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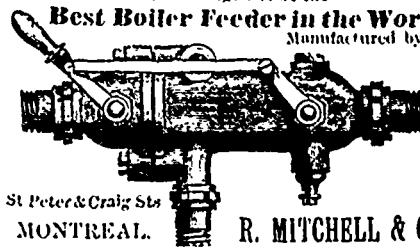
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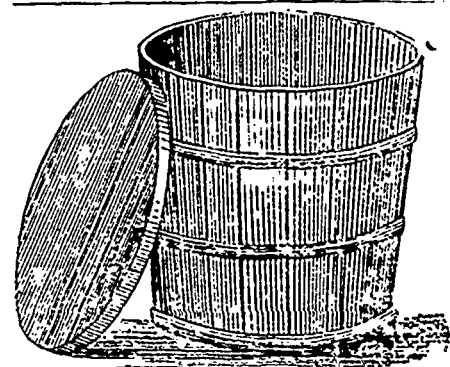
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WINNIPEG, JUNE 1, 1886.

BOYLE & GROFF have opened an hotel at Battleford.

A. MESSNER has opened a general store at Long River.

THE Eau Claire Lumber Co. will erect a saw mill at Calgary.

CHAS. HOEHN, hotelkeeper, Port Arthur, is giving up business.

W. J. BARKER, of Prince Albert, has opened a store at Battleford.

I. L. LONO, of Stonewall, will start a cheese factory at Meadow Lee.

MESSRS. O'Keefe, surveyors and engineers, will open an office in Birtle.

T. J. AGNEW of Prince Albert, will open a hardware store at Battleford.

CREFAR & MYERS, barristers, of Minnedosa, will open a law office at Neepawa.

DREDGING operations at the mouth of the Red River will be resumed at once.

L. A. CRSAK & Co., flour and feed, Selkirk, have sold out to Malcolm McFadyen.

E. DODD has opened a blacksmith shop at Long River, C.P.R. Southwestern branch.

RICHARDSON & TEPFER, general storekeepers, Birtle, contemplate dissolving partnership.

WORK has been commenced on the erection of a building at Minnedosa, which will be used as a brewery.

MACHINERY for a planing mill has been taken to Battleford. It will be placed in J. S. Oliver's establishment.

J. M. ROBINSON, of the Portage la Prairie *Tribune-Review*, will start a new Conservative paper at Brandon.

A. B. MACKAY, has purchased a building in Battleford, which he will fit up and open out with a stock of drags.

E. PENNER & Co., general storekeepers, Gretna, will open a branch at Pilot Mound, with J. Hiebert as manager.

D. SMITH has opened a bakery at Battleford, and in consequence of this the price of bread has been reduced to 10c per loaf.

THE prospectus of the *Manitoba Sporting Times*, a new journal to be published by Bunnell & Co., of Winnipeg, has been issued.

F. KOESTER has bought out Squair's interest in the Virden roller mill, and the firm will hereafter go under the style of Koester, Craig & Co.

TWENTY Icelanders went west last week to establish an Icelandic colony near Shellmouth. They had with them a couple of carloads of stock.

THE Portage Milling Co. have been awarded the contract to supply the File Hills, Qu'Appelle, Blood, Piegan and Sarcee Indians with flour for the year.

IT is expected that the roller mill to be erected at Moosomin, will be in operation by the 1st of October next. The mill will have a capacity of 100 barrels.

A REPORT from Montana says that stockmen there are sending large herds of cattle across the border to graze on ranges leased from the Canadian government.

THE largest load of grain ever taken from the C.P.R. elevator at Fort William was that of the three-master Glenora. Her cargo consisted of 40,200 bushels of Manitoba No. 1 hard, consigned to Ogilvie Milling Co., of Montreal.

THE Minnesota state railway commissioners have decided that the Manitoba road must reduce passenger fares to three cents per mile; also their freight rates on produce going out of the country and on products of the forest going up into the state 25 per cent.

A FIRE broke out in McGovern's fruit store, situated in a block of frame buildings on Main Street, Winnipeg, on Sunday morning last. The flames spread with such rapidity that the building and its contents were soon entirely consumed, and the building adjoining on the north, occupied by M. C. Clarke, grocer, together with its contents shared the same fate. Beyond this the Cleveland House was rendered a total wreck and the further progress of the fire in that direction was stayed. To the south the building occupied by Misses Carroll & Ingo, milliners, was destroyed, together with the stock, and the Windsor House on the corner of Market Street, was left a wreck. In the rear of the fire, on Market Street, a small building occupied by J. F. Searle, books and stationery, was consumed, and the Norfolk House received a severe scorching. The losses are as follows: J. McGovern, fruits, loss \$690; insurance \$400. M. C. Clarke, grocer; insured for \$3,500, which will about cover the loss. Maltby & McIntosh, lessees of the Cleveland House would lose about \$800 on furnishings; no insurance. Mrs. Smith, who conducted the boarding department, lost \$100; no insurance. Misses Carroll & Ingo, milliners, value their stock at \$2,500, with \$800 insurance. Mrs. Rymer, dressmaker, in the same building, would lose about \$250, without insurance. J. Johnston, lessee of the Windsor House, had no insurance and would lose about \$2,000 on furnishings. J. F. Searle, bookstore, loss \$150. Norfolk House, damaged to the extent of \$1,000, and covered by insurance. The Cleveland House was owned by J. R. Cameron and valued at \$5,000; insured for \$4,000. Geo. Folds owned all the other buildings burned with the exception of the one occupied by M. C. Clarke. His loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Business East.

ONTARIO.

A. J. Winbourne, publisher, Toronto, is dead.
 M. L. Ryan, hotelkeeper, Forest, has sold out.
 D. L. Goodwin, grocer, Courtright, has sold out.
 Thomas Rose, hotelkeeper, Forest, has sold out.
 Geo. Hollinger, tanner, Hanover, was burned out.
 J. J. Sully, hotelkeeper, St. Marys, is selling out.
 Stephen Wismer, hotelkeeper, Aylmer, is away.
 W. Keith, dealer in fax, St. Thomas, is burned out.
 Gurd & Co., grocers, Toronto, offering to compromise.
 A. Boothroyd, agent, Guelph, has assigned in trust.
 Curry & Golden, grocers, Brampton, assigned in trust.
 R. Dickson, general store, Carp, has assigned in trust.
 John Downie, jr., coal dealer, Chatham, has sold out.
 J. C. Ferguson, grocer, St. Catharines, has assigned.
 Alfred McLeod, grocer, St. Thomas, was burned out.
 Andrew Johnstone, grocer, St. Catharines, has assigned.
 B. Williams, woolen mills, Glen Williams, is burned out.
 J. F. Vanhorn & Co., soap dealers, Picton, have sold out.
 McNalty & Robb, liquor dealers, St. Thomas, have sold out.
 J. A. Wood, grocer, Guelph, has sold out to Chas. Watson.
 P. J. Boylan, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out to Scot'.
 Mrs. E. Laidley, dry goods, Toronto, has assigned in trust.
 R. N. Wheeler, grocer and butcher, Hamilton, has sold out.
 Thos. Watts, hotelkeeper, Guelph, has sold out to F. Spiegge.
 B. Bowman, cigar manufacturer, Toronto, has sold out and away.
 T. B. Escott, grocer, Chatham, has sold out King Street branch.
 A. Simpson, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out to Joshua Conn.
 James Fowler, shoemaker, Eastwood, has moved to Woodstock.
 John Carter, general store, Sunbridge, called meeting of creditors.
 C. McD. Williams, general store, McIntyre, has moved to Maxwell.
 Wm. Berry & Son, coal and ice merchants, Chatham, have sold out.
 Geo. Timms, saw mill, Rutherford, was burned out—no insurance.
 Geo. W. Wilcox, dealer in liquors, St. Thomas, is out of business.
 John Stinson, general store, Maxwell, has sold out to McD. Williams.
 John Campbell, furniture dealer, Teeswater, has sold out to R. Hodgson.

