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WINNIPEG, MARCH 31, 1890.

B. HOLLINQUEST has opened a grocery store at Oak Lake, Man.

FRED Reiman has decided to open a general store at Langenburg.

H. W. KOBOLD & Co., butchers, Rat Portage, have sold out to Alfred Bird.

MRS. G. W. WATTS has opened a millinery and fancy goods store at Regina, Assa.

J. J. SMITH, general dealer, Emerson, Man., has assigned to R. J. Whitla, Winnipeg.

Town Talk, Winnipeg's new society and comic paper, made its appearance last week.

SEEDING commenced at Medicine Hat last week. Plowing is said to be general in that district.

SAMUEL HUNGERFORD, hotel, Carberry, Man., has given up business and is succeeded by Angus McKenzie.

SAMUEL Hartford, general merchant, of Neepawa, Man., has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand.

LEE & KING, blacksmiths, Calgary, have dissolved partnership. W. H. Lee will continue the business.

W. HAMILTON'S livery and feed stable at Pilot Mound, Man., was destroyed by fire last week. Insurance \$500.

CONSTRUCTION on the Medicine Hat Coal company's railroad to connect the mine with the C.P.R. at that place will it is said be begun at once.

The Saltcoats Creamery Association has been organized at Saltcoats, on the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, with the following directors and officers: President, T. McNutt; secretary, T. A. Patrick; directors, president and secretary and Messrs. Thompson, Henderson, Riche, Holton and Crerar.

A LEADING British trade journal reaches this office addressed "Winnipeg, Manitoba, United States."

KEITH & Co., of Winnipeg, have issued their twelfth annual seed catalogue. It is quite a fine thing of the kind.

THE estate of W. G. Watts, boots and shoes and furnishings, Regina, will be sold on April 5, at the office of the official assignee, Winnipeg. The stock is invoiced at \$3,542.

THEY are coming thick and fast. The latest publication to appear in Winnipeg is *The Western Law Times*, the first number of which was issued last week. It will no doubt be welcomed by the legal profession.

D. ROSS, proprietor of the saw mills at Whitemouth, Man., is already preparing for the spring trade. He has a good supply on hand, and will make a large cut this season. Work has already been commenced at the mill.

THE estate of J. D. Gillies & Co., Minnedosa, Manitoba, will be offered for sale by auction, at the office of the official assignee, Winnipeg, on April 5. The stock of general goods amounts to \$14,688, and \$11,817 book debts and notes.

THE Manitoba Government has decided to grant \$7,500 in aid of the proposed exhibition at Winnipeg. Though not as large an amount as was asked for, the sum will be very acceptable, and the exhibition is now fully resolved upon.

AT a recent special meeting of the board of trade of Medicine Hat, Assa, it was decided to hold a convention at that place on May 25 to discuss questions affecting the Territories. Delegates will be invited from all centres in the Territories.

THE town council of Port Arthur has decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers providing for the granting of an additional bonus of \$15,000 to the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway, payable on the completion of the road to Gun Flint lake on the International boundary.

THE early closing movement in Winnipeg is progressing favorably. Those interested are now obtaining the signatures of the merchants to a petition to the city council, asking that a by-law be passed providing for closing at a stated hour, in accordance with the Act of the Legislature bearing upon this matter.

A JOINT stock company has been formed at Rapid City, Man., with a capital of ten thousand dollars, to operate a brick kiln and pottery. The provisional directors are T. Houlding, D. A. Hopper, C. J. Whellams, A. Carss and M. Turriff. The company will be called "The Saskatchewan Brick Kiln and Pottery Company, limited."

A SPECIAL colonist excursion train for Manitoba left Clinton, Ontario, on March 25, via Toronto and North Bay, having on board about fifty-five passengers, among whom were some of the oldest and wealthiest settlers from that vicinity. They also took with them about 14 cars of stock and settlers effects, all of which goes to Manitoba points.

THE new immigration journal *The Western World*, which has been looked for for some time, made its first appearance the first of last week, and hereafter will be issued on the 15th of each month. The first issue is largely devoted to the city of Winnipeg, and a number of very fine illustrations are given of views familiar to the citizens of this place. The number contains well written articles by C. N. Bell, secretary

of the board of trade; H. N. Ruttan, city engineer, and others.

THE Brandon Sun says: J. D. McGregor & Co. will arrange at once for space for shipment east of one thousand head of cattle from Calgary. They will be selected from the lot taken west last summer. They have improved wonderfully on the western range, and are now excellent stock cattle.

J. A. CHRISTIE, of the Brandon saw mill, is making arrangements to attach a planer to his mill with a capacity of 90,000 feet a day. He expects to start the mill about the first of May, and if the logs come down as expected will run night and day and employ in the neighborhood of 60 men. He is estimating on turning out between five and six million feet of lumber this summer.

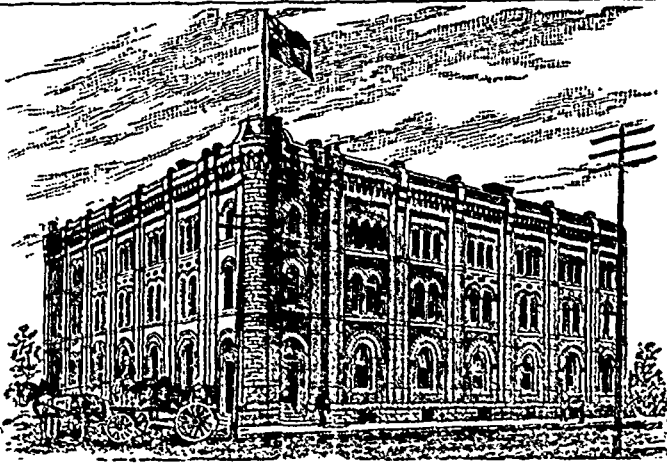
DESPITE the expected shortage of beef cattle this spring, a good number of animals have already been secured by wholesale cattle men. The *Mercury* of Manitou, Man., says: "Jas. T. Gordon was skimming around the country in the vicinity of Manitou for a couple of days this week hunting for fat cattle. He succeeded in purchasing one hundred and five head during his travels. The animals are intended for the Winnipeg market. Evidently the farmers in the Manitou district have been able to supply their cattle with plenty of feed."

A COPY of "The Canadian Shoe and Leather Directory" has been received at this office. It is a handsomely bound book of over 300 pages, and forms a complete hand-book of the leather and shoe trades of the Dominion. All manufacturers of leather and leather goods, as well as all dealers, wholesale and retail, in such goods, are given in the directory. Altogether it is a most complete work of the kind. Published by the *Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal*, of Toronto.

THE fifth colonist party of the season from Ontario left Toronto last Tuesday for Manitoba. There were eight trains, with about one hundred cars of settlers' effects and seven hundred passengers. The Union station was the scene of great bustle for several hours prior to the departure of the trains. Great crowds assembled, and huge piles of baggage were on every hand. The settlers appeared to be of the best class of Ontario farmers. Agents of the Manitoba Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company accompanied the train to look after the comfort of the passengers.

J. McLEOD HOLIDAY & BRO. occupy very nice quarters on Portage avenue, where they carry a full line of samples of the goods handled by Hodgson, Sumner & Co., of Montreal. Since the closing of the Winnipeg branch of this house, Messrs. Holiday have acted as agents for the Montreal firm, and goods are now shipped direct from headquarters to the western trade. Messrs. Holiday have also been appointed agents for Wm. Ewan & Son, wholesale clothing, Montreal. In the clothing branch they carry a light stock of staples in Winnipeg for the sorting trade, in addition to full lines of samples. They have also been appointed agents for J. & C. Hodgson, manufacturers of iron pipe, and Geo. W. Reed, manufacturer of refrigerators, slate and metal roofing, etc., of Montreal. The refrigerators are a very fine thing of the kind, and at a low price. They have not been handled heretofore in the West, but are well known to the trade east.

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The board of trade of Portage la Prairie has passed a resolution in favor of the enlargement of the St Lawrence canals. The board also adopted a motion, urging the town council to provide better fire apparatus. The board is doing a wise act in bringing this matter of fire protection before the council. According to recent reports, the fire department of the town is not in an efficient condition. This is a very serious state of affairs, and matters should not be allowed to remain in this way any longer than possible. Portage should take warning from the recent disastrous fire at Regina. The board should follow up this question vigorously, until the council has preformed its duty in the matter.

