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WINNIPEG, APRIL 13, 1891.

Manitoba.

Tho and Eiliott is closing up his wagon making business at Carberry.

Maywood Bros., transfer agents, Branlon, have assigned in trust.

J. J. Dunlop, general store, Virden, has sold out to Pineo & Merrick.

Wnite & Co., hardware, Wienipeg, have admitted H. Steep into partnership.

The Red river was open in places last week, and was being crossed in open boats.

W. J. Smile, boot and shoe dealer, Carberry, has sold out to Mr. Flummerfelt, formerly in the shoe trade at Brandon.

Lefter & McDonald, general store, Rapid City, have dissolved partnership; each continuing separately.

Howden & Howden, of Winnipeg, are opening a branch law office at Neepawa.

The Ripid City Speciator continues to come to hand, though it was reported recently that the paper had been sold out.

M. Thompson and J. Henry have formed a partnership and will open out in the farm implement business at once at Rapid City.

Prier, saddler, Oak Lake, has added a boot and shoe department to his business. At the same place, C. Babbitt has opened a jewelry store.

A number of our Manitoba exchanges report building active in their respective tov ns, and a busy building season is predicted at many points.

Mr. C'earihue, representing Jas. Hall & Co., gloves, etc., of Brockville, Ont., was in Win-

nipeg last week, on his way east from a western trip.

Notice is given, that a dividend, at the rate of seven per cent per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, has been declared.

Another big robbery occurred in Winnipeg last week, about \$1,000 worth of jewelry being taken from the safe in Philip Brown's tailor shop. The jewelry was family property—not merchandiso.

THE COMMERCIAL is always pleased to recoive items of news of a business nature from its subscribers. Quite a number of communications of this nature are to hand this week, but we have time and room for more.

The Winnipeg Early Closing Association propose moving vigorously against dealers who keep late hours. The line to be followed will be to persuade people from trading with those who keep their stores open late. The labor organizations will assist the clerks.

Waghorn's guide for April is to hand, containing the latest changes and additions in travel by rail, stage, open and lake. The new time card on the Northern Pacific, which came into effect on the 5th inst., is given Also the C.P.R. train service is altered on the Emerson, Stonewall and Selkirk branches.

A man named Morrow has been arrested charged with breaking into Ripstein's c'othing store, Winnip's. The prisoner pleaded guilty to breaking into the store and stealing therefrom numerous watches, chains and clothing, of the value of \$100. Re has been sentenced to two years in the Peni entiary.

At a meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade held Tuesday last it was decided to again take up the matter of improvements to the navigation of the Red river, and to exert every means possible to have the work undertaken at an early date. Several communications anent the subject have already passed between the council, the public works department and the Dominion member for the city.

Various rumors were going around last week in Winnipeg, concerning the Hudson Bay railway. Mr. Sutherland stated to a Free Press reporter that his company had asked the Manitoba government for a cash bonus of \$1,500,000, but this was only payable on the completion and equipment of the road, and its operation from Winnipeg to Hudson Bay. Hasaid: "The conditions are that there shall be no payment on account of the grant until the road is entirely completed. The \$256,000 already advanced by the province on the 40 miles will, with accrued interest, be a first charge on the bonus, and the \$75,000 just placed in the estimates this session for the completion of that 40 miles will not be required if this offer is accepted "

The postal authorities at Ottawa, seem to at last be giving car to the repeated calls for improved mail accommodation in Western Canada. Orders were received from the Postmaster-General last week authorizing the conveyance of through mail bags from Winnipag to Victoria and Vancouver to leave Winnipag on Wednesday morning, while through bags will be rereceived in Winnipag from Victoria and Vancouver on Thursday afternoon. The mails will be for unregistered matter, and the bags are to be placed in charge of the bagsagemen. It is expected that this is is but the forerunner of an every day mail service, when mail clerks

will be placed on the trains on the off-days, thus giving all points between Winnipeg and Vancouver mails seven days in the week.

The McLarey Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, have moved from their old quarters on Lombard street, to the Clement block, No. 529 Main street. This is a great improvement in the location, and the accommodation afforded in the new quarters are first class, the ground floor being about 90 feet deep. The front portion of the building has been fitted up for offices, where J. W. Driscoll, manager, may be found during business hours. The balance of space will serve as show room for samples only, all stock being carried in the warshouse on Point Douglas avenue, C. P. R. track.

Assiniboia.

J. T. Simpson lumber, Moose Jaw, has as signed in trust to Herbert Crowe.

Over \$1,000 has been subscribed at Medicine Hat to test for coal. A joint stock company will be formed to carry on the work.

North West Ontario.

W. B I hibedeau, barrister, Winnipeg, his opened an office at Rat Portage.

The Hudson's Bay Company and Bank of Montreal will commence the erection of sub stantial business blocks here soon, says the Fort William Journal.

Port Arthur Sentin-1: "The West End mine has shipped a car of ore valued at \$18,000. The Badger has also shipped a car valued at at \$30,000. These chipments went to Newark, N. J., and are being followed by others. The West End and the Purcupine are both looking particularly well just now and are turning out good_samples of ore."

Lumber Cuttings.

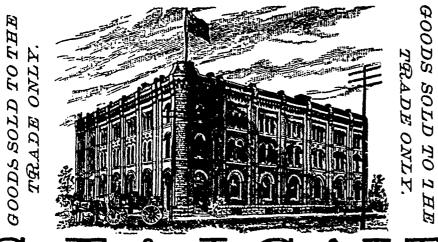
Campbell & Stevens, lumber, Glenboro, Mar., have opened a branch lumber and affock on.

Moore & Macdowall of Prince Albert, Sask., have commenced the shipment of lumber. The new railway gives an outlet for the great forest north of Prince Albert.

Slater's mill at Vancouver, B.C. is running at its utmost capacity. Five cars of shingles have already been shipped east from this mill, while a large amount have been used locally. This mill has also machinery for cutting lumber, and altogether the number or orders received up to the present date intimate a large amount of business for this season. Slater gives special attention to cedar shingles and lumber for the Manitoba and territorial trade.

At Cote St. Paul, near Montreal, Clark & Beans' spring factory was destroyed by fire, and Godwa's hat factory was badly damaged by water on Saturday last. The total loss will be \$40,000.

There is trouble between the cigar manufacturers and the union men in London, Ont., which has resulted in a general discharge of all the union men. The manufacturers say that dull times was the cause of the men's dismissal, but the union men believe otherwise, and the fact that none but union men have been discharged looks as if the manufacturers had decided on a vigorous campaign against the union. The trade gives employment to 500 cigar makers in the city:



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London Fur Sales.

P. R. Poland & Son, furnish the following report of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s March sales: These auctions were well attended by buyers from most countries. Purchasers were in good spirits, and keen competition was made for Russian articles, such as silver an i cross foxes. Martens disappointed many, as rather higher prices were anticipated after the rise of this article in January.

Prices realized were as follows, compared with values in the company's sale of last year:

Otter (8,171 against 9 280 last year) — Sold at an advance of 10 per cent. on firsts, which are cheap, compared with the seconds and thirds, these realizing 15 to 20 per cent advance. German houses secured the largest quantity, while a few were taken for American use, and very few for London.

Fisher (5,658, being 1,000 less than last year Again bought exclusively by Russian and German dealers at a rise of 10 to 15 per cent. for seconds and thirds. Firsts remain at last sale prices.

Silver fox (554; last year 638).—Were competed for eagerly by Russian and German buyers, the heavy advance of 60 to 70 per cent. being reached: seconds and thirds, however, are only 10 per cent higher. There was an absence of fine dark skins.

