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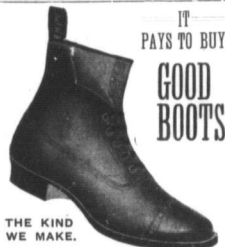
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THE LUMBER AGITATION.

The Western Retail Lumber Dealers' Association has been the subject of a good deal of public discussion of late, and the impression has become a common one that this institution is one which is doing the country harm by unjustly enhancing the price of lumber and restricting the trade therein. All of this may be true and if so then the worst strictures pronounced upon the lumber dealers have been well deserved, but, in the meantime the accusers have produced no convincing evidence to bear out their charges, and until they do it would be well for the public to reserve judgment. Already some have been wrought up to a state of excitement which is in itself injurious. These should exercise a little caution and self restraint until it has been shown that there is anything to justify such an uproar. Machinery is now in motion which will shortly demonstrate the effect of the association upon the price and supply of the important commodity which its members handle.

In the meantime it may be worth while for the public to notice that the lumber association does not by any means represent the entire lumber trade of this country, and that even if it did, its rules cannot possibly be found so as to shut out United States lumber. One of the most important sources of supply for coarse lumber in the west are the numerous saw mills which exist in various parts of the country. These are non-association mills and are supplying a large lumber to all who would buy at prices which compare with the most effective competition to the white pine and British Columbia mills. In the higher grades of lumber the United States mills are keen competitors most of the time, and their prices are always a controlling factor in the situation. It has frequently been pointed out by writers and politicians that Canadian farmers living near the International boundary can buy lumber cheaper on the other side of the line than at home. If this be true, it would be interesting to know why so many American farmers do not take it into their hands to come over into Canada for lumber. It is a well known fact that they do, and that Canadian dealers near the boundary derive a considerable trade with them.

As another evidence that there may be some error in the charges against the lumber dealers the fact may be

pointed to that so far at least as outward appearances go, some of them have grown suddenly rich in the business. Their profits may be large, but their worldly circumstances do not bear out such a belief. As a matter of fact responsible men in the trade assert that they do not average more than 10 per cent profit upon their yearly turnover of lumber. Their association rules provide for a margin of 20 per cent, over the wholesale cost of the lumber landed at their yards. Out of this must come running expenses, interest charges and losses by bad accounts.

Arguments such as these however, will not satisfy the public that there is not a considerable amount of truth in the charges against the lumber association. They may help to induce reflection and disinterested investigation, which is all that the trade would reasonably ask for. The only way to finally settle the question is to have it tried before a competent tribunal and this will probably be done. The special committee of the Winnipeg city council, which has been looking into the matter from the widespread feeling that it referred to the provincial

the whole the aggregate volume of business done as for this season is much smaller than that of a year ago up to the same date. We quote—Liverpool, 15 3/4 May; London, 15 3/4 May; Glasgow, 15 3/4 May; Avonmouth, 15 3/4 May; Antwerp, 15 3/4 May; Hamburg, 25 May; Belfast, 25 May; Dublin, 25 last half May first half June; Leth for May and not quoting for June; Cardiff, 1 3/4 May; Manchester, 1 3/4 May; Quebec-London, 15 3/4 May; and Manchester, 15 3/4 May.

Canada Cycle and Motor Suit.

Toronto, April 1.—Mr. Fred S. Evans of the Canadian Typograph Co., of Windsor, has begun suit in the non-jury assizes against Robt. M. Jaffray, of Galt; E. B. Hickman and Senator George A. Cox, of Toronto, for a share of the profits paid to Jaffray for flotation of the Canada Cycle & Motor Company. Evans and Jaffray expected to make \$150,000 out of the deal. Evans says the defendants paid \$400,000 for properties which were sold by them to the company for \$250,000 preferred stock and \$5,000 common stock, a large portion of which was sold at par and converted to their own use. Evans further says that Defendant Jaffray was paid \$20,000 for his services, of which he claims one half, and also asks for an accounting, claiming that he is entitled to a share in the profits made out of floating the concern.

they are issued not to build competing lines, but largely for the purchase of rolling stock and motive power and for the extension of other facilities necessitated by the necessary movement of the products of the country.

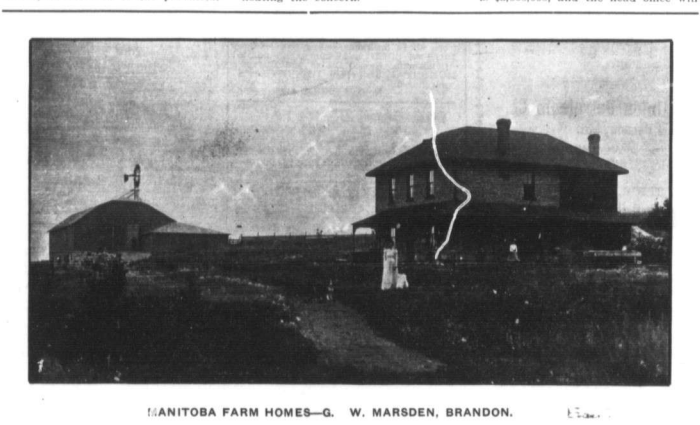
One will find that in due time it is phase of the difficulty—growing out of these new securities—will disappear.

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"In short, summing the situation up, not only is there prosperity everywhere, but the promises are of a continuation of that prosperity for a long time to come."

Canadian Grocers Limited.

Toronto, April 6.—Application has been received by the provincial secretary's department for a charter for the "Canadian Grocers Limited." This is the company which has already been referred to, and which will embrace several of the largest wholesale grocery firms in Canada and one in Chicago. The capital stock proposed is \$5,000,000, and the head office will



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Want to Wind it Up.

Toronto, April 2.—Application has been entered in the courts here to wind up the Colonial Construction Co., Ltd., which was organized chiefly by Detroit capitalists to build the Warton best sugar factory. The applicants are the Beadmore Belling Co., which holds a judgment for \$1,407. It seems to me that the general pessimistic talk indulged in not alone in foreign but in local circles is in no sense exaggerated by the facts. It may be true, as some of the captious critics declare, that the present moment here in the markets many undigested securities to be taken into consideration in a broad or comprehensive way. Are these securities sound or are they unsound; do they represent value or do they not; for what purposes have they been issued—those are the questions.

Mr. Morgan Bullish.

J. P. Morgan says in the New York Times: "It seems to me that the general pessimistic talk indulged in not alone in foreign but in local circles is in no sense exaggerated by the facts. It may be true, as some of the captious critics declare, that the present moment here in the markets many undigested securities to be taken into consideration in a broad or comprehensive way. Are these securities sound or are they unsound; do they represent value or do they not; for what purposes have they been issued—those are the questions.

"To my mind and in my judgment these new securities are essentially sound and stable, and those who have them are in no wise alarmed because of their holdings. Beyond all this

be in Toronto. The applicants are: Alexander Turner, H. C. Beckett, St. Clair Balfour, Hamilton, Lieut.-Col. John S. Davidson, W. A. Warren, John Sloan, Toronto, and N. W. Lettis, Chicago.

Application is also made for a charter as the "Grocers' Real Estate Co., Limited," with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of carrying the real estate assets of the company separately from the stock and plant.

The Trans-Canada Survey.

Mr. Geo. H. Starnes, of the Trans-Canada railway survey, arrived in the city Wednesday, and is staying at the Clarence. Mr. Perry, the engineer in charge of the survey, is at Selkirk, but will come up to Winnipeg to-day.

