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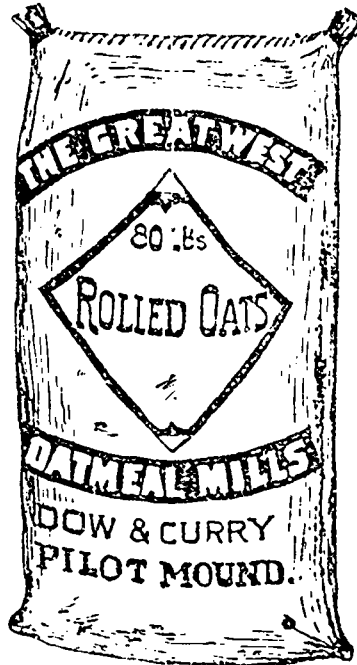
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 13, 1896.

Manitoba.

P. C. Larkin & Co., tea dealers, of Toronto, contemplate opening a branch in Winnipeg. Geo. S. B. Perry, a well known Manitoba newspaper man, has started a paper at Lake Dauphin, called the Dauphin Pioneer Press. This is the first paper to be published in that portion of Manitoba.

Allan & Co., butchers and pork packers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

The Bank of Hamilton will shortly open a branch in Winnipeg in the Main street building now occupied by the Commercial Union Insurance and other companies.

Dealers at Brandon, says the Times, are paying 8 to 9c for eggs. A considerable quantity have been shipped west from Brandon.

The cold storage warehouse addition to the plant of J. Y. Griffin & Co. pork packers, Winnipeg, is in course of erection. The foundation was put in last fall and the balance of the work will now be completed and made ready for occupation in time for this season.

G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, who for some years have made a special feature of the tea trade, have opened a branch office at 42 Scott street, Toronto, and hereafter will compete for the Eastern trade in teas only. Winnipeg is favorably situated as a wholesale tea market. By opening an Eastern branch Messrs. Galt will be able to buy on a larger scale, thus enabling them to secure control of the entire production of certain growers or gardens, and with the close study which they have made of the trade for years, they will no doubt be able to hold their own with any house in this trade.

There was a large attendance at the last regular meeting of the Winnipeg city retailers' association. Twenty-one new members were elected. Much interest was manifested in the Cloutier case, and a delegation was appointed to attend the proceedings before court. A committee was appointed to arrange for a social entertainment at an early date. It was also resolved that additional endeavors should be made to induce the banks to connect themselves with the association as members. A committee, of which Mr. Holman is chairman, was appointed to carry out the resolution.

"A song we sing, a song of hope, the world using Comfort Soap." Another soap on

the market, and it is heralded by the lines quoted above. Comfort soap has been placed on the market by the Dingmans, of Toronto, who formerly gained notoriety in the soap trade as manufacturers of Dingman's Electric. J. E. Dingman, commission agent, Winnipeg, is introducing the new soap in this market and he expects to give it a big boost here. "Comfort" is not an electric soap. It is a boiled laundry soap.

A new business enterprise in Winnipeg, appropriate to the season, is the Chester Seed Co. This firm has opened at 221 Alexander avenue, and they will do both a jobbing and retail business. Mr. Chester was in business in Winnipeg some years ago, and he has now associated himself with another gentleman and opened in the same line, with a fresh stock of garden, field and grass seeds.

A new brick and stone block will be erected on King Street, Winnipeg, this season near the market for A. Carruthers, wool dealer. It will be 35 feet wide and 75 feet long, with two stories and a basement eight feet long. The whole work is to be substantial and massive in character, and when completed will be an ornamental addition to the buildings of the city. The building has been designed specially for the business carried on by Mr. Carruthers.

Hart & McPherson, retail stationers, Winnipeg, have assigned. This firm has not been many years in business and their expenses appear to have been greater than the business would warrant, as they now have liabilities of \$12,000 to \$14,000, and assets of about \$10,000 including about \$3,000 of book debts. The failure is also partly due to limited capital, both book debts and stock being excessive, in comparison with the capital possessed when the firm started business, which was about \$2,500. The firm's liabilities are mostly east, though they had one local account of about \$700.

Alberta.

Patrons of Industry of the Edmonton district will open a grocery store in Edmonton. D. Evans has been appointed manager.

The Edmonton pork packing company, says the Bulletin, have purchased 240,000 pounds of live hogs during the season ending March 31st. This represents nearly \$10,000 in cash paid to the farmers of the district. The company will resume packing in the fall, in any case, and perhaps sooner, as they are considering the advisability of providing cold storage so that they can carry on business in the summer.

The bankrupt stock and book debts of John Cameron, general dealer, Edmonton, have been sold to A. Macdonald & Co., of Winnipeg. The business will be continued.

The Brackman & Ker Milling Co., who operate an oatmeal mill at South Edmonton, have brought in a quantity of seed oats from British Columbia, in order to introduce a desirable quality of milling oats into the district.

The board of underwriters, says the Edmonton Bulletin, have forwarded their new reduced rates on insurance for Edmonton, to take effect on April 1st. The rates are fixed for each building according to Guard's plan of the building of the town, revised up to 1895, and in many cases is a very considerable reduction from the rates hitherto prevailing. The reductions depend on the town introducing a system of electric fire alarm with five boxes, and having ten men occupying the fire hall.

Assiniboia.

A company, with Dan Black, of Medicine Hat, at the head, has been formed to open a drug business at Maple Creek.

Dairy Matters.

The following circular has been issued to the creameries and cheese factories in Manitoba dated Winnipeg, March 31:

It is the intention of the Manitoba Dairy Association to appoint an agent at the city of Winnipeg, whose duties shall be as follows:

To receive by wire, or otherwise, the English, American and Eastern Canada quotations for butter and cheese, and forward the same once a week to all the creameries and cheese factories in Manitoba, and tri-weekly or daily by wire to those who desire them more frequently. The association to pay the cost of transmission of the quotations to Winnipeg, and the creamery or cheese factory receiving same cost of transmission from Winnipeg. The agent will also receive consignments of butter and cheese, place them in cold storage, attend to matters of insurance, etc.

He shall also sell consignments when requested by the consigner to do so.

The agent is on no account to be himself a dealer.

This appointment will be made at an executive meeting to be held on the 16th of April next, and the agent will commence his duties about the 15th of June.

The executive will be pleased to receive any communication in this matter from those who intend to avail themselves of the services of this agent. All letters to be addressed to the secretary as under, and to be sent in not later than the 15th of April, to E. Cora Hind, secretary Manitoba Dairy Association, 361 Main Street, Winnipeg.

Winnipeg city jobbers report a large demand for butter tubs from the country, so great in fact that some of them have been unable to fill all orders promptly.

Regarding the appointment of an agent at Winnipeg to represent the dairy factories, the opinion has been expressed that while such an agent may be found very useful in looking after consignments, it would be a mistake to make him a salesman at the same time as it would be liable to lead to much dissatisfaction. However, the whole thing is an experiment, which may or may not prove satisfactory to the dairymen.

The Hamiota, Man., creamery, will get to work about April 15. J. H. McConnell is to receive 5 cents per pound for the butter made, to include all expenses of making, storing and delivery on cars at Hamiota. The sales committee will have frequent sales, so that patrons can be paid every fortnight, or at least monthly.

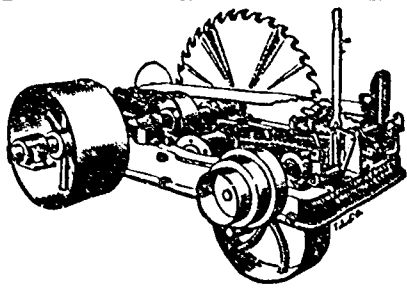
The Birtle creamery will start operating in about ten days. A very much larger patronage has been promised this year than last.

The cheese factory at Beulah, Man., will not be operated this year, and it is expected that the residents of the district will patronize the Birtle creamery.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, are introducing a new package this season for packing butter. It is a 56 pound box, and will be very useful and convenient, especially for the export trade. One advantage in favor of a box, as compared with tubs is, that they are nicer to handle, and can be packed closely together, whereas the tubs are awkward to handle and cause a great waste of space. The boxes are also much cheaper than tubs, being only about half the price of the latter. Boxes are becoming popular, particularly for creamery use.

Geo. Hamilton will establish a creamery at Neepawa, Man.

The supplementary estimates brought down at Ottawa on Tuesday, aggregate \$2,504,941.60. They include \$12,000 on account of the Northwest exhibition and \$25,000 for taking a census in Manitoba.

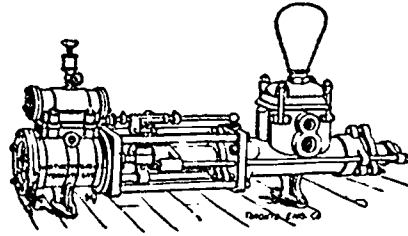


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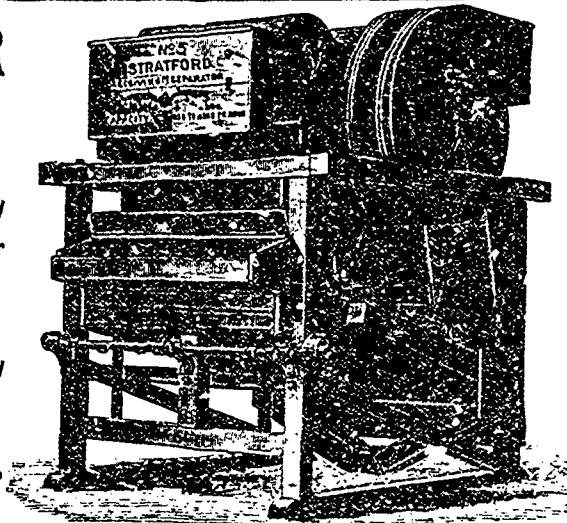
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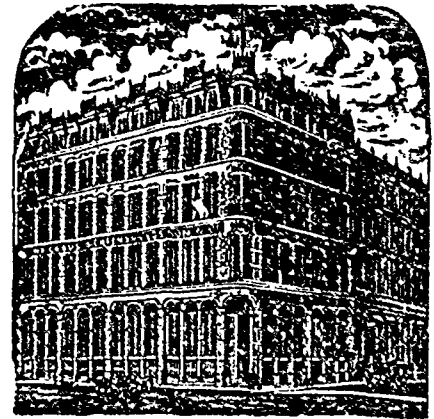
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Carpets.

The carpet and house furnishing season is again at hand. In this connection the dry goods article in the Toronto Globe says.

Manufacturers in Great Britain have given notice that an advance of 2d per yard will take effect after March 25 on best Brussels and Wilton carpets, and on other lines of 1d. Makers have in the past been making Brussels carpets at a loss. The recent advance will enhance this season's purchases. Manufacturers are all very busy, and it is difficult to get deliveries in time. Some wealthy American, it is reported, is proposing to start a factory in Canada to manufacture Brussels and Wilton carpets. English makers, it is said, threaten if this is done, to start factories, as they do not wish to lose this market. This would have a tendency to boom Brussels and Wilton makes, which are unquestionably the best classes of carpets. Moquette and cheap Axminster are favorably considered in buying a range of carpets. Tapestry carpets remain firm but no advance is asked on them. The qualities and designs are greatly improved and approach so near to Brussels make that they can hardly be discerned from them. Kidderminster carpets are now made in this country. The domestic makers are improving their qualities and designs, which should create a better demand. A chief feature in the carpet trade is the increased call for bordered squares woven seamless. An experiment was tried to create a demand for squares made of carpet sewn together and having a border all around. This met with only partial success. Those who can afford to buy rugs generally procure the high grades to match their carpets, such as Axminster, Wilton, etc. Designs, qualities and makes remain about the same each year. The tendency for colors in carpets is towards the darker shades; there are not so many bright tints. Self colors, that is, three or four shadings of a color, are favored. Fawns, browns and greens are the favorites. Hemp carpets are having a moderate trade. The principal demand for them is in the country. The stripe designs sell well in the low prices, while the printed are the best sellers in the medium and higher grades. The patterns are each season being improved. China matting is gaining in popular favor. This is partly due to the new designs brought out. Formerly only plain and stripe grounds were offered. An advance in China matting of 15 per cent was made a short time ago. The demand is steady for coco and napier matting, chiefly used for public buildings. The style in linoleum and floor cloths has undergone a change. The patterns and colorings are following the lead of the carpets in floral designs and dark shades.