James May, dealer in harness, Thamesville, has removed to Ridgetown.
 J. W. Mitchell, dealer in gents furnishings, St. Thomas, was burned out.
 Wm. Kough, hardware, Owen Sound, advertises stock for sale by auction.
 Loughrey & Tackaberry, saddlers, London, style now Tackaberry & Wigmore.
 E. Towns & Son, general store, Drayton, stock advertised for sale by auction.
 Mrs. E. D. Beckett, fancy goods, Newmarket, has sold out to Henderson & Hughes.
 Chas. Rogers & Co., dealers in furniture, Toronto, have merged into Joint Stock Co.
 Ashley & Bone, furniture dealers, Oshawa, have dissolved; Geo. Ashley continues.
 Skinner & Co., manufacturers of hames, Gananoque; Amasa Skinner of this firm dead.
 Moulton & Larten, dealers in harness, Owen Sound, have dissolved; R. Larten continues.
 James McGolrick, hotelkeeper, Chatham, is forming partnership with E. J. Roche in wholesale liquor; style McGolrick & Roche.
 Houston, Foster & Co., wholesale woolens, Toronto, have dissolved; Thos. Houston continues under style of Thos. Houston & Co.
 Brimer & Nicoll, wholesale woolens, Toronto, have dissolved; Brimer re-enters; new firm formed under style Nicoll, Sutherland & Jeffries.

QUEBEC.

Lizotte & Defoy, agents, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Farniss, Lavolette & Co., wholesale liquors, Montreal, have dissolved.
 L. I. St. Cyr, general store, Nicolet; demand of assignment made on him.
 D. R. Northey & Co., wholesale leather dealers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Wm. Harvey & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved; Wm. Harvey continues under same style.
 DeZouche & Atwater, pianos, etc., Montreal, have dissolved; Wm. Atwater continues under same style.
 Benning & Barsalon, auctioneers, Montreal, have dissolved; business continued by Arthur Barsalon under same style.
 G. De Fonteny & Co., dyers, Montreal, have dissolved; Robt. Darling and Thos. Highmore continues under same style.
 Wm. King & Co., furniture dealers, Montreal, have dissolved; Wm. King, Alphonse Renaud and Robt. King continue under same style.
 Beauchemin & Valois, stationery, etc., Montreal, have dissolved; Chas. O. & L. J. O. Beauchemin continue under style C. O. Beauchemin & Son.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The following were burned out at Annapolis: W. H. Banks, printer; G. S. Bishop, confectioner; Mrs. A. A. Bohner, confectioner; A. B. Bunningham, drags, etc., and H. West & Co., hardware.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Henry Wyse, baker, etc., Chatham, is dead.
 J. M. Eaton, butcher, Moncton, has assigned.
 Josiah Barrett, general store, Hartland, has assigned.
 Johnson & Dobson, harness dealers, Sackville, has dissolved.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Philip Hutchings, general store, St. Johns, is dead.
 Walter Grieve & Co., general merchants, St. Johns, have dissolved.
 P. & L. Tessier, general store, St. Johns; Peter G. Tessier of this firm is dead.

Commercial Bank.

The first annual meeting of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba was held on Wednesday last, the President, Mr. Duncan McArthur presiding. The directors' report showed that the bank commenced business on May 1st, 1885, with a capital of \$100,000. Since that time, the paid up capital has increased to over \$200,000. This amount could have been greatly increased by outside capital, but the board decided to hold the stock for subscription here and maintain the character of the bank as a purely local institution. It is thought that the balance of the subscribed capital or the greater portion of it will be taken up within the province during the current year. In the twelve months that have elapsed since the bank commenced business, a profit of \$55,989.00 has been made, from which sum, deducting preliminary expenses, etc., a net profit of 19½ per cent. has been made on the average paid up capital for the year. Out of this profit two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum have been paid, leaving nearly \$17,000 to carry over to the good. The sum of \$10,000 will be placed to the credit of contingent account, to form the nucleus of a rest. The report further showed: Notes in circulation, \$163,740; deposits, 394,714; loans and discounts, \$658,349. The success which has attended the first year's operations of the bank has fully justified the action of the promoters in establishing the institution, and the result is much better than could have been expected. President MacArthur's address was an interesting document in itself, and dealt with the commercial situation in a clear and forcible manner. From it we take the following except:—The prospects of doing a safe and profitable banking business in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories are good. The field is large and the influx of population, whether Manitoba gets its share in the near future or not will undoubtedly continue, and the development of the country will be constantly on the increase as well as the financial requirements of the people, which, in addition to the ordinary wants of the mercantile community will give rise to a large amount of good business, and moreover the vast interior, comprising the Northwest Territories, affords an excellent field for the circulation of our notes.

The Calgary Herald of May 22 says: Ranchers now coming to town since the favorable change in the weather wear a smile on their weather-beaten countenances. Grass, which has been exceedingly backward this spring, is making rapid progress, and stock which were thinner than usual are mending daily. The late storms have been exceptionally severe and unseasonable, more severe and later than any for ten years back. Calves and lambs have suffered especially, but now all is happily over.

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A HOPEFUL CROWD.

Most sensible and respectable people in Manitoba have for the past two years at least felt thoroughly ashamed of the collection of brawlers yecept the Local Legislature. Few people outside of their own immediate friends and hangers on would be astonished at any display of dishonesty, caddishness or rowdyism they might make, and the unseemly brawl on the floor of the House on Wednesday night after the adjournment only brings to the surface the latent characteristics of the hopeful crowd. The quiet, peaceable tax payers of the province must feel amused as well as outraged, as in their mind's eye they beheld the ponderous figure of Premier Norquay dancing around and sawing the air with his bear-like paws with all the wild excitement of a pugilistic pupil in his first mill, or they may admire the bravery and self-sacrifice of the "membah" for Birtle as he hugged and held the member from Portage from attacking his ponderous political chief. The whole affair was a screaming farce, had it taken place in Ned McKeown's sparring hall, instead of the Legislative Hall of the Province of Manitoba. And here, by the way, we beg Ned's pardon for associating him with such a disreputable scuffle.

A year or so ago THE COMMERCIAL endeavored to size up the financial standing of our hopeful gang of legislators, when they were legislating to place the majority of their number beyond the reach of the sheriff, a work they accomplished in the most complete manner. It is well they have not another session to run without having to appeal to the voters of the province, or, in all probability, they would finish up their personal potective legislation by passing an act which would place them as thoroughly beyond the reach of the policeman and the police magistrate as they now are beyond the sheriffs. The squabble referred to, although it took place after the House adjourned for the night, was only the result of the rowdy-like wrangle which was intended for a debate on the public accounts, and which immediately preceded the adjournment. The Premier evidently did not like the rather free criticism by

some members upon his rather eccentric manipulation of the public funds, some of which criticisms may have been out of place from the benches of the House. His slanderous assertion about his opponents being absconded defaulters from other countries was certainly inexcusable as well as unjustifiable, and in any legislative house outside of the bear garden where Manitoba is misrepresented would have brought down the discipline of the Speaker. When the big dog barks angrily, all the little curs within hearing employ their yelping powers in imitating him, and so we find it with our hopeful legislators. The greatest nonentity of a ministerial echo in the Government's following felt free to abuse opponents or any one who displeased him after hearing his chief descend to slanderous abuse such as a costermonger would think over before uttering. After all the vials of abuse had been poured out, if the half-dozen or so of honest, solvent men in the house had been out of it, we question if the whole torrent would flow over the limits of actual truth, or that the real character of the majority was made one whit blacker than it really is.

As the last session of this rabble called a legislature is about at an end, people could afford to smile at their brawling, were the characters and reputations of better men outside the House not assailed. Thus we have the member for Birtle traducing the reputation of one of the first business men of the Northwest, and taking the cur-like style of so doing while sheltered from consequences by the privileges of the House.

This member, or we should say "membah" for Birtle is a genuine specimen of the sheriff-proof Manitoba legislator, and one of the useful and truculent henchmen of Premier Norquay. He is a mighty man in his own estimation, and is credited with boasting that he owed more money than any man in Manitoba possessed. He has certainly more unsatisfied judgments hanging over his head than any man in Manitoba can pay, and almost at any time during the past three years an enterprising man could have purchased for a trifle enough of his marked checks (marked no funds, we mean) to paper the inside of an immigrant's trunk. Mr. Lea cock, as this "membah" for Birtle is named, is a man void of small ideas, and in defending his political chief he took occasion to refer to Mr. J. H. Ashdown,

the business man he slandered, as "a petty tinsmith. with a great admiration for the 'almighty dollar.'" The "membah" has certainly a contempt for the glittering coin, and an easy carelessness about how he treats it. At one time he drove around with the most pretentious equipage in Manitoba, the horses in which some say were never paid for. Tradesmen's bills the "membah" never troubled about, and as to applying the "almighty dollar" toward paying any of them, that was beneath him. He paid everything he did pay as a rule by cheque, and was not particular as to what bank the cheque was on. Some of those he patronized still keep these checks as fond remembrances of his lordly liberality. The "membah" can patronize and drawl with all the insipidity of a Daudreary, only his is not the natural drawl of the educated and languid English gentleman, but the clumsy imitation of the vulgar snob. We need not wonder that the "membah" has such a contempt for Mr. Ashdown, a man who has all his life prospered by industry and punctillious honesty, and is now one of the first business men of Manitoba and the heaviest employer of labor in the Province. Such miserable plebian traits of character are certainly only worthy of the contempt of such lordly natures as that of the "membah" for Birtle.