A MOVEMENT is at last to be made to improve the navigation of the Red River between Winnipeg city and Lake Winnipeg. It is understood an amount will be appropriated for a survey of the river this summer, preparatory to undertaking the required improvements. It is a pity the surveys could not have been made last summer, as owing to the very low water, every facility was afforded for investigating the requirements of the proposed work. However, it is better late than never, and if the Dominion Government takes hold of this important work in earnest, it will be a matter for satisfaction to those who have so earnestly and vigorously placed the question before the Ottawa authorities from time to time.

The new extradition treaty with the United States will go into effect on April 4th next. The text of this treaty was given fully in THE COMMERCIAL a few weeks ago. All honest people will now rejoice that a good deal of rascality which has heretofore gone unpunished, will in the future be liable to receive its just reward. The next sensible move would be that each country should simply agree to hand back all criminals or refugees from justice without the formalities of an extradition treaty, and regardless of the offence committed. The laws, customs and civilization of the countries interested are so similar that this could be done without fear that offenders would receive unduly harsh treatment. It would not be a violation of the principles of the most advanced civilization,

would save an endless amount of trouble and expense, and above all, would tend to ensure the greater security of society by the greater certainty that crime would not go unpunished.

The clause of the Bill providing for the taxation of church property has been amended in the Manitoba Legislature, so that it will not come into force until the first of January, 1892. In the meantime the church buildings and lands in connection therewith to the extent of not more than two acres will be exempt. This amendment will give the churches time to prepare for the new order of things. The principle of church taxation has been received with favor as a rule throughout Manitoba, but in view of the fact that some of the churches are heavily involved and hold a good deal of property, it is generally conceded that it is but right that these organizations should be given notice some time beforehand, that they are to be deprived of the privileges of exemption heretofore enjoyed.

THE credit question, it appears, was the principal feature discussed at the meeting of merchants at Calgary recently. From a report of the meeting in the *Tribune* of that place, we learn that a committee was appointed to inquire into the credit system, and to bring in a written report at the next meeting, making suggestions as to how the evils of the credit system may be obviated and the large losses which accrue to merchants yearly, lessened. This question provoked a good deal of discussion, and the publication of a dead beat or poor pay list was suggested whereby merchants could know the names of those who were in the habit of running accounts at different places, without the intention or ability of paying them. The exemption laws were also discussed. It is understood the Calgary dealers contemplate adopting the coupon system.

HEREAFTER any disputes regarding the grading of western grain will be settled at Winnipeg, instead of at Toronto as heretofore, the Inland Revenue department having so decided. S. Spink, chairman; S. Nairn, G. J. Maulson, A. Atkinson and F. W. Thompson (of whom three shall constitute a quorum) have been ap-

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It has long been the talk in a private way, that certain prominent officials were guilty of grave misdemeanors in connection with the Saskatchewan rebellion of 1885. So common have become the reports concerning certain matters, that these reports have come to be generally believed. It is therefore a matter for satisfaction that at last these charges are to be ventilated. If they are not true, it is well that the people should know it; if they are true, that the parties to them may receive their just reward. A Parliamentary committee has been appointed to investigate the charges. The principal charge is, that certain lots of furs belonging to parties in the disturbed district, were appropriated by General Middleton and others. One lot of furs, valued at some thousands of dollars, is said to have been divided between General Middleton, S. L. Bedson, warden of the Manitoba penitentiary, and Hayter Reed, Indian commissioner at Regina. It is also charged that Middleton and Bedson appropriated various articles from the settlers, such as horses, furs, &c. A pool table is mentioned as one of the articles taken by Bedson. The charges it has been already noted, have become matters of common report, and it his high time the business was cleared up.

Notice is given that application will be made for the incorporation of Thomas Nichol, W. S. Moody, Frank Fowler, F. J. Clark of Carroll; all farmers in the county of Brandon, and William Fowler, of Turtle Mountain, farmer; under the name of "The Manitoba Elevator Company, Limited." The chief place of business of said company will be at the town of Wawanesa. The capital stock of the company will be \$50,000, divided into five hundred shares of \$100 each.

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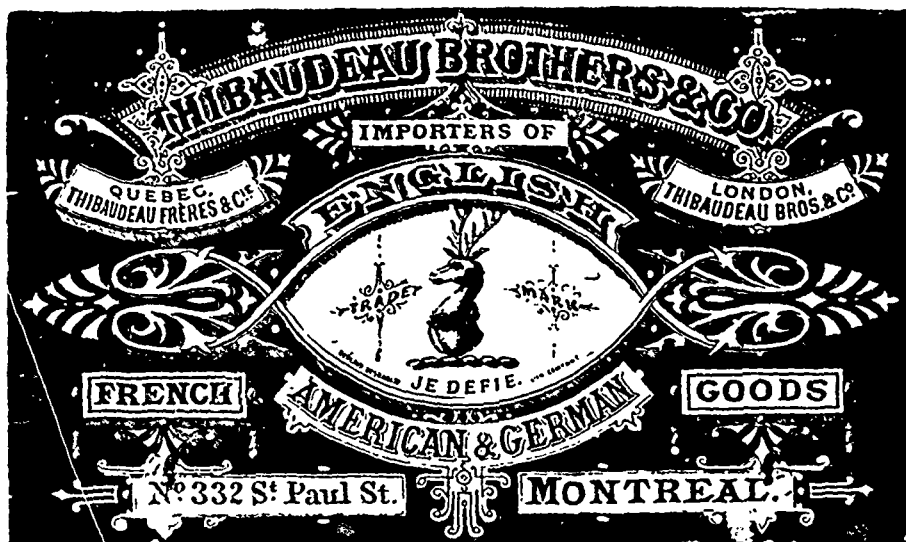
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STRIKE AT THE ROOT.

The Manitoba Legislature, as noted last week, has decided to memorialize the Dominion Government in favor of "unrestricted reciprocity" with the United States. This will no doubt be a taking thing with the people. Unrestricted reciprocity are two big words, and to the plebeian mind they will no doubt prove very fascinating. The people of Manitoba are also fully alive to the burdens imposed upon them by "protection," and they will be ready to grasp at anything which will bring a change.

The resolution which the Local Government will send to Ottawa, recites the disadvantages under which the people of Manitoba labor, owing to the high duties upon agricultural implements, lumber, fruits and other goods, which we are obliged to import, and which are an absolute necessity to the settlers. "Owing to the geographical position of Manitoba," the preamble states, "it would be of very great benefit to the people of this province to have closer trade relationship with the United States."

So far so good. Reciprocity with the United States would no doubt be a very good thing for Manitoba, and on the principle that a half a loaf would be better than no bread, it would be acceptable. But why do not the members of the Legislature strike at the root of the evil at once? The resolution recites the disadvantages under which Manitoba labors, "owing to the high duties upon agricultural implements, lumber, fruits and other goods which we are obliged to import." Now, what is the cause of these burdens upon Manitoba? Is it the want of reciprocity with the United States? or the taxation which we impose upon ourselves? The question answers itself. We can do away with this burdensome taxation without whining for reciprocity. The resolution gives a list of articles which cost the Manitoba settler exorbitant prices, on account of the high duties, and reciprocity is asked for to overcome these duties. The easiest way would be to simply strike off the duties. While reciprocity would remove some of the burdens of tariff taxation forced upon the West, it would not remove them all. It would be like climbing up an obnoxious tree to lop off a branch or two, when the work could be performed more easily and thoroughly by applying the axe to the root. On the one hand the evil tree would still remain; on the other, it would be entirely eradicated.

What Manitoba and all the West wants, is free trade. If reciprocity with the United States would be a good thing, free trade would be a great deal better. We import some goods from the United States, upon which we are obliged to pay heavy taxes in the form of duties; but we import a great deal from other countries as well, upon which equally heavy duties are levied. Manitoba imports directly or indirectly, large quantities of merchandise from Great Britain. Now, the Dominion Government statistics show that the duty on goods imported from Great Britain averages very considerably higher than the duty on goods from the United

States. The official statistical record for 1888, shows that forty per cent of the total duties collected were on goods imported from Great Britain, and thirty-two per cent, on goods from the United States. This showing is made in the face of the fact that imports from the United States for the same year were several millions larger than imports from Great Britain. The exact figures are: Imports from the United States, \$55,513,790; imports from Great Britain, \$39,433,617. Duties collected on British goods, \$8,972,740; duties collected on goods from the United States, \$7,109,234. This clearly shows that there is a heavy discrimination against imports from Great Britain, and in favor of the United States. This is in strong contrast with the bill now before the United States Congress, which provides for largely increasing the duties on all the principal products imported by that country from Canada, and which is intended as a discrimination against this country.

