oil, peppermint. 4 00
Oil, cod liver, gal. 4 50 2 00
Oxalic Acid. 14 16
Potass Iodide. 7 50 8 00
Paris Green, lb. 18 20
Saltpetre. 10 12
Sal Rochelle. 30 35
Shellac. 35 40
Sulphur Flowers. 3 1/2 4
Sulphur Roll, keg. 3 1/2 4
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs. 3 75 4 25
Sal Soda. 2 00 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb. 45 55
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz. 85 1 00
LEATHER
Harness, oak. 33
Harness, union oak No. 1. 33
Harness, union oak No. 1 R. 32
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand. 33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand. 32
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1. 32
Do., No. 1 R. 31
Black collar leather. 36
Sole, union oak. 32
Listowell, sole. 27 30
Penetang, sole. 27 30
B. F. French calf. 25 30
B. F. French kip. 95 1 15
Canada calf. 65 80
Canada Calf, Horseshoe. 80
Horse-hoe Brand Kip. 90
Karn Kip. 80 85
Wax upper. 42 46
Grain upper. 42 46
Kangaroo, per foot. 25 50
Dolgon, per foot. 25 40
FUEL
Coal
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.
Pennsylvania anthracite—
Stove, nut or lump. 10 00
Pea size. 7 50
Western anthracite, stove. 9 50
Western anthracite, nut. 7 25
Lethbridge bituminous. 7 50
Hocking. 7 50
Souris Lignite. 4 60
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines. 1 50
Blossburg smithing. 9 50
Cordwood
These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.
Tamarac, good, last winter's cut. 4 25
Pine, green cut, dry. 3 75 4 00
Spruce, dead cut. 3 50 3 75
Spruce, green cut dry. 2 75 3 00
Poplar, green cut dry. 2 50 2 75
Poplar, dead cut. 2 25 2 50
Oak, green cut dry body. 4 50 4 75
Oak, dead cut. 4 75 5 00

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 50c lower, bran and shorts 25c lower, oats 1c lower, butter 2c lower, potatoes 10c lower, poultry 1-2c lower, hogs higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$6.90 to \$7.10; second patents, \$6.70 to \$6.90.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.50 to \$11.00; bran in bulk, \$10.50 to \$11; corn feed \$13.50 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 34 3-4c for No. 3.

Oats—Held at 30c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 42c.

Flax seed—\$1.32 1-2 per bushel.

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

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

Butter—Creamery, 13c to 14 1-2c; seconds, 12 to 12 1-2c; dairy, 13 to 13 1-2c for good to choice; seconds, 10c.

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

Potatoes—Car lots mixed 40 to 42c; named varieties 40 to 65c.

Poultry—Chicken, 4 to 7 1-2c; turkeys, 9c; ducks, 8c; geese, 7c, all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 73-4 for No. 1, 63-4 for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1-2 to 6 3-4c; sheepskins 40 to 80c each; veal calf 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c; tallow, 2 1-4c to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 19 to 21c.

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

Cattle—Sales: 5 cows, av 1.126, \$3.85; 1 av 980, \$3.50; 1 cow, av 970, \$3.70; 14 heifers, av 270, \$4.90; 2, av 290, 14 steers, av 1,072, \$4.62 1-2; 7, av 1,001, \$4.30; 2, av 970, \$4.10; 2 heifers, av 260, \$3.70; 2 av 550, \$3.50; 1 bull, av 1,560, \$3.75; 1, av 1,200, \$3.20; 1 calf, av 210, \$5.25; 1, av 100, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

Hogs—Sales: 68 hogs, av 261 lbs, \$4.60; 7 hogs, av 285 lbs, \$4; 20, av 284, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

Cheese Markets.

Belleville, May 17.—At the Cheese Board to-day 27 factories boarded 1,135 boxes colored and 310 boxes white cheese. Sales 50 colored at 7 1-2c.

Ingersoll, May 17.—Offerings to-day, 2,000 boxes, principally second week of May. No selling; 7 5-8c highest bid.

Assiniboia.

James Grierson is erecting a building at Whitewood to be used as a furniture store.

Duquette & De Langle, of Whitewood, general merchants, are building a new warehouse.

Mrs. A. Morrison has sold out her millinery business at Wapella to Mrs. Parker, who will carry on the business.

Tuesday afternoon fire started in the engine room of John McGuire's furniture factory at Moosomin and the whole building, machinery and materials were destroyed. Loss about \$5,000; no insurance.