The "membah" has a great admiration for military men, and in comparing Mr. Ashdown with Lieut.-Col. McKeand, lavishes his toady like taffy on the latter, who with that unassuming manner peculiar to the gallant commander of the 90th, wince under the dose, for it has a taint of the hand-licking of a fawning mangey spaniel, sycophantic enough on its part, but loathsome to the recipient of its intended favors.

But the "membah" for Birtle can well afford to look down upon such plebian trash as Mr. Ashdown. The latter has only risen from a tinsmith's bench to a leading commercial position and now "looks the whole world in the face," much the same as Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith." But the "membah" can boast of a noble lineage of which a prize pig at a provincial exhibition might well feel proud. In figuring out this wonderful heraldic line he throws around crusaders, earls and other notables of the middle ages as freely as he has his worthless bank cheques during the past three years. We must not wonder then that he pictures

with withering scorn (1) the ascent of Mr. Ashdown from the tinsmith's bench, as he reflects with pride upon his own wonderful descent. But to a sordid Plebian mind this comparison brings a recollection of the conversation said to have taken place between Alexandre Dumas, French novelist, and a negro-hating Yankee.

"Guess there's nigger blood in you. What was your father, Dumas?" asked the meddlesome westerner.

"A quadroon," was the short reply.

"And your grandfather?" was the second question.

"A mulatto," said the novelist.

"And your great grandfather?" persisted the inquisitive Yank.

"A negro, sir," answered Dumas.

"Ah! I knew I was right," chuckled the insolent tormentor, "and what was your great-great-grandfather?"

The novelist hissed out the reply, "an ape. My pedigree commenced where yours has ended."

Yet this "membah" for Birtle is only one of a number of sheriff-proof but egotistical jack-an-apes who strut around in our Provincial Legislature, and Mr. Ashdown is only one of the number of honest, solvent and industrious business men, who have to submit to the slanders of such social parasites. Truly we need one with the force of a Cromwell to free us from the yoke our politicians have fastened around our necks.

THOSE DISCRIMINATING FREIGHT RATES.

All over this province we are having the question of discriminating rates against Winnipeg discussed by the local press, and very frequently discussed in a manner which shows an unpardonable ignorance of the whole question, and even of the request of the merchants of Winnipeg, although the same has been plainly stated in the circular recently issued by order of the Winnipeg Board of Trade. There are some journals, however, which seem to take a moderately clear view of it, although biased on some points, and among the number is the Portage la Prairie *Tribune-Review*. There is one great point on which this journal is radically wrong, and that is that the claims of the Winnipeg merchants imply injury to the Portage and other towns west of this city. The *Tribune* keeps reiterating this statement like some other journal, but as yet has not produced a single argument in support of the same, unless the

old "dog in the manger one," that the injury of Winnipeg means the benefit of every place west of it.

It does seem to us superfluous to have to state, once more, that no one in Winnipeg asks, or has asked, that the people of any town west of here shall pay one cent more of freight on the goods brought through direct from the east. But the Winnipeg merchants and the Board of Trade ask that the towns west of this shall pay less for the freight brought from Winnipeg. Had the *Tribune* editor taken the pains to read the reports of the joint meeting of the council of the Board of Trade and the Winnipeg city council, which sent a deputation to Ottawa and Montreal, to look after this and other matters of local interest, he would have seen that the Board's delegates were clearly instructed to oppose any raising of the through rates from the east to points west of Winnipeg, as gain and not loss to every place in the Northwest is the aim of this Board, composed mainly of men who know well that upon the prosperity west of this depends in a great measure their own success in business. As we stated in a former issue, the Winnipeg Board ask for a just concession, which it secured cannot be withheld from other points west of this city. That we were right in this statement is made plain by the nature of the concessions now shadowed from C.P.R. head quarters. These are not definitely fixed, but one principle is settled and a principle of justice too, and that is that other towns in the Northwest will share equally with Winnipeg in any benefits the concessions may confer. If Winnipeg merchants meant such terrible injury as the *Tribune* suggests to Portage and other places west, it would be in order for the Board of Trade to petition and protest against any concession being made to towns west of their own city. Instead of that there is we believe scarcely a member of that Board who does not rejoice over the fact that its (the Board's) efforts have, or are likely to secure advantages to others, which are only part of one concession to the Northwest as a whole, and one staggering blow to a wrong under which our country suffered that eastern interests might be profited.

The *Tribune* has admitted that it is not the duty of the Winnipeg Board of Trade to attend to the trade wants of Portage and other western towns, but claims that

it would have been quite within its demands "by the insertion of a ten-line prayer for Portage, Brandon and other western towns," then adds: "If the board are not our opponents in this matter, they would willingly accept our terms of co-operation, even if we haven't a board of trade like Winnipeg."

Like our contemporary we have great faith in short prayers, but unlike it we remember well the old adage, that "Mind your own business comprises one half of success in life, and the other half is contained in let other people's alone," and we know that railway managers remember, and are ever ready to quote the adage when it suits, and we therefore commend the Winnipeg Board for abiding by its precept in pressing its claims. As for the co-operation talked of by the *Tribune*, it is the purest balderdash. The Winnipeg Board is not foolish enough to beg for assistance from a source from which it received unprovoked, determined and unreasonable opposition.

There is one statement which we regret very much the appearance of in our Portage contemporary's columns, and that is that it has "grave doubts about the sincerity of THE COMMERCIAL," when it states that the Winnipeg Board will not be enemies, if not friends, in any similar movement made by the Portage. As this is a matter in which only the judgment, and not the sincerity, of this journal can be called in question, we feel inclined to be generous and credit the *Tribune* with a simple mistake in the choice of a word. As a matter of judgment the facts stated about the present action of the Board and the promised results of their efforts, indicate that we were correct in this judgment. In the same issue our contemporary struggles to fight a losing battle on the same question with the *Liberal*, a local journal, which admits the truth of our former article, which the *Tribune* condemns, and it is very natural that the latter would feel a little riled and rather reckless. It may be, however, that our contemporary wishes to emulate the London cab-driver, who was convicted a third time of being drunk and brawling, and on being told by the presiding magistrate that he was incorrigible, replied in choice Billingsgate logic: "Ye're a liar, yer worship, I hain't."

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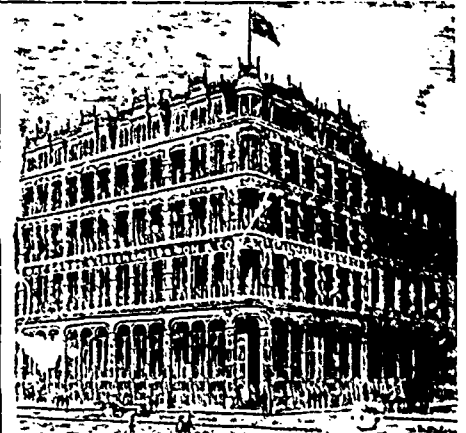
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In local monetary circles the past week has been of rather an uneventful nature. A slackening up in commercial business has been noticeable during the week, which is usually the case toward the close of the month. The holiday of the Queen's birthday on Monday added to the general slowness and combined to make a quiet week. Rates of discount are steady at old quotations of 7 to 9 per cent., with the bulk of business transacted at 8 per cent. The real estate loan business has been quiet and rates of interest unchanged.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The indications noted at the time of our last report of the wholesale trade of the city, led to the conclusion that a change had set in toward a more active state of things, and that the next weekly report would show a general improvement in the demands upon our wholesalers. Such expectations, however, have not been realized. The past week has been a quiet one in every particular, and the aggregate trade for the week would probably aggregate considerably less than the previous week. There has been no appearance of special activity in any line. Several seasonable branches have enjoyed a fair trade, while a number of staple branches have been decidedly dull. The holiday coming on Monday no doubt contributed very greatly to the quietness. Travellers on the road would lose at least one day in the prosecution of their work, while often several days are required to recover the effects of a general holiday. Considerable progress has already been made in taking orders for fall delivery, in several branches, and so far as can be learned at present, it would appear that there is in the far west a disposition to order in less quantities than were taken in the spring. In this province there is a manifest desire to put off ordering until the result of the growing crop has been ascertained. In collections some dealers report only the usual demand for accommodation while others find remittances rather more backward than usual.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

There is nothing special to add to the report of this branch, in addition to what was noted last week. Dealers are just now having a quiet season, only an occasional sale of breaking plows being recorded. In harvesting machinery a fair number of orders have been taken, but there is little disposition to push business, and until these implements are actually required, there will be but a moderate demand for them.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Quietness still continues to be the leading feature in this branch, and up to date the sorting trade of the season has been very light. Collections are not more backward than usual at this season.