Knights of the Grip Meet.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Commercial Travellers' association was held at the board of trade room, Winnipeg, on April 4. President A. S. Binns in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and adopted the report of the delegates to interview the Canadian Pacific railway officials at Montreal was presented and adopted, but as no official reply has yet been received it was impossible at the meeting to advise the members of the exact concessions which may be granted. A. S. Binns and A. L. Johnston, the delegates, spoke very fully of the treatment they had received at Montreal, not only from the railway officials but the members of the travellers' association, who did all they could to make their visit to Montreal a pleasant one.

The idea having been suggested at the convention of holding an annual convention of delegates representing each travellers' association of Canada at Montreal once a year,

Messrs. Binns and Johnston brought the matter before the meeting and after a full discussion the following motion was carried: "Moved by J. A. Lindsay, seconded by L. C. Macintyre, that this meeting fully indorse the recommendation made by the convention held at Montreal on the 9th March, viz; That an annual convention be held of delegates from all the Commercial Travellers' associations of Canada to discuss matters for their mutual benefit and that our secretary advise all associations in Canada accordingly."

After some discussion in reference to the by-laws of the association it was moved by W. Hargraves, seconded by F. J. Cox, that a committee consisting of J. A. Lindsay, F. W. Drewry, J. K. Whannery, the secretary, with the mover and seconder, be a committee to revise the by-laws and report at the quarterly meeting to be held the first Saturday in August next.—Carried.

If any member of the association has any suggestion to make in reference to the by-laws, the above committee will be pleased to hear from such. The meeting then adjourned.

The Cheese Trade.

The wind up of the cheese trade for 1895 and 1896 has proved very unsatisfactory and this in face of the most encouraging prospects last fall when English buyers, induced by the very reasonable prices ruling, made large purchases of August, September and October make, and seemed well satisfied. These goods were put aside for a later market; but in the meantime large quantities of well kept summer goods came out of their hiding place in cold storage, and this kept the market supplied with a class of goods that suited the English trade, and were of course bought at less cost than the fall cheese. Consequently the English trade got accustomed to this cheaper class of goods, while the fall cheese were neglected; and as there were a great many more summer goods than was generally expected, the demand was satisfied thereby to the exclusion of the better and higher priced article. Only a few days ago a lot of 2,000 summer cheese was sold at Ogdensburg, N. Y., to a Montreal firm at 7c there. Advices from London, England, report a better feeling since stocks have been reduced; but prices remain about the same. In this market fall cheese has sold at 8 to 8½c, with some holders a king 8½c.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Montreal Grocery Market.

A decided improvement is reported in the demand for sugar by refiners, and in consequence a fair amount of business has been passing. The impression is that there will be considerable activity in this market during the present month, after the stagnation which has prevailed for the past three months. We quote.—Granulated at 4½c in 250 barrel lots and over; 4 11-16c in 100-barrel lots, and 4½c in smaller quantities. Yellows range from 3½c to 4½c, as to quality, at the factory. A private cable received from London to-day reported cane quiet, beet rather firmer; April, 12s 6d; May 12s 7½d.

The demand for syrups has been slow and the market is quiet at 1½c to 2½c per lb., as to quality at the factory.

There has been no further change in the situation of the molasses market. Cables from the Island have been steady at last week's decline, quoting first cost 13c. On spot business is dull at 8½c to 87c for Barbadoes, and 8½c to 85c Porto Rico.

In rice there is no change to note. The demand is limited and business quiet. The following quotations are what millers sell at: Japan standard, \$4.25 to \$4.40; crystal Japan, \$4.75 to \$5.00; standard B, \$3.45; English style, \$3.30; Patna, \$4.25 to \$5. and Carolina at \$6.50 to \$7.50.

The market for spices has been somewhat quiet of late, but the feeling continues steady and prices show no change. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only: Penang black pepper, 6c to 7½c, white pepper 10c to 12½c; cloves, 7½ to 9c, cassia, 8½c to 9½c; nutmegs, 60c to 90c, and Jamaica ginger, 15½c to 18½c.

There is no movement in the coffee market. The demand is principally for small lots to fill actual requirements, and prices rule about steady. We quote.—Maracaiba, 19 to 20c; Rio, 18c to 18½c; Java, 21 to 27c, Jamaica, 17½c to 18½c, and Mocha, 27½c to 30c.

During the past week the tea market has been very quiet, the demand being chiefly of a sorting up character, and, in consequence, no sales of importance have taken place. The general opinion is that a better trade will be done in the near future.—Gazette, April 6.

Advances in Nails.

The Iron Manufacturers' meetings, which have been going on at the Windsor, Montreal, have resulted in some changes in value. Plain and barbed wire have been continued as they were before. In wire nails however, there has been advance of almost 5 per cent., the trade discount of the list being reduced to that extent. The new discounts now are 70 and 12½ per cent. in Quebec, f.o.b. Montreal, and 70 and 7½ per cent. in Ontario, with delivery of 10 kg lots where the rate does not exceed 25c per 100 lbs. Consideration of cut nails has not yet been concluded, but it is anticipated that an advance on the \$2.60 basis will result. In screws there has been a reduction of 2½ per cent. all round. In tacks, shoe rivets have been altered as follows: Iron or soft steel wire shoe rivets, 10c; brass wire shoe 25c; duck billed 17 gauge 17c; do. 16 gauge 16, with a discount of 20 per cent. The discount on soft steel shoe nails and Swede iron shoe nails has been placed at 50 per cent.

Noxious Weeds.

The Manitoba department of agriculture has issued another pamphlet on "Noxious Weeds and How to Destroy Them," the supply of the former bulletin issued in 1893 having been exhausted. These will be distributed to the Reeves and Clerks of Councils, crop correspondents and farmers institutes; all others will be supplied by the department on application to the chief clerk. The fight with the weeds will soon be at hand, and all good farmers who did not have a copy of the first issue of this pamphlet should get it at once and study it up, so as to be ready when the time comes to fight the weeds to the best advantage. A great deal of labor is lost sometimes by not knowing how to work to the best advantage to exterminate weeds.

Silver.

The silver market is virtually lifeless. There is nothing in sight to affect quotations either way, and the record of the week has been one of trifling changes in prices both in London and in this market. Silver prices on April 2 were: London 81½d; New York 68½c.

It is expected that the spring importations of lemons from the Mediterranean will be much larger than ever before known, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, as it has transpired that 70,000 boxes have been bought, and at least 75,000 boxes will come forward on commission. The first fruit steamer for Montreal, The Fremona, left Palermo on March 30, 1896, with a cargo of 42,500 boxes of Messina lemons, 6,500 boxes Messina oranges, and 7,200 packages of Palermo oranges and lemons, making a total cargo of 56,000 boxes, and is due here about April 25th.

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THE QUARTER'S MERCANTILE WRECKS.

The heavy list of failures in the United States and Canada for the first quarter of 1896 as noted in The Commercial last week, does not show much encouragement as to the talked of return of good times. In the United States, as reported by Bradstreet's, there were 4512 mercantile failures during the past three months, as compared with 3,812 for the corresponding period of 1895. The total liabilities of these failures foot up to \$32,513,926, compared with \$16,910,448 last year. This is the heaviest record of failures ever reported for a like period of any previous year, both as to number and extent of liabilities.

In Canada, taking the country as a whole, the record is also a bad one. The failures numbered 781, compared with 581 last year. Liabilities \$5,753,586, compared with \$1,253,625 last year. Assets \$2,315,491, compared with \$1,890,273 last year. By provinces, the record for Canada is as follows, as to the number of failures:

Province.	1896.	1895.
Ontario	858	270
Quebec	311	191
New Brunswick	24	24
Nova Scotia	88	88
Prince Edward Island	7	5
Manitoba	10	19
The Territories	10	5
British Columbia	28	89
Total, Canada	781	581

The above shows that Ontario and Quebec are accountable for the increase in failures Manitoba makes the best showing of any division, the number of failures being only about half of last year. Owing to the heavy Garland failure at Portage la Prairie, the liabilities in Manitoba are heavier than last year, notwithstanding that the list of failures is much smaller. The following shows the assets, by provinces, for the first three months of the past two years.

Province.	1896.	1895.
Ontario	\$830,654	\$890,677
Quebec	890,600	488,850
New Brunswick	57,180	103,880
Nova Scotia	83,280	117,870
Prince Edward Island ..	12,868	35,000
Manitoba	98,650	31,146
The Territories	20,687	18,800
British Columbia	351,575	160,050

The following shows the liabilities for three months of two years, by provinces:

Province.	1896.	1895.
Ontario	\$1,976,487	\$2,107,994
Quebec	2,624,980	1,210,982
New Brunswick	180,690	192,779
Nova Scotia	188,200	245,150
Prince Edward Island ..	21,568	60,200
Manitoba	175,000	159,971
The Territories	58,675	88,700
British Columbia	577,986	247,899

It will be noticed that while Ontario had 83 more failures than last year, the total liabilities are smaller in 1896 than in 1895.

Newfoundland had 4 failures, compared with 29 for the first three months of 1895.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE COMMERCIAL is quoted more freely by papers all over Canada than is any other paper published in the West. Our exchanges are welcome to use any matter in these columns, but they are kindly requested to give proper credit for the same. The Eastern dailies usually give this credit, but a few provincial papers take original articles almost weekly from The Commercial, and never seem to think of giving any credit for it. This is very dishonorable to the parties who practice it. Sometimes a proper credit for clipped matter may be left off by an oversight or error of the printer, but an editor who had a true sense of honor would feel grieved over such an occurrence. We do not look for credit from our exchanges, in copying little news paragraphs from our columns, such as may have appeared in other papers or are current at the time. When editorial matter or market reports are appropriated, however, we naturally look for fair credit for the same.

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A MOVEMENT is on foot at Montreal to induce the government to relax the coasting regulations so as to permit United States vessels to carry grain from Fort William and Port Arthur to Montreal or other lower Canadian ports. At present United States boats can carry traffic from Canadian to United States ports, but they are not allowed to handle traffic from one Canadian port to another port in this country. In the same way Canadian vessels can carry goods from a United States port to a Canadian port but not to another United States port. The object in asking for this change is to increase the quantity of Manitoba wheat handled for export via Montreal. The bulk of the export new goes out via Buffalo and New York. This is to some extent due to the scarcity of Canadian shipping on the upper lakes. There is not a sufficient tonnage available to handle a large portion of the crop, and consequently United States boats have to be secured to handle the trade, and they can only land their cargoes at United States ports. Montreal is anxious, of course, to have the Manitoba wheat crop handled at that port, hence the move to have the coasting regulations relaxed. We do not know that such a change in the regulations would make much difference to western shippers, as they will export their grain by the cheapest route whether that be Montreal or New York. Montreal, however, would be benefitted by any large increase in the traffic at that port. Owners of Canadian shipping, on the other hand, would no doubt be opposed to such a concession to United States shipping, unless the same privileges could be secured for Canadian shipper from the United States.

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It is reported that when the Manitoba legislature meets, on April 16, no action will be taken on the school question, and that the house will simply meet to prorogue. Some exception may be taken to the wisdom of this policy. Now that the conference between the Dominion and provincial ministers is over and no settlement of the question accomplished, it might be a wise thing for Manitoba to take some independent action in this matter, on the lines proposed by the representatives

of the province at the recent conference with representatives of the Dominion. The argument in favor of such action is this: The remedial bill will not be passed this session, this much seems certain, and the conflict will thus be transferred to the hustings and the polls. It would certainly place Manitoba in a better position in the coming contest were it known that the provincial legislature had taken action to remove the grievances of the minority, to some extent at least. The proposition made by the Manitoba members at the conference was a very fair one. Why not proceed to put this into effect, so far as Manitoba legislation can do it? Such action would surely have a favorable influence on Manitoba's case in the elections which will soon be upon us. It is the duty of the provincial government to do everything in its power to remove cause for dissatisfaction quite regardless of the remedial bill or any other proposed federal action. Especially is this the case now, with the fight soon to be transferred from parliament to the people.

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THE plan of driving out or shipping criminals or undesirable persons from one place to another is one of the most absurd customs which is practised by civic authorities. Recently a very undesirable character, belonging to the class we may say of desperate criminals, was shipped from Winnipeg to an eastern city. A few days later two females were released from prosecution on condition that they would leave the city, and one of these was re-arrested because she did not fulfill her promise. This is a custom which is followed by many other towns and cities as well as Winnipeg, and it is, to say the least, a peculiar way of dealing with such cases. A city does not gain anything by such a practice, where the custom is followed by other corporations, as others are forced to come here by being driven out of other places. Besides this, a higher motive should be followed in endeavoring to suppress crime. Driving criminals from one place to another is an injury to the country as a whole. A national and not a selfish local idea should govern the dealing with criminals or undesirable persons. It is an injury to the state to have such a custom perpetuated, and therefore it is an injury to individual towns and cities of the state. The Commercial would like to see the custom prohibited by federal legislation, if practical to apply such remedy.

