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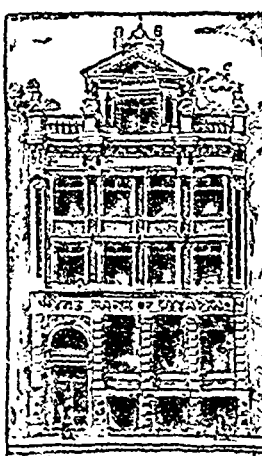
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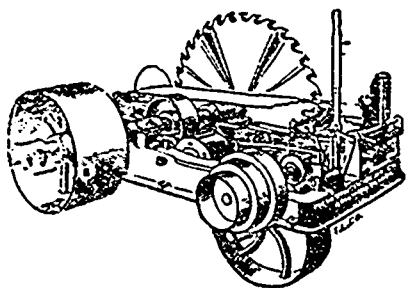
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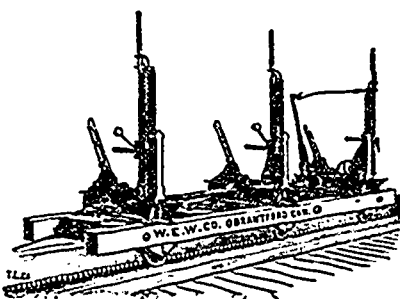
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 1, 1899.

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS

The recent tragedy at Altona, in
southern Manitoba, is another re-
minder of the loose way in which munici-
pal affairs are managed. The Commer-
cial has several times urged the
necessity of a strict supervision of
municipal accounts. We certainly
think that some plan should be adopt-
ed providing for a systematic audit
of municipal accounts at regular in-
tervals, under the control of the pro-
vincial government. In the province of
Ontario it is claimed that defalcations
by municipal officials have decreased
wonderfully since the adoption of a
system of government supervision.

CHEAP LABOR

A Winnipeg paper recently report-
ed that our new immigrants—the
Doukhobors—are cutting wood at the
rate of 40 and 50 cents per cord. If
this is true, it would seem very hard
for those who earn their living in
this way to have to compete against
such cheap labor. The Doukhobors
have been brought here and are be-
ing supported to a considerable ex-
tent by the government. It is hardly
fair to city laborers, who have to
earn their own living, to compel them
to compete with this class of labor.
Many of those who have to earn a liv-
ing by such jobs of this nature as they
can pick up, have families to support.

Work is usually none to plentiful in
the winter season at best. The man
who manufactures a cord of cord-
wood into stove wood, at \$1.25 to
\$1.50, dearly earns every cent of the
amount. It would be a shame to ask
anyone to do it for less.

TRADING STAMPS

The trading stamp system has been
introduced in Winnipeg. While the
encouragement of cash business in
every legitimate way is desirable,
The Commercial is not sure that this
is the best way, nor even a very de-
sirable way of encouraging consumers
to buy for cash. We have in times
past urged the advisability of giv-
ing a good discount for cash, in order
to encourage cash trade. It costs
more money to do a credit business
than to sell for cash. There is the
expense of bookkeeping and collecting
to be added to the cost of credit sales.
Besides this there is the interest on
the money which the merchant is
obliged to wait for. All this belongs
to the extra cost of a credit business,
as compared with a cash trade. But
besides this, there is the loss on bad
accounts. A merchant cannot give
credit without making some bad ac-
counts. The loss in this way is fre-
quently the most serious feature of
credit business.

It seems very unfair that cash cus-
tomers should be made to pay for the
extra expense and losses in bad ac-
counts arising from credit business.
A Winnipeg merchant who does a large
trade, told The Commercial recently
that it cost him ten per cent on his
credit business to collect his accounts.
All this shows the necessity of encour-
aging cash business. It further shows
the unreasonableness of charging cash
and credit customers the same price
for their requirements. A Winnipeg
grocer told a cash customer a few
days ago, that the margin of profit
on groceries was so small that no
grocer could give a cash discount and
live. If Winnipeg grocers cannot af-
ford to give a cash discount, it is be-
yond comprehension how they can
manage to do a credit business and
live. That grocer evidently does not
know the value of cash business.
Cash purchases at a dis-
count of 5 per cent should give him
a better profit than credit business
without the discount. If it costs ten
per cent to collect accounts, as one
merchant said, cash business would be
more profitable at a discount of ten
per cent.

The proper and legitimate way to
encourage cash buying would be to
charge credit customers for the full
cost of doing a credit business. In
other words, give the cash buyer a
discount equal to the extra cost of
the credit business. If the margin of
profit is not sufficient to enable mer-

chants to do business in a proper way,
it should be increased. If the system
of giving discounts in this way were
generally adopted, it would appeal to
thoughtful people, who would quick-
ly realize the advantage to be gained
by paying cash.

One objection to the trading stamp
system is that the customer does not
get the full benefit of the discount. A
third party comes between the mer-
chant and his customer and shares the
profit arising from the cash business.
This, we think is neither necessary
nor wise. The benefit of the cash
transaction should be divided between
the merchant and his customer only.
Besides, a straight cash discount
would be far more valuable to the con-
sumer than a premium in the form of
a piece of furniture or some other arti-
cle.

A straight cash discount would, we
believe, also be more valuable in the
direction of educating the purchasing
public as to the advantage of buying
for cash. A certain number of people
may make a fad of collecting trading
stamps for a time, but we doubt if it
will prove as lasting as if they were
receiving a straight cash discount. A
straight cash discount would be fair-
er to the cash buyer, as it would give
him the full benefit of the transaction;
it would be more valuable to the buy-
er than a premium; and it would have
a more lasting effect toward educat-
ing the buyer as to the value of buy-
ing always for cash.

ALONG THE CALGARY AND EDMONTON ROAD

NOTES OF A TRIP BY A COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

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also carried on with the immense fur-
bearing region of the north. The de-
gree of development which has been
attained in the short time that has
elapsed since settlers first began to
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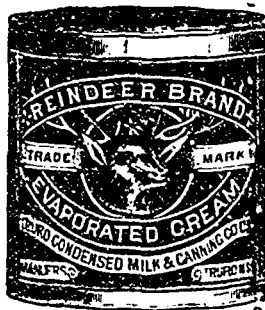
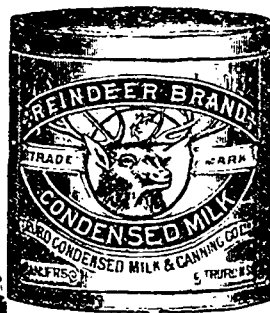
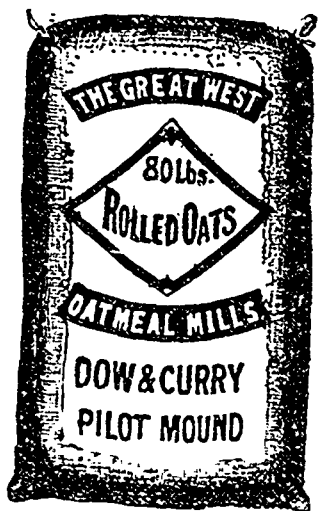
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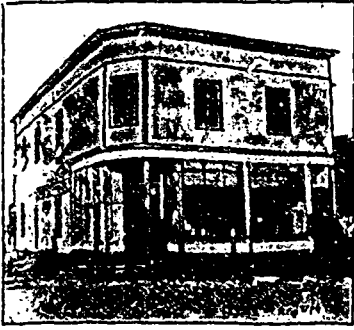
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addition has been made to the population in the various districts, new land has been brought under cultivation large sums of money have been invested in new buildings, stock and implements in the country, and in new buildings, goods and improvements in the towns. Farmers and ranchers are everywhere making rapid strides in the direction of better equipment and many of them are enlarging their holdings of land as well. This in turn is reflecting itself upon the towns and increasing their prosperity.

Between Calgary and Edmonton there are several promising towns and villages along the line of railway. Of these the leading points are Olds, Innisfail, Red Deer, Wetaskiwin and Leduc. At Innisfail there has been some growth since The Commercial last reviewed its progress and there are prospects of much larger things in the future. The hardware firm of Goulter & Paterson opened last June and have experienced a very satisfactory year's trade. F. W. Bilton bought out the groceries, fruits, confectionery and boot and shoe business of T. M. Rogers on February 1st and has found his trade more than satisfactory since that time. The general trading concerns here are strong and enterprising and are doing much to build up the town and district by their business activity. Among other projects which they have in mind at present is one for the establishment of a first-class flour mill. Innisfail is also fortunate in possessing one of the government creameries, which are doing so much towards building up the dairying industry in the Territories. The monthly income from this source is seldom less than \$1,500.

Red Deer is midway between Calgary and Edmonton. It is the centre of a very rich stretch of mixed farming country. Ranching is largely the occupation of the settlers hereabouts at present. The business community of the town consists of three general stores, a butcher shop, a hardware store, drug store, hotel, livery, blacksmith shop, etc. There is also a small saw mill plant on the Red Deer river and a brick yard. The business advantages of Red Deer are substantial and insure the steady growth of the town. Settlers are steadily increasing in numbers and wealth, fuel is plentiful, markets convenient, and the business community energetic. Like Innisfail it has a government creamery which yields a substantial cash income every month. A ready market is found in British Columbia for the output of this factory, and for all

the other products of the district. It is proposed among other new enterprises to build a flour mill here this year. The choice of a site for this mill rests between Red Deer and Innisfail. If the promoters decide to build here there will not likely be a mill at Innisfail and vice versa.

Wetaskiwin has, like other points along this line, grown somewhat in the past twelve months. It is a promising centre, and has already a vigorous trade community.

South Edmonton, the terminus of this railway branch, has grown up since the line came in. There are about 800 people living at this point, and the number is being constantly added to. Last year some new business houses opened up, among them William Brunelle, general merchant, who has done so well that he contemplates increasing his investment this year. Other general traders who are prospering to an equal extent, are Allan & McNulty, McLaren & Co., and A. Davies. In other lines, R. A. Hulbert, grocer, McLean & Co., hardware, Wilkin & Richards, general merchants, Ross Bros., hardware, and J. J. Duggan, lumber, are the leading concerns.

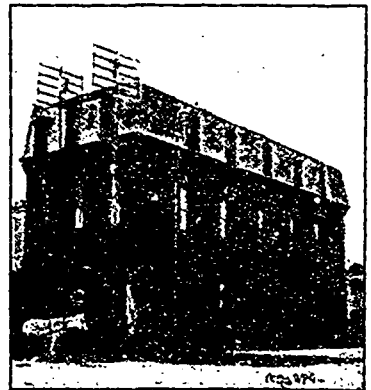


G. F. & J. GALT'S BRANCH WAREHOUSE AT EDMONTON.

Brackman & Ker, the well known milling firm of Vancouver, have a large milling plant at this point, which is a valuable industry to the town. During 1898 they spent considerable money installing a new electric lighting plant, and otherwise improving their premises. A new office building was also built. D. Ritchie also engages in the milling business here. He has just completed a course of overhauling in his mill by which the plant has been brought up-to-date in every way and the capacity about doubled. When active business operations are commenced again Mr. Ritchie contemplates breaking into the British Columbia trade, something he has never done heretofore. Walter & Humberson engage in the lumber milling business at this point and find a profitable trade for their large annual cut of spruce lumber.

North Edmonton is a place long noted for its trade with the fur-bearing regions of northern Canada and latterly made more famous by its connection with the rush to Klondike, as one of the points of departure from civilization. Edmonton is destined,

however, to find a more enduring fame for the volume and value of its products of the field. It is the centre of the largest and richest mixed farming region in the Territories. The district is capable of maintaining a population of thousands wherever it now sustains tens. The fact that some of the leading wholesale trading concerns of Winnipeg have established branches at this point is a significant one and there is abundance of other evidence that the future of this northern town is to be a great one. Business is somewhat handicapped at present for the want of a bridge across the Saskatchewan, giving ready means of communication with the railway, or better carrying the railway to this side of the river, but this difficulty promises to be overcome soon as work is now in progress on a traffic bridge. Loud complaints have been made by the people of Edmonton against the inattentiveness of the Dominion public works department in regard to this bridge matter and apparently there has been good ground for the complaints. Communication should have been established with the north side of the river just as soon as possible after the railway was built. It was largely in the interest of the country north of the river that this road was built. Of the business community at North Edmonton much might be said that space cannot be found for here. Some very strong trading concerns have grown up since the town was started. McDougall & Secord, Gariepy & Chenier and Larue & Picard are all strong houses and well-known in the outside business world, while there are a number of smaller concerns in the same lines that are doing well. The Hudson's Bay company have a trading post here at their fort premises and also a big general store in town. The stores and stocks of the town are up to date in every way and have all that can be found in any city in the way of fashionable goods and trade novelties. Edmonton possesses, in addition to its trading concerns, a first-class lumber milling business owned by D. E. Frazer, a brewery, two pork packing concerns, brick yard, machine shop, sash and door factory, electric lighting plant, printing offices, etc. The Edmonton Bulletin is an exceedingly bright and newsy publication, owned by F. Oliver, the House of Commons member for this constituency. The town is incorporated and in good standing financially. One of the many signs of progress being made by the farming community which surrounds Edmonton is the fact that the implement sales of a



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well known concern which has an agency at this point have advanced from \$20,000 three years ago to \$80,000 last year. Other concerns in the same time are doing a proportionately large trade. The value of the northern fur trade to the territory is indicated by the fact that last year upwards of \$200,000 worth of fur business was handled at this point. Among the new concerns which commenced to do business here last year perhaps the most important is the branch of the Merchants' Bank. Already a good connection has been gained and the future for the new bank is a very bright one. The other banks doing business here are the Imperial and Jacques Cartier.

Besides Edmonton there are in this portion of Alberta two other business centres of some importance. Fort Saskatchewan and St. Albert. These are away from the railway some distance, but are nevertheless thriving little towns and annually turnover considerable in trade. Fort Saskatchewan is hoping to secure a railway in the near future. To the north of Edmonton, 80 miles distant, is Athabasca Landing, where northbound business is transferred to the boats, which ply upon the splendid waterways of the north. This is destined some day to be a railway terminus of considerable importance, and a gateway to the great mineral and fur-bearing regions which stretch from here to the Arctic circle.

