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WINNIPEG, APRIL 22, 1889.

CHAS. LANGE, of Macleod, will open a wagon shop at Lethbridge, Alberta.

THE new Northern Pacific bridge across the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg was completed last week.

THE Rat Portage board of trade will ask the C. P. R. Co. to provide better depot accommodation at that place.

JAMES McEWEN has been appointed agent at Fort Qu'Appelle for the Patterson & Bro. Co. farm machinery.

THE general stock of Pelkey & Co., merchants, Glenboro, Man., is offered for sale by tender, up to April 22.

D. McARTHUR, banker, Emerson, Man., has been appointed U. S. consular agent at Emerson, vice C. S. Douglas, resigned.

McCUBDY & TUCKER have been appointed agents at Moosomin, Assa., for the Patterson & Bro. Co., agricultural implements.

HALL, general merchant, of Rapid City, Man., not having succeeded as he expected in disposing of his stock, will continue his business as usual.

THE close season for pickerel in Manitoba begins on the 15th of April, ending on the 15th of May; for sturgeon from May 1 to June 15.

THE Calgary board of trade has apparently ceased to exist, as nothing has been heard of it for some time. It is peculiar that the largest town in the Territories is unable to support a board of trade, while many of the smaller towns have energetic organizations of this kind.

THE municipal council of North Qu'Appelle has decided to purchase \$50 worth of strychnine and dispose of it in dram lots to farms for the extermination of gophers.

IT is not generally known that maple sugar is made in Manitoba, but nevertheless the article is made here, by Indians and others, from the sap of our native maple.

IT is reported from Ottawath at the old settlers of Manitoba are to be given an opportunity of presenting their claims before a commission, to be appointed for the purpose.

W. B. WRIGHT has bought out the general store business carried on by Palmer Bros. at Broadview, Assa. Mr. Palmer will move to Vancouver, to join his brothers there.

C. H. SHERA, dry goods and furnishings, Port Arthur, has taken Andrew More, late train dispatcher on the C. P. R., into partnership. Mr. More will look after the office work of the firm.

ACCORDING to the Rat Portage News, that place wants: A port of entry, the Lake buoyed, lighthouses on the lake, lower insurance, better station accommodation, and better freight rates on lumber.

A BILL for the consolidation of the Northwest acts has been introduced in Parliament at Ottawa. An important feature of the bill is that it will give the territorial legislature control of liquor legislation.

THE general stock of McLennan & Nelson, merchants, Treherne, Man., was sold by auction April 12, owing to a dissolution of partnership of the firm. The stock was purchased by J. K. McLennan at 52 cents in the dollar.

W. J. RICHARDSON, general merchant, Birtle, Man., whose assignment was noted last week, has been placed in charge of the stock by his creditors, with instructions to sell it out as quickly as possible. Great confidence is placed in Mr. Richardson by his creditors, hence the peculiar action in this case.

THE board of trade of Maple Creek, Assa., at its annual meeting elected the following officers: H. A. Greely, president; John Dixon, 1st vice-president; E. Fearon, 2nd vice-president; L. Rankin, secretary; A. J. Smith, treasurer. Council: J. C. Dixon, J. Claustre, J. Harvey and J. G. Fanquair.

THE partnership existing between W. H. Lyon, K. Mackenzie and E. Powis, under the style and firm of Lyon, Mackenzie and Powis, wholesale grocers and provision merchants, Winnipeg, terminated by limitation of time on 1st April last. The business will be continued by Kenneth Mackenzie and Edmund Powis, under the style of Mackenzie, Powis & Co.

O. E. MARCEY has lately been appointed general manager in Western Canada for the sale of Evans Bros.' pianos, and the Doherty organs. He will establish his headquarters at Winnipeg, whence he will make occasional trips through the country as far as the Pacific coast, calling on the agents at the different points, receiving reports from them and giving them assistance, appointing new agents, etc. He is now on a trip over the main line of the C. P. R. His reports having met with great success since his arrival here from the East a short time ago.

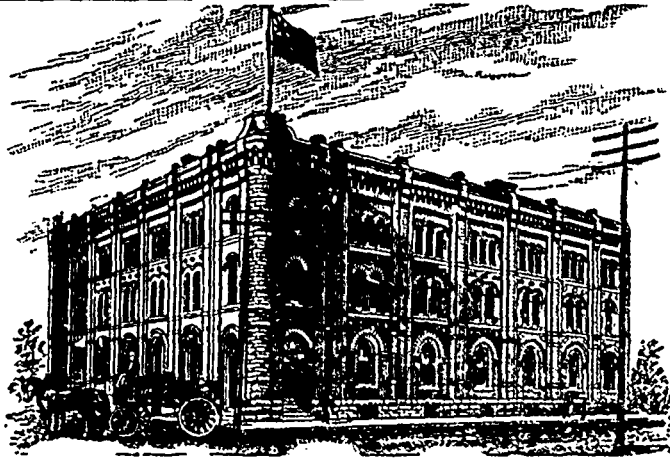
A BOARD of trade will be formed at Manitou Man. At a public meeting held there for the purpose, the following motion was carried: "That it is desirable to form a board of trade in Manitou, with a membership fee of \$1, and that Messrs. Foley, Huston and Rutan be appointed a committee to obtain sufficient signatures for incorporation."

HONEY bees have been experimented with to some extent in Manitoba and the Territories, with good results. Though the summer season is short here, yet the days are long and clear, and the bees can work almost continuously. There is very little damp, cloudy weather in this country, consequently the bees are able to get in as much work here in the course of a summer as they could in some countries where the summer season is considerably longer. The natural flora of our prairies is also very favorable to bee culture. No doubt honey will soon be produced in this country in abundance.

WEEK before last an article appeared in THE COMMERCIAL under the heading "Neglecting an Important Industry," in which attention was called to the profitable opening to our farmers in hog raising. A number of our provincial exchanges have copied this article, and it will therefore be brought largely to the notice of Manitoba farmers with, we hope, good results. Our provincial exchanges circulate among the farmers much more largely than does this journal, and they can do a great deal to draw the attention of our agriculturalists to this important matter. There is every reason to believe that raising hogs is one of the most profitable branches our farmers could take up. A short article on the same subject appears in this issue.

THE report from Ottawa that the projectors of the Alberta railway had failed to finance the scheme, has been partially contradicted. A telegram from Ottawa last week says:—Satisfactory arrangements have now been completed subject to the approval of Parliament, for the construction of the Alberta & Northwestern railway. It is understood that the Government will offer a land subsidy of 10,000 acres per mile. This is a larger amount than has been previously given to any western railway, but in view of the assurances that the promoters are prepared forthwith to go ahead with the construction, and the increased land grant is conditional on the speedy completion of the road, in the interests of the country it has been deemed advisable to make this concession.

THE progressive town of Moosomin, Assiniboia Territory, has been incorporated. The first council was elected last week as follows: Jos. Daniel, mayor; F. F. Forbes, W. H. Maulson, L. D. Kowen, J. C. McArthur, N. G. McCallum and J. White, councillors. Moosomin is on the main line of the C. P. railway, and is the first point reached after crossing the western boundary of Manitoba, going west. It is one of the solid towns of the Territories. The site of the present town of Moosomin was first occupied in the summer of 1882, when a tent or two were erected on the open prairie. Now it is a busy little embryo city, with about fifty business places, including a newspaper, bank, flour mill, grain elevators, etc. It has probably the largest farmers' market of any town in the Territories.

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Grain and Milling

About 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, it is estimated, are in inland elevators in Manitoba.

Smith & Brigham, of the Moosomin, Assa., flour mill, contemplate erecting an elevator at their mill this season.

The *News*, of Vancouver, B. C., says that shipments of Manitoba flour have almost dropped off, and flour is now mostly coming from the states to the south.

The Winnipeg millers are trying to so arrange matters that they will be able to close their offices on Saturday afternoons and give their employees a half holiday.

The mill committee at Killarney, Man., will canvass thirteen townships in the district for subscriptions. An offer has been received by the secretary of the mill committee, offering to build a first-class roller mill there.

A representative of the milling firm of Moyer Bros., Listowell, Ont., who was talking of establishing a flour mill at Neepawa, Man., is proposing to establish a mill at Mordun, Man., if given a loan of \$6,000 or \$8,000, to be repaid with interest.

The Pilot Mound, Man., *Sentinel* says a United States firm offer to supply the Pilot Mound Milling Co., lately formed, with machinery for a roller flour mill for \$7,327. In addition the engine will cost \$1,575 without the boilers. The mill to be of 75 barrel capacity. Another firm at Minneapolis offer to provide all the machinery required for a 75 barrel mill, including the engine, for \$10,000.

Dairy Matters.

S. M. Barre, of the St. Norbert factories, Man., has received a centrifugal butter machine from Denmark.

The Vancouver, B. C., *News* say: Importations of butter from the States to the south of us are very large. Manitoba shipments have almost dropped off. In regard to butter, some consignments from Manitoba of very poor quality were sent out here, and it has hurt their trade on the coast.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Richardson, of Grenfell, to build the creamery to be established at Broadview, Assa. The lumber is on the ground, and it is to be completed by the 1st of May.