Cross fox (2,457).—All sold well at an increased rate of 10 to 15 per cent. for the Russian and German markets.

White fox (3.701, being 900 less than last year)—Only found purchasers at a reduction of 30 per cent. for firsts and 20 per cent for seconds, the chief buyers being for the German and Greek markets, very few for France; some for English requirements.

Marten (61,689, against 72,697 last year).—
To the surprise of most people declined 10 per cent, on firsts and about 5 per cent on seconds, thirds bringing former figures. The bulk was taken by English buyers, some few heing bought for American and Continental use. The decline in the York Fort firsts may partly be accounted for by their want of color this year.

Mink (29,363; last year 35,292).—This article was much in request for the German market, advancing 39 to 40 per cent. on last year's prices. A few go to America and France.

Red fox (13,948, being about 2,000 more than last year).—Had to submit to a decline of 10 per cent for firsts, though seconds and thirds kept last sale figures. Garman and Greek houses were almost explusively the purchasers.

Kitt fox (856; last year 306).—Sold at 25 per cent lower figures to the London and German trades.

Bear, black (\$,960, against 9,483 last year). The general poorness of quality of the collection did not prevent an advance of 10 to 15 per cent. on large skins and 40 per cent on small; of thirds, part brought last figures, but part again were cheaper, though some small thirds were even 20 per cent. dearer. The army description were taken by the English army contractor*, rough sorts eagerly purchased almost entirely for the London trade, and a few small for Russia. Thirds and fourths go principally to Germany.

Bear, brown (1411).—Of nice quality, and were also taken for London use at a rise of about 30 per cent. The thirds were, however, rather cheaper than last year.

Bear, grizzly (175; last year 229).—A very poor lot. Only realized last year's figures for the London market.

Musk ox (1,358; last year 1,405).—This sgain large quantity prevented any advance in value, and thirds are even 20 per cent lower. The Canadian market, as usual, takes the bulk.

Lynx (11,445, against 13,712 last year). — Does not show much alteration in value, firsts bringing about last sale figures; seconds nearly so, though a few are five per cent. higher: and third, part last sale prices and part 10 per cent. lower. The largest quantity was purchased by German houses, some few for Greece and very few for France or England.

Wolf (4.237; last year 2,474) — Fetched about last figures, except the good and fine, which are 20 per cent. dearer, and seconds, small, 20 to 30 per cent. cheaper. The few blue skins brought extravagant prices. Mostly purchased for Germany, a few for England.

Wolverine (1,388, against 2,243 last year).— The skins this year ran ve y pale in color, and again suffered a decline of 30 per cent. for York Fort firsts, and 15 per cent. for York Fort seconds; other descriptions do not indicate much alteration. Chiefly taken by the English and German markets.

Skunk (12,583) —Sold well at 15 per cent. higher rates to Continental purchasers,

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Great Britain Leads.

The annual report, showing the extent of the grain trade of New York in the way of ship ments abroad, prepared by Wm. E. Ferguson, of the New York Produce Exchange, contains some interesting and suggestive facts.

Mr. Ferguson's tabulation for the year 1890 shown the decadence of the United States transatlantic shipping trade and the rapidity with which the sailing versel has been supplanted by steam as a freight carrier.

. As far as the ocean grain carrying trade is concerned the part which the United States has come to play is so particularly small that it may be truthfully said that the United States 'is'nt in it." For instance, of 1,006 vessels which sailed from the port of New York during the year 1890, carrying grain to feed the hungry mouths of Europe, just five bore the United States flag, and one of these was a British built ship.

Of 41,592,559 bushels of grain shipped from New York in 1890 only 174 023 bushels were carried in sailing vessels. Only 22 sailing vessels carried grain, and not one of these bore the United States flag.

United States ship owners carried only 302, 201 bushels out of 44,592,559 Even little Denmark exceeded the whole United States in this trade by more than double, her 23 vessels carrying 788,338 bushels. British vessels carried the enormous aggregate of 30,455,226 bushels in 625 ships. This is within 14,000,000 bushels of the entire trade Truly, "Brittania rules the waves." Next comes Germany with 4,210,167 bushels carried in 163 ships. No. 3 is Belguim with 70 vessels laden with 3,891,581 bushels, and No. 4 is little Holland with 45 ships and 1,485,144 bushels. Then comes France, whose 24 vessels were laden with 1,231,743 bushels; then I aly with ?0 vessels and 1.076, 717 bushels, and next Denmark Portugal had 489,092 bushels in 13 ships. Spain's share was was 415,910 bushels in 7 bottoms.

There are only two nations in the world which had less of the grain carrying trade than the United States Austria had 115,511 bushels in 6 ships, and Norway carried 97,840 bushels in 4 bottoms.

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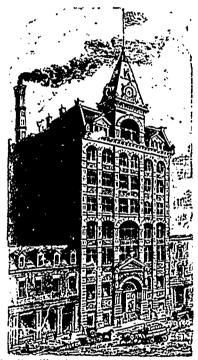
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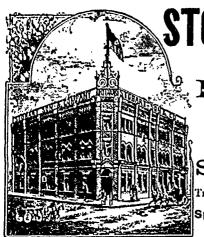
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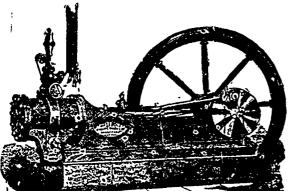
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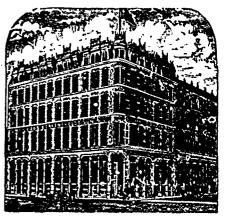
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RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC.

It is to be hoped that the present movement to secure greater commercial freedom with the republic to the south will result in a basis of agreement being arrived at for the settlement of all the little difficulties between Canada and the United States, as well as for a wide measure of commercial reciprocity. These little squabbles which have occurred to mar the friendly relations existing between the two countries, are very uniscemly. People so similar in their race, language and civilization, as Canadians and citizens of the republic, should certainly be able to live along side each other in a more friendly spirit than they have in the past.

Undoubtedly the artificial commercial barriers which have been erected along the frontier, on each side of the boundary, are at the bottom of most of the differences between Canada and the United States. If trade were allowed to flow undisturbed in its natural channels between the two countries, the interests of each would soon become so closely united, that the danger of any serious difficulty arising to disturb the friendly relationship existing, would be greatly reduced. Even with all the artificial barriers in the way, trade has overflown these obstructions to a great extent, and this merely indicates the extent to which commercial intercourse would reach, were these artificial barriers removed. That these obstructions do exist. hampering trade and producing friction in other directions, is not the fault of Canada. The republic was the first to adopt a high tariff against Canada, and the tariff wall is today very much higher on the south than on this side of the boundary line, while repeated overtures made by Canada for freer commercial intercourse, have been repelled by the Washington authorities.

While trade has been hampered by arbitrary legislation, socially the two peoples have been increasing their acquaintance with each other. There are a number of international societies of a social, religious, scientific, educational nature, etc., which hold their regular conventions, sometimes in Canada and sometimes in the United States, and these have helped materially in bringing the two countries closer together. The railway systems of Canada and the republic are closely united. The situation in regard to the railways is now such that the Washington authorities are unable to legislate against the Canadian roads, because in so doing they will injure many important interests at home. In the same way, if trade were allowed its natural freedom, the commercial interests of the two countries would soon become so closely united, that one could not be injured without reacting upon the other, and the effect would be to encourage general harmony between the two nations.