Mr. Starnes says that the party are still up at the head of Lake Winnipeg, and that about 200 miles of the route has been explored. The country is very favorable for railway purposes as there are no very heavy grades to be encountered. Messrs. Perry and Starnes will leave for Quebec in a few days, after the boat company with the officials of the road there. They do not expect to be able to go on in a single unit, after the boat company commencing running on Lake Winnipeg.

The will of the late Gustavus F. Swift, Chicago, shows an estate valued at \$12,200,000. The sum of \$250,000 is donated to charity.

attorney-general, and the council has adopted this recommendation. Any action that is to be taken should not be delayed as harm is daily resulting to the country from the widespread publicity which is being given to these charges.

Presumably the agitation regarding the lumber association has been caused by the advances in prices. Manufacturers, however, say that the advance in lumber prices has not been as great as the increase in the cost of production. It is well known that the cost of manufacturing lumber has been greatly increased by the advance in wages and in supplies used by lumbermen. The investigation should show the increase in cost of manufacturing, in proportion to the advance in lumber.

Ocean Grain Freights.

(Montreal Gazette).

During the past week there has been an improved demand for ocean grain freight, and a fair amount of business has been done to some ports, while others have been quite neglected. The route to some ports has been completely booked up for May, and some taken for June, but this does not apply to many. There has been a no important change in rates to note, but should of them would, no doubt, be shaded if firm offers were made. On

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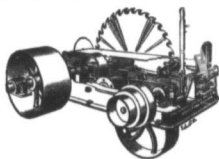
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DRY GOODS TRADE.

Linens Goods.

The demand for linen goods continues active. The very strong market already are to some extent responsible for the steady increase in the demand, it being realized by retailers who keep in close touch with price movements in the out-side markets that prices are likely to keep strong and probably show advances on some lines before long. The old country markets are very firm. A letter just received by a leading manufacturer from one of the largest manufacturers of towels in the three Kingdoms shows a further advance of 5 per cent. on the top of an advance of 1 and 2/3 per cent., which was made only a few weeks ago.—Toronto Globe.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

"Zibelines are being overdone," said a prominent New York dress goods agent. "Everyone is putting them out for fall, and before the season is very far advanced the old-fashioned trade will undoubtedly demand something different."

Ribbons are decidedly strong. Satin scarves are hard to obtain. Jobbers are pushing their deliveries and telegrams are stated to be constantly received from manufacturers' agents to the effect that orders cannot be filled at the present.

Large sales of dress linens are being made for the coming season, says the Toronto Globe. Many of these goods that attract a sale should prove good sellers for hot weather wear. They are already selling in wholesale lots better than last year. Dress linen novelties promising to hold a front place in popular favor this year. Linen silk velvets in self colors and stripes in all the leading colors are going out freely now, and since the first of the year one line has been repeated three times, and it is impossible to secure more except at an advance in price. These goods have met with a large demand in New York. A line known as linen Etamines in self colors and stripes are particularly good. Linens for blouses, as well as for all costumes, will be largely used. Knicker clothes in dress linens are very popular.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

The Sugar Situation.

The condition of the sugar situation at present is anything but satisfactory, says the Montreal Gazette of April 2, owing to the unsettled feeling that prevails in the primary markets, which is due to some extent to the accumulation of stock on account of the demand and the shutting down of factories in some states. These facts coupled with the easier feeling in the foreign market for raw beet and the pressure to sell on the part of Cuban holders has created a weaker feeling in the market for refined, and prices in New York yesterday were reduced 10c per 100 lbs. and in Montreal which was followed here to-day by refiners marking down prices 10c per 100 lbs. on all grades. The market for raw beet sugar shows a decline of 3 1/2 to \$3.00 per 100 lbs., as to quality at the factory. The foreign market for raw beet sugar shows a decline of 3/4 on the week, with the April 1/4 delivery quoted at 8 1/2, and May at 8 1/4. In New York the feeling continues easy, and the market is dull with large offerings for nearby delivery on the basis of 1 1/2c cost and freight. With reference to Cuban sugars now arriving to European markets our agents state that there is every indication for a considerable movement of them to the United Kingdom and the Continent, this season, and already two steamships have been chartered for Liverpool, but it seems freight accommodations cannot be obtained at reasonable rates for further large shipments will be made. There has also been enquiries from Havre, France, for some round lots of Cuban sugar, and it is believed that with the expiration of the European export bounties in beet sugar in September next, the market for Cuban sugar will be found in Liverpool. This course of affairs in the sugar trade is no great surprise as

Cuban sugar producers have been holding back their stock with the hope of getting a reduction of the duty in the United States, which after waiting for many months, has not materialized, and they have been forced to depress the price of sugar somewhat; but if they succeed in securing a foothold in the English market it will probably cause a dumping of the ground for the German surplus, and the production of beet sugar on the continent will likely be curtailed.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Eastern advices of a week ago noted a cut of 3/4 to 1c in the price of starch. This was due to competition. Cable advices from Holland report that at the auction nutmegs sold at 2c a pound over brokers' valuation, and 1 and 4/8 over brokers' valuation; market advanced rapidly; all previous offers withdrawn.

With reference to currants, cable advices from Greece have announced that the proposed measure providing for an unlimited retention of currants has passed the first reading in the chamber of deputies, but it met with strenuous opposition from shippers and exporters on the other side.

According to cable advices received from Barbados early in the week the market for molasses took a weak turn, and prices declined to 10c per gallon to 1 1/2c first cost, but since then it has firmed up again, and the prices have reacted to 1 1/2c first cost. Outside of this there is nothing new in the situation to note, as no business in new crop goods has been done on local account yet, as buyers are all holding off with the expectation of coming in at a lower figure later on. The spot market for old stock is firm, but no further sales of round lots have taken place.—Montreal Gazette.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Makers of agricultural wrenches have reduced their prices slightly.

Brass advanced 5 per cent at producing points last week as a result of the high price of copper. Jobbers are being asked to pay more for their supplies of cement owing to heavy demand at factories.

Manufacturers of spades and shovels are badly behind with their orders and will not be able to catch up for some time.

Ontario varnish makers have given up looking for cheaper turpentine for some time to come and have advanced their prices.

It is said that some producers of iron and steel in Canada are now looking business for 1904, their 1902 output having been all contracted for.

Copper is strong and shows a tendency towards higher prices. Pig tin is also firm, and lead and zinc show strength. Galvanized iron is 5c per ton higher in England.

Sectional shaft weights have advanced 20 per cent, while common weights only about 10 per cent. A change of about 10 per cent is noted in the price of brass cheese vat gates.

Grindstone fixtures have increased values, that about 5 per cent. are now quoted at the following prices: No. 15, \$3.50 per dozen; No. 17, \$4.10 per dozen; No. 19, \$4.40 per dozen.

In the paint trade it is noted that red lead is 25 to 50c higher east. White zinc is 25c per cwt. lower. Liquid shellac is 5c higher. Castor oil is 1/2 to 1c lower. Whiting is scarce and firm.

The selling prices of japanned thumb latches have advanced about 10 per cent at Montreal at present are selling at the following figures: No. 1, 50c per doz.; No. 2, 60c per doz.; No. 3, 65c per doz.; No. 4, 70c per doz.

Owing to the sharp advance in Europe in dry white lead, amounting in some instances from 60 to 75c per 100 lbs, there is a stronger feeling in the Canadian market. Makers of favorite brands have, in consequence of this avalanche of orders. The Montreal refiners have been advanced 25c. per 100 lbs.

