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WINNIPEG, APRIL 6, 1891.

Manitoba.

Roe, of Newdale, will build an elevator at that place.

Chas. Burke, grocer, Winnipeg, has given up business.

David Scott, tailor, Souris, has given up business.

Dr. J. G. Clint, of Almonte, Ont., has decided to locate in Winnipeg.

Geo. H. Rogers & Co., closed their branch store at Aruen last week.

W. D. Russell, books, etc., Winnipeg, the sheriff is in possession.

Estate of H. S. Weeks, grocer, Winnipeg; stock sold to J. T. Wilson.

Lindsay & Co., general store, Griswold, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

I. A. Cowie, pump factory, Morden, has sold out to Mr. Pierce, of Manitoba.

John Tait has been appointed agent at Manitou for Massey & Co., implements.

Lud Horne and W. Hawthorne of Rapid City, will open a harness shop at Arden.

The sales of farm lands are increasing in several sections, the demand being good.

The Brandon Sun now publishes a tri-weekly edition. Success to the enterprise of the Sun.

Mr. Mitchell, of Winnipeg, purchased a carload of fat cattle recently at Carberry for Benallie.

Wm. Robinson, of the Carney house, Emerson has taken over the Russell house, at the same place.

Chalmer Bros. & Bethune of Pilot Mound,

shipped a car load of cattle to Winnipeg on Monday.

The Manitoba paper mill, at Portage la Prairie, will commence operations to-day, Monday

Seeding on the Manitoba experimental farm at Brandon commenced on Monday last, March 30.

The Calgary agricultural society has secured a quantity of seed wheat for the benefit of its members.

Baird Bros & Chalmers of Pilot Mound, had a car of cattle ready for shipment to Winnipeg last week.

B. M. Canniff, druggist, Portage, has returned from Winnipeg, where he went for treatment at the hospital.

Burchill & Howey, butchers, and stock dealers, Brandon, are shipping three cars of Ontario hogs to Victoria, B. C.

The dwelling house of H. S. Maw, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire last week. The loss will be about \$2,200; insurance \$1,000.

Higginbotham, in the employ of Harris, Son & Co., at Brandon, has gone to Virden to represent the McCarmack machinery.

Sylvester Bros., implements, have arranged to open an agency at Rapid City, where Malcolm Thompson will act as agent.

Mr. E. G. Daniels, has decided to return to Brandon from the States, and will go into partnership with W. R. Garside, painter.

Jos. Laurence, of Clearwater, has brought from the east a carload of Shorthorns for his farm at Rock Lake. Several were prize winners at London, St. Thomas and Chatham last fall.

The store of J. S. Curry, East Selkirk, was broken into recently and his entire stock of tobacco, a quantity of sugar and other articles stolen.

The first incubator ever brought into this district, says the Virden Advance, was received this week by W. H. Hall and will be used by him this season.

W. Overton, manager of the Manitoba Fish Co., is supervising the erection at Selkirk of a new steamer for fishing purposes this summer on Lake Winnipeg.

J. H. Hanbury has a gang of men overhauling the machinery and other parts of his planing mill preparatory to commencing work next Monday, says the Brandon Mail.

E. W. Matthews, of Victoria, B. C., who has been transferred from that city to Winnipeg as manager of the Dun, Wiman mercantile agency, arrived in Winnipeg early last week.

Burglars effected an entrance into the clothing store of Simon Ripstein, Winnipeg, on Wednesday night and carried off three or four hundred dollars worth of jewelry and clothing.

G. W. Robinson, of Cartwright, has decided to start a cheese factory at Pilot Mound, and is now in the east procuring machinery, which will consist of an improved and complete outfit.

A dye house is to be established in connection with the Western Woolen Mills at St. Boniface, opposite Winnipeg. The company intends doing custom work in addition to their commercial work.

The electric street railway in Winnipeg has been found to work well, and the horse cars now

used on the old portion of the line will probably be discontinued in favor of electric cars. No inconvenience from snow was experienced the past winter.

The Dominion Government Savings Bank transactions at the Winnipeg branch for March, were: Deposits, \$20,970.00; withdrawals, \$32,385.83; the withdrawals exceed deposits by \$11,915.83.

Edward Dickson, has bought out the hardware business at Oak Lake, Man., carried on as the estate of J. Campbell. Dickson also recently purchased the hardware business carried on by the late John Horsman of Oak Lake, and the two hardware stores of the town will now be amalgamated.

It is reported that the Winnipeg & Duluth Railway company will apply to the Dominion Parliament at the coming session for a charter to construct a road from Winnipeg to the international boundary in a south easterly direction. The company now holds a charter from the Manitoba Legislature. The terminus of the road at Winnipeg, it is said, will be between the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific depots. Offices will shortly be opened in the city.

Mayor Crawford, and Reeve Hussichen of Birtle, Reeve Smalley, of Westbourne, and representatives from other municipalities along the line of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway were in Winnipeg last week interviewing the Government in reference to the railway bonuses granted by those municipalities to that railway. Most of the bonuses were granted during the period of speculative inflation, and the people now find the burden a heavy one and desire the Government to afford them a measure of relief.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel says: "About 600 exceedingly well fed cattle will, this season, be sent from the district around Pilot Mound to the English market, and this will be only a portion of the number of animals that will be disposed of. Dealers in cattle report that while well fed animals will be in demand at good prices, ill fed beasts will bring very little and will be disposed of with anxiety and at a loss. Those who cannot now put cattle in good condition should let them run during the summer."

The collections of inland revenue at Winnipeg for March were as follows:

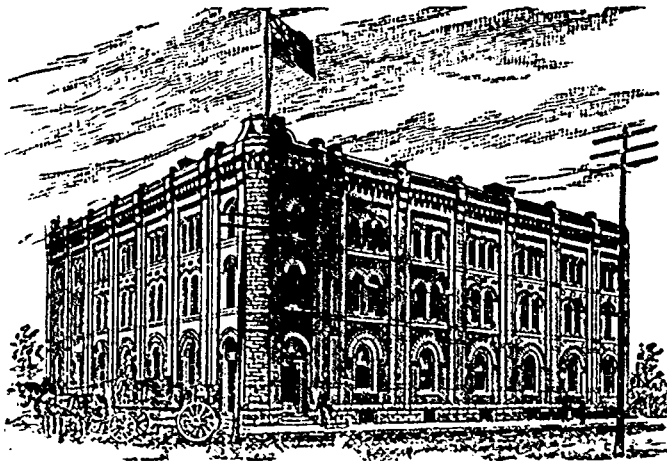
Spirits	.....	\$13,600 65
Malt	.....	1,024 00
Tobacco	.....	8,411 40
Cigars	.....	575 65
Petroleum inspec.	.....	264 80
Total	.....	\$23,946 30

The following shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered in Winnipeg with duty collected thereon during March, compared with the same month last year: -

Description.	Value. 1890.	Value. 1891.
Exported	\$ 24,775 00	\$124,563 00
Imported-dutiable	159,182 00	137,642 00
Imported-free	24,687 00	45,848 00
Total imported	\$183,869 00	\$233,490 00
Entered for consumption-dutiable	\$167,728 00	\$179,371 00
Entered for consumption-free	24,687 00	45,848 00
Total for consumption	\$186,415 00	\$224,219 00
Duty collected	\$ 49,778 10	\$ 57,950 90

W. S. Stewart has left Ottawa for Vancouver with the nucleus of a crew of trained men to commence a survey of Burrard inlet and the Pacific coast for the purpose of making a correct chart for the use of Canadian Pacific and other large steamers.

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Too Easy Bank Credits.

One of our leading financiers admitted to the writer yesterday that bankers were a great deal to blame for the present unsatisfactory state of financial affairs in Canada to-day. He stated that the large number of failures which had of late taken place were due to over-trading, induced by the too free and indiscriminate distribution of credit. Banks have been too ready to lend their funds on single named paper, and this refers more especially to the large trade centres of Ontario, which seem to have adopted American methods of banking to a considerable extent. In Toronto for instance it is stated that bankers think nothing of advancing \$100,000 to \$150,000 to individual merchants on single named paper, while the later keep their customer's notes in their own safes instead of discounting them. It is therefore contended that through the too easy credit accorded by the banks, business has been inflated far beyond its normal proportions, and we are now reaping the results in the large number of failures that are occurring throughout the country. A considerable number of these failures escape the public eye, as they are settled privately and give a fresh lease of existence, no one but the banks and creditors interested being the wiser. —Montreal Trade Bulletin.

A Canadian Nail Association.

Cutting on nails has been a subject of frequent complaint with the iron trade for some time, and it was generally admitted that some thing ought to be done to stop it. Several suggestions were made, and now it seems as though a method had been arrived at whereby the difficulty could be surmounted. This method consists of a nail association which takes in all the nail manufacturers in Canada except two, and one of these although not a member of the association has agreed to its figures, while the other firm has a constituency that does not conflict with that of the association under consideration. The members of the association are Peck, Benny & Co, Montreal Rolling Mills company, Pillow, Hersey & Co., and Abbott & Co., all of Montreal, the only other firms of nail makers being the Ontario Rolling Mills company, of Hamilton, and a firm in St. John, N. B. The Ontario company has

agreed to the terms of the association, while the other firm is not likely to cause any trouble. The articles of agreement are as follows: "We have agreed to form an association in our mutual interest of those trading with us, to be known as the Montreal Cut Nail Association. We have appointed Wm. Smail our sales agent for the sale of all nails described in the standard list adopted by us, comprising cut nails, (iron and steel) cut spikes, finishing nails, casing, flooring and shooek tobacco box nails," etc., etc. All enquiries as to contract prices, terms, etc., will, therefore, have in future to be addressed to Mr Smail. The association has been in operation since January 30th, and has given general satisfaction as far as can be learned.

There will be, of course, a regular list price at which nails are sold. Wholesalers naturally get a preferential price on this from the association with the understanding that they will job out the nails at the regular list price. If they do not, Mr. Smail, who represents the association, will find it out and then the preferential rate will be withdrawn, as far as the offending firm is concerned. — Montreal Gazette.

The C.P.R. in New York.

The Canadian Pacific has obtained an entrance into New York, over the West Shore and the Central. The Canadian Pacific now enters many of the great commercial cities of the United States. By a traffic agreement with the Boston and Maine, and with practically a voice in the management that road, it gets an entrance to Boston, and has a strong hold on all New England. The Wabash lets it into Chicago, and by means of the "Soo" and the Duluth South Shore & Atlantic takes Duuth, Minneapolis and St. Paul, while arrangements with other roads let it into Sioux City to a connection with the transcontinental roads. Thus it is in a position to compete with all the roads between the Missouri river and the sea-board.

S. Dimbill, manufacturer of safes, Montreal, has assigned with liabilities of \$35,000.

The general stock of the estate of C. A. Bradford, Brandon, Man., will be offered for sale en bloc by the assignee, on April 20.

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Estimates of the World's Wheat production and Requirements.

There have been not a few articles written of late in an attempt to prove that the world's production of wheat is decreasing instead of keeping pace with consumptive requirements, and the most recent contribution on the subject is from the pen of C. Wood Davis, of Goddard, Kan. He has prepared a chart, estimating production and requirements by quadrennial periods. The one important deduction therefrom is that the time is soon coming when the United States will cease to be an exporting country.

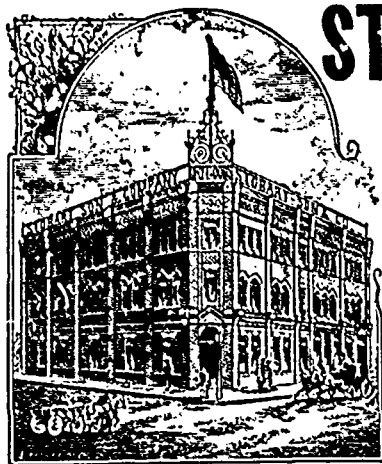
The first of his series of compilations includes estimates of the population of the United States by quadrennial periods, the acres under cultivation and the acres required at the periods mentioned. In 1895, with an estimated population of 70,000,000, the acres of wheat required are placed at 33,600,000. For 15 years there after the estimates are as follows:

Year.	Estimated population.	Acres of wheat required.
1900.....	77,000,000	36,960,000
1905.....	84,000,000	40,320,000
1910.....	90,000,000	43,200,000

The next table concerns the wheat acreage of the world in 1870, 1880 and 1890, the productive power and requirements. The total acreage of the world in 1890 is placed at 180,700,000; the production with average yield, 2,154,600,000 bushels, and the present requirements, 2,225,000,000 bushels. Then follows a table showing the wheat production and consumption of the world during the last decade. The total production was 21,222,000,000 bus.; the total consumption, 21,391,000,000 bushels; the years' surplus, 389,000,000 bushels and the years' deficit, 548,000,000 bushels. The theoretical deficit, July 1, 1891, Mr. Davis estimates at 159,000,000 bushels. Another table shows that in 1885 and 1890 the surplus acreage of the world was 21,000,000 and 13,500,000 bushels respectively, but that in 1895, 1900, 1905 and 1910 the acreage will indicate a deficit of 1,200,000, 17,300,000, 34,900,000 and 50,000,000 bushels respectively.