Such harmony of feeling should exist between the two English speaking countries of the new world. There are not two other countries in the world which are so favorably situated for the encouragement of friendly international relationship than Canada and the United States. Geographically, only an imaginary line divides the two countries for thousands of miles; commercially we are closely united inspite of artificial barriers; in language and race, one; our common civilization of the most advanced type; in the various organizations under the head of science, education, labor, moral movements, etc., one association answers for the two countries, and in the conventions of these organizations, the citizens of each meet upon common ground, and discuss questions for the advancement of their cause in each country, as if the two were one.

Everything seems favorable to the existence of a very friendly spirit between the Dominion and the republic, but inspite of this, many questions have come up which have tended to mar such relationship. The position of Canada as a portion of the British Empire has undoubtedly been the cause of some feeling in the republic against the Dominion. We do not believe that there is as much ill feeling existing in the republic against Great Britain, as would sometimes appear from surface indications. This feeling, however, has been encouraged at times, for political motives, and it has acted against Canada to some extent.

Then there are a few in the United States who look upon Canada as a rival to the republic, because we are establishing an independent civilization similar to their own. If we were an entirely different people, we would be regarded with less objection by this class, who urge that there should be only one nation on this continent founded upon we may say "British" civilization, though the quoted word may not sound pleasant in this connection to some of our Republican friends. This point, however, will not be argued at present.

If the people of the United States believe that there should be but one English-speaking nation on this continent, and that ultimately the two will be united, they have not always gone the right way to bring about a union. Allowing their rowdy Fenian element to raid us: seizing our ships on the high seas, under a trumped up claim of ownership of a large portion of the Pacific ocean; endeavoring to cut off trade with us by hostile tariff legislation; menacing us with threatened "retaliatory" measures, because we refused to be bull-dozed out of our fisheries. This is not the way to bring about a union of the two countries, unless Canadians are greater cravens than we believe they are. On the other hand, were the United States to adopt a thoroughly friendly and unselfish course toward this country, which as the more powerful country it should be the first to do, the possibility of an ultimate union would be vastly increased. At any rate, the commercial and other interests of the two countries would become so closely united in time, that a complete union would not lead to any radical disturbance in either country.

HOME MANUFACTURES.

The idea that foreign made goods are better than articles of home manufacture, is a belief which prevails to far to great an extent in Canada. Undoubtedly in some lines, imported articles are superior in quality to domestic makes, but in many instances there is not

nearly the difference which is generally believed to be. In fact, in some classes of merchandise, the Canadian makes are quite as good as imported articles which command a higher price. Among certain people there is such a prejudice against home manufactured wares, that a proper inspection or trial of the articl- will not be made. This is all wrong. Whenever domestic goods are suitable, they should be preferred instead of imported articles. If we are to build up our industries, we should seek to encourage, rather than discourage, as many do, the sale of our home manufictured goods. It is a fact that large quantities of home manufactures are purchased under the impression that they are imported. This shows conclusively that there is a good deal of unreasonable prejudice against domestic makes.

The boot and shoe trade is one industrial branch in which there is a popular prejudice in favor of United States manufactures, but this prejudice is considerably more sentimental then founded on reason. Perhaps in some few lines the imported article is superior to the home-made; but the fact that large quantities of Canadian boots and shoes are purchased under the belief that they are imported from the States, is abundant proof that the popular favor for the foreign article is largely whimsical. Tell a customer that it is an imported pair of boots or shoes which he is being shown, and he will purchase more readily. On this account home manufacturers do not stamp certain lines of goods, and retailers who are not strictly scrupulous, allow their customers to take them as States goods. In this class of merchandise, the home makes as a rule are decidedly better value than the imported. A few lines may perhaps not be fully up to the imported in quality, but the difference is more in prejudice than in fact, while the high prices at which the imported articles are sold, more than cover any possible difference in value.

What is true in the case of boots and shoes, is also true of many other lines of home-manufacture, which are sold in competition with imported goods. The one line mentioned, however, will serve the purpose of showing the folly of a great deal of the prejudice against home manufactures. We would advise our readers to give domestic makes of merchandise a reasonable preference, or at least a fair trial. The great industrial advancement which Japan has made of late years, is attributed to the fact that the citizens of that empire have studiously encouraged the manufacturing interests, by purchasing domestic wares as much as possible. In this matter Canadians might learn a lesson of much value to their country, from the humble

PRIORITY OF RENT.

The priority of rent is a question open for discussion. It is not easy to answer the question affirmatively, why landlords should have a prior claim over other creditors. In fact this making a preferential creditor of the landlord, does not look equitable from several standpoints. The landlord is usually more able to bear a loss than many other creditors of a merchant who gets behind. This is not, of course, a very weighty argument, provided it can be shown that the landlord has some natur-

aF right to priority. The arguments in favor of the landlord's preferential claim, are on the line that rents would be dearer, and payments would be exacted in advance, unless some advantage of this nature were allowed. These arguments do not show any right to priority possessed by the landlord, and the answer may be given that the value of rents would be regulated by the law of supply and demand, the same as they are with this priority. It might as well be claimed that the wholesale dealer should be given a first claim over all other creditors, otherwise he would charge more for his goods, or refuse to sell on credit. Under the saying that property in the possession of a man is not his own until it is paid for, it follows that the landlord usually seizes the property of another when he comes in for rent.

In England the question of priority of rent has recently received attention at the annual meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce, of the United Kingdom, and a movement has has been set on foot to curtail the special privileges of the landlord in the laws of distress.

TAX SALES.

A large amount of land in Manitoba is continually passing into the hands of speculators, through the medium of tax sales. The tax sale might truthfully be termed, "a mode of concentrating lands in the hands of speculators." Tax sales are usually attended by a few capitalists, who buy up the lands in large quantities, to hold for speculative purposes. Practically nothing is purchased at such sales for the purpose of settlement and improvement. Once land comes under the hammer at the tax sale, it is as good as withdrawn from settlement, barring the possibility of its redemption within the time allowed by the statutes, by the original owner.

It is generally acknowledged that the massing of large quantities of land in the hands of parties who buy for the purpose of holding for an advance in value, is an evil. It is an evil which has been felt very seriously in Manitoba and througout western Canada, particularly in the Winnipeg district. Under these circumstances, it is worth while that an effort should be made to prevent the further accumulation of lands in such hands, by making some change in the tax sale system. It might be arranged that lands in arrears for taxes should revert to the crown, after due notice had been given. Or a system might be devised by which, after escheatment, hads would be open for actual settlement, by the payment for the arrears of taxes. There should be no difficulty in provid ing legislation to prevent the virtual handing over of tax sale lands to non-residents, and it would certainly be in the interest of the country that such a result should be attained.

Editorial Notes.

THE re count in the Marquette election has resulted in a substantial increase of Mr. Watson's slender majority. The only Liberal elected west of Lake Superior, will therefore hold his seat, and the fears of his friends will be at rest. Mr. Watson is generally regarded as a conscientious and hard working member,

and there are not a few here, even among his political apponents, who will not be disappointed at the result of the re-count.

RECIPROCITY negotiations with the United States have been suspanied for the present. The reason given is, that the President wishes to attend the conference for the discussion of the reciprocity question, and as he has arranged for an extended southern and western trip, he will be absent from Washington for some time. The recent visit of the Canadian Ministers to Washington has not therefore resulted in any advancement toward reciprocity for the present.