The Plympton cheese factory building and plant will be offered for sale by auction on April 24, under mortgage foreclosure. Sale takes place at Gillespie's Hotel. Plympton municipality is located in the Winnipeg district, Man., east of Winnipeg.

Trade and General News.

Notice of resolution has been given in Parliament by Mr. Foster that it is expedient to provide that the Governor-in-Council may enter into a contract for a term not exceeding ten years with a company for the performance of a fast weekly steamship service between Canada and the United Kingdom, making connection with French ports, on such terms and conditions as the carriage of mails, and otherwise, as the Governor-in-Council may deem expedient, for a subsidy not exceeding \$500,000 a year.

The Cincinnati *Price Current* of April 11, says:—Western packing operations again show some reduction, the returns indicating a total of 155,000 hogs packed for the week, compared with 165,000 the preceding week, making a total of 1,085,000 since March 1. Corresponding week last year was the same as the past week, 155,000 hogs; total for the season 850,000. Present increase over last year 235,000 hogs. Quality generally good. Prices have averaged lower, closing about 10 cents per 100 pounds below a week ago at most centres. The marketing will increase a little later, but it does not appear likely that up to the first of July it will show much if any gain over corresponding time last year; some increase may be counted upon, as also somewhat heavier average weight.

Canned Salmon.

The time is rapidly approaching for the run of salmon on the Columbia river, but notwithstanding this, dealers have continued to mani-

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fest indifference regarding future deliveries, and are deaf to the entreaties of those who are endeavoring to obtain orders. Evidently the canners on the coast are becoming anxious for business. They state positively that they have sold quantities for export that in the aggregate exceed 100,000 cases, but many have taken no orders and others are in a position to offer balances. Dealers here are seemingly of the belief that there will be fish enough to go round, especially if present views of packers are maintained, as consumption is checked when prices reach the limit they have occupied for the past year. Spot salmon to-day cannot be sold in any quantity at \$1.80 to \$1.82½, therefore when the cost to lay down the next catch is \$1.85 and above, naturally there is a hesitation among those who are looked to as distributors to again venture into the market to stock up for probable requirements—*N. Y. Commercial Bulletin.*

SUPPLEMENTARY letters patent have been granted, whereby the capital stock of the Cochrane Rancho Co., of Alberta, is increased from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

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In the Dominion Parliament Hon. Mr. Foster said that he could not say whether there would be any changes of the tariff or not this session. He also stated that the Government had not yet definitely decided as to whether they would remove the duty from export logs or not. The Government was also considering the question of whether or not the customs amendment act as to adding inland carriage of freight to the duty to be imported should become law or not. The leading boards of trade in Canada have strongly protested against the latter proposition.

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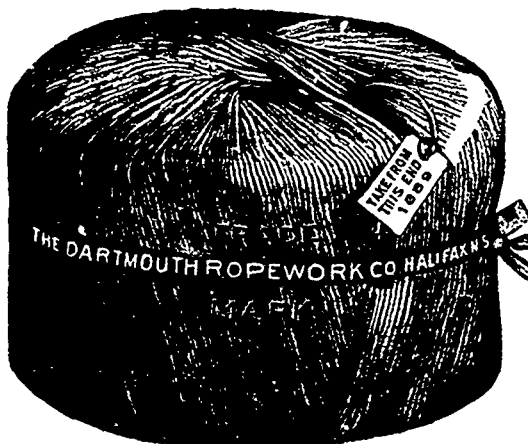
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CANADIAN TRADE WITH JAPAN.

Mr. E. Odium, of Japan, recently gave an address before the Vancouver board of trade, upon the question of Canadian trade with Japan. From the remarks of the gentleman, who evidently has an intimate and practical knowledge of his subject, it is made clear that there is a market in Japan for a considerable quantity of the natural products of Canada. Moreover, several of the commodities which Mr. Odium says are required by the Japanese, can be produced to good advantage in the prairie country of Western Canada. Some of these commodities, indeed, are among the most profitable products of Western Canada. We now have direct communication with Japan by the shortest possible route, and with the improvements which are being made in the steamship service between Vancouver and Japan, all necessary facilities are at hand for taking advantage of our opportunities of extending trade with the important empire of Japan. This empire occupies to Asia the same position which the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland does to Europe. It has a large population of intelligent people, who are making almost unparalleled progress in the direction of rapid advancement toward a high standard of civilization. Our geographical position, as well as the principal products of this country, afford favorable features for working up a large trade with this progressive country. A little enterprise on the part of our shippers may, therefore, lay the foundations for a large and profitable trade with Japan.

Among the articles enumerated by Mr. Odium, which could be exported from Canada to Japan to advantage were, butter, provisions, flour, apples, corned beef, books, textile goods, leather, etc. The item of books will, no doubt, be a surprise to many, who will wonder what the Japanese will want with English books. This was explained by Mr. Odium, who stated that there are 2,000,000 students in Japanese schools, who use books printed in English for educational purposes. United States books had been used, but recently Canadian books had been introduced and were appreciated.

Canned butter from Denmark and other European countries was used in

Japan to some extent, but could only be purchased by the wealthier classes, on account of the fancy price obtained for the article. San Francisco butter was also imported. Here would seem to be an excellent opening for our surplus dairy products. We are far more favorably situated for exporting butter to Japan than the other countries whence the supply is drawn. It is possible that all the surplus butter which Western Canada can produce for some time could find a profitable market in Japan. Our vast Territory of Alberta should be a great producer of dairy products in a few years. An effort should therefore be made to learn the requirements of the Japanese market in dairy products, and adapt our mode of manufacturing and shipping butter to that trade.

Regarding flour Mr. Odium said:—

The consumption of wheat flour was growing rapidly but California was supplying most of that demand. He had imported some flour from the Ottawa valley, which was made from a mixture of Manitoba and Renfrew wheat, which he bought at retail prices, and could lay it down at a less price than the current prices in Japan and still make a small profit.

Here would appear to be an opening for Manitoba millers, though competition from California and Oregon millers would of course be very keen. In time, however, it may be possible to work up quite a trade in flour with the Japanese.

The consumption of meat, Mr. Odium says, is rapidly increasing in Japan, and as the home supply is very limited, the article must be largely imported. Beef is the favorite meat with the Japanese. What more favorable for our western ranching interest than this? Formerly the Japanese were not large consumers of meat, but recently a marked change has taken place in the tastes of the people in this respect. The general adoption of European customs in the country, and the association with foreigners has, no doubt, led to this change. If the Japanese are to become large consumers of meats, they cannot find a more convenient source of supply than the prairies of Western Canada.

The general change going on in Japan in the direction of adopting European customs, manners and dress, has created a considerable demand for textile goods, leather, etc. The Japanese, however, are beginning to manufacture such goods largely at home, says Mr. Odium, and they are patriotic enough to give their home manufactures the preference. They

will never be able, however, to produce the raw material in many lines, and the latter they would be obliged to import. There were openings for Canadian enterprise in shipping the raw material. Lumber was also in demand. Blankets, hops, pulp, poultry, etc., were also mentioned as articles which could be exported from this country to Japan. The Japanese have plenty of poultry, but they are very small, and larger breeds are desired.

In concluding his address Mr. Odium advocated the appointment of a Canadian agent in Japan, whose business it would be to endeavor to introduce Canadian goods to the notice of Japanese merchants. No doubt a good deal could be accomplished by the appointment of a competent official in this capacity. But if our trade with Japan is to be greatly extended, it will have to come through the enterprise of our shippers, who will be willing to take risks, and perhaps make some sacrifices in introducing our goods to the Japanese trade.

PROTECTION TO CREDITORS.

There seems to be a crying necessity for some radical change in the means afforded for collecting accounts. It is practically an impossibility to collect debts, when the debtor refuses to honorably settle the same. The other day a leading Winnipeg merchant was heard to state that it was simply throwing good money after bad to undertake to collect debts by ordinary legal process. If the debtor refused to pay, there was no help for it but to let the matter slide. To take proceedings at law usually resulted in making costs which the creditor would have to pay without gaining any satisfactory end, so far as the recovery of the money sued for, was concerned. This is actually the state of things which prevails in Manitoba at the present time. The deplorable inefficiency of the laws to enable the collection of debts, is an evil apparent to all, and those who have had experience in attempting to enforce the payment of accounts, declare that the more satisfactory course is to simply put up with the loss, when a creditor refuses to pay, rather than attempt to force payment by legal means. We refer of course to the collection of small debts, such as usually exist between consumers and retail dealers.

This inability to collect debts does not apply alone to persons who are really in straightened circumstances, and who are

scratching hard to make both ends meet. Indeed, it is often a more easy matter to collect from such persons than from many who are far more able to pay. The honest individual who has the misfortune to get into debt, is usually given every reasonable opportunity to clear off his liabilities, and as a rule it is only a matter of time when the debts will be paid. Besides, those who honestly endeavor to pay their debts, are not the persons who get into debt to any great extent, and they will try to make their expenditure correspond with their means.