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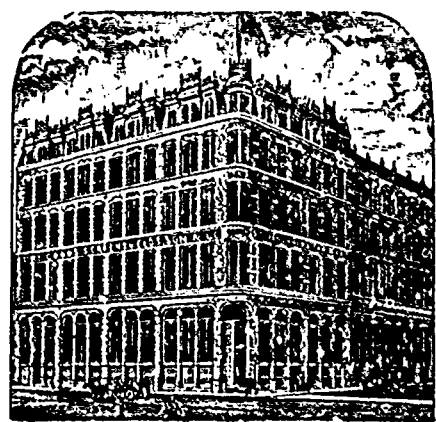
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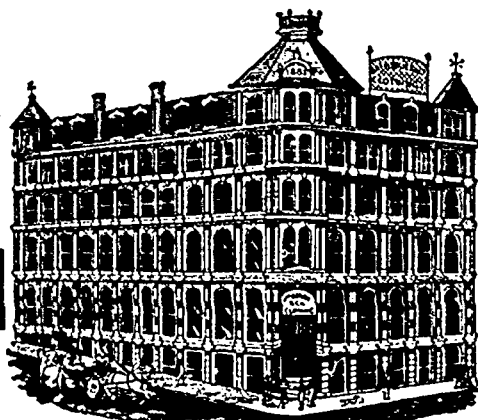
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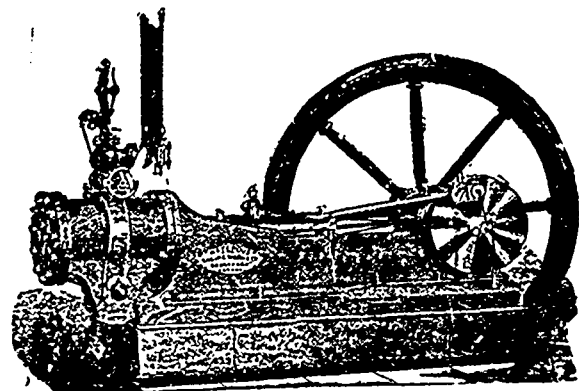
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TRADE WITH THE EMPIRE.

Free trade principles do not seem to have made much progress of late years. Protection has recently been carried to greater extremes than ever before. The McKinley bill has been adopted in the United States, while in France a measure intended to increase greatly the protective policy of that country, is under consideration. Several other countries of Europe seem to be making progress backward in their trade policies. This is very discouraging to those laboring for an enlightened trade policy, especially in Great Britain, as the protective policies of several countries bear especially heavy on Britain. The United Kingdom has an immense foreign trade, both export and import, and some of the countries from which Great Britain imports most largely, are foremost in placing enormous duties upon British goods. Thus in the fiscal year 1889, the latest one for which we have returns at hand, the United States sold \$392,981,674 worth of goods to Great Britain, and only took in return \$178,269,067 worth. In the last fifteen years there has been an annual balance of trade against Great Britain, in her dealings with the United States, of from \$165,316,771 to \$306,641,340. But notwithstanding her large purchases annually from the United States, the hostile tariff of that country is mainly directed against Great Britain and Canada. At the same time the United States is endeavoring to make treaties with various countries, which will give it advantages in the markets of these countries, not enjoyed by Great Britain and other nations.

In this age of hostile tariffs and discriminating commercial treaties, there is a great temptation for even the strongest free trade countries to take some steps to protect their interests. Some time ago THE COMMERCIAL ventured the opinion, that this show of hostile trade legislation might lead to a movement to encourage trade among the different divisions of the British Empire. This idea seems to have already been acted upon to some extent. The recently published annual report of the London (England) Chamber of Commerce, contains the following:—

"It has been decided to convene in 1892 the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, which held a first sitting in 1886. The immediate reason for holding this Congress is the desirability of discussing with duly authorized colonial representatives what steps, if any, can be devised in order to develop the trade relations between the mother country and her colonies and possessions. The action of European States in interfering with the natural exchange of British products by means of constantly increasing tariffs and bounties, and the late adoption of the McKinley tariff by the United States, indicate the desirability of serious consideration of the future industrial and commercial relations of the component parts of the Empire. It is probable that the Congress will be convened for April or May, 1892, in order to coincide as nearly as possible with the opening of the Imperial Institute. Such an arrangement, it is thought, will facilitate the nomination and attendance of delegates at both functions. The programme for discus-

sion will be compiled when the replies and suggestions of the Colonial Chambers shall have been received."

The importance of the announcement contained in the above is very great, and the interests to be affected are vast and varied. Herein lies the chief difficulty to a successful conclusion of the proposed Congress. The commerce of the British Empire is the greatest and most varied in the world. The Empire is made up of countries in all parts of the world, in temperate, tropical and frigid zones. Almost every commodity of commerce is produced in some part of the Empire. If, therefore, the freedom of trade is to be continually interfered with, and commerce driven from its natural channels by hostile legislation, the British Empire is in a position to withstand this kind of legislation better than any other country. If driven to it, the Empire could live very largely within itself.

As to the outcome of the proposed congress, it is very hazardous to venture an opinion, but it may be said with confidence, that the result will depend very much upon the tariff legislation of other nations in the meantime. If the tendency should continue in the direction of higher duties and discriminating treaties between high-tariff states, it is quite possible that a commercial union of some nature may be advised between the different countries of the Empire. On the other hand, should the protectionist wave show signs of breaking, the chances for such an agreement would be lessened. But even under the greatest incentives, there are some weighty obstacles in the way to the completion of a commercial arrangement covering the Empire, though we will not say that these are insurmountable. To show the difficulties which exist, it is only necessary to point out that among the self-governing divisions of the Empire, there are both free trade and strongly protectionist countries. To reconcile these and other antagonistic interests, will certainly prove anything but an easy task. While a customs union, amounting to complete free trade between all parts of the Empire, would no doubt meet with considerable favor in Great Britain, it is not the ideal which is looked for by many of the colonies. On the other hand, it is not to be expected that the British Government will undertake to impose duties upon products coming from foreign countries, in favor of the colonies, while the latter maintain high duties upon the products of British factories. A complete customs union, by which trade throughout the Empire would be as free as between the states of the republic to the south of us, seems to be the only possible scheme which would commend itself to the mother country. Would the colonies abandon their customs tariffs? Would the British public submit to a tax on bread and meat to induce Canada to enter the union? or the British manufacturer agree to a tax on wool, to bring in Australia? These queries indicate some of the monstrous barriers in the way, which may be left to the reader to think over.

Canada, as an agricultural country, produces a vast quantity of such products as are largely imported into the United Kingdom, and the mother country is our best customer, in spite of the high duties imposed upon British

goods. A further extension of our trade in the same direction, both export and import, would certainly be to our advantage. Aside from any special agreement, we have the means of encouraging this trade in our own hands, through our customs tariff. We cannot, however, hold out any hope of the adoption by Great Britain of a tariff of discrimination against other countries, in order to encourage trade with the Dominion.

LABOR LEGISLATION.

About the most important problem before the people of Great Britain at the present time seems to be the labor question. In fact it may easily be claimed as the most important question before the people, as it is the one which promises to be the main issue in the next general election. The government has appointed a Royal Commission to investigate and report upon the labor question. It is expected that legislation will be mapped out in accordance with the report of the commission, and on the strength of this the government will appeal to the country. It is evident from this that labor questions have been forced well to the front in Great Britain in recent years, and the fact that this question is likely to be made the chief issue in the next political contest, is a matter which is worthy of careful thought by all interested in the future of mankind in general.

In connection with the appointment of the Royal Commission, it will not be surprising to learn, that the action of the government has created considerable mistrust in certain circles. From the utterances of public men, it is evident that employers and capitalists are not altogether pleased with the action of the government. On the other hand, men prominent in the commercial life of the nation, such as President Hill, of the Association of Chambers of Commerce, have endorsed the government.

The report of the commission and the announcement of the legislative measures to be based thereon, will at any rate be awaited with great interest. There are many who hold that labor questions should be entirely left to regulate themselves, and that this is not a legitimate matter for legislation. Others go to quite the opposite extreme, and they would regulate the hours of labor and many other contested points by legislation. While legislation may no doubt be carried to extreme in this as well as in connection with other matters, yet it seems unreasonable to say that legislation should not interfere at all with labor questions. There are undoubtedly many phases of the labor problem which come within the scope of legitimate legislative enactment.

Should any radical measures be brought forth as the result of the situation in Britain, all attention will be turned in that direction. The labor question is one of the most serious problems in every civilized country to-day, and any new move in Great Britain would certainly affect the situation in other countries.

On the point of the hours of labor, the assertion can be made that most people work too hard. This does not apply to employees in workshops and factories alone, if indeed it

applies to this class as much as to business men. The hours of labor for ordinary working-men and mechanics have gradually been shortened, however, and undoubtedly the tendency is still in the same direction, probably more rapidly than ever before. The time when eight hours will constitute a day's work, is probably not in the very distant future.

Editorial Notes.

EGGS in eastern Canada markets last week were 5 to 7c higher than a year ago. The McKinley bill does not seem to have got in its work yet, on the Canadian egg trade.

A CONVENTION of unusual importance was held at Toronto last week. This was the convention of those interested in the mineral development of that Province. It was decided to recommend the Ontario Government to establish a department of mines, with a ministerial head. It was also decided to urge the Government to establish a provincial museum, and sundry amendments to the laws and regulations affecting mining were agreed to. Ontario, as well as other parts of Canada, is rich in minerals, and this effort to develop these great resources of our country, is very considerable.

THE town council of Regina has decided to dismiss civic officials who give "evidence of the use of intoxicants." If this rule were applied to Dominion Government employees in the territories, there would be a good many vacancies to fill in a brief time. Of course there are officials to whom this does not apply, but there are many to whom it will apply. On a recent trip through the territories, the majority of those observed under the influence of liquor, were Dominion officials, including some whose special duty it is to enforce the restrictive measures against intoxicants. A drunken row at one place was chiefly participated in by officials whose office is to preserve the peace of the community.

In a recent speech on the trade of the Empire, Sir George Baden Powell said, "In considering any question of the commercial union of the Empire, the aim should be to remove, and not to create, every obstacle to trade with other countries." This statement from the British statesman quoted, should open the eyes of some colonists, upon the question at issue. The general idea in the colonies is probably to the effect that the colonies would be benefitted by the cutting off of trade between Great Britain and foreign countries. If the commercial union of the Empire were once accomplished, then the Empire could treat as a whole for favorable trade treaties with foreign countries. A commercial union of the Empire, on a free trade basis, might therefore be worked as a lever for spreading free trade throughout the world.

THOSE who fancy that in a few years the United States will not produce wheat enough for its home consumption, should think a while of the vast extent of land suitable for wheat, which has not yet been brought under cultivation. The Minneapolis *Market Record* is our authority for the statement that only six per cent. of the land in the state of Minnesota is under wheat cultivation. And yet with this small percentage sown to wheat, Minnesota is the banner wheat state of the Union. The paper

mentioned above says: "If four per cent. of the land area of the 16 leading wheat states were cultivated to wheat, the acreage would equal the entire wheat acreage of this country. If 30 per cent. of the dry lands in the 16 states referred to were given to wheat cultivation, a crop of 12 bushels an acre would exceed the entire wheat production of the world." This does not look like importing wheat for home requirements a few years hence. If wheat prices were materially advanced, it is evident that the acreage would soon be vastly increased.

THIS is the time of the year when the demoralizing effects of bankruptcies is most observable. The annual crop of spring failures has been reaped, and bankrupt stocks have been thrown on the market, all over the country, exerting a baneful influence upon trade, and completely demoralizing business at some points. Merchants who are striving to do an honest business, and meet their obligations in full, have good reason to complain of this pernicious slaughter of bankrupt stocks. It certainly is very discouraging to those who pay 100 cents on the dollar, to be compelled to meet this kind of competition, and fight through a season of slaughter sales every now and again. One of these slaughter sales started leads to others following suit, until sometimes the season's trade of a town is destroyed, and instead of profits, there is a general loss. Good men are forced out of business by this system of slaughtering goods. The business of others is rendered unprofitable, and thus further failures are brought on. In fact it is next to impossible to do a profitable business in some towns, on account of the generally demoralized condition resulting from the slaughter of one stock after another. It seems that the situation demands a strong effort of some kind to provide a means of obviating the pernicious slaughter of bankrupt stocks.