C. J. Dutton, the pioneer merchant of Sintaluta, has been compelled on account of his health to give up his business, and has disposed of his stock to A. P. Manson, late of Wolseley, who will take possession shortly. Mr. Dutton intends to devote himself to farming.

John Whitman is starting a creamery at Emerson, Man.

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New York Wheat.

New York, May 16.—Sentiment in wheat made a decided change to-day, but the bull advantage of strength in Liverpool news to scare in the local short interest, with the result that prices advanced seven cents on July and eleven cents on May from the official close of Saturday. Rumors that the German duty on wheat had been reduced were effective in strengthening the market. About a million bushels of wheat were shipped from New York to European ports last week and heavy clearances are predicted for the balance of the month. May ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.56; July sold from \$1.13 1-2 to \$1.18, and closed at \$1.17 1-2.

Wheat—Receipts 356,125 bushels; exports 151,975 bushels; sales 4,775,000 bushels futures; 72,000 bushels spot; spot firm No. 2 red, \$1.54 1-2 f.o.b. afloat, to arrive, exports; \$1.00 f.o.b. afloat to arrive September 1st, to \$1.50. Options had a strong advance to-day in face of bearish crop news and weekly statistics. Shorts furnished the demand, being excited over rumored reduction in German duties, higher English cables and strong Northwest markets, closed 11 cents higher on May and 1 1-2 to 6 cents higher on other months. No. 2 red, May \$1.50 to \$1.56, closed \$1.56; July \$1.13 1-2 to \$1.18, closed \$1.17 1-2; Sept. 94 1-2 to 96 11-16, closed 96 1-2c; Dec. 89 3-4 to 91 1-2, closed 91 1-8c.

New York, May 17.—Wheat — Receipts 365,375 bushels; exports 31,574 bushels. Options opened steady and had a good advance on the strength of cables, fair local and foreign buying of July and light offerings. They subsequently turned weak with corn, however, and under realizing closed 1 to 1 3-8c net lower on all months, but May, which resisted selling, exports, and closed 1-2 net higher; No. 2 red May, \$1.56 to \$1.57 1-2, closed \$1.57 1-2; July \$1.16 1-2 to \$1.18 3-4, closed \$1.16 1-2; Sept. 94 15-16 to 96 5-8c, closed 95 1-8; Dec. 90 to 91 3-8, closed 90.

New York, May 18.—Wheat — Receipts 215,525 bushels; exports 101,512 bushels. Options opened weak, and experienced little relief all day, closing at 21-8 to 41-2 cents net decline, latter on May. Trade was largely scalping, with big crop estimates. No. 2 red May opened \$1.53 to \$1.54, closed \$1.53; July closed \$1.12 3-4 to \$1.15 3-4, closed \$1.12 7-8; Sept. opened 92 5-4 to 94 1-2, closed 92 7-8; Dec. opened 87 7-8 to 89 1-4, closed 87 7-8.

New York, May 19.—Wheat — Receipts 533,725 bushels; exports 22,953 bushels. Options opened steadier on the cables, and were further advanced later in the day by rumors concerning a possible extension of time on French duty removal, closed steady at 1-8 to 1c net advance. No. 2 red May opened \$1.53 to \$1.55, closed \$1.54; July opened \$1.12 3-4 to \$1.14 3-4, closed \$1.13 7-8; Sept. opened 92 7-8 to 94 1-8, closed 93 1-2; Dec. opened 87 3-4 to 89, closed 88.

New York, May 20.—Wheat — Receipts 305,250 bushels; exports 190,290 bushels.; Options took a more bullish turn to-day, after opening off on Liverpool cables; shorts covered freely on unfavorable weather news from France, prospective heavy European needs, and strength of Paris markets, closed 1-4 to 2c net higher. No. 2 red May opened \$1.52 to \$1.60, closed \$1.56; July opened \$1.12 1-2 to

\$1.15 closed \$1.15; Sept. opened 92 7-8 to 94 1-8, closed 93 7-8; Dec. opened 87 3-8 to 88 1-4, closed 87 7-8.