THE combination fever seems to have broken out in the west quite sharply. In B itish Columbia there are two or three movements of this nature on the tapis, while in Manitoba a somewhat similar movement is under consideration. The combination scheme in Manitoba was in connection with the lumber manufacturing industry, and at one time it looked as if the thing would go through, though later a hitch occurred which has blocked the movement for the present. In British Columbia a movement has been on foot for some time to combine all the breweries of the province under one management. There are quite a number of these establishments in the province, though none of them are on a large scale. 'A more important move is that to form a combination of the salmon canners of British Columbia. Two cannery combination schemes have been mentioned. and it seems quite possible that about all the canneries of the province may come under one or two combinations. It is stated by a San Francisco paper that the Alaska salmon cannerymen are forming a combination, and that an effort will be made to make an agreement between the Alaska and British Columbia combinations. Such an arrangement, it is said, would control over 60 per cent. of the salmon pack of the Pacific coast.

Communications.

PURE GROUND SPICES.

Editor Commercial.

My attention was called by a leading retail grocer, of your city, to a circular received from a Toronto wholesale grocery house quoting pure ground spices at much lower prices than the goods are offered by the local jobbers, and the wording of the circular gave the impression that local houses had a larger margin of profit than entitled to. Allowing for difference in freight, the Winnipeg wholesale houses are in as good a position to quote as low as any Toronto house, and I believe they do so. The point I desire to call the attention of the retail tra le to, is quality. The ambiguous wording of our "adulteration of foods act" allows all kinds of damaged and low grade spices when not adulterated with meal, starch, etc., to be branded pure; for instance, pure ground cassia costs about half the money of a good compound Sagon cassia, but I am not aware of any Winnipeg house offering choice under the brand of "pure cassia" to their customers. It is true some lines of spices are lower than usual, but first-class goods, ground from clean, sound, whole stock cannot be sold at less than cost of manufacture.

The Inland Revenue Department have been collecting and analyzing samples of baking

powder, spices, etc., etc., and the report of Prof. McFarlaine, the Dominion Analysist, on pepper, etc., should be read by every one, as it gives the names of the manufacturer and vendor of all goods examined, and the public can thus assortain for themselves who are the manufacturers of the low grade, pure and "shoddy" goods offered to the trade.

C. F. GALLAGHER, Western representative of Dominion Mills.

WHOLESALERS' TROUBLES.

Editor The Commercial.

DEAR SIR. -One of the most common failings of the retail merchant in Manitobs and the west, and one of the most exasperating of the minor troubles of the wholesale merchant, is the tendency on the part of the retailer to postpone the examination of the monthly or fortnightly statement which he receives from the whol-sale houses, and his consequent failure to sign notes or to send some settlement of current indebtedness. This habit is doubtless due to some extent to the vague notion which seems to exist in the minds of many of the retail merchants that the whole sale houses are not subject to the same financial laws which govern their own business transactions, and that they have unlimited financial resources. The contrary is the case. In proportion to their capital the obligations of the wholesale houses are quite as great and much more exacting than those of the retail. The wholesale merchant must meet his bills as they mature, and this whether or not his customers are giving that attention to their obligations to him which they should. He cannot write his creditors that hard times prevent him giving attention to his maturing paper, nor ask them to hang these liabilities up for an indefinite time. His credit would receive such a blow by the adoption of such a course that he would not be able to buy on terms on which he could compete with his rivals. On the ground of mere considerateness therefore the wholesale merchant is entitled to expect prompt attention to statements and equally prompt settlement if these statements are correct. But quite apart from this it is in the interest of both creditor and debtor that settlements should be made at the shortest possible intervals. This course permits of the rectification of inaccuracics and the settlement of disputes when the data are fresh in the minds of each. When fair, honest dealing is intended on each side, ! cannot conceive of any objection to the signing of a note. If the debtor intends to pay the liability when due, the fact of his signing a note cannot render the payment one whit more obligatory, or bring it a day sooner. If he does not intend to pay it when due then a specific arrangement should be made. The great difficulty, however, is not the objection to sign notes but the failure to sign them promptly.

Of course this does not apply to many progressive and business-like merchants who attend to these settlements with praiseworthy promptitude, but there is a sufficient proportion of the dilato y element to make financing a very annoying and disagreeable part of a wholesale merchant's business. For my part I can never resist the impression that a merchant whis inattentive to the settlement of his obligations to his creditors, carries the same fatal characteristic into his dealings with his debtors. When such is the case success is absolutely impossible, as experience has clearly shown.

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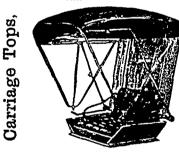
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

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WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

In textile lines the principal feature of the week was the starting out of travellers, with fall samples of clothing. This is fully as early, if not a little earlier than last year, and stocks in retail stores will scarcely be broken before the trade will be asked to place orders for fall. It is generally recognized that it is too early to start out with samples, but nevertheless it is the system followed. Very little sorting trade is doing in clothing or dry goods yet, the season having scarcely opened. In lumber and building material, there is considerable movement, but slow payments interfere with business, as dealers are not so anxious to push trade, with last falls' bills unsettled to a considerable extent. Hardware business is slow yet and prices steady. In harness and leather goods there has been a fairly brisk movement. Drugs are steady and unchanged in prices. Paints, oils, glass, etc., have been fairly active, but quotations unchanged.

DRIED FRUITS.

All dried fruits are firm, but the most marked advance has been in dried apples. This market was practically bare of stocks last week, and owing to the increased cost in the east, dried apples now on the way will have to be sold not under 11c per pound. Quotations are:-California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2 20 to \$2 30; Valencia layers, \$2.75; currants, Te; figs, cooking in bags, 61c, in boxes, 7c; choice, 132, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11c; evaporated app'es, 16:; Gilden dates, 74e per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit--Apricots, 24c: peeled peaches, 35c; picted plums, 22c; ruspberries, 35c; prunes, SJ to 724c, the higher tigure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins-London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$1 50; Tahitis, \$5.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Whitefish is still the only variety of fresh fish in the market in wholesale quantities, and held at 6c lb. B. C. Salmon has not been received very freely, as the heavy demand from New York and other eastern points is taking the bulk of the catch so far. A little salmon, halibut, etc., to sell in a retail way, uas been received. Oysters are quoted at \$2.25 for standards, and \$2.50 for selects per gallon.

GREEN FRUITS

Apples were scarce, some dealers being completely out of stock. In eastern Canada stocks of apples are said to be getting down fine. Those in this market are held at \$7 to \$5 for fair to good stock, per barrel. Lemons are firm at \$6 to \$6 50 a box. California oranges held at \$4.50 to \$5 a box. A few ma'aga grapes are still on hand at \$12 to \$13 per keg. Bananas are bunted at \$3.50 to \$4 per hunch.

23c a lb; maple sugar, 12 to 13c per lb; maple syrup \$1.25 per gallon, in gallon cans.

GROOURIES.