As stated, it is often those who are able to pay, who are the hardest to collect from. In Winnipeg, as in other cities, there is a large class of persons who get into debt with the avowed intention of beating their creditors. Others get into debt through carelessness in contracting liabilities in excess of their income, and once involved they will not put forth an effort to pay their accounts. They could pay off these accounts by curtailing their expenditure, but by so doing they would not be able to cut quite as big a dash in society. The false show must be kept up at all hazards, hence the debts must go unpaid. Between this class and the out-and-out "dead-beat," there is no difference in point of honesty. These are the people from whom it is practically impossible to recover at law. There is the professional "dead beat" who gets everything he can on credit and pays for nothing. To this class belong persons who always have plenty of money for balls, operas, carriages, etc. The professional "dead beat" is also found among families who fancy they belong to the better class of society, and who are above associating with ordinary mortals. They apparently live "high," and fancy they make quite a splurge in society, but they are simply "dead beats," and morally on a par with the very lowest of the class. The professional "dead beat" frequently has property, but the law is insufficient to reach him.

The careless debtor differs only from the "dead beat" in that he does not get into debt with the avowed intention of never paying for anything. He will, when hard pressed, sometimes pay bills or portions of bills, but he is always away behind. When convenient for him, he will pay, but his liabilities cause him little thought, for he is usually proof against the law. The careless debtor usually lives beyond his means. He

often lives well and handles a good deal of money, which he spends freely to keep up a false position in society, and his debts are about the last thing he will pay. This is what may be termed "living a lie." He makes himself believe that he is "somebody" in society, when he is simply a poor, dishonest and dishonorable creature, living in a false show, deceiving himself and endeavoring to deceive others. But so far as the merchant is concerned, he is a very unsatisfactory customer, and one whom the law for the collection of debts does not reach.

The fast young man may be represented as one of the class of careless debtors. He may not be naturally of a pronounced dishonest disposition, but his love of display or amusement makes him dishonest, and he is liable to become a regular "dead beat" in time. He must hold up his end with the boys, and so squanders his salary in this way, while going into debt for things more necessary to his comfort and existence. He becomes involved in excess of his income, and perhaps from being repeatedly dunned he becomes indifferent as to whether or not his debts are paid. This soon develops into rank dishonesty. Here again the main trouble arises from endeavoring to maintain a false position in society. In Winnipeg there are a large number of young men of this class, judging from the statements made by merchant tailors of the city.

The civil service servant is another source of annoyance to the merchants of the city. The civil service man will frequently be found among the class of professional "dead beats," and a good many may also be classed as careless debtors. In the case of the civil service employee, the law not only is ineffectual to reach him, but it actually shields and protects him in dishonesty. Thus a stigma is cast upon the whole service, in which honest men are compelled to share through their connection with the service. Almost every merchant in Winnipeg has had considerable experience with employees in the civil service, and many are the stories related of the supreme "gall" displayed by some of these individuals when requested to pay up. The honest men in the civil service should petition the Government to remove the regulations governing the service, which place a premium on dishonesty.

By taking collective action, such as the retail grocers of Winnipeg are now attempting, the merchants can no doubt do a great deal toward coping with the evils complained of. But it certainly does seem that the law relating to the collection of accounts and small debts should

be more effective than it is. As matters now stand, the law is just about useless in a majority of instances. Some more simple, expeditious and less expensive mode of dealing with "dead beats" and careless debtors is one of the great requirements of the country in the interest of the retail trade.

NEGLECTING INSURANCE.

The question of compromising with creditors is one which is just at present attracting a great deal of attention in Eastern Canada. The trade journals and also many of the newspapers have taken up the discussion, and very strong reasons have been urged against the system. Many leading wholesale dealers have also spoken strongly against the practice. Here in Western Canada the custom of making compromises with creditors has certainly been carried to excess, and many temporary settlements of this nature have been made, which should never have been considered. Still, it is very hard to lay down any cast-iron rule against compromising, and especially so in a new country like this. There is one cause for asking compromises, however, which should never be considered. Reference is made to instances where retail dealers become insolvent from losses occasioned by fire, in cases where the merchant has neglected to protect himself by insurance. The merchant who wilfully neglects to protect himself by insurance is not deserving of sympathy when he meets with a loss from fire which renders him unable to meet his obligations. The Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild have been considering this question, and they have passed the following motion:

The losses sustained by fire having been found to be most serious, and an evil requiring united action, the members of the Guild have agreed that they will not consent to accept any compromise from their customers where it is found that the failure has been caused through insufficient insurance, and they have further agreed that the insurance carried on the stock, chattels and buildings, must be, at least, sixty per cent. of their value.

This is an example which could be followed to advantage by wholesalers generally, here as well as in the East. The retail dealer who buys for cash, or who has his affairs in such a position that he can meet his liabilities, even should he lose his stock by fire, of course is free to do as he may think best. But the dealer who carries a large stock of goods on credit, and who knows that the loss or serious damage of his stock from fire would render him unable to meet his liabilities, is morally bound to protect himself and his creditors with insurance. His neglect to do so may be looked upon as something bordering on dishonesty. Aside from the moral aspect of the case, the man who neglects to insure shows himself incapable, from a business point of view, and hardly a proper subject for a compromise.

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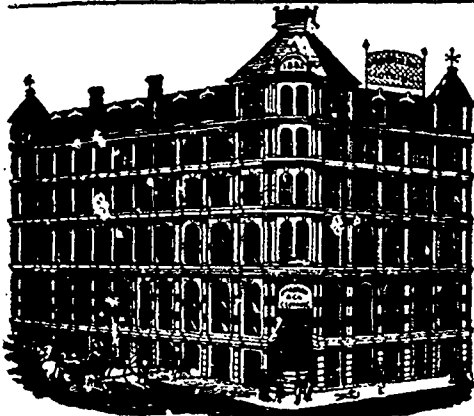
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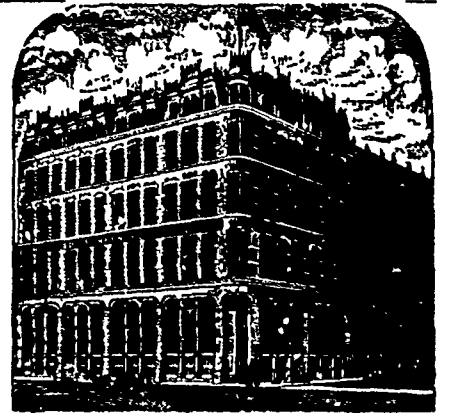
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is nothing new to be said of the situation financially. All around there appears to be the same disposition to grumble about slowness in collections, and in trade circles generally closeness is the rule. This subject, however, is becoming tiresome, and at present it does not appear as if there is any immediate prospect of an opportunity for changing the tune. At the banks there is nothing unusual to note, business being of the ordinary nature, and discount rates steady. In loans on real property, the loan companies are doing considerable business in advances on farm lands.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week was a quiet one in commercial circles throughout the province. Farmers were busy seeding, and had no time to visit the towns, consequently country points, depending on farmers trade mostly, were very quiet. In the city the week was broken by Good Friday holiday, which helped to make things appear quieter. Trade, however, was reported as fairly active in a number of wholesale branches, a good business being done in fruits, lumber, and building supplies, hardware, etc. The spring rush is now over with the implement dealers, but they are looking for a heavy trade in harvest goods later on. Textile goods are commencing to show a better demand. Prices have held steady in most branches.

FRUITS—GREENS.

Dealers report business active. Apples are in fair supply, but the quality is often unsatisfactory. Oranges and lemons plentiful, at easy prices. There is not much green stuff handled yet, though small lots are being brought in, at irregular prices. Rubarb, or pie plant, is offered at 10c per pound, with easier tendency. Prices are: Good to choice apples, in good condition, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel. Messina lemons are quoted at \$5.00 to \$5.50 per box. Messina oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. California fancy Riverside seedless oranges, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$6.00 per box. Bananas, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per bunch. Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at about \$16 per keg. Cranberries are quoted \$7 to \$8.00 per barrel for sound fresh fruit. Southern red onions, \$1.25 per crate of 50 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate of about 50 pounds. Cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon. New maple sugar, cakes, 13 to 14c per lb. Maple syrup, in tins or bulk, \$1.25 per gallon.

FISH.

Plenty of fresh Red River fish are in the market, but several of these are not favorite varieties. There are no Lake Superior or Lake Winnipeg fish except old frozen lots, which are not of choice quality. No fresh caught fish will be in from the lakes for some few weeks yet. Some B. C. salmon are now in the market. Prices are: Red River fish, gold eyes, 12½c per dozen; pickerel, 23c lb.; sturgeon, 5c lb.; cat fish 3c lb.; buffalo fish, 2c lb. Frozen Lake Winnipeg white, 76c lb; frozen Lake Superior trout, 7c lb. Fresh B. C. salmon, 15c lb. Cured fish are quoted: Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8c per lb; in boxes of from 25 to 40 lbs.

7½c per lb; Labrador herrings, No. 1, \$9.50 per barrel; No. 2, \$3.60; No. 1, \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; St. John bloaters, \$1.40.

GROCERIES.

Outside sugar markets have continued strong and excited, and several further advances are reported in foreign markets and at domestic refineries. Scotch markets have advanced from one to two shillings per 100 lbs. and Canadian refiners about ¼c per pound. Quotations here are: Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 9½ to 9¾c; lumps 9½ to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

It is not thought that the opening of navigation will make any important changes in quotations, as the firm tendency of prices in outside markets will about counterbalance any reductions in summer freights. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$3.50 to \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$8.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.00 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 25 to 40 per cent, according to size, off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 32½c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c

HIDES AND TALLOW.