On Saturday, May 21, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.06 1-2 for May option, and \$1.18 1-8 for July, and 95 1-4c for September. A week ago July wheat closed at \$1.11 1-2.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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

Chicago, May 16.—Wheat, May opened \$1.45, closed \$1.50. July opened \$1.00, closed \$1.09 1-4c. Sept. opened 90c, closed 91 3-4c. Corn, May opened 36 3-8, closed 36 5-8c. July opened 36 3-8c, closed 37c. Sept. opened 37c, closed 37 7-8c. Oats, May opened 30c, closed 30. July opened 26 3-8c, closed 26 3-8c. September 24 1-8c, closed 24 1-8c. Ribs, May \$6.55, July \$6.55. Pork, May \$12.20, July \$12.40. Lard, May \$6.80, July \$6.80.

Chicago, May 17.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.49 1-2; July \$1.08; Sept. 89 3-4c; Dec. 85 7-8c.
Corn—May 35 7-8c; July 36c; Sept. 36 7-8 to 3c.
Oats—May 29 1-2c; July 26 1-4 to 26 3-8c; Sept. 23 5-8 to 32 3-4c.
Mess pork — May \$12; July \$12.17 1-2; Sept. \$12.30.
Lard—May \$6.62 1-2; July \$6.62 1-2; Sept. \$6.70.
Short ribs—May \$6.35; July \$6.35; Sept. \$6.42 1-2.

Chicago, May 18.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat — May \$1.40; July \$1.05 1-4; Sept. 88 1-8c, Dec. 84c.
Corn—May 35c; July 35 1-8c; Sept. 36 to 1-8c.
Oats—May 30c; July 26 to 1-8c; Sept. 23 3-8c.
Pork—May \$12.12 1-2; July \$12.30; Sept. \$12.40.
Lard — May \$6.65; July \$6.67 1-2; Sept. \$6.72 1-2.
Short ribs—May \$6.40; July \$6.40; Sept. \$6.47 1-2.

Chicago, May 19.—The wheat market took an upward whirl about an hour from the close, on a report that France would not reimpose the duty on wheat until next October. Corn was strong to begin with, and much stronger a little later. Oats followed corn, but closed unchanged. The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.45; July \$1.07; Sept. 88 7-8; Dec. 84 3-8.
Corn—May 35 7-8; July 35 3-8; Sept. 36 2-8.
Oats—May 29 3-4; July 26 1-8; Sept. 23 3-8.
Mess pork — July \$12.10; Sept. \$6.30.
Short ribs — July \$6.22 1-2; Sept. \$12.22 1-2.
Lard—July \$6.47 1-2; Sept. \$6.55.

Chicago, May 20. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.45, July \$1.08 7-8, Sept. 89 5-8c, Dec. 84 1-8c.
Corn—May 35 1-2c, July 35 3-4c to 7-8c, Sept. 36 3-4c.
Oats—May 29 3-4c, July 26 1-4c, Sept. 23 1-2c.
Pork—July \$12.20, Sept. \$12.30.
Lard—July \$6.42 1-2, Sept. \$6.52 1-2.
Short ribs—July \$6.15, Sept. \$6.22 1-2.

On Saturday, May 21, July wheat opened at \$1.09 to \$1.09 1-2 and rang-

ed upward to \$1.12 1-2. Closing prices were.

Wheat—May \$1.60, July \$1.11 1-2; Sept. 90 1-2c.
Corn—May 35 1-2, July 35 3-4c.
Oats—May 30 1-8c, July 26 1-8c.
Pork—May \$12.12 1-2, July \$12.12-27 1-2.
Lard—May \$6.47 1-2, July \$6.47 1-2.
Ribs—May \$6.22 1-2, July \$6.22 1-2.
Flax seed, cash—\$1.35, May \$1.34, Sept. \$1.19.

A week ago July option closed at \$1.04. A year ago July wheat closed at 72c, two years ago at 61c, three years ago at 79 1-2c, and four years ago at 55 3-8c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

There is nothing doing in the local market to-day, but the feeling is firmer and quoted at \$1.33 to \$1.34 for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, May 21, No. 1 northern wheat closed at \$1.55 for May option, \$1.52 3-4 for July, and 91 7-8c for September. A week ago July wheat closed at \$1.39.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—July, \$1.44; Sept., 95c.
Tuesday—July, \$1.43 1-2; Sept., 93 1-4c.
Wednesday—July, \$1.46; Sept., 91c.
Thursday—July, \$1.48; Sept., 91 1-2c.
Friday—May, \$1.55; July, \$1.49; Sept. 91 7-8c.
Saturday—May \$1.60; July \$1.54 1-2, Sept. 93c.
Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.60, and cash No. 1 northern at \$1.60.