Manitoba's exports will go very largely to Great Britain. The United States has a surplus of nearly all the articles which Manitoba produces for export. Our wheat, our butter, our cheese, our meats, our furs, etc., are not wanted by our neighbors to the south, because they have a surplus of all these commodities at home. We must look across the water for a market for these articles, and in return for these products we should be able to purchase the manufactures of British factories. But the Canadian Government steps in and places a discriminating duty against our best customers—the British consumers.

This is the way the situation stands at present. Let the West demand that this state of things be remedied. If the United States is willing to give us reciprocity, well and good. But let us strike at the root of the matter at once, and provide the remedy within our own reach, instead of asking something from a foreign country, which that country may not be willing to grant. The burdens of tariff taxation may be removed without reciprocity. We have simply to cease to tax ourselves for the privilege of buying goods from other countries. What we want is liberty to trade freely not only with the United States, but with other countries, and especial with those who are our best customers for the products which we have for export.

THE LESSON OF THE SEASON.

If the move now being made to curtail credit business in Manitoba had been started upon some years ago, the country would be in far better shape at the present time. The folly of the system of doing business which has prevailed here, is now being shown in its most objectionable features. The direct result of the long time, free credit system has been over-buying and the assumption of obligations too largely on future prospects. Farmers all over the country went into debt freely and as a matter of course, simply because it was such an easy matter to obtain credit. But now that a close season has set in, they are loaded up with liabilities which they are unable at present to meet. The result is, that business has been seriously affected all around.

The real cause of the trouble of many retail merchants at the present time is the amount

they have standing out in book accounts. As a rule, the amount on the books of merchants all over the country, is out of all proportion to the stock carried and to the business done. Recent failures have shown a startling condition of affairs in this respect. Book accounts sometimes show up in excess of the stock carried, and in every instance are out of all reason when compared with the extent of the business done. That this system of doing business has brought disaster upon some is not to be wondered at. It could not be otherwise. Merchants would require to have very large bank accounts to continue business the way they have been doing it in Manitoba during recent years. The system is simply rotten to the core, and the sooner merchants recognize this and press firmly and continuously for a reform, the better will it be for themselves and their customers also. Promiscuous credit and over-buying are ruining the merchants of this country, and the former leads to the latter.

When financial difficulties overtake a retailer, his large "assets" in the shape of book accounts are of little avail. In fact the larger his assets in this direction, the more unfavorable is his position considered. In the first place, excessive book accounts are taken as an evidence of business incompetence. About the worst record a merchant can make is to allow his goods to go out and have nothing to show for them but entries in his books. Aside from the appearance of incompetence, book accounts are considered a very poor asset on the basis of their estimated value. In fact, book accounts are considered by the creditors of the retail merchant as almost worthless. A leading wholesale dealer was heard to remark recently, that he would not give ten cents on the dollar for the best book accounts in Manitoba. This is really the view taken of the matter by all wholesalers. The man who has a fair surplus in goods is in a very much better position than the dealer who has his surplus in book accounts. Goods have a value which can be estimated closely, but book accounts are at best a very doubtful asset. Goods on shelves are better than book accounts, and if merchants cannot get the money, they had better keep the goods. The desire to do a rushing trade and keep the goods moving, when it leads to free credit is sure to end in disaster.

The promiscuous credit system has encouraged consumers to go into debt. If a closer cash system had been adopted after the heavy crop of 1887, the country would be in far better shape to-day. A case was reported the other day of a farmer who sold crops to the value of \$11,000 in the years 1887 and 1888, yet this same man is owing large amounts in store bills which he claims to be unable to pay. He invested his money in land speculation, and went in debt for store goods, trusting to another big crop in 1889 to pay up. Last year, however his crop was a partial failure, and the merchants who have sold him, will have to wait a couple of years for their pay. This is one of the results of our system of doing business. There is no incentive to economy, no lesson to provide for the future. When a good crop is experienced, the return therefrom is freely invested, and the farmers go in debt just the same for their requirements. Then a close

year comes, and there is no money to pay up. If the consumers had been educated to buy for cash, they would be more careful in making purchases, and would look more to the future. Then when a poor crop year occurred, there would be fewer liabilities to meet and less carrying to be done. Under a stricter cash system the sales of merchants would probably not be so large, but their business would be on a more solid basis.

The best time to inaugurate a reform of the nature required would be after a good crop. It is to be hoped that the present year will afford such an opportunity. Now that the trade has had a severe lesson of the evils of the system now in vogue, a persistent effort should be kept up to bring about a change. Instead of relaxing efforts to reduce business to a cash basis, with the return of more prosperous times, the movement should be only the more vigorously followed up, so that the return of another season like the present may be guarded against.

TARIFF BURDENS.

The people of the West are evidently awakening to the evils of "protection." Heretofore it has been tacitly admitted that the so called National Policy of the present dominant party in Canada has been a very severe burden upon the West. The people however, have been so taken up with other questions, such as railway monopoly, etc., that they have not given much attention to the tariff issue. These matters having been disposed of and the people having had a rest from agitation, they are now apparently becoming aroused to the necessity of action upon the question of protection. Hence we have it that various organized bodies and societies have recently pronounced against the National Policy, and that at public meetings held in the country that policy has been condemned.

The latest pronouncement on the question comes from the Conservative Association of a Manitoba constituency—the Dennis Liberal Conservative Association. Conservative though they are, the members of this organization have not hesitated to pronounce upon the tariff system, though they do not demand the entire abrogation of the policy, but merely ask for a revision. The revision asked for by the Dennis Conservatives, however, is of such a radical nature that were it admitted, it would be a serious blow to the whole system of protection. The Dennis Conservatives ask first for the "reduction of duties upon such commodities as are usually considered necessities" and secondly "upon all agricultural implements and machinery used by the settlers." The commodities which could be classed as necessities cover a very wide range, and the reduction of the tariff upon "all necessities," would certainly be a radical change in the National Policy.

That the protective policy of the Dominion weighs heavily upon the West, is a statement so self-evident, that argument is not necessary to show the force of the assertion. Owing partly to the geographical position of the West, and partly to the limited productions of this portion of the Dominion, the people of the West are compelled, through the influence of the protective policy, to pay very much more than their share of the duties which make up

the customs revenue of the Dominion. Agricultural products are almost the sole productions of the West, and in agriculture there is nothing to protect. Protection is for the manufacturer, not the farmer, unless we consider the question in an inverse bearing and say: Protection is for the benefit of a few manufacturers, and for the taxation of the farmer. In this grim sense, protection is for the farmer also. The people of the West have few interests which they wish protected, while on the other hand, they are compelled to pay heavy taxes upon almost everything which they require, either in the form of customs duties or tribute to eastern manufacturers. It is therefore time that the people of the West should awaken to the importance of this issue, and endeavor to throw off the load

IT COULD BE DONE.

The *Montreal Journal of Commerce* has devoted an article to the convention of retailers at Winnipeg, in which it discusses the evils of the exemption laws and the credit system. After showing the disadvantage at which the merchant is placed through the exemption act, our *Montreal contemporary* says:—

"Here, if anywhere, is a case where cash dealing alone could be justified by the ordinary law of commerce, and yet under the peculiar circumstances attending a purely agricultural community dependent upon uncertain crops for their supply of money and possessed of the means of barter only at certain seasons of the year, cash dealings are entirely out of the question. The farmer must have credit, or he cannot buy. The merchant must give credit or he cannot sell. The consequence is that country merchants have to allow their goods to go out on credit in the hope that a good crop year may enable their customers to pay them."