With the opening of spring the work on bridges, buildings and railways will be pushed to greater activity, and for this, all railway and structural iron is in demand. Iron pipe is in great demand. Prices in all sheets exhibit a firmer tendency; bar iron has been offered at lower rates



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to secure business, but there is a fair demand, and a scarcity is reported in the smaller sizes.

It is announced at producing points in Tennessee that the price of iron \$1.00 on forge and mottled iron in the south. This change in prices is said to be the result of the large importations of iron being made from foreign countries.

At Ottawa on Monday, when the orders of the day were called, the leader of the opposition brought to the attention of the government a petition which was being forwarded the government from the Dawson board of trade, protesting against the Treadgold concession in the Yukon. The Dawson board of trade declares that the concession is most iniquitous and practically means the whole of the Klondike becoming the property of Mr. Treadgold.

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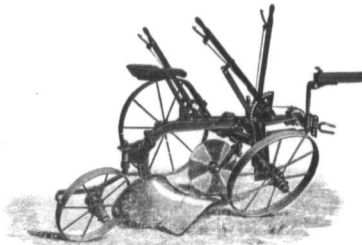
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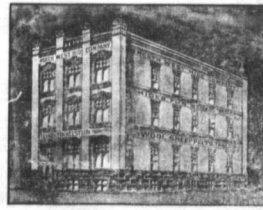
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Railway and Traffic Matters.

The Reading Railway Company has forbidden its employees to smoke cigarettes.

Construction work of the Canadian Northern extensions is expected to begin as soon as the state of the ground will permit, probably in a week or two. The line to Battledore will be completed this year.

Canadian railway companies are experiencing difficulty in obtaining deliveries of rolling stock ordered from firms in the United States, the reason being that the rush of orders and scarcity of labor have made prompt delivery impracticable.

The Canadian Pacific Company will build repair shops at Nelson for the repair of rolling stock on the different branch lines and on the Crow's Nest Pass line in Kootenay. Plans for the buildings have arrived in Nelson from headquarters and work on the new buildings will be commenced at once.

A big railway project is foreseen by an application made to the Ontario legislature for a charter for the Kewatin and Ontario Railway company to construct a line from the western boundary to Itat Portage and thence to the mouth of the Albany river at James Bay, with branches south to the C. P. R. and Lake Superior.

Quite a lot of grain has been booked from Fort William and Durbin for all water at 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c through to Montreal, and we understand that boats are offered none at 7 1/2c. By lake and rail engagements, are reported at 7 1/2c per bushel to Montreal. From Chicago to Kingston the rate is quoted at 4c per bushel, although we learn of some business at 3 3/4c; and from Kingston to Montreal 1 3/4c, making the through rate to Montreal 5 3/4c. From Chicago to Buffalo the rate on wheat is 2c, and on corn 1 1/4c.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Mr. Perry, the Trans-Canada railway engineer, who has been in charge of a party of surveyors north of Lake Winnipeg, returned to Selkirk on Monday, accompanied by his two assistants, Messrs. Egan and Heatley. Mr. Perry states that they explored over 200 miles and made the preliminary survey over seventy miles east of Norway House. The road practically has no grade or curves for the entire 200 miles, at least no result of this are to be found in the lines on the rolling prairie to the west. All the party are well and winter in the north is practically over. The members remaining behind are working east to Island Lake with the survey.

The gross and net receipts of the Soo line for February do not show much improvement over the rather unfavorable showing of January. The gross earnings show a substantial increase over those of the same month a year ago, and also over the same month in 1901, but this is offset by the increase in operating expenses. During February the gross was \$1,700,000 or 61.70 per cent. of the company's revenue as against 54.63 for the same month a year ago, and the net earnings show a decrease of \$5,402 compared with a year ago. For the first two months of February, however, the net earnings of the system have increased \$151,412 over the same period in 1901 and \$1,229,575 over the same period in 1901.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received up to noon, April 16th, for the erection of a brick residence on Carlton street, Winnipeg. H. S. Griffith, architect.

Tenders addressed to Wm. B. Muir, Underhill, Man., will be received up to April 16th, for the erection of a 50,000 bushel elevator at Underhill.

Sealed tenders addressed to E. Dowton, MacGregor, Man., will be received up to 10 o'clock on Thursday, April 16th inst., for all works in connection with the erection and completion of a Free Kindergarten building.

Architect Griffith is calling for tenders for the erection of a solid brick block, three stories high, 20 by 30 and 30x50, for Williamson Bros., on Notre Dame, Winnipeg. The block will be

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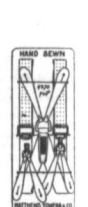
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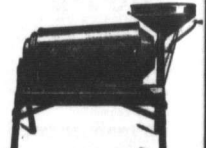
Tenders addressed to the chairman of the market, license and health committee, Winnipeg, for furnishing the drugs and other medical supplies which will be required by the health department of the city of Winnipeg for the year ending April 30, 1904, will be received by the city clerk.

Tenders for the printing, lithographing, bookbinding and advertising required by the city of Winnipeg during the year ending April 30, 1904, addressed to the chairman of the finance committee, will be received at the office of the city clerk up to 3.30 p. m. on Friday, April 17, 1903.

Nearly two hundred bookbinders are on strike at Montreal for a minimum of \$12 per week.

Men's Furnishings.
S. C. Matthews, of Matthews, Towers & Co., wholesale men's furnishings, Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg this week on his regular western trip, and he will cover his usual territory here. Mr. Matthews is accompanied by Alfred H. Wood, who will work part of this territory for Matthews, Towers & Co., including the branch lines in Manitoba. Mr. Wood is a new man for the west, this being his first trip here, but we are informed that he is well up in the men's furnishings trade. Both Mr. Matthews and Mr. Wood have full sets of samples for the fall and winter trade, and are also carrying samples for the spring trade. Mr. Matthews says they are meeting with great success with their new lines of underwear and hosiery, which are very fine. This house con-

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STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal ports of accumulation, as reported as follows:

Montreal	201,000
Toronto	33,000
Quebec	30,000
Kingston	30,000
Port William, Fort Arthur and Keweenaw	6,300,000
Winnipeg	12,300,000
Manitoba elevators	12,300,000

Total March 25	19,428,000
Total previous week	18,402,000
Total a year ago	18,402,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS

Total stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's March 25, were 21,100,000 bushels, as against 21,240,000 bushels the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada west of the Rocky Mountains, according to Bradstreet's report, March 25, were 2,200,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ending April 4, was 4,130,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,530,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 4,410,000 bushels; two years ago 5,380,000 bushels; three years ago 5,480,000 bushels; for the week ending five years ago 30,120,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 1,250,000 bushels, compared with 1,340,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 2,840,000 bushels, compared with 2,520,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe March 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

1905	149,000,000
1906	162,000,000
1907	160,000,000
1908	160,000,000
1909	174,000,000
1910	183,000,000
1911	183,000,000
1912	175,000,000
1913	175,000,000

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1912, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

This Crop. Last Crop.	
Minneapolis	7,191,130 6,290,226
St. Louis	7,429,941 8,411,200
Duluth	22,340,000 40,900,347
Chicago	38,491,417 38,831,300
Total	146,388,287 156,734,133

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, 1912, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

This Crop. Last Crop.	
Toronto	11,292,212 6,290,226
Winnipeg	28,812,620 18,107,000
Montreal	3,284,003 2,819,249
Kansas City	1,800,000 17,487,715
Total	47,388,835 42,677,392

Western Grain Stocks.