The interesting feature is the situation in sugar, through the abolition of the duty on raw sugar in the United States. On April 1st, raw sugar became free in the U.S., and this permitted of a reduction in prices of about 2c per pound, allowing retailers to sell granulated at 20 pounds for \$1, refiners' prices being 41c per pound. There was an enormous movement at once, as the retail trade was bare of sugar, having held off buying for duty free sugar. In Canada there is a duty on raw sugar of le per pound, which produces a revenue of \$3,000,000 annually. The change in the situation in the United States, will enable refiners in that country to ship sugar into Canada, unless the Canadian duties are changed, either by an advance in the tariff on refined, or a reduction on raw, to enable home refiners to turn out the article more cheaply, Sugars were slightly lower at the refineries last week. Quotations here are : Sugars-Yellow, 6 to 61c; Granulated, 71c. Coffees, green, Rios, from 24 to 25c, Java, 27 to 29c; Old Govern. ment, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50s. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 471c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnette 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, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, 40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby, \$36; Sports, \$30; Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Freuch calf and saddlers russet leathers are strong and high, and splits are also scarce in eastern markets. In this market there has been a very brisk trade in harness goods, and a fair call for leather, slow payment being the only ground for complains. Quotations here are. - Spanish sole 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, \$1 50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 tc 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars-Short straw, \$22 per doz.; long straw, \$33 per doz.; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston toam (thong), \$25.00 per doz.; do., wool face, \$27.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

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weakness later. On Monday, British markets were strong, and showed a considerable advance during the previous week. Strong cables and large export buying influenced United States markets in an upward direction on Tuesday and Wednesday, but prices at Chicago declined sharply on Thursday and Friday. Fine crop weather was a weakening factor, but export business was brisk. The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage increased about 2,210,000 bush., making the quantity affoat, 36,490,000 bush. against 26,400,000 a year ago. Bradstreet's report making a decrease in wheat of 874,000 bush, east and 560,000 bush, west of the Rockies had a strengthening effect on Wednesday.

In Manitoba, farmers' deliveries practically ceased and elevators were closed up at some minor points during the week. The weather was warm and favorable for seeding, and farmers all over the country were busy with their spring work. The grain movement is now practically over, until after seeding has been completed, when any balance held will be brought in, whatever this may be. With the falling off in deliveries, business in wheat generally has been greatly curtailed. There is a fair domestic milling demand for good hard wheats. Some business is doing for May delivery at Port Arthur, equal to about 95c f.o.b. at Winnipeg for No. 2 hard, No. 2 northern about 5c under No. 2 hard, and No. 3 hard about 8 to 10c under No. 2 hard. The difference between No. 2 hard and lower grades has been narrowed some.

FLOUR.

There was again an advance in the price of flour locally last week, 10c per 100 lbs on patent and bakers, and from 15 to 36c per 100 lbs on low grades. Quotations to the local trade are now as follows:—Patents, \$2.50; atrong bakers', \$2.60; Imperial, \$2.35; second bakers', \$2.25; XXXX, \$1.75; superfine, \$1.40.

MILLSTUYPS.

Hold firm at previous quotations of \$15 for bran and \$17 shorts, per ton.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

There is general firmness in these lines. Oatmeal is firm at the recent advance. Cornmeal is 25c higher. Quotations are: Oil cake, in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26; in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$3.15; granulated, \$3.25 per 100 punds; rolled oats, 3.25 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$2.25 per 100 lbs. Pot barey, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

GROUND PRED.

Ground feed is again held higher, the finest quality being quoted at \$23 per ton. Poorer qualities can be had somewhat lower, while ground damaged wheat feed, of which very little is offered, is worth about \$20 per ton.

OATS.

Holds about at last weeks quotations, though there was a somewhat easier feeling for f.o.b. lots for shipment, in sympathy with advices from the east. Loads offered in the city were picked up readily for local use at 45 to 46c per bushel, 31 pounds. Quotable f.o.b. country points, for shipment at 40 to 42c per bushel.

BARLEY

Nothing moving to speak of. In Winnipeg for local use, feed is worth from 40 to 45c per bushel, 48 pounds.

BUTTER.

There was no change in butter last week, beyond the receipt of a few small lots of new butter, which sold at 25c per pound. More good new would bring the same price, if obtainable, but this figure cannot be expected long. We again repeat that if any old lots are held

in the country, they should be marketed at once, as big prices can now be obtained for butter which will sell only for grease a little later on. We quote old dairy at 17 to 20e for the hest offering, with the quality very poor.

EGGS

The first rush of the season set in last week, and prices also came down with a rush. About 19c was the quotation a week ago. On Monday of this week, case lots were offering at 17c per dozen, and on Friday commission men were offering at 15c. Sales were even made on Friday and Saturday at 12c. Prospects for next week are from 10 to 12c for fresh country, unless there is a sudden let up in receipts.

OURED MEATS, ETC.

Prices have an upward tendency for cured hog products in eastern markets, and there have been fractional advances, which make prices tirmer here. We quote prices as follows:— Dry salt bacon. 9}c; smoked long clear, 10}c; spiced rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 124c; smoked hams, 13c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted; fresh pork sausage, 10c lb. bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.

LARD.

Pure lard held at \$2.20 for 20 lb pail Compound lard, \$1.90 to \$2.

HIDES.

Hides have been coming in freely, principally winter-killed stock, and of poor quality. Hides were easier in eastern markets and at Chicago, and the failures in the leather trade in the east kave weakened the situation. Dealers claim that hides are proportionately higher than leather. Calf offering mostly poor stock worth 30 to 352 per skin. No. I cows are quoted at 4½c, inspected, and No. I steers at 52 per lb. A little better has been paid for extra city butchers' steers. Calfskins 4 to 50 lb. Sheep pelts have brought as high as \$1 each for extra long wool, while some are offering which are not worth over 25c each. Average round lots are worth from 50 to 75c per skin. One dealer complains about the cutting of sheep skins in taking off. These skins are 7 rinicpally valuable for their wool, but the skin is also worth something, and should not be slashe i all to peices.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes were being taken at 35 to 38c, for shipment, 36 to 37c being the usual price paid. Prices are Turnips, 25c to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, about \$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, bunch onions and radishes, 60 to 65c per dozen bunches.

POULTRY.

Chickens bring high prices, and quo'ed at 75c to \$1 a pair. Turkeys will bring 15 to 17c per pound dressed.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef is offering plentifully, and usually is selling at 6 to 6';c for sides, though some extra is held at 7', but little selling above 6;c Mutton at 12 to 11;, with the supply and demand light. Pork quotable at from 6 to 7;c. Packers will not pay over 6, or 6;c at the outside for choice, while a few nice hogs may bring 7;c from butchers. Veal, 6 to 8c per 1b.

HAY.

Hay was quoted at \$7 to \$10 per ton for pressed, on track. Loose on market, \$6 to \$7.

Grain and Milling.

Smith & Brigham, proprietors, of the Assiniboia flour mills at Moosomin, Assiniboia, says the Courier, notwithstanding the additional varehouses recently erected by them, still find their operations impeded for want of room and contemplate the erection of an elevator in time for next crop. The mills

have been running since the third week in November. This firm has been steadily acquiring new markets along the line of the Canadian Pacific until now it supplies nearly every town between here and Calgary.

Up to March 31st, says the Globe, of Bolssevain, Manitoba, there have been 200,000 bushels of wheat received on this market since the opening of the wheat market list Ostober. The mill handled 64,127 bushels, of which 22,904 bushels was received as grists. Daving this period Preston & McKay shipped 923,750 lbs. of flour to outside points, desides quantities of mill stuff generally. 200,000 bushels is less than half the quantity of wheat that would have been delivered here had not the elements interfered last August, when thousands of acres of standing wheat were threshed out by a passing hailstorm. It is estimated that there remains about 12,000 yet to be market, which will not likely be brought in until after seeding.

Manitoba.

P. Gillis, a small dealer in fruits and fancy articles, Winnipeg, was closed out by his creditors last week.

A. Crothers, buyer of hides, wool, etc., Winnipeg, has moved from Jemim's steet to No. 178 King St., which is a much more convenient location for his business.

The general stock of the estate of J. J. Smith & Co., Emerson, Man., was disposed of last week, and brought 59 cents on the dollar, Chas. P. Knight, an employee recently with A. McDonald & Co., Winnipeg, was the purchaser.