Last week July option closed at \$1.40. A year ago July option closed at 67 1-4c, and two years ago at 62 1-2c.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

A. L. Whitman, is opening a general store at Emerson, Minn.

E. C. Bush & Co. are opening a general store at Crystal City, Minn.

McMillan & Lane and A. E. Little have purchased the McBean elevator at Morden, Minn.

J. Jackson is opening a confectionery store in connection with his harness shop at Altamont.

H. Cockshutt, manager of the Cockshutt Plow works, Brantford, Ontario, is in the city this week. E. A. Mott, manager at Winnipeg for the company, has returned from a business trip to the coast.

The Commercial was in error in stating that the packing and provision company recently organized in Winnipeg would be wound up. While nothing is being done in the meantime toward organizing for actual operations there, still a possibility that the company may go ahead.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 20.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot dull. Corn—Spot quiet. American mixed new 3s 9 1-4d.

Close—Corn—Spot American mixed new quiet at 3s 9d; July quiet at 3s 8 1-4d; Sept. quiet at 3s 8 3-4d.

A. B. Corelli, manager at Winnipeg of the Equitable Life Insurance Co., left for New York and Montreal this week.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 21.

Business continues very good in the jobbing trade. The grain trade has been very dull this week. The rush of wheat which came out after seeding was finished, appears to have exhausted supplies held by farmers, and there is now practically nothing doing in country markets. No doubt the farmers rushed out what wheat they held as fast as they could get it to market, to secure the handsome prices paid. Coarse grains and feed-stuffs continue very scarce and high. The lack of rain to start the grass is reducing the butter supply, which is very small for the season. The lumber and building trade is good. Lumber prices are firm and higher, owing to low water and difficulty of floating logs down to the mills. Building operations in the line of business blocks and large buildings, are more active in Winnipeg than they have been for many years. Railway construction work has been commenced on the Southeastern, near Winnipeg, and the extension of the Dauphin railway will be commenced next week. Rain is needed for the crops. There have been some showers in certain districts, but a general and prolonged rain is needed. While perhaps no permanent injury has yet been done to the crops, any material lengthening of the period of drouth would prove very harmful. Bank clearings at Winnipeg are not far from double what they were for the corresponding period of last year, and considerably more than double the like week of 1896. Clearings for the week ending May 19, 1898, were \$2,123,509; corresponding week of 1897, \$1,214,095, and for 1896, \$95,193.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 21

BINDER TWINE.

The market keeps very strong. The supply of raw manilla is now entirely shut off by the blockade of the Philippines. Raw sisal has advanced rapidly on account of the short supply of manilla. There has not been much business done lately. Orders were placed freely early in the season, and those who did not buy in advance are holding off. There is always more or less talk this time of year about an expected shortage but whether or not there will be a scarcity of twine will depend on the crop. If the crop should turn out very heavy there would probably be a squeeze for twine before the harvest was over, but with an average crop there probably will be enough twine to meet requirements.

DRUGS.

The local market is steady. Advices from other drug markets report an advance 50c per lb. on opium and it is said the crop is short. Morphine is higher in sympathy.

FISH.

Stocks of frozen fish are very light and have been cleared out closer than usual at this season. It is said that the fish in cold storage at the Lake Winnipeg freezers have been cleared out, and very little frozen stock is held in the city. Fresh caught white fish from Lake Manitoba are coming in more freely. The fresh caught are selling 1-2c higher than frozen stock were selling at.

GREEN FRUITS.

Business is steadily increasing in this branch as the variety of fruits in the market is enlarged. Bananas are selling freely and are arriving in car lots, the quality being good. Messina lemons, per direct steamers to Montreal, are now in the market. California navel oranges are still in the market, but a week or so will about wind them up. Some fairly good apples are obtainable. New Egyptian onions are selling well. Strawberries and tomatoes are selling 50c lower. Prices are: Navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4; California seedling oranges, \$2.75 to \$3; bananas, per bunch, \$2 to \$2.75, as to size; Messina lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per box, as to quality; apples, \$4 to \$5.50 per barrel for best sorts, as to quality: off quality, \$2 to \$3.50 per barrel, as to condition. pineapples, \$4 per dozen; pie plant, 2 1-2c to 3c per lb.; strawberries, \$5 per case of 24 quarts; tomatoes, \$4 per crate of six baskets; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11c to 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c, figs, elemes, 10 lb boxes, \$1.25 to \$1.40, as to quality; 50 lb boxes, 17c per lb.; dates, 6 1-2 to 7c per lb.; Tarragona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 9c; peanuts, roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c per lb.; maple sugar 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen 1-2 gallon tins, \$7; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; Egyptian onions, 4 to 4 1-2c per lb.