Stocks of grain at Fort William and Port Arthur on Saturday, April 4, were as follows:

Fort William.	
Wheat	Bushels.
1 Hard	1,115,728
2 Northern	695,212
3 Northern	594,102
2 Southern	1,187,731
Other grades	500,000
Total	3,692,580
Capacity	362,412
Port Arthur	1,575
Capacity	7,000,000

Port Arthur.	
Wheat	Bushels.
1 Hard	135,662
1 Northern	626,066
2 Northern	400,000
3 Hard	140,429
Other grades	317,878
Total	1,620,035
Capacity	40,429
Port Arthur	5,504
Capacity	1,800,000

These figures show a total quantity of wheat at the two points of 6,729,211 bushels. A year ago the total quantity was 6,646,612 bushels. Receipts at the two points were 32,382 bushels, and shipments 31,967 bushels.

Stocks of wheat in store at Port William, Port Arthur, Keweenaw, Winnipeg were inspected in country points are approximately 13,850,000 bushels, as against 13,640,000 bushels a year ago, 4,461,000 bushels two years ago, 10,300,000 bushels three years ago, and 5,000,000 bushels four years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

During the week ending April 7 there were inspected 547,000 cwt. cars of grain, comprising the following:

Wheat	Cars.
1 Hard	103
1 Northern	121
2 Northern	5
3 Northern	90
No. 4	50
Rejected 1	2
Rejected 2	2
No grade	1
Condemned	1
Total	556

Extra No. 1	0
No. 1	49
No. 2	25
No. 3	2
Feed	0
Rejected	0
Barley	0
No. 3 extra	1
No. 3	0
No. 4	0
Rejected	0
Flaxseed	0
No. 1	1
No. 2	1

Total all grains 547,000 cwt. The total number of cars of grain in receipt of the C. P. R. and C. N. R. during the same week a year ago there were inspected 547 cars of grain, of which were wheat.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Cables from Huda Peshy say prospects for a large crop in Hungary are good.

The Washburn-Crosby Co. of Minneapolis is said to be about finished grinding the Manitoba wheat which it bought last fall to grind in bond.

Mr. Wilson, the senior partner of the firm of Wilson & Wilson, millers, Indian Head, Assa., is in Winnipeg securing additional machinery for his mill.

There is a rumor that Minneapolis capital is being solicited for the establishment of terminal elevators of large capacity, to be erected at Port Arthur or Fort William.

Memorials which state advice from Paris continue generally favorable although there is some complaint from the north of France where the weather has been rainy and rather cold.

At St. Louis on Monday injunctions brought by the Chicago board of trade to establish the ownership of the quotations on the prices of grains and other commodities were denied by Judge Adams in the United States supreme court. Dealing in futures was condemned.

A Topeka, Kansas, dispatch says: The grain men of the great wheat country of Kansas and Oklahoma state that the condition of the soil and soil indicate the greatest wheat crop ever grown in the west. Estimates agree that Kansas will harvest 100,000,000 bushels; Oklahoma 40,000,000, and Nebraska 20,000,000 bushels.

Operators in Buffalo are making a determined effort to divert Manitoba and Northwestern wheat now stored at Georgian Bay ports in that direction, and to attract it from the Montreal-St. Lawrence route. Within the last two or three days more than 500,000 bushels were sold to them on the basis of 75 1/2 to 76 1/2 c. l.f. Buffalo for No. 1 hard. In fact, exporters here assert that the lake steamship companies and the railways from Georgian Bay ports to Montreal, as well as the ocean steamship companies here, will use the greater part of this trade ship from them if they do not watch it very closely—Northwestern Miller.

The Imperial Elevator Co., with a capital of 500,000, has been organized at Minneapolis for the purpose of constructing and operating a line of elevators in Western Canada. Incorporation is being obtained under the laws of Manitoba. Contracts for the erection of 20 elevators are now being let. W. J. Bettinson is the head of the new company. W. C. Leteakow, of Grafton, is another prominent member. Besides handling grain, the company will deal in lumber at a number of points. Ultimately the company hopes to own 15 elevators.

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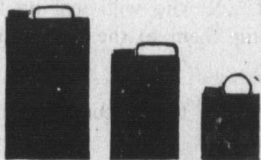
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C. P. R. ATLANTIC LINE.

Montreal, April 5.—Sir Thomas Bannaghan arrived home to-day from Glasgow route had been abandoned by the C. P. R. steamers because other lines were attending to its needs. It was not necessarily a permanent withdrawal. There had been no intention to dissolve the sixth Atlantic conference as the C. P. R. fleet was not part of that conference. It was feeling its way. The assembly business was new to the management, and the policy would be to proceed with caution. It would be fair to take radical steps that would affect revenues of other lines necessarily, but it would go ahead as fairly independent of any conference or combination. It was most likely, he said, that the C. P. R. vessels would call at other European ports besides those of Great Britain. This means that they had not abandoned continental business to the likes of combines. No orders had been placed for new steamers, but Sir Thomas would not say that there were none in view.

His Ideal Service.

The speed of future fast ships would be greatly influenced by the policy of the government as regards subsidies. It was probable that the C. P. R. would tender for the fast Atlantic service, but they would scarcely do so on the basis specified in the government's call. Sir Thomas had always thought a fast service should be less than twenty knots. That speed would be an ideal weekly service, he believed, and he favored Halifax in the winter and St. Lawrence port in the summer. But, he observed, those who control vessels should not be hampered too much in the matter of ports, assuming of course that all ports would be British.

The probability of the C. P. R. extending its eastern terminus to Halifax was suggested, but Sir Thomas did no such thing had ever been contemplated. As it was there were

as many miles of "railway down there as the country could support. There was a possibility that the C. P. R. would ask the Intercolonial to enlarge the traffic agreement between these two roads.

For Western Needs.

The president was asked to state what preparation the C. P. R. was making to meet the demands of the West during the coming season. He said that was a field for which preparation was always being made, but the possibility of a crop failure had to be kept in view. Nevertheless, out of the last issue of new capital stock \$11,000,000 would be expended in rolling stock by next June. He said that Montreal would likely be one of the ports of the Atlantic service, but added that additions to Place Viger yards had been decided upon before the company bought the Elder-Demeter steamers.

Nothing was learned as to the probability of the British government aiding in subsidizing the fast Atlantic service. Sir Thomas had made no inquiries along that line. He had met Premier Balfour and Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, but the question had not been discussed. He approved of the new transportation commission and thought Sir White, an Hon. member's services, if he took office, would be invaluable to the country.

The fourteen steamers secured had been purchased largely with Canadian capital.

Prosperity the Attraction.

When asked about Canadian immigration, Sir Thomas said the outlook was good and many immigrants were entering the country. The reasons for the increased immigration, he declared, were the prosperity of the Dominion for the last three or four years, and the large amount of available land for agricultural development, which could be obtained at a small cost. Many immigrants are crossing from the United States. In reply to a question as to whether the stringency of the immigration laws of the United States had anything to do with the increase in Canadian immigration, he said he did not think so.

LUMBERING IN NORTHERN MANITOBA.

Dauphin, March 31.—Few have any conception of the large proportion the lumber industry of the Riding and Disk Mountains has assumed in this northern country. The great bulk of the timber of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories is in this belt, it is a source of invaluable wealth to the country. The timber for the most part is a fine quality of spruce, which is manufactured into all varieties of lumber to the best advantage. The other varieties which are cut to a limited extent are tamarac, elm and poplar. For many purposes tamarac is a desirable product but the supply unfortunately is limited. The devastating fires of years gone by consumed millions of dollars' worth of tamarac; the best use to which the dead standing timber today can be put is to convert it into wood. This, fortunately, is proving a source of considerable revenue, as tamarac is the best wood offered on the market. Until the supply of spruce is greatly lessened there is not likely to be any heavy quantity of the lower grades of timber cut, although the time is not far distant when much of the standing poplar can be converted into lumber in woods.