Land Sales

Land sales are steadily increasing in Manitoba and the Territories as the years go by. The following shows the sales of the Canada Northwest Land Company for a series of years:

Year.	Acres sold.	Avg. price
1894	3,305.00	\$5.00 per acre
1895	8,034.00	5.26 per acre
1896	20,927.00	5.69 per acre
1897	38,924.07	5.40 per acre
1898	82,067.00	4.53 per acre

The report which appeared in a Winnipeg daily paper to the effect that A. Carruthers, the well known hide merchant, was moving the headquarters of his business from Montreal to Boston is incorrect.

Smith was a hotel man and Jones was a manufacturers' agent. "I say," said Jones, "however do you use such an enormous quantity of pears and peaches?" "Well," replied Smith, "we eat what we can, and what we can't eat we can." "Indeed!" said the other, "we do about the same in our business." "How is that?" "We sell an order when we can sell it and when we can't sell it we cancel it."

The large coil spring wire fence is becoming popular in Manitoba. D. Ross, Winnipeg, who has sole control of this fence for Manitoba and the Territories, states that he is placing fully three times as much as last year. Several of the best known farmers and stock raisers in the west have put up a lot of this fence. Hon. Thos. Greenway has put up 600 rods on his farm at Crystal City. Leslie Bros. have also erected 600 rods. Considerable of it has been used also in British Columbia where it is popular on account of its being so well adapted to a hilly country as well as for level districts. The Page fence is certainly a grand thing for the farm, and it also makes a fine fence for parks, railways, exhibition or school grounds, etc. As this fence becomes better known it is sure to be largely used by our farmers and ranchers.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

ENORMOUS TRUSTS.

The enormous combinations in the metal trades in the United States is one of the remarkable features of the closing years of the century. Almost every line is now in the hands of a gigantic combination. There is the Federal Steel combination with a capitalization of \$200,000,000; the American Steel and Wire company, capital \$90,000,000; the American Tin Plate company, capital \$50,000,000, and the National Steel company, which it is said, will eclipse all the others in its capitalization. This formation of the various industries into huge trusts is not without dangerous features, not the least of which is the influence which such powerful corporations can exert upon legislatures and governments. In fact it looks as though the great republic will be ruled by the trusts before the coming century is very old.

THE BOOM IN ZINC.

The zinc industry, generally speaking, had a good year in 1898, according to the annual report of the United States geological survey. The consumption was large and prices were above the average of recent years. To a considerable extent this was counterbalanced, from the smelter's point of view, by the rapid rise in prices of ore, which brought unusual activity and great prosperity to the miners of southwest Missouri and southeast Kansas. The year witnessed an interesting struggle, becoming more and more acute, between the older smelting plants in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, a lign coal as a fuel, and the new works in the Kansas natural gas belt, of which Iowa is the productive centre. The advantage of free gas in the direct lessening of cost and in the indirect economies in the metallurgical operations is said to be causing a transfer of the industry to the favored locality. The zinc-mining industry proper enjoyed an unusually prosperous year in 1898. The principal source of supply of zinc ore is the Galena-Joplin district of southeast Kansas and southwest Missouri. Local statistics of sales show that the quantity of zinc ore marketed was 89,300 tons in 1888, which rose to 98,440 in 1889 and 114,900 tons in 1890. In 1892 sales of 148,150 tons were reached. The general business depression affected the industry during the succeeding year, and it was not until 1896 that 117,588 tons were attained. Then came a jump to 181,535 tons in 1897, followed by sales attaining 235,123 short tons in 1898. The advance in the price of zinc ore during 1898 was extraordinary; while in 1897 the price fluctuated between \$21.50 and \$24.50, it rose as high as \$40.50 in December, 1898. The average monthly prices of zinc ore have been as follows: January, \$23 per ton; February, \$22.50; March, \$23; April, \$24.62; May, \$26.50; June, \$28.50; July, \$28; August, \$28.37; September, \$31; October, \$33.70; November, \$36.25; December, \$37. During the closing weeks of the year a sharp decline took place in the price of zinc ore, which led to the formation of the Missouri and Kansas Zinc Miners' Association, in which every camp is represented. It is proposed to regulate the supply of ore, one of the plans being to combine the concentrating plants of the entire district into groups of twenty, shutting down a group at a time in alphabet-

cal order when a surplus of ore is threatened.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Wire nails have again advanced 15c a keg in the United States, making the price in carload lots f. o. b. Pittsburg, \$2.15 per keg. This is 60c per keg higher than a year ago.

Wire advanced again recently in the United States. Wire and wire nails are very firm, and will have to be advanced here again, if late advances at the factories hold.

Barb wire has been selling to farmers at country points in Manitoba at less than Winnipeg jobbers can buy it for in car lots. Country merchants who want barb wire, should buy from their competitors, as the quickest way of getting the market up.

An agreement among the manufacturers of harvest tools has gone into effect in the United States with the revival of higher prices. This may effect prices in Canada on some lines, which are imported to some extent from the United States.

Prices on silver-plated goods have been withdrawn by the Canadian manufacturers, and jobbers have been advised that a moderate charge will be made for boxing and packing. It is said that unless the base metals, such as tin, antimony, copper, and nickel, decline, it will be necessary to advance prices of plate.

The discount on steel carriage, section, wagon box and black rivets, is now 60 per cent instead of 65; on Norway iron rivets 55 instead of 60 per cent, and on black and tinned rivets 60 per cent, instead of 60 and 5 to 65 per cent. On burrs the discount is 50 and 5 per cent instead of 50 per cent. The advance is 14 per cent on rivets and 5 per cent on burrs.

There is a belief among many dealers and large consumers of iron and metals, that the big boom in metal prices will encounter a set-back before long. The boom is looked upon as largely a speculative one, and a sharp reaction is expected by some persons in the trade. A representative of one of the largest iron and steel consuming concerns in Chicago, recently said to The Commercial that they were not troubling themselves over the high price of iron, as they expected that there would be a large drop in prices before they would be compelled to go into the market again as purchasers.

Pussie—What's a patent, Herbie?
Herbie—Oh, it's when somebody finds how to make something nobody knows anything about in a way that nobody else can make it.

NOTICE

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

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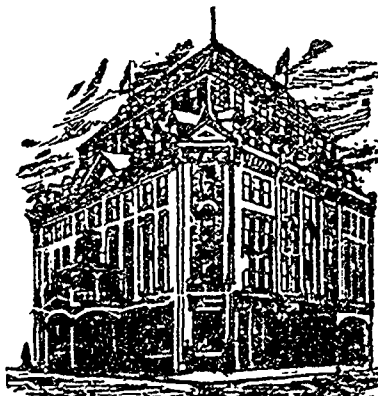
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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

BINDER TWINE.

The Minneapolis Farmer Implement Journal says: Binder twine promises to be as much of a puzzle during the year to come as it has proven in any year since it became a marketable commodity. Fiber prices continue high and firm, with a better prospect for continuing than there was for an advance a year ago. On October 1st the supply of Manila hemp to date was 299,195 bales, as against 364,862 bales in 1897, while the visible supply on those dates was 92,597 bales this year, as against 212,197 a year ago; and the receipts at Manila to Oct. 1st, 1898, were 162,000 bales as against 667,000 bales to Oct. 1st, 1897. In sisal hemp the discrepancy is not so marked, the supply to date being 330,320 bales this year, as against 330,190 a year ago, while the deliveries to date in the United States and Canada were 263,078 this year as against 330,190 a year ago.

The prices of the two grades of hemp are still more puzzling, the price for Manila ranging, on Oct. 1st, from 7 1-4 to 7 3-8 cents, and sisal selling at 6 3-8 cents, with the market firm in both cases. Since that date there have been several advances in the price of sisal. This naturally makes the manufacturer of cordage exceedingly timid about quoting prices, though some quotations were made the early part of October, and afterwards withdrawn. It is evident that these prices are based on the actual relative prices of the two grades of fiber, plus the cost of manufacturing.

Much twine was purchased early in 1897, and the early buyers were those who reaped the greatest benefit from the advance which occurred later. Prices being where they are, it is unlikely that early buying will be as general as it was last fall, but with the custom of guaranteeing prices which prevails in the twine trade, the early buyer cannot lose money and stands to make a profit if the market changes. The indications are that any change in price will be an advance, in sympathy with the upward tendency of the fiber market.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

L. King has opened in the implement business at Lauder, Man.

Dunlop & Co. are opening business in implements at La Riviere, Man.

Bucket twine will hereafter be admitted into the United States from Canada free of duty.

J. Hartley has secured the agency at Melita for the McCormick Harvester Co and will carry in stock a full line of all kinds of agricultural implements.

The plow manufacturers of the U. S. are combining, with a capital of \$60,000,000. The promoters claim the necessity for this move has been brought about by the rise in iron and steel.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

THE B. C. WHOLESALE GROCERS' EXCHANGE.

Mention has been made in the British Columbia correspondence of The Commercial of the movement for the formation of an association among

the wholesale grocers of the coast cities. A week ago we recorded the completion of the scheme and that one of the first questions under discussion was that of freight rates. We have since obtained some further particulars. The name of the new organization is to be The Wholesale Grocers Exchange of British Columbia. Its objects are: "To foster and promote good fellowship and more intimate social relations amongst the members, to further the interests and welfare of the trade on all occasions; to inculcate, maintain and adjust good equitable principles in business and a uniformity in commercial usages; to acquire, preserve and disseminate business information amongst the members; to adjust disputes, misunderstandings and difficulties amongst the members and generally to do everything deemed advantageous to the trade."

Thos. Earle, wholesale grocer of Victoria, is the first president of the new organization, and Wm. Brahl, of Vancouver, vice-president. Other officers are yet to be elected.

There is no doubt but that an exchange of this kind can accomplish much in the interests of trade at the coast.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

The scarcity of India and Ceylon teas is creating a demand for China blacks. The English tea markets are remarkably strong at present and shrewd buyers are picking up all grades as fast as they offer.

Stocks of peaches, apricots and apples at San Francisco are said to be practically cleaned up. The stock of prunes is also light for the season, there not being over 250 carloads in the State to provide for five months consumption.

Canned peaches are said to be attracting a great deal of attention at New York by reason of the poor outlook for the crop in the east and south owing to the severe winter. There has been more or less active buying on the part of jobbers and distributors in view of the probable short crop, and the free purchases have caused many holders of stock to advance quotations somewhat.

Salmon is beginning to attract attention, says the New York Commercial Bulletin, and some one or two prominent dealers have tried to secure control of all spot supplies, but that is apparently practically impossible. The quantity is very small and each holder thinks he will be able to get more for his goods if he retains control. Prices are slightly higher than they were a week ago, and the prospect is that they will go still higher. The prevailing opinion is that future prices will run high, unless the rival syndicates undertake to put each other out of business.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

FALL CLOTHING

The Commercial took a look through the new samples of clothing now in the warehouses here, for the fall trade. Travellers are now about all on the road with their samples. In these days when the rage is so much for cheap goods, it is pleasing to note that the new clothing samples show decided improvement in fit and finish. While the cheap lines are still offered, there is a noticeable tendency to cater

more for a better class of trade. Much more attention is being paid to fit and finish. A better quality of linings and trimmings are being used and better workmanship is shown. Ready-mades are also being put on the market made up in more costly qualities of goods than formerly, and the better class of goods show workmanship quite equal to ordinary tailor-made garments. This tendency towards better goods has been noticeable in the clothing trade during the past two years, and is still more marked this season. As if to discourage the cheap lines, the range shown in these is very limited, while a good range of patterns is shown in the medium and higher priced lines. For instance, in men's suits under \$4, only a few patterns are shown, while a large variety of patterns is shown in the higher grades of suits, ranging from \$10 to \$14, as well as in medium priced suits at from \$4 upward. The cheapest suits range at about \$3.25. Suits quite good enough for any one to wear are shown in worsteds, and where a man is found to fit the clothes they would pass for custom-made goods. Some very nice suits are shown in fine qualities of serges of a quality approximating worsteds.

The same tendency toward better quality is observable in the new samples of overcoats. They show more care in the make-up, and the better qualities of beaver and meltons are exceedingly well made and stylish in appearance. Fall overcoats in striped tweeds, with velvet collar and box back are a new line which look stylish and promise to be popular. Of course, with the better quality of goods shown, there is a wider range than formerly in prices between the lowest and highest priced goods.

In children's clothing quite a variety is shown in fancy Brownies' suits, trimmed in bright colors, red predominating, the trimmings being in plaid, colored corduroy, colored braid, etc.

DRY GOODS NOTES.

The demand for both white and colored shirts in soft and stiff bosom styles is unusually heavy this year. The preference seems to be for fancy colored styles.

Advices from the east report a sharp advance in figures for cotton goods of all kinds. Manufacturers say they can no longer fill orders at the old figures owing to the advances which have been made in prices for raw cotton, which has advanced in some cases as much as 1 3-8c per pound. The mills are exceedingly busy at present and have orders booked ahead for some time.

A telegram from Montreal says: "The Merchants' Cotton Co. has issued a circular stating that owing to the increase in the cost of the raw material it has been found necessary to make an advance in prices and it is probable other mills will do the same. Values have risen sharply in the United States, and within a short time some grades of cotton had advanced as much as one and one-half cents. Raw cotton has advanced all the way from a cent to a cent and three-eighths per pound." The advance in cotton was mentioned in The Commercial's telegraphic reports last week.

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Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 97 to 97 1-2c.

Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.50; bakers, \$2.30.

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

Oatmeal—Dealers selling to trade at \$2 per sack of rolled.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 39 to 43c.

Corn—Cars on track, Winnipeg, 39 to 40c per bushel.

Barley—40c for feed.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1-2c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 to 10 1-2c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 13 to 14c for fresh, an advance of 1 to 1 1-2c on the previous week.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef city dressed, 6 to 6 1-2c; country frozen 4 to 5c million, 6 1-2 to 7c; hogs, 6 1-2 to 7c; veal, 7 to 9c.

Live stock—Cattle, butchers', 3 to 3 1-2c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, none offered.

Hides—Frozen hides, 6 1-2c.