Fur Trade Matters.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: "Considering the prevailing conditions, and the magnitude of the offerings, the results of the London March sales were better than was anticipated by shippers of American furs and they are indicative of improving conditions. An enlarged consumption of American furs at home, which we think will be noted this year, will materially advance the popularity of furs in general in consequence of the intrinsic value of the various articles; the favorable results of sales, just prior to the opening of the season, are especially gratifying and encouraging."

A telegram from Ottawa says that it has been decided by the government to give special assistance towards the establishment of creameries in the territories as a means of encouraging immigration.

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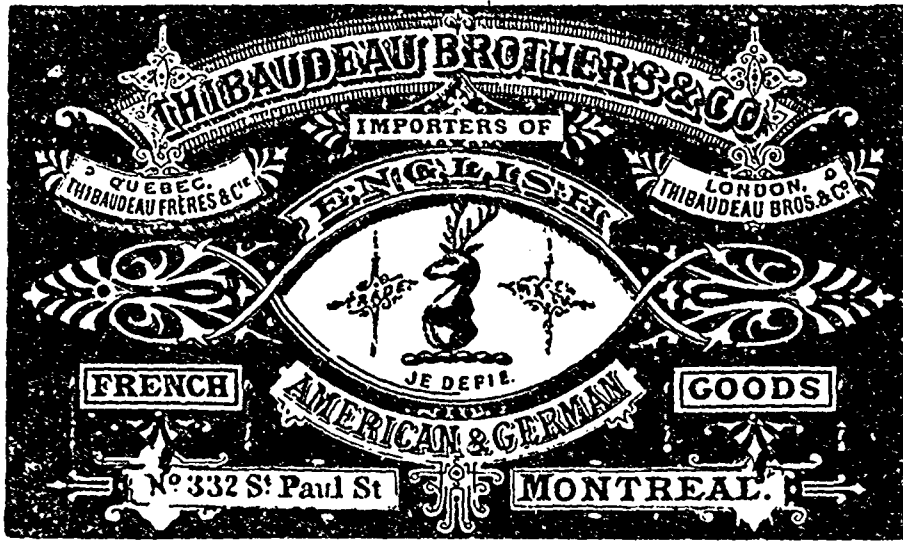
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Grain and Milling Notes.

A proposal has been made to build an oatmeal mill at Foxwarren, Man., on the line of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway.

Dow & Curry, Pilot Mound, Man., oatmeal mills, are preparing to place in their mill machinery for the manufacture of pot and pearl barley.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says: Reclamations have been made on New York shippers from the other side for shipments of wheat made from Boston, in which it is said Nos. 1 hard Duluth and Manitoba and No. 1 frosted ditto were all mixed together and shipped as No. 1 Northern by a certain elevator in that city; and an investigation of the matter is being made to fix the responsibility as said elevator is operating in connection with a certain railroad over which, it is said, the trade is now refusing to do business on this account while discriminating against Boston generally.

The feature of the grain market at Montreal on March 30 was the demand for Manitoba wheat for milling purposes, and a sale of 15,000 bushels of No. 1 hard was made at 65c afloat Fort William, May shipment. There was also a sale of 5,000 bushels of No. 1 Northern made at 61c afloat Fort William, May shipment.

The Montreal Gazette of April 3 says: The continued slow demand for Ontario grades of flour has been the means of causing a weaker feeling in the market, and it is reported that straight rollers are offering in carload lots at \$3.85 to \$3.90. Winter wheat patents are also offering at \$4.25 to \$4.30. In Manitoba grades the feeling is steady.

The feature of the grain market at Montreal on April 2 was the demand for Manitoba wheat, and a sale of 10,000 bushels of No. 8 hard was made at 59c afloat Fort William, May shipment. The above figure shows an advance of 1c over the previous sale. There was a better feeling in the market for oats, and sales of No. 2 white were made at 29 to 29 1/2.

On April 4 fire broke out in the dry kiln adjoining the barrel factory of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, at Kewatin, caused by a spark from the boiler. The fire was got under control and the cooper shop saved, but with considerable damage. The kiln, which was full of heading, was completely destroyed. The damage is estimated at about two thousand dollars.

A deputation recently interviewed Supt. Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Moosomin, when the latter gentleman was on a trip west. One of the deputation addressed Mr. Whyte with reference to the Moosomin wheat market, stating that the town was sandwiched in between two small places where flat warehouses were used by small buyers who could buy the lower grades of wheat, which the Moosomin elevator buyers did not buy. There was also a large difference in favor of the smaller places in the price paid. He asked for the privilege for the town of erecting a flat warehouse. "What you ask cannot be granted," said Mr. Whyte, "as it is against the rules of our company, but if you can give us proof of lower prices paid here than at any point of the same freight rate we will notify the buyers here that if the matter is not remedied we will throw the market open." Mr. Whyte stated that the company had been forced to apply this remedy at another point.

Hides, Wool, Furs, etc.

Jas. McMillan & Co., Minneapolis, in their last circular say:

Sheep Pelts.—The market is quiet on account of the slow sale of wool, but we do not look for any lower prices. The skins from Murrain Pelts are of no value, and the

labor of pulling and putting up the wool has all to be added to the cost of the wool; unlike good butcher skins, whose slats pay for the pulling.

Hides.—The market is weak at the reduced prices for all classes of hides and skins, either green, salted or dry. Tanners admit that hides are low enough, but their business and collections are so slow that they have not money or courage to place orders. Winter hides are long-haired and poor quality. Hides are commanding high prices compared with those ruling previous to a year ago.

Furs.—The March sale is by far the largest and most important one of the year, as then the Hudson's Bay Co. offer their entire collection (except beaver and muskrat, which they sell in January). The June and October sales generally show heavy declines from March, and now March has gone so badly what can be expected of the next two sales? Exporters will not buy furs and hold them until next year, except at low prices. Spring furs grow poor in quality as the season advances; although the water animals, viz., beaver, muskrat and otter, are the best in the spring until thence melts. Mink grow pale or red early, and later some furs come in rubbed or shedding. Skunk shed before any other animal. Shedding furs grade No. 2 or 3, and when badly shedding, No. 4. They can be detected by holding them up and looking through them toward the light from the fur side. When bear first come out of their dens before warm weather, they grade well.

Tallow and Grease.—The market continues to decline. During warm weather tallow and grease must be put up in tight two-headed oil barrels to avoid shrinkage by leakage.

Wool.—The wool manufacturing business in this country is in a deplorable condition. They either use the best imported wools at high priced, or a large proportion of shoddy and waste in low-priced fabrics. Stay by your sheep and increase your flocks. Wool can not be any lower, and if the sheep in this country continue to decrease mutton will come and high prices.

Live Stock Trade.

A car load of fat sheep for the Winnipeg market was shipped from Minnedosa recently.

H. A. Mullins will make a shipment of export cattle about April 22, mostly from the Moosomin district.

A cable from Glasgow on Tuesday, reported the market a shade better for cattle, the best price being 10 1/2 to 11c.

A car of live hogs was shipped from here to Winnipeg last week, says the Brandon Times of April 9, for which from 8 to 8 1/2 cents was paid.

At Liverpool, on April 6 the trade was of a holiday character, and the markets were very quiet at unchanged prices. Transactions at London were the same. Best States cattle, 10c; Argentine, 9c; sheep, 12c. At London, best States cattle, 10c; Argentines, 8, and sheep, 10 1/2c.

At Montreal, on April 6, says the Gazette, there were no new features in live stock. There has been nothing done in ocean freight for May shipment, and the indications are that little contracting will be done this season on account of the ruinous prices abroad for cattle. There has also been little, if any, buying of cattle in the country for shipment in May and June, and on the whole the prospects for the cattle trade this season, at the present time are very poor.

At the East End Abattoir, Montreal, on April 6, trade was dull, owing to the fact that butchers had ample supplies on hand after the active buying of last week. The demand was slow, and only a few sales were made, at prices ranging from 2c to 3 1/2c per lb., live weight.

At Toronto on April 7, the market was a poor one, and the quality of the cattle offered was also poor. Cattle ranged at 2 1/2c to 8c for good, and a few picked went at about 8 1/2c. Some sold as low as 2 1/2c. Sheep dull at 2 1/2 to 8c. Good yearlings sold at 4 1/2c. Hogs were firmer owing to the light offerings. Best lots sold at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c. Light and heavy fats, 3 1/2c, stores 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c.

An English correspondent of the Montreal Gazette, writing on March 28, says: "Bad trade this week is reported from Glasgow, and Deptford and Woodside and Wallasey, are not any better. For the best States beef sellers are quite prepared to take 8 1/2c (2s 8d per stone), and heaps of good useful hives have been sold at 6c. Sheep have also suffered a further depression, but as I said in my last advice, not quite so severely as cattle. Up to yesterday mutton—States and Argentine—made from 9 to 9 1/2, but I hear clearance sale of pretty nearly all there was in the sheds came off at 8 1/2c. This is not so bad as sales reported from London, where on Wednesday, a lot of middling Argentine bullocks (Deptford killed), were sold (in sides) at 8d per stone—2c per lb. Other sales were effected at 10d, 1s 2d and 1s 4d per stone (8 lbs)—prices altogether unheard of before. The amount of money lost by the shippers is enormous, and how they can stand it passes comprehension. For next week we have here 5,700 cattle, and as there must be about 1,200 head still alive, the total figures out 6,900. The extra demand usually experienced before Easter is all we have to reckon on, and if the weather should turn out wet things are going to be worse than ever."

We have received a new price list from Jas. McMillan & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., and Winnipeg, hide and fur dealers. Copies of the circular can be had on application.

The grand board of the Patrons of Industry of Ontario, has passed a resolution expressing approval of Mr. Chambelain's Zollverein idea.

One of the prettiest little pictures which has reached The Commercial office for some time, comes as an advertisement for the Ogilvie Milling Co., of Winnipeg. It is a photo, handsomely mounted, representing a chubby little youngster dressed in a flour sack, bearing the well-known brand of Ogilvie's Patent Hungarian.

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THE BU ATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, April 11, 1896.

The weather this week has continued—like last week—cold and backward, and people are beginning to fret about the delay which farmers are experiencing in getting at their farm work. Little or nothing has been done in the direction of seeding, while this time last year some farmers had all their wheat sown. However, many hold to the opinion that a late spring is better for crops. At any rate there is no reason for special anxiety yet. There is a very heavy demand for farm implements, particularly shoe drills, and dealers are not able to fill all orders. Building work has been considerably delayed by the backward weather and season trade in general lines is also retarded. The export cattle trade is greatly depressed, owing to the very low prices ruling in British markets. British and foreign immigrants, the latter mostly Germans, are beginning to arrive. One large party reached here this week, mostly for Manitoba points. Indications, however, do not point to a very large immigration this year, though the movement will probably be larger than last year. There is a considerable demand for farm help and the demand for female help is greatly in excess of the supply. Payments on April 4 were generally satisfactory. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show an increase of over 52 per cent, compared with the like week of 1895, and over 20 per cent over the corresponding week of 1891. Clearings at other Canadian cities this week all decreased as follows: Montreal 22.4 per cent; Toronto 1.6 per cent; Halifax 15.8 per cent; Hamilton 8.9 per cent.

In the United States this week Bradstreets reports advances in prices of flour, wheat, corn, oats, pork and sugar, steel billets and beams and other iron and steel products, including No. 2 foundry pig, and for tin plates. The advance in wheat has continued and the trade is again discussing the likelihood of this being the long expected advance for cereals which they believe must come after the extreme depression of the past few years. Higher iron and steel prices have checked demand. The new steel combine antagonizes a number of large producers, not members, as well as makers of cotton ties and tin plates, to whom high cost raw material means competition from abroad. One of the most unfavorable features, says Bradstreets, is the continued inability of interior merchants to make remittances promptly.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, April 11.

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

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS—The feature of this branch is still the large demand for seed drills. Dealers are not able to supply the demand. At some single country points over 100 drills have been sold to farmers and more are wanted, which cannot be supplied.

CORDWOOD—There is scarcely anything doing in car lots. Some stocks are held in the city, but it would be difficult to secure much now. Poplar is very scarce. Prices are firm, and retail prices have advanced about 25c. We quote prices as follows for car lots on track here; Tamarac, good, \$1.00; mixed or poorer tamarac, \$3.50 to \$3.75; pine, \$3.25 to \$3.50; spruce, \$3.00 to \$3.25; oak, dead, \$3.00 to \$3.25; oak, good,

green cut, \$3.75; poplar, dead, \$2.25; poplar, green cut, dry, \$2.50 per cord.