A WASHINGTON state paper gives a list of United States sealing schooners which have been placed under the British flag, and entered at Victoria, B. C. There are eleven schooners in the list, with an average capacity of seventy tons each. Three more schooners are said to be on their way to Victoria to change their flag, and several more are expected to follow suit. The reason given is, that these schooners will be sent into Behring sea to hunt seal, and they wish to be placed under the protection of the British flag. If they go flying the stars and stripes, they will be seized, under the proclamation of the President declaring Behring sea closed to any but the vessels of the Alaska sealing monopoly company. British sealers have refused to be bound by the President's proclamation, and with assurance that they will be protected, they have gone boldly into the sea. Private schooners flying the United States flag have no source to look to for protection, and they were obliged to stand by and see the "Canucks take the seals." This is one of the amusing features of Mr. Blaine's jug policy in the Behring sea affair. Canadian schooners have not been prevented from going into the sea to hunt seal, and the number of our schooners of this class going north, has increased vastly since the order to close Behring sea was first issued. On the other hand,

United States schooners have been forced to seek the protection of the British flag, in order to carry on operations in the sea. This situation must be very galling to the people of the republic, and one would imagine that Mr. Blaine will now be anxious to have the matter settled, so as to have this sorry spectacle of his "vigorous foreign policy" removed out of sight as quickly as possible.

Pool Legislation.

THE era of fool state legislation is here. All over the United States, bills are being introduced in local legislatures which if they become laws will inevitably cripple and ultimately destroy the manufacturing interests at which they are aimed. There is considerable anti-railroad legislation going on of a more or less idiotic character, but about this we are less concerned. Railroads have a little way of their own of evening up on the public, and we must say that they generally arrive at the death with the most disastrous effect on the state which encourages extreme anti-railroad measures.

When it comes to manufacturers, however, we must say that our sympathies are enlisted. They have much to contend with in the natural course of trade. Competition is keen, markets are limited, over-production always imminent. Add to these already serious dangers, that of adverse legislation, and the result may well be enough to discourage industry and drive it from the field in which it is striving to gain a foothold, and in which its success means a living for the thousands who are employed by it. In the western states we can now witness this incongruous sight; enterprising cities and villages on the one hand are offering sites and bonuses to new manufactories, while, on the other, ignorant, unscrupulous and vicious politicians are striving might and main to pass laws which will inflict serious injury upon them. In the legislature of North Dakota a bill recently introduced making every mill in the state a public one, belongs to this class of legislation, and the most mischievous and altogether vicious measure which it has been our lot to note is that known as the personal injury bill.

The above is from the *Northwestern Miller*, of Minneapolis. The "personal injury bill" referred to provides that proprietors must be responsible for the maintenance of persons injured while in their employ.

CHICAGO is probably afflicted with a greater number of real estate sharks, says *Equity*, of that place, than any other city in the world. One has but to look over the alluring offers set forth in the Sunday editions of the daily papers, and to possess the qualification of being able to read between the lines, to fully realize the dangers to which intending investors are exposed. While there are undoubtedly many reputable firms and individuals engaged in the real estate business, the fact is indisputable that at least eight tenths of the real estate speculators of Chicago are frauds of the first water. The schemes of manipulation carried on by these gentry have reached such a pass that it is dangerous to make any transaction in realty, except through brokers of the very first standing, those whose name and reputation is of itself sufficient guarantee; and the number of such firms is decidedly limited.



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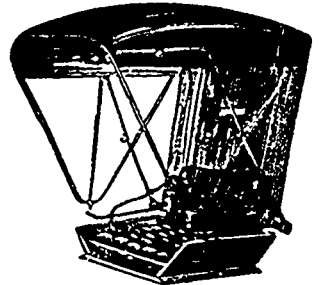
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There is almost general complaint in wholesale circles about slow collections. The month of March just passed has not brought the improvement looked for. Earlier in the season, when collections were backward, the situation was relieved by the belief that matters would be better when the farmers had been given time to market their crops. But it must be confessed that there has not been the improvement looked for, consequently there is much dissatisfaction on this score. The farmers have disposed of their crops, and their liabilities to country merchants are still large. Country dealers, as usual, seem to be coming out of the small end of the horn in the matter of collections, and this only emphasizes what THE COMMERCIAL has so frequently urged, in regard to the necessity of keeping down credit business between retailers and consumers, and exercising eternal vigilance in the collection department. Bank discount rates are at the old figures of 7 to 8 per cent. There is a little more doing in mortgage loans, at 8 per cent. firm on farm properties.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week appeared to have been a very slow one in wholesale trade generally. In textile lines, etc., it is between seasons and therefore quiet. Business it is said is working more into regular seasons of activity and dullness, in this market, than formerly. The prospects for the year point to careful buying, at least until such time as crop prospects can be estimated with some degree of confidence.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

There is very little business doing in fish. Fresh whitefish are quoted at 6c, and are about the only variety obtainable in quantities. Some small lots of B. C. fresh salmon have arrived, but have been sold mostly in a retail way, and held at 20c in jobbing way. A little halibut, Lake Superior herrings, and a few other varieties have been in the market in retail quantities. Smoked finnan haddies are quoted at 14c. Oysters quoted at \$2.25 for standards, and \$2.50 selects, per gallon.

GREEN FRUITS.

The market was very bare of fruits last week for a while, and business very slow. Country dealers are now buying in a very hand-to-mouth way, as they are waiting for safe weather to ship by freight, instead of express. Apples are unchanged at \$7 to \$8 per barrel. Lemons are higher and quoted at \$6 to \$6.50 a box. California oranges are now about the only variety of this fruit in the market, and held at \$4.50 to \$5 a box. A few malaga grapes are still on hand at \$12 to \$13 per keg. Comb honey, 23c a lb. No maple sugar or syrup had arrived yet, but is expected shortly.

HARDWARE.

There is no new feature to note in hardware. Prices are steady, and business is quiet yet. Advices dated March 25, reported further declines in pig iron warrants in the Old Country. Scotch sold down to 43s 3d, Cleveland to 38s 7½d, and Hematitites to 47s 10d, despite a continued reduction in stocks in warrant stores. The depression is attributed to the unsettled state of financial affairs, which, together with inactivity in the trade and increased production, has caused more or less anxiety to realize. Preparations are made for blowing in another

Scotch furnace. The near approach of the shipping season and favorable prospects for a better export trade served to impart a better feeling during the past few days. Quotations here are: Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates, \$8 to \$8.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.10 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to 5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices. 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, 13½c; 2 inch, 16½c; 2 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2 30 to \$2 40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6c net.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business opened out brisker last week, though orders were mostly for western points. There is no change to note in prices which are as follows:—Turpentine, in barrels, 70c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 79c; boiled, 82c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whiting, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt; Elephant genuine white lead, \$7.25; Elephant, No. 1, do, \$6.40; Bull's Head, do, \$6.00; Royal Crown, do, \$5.00; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.50; Railroad, \$6.25; Red Star, \$5.50; Calcimine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6, per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

LUMBER.

The statements given last week about the proposed formation of a combination company, to handle the output of the Lake of the Woods mills, are not likely to be realized. One of the largest mills has refused to come into the agreement, and the whole scheme for the present is off. A meeting of manufacturers is talked of for to-day, to talk over prices, etc. Considerable cutting of prices is likely to be done this season, is the opinion of some of the mill men, as a result of the failure to carry through the association scheme. Business is quiet.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat had rather a higher range for the week and though there were weak and nervous spots, the markets have generally shown considerable strength. The situation in Europe was a strong factor. British markets were about 9d per quarter higher on Monday than a week ago, and the future indications are strong, as to the demand and supply for Europe. The weak feature on Monday was favorable crop weather on this continent, and large receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth. On Thursday the continued advance in the Chicago and other United States market was mainly due to strong cables. Liverpool was ½d higher, and Paris and Berlin were strong. On Wednesday prices took a turn downward at Chicago, mainly due to speculative offerings, though fine crop weather helped the tendency. Liverpool quoted ½ to ¾d higher, and continental cables were of a similar tone. Thursday was a continuation of strong foreign bullish news, with cash wheat advancing abroad,

while a cool dip on this continent had a strengthening influence upon the markets. On Friday about the same features prevailed.

In Manitoba the disappearance of snow and fine weather has cut off farmers' deliveries very largely, but it is likely that stocks in farmers' hands are so reduced that there would not be much done until after seeding, even had it been otherwise. As it is there will be little doing in Manitoba country markets now until after the farmers have put in their spring crops, when any surplus of grain they may have over, will be marketed. The week of very mild and fine weather which prevailed up to Thursday last, was rapidly putting the ground into condition for seeding, and a little seeding was done the first few days of the week. On Thursday a frosty spell set in, which would stop this work, but Friday was milder again, and Saturday favorable. With a continuation of this weather for the next week, considerable wheat will be in the ground by next Saturday night.

Values have continued to show a firm and upward tendency. There is a fairly good milling demand in eastern Canada for Manitoba wheat, at good prices, while the export demand keeps up. Even damaged wheat in in good request in eastern Canada, at higher prices, where it is sought for feeding, on account of the high price of feed grains. Business in the latter class of grain, however is about over. Dealers are not holding any quantity here, as they have shipped as fast as marketed, and it is not expected that farmers are holding but very little damaged stuff. On track f.o.b here, No. 2 hard is quoted at about 88c per bushel. No. 3 hard is quoted about 12c per bushel under No. 2 hard. Cars were scarce for shipment, but this difficulty is expected to be but temporary, owing to light deliveries. Manitoba wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur increased 44,489 bushels for the week ended March 26, making the total 675,779 bushels.

FLOUR.

Flour holds very firm, in sympathy with wheat, but unchanged as follows:—Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers', \$2.50; Imperial, \$2.20; second bakers', \$1.85; XXXX, \$1.45; superfine, \$1.25; lower grades \$1.00; buckwheat flour, \$3.75.

MILLSTUFFS.

There is an excellent shipping demand for bran and shorts, to eastern points, and owing to the very high prices ruling in the States, some Manitoba stuff is finding a market in that direction. The shipping movement keeps down any accumulation, and renders local prices very strong. Price were advanced another notch last week, and are now quoted at \$15 for bran and \$17 for shorts, to the local trade.

NEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Another sharp advance has occurred in oatmeal in this market, prices being up 25c per sack this week. Cornmeal is also 20c per hundred higher. Quotations are: Oil cake, in bag, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26; in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$3.15; granulated, \$3.25 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, 3.25 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$2.00 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

GROUND FEED.

Some dealers are holding higher on ground feed, and the best quality was quoted up to \$27 per ton. We quote \$25 to \$27 per ton for oat and barley chop. Mixed feeds, such as damaged wheat, can be had at \$15 to \$20 as to quality.

OATS.

The value of oats is held sharply. Dealers in the city were paying 45c per bushel of 34 lbs. readily for street offerings of ordinary feed quality, and sometimes 46c was paid. On track f.o.b. Manitoba points the price is about 42c per bushel for fair samples feed. Up to 45c has been paid to farmers in Manitoba country markets where offerings are specially in request.

BARLEY

Quotable at about 40 to 41c per bushel (48 lbs.) f.o.b. at Manitoba points.

BUTTER.

The Winnipeg market is practically bare of good butter of any kind. There is no choice butter in the city, and really nothing above a medium quality obtainable. Receipts from Provincial points are light, and what does come in is of very poor quality, scarcely any of it being equal to a good medium. Prices are not higher because there is no good butter obtainable. The old prices have been maintained while the quality has been gradually reduced. Thus, poor to medium qualities are selling at the prices obtained for medium to good, a short time ago. We quote 17 to 20c for such dairy qualities as are saleable for general use, while very poor stuff is of course lower. Really choice fresh butter would bring 25c if there were any obtainable. A small lot of print sold at 25c per pound, though not a choice article. If there is any butter held in the country, it should be shoved in at once, as it will bring the best price now. New butter will soon be coming in, and any old dairy left over, which would now bring a big price, will probably be unsaleable within a few weeks, except as grease.

EGGS

Prices are on the decline. 21 and 22c were obtained for fresh country the first of the week, but later commission men were offering at 19c per dozen.

CURED MEATS, ETC.

Prices are easy, though hog products are advancing in eastern Canada markets. Eastern packers have been in the west selling, and between them and local packers, there has been considerable cutting in prices. Prices are as follows:—Dry salt bacon, 8½ to 9½c; smoked long clear, 9½ to 10½c; spiced rolls, 10 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c; smoked hams, 12½ to 13c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

LARD.