CLOTHING

The immediate demand is confined to small express packages, and nothing like a lively selling demand has yet set in. In the far west, or west of Moosejaw, orders for fall delivery have been pretty well taken and as a rule these average lighter than last season, though the

aggregate trade is expected to reach about the same figures. A better trade is looked for from Manitoba later on, as soon as the success of the growing crop is assured. Collections slow.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Dealers have enjoyed a healthy increase in the call for their goods, and a fairly satisfactory trade has been done during the week, though there has been nothing like a rush of business. Collections have been fairly good.

DRY GOODS.

"There is very little of a favorable nature which may be said about business this week," remarked a leading dealer, and this declaration appeared to be corroborated by all the wholesalers in the dry goods trade. So far this season the sorting trade has not reached anything like a state of activity, and travellers on the road have not been sending in orders in as large number as could be wished for. Between the local and eastern houses working in this field, the trade of the Northwest is divided up to such an extent that the share falling to any particular house must of necessity be small. Every traveller making a trip through the country will do something, and no matter how small that something may be individually it means a considerable aggregate when it is considered to what an extent the number of houses having representatives in the Northwest has been augmented. Collections continue rather slow.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Trade continues about as usual and prices are still unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1.00; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 50 to 55c; American camphor, 33 to 40c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; tartaric acid, 65 to 70c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 25 to 35c; alum, \$2.75 to \$3; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.25; sulphur, roll, \$3.75 to \$4; American blue vitrol, 6 to 7c.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

In this line there is nothing new to report. Dealers are having a quiet season and travellers on the road have been sending in but few and light orders. Collections fair.

FISH.

Lake Winnipeg white will be in the market next week. Columbia River salmon have arrived by express and are quoted at 22½c. Lake Superior trout have been in fair supply at 8½ to 9c. A number of varieties of Red river fish are also offered, among them pickerel at 2½c. Fresh sea fish in good supply at quotations. Prices are as follows: Salt white, \$4 per bbl; Labrador herrings \$8 per bbl; salmon, \$17 per bbl; mackerel \$1 to \$1.75 per kit; smoked haddocks, 9½ to 10c per lb; fresh sea fish are quoted: cod 10c, haddock 10c, halibut 17c, shad 16c, flounders 15c, lobsters 17c, oysters, selects, 65c per can; standards, 55c.

FRUITS.

Really choice apples are now becoming scarce and held at higher figures. Blood oranges are out of the market. Bananas are in good supply

at quotations. Strawberries are arriving freely and in good condition. The first cherries of the season came to market last week. Tomatoes, apricots and other varieties of fruits and green stuff are arriving in small quantities, and not quotable in wholesale lots. Prices are: strawberries, per crate of 24 boxes, \$5 to \$5.50. Cherries, 10lb boxes, \$3.75. Palermo Oranges, \$7.50 to \$8.00 per box, Sorento, \$7.50. Apples fancy \$6.00 to \$7.00; Bananas \$4 to \$5 per bunch. Messina lemons, \$8.00; Valencia raisins, \$3.75; London layer raisins, \$4.00 to \$4.25; black crown \$5.00 to \$5.25 walrus, 15 to 20c a lb; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 16c; peanuts, 17c for roasted and 15c for raw; figs 18c to 20c; dates mats \$ to 10c; golden 11c. Apple cider, \$10 per bbl.

FUEL.

Prices for coal and wood are unchanged as follows: poplar \$3.25; to \$3.35; oak \$5.00 to \$5.50; tamarac \$4 to \$4.50. Prices are for lots, on track. Hard coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50, and American steam coal, \$6.55 on track. Blacksmiths' coal, \$12.00 per ton. Galt coal sells at \$6.50 on track.

FURNITURE.

About the only thing which may be said about this branch is that trade is very quiet and apparently not likely to be otherwise for some time. Collections slow.

FURS.

Considerable movement has been going on in furs and consignments have now commenced to come in freely for the season. So far consignments have been largely composed of lynx, which appear to be very plentiful this year. Prices for lynx have been easier. Otter and beaver have not come in much yet. Rats are very scarce this year. Cable advices state that prices for most leading furs are easier.

GROCERIES.

Trade has continued quiet and steady and prices are: yellow 7½ to 7¾c granulated 8¾c; lump 9¾ Cofees, Rios, 12 to 13½c; Government Java 28c, other Javas 22c; Mochas 31 to 34c. Teas range, Moynue gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Sacy young hyson 20 to 30c; Moynue young hyson 25 to 50c; Season's congoes, 1885-86, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn, \$2.30 to \$2.59; sugar, cane, \$2 to \$2.20; T. & B. tobacco \$10.

HIDES.

Prices rule steady and unchanged as follows: Steers, Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 6c. No. 2, 5c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

In this branch the movement has been lighter than during the previous week, probably due to some extent to the holiday coming at the commencement of the week. Prices as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada-plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100

lb; shot, $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c a lb; tanned felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices remain steady and unchanged as follows: Spanish sole, 30 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 65c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock; American oak sole, 55 to 60.

LUMBER.

The call from the city for the week was not as extensive as for the past few weeks, but has nevertheless been of fair proportion. From the country the demand has not developed as rapidly as was expected, but the movement in this direction promises to become fairly active within the next few weeks.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

The feeling is still quiet and trade is undoubtedly backward for the season. Prices are: linsed oil, raw 75c per gal., boiled 78c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.00 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl; Portland cement, \$5; white lead, genuine, 7.50; No 1 \$7.00; No 2, \$6.50 and window glass, first break, \$2.50.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

In the manufacturing departments considerable activity exists, several good orders having been received from contractors. In saddlery hardware the demand at present is limited.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Dealers are having a moderate call for their goods, and though trade is not particularly active, yet it is not to say dull. Collections fair.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Scarcely any movement in this branch, and little business looked for until the new licenses have been granted. Quotations are: Gooderman & Wot's 5 year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.80; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6 Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port wine, \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry \$2.25 and upwards, Jamaica rum, \$3.50. DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.50 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Very little active interest has been manifested in grain circles for some time back, and a number of the city commission men nearly concluded their operations for the season before the commencement of spring seeding operations. Of course an occasional transaction takes place among local dealers, but that activity existing throughout the winter has long since disappeared, and will not again set in before the crop of 1886 commences to come to market.

Deliveries of grain at provincial points have been fairly large for the season. Reports from the country as to the condition of the growing crop continue of a most favorable character. The weather has been warm and in every way conducive to a rapid and healthy growth.

WHEAT.

The bulk of the grain delivered by farmers throughout the province since the conclusion of seeding operations has been wheat, in fact nearly all wheat. Of this grain a considerable quantity for the season has been delivered and has nearly all gone into the hands of millers. Prices as a rule have held steady at about 65c for hard wheat by sample, at outside points, though at some places where competition among local millers was keenest, as high as 75c was paid. Prices here by grade are unchanged as follows: No. 1 hard, 78c; No. 2 75c; No. 1 northern, 75c; No. 2 70c; No. 3 60c.

FLOUR.

The export flour market still continues quiet and in consequence local millers have not been putting forth much effort in the way of production. The city mills have been running on half time, and some provincial mills will probably close down entirely. The C.P.R. Company have reduced the freight tariff on flour to within 2 or 3c of the tariff on wheat, which is a good deal better than the rates first submitted, though the millers would like to have the tariff on wheat and flour entirely equalized. Six cars of Manitoba strong bakers were sold in Montreal recently at \$4.70. Prices here are as follows: patents, \$2.45, strong bakers, \$2.15; XXX \$1.70, and superfine \$1.10 to \$1.20.

BRAN AND SHORTS

Prices have taken a drop of \$2 per ton on both of these products. At the mills bran is now worth \$8 and shorts \$9.

EGGS.