COAL—Prices are unchanged. Winnipeg prices are as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite, \$8.50 per ton delivered to consumers; Souris lignite, \$1.25 per ton, delivered to consumers, and \$3.85 at the yard here; Lethbridge bituminous \$6.50 to consumers; western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton to consumers.

CROCKERY, ETC.—Business is quiet in this branch. New stocks will be received on the opening of navigation. This refers to imported goods from Europe. Glassware which comes mostly from the United States is received earlier. The tendency is toward more artistic work from year to year, both as to shapes and decorations. The new semi-porcelain ware, both in white and decorated, is largely supplanting the old granite and ironstone china. It has more of a china finish.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS—Greenoble Walnuts, 16c; Tarragona almonds, 16c; princess paper shell almonds, 22c; Sicily filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 15c; peanuts, roasted, 15c; peanuts greens, 13c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 14c; figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per lb; dates, new, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 13½ to 14c; dried apples 6c; evaporated apples 8c per lb.

DRY GOODS—Reports as to payments on the 14th, on the whole are very good. A fair sorting trade is doing, but the weather has not been favorable for an active storing trade.

DRUGS—Camphor is firm at the high prices recently reached. It is now in demand for the moth trade. Gum Arabic is strong, being affected by the Soudan war. Cream tartar is again lower abroad. Cod liver oil keeps very scarce. Newfoundland has advanced 15 to 20c per gallon. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Alum per pound, 3½ to 4½c; alcohol, \$5.25 gal; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c, bluestone, 4½ to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 55c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chloride potash, 23 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 55c. copperas 3½ to 4c; cocaine, per oz. \$6.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 23 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica, 30 to 35c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00, insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.25 to 3.25 per gallon; oxalico acid, 13 to 16 potash iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetro, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle 30 to 35c; sheliac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3½ to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3, tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$4.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.85; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.85; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminol—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz., \$5.10; do, 8 oz., \$7.65; do, 16oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$1.25

FISH—The first fresh spring salmon of the season are now arriving, this variety being

superior to any other salmon. The variety of fresh fish in the market is considerably less now than throughout the winter. Winnipeg market, jobbing prices are: Salmon, 14c; halibut, 14c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 6c; pickerel 4c; pike 2½ to 3c; perch 2 to 2½c; kippered goldeyes 80c doz; oysters, \$1.80 to \$2 per gal; Cured fish are quoted: Boneless codfish, 40lb boxes 7c, do crates 7½c; boneless fish, 40lb boxes, 5c; smoked herrings, 15 to 20c box; blonthers, large, \$1.35 per box; blonthers, small, \$1.00 per box; dry cod \$6 per box of 100 lbs., salt whitefish, \$5.50 per barrel of 100 pounds; salt lake trout, \$6.50 per barrel; salt herring, ½-barrel \$4.

GREEN FRUITS—Good apples are scarce. Some are coming in, but it is difficult to get good stock. Prices are firm for good fruit and there has been some talk of advancing to \$7 per barrel, though it is not certain that this will be done. Oranges have not changed here, but the recent advances in California from 15 to 50c per box will likely mean higher prices here soon. Malaga grapes are out of the market, but more may be in, and we allow the quotation to stand. The war in Cuba is making pineapples scarce, and it is difficult to keep up stocks. Bananas of choice quality are coming forward freely and prices are lower. New maple syrup is on the way here. First arrivals will sell at about 13 to 14c for sugar and about \$1.40 to \$1.50 for syrup, in gallon tins. Prices are: Lemons New Messinas \$5.00 per box; California navel oranges, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box; California seedlings, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Bananas, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per bunch astosize, a few very small bunches sell as low as \$2.00; Apples, eastern Canada choice spies, \$5 to \$5.50; other red varieties, \$5.50, russets, \$5.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes \$9 per keg for large sizes; pineapples, \$3.50 to \$5 per dozen as to size; Apple cider, 35c per gallon, in 30 gallon barrels; comb honey \$5.25 per case of 24 sections.

GROCERIES—There was a further advance of 1-16c in the prices of refined sugars at New York on April 7. At Eastern Canada refineries prices are firm and the demand improved.

HARDWARE—As a result of the recent meetings of the manufacturers at Montreal, the trade has been notified of an advance on cut and wire nails, to go into effect on May 10. This will be the second advance within a short period. Prices are:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 20 to 21c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES—I. C., 20 by 28, \$3.50 to 9.00.

IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, per 100 lbs, base price, \$2.50 to \$2.65; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.15; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast tool steel, per lb, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50,

CANADA PLATES—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to \$3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5½c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5¾c.

IRON PIPE—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

CHAIN—Best proof coil, 8-16 inch, per lb. 6½ to 6¾c; ½ inch, per lb, 6 to 6½c; 5-16 inch, per lb., 5½ to 6c; ¾ inch, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 4¾ to 5c; ½ inch, per lb., 4¾ to 5c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb., 4¾c.

SHEET ZINC—In casks, 5½ lb., broken lots, 6c.

SOLDER—Half and half (guar) per lb. 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 85 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance, central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 80 per cent., shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 to 7.50, shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c, shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to ¾c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 1½c base; cotton, ¾ to ½ inch and larger, 16c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3 to 3.10; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg, 3 to 4 inch, \$3.90 keg, 2½ inch, \$4.20 keg; 2 inch, \$4.50 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows. No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 to 50 per cent.

LUMBER.—The backward, disagreeable weather is keeping back building operations and thus affecting the lumber trade. In the city progress on contracts under way has been slow this week. The Lake of the Woods Mills have had about 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet of logs cut this winter, which is not a large cut, but there is a large supply of old stock on hand.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—There are no changes in prices here. The firmness in white leads is the principal feature. It is thought that it is almost impossible that present prices can hold after present stocks are ground, as they are below cost of English quotations. Prices here are as follows:

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

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

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, 5½c; yellow ocre, 2½c; golden ocre, 4c, Venetian, red, French, 3½c; Venetian, red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c, American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ¾ per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c, English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 9c per lb., less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 18 to 20c.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1, goldsize Japan, \$1.50, No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and include cost of cans.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c, glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00, benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50, Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75, diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8, Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.00, plaster, per barrel, \$3.00; plasterer's hair, 90c. per bale; putty, per lb., 2½c. for less than barrels, barrels, per lb., 2½c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 68c; boiled, per gal., 66c in barrels.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 60c; less than barrels, per gallon, 65c.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 38 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 24½c; crescent, 27½c; oleophene, 29½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 8½c for cocene and 80c for sunlight.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.—The advance in wheat, which set in a week ago today, has been fairly well maintained this week, the general tendency of prices being upward, assisted by unfavorable crop reports from some of the central western states. The principal factor in the advance, has been a revival of speculation in wheat and bullish features, such as light Australian and Argentine crops, light European supplies, etc., have been made the most of for speculative purposes. Exports of wheat flour included from both coasts of the United States amount to 1,764,000 bushels this week, compared with 1,663,000 bushels last week; 2,936,000 bushels in the same week last year; 1,955,000 bushels in the same week two years ago, and with 2,918,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898. To-day there was a sharp break in prices. The United States crop report, published to-day, placed the condition of winter wheat on April 1 at 77.1, as compared with 81 a year ago. This stimulated prices at the opening, but they soon began to decline and closed sharply lower.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—All rail shipments of wheat have fallen off largely and what has been going forward has been mostly low grade stuff, which it is thought desirable to get rid of as early as possible. Elevators continue filled up at many points and stocks are not changing materially in amount, as receipts and shipments are light. Stocks of Manitoba wheat at lake ports, milling and interior points here aggregate 8,000,000, as compared with about 8,000,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended April 4 were 29,761 bushels; shipments 85,914 bushels; in store 8,9281 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 930,000, and two years ago 2,888,048 bushels. Receipts at Fort William for the corresponding week last year were 9,890 bushels and shipments were 8,065 bushels. Prices have stiffened in sympathy with the advance in United States markets. Prices in Manitoba country markets, to farmers, range all the way from 40 to 55c for best samples of wheat, according to features of the different local markets. Only a few local buyers, however, are still left in the country markets and deliveries are now about wound up. Prices for car or round lots were about 2c higher than a week ago, but would be lower again on the break in United States markets today. No. 2 hard, May, sold this morning at 60c before the break, Fort William delivery.

FLOUR.—There has been no change in prices. Sales by millers here are now made at \$1.85 to \$1.90 for patents and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.40 to \$1.45; XXXX \$1.15 to \$1.20, delivered. Brands of country mills are offered at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS.—City mills are now selling at \$3 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots.

OATS.—Oats have continued dull and prices about the same. We quote car lots on track, country points at 11 to 15c. On an average rate of freight a good No. 2 white could not be quoted at

more than 18c. No. 2 mixed about 12c, and feed grade at 11c. In the Winnipeg market, for local consumption, 16 to 17c per bushel of 34 pounds is paid to farmers, and up to 18c has been paid for a few loads of choice milling.

BARLEY.—There is scarcely any movement in barley and the demand is almost nil. We quote car lots nominal at 13 to 15c, in the country for No. 3 and under. For local trade 17 to 18c has been paid, per bushel of 48 pounds, for a few loads to farmers.

WHEAT.—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is selling at about \$1.25 per sack of 30 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers. It is said some cutting under this quotation has been done.

FLAX SEED.—No business reported in flax seed.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$10 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BUTTER.—The situation is unchanged. Of qualities are very slow sale, but there is a fair demand for good, fresh table butter, and city dealers are juggling at 12 to 15c as to quality for either rolls or tubs. Single selected packages being 1c more.

CHEESE.—Cheese is jobbing here in small lots at 9½ to 10c for large and 10½c to 11c for small sizes.

EGGS.—The market has been irregular this week. They started at 11c, but owing to light receipts for a few days, the price went to 12c again, and then back to 11c, which is the quotation to-day. Lower prices are looked for next week, probably 10c for Monday. Eggs are very low in the States, and British Columbia markets are getting in supplies from south of the boundary, as they have been able to bring in eggs from the States cheaper than they could buy here. In order to hold the British Columbia market for Manitoba eggs, lower prices are necessary here. Some Manitoba eggs have been shipped to British Columbia from western Manitoba points, where they have been bought lower than prices paid here.

LARD.—Prices are. Pure \$1.80 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound, cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.60.

CURED MEATS.—Hog products are easy. Long clear has declined ¾c. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c. do, backs, 10½c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb; shoulders, 6c, backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$13.00, clear mess \$18.00; short cut, \$16.00, rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6½c, German sausage, 6½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—Mutton is higher for unfrozen stock. There is some frozen stock held in cold storage. Dealers are selling at 8 to 9½c, the top price for choice unfrozen. Hogs are steady at about 5 to 5½c per pound. The top would only be paid by butchers for a few fancy hogs. Packers would pay 4½ to 5c, but very few are offering. City dressed beef 5½ to 6c, as to quality.

VEGETABLES.—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes, 12 to 15c per

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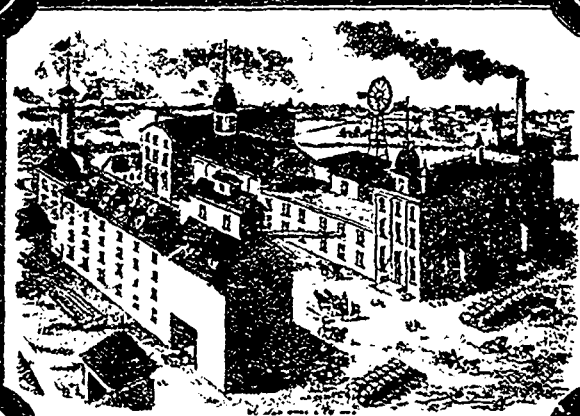
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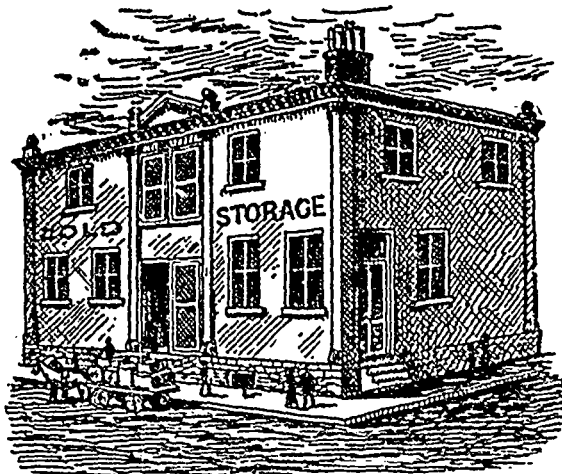
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GENTLEMEN,—By the time this reaches you Easter will be past and it is reasonable to suppose that within the next few weeks eggs will drop down to the lowest point they reach at any time during the year. The experiences of past years has shown us that eggs are very low here in April, May and June, and much higher, in fact, about double the price in September, October and November. The warehouse to which the accompanying advertisement directs your attention is now ready to receive and store Eggs and Butter, and I shall be pleased to give all the goods consigned to me my best attention. I have made the charges as low as it is reasonable to expect, and feel certain the rate 15 cents per case per month is so low that no one will object. If you do not wish to store and prefer selling, send me a card, stating quantity and your price per dozen at your station. When storing, eggs will have to be all candled to insure that all put into refrigerators are sound and good, 10 cents per case will be charged for handling them. It will be perfectly safe to ship by freight from this date, and I shall be pleased to hear from you. Butter is wanted, and I find that the highest price is paid for good butter put up in neat square bricks wrapped in paper and carefully packed so that it will not become muddled up and broken. Until the warm weather comes, say for another month or six weeks, this will be preferable to tubs.