The hide market continues very dull and prices low, owing to the weak and unsatisfactory state of outside markets. Dealers here claim that they are paying big prices, in comparison with ruling prices at Chicago, Toronto and other markets. One feature is that kips are almost unsaleable, owing to the extensive use of sheepskin for purposes for which kips were formerly used. Prices here are unchanged, as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 3, 2c. Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, Deacon skins, 20c each. Sheepskins 25 to 55c as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c rendered 5c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Quotations are: Turpentine, \$1.09 in five-gallon cans, or 95c in barrels; harness oil \$1; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 68c per gallon; boiled 70c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oil, kerosene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; pure white lead, \$7.50; genuine do. \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.15. Alabastine, \$8 per case of 20 pkgs.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Farmers continued to prosecute seeding operations vigorously all last week and reports were coming in from some points that the wheat crop in such districts was all sown. A good many farmers will now be sowing their other crops. A very heavy wind prevailed on Saturday, April 13th in the western portion of the wheat district, and on Sunday it reached the eastern district of Manitoba. Fears were expressed that the wind might do some damage on light soil, but so far no very definite reports to this effect have been received. A rain followed the wind storm, amounting to heavy showers in some districts, but lighter in the eastern section.

FLOUR.

Prices have shown no further change since our last report, and hold as follows:—Patents, \$3.00; strong bakers, \$2.80; snowflake, \$2.70; XXXX, \$2.30; second bakers, \$2.55 to \$2.65; superfine, \$1.65; middlings, \$3.00; Graham flour, \$2.80.

MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold unchanged at £10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts, with \$1 per ton advance asked for small lots.

OATS

There is very little movement in this grain, and prices are irregular. About 31 to 32c seems to be the value of car lots on track here.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Quotations are unchanged as follows: \$2.60 for standard oatmeal and 2.75 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, 30 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal was held at \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

CHEESE.

Dull at about 10½c in jobbing lots.

BUTTER.

Receipts continue light, and the quantity of new butter coming in is small. Prices hold at about 20 to 21c for good to choice in small lots.

EGGS.

Dealers were trying to get a little better prices for eggs last week, perhaps on account of its being Easter week, but with the stocks held it was difficult to advance prices. As high as 13c per dozen, in single case lots was quoted, but not often obtained, most sales being made at about 12c, and some at 12½c, in case lots. Receipts were not quite as large last week, and there was good demand from packers for large lots, but not at over 11c per dozen.

LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago at \$2.35.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are fairly firm and quoted as follows: Mess pork, \$19 per bri; long clear dry salt bacon, 10½c per lb; smoked breakfast bacon, 13½ to 14c; rolls, 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c per lb. Bologna sausage, 8c per lb. For smoked meats, sales at close cash prices are being made at ¼ to ½c per pound under above quotations.

DRESSED MEATS.

There is a plentiful supply of good to choice beef in the market. Fancy prices are not being obtained for choice Easter beef, owing to the cutting among wholesale butchers. On this account the business has been rendered unsatisfactory and unprofitable. It is said that choice beef, bought to sell at 8c by the carcass, dressed, has been selling at 7c per pound. At any rate rate, 7c seems to be about the usual price, and really choice beef has sold freely at this figure,

and fre n that down to six for fair to good. Hogs hold at 8½c, and sometimes quoted as high as 9c. Some fresh killed mutton is offered at about 12c, with stocks of old held at about 7c. Veal is easier, and choice offered freely at 10c.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens are easier, but still bring a good price, 75c per pair being the inside figure, and from that up to \$1 per pair. Wild ducks offered at 40 to 50c per pair.

LIVE STOCK.

A good many cattle have been coming in, including some choice animals. The feeling is easy, on account of the cutting in prices of dressed meats. About 4c seems to be the average price for good animals, though a better figure could probably be obtained for choice. A few hogs come in with cattle, and are quotable at about 6c for good.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are obtainable in quantities at 20c per bushel. Some green stuff is offering, including lettuce and onions, home grown, at 50c per dozen bunches. Other prices are unchanged as follows: Onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50; carrots, 75c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, \$1.20; beets, 50 to 60c, all per bushel. Cabbage average \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen for good.

HAY.

The hay market is pretty well glutted with large offerings of baled hay, which is brought in in car lots, and sold here for from \$4 to \$8 per ton, as to quality. The outside price is hardly now obtainable, and good hay would be delivered in the city at under the top figure. A good deal of baled hay is of poor quality, through snow being mixed in dressing. Loose hay purchasable by the load on the market is there for sometimes preferred instead of the baled article. The season has been very unsatisfactory so persons who put up hay last summer, as owing to the short winter, the demand has greatly fallen off.

MEDICINAL ROOTS.

Since the frost went out of the ground seneca root has again commenced to come in. Large outside dealers in this root are quoting lower prices than last fall, prices offered being about 10c lower. Local dealers are quoting about 25c per pound here for the article.

Chicago Provision Prices.

Prices at Chicago on Thursday for cash meats were:—Green meats—shoulders, per pound, 5c to 5½c; hams, per pound, 8½c. to 8¾c. Loose dry salted shoulders, per 100 pounds, \$5.10 to \$5.25; short ribs, per 100 pounds, \$5.95 to \$6.00; long clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.00 to \$6.05; short clear, per 100 ds, \$6.15 to \$6.20. Boxed meats—Long and short clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.25 to \$6.30; Cumberland, per pound, 6½ to 7½c; Staffordshire sides, per pound, 6½ to 7½c; smoked hams, per pound, 9½ to 9¾c.

FRANK & MILLER, hardware and lumber merchants, Virden, Man., are adding a tinshop to their establishment.

MR. JOHNSTON, of the Standard Oil Co., Winnipeg, moved to St. Paul last week, where he will remain in the service of the company. D. West, who has been Winnipeg for some weeks, is manager for the company here.

THE NEWS, of Lethbridge, Alberta, says: The Botterill estate, which for the past eighteen months has been run by Geo. D. Wood, trustee for the creditors, was on Saturday last purchased by Mr. Shirlock, of Grenfell, who will in future carry on the business.

Wheat Statistics.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The following shows the stocks in bushels, of wheat at the principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains; also, in transit by lake and rail, on the dates named, according to the Chicago statement:—

	1889	1888.	1887.
January 5	37,923,338	43,857,191	63,315,505
February 2	34,871,548	41,080,586	61,769,520
February 16	33,435,051	38,565,087	59,880,370
February 23	32,739,834	38,462,924	57,027,393
March 2	32,000,075	37,516,274	55,781,594
March 9	31,709,335	36,000,966	54,266,178
March 16	31,152,430	35,253,024	53,172,937
March 23	30,266,421	35,441,742	52,411,917
March 30	29,439,756	34,337,386	51,586,214
April 6	28,798,821	33,591,182	51,016,824

Decrease for the week ended April 13, 891,791 bushels.

WHEAT IN STORE.

The following shows the wheat in store, in bushels, at the points mentioned, on April 13:—

Chicago	4,484,498
Minneapolis	6,100,498
Duluth	2,160,549
Montreal	449,413
Toronto	135,000

WHEAT AT PRIMARY MARKETS.

The following table shows the receipts of spring wheat at the markets mentioned from June 30, 1888, to April 13, 1889, compared with two previous years:—

POINTS.	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87
Chicago	11,402,000	11,454,000	17,158,000
Milwaukee	5,522,000	7,932,000	7,294,000
Minneapolis	32,946,000	38,972,000	31,560,000
Duluth	5,270,000	14,946,000	18,977,000

Total bu. 55,140,000 73,306,000 71,965,000
The total receipts of winter wheat at the markets mentioned from July 30, 1888, to April 13, 1889, compared with two previous years, were as follows:—

POINTS.	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87
St. Louis	11,416,000	11,427,000	11,219,000
Toledo	7,153,000	8,351,000	12,691,000
Detroit	6,479,000	5,577,000	6,034,000
Kansas City	1,526,000	1,329,000	2,807,000
Cincinnati	1,534,000	1,365,000	2,739,000

Total bu. 28,101,000 28,359,000 37,980,000

RE-EXPORTS ON PASSAGE.

The following shows the quantity of wheat and flour equivalent to wheat, expressed in quarters, (8 bushels to the quarter) on passage to Great Britain and Europe, on the dates named:—

	April 13, 1889.	April 6, 1889.	April 14, 1888.
To Great Britain	1,915,000	1,854,000	2,170,000
To Europe	376,000	340,000	340,000

EXPORTS FROM ATLANTIC PORTS.

Exports from principal Atlantic ports for the week ending April 13, and the corresponding week last year were:—

	1889.	1888.
Flour, brls.	120,000	188,500
Wheat, bu.	311,000	364,700

Exports from Atlantic ports from Sept. 1st last to April 6, and corresponding period of previous year, were:

	1889-S.	1887-S.
Wheat, bu.	6,151,821	18,497,705
Corn, bu.	42,228,434	13,469,332
Flour, brls.	4,863,766	6,883,606

The following shows exports of wheat and flour from the United States for the nine months ending March 31:—

	1889-S.	1887-S.
Pacific coast—		
Wheat and flour, bushels	29,435,013	21,376,209
Atlantic coast—		
Wheat and flour, bushels	38,136,037	77,213,630
Total bushels	67,571,050	98,589,839
Total wheat, bushels	36,546,926	57,106,577
Total flour, barrels	6,896,472	9,218,436

The exports of wheat and flour for the month of March footed up to 5,851,733 bushels, against 8,634,733 bushels for the corresponding month last year.