Hay—Baled, on track, at country points, advanced to \$7 to \$8 per ton.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 9c per lb.; turkeys 11c; live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair.

A consular report from Cape Town, Africa, says that reckoning on the basis of the September reports of outputs, South Africa will produce in the current year \$76,647,375 of gold, which will place South Africa ahead of all the gold producing countries of the world.

A pamphlet is being circulated giving a list of the desirable lands in the neighborhood of Winnipeg, which are vacant and for sale. A map showing their location is also given. The city council, retail association and the board of trade are jointly behind the scheme.

RE FLOUR MILL

The Town Council of Moosomin, N. W. T., is desirous to see a mill erected at Moosomin, catering particularly to the existing requirements of the farmers in the district; with this in view the council will be pleased to communicate with practical millers, giving all information respecting district, possibilities, etc., to any parties looking for a good district to locate.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	20,000
Toronto	56,000
Kingston	220,000
Winnipeg	465,000
Manitoba elevators	5,810,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,975,000

Total, March 18... 9,546,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on March 18, were 51,875,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 44,167 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 5,104,000 bushels, compared with 4,424,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended March 18, was 30,067,000 bushels, being an increase of 75,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 30,061,000 bushels, two years ago 39,023,000 bushels, three years ago 61,048,000 bushels, and four years ago 74,308,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,627,000
Duluth	10,433,000
Minneapolis	7,924,000
New York	2,575,000
Buffalo and Albat	895,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 11,229,000 bushels, compared with 11,636,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 32,237,000 bushels, compared with 33,382,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe March 1, for a series of years were as follows: Bradstreet's report: March 1, 1899, 124,689,000 bushels; March 1, 1898, 118,645,000; March 1, 1897, 133,721,000; March 1, 1896, 172,100,000; March 1, 1895, 193,746,000; March 1, 1894, 206,867,000; March 1, 1893, 196,697,000; March 1, 1892, 156,007,000 bushels.

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	67,203,266	61,200,690
Milwaukee	10,593,526	7,397,312
Duluth	63,360,507	34,532,089
Chicago	28,720,633	29,071,676

Total ... 169,878,232 132,201,767

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	11,694,329	9,965,572
St. Louis	12,928,042	10,802,956
Detroit	4,356,895	4,389,283
Kansas City	23,455,834	26,361,348

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THE IMPERIAL LIFE.

The annual statement of the Imperial Life Insurance Co. of Canada, given in detail this week, shows the wonderful progress which this new company has made during its short career. The new business of the year amounted to the large sum of \$3,485,400, which indicates the business energy thrown into the management of the concern. This is certainly a good record for the second year of the company's existence. The assets already reach the sum of \$677,000. This company took a bold step in determining to compute the reserves on their policies on a 3 1-2 per cent basis, instead of 4 1-2 per cent, which latter is allowed under the insurance act. This stringent valuation puts the company on a basis, which is likely to be permanent. The increase in assets for the year is \$340,813. Increase in reserve \$142,335.

The Imperial Life is represented in Winnipeg by D. H. Cooper, manager, and J. S. Wallace, inspector.

INSURANCE NOTES.

The Toronto fire brigade is being severely criticized for its work at a recent fire.

A Brandon paper states that Mr. Cooper, manager of the Imperial Life Assurance Company for Manitoba, will take up his residence at that place in connection with the investment business of the company.

Northwest Ontario.

The Western Algoma Brick Company, Limited, is being formed at Rat Portage for the purpose of manufacturing all kinds of tile and brick. The capital stock will be \$25,000.

As showing the value of the Sturgeon fisheries of the Lake of the Woods, which are operated from Rat Portage, it may be noted that several hundred kegs have been shipped from that point during the past two or three years.

Saskatchewan.

H. S. Monkman, of Winnipeg, is opening a drug store at Battleford.

The Prince Albert Creamery Association has expressed itself in favor of having an experimental farm established in that district.

John M. O'Loughlin, wholesale agent for the Medal Brand wire edge ready roofing, expects a large demand for this article during the present season. He has a large stock on hand and in transit for the spring trade. This material is spoken of very highly by those who have used it. It is claimed to be fire proof, rust proof, water proof, and can be used on flat or pitch roofs. A descriptive pamphlet will be sent on application to J. M. O'Loughlin.

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THE Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada.

The annual general meeting of the Company was held at its Head Office in Toronto Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, 1899.

Among those present were: Hon. Sir O. Mowat (President), J. W. Flavell (1st Vice-President), and A. E. Ames (2nd Vice-President), Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, J. H. Plummer, H. N. Baird, Hon. S. C. Wood, A. E. Kemp, Dr. F. R. Eccles (London), J. J. Kenny, Chas. McGill, Dr. J. L. Davison, W. G. Morrow (Peterboro'), E. T. Maloué, C. C. Baines, David Smith, R. Junkin, D. H. Cooper, F. G. Cox, T. Bradshaw.

The President, Hon. Sir O. Mowat, took the chair, and the Secretary of the Company, Mr. T. Bradshaw, acted as secretary of the meeting.

The annual report and financial statements were submitted as follows:

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the following report upon the business of the past year ended 31st of December, 1898:

1. **NEW BUSINESS.**—During the twelve months there were received and considered 1,607 applications for insurance, amounting to \$3,719,400. Of these 1,167 were accepted, and policies issued, assuring \$3,485,400; 132 were declined, representing \$203,000; 8 were postponed, representing \$31,000.

The total amount of assurance in force on the 31st December, 1898, was \$1,169,125.

2. **INCOME.**—The Cash Income from assurance and annuity premiums was \$169,287.96, and from interest on investments, \$12,464.11, making a total Cash Income of \$181,752.07. The increase for the year amounted to \$131,794.58.

3. **CLAIMS.**—The death Claims, amounting to \$14,844, were considerably below what might have been expected according to any of the standard tables of mortality employed by life insurance companies.

4. **ASSETS.**—On December 31st 1898, the Assets amounted to \$677,061.71, an increase for the year of \$340,813.82. Of the Assets \$633,616.18 or 91 per cent is represented by Government Inscribed Stocks, Debentures, First Mortgages on Real Estate, Cash and Bank balances.

In determining the amount of outstanding and deferred premiums, the conservative course of deducting the entire charge to which they were subjected, has been adopted, and the net amount only has been carried out as an Asset.

5. **VALUATION.**—In calculating the Reserves, the same stringent method was pursued as in the previous year. The Assurances were valued by the Healthy Male Mortality Table of the Institute of Actuaries, the Annuities by the latest Mortality Table of British Government Annuity—The highest authorities on mortality prevailing amongst assured lives and annuitants.

The interest which we assumed could be continuously realized on the funds was the low rate of 3 1-2 per cent, the most conservative used in Canadian actuarial calculation.

In addition to the large reserves called for by the application of these severe standards, a special provision for the immediate payment of death claims, and for suspended or deferred mortality, was made.

The Reserves at the close of the year amounted to \$180,761, an increase over those held at the close of 1897 of \$142,335.

6. **AUDIT.**—The Report of the Auditors on their examination of the statement of receipts and disbursements, and of assets and liabilities is appended to the balance sheet. During the year there was a monthly audit of the Company's books, vouchers, etc., and at its close an examination was made of each of the securities held at the Head Office.

7. **CONCLUSION.**—The marked success which attended the year's work justifies the confidence which has been so widely placed in the Company. Such success is unusual in life insurance in Canada.

The volume of new business in 1898 will, the Directors believe, be found, when the official report on insurance is published, to compare favorably with that done by any other company in Canada during the same period. By examination of the Government Report on Insurance for 1897 it will be seen that in that year only three companies out of the thirty-three actively engaged in life insurance in Canada did a business exceeding \$3,485,400 the amount completed by this Company in 1898.

The stringent method followed in the valuation of the Company's liability under its various policies and annuities has placed the Company in possession of Reserves relatively stronger than those of any other Canadian life insurance company, and, consequently, afforded extraordinary security to policy holders. Had the valuation been made on the basis provided by the Dominion Insurance Act, which is generally adopted by Canadian life insurance companies, the assurance and annuity reserves would have been 13 per cent less, and the surplus fund correspondingly augmented.

The Company's substantial progress and unequalled financial position are no doubt due to: (1) The strong and vigorous policy inaugurated at its commencement; (2) the paramount desire to make policy-holders' security as strong as it is possible to make it; (3) the simple and straightforward contract of assurance which it issues; (4) the adoption of attractive and beneficial plans of assurance; and (5) the careful selection of risks.

T. BRADSHAW,
Secretary.

O. MOWAT,
President.

Abstract of Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Net Ledger Assets as on Dec. 31st, 1897	\$328,802 92
To Premiums, Interest and Payments on account of Capital Stock	417,410 88
	\$744,213 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Claims under Policies, Payments to Annuitants and Expenses	\$110,597 02
By Balance net Ledger Assets	633,616 18
	\$744,213 80

ASSETS.

Government Inscribed Stocks, Debentures, First Mortgages, and Cash	\$633,616 18
All other Assets	43,445 53
	\$677,061 71

LIABILITIES.

Reserves (31-2 per cent.) on Policies and Annuities, including Special Reserve for immediate payment of death claims and for suspended mortality	\$180,761 00
Other Liabilities	3,056 55
Surplus on Policy-Holders' Account	\$493,244 16
	\$677,061 71

T. BRADSHAW,
Secretary and Actuary.

F. G. COX,
Managing Director.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE—

We have examined the above Statements of Receipts and Disbursements, and of Assets and Liabilities, with the books and vouchers of the Company, and certify the same to be correct. We have also examined each of the securities held by the Head Office and in the vaults of the Company, and the evidence of the Dominion Government Deposit, and the Cash and Bank Balances, and find the same correct and in accordance with the above statements. A running monthly audit has been maintained during the year, and we certify that the books are well and truly kept.

JOHN MAORAY,
E. J. HENDERSON,
Auditors.

The adoption of the report was moved by the Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, president of the Company, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Flavelle, First Vice-President.

The Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell moved a resolution, which was seconded by Mr. J. J. Kenny, Vice-President of the Western and British Assurance Companies, and unanimously carried, tendering the thanks of the meeting to the Company's representatives for the valuable services rendered by them during the past year.

Messrs. E. T. Malone and C. C. Baines, having been appointed scrutineers, reported the following gentlemen as Directors for the ensuing year:

Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, P. C., C. M. G., Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.
Joseph W. Flavelle, Managing Director the Wm. Davies Co., Limited, and Director Canadian Bank of Commerce.

A. E. Ames of A. E. Ames & Co., Vice-President the National Trust Company of Ontario, Limited, and the Toronto Board of Trade.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, P. C., K. C. M. G., Senator, Ex-Prime Minister of Canada.

Hon. Sir James David Edgar, P. C., Q. C., M. P., K. C. M. G., Speaker House of Commons.

Hon. Wm. Harty, M. P. P., Commissioner Public Works, Ontario.
J. J. Kenny, Vice-President Western and British American Assurance Companies.

Hugh N. Baird, Grain Merchant, Director Western Assurance Company.

F. R. Eccles M. D., F. R. C. S., etc., London, Ont.
A. E. Kemp, President Kemp Manufacturing Company, and President Toronto Board of Trade.

Wm. McKenzie, President Toronto Railway Company.
Warren Y. Soper, of the firm of Ahearn & Soper, Director Ottawa Electric Street Railway Company Ottawa.

Charles McGill, Manager The Ontario Bank.
Frederick G. Cox, Managing Director.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat was re-elected President, and Messrs. J. W. Flavelle and A. E. Ames First and Second Vice-Presidents, respectively.

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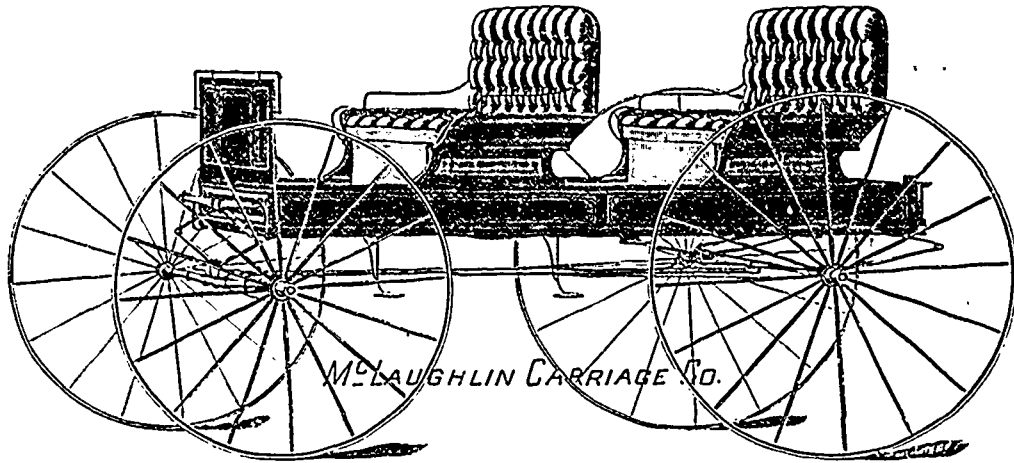
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MINING NOTES

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The shipments from Rossland for the week ending March 21 amounted to 2,352 tons, made up as follows: Le Roi to North Port, 2,310 tons, or an average of 330 tons per day, and the Iron Mask to Trail 72 tons.

The reorganization of the St. Elmo, one of the first Trail Creek mining properties to be put on the market, is being carried out. The property has been idle for some time owing to a depleted treasury. Recently a syndicate of New York has been quietly picking up the shares until it now controls about two-thirds of the stock. It is proposed to reorganize under the law of British Columbia as an assessable company. The property carries a low grade ore, averaging about \$10, but the ledge is nearly 100 feet wide.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The last clean up at the Golden Star mine, Seine river, is reported to have amounted to \$15,500 in bullion and \$10,000 in concentrates, a total of \$25,500.

The shareholders of the Empress Gold Mines company of Ontario have received notice from their president, John McKellar, of Fort William, that mining operations will be commenced at once at Jack Fish Bay.

Reports from Mine Centre say that the Olive mine people had their first clean up on the 11th from the new stamp mill. The mill return gave a value of about \$36 per ton. The shaft has reached the third level and is now being opened up in the bottom of the shaft and in the crescent as well as in the drift at the third level.