I said in my last that eggs ought not to have been put down so low. The present state of the market fully justifies that remark.

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bushel, scarcely any sale for potatoes; cabbage 40 to 75c per dozen, as to size; celery 25 to 40c per dozen bunches; onions 40c per bushel; turnips 10 to 15c per bushel; parsnips, 40 to 50c bushel; carrots 80 to 40c; beets 25c bushel. A little hot-house green-stuff is offering at 40c per dozen bunches for lettuce, radishes, etc.

POULTRY.—Prices are: Chickens, 12c per lb; turkeys, 14c; geese 12c; ducks 10c per lb, for nicely dressed stock.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.—The outlook for hides is not good. The markets are all dull and prices weak. Montreal declined $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. Though 44c is the quotation here for No. 1 inspected hides, dealers do not seem anxious to take them at that price and are talking lower values. Country dealers or butchers who hold green, fresh or frozen hides, should salt them at once, as they are liable to become damaged, or hair-slipped. Frozen stock should not be held now. Calf are very weak everywhere and prices are easier here. 5c is considered top value here, though higher is being paid in some cases. The calf so far received is mostly under weight and poor quality. Tallow is very low in the States for some time, but prices were kept up here until last week, but as tallow could be brought in here, duty paid at about 4c, the price had to drop here. Sheepskins are dull, owing to the weak market for pulled wools. We quote prices here as follows: Country hides, flat, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c; green city hides, No. 1 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, No. 2 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 5 to 6c per lb.; deacons, 10 to 20c each; kips 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; sheep and lambskins, recent kill, 50 to 65c; tallow 4c rendered, and 2c rough.

HAY.—Baled prairie is quoted at about \$5.00 \$5.50 on cars here. Loose hay on the street market, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per ton.

WOOL.—There is no business doing here on which to base quotations. Eastern Canada markets are weak for pulled wools, owing to supplies from the States depressing the markets.

SENECA ROOT.—A few little lots of old root have been picked up at 17c per lb.

LIVE STOCK.—The local live stock market is very much depressed, owing to the low prices in British markets. Parties who were in with cattle this week were greatly dissatisfied with the prices offered, but in the present condition of British markets prices here must necessarily be very low. Every one who has had anything to do with cattle this year has lost money heavily and naturally there is no encouragement to operate. Prices here may seem low, but shippers would have been money in pocket if they had not bought a head of cattle this year. One train load of export cattle, consisting of 26 head, was shipped east by Gordon & Ironside, and four cars were shipped to the Kootenay, British Columbia. Lane had in 800 head of young stock, which he is taking west to the ranges, and he has another train load to arrive in a few days, of the same class of cattle. Prices have been lower and exporters are selecting very carefully. The best price paid was 8c, and down to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. One load sold for the local trade at \$3.15 per 100 pounds, which was the highest price reported. Loads of common to fair sold at between 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and some as low as 2c, to local dealers.

HOGS.—Receipts have increased some. Prices are steady at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c off cars here for good average loads of bacon hogs.

SHEEP.—Only one small lot in. We quote 4c off cars here.

HORSES.—Car lots are occasionally arriving from the east, and there is a fair demand for farm horses, at \$150 to \$250 for teams.

D. Nicholson, lumber, Wellington, British Columbia, is succeeded by Shewnigan Lake Lumber Co.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 4, 1896, shows a decrease of 726,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,605,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 696,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 861,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2 ..	88,681,000	80,223,000	81,223,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5 ..	83,376,000	79,603,000	81,391,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4 ..	78,765,000	75,609,000	79,083,000	41,558,000
April 1 ..	74,308,000	71,453,000	77,664,000	41,038,000
May 6 ..	62,196,000	65,168,000	73,089,000	39,190,000
June 3 ..	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,010,000
July 1 ..	41,61,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,262,000
Aug. 8 ..	38,517,000	60, 01,000	59,124,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7 ..	36,764,000	69,163,000	56,140,000	33,760,000
Oct. 7 ..	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	61,256,000
Nov. 4 ..	52,930,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2 ..	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,691,000	72,530,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4 ..	69,842,000	87,806,000	79,953,000	81,728,000
" 11 ..	69,842,000	80,615,000	80,433,000	87,030,000
" 18 ..	67,623,000	85,260,000	80,392,000	82,227,000
" 25 ..	67,623,000	84,665,000	80,234,000	81,457,000
Feb. 1 ..	66,731,000	83,376,000	79,883,000	81,390,000
" 8 ..	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15 ..	65,926,000	81,753,000	78,667,000	80,214,000
" 22 ..	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,957,000	79,433,000
March 1 ..	64,089,000	78,717,000	76,669,000	79,083,000
" 7 ..	62,698,000	77,717,000	74,007,000	79,103,000
" 14 ..	62,123,000	76,373,000	73,369,000	79,000,000
" 21 ..	61,318,000	75,773,000	72,104,000	78,208,000
" 28 ..	61,018,000	74,380,000	71,400,000	77,614,000
April 4 ..	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,765,000	77,293,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on March 28 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	895,000
Toronto	33,000
Kingston	10,000
Winnipeg	408,000
Manitoba interior elevators	3,125,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	4,819,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on March, 28 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	90,412,000
Pacific Coast	4,296,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains	91,286,000
Pacific Coast	11,801,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended April 4, shows a decrease of 1,283,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 89,156,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks on March 1, 1896. (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 154,032,000 bushels, which is about 16,500,000 bushels less than the corresponding total one year ago, more than 80,000,000 bushels less than were so held two years ago, about 21,000,000 bushels less than three years ago but about 8,500,000 bushels more than were so held on January 1, 1892, 54,500,000 bushels more than on January 1, 1891, and about 58,000,000 bushels more than on January 1, 1890.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by

Grade.	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
Extra Manitoba hard	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	19	143	183	49
No. 2 hard	40	35	30	1
No. 3 hard	31	30	42	30
No. 1 North'n ..	19	26	27	12
No. 2 North'n ..	1	2	5	0
No. 3 North'n ..	2	0	2	1
No. 1 white fyle	1	2	3	2
No. 2 white fyle	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	14	5	3	2
No. 2 Spring	1	0	2	2
No. 1 frosted ..	32	24	31	2
No. 2 frosted ..	14	15	13	5
No. 3 Frosted ..	4	1	8	2
No. 1 Rejected ..	17	16	23	12
No. 2 Rejected ..	64	38	40	31
No Grade	4	1	9	4
Feed	4	1	5	3
Total	356	354	403	206
Same week last year	61	83	100	131

Oats—For week ended April 4—No. 1 white; 8; No. 2 white, 25; No. 3 white, 0; No. 2 black, 0; No. 2 mixed 17; feed, 10; rejected, 0; total, 55.

Barley—For week ended April 4—No. 2 No. 3, 3; feed, 2; total, 5.

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in the figures.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending April 4 were \$980,088; balances, \$147,716. For the previous week clearings were \$930,561. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$741,982, and for the week two years ago, \$797,699. For the month of March clearings were \$4,286,623 as compared with \$2,929,438 for March, 1895, and \$3,510,411 for March, 1894.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	April 9.
Montreal	\$7,118,838
Toronto	5,339,181
Halifax	951,034
Winnipeg	980,688
Hamilton	664,227
Total	\$15,353,338

Depencier, Winram & Co., general store of Manitou, Man., have dissolved. P. Winram & Co. continue the business.

Raukin & Co., general store, Maple Creek Assa., have been closed by chattel mortgage. D. McIntosh, butcher, of Virden, Man. has sold out.

G. A. Bigelow, grocer, Nelson, British Columbia, is succeeded by Steen & Co., and is out of business at Rossland.

Smith & Clerin, saw mill, Vernon, British Columbia, is succeeded by Vernon Saw Mill Co.

Mr. Miller, of Miller, Morse & Co., wholesale hardware, Winnipeg, has returned from the east. Mr. Miller has the sympathy of the community in the loss of his wife, which event occurred at Toronto a short time ago.

Rossland, British Columbia, is to have two banks, the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of British North America. The latter is now doing business.

Phil. Armour, the Chicago millionaire, packer and speculator says wheat will be at \$1.00 per bushel in the near future. He ought to sell there on its merits and will say, unless something unforeseen occurs. We would advise our readers, however, not to stake on Mr. Armour. He is a big man to be sure, but any one who will take the trouble to study up the wheat situation, can be just as good an idea of the future of wheat as Mr. Armour, and yet they may be very off in their calculations.

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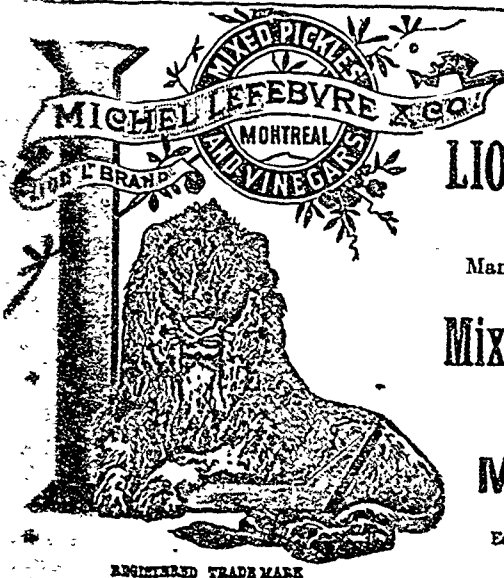
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

On Monday wheat was strong early, on bad crop reports, declined some on the small decrease in the visible being announced, but advanced again on bullish crop news, etc., and closed 2c over Saturday for May option. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat.....	66½	66½	67½
Corn.....	29½	30½	31½
Oats.....	19½	20½	20½
Mess Pork..	8 55	8 62½	8 82½
Lard.....	5 00	5 10	5 85
Short Ribs..	4 55	4 60	4 70

There were no quotations on Tuesday, owing to the civic elections in Chicago, business being suspended.

On Wednesday wheat was irregular, influenced by bad crop reports and speculative movements. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat....	65½	66½	66½
Corn.....	29½	30½	31½
Oats.....	19	19½	20
Mess Pork..	8 50	8 57½	8 77½
Lard.....	5 12½	5 25	5 40
Short Ribs..	4 55	4 60	4 72½

Wheat was irregular on Thursday, the feeling being nervous. Speculative influence prevailed. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat....	65	65½	66½
Corn.....	29½	30	31
Oats.....	—	19½	20½
Pork.....	—	8 50	8 70
Lard.....	—	5 10	5 22½
Short Ribs	—	4 60	4 72½

On Friday prices were stronger most of the day, but nervous, and sold off late in the session. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat....	65½	65½	66½
Corn.....	29½	30	31
Oats.....	19	19½	20½
Mess Pork..	8 47½	8 55	8 75
Lard.....	5 02½	5 07½	5 20
Short Ribs..	4 50	4 55	4 67½

On Saturday, April 11, wheat was strong on the curb and at the opening, influenced by the government crop report, which was bullish, but a reaction set in evidently from distrust of the government figures, and prices declined. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat.....	63½	64½	65½
Corn.....	29½	29½	30½
Oats.....	19½	19½	19½
Mess Pork..	—	8 62½	8 82½
Lard.....	—	5 05	5 20
Short Ribs..	—	4 52½	4 67½

A week ago to-day, May wheat closed at 61½c and a year ago at 55c and two years ago at 61½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday as follows: May delivery at 60½c, and 61½c for July.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, 61½c, July 66c.
Tuesday—May, 61c July, 66½c.
Wednesday—May, 61c, July, 65½c.
Thursday—May, 61½c, July, 65½c.
Friday—May, 61½c, July, 65c.
Saturday—May, 63½c, July, 61½c.