GROCERIES.

The general feature of the market is one of firmness. There are a number of commodities which ought to be higher here on the basis of the cost of laying down new stock, but owing to competition it is difficult to secure reasonable advances. Oatmeal, beans, split peas, canned meats, hog products, rice, molasses, etc., are all much higher and would cost more to lay down here. In fact jobbers are selling some of these lines at lower prices than they could be laid down for now. New samples of Japan tea have been received. The sales of dried fruit have been very heavy this season, particularly prunes and apricots, and there has been a corresponding decrease in the consumption of canned goods. This is no doubt owing to the reasonable price of the dried fruits named.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

The market is very firm on most staple lines. The greatest strength shown in any line is probably in rope. There have been several advances recently on rope, the latest advance of 1-4c taking place yesterday afternoon, to 9 1-4c for sisal and 10 3-4c for Manilla. The market is very strong and further advances are looked for. Lead and all lead products continue very strong. Shot has been advanced 1-4c to 6 1-4c for Canadian soft and 6 3-4c for chilled. In paints a striking feature of this season's trade is the large increase in the demand for ready mixed paints. Where

thus were formerly taken now pails or buckets are ordered, and where pails were formerly ordered now barrels are taken. The volume of business continues good.

LUMBER.

The important feature in this branch is another advance of \$1 on almost everything. The white pine manufacturers announced an advance to this extent early in the week, which covers timber and dimension, boards, shiplap, flooring, siding, ceiling, in fact everything but finishing has been advanced \$1 per thousand. On Thursday the representatives of the Pacific coast mills announced an advance of \$1 on the following lines: No. 3 fir flooring, 1x4 and 6, No. 3 fir flooring, 1x3; No. 2 fir siding, 1x6; No. 3 fir siding, 1x6; No. 2 fir ceiling, 1x3, 4 or 6; No. 3 fir ceiling, 1x3, 4 or 6. It is understood the Winnipeg list prices will be advanced at once to correspond with the advances by manufacturers. The situation in lumber is very strong, owing to the very low water. The water in the Lake of the Woods and tributaries is exceptionally low for the season and it looks as though many logs would be hung up this year. Navigation is stopped on some streams.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

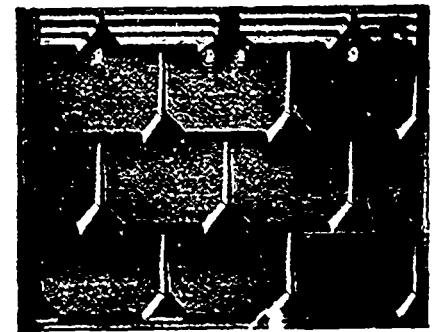
WHEAT—The wheat market has been quieter this week and prices much steadier. The markets have shown wonderful strength considering the excitement and the way prices jumped about during the two previous weeks. While fluctuations have been wide as compared with ordinary conditions, the markets have held remarkably steady and firm considering the recent excited situation.

The local market has been very quiet and very little business has been transacted, while prices have held comparatively steady. The idea of values in this market has held at

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about \$1.32 to \$1.33 for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, all the week. A couple of little sales were made at \$1.35 on Monday and Tuesday, and one round lot sale of 20,000 bushels was said to have gone through at \$1.34. It would have been impossible, however, to have sold any considerable quantity of wheat at above \$1.30 to \$1.32 at any time during the week. Yesterday there were sellers at \$1.32 1-2 to \$1.33, and a sale was put through at the half. In fact business was practically nil on some days. The farmers have exhausted their supplies held over until after sowing and country markets are about wound up until another crop moves. Receipts at Fort William last week were 179,000 bushels; shipments, 206,000; in store \$92,000.

FLOUR—The market has held steady at the inside quotations given a week ago. The market is rather quiet. Millers say that the price of flour is below a parity with the present prices of wheat and that they could not sell flour on the present basis if it were made from wheat bought now. We quote patent \$3.30, best bakers, \$3.10; second bakers \$2.75, and XXXX \$1.70 per sack of 48 lbs; 5c discount from these prices net cash.