The extent of the work in the woods this winter has far exceeded that of past years. There are about a dozen stationary mills being operated. Outside of this list must be included a number of portable concerns. At a conservative estimate it is quite safe to say there are

2,000 Men Employed

in the industry. Besides the men there are also several hundred horses utilized in drawing the logs to the mills or to the streams. A number of the mills are operated the greater portion of the year. In connection with the sawmills are planing mills which are run principally during the summer. When the lumber leaves the planing mill it is in the finished state and ready for shipment. The lumber finds a ready market in all parts of the province at good prices. Of course, it has almost been impossible to supply the demand.

As to the amount of money disbursed by the lumber industry it is a little hard to come to an approximate sum, but it is well within the mark to say that the amount is in excess of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars this year, a sum which gives some idea of the development of lumber trade within recent years. In connection with the lumber output is the cut of railroad ties. The number is estimated at between three and four hundred thousand. An asset of no inconsiderable value.

The following is a fairly accurate estimate of the cut of the principal mills:

Northern Lumber Co.....	8,000,000
Hambury Lumber Co.....	5,000,000
Peter McArthur.....	5,000,000
Red Deer Lumber Co.....	5,000,000
Swan River Lumber Co.....	4,000,000
T. A. Burrows.....	2,500,000
Higgs Bros. & Co.....	2,000,000
Slaw Bros.....	1,500,000
Hitchie Bros.....	1,000,000
Gardiner Bros.....	500,000

Total 35,000,000
To this total should be added another 1,500,000 feet which has been cut by portable mills operating at various points.

Inland Revenue Returns.

The monthly returns for March of the inland revenue at Winnipeg show an increase of nearly \$20,000 over last year. The items are as follows:

Spirits.....	\$3,279.15
Mail.....	3,282.80
Tobacco.....	35,150.00
Raw leaf tobacco.....	1,284.45
Bonded factory.....	177.00
Saloon.....	25.00
Methylated spirits.....	8.87
Total, March, 1902.....	\$52,416.27
Total, March, 1901.....	43,182.96
Increase.....	\$9,233.31

Sunday school teacher: "Why, Willie Wilson! Fighting again? Didn't last Sunday's lesson teach that when you are struck on one cheek you ought to turn the other to the striker?" Willie: "Yes'm; but he hit me on the nose, an' I've only got one."

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Strike Still On.

The press committee of the U. B. R. E. issued the following statement yesterday concerning the strike in the U. B. R. E. Our latest advices from the coast and intermediate points are of the very best, and the strike will be won by the U. B. R. E. The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council have placed the C. C. and the U. B. R. E. in Vancouver and Revelstoke on the unfair list, passing the following resolution at their last meeting...

The yards at Vancouver are blocked with freight from China, Japan and Australia, as the outgoing vessels cannot get their cargo loaded. The China boat, Tartar, sailed on the 31st ult., twenty-four hours late, without having taken on any coal and having only 100 tons of cargo. The Intentions are to sail at Union mines.

Determined efforts are being made to get the teamsters, longshoremen and steamshipmen returned to work, but they are all firm in the determination to stay with the U. B. R. E. till the union is reformed. The U. B. R. E. One dollar per hour, free board and lodgings, with free beer and cigars thrown in, could not tempt the Italians to scab, and the U. B. R. E. are taking care of these men. They were asked to stand the steamer Achilles from Glasgow, with a cargo of raisins for the C. P. R., but even that magnificent offer could not tempt them. They were also advised by the Italian consul-general at Montreal not to take the place of the strikers. This boat is being handled by Japanese labor, about twenty-five being at work, and it is estimated that it will take about that many weeks to unload. The Empress is being worked with full cargo, and part of her crew will be left, the boat, and more to follow. A settlement is expected any time, as the end is very near.

A Sewing Machine Case.

Singer Manufacturing Co. vs. Knight-Plaintiff's agent conveyed defendant to buy a sewing machine. Knight refused but did not want one. Subsequently he called and left a machine for Mrs. Knight to try. She was not in at the time, so he left it in the house for Mrs. Knight to see. If Mrs. Knight would buy it, he was told she would not, and he asked for the machine, but defendant would not give up unless the agent paid him \$15 for storage for the fifteen days it had been there. The machine refused to pay and took receipt proceedings to obtain possession of the machine. His honor entered judgment for the plaintiff for the recovery of the machine, but without costs; he thought defendant's claim for storage was not a reasonable one. Judgment for plaintiffs. Defendant conducted his own case.

Claim Mine Was Salted.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 7.—Sensational papers were filled in the county clerk's office this afternoon on an action brought by the Log Cabin Gold and Copper Company against Frederick C. Flisk, Bertha C. Flisk, and Charles Flisk. The suit is for \$26,100 from Flisk, some property in Williamsville, N. Y., and whatever shares he and his children own in the stocks held in the company. The stockholders of the company claim they have been fraudulently dealt with by Flisk in the purchase of seven hundred acres of land in Ontario, the land being repurchased on the same property. They now claim that the property is worthless, and that Flisk made false assays charging the existence of vein of gold in the property, and that he filed up American five dollar gold pieces for the purpose of selling the bits among the rocks to deceive the stockholders.

Flisk and one Emma C. Sinhorn formed the company, which was capitalized at \$5,000,000 shares, at the par value of \$1 each. The company purchased the land from Flisk and gave in return 100 shares of stock in the company and \$7,500. Later \$18,000 was given to him to improve and develop the works on the property. Flisk claimed that he converted a portion to his own use.

Getting Even With Farmers for Voting Prohibition.

New York, April 7.—Resolutions were passed today by District Number 1 of the central body of the National Liquor Dealers' association, boycotting the products of the wheat and estate farmers by the hotels, restaurants and saloons in the district bounded by Broadway, Fulton and East river, after May 1. The district contains about 20 saloons, all of which are in connection with restaurants.

A special resolution was passed asking the New York city brewers to refuse all hops raised by New York state farms.

U. S. Steel Corporation.

New York, April 7.—According to a statement given out today by the board of directors, the net earnings of the United States Steel corporation for the first quarter of the calendar year with March estimated, after deducting outlays for repairs, renewals, maintenance of plant, interest on bonds and fixed charges, were \$24,056,136. The net earnings show a decrease, and in a foot note the decrease, as compared with the same period last year, was attributed to the delay of railroad congestion which prevented early coal delivery.

Compared with the same period of last year the net earnings show a decrease of \$1,625,000, or 6.2 per cent. Unfilled orders on the books for manufactured products on April 7 were 3,410,725 tons.

Deeds With the Cigarette.

The Farmer's Advocate has the following strong article against cigarette smoking: Educationalists, medical men of repute, and all who have the moral and physical well-being of the rising generation at heart, unite in condemning the use of the cigarette. Juvenile criminals everywhere are found by prison authorities to be addicted to the habit, and large numbers of premature deaths arise therefrom. It invariably occasions physical weakness, and it irrevocably undermines the constitution. This can easily be understood. Not only are the victims constantly smoking, but inhaling the smoke into the lungs, the poisonous effects of the nicotine are directly imparted to the blood; as students or workers of any kind, the soon become absolutely useless. Time, money and vitality are alike sapped. Jails, asylums and reformatories are the result of the victims, owing to the destructive influence upon the mental and moral nature. The suggestion, if not a delusion, is also found in cigarette boxes, and has a demoralizing effect, and, no doubt, is in measure responsible for the grossly immoral tendencies that are creeping into the lives of young in cities, towns and villages, and from them will soon spread into the rural districts. Many of our people appear to be in blissful ignorance of the moral rottenness that is infecting the community, and one of the most potent influences in this direction is the cigarette. Acts like that in Ontario, against the sale of tobacco to minors, have been passed, but are typically inoperative. In Canada in 1900 there were consumed 116 million cigarettes, 15 millions in 1901, and 134

millions in 1902, so that the habit is increasing with frightful rapidity. Productive of evil and only evil, and with its products the habit of smoking, the manufacture, importation and sale should be absolutely prohibited by the Canadian government. It is a wise measure to that effect should be brought down at the approaching session of the parliament, with the unanimous support of both political parties.