Insurance Briefs.

New Westminster, B. C., is building a new fire hall.

The Toronto Budget, the insurance journal, has been greatly improved of late.

T. C. Livingston, manager in Manitoba and the Territories for the Mutual Life of New York, returned to Winnipeg last week from an extended visit in the east.

The Liberal, of Portage la Prairie, Man., complains that the fire companies are raising the rates. The merchants object strongly to the advance, as rates are already high. The Liberal suggests that the board of underwriters send a representative to Portage to confer with the board of trade of that place, in the matter. Failing in this, the Liberal advises the merchants to form a local insurance fund and "shake" the companies entirely.

A. A. CORRIE, grocer, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

R. SIMPSON, hotelkeeper, Minnedosa, is removing to Neepawa.

R. BEAUCHAMP, fish and fruit dealer, Victoria, B.C., has sold out.

W. G. SMITH, butcher, Port Arthur, has assigned to G. H. McDonell.

G. SEABURY, hotelkeeper, Golden, B.C., has sold out to Geo. A. Starke.

ROBT. KERR, grocer and butcher, Rapid City, contemplates selling out.

R. B. RICHARDSON, general storekeeper, Cowichan, B.C., has sold out.

R. BURER has opened in fruits and confectionery at Norman, Rat Portage.

W. D. TAYLOR has commenced business in Winnipeg as a manufacturers' agent.

JAMES SHEPHERD has opened in the flour and feed business at Boissevain, Manitoba.

J. BROWNIDGE, shoemaker, will commence business in his line at Deloraine, Man.

THE Viroen Advance says: We understand that J. J. Cullfield is disposing of his wholesale liquor business here to R. Trumbell.

THE ice moved out of Thunder Bay on April 19th, and Port Arthur harbor is now open. Freight is now being taken for shipment via the Lake route.

THE ice on the North Saskatchewan river at Battleford began to move out on Friday, April 5th. The Battle river also began to move on the same day.

STEAMERS were running on the Lake of the Woods, between Rat Portage and Keewatin, last week. Lake Winnipeg steamers at Selkirk are being fitted up to commence the season.

Deloraine Times: A bonus of \$2,000 is guaranteed to a miller from Sydenham, Ontario, to build a roller mill at Killarney, Manitoba, which offer he has expressed himself in a letter as willing to accept.

THE Deloraine Times says: Wm. Preston, of Stratford, Ont., is going to build a first-class roller mill at Boissevain, Manitoba, with a capacity of 100 barrels per day. The building is to be built of solid stone, 30x48, 40 feet high. Caleb Ryan has the contract to quarry the stone.

It seems that the location of the large flour mill, to be erected this summer by Hastings Bros. & Co., has not yet been definitely decided upon, and there appears still to be some likelihood that the mill will be built in Winnipeg, though it had previously been concluded that Port Arthur was the favorite spot. It seems, however, that some of the members of the company prefer Winnipeg, and as the work of construction has not yet commenced at Port Arthur, an effort is being made to secure the mill for Winnipeg. An informal meeting of Aldermen was held on Thursday last, when a motion was passed pledging those present to assist in securing exemption for ten years and a free site, should the mill be built here. It is thought the company will accept these terms. The matter will come up at the next meeting of the City Council, when it is likely a decision in favor of the mill will be arrived at.

THE British Columbia exhibit for the Toronto Industrial Exhibition is already being arranged. An association to be known as The Provincial Exhibit Association of British Columbia, has been formed to look after the matter. At a meeting at Vancouver the following officers were elected: Mayor Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, president; vice-presidents, Hon. C. F. Cornwall, Mayor Hendry, of New Westminster, and Mayor Grant, Victoria; secretary, W. Seitz; treasurer, J. C. Keith. An executive committee composed of representative men in all parts of the province has also been formed, each member of which is authorized to form a sub-committee in his own division for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the asso-

ciation. Manitoba could take pattern from B. C. to advantage in this matter.

At the annual meeting of the Medicine Hat, Assn., board of trade, retiring President Finlay delivered a lengthy and interesting address. Among other things he said: "It is satisfactory to see that immigration to this district this year has largely increased. We do not put forward our district as a purely farming one, but with our mild climate, permitting of cattle to run out all winter, and the extraordinary flesh-producing qualities of our grass, we claim a settler who goes in here for farming and cattle-raising combined, will be farther ahead in five years than he would be in Manitoba in the same length of time. The prospects of our town were never more encouraging. The sinking of the shaft for the Medicine Hat Coal Mines will, it is said, soon be commenced."

A CHANGE has been made in the firm of Carscaden & Peck, wholesale clothing, Winnipeg. Mr. Alex. Bethune, who has had charge of the business offices of the firm for some time, has been admitted a partner in the business. Mr. Bethune has been a source of strength to the house in the management of his particular department, and now that he has become a partner, his usefulness in this respect will no doubt be increased. Mr. Bethune left for Montreal last week where he will introduce some important changes in the manufacturing department of his house in that city with a view to increasing the capacity and otherwise improving the establishment. He will be absent two or three weeks.

A PARTNERSHIP has been formed between W. Banks, a former resident of Redding, Cal., and Mr. Morris, formerly foreman of the Chemainus saw mill, under the firm name of Morris & Banks. The new firm intend establishing a saw mill at Shawnigan Lake, B. C., and expect to secure the right to cut timber all around the lake within a mile from the shore.

IN addition to the changes in the Merchants' Bank staff at Winnipeg, noted elsewhere in this issue, the following changes will also be made: E. J. Phillips, accountant, will go to Brandon, where he will take the management of the branch at that place. Mr. Ferguson, manager at Brandon, will become assistant manager at Winnipeg.

It is reported from Ottawa that the proposed objectionable amendment to the Customs regulations, providing that the cost of transportation should be added to goods in estimating their value for dutiable purposes, has been withdrawn.

D. SPRAGUE, of the Winnipeg saw mill, expects to commence cutting about the close of the month. He is getting logs from the Red Lake district of Minnesota, which will be floated down the Red River.

F. R. SMITH and S. S. Beatty, representing John Calder & Co., clothing manufacturers, of Hamilton, Ont., were in Winnipeg last week.

JOS. TASSE, of Tasse, Wood & Co., cigar manufacturers, Montreal, was in the city last week, on his return from a western trip.

THE Bank of England rate of discount according to a cable on Friday was 2½ per cent.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, April 15, May wheat opened 1c higher than Saturday's closing price, at 89c, and ranged during the day from 88 to 89½c. July ranged from 82½ to 83½c. Firm cables caused the strength at the start. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	87½	88½	89½	89½
Corn	34½	34½	35	35½
Oats	24	24½	24½	24½
Pork	11.55	11.60	11.70	11.77½
Lard	6.77½	6.82½	6.87½	6.92½
Short Ribs	5.90	5.95	6.00	6.07½

On Tuesday, May wheat ranged from 87½ to 88½c. July ranged from 81½ to 82½c. The increase in wheat on passage and favorable crop news caused an easier feeling. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	87½	88½	89	89½
Corn	34½	34½	35½	35½
Oats	24½	24½	24½	24½
Pork	—	11.95	12.02½	12.10
Lard	6.85	6.90	6.95	7.00
Short Ribs	6.02½	6.07½	6.15	6.22½

On Wednesday May wheat opened at 88½c. and ranged from 88½ to 89½c. July ranged from 82 to 83c. Cash trade was more active, but good crop reports exercised a bearish influence. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	87½	88½	88½	89½
Corn	34½	34½	35½	35½
Oats	24½	24	24	25½
Pork	11.50	11.55	—	12.00
Lard	6.85	6.90	6.95	6.97½
Short Ribs	5.92½	5.97½	6.05	6.10

Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of April 4th, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
Canada 3½ per cents.	106	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents., 1885	113	—	—
Ditto 3 per cents.	93½	½	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents., 1887	114	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.	114	—	—
Quebec 4 per cents.	104	—	—
Montreal 3 per cents.	83	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents.	106	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.	111	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register)	51½	½	—
Ditto shares (London register)	54½	½	—
Ditto first mortgage bonds.	105½	½	—
Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds	97	½	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock.	112	½	—
Ditto first preference.	73½	—	—
Manitoba and Northwestern bond	—	—	—
Manitoba Southwestern bonds	—	—	—
Bank of British Columbia.	26	—	—
Bank of E. N. A.	77	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £2 paid.	51	—	—
Ditto £3 paid.	3	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage.	—	—	—
British American Land	29	—	—
Canada North-West Land.	3.9-16	1-16	—
Hudson's Bay	21½	½	—
Land Corporation of Canada	1	—	—
Vancouver Coal.	—	—	—

Minneapolis Markets.