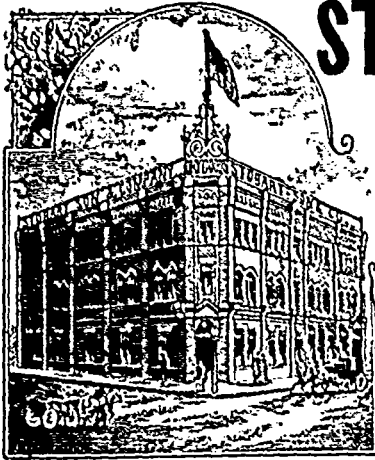
We agree with the *Journal of Commerce*, that if there is any place where business should be done on a cash basis, it is in Manitoba, so long as these exemption laws remain in force. We entirely disagree, however, with the statement that "cash dealings are out of the question." If the farmers were educated to looking ahead a little, it would be just as easy for them to be a year ahead with their crops as a year behind. That is, the farmers could be trained into the custom of using the proceeds of their crop with which to purchase their requirements for the coming year, just the same as they now look to their crop to pay off liabilities incurred during the year past. Of course it would take a little time and the exercise of firmness to bring about the change. In the case of a crop failure it would no doubt be necessary to give some credit, but otherwise it is nonsense to say that "the farmer must have credit or he cannot buy." The trouble is, that credit is so easily obtained, that farmers overload themselves with liabilities, during prosperous years, for many things which they could get along without, and when they have a short crop they are reduced to straightened circumstances. As for the statement that the merchants "must give credit or they cannot sell," they would be better off in many instances to keep their goods rather than sell on credit. It would certainly be just as easy to pay for goods at the time they are purchased, as to pay for them later on, if the cash system were once established, for it is understood that the goods must be paid for at

some time anyway. It would require a little economy on the start to place business on such a basis, but once established, it would actually be easier for the farmers to pay cash than to buy on credit and pay when they can, for if they are buying for cash, they would be more careful as to their purchases, and would economize more. One of the great evils of the credit system is, that it tends in the opposite direction from economy. The future looks brighter than the present to most people, and when buying on credit they usually take the view that they will be better off in the future, and by and-by they will have no trouble to pay for the goods.

As to the coupon system, the *Journal of Commerce* takes the same view which has been expressed in these columns, namely: that it will be an improvement upon the existing credit system, but that merchants should have some security from their customers, in addition to the note given in exchange for the coupons.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY.

After a great deal of speculation, the position of the Manitoba Government toward the Hudson Bay Railway has at last been made known. The Government proposes to aid the railway to the extent of three thousand dollars per mile, in the form of a cash bonus, for that portion of the main line of the railway within the boundary of the province, in all not to exceed 250 miles. This it will be seen amounts to \$750,000. The money may be paid on the completion and operation of the railway to the Hudson Bay, or in instalments as the work progresses, providing in the latter case, that the company furnishes satisfactory guarantees of its ability to complete and operate the road. It is further provided that the company must secure the province for the bonds already issued before it can take advantage of this offer. The bill also provides that in lieu of the cash bonus, the Government may guarantee the bonds of the company to an amount to be agreed upon. Premier Greenway in discussing the question, claimed that this was a very large bonus, and quite as large as the province, with its limited resources, could stand. He pointed out that it was double the sum the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Company received for building the Morris-Brandon line. It would amount to an annual charge, at five per cent., of \$37,500, or about one-fifteenth of the entire fixed revenue of Manitoba. This is certainly a small grant in comparison with the old offer of the Legislature, and also seems small in comparison with the estimated cost of building the road, which is placed at about \$12,000,000. On the other hand there is the forcible argument of the limited resources of the province. But if the province is only able to give \$750,000 now, what position do those occupy who a few years ago supported the guarantee of interest at five per cent, for twenty years, on \$4,500,000 of the company's bonds? The argument that the Dominion should bear the burden of opening the route, is a very tenable one. Manitoba is but a small portion of the territory which will be benefited by the opening of the Hudson Bay route. The western and northern portions of the Territories will be benefited in much greater proportion than Manitoba. The enterprise is really a national one, and though Manitobans are very anxious to have the route opened, yet it does seem unjust that this province, with its limited financial resources, should be obliged to burden itself beyond reason, to secure the building of the railway. It is to be hoped that the expected aid from the Dominion Government will be of such a nature as to secure the construction of the railway, without this province being called upon to so largely increase its financial burdens as has been at times proposed, in order to aid the enterprise.



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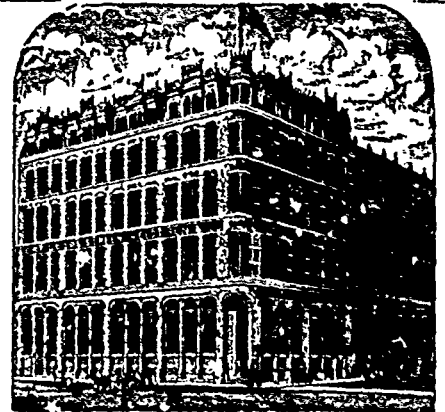
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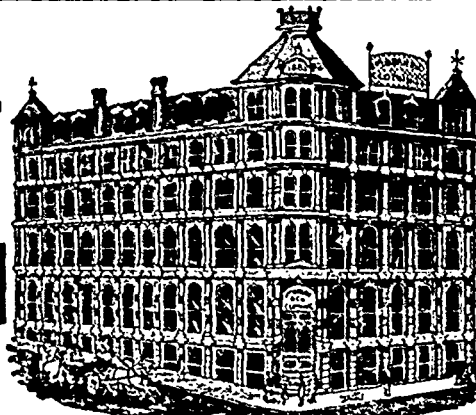
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Collections continue close; but there is not so much paper falling due, and what has not been met has been renewed or protested. Very little improvement can be hoped for until another crop comes in, and a long close period is therefore ahead, though railway building and other work may make some difference upon the situation during the summer. With this prospect ahead, the disposition among wholesalers is to be as easy as possible until fall, in the hope that a good crop will place the retail trade in a better position again. There have been some hints that the banks may hold up a little, but so far there has been no disposition shown to advance rates. It is known that in the past the banks are taking a conservative course, and have been holding stiff rates. Here of course the banks are under the control of the eastern offices, and with the firmer tendency east, it would not be surprising if they should adopt a closer policy here. It is not expected that good accounts of regular customers will be affected, but a tendency to hold for good security and stiff rates on new accounts and irregular business, is likely to be followed. In the meantime rates of discount are unchanged at 7 per cent. for first-class paper, and 8 per cent. for good commercial paper to 9 per cent. for irregular and undesirable business. Mortgage loan companies have done considerable business recently at 8 per cent as the regular rate on farm property. Loans on city property have more range, varying from 7 per cent. for large loans on best security to 9 per cent. for small loans on less desirable security. As a rule payments of interest to loan companies have been better than might be expected, and some report payments even fairly good.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There is a little improvement in some branches, but as a rule business is dull. The season is backward, and this combined with the close financial situation, is not favorable to an early spring trade. Dealers generally are not looking for a very large spring and summer trade. Dealers, however, are commencing to breathe more freely again, as the season for spring failures is now considered pretty well over. There are of course a number of weak concerns standing, but they will mostly be carried over until fall, in the hope that a good crop may come to set them on their feet. The fruit trade was more active, and there was considerable movement in boots and shoes, felt mostly in the city retail trade, and due to slushy weather. The changes to be made in the import duties, which were wired from Ottawa on Friday, have caused considerable interest. These changes are outlined in another column. They have not made any difference in quotations as yet, but will affect a number of lines in time.

DRY GOODS.

Local trade is dull, and dealers are looking forward to rather a slow spring and summer trade. No sorting business to speak of is doing yet, the season being backward, and the close times financially makes trade slow with retailers. Spring stocks have been late in going out, but such orders are now about all cleared up. Retailers have not been as anxious to receive goods early as they sometimes have been. Advices from abroad are generally firm. British manufacturers will not make concessions in

prices, and in fact it would be hard to place orders there now except at an advance. The recent strikes in England have increased the firm feeling there. The proposed changes in the Canadian tariff will add very materially to the strength of prices in dry goods. Woolens are to have another two and a half cents per pound added to the duties; gloves and mitts are increased five per cent.; straw and ladies' hats are increased five per cent., and \$1.50 per dozen is added to the duty on felt hats, in addition to the old duty of twenty per cent.

DRIED FRUITS.