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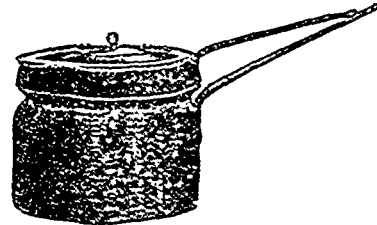
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Fetterly has opened a harness shop at Elgin.

R. C. Hetherington is opening a boot and shoe store at Elgin.

Lagg & Co., general merchants, Selkirk, are adding millinery.

J. McCoomb, late of Carman, is starting a pump factory at Dauphin.

O'Kelly Bros., soda water manufacturers, Winnipeg, offer their business for sale.

Thomas McInaney, railway contractor, dies this week at the St. Boniface hospital.

Drs. Ganno and Mackenzie will open a drug store in connection with their practice at Swan River.

John Appleton has purchased the interests of H. Buckle, Jr., in the Franklin Press printing business, at Winnipeg.

There is to be great activity in the building trade at Birtle this year. Several new stores are in contemplation, and a large public hall.

The Young block, Winnipeg, next to the Imperial Bank has changed hands for a consideration of \$22,000 or \$300 a foot. This is a very desirable office property.

D. F. Reid, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Dominion Fish Co., has purchased the Winnipeg business of the company. It will be combined with the Davis fish business here, and continued under the name of the Reid-Davis Fish Co., with J. H. Davis as manager. The premises lately occupied by the Dominion Fish Co. will be used as a storehouse and refrigerator by the Reid-Davis Co.

Tenders.

Tenders for the erection of a school building on the Machray school site, Winnipeg, will be received at the office of the Winnipeg public school board, up to Saturday, April 8th.

Tenders will be received until Saturday, 25th inst., for the erection of a stone foundation under, and certain improvements to the "Fraser Terrace," Young street, Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg committee of works is advertising for tenders for the supply of a quantity of sewer pipe. Tenders are also wanted for the supply of from 500,000 to 1,500,000 feet of lumber, besides a quantity of hardware, cement and other supplies.

The fire, water and light committee of Winnipeg, want tenders for the installation of a system of arc lighting, including steam plant, dynamos, etc.

Tenders will be received until Friday, April 7th, by E. Porter, Morris, Man., for the erection of a frame church and fittings at Silver Plains near Morris, Man.

Tenders will be received up to Saturday, April 15th, by J. Woodman, C. P. R. engineer, Winnipeg, for the construction of stone arch bridges at the following points: Brokenhead River, 3 miles east of Beausjour; Whittemouth River, Whittemouth Station; Willow Creek, 3 miles west of Cross Lake; Mill Race at Keewatin, Keewatin Station; Sunshine Creek, 3 miles east of Finmark Station; Boyne River, near Treherne. Also for widening of rock cutting, for improvements at bridge 146, three miles east of Hawke Lake.

The board of directors of the Winnipeg General Hospital are calling for tenders for the supply of the following articles required for the hospital, for the year beginning 1st May next,

viz.: Meat, bread, fish, ice, butter, groceries, drugs and medicines. Tenders must be delivered at the hospital not later than the 10th day of April.

Tenders will be received till Wednesday, the 5th April, for the transportation from Victoria, B. C., to Dawson, Yukon Territory, via St. Michael's or the White Pass, of (approximately) two hundred and fifty tons of Canadian government stores, to leave Victoria not later than the 3rd June, and to be delivered at Dawson not later than first August next.

A heavy snow storm prevailed between Moose Jaw and Brandon, west of Winnipeg, Monday night. A foot of snow fell at some points. The spring is unusually late in the west.

Edmonton people are taking considerable interest in the rush to Black river, which is a tributary of the Liard, and has its source near the head of the Finlay, as quite a few of its citizens are in the vicinity.

The best thought of the time, treating of themes of the highest importance, is to be found currently in *Sell Culture*. The excellence of its articles is vouched for by leading educationists and publicists and is confirmed by the extensive circulation of the magazine.

It is reported from Vancouver that there has been a great drop in the price of beef in the Yukon. Beef, at Dawson, according to latest advices, was selling at 15 to 25c per lb. by the quarter. The beef that is selling at these prices, it is said, cost the butchers there from 40 to 60c per lb. It is said an order has been made that all beef which is not kept in refrigerators after May 1, will be condemned and must be thrown away. As there are no refrigerators in Dawson and none in course of construction, it will be destroyed.

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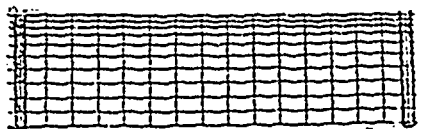
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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended March 30, 1899.....	\$1,445,879
Corresponding week, 1898.....	1,110,575
" 1897.....	1,180,578

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

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,617,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,250,000
April	6,240,000	4,102,000	4,032,000
May	8,683,364	6,014,786	4,246,201
June	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept.	6,414,651	8,035,201	4,630,708
Oct.	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,565,472
Nov.	11,533,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,708,781	9,784,498	7,736,945

Year	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,143,935
		1899.	
Jan.		\$7,683,052	
Feb.		6,209,471	

BANK OF B. N. A.

The annual financial statement of the Bank of British North America will be of special interest in many parts of the west, particularly in the mining districts of British Columbia, as this bank has paid particular attention to the mining regions. Its branch at Dawson has, we are told, proved a successful venture. During the past year branches have been opened at Ashcroft and Greenwood, B. C. The branches at Sandon and Slocan City, in the same province were closed, owing to the fluctuating nature of many towns in a new mining country. Following is the financial statement as presented at the recent annual meeting of the bank, held in London:

Balance sheet, 31st December, 1898—		Dr.	
	£	s.	d.
To capital	1,000,000	0	0
20,000 shares of £50 each, fully paid.			
To reserve fund	300,000	0	0
To deposits and current accounts	2,583,243	10	8
To notes in circulation...	308,108	6	1
To bills payable and other liabilities	1,405,944	2	5
To rebate account	11,640	2	5
To profit and loss account			
Balance brought forward from June 30, 1898	32,489	17	8
Dividend paid Oct. 7, 1898	25,000	0	0
	7,489	17	8
Net profit for the half-year ended this date, after deducting all current charges, and providing for bad and doubtful debts...	38,314	6	10
	45,804	4	6
Deduct: Transferred to reserve fund	15,000	0	0
Transferred to officers', widows' and orphans' fund	430	17	7
Transferred to officers' life insurance fund	330	13	3
	15,767	10	10
Balance available for April dividend	30,036	13	8
	£5,638,981	15	3

	Or.	£	s.	d.
By cash and specie at bankers and in hand		645,384	19	5
By cash at call and short notice		1,006,391	5	0
		1,651,775	4	5
By investments—				
Consols £150,000 at 90		135,000	0	0
Other securities		63,853	2	8
		198,853	2	8
By bills receivable, loans on security and other accounts		3,072,529	16	1
By bank premises, etc., in London, and at the branches		115,819	12	1
		£5,638,981	15	3

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Mr. Leslie, of the Bank of Hamilton, Brandon, has been transferred to the Winnipeg office.

Reports from Edmonton say that a large number of counterfeit coins, mostly 50c pieces, are in circulation there.

The new building of the Dominion Bank, Winnipeg, is to be situated on the corner of Main street and McDermott avenue.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce expect to have their branch at Atlin city open by the end of the present month. The manager will be T. R. Billet, late of Fernie.

A by-law is to be submitted to the ratepayers of Winnipeg authorizing the city council to raise \$60,000 for the purpose of establishing electrical works and plant for the lighting of the streets, public places and municipal buildings of the city.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

THE PULP INDUSTRY IN MANITOBA.

The possibility of Manitoba becoming in the near future a source of supply for wood pulp which enters so largely into the industrial uses of the present day, is again attracting attention. The making of wood pulp and of the various products of that commodity has become one of the largest industries of this continent and sources of supply for raw material in the shape of spruce, pine and poplar wood have become a most important consideration with the manufacturers. Manitoba possesses in its northern parts immense areas of the finest spruce and poplar forest, and it is this fact which is attracting the attention of pulp manufacturers, and which makes it probable that in the near future, steps will be taken to make use of these splendid resources. This is not the first time The Commercial has mentioned the possibilities of Manitoba along this line, but it is a subject which will bear considerable further comment.

It is said that a movement is now on foot for the establishment of a pulp mill in Manitoba. This will be good news, if true, as such a mill will be the forerunner of others which are sure to come in the near future. Manitoba's facilities for economical manufacture are many, while her supply of logs is pronounced to be practically inexhaustible.

The industry of pulp making in America is one over which the people of Canada hold almost absolute control to-day, as almost all the large areas

of suitable forest are located north of the international boundary. Considering the almost inexhaustible nature of these forests, we can perhaps, afford to be a little generous in regard to supplying our neighbor to the south but the history and present position of the two countries in regard to the exchange of this commodity does not reflect very creditably upon the business sagacity of Canadians, who have allowed the United States to draw freely upon their reserves of wood and heavily tax the relatively small amount of finished products we have offered them for sale. This is still the state of affairs and the sooner it is remedied the better it will be for pulp making and the associated industries in Canada.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

F. W. Jones, Winnipeg, assistant general manager of the C. P. R. western division, has resigned his position to accept one as secretary-treasurer of the Columbia River Lumber company, with headquarters at Golden, B. C. This company has mills at Golden, Moberly, Beaver, Tappen Siding and Galt.

In quoting The Commercial regarding the cutting in lumber prices in Winnipeg last year, the Toronto Monetary Times says: It may be in order to inquire whether the banks in Winnipeg furnish the means to carry on this suicidal waste under the mistaken name of business. If they did it knowingly let us hope they are pleased with the result. As to the foolish cutters who not only lost money themselves, but kept more sensible merchants from making money, one cannot feel any sympathy with them."

WINNIPEG LUMBER PRICES.

These prices are quotations at Winnipeg yards, and are subject to a cash discount of 2 per cent for small orders. For \$1,000 orders or upward, a cash discount of 5 per cent is allowed:

Dimensions and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14, and 16 ft, \$19, 18 ft \$20, 20 ft \$21, 22 ft \$22; 24 ft \$23, 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x8, 6x6 to 6x8, 12, 14, and 16 ft \$20.50, 18 ft \$21.50, 20 ft \$22.50, 22 ft \$23.50, 24 ft \$24.50; 6x8, 1x12 to 6x12, 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft \$22.50; 18 ft \$23.50, 20 ft \$24.50, 22 ft \$25.50, 24 ft \$26.50; 2x4, 10 ft \$21; 2x6, 10 ft \$19; 2x8 to 2x12, \$20. No. 2 dimensions \$2 less than No. 1. Dimensions 26, 28 and 30 ft \$26. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft \$28. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches in depth and width. Tamarac dimensions same price as pine. Spruce dimensions at \$2 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths, at \$23 per M. B. C. fir dimensions up to 32 ft at \$28 per M, 33 to 40 ft \$30, 41 to 60 ft \$30. \$1 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25, 2nd common, red and white pine, \$18.50, 3rd common, red and white pine \$16.50; No. 1 cull, pine or spruce, \$14, No. 2 cull \$9; spruce boards, \$16.50, \$1.50 per M extra for stock boards, \$2 per M less for 6 to 8 feet and under. No. 1 box, 14 inch and up, \$30, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$22. Extra dressing \$2 per M.

Siding, flooring and colling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$31; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch red and white, \$21; cull siding, red and white, \$16; B. C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$35. B. C. No. 3 flat and edge mixed, 4 and 6 inches, \$26; R; C. No. 1 and 2

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Examined and Declined	- - -	30,318,878.00
New Assurance Issued	- - -	168,043,739.00
Income in 1898	- - - -	50,249,286.78
Assets Dec. 31, 1898	- - - -	258,369,298.54
Assurance Fund (\$198,898,259.00) and all other Liabilities (\$2,160,550.27)	-	201,058,809.27
Surplus	- - - - -	57,310,489.27
Paid Policyholders in 1898	- - -	24,020,523 42

STATE OF NEW YORK, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, JANUARY 31, 1899.

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of Section Eighty-four of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, and in conformity with the rates assumed in the calculation of premiums on the policies so valued, I have caused the policy obligations of The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, outstanding on the 31st day of December, 1898, to be valued as per the Combined Experience Table of Mortality, at four per cent. interest; the American Experience Table of Mortality, at three per cent. interest; and the American Experience Table of Mortality, at three and one-half per cent interest; and I find the same to be \$198,879,737.

Louis F. Payn, *Superintendent of Insurance.*

Manitoba and Northwest Agency:

A. H. CORELLI,
MANAGER

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flat grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inches, \$20; 1-1-4, 1-1-2 and 2 inch, \$1 per M more than 1 inch. B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$30; B. O. No. 3 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$20; B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 5-8 inch, \$25; B. O. No. 3 fir ceiling, 5-8 in. \$21; B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 6 inch, \$30; No. 3 fir siding, 6 inch, \$20; B. O. spruce No. 1 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$30; B. O. spruce No. 2 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$30; B. O. cedar siding, No. 1 10 to 12 ft \$30; B. O. cedar siding, No. 1, 6 to 9 ft, \$34; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 10 to 16 ft, \$12; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 6-8 in. 10 to 14 ft, \$33; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 1-2 inch, 10 to 16 ft, \$30; 4, 5 and 6 inch native spruce, \$21; cull spruce, \$16. \$2 per M advance for dressing on both sides.

Boyer siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26; No. 2 red and white, \$23.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.50, 8 and 10 inch, \$20; spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19, 6 inch, \$18; pine and spruce cull shiplap 8 and 10 inch, \$17; do., 6 inch, \$14.

Shingles—B. O. cedar, nor M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B. O. cedar dimension shingles, \$4; B. O. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.40.