Closing quotations on Change on Thursday for wheat were:

	April.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard	1.01	1.01	1.03
No. 1 northern	90	90	92
No. 2	80	80	82

Quotations for flour were—Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$5.70 to \$6.00; patents to

ship, sacks car lots, \$5.50 to \$5.75; in barrels, \$5.70 to \$6.00. Delivered at New England points, \$6.35 to \$6.65; bakers, here, \$3.75 to \$4.75; superfine, \$2.00 to \$3.50; red dog, sacks, \$1.35 to \$1.50; red dog, barrels, \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Bran and Shorts—Are steady and quoted at \$7.25 to \$7.50.

Barley—Dull and weak, especially for medium and inferior qualities. Quotations range from 25 to 45c per bushel.

Montreal Stock Market.

The following quotations on April 15, as compared with prices on April 3rd, will indicate the course of the stock market:

	April 3.		April 15.	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal	230½	230½	228	227½
Ontario	135	132	135	135½
Toronto	220	215	—	215
Merchants	138½	138½	142	140
Commerce	120½	119½	121	120
Molson's	163	159	—	—
Union	—	—	—	100
N. W. Land Co.	—	—	75½	74
C. P. R.	50½	49½	51	50½

J. E. WHITE, second-hand clothing dealer at Victoria, B.C., is dead.

SHORR & ANDERSON, furniture dealers, Victoria, B.C., are adding crockery and glassware.

RUSSELL, McDONALD & Co., general storekeepers, Victoria, B.C., have sold out their tailoring department.

A NEW planer has been received by Haslam & Lees, of the Nanaimo, B. C., saw mill. It is a fine piece of machinery and weighs over three and a half tons.

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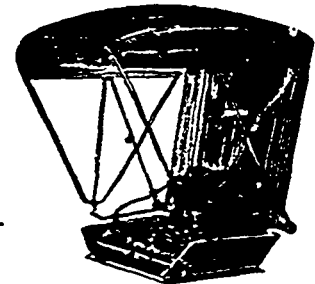
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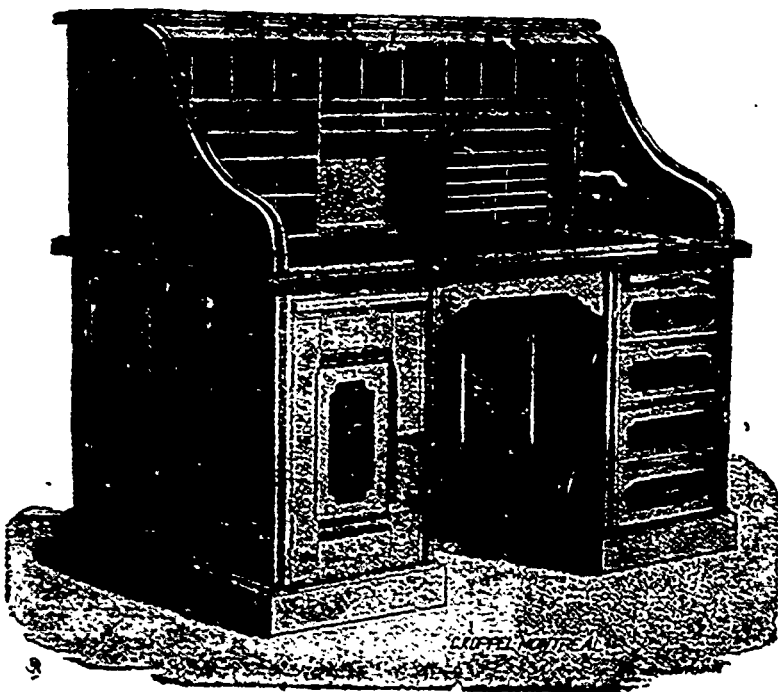
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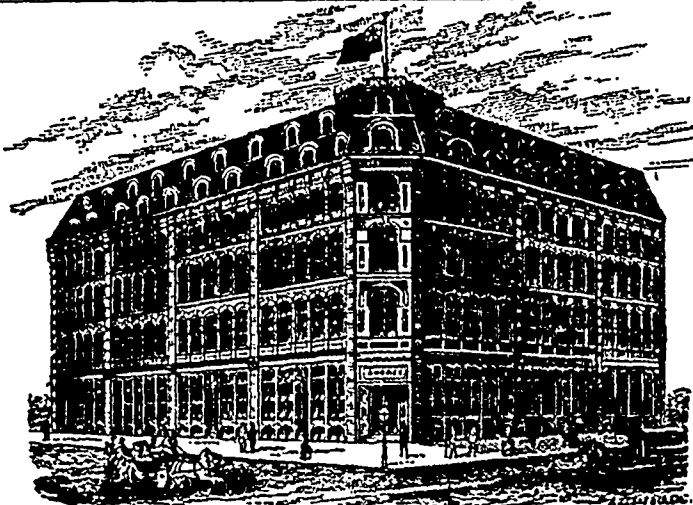
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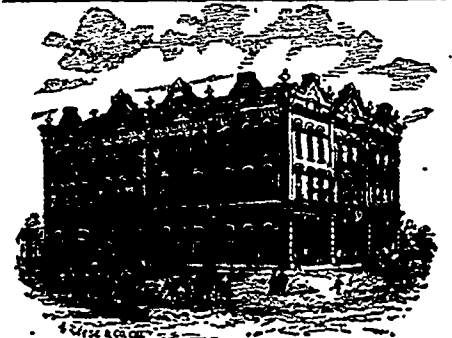
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James Belling, jeweler, Hamilton, is dead.
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 Thos. Strong, shoes, Brantford, has assigned.
 Thos. Ankers, baker, Toronto, has assigned.
 Geo. Harvey, builder, Toronto, has assigned.
 Wm. Wilson, hotelkeeper, Toronto, is dead.
 Geo. B. McGill, harness, Dutton, has sold out.
 E. E. Dundas, grocer, Walkerton, has sold out.
 Mrs. F. H. Lamb, groceries, Lucan, has sold out.
 Isaac Huber, books, Bracebridge, has assigned.
 W. R. Clayton, grocer, Listowel, has assigned.
 James Lattimore, baker, Madoc, has assigned.
 M. D. Nelligan, wagons, Hamilton, has assigned.
 P. S. Reynolds, hotelkeeper, Clinton, has sold out.
 Frank Carling, hotelkeeper, Fullarton, has sold out.
 Fitch Bros, fish dealers, Hamilton, have sold out.
 T. H. Cray, confectioner, St. Thomas, has sold out.
 R. P. Simmeus, hotelkeeper, Wingham, has sold out.
 J. C. Stokes, general storekeeper, King, has sold out.
 Daniel Monaghan, baker, New Hamburg, has assigned.
 A. Church, general storekeeper, Bradford, has sold out.
 Thompson Bros., coal and wood, London, have assigned.
 James Barnes, general storekeeper, Wainstead, is dead.
 Tibbitts & McKenney, butchers, Aylmer, have dissolved.
 Alex. McDonald, general storekeeper, Louisville, has sold out.
 Alex. McKinney, general storekeeper, Hornings Mill, has sold out.
 E. J. Thompson & Co., wholesale jewelers, Hamilton, have suspended.
 W. H. Lyons & Co., general storekeeper, Burritts Rapids, have assigned.
 The following were burned out at Orono:
 F. L. Andrus, fancy goods; N. F. Hall, tailor;
 T. W. Underwood, general storekeeper.

QUEBEC.

Cyrille Benoit, trader, Vercheres, has assigned.
 Elie Brodeur, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 H. Wiseman & Co., butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 E. Charbonneau & Fils, grocers, Lachine, have assigned.
 Eastern News Co., books, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
 Laverdure & Rinfret, butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Martineau & Picard, carpenters, Montreal, have dissolved.
 French Novelty Co., jewelry, etc., St. Henri, have dissolved.
 Boiron & Hebert, druggists sundries, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Jos. Brunet & Co., brick contractors, Montreal, have dissolved.
 W. R. Ross & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Lumber Cuttings.

The saw mill at Macleod, Alberta, is running again.

A new boiler has arrived for Cameron and Kennedy's saw mill at Rat Portage

Log driving on the Little Saskatchewan river, Man., commenced last week. It is said there is plenty of water.

Capt Grahame, late Dominion Government immigration agent at Winnipeg, intends going into the lumber business.

Croft & Angus, who recently sold their saw mill at Chemainus, B. C., to a company, have now dissolved partnership.

Christie, of the new Brandon mill, has sent out his men to bring down his cut of logs from the Riding Mountain district.

Mitchell & Bucknall, of the mill at Millwood, Man., have sent men to the Riding Mountain to bring down their logs.

D. Ross, Whitemouth, Man., last winter took out over 3,000,000 feet of logs, and has them all piled on the river bank handy to his mill.

The Northwestern Hardwood Lumbermen's association, of St. Paul and Minneapolis, have adopted rules for inspecting and grading hardwood lumber.

The saw mill at Emerson, Man., is being repaired and put in condition for operating, as soon as the logs can be brought down the Red River from Minnesota.

Geo. McFarquhar has returned to Lethbridge, Alberta, from the East, bringing with him a quantity of machinery for the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds.

The Brunette Sawmills Company, of Westminster, B. C., will add a plant for the manufacture of sash, doors, etc., to their mills. The plant has been ordered.