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

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

OATMEAL—It would cost about \$2.20 per sack to lay down rolled oats here in car lots, which would mean \$2.55 for lots to retail dealers, but the market has not advanced to correspond with the advances east and south, and some jobbers are still selling at \$2.20. Prices must soon advance.

CORN—Car lots laid down here from the south, freight paid, would cost about 47c to 48c on the present basis of prices south, on track Winnipeg. We quote cars here at 48c to 50c per bushel of 56 pounds.

BARLEY—There is no barley moving. Nominal at 45 to 50c per bus. of 48 lbs.

OATS—As stated a week ago, there appears to be no oats in the country worth mentioning except what are held by one city grain company, and they are asking 47c per bushel of 54 pounds, on track here. A wire received by The Commercial this week from Vancouver, said that parties were buying up all the oats there, with a view to getting a corner in the grain.

BEANS—Beans have been advancing fast lately in the eastern markets, and are low held at about equal to \$1.25 per bushel for cars here, an advance of 15 to 25c per bushel. Some are asking equal to \$1.30 here. The war is the cause of the big advance in this line. Jobbers here have not advanced their prices to meet the advance outside and some are still quoting \$1.36 to the trade.

BUTTER, creamery—The creameries are now getting to work and there has been an increase in offerings, but the make is very light yet and only very small lots are offering. None of the factories have lots of any size to offer. About 15 to 18 1-2c has been paid at the factories for some purchases.

BUTTER, dairy—The offerings of dairy butter are still very small. This is owing to the dry weather. The grass has hardly made any start

yet, owing to the drouth and the make of butter is accordingly very small, especially as the farmers are out of feed. The great scarcity and high prices for feedstuffs, combined with a very backward season as regards the growth of grass, is greatly curtailing the make of dairy goods. Jobbers are selling dairy butter at 14 to 15c as to quality.

EGGS—Owing to demand from packers, prices have advanced 1c this week, and dealers and packers have been paying 10c net. Dealers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c in case lots.

CHEESE—The market has not opened yet, the quantity of new offered being very limited. A little old has been selling at 9 to 10c.

DRESSED MEATS—The market keeps firm for all kinds of fresh meats. We quote hogs 7 1-2c for country dressed and 8c for city dressed. Beef 6 1-2 to 7c for city dressed. Mutton 8c for cold storage stock and 9 to 10c for fresh dressed. Veal, 7 to 9c, as to quality.

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

CURED MEATS AND LARD—The market is very strong. Prices are continually advancing east and south. Short clear would cost over 9c to lay down here from the States at the prices quoted yesterday at Chicago. The local market holds at the advance quoted last week. Higher prices are looked for.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel, onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; imported Egyptian, 1 to 4 1-2c; cabbage, 2c per lb.; new cabbage, \$1 per crate; beets 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c. Green stuffs in onion, lettuce, radishes, etc., is offering at 15 to 25c dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; asparagus, 40 to 50c per dozen bunches.

HAY—Demand limited. A few cars have sold at \$11 to \$12 for baled here. A few cars have been brought in from the States, but the quality is very poor.

HIDES—The high tendency noted a week ago has developed into a general advance of 1-2c and 7c is now the established price. The market is firm and the demand is improving in the States. We quote green hides No. 1, 7c; kip, 6c to 7c; calf, 7 to 9c lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts, 40 to 80c as to size and quantity of wool; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal and easy at 8 to 9c. The wool market in Ontario has opened at 15 to 16c for washed wool and 11c for unwashed, equal to 9c here for the last fleeces. Manitoba wool is worth about 1c less than Ontario wool, owing to the greater amount of dirt in the wool, which causes it to shrink more. Making this allowance, and also for freight, 9c is about the outside here on the basis of Ontario prices. The duty on long wools going into the United States is 12c per lb. and 11c on short or clothing wools. Manitoba wool would mostly take the 12c duty, and western range wools the 11c duty.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1-2 for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal and weak. No demand from consuming markets. Quoted 10 to 16c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The market holds firm. While cattle are scarce this year the quality of those offering is good. This is no doubt owing to the fact that the fat cattle of valuable have mostly been fed by the more experienced feeders. Owing to the high price and scarcity of feed the general run of stock is too thin to offer at all, whereas if feed had been plentiful and cheap, there would have been a good many cattle fed by less experienced farmers, which though not prime, would be passable. Prices are quite firm. We quote 4 to 4 1-2c off cars here, and for choice cattle well up to 4 1-2c has been paid.