Finishings—1-1-4, 1-1-2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60, 3rd clear, \$55, selects, \$42, shops, \$34, red pine, clear, \$40, selects, \$32, B. O. cedar clear, up to 12 inches, \$48; do., over 12 inches, \$33; B. O. fir edge grain No. 1 stopping, \$48; No. 2, \$42; B. O. fir flat grain, No. 1 \$42; No. 2 do. \$36; B. O. fir finishing up to 12 inch, \$48; do. over 12 inch, \$44; \$5 per M advance on 2-1-4 inch and thicker One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$56, 3rd clear, \$45, selects, \$30, selects \$30, red pine clear \$40, selects \$30; B. O. cedar clear \$46. B. C. fir finishing, up to 12 inches \$38; do. over 12 inches \$44.

Oak—Red and White—1-4 sawed, \$85; 1st and 2nd, \$80 to \$65; common \$40.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1-2x1-2, 100 feet lineal, No. 1 75c; No. 2, 50c; 1-2x1 3-4, 100 feet lineal, 85c; wind w and door stop, 1-1-2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1-4 round and 7-8 cove, 75c; 1-1-2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2-1-2 inch mould, \$2; 3 inch mould \$2; 3-1-2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4-1-2 inch mould, \$3; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4; 5 inch window stool, 1-1-4 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool 1-1-2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 6 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5; 12 inch base, \$7; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2-1-4 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Mouldings made from 1-1-4 stock add 25 per cent; 1-1-2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

GRAIN AND MILLING

WHEAT INSPECTION.

The following resolution was passed at a general meeting of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce exchange, held on Wednesday: "Resolved that this Winnipeg Grain and Produce exchange memorialize the Dominion government that all grain from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories passing Winnipeg to Fort William, or east thereof, be inspected at Winnipeg and warehoused in Fort William or other eastern terminal elevators, on Winnipeg inspection." A member of the grain exchange was asked as to what this resolution meant. He said: "The adoption by the government of the principle embodied in the resolution of the exchange would greatly facilitate the conduct of the grain business whether engaged in by regular dealers or farmers shipping and disposing of their own grain. To-day it takes

usually a week or ten days after grain has passed Winnipeg for Fort William before returns are received by the owner showing what grade has been given the grain, and consequently what it is worth in the open market. With all the inspection at Winnipeg samples would be taken from cars passing through the railroad yards here, without an hour's delay to trains, and within a few hours these samples would be inspected, and the grade made known. Cars grading "no grade" for smut at Fort William are now sent straight to King's elevator at Port Arthur days before the owners are aware their grain had been so graded, but with Winnipeg inspection the owners would know within a few hours just why their grain had been given the "no grade" certificate and they could at once sell their grain on sample to the best advantage for shipment to the eastern Canadian markets. As the system now exists many shippers have their cars inspected both at Winnipeg and Fort William and take advantage of any difference of judgment that may exist between the inspectors on cars which are strictly "line cars," or in other words where wheat is so on the line of division between two grades that it becomes a mere matter of judgment as to which grade should be given the grain. Under Winnipeg inspection this vicious feature would disappear. Bankers will greatly appreciate the advantage of getting quick returns of inspection and no doubt most heartily support the principle advocated by the exchange. Then a most important feature of the immense advantage of Winnipeg inspection would be that if any owner of grain was dissatisfied with the grade given him by the inspector he can within a few hours have his complaint carried before a survey board and this before the car in dispute would be unloaded at Fort William. The survey board would either confirm the inspectors grading or order him to change it and any loss resulting to the owner would have to be met by the inspector. Surveys on the inspection at Fort William are not practicable except in very isolated cases and then only after great delay and expense. A sample from every car inspected at Winnipeg would be kept intact for months so that any farmer or dealer dissatisfied with the grades given him could get a survey and redress in any case where the inspector could be proved to be at fault. Winnipeg has never been a sample market to any extent but the system proposed would largely assist in building up a sample market for the province. Cars graded here would go to the bins in Fort William exactly as they do now from the Fort William yards. It is only a matter of distance, not of system. This system has been in force for years in the case of wheat going to Duluth from points in Manitoba on the Northern Pacific lines, where the wheat is graded at Emerson and ordered into the proper bins at Duluth in just the same way as the inspector at Fort William after grading on the track there orders the wheat to be sent to the proper bins in any of the elevators at Fort William or over to Port Arthur. This is a matter that is of great interest to every producer and dealer in Manitoba and the Territories, and it is evident that no person could have any advantage over another while all would secure advantages over the present system. This is

manifest to the smaller dealers who are members of the exchange and from the expressions of these dealers at the exchange meeting I am sure if you interview them that you will find that they are unanimously in favor of the proposed change. To make the matter clear it may be stated that today Winnipeg inspection does not hold at all on grain at Fort William, every car load going into Fort William stands or falls by the inspection there, no matter how it has graded at Winnipeg. This is so clearly a vicious double inspection system that it is manifest that one inspection alone at Winnipeg would be beneficial to every owner of grain.

Several members of the Grain Exchange who were interviewed on the subject heartily endorsed the proposal as contained in the resolution.

OVERRATED CAPACITY.

It is claimed that the capacity of elevators and mills as shown in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange annual report, is largely exaggerated. The Lake of the Woods Milling Co., refused to furnish reports for their properties on this account, or even allow their name to be used; as they claimed that these statistics were of no value, unless they were at least approximately correct. On this account the large line of elevators, also the mills controlled by this company, are not mentioned in the report, and instead the words "other capacity" are used at points where their mills and elevators are located. The company claim that the capacity of both mills and elevators is overestimated in many instances as much as 30 per cent. This is a rather serious charge, and well worth investigating by the exchange, as until now their reports have been taken without question.

GRAIN AND MILLING NOTES.

R. Fairbairn proposes to erect a flour mill at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, if the citizens will grant him a site and sufficient money to erect the building. He will supply the machinery. The townspeople seem to be willing to do this.

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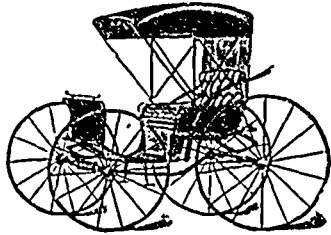
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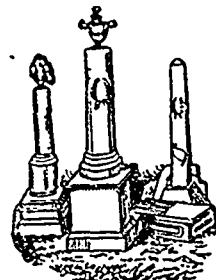
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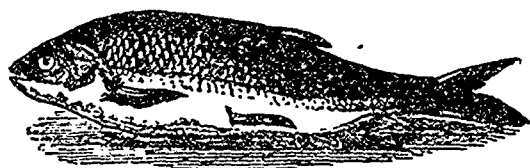
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Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage, \$3.50.

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Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$8.00 lb., broken lots \$8.50.

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Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 37 1/2 @ 40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1/2 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2 c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 7c. Robin Hood powder, 17 1/2 kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3, Canister, 9 oz., 80c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

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Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain twist, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; staples, \$3.75.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.40 for 30 to 60L., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$3.00 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$4.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Saow sh... \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 10 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 11 1/2c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 78c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.75 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.75.

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

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

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

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass.—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 59c; boiled, gal., 62c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 78c; less than barrels, gallon, 83c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

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

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

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British Columbia Markets.

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, April 1.

Further advances in the price of potatoes in Vancouver have been temporarily checked by the arrival of two carloads from Ontario. Why cannot Manitoba send us some potatoes? Several carloads of apples and oranges have arrived this week in the market, but have not affected prices for either of those commodities. The Lenten season has been a record one for consumption of fish. Prices remain unchanged as follows:

Butter—Ontario creamery, 26@27c; Manitoba dairy, 18@20c.

Eggs—Local, 25c; Washington fresh, 23c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12 1/2c, jobbers price.

Cured Meats—Hams 12 1/2@13c; breakfast bacon 12 1/2@13c; backs 12@12 1/2c; short clear 10 1/2c; short rolls 10 1/2c; smoked sides 11 @ 12 1/2c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9 1/2c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 8c; loasters, 7c; Cod, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$30.00 per ton, California silver skin onions, 13c; cabbage, 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$3.25 @ \$3.50 box; apples, \$1.25@1.50 per 50 lb box, navel oranges, \$3.00@3.25 box; seedlings, \$2.00@2.25 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 1/2 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 2 1/2 pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.70; strong bakers \$4.30; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, \$21.00@22.00 per ton wheat, \$23.00@25.00 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8@8 1/2c; mutton 13c; pork 8@9c; veal 10@11c;

Live Stock—Steers, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 lbs; cows, \$4.00@4.50; sheep, \$5.75 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$6.50@7.00 per 100 lb.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13 1/2@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12 1/2@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

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

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

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

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

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

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 1.

The cold weather retards business in spring and summer lines. Nevertheless jobbers report a good trade for the season. Wheat deliveries by farmers have worked down to very small proportions, and as seeding is likely to begin very soon, an early increase in the movement is not expected. A large number of country elevators have been closed and will remain so until after the crop is in, as the amount of wheat offering was not sufficient to pay expenses of operating the elevators. There has been a sharp decrease in the proportion of damp grain in car lot shipments to lake ports, during the past two weeks. This is owing to the fact that shipments are more largely from stocks held in country elevators, and less from newly marketed grain. It is still to be feared that many farmers are holding grain which is not dry enough to keep when warm weather sets in. An unexpected sharp advance in wheat is shown by our markets this week. It is to be hoped this will be maintained long enough to give holders a chance to realize. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continue to show a good advance over previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 1.

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BOOTS AND SHOES.

Boot and shoe trade in a wholesale way has been quiet in the city this week, the tardy state of the weather having a detrimental effect. Dealers look forward to a more active business in the early future and consider the prospects good. Prices remain firm for all leading makers' goods.

DRUGS.

Wholesale druggists report an increasing volume of trade. Prices for several leading lines have advanced this week in the city and the general tendency is in that direction. Camphor has advanced from 5 to 8c, and camphor ounces 5 to 10c. Cocaine shows advances of 25 to 40c. German quinine an advance of 10c, Howard's quinine of 5 to 10c, and opium of 25c.

FISH.

There has been a brisk demand for all kinds of fish offered. Good Friday orders were more numerous than usual. As noted last week spring salmon are beginning to come in, but are held too high for most consumers yet. The quotation is 15c per pound. Receipts from now on should be more liberal. There are no other features to note and prices remain unchanged as given on our market page. A few whitefish are still obtainable, but they are costing a high price.

FUEL.

The local coal market has taken the long looked for upward turn at last. The price of Pennsylvania hard coal

advanced to \$9.00 per ton in the city to-day and pea size to \$7.00. This is the result of concerted action on the part of dealers to bring the price into line with the cost of coal laid down here. In the case of dealers whose stocks on hand have become exhausted there will be nothing in the trade now even at the advanced prices as stocks at Duluth have almost reached the vanishing point and hereafter supplies must be drawn from Chicago, which will mean a material increase in cost of carriage to Winnipeg. Prices of Canadian anthracite have been advanced to correspond with the imported coal and is now quoted at \$8.50 and \$7.00 the former price for all above nut size. Other prices remain unchanged.

Stocks of wood are plentiful and supplies within reach of the city are also considerable. The Winnipeg fire, water and light committee have accepted tenders for the supply of wood to the city at a price of \$3.75 per cord for mixed tamarac and jackpine and of \$3.50 per cord for straight jackpine. The sleighing may be expected to break up almost any day now, which will have the effect of retarding deliveries and enhancing prices.

GROCERIES.

There is an active demand for all kinds of dried fruits and the market is very bare of some lines. Prunes are particularly scarce and firm. Teas are not so excited here as in the east, but prices are firm and advances on low grades of India and Ceylon are considered likely. The quotation for imported fresh herring has advanced 10c on the inside quotation. Pearl barley has declined 25c per sack. Rice displays a hardening tendency in sympathy with outside markets. Quotations here for woodenware this week reflect the recent advances reported last week at the factories. Two hoop wooden pails have advanced 10 to 15c, and tubs have advanced 50c all round. Some car lot shipments of California fruits are now in transit for this market. Small sizes prunes will cost 1-4c higher and large sizes 1-2c higher than former importations. New maple syrup and sugar is said to be on the road for this market; but it is doubtful if it can be pure goods. Eastern mail advices say that all so-called new maple products yet offered are old stocks boiled over. As usual there will, no doubt, be great deception in regard to the maple products offered, a pure, new article being very hard to get, the bulk of offerings being either mixtures of old goods or adulterations with other sugars and syrups.

GREEN FRUITS.

The strong feeling in California navel oranges continues. Prices have not advanced any more here, but they are said to be very firm in California. Mexican oranges are practically out of the market, and so are bitter oranges. Frozen cranberries are also out. New Jersey sweet potatoes are now offering in 165 pound barrels at \$5.00 to \$5.50. A few spy apples are left, but stocks are very light compared with other years. About the only thing left is some choice lots which dealers have been willing to hold. Alleged new maple syrup will arrive about April 10, which is the earliest it has ever appeared in this market. The usual date for receiving supplies is the 20th of that month. Prices this week are: California navel oranges \$3.50 to \$4.50 as to quality, per box; bananas per bunch,

large, \$2.50 to \$3; Messina lemons, \$4; California lemons \$1 to \$1.50 a box; apples, spies, \$3.50 to \$6 bbl., other varieties obtainable, \$1 to \$5 as to quality; cranberries unfrozen, \$8 per barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Snelly filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts 1-4c; Tarragona almonds, 15 to 16c peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12 to 14c per lb; new shelled walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c per lb; comb honey, \$2.00 to \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, 8 1-2c to 9c per pound, maple sugar, 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks \$2 per box in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.10 per dozen; dates 7c per pound; imported lettuce per dozen, 60c, California cabbage, 7c per lb.; California pieplant, 10c per lb.

HARDWARE.

There is a lull in the hardware trade this week in the matter of advances in prices. We have not a single change to report. Prices are very firm however, and some local authorities predict further advances. It is contended that present prices are not too high for staple lines, in view of the great activity in consuming industries such as the building trade, for instance, and that the prices are very little above a normal basis. Trade is more active than usual at this time. For prices, see market page.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Everything indicates a good trade in men's goods. Spring weather is all that is needed to make things move. Light goods are particularly affected by the backward state of the spring. The indications are for an active season's trade in all kinds of outing goods. There will be a bigger demand than ever for bicycle clothing and the various lines of this are being manufactured in large quantities. In hats and caps the retail trade has not opened up yet. For dress purposes stiff hats will be more than ever worn, the soft fedoras having

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almost disappeared. For knock-about cloth caps are to be very much in vogue.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Country business is becoming quiet active and orders are coming in freely. There is a tendency on the part of country dealers to stock up freely in anticipation of a good season's business. City trade has not yet wakened up to any extent, although painters have been busy this week. For prices see market page.