S. C. Dodge and Hughes, president and vice-president of the Los Angeles (California) Planing Co., were in British Columbia recently, looking for a suitable site for a planing mill.

G. O. Buchanan, of Kamloops, goes to the Toad Mountain district, taking with him the machinery for a portable saw mill, to be set up at the new town of Nelson which is springing up in that famous mining district of B. C.

D. MacLaren, of Ont., a partner in the lumber firm of MacLaren & Ross, is in British Columbia, on a prospecting tour, with a view to investment. The building of the mill which the company with which he is connected is about to establish at New Westminster will be pushed forward vigorously.

Whimster & Kayle, of Strathclair, Man., have dissolved partnership. The firm was established ten years ago as lumbermen and millers. Whimster will continue the business, and Mr. Kayle, we understand, goes to Virten, Man., where he will engage in mercantile pursuits.

Toronto Dry Goods Trade.

The dry goods trade so far in the month of April has been quite as good as at the same time last year. Prices in Canadian-made cottons are more than firm. A decided tendency

has developed during the past two weeks to increase prices. Woollen goods are not so firm, still there is not the same quantity on the market to be disposed of as was a year ago, and altogether the trade outlook in this line is very favorable.

The spring trade has opened up this year about two weeks before the usual time, and such has been the effect of the favorable weather that a very good business has been done. The lines most in demand are light fabrics in dress goods, prints, gloves, hosiery, parasols and embroideries. Considerable repeat orders are being made for these, showing that there has been a fair trade done by the retailers. Stocks are still fairly well assorted, and the balance of the month is likely to show good results in sales.—*Empire.*

Columbia River Canneries.

B. Young, who arrived from Astoria last evening, states that the canneries on the Columbia River are already securing a good supply of fish. On Sunday one cannery had 1,600 large fish, which would be equal to about 500 cases, and all anticipate a good pack. Out of forty canneries which were formerly in operation, only twenty-one are now being worked. The balance have removed their plant to Alaska. Those who have remained on the Columbia still have confidence in the future of that river as a field of successful operations. The number of boats fishing this season is between twelve and thirteen hundred, which is an average of about sixty to each cannery.—*Victoria Colonist.*

MAPLE syrup at Montreal last week was quoted at 50 to 75c per gallon as to quality. Maple sugar was quiet at 7 to 8c per lb.

MR. D. MILLER, manager of the Merchant's Bank, at Winnipeg, has been promoted to a similar position in the service of the bank at Toronto. This promotion is a very pronounced recognition of Mr. Miller's ability in conducting the business of the bank here. The branch of the Merchant's Bank here, under the management of Mr. Miller during the past eight years, has been one of the most popular financial institutions in this city, and a wide circle of business men and acquaintances will regret the loss of Mr. Miller, while at the same time congratulating him upon his promotion to so important a post as Toronto. Mr. Arthur Wickson, who has been connected with the Merchant's Bank here for some time, and who is therefore well known to the patrons of the bank, will succeed to the management of the institution. Mr. Miller will start for Toronto in about two weeks.

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Hog Raising.

Without expressing any opinion on the question of free trade with the United States, it does seem anomalous that thousands of farmers should be so anxious for it and regard it as the philosopher's stone, to turn all they touch into gold, while they have a gold mine almost unworked at their very doors. This gold mine is the raising and fattening of swine for the Canadian market.

Our senior commenced pork packing in this city in 1854, and in 1860 commenced to export the product to England, and has followed it continuously ever since, but always with a great disadvantage compared with American packers, from the insufficient and irregular supply of hogs. In 1887 we killed 63,457 hogs, of which less than half were Canadian. We should have been only too glad to have got our full compliment in Canada, because the quality of meat of the Canadian hog is very superior to American, and for this reason we pay a higher price for them, and we get a higher price in England for the product.

Canadian bacon is beginning to be appreciated in England, but the small, fitful supplies prevent it gaining the position it is entitled to. The point we now want to urge on the farmers of Ontario is that we want five times as many hogs raised and fattened as are now produced.

Now some of your readers may say, if the supply of hogs is increased the price will be lowered in proportion. We do not believe this would follow, and we give you our reasons:—

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The demand from Ottawa and Montreal, is increasing every year, and we are assured that competition by the farmers of Quebec is out of the question.

Modern appliances and system of curing have enabled the pork packers to produce an article of such superior quality and flavor that consumption by all classes is steadily on the increase.

Lastly, the English market will always act as a safety valve. Any overplus can always find a market there.

And now to the question, is swine-raising profitable? without hesitation we say, yes, and we think more so than any other farm stock, and we give our reasons:—

Consider how small amount will purchase a breeding sow compared with a cow, and how quick the return. At fourteen months old she will present you with from 6 to 10 pigs. These want no attention beyond feeding and caring for the mother, and at six weeks old suppose, if you must sell them, and only get \$1 each, you are well paid; and this can be repeated within the year. But assuming the pigs are fattened, they can with good care, be made to weigh 130 lbs., alive at six months old, which at 5c per pound is \$7.50.

Consider the ease of marketing compared with cattle. You can sell them direct to any respectable pork-packer by writing them. We have had them sent us frequently by persons whom we have never seen.

Consider the regularity of the market! It does not vary as the cattle market with the supply, and drop 50c per hundred pounds if there are a few extra cars received on any one day.

Bear in mind that mutton or beef is weighed without the head and feet, while with pork these are a part of the carcass.—Wm. Davie, in the *Canadian Live Stock Journal*.

E. J. THOMPSON & Co., wholesale jewelers, Hamilton, Ont., have suspended. Liabilities from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

J. M. FITZGERALD, from Birtle, has opened the hotel at the C.P.R. station, Portage la Prairie, which has been closed up for some time. The name has been changed from the Stickney house to the Union hotel.

THE *Monitor*, of Morden, Man., says: Some gentlemen have been making enquiries relating to starting binding twine works here, but owing to the want of water the matter has dropped through.

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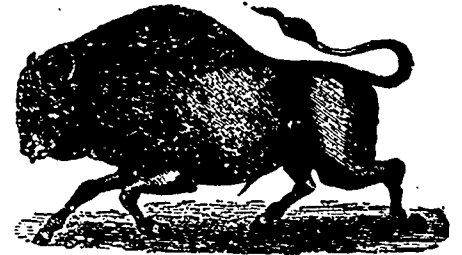
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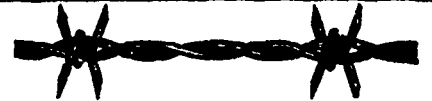
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British Columbia.

Arthur Rullock, dry goods, Nanaimo, B.C., has announced his intention of retiring from business.

The movement for a reduction in the hours of work by the mechanics of Victoria is making good progress.

R. F. Lemon, general merchant, Revelstoke, is offering his stock for sale, with the object of leaving the place.

Tenders are asked for the purchase of the Arlington hotel, Kamloops, together with the furnishings of the house.

Donald Truth: The sheriff has levied on the property of Jeffrey Brothers, the contractors, now operating near Field.

Victoria proposes expending \$45,000 on its streets and bridges this year. A by-law granting the council that sum will shortly be voted upon.

The C. P. R. Co. has inaugurated a steamer service, tri-weekly, between Vancouver and Nanaimo. It is desired that the line may be made a mail route.

Brackman & Kerr, proprietors of the Saanich oatmeal and flour mills, Vancouver Island, are erecting a large brick building at Victoria, where they will do a flour and feed business.

The Dominion Government has decided to plat and sell the townsite of Donald. Surveys will be made this month, and the sale of lots will, it is stated, take place on or about the 15th of May.

C. E. Grigg, son of S. Grigg, of the Grigg house, London, Ont., has leased premises at Vancouver for the purpose of establishing bottling works in that city. He will handle Labatt's ale and porter.

Joseph Haywood, of Victoria, lately presented that city with a beautiful drinking fountain, costing him over \$2,000. He now proposes to denote 600 choice trees, to be planted under his own direction and at his expense in Beacon Hill Park.

Vancouver World: It is believed there are more new buildings in process of erection in Vancouver at present than ever before in its history at one time. They are not by the dozen, but by the hundred and in every quarter and section of the city.

A two-story frame building, 60x50, is being built on the corner of Douglas and Fisgard streets, Victoria, by G. Ledingham, who will occupy it as a carriage factory. All the iron work necessary in the construction of vehicles will be done on the premises.

M. E. De Candia, a Victoria grocer, has left the city, leaving a stock valued at about \$1,500, and liabilities to over double the amount. He has written from the United States, stating that he had become so involved that he sought relief in flight. N. Buttocio is his principal creditor.

Donald Truth says: An important change has been made in the policy governing Dominion lands within the railway belt in this province. The time for homesteading these lands has been extended to the first of January, 1891. The price of lands within this belt sold

for speculative purposes, without conditions of settlement, has been increased from \$2.50 to \$5 per acre.

The *Grocers' Gazette*, of London, England, says of British Columbia salmon: The bark *Norc-o-s* has arrived. She is the last of the B. C. salmon fleet, but B. C. salmon is as scarce as ever and strongly held. This quality is more liked than any other and seems to be taking the place of the Columbia River salmon. Consumers seem fully satisfied with the former. We cannot, however, say the same of Alaska, but at the the existing difference in price, buyers are ready to take it for ordinary quality.