SHEEP—Sheep are scarce. None offering. We quote 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c off cars here, and a prime bunch would bring 5c.

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

COWS—Milk cows are in good demand, and good cows will bring \$35 each. Of course there are cows and small heifers selling at \$20 upward as to quality for new milkers.

British Cattle Markets.

London, May 16. — The trade in cattle to-day was moderate, but as supplies of Canadian and Argentine stock were limited the market for such was firmer and prices advanced 1-2c. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-4c; choice Canadians at 11c; Argentine at 10c. Prices for Argentine sheep were 1-2c higher, choice selling at 11c.

Liverpool, May 16. — Choice United States cattle, 11 1-4c, choice Canadian, 10 1-2c.

New Oatmeal Mills.

Mr. Dow, of Dow & Currie, oatmeal miller, of Pilot Mound, has been in Winnipeg this week with the object of purchasing a site for an oatmeal mill. Options have been secured on several properties, and it is the intention of the firm to establish a first-class mill here, in time for the next crop, with a capacity of about 200 barrels. Pot and pearl barley and package cereal goods of all kinds will be manufactured, thus adding another important industrial concern to the manufacturers of the city. Mr. Dow is thoroughly experienced in the oatmeal line, having been engaged in the business of building as well as operating mills. He built a number of the best mills in Ontario and has built several mills in the United States. The superior facilities afforded in the city both for buying the raw material and selling the manufactured product is the incentive for coming to Winnipeg.

Saskatchewan.

Hilton Keith, Indian agent, has taken up his residence at Prince Albert, where he will open business in lumber.

It is alleged that a combine including the leading transportation companies of the Pacific coast cities have agreed to make the rate to Dawson, by the all water route via St. Michaels and the Yukon river, \$300 first and \$250 second.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 21.

Dry Goods—The wholesale dry goods trade is less active, but there is larger buying of wholens and values are very firm. There is much more cash buying than usual.

Groceries—Hog products are dearer and stocks small, importations from the States will be necessary. Long clear bacon is 1-4c higher. Tiered lard 3-8c higher. Rice is scarce, and dealers cannot get supplies. The mills have advanced B 20c. per 100 lbs, and a higher market is expected. In canned goods tomatoes are advancing. Peas weak, and 25c lower.

Hardware—Trade improving. Harvest tools for the west in active demand. There is still a difficulty in getting sufficient spades, shovels and barb wire for immediate shipment to meet the demand. Metals, good demand and firm. Brass tubing has advanced. Shot is dearer. The discount has been reduced from 10 to 7 1-2 per cent. Cordage will likely advance again soon. Some sizes of wire nails are scarce.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 21.

The grain trade is now dull. Manitoba flour is 10c to 15c per barrel lower. Oats 1-2c lower. Butter is weak and stocks are accumulating. Hog products are in light supply and very firm. It is said it will be necessary to import from the States, though receipts of hogs are now large.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$6.85 to \$6.90; bakers, \$6.35 to \$6.40. Ontario straight roller, \$5.25 in barrel.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, \$1.07 to \$1.10 for cars at country points. No. 1 hard, Sarnia, \$1.45.

Oats—White, 34 to 34 1-2c for cars at country points.

Peas—60c per bushel.

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

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

Eggs—10c.

Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 11c; tubs, 11 1-2c; creamery, tub, 16 1-2.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8c; cured 8 1-2c; sheepskins 90c to \$1.35 for fresh killed calfskins, 8 to 9c; tallow 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 to 4c; 9 to 10c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk.

Beans—\$5 to 90c per bushel.

Wool—New washed 16c, unwashed 11c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per bushel. Red clover, \$3 to \$4 per bush.

Maple syrup—65 per gallon.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 17.

Offerings to-day were 91 carloads, including 150 sheep and lambs and 2,000 hogs. The total receipts last week were 4,611 cattle, 409 sheep and lambs, 7,279 hogs. Export cattle were slow and the market easier. Prices ruled from \$4.20 to \$4.40 per cwt. Butchers' cattle easier; best sold at \$3.90 to \$4; some fancy bringing \$4.20 per cwt. Medium to good cattle bring 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c, and inferior and bulls and cows at \$3 to \$3.30 per cwt. Shipping bulls wanted at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Stockers and feeders in fair demand and all sold for Buffalo at