Pure lard quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.20 per 20 pound pail. Compound lard, \$1.90 to \$2.

HIDES.

Dealers are now in a position to size up their winter purchases of frozen hides, and they are not turning out extra well. Only about one third will grade No. 1, and the shrinkage in weight will average 3 pounds each. The prices paid last winter do not leave dealers much of a margin, and in some purchases the margin will be on the loss side. No. 1 cows are now quoted at 4½c, No. 2 3½c. No. 1 steers 5c lb. Calf skins, 4 to 5c lb. Round lots of sheep pelts would be worth from 60 to 70c each.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are higher, 35c per bushel being the general price paid by shippers, and 36 to 37c was paid for some lots, for shipment to the States. The future of potatoes is doubtful. There is a good demand in the States for seed, but it is by no means certain that the price will go higher. Most shippers are of the opinion that it will not. However, THE COMMERCIAL will not undertake to advise holders on this point. Other vegetables are mostly scarce, with exception of turnips. Carrots and cabbage are higher. New Manitoba lettuce and bunch onions are in the market. Prices are Turnips, 25c to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, 75c to \$1.00 per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; cabbage, 75c to \$1.00 per dozen, for

good, as to quality; Spanish onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per crate of 30lbs. nett.; lettuce and bunch onions, 50c per dozen.

POULTRY.

Chickens bring high prices, and quoted at 75c to \$1 a pair. Turkeys will bring 15 to 17c per pound dressed. Some few frozen turkeys were obtainable, but probably none now held out of retail hands.

DRESSED MEATS.

City butchers generally complained of very dull times, and they were buying little. Mutton is scarce, but the demand is very slack. Sales ranged all the way from 11 to 14c as to quality. Some sheep from western ranges are expected soon, and a few lambs will be obtainable locally. Beef is dull, and the prospect is that the supply will be fully equal to requirements, at moderate prices. Good city dressed is quotable at 6 to 6½c. Purchases of beef cattle are reported at about 3½c per pound live weight here. Hogs are easy, and some lots of frozen hogs held in the city have been closed out at lower prices. One lot, it is said, sold at 5½c, but probably rough animals. We may quote from 6 to 7c per pound. Pickers are now slow buyers, some having closed their operations for the season. A car lot of eastern hogs arrived last week, and a few carcasses of eastern mutton were also offered. Veal is worth 6 to 9c as to quality.

HAY.

Hay was held higher for pressed, and quotable at \$7 to \$10 per ton. It is said that a good deal of hay haled in the winter, is now in a damaged state, having been mixed with snow, which has now melted. Loose hay on the market is selling at about \$6 to \$7 per ton.

Manitoba.

The New Douglas House, Winnipeg, has again changed hands, its transfer to Roundtree & O'Connor having taken place last week.

E. A. Stanley & Co. groceries, furnishings, etc., Virden, Man., have sold out to J. T. Norsworthy, who will continue the business.

James Connery, butcher, Morris, has added flour and feed to his business; a pleasant call was received at this office from him during the past week.

Hemenway & Company, general dealers, Carman, Manitoba, have dissolved. Mr. Hemenway, having purchased the interest of R. P. Roblin in the business.

N. Chevrier, clothing, Winnipeg, who failed recently, so disastrously for the creditors, has opened again with a fresh stock, in addition to the remnant of the old stock which he bought in. The estate is expected to pay about 20 per cent. The creditors have no hope of getting any further claim against Chevrier.

The stock of W. D. Russell, stationers, Winnipeg, will be offered for sale by the sheriff on April 6. The general stock of the estate of J. J. Smith & Co., Emerson, will be offered for sale by auction, in Winnipeg, on April 9. The stock amounts to \$5,600. The general stock of C. A. Bardford, Brandon, will be sold at that place on April 20.

It is estimated that five car load of horses were sold in Brandon last week, says the *Times*. There is still a pretty fair demand for first class horses. The dealers say they find ready sale for good stock. Oxen are said to be in good demand and good prices are paid. From \$125 to \$160 per yoke is about the range of prices paid for them.

Allen & Brown, packers and provision merchants, Winnipeg, have recently extended their

premises. They have taken another store in the block in which they have been located for some time, on McDermott street. This gives them three store fronts in this block, with cellar the full size. The object of extending at this time is to prepare for the season's trade in country produce.

The financial troubles of W. D. Russell, stationer, Winnipeg, are due to unexpected pressure from a Toronto house, which, it is said, has violated an agreement with Mr. Russell. Through the action of the eastern house referred to, local creditors were forced to take action to protect themselves, and the stock is now in the hands of the sheriff. Mr. Russell is highly regarded here as a thoroughly trustworthy person, and his many friends regret his troubles.

Lindsay & Co., general store, Griswold, Man., who has assigned, showed a surplus of \$6,000 a year ago. A statement recently furnished shows only \$3,000 of a surplus. Lindsay is believed to have done a large and profitable business, the past year, and his creditors, principally Winnipeg houses, are wondering how the shrinkage in the surplus has been accomplished. The showing is not regarded as satisfactory by the creditors.

Mr. Hargrave, traveller for G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale paints, oils, etc., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip throughout the west and branch lines in Manitoba. He states that the closeness in collections is due to a considerable extent to the way the implement men are pushing the farmers this year. These firms are making an extra effort in their collecting departments, and they are getting a good deal of the cash that is coming in for grain. Mr. Hargrave made a trip through the Icelandic settlement south of Glenboro, in Manitoba, and he says these people have made wonderful progress, and are now among the most prosperous settlers in the country. They have good houses, lots of stock about them, churches, schools, etc., in their settlements, and are very comfortably situated.

Statistical Wheat Information.

The visible supply decreased 295,086 bu. during the week ended March 28th. For the corresponding week last year the decrease was 516,677 bu. The total stocks at all points enumerated in the state went aggregate 22,764,155 bu. against 27,116,018 bu. last year.

A dispatch from Olesca on Monday reported stock there only 3,000,000 bu. showing a reduction from Jan 1 of 5,000,000 bu. The same dispatch reported that crop damage reports were confirmed, and that offerings were light.

The following table shows the exports of breadstuffs and provisions from the principal Atlantic seaboard ports for the week ending Mar. 25, and the corresponding week last year.

ARTICLES—	1891	1890
Flour, brls	246,700	168,200
Wheat, bu.	398,500	598,000

Wheat on passage increased 1,520,000 bu. for the week ended March 28th.

The visible supply for the United Kingdom decreased 925,000 bu. for the week ended March 23; that is the consumption exceeded the imports of wheat and flour and farmers deliveries by that amount.

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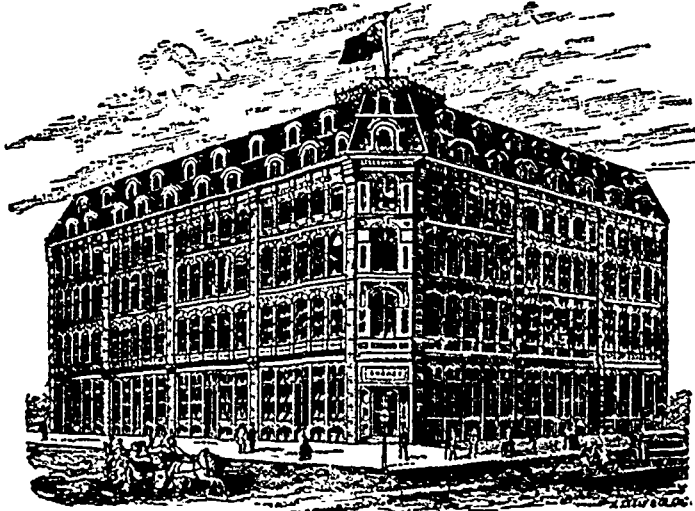
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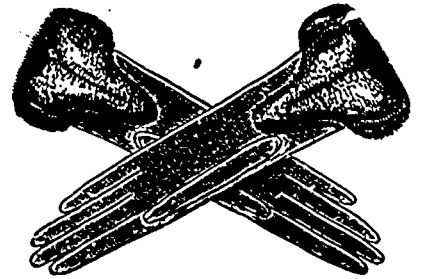
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened stronger following the Good Friday holiday, and closing prices the next day (Saturday), were 1/8 higher. On Monday, March 30, prices were again stronger. May opened 1/2 higher than Saturday's close, at \$1.04 1/2 and ranged during the day from \$1.03 1/2 to \$1.05. Corn and oats made sharp gains both on Saturday and Monday, and the same was the case in provisions, pork closing on Monday nearly \$1 higher in the aggregate for the two days. Closing prices on Monday were:—

	Mar.	April	May.	July.
Wheat	1.02 1/2	—	1.04 1/2	1.02 1/2
Corn	67 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2	65 1/2
Oats	—	—	54 1/2	52 1/2
Pork	12.65	12.75	12.82 1/2	13.27 1/2
Lard	6.80	6.90	7.00	7.27 1/2
Short Ribs	6.10	6.17 1/2	6.22	6.65

On Tuesday wheat made further gains, May ranging from \$1 0 1/2 to \$1 05 1/2. Corn and oats were also higher, but provisions took a turn downward. British cables were the main strength of the market. Closing prices were:—

	Mar.	April.	May.	July.
Wheat	1.03 1/2	—	1.04 1/2	1.03 1/2
Corn	68 1/2	68	68 1/2	65 1/2
Oats	—	—	54 1/2	52 1/2
Pork	12.60	12.60	12.65	13.05
Lard	6.70	6.70	6.90	7.15
Short Ribs	5.90	5.90	6.05	6.40

Wheat was active and weaker on Wednesday, under large speculative offerings and favorable crop weather. May option ranged from \$1.03 1/2 to 1.05. Corn and oats declined. Closing prices were:—

	April	May.	June	July.
Wheat	1.03	1.04	—	1.02 1/2
Corn	67 1/2	67 1/2	—	65
Oats	—	53 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2
Pork	—	12.70	—	13.10
Lard	—	6.90	—	7.17 1/2
Short Ribs	—	6.10	—	6.42 1/2

On Thursday the market was again influenced chiefly by strong cables with a good export demand, and closed 1/2 higher. Closing prices:—

	Mar.	April.	May.	July
Wheat	—	1.04 1/2	1.05-105 1/2	1.03 1/2
Corn	—	68 1/2	68 1/2	65 1/2
Oats	—	—	54 1/2	52 1/2
Pork	—	—	12.75	13.13
Lard	—	—	6.95	7.12 1/2
Short Ribs	—	6.05	—	6.40

On Friday wheat was higher owing to the unfavorable crop weather and strength in foreign markets. Large speculative offerings forced down prices toward the close.

	Mar.	April.	May.	July.
Wheat	—	1.04	1.05	1.03 1/2
Corn	—	68 1/2	68 1/2	65 1/2
Oats	—	—	54 1/2	51 1/2
Pork	—	—	12.60	12.92 1/2
Lard	—	—	6.83 1/2	7.07 1/2
Short Ribs	—	6.02 1/2	—	6.37 1/2

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, April 2nd:—

	April.	May	July	On track
No. 1 hard.....	1.14	—	—	1.06-6
No. 1 northern.....	1.02	1.02 1/2	1.04 1/2	1.02 1/2
No. 2 northern.....	92 1/2	—	—	1.01-02

Flour—The market remains strong with a steady demand. Prices of wheat for grinding are slightly higher, sales yesterday running from 1 to 1 1/2, above the May future. Flour cables are very strong and 3 to 6d. higher. Quoted at \$5.00 to \$5.25 for first patents;

\$4.80 to \$5.60 for second patent; \$4.00 to \$4.50 for fancy and export bakings; \$2.00 to \$2.40 for low grades in bags, including red dog.

Bran and shorts—Quoted at \$16.50 to \$17 for bran, \$17.00 to \$18.00 for shorts, and \$17.50 to 18.00 for middlings.

Oats—Quoted at 50 1/2 to 52 1/2 c by sample. The market was weak with rather light demand.

Barley—Quoted at 55 to 70c for good to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed—Millers held at \$25.50 to \$26.50, with corn meal at \$24.40 to \$25.00.

Butter—Roll and print is in fair demand both for shipment and to local dealers, about 15 to 16c is the most common price for fair to good lots with selections salable around 17c. The latter is only obtained in a small way for fancy prints in small packages. Dairy quoted at 13 to 23c; creamery at 20 to 26c.

Eggs—The market is a litter firmer, but at the same time is slow. Sales to day were from 15 to 16c, including cases, according to sized lots taken. The receipts from the country show some falling off.