Receipts of eggs continue fairly liberal and all offered are taken, both for immediate use and for curing. Prices are fairly steady at from 9 to 10c.

OATMEAL.

Prices remain steady and unchanged at \$2.25 for standard and \$2.50 for granulated.

POTATOES.

Offerings continue fairly liberal and prices about the same as previous quotations, at 25 to 30c.

CHEESE.

There is no change to note in this product. Prime home manufactured is quoted at from 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c and medium at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c.

BUTTER.

There has been a steady increase in receipts of butter, nearly all in rolls, and prices still continue to tend downward. Dealers are already talking of a large quantity of surplus butter for this market during the summer, and are commencing to think about what they shall do with it. However, some means of disposing of the surplus product will probably be found, though consignments will not realize as high prices as heretofore if export has to be resorted to; and besides, the great bulk of the butter coming to this market is not put up in good shape for export. Some other than the present promiscuous system will have to be adopted to make butter exportation profitable, and the only way open is to manufacture by the improved dairy and creamery system. Consignments sent to this market during the past week have realized from 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c with the feeling easy and prices likely to go lower.

OATS.

There has been very little doing. Car lots were not wanted and would not bring over 24 to 25c. Stocks in the city are quite large enough for all demands.

BARLEY.

There have been no transactions in this grain

for some time, and it is doubtful if there is any quantity left in the country.

BACON.

An improvement has been noted in the demand for hog product generally, and the distribution to country points has increased to fair proportion. Prices have been steady and firm, with breakfast quoted 3c higher. Quotations are as follows: Dry salt, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, smoked 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, rolls 11c, breakfast bacon 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c old dry salt 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

HAMS.

Have been in improved country demand and steady city trade. Prices are firm and quoted 1c higher, at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 for smoked.

MESS PORK.

Easier and quiet at 14.50 to \$15.00.

MESS BEEF.

In very moderate demand and unchanged at \$15.50.

LARD.

Pails have advanced 15c and are now quoted at \$2.25. Tierces steady at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.

DRESSED HOGS.

Offerings have been limited in extent and taken by lutchers at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef unchanged at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c for hind quarters and 7 to 8c for full carcasses. Mutton was almost entirely out of the market at one time last week, but a flock of 3000 sheep from Montana arrived later. Quotations nominal at 14c. Veal steady at 16c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The bulls had a very brief and unsatisfactory inning the fore part of the week, and the bears then went to bat and made several home runs. There is no harder task in the commercial field, to-day, than an endeavor to bull wheat. There may be a change during the next month, but despite all the wild stories in circulation, conservative operators believe that the world's wheat crop will be equal to or slightly above the average of good wheat crops, and that without general or noteworthy improvement in business supplies will so far exceed requirements as to hold values down pretty low until another crop can be heard from. Prospects abroad are not, on the whole, as good as they were at the same time a year ago, but they are not as yet bad enough to justify some of the gloomy predictions which are being made in certain quarters. There are frequent rumors of serious damage to winter wheat by flies and bugs, but none have yet been traced to authentic sources, or if they have, the area threatened was too small to create alarm, hence the bears are still in control of the market, with "no bottom" as their motto. The bulls throw out the old chestnut about a "long lane," but that seems to exhaust their strength so that they have none left for pushing prices up.

Receipts continue fairly large and shipments are quite heavy. The mills are drawing upon local stocks, and show signs of making a steadier and heavier run, but there will be plenty of old wheat for them, despite all reports to the contrary. The only apprehension felt by millers is that the flour market will weaken, or the demand fall off so that they cannot run without consigning nearly the entire output, but this is not probable.

The highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on change during the week ending to-day, closing prices, and the prices one year ago were:

	May 27.			
Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing	1885.
No. 1 hard.	76½	75	75	91
No. 1 north'n	74	72	72	87
" 2	72½	69	69	83

Futures have been weak and closed lower, in sympathy with cash wheat. June 1 hard opened at 77½c and closed at 75½c; July opened at 78½c and closed at 77c. July 1 northern opened at 75c and closed at 73c. Coarse grains were quiet and easy, corn closing at 32 to 33½c, oats at 31 to 33c, o. t., rye at 49 to 51c and barley at 45 to 60c, all by sample.

MILLSTUFF—Has been in large supply and dull, bulk bran closing at \$6.25 to \$6.50 and shorts at \$6.50 to \$7 per ton.

FLOUR.—Until yesterday there was an active flour market at fair prices, as compared with previous conditions, but the sudden tumble in wheat seemed to check demand at once. Most millers have undoubtedly sold all they can turn out for some time, and prospects are fair for a steady and quite heavy production from now on. The demand of late has been of a very even character, so that there is no accumulation of certain grades.

Quotations for car or round lots at the mills are as follows: Patents, \$4.30 to \$4.50; straights, \$4.00 to \$4.25; first bakers', \$3.45 to \$3.70; second bakers' \$2.90 to \$3.10; best low grades, \$2.00 to \$2.20, in bags; red dog, \$1.50 to \$1.60, in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as stated. The rule is to discount 30c per bbl for 280 and 140 lb jute bags, 20c for 98lb cotton sacks, 15c for 19lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24lb cotton sacks, and 20c for 49lb paper sacks.

More activity is being shown among the mills than at any time since last fall, and were the wheat capable of as rapid reduction, the flour output would probably approach the heavy work done in October and November. The production of last week showed quite a gain, and was the largest since the phenomenal run of the mills during the two months named. The week's flour output was 135,530 bbls—averaging 22,590 bbls daily—against 120,700 bbls the preceding week, and 107,517 bbls for the corresponding time in 1885. For a few days antedating Tuesday, wheat became steady and firmer, and the east, as well as other sections, was induced to buy flour freely at quite favorable prices, but yesterday's weakness had a dampening effect on the market. Under the stimulus of the better feeling, the mills were started up Monday with more than the usual amount of vim, and notwithstanding the comparative reaction since, they have almost without exception been increasing their output. The latter is curtailed only by the fact that the wheat grinds very "tough," and with comparative slowness. Besides the extra exertions made by the mills, the idle part of one of them representing 1,500 bbls, will be started to-morrow. Under these circumstances the production of the current week will be heavy, and probably not far from 150,000 bbls. While the flour market is much less active than on Saturday or Monday, there is yet left something of a demand which may develop into a satisfactory market if wheat will only remain quiet.

The following were the receipts at and shipments from Minneapolis for the weeks ending on the dates given:

	RECEIPTS.		
	May 25.	May 18.	May 11.
Wheat, bus	423,500	421,300	443,300
Flour, bbls	600	375	575
Millstuff, tons	102	82	104

	SHIPMENTS		
	May 25.	May 18.	May 11.
Wheat, bus	134,750	149,550	90,205
Flour, bbls	104,366	108,750	93,500
Millstuff, tons	3,648	4,014	3,608

The wheat in elevators in Minneapolis, as well as the stock at St. Paul and Duluth, is shown in the appended table:

	MINNEAPOLIS.		
	May 24.	May 17.	
No. 1 hard, bus.	1,755,412	1,797,795	
No. 1 northern, bus	1,203,328	1,268,476	
No. 2 northern, bus	529,243	555,695	
No. 3,	6,004	5,340	
Rejected	24,072	33,095	
Special bins	769,091	795,431	
	* 4,287,150	4,455,832	

These figures do not include a considerable quantity of wheat in private elevators and sheds and annexes to regular elevators, nor that in mill bins.

	ST. PAUL.		
	May 26.	May 19.	May 12.
In elevators—			
bush	948,000	953,000	960,000

	DULUTH.		
	May 24.	May 17.	May 10.
In store, bus.	5,770,258	6,491,390	7,114,308
Afloat, bus.	—	—	124,521

Total, bus. . . 5,770,258 6,491,390 7,238,829
—Northwest Miller.

Movements of Business Men.

D. N. BLACKWOOD returned last week from a trip west.

J. H. ASHDOWN returned last week from a trip to California.

A. GRANT, of Grant & Hamilton, returned last week from Regina.

M. SHIPMAN, formerly in business at Morden, but lately residing in Ontario, has returned to this province to stay.

KENNETH MCKENZIE and wife returned to the city last week, and received the congratulations of hosts of friends.

CAPT. CLARKE has been appointed commissioner for Manitoba, at the Colonial Exhibition. He will leave for London on Friday.

A. H. WOOD, of Tasse Wood & Co., wholesale cigar manufacturers, Montreal, is again in the city. The firm are doing an extensive trade in this country.