Valencia raisins are firm, and are now quoted 1c higher at Toronto than prices which ruled earlier in the season. Prices here are:—California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do 1/2 boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.40 per box currants 7c per lb.; dried apples 7 1/2 to 8c per lb., evaporated apples, 12 1/2c. Choice New Elmo figs in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 18c; choice figs 15c per lb.; Fancy Elmo layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 20c lb; figs in 1 lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; Golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb, 9c; California evaporated fruit—apricots, per lb., 18c; peeled peaches, per lb., 24c; pitted plums, 12 1/2c; raspberries, 32 1/2c; French prunes, 12 1/2c per lb; Nectarines, 18c. At Toronto dried apples are held at 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c. Evaporated are scarce there, and good new bring 10 1/2c, in jobbing lots, though there is said to be a large supply old stock offering as low as 6c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

There is considerable to note in the fish market. Fresh lake fish, as is usual at this time of year, are firmer. Stocks of such varieties are still fairly large, but they are all in the hands of regular dealers, and few job lots will be offered hereafter on the market. British Columbia salmon, halibut and black cod or skill, have been coming forward freely. The salmon are very fine this year, and are received in good condition. A consignment of Lake Superior trout were received. Smoked haddies are advancing, stocks being light, and the season being about over. Oysters have an upward tendency. Varieties now in the market are jobbing as follows: In Lake Winnipeg fresh fish the following varieties are obtainable: Whitefish, 5c per pound, sturgeon, 8c per pound; jackfish, 1c, pickerel 1c. Lake Superior trout, 10c. Fresh salt water fish are quoted: Salmon, 18c; halibut, 20c; cod, 8c; haddock, 10c per pound; B. C. black cod, 15c; herrings, 30c per dozen; smelts, 12c per pound; tommy cods, 8c per pound; lobsters, 20c per pound; Fresh brook trout, 25c per pound. Smoked finnan haddies, 10c per pound; smoked white fish, 10c per pound; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, in 100 pound kegs, 5c per pound. Oysters: \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects. Can oysters are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Business has been fairly brisk in this branch, since the milder weather set in. There has not, however, been much change in the variety of goods in the market. A few bananas are coming in, but not regularly in the market in quotable quantities. Apples are strong, and fancy fruit for show-stands bring as high as \$7 per barrel. A few Florida oranges are still in the market, but the season for these is nearly over. California oranges are in good supply. Almeria grapes are out of the market. Some Messina blood oranges have arrived. The

fruits put on the free list about a year ago are to again be made subject to the duties. This will affect apples, which will now be subject to a duty of forty cents per barrel. Apricots, peaches, pineapples, plums, quinces, oranges and lemons, etc., will also be subject to duty. Prices here are as follows: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$8.00; 300 count, \$6.50 per box. Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75; California seedling oranges, \$4.50 to \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box; Messina blood oranges, \$7.50 a box. Apples \$1.50 for good up to \$7.00 per barrel for fancy stand stock Spanish onions, \$1 to \$1.25 crate; comb honey 22c per pound. Maple syrup, 1/2 gallon cans, 75c each; maple sugar, 14 to 15c per pound. Nuts S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound. Apples in Ontario markets are held very firmly. Some holders are asking away above average quotations there. Good stock is reported very scarce. At Toronto good fruit sells from \$1.50 to \$6 per barrel, and even medium stock brings over \$4. Some dealers there are said to be holding fancy stock as high as \$7 per barrel.

GROCERIES.

The proposal to cut down the duty on sugar in the United States has had a weakening effect on the markets there. Canadian markets, however, hold fairly steady. The situation in canned goods in the east seems somewhat disturbed, and there is apparently less confidence among the association packers that they will be able to dictate their own prices throughout the season. A large sale of tomatoes by a packer was reported at Toronto at \$1, which was 20c below the combination price. It was claimed that this was for 1888 pack, but afterwards affirmed to be last season's pack, with 1888 pack held at 90 to 95c. The duty on molasses is reduced one half, from 15 to 7 1/2c per gallon. Prices here are:—Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c, as to quality; granulated, 8 3/4c; lumps, 9 1/2 to 10c. Coffees, green,—Rio, from 22 to 23c; Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47 1/2c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

Business is still dull locally, and prices are nominally steady. Dealers are holding off for the opening of navigation to make importations. An advance of 10c in nails is reported from Toronto, making the quotation there \$2.90 for three inch and upward. Montreal advices report, some shading in prices of iron, owing to dulness, and the situation is described as somewhat uncertain, owing to strikes in Great Britain, and importations of pig from the

United States. It is stated that considerable United States pig has been placed in Canada, owing to the high prices across the water. Latest British mail advices report the situation as uncertain, owing to speculative fluctuations in prices. Depression in Glasgow warrants was noted, in consequence of which orders were backward. Later cable advices to March 19th, reported an active upward movement in pig iron. Advices to the same date reported the British tin plate trade unsettled and the outlook not satisfactory. Wire is the only thing in the hardware line affected by the changes in the duties.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

There has been considerable movement in this branch, in country orders. Prices generally show a strong tendency. Linseed oil is higher in this market. The local oil mill is closed down, and the stock exhausted. Eastern and cable advices for linseed oil are strong, and show sharp advances. Toronto reported 1c advance, and stocks scarce. Leads are firm and colors strong. There is a pretty general advance in the duty on paints and colors, which will have a strengthening effect upon prices. Glass is firm on spot and stocks reported light east, though the outlook ahead seems to indicate earlier values, especially in view of the reduction from 30 to 20 per cent. in the duty on common window glass. Quotations here are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 85c per gal; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 90c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled 80c; benzine and gasoline, 59c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 33c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.30.

RAW FURS.

The London fur sales, so far as reported, show a general downward tendency. Cables from London last week give the following report of the Hudson's Bay Co's sales: Black bear, 35 per cent lower than March, 1889, brown bear 50 per cent lower than March, skunk 15 per cent lower, wolf 10 per cent lower, wolverine 12 per cent lower, lynx 35 per cent lower, mink 30 per cent lower, martin 30 per cent lower, otter 20 per cent lower, fisher 30 per cent lower, silver fox 10 per cent lower, cross fox 15 per cent lower, red fox 15 per cent lower, white fox 30 per cent lower, all as compared with the March sales a year ago. C. M. Lampson & Co's sales continue up to the end of March and full returns have not yet been received. The following are advices so far to hand from the Lampson sales: Skunk same as January last, mink 10 per cent lower than June last, red fox 5 per cent lower than June, cross fox 20 per cent lower than March last, silver fox 10 per cent lower than March, fisher 35 per cent lower than March, lynx same as January, beaver same as January.

LUMBER.

In the lumber trade there is not much movement yet, but some shipments have been going forward to start new yards at country points, or sort up old dealers for spring business. The tendency is easy in lumber prices, owing to

competition from imported lumber. Some cutting in prices is likely to result at points where there is competition from Minnesota lumber, though it is expected that association prices will be maintained as closely as possible at the Lake of the Woods mills.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Considerable weakness was apparent in leading wheat markets last week. There were several breaks in prices at Chicago, values going down as much as one cent on some days, due to favorable weather for the growing winter wheat. Monday started rather strong, on crop damage reports, but by Wednesday 2c of the recent improvement in prices had been lost. The visible supply decreased 468,239 bushels according to the statement on Monday. Export clearances from Atlantic ports for the week, as reported on Monday last were 1,338,800 bushels, including flour. The next report promises to show fairly large exports. Beer-bohm estimates that the amount on ocean passage increased 664,000 bushels, making the total available supply at this time 53,440,725 bushels, against 49,298,421 bushels last year, 53,681,742 bushels two years ago, and 73,211,497 bushels in 1887.

Locally wheat has settled down to a state of inactivity again, the little spirit in deliveries, induced by the late but in prices, again being on the decline. The quantity of wheat brought out, though not very great, showed that there was more held by farmers than was supposed. Prices to farmers at country points ranged from 70 to 80c for best samples, and some car lots sold on track at about 80c per bushel for one hard, at country points. Montreal quotes No. 1 hard at \$1.05 to \$1.06, and at Toronto No. 1 hard is reported to have sold at \$1.06 and \$1.07 in car lots. There is, however, very little Manitoba wheat held for sale east of the lakes, as it is mostly in the hands of millers.

FLOUR.

There was a 5c advance in local prices on high grades last week, but other qualities were unchanged. Prices are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade:—Patents, \$2.65; strong bakers, \$2.40 second; bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.25; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, 2.40; middlings, \$2.65 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

The demand for millstuffs continues almost in excess of the supply, and prices though very high, have again advanced \$1 on bran and \$2 on shorts. Bran is now held at \$14, and shorts at \$16 per ton. Ground feed is unchanged at \$20 per ton in ton lots, though car lots were 50c higher and now cost \$18 laid down here on track, owing to an advance south.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Quiet and unchanged. Prices are now quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.30; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.50 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.40. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

Oats were firmer, prices south having advanced. Prices here for small lots, however, were unchanged at 45c per bushel for ordinary feed qualities. A very fine sample of Manitoba oats sold on the market at 45c per bushel. Car lots are quoted at 41 to 43c, as to quality, but nothing could be laid down here under 41c now. Seed oats range up to 45c on track in

car lots. In Ontario prices range from 27 to 31c per bushel.