SADDLERY HARDWARE.

Owing to advances in prices for copper and brass there has been a corresponding advance in the quotations for brass and nickel mountings, and city prices have followed the course of the markets in the east, though perhaps not to the full extent. Further advances in the near future are not unlikely, and country dealers should watch the situation closely.

RAW FURS.

We give a full report this week of the recent fur sales in London. We gave cable reports of these sales both last week and the week before. The report this week is a resume of the sales, and the figures given vary on some furs slightly from previous reports. The sales have been remarkable for the sharp advances. All our important furs, with the exception of beaver, muskrat and bear, are much higher. This will, no doubt, have a tendency to advance prices paid here for furs, though, of course, furs bought now will have to be held a long time, for next spring's sales, though some may be sent to the October sales.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The speculative activity in the American markets, noted in our last week's report, has continued and somewhat increased during this week up till Thursday, which is as far as we can report on, as yesterday being Good Friday there were no markets. The net result on the business done up to close of Thursday's market, has been an advance of 3c over last week's close. This advance has not been gained without hard work, the fluctuations in the markets each day having been very erratic, at times advancing very rapidly and again declining equally fast, within the space of a few minutes. Damage reports on the United States winter wheat crop plentifully supplied to Chicago and other speculative markets, seem to constitute the principal reasons leading on the advance; but the best authorities on the crop situation continue to give more careful and conservative reports, disclaiming for the most part that any serious damage has yet been exhibited, and at same time pointing out, that it is if anything rather early in the season to form a strictly definite estimate as to the amount of damage that may have been done. Mr. Snow, of the Orange Juice Farmer, estimates the condition of the winter wheat crop in the States at 82 and this on an area of 30 million acres would mean a yield of 160,000,000 bushels of winter wheat. For 1894 the yield of winter wheat according to the final estimate of the department of agriculture, was 379,000,000 bushels. Mr. Snow summarizes his report by saying that while the crop has certainly deteriorated from last fall, there is nothing to warrant talk of crop failure. The primary movement in the States has rather enlarged this week, and on one

day the receipts were about double for the same day last year. Export clearances daily from both coasts are also of good volume. The American visible supply increased last week 75,000 bushels, and is now 6,000 bushels over what it was at same time last year. The world's visible supply decreased 799,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of 2,444,000 bushels. The Argentine shipments are very heavy for the week, 2,576,000 bushels, against 1,200,000 last week. Crop reports from Europe continue very favorable, and values there are not responding to the advance on this side to any appreciable extent.

The business situation in the local market has not improved on last week but continues dull and meagre in extent. While the excitement and advance in United States markets have caused an increase of interest in the trade, prices have not followed the advance in these markets to the full extent. There is inaction on the part of buyers, and at the same time no pressure to sell on the part of holders. It is to be expected that the trade will be dull for some time. A great many dealers are carrying all the wheat they are able to and some of it at higher figures than current values. It cannot be sold at present for export—even for May shipment—except at a loss, and only a very little of it can be taken off the market by shipping it eastward before the opening of lake navigation. Some one must provide money to carry this wheat, and with the distrust—born of past experience—in the prudence of carrying large quantities of it for long periods, with storage interest and insurance adding daily to the cost of it, bankers feel more like discouraging their customers from increasing their holdings at this season of the year, than making them further advances for that purpose. This probably accounts in some measure for the indifference on the part of buyers. A few carloads or a few 5,000 bushel lots, easily fill up the longest day's business, and for large round lots there are no buyers at current prices. When lake navigation opens, and the stock begins to move eastward towards the consumer, the trade will become more or less active again in a natural way. Last week the value of 1 hard spot, Fort William closed at 69 1-2c. On Monday with the advance in Chicago, the price firm'd up to 70 1-2c. Tuesday with the decline in other markets it fell again to 69 1-2c. Wednesday sales were made in the morning at 69 3-4c then 70c, and later at 70 1-2c. In the afternoon, after the close at Chicago, with a 2c per bush. rise, sellers asked 71 1-2 but 71c was highest paid. On Thursday buyers showed very weak feeling, and holders correspondingly anxious to sell pressed 1 hard for sale at 71c. without much changing hands. No. 2 hard and 1 northern remain at 3c under 1 hard and 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring, about 6 1-2c under 1 hard. A curious state of affairs has arisen in regard to dried wheat. There has all along been very little demand for dried wheat, but this week a demand for 2 northern has developed and raised the price of it on Thursday to 63 1-2c in store Fort William. The curious part of it is there is no better demand for dried 1 hard, 2 hard or 1 northern than previously, and for any of these grades not more than 6 1-2c in store Fort William, can be got, and in fact they are not wanted even at that price, although the dried 2 northern has brought 63 1-2c.

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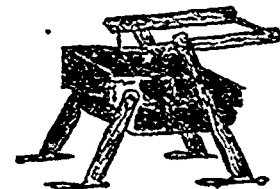
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FLOUR—Prices to the retail trade this week are quoted as follows: Patent, \$1.80 strong bakers, \$1.60, XXXN, 90c to \$1.00 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack.

MILLEED—Dealers have trouble keeping up even a moderate supply of millfeed and they do not by any means supply all the demand. Stocks in the city are very light. Prices remain unchanged this week as follows: Bran \$11 per ton, shorts \$13 per ton, with \$1 off for large lots.

GROUND FEED—The quotation for best corn feed this week is \$20 per ton. Inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$20 for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Oilcake \$24 per ton.

OATS—Offerings of oats are becoming smaller every week. Prices have stiffened considerably this week and we note an advance of 1c per bushel. From 34 to 37c will now be paid for good oats and anything fit for seed is worth 40c per bushel.

BARLEY—Quoted at 28 to 33c for cars here.

CORN—Receipts are light yet, but as the season advances the volume will become larger owing to the scarcity of oats. City dealers are paying 41 to 43c per bushel for car lots as to grade.

FLAX SEED—None offering. Quoted nominally at 70c to 80c. There is quite a demand for flax seed for seed purposes, and there is talk of bringing some in for this purpose but it would cost very high. Flax seed is quoted about \$1.20 per bushel at Minneapolis this week.

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

OATMEAL—Rolled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.90 in 80 pound sacks to the retail trade. Car lots of imported meal are quoted at \$1.75 to \$1.80 cost on track here to importers.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality. Stocks are very light.

BUTTER—Dairy—Receipts of choice fresh made dairy butter are small and no quantity of it is to be had in the city yet. Held grades are plentiful and meet with but little demand. Prices asked by dealers remain unchanged at last week's quotations of 15 to 17c for fresh makes and 13 to 14c for held stocks.

CHEESE—The cheese situation remains pretty much as outlined in last week's Commercial. Some local dealers are offering at 9 3/4c for large cheeses and 10c for small, while others are asking 1-4 to 1-2c advance on those figures. Even the outside price is much below, round lot quotations in Ontario markets.

EGGS—Eggs opened at 17c on Monday and have held at that figure all week, although some dealers anticipated an advance of at least 1c when the Easter demand reached its height owing to the exceedingly small supply. At the moment of writing this advance had not been realized and indications are that it will not be. Some city retailers are selling at 17 1/2c a dozen which indicates that values have not advanced any. Some Minneapolis stock has been selling here.

POULTRY—There is a good demand for live chickens for which the supply is not nearly adequate. Very few chickens are offering. Dressed chick-

ens are also scarce. Stocks of turkeys in the city are small and are practically in the hands of one or two dealers. The Easter demand for poultry has been good and dealers have been considerably puzzled to supply it. We quote prices as follows: Live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair; dressed chickens, 10 to 12c per lb.; turkeys, 10 to 12c; geese, 10c. Ducks are out of the market.

VEGETABLES—Fears are beginning to be entertained that some of the potatoes being held in pits for the spring and early summer supply have been nipped by the frost. It is known that a few pits have been. Offerings in the city have been light so far and prices firm at 40 to 45c, the latter price being for choice white. At country points 35 to 40c is quoted f.o.b. Green stuff has been fairly plentiful this week, radish, lettuce, parsley, onions and rhubarb, all being plentiful. We quote: Potatoes, choice white, 45c per bushel; red, 40c; turnips, 25c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/2c per pound; carrots, 40 to 45c; beets, 40c per bushel; cabbage, 2c per pound; onions 3 1/2c per pound; rhubarb, imported, 8c per pound; radish, parsley and lettuce 40c per dozen bunches; onions, 25c per dozen bunches.

SENECA ROOT—None offering. About 19c represents the value.

HIDES—The market continues weak influenced by the lower quotations at Minneapolis, Chicago and Toronto, and by the inferior quality of the few that are offering here. Already there are signs of damage in some of the hides and some lots which have been exposed to the sun for a time are more or less hair slipped. Receipts are very light. We quote: Frozen hides, 6 to 6 1/2c less 5 pounds tare. Inspected hides, No. 1, 6 1/2c to 7c; No. 2, 5 1/2c to 6c; No. 3, 4 1/2 to 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3 kip, 6c to 6 1/2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

HAY—Offerings of hay are fairly large for the season, but the quality is not by any means good. Snow and ice is present in some of the baled hay offered in sufficient quantities to render it unsaleable except at reduced figures. Good hay finds a ready sale at our quotations of last week, which remain unchanged at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on track here, which is the price dealers will pay for it. Some shipments realize more than these figures owing to superior quality, but these may be taken as the prevailing quotations. Stocks of hay available at country points are getting low.

DRESSED MEATS—This being the latter week some extra choice lots of dressed meats have been offering in the city market. Supplies for this purpose have been fairly liberal. Veal and mutton were plentiful. Veal is becoming more so every day. Every few days car lots of fat stail fed cattle are being received in the Winnipeg market for local consumption. Hogs are very scarce and prices are somewhat enhanced. The expected ease off in prices has not materialized. At present quotations in Ontario hogs could not be laid down here at less than \$5.90, which is more than buyers are prepared to pay, and the season is too far advanced to handle them safely. We quote prices as follows: Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per pound according to quality; frozen mutton, 7 to 8c; veal, 6 to 7c; hogs, \$7.75 to \$8.00 per 100 pounds. Fancy Easter meats

realized in some cases 1-2c advance over these quotations in a limited way.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—With the exception of the few that are moving for local butchers account there is nothing doing in beef cattle. We quote 3 1/2 to 4c for those. Buyers are still looking for stockers and are taking considerable numbers for future delivery. The market for these in the south is weaker and late advices show a decline of 25c per 100 pounds in price. This would mean about \$1 to \$1.50 less here for yearlings and proportionately more for two and three-year olds. Some buyers are still paying the old figures, which we quote as follows: Yearlings from 10 to \$14; two-year olds \$18 to \$22; and three-year olds from \$25 to \$35.

HOGS—Practically none are offering. We quote 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c per pound.

SHEEP—Some sheep were in this week for the Easter market. Quotations remain at 4 1/2 to 5c per pound.

MILCH COWS—A good new milker is worth \$30 to \$40.

HORSES—Several carloads of horses arrived from the south this week and realized good prices. The demand for work horses is good, \$100 and upwards each will be paid for these.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour has advanced 15c per barrel in this market for the week. Oats are stronger at 3-4c advance for No. 3 white. Corn has advanced 1c, flax seed, 2 1/2c; and eggs, 1 to 1 1/2c. Prices for creamery butter were slightly easier on heavier receipts and a stronger feeling is also noticeable in dairy. Hides are off 1-1c on No. 1 and 2 grades, and on brands, bulls and oxen. Potatoes have advanced 5c per bushel for straight varieties and mixed reds and 2 to 3c for mixed whites. Hay is up 50c. Hogs were weaker and 5 to 7 1/2c lower, sheep stronger, and all kinds of cattle steady. Prices are:

Flour—Prices in barrels, first patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80; second patents, \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Milled—shorts in bulk, \$10.00 to \$10.50; bran in bulk, \$10.25 to \$10.75; corn feed, \$12.75 to \$14.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 27 3/4c; No. 3, 27 3/4c.

Corn—Quoted at 31 1-4c for No. 3 yellow; 31c for No. 3, and 29 to 30 1-4c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.19 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—12 1-2 to 12 3/4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 11c.

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

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 20c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 15c; dairy, 14 to 15c for choice to fancy; seconds, 13 to 13 1/2c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 8 1/4c for No. 1; 7 1/4c for No. 2; green salted steers, 7 to 8c; bulls, oxen and brands, 7 to 7 1/4c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c each; veal, calf, 9 to 10 1/2c; tallow, 3 to 4c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

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

Dressed Meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1/2c; lamb, 5 to 6c; veal, 6 to 7c; hogs, light, 5c; medium, 6c; heavy, 11-12c.

Poultry—Chickens, 9 1/2 to 12c; hens, 7 to 11c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 9 to 12c; ducks, 6 to 11c; geese, 6 to 10c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per

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bushel, 55 to 60c; mixed, white, 48 to 52c; mixed, red, 40 to 50c.

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

Hay—\$8.00 to \$8.50 per ton for timothy, mixed clover, \$5.50 to \$6.50.

Live Stock—Hogs, \$3.55 to \$3.62 1-2, sheep range, \$3.90 to \$5.25; cattle, stockers, \$3.10 to \$4.60; butchers' steers, \$1 to \$4.30; butchers' cows, \$1.50 to \$3.60.

Douglas' Grain Bill.

Ottawa, March 29.—Dr. Douglas' bill to regulate the grain trade in Manitoba and the Territories is a very comprehensive one. It provides that all the railways must either provide at their own expense, adequate facilities for the receiving and shipping of grain or allow private individuals to erect flat warehouses, elevators or grain chutes on railway properties for the purpose of storing and shipping grain. It also provides that there shall be no discrimination against elevators of less than standard capacity. If from necessity elevators are erected on property not owned by the railway company the company shall be compelled to build and maintain a spur, not exceeding 300 yards long, to such elevators.