\$3.65 to \$3.90 per cwt. Sheep and lambs, steady, yearlings 5 1-2c to 6c. Sheep 3c to 3 1-2c for both export and butchers; rams 3c; spring lambs \$3 to \$4 each. Milch cows \$23 to \$40 each. Good cows wanted. Hogs unchanged, but tendency easier. Choice bacon hogs sold at \$5 to \$5.10; light and heavy fat, \$4.60 to \$4.75, sows, \$3 to \$3.25; stags, \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 20.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 100 carloads including 3,000 hogs. Receipts are the heaviest on record. Export cattle were steady at Tuesday's prices. Scarcity of ocean freight operating to reduce buying demand. Butchers' cattle were easier, 4c being the top price paid to-day. Stockers were in active demand for the States, where prices are higher owing to the war. Hogs firm at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 21.

Turpentine continues to fluctuate in price. The inside range has been reduced 1c this week. Cement is in active demand at firm prices. Canada plates and tin plates are firm and higher in British markets.

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; turpentine, 47 to 48c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90. I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4, iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80, ingot tin, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2. Cement, English brands, \$2.25 to \$2.35. Germany, \$2.30 to \$2.45, and Belgium, \$1.80 to \$2 per barrel, ex-wharf.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 21.

Rice has been advanced 20c per 100 lbs. by the mills here, and jobbers' prices are 1-4c higher. Molasses continues very strong and some look for further advances.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 1-2c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 3-16c; yellows, 3 5-8 to 4 1-8c; molasses 30 to 31; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2 as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c. Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-4c, B., 3 3-4c.

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

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Montreal, May 17.

To the Editor of The Commercial. Receipts at the Last End abattoir market yesterday were 700 cattle, 306 sheep and lambs, and 350 calves. The demand for good to choice shipping cattle was good and about 200 head were taken at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c. Choice sold at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c; good at 3 3-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3 1-2c; common at 2 1-4c to 2 3-4c. Sheep were taken by local buyers at 3 1-2

to 4 1-2c, and spring lambs \$2 to \$4 each.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 20.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday the market was quiet on account of holiday. Shipments for export this week were: Cattle, 3,754 head; sheep, 64. Offerings yesterday were 350 cattle, 500 calves, 400 sheep and lambs.

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

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

Hogs—\$5 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Montreal, May 21.

Oats are 1 1-2c to 2c lower compared with a week ago. Manitoba flour is 20c to 30c per barrel lower on the outside quotation and prices are still irregular. Oatmeal 10c lower per bag on the outside quotation of a week ago. Eggs range 1-2c lower. Dairy butter 1c lower, creamery butter 1-4c lower. Cheese 3-4c lower. Beans are firm at \$1 to \$1.15 per bushel. Export demand for cheese very dull. Country cheese market 1-2c to 3-4c lower this week. Some fair export sales of flower are going through.

Receipts for the week were: Wheat 204,159 bushels, oats 338,900 bushels, flour 81,255 barrels, meal 575 barrels, butter 6,521 packages, cheese 9,506 boxes, eggs 5,557 cases. Shipments were: Corn, 1,073,000 bushels, oats 414,700 bushels, wheat 268,000 bushels, flour 17,783 sacks, meal 2,420 sacks, butter 1,517 boxes, cheese 4,865 boxes.

Oats—38 1-2 to 39c per bushel for No. 2 white delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.50 to \$6.80. Manitoba patents, \$6.50 to \$7.10.

Milfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton, shorts, \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$2.10 per bag.

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

Eggs—Fresh 9 to 10c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy 14 to 15c.

Butter—Creamery 16 1-4 to 16 3-4c.

Cheese—7 1-4 to 7 1-2c.

Potatoes—70 to 75c per bag.

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

Western Business Items.

Barre Bros. Co., Ltd., jewellers, Winnipeg, are selling out their stock by retail auction.

V. H. G. G. Pickering, banker, Minnedosa, has admitted Ernest B. Saltwell into partnership.

Harrington & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have sold out their Nelson, B. C. branch business to Morrison & Caldwell.

Tenders are asked for the remodeling of the Imperial Bank block, Winnipeg. Also for a bridge across Bunn's creek, Kildonan, near the city.

Geo. M. Aikman, representing E. L. Drewry, Winnipeg, has returned from his spring trip through the Kootenay district. He reports that West Kootenay is recovering from the late depression.

The Klondike and the Bay Horse hotels, Winnipeg, have been refused licenses by the commissioners; also the house of Geo. Hughes, Stony Mountain. Further licenses are under consideration.