Icelanders Coming.

An important movement Canada-wide is going on at the present time among the Icelandic residents of Minnesota. It originated two months ago, when Interpreter W. H. Paulson, of the immigration office, passed a year through Rosa and adjoining counties, where there is a very large Icelandic population. As the result of his efforts fifty families are coming to western Canada this spring. A location has been selected for them seventy miles west of Yorkton. The main body will arrive about the middle of the month. The newcomers have already ordered fifteen C. P. R. cars for the month of May. The location of the settlers, as a class, are wealthy, for the Icelanders constitute perhaps the most prosperous and successful of Minnesota's agricultural population. One family alone, Mr. Paulson states, will bring \$25,000 worth of goods, the cars of effects to the west. The fifty families, who will arrive in this and the next month, will be but the vanguard to what promises to be an important migration of Icelanders from Minnesota to the Canadian West. The movement will keep up all summer. The department is naturally gratified at the result of Mr. Paulson's work. It is seldom that two weeks' immigration effort has produced so immediate and permanent.

Interesting Facts.

The Nile river drains a basin of about 1,500,000 square miles, or half the area of the United States proper. The Nile, under British control, flows in Africa aggregates 2,700,000 square miles. This is three-fourths the area of the United States, including Alaska. The United States produced 185,000 tons of beef during the season of 1901-2 which was 140 per cent increase over the 77,000 ton product of the season of 1901-1.

At the Philadelphia Centennial exhibition there was 96 under cover roof at Fair Grounds, and 200 acres; at the St. Louis fair, 1904, there will be 250 acres under roof. The cost of Alaska was \$7,200,000. Revenue exceeding \$9,000,000 has been received from the territory since the purchase, and the value of the products exported every year now from Alaska is about \$15,000,000, these being gold, fish and furs.

The Louisiana Purchase cost \$15,000,000 in the time of President Jefferson. The Louisiana Purchase exposition, to celebrate this purchase, to be held at St. Louis, 1904, will cost about \$40,000,000. The ground on which the fair will be held is counted worth \$15,000,000.

There are about 1,000 ostriches in America, and two farms in Southern California. The main feather crop of these birds when manufactured and ready for market is worth

about \$100,000. Single ostriches have been sold as high as \$4,000 for a single pair. There are no ostriches now for sale in the United States.

Forty years ago there was no cotton seed, the decaying remains of which were a menace to the health of the nation. In 1800, when 63 per cent of the seed produced in the United States was sold, \$28,632,000 for seed sold in 1800, when 63 per cent of the products of that year was exported. The value of the facts shown by a recent bulletin.

What They Advocate.

Following is the platform of the National Irrigation Association of the United States:

That no other acre of the public lands shall ever be granted to any one other than an actual settler who has built his home on the land and lived on it for five years.

That the national government should build the irrigation works necessary to bring water within reach of settled public lands, and that the work to be repaid to the government by such settlers in annual installments without interest.

That the national government, as part of its policy of internal improvement, should build irrigation works necessary to save for beneficial use the flow waters that now run to waste the arid region and shall preserve the forest and reforest denuded areas as sources of water supply. That it shall be made the law of every state, both by constitutional amendment and by legislation, that courts, that beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure, and the limit of all rights to water, that the right to the use of water for irrigation shall be appurtenant to the land to be irrigated, so that the ownership of the land and the water shall be united.

That each of the states shall cease to hold public lands for the settlement of the lands of the state, and that state lands shall be sold only to actual settlers, and that all leases of state lands shall be subject to homesteaded settlement thereunder.

That farm training schools shall be established by county, municipal, state and national government, to employ every boy or man who wants to learn, and that the schools shall teach soil and get him living straight from the ground, and where boys would be taught that their first aim in life should be to get a home of their own on the land.

That rural homemaking shall be encouraged by the exemption from taxation of all improvements upon every rural homestead of not more than five acres which the owner occupies for livelihood, and also of all personal property used in connection therewith and not exceeding in value \$5,000.

That land shall be subdivided into small holdings in the hands of those who will till it for a livelihood, and that labor may find occupation in the production of food for the people, and be perpetual safeguards against the political evils and social discontent resulting from the growing poverty and the sufferings of unemployed wage earners.

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Letters patent have been issued incorporating E. Campbell, A. E. Howey, E. W. Hill, G. H. Gray, J. H. A. Cleveland under the corporate name of "The Prairie City Loan Co., with a capital stock of \$150,000."

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the "Ontario, Manitoba and Western Land Co., Ltd.," with a total capital stock of \$150,000.

Messrs. W. J. Clearing, W. T. Pearce, W. R. Watson, R. G. Watson, T. Wilson and W. W. Richardson have been granted letters patent incorporating them as "The Eschbach Realty Co.," with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating "The Hartney Farmers' Elevator Co., Ltd.," with a capital stock of \$20,000.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Mrs. J. M. McCreary, W. Kelly, W. J. Ross and J. G. Aver, of Winnipeg, and W. H. Butcher, of Port Arthur, and J. H. M. Ross & Co., Ltd., with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating R. Muir, C. C. Castle, Chief McGee, J. Edwards, and D. Horn, of Winnipeg, and "The Modern Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co., Ltd.," with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating "Hamelton Iron Co., of Melita, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The Cotton Strike.

Lowell, Mass., April 4.—Six days have passed since the inauguration of the general suspension of Lowell's cotton mills and the results of the operatives, but no dissipation or turbulence has manifested. Apparently a struggle of months is in prospect. There has been a heavy exodus of laborers, especially to Canada. Some have obtained work at other mill points.

No Change at Lowell.

Lowell, Mass., April 4.—The record week of idleness for over 14,000 textile operatives in 1 of the mills here will begin to-morrow with no change in the situation is expected. Some cloth-rooms are still being operated. The amount of unfinished goods on hand is not large and will furnish employment for only a few days. Officials at Trenton and Ark say the factories will shut down altogether during the coming week.

To Extend to Lakes.

Montreal, April 2.—Before the chamber de commerce Mr. Geoffroy, vice-president of the harbor board, said that while not authorized he was certain it was useless to extend the contract of the South Shore railway; that it was the intention of the government to extend the Montreal railway from St. Roseville, where it now connects with the Grand Trunk, to Lunenburg, and enter into a contract over a new bridge which is to span the St. Lawrence. The idea was to ultimately extend the L. C. westward to Great Lakes.

Strike at Rossland.

Rossland, B. C., April 4.—The recent strike in the Le mine continues to be the engrossing topic in connection with the local mining industry. Each day sees more work done on the 500-foot level of the mine, where the drift encountered the ore body and the magnitude of the discovery grows, although it is certain to be some weeks before the management makes an authoritative statement as to the extent to which the strike was first made when the strike was first made it was supposed to be the downward strike of the Main level, one of the well known ore bodies in the mine, but that since then indications all point to the probability that the new ore body is the continuation of the main stop. This would enhance its magnitude, in-

asmuch as the main stop has been the most prolific producer of high grade ore in the district.