BARLEY.

A little barley has been moving for seed, in small lots, from store, at 65 to 70c. Stocks very light and no car lots offered.

BUTTER.

Considerable new made butter has been offered and brings about 16c, though as high as 20c has been paid on the market for retail lots. With new off-ring old is still slower sale, and good dairy tubs are going at about 14c, and very little at this figure. Poor and medium, 10 to 12c. The very choicest dairy will not bring over 15c, and hardly that.

EGGS

were unsteady in price last week, and fluctuated between 15 and 17c per dozen. The immediate future of eggs depends on the weather, and values are uncertain.

LARD.

Unchanged at \$2 per 20 lb pails, but strong, owing to the proposed increase in the duty from 2 to 3c per pound. £n advance to cover the duty is considered sure.

CURED MEATS.

Cured meats are all very strong owing to the increase of 1/4 to 1c per pound to be made in the duty, which will no doubt have the effect of advancing prices to the amount of the increase. One-half cent will be added to the duty on mess pork, and other cured and prepared meats, now subject to a duty of 2c per pound, will be increased to 3c. Local packers who have been working on a very close margin owing to the high prices paid for hogs here, as compared with prices in the States, will now be able to make a better margin, if not to save themselves from loss. Prices are: Long clear dry salt bacon, 8 1/2c; spiced rolls, 10 to 10 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 11 1/2 to 12c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 12 1/2c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef is firm as to the outlook ahead, but at present prices are unchanged. Good frozen beef is still selling at 5 to 5 1/2, but there is very little moving. Fresh killed beef has sold to a very limited extent at between 6 and 6 1/2. There is considerable frozen beef on hand yet, and prices will not change materially until this is used up, when a sharp advance is looked for. Mutton is very scarce, and will bring 10c a pound. Pork is also scarce, and bringing 7 to 7 1/2c. Importations of mutton and pork are looked for. Veal 8 to 10c.

POULTRY.

Very scarce, 15c is being offered for nice fresh chickens, and 20c per pound for turkeys. Ducks and geese would bring about 14c per pound.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Hardly any coming in. Good lots will bring 3 1/2c per pound, and cows and light steers about 3c. Sheep pelts, 50 to 75c each. Tallow, 2 1/2 to 3c for rough and 4 1/2 to 5c for rendered.

HAY.

Car lots on track held at \$11 to \$12 per ton. Loose on the market offering pretty freely at \$10 to \$12 per ton as to quality.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes were offered fairly freely on the market, and brought from 60 to 65c per bushel, which shows quite a drop in prices. No car lots were offered, and none will be brought in unless there is considerable of an advance in prices on the market, as they cost in excess of present prices. Other vegetables are held as follows: Carrots, \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 50 to 60c per bushel, onions 4c per pound, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred pounds; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate; southern red, do, \$4 per 100 pounds.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, March 24, wheat opened a point or two higher. May started at 80½c, and ranged from 80½ to 81½c. July ranged between 79½ and 79½c. July option was relatively stronger, and the gain in the latter option at the close over Saturday was ½c. Crop damage reports causes the strength in July. Closing prices were:—

	March	May	June	July
Wheat	80½	81	81	78½
Corn	28½	29½	30½	31
Oats	21½	22	21½	21½
Pork	10.40	10.65	10.65	10.67½
Short Ribs	6.15	6.20	6.22½	6.30
Lard	6.15	5.15	5.17½	5.22½

On Tuesday wheat opened dull and had a downward course, declining about ½c and closing at the bottom. Weakness due to fine weather for the crops. Futures closed as follows:—

	March	May	June	July
Wheat	80	80½	80½	78½
Corn	28½	29½	30½	31
Oats	21½	22½	21½	21½
Pork	10.40	10.55	10.62½	10.70
Lard	6.12½	6.17½	6.22½	6.27½
Short Ribs	5.15	5.15	5.17½	5.25

Wheat opened lower on Wednesday and had a downward tendency, owing to fine weather. Futures closed as follows:

	March	May	June	July
Wheat	79½	79½	79½	77½
Corn	28½	29½	30	30½
Oats	21½	22	21½	21½
Pork	10.45	10.60	10.67½	10.72½
Lard	6.12½	6.17½	6.22½	6.27½
Short Ribs	5.15	5.15	5.20	5.25

On Thursday the market was active and stronger with a good trade. The close was at about the top figures for the session:

	Mar	May	June	July
Wheat	79½	79½	79½-80	78½
Corn	22	22½	22½	21½
Oats	21½	22½	30½	31½
Pork	10.45	10.57½-60	10.65	10.72½
Lard	6.12½	6.17½	6.22½	6.27½
Short Ribs	5.12½	5.12½-15	5.17½	5.22½

Wheat closed on Friday as follows: March 79½c, May 79½c, June 79½c, July 77½c.

Minneapolis Market.

Prices at Minneapolis on Wednesday last were: No. 1 hard wheat on track, 79½c; No. 1 northern, 78½ to 78½c. Bran, \$9.25 to \$9.75; shorts, \$9.25 to \$10; corn 27½c; barley, 25 to 30c; feed stronger at \$10.50 to \$11.50. Hay, \$5.50 to \$7.50; oats firmer at 21½ to 23c; seed oats, 23½ to 25c.

The Tariff Changes.

The long expected announcement concerning the proposed changes in duties on imports into this country, has at last been made. It was understood that a good many changes would be made this year. Minister Foster made his budget speech at Ottawa on Thursday last, and with it were submitted the proposed tariff changes. The important features to Manitoba are, that an additional 25c per barrel has been placed on flour, and green fruits, put on the free list a year ago, have again been placed on the dutiable list at the old rates. From one-half to one cent has been added to the duty on meats. The following are the changes in full as proposed:

To prevent frauds on the revenue, acetic acid is made dutiable at 25 cents per gallon and 20 per cent ad valorem, though such acid used by manufacturers will be admitted at the old rates.

Vinegar will hereafter be fifteen cents per gallon, up to six degrees strength. All over that strength one cent per gallon on each degree. Fancy boxes are increased from 30 to 35 per cent.

Paints are re-classified and the duty is increased upon all made from materials produced in this country. Dry colors will pay 20 and paints in oils or ground 30 per cent.

Common window glass is reduced from 30 to 20 per cent; ornamental glass, from 30 to 25. Stained glass remains the same as before and other glass at the old rate unless bevelled when one cent square foot will be charged.

The duty on gloves and mitts is increased from 30 to 35 per cent.

The duty on wall papers is reduced. Hereafter common papers will pay two cents per roll and bronze papers are reduced from eight to six cents.

Dry photograph plates are reduced from fifteen to nine cents.

Sterotype plates, formerly charged by weight, will hereafter pay according to the square inch at about the same rate.

Umbrellas are increased from 30 to 35 per cent.

Wire of copper and brass, now free, will hereafter pay 15 per cent; covered wire is increased from 25 to 35 per cent; all other wires 25 per cent.

Mr. Foster said the woolen industry had not been prosperous for some years, therefore he proposed to increase the duty on woolen goods from seven and a half cents per pound and 20 per cent to ten cents per pound and 20 per cent.

Spirits will in future pay a duty according to proof strength. The duties for ordinary proof spirits will be the same as at present.

Material for hat linings, now free, is made dutiable, because it was found to be used for other purposes.

The duty on straw and ladies' hats is increased five per cent and felt hats will hereafter pay 20 per cent and \$1.50 per dozen, instead of 20 per cent.

The duty on flour is increased to 75 cents per barrel to give Canadian millers a monopoly of the home market.

Kiln dried corn for grinding purposes will be allowed a rebate of ninety per cent when ground in the country and corn for ensilage is made free.

The duties upon meats of all kinds and live stock are increased. Mess pork, now one cent per pound, is increased to one and a half cents. Salt pork is increased from two to three cents per pound. Lard and prepared meats are increased at the same rate and live cattle, sheep and pigs are made dutiable at 30 per cent instead of 20.

The duty on molasses is reduced from 15 to 7½ cents per gallon and the test is lowered.

Green fruit, trees, shrubs, etc., made free in 1888, in accordance with the "standing offer" clause of the Customs act are placed on the dutiable list again at the old rates.