A week ago Saturday price closed at 62½c for May. A year ago May delivery closed at 60½c. Two years ago May closed at 61½c, and three years ago at 67c. No. 1 hard was

quoted at about 1½c over No. 1 northern. No. 2 northern, 2½ to 3½c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, April 11, May delivery closed at 73½ and July delivery at 72½. A week ago May closed at 71½.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of March 26 reports flour steady and fairly firm with prices as follows in barrels, f.o.b.: First patents, \$3.15 to \$3.50; Second patents, \$3.00 to \$3.05; First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2; Export baker's, \$2.45; second export baker's \$2 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. jute, \$10.25. These prices are the same as a week ago.

Milstuffs.—Bran in bulk \$6.75 to \$7. Bran in sacks, 20 lbs, \$8. Bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$8.50; Shorts \$6.50 to \$6.75; Middlings, fine \$8 to \$8.25.

Sowing the Grain.

During the last few days occasional expressions of alarm are heard at the backwardness of the season in Manitoba this year. We do not believe there is any reason for this, so far. Regret is also frequently expressed at the very small amount of fall plowing done last fall. There is perhaps no reason for regret on this score. Experiments in Manitoba have not shown that fall plowing is always desirable. Last year, at the experimental farm, the poorest crop came from fall plowing. Fall plowing gave a yield of only 18 bushels per acre, while spring plowing returned 24 bushels per acre.

A great deal of the wheat crop this spring will no doubt be sown on stubble land, without plowing. This may not be considered careful farming, but where the land has been properly cultivated in previous years, wheat sown with a shoe drill on stubble will give a better return than on either fall or spring plowing. The requisite for stubble sowing is clean land, properly summer fallowed for the previous crop. Where these conditions exist, a better return will be had than from plowing. The yield at the experimental farm last year from wheat sown on stubble land, following a crop on summer fallow, was 34 bushels per acre, or ten bushels more than from spring plowing, and 16 bushels more than from fall plowing. Where land has been properly summer fallowed for the previous crop, and is free from weeds, plowing for wheat, either spring or fall, seems worse than useless.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat—Holders were asking 77c for red and white on the Northern yesterday; some were asking as high as 80c for white east. Manitoba wheat was firmer. On 'change No. 1 hard was offered at 82c North Bay, with 79c bid; it was offered at 81c grinding in transit, with 80c bid; 75c was bid for No. 2 hard North Bay and 77c was bid for it grinding in transit, with sellers at 80c; No. 1 frosted was offered at 70c North Bay; No. 1 northern was offered at 78c North Bay, with 75½c bid.

Flour—The market is firmer in sympathy with the advance in the price of wheat, and sellers who were asking \$3.60 for straight roller Montreal have withdrawn their offers, and it is now quoted there at \$3.75.

Milfeed—Shorts are quoted at \$11.50 to \$12 and bran at \$10.75 to \$11.

Barley—No. 1 is quoted outside at 40c, No. 2 at 35c and feed at 30c.

Oats—Cars of mixed are quoted at 21 to 21½ and white at 22c west.—Globe, April 8.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, April 11, 1896.

The only feature this week is an easier tendency in butter, the range on creamery being lower. Other prices are unchanged.

Butter.—Dairy butter, 18 to 20c; creamery 22 to 24c; Manitoba cheese 12c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12c; breakfast bacon 12c; backs 11½c; long, clear 8½c, short rolls 9½c, smoked sides 10½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9c per pound; in rails and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$14; short out \$15.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smelt 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rook cod 4c, red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 12c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 8c; finnan haddies, 9c, crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut 8c; bleaters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$8 to \$10 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, 1½c; Ashcroft potatoes, 75 to 76c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 18 cents. Oregon eggs, 17c.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges, \$2.00, navels, \$3.75; native apples \$1.25; California lemons, \$2 to \$2.50; Oregon apples, \$1.75.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c, loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.30; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.00; 2-50's, \$2.75. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45s, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$1.70, strong bakers, \$1.40; Oregon, \$1.25; Oak Lake patent \$1.50; do strong bakers \$1.30.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$18.50 ton; bran \$16.50; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 7½ to 8c; mutton, 9c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7 to 10c per lb.

Live Stock.—Steers, 5½ to 4½c lb, sheep, \$4.00 to \$4.50; hogs, 5½ to 5½c.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$6 per dozen, scarce.

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

Syrups.—80 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

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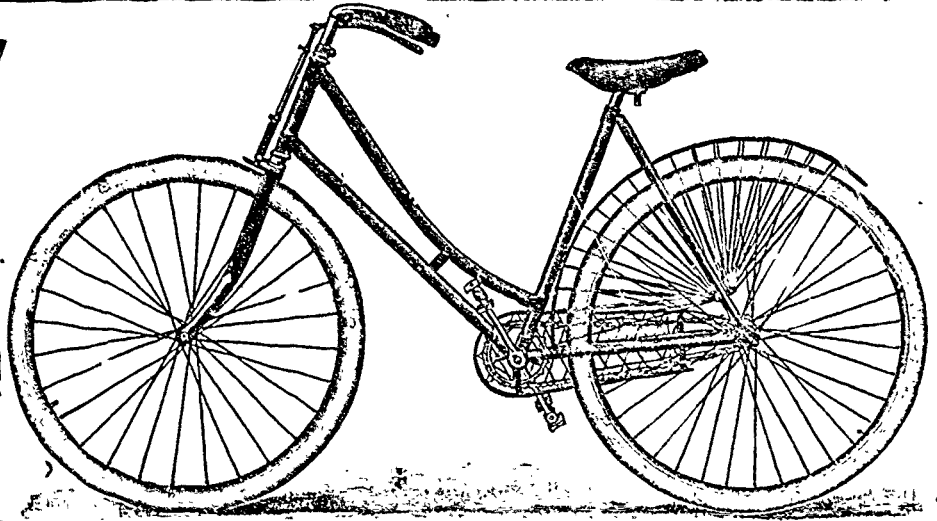
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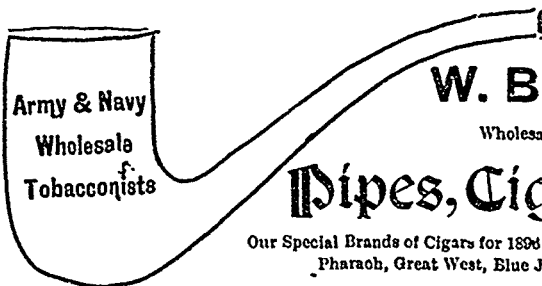
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The Immigration Association.

The executive of the Western Canada Immigration Association has issued a circular, for the approval of the branch associations formed for the various districts into which Western Canada has been divided for this purpose. The circular first deals with the work of the executive so far. A deputation from the association visited Eastern Canada and we are told it was well received. The secretary says: "There is not the slightest doubt but that substantial aid will be offered by the Dominion government at a very early date." Montreal and Toronto boards of trade also passed resolutions endorsing the movement, and pressing upon the government the necessity of furthering the objects of the association. It is requested that a convention should be held in each district at an early date, to further the objects of the association, and secure information for the central office in Winnipeg. Appended to the circular is a long list of questions which it is expected the branch associations will put in the form of a circular, with such additions or changes as they may deem advisable, for circulation in their respective districts. These questions are to be answered by residents of the various districts, and then returned to the central office at Winnipeg. The object of sending out these circulars is to obtain opinions from a large number of persons all over the country, for the information of the central office.

A copy of the memo presented to the Dominion ministers by the association delegates, is given. It relates the formation of the association, resolutions passed at the convention, etc. The delegates also submitted the following to the government:

1. That the representative character of the association entitles it to the recognition of the Dominion government.
2. That a bureau of immigration be constituted in charge of a separate permanent deputy head or commissioner.
3. That the executive of this association be recognized as an advisory board to act with said officials as regards the appointment of officials to carry out the work of immigration, the disbursement of immigration funds and all other matters pertaining to immigration.
4. That the work already undertaken by this association is as follows:
 - (a) The establishment in Winnipeg of a central office, with a permanent secretary.
 - (b) The establishment under the charge of the sub-association of branch offices in each province or territory covered by the association's operations, to act in conjunction with the central office.
 - (c) These offices will receive and take charge of incoming immigrants, furnishing them with all necessary information and advice.
 - (d) These offices will also collect and compile thoroughly reliable and disinterested information of a practical character concerning every section of their respective districts, which information will be placed at the disposal of the central offices to be published and circulated.
5. That this work may be continued efficiently and uninterruptedly a certain measure of financial assistance be accorded the association by the Dominion government.
6. That the Dominion government, in addition to recognizing the association itself, endeavor to secure for it the recognition of the imperial government.

(Signed) Geo. H. Barnes, mayor of Rat Portage, representing Western Ontario, Jas. Elder, president Farmers' Ins., Brandon, representing Manitoba; A. J. Andrews, alderman, city of Winnipeg, representing Manitoba; J. L. Neff, M. L. A., Moosomin, representing Assiniboia; F. H. Turnock, city of Calgary, representing Alberta; F. J. Deane, Victoria board of trade, representing British Columbia; F. W. Heubach, secretary.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Most of the grain space, it is said, has been engaged by the regular steamship lines for May and June, last engagements for Liverpool being reported at 1s 6d, with that figure bid for space, and 1s 9d asked. In flour room has been engaged at 8s 9d to 10s for sacks to London.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, B. C. in their last shipping list, quote lumber rates from Vancouver to Sydney, Australia at 82s 6d, and 40s to Millbourne or Adelaide.

Chicago Trade Bulletin of April 6 says: The tariff from Chicago to New York is 20c per 100 lbs on flour and grain and 80c on provisions. Through rates to Liverpool were easier with a fair inquiry. Flour rates from Chicago were 22c and provisions 32 to 34c per 100 lbs. Grain was 11c per bushel. Lake business was better, with rates steady at 1 1/2c for wheat and 1 1/2c for corn to Buffalo, and 4c for corn and 2 1/2c for oats to Ogdensburg.

Grocery Trade Notes.

In New York on April 1 the prices of all refined sugars except a few numbers were advanced 3c, and granulated is now quoted there at 5c. The trust was bidding 4 1/2c for raws and holders were asking 4 1/2c but there were large sales at 4 1/2-16c.

A New York paper says:—The low prices quoted on California London layer raisins have at last attracted buyers, and it is reported that a considerable business has been done at 70c to 75c. Holders have since advanced their quotations and we now hear of nothing offering below 80c.

Tomatoes are getting scarce, says a Toronto report and are quoted at 82 1/2c to 85c; peas are steady at 95c to \$1; corn is plentiful and easy at 65c to 80c.

A Toronto paper says of dried fruits: Currants are firmer but the outside markets do not warrant higher prices. The stock of Mediterranean dried fruits here is small. California fruits are in good demand and the sales of peaches, apricots, plums and prunes, are hurting the demand for canned fruits and dried and evaporated apples.

Cable advices from Smyrna report Sultana raisins 2s 6d higher.

A New York paper says of the coffee market. Foreign advices were not of a nature to inspire confidence or lead to active trading, as they were of a negative character. Karl Kirsche estimates the Rio crop at \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000 bags, and the Santos crop at 4,750,000 to 5,000,000 bags. The crop Mr. Kirsche thinks, will be marketed early, probably the latter part of May and early June.

This leads to expectations of increased receipts in the near future.

Literary Notes.

The April number of The Northwest Magazine comes to us in a new dress that is simply perfection. Plain, clean, bright, and well printed on high grade paper, The Northwest is certainly one of the most attractive periodicals in the country. The leading features of this issue are "Prospecting in Central Idaho," by Rollin Smith, "Reminiscences of Cadet Life," by Major-General R. W. Johnson, U.S.A.; "Little Jim," by Florence A. Jones, and "The Possibilities of North Dakota," by W. S. Eberman. The Northwest Magazine, St. Paul, Minn.

The Easter number of Every Month, the literary and musical magazine, contains matter of great variety and much interest for those who prefer a varied rather than a solid literary journal. Literature, music, art, drama, fashions and current events all receive due attention in this profusely illustrated number, and considerable and effective attention at that. Several short stories contained

are excellent, and the editorial matter deserves particular attention for its vigor and the permanent interest of the subjects discussed. There are four pieces of music, two vocal and two instrumental, which well represent the ability of John Francis Gilder, Paul Dresser, Will C. Carleton and Charles Miller, all widely known in musical circles. Paul Dresser, whose sacred song appears in the current number, is a popular author at present.