Potatoes—Demand continues good and market is firm. The receipts are not large. There is a good outside demand. In small lots good potatoes are selling from 95c to \$1. Car lots, Rose, 83 to 90c; mixed lots, 72 to 82c.

Mutton—Quoted at 7 1/2 c for country dressed.

Hides—Green, salted, at 5 to 6c; sheep pelts, 65 to 75c each.

Apples—Car lots, Missouri, \$4 to \$5 per barrel; Michigan, \$5 to \$5.50. Smaller lots, \$5 to \$6 per barrel—Summarized from *Market Record*, March 26.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Duluth wheat market ruled firmer and fairly steady, the closing price of May option on each day of the week being about from \$1.06 to \$1.07. The highest closing price was \$1.07 1/2 on Friday, for May. On Saturday, April 4, May wheat opened at \$1.07 and closed at \$1.05 1/2, June opened at \$1.08 and closed at \$1.07, Cash closed at \$1.02 1/2. Prices for No. 1 hard. Closing prices a week ago were: March option, \$1.02 1/2; May, \$1.05 1/2.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, April 4, No 1 northern wheat closed as follows: April option, \$1.01; May \$1.03 1/2; July, \$1.03 1/2. A week ago April, closed at \$1 and May at \$1.00 1/2.

Toronto Grain and Produce Prices

Wheat—Continues firm. On spot 60 pound fall wheat was in demand at \$1.08. In the west 5 cars 60 pound mixed sold at \$1.04 and 4 cars democat at the same price. On the Northern some No. 2 white sold at \$1.06. Ontario spring was somewhat more active; 7 cars No. 2 sold on the Midland at \$1.01, and one at \$1.03; another lot sold at \$1.05, delivered on the G. T. R. east. On Call 5,000 bushels No. 2 hard, Port Arthur inspection, on spot, free storage until June, sold at \$1.15; there were also sales at \$1.15, North Bay. No. 3 hard offered to arrive at North Bay at \$1.05, with \$1 bid, and offered in transit at \$1.07; offered at \$1.05, Port Arthur inspection, Montreal or any Grand Trunk point. No. 2 northern of-

fered at North Bay at \$1.10, and in transit at \$1.13. No. 1 frosted offered at North Bay at 95c, with 93c bid, and in transit at 96c, with 94c bid.

Barley—Demand continues good and prices steady. Feed was bought outside at 50 and 51c.

Oats—The demand continues good, especially from the east, which took 10,000 bushels to-day at 54c, at an outside point. On track three cars white sold at 58c, but there were offers of mixed at 57c.

Car lots prices were:— Flour, Manitoba patent, \$5.90 to \$6; Manitoba Strong Bakers', \$5.50 to \$5.65; Ontario Patents, \$5.00 to \$5.20; straight roller, \$4.75 to \$4.80; extra, \$4.30 to \$4.40; superfine, \$3.45 to \$3.55; fine, \$3.20 to \$3.40; low grade, \$3. Bran—\$17.50 to \$18; middlings, \$18 to \$20. Wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.08; No. 2 spring, \$1 to \$1.01; No. 2 red winter, \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.14 to \$1.15; No. 3 hard, \$1.03; No. 2 northern, \$1.05; No. 1 frosted, 93c; No. 2 frosted, 82c. Peas—No. 2 73 to 78 1/2 c. Barley—No. 1 61c; No. 2 59c; No. 3, extra, 55c; No. 3, 50 to 51c. Rye—75 to 76c. Corn—73c. Oats—57 to 58c.

Produce—Quotations were: Beans, \$1.30 to \$1.55 bushel; potatoes, per bag, \$1 to \$1.10; do. on track, 90c; hops, 1890 crop, 30 to 40c; dried apple, 8 to 8 1/2 c; evaporated do. 12 1/2 to 14c; eggs, fresh, lower at 19c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.45; hides, green, No 1, 5 to 5 1/2 c; wool, 20c; onions, per bbl, \$3 to \$3.75.

Montreal Stock Market

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, March 21, 1891:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyer.
Bank of Montreal.....	225	22 1/2
Ontario.....	117	114 1/2
Molson's.....	157	152
Toronto.....	215	215
Merchants.....	116	114
Union.....	—	—
Commerce.....	129 1/2	128
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	104 1/2	103 1/2
Rich. & Ont. Nav	59 1/2	59 1/2
City Pass. Ry.....	195	191 1/2
Montreal Gas	204 1/2	203
Canada N. W. Land Co.	76	74
C. P. R. (Montreal)	78 1/2	78 1/2
C. P. R. (London)	—	30
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On Call	4 1/2	—
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Posted Rate...	486 1/2	—
“ Demand “ “ “	489	—
“ 60 Days Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	9-9-10 9-5-10
“ Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	9-15-10 9 1/2
New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks	1-10	1-32

Cattle Prices.

A Liverpool cable the first of last week says: “The cattle market continues weak, average mixed shipments selling at 57 1/2. The cause is mainly due to the large receipts from the States.”

The Montreal Gazette quotes prices there as follows: Good butchers' cattle, 4 1/2 c to 4 3/4 c; medium, 4c to 4 1/2 c and culls, 3 1/2 c to 3 3/4 c; sheep, 4 1/2 c to 4 3/4 c; hogs 5c to 5 1/2 c, and calves, \$4 to \$10 each.

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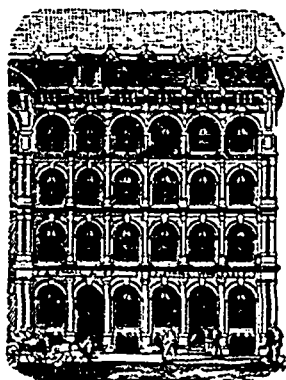
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By a vote of 5 to 19, the Toronto city council has declared against the proposition to adopt a business tax in lieu of taxation of personal property.

Sir Charles Fupper left last week for Washington to have an informal talk with Sir Julian Pauncefote on all questions between Canada and the United States.

The total number of failures for the Dominion for the quarter ending with March 31 were 566 against 542 last year. Ontario had 209 against 315, and Quebec 200 against 142.

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Hudson's Bay Fur Sales.

The *Canadian Gazette*, of London, England, has the following to say of the London March fur sale the quotations given not varying materially from those previously published in THE COMMERCIAL. "The prices realised have in most cases advanced, otter being 12½ per cent. up, fisher 10 per cent., silver fox 40 per cent., cross fox 20 per cent., red fox 3 per cent., mink 30 per cent, and bear 15 per cent.; but marten declined 7½ per cent. An interesting fact of the sales was the enormous price obtained for four silver fox skins, viz., £72 each. It is believed that no such figure has ever before been reached." Compared with previous March sales the quantities offered were as follows:—

	1889.	1890.	1891.
Otter .. .	8,748	9,280	8,171
Sea Otter.....	11	15	9
Fisher.....	6,387	6,529	5,658
Fox, Silver.....	630	638	554
" Cross.....	2,899	2,862	2,457
" Blue.....	77	92	38
" Red.....	14,238	11,918	13,948
" White.....	9,353	2,805	3,704
" Kitt.....	68	306	856
Lynx.....	33,706	18,712	11,445
Skunk.....	11,297	10,680	12,583
Wolf.....	3,325	2,474	4,237
Wolverin.....	2,008	2,243	1,388
Fur Seal, salted...	719	492	279
" dry.....	18	—	—
Marten.....	64,179	72,797	64,689
Mink .. .	43,641	35,288	29,363
Beaver.....	14,269	1,692	827
Musquash.....	19,992	6,038	20,638
Bear, black.....	7,836	9,488	8,960
" Brown.....	1,068	1,512	1,411
" Grey.....	185	228	175
" White.....	55	56	83
Musk Ox.....	505	1,405	1,358
Badger.....	777	1,288	2,445
Ermine.....	3,521	5,697	5,417
Raccoon.....	200	125	157
Squirrel.....	935	520	473
Swan.....	109	93	38
Hair Seal.....	436	723	1,393
Weenusk.....	785	480	424
Deer.....	—	92	150

Summer Freight Rates.

At a meeting recently held at Montreal, at which representatives of the Grand Trunk, Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific, the Northwestern Transportation company and Merchants' line were present, the rates given below were agreed on. They apply from Montreal and all points east in Ontario to Winnipeg by lake and rail routes, and are as follows:

First, \$1.42; 2nd \$1.23; third \$1.03; fourth, 87c; fifth, 72c; sixth, 70c; seventh, 55c; eighth, 55c; tenth, 47c. The ninth class rate does not apply, and is not given. The rates in force by the canal and lake routes will be less than the above rates by the following proportions: First, 16c; second 13; third, 11c, fourth, 9c; fifth, 7½c; sixth, 5c; seventh, 5c; eighth, 5c; tenth, 5c.

These differentials were agreed upon on account of the longer time that it takes for freight en route to pass through the canals. No differential is allowed on transcontinental rates to points in British Columbia.

The above is the result arrived at by the concurring lines at their meeting, Thursday, March, 19th, and will go into effect and application on the opening of navigation. This will probably be during the latter part of April, or perhaps not until May 1.

Advertising the Country.

Osler, Hammond & Nanton has just issued three folders, intended to advertise lands which they represent in the west. One of these folders is devoted to the country tributary to the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway company. This company, for which the firm mentioned are general agents, has 1,000,000 acres of land between Regina and Prince Albert. The folder gives considerable information about the region, with Dominion land regulations. Also a map showing the location of the railway and connecting lines. The second folder is descriptive of the country tributary to the Calgary & Edmonton railway, for which Osler, Hammond & Nanton are also agents. This company has 2,000,000 acres of land along its line in Alberta, which is offered for sale. There is a railway map with this folder also. The third folder gives a map and particulars of the Ontario & Qu'Appelle Land Co., which owns 150,000 acres of land in the well known Qu'Appelle district. A very large number of these folders will be circulated, and they should help materially in making known the advantages of western Canada.

British Columbia's Mineral Output.

The annual report of the Minister of mines has been issued. From it we learn that the output of coal for 1890 was 699,000 tons. In 1874 the quantity was 81,000 tons, and in 1880 268,000 tons; 1885, 369,600 tons. It will be observed that the yearly output of the black diamonds is increasing at a very rapid rate. The total amount of gold produced in the province in 1890 is valued at \$381,555, and of silver at \$73,984. The three mining districts making returns are Cariboo, which is divided as follows: Barkerville, \$61,200; Sydney Creek, \$38,000; Quesnellemouth, \$62,800. Kootenay—Western division, \$35,000; Eastern division, 37,400; Lillooet, \$71,455; Lillooet, Hope, Yale Lytton divisions, \$9,000; Osoyoos division, \$17,000 Similkameen division, \$23,450. Cassiar has yet to be heard from.

Wheat Shipments From Russia and India

The following shows exports of wheat, flour included, from the United States in 1890 compared with exports from Russia and India, with previous years, in bushels:—

	Bushels.	U. S.	Russia.	India.
1890.....	100,209,000	95,021,000	25,616,000	
1889.....	93,000,000	95,000,000	27,000,000	
1888.....	98,000,000	106,000,000	39,500,000	
1887.....	150,000,000	78,500,000	28,500,000	
1886.....	131,000,000	50,000,000	41,000,000	
1885.....	133,000,000	92,000,000	39,500,000	
1884.....	124,000,000	68,090,000	29,500,000	
1883.....	113,000,000	84,000,000	39,000,000	
1882.....	144,000,000	76,000,000	26,500,000	
1881.....	151,000,000	49,000,000	37,000,000	
1880.....	175,006,000	37,000,000	14,000,000	

John Hawley, hardware dealer of Lothbridge, Alberta, was in the city on business last week, and paid THE COMMERCIAL a visit.

The attention of shippers has been called to section 6 of the McKinley tariff, which requires the name of the country of production to be plainly marked, in legible English words on each and every package. This section of the Act took effect March 1. Each package must be branded "Canada," "Ontario" or "Manitoba" will not do.

The Cattle Trade.

A Montreal telegram of Tuesday last says. "As the outcome of the recent cattle investigation the Dominion government will appoint an inspector whose duty it will be to inspect cattle steamers before leaving Montreal. No space had been taken so far for exporting cattle, although at this time last year it was nearly all engaged. Space was offered to-day at thirty shillings per head, but exporters claim they would lose money considering the present state of the markets by accepting it. It is believed here the object of the syndicate, which has purchased the bulk of the distillery cattle in Canada, is to secure control of the entire live stock export trade of Canada and squeeze smaller exporters out, who believe they purpose endeavoring to control the price of steamer freights out of this port by threatening to ship stock they have purchased by way of United States ports if rates here are not made satisfactory.