MR. E. K. GREENE of Greene, Sons & Co., wholesale hat, cap and fur manufacturers, Montreal, has been in the city during the past week, this being his first visit to the Northwest since 1874.

STENHORSE, late manager of Alloway & Champion's bank at Portage la Prairie, has resigned his position and will take a trip to South Africa. He is spending a few days in the city before starting on his long voyage.

J. D. CARSCADEN, of Carscaden & Peck, wholesale clothing, Winnipeg, returned on Friday from a trip to British Columbia. Mr. Carscaden was the first man through the moun-

tains from this side this year, and he had quite an experience in accomplishing the trip, having been obliged to travel about 250 miles on foot, often in deep snow. Coming back he had a walk of about 50 miles to make between railway connections.

Manitoba.

WEST LYNN is moving to secure separation from the municipality of the town of Emerson.

The assessment of Portage la Prairie is about \$500,000 and the population 2,113, an increase of 126 for the year.

HEAVY fires have been running over parts of northwestern Manitoba. Considerable timber land has been burned over.

The electors of the town of Birtle will, on the 16th of June, vote on a by-law to expend \$10,000 in local improvements.

Two new Mogul engines from the Rhode Island workshops, have arrived at the Portage for the M. & N. W. Railway.

Morden real estate is said to be active. The local paper states that about twenty buildings have been erected there this spring.

THE M. & N. W. Railway Co. desires to join with the town of Birtle in the construction of a commodious elevator to be erected at the station there.

G. H. STREVEL, of Winnipeg, has secured a contract for 25 miles of the M. & N. W. R'y extension. E. N. LaFrance & D. Mann have also secured a contract from the same company.

THE approach of the railway has caused a considerable number of new buildings to be put up this season in Birtle. Several stores and some dwelling houses are at present in course of erection.

Several teams loaded with furniture and household effects, the property of settlers coming into the Province from Dakota for the purpose of settling upon this side of the line, passed through town last Saturday. There has been quite an exodus from Dakota to Manitoba all along the boundary line this spring. Many Canadians who went to Dakota years ago are returning to Manitoba.

THE Birtle Observer says:—Wild Ducks are reported unusually scarce this season in many parts of Manitoba. This is owing to the fact that the low water in the ponds left the shells and the creatures within them either dry or in such shallow water that the winter's frost destroyed all life. As the ducks feed chiefly on these muscles their food is not now found in sufficient quantities and the ducks go elsewhere.

THE M. & N. W. Railway will not enter the valley of the Assiniboine by Snake Creek, but will keep the original survey, crossing the river on Sec 20, R. 29. The branch to Shell River will also be extended some distance this season. A strong force of engineers are at present engaged in making the levels. All the rails required for fifty miles of the road have been purchased and shipped, and a large quantity have already arrived at Montreal. The portion of the railway which will be constructed this season is, 40 miles from Solsgrith to the boundary of the province and 10 miles on the branch to Shell River, in all 50 miles.

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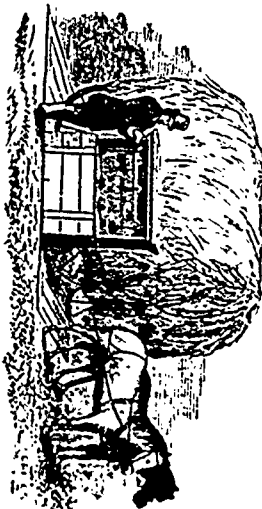
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EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

The markets have continued on in their downward course during last week, without any power to bring about a permanent advance. The impression has gained ground that those who are most anxious for an advance are at present using their influence to keep prices down. The idea is that if prices were boosted up now, it would stop the exportation of wheat, and thereby entirely check any permanent advance. On the other hand, if prices are kept at the bottom until the load has been pretty well reduced, an advance afterward setting in would be permanent, and would come in time to start the new crop at better prices than has prevailed of late. In the meantime the feeling is one of nervous expectancy, and there appears to be no settled drift to the market. The visible supply in the United States and Canada for the week ended May 22, was 37,814,315 bushels, against 41,101,814 bushels on the same date last year. The decrease in the visible for the week ended May 22, was 1,776,186 bushels. Provisions have had a good consumptive demand, but large receipts of hogs have depressed prices.

Wheat opened strong on Monday on the expectancy that the visible supply would show a heavy decrease, but this feeling did not continue throughout the whole session, and later a raid by the bears put prices down $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. At the one o'clock close prices were a fraction lower than Saturday. In the afternoon wheat sold off $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. There was no disposition even on the part of the bears to encourage a rapid advance, lest by this exportation might be checked. Corn and oats sold down $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ under speculative pressure. Provisions were weak, under heavy receipts of live hogs. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	\$0.75 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$0.75 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	8.50	8.50
Lard	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.90

Wheat opened lower on Tuesday when it was known that the decrease in the visible supply was less than had been counted upon, though the figures show a respectable decrease. Cables were weak and lower as were also domestic markets. Prices started $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ under yesterday, and many who had bought on the recent advance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2¢, with the expectation that wheat had finally started permanently on the upward scale, became disheartened and unloaded. Under this influence the market sold down $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, July reaching 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ and August 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. The close was at the bottom. Corn was excited and active. An advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ was scored, but the market fell away. Oats steady and active. Provisions remained steady in the face of large receipts of hogs, sustained by a large consumptive demand. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	74 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -36
Oats	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	8.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.90

On Wednesday wheat opened a shade lower than yesterday, and additional throwing of long wheat on the market put prices down $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. June went down to 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, July to 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and August to 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. These were the bottom prices for the crop up to date, and a subsequent rally carried prices up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1¢, the close being near the top. Corn was active and firm throughout. Oats quiet and steady. Pork was firm and steady, with fair buying. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	\$0.73 $\frac{1}{2}$	74 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	8.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

Prices started out strong on Thursday and advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ from the opening. The bulls had a full stock in-trade of news, consisting of bad crop reports from England and the South, helped on by Greeco-Turkish disturbances. The bears were equally favored by crop reports and had cables telling of immense quantities of cheap Indian wheat. After the first bulge, prices declined, and were at the bottom at one o'clock. In the afternoon the market was shaky, and took a tumble of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Advices lead to the belief that large receipts of corn will be on hand shortly, and prices for that cereal went down $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. In provision there was free selling induced by large receipts of live hogs, and prices declined heavily. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	\$0.73 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$0.73 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	28	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	8.27 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard	5.85	5.85

Foreign advices on Friday quoted wheat dull, and outside domestic markets were also weaker. This, together with favorable weather reports and liberal selling put prices down once more. A foreign order was received to sell wheat ahead as far as April next. Long wheat was offered freely, which helped the depression. The market opened lower, sold down $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, recovered slightly and closed lower. August closed at 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, September at 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, October at 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, November at 78¢, and December at 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 79¢. Corn ruled easier on increased receipts. Oats broke under large receipts and a desire to realize. Cash oats were offered very freely. Hog products were fairly active in a speculative way, with receipts large, and the feeling easy. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	\$0.72 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	35	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -36
Oats	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	8.20	8.22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.90

Wheat started strong on Saturday and maintained that tendency throughout, oats being from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1¢ above yesterday's closing figures. Pork was also stronger and closed higher. Prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	\$0.73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	—	—
Oats	—	—
Pork	8.30	8.32 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.90

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

Bank stocks show only slight change as compared with last quotations. There was a noticeable improvement in business on the board, and sales were made at prices within a fraction of quotations during the week. Loans and savings stock were firm. Northwest Land Co. sold at 75 for \$3 and 25 shares on Wednesday. Closing bids on Wednesday, May 26th as compared with the previous week were as follows:

	May 19.	May 26.
Montreal	207 $\frac{1}{2}$	208
Ontario	115	114 $\frac{1}{2}$
Toronto	196	196
Merchants'	122	121
Commerce	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 $\frac{1}{2}$
Imperial	133	134 $\frac{1}{2}$
Federal	109 $\frac{1}{2}$	110 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dominion	269	268 $\frac{1}{2}$
Standard	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	125
Hamilton	132	132 $\frac{1}{2}$
Northwest Land	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	74 $\frac{1}{2}$
C.P.R. Bonds	—	—
do Stocks	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	64 $\frac{1}{2}$

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

There has been scarcely a move in grain circles during the week, and the feeling has been easier. Stocks in store are now greatly decreased owing to the fact that scarcely anything is coming in. On Monday stocks were as follows: Flour, 2,250 bbls; fall wheat, 158,509 bushels; spring wheat, 63,549; oats, 10,000 bushels. Crop reports are not so favorable as to the condition of fall wheat. Provisions have been quiet and steady.