The Cosmopolitan for April again contains a couple of beautiful colored plates, the cover by B. de Karlovzky and "Hilda Stafford" frontispiece by Eric Pape. The illustrated articles of the April number are specially good. Price Collier writes on "Gold" in England and Scotland. "The Development of the Overland Mail" will be a particularly interesting article for those who have witnessed the great changes in the Great West of America in our own day. Rather a grim article, as shown by the illustrations, is the "Visitudes of the dead," by Eleanor Lewis, nevertheless it will be interesting to many a reader. "The Lyceum" by James Paul, introduces some widely known platform characters. In fiction we have "Mrs. Cliff's Yacht," by E. W. Kemble, and "Hilda Stafford, a California Story," by Beatrice Harraden. "An Imperial Pleasure Palace" introduces the Emperor and Empress of Russia. The regular cosmopolitan departments, poems, and shorter articles conclude this fine number.

Lumber Trade News.

The city engineer of Winnipeg reported that 1,046,600 feet of lumber had been used during the past year, the limit of the contract being 1,250,000 feet, thus leaving 203,400 feet still under the contract, which expires on the 30th inst. On motion it was resolved that tenders be called for both 1 1/2 and 2 inch lumber.

The Winnipeg Free Press says: "The Canada Lumberman, in its issue of April, has an extended write up of the lumbering industry in the Western Ontario, Manitoba, and the Canadian west." This article with the exception of some trifling changes, appeared first in The Commercial, and was appropriated by the lumberman without credit.

Sibbald & Chaw, commission dealers, Revelstoke, have dissolved; J. D. Sibbald continues.

A deputation from the board of trade of Morden, Man., will interview Canadian Pacific Railway officials, regarding more frequent train service. The board has prepared a petition to the Dominion government, asking that Morden be made a customs port.

The Toronto Globe says of the hardware trade: "Shipments next week will be heavier owing to the number of orders booked some time ago going forward now, such as spades and shovels, harvest tools, screen doors and windows. Freight rates were reduced on April 1. Wire nails have again been advanced, the discount now being 70 and 7 1/2 per cent. delivery and terms remain the same as before. In metals and tinware trade remains fair."

The feature of the hide market, during the past week, says the Montreal Gazette, of April 2, has been the weaker feeling which has prevailed and prices have declined 3c. This is due principally to the continued weak advices from the principal markets and the steady downward tendency values have had of late. The receipts here have been liberal, and stocks in consequence are accumulating, as the demand is limited at present, tanners evidently having sufficient stock on hand. No. 1, 5 1/2c; No. 2, 4 1/2c; and No. 3 3 1/2c Sheepskins 70 to 75c each, and clips at 10c. Calfskins, No. 1, 7c, and No. 2, 5c.

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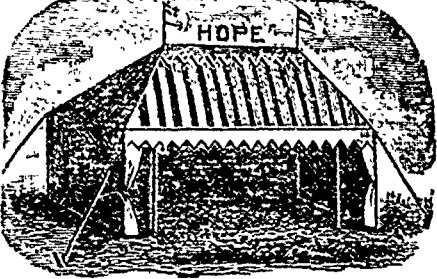
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The Arid Districts.

J. S. Dennis, of Calgary, presented the following paper at the late immigration convention at Winnipeg, on "The Reclamation and Colonization of the Arid Portions of the Territories:"

That a large section of the prairie or plains section of our western territories is arid, in the sense that there is insufficient rainfall during the majority of years to mature crops, has now been conclusively proved by experience of its residents, and by the meteorological data obtained at the different government stations since their establishment ten or twelve years ago.

Investigation shows that the portion of the territories which may properly be included within the above described region is as follows: It is bounded on the south by the international boundary, on the east by a line starting at the intersection of the 102nd meridian of west longitude with the international boundary and running from thence north-westerly to the latitude 51° 8', on the north by this parallel of latitude, and on the west by the Rocky Mountains. This district comprises an area of some 80,000 square miles, or upwards of 50,000,000 acres.

In addition to this vast area, there is a further portion of the territories lying to the east of the tract above described, and embracing a belt of country extending into southwestern Manitoba which may be designated as the semi-arid region, where there is sufficient rainfall to warrant the planting of crops and where agriculture during the majority of years is successful, but where dry seasons are experienced every few years, and the crops as a consequence fail owing to insufficient moisture.

The fact that such a large portion of our territories is arid, even in the sense mentioned, has been accepted by the residents thereof and many others, only after the hard experiences of many recurring dry seasons, and the question will doubtless be asked, "why direct attention to the drawbacks of this portion of our country, while there is so much unoccupied land in the other portions where the natural conditions as to moisture are favorable to agricultural products, and which offer favorable inducements to the intending immigrant?" The reply to this question must be that the aridity of the region is a fact which must be faced, and which it is wrong to try to conceal, and although the district needs no champion to sound its praises as a grazing and ranching country, it is further claimed that its situation, the fact that it is traversed throughout its length by the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, and the ease with which the moisture that nature fails to provide can be furnished through irrigation, justifies the presentation of these facts before a convention assembled to discuss the best methods of se-

curing immigrants for the country as a whole, and not for any special district.

Before proceeding to discuss the question of the reclamation of this portion of our territories, and the inducements which the reclaimed or irrigated land offers to the intending immigrant, or colonizer, it will be well to give the table above referred to, which demonstrates the insufficiency of the rainfall to mature crops.

Statement of annual precipitation, (snow and rain) at certain points in Assiniboia and Alberta:

Place.	Length of record, years.	Annual Precipitation.
Calgary	9.75	12.88 in.
Gleichen	5	10.01 in.
Medicine Hat ...	11	11.51 in.
Maple Creek ...	5.66	11.15 in.
Swift Current ..	6.83	16.51 in.
Chaplin	11	6.44 in.
Regina	11.83	8.81 in.

Accepting the fact of insufficient moisture as indicated by the above table, we may refer briefly to the other general conditions as they exist in this portion of our territories and to the methods proposed for the reclamation and colonization of the arid district.

The soil of the arid region is, as a whole, of an exceptionally fertile character. In places, sandy tracts and districts, broken by sand hills and high gravelly ridges are met, but in general, the soil consists of a rich alluvial loam varying in depth and overlying a sub-soil of clay and gravel.

In the Wood Mountains and Cypress Hills districts the country is more or less broken by ravines and heavily timbered in places, but the soil is good and the native grasses both luxuriant in growth and nutritive in character.

In many of the valleys along the streams the bottom lands are of the richest kinds, consisting of heavy, black loam of great depth. The vegetation in the eastern and central portions is sparse in places, but as we approach the western limit the native grasses become thick and luxuriant, and their nutritive qualities have justly given Alberta and Western Assiniboia a reputation for producing as fine beef as is marketed in the world.

The climate of this portion of the territories resembles that of the other portions in that the extremes between summer and winter are very great, and the temperature of the day much greater than that of the night. In the western part of the district, however, the varying influences of the "chinook" winds is felt during the winter months, and the country is particularly well adapted during that portion of the year for the outdoor life of cattle, sheep and horses. The luxuriant growth and nutritive qualities of the native grasses of the prairie and foot-hill portion of the territories, and the suitability of the district for the production of beef, mutton and

dairy produce are now so generally acknowledged and accepted that it is not necessary to enter into any arguments to prove the assertion that for pastoral pursuits, or, as it is erroneously termed, "ranching," the portion of our territories designated as arid offers better inducements than parts which are more favored by nature in the way of rainfall. As a matter of interest, it may, however, be well to give the following statistics of the value of meat and dairy products in the arid region during the past year: Number of cattle shipped 22,000, value \$781,000; number of sheep shipped 13,000; value \$155,000; beef supplied local markets value \$140,000; beef supplied from local sources for Indian contracts, and Northwest Mounted Police \$95,200; dairy produce (butter and cheese) shipped \$27,000; wool and hides shipped \$30,000; total value \$1,203,200.

This sum will probably create some surprise in the minds of those who have not given the subject any consideration, and will be gratifying to many who are acquainted with the present sparsely settled condition of the southern and western portions of the territories, and it is surely fair to assume that if it can be shown that the natural drawbacks in the way of insufficient moisture can be corrected as to ensure the certainty of the successful growth of cereals within the district, and thus add the value of these productions to the figures quoted the district will offer many inducements to the incoming immigrant.

How is the required moisture to be provided? I answer, by irrigation. And this brings us to the subject of the proposed method of reclaiming the arid region so as to make it the home of a large and prosperous population.

Irrigation is a comparatively new principle in Canada, and the methods of applying water and the results to be obtained therefrom are naturally little understood. Irrigation is, however, the one means by which our arid country is to be reclaimed, and we confidently expect the history of the marvelously transforming influences of water in the western portion of the United States to be repeated in our country so soon as the importance of the subject is understood, and the necessary canals and other works completed.

Although the arid portion of the territory is lacking in rainfall, nature has supplied it with many fine rivers and smaller streams, and to these sources we look for the supply wherewith to irrigate the larger parts of the areas of good lands. These streams are all fed by the melting snows of the great range of mountain bounding the territories on the west, and in the way of water supply for irrigation, a large portion of our arid region is bountifully blessed. In Southern Alberta the surveys already completed by the govern-

British Columbia.

Mrs. K. C. Gaisley, general store, Enroy, has sold out to L. Fauth.

E. Johnson, general store, Keefers, has moved to Slocan City.

Paterson & Campbell, hotel, Nelson, is succeeded by Mrs. H. Harston.

M. Spisak hotel, Northfield, has sold out to Charles Martin.

Alfred Jenkins, hotel, Rosland, is succeeded by Donovan & Schatt.

Bull, Naden & Co., saw mill, Rosland and Trail, have dissolved; John Bail continues.

J. W. Edwards, drugs, Three Forks, has sold out to J. F. Donaldson.

Madden & Carr, hotel, Trail Creek, are succeeded by Maiden & Anderson.

Smith & Freolaud, grocers, Vancouver, are succeeded by Wm. Smith.

Challoner & Mitchell, Jewellers, Victoria, style changed to Challoner, Mitchell & Co.

C. Lang, tobacconist, Victoria, is reported to have left town.

W. H. Wood, of Wood & Orr, stoves, etc., Victoria, is dead.

Ponck & Lowe, jewelers, Victoria, have sold out to Challoner, Mitchell, & Co.

Joseph Genelle, of the Kwant sawmill, has opened a lumber yard at Kamloops.

J. B. Latremouille and L. H. Jenks have entered into partnership and will open business at Kamloops in hardware and farming implements.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, British Columbia, who have been agents for years for the Moodyville Saw Mills Co., one of the oldest mills on the coast have severed their connection with that company. They have now taken the agency for the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. This company owns a large mill at Chemainus, Vancouver Island, and also controls enormous timber limits in British Columbia. The mill has been closed down for some years, and the fact that it has again been put in operation indicates the revival that has set in in the lumber industry at the coast.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, April 7, 1896.

There has been no changes to chronicle in the markets this week. Money is fairly easy. Owing to the fine weather active outside work is progressing in all the cities of British Columbia. In Vancouver several handsome business blocks are under process of construction, while in other cities numerous buildings are in process of construction. Trade in Nanaimo—unusually dull for some time, owing to a lull in coal mining—the coal seams of Nanaimo being the vertebra of the commercial life of the city is lately much improved while the returns of the finance department of the city council of Westminster show that though there has been a depression of trade in the Fraser river fishing town, a system of economy, business foresight and a big salmon year, have enabled the city fathers to make a good showing. The customs and inland revenue returns of Victoria show a remarkable revival of trade, as do the terminal city. The capital of British Columbia still holds in the volume of business done, while of course the natural wealth is made greater. Vancouver is not far behind, however in active business life. The lumber trade is still brisk, and there is a very apparent revival in shipping, but mining demands the lion's share of attention from the financial world. Sealing has not been as plentiful of good results as in former years, but the improved state of affairs in other lines of industry have more than made up for the poor

sealing season. The farmers have had splendid weather and the co-operative dairies and fruit societies are very busy organizing and preparing for what has been estimated as British Columbia's big year for butter and fruit. Cattle have abundance of pasture and British Columbia animals are in good condition.

British Columbia Business Notes

The Canadian-Australian and Oriental steamers left loaded to the cabin last week. A part of the Warrimoo's cargo was 20 tons of flour for Fiji. The flour was sold. More would have gone but there was no room for it. The flour was the Ogilvie brand. Two hundred and fifty tons will go by the next Australian steamer.