C.E Joy, of St. Paul, architect of the Manitoba hotel, Winnipeg, says the company expects to open the hotel for public business sometime between the lat and 15th of June. The place is to be furnished from base to dome in the latest style of decorative art.

The property of the E. & C. Gurney Co., on Rupert street, Winnipeg, is being enlarged and improved. The roof is being raised to add another story to the building. The premises will be completely overhauled, and will be re occupied when the improvements are completed.

The stock of W. D. Russell, stationer, Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff last week, and brought 582 on the dollar, which amount is sufficient to pay about 59 per cent. of the two judgments held by Winnipeg parties. The business will be continued under the style of Russell & Co., the stock having been purchased in another name, but really for the original owner. Mr. Russell will do the best he can with the stock and endeavor to pay what he can on old liabilities, though not now bound to do so. The liabilities are about all in the east, besides the Winnipeg judgments under which the stock was sold.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lanc Express of April 6, in its weekly review of the British Grain trade, says: "English wheats are in active demand at an average rise of 1s. the finest are quoted at from 10 to 42s, and farmers are not eager to sell. California is firm at 43s. The stocks held at the leading ports barely amount to rotal of 1,000,000 quarters. The holdings of flour amount to 500,000 quarters. Large consignments of India, California and Australia wheats will hardly meet the prospective demand. At to-day's market English wheats were stronger.

Few kinds were obtainable under 36s. Foreign wheats averaged 2s. dearer. There was a good inquiry for California and Australian. Indian did not share in the strength, the supply being old.

Advance in Canned Beef.

The New York Bulletin says: "Harmony among the packers has undoubtedly contributed in a good measure to the upward movement, but it is plain that the enormous export trade is an important factor in shaping the course of values. It is claimed that the supply of cattle at the present time and the prospects for the next three months are such that the packing will hardly be equal to the probable demand during that time. The home consumption is unlikely to be affected by the slight increase in cost, and Australia will have to do a great deal more in the future than she has done thus far this year to bring about any decided change in tue export movement. As a matter of fact, the canned beef market appears very firm from every point of view."

A Flourishing Industry.

The factory of the Manitoba Wire Co., Win nipeg, is a scene of busy activity at present, and manager Chisholm is pushing the work to turn out orders for the spring trade. This is one of the most important and prosperous industries of the city. The business has been steadily increasing, and it looks as though this spring's trade will exceed any previous season. The business has grown to such an extent that it has been found necessary to increase the buildings. A storage warehouse has been erected just across the street from the factory, which will hold a few hundred tons of wire the size being 60x40. This is an iron building. The main factory has been enlarged by an addition of 60 feet, making the full size 100 by 160 feet. About \$4,000 worth of new machineay has been put in. The principal product of this factory is the well known barb wire, the Winnipeg article being the genuine lock barb, and chained to be the best manufactured.

Winnipeg Industries.

A few years ago one would frequently hear the statement made that Winnipeg could never become a manufacturing city, but in spite of these pessimistic notions, our industries have been steadily growing, and there is room for more. One of the latest additions is a scale factory, which has been established here, in connection with the business of the E. & C. manager. The business is known as the tear ney scale factory. J G. Waite, formerly of Tor onto, an expert in this line, has been secured to look after this branch, and so far the amount of work secured has fully warranted the estab-lishing of the industry. The principal work done so far is in repairing scales, and in this line the establishment of the factory here is a great convenience. Many very good scales, was a only required a little repairing, were formerly cast aside because they could not be fixed short of sending them away down east. Now scales can be fixed at home, and thus the expense of purchasing new scales is often saved. The industry of course is a small one yet, but some of the largest manufactories in Canada started in just as small a way. The great Massey works at Toronto were evolved from a country blacksmith shop, and if Winnipeg is to progress in manufacturing lines, we must encourage just such small beginnings.

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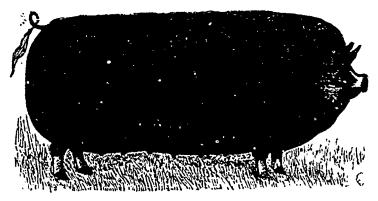
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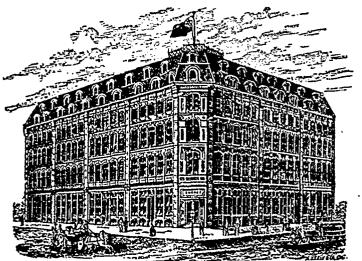
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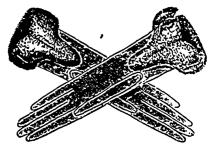
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ROYAL CROWN SOAP

THE BEST.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, April 6, wheat prices were easy and closed as follows:—

	April	May.	June	July.
Wheat.	1.023	1.03		1.01 4.4
Com	669	663		631
Osts	-	537	631	603
Fork		12.321		13.76
Lard		6.62}		6.90
Short Ribs		00 0		0.35

Board did not meet on Tuesday, on account of civic elections.

On Wednesday there was a strong wheat market, prices opening 1½ to 2c over Monday's close. May wheat ranged from \$1.013 to 1.053. Closing prices were:—

	Apru	nay.	June	July.
Wheat	1.043	1.051-3		1 011
Corn	674	673		612
Oats		543	51	513
Pork		12.774		13.20
Lard		6.90		7.20
Short Ribs		6.23		6.60

On Thursday wheat was lower on local speculative causes. Closing prices were:—

	April.		May.	July
Wheat	1.033		1 041	1.03
Corn	69}		663	632-64
Oats			64	611
Pork			12.50	12,921
Lard			6.73	7.021.5
Short Ribs		_	6.19	6.45

Wheat was again lower on Friday, due to fine crop weather and lower cables, though there was good export buying. Closing prices were:

		April.	May.	July.
Wheat	-	1.03	1.03}	1.022
Corn		671	671	643
Oats			543	613
Pork			12.50	12 923
Lard			6.70	7.00
Short Ribs			6.12}	6 47}

buluth Wheat Market.

On Saturday, April 11, May wheat closed at \$1.06\frac{7}{2}, July closed at \$1.08\frac{1}{2} and Cash at \$1.03\frac{3}{2}. Prices for No. 1 hard. Closing prices a week ago were: May, \$1.05\frac{3}{2}c, Cash \$1.02\frac{1}{2}.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, April 11, No 1 no: thern wheat closed as follows: April option, \$1.02\frac{1}{2}; May \$1.02\frac{2}{3}; July, \$1.04\frac{3}{4}. These prices are about 1c higher than a week ago.

Toronto Grain and Produce Prices

Car prices were: Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.90 to \$6.00; Manitoba Strong Bakers', \$5.50 to \$5.65 Bran—\$18; middlings, \$18 to \$20. Wheat—No. 2 white,\$1.08; No. 2 spring, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 2 red winter, \$1.03; No. 2 hard, \$1.16 to \$1.17; No; 3 hard, \$1.05; No. 2 northern, \$1.10; No. 1 frosted, \$5c; No. 2 frosted, \$5c. Barley—No. 3, 53 to 54c. Oats—56½ to 57c.

Potatoes.

The Minneapolis Market Record reports potatoes in that market as follows:—There is a good demand for fancy Rose and Burbank. Receipts are running high. In a small way sales are being made to local trade at 90@31 per bushel for mixed stock. Quotations for car lots are as follows: Burbanks—good to fancy 90@31.00; Hebron—common to choice \$5@95; Rose—rough to fancy 80@95; Mixed stock—fair to choice 75@35.