One clause of the bill provides that grain may be loaded directly from a vehicle to a car. No charge is to be made for this privilege, unless the grain chute used for the purpose is the property of a private individual and in this case the charge shall not exceed a half cent per bushel. The railway companies must provide cars on demand and if they are unable to meet all the demands, cars must be divided among the applicants until each applicant has one car and after that the available cars shall be divided among the applicants in proportion to the amount of business they transact.

Elevator fees are fixed as follows: Receiving, shipping and storing, one cent a bushel; cleaning, in addition, if required by the shipper, half a cent. For storing for twenty days, at the request of the shipper, half a cent, and half a cent additional for each additional thirty days' storage.

The most important feature of the bill is one providing for the appointment of an official to be known as the general inspector of the grain trade of Manitoba and N. W. T., who is to have very extensive powers with respect to the investigation of irregularities in weights, dockages, examination of elevator and dealers' ac-

counts, and the investigation of the condition of elevators to ascertain whether the grain is unjustly retained in them. If it is so and this is done, the parties doing so are to be considered guilty of theft. The inspector is also to prepare a sworn annual report showing the exact condition of the grain trade.

The penalty for the violation of any provisions of the act is to be not less than \$300 and not more than \$1,000.

London Fur Sales.

Two weeks ago we published a cable report of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s London fur sales, and last week we gave the result by cable of the principal furs sold at C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale. Following is a complete report of both these sales; the figures given varying slightly from the previous report on some furs:

HUDSON'S BAY CO.'S SALE:

Prices compared with March, 1898.
Fisher, 10 per cent lower.
Fox, silver, 80 per cent higher.
Fox, blue, 250 per cent higher.
Fox, cross, 22 1-2 per cent higher.
Fox, red, 60 per cent higher.
Fox, white, 60 per cent higher.
Lynx, 40 per cent higher.
Mink, 50 per cent higher.
Martin, 60 per cent higher.
Skunk, 45 per cent higher.
Wolf, 25 per cent higher.
Wolverine, 70 per cent higher.
Otter, firsts, 10 per cent lower.
Otter, seconds, 5 per cent lower.
Otter, thirus, 15 per cent higher.
Bear, black, 10 per cent lower.
Bear, brown, 10 per cent lower.
Badger, 30 per cent lower.
Bear, grey, 15 per cent higher.
Musk ox, 15 per cent higher.
Raccoon, 15 per cent higher.
Hair seal, 25 per cent higher.
Beaver, 5 per cent lower than January last.

LAMPSON & CO.'S SALE.

Prices compared with March, 1898.
Fisher, 10 per cent lower.
Dry fur seal, same as a year ago.
Wolverine, 50 per cent higher.
Fox, blue, 110 per cent higher.
Fox, red, 40 per cent higher.
Fox, cross, 15 per cent higher.
Fox, silver, 50 per cent higher.
Fox, grey, 200 per cent higher.
Fox, white, 60 per cent higher.
Martin, 50 per cent higher.
Wolf, 20 per cent higher.
Lynx, 40 per cent higher.
Otter, 10 per cent higher.
Sea otter, 50 per cent higher.
Mink, 35 per cent higher.
Russian sable, 20 per cent higher.
Musk ox, same as a year ago.

Badger, 20 per cent lower.
Cat, wild, 10 per cent higher.
Hair seal dry, 25 per cent higher.
Bear, black, same as a year ago.
Bear, brown, same as a year ago.
Bear, grizzly, same as a year ago.
Bear, white, 25 per cent higher.
Bear, Russian, 10 per cent lower.
Raccoon, 10 per cent higher.
Skunk, 15 per cent higher.
Civet cat, 20 per cent higher.
Oppossum, 100 per cent higher.
Grebe, 50 per cent higher.
Rabbit, same as a year ago.

Following are prices compared with January last:

Muskrat, whiter, unchanged.
Muskrat spring, 5 per cent higher.
Muskrat fall, 15 per cent lower.
Muskrat, black, 15 per cent higher.
Beaver, unchanged.
Chinchilla, bastard, unchanged.
Chinchilla, real, 70 per cent higher.
Thibet lamb, 15 per cent lower.
Oppossum, Australian, 5 per cent lower.
Wombat, 15 per cent lower.
Wallaby, 10 per cent higher.

FUR SEALS.

Sailed fur seal, Copper Island, 17 1-2 per cent higher than September last. Northwest coast skins, same as December last. Cape Horn, 20 per cent higher than December last.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection

Returns for last week report 276 cars of wheat inspected (compared with 298 cars the previous week), which graded as follows: 1 hard, 90 cars, 2 hard, 8, 3 hard, 6, 1 northern, \$1, 2 northern, 7; 3 northern, 3; 1 spring, 5; 1 Ladoga, 1; rejected, 9, 2 frosted, 1, no grade, 65 cars. There was a further falling off of damp wheat this week, there having been 96 cars of no grade or damp wheat the previous week and 164 cars of this class two weeks ago.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There were 2,899,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 27, increase for the week 171,000 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 719,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,065,000 bushels, three years ago, 3,869,000 bushels, four years ago, 910,000 bushels, and 2,205,000 five years ago.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 9,250,000 bushels, compared with about 3,400,000 bushels a year ago, 6,125,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, March 27.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature to note this week. In trade circles, is the fact of the great activity in mining camps along the coast. The mining camps, two or three years ago, promised to multiply and increase until there would be a score to every one now in existence, but the claims along the coast within a radius of 200 miles from Vancouver, are all proven to be refractory propositions, while the free milling finds petered out. It takes a long time for refractory mining propositions to "prove up," and in consequence the big boom expected three years ago failed to materialize. Now, however, the Dorothy Morton, and other coast mines within easy reach of Vancouver and Victoria, are shipping ore, and what is more, have been demonstrated as paying mines, a consumation that was only needed to renew faith in coast mineral, start up numerous prospectors, and mine camps, and give a fresh impetus to the local outfitting trade. Athol and Klondike outfitting is also fairly active. During the past week machinery for many river and lake steamers has been shipped north, and every Skagway bound boat has been well filled with freight, and a fair number of passengers. The lumber mills show an increasing activity. Vessels are constantly arriving to load, and charters have been secured far in advance. Bank clearings in Vancouver show an increase of \$20,000 over the preceding week. Hams and bacon in the wholesale market are a trifle easier, but prices have not been altered. Butter is again in short supply, but the quality on the market is not first class, as a rule, and prices have not been advanced. Local fresh eggs are easier, but the scarcity of eastern stock steadies the price. California has sent in rhubarb, spring onions, lettuce, etc. Potatoes are gradually drifting out of sight. In Seattle some dealers are holding for \$40 and it is reported one dealer asks \$45. In Vancouver potatoes are nominally \$27 and \$30. They are hard to get at any price, however. Meats and live stocks will likely be higher next week.

British Columbia Items.

W. A. Burt, groceries, has opened at Victoria.

R. G. Jessup, drugs, Wellington, is burned out.

O. Ross, general store, Mission, is out of business.

H. A. Cook, hotel, Trout Lake Pass, has sold out to F. F. Fulmer.

A. E. Allen tall r New Westminster, has sold out to Kier & Furneaux.

Kier & Furneaux, tailors, New Westminster, new co-partnership.

The East Kootenay Publishing Co., Golden, is in trouble with the sheriff.

Sivart & Anderson grocers, Vancouver: style now Sivart, Anderson, Bell & Co.

M. Whitney, publisher of the Cumberland "News," has sold out to Mary Bissett.

The estate of Carlin & Lake, general store, Golden, assets reported disposed of to W. Carlin.

C. Pichon, gunsmith and sporting goods, Victoria, has admitted W. N. Lenfesty as partner.

Mrs. C. E. Masters, dry goods, clothing, etc., is closing branch at Wellington.

C. J. Kelley & Co., jobbers men's goods, Victoria; C. W. M. Becker, has sold out his interest in this firm.

The estate of Falls Bros., general storekeepers, Revelstoke, has been sold to E. S. Jackson, who will continue the business.

The business of J. G. Crawford, commission, liquors, etc., Vancouver, will be taken over by the Vancouver Agency, Ltd.

Reports from northern British Columbia say that there has lately been an extraordinary run of the little fish called Otolachans and one steamer took as much as twenty-five tons of the little fishes in a single night. All the northern canners who took advantage of the runs made prodigious catches.

Alberta.

A cigar factory is being started at Calgary by Borden.

Lacombe Co operative association, Lacombe, has been incorporated.

The Fort Saskatchewan Farmers Milling Co. is applying for incorporation.

Assinibolia.

The Medicine Hat Ranching Co. is applying for incorporation.

A. Ees'Brigay, general store, Wolseley, advertises his business for sale.

The News Publishing Co., Medicine Hat, is applying for incorporation.

The general stock of R. W. McLeod, Indian Head, was sold for 70c on the dollar.

N. Hobson will carry on the butchering business alone at Grenfell and not in partnership with J. W. Brown, as previously reported.

Health Foods.

Grocers throughout the west would do well to direct their attention to the announcements of the Manitoba Health Food Company, who are this spring making an active canvass for business here. This concern is an offshoot of the Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Food Company, of Battle Creek, Mich., which has gained considerable fame for its treatment of all kinds of ailments and diseases arising from disorders of the stomach and digestive organs. Health foods first began to be introduced in Winnipeg last year and have been most favorably received here and wherever they were offered for sale in the west. The foods are prepared in sufficient variety to suit all needs and each variety is unique in its way not only for its value as a food but for palatableness and delicacy of flavor. They consist principally of breads, biscuits, health coffee, nut butter, nut cream and meatless, a preparation which is designed to take the place of meats.

The Manitoba Health Food Company have recently occupied new premises on McDermott street, No. 222, and are now prepared to furnish these goods in any quantity to any dealer in the west.

Trees for the Prairie.

At the Indian Head experimental farm there are over 120,000 trees growing in shelter belts, hedges and plots, and at the Brandon farm there are close on 100,000. These plantings have changed the aspects of the farms vastly for the better. Every settler

who sees them becomes impressed with the importance of the work, and, in consequence, the demand for proved trees, such as the Manitoba or ash-leaved maple, and the green ash, is greater than the supply. More than six tons of the seeds of these and other trees have been gathered during the past seven years, by Indians and half-breeds working at government expense. These seeds have been distributed far and wide, and in every district in the Northwest may be found plantations grown from seeds so supplied. The interest taken in this subject is immense; nothing tends to give birth to a love of home more than the picturesque comfort caused by an abundant growth of ornamental, shade, or fruit trees.

The arboreta of the various experimental farms are proving of first rate importance. By a study of their successes and failures, a farmer need throw away little in independent experiment upon trees and shrubs, too tender to stand this climate. Formerly many thousand dollars were wasted annually, through the planting of eastern fruit and ornamental trees, not sufficiently hardy for the Northwest. At Agassiz, B. C., where the climate is soft and equable, the opportunities for introducing exotic species are almost unlimited; but at Brandon, and more especially at Indian Head, the peculiarities of climate are so marked, that comparatively few species not indigenous to the soil succeed. For instance, at Indian Head, 200 species and varieties, and at Brandon an additional hundred, are about all that have been proved adapted to those localities.

At the Brandon farm, Mr S. A. Bedford, superintendent, finds that for shelter belts, the green ash, balm of Gilead, native aspen, mossy-cup oak, white willow and American larch may be depended upon; white for hedges, white spruce, cottonwood, ash-leaved maple, berceoleusis poplar, sharp-leaved willow, native rose, bush honeysuckle Siberian pea tree, yellow willow, wild plum, Siberian southernwood Asiatic maple, wolf willow, red osier dogwood, common lilac, and old man (Asteresfu abrotanum), have proved most satisfactory.

A prairie, or, in fact, any home, should be made a thing of beauty as far as possible. For this reason a little labor in planting ornamental shrubs is well spent, even though never bring any concrete return in dollars and cents. A carefully disposed collection of a few of the following shrubs will do much to add to the appearance of the farmers' grounds: Buffalo berry. Albert honeysuckle, common barberry, purple cypress, native honeysuckle, Virginian creeper, and white virgin's bower. In addition, several of the plants already given as suitable for hedges will give a pleasing effect if set out, singly or in groups, for purely ornamental purposes.—Free Press.

Prices in the Kootenay.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., April 1.

Following are jobbers prices here.
Creamery butter—23 to 24c.
Dairy, selected—18 to 19c.
Cheese, large—11 to 12c.
Cheese, small—12 to 12 1/2c.
Eggs, fresh—25 to 27c.
Eggs, pickled—17 to 18c.
Oats—Per ton, \$25.
Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.
Potatoes—Per ton, \$22.

New York Wheat

New York, March 27.—Wheat—Receipts, 49,600 bushels; exports, 163,036 bushels. Options opened strong on crop scares and were upheld by covering and southwestern investment buying most of the session. Foreign houses sold early, but the wheat was easily absorbed. Local sentiment was bullish all day, traders taking more stock in crop damage news than heretofore. The close was strong and nervous at 1 1-2c over Saturday's one o'clock curb prices.

New York, March 28.—Wheat—Receipts, 41,600 bushels; exports, 31,973 bushels. Options opened weak, and were influenced all day by local liquidation heavy outside selling, partly for St. Louis account, bearish cables news and foreign selling. Furthermore some crop news was less bullish, owing to snows over the wheat belt. There were a few rallies, and the market closed weak at 1 1-4 to 1 3-8c net decline.

New York, March 29.—Wheat, May opened 76c, closed 77 7-8c.

New York, March 30.—Wheat, May opened 78 3-8c, closed 77 1-2c.

New York, March 31.—Holiday.

New York, April 1.—Wheat closed to-day as follows. May, 78 1-8c; July, 77 7-8c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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

Chicago, March 27.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 72 1-4c b. July opened 70 3-8 to 5-8c, closed 71 3-8c a. Corn, May opened 36 1-8 to 3-8c, closed 36 1-8c b. July opened 36 5-8c, Sept. opened 36 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 36 1-2c b. Oats, May opened 26 7-8c, closed 26 7-8c. July opened 25c, closed 25 1-8 to 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.27, closed \$9.27 1-2. July opened \$9.40, closed \$9.42 1-2.