Italian Orange and Lemon Crops.

Some excitement has been caused in the fruit trade by reports from Italy to the effect that the orange and lemon crops were destroyed by recent storms. President Contencin, of the Italian Chamber of Commerce, sends word that the damage to the orange and lemon crops has been enormous, and was caused by a gale of wind which swept all the leaves off the trees, leaving the oranges and lemons without protection. The crop, he estimates, will be reduced about 75 per cent. There are from 50,000 to 70,000 boxes of winter-cut fruits stored at Sorrento, leaving about an equal amount on the trees fit for shipment. Had it not been for the Sorrento would have shipped during the spring fully 300,000 boxes of oranges. The lemon crop suffered chiefly from hail, which chilled the fruit. Sorrento will not export this summer much over 20,000 to 30,000 boxes of lemons, instead of, as formerly about 100,000 boxes.

Sowing Onion Seed.

Experiments by professor Green at the Ohio Experimental Station confirm the experience of all successful onion growers, in showing the importance of giving onions an early start so that they may take hold of the soil before dry, hot weather sets in. Old horticultural writers taught the same thing a century ago. Onions are a thing which should be grown more largely in Manitoba, and this advice may be useful. The quantity of onions grown is not large enough for home consumption, and at the present time the article is exceedingly scarce in the Winnipeg market.

Prices for eggs reached 20c per dozen at Minneapolis, before Easter, which was a very high price for that market. The Minneapolis *Commercial Bulletin* says: "The probabilities seem to be that cheap eggs will not be seen during 1891. Meats and all kinds of bread-stuffs are too high to permit any quantity of eggs to accumulate in the country. People will eat eggs when meats get to extreme prices."

Bradstreet's reports the exports of wheat and flour (reckoned as wheat) from both coasts of the United States from July 1, 1890, to March 28 to aggregate 69,818,301 bushels against 81,638,156 bushels same time in 1889-90. This includes Montreal.

British Columbia.

Howell & Logg, have opened in tailoring at Victoria.

Herring, druggist, burned out at New Westminster, has established in new premises.

The foundation of a new round house is being laid at Wellington for the E. & N. railway.

The building for another hotel is being constructed at New Westminster by W. D. Purdy for P. Smith.

The owners of the Monarch mine at Field, have begun the shipment of ore to the Smelter at Revelstoke.

The Vancouver board of trade has passed a resolution of regret and condolence at the death of the late Dr. Whetham.

J. Sykes, who recently arrived at Vancouver from Australia, has decided to open business in crockery at that place.

Pennock & Kingham, manufacturing jewellers, Victoria, have dissolved partnership. Style now Minor & Kingham.

Robert Ward, has returned to Victoria from Europe. He has been away from the city and province for almost six months.

Haley & Sutton, formerly of Morden, Manitoba, are opening in the dry goods line at Vancouver. Their stock is in hand.

Port & Co., fish dealers, New Westminster, shipped to New York one day recently, 3060 pounds of fresh salmon packed in ice.

The contract for grading and preparing the right of way of the Westminster-Vancouver Tramway has been awarded to D. McGillvray.

At a meeting of shareholders of the Nanaimo Water Works Co., it was decided to declare a dividend of 6 per cent, on the capital stock of the company.

G. W. Grant has just finished the plans of a fine warehouse to be erected on Front street, Westminster, for M. M. English and W. J. Armstrong.

B. Young and J. C. Armstrong, of Westminster, have concluded arrangement for the erection on their property on Columbia Street of a first-class modern, three-storey brick block.

It is stated that arrangements have been completed for the extension of the New Westminster Southern Railway, now owned by the Great Northern, to Vancouver.

The Westminster Ledger estimates that two millions will be spent in new buildings of all kinds in that place during the present year. This is a big count, and if the figures are reached Westminster will carry the broom.

At a meeting of the British Columbia Tanning Company, it was decided to issue from \$10,000 to \$15,000 more shares, so as to enable the directors to extend the business in the shoe manufacturing department.

M. McGowan, of Winnipeg, says the Nelson Miner, has closed the E. S. Wilson & Co. store at Ainsworth, and it will remain closed until the affairs of the firm can be adjusted. Before leaving Revelstoke he closed the firm's store at that place. The Revelstoke store will not be reopened, but the one at Ainsworth may be.

The price of potatoes, says the New Westminster Ledger, has fallen considerably in the last few days and any amount can now be purchased at \$20 wholesale, and retail at \$23. This

decline in price is principally due to the fact that large growers have held on in hopes of getting the extraordinary prices of last year; but in this they have been disappointed.

The first of the sealing schooners that are being built on False Creek, Vancouver, says the News, was successfully launched from Leamy & Kyle's mill on Monday morning. This is the first vessel that has been built in Vancouver for sealing purposes. There are now four sealing schooners, four steamers and five scows being built on the shores of False Creek.

The deal between the Frazer River canneries and the English syndicate, says the Westminster Ledger, has not yet been fully completed. So far as can be learned an option of purchase has been obtained from the canneries interested for a consideration of \$1,200 cash, to hold till May 1st, and if the principal sum is not forthcoming the option money will be forfeited and the canneries will remain in the hands of their present owners. The great probability is, however that the deal will go through.

A proposition will be laid before the provincial government which in effect will be that the Nelson Smelting & Mining Co be granted a site for reduction works, with the privilege of taking water from the Cottonwood Smith creek. No bonus in money will be asked, but instead a share of the unsold lots in Nelson. The company's capital stock is fixed at \$500,000, and the provisional directors are Wilson Hill, E. R. Atherton, A. J. Marks, T. C. Collins, W. A. Crane, G. A. Bigelow, and C. H. Ink.

An electric tramway, the first for this purpose in Canada, will be put in the New Vancouver coal mines at Nanaimo. The plant of which the first instalment will cost \$20,000, consists of an 80 horse power generator, and two 30 horse power electric locomotives, each of which will haul at a speed of nine miles an hour 150 loaded coal cars. Besides the electric tramway, other generators will be used to furnish a current for light in the mines, 600 of which will be used. The same current will also be employed in working electric coal drills and cutters.

Yesterday, says the Victoria Times, 1800 barrels of sugar were brought to Victoria, consigned to local dealers. This large shipment of sugar is the result of the new United States tariff regarding sugar which goes into effect April 1st, and which makes all sugar imported into the United States after that date free of duty, and also free from duty all shipments on the way to the States before the first of April. The present shipment is sugar which was in bond in Frisco, and which has been shipped in bond until after the first of April, when it will be re-shipped to Puget Sound ports, and thus a saving of nearly two cents a pound is made less the expense of handling the cargo of sugar. The amount made by the deal will be in the neighborhood of \$7000 on this lot alone, and other cargoes are to be shipped for the same purpose.

Saskatchewan.

The Hudson's Bay Co. has opened a store at Duck Lake, with Horace Adams in charge.

Sproat & McLeod, general dealers, Pinco Albert, will add 30 feet to the rear of their store.

Assiniboia.

Herbison, butter maker, who operated the Fort Qu'Appelle creamery last season, has been re-engaged for the coming summer. Operations will commence about the 1st May.

The stock of W. Cruickshanks & Co., says the Regina Journal, has been bought at the assignee's sale by the Colonization Company. It is now being disposed of at reduced prices for cash. Mr. Ptolemy is in charge with a staff of assistants, and is doing a rushing business.

The Regina board of trade is moving for the cancellation of lands taken up in that district and not occupied. A committee was appointed to confer with the Governor concerning the establishing of an immigration agency in Ontario, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with other boards of trade in the territories with a view to securing their co-operation.

A public meeting to consider the advisability of testing for coal of better quality than yet mined was held recently at Medicine Hat. After considerable discussion the secretary was instructed to write the Northwest Land Co., and the C. P. R. (they having considerable property here which would be enhanced in value by the discovery of good coal) asking what aid they would give. Mr. Cousins seconded by Mr. Leonard moved "That Walton, Sanderson and Finlay be a committee to solicit subscriptions. A subscription list was opened and on the spot and \$560 raised.

E. Jannet and P. Beaudry, connected with Count de Roffignac, who has founded the French colony at Whitewood, have returned from Europe. Count de Roffignac's ambition is to transplant to this agricultural region a manufacturing village from the heart of France. The principal industries which he seeks to establish are the making of sugar, chicory and woolen goods. He has spent the last ten years preparing Rolandie farm for this purpose, and now Mr. Jannet says the scheme is becoming a practical success. He engaged some forty employees during his recent trip to France. Cheese making will also be entered into. They have engaged an expert from Switzerland, who will oversee the manufacture of genuine Benvere cheese.

North West Ontario.

Jas. W. Plumridge, baker and confectioner, Fort William, has closed out.

Reeve Young, of Rat Portage will attend the mining convention at Toronto.

J. Atchison of Montreal, has the contract for the plumbing in connection with the new Canadian Pacific hotel at Fort William.

The statement of the estate of G. M. Francis, Port Arthur, shows liabilities \$2,627.71 on which a dividend of 13 cents has been declared.

Manager Hoare, of the Imperial Bank branch at Winnipeg, visited Rat Portage recently and arranged for the opening of a branch of the Imperial at that place.

At a meeting held at Fort William it was decided to form a board of trade. W. H. Cumming was appointed secretary, pro tem. Over forty signatures were obtained.

On April 9th a special general meeting of the Toronto board of trade will be held for the purpose of discussing the question of closer relations with England.

Traffic Manager Olds of the Canadia Pacific, in an interview at Montreal recently on the movement of grain from the Northwest said, "I expect in a few days to have sent to me the exact number of cars of grain moved from the Northwest last season, but am pretty sure from information I now have that up to the present time fully seven eighths of the export crop has been moved; that we have moved over thirteen million bushels; and that the Northern Pacific have carried at least two million bushels. These figures mean, of course, breadstuffs not altogether wheat. Besides this at least five or six per cent of poor grain has been held by the producers for feeding purposes. I should say that after the remaining eighth has moved the total figures will not show less than sixteen million bushels for export."

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a 11 30	Morris, Morden, Manitou, Killarney and Deloraine.	17 15
a 11 50	Headingley, Carman, Treherne, Holland and Glenboro.	16 15
b 7 50	Stony Mountain and Stonewall.	12 35 b
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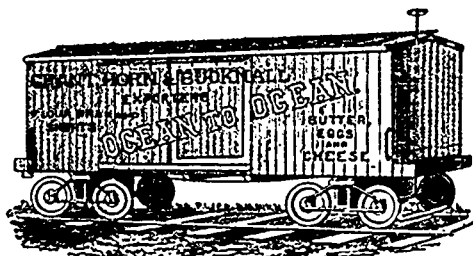
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Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

J. H. Elliott, hides, London, is dead.
 Geo. Lennox, grocer Barrie, has sold out.
 S. J. Mitchell, grocer, Alymer, has sold out.
 D. J. Riviere, grocer, Cornwall, has assigned.
 Mrs. L. Smart, groceries, Elora, has sold out.
 Sawdon Bros., tinsmiths, Toronto, have sold out.
 E. J. Skelly, drugs, etc., Elmvale, has assigned.
 A. McKellar, general store, Glencoe, has assigned.
 John Houghton, grocer, Stratford, has assigned.
 Jane A. Noble, fancy goods, Toronto, has assigned.
 Kanady & Beson, grocers, Windsor, have assigned.
 Samuel Cheaney, general store, Staffa, has sold out.
 W. H. McCully, furniture, St. Thomas, has assigned.
 John Ritchie, jr., real estate agent, Toronto, has assigned.
 Dependier Bros., general store, Merrickville, have assigned.
 Wm. Colwell, jeweler, etc., Mitchell; balliff is in possession.
 F. Stafford & Co., general store, Portland, have sold out.
 H. T. Butler, Sun newspaper, Stratford, is out of this business.
 J. R. Mader & Co., general store, Clarksburg, are moving to Newmarket.
 Holdstock, Young & Co., machinists, Windsor, have dissolved; John Gray continues the business alone under the style of Enterprise Engine Works.

QUEBEC.

I. Laniel, shoes, Montreal, has sold out.
 J. M. Young, grain, Montreal, is dead.
 L. Kortt, tailor, Montreal, has compromised.
 O. Lahaye, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 A. Labelle & Co., dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.
 Montreal Bedding Co., Montreal, have dissolved.
 J. C. Parker, shoes, Montreal, has compromised.
 G. A. Laroche, general store St. Romuald, has assigned.
 Peltier & Guy, cigar manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned.
 Antoine Desjardins, general store, Montreal, has assigned.
 Hart & McDonald, confectionery, Montreal, have dissolved.
 J. & W. Reid, paper manufacturers, Quebec, have assigned.
 Begin & Co., grocers, Montreal, demand of assignment made.
 Thos. Cathcart, grocer, Montreal, was partially burned out.
 F. X. Letourneau & Co., iron, junk, etc., Quebec, have assigned.
 D. Gingras, general store, St. Ansgle de Monnoir, has assigned.
 A. Labelle & Co., dry goods, St. Henri, demand of assignment made.
 H. N. Raby, general store, St. Andre d'Avelin, is asking an extension.
 Somerville, Stuart & Co., engravers and lithographers, Montreal; a liquidator appointed.
 L. Moquin, general store, Lake Megantic, is offering to compromise.