WHEAT.

Buyers have been willing to purchase only at concessions, which holders did not seem inclined to make, consequently transactions have been few. No. 2 fall was offered at about 80¢, and red winter at 81¢. Spring was not offered, and no demand was heard for it.

FLOUR.

No sales have been reported in quantities, and prices appear to have been merely nominal at \$3.60 to \$3.65 for superior extra and \$3.50 to \$3.55 for extra.

OATS.

Offerings have been largely in excess of wants though prices have held fairly steady at last quotations. Cars sold at from 31 to 32¢ and choice samples were held even higher.

BARLEY.

Nothing doing, and no transactions heard of.

PEAS.

Quiet and steady at 59 to 60¢.

POTATOES.

Offerings in car lots have been increasing in quantity, and prices declining in proportion. Cars on track sold at 30¢. Street prices quiet at 50¢.

APPLES.

Prices steady at old quotations of \$1.85 to \$2 per barrels.

EGGS.

Have held steady at 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, with liberal offerings. It is said that packers are now well supplied, and that prices must soon decline.

BUTTER.

Receipts of rolls have continued to come to hand in increasing quantities and in excess of the wants of this market. The quality, however, has shown an improvement over former

years, which has helped to keep stocks from accumulating. Prices have been easier, from 12 to 14c having been paid for good to choice. Mediums were slow at 10c. Choice tubs sold about the same as rolls.

CHEESE.

The market is now well supplied with new, which can be laid down here at 8c. Dealers sell small lots at 8½ to 9c.

PORK

Inactive and steady, at \$13.50 in small lots.

BACON.

Trade has been quiet and steady. Long Clear has sold at 7 to 7½c, and Cumberland at 6½c in small lots. Smoked Cumberland quiet at 7½ to 8c. Rolls 8½ to 8¾. Bellies 9½ to 10½c, the latter for boneless.

HAMS

Have been in good demand at 11 to 11½c, the latter in lots of less than 100. Prices are firm.

LARD.

There has been an active movement in small pails, at 9 to 9½c. American in tins brought the same.

HOGS.

Offerings have been light, and all are taken at \$6.50 to \$6.75.

The State of Trade.

Special telegrams to *Bradstreet's* yesterday indicate that a sensible improvement has taken place in general trade at a number of the smaller interior distributing centers, as compared with last week. This is mainly due to a material improvement in the labor situation, to favoring staple crop prospects northwest and south, and to brighter weather. Evansville, Indianapolis, Peoria, Omaha, Duluth, New Orleans and San Francisco, are more prominent among those announcing more active demand. At Chicago general trade is of moderate proportions, not being equal to expectations. At St. Louis the movement of merchandise is reported steadier, but there is no special change within the week. Cincinnati is the most conspicuous example of those reporting an improved trade, in part owing to the practical cessation of strikes at that point. At Boston business is quite uneven, but in some lines is reported better, particularly in dry goods. Philadelphia reports trade sluggish, but a trifle more active in some lines. There is no gain at Baltimore. The prospects for good sugar and rice crops in Louisiana stimulate inquiry and sales at New Orleans, but at Kansas City, in spite of an improved wheat and corn outlook in tributary regions, the volume of business is less than last week. Investment securities are in good demand and firm, and the leading speculative issues generally advanced. Foreign exchange is dull but very firm. The industrial situation has improved. There are probably not over 50,000 employes on strike now against 125,000 ten days ago. The soft coal strike has failed. Special advices to *Bradstreet's* show that at twenty-three industrial centers north of the Ohio, east of and including St. Louis, the loss of wages through strikes since May 1 has aggregated \$3,000,000; of receipts by employers \$2,500,000, and of future contracts due to probability of labor troubles, \$24,800,000, of which \$20,400,000 alone refers to deferred or cancelled building contracts. Pressure to sell sugar in

Europe has caused lower prices. Raw is off ½c, and refined 1/16c at New Orleans. Increased consumptive demand for coffee has temporarily advanced quotations. Restricted demand depresses other grocery staples. The movement of dry goods from leading distributing centers has improved so far as jobbers are concerned. Prices of some makes of sheetings at the east have been advanced. Print cloths, however, are 1/16c lower on larger stocks, although the latter are less than one-third of those at a like date last year. Wool at the east continues low in price and dull. Texas advices report better prices than expected for new clip. Large imports of yarns discourage domestic worsted spinners. Telegraphic reports to *Bradstreet's* indicate that the outlook for the growing cotton plant is less favorable, owing to cool weather in Mississippi and Louisiana and lack of rain in Texas and Arkansas. Petroleum closes at 67½c, against 72½c last week on new well production. Iron and steel prices are not as strong as one month ago. Tobacco at all western markets is in good demand for desirable grades. Louisville receipts and sales have increased. Good grades of dark and burleys firm in price. Planting news favorable as regards soil, weather and abundance of plants. The week's failures in the United States, as reported to *Bradstreet's*, number 152, against 156 last week and 184 in the like week of 1885, 183 in 1884, 155 in 1883 and 116 in 1882. Canada had 12, against 30 last week and 26 last year. The total in the United States January 1 to date is 4,466, against 5,191 in a like portion of 1885, a decline this year of 725. Like totals in preceding years were: In 1884, 4,357; in 1884, 4,263, and in 1882, 2,997.—*Bradstreet's*.

The Territories.

Calgary has invested in a chemical fire engine.

Battleford wants a tinsmith and a shoemaker located in that town.

A raft, containing 50,000 feet of lumber, has arrived at Battleford from Edmonton.

Several new telegraph stations have been opened on the line west of Battleford.

The first regular meeting of the Canadian Northwest Territories Stock Association was held at Macleod recently, when the organization of the association was perfected.

An association of ex mounted policemen has been formed at Macleod. It will partake of both a social and benevolent nature. It is proposed to form a central association, with branches at points throughout the territories.

Thos. Macfarlane and H. A. Head are on their way to Battleford from Swift Current with a hundred head of two-year old grade heifers, a thoroughbred shorthorn bull, and about forty young brood mares, all bought in Ontario, and intended to stock up that district.

At a public meeting held at Pincher Creek, Alberta, resolutions were passed demanding the abolition of the permit system, and asking that a vote of the people of the territories be taken as to whether a system of license or total prohibition be substituted. A petition in accordance with the sentiment of the meeting will be sent to Ottawa.

British Columbia.

W. R. Lewis, blacksmith, Vancouver has sold out to John Reid.

C. S. Major, general storekeeper, New Westminster is giving up business.

The estate of Trupp Bros, general storekeepers, Vancouver, has been purchased by D. Drysdale & Co.

E. Legg, grocer, has formed a partnership with — Baigley and bought out the hotel business of L. Pither.

The spring salmon taken in the Fraser this year are of small size. One or two canneries are putting them up.

Work is going ahead rapidly on the New Westminster branch railway which is expected to be in working order before the Coal Harbor extension is completed.

A report from the Cowichan district says: Farmers are very backward with their work this spring; the continuous cold and wet weather renders it impossible for them to sow the seed or cultivate the land.

Merchants in the interior of the province are holding back their freight till the C.P.R., is opened up and till the road tolls are removed. Parties handling freight up country say that there is not a quarter going up now of what there was this time last year.

According to report from Port Townsend the Port Discovery mill has received from Japan an order for ties to the amount of 120,000,000 feet. An adequate conception of the size of this order can be formed when it is known that the mill has never cut more than 30,000,000 feet in one year. It would accordingly take four years of steady work to fill the Japanese order.

A Plea for Early Closing.

Now that the glorious weather of our western summer has set in, and the days have lengthened out till the glow over the mountain tops is apparent till nearly 10 o'clock, our town merchants should not forget that their faithful employees would enjoy and profit by a little recreation in the evenings. In other towns we notice that the early closing system has been adopted. Shops are shut at six o'clock, and the public are not inconvenienced thereby, while the employees are greatly benefited. Ten hours are surely enough out of the 24 for people to do their shopping, and if the rule were made general no merchant's sales would be reduced on account of it. Let the store hands have a chance.—*Calgary Tribune*.

Canned Goods.