Chicago, March 28.—Wheat, May opened 71 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 70 7-8c b. July opened 70 5-8 to 7-8c, closed 70 1-8c. Corn, May opened 35 7-8c, closed 35 1-2c b. July opened 36 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 36 1-2c a. Sept. opened 37c, closed 36 1-2c b. Oats, May opened 26 7-8c, closed 26 1-2 to 5-8c. July opened 25 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 24 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.22 1-2, closed \$9.12 1-2. July opened \$9.40, closed \$9.27 1-2.

Chicago, March 29.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 73 1-4c. July opened 70 1-2c, closed 73 1-8c. Corn, May opened 36 1-8c, closed 36 3-8c a. July opened 36 3-4c, closed 36 7-8 to 37c. Sept. opened 37 1-4c, closed 37 3-8c b. Oats, May opened 26 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 26 7-8c. July opened 25 1-4c, closed 25 1-2c. Pork, May opened \$9.12 1-2, closed \$9.22 1-2 b. July opened \$9.27 1-2, closed \$9.35 b.

Chicago, March 30.—Wheat, May opened 73 to 1-4c, closed 73 1-8c. July opened 73 1-2 to 7 7-8c, closed 73c b. Corn, May opened 36 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 36c. July opened 36 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 36 6-8c. Sept. opened 37 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 37 1-8c. Oats, May opened 26 7-8c, closed 26 3-4c. July opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.17 1-2c, closed \$9.15. July opened \$9.30, closed \$9.27. Lard, May opened \$5.32 1-2c, closed \$5.30. July opened \$5.47 1-2, closed \$5.42 1-2c. Ribs, May opened \$4.77, closed \$4.75. July opened \$4.92 1-2c, closed \$4.87 1-2c.

Chicago, March 31.—Holiday. No market.

Chicago, April 1.—Wheat opened at 73 1-2c for May, and ranged from

72 5-8 to 74 1-4c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May, 72 3-4c; July, 72 3-4c. Corn—May, 35c; July, 35 3-4c. Oats—May, 26 5-8c; July, 25 1-2c. Pork—May, \$9.15; July, \$9.27 1-2. Lard—May, \$5.27 1-2; July, \$5.42 1-2.

Ribs—\$4.75; July, \$4.87 1-2. A week ago May option closed at 70 5-8c, a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.05, two years ago at 70 3-8c, three years ago at 64 3-4c; four years ago at 55 1-4c, and five years ago at 64 3-4c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 71 5-8c; July 72 5-8c. Tuesday—May, 70 3-8c; July, 71 1-8c. Wednesday—May, 72 3-8c; July, 73 1-8c. Thursday—May, 72 1-4. July, 73 1-8c. Friday—Holiday. Saturday—May, 71 3-4. July, 72 3-4c. Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 73 1-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 70 1-4c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 70 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 95 3-4c, two years ago May option closed at 71c; three years ago at 62 7-8c; four years ago at 60 7-8c; and five years ago at 63c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, April 1.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.23 3-4 for cash and May \$1.22 1-2.

RUBBERS ADVANCED.

A new list on rubber footwear goes into effect to-day. Discounts have been reduced and advances made equal to 10 to 15 per cent on some lines, at the factories. Information to hand is very meagre, but particulars are expected in a few days.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, March 31.—Market closed till Tuesday.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

W. Bolton, of Temple & Bolton, hardware dealers, Napinka, was in Winnipeg this week, making arrangements for a new stock of goods to replace that lost by the recent fire in that town.

F. S. Moule, general merchant, is reported to be giving up his branch business at Dunrea, Man.

Geo. S. Farrer, furniture and stationery, Dauphin, Man., assigned to W. Blackadar.

J. J. Manley, harness and boots and shoes, Dauphin, Man., has assigned.

R. Williams, harness maker, late of Woodstock, Ont., is opening at Roland, Man.

The Kamloops Hotel, Ltd., Kamloops, B. C., has been incorporated.

BOYCE'S CARRIAGE WORKS

316 James St., Winnipeg

—Are selling—

Top Buggies - - \$67.50 Cash

Delivery Wagons, \$40 to \$75 Cash

See them before buying.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat was quoted to-day at 71 to 74 1-2c for No. 1 hard spot, Fort William. With the decline at Chicago 71c would be about the top at the close here.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, April 1.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70 1-2 for May, and 71 7-8c for July, cash, No. 1 northern, 70 3-8c, cash, No. 2, northern, 65 7-8c.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

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

Budger .. .. .	.. \$	.25	\$	.50
Bear, black .. .. .	..	5.00	..	25.00
Bear, brown .. .. .	..	4.50	..	20.00
Bear, black yearlings ..	..	5.00	..	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings ..	..	3.00	..	4.50
Bear, grizzly .. .. .	..	4.50	..	20.00
Beaver, large .. .. .	..	5.00	..	7.00
Beaver, medium .. .. .	..	3.00	..	5.00
Beaver, small .. .. .	..	1.50	..	2.50
Beaver, cubs .. .. .	..	.50	..	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb. .. .	..	2.50	..	5.50
Fisher, dark .. .. .	..	6.00	..	8.00
Fisher, pale .. .. .	..	3.00	..	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large ..	..	5.00	..	10.00
Fox, cross pale .. .. .	..	2.50	..	5.00
Fox, kitt .. .. .	..	.25	..	.75
Fox, rod .. .. .	..	1.00	..	2.00
Fox, silver dark .. .. .	..	50.00	..	75.00
Fox, pale .. .. .	..	25.00	..	60.00
Lynx, large .. .. .	..	1.50	..	2.50
Lynx, medium .. .. .	..	1.00	..	1.75
Lynx, small .. .. .	..	.50	..	1.00
Marten, dark .. .. .	..	3.00	..	6.00
Marten, pale or brown ..	..	2.50	..	5.00
Marten, light pale .. .	..	1.00	..	3.25
Mink, dark .. .. .	..	.75	..	2.25
Mink, pale .. .. .	..	.75	..	1.50
Musquash, winter .. .	..	.04	..	.11
Otter, dark .. .. .	..	0.00	..	10.00
Otter, pale .. .. .	..	5.00	..	8.00
Skunk .. .. .	..	.25	..	.30
Wolf, timber .. .. .	..	2.00	..	3.00
Wolf, prairie .. .. .	..	.40	..	1.00
Wolverine, dark .. .. .	..	3.00	..	4.00
Wolverine, pale .. .. .	..	1.25	..	2.00

SEED GRAIN SECURITIES.

The bill of Dr Douglas in regard to joint securities for seed grain indebtedness in Manitoba and Northwest Territories, which was introduced to-day, provides that as the sum of \$153,602 is due the government for seed grain in the Northwest by 5,351 farmers, while this number stands as securities as principals for this liability, 4,643 are liable as bondsmen for the others, and 3,439 of these stand in the double relation of principal debtors and bondsmen for the others, therefore it is asked to be enacted that the homestead or quarter section of land in possession of the principal debtor for seed grain shall be regarded as sufficient security for such indebtedness in each individual case.

Another clause provides that the 4,643 farmers who stand in the relationship of bondsmen, shall after July 1st, 1899, be declared null and void as bondsmen. Many who stand in double relationship and are ready and willing to pay their personal liability, feel it a hardship to have the indebtedness of their neighbor registered against their personal homestead, knowing that the party for whom they stand surety is able but not willing to pay his liability. The individual sums due the government by these 5,354 farmers may not exceed the sum of \$50; a double security against the patents of two farms is excessive and unnecessary to secure the government against loss for such sums advanced.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 1.

Dry goods—Business quiet, owing to stormy weather, and fewer buyers have been in the market. The advance on cottons by the Merchants' Company is likely to be 12 1-2 per cent. The other mills are likely to advance soon. The mills are still behind on orders.

Hardware—Business active. Western orders received freely; mostly for shipment at the end of April. Cut nails are moving well. Metals are firm, with upward tendency. Demand improving.

Groceries—Dull. Canned corn has a firmer feeling. Best brands held at \$1.05 to \$1.10. Ordinary brands firmer, at 97 1-2c to \$1. Teas are the most active feature of the market. No Indian nor Ceylons can now be bought laid down here under 17c. United States refined sugar has commenced to come in here again this week. Canadian refined is dull.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 1.

Offerings of grain continue very limited, with an upward tendency in prices. Eggs have advanced 2c this week, owing to rough weather and Easter demand.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$1.10; Manitoba bakers, \$0.90; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per barrel. Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 70 to 71c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 85 to 85 1-2c, grinding in transit.

Oats—White, 29 to 30c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 45 to 46c, and 42c for No. 2 at country points for car lots. **Millfeed**—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton; bran \$13.00 to \$14.00 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.60 in bags per barrel, and \$3.70 in wood for car lots. Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—Choice 11c.

Hides—Green, 81-4c for No. 1, and 7 1-4c for No. 2. Cured hides, 83-4c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 90c; calfskins, 8 and 10c, tallow, 1 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 11 to 17c, unwashed, 9c.

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

Dressed hogs—\$5.20 to \$5.30 per 100 lbs. for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 6c for round lots; evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

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

Poultry—Turkeys, 11 to 13c, chickens 10 to 75c a pair, geese, 7 to 8c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.50, alsike, \$3 to \$4.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 28.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 60 carloads, including 160 sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

Export cattle—Heavy export cattle were quoted at \$1.75 to \$5 and \$5.10 per cwt. for extra. A few head fancy, sold at \$5.15 per cwt. Light exporters in liberal supply at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt. Bulls \$1.75 to \$1.25.

Butchers' cattle—Trade was good, all the choice offerings finding a ready

sale. Choice steers quoted at \$1.25 to \$4.50 and \$1.60 per cwt. Medium and common grades ranged from \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt. Being the Easter market good prices were paid for choice stock.

Stockers and feeders—Choice heavy stockers \$3.80 to \$4 per cwt. Light \$3.50 to \$3.75 good feeder steers \$4. to \$1.25 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Lambs were quoted 10c per cwt higher at \$1.75 to \$3.10. Sheep \$3.50 per cwt.

Hogs—Demand brisk. There are too many light hogs, and such were quoted 1-8c lower at \$4 per cwt. Choice selections were quoted at \$4.50 per cwt. Thick fat \$3.75; sows \$3. per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 31.

Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day was 30 carloads of all kinds, including 1,200 hogs.

Choice cattle were firmer, fancy luthers bring export prices, while medium butchers' sold at 4 to 4 1-4c. Export cattle steady at Tuesday's prices. Sheep unchanged. Light hogs were again 1-8c lower, owing to excessive offerings of this class, but other hogs brought Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 1.

The grocery market is steady and unchanged this week at the following prices:

Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.35 per 100 pounds at refineries yellow, \$3.75 to \$4.15 molasses, 31c in car lots syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c as to quality. Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers 61-2c currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c, standard B, 33-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 1.—The market is firm but no important changes in prices are reported this week. Business is good for the season.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 1.

Oats have recovered the decline of last week and have gone 1-2c better. Flour is quiet and unchanged. Stocks of feed light. Receipts of eggs have been light, owing to recent rough weather, and prices have advanced temporarily 1 to 2c; will doubtless be lower after Easter. Butter is quiet, 20 1-2c is the top quotation now on creamery boxes, which is a shade lower. Dairy butter unchanged. Cheese continues firm and stocks are small. Another advance of 1-4c is reported this week, which is a continuation of the upward movement noticeable for some time. Potatoes are scarce and again higher this week. Toronto parties are buying potatoes here.

Oats—No. 2 white, 33 1-2 to 34c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong makers, \$3.70 to \$3.90, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton, shorts, \$16.50, including sacks.

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

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2, 71-2c, No. 3, 61-2c, calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 60 to 70c, lambskins, 70 to 75c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 14 to 14 1-2c per dozen.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 to 15c; rolls 13 to 16c; held stock 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 1 1/2; tubs 20c.

Cheese—Choice western, 11 1-4c.

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

Potatoes—In car lots, 65c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10c; ducks, 6 to 8c, geese, 3 to 4c; chickens 6 to 8c.

Dressed Meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 8c; fores, 3 to 5c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$6 to \$6.25, country dressed, \$5.20 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs. to retail dealers. Mutton 5 to 6 1-2c; lambs 7 to 8c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 28.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 500 head, 125 sheep and lambs.

Sales of choice cattle were made at 5 to 5 3-4c, and a few fancy Easter cattle touched 6c. The general run of cattle sold at 3 to 4 3-4c, as to quality. Sheep sold at 4 to 4 1-2c; yearlings, 4 3-4 to 5c; fancy yearlings selling up to 6c per lb. There were 800 hogs offered. These sold at \$1.50 to \$1.60 per 100 lbs.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 31.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 250 head and 90 sheep and lambs.

The best Easter cattle brought 53-4, and the range was from 5c upward. Fair to good ordinary cattle sold at 33-4 to 41-2c; common, 21-2 to 31-2. Sheep sold at 31-4 to 33-4c. Yearlings 41-2 to 5c per lb, Spring lambs \$2.50 to \$5 each. Hogs ranged from \$1.50 to \$4.65 per 100 lbs.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 30.—Cheese is quoted at 52s 6d for both white and colored, an advance of 6d this week. The cable has been advanced at about this rate for some weeks.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 30.—Cattle market 1-1 to 1-2c lower. Quoted at 11 1-4 to 12c, estimated dressed weight. Sheep 13 to 14c.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, March 30.—Cane steady. Beet dearer, March option 9s 11d, April, 9s 11d.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

London, March 27.—The supplies of cattle were again short to-day, and as a consequence the tone of the market was stronger than ever. Prices for cattle show a further advance of 1-4c, choice States cattle selling at 13c, Argentines at 12c. Argentine sheep were also strong and prices were 1-2 to 1 higher at 12 1-2c.

Liverpool, March 27.—There was also a stronger feeling in this market for cattle, on account of the limited supplies. Prices were fully 1-2 higher than this day week. Choice States cattle sold for 12 1-2c, Canadian at 12c. Lambs were firm at 15c.

Montreal, March 28.—A private cable received from London quoted choice American cattle at 12 1-2c and Liverpool at 12 1-4c.