The machinery for the Le Roi No. 2 concentrator has been shipped from England and is expected here before the end of the month. Meantime the excavations on the mill site will be proceeded.

At the district miners more activity has been manifested. Trail has one large copper furnace in operation with a crew of about 150 men, and another large furnace running. Both companies figure to increase on a much larger scale as soon as the coal shipments are forthcoming from Fernie.

Vancouver Strike Decision.

Vancouver, April 4.—An important decision was given in the county court this morning by Judge Henderson in the case arising out of the U. B. H. E. strike. Brown, a clerk in the local freight office sued the C. P. R. for wages, but the country's tributory to him as he was a monthly servant and had left the company's employ without notice and failed to give proper notice, keeping back his salary. He accordingly dismissed the case with costs against the plaintiff. In the same test case, as all the other strikers are in a similar predicament.

Further Coal Mine Troubles.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 4.—A disagreement between the mine operator and mine owners today regarding the strike commission's ruling on the number of hours to constitute a day's work, resulted in the closing of numerous collieries throughout the anthracite region. The greatest dissatisfaction was expressed in the lower region and in Pottsville, Shamokin and Moravia. In most of the towns, a majority of the mines were held a portion of the day. At some of the collieries the men refused to work ten hours when requested to do so by the superintendents. The operators asserted they will pay the men only for the actual time worked, and the miners claim that it is violated the contract.

Meetings of the local unions were held and in a majority of cases the miners decided to meet on Monday and submit the question to joint conciliation committees of operators and strikers as suggested by the commission. Officials of the union as such are not permitted to interfere in the controversy.

The Graded Country School.

The movement to do away with the one-teacher school is gaining momentum. The great Canadian school system, the much-vaunted, the overpraised, is to be torn down and a new structure erected. The old log schoolhouse and the little red schoolhouse are to be forgotten together. The new country school house is to be large to contain three or four rooms, and to serve a half-dozen or more pupils. It is to be a graded school, similar to that of the city, town or city. It will have a furnace, comfortable, pictures on the walls, furniture, and a telephone. Eventually it will be lighted with electricity furnished from the power plant nearest the operating station. In a few short years it will not be possible for the city youngster to show "babeek" at the country boys, for the latter will have equal advantages with the former. The new improvements will come with an increase in the teacher's salary, and an improvement in his or her facilities. The Hon. Mr. Tarte said that the average salary of 4,000 female teachers in the province is but \$111 a year, while in two counties, only 104 teachers only have double that amount. The average salaries are as low as \$68 a year, and in Montreal are as low as well paid, white nurses are more highly rewarded than the colored nurses who are served of all the provinces, owing to her system of religious school, but even there they are to have improvements. Better-trained, better-paid teachers, is the keynote of the educational movement in the province. None of the provinces pay their teachers too well, none of them treat them as they should.

This improvement in the country school system will mean more male

teachers. The principal of the township school will be a man with a man's physique. The male teacher will be allowed to develop in her proper position—at the head of the kindergartens and junior classes. And to whom is this reform to be credited? To the ministers of education whom the citizens of each province have elected to parliament, no, indeed. The idea came from the United States, and has been disseminated through the efforts of Professor Robertson, of Ottawa, and the charitableness of Sir William Macdonald of Montreal, who has had to become our manual-training schools, now found in almost every city—April Canadian.

The Gold of Ophir.

"At last the Ophir of Solomon has been found," remarks the Engineering and Mining Journal. "Every ancient civilization of the countries tributary to the Indian ocean or the Red Sea has at different times been put forward as a claimant of the mysterious wealth of old trenches in Mysore, which were the incentive to the prospecting that made the Koh-i-Noor and the Koh-i-Sultan among the ruined cities of Zimbabwe, in Mashonaland, so graphically described by the late Sir H. H. Howland; the prehistoric remains encountered in the Arabian desert, believed to be the site of the Red Sea, by Mr. Charles J. Alford, have each in turn been advanced as the source of wealth of the great Hebrew king. To these precise localities there have been claims of the most varied suggestions of other countries and places, from the highlands of Abyssinia to the mountains of the Moslems, and the multiplicity of applicants for the honor postponed decision to a later day.

It is claimed, according to Dr. Carl Peters, has come. In the Zambesi region there is a mountain named Fura, and the Koh-i-Noor is the gem adopted from Arabian traders. The latter said it was a corruption of the Hebrew word for Morocco, the great Africa, which the Romans took over from the Carthaginians, is a modification of the word for the great Ophir, through Afr, Afr, Africa, was Africa evolved. A pretty bit of philological evidence of the extensive nature, as similar deductions have often been found. However, Dr. Peters is not without the danger in relying upon a philological basis, as he went into the matter as far as the Zambesi. Between that great river and the Sabi, in the modern Ethiopea, there are many thousands of mines, 240 of which afforded the beginnings of undertakings now in course of active exploitation. The extensive series of old workings reaches from north of the Zambesi to the Murchison range in the Transvaal. Messrs. Hall and Neal, who have also written a book about it, estimate that the area covered is 750,000 square miles. Within this area there are ruins of entire cities, fortresses and temples, bearing identical evidence of the ancient worship of Baal-Ashera and the civilization which characterized the Himmayim and the southern Arabian.

"The discussion of this fascinating problem presents three features of particular interest. First, the fact that the old legends repute the gold of Ophir to Arabia, where gold in quantity has not been discovered. The idea of rich resources having grown from the fact that the gold of the ancient world was obtained by the hands of the Arabians, who were the great traders of the ancient world, and of a much later historic period also. The 'gold of Arabia,' therefore, obviously included the category of the Greek legends. Secondly, the Arabian legends as we know him and find him, never could have been the source of the compulsion of a higher wage. Moreover, if we accept literally the biblical account, the Arabian gold has not been so abundant as the legends have been colossal. In First Chronicles, xxxiv. 4, we read that King David sent 10,000 men to the Ophir, and that three thousand talents would be worth over \$80,000,000 of our money. These words imply that the gold was dug from which such a tribute could be paid to the Hebrew monarch. No such source of wealth has been discovered in Nubia will explain the wealth of the Semitic kings nor that of the Pharaohs. The gold of the Pharaohs and stores of gold from an unknown El Dorado.

"It appears likely that Solomon's treasure vaults have been uncovered. It still remains to be determined in the future how the ore was treated and shipped from the interior to the Red Sea, and the methods of the Arab traders serve as a connecting link between the transport systems of widely separated periods.

Ontario's Mineral Production in 1902.

The important position which Ontario is attaining as a mineral producing province is shown by the returns for 1902, made public recently. The figures are considerably above those of any previous year, both in volume and value. The total value of the production was \$15,577,440, an increase of \$1,746,554, or 10 per cent. Metallic products contributed \$8,282,529 and non-metallic \$7,292,181, an increase in both cases. The chief increases were \$1,262,751 in steel, \$1,001 in nickel, \$544,017 in iron, \$228,124 in cement, \$170,000 in zinc, \$132,000 in petroleum products, \$84,000 in copper, \$67,000 in lime, and \$61,820 in mica. The total metallic increases were \$1,524,945 in natural gas, \$1,000 in common salt, \$577,000 in carbide of iron, \$23,374 in iron ore. The production of iron ore amounted to 374,528 tons, an increase of 359,288 tons, the bulk being from the Helen mine at Michipicoten. The slight increase in the production of iron is ascribed to the scarcity of coke.