Pineapples, bananas and small berries remain free.

Mining machinery of any kind not manufactured in Canada will be made free for three years and no longer.

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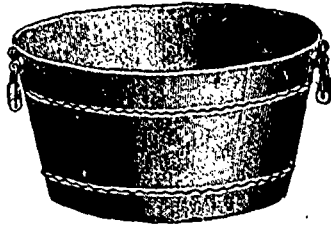
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The revenue and business done at the post offices at the principal points in the territories last year is given below. The figures may be taken as indicating the relative importance of the different towns:—

	Revenue.	Money orders Issued.	Money orders Paid.
Calgary.	\$7,870	\$43,566	\$24,253
Regina.	6,815	35,952	17,026
Moose Jaw.	1,394	14,469	5,711
Moosomin.	2,326	20,284	17,677
McLeod.	1,640	27,092	4,858
Lethbridge.	1,712	19,744	3,050
Medicine Hat.	1,811	34,372	4,481
Prince Albert	1,107	11,244	2,269
Ranff.	1,522	17,078	6,004
Edmonton.	739	4,938	114

Lumber Cuttings.

Williams & Willoughby have opened a lumber yard at Regina, Assa.

The Vancouver Sawmill at Vancouver, B.C., recently purchased by Edmonds & Webster, of New Westminster, has again been put in operation. Upon obtaining the mill the new firm instituted extensive changes and an enlargement of the capacity. The mill will eventually engage in the foreign trade.

Lumbering business is going ahead in British Columbia. The last of the machinery for the McLaren Ross mill at New Westminster has arrived and the mill is expected to be in operation in about six weeks. The capacity will be 200,000 feet per day. The roof is on the new Brunette Sawmill at New Westminster and it will be sawing very shortly; its capacity will be 125,000 feet per day. The North

Pacific Company's mill on Burrard Inlet, about three miles west of Port Moody, will be ready in about eight months and will have a capacity of 100,000 feet per day.

A Car-Load.

The *Age of Steel* says that "nominally a car-load is 20,000 pounds. It is also 70 barrels of salt, 70 barrels of lime, 90 barrels of flour, 6 cords of soft wood, 18 or 20 head of cattle, 50 or 60 head of hogs, 90 or 100 head of sheep, 8,000 feet of solid boards, 17,000 feet of siding, 15,000 feet of flooring, 40,000 shingles, one-half less of hard lumber, one-fourth less of green lumber, one-tenth less of joist scantling and other large timbers, 340 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of barley, 400 bushels of corn, 680 bushels of oats, 360 bushels of flaxseed, 360 bushels of apples, 340 bushels of Irish potatoes, 380 bushels of sweet potatoes, and 1,000 bushels of bran."

Business in British Columbia.

The Vancouver *News* reports the markets at that place as follows:

Flour and feed are without change at the following quotations: Flour, Hungarian, \$5.75; Manitoba patents, \$5.65; Manitoba Bakers', \$5.35; Oregon flour, \$5 to \$5.15; Spokane Falls, \$5. Oatmeal; Standard, per sack, \$3; Granulated, \$3.25; Rolled, \$3.50; Cornmeal, \$2.85. Feed; Chopped feed, per ton, \$30 to \$33; Bran, \$24; Shorts, \$23; Oil Cake, \$33; Hay, \$18. Grain; Wheat, per ton, \$38; Oats, \$35; Beans, per lb., 3½c; Split peas, \$5; Whole Corn, \$35 a ton; Cracked Corn, \$32.

There is a slightly easier tendency in potatoes,

\$35 to \$40 per ton is the wholesale price. Vegetables are unchanged and but little is being done in them.

Fruits are limited and consist principally of lemons and oranges.

The situation remains unchanged in eggs and butter. Case eggs are selling in lots at 16c per dozen, while fresh eggs are being retailed as low as 25c. Butter is dragging with the market fully supplied. Dairy runs from 15 to 20c, and creamery 25 to 29c.

Meats are firm and no variation is reported since last week in the following prices: Hams, 14½c; bacon, 12½ to 12¾c; smoked, clear side, 12½c. Fresh meats have not altered, and no change is likely to occur until May, when the new grass stock is expected in the market. Mutton, which comes from the South almost altogether, is much more plentiful. Beef, 10 to 18c, according to cut; veal, 10 to 18c; mutton, 11 to 18c; pork, 12½ to 18c.

Sugars are firm, with an upward tendency. Granulated is 8½c; yellow, 7c.

The fish market is lively and consignments of halibut, spring salmon and trout are coming in. The silver spring salmon are very fine, though not plentiful, and the most of them are being shipped east, some as far as New York and Boston. They retail at 15 cents a pound. Trout is also on the market at the same price, and very choice. Inferior varieties of salmon are sold at 10c. Black cod is for sale in limited numbers. Sturgeon and very fine halibut are to be obtained, the latter at 10 cents.

J. J. SMITH, general store, Emerson, Man. has assigned in trust to R. J. Whitla, Winnipeg.

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

E. Adams, grocer, Glencoe, has sold out.
 J. Slater, tailor, Hamilton, has assigned.
 John Lindon, agent, Toronto, has assigned.
 D. P. Caley, shoes, Waterford, has sold out.
 G. G. Steele, grocer, Essex Centre, has sold out.
 Larose & Co., dry goods, Ottawa, have assigned.
 A. McWilliam, millowner, Dutton, has assigned.
 Frederick Flower, saddler, Elmira, has assigned.
 Wm. Spence, lumberman, Parry Sound, has assigned.
 Arthur Martin, grocer, etc., Stirling, has assigned.
 T. J. Douglass, tinsmith, Stratford, has assigned.
 Frank Harcourt, furniture, Toronto, has assigned.
 Joseph Fraser, general store, Avonmore, has assigned.
 John Linton, general store, Weston, has sold out.
 J. E. Ackland, general store, Athens, has assigned.
 J. S. Banks, confectioner, Brantford, has assigned.
 W. O. Markell, general store, Northfield, has assigned.
 G. R. Hamilton & Co., books, etc., Orillia, has assigned.
 C. W. Butler & Co., shoes, Carleton Place, has assigned.
 Stuart & Panton, stove polish, London, have moved to Windsor.
 W. C. Meyers & Co., general store, Thornbury, have assigned.
 Happel & Cleghorn, general store, etc., Zurich, have sold out.
 Mrs. E. J. Schreck, jewelery, St. Thomas, seized under execution.
 J. W. Millar & Co., jewelry, Toronto; R. Morrison of this firm dead.
 F. D. Ramsay & Co., general store, Harris-ten and Chesley, has sold out.
 Cummings Potts, tins, St. Thomas, is closing up business and going to British Columbia.
 The following were damaged by fire: E. L. Park, jeweler; J. Thorn, drugs; Wigle Bros., general store; Essex Centre.
 The following were burned out: Gardner Bros. hardware; Geo. E. Smith & Co., general store; Williams Bros., tobacco and billiards, Essex Centre.

QUEBEC.

Elzear Gosselin, Sherbrooke has assigned.
 Prtrick Doyle, baker, Montreal, has assigned.
 Geo. Darveau, dry goods Quebec, has assigned.
 E. S. Thomas, publisher, Cowansville, is dead.
 Malcolm McCallum, shoes, LaCute, has assigned.
 W. A. Douglas, general store, Chatboro, has assigned.
 D. Davoire, general store, St. Esprit, has assigned.
 Stanislas Gendron, grocer, Sherbrooke, has assigned.
 Ferdinand Plourde, general store, St. Etienne, has assigned.
 Montreal Tent, Awning and Tarpaulin Company, Montreal; F. A. Barton has ceased to doing business under this style.

N. F. Cormier, sawmill and lumber, Aylmer, has assigned.

Mrs. Louis Lesieur, hats and furs, Three Rivers, has assigned.

J. S. Murphy & Co., lumber, Quebec, demand of assignment made.

O. Douphinais & Co., dry goods, Montreal, a meeting of creditors held.

J. O. Parent, general store, Drummondville, demand of assignment made.

Jos. Pelletier & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, demand of assignment.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Allen Leander, Fraserville, has assigned.
 Gannon Bros., general store, North Sydney, has compromised at 60 per cent.

J. H. Luckloy, general store, Guysboro, is offering to compromise at 50 per cent.

NEW BRUNSWICK

L. E. DeForrest, grocer, St. John, has assigned.

Jones & Lounsberry, lumber, Moncton have assigned.