Montreal Stock Market

Roported by Oder, Humnon & Nanton, April 11, 1891:-

Banks.	Sellera.	Buver.
Bank of Montreal	226	223}
Ontario	117	115
Molson's	157	152
Toronto	218	
Merchants	117	1157
Union	-	-
Commerce	1294	128
Miscellaneous.	-	
Montreal Tel	105	1043
Rich, & Ont. Nav	61	603
City Pass. Ry	195	193
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Canada N. W. Land Co	76	715
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British Columbia.

Customs collections at Victoria for March were \$33,356.

The custom collections at Nanaimo for the month of March were \$4,203 93.

A company has been started to refine oil from salmon offul of the Fraser canneries.

The B. C. Tannery property at Nanaimo had a narrow escape from cremation recently.

I. Fobes, blacksmith, Vancouver, has just bought out F. K. Winch in the same line, at the same place.

Waverly Hotel, Vancouver, has changed hands, and is now under the proprietorship of John Whitty.

Summers & Orrell of London, Ontario, have established a branch business at Vancouver, in fancy dry goods.

E. J. Jenns has retired from the old law firm of Corbould, McColl & Jenns, Victoria, and will open offices of his own.

The work of tranklaying has begun on the Shuswap & Okanagan railway. The road will be completed to Enderby this mouth.

A company of Victoria parties will apply for a charter to construct a railway from Victoria to Beecher Bay. The object is understood to be in connection with the extension of the Northern Pacific to a point opposite Victoria.

The sealing schooner Lily of Victoria, struck a rock in Dodge's Cove, west coast of Vancouver Island and is a total loss with all her gear and outfit. The Lily was owned by George Byrnes was valued at about \$4,000 and was fully insured

McLennau & McFeely, who have carried on a general plumbing and tinsmith business at Vancouver have decided to add a full line of hardware and are increasing their store premises to accommodate the new stock.

R. C. McDonald and D. J. Munn have purchased from J. Hagman, 85 acres of land adjoining the government reserve on Lulu Island. The consideration was \$10,000. There are some improvements on the property. Land is valuable in this quarter.

The last issue of the B. C. Gazette contains the memorandum of the Mainland and Nanaimo

Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., capital, \$150,000. The trustees are William Rogers, Wm. H. Keary, Charles McDonough, Lincola Rogers, Daniel Drysdale, Samuel T. Mackintosh and Edwin S. Scoullar. The principal place of business is New Westminster. The objects of the company are to own, purchase, build and otherwise acquire steamers, steamboats and other steam vessels, and to carry on a general passenger and freight business in British Columbia, particularly between New Westminster, Vancouver and Nauaimo.

The Victoria Times says: " One of the conditions of the new tailors' union formed here is the exclusion of all hands who cannot "finish". by which is meant those who are yet unable to take a garment from the hands of the cutter and carry it through to completion. affects almost altogether girls who though not apprentices are still unable to finish a garment. The consequence is that these gir's, many of them depending on their work for a living, have been forced from the ranks and much dissatisfaction has resulted in consequence. There is going to be an effort made to have this condition, which in several cases has entailed even hardship, changed so as to re-admit the girls. One of the means is a threat from the girls already in the union to leave it and work on their own account till their terms are acceded

The Street Railway.

The Winnipeg city council has been dilly dollying with the street railway proposals for some time, in the usual unbusinesslike manner which characterizes the proceedings of our city board of aldermen. The proposals of the street railway company for changing their horse-car system to electricity, seem very favorable, and it seems the wish of the best business people of the city that the offer should be accepted. If the aldermen are going to continue haggling over the matter, some influence should be brought to bear upon them with a view to having the question decided in the interests of the city.

The World's Population in 1890.

In the proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society for January 1891, it is estimated that the population of the world in 1890 was 1,457,600,000, representing an average of 31 to the square mile, and an increase of 8 per cent. during the decade. Of the continents, Asia has the largest population, \$50,000,000, and the lowest percentage of increase, 6 per cent. Australasia has the smallest population, 4,730,000, and the smallest average per square mile, 1.4, but the highest rate of increase during the decade, 30 per cent. Europe is the most thickly settled continent, with a population of 350,200,000, which is 101 to the square mile. The population of North America is estimated at 89,250,000, which is an average 14 to the square mile, and represents an increase of 20 per cent. during the past decade.

All cannel goods are in active demand, says the Toronto Empire of Ap il 6 Salmon are firm at \$1.40 per dozen up for ordinary brands, but some off grades can be bought at \$1.20. Tomatoes are the strongest feature of the market. They are very scarce. Only two houses hold any stock here. A wholesale house bought a lot to-day, for which they paid \$1.40 laid down. For retailors' lots \$1.45 is generally asked, and now \$1.60 is the price to which it is thought the market will go. There were a number of packers on the market, but they were indifferent sellers of futures. Bids of \$1 for tomatoes were reported. French peas are held with greater firmness, as late mail advices show that the reported damage to the crop has been serious,

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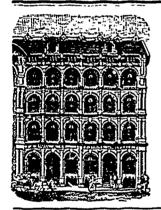
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Alberta.

The Hudson's bay Company are now in their new quarters at McLeod, in the store lately occup'd by I. G. B.ker & Co.

Charles 1 yno, late of the Russell house, Lethbridge, has leased the new Cosmopolitan Ho'el, now in course of erection at that place.

D. M. Ratcliffe, has been in Ontario for a couple of weeks purchasing stock for a ranch and creamery at Co brane. He has secured eight car loads of stock and implements, embracing horses, breeding mares, cows, sheep, pigs, poultry.

The McLeod Gaz. He says. "Enquiry among stockmen elicits the information that, on the ranges south of the Old Man's river, but very for calves came during the cold and stormy weather in February and the early part of March. This is attributed to the fact of the balls having been taken up. In spite of reports to the contrary, there has been little or no loss arrong stock on the Alberta ranges during the past winter. We are now about beyond danger, and stockmen may confidently look forward to a big branding and a successful year."

The number of enquiries concerning southern Alberta received this spring says the Macleod Gazette, from intending settlers from Washington, O. egon and Montana is greater than ever before. The class of settlers who would come from that country are, as a general rule well provided with everything necessary to commence operations. They make excellent settlers, and a few of the firty agents which the government are about to appoint might find a useful and fertile field in those states.

Sugar.

On the lat of April, undutiable sugar came into market. There was an enormous movement of sugar at once. As predicted frequently in our columns the price has been about the former figure, less the duty. St. Paul, being a large wholesale market, took its share of the business. Hundreds of barrels have gone out on every line of road during the week.

The country merchants have held back their orders to take advantage of the drop that must necessarily follow the abolishing of the duty. Those who were entirely without sugar sent in orders for twenty-five or fifty pounds in order to tide over till April 1st, instead of ordering four or five barrels as before.

Granulated sugar is the basis of the saccharine schedules, and for some time it has been guoted at seven cents or above. Lately the price his dropped to five and one-half cents. It was quoted at just five cents at wholesale Wednesday, and the grocers believe that it will remain at that price for at least 30 days. There has really been no market on sugar, since the only quantity bought was that which was absolutely necessary to carry on the trade. It is thought that the price will go below five cents.

Many dealers believe that the rotail grocers will soon offer twenty pounds of sugar for \$1, about two pounds more than is now offered. There is a feeling that the sugar trust will not allow the price to long remain as low as it now is.

Some jebbers think that at the end of a month sugar will go up to 6 or 61 cents. Whether

this prediction will be verified or not remains to be seen.