A financial report from Westminster shows an increase in taxes collected over the previous year of over \$21,000, while the sum earned by the electric plant run by the municipality was \$24,000. The city water works earned over \$14,000. The revenue tax was \$1,800 more than the preceding 12 months, while the board of works expended \$10,000 less than the year before. This is a good showing for a city of 7,000 or 8,000 people.

The customs returns of the four larger towns on the Canadian Pacific Coast for March are very interesting as they point with unerring index finger to the trade of the country. They are as follows: Imports—Victoria \$521,769; Vancouver \$111,603; Westminster \$31,044; Nanaimo \$11,178; total \$675,594. Exports—Victoria \$37,197; Westminster \$32,381; Vancouver \$178,189; Nanaimo, not reported. Duty collected—Victoria \$66,115.23, an increase over the corresponding month of last year of \$12,782.76; Vancouver \$26,493.68, increase of \$5,181.71; Westminster \$6,550.69; Nanaimo \$3,892.59; total \$103,019.19. The increase in imports and duty since the first of the year over the first three months of 1895 is very marked. Vancouver imports for March have increased 50 per cent. Inland revenue—Victoria \$13,787, an increase of \$21,741; Vancouver \$12,452.18, an increase of \$1,275.67, (this increase in Vancouver's ability to consume liquor and tobacco is partly explained from the fact that in 1895 stocks were allowed to run very low owing to hard times and Westminster is counted in with the terminal city returns); Nanaimo \$141.80; total \$26,681.10.

When the citizens of Vancouver set their hearts on anything they usually get it, no matter how pretentious. The big world's regatta, which is really a gigantic scheme to lubricate the monetary system of the municipality, looked at one time as if it would be still born, for the reason that according to the city charter no money could be granted by the city for celebrations of this kind. The celebration committee, however, guaranteed the Mayor and finance chairman to proceed to the capital where the House was in session and have the objectionable clause in the charter amended. This was done and the passing of the by-law giving \$5,000 to the citizens committee as a beginning for the big fund is a foregone conclusion.

British Columbia Mining News.

The Canadian Pacific road are offerings very tempting inducements along their mainline and connections to assist the British Columbia mining country.

The Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co. estimate that profits will be attained, indicated by looking backward, aggregating \$510,000 in a single season. When further improvements are made, including the enlargement of hydraulic pits, and the opening up of the lower ore "bed rock" bench of high grade gravel. Results of the past season's work are tabulated as follows:

Water used in pit No. 1.... 19 days, 11 hours
Water used in pit No. 2.... 25 days, 11 hours

Total..... 45 days, 9½ hours

Gold product of of season, gross. \$60,300.93

Yield per miner's inch, per day (estimated)..... 56 cents

Pit No. 1—

Quantity of water used..... 52,933 inches

Gravel removed (estimated)..... 60,000 yards

Gold recovered (estimated)..... \$35,000.00

Yield, per cubic yard..... 58.30 cents

Duty of water, per miner's

inch, per day..... 14-10 cubic yards

PROSPECTIVE.

The estimated gross product for the season of 1896 is..... \$300,000

The estimated cost operating the mine for a period of 180 days during season 1896 is..... 70,000

The estimated possible number of working days without water 150

Leaving a net estimated profit for season of 1896, say..... \$213,000

During one week the output of ore through Revelstoke was 318,000 pounds, valued at \$38,217.50. This was the product from five mines. The Slocan Star headed the list, the shipment from this mine being valued at \$14,000. The Alamo next with \$11,000.

An embryo stock and mining exchange has become existent in Vancouver and will possibly develop into a power which will some day be felt in the financial centers of America.

Finds on French Creek are still plenty and profitable. Four men own the consolator mine at Big Bear. They made \$1,000 each during March. Nuggets are numerous, two large ones were found one weighing 5½ and another 43oz.

Stanley Smith, the unfortunate British Columbia explorer who lost his life in Chibcotan river recently, while making his way to a big cinnabar deposit he had located some time before, had a general outline of the location of his find written in a note book found on his remains by the Indians. Those to whom the picket book was handed have decided to look for the fabulously rich mine. Judging from samples it is far ahead of any cinnabar deposits yet discovered in this country. According to this interesting message from the grave the claim is situated in proximity to seven large glaciers, one of them mentioned as the largest in the world.

The prospector will have to travel through 90 miles of an almost unpassable country. Still several parties who read Smith's note cannot rest in their comfortable shacks free from the dangers of that dreary country, but have decided to risk their lives in search of this immense wealth of quicksilver. If they reach their destination they will be where a living white man has ever been. It is probable, however, that Smith's secret, buried with him, will remain a secret for another 100 years.

J. F. Smith is negotiating to sell his well known Tete Jaune mica mine to Chicago parties.

A meeting of the Toronto board of trade was held to discuss instructions to be given the delegates to be sent by the board to the convention of chambers of commerce in London in June next. After much discussion a resolution was passed favoring Mr Chamberlain's Zollverein idea expressing gratification at the views expressed by him in a recent speech. The general consensus of opinion of speakers of all views appeared to be that England could not be expected to give colonial grain any preference in the British market, but the most that could be expected was that all interchange of products in the empire should be free, and to impose whatever duty it pleased on products from other nations.

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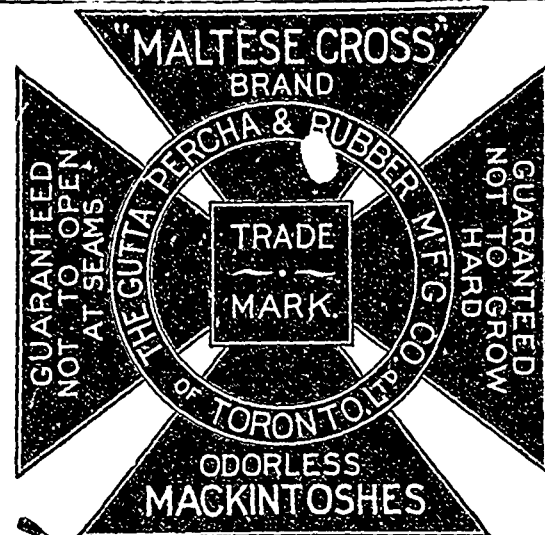
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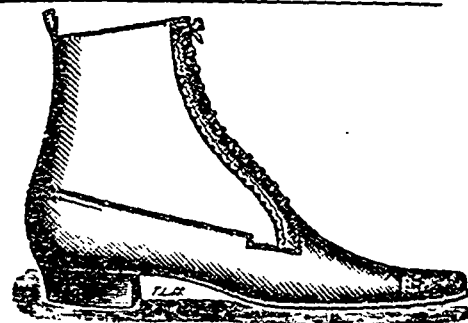
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The Arid Districts

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ment have demonstrated the possibility of diverting the larger part of the volume of the principal streams for irrigation purposes, and it is now certain that very extensive areas in the vicinity of Calgary, and between that point and Medicine Hat, in the district lying to the north and east of Calgary traversed by the Rosebud river on the well known Lethbridge plains and throughout the country adjacent to McLeod, can be supplied with water for irrigation from the Bow, Red Deer, St. Mary and Old Man rivers respectively, and the foothills country from the many minor streams intersecting it every few miles.

The central portion of the region comprising Western Assiniboia will be supplied with water from the South Saskatchewan river and the numerous small streams heading in the Cypress Hills, and although the supply in this district is more limited than in Southern Alberta, there is certainly sufficient to reclaim large areas.

The eastern portion of the district comprising the Regina plains and country to the west will be supplied with water diverted from the South Saskatchewan through the Qu'Appelle Valley, and from storage of storm and spring freshets at present allowed to go to waste.

I seem to hear the exclamation, "why take up our time with such Utopian ideas as these, which are visionary dreams of the future?" and I reply, this is no idle dream, but an outline of possibilities which will be realized within a comparatively few years. We have to-day in Southern Alberta and Western Assiniboia 121 irrigation ditches and canals in operation, comprising over 300 miles in length and which have cost at a low estimate some \$150,000, by this time next year, the number and mileage will probably be doubled, without taking into consideration the three or four large undertakings which have been projected. The results from the application of water from these ditches and canals has demonstrated beyond argument that the virgin soil of our plains and foothill country, combined with favorable climate, and when aided by water applied through irrigation, will produce crops equal and in most cases surpassing any grown in Manitoba or other portions of the territories, and while there is no intention of casting the slightest doubt upon the many advantages which this province and the humid portions of the territories offer to the home-seeker, an intimate knowledge of which has been acquired by the writer during the past twenty-two years spent in visiting most parts of the country, it is desired to give emphasis to the fact that although the large area of our territories above described must look to irrigation as the means of making agriculture successful, a convention such as this, which is, I presume, charged with the duty of considering the question of best methods of colonizing our country as a whole cannot overlook this vast district, which in some particulars possesses advantages not to be found in the sections more favored in the way of rainfall. It may also be stated, and, if necessary, easily proved, that the possessor of an irrigated farm is much better off than the farmer dependent upon rainfall; the former turns on the moisture when and in such quantities as may be needed, and knows no failure of crops from drought, while the latter, even in the most favored regions, is at the mercy of the elements, and is at times forced to stand by and see his crop perish from lack of moisture, and finally as a justification for the foregoing remarks, it may be accepted as a fact that immigrants may be secured from the many irrigation states and territories to the south of us to colonize our arid region,

who cannot be induced to move into any country where farming is carried on in the usual manner, which they aptly describe as "dry farming."

Having outlined the method of reclaiming our arid region it remains to speak of the proposed scheme for colonizing the reclaimed lands. In the first place it must be remembered that in the arid region, we have a much larger area of land than there is water to irrigate, even under the most favorable conditions of storage and use, and it is therefore evident that we should have the irrigated areas distributed as much as possible throughout the whole region, so that the unirrigated portions may be utilized for pasturage. This being the case, it follows that the system of settlement suited to portions of the country having sufficient rainfall to mature crops, is quite unsuited to the arid portion of the territories. The experience of the irrigation states and territories to the south of us, notably, Colorado, Utah and California, demonstrates that the greatest development by the aid of irrigation is to be looked for when the country is settled under the hamlet or community system and it is under this system that our colonization to be successful must proceed. Under this system, aided by irrigation, the Greeley colony in Colorado, the Mormon colonies in Utah, and the numerous colonies in South California, including Ontario, formed and colonized by Canadians, have been making history in the development of western lands and agricultural prosperity, and we cannot do better than follow their example.

The "hamlet system" of settlement possesses so many advantages over the ordinary method in vogue in this province and other humid regions that there should be no difficulty in getting people to adopt it. In the first place, the central hamlet, or village, permits of social intercourse and advantages in the way of education, religion and amusement, which are not possible when each settler lives on his own quarter section, and houses are from half a mile to one mile apart, and the mutual effort and co-operation in the construction and operation of a grist mill, creamery, cold storage, elevator and the numerous other industries, including money in farm implements and in the purchase of well bred male stock for breeding purposes required in connection with successful farming or dairying pursuits, becomes possible under the hamlet system, which are hard to obtain under ordinary conditions. Pages might be written regarding the advantages of the hamlet style of settlement, particularly when irrigation is practiced, but why take up your valuable time by advancing arguments to prove what is now history, open to any one who will take the trouble to inform himself of the facts regarding the success of hamlet or colony settlement in the countries above mentioned, let me rather proceed at once to outline the scheme under which it is proposed to apply the hamlet or colony system to the settlement of our arid region. The scheme is as follows.

It having been demonstrated that water can be supplied for the irrigation of certain large areas, let the owners of the land affected set aside certain portions within the tract susceptible of irrigation, for colonization under the hamlet system, and so soon as the necessary canals are completed, begin an active campaign in the United States and abroad for immigrants to take the irrigated lands under the colony or hamlet plan. That settlers can be obtained to develop the country under this system and by the aid of irrigation is proved by the experience of the States and territories already referred to, and by the spectacle witnessed a few days ago in the passage over the Canadian Pacific railway of a very considerable colony in their migration from the central and eastern states to Northern California, to found one of the colonies

which are being located at different points in the arid west by the American colonial club.

Mr. Chairman and members of the convention, let me close this paper which has already grown to an inexcusable length, by asking for your fair consideration of the facts regarding our arid region, and the advantages which it certainly has as a home for the immigrant who is desirous of going in for ranching and dairy farming, providing that he can count on the never-failing aid of irrigation to produce each and every year a crop equal both in yield and quality to anything produced in any other part of this our great western heritage, of which we are all so justly proud, and upon the early settlement and progress of which depends much of the future of our Dominion.

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