Courville & Joannette, shoe manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.

NOVA SCOTIA.

N. A. Gavanza, hotel, Annapolis, is dead.
 Rubor Smith, trader, Cope Island, has assigned.
 E. J. Bowes, contractor, Dartmouth, has assigned.
 D. C. Logan, furniture, New Glasgow, has assigned.
 C. E. & A. W. Gould, manufacturers of Caskets, etc., Amherst, have assigned.
 J. B. Morris, general store, Bridgewater, is offering a compromise at 50 per cent.
 Mrs. Lucy Abernothy, restaurant, Halifax, has assigned.
 W. H. Sawler, pianos and organs, Kentville, has assigned.
 Godfrey Bros., grocers, Yarmouth, have suspended payments.

Prices at Montreal.

Flour.—The market is firm, western millers are now asking \$4.75 f.o.b. for straight rollers although sales have been made during the week at \$4.00 to \$4.60 f.o.b. On spot sales of straight rollers have transpired at \$5.00 to \$5.05, while choice brands or 90 per cent are quoted as high as \$5.25 to \$5.30. Patents are held at \$5.40 to \$5.50. Strong bakers at \$5.50 and spring patents at \$5.80.

Oatmeal.—The market is strong at a further sharp advance, and we quote prices as follows: Granulated \$6.25 per bbl, rolled oats \$6.25 per bbl, and Standard \$6.15 for round lots. In bags we quote:— Granulated \$3.05 to \$3.15, rolled oats \$3.05 to \$3.15 and standard \$3.00.

Feed.—Bran sold at \$19.50 and \$20.00 in car lots and shorts at \$22.00, Moullie steady at 28c.

Wheat.—Quotations in this market for No. 2 hard are \$1.14 to \$1.15. Canada red and white winter is quoted from \$1.13 to \$1.14. Sales of feed wheat have been made as high as 68 and 70c.

Oats.—Ontario oats are firmly held at 60c., one holder refusing to sell under 62c. Sales of Manitoba oats at 58 to 57c per 34 lbs.

Barley.—Market firm Good demand for feed barley in car lots at 55 to 57c. Malting barley quoted at 65 to 68c.

Provisions.—Sharp advances in provisions. Quoted:— Canada short cut mess pork, per bbl., \$16 to \$17; Hams, city cured, per lb., 11 to 12c; lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb., 7½ to 7½; bacon per lb., 10 to 11c; shoulders per lb. 8½ to 9c.

Butter.—There has been a further considerable movement on export account. Choice Western sold at 16c; 307 packages Morrisburg sold at 14c, 300 ordinary Western at 13½c. A large parcel for New York is also reported. The week's exports have helped the market considerably and the tone is very strong. All good qualities are finding ready sale. Good creamery, in a ten tub lot, has been placed as high as 28c. New butter meets a ready market at about 25c.

Eggs.—Under the influence of a frosty spell prices, which were at 21c at time of last writing, gradually hardening up till 21c, and in some instances 25 was obtainable for jobbing lots. At this date last year the market was quoted at 14c to 14½c for fresh.

Maple products.—The supplies of new syrup and sugar are coming in rather freely. The

range of quotations may be taken as 75c to 80c for syrup and 7½c to 10c for sugar.

Hides.—Dealers prices 6½c, 5½c and 4½c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and tanners' prices 7c, 6c and 5c for Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Teas.—Several lots of Japan have changed hands during the week at from 15c to 17c for common to medium grades, one lot of common being sold at 14½c. Quite a number of representatives of Japan houses have been in the city since our last report, working like beavers for direct orders, and we hear of a number having been given.

Apples.—Apples are getting scarce. Quoted at \$4 to \$5 choice and fancy from \$3 to \$6. Evaporated apples, quotations are 12½ to 13c. Dried apples easy, at 8c to 9c.—Trade Bulletin summary, March 27.

Editor's Table.

A valuable bulletin has been issued from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, by Jas. W. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner, giving very full particulars as to the establishment of cheese factories and creameries. Copies of the bulletin, printed in English or French, will be forwarded free on application to Mr. Robertson, Experimental Farm, Ottawa. This bulletin should be in the hands of all persons interested in dairying.

"The Coal Trade," is the name of a pamphlet which reached The Table last week, being a compendium of valuable information relative to coal production, prices, transportation, etc., at home and abroad, with many facts and features of value to those interested in coal trade matters. The work has been prepared by Frederick E. Saward, editor of the Coal Trade Journal, of New York.

A Fire Extinguisher.

Ex chief McRobie, of the Winnipeg fire department, has invented a fire extinguisher which was tested recently in the presence of city aldermen and others. The test was made on a pile of pine shavings drenched with coal oil, the flames, which had been allowed to gain considerable headway, being extinguished the instant the liquid touched the burning wood. It was shown that the liquid and the fumes therefrom were deadly to fire by casual contact. Those who witnessed the exhibition concluded that McRobie has discovered a valuable extinguisher. The extinguisher is simple in regard to the method of application and is also cheap. The inventor claims that the fluid contains no acid, and is not harmful to the hands or clothing. He intends establishing a factory in Winnipeg for the manufacture of the extinguisher. This should just be the thing for the smaller country towns, where expensive machinery cannot be afforded.

The despatch from San Francisco, stating that Theomeyer have made an arrangement with Claus Spreckels, whereby all competition between the latter's company and the sugar trust would cease, caused a sharp advance in the price of sugar stock at New York on Monday. The officers of the trust, however, deny the statement and say that if anythink has been done it is a private matter between Havemeyer and Elder & Spreckels. Spreckels' son also denies the report.

British Columbia Trade Letter.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, March 30.—Easter week has had a quietening effect in trade, and even the Legislature nodded. Weather has taken a very favorable turn and farming and gardening has commenced. There will be a very active demand for labour and material for building all over the Province this summer, and extensive preparations in that direction are apparent. Victoria and New Westminster as well as Vancouver will experience this boom. Your correspondent predicts that it will double for 1891 the record of any previous year. Business is feeling the impetus of this already. One evidence of it is seen in the unusual demand for money, loans on real estate, to meet building requirements. Merchants report collections slow and the cause of it is the amount of money being invested in building lots and homes. Residential property in Victoria is particularly in good demand. A good deal of speculation is going in lands lying adjacent to the tramway route between Vancouver and New Westminster and also in property in South Westminster. Victoria is just now in a mild whirl of excitement over the proposal of the Northern Pacific to enter that city by way of Port Crescent, ferrying a distance of nine miles to Beacher Bay to which point the E. & N. Railway would be extended. A bonus of something like one million dollars will be asked from the city, and the proposition in some form will be submitted in a few days and likely to meet with a good deal of favor. It is thought that if the N. P. R. makes a terminus of Victoria the C. P. R. will be forced to do the same. A move is on foot, too, to start an extensive creamery at Saanich; also one at Chilliwack, and the promoters are confident of success. An event occurred last week of considerable consequence, viz, the death of Dr. Whetham, Vancouver. He was a pioneer of the city, deeply interested in nearly every phase of its commercial and industrial life, vice president of the board of trade, an owner of mining property and with all very public spirited and a promoter of everything having for its object the development of the province. His loss will be severely felt.

Business is generally in a healthy condition, and with the opening of spring will come the benefit of the largely increasing trade of the interior. Navigation and communication are not opened up in many places. The northern trade is more promising than usual and several steamers now regularly ply. With the opening of navigation the Hudson's Bay Company intend putting a new steamer on the Skeena. With the large number of settlers who have gone on all the islands of the coast and the increase of logging, the coasting trade is developing rapidly and will be more considerable than ever. Flour and feed are firm, and so are all classes of provisions. Quotations are: Flour—Victoria Mills, Delta brand, \$5; Portland roller, \$5.40; Snowflake, \$5.40; C. & C., \$5.25; Manitoba Hungarian, \$6.40; Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.10; Oregon superfine, \$4.50; wheat \$3½ per ton; oats, \$35; barley, \$33; corn, \$40; chop feed, \$35; bran, \$24; shorts, \$28; potatoes, \$25.

Very little change is reported in meats, which are steady and firm. Rice, oranges and lemons, and low grades of tea have advanced owing to scarcity in primary markets. Canned goods are higher in stock and advancing.

Local demand for lumber is strong, but the foreign demand, owing to weakness of prices and lack of tonnage is light at present. Fresh eggs are cheaper than usual at this season, owing to increase in poultry business; good butter scarce and largely dependent on the California supply.

Freight Rates.

Following are the freight rates in cents per 100 lbs on wheat, flour and millstuffs from Minneapolis and St. Paul, to the place named:

	All rail.	Via Mill-waukee Acres Lake
Millwaukee or Manitowoc	10	10
Chicago	10	
Buffalo and Suspension Bridge	25	23
Albany and Troy	34	32
Philadelphia	37	31
Baltimore	32	31
New York	37	33
Boston and Portland	40	23
Utica	32½	30½
Syracuse	37	28
Rochester	24½	20½
Corning and Elmira	31½	29½
Fremont and Lincoln, Neb.	27	

Grain and Milling.

The farmers' elevator scheme at Arden, Man., has fallen through. Sufficient stock could not be sold.

Two hundred and seventy five thousand bushels of grain have been marketed at Red City, Man., this winter to date. The buyers expect to get over 25,000 more.

The new offices of W. W. Ogilvie & Co., in Montreal, were opened with a banquet recently. During the dinner a number of his employees marched into the room, carrying a beautiful brass mounted oaken casket. This was found to contain a piece of plate—a silver bowl of heroic size, chased and engraved. It is solid silver, fifteen inches high, two feet in diameter, and valued at \$1,000. It is decorated with tassels of wheat, crests of the provinces and pictures of the firm's mills and branches. This was presented to Mr. Ogilvie, the head of the company.

Two or three weeks ago THE COMMERCIAL criticised a letter in the London *Miller*, from "W. W." Rockford farm, Port Arthur. "W. W." now writes this paper charging that we have misquoted him. He says he wrote that it was the "largest and best portion of the Northwestern crop that is going to feed the mills of Minneapolis," and not the "Manitoba" crop, as we put it. His information he says "was gained from farmers who sold their wheat to go to Minneapolis." The explanation does not improve "W. W." ridiculous position, unless he means "northwestern States" wheat, which evidently he does not. The use of the vague and geographically misleading term "Northwest," which is sometimes applied to the territories west of Manitoba, and sometimes to Manitoba and the territories combined, will not make any difference. The wheat crop of Manitoba and the territories is governed by the same conditions as to markets, freights, etc., and is one and the same crop.

The advance of 3c in currants in New York has stiffened local holders, says the Toronto *Empire*. They are now asking 3c better figures—6¼ to 6½ for barrels.

Vancouver Board of Trade.

At the last monthly meeting of the board, president elect, John Hendry, was installed.

Communications were read from H. Abbott, General Superintendent of the C. P. R., stating that he had forwarded a map on which were marked the shacks on the foreshores. From the Manufacturers' Locating Bureau, offering to exhibit specimens of the products of this province in their show rooms at Chicago for \$25 per annum.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 26th, 1891.

To the Secretary Board of Trade, Vancouver.

DEAR SIR,—Seeing the progress now being made towards the establishment of the fast Canadian Pacific Mail service from Vancouver to Australia, we are now forming a committee of mercantile gentlemen who are desirous of opening up trade with British Columbia and the Dominion, and have much pleasure in asking your kind favor and assistance in supplying us with information in reference to the following:—

1st. Dominion tariffs and probable exports to Australia via Vancouver.

2d. Quantity of fresh salmon caught adjacent to Vancouver terminus, wholesale prices, etc.

3rd. Quantity cases tinned salmon exported to Australia via San Francisco.

4th. High class fish and game, wholesale prices, etc.

5th. Fine dressed lumbers, doors, window frames and sashes, shooks, staves and fruit cases all in bundles, etc., quantity manufactured, wholesale prices, etc., whether manufactured adjacent to Vancouver terminus of the steamers, and any other information you may be pleased to furnish us with.

Sydney, Brisbane and Fiji exports:—

1st. Frozen mutton, butter, fruit.