The J. K. Armsby Co., in their latest market review say: In canned goods the situation is about the same as last week. Tomatoes are firming up again. The salmon situation is about the same as last week. Three of the packers have sold their packs at high prices, have given in, and are paying 75 cents a fish; this means net cost to the packers of over \$1.05 per doz., to say nothing of his profit. We can see no possible chance for any cheap salmon from the Columbia this year. On the Sacramento, not a wheel has been turned in any cannery and the catch has not been large.

enough any day this season to supply the daily wants of San Francisco for the table; meanwhile the market here is being steadily cleaned up of old fish, and we think that, with the single exception of New York market, the trade centres have less canned salmon on hand than at any time since 1880: it will be at least thirty days before any new salmon can be delivered and fully sixty days before it can be delivered in any large quantities. At present rates of freight salmon will cost but little more than last year, and while there is not a moment's guarantee of their continuance, yet the outlook is not good for an immediate change. American sardines are higher, California canned fruits are steadily advancing and when the labor element finally decide whether it is going to be composed of loafers or working-men, and the present excitement ceases, trade will move on in the old channels and we shall find there are buyers enough for what stock is, over at good fair prices.

A Chicago View.

A local grain house pictures the speculative situation as follows: "We note Liverpool quotations on American wheat to-day are the same as on the 1st of January last, while in the meantime we have declined 15c per bushel on May wheat, and it is not to be wondered at that they are now buying our wheat quite freely; and we note that for future wheats at Liverpool, the demand is chiefly for the near by months, indicating they have not full confidence in the supplies in store and on passage being over abundant for current wants. It looks as if they will continue to buy our wheat freely for the next sixty days if prices are not put up out of their reach by speculation. There are no reports of damage to crops that we hear of, and unless something of the kind occurs we see nothing to cause an advance. We doubt very much if the export demand will follow any material advance in values on this side, but on the contrary any material advance is likely to shut off the demand, as has so frequently been the case heretofore this season. *Chicago Daily Business.*

Montreal Elevators.

Thirteen thousand five hundred bushels of grain have been discharged from the new Canadian Pacific Railway elevator at Montreal, into a barge in one hour and three-quarters. This imposing new building, 80 feet by 210 and 165 feet high, is erected on the bank of the St. Lawrence beside the C.P.R. freight sheds. It has a 220 h. p. engine, and its capacity is placed at 600,000 bushels. It can be filled in a week, says Mr. Ross, the builder, and emptied in eight or nine days. A 600-bushel car can be filled in two minutes and emptied in five. There were sent from the building last week, says the *Star*, over 110,000 bushels to Liverpool and Glasgow. "At the present moment there are upwards of 400,000 bushels of grain on the track, the destination being the C.P.R. elevator in the first instance, and then, most probably Liverpool." In addition to the new structure just described, there is the Montreal Warehousing Company's elevator "C" which will hold about 750,000 bushels of grain, while an

other warehouse has a capacity of 400,000 bushels, and will hold, besides, 70,000 barrels of flour. The C. P. R. and M. W. Co can, between them, it is said, store away no less than 1,350,000 bushels of grain.—*Star.*

Business at Montreal.

It is currently estimated that the small-pox epidemic last year cut into the trade of Montreal to the extent of \$8,000,000. The effects of the plague were far-reaching, but are now thought to have been overcome. In the leading lines of Canadian trade a very satisfactory volume of business is reported. The merchants of Montreal have secured by the opening of the Canadian Pacific Railroad an outlet to the northwest. The trade of Manitoba with St. Paul and Chicago has been in some particulars greatly reduced, to the advantage of the eastern cities of the Dominion. Toronto and Hamilton are active rivals of Montreal in catering to the newly-settled parts of the country, but the tradesman of the latter profess no doubt of their ability to get the lion's share of the traffic. Not a little Montreal capital is invested in the other cities. In point of railway connections there is little to choose between them.—*Bradstreet's.*

General Notes.

The Canada Pacific Railway is to build an elevator at Toronto, Ont., with a capacity for 250,000 bushels of grain.

It is estimated that 500,000 bushels of oats have been shipped from Canada to Great Britain this year, against about 260,000 for the same time last year.

The annual report of the C.P.R. Co. for 1885 shows: Earnings, \$8,368,493; expenses, \$5,143,276; net earnings, \$3,225,216; increase over 1884, \$2,033,326.

The Port Arthur Lumbering Company cut 750,000 feet at their limit on Cloud River during the past season. Thirty men were employed in the woods.

A large party of Chicago Board of Trade men have visited the butterine works of Armour & Co., and were shown how the product was made. They were apparently satisfied that good butterine was as good and that the industry of making it was legitimate and should be fostered.

W. H. Shorey & Son, of the Acton, Ontario Glove Works, have received an order from the Dominion Government for fifteen hundred pairs of real buck, one fingered, lined driving mitts for the Northwest Mounted Police. The order is worth \$1,800, and must be completed within six weeks.

The *Chicago Daily Business* says: That is a curious report to the effect that the Boston Board of Trade has filed a petition in insolvency confessing to assets of \$1,402 and liabilities of only \$11,250. One might think there is large heatedness enough in that city to have prevented such an open confession of weakness, but perhaps the whole has not been told.

The Dundas (Ontario) Stove Manufacturing Co., which was started about three years ago,

has not proved a successful venture, and the stock and plant has been purchased by R. T. Wilson at 50c on the dollar. The directors, it is understood, intend paying the liabilities, each of them losing about 3,000 in addition to the amount originally invested. The business will be continued by Mr. Wilson under the old style.

India is rapidly coming to the front as a cotton manufacturing country. Between 1878 and 1885, the number of mills increased from fifty-three to eighty-seven, the number of spindles from 1,289,706 to 2,158,706, the number of looms from 10,538 to 16,537, and the consumption of cotton in bales from 267,585 to 597,180. The raw material used is Surat cotton, some kinds of which are almost as long in staple as American cotton, and the cloth produced is coarse, suitable for the Chinese trade.

A petition is shortly to be addressed to the State board of health by a firm of eminent lawyers in New York city asking for the appointment of a special medical officer to inspect workmen employed in cigar factories. The lawyers say that a number of Cuban and Bohemian cigarmakers recently imported into that State are unfitted by disease to handle tobacco that other men are to smoke, and that clients of theirs, who have suffered from the infection, have set the movement on foot.

Lumber manufacturers along the line of the Northern Pacific Road held a conference in Duluth lately. Estimates made the amount of dry lumber on hand show 107,000,000 feet against 165,000,000 a year ago, and the log crop this year to be 231,000,000 against 172,000,000 last year. Lumbermen figure from these figures that there will be a lumber famine before the year is over. Prices on dimension stuff for places west of Brainerd were made \$1 over Duluth prices, and common boards advanced \$1. An effort will be made to establish uniformity of grades through the Northwest.]

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Northern Furs.

The catch of lynx in this part of the country during the past winter has been altogether unprecedented as well as the prices realized. The catch must have reached twenty or twenty-five thousand. The price has ranged from three to six dollars, while two dollars was always before considered a high price. The large catch and high prices have made the fur hunt and trade very profitable. Lynx, or cats as they are sometimes called, live chiefly on rabbits and increase and decrease in numbers with the latter. It is more than likely that next year's catch here will be very small, as of course the high price has caused them to be hunted with more persistency than ever before, and they are not a particularly difficult animal to hunt and kill. Lynx fur, when plucked, sheared and dyed supplies a very large proportion of the South Sea seal which appears on the market. The coarser hair is made up into felts. It is never sold under its own name, except for overcoats or robes. The Canadian Northwest is the principal source of supply of lynx fur.—*Edmonton Bulletin.*

The Cattle Raising Industry.

The inducements to engage in cattle raising in this country several years ago were so great, says the *Chicago Times*, that eleven companies, with a capital of \$20,000,000, were organized in Great Britain. They now own 672,013 head of cattle, and lease or own 3,319,072 acres of grazing land in the west. In 1883 one of these companies paid dividends amounting to 20 1/2 per cent., but for two years past they have paid only 10 per cent. The rate of return is now very low, and the whole business seems to have suffered a serious deterioration. Of nine of these British-American companies in 1885, one paid 7 per cent., one 6, two 5, one 4, and four paid nothing at all. Last year there were nearly 50,000,000 head of cattle in the country, and of these British companies owned only 672,013, as noted above. The reasons for decline in profits is part due to the action of the President, who obliged owners to vacate public lands and to pay for their grass. Besides, in the year 1885 the yield of calves was behind that of the year before. The chief reason for the decline in dividends is the smaller selling price of steers, the falling off reaching in some cases \$9 a head. The immense profits made at first invited excessive competition, which cut down prices and profits.



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