Stephens & Figures, wholesale grocers, St. John, have dissolved.

British Columbia Red Cedar.

The red cedar (*Thuja gigantea*) of British Columbia, comes next in importance after the Douglas fir, but the time is rapidly approaching when it will be fully as well known and appreciated both in home and foreign markets as the latter. For inside finish the British Columbia cedar is unequalled in color and beauty of grain, and some handsome and striking effects can be produced by the use of this wood. Today some of the most palatial residences in Canada and the eastern states are finished in British Columbia red cedar, and with excellent effect. It is susceptible of a high polish, which, apart from its rare and beautiful grain, makes it all the more valuable for panel work and ceiling. It is durable beyond belief, and is exceptionally easy to work. In common use it is manufactured into doors, sashes and shingles, and an extensive market has already been found in the Northwest Territories and the eastern provinces for these lines, and the demand is constantly growing. Shingles cut from red cedar are absolutely free from knots, and they neither curl, warp or split, and dampness has little perceptible effect on them. For the same reasons the wood is particularly adapted to the manufacture of sash and doors. Fort Nesqually built in 1841, was covered with split cedar shingles, which are still sound. Roofs laid 30 years ago in Westminster, and for many years covered with moss, have never leaked and appear little the worse for wear. The red cedar has always been in great favor with the Indians, who hollow their canoes out of the wood, because it is so light, splits so true and works easily. The early inhabitants of Queen Charlotte Islands built their houses from the red cedar, they being able even with the rude tools then in use among them to split the logs to any thickness required. It is an invaluable timber for the many purposes mentioned, and it is bound to extend until it is found on every market on the continent.

An insurance journal says: "Aside from fire insurance, the increase of all kinds of insurance business in 1890 over late years, demonstrates increasing energy and efficiency of management. With fire insurance, it may be an increasing desire to sell out to the companies."

The council of the board of trade of St. John,

New Brunswick, has passed a resolution objecting to an increase of the duty on flour, but adding that if the duty should increase, molasses and corn ought to be made free, and corn meal duty should be reduced twenty cents on a barrel.

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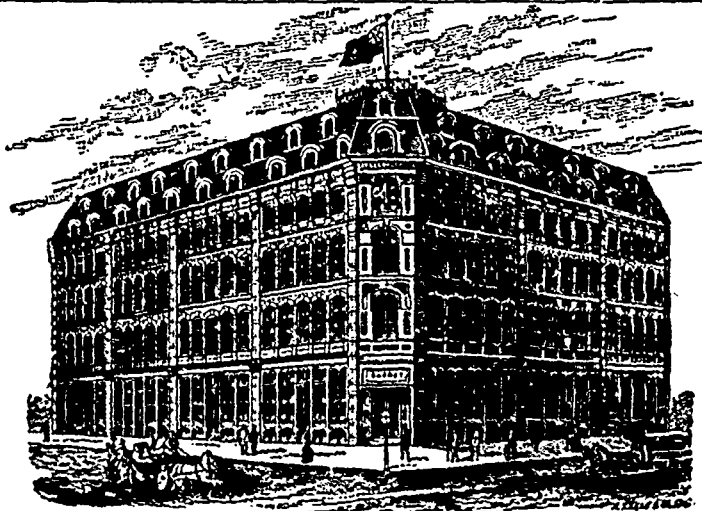
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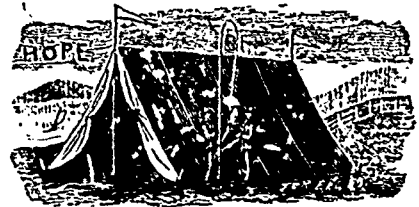
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J. C. Henderson, Chilliwack, has sold out his business to W & J. Martin of Vancouver.

A large discovery of soft coal is reported just across the Fraser river from New Westminster.

Gladden, butcher, Comox, has sold out to Geo. Howe. Brydon, butcher, of the same place, has sold out to Stewart.

The Hotel Douglas, a new hostelry, has been opened at New Westminster. A. J. Tolmie is proprietor.

Work on the new railway from New Westminster south to the boundary, is progressing favorably, and it is claimed the work will be pushed to completion.

The B. C. Legislature has passed a strong resolution in favor of admitting such mining machinery as is not manufactured in Canada, free of duty.

Mr. Haslam has introduced an amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act, to make it illegal for Chinamen to work underground in coal mines in this province.

Building operations, says the *Sentinel*, are brisk in Kamloops at present, and on every hand may be heard the sound of the hammer and the clear bell-like ring of the trowel.

The Vancouver *News* says: "B. T. Rogers, promoter of the sugar refinery about to be established in Vancouver, returned yesterday from New York. All the stock has been subscribed, principally by Canadian capitalists, and the work will be pushed with energy. It is the intention to organize the company under the British Columbia Joint Stock Act.

A petition, signed by one thousand five hundred coal miners, of Vancouver Island, was brought to Victoria by a delegation of the Nanaimo, Wellington and Comox miners, for

presentation to the Legislature. The prayer of the petitioners is for the insertion of a clause in the Mineral Act prohibiting the employment of Chinese underground in the coal mines.

A special number of the *Victoria Daily Times* has been issued, 30,000 copies having been sent out. The number is devoted mainly to information about the city of Victoria, and it should do much good in advertising the city.

Some of the largest opium dealers of Victoria are going out of the business, owing to the decrease of the smuggling to the United States and the diminution in the consumption in British Columbia. Tai Yune, the largest dealer, says that the number of Chinamen in Victoria has decreased from 7,000 to 3,000 head.

It has been decided to proceed with the Mission branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway to connect with the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, which will be completed to that point. It is expected, by the coming fall. Work will be resumed at once on the Mission bridge, which was commenced last year. With the work on the Westminster Southern, British Columbia will likely be connected with the states to the south by two roads, by the close of this year.

The Municipal Act has been amended so as to impose a license not exceeding \$100 per annum upon express companies, gas companies, telephone companies, electric light companies, street railway companies, investment and loan societies, fur dealers or fur traders, or agents of fur dealers or fur traders. When merchants are obliged to pay heavy taxes upon their stocks, it seems only right that corporations which carry little taxable property, but at the same time have a large business, should be obliged to pay a special tax.

A meeting of the committee of the British Columbia Fruit Growers Association was held to discuss the matter of boxes and packages for fruit. It was determined to report to the next

general meeting of the association, at Port Hammond, in May, that a quantity of boxes and packages of various kinds should be brought in from the east and experimented with during the coming season. Those that should be found to be best adopted for the fruits of this country might then be decided upon and adopted by the association.

The charter and land grant to the Columbia and Kootenay railway has passed the House. H. Abbott, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R. states that tenders for the construction of the line will be asked for at once and the work completed by September next. The railway will connect the Columbia river with the Kootenay lake, the richest mining region. The act in aid of the Shuswap and Okanagan railway has been passed in the Local House. The Government of British Columbia will guarantee the interest on a sufficient amount of money to complete the enterprise, the sum not to exceed \$1,250,000 for a term of 25 years, at the rate of 4 per cent, the company agreeing in lieu of such guarantee to assign to the government the subsidy of \$3,200 per mile granted to the company by the Parliament of Canada. The Canadian Pacific railway company agree to undertake the equipment and running of the Shuswap & Okanagan for a term of twenty-five years and the line will extend from some point on the C. P. R. in British Columbia at or near Sicamous Narrows up Shuswap river and Spallumcheen to a point on Okanagan lake.

J. McLeod Holiday & Bro., Winnipeg, have been appointed agents for the new iron pipe manufactory of J. & C. Hodgson, of Montreal. This large new factory has recently been completed and put in operation, and goods will be ready to ship by the opening of navigation. Several large orders have already been placed in the West. The factory will be the largest of the kind in Canada, and attention will be given exclusively to the manufacture of iron pipe, the quality of which the proprietors claim they are prepared to guarantee.

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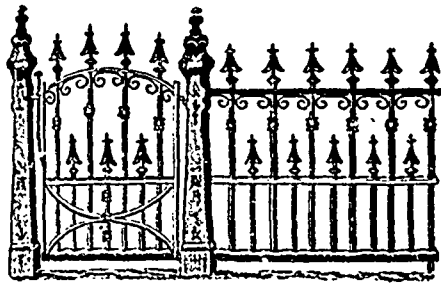
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