2nd. Wool, wines, sugar copra. If sugar refineries are erected or likely to be erected in Vancouver adjacent to the steamers, etc? Are oil mills erected or likely to be erected in Vancouver adjacent to the steamers, etc.

3rd. Sisal, hemp and flax. What demand, if any; market price, etc.

4th. Wines. Shall be pressed with a special report in reference to this. We are turning out in these colonies first class wines, and in the course of a few years will be one of our principal industries.

5th. Have you cold storage rooms in Vancouver adjacent to the steamers? Our committee are desirous of promoting a profitable trade between Australasia and Vancouver and vice versa, and we have, therefore, taken the liberty in seeking the necessary information with a view to this object. In conclusion, we shall esteem it a great favor if you will comply with our request.

Mr. Cotton moved that the matter be left for the council to go into it, and take such steps as may be necessary, and then report. Carried. The Chicago communication and the matter of shacks was also left to the council.

Mr. Berteaux was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Dr. Whetham.

Fred. Cockburn, manager of Dun, Wiman & Co.'s agency, was nominated as a new member.

A discussion then ensued as to the best manner to receive W. C. Van Horne, of the C. P. R., who would be out here at the arrival

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of the S.S. Empress of India, with the result that the following resolution was adopted:

That when the committee on the reception of the S.S. Empress of India and the president of the C. P. R. are ready to report, a general meeting of this board be called to receive such report.

R. C. Ferguson gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move that the subscription be increased from \$3 to \$6 per quarter.

Mr. Skeene gave notice that he would move as an amendment that the subscription be \$4.50 instead of \$6.

Mr. McLagan moved a resolution requesting the board to memorialize the legislature to make certain grants and concessions to the Vancouver, Peace River and Alaska railway, which was carried.

Lumber Cuttings.

Edw. Hunt has opened a lumber yard at Steveston, B. C.

Urquhart Bros. are building a saw mill at Comox, Vancouver Island.

Hooker Bros., Selkirk, Man., are getting their planing mill in order for the season's work.

The *Rat Portage News* is authority for the statement that the Lake of the Woods is open in several places.

The United States barkentine Catherine Sudden has arrived at the Moodyville, B. C., saw mill, to load lumber for China.

The barque Formosa has cleared for Arica, South America, with a cargo of 152,000 feet of flooring and 551,000 feet of rough lumber, from the Hastings Saw Mill, Vancouver, B. C.

H. C. MacCaulay has sold his interest in the Victoria coal, wood and lumber yard, Victoria, B. C., to the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, owners of the saw mill at Chemainus, with whom he has taken the position of head book-keeper.

The formal transfer of the Hastings Saw mills and the Royal City Mills at Vancouver and New Westminster to the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Co., has been effected. The mills will still continue to be under the same management.

The *Colonist* of Victoria B. C. says: There is great activity at the local saw mills, the demand for lumber being more than ordinarily large. Indeed, so anxious are the builders to obtain their supplies, that the very greenest of material is eagerly made use of.

A cannery, saw mill and box factory will be erected at Chilliwack, B. C. A large amount of building is now going on, about 20 buildings being in course of erection at that place, amongst which is a large hotel. The value of Chilliwack real estate here has greatly advanced of late.

There are twenty-one steamers on the Lake of the Woods, with an aggregate tonnage of 722. There are also two small steamers on Rainy Lake and two on Vermillion Bay. The employment of these steamers is nearly entirely in connection with the lumbering interest on the Lake of the Woods and the tributary waters mentioned.

Laniel McLean, leather merchant, Toronto, has made a settlement with his creditors at forty cents on the dollar, and will continue business.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of March 30, in its weekly review of the British Grain trade, says: "English Wheats have been strongly held at an advance of 1s. Foreign Wheats shared in the strength, and prices showed an average rise of 9d. Trade was firm all along the line. Corn, Beans and Peas are up 6d. barley and Oats are 3d dearer. The prospects of the Wheat crop in Russia, Austria and Hungary give hope of an increased export surplus amounting to 32,000,000 bu. Against this may be set the certainty of a heavy import demand from France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Germany. The deficiency in these countries, combined with the wants of England, is expected to absorb the surplus Wheat of America, Austria and Russia, thus causing a decidedly higher mean value during the cereal year of 1891-92"

Earl Granville, the leading English Liberal politician, is dead.

Canned goods were in fairly active demand, says the *Toronto Empire* of March 23. Tomatoes can still be bought at \$1.35 to \$1.40 for good brands, but it is pretty certain that a 5c advance on these grades will be established on the first of April. Some houses are already firm at \$1.40, but the larger holders are advancing slowly, so as not to check consumption.

The flour market works along on a firm basis, says the *Montreal Gazette*, of March 28, and though business can hardly be called active there is a good steady trade doing, while values are fully maintained. We note sales today of 1,000 barrels city strong bakers at \$5.50. Oatmeal continues scarce and firm and we note sales of standard at \$2.85 per bag and rolled and granulated at \$3.

Chas. Mair, of Prince Albert, Sask., dropped in on THE COMMERCIAL last week. He was on his way home from a trip to eastern Canada.

THE C. P. R. steamer Empress of Japan is expected to leave Liverpool April 11 on her trip around the world. The Empress of China leaves June 15th.

The principal transaction in the grocery trade to day says the Toronto Empire of March 24, was a sale of 500 cases canned peas at \$1.25, delivered in Montreal.

Commencing on May 1st, the Allans will operate a weekly line between Glasgow and New York, the steamers leaving Glasgow every Friday and New York every Tuesday.

The horse trade in Manitoba has been somewhat overdone this season. There is always a large demand in the spring of the year for horses, from new settlers or old ones who are increasing their farming operations. This spring, however, the number of horses brought in has so far exceeded the demand.

The Canadian Pacific railway will have three steamers on the Port Arthur and Owen Sound lake route this season, the Alberta and Athabasca being joined by the new steamer Manitoba. From descriptions, the new steamer will fully maintain the enviable reputation for comfort and excellence which this route has held from the start.

THERE is a good steady demand for teas of all grades at Toronto and prices are maintained. Low grade Young Hysons are scarce and high at 19 to 20c. Japans remain at 17 to 20c, and Congos at 16c up. Indian Ceylons keep firm, and are meeting a good demand. Coffees steady and unchanged at: Rios, 22 to 23c; Jamaica, 22 to 23c; Java, 26 to 35c, and Mocha, 29 to 35c.

The Canada Northwest Land Company's ninth annual report shows the net profits of the year 1890 to be \$10,282. The total sales for 1890 were 21,997 acres of farm lands, of which 1,757 has been paid for, making, with instalments of old sales paid during the year, a total of 13,933 acres. The sales under contract of sale amount to 62,534 acres. The net proceeds of sales of town sites accruing to the company for the past year were £10,863 19s 6d.

CANNED GOODS are somewhat excited, says the Toronto Empire of March 26, with prices advancing. For tomatoes there is an active demand; \$1 35 is positively the inside figure; some houses have instructed travellers to advance prices to \$1.40 to \$1.45. Corn is also improving; packers ask \$1 05 for what they hold, and spot sellers want \$1.10 to \$1 25. Peas firm, at \$1.25 to \$1.30. Fruits are dull and unchanged. Salmon is in fair demand at \$1.40 to \$1.60 as to brand.

GEN. Supt. Whyte, of the C. P. R., has returned to Winnipeg from Montreal and confirms the news published recently to the effect that the track on the Souris branch in Manitoba would be completed to Melita this spring and that during the summer the road would be extended from that place to the settlements to the west in the direction of the Souris coal fields. Improvements are also to be made, Mr. Whyte says, on the main line, and the facilities for handling trains are to be increased. It has not yet been decided to build the proposed branch from Fire Steel to the Atikokan iron district west of Port Arthur.

Northern Pacific And Manitoba Railway.

TIME CARD.

To take effect at 6 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 1890.
Central or 90th Meridian Time.)

North Bound			South Bound		
Freight	Passenger	Miles from Winnipeg	STATIONS.	Passenger	Freight
No. 118, 3rd Class	No. 117, 1st Class			No. 118, 1st Class	No. 119, 3rd Class
11.20a	4.10p	0	Winnipeg	11.30a	3.00a
11.05a	4.02p	3.0	Portage Junction	11.37a	3.18a
10.45a	3.50p	9.3	St. Norbert	11.51a	3.47a
10.25a	3.30p	15.3	Cartier	12.05p	4.15a
9.55a	3.20p	23.5	St. Agathe	12.23p	4.55a
9.40a	3.12p	27.4	Union Point	12.30p	5.15a
9.20a	3.00p	32.6	Silver Plains	12.41p	5.45a
8.55a	2.43p	40.4	Morris	12.57p	6.25a
8.30a	2.50p	46.8	St. Jean	1.12p	6.57a
7.65a	2.10p	56.0	Letellier	1.30p	7.55a
7.20a	1.45p	65.0	West Lynn	1.50p	8.50a
6.30a	1.55p	68.1	Pembina	2.05p	9.05a
5.42a	1.01		Grand Forks	5.50p	
5.30a	2.50		Winnipeg Junction	9.55p	
1.30a	3.43		Brainerd	2.00a	
8.00p	4.53		Duluth	7.00a	
8.00p	4.81		St. Paul	7.05a	
8.35p	4.70		Minneapolis	6.35a	
9.30p			Chicago	11.15a	

Eastward.		Westward.	
No. 4, Atlantic Express	No. 2, Atlantic Mail	No. 1, Pacific Mail	No. 3, Pacific Express
9.45a	2.67	9.10p	
2.05a	4.87	9.27a	
1.43p	7.66	8.40p	
4.05a	10.49	8.00a	
10.55p	11.72	1.50p	
6.35a	16.54	5.40a	
12.45a	16.99	11.25a	
		11.00p	
2.50p	19.53	8.30a	
7.00a	20.50		

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.		
Mixed	STATIONS.	Mixed
No. 147, 2nd Cls		No. 148, 2nd Cls
11.50a	0	4.30p
11.37a	1	4.42p
11.10a	3	5.10p
11.03a	13	5.18p
10.40a	21	5.41p
10.15a	29	6.06p
9.55a	35	6.27p
9.33a	43	6.48p
9.05a	50	7.15p
8.50a	55	7.30p

MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.					
Freight	Passenger	Miles from Morris	STATIONS.	Passenger	Freight
No. 140, 3rd Class	No. 138, 1st Class			No. 137, 1st Class	No. 139, 3rd Class
6.30p	12.50p	0	Morris	2.50p	9.00a
5.15p	12.27p	10	Lowe's	3.12p	9.45a
5.00p	12.01p	21	Myrtle	3.37p	10.32a
4.40p	11.51a	25	Roland	3.48p	10.52a
4.05p	11.3	33	Rosebank	4.05p	11.25a
3.25p	11.20a	39	Miami	4.19p	12.05p
2.40p	11.00a	49	Deerwood	4.40p	12.55p
2.27p	10.48a	54	Atta	4.51p	1.20p
1.53p	10.30a	62	Somerset	5.08p	1.57p
1.20p	10.15a	68	Swan Lake	5.23p	2.25p
21.00p	10.03a	74	Indian Springs	5.35p	2.59p
12.40p	9.53a	79	Marquette	5.45p	3.14p
12.12p	9.39a	86	Greenway	6.00p	3.43p
11.45a	9.25a	92	Balder	6.15p	4.12p
11.05a	9.04a	102	Belmont	6.35p	4.55p
10.30a	8.45a	109.7	Hilton	6.52p	5.23p
9.25a	8.25a	120	Wawanesa	7.15p	6.05p
8.35a	8.02a	129.5	Routhwaite	7.35p	7.00p
8.02a	7.41a	137.3	Martintown	7.57p	7.37p
7.25a	7.25a	145.1	Brandon	8.15p	8.15p

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Nos. 117 and 118 run daily
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PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Winnip.	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Fridays
LEAVE	0	Winnipeg	ARRIVE
ar 12 50	56	Portage la Prairie	1: 30
do 13 00			15 30 do
14 45	91	Gladstone	15 20 ar
16 50	117	Neopawa	13 55
16 45	135	Minnedosa	12 28
			11 46
ar 17 45	150	Rapid City	10 10 do
18 24	171	Snoal Lake	9 57
19 45	194	Hirtle	8 55 do
20 25	211	Binscarth	7 55
21 55			
ar 21 05	223	A Russell	7 15 do
21 32			
23 02	236	c Langenburg D.	6 48
22 30			
24 00	292	c Saltcoats D.	6 50 do
			LEAVE

† Meals.
A Thursdays and Saturdays. B Wednesdays. C Thursdays and Saturdays. D Mondays and Fridays.
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