Victoria Standard: A representative of the Welland Vale Manufacturing Company, of St. Catharines, J. D. Chaplin, at present staying at the *Drriad*, has made arrangements to have a branch factory of the company started here, where all kinds of edge tools, agricultural implements, etc., will be made. It is more than likely that the factory will be erected on either a piece of land, part of the Pemberton estate or on the old Nesbitt property. A manufacturing business like the above started in the city could not fail to be beneficial.

Mr. Foster has given notice in Parliament of a resolution that the Governor-in-Council may give to any company to whom may be given the contract by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, a subsidy not exceeding 15,000 pounds sterling per annum for a monthly steamship service between British Columbia, China and Japan, such subsidy to be given for such a term of years as may be deemed expedient, provided always that during such time the Government of Great Britain and Ireland gives to such company a subsidy of not less than 45,000 pounds for a monthly service or of not less than 75,000 pounds per annum for a fortnightly service. Also to grant 25,000 pounds sterling per annum to assist in establishing an effective fortnightly steamship service between British Columbia and the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, such subsidy to be given for a term of years on such conditions as the Governor-in-Council may consider expedient.

The Travelling Men.

"Yes," said the new drummer to the Hebrew clothier, of whom he was about to secure an order, "yes, I know your name is Isaacs, but what is your Christian name?" That order never went in.

Toronto Merchant: Norman Phillips, one of the best known drummers of Ontario, was notified recently of an increase in his family. It was twins, and, to reconcile the father to his lot, a baby was borrowed from a neighbor, and when he arrived he was introduced to the little strangers and heartily congratulated. His greeting to his wife was, "Why, Mary, what do you mean?" but after a time an explanation was made, and the father, with a sigh of relief, remarked that there are times in life when a pair is better than three of a kind.

The typical commercial man cannot be charged with selfishness, but there are exceptions to the rule. On a C. P. R. train the other day a couple of knights of the grip were observed

occupying four sittings, having stretched their feet across the seat opposite them, while two ladies were standing for some time near by, being unable to obtain a seat. The ladies looked wistfully at the seat occupied by the feet of the drummers, but the latter paid no attention to the silent request. This was an exhibition of hoggishness and ungallantry which we are sure few gentlemen of the road would be guilty of.

Pure Gold Roberts was at Rat Portage recently. Hearing some of the boys talking of fishing, he naturally wished to participate in the sport, so borrowing an outfit from Louis Hilliard he started off and swished and swashed the water back of the first falls for about an hour and caught one of those deadly colds that everybody has nowadays. But Roberts was not going to be left. He dropped into Goodman's and bought a couple of herrings and swears to the boys he caught them at the falls. But Billy gave him away and now the boys say "herrings" to Roberts and he won't fish again --not this season.--*Husler*.

Montreal Hide Market.

Prices were on the weak side, and quoted as follows by the *Gazette*:

Toronto, No. 1	6c @	6 1/2c
Toronto, No. 2	5 @	5 1/2
Hamilton, No. 1	5 1/2 @	6 1/2
Hamilton, No. 2	4 3/4 @	5 1/2
Western, buff and upper, No. 1	6 1/2 @	7
Western buff, bands, No. 2	5 1/2 @	6
Heavy steers	8 1/2 @	9 1/2
Bull, heavy	5 1/2 @	6
Dry hides	10 @	11
Calfskins, Chicago	7 1/2 @	8
Green butchers' No. 1	5 @	0
Green butchers' No. 2	4 @	0
Green butchers' No. 3	3 @	0
Calfskins	7 @	0
Lambskins, each	0 @	15
Sheepskins, each	80 @	\$1 00

Fur Prices at Montreal.

Our quotations may be taken as a fair guide for average lots, and any choice parcels will likely fetch an advance on our figures. We add to the list spring muskrat at 20 to 25c.

Beaver, per lb.	\$ 4 50 @	\$ 4 75
Bear, large, per skin	12 00 @	18 00
Bear, small, "	5 00 @	10 00
Bear cubs, "	3 00 @	7 00
Fisher, "	5 00 @	7 00
Fox, red, "	1 40 @	1 65
Fox, cross, "	2 50 @	5 00
Lynx, "	4 00 @	5 00
Marten, "	1 10 @	1 15
Mink, "	0 75 @	1 25
Muskrat, winter	0 17 @	0 20
Muskrat, spring	0 20 @	0 25
Otter, per skin	8 00 @	12 00
Raccoon, per skin	0 25 @	0 75
Skunk, per skin	0 25 @	0 75

—*Gazette*..

Foote & Snider have been appointed agents at Portage la Prairie, Man., for the Canada Life Assurance Co., in the place of W. A. Prent, resigned.

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1 25 p.m.	1 40 p.m.	STATIONS.		9:10 a.m.	4:00
1 10 p.m.	1 32 p.m.	Winnipeg	1	9:20 a.m.	4:15
12 47 p.m.	1 19 p.m.	Portage Junction	9	9:37 a.m.	4:38
11 55 a.m.	12 47 p.m.	St. Norbert	24	10:19 a.m.	5:38
11 24 a.m.	12 47 p.m.	St. Agatha	34	10:45 a.m.	6:11
10 50 a.m.	12 08 p.m.	Silver Plains	40	11:05 a.m.	6 42
10 17 a.m.	11 55 a.m.	Morris	47	11:23 a.m.	7:07
9 40 a.m.	11 33 a.m.	St. Jean	56	11:45 a.m.	7 57
8 55 a.m.	11 00 a.m.	Letellier	66	12:10 p.m.	8:30
8 40 a.m.	10 50 a.m.	West Ljuno	76	12:35 p.m.	8 45
	6 25 a.m.	Pembina	86	1:00 p.m.	
	4 40 p.m.	Winnipeg Junction	91	1:25 p.m.	
	4 00 p.m.	Minneapolis	101	2:00 p.m.	
	6 47 p.m.	St. Paul	111	2:50 p.m.	
	3 40 p.m.	Helena	121	3:35 p.m.	
	1 05 a.m.	Garrison	131	4:20 p.m.	
	8 00 a.m.	Spokane	141	5:05 a.m.	
	4 50 a.m.	Portland	151	5:50 a.m.	
		Tacoma	161	6:35 a.m.	

M.	A.M.	STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
2 30	8:00	St. Paul	7:30	3:30	7:35
P.M. 10 30	A.M. 7 00	Chicago	A.M. 9 00	P.M. 3 10	P.M. 8 10
P.M. 6 45	A.M. 10 15	Detroit	P.M. 7 15	A.M. 10 45	A.M. 6 10
A.M. 9 10	P.M. 9 05	Toronto	A.M. 9 10	P.M. 9 05	P.M. 9 05
A.M. 7 00	P.M. 7 50	New York	A.M. 7 30	P.M. 8 50	P.M. 8 50
A.M. 8 30	P.M. 3 00	Boston	A.M. 9 35	P.M. 10 50	P.M. 10 50
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Read Down. going east.	STATIONS.	Read Up. going west.
No. 1 Daily.	Lethbridge	No. 2 Daily.
14 00 De	Woodpecker	Ar 1 30
15 55	Purple Springs	23 35
16 50	Grassy Lake	22 40
17 45 Ar	Cherry Coulee	21 45
18 00 De	Winnifred	20 55
18 50	Seven Persons	19 45
20 00	Dunmore	18 45
20 55		17 30
22 10 Ar		

† Meals. **E. T. GALT,** Manager, Lethbridge. **J. BAILEY,** Supt., Lethbridge

Manitoba and Northwestern Ry.

CHANGE OF TIME.

PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Fridays
LEAVE 10 00		Portage la Prairie	ARRIVE 13 20
17 45	35	Gladstone	12 05
18 45	61	Neepawa	10 38
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 55
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Shoal Lake	8 00
22 30	138	Birtle	7 00
23 30	165	Binscarth	5 55
24 10	166	Russell	5 15
24 40	180	Lanzenburg	7 15
1 45	200	Saltcoats	3 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

† Meals. *Trains for Binscarth leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 22:50; returning leave Binscarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 5:55. For Russell leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 22:50; returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 5:15. For Lanzenburg and Saltcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 22:50; returning leave Saltcoats Mondays only at 3:40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20:00; returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30.

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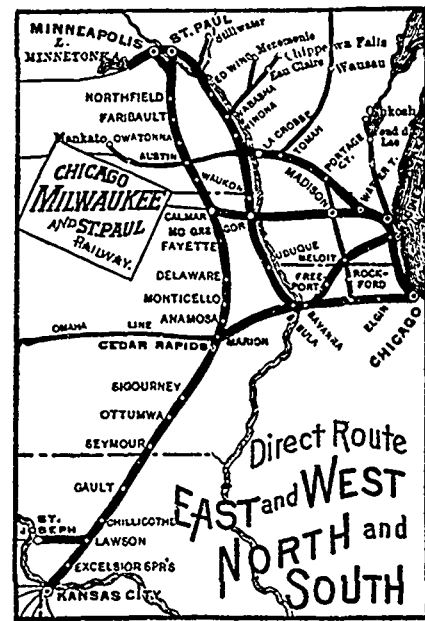
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