On the other hand there was a decided increase in the production of steel, which rose from \$347,280 to \$1,610,631, due largely to the opening of 1902 with one starting since the first of the year, and three or four others under construction. Natural rock cement is also being produced at four establishments. The total output of cement has grown from \$670,880 to \$967,010.

The following table shows the comparative value of the production of minerals in 1901 and 1902:

Product.	1901.	1902.
Metallic—	Value.	Value.
Copper	\$ 689,000	\$ 696,000
Iron	41,675	478,000
Iron ore	174,228	519,000
Steel	347,280	1,610,631
Nickel	1,001	2,001
Common Portland	1,701,700	1,860,000
Steel	84,000	1,000,000
Silver	34,200	100,000
Zinc	170,000	340,000
Total	\$ 6,016,734	\$ 7,839,229

Less value domestic iron smelted in pig iron and domestic pig iron converted into malleable pig.

Net value metallic output	\$ 4,616,734	\$ 6,282,529
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Non-metallic	Value.	Value.
Actinolite	\$ 3,126	\$ 419
Asbestos	41,675	1,000
Building stone, etc.	850,000	1,870,000
Carborundum	1,000	1,000
Cement natural rock	107,225	267,000
Common Portland	662,500	840,000
Cement natural gas	1,000	1,111
Brick, common	1,500,000	1,400,000
Brick, pressed and glazed	1,000,000	1,111
Brick, pressed and glazed	104,204	141,213
Pebbles	6,375	12,525
Graphite	20,000	17,500
Pyrites	17,500	17,500
Iron pyrites	17,500	17,500
Iron pyrites	17,500	17,500
Mica	29,700	108,000
Oil shale	100,000	100,000
Pottery	18,000	17,500
Petroleum	1,497,900	1,900,000
Gas	1,000,000	1,000,000
Sewer pipe	16,948	19,000
Trunk pipe	16,948	19,000
Tile, drain	231,734	231,734
Total non-metallic	\$ 8,282,529	\$ 7,839,229
Add value metallic output	4,616,734	6,282,529
Total production	\$ 13,422,263	\$ 14,121,758

Ore Shipments.

Grand Forks, B. C., April 5.—Owing to the strike at the Grand Forks in the closing down of all the Boundary district smelters with the exception of the Grand Forks, the amount of ore in the past week were the smallest for any similar period. The total amount of 432 tons of ore were shipped by the Grand Forks smelter. The ore shipments of the Boundary mines for the year to date aggregate a total of 125,000 tons. It is believed that the strike is settled, were resumed yesterday and ore will be transported to Granby smelter.



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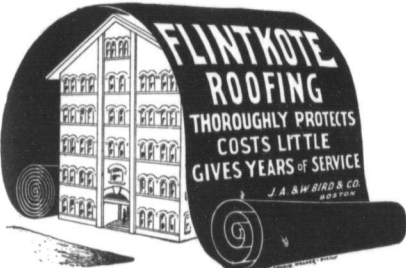
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problem, which is well worth a close study. "Colonial Naval Reserves," by P. T. McGrath, is most timely, in view of Canada's decision to establish such a force. In addition, there is a long poem by W. Wilfred Campbell, and several stories, besides the serials and departments.

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Live Stock Trade Notes.

W. Palsey, secretary of the British Columbia Live Stock Dealers' association, has been in the east lately purchasing stock for British Columbia. He hopes to take back about five or six, they will include some draught horses, but will be mostly cattle and sheep for breeding. *Montreal Gazette:* In export live stock a fair amount of business seems to be done for shipment from the port at the opening of navigation. The demand for ocean freight is still good, and especially so in American exporters, as further trading has been done by them. The latest reported is that all the salmon spaces from Quebec has been engaged at 50¢ per head, and it is also noted that negotiations are now in progress with reference to the Montreal space from the port of Montreal for the month of May, and we are given to understand that it will be more likely be closed in the near future at 50¢ per head. The annual meeting of the Medicine Hat Stock Growers' Association was



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held last week. W. T. Finlay, president, was in the chair, and there was a large turnout of members. During the year this association got the schedule of compensation for animals killed by C. P. R. trains amended by inserting horses therein. The schedule for horses is: Unbroken or range horses, \$50. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. T. Finlay; first vice-president, J. H. Spencer; second vice-president, R. C. Becker; secretary-treasurer, J. H. G. Kirby; executive, J. Hargrave, T. Tweed, R. Porter, A. McJoy, P. Draudson, Chris. Kraft, J. Ellis, Jas. Mitchell, W. A. Taylor, B. Whitney, Geo. Jenkins, F. G. Forster, J. Read, W. Lockier, R. E. Margeson, A. B. Curtis, F. Kennedy, A. Coupe, A. J. Day, J. D. McGregor, Dr. Hargrave.

A report from Lethbridge on April 3, said. The weather has been less favorable to range stock in Southern Alberta than the first part of the winter. The Milk River Ridge, which carries a lot of cattle, has a couple of feet of snow, and it is still deeper near the Mountain View district. The severe weather has lasted for so long that feed is running out. The Knight, McIntyre and Cochrane people are working hard with their stock, and it is generally thought that stockmen near the boundary will suffer some losses. West of Macleod, around the Pincher Creek country, and the Porcupine Hills, the conditions are about the same. The largest outfits in the district are the Woodland & Ironside properties. The Circle Company, whose cattle are in the Bow River district are in pretty good shape, though the usual quantity of winter feed on the range is not available owing to the rain and the fall. There is need of action on the part of the authorities in co-operation with stockmen to check the ravages of prairie fires in the fall. The large number of dogs and southern cattle that have been brought into the country necessitates greater care to prevent losses. The severe weather coming in will affect unfavorably the increase. Weak cows will not pull through so easily. They will drop their calves earlier and they will be weaker. Weather of the sort the severity is said to be affecting the range and the prairie. There is a strip extending some distance each side of the C. P. R. from Macleod to Medicine Hat that has had no severe weather. The Lethbridge district is almost free of snow.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The Keewatin Lumber Co. is enlarging its planing mill plant at Portage la Poudre. A Glensmith correspondent says: The snow is about gone now in the north. The logging is nearly over, though the sawmills are still busy; teams with loads of lumber are seen on the roads going south.

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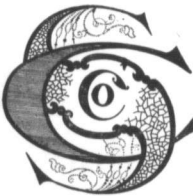
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A wire from Vancouver on Monday said: The unexpected and improbable has happened in the timber world of British Columbia. The loggers and mill men have held a meeting, which closed in harmony after a joint petition had been drawn up praying the government at Victoria to make certain amendments to the timber laws. They suggest that 25 cents per acre be charged in special license plans and 50 cents for renewals, licenses to be transferable. They also ask that work must commence within three months, that licenses may be transferred to leases, that leases be issued at 15 cents an acre, that survey of lands be not required, and that piles, poles and props be exportable.

Implement Trade Notes.

The state of Missouri has decided to have a prison twine factory. The initial cost is expected to be \$175,000. The Minnesota state prison has already sold 4,000,000 pounds of binder twine this season. The total output is expected to be 7,000,000 pounds. Employees of the Frost & Wool Company, Smith's Falls, to the number of five hundred, including painters, carpenters, metal workers and laborers, have gone on strike, because their employers refused to grant an increase in wages.

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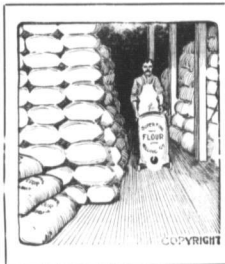
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