This much is known. Prices are at rock bottom. The sugar trust practically controls the situation. Will it permit the present low price to stand for any great length of time? Sugar is undoubtedly very good property at 5c -- very good, indeed. --St. Paul Journal of Commerce, April 4th.

A Canadian Financier Speaks.

George Higue, general manager of the Mer chants's Bank of Canada, writes as follows to the New York Daily Commercial Bulletin

"The well known farness of the Buletin in discussing international and commercial questions emboldens made or eave a line or two of space for a comment on your article of Wednesday respecting Canada.

The old reciprocity treaty, being one in natural products, dil not affect the trade of Canada with Great Britain at all. But unrestricted reciprocity would simply mean admitting a large variety of manufactured goo te from the United States free, while imposing a duty on the very same articles when imported from the mother country. To suppose that Great Britain would quietly submit to this is prepos terous. It would be dishonorable and unreasonable in Canada to ask it. It could not be done. It is against common sense and against all the laws that govern the intercourse of dependencies with the mother country. It would, moreover, necessitate the assimilation of our tariff to yours. The United States people are not such fools as to allow us to import Europ an goods at a lower tariff than theirs and then to send them across the border free. But in an assimilation of tariffs how could we expect to have a voice equal to that of the United Staces, which outnumbers us 12 to 1. Our tariff would therefore be made for us at Washington, we might as well have all our laws made there. This is where the charge of disloyalty comes in. In the one case, a disloyalty to Great Britain, and in the other, disloyalty to ourselves as a practically self-governing people. The truth is there are the most extraordinary missapp chensions on your side about this country. You have a fixed impression that Canada is slow, unprogressive and unenterprising The exact contrary is the

Since the Declaration of Independence, your population has increased 20 fold; our population has increased 35 fold. Since the war of 1812, your population has increased 8-fold; ours has increased 12 fold.

Our first bank statistics were compiled about 30 years ago. The deposits in the banks in 1858 was less than 15 millions, and there was no other place of deposit in the country. Deposits now are made not only with the banks, but with Government and other savings banks and loan companies They amount to about 220 millions.

Since 1878 the value of our bank stocks

has increased...... \$27,0%,000 Bank and other saving deposits have in-

In 1878 the tonnage was under two tons per head of population; to-day it is close upon four tons per head. Our principal western city, Toronto, has increased during the last ten years at the same ratio as Chicago. Mont-cal has increased at nearly the same ratio as New York. Both of these cities have swallowed up dozens of square miles of the surrounding country since I came to Canada in 1854. I have lived in both of them some years, and have seen the process.

More might be said, but this is sufficient for the purpose. I write as a man of business and not as a politician, and simply with a desire to prevent those misapprohensions which are so fruitful of bad consequences in the dealings of nations with one another."

From Chicago to Liverpool.

Engineer E L. Corthell recently read a paper before the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers in which he made a powerful plea for the construction of an artificial waterway which would enable vessels of 5,000 tons, and having a draft of 20 feet, to pass freely between Liverpool and the great lakes. He discussed both ship railways and ship canals, and pointed out how easily and cheaply the connection with the seaboard could, through their aid, be established. The two principal ship railways considered were one leading from Benton Harbor, in Lake Michigan, to Munroe on Lake Eric, a distance of about 160 miles, and the Hurontario ship railway running between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario, a distance of 66 miles, and costing about \$12,000,000. By the aid of the Michigan. Peninsula and Hurontario ship railways and the deepened canal system, Mr. Couthell estimated the cost of transportation per ton between Chicago and Liverpool at \$3.66, or \$2.59 less than by an all-rail route, or less than one-half the cost of all-rail transportation to New York and thence by steamship to Liverpool.-Chicago Daily Business.

The rates on parcel postage between Canada and Newfoundland have been reduced from 25c to 15c, per pound.

W. Boulter & Sons, Picton, Outario, have shipped another 1,000 case lot of gallon apples to London, England The last went to Bremen, Germany.

Wholesale grocers in eastern Canada have advanced the prices of outmeal to \$6.30 for standard, \$6.40 for rolled and \$6.40 for rolled oats per barrel.

Dispute has arisen between the employers and employees in the tin plate industries in Wales and the possibility of strikes increase daily.

Since the formation of the Standard Oil Trust it has paid 100 million dollars in dividends. It has a surplus estimated at 50 million dollars and owns prope ty valued by experts at 150 million dollars.

An Ottawa telegram says, "The customs department are notified that a jeweler named Clayton, in Victoria, B. C., was served with a writ by the collector there for \$15,000. This sum includes the amount of fine and undervaluation on goods imported during the past three years.

One of the heaviest failures of late years in western Ontario is that of the wholesale dry goods house of John Birrell & Co., of London, which was announced recently. The liabilities are estimated at a quarter of a million, assets estimated at \$125,000. The creditors are old country firms and woolen factories in Canada.

British Columbia Trade Letter.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, April 6 .- The long looked for fine weather has arrived and business is brightening up with the sky. What with the numerous building and business enterprises on foot promises to have a most buoyant effect all round. Reference was made last issue to some of these. Since then a Steam Navigation Co. has been organized with \$150,000 capital, with head quarters at Westminster, to do business in British Columbia waters, with special reference to New Westminster, Vancouver and Nanaimo. Stops have been definitely taken in Victoria to secure the Northern Pacific Railway and a proposition for a million dollar bonus is now hefore the council. A tramway is to be built at once between Chilliwhack and the river landing and surveyors are now out making the trial line for the short line between Vancouver and New Westminster. The steamer West India has started on her first trip to San Francisco on a regular route. The Union S. S. Co's steamer to do the Vancouver-Portland business has started from Hong Kong for Vancouver, and the Empress of India, the first of the new C.P.R. steamers, is expected about the 13th inst. Elaborate preparations are being made for her reception. The C P.N. Co. is building a new steamer for the Victoria-Westminster route. Recent information is to the effect that the new dry dock at Vancouver is likely to go on without delay. F. N. stewart, R.N., has left Ottawa to make a topographical survey of Burrard Irlet and the coast. All of these things are important and have a decidely bullish tendency. The B. C. sugar retinery has been doing a big business since starting, running full time and supplying large orders. Some uneasiness is felt here as throughout all Canada as to the effect of the exemption of raw sugar in the United States from tariff import, which came in force on the first of April. la all probability the Canadian Government will be asked either to do the same or increase the duty on the refined article, either of which would be strongly opposed, but one or the other is apparently necessary in the interests of the sugar refining industry.

The estimates in the provincial legislature have seen submitted and passed. They show a considerable deficit, in consequence of the numerous public undertakings devolving upon the government to keep pace with the rapid development of the Province, and the opportunity has been taken advantage of by the government to include this deficit in an Act to consolidate the public debt. Seven hundred thousand pounds sterling is the amount named.

Export shipping is light at present, but owing to the movement of spring goods, local and coast traffic is unusually heavy. Stocks of creamery butter are exhausted and the quality of the article in use is decidely inferior. Eggs are also scarce, and both bring good prices. California butter has come in the market in small quantities. Cheese is up a notch. Meats have advanced. The upward tendency extends to flour, feed and provisions. Fish is more plentiful, but not handled yet in very large quantities. There has been a perceptible improvement in business all round.

Prices are as follows: .

Butter—Dairy, 25c per pound. Cheese, 13c. Meats Dry salt, 11½c; roll bacon, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; ham, 14c. Lard-In tubs, 12e; in pails, 12he; in tius, 13e; Chicago compound, 12c.

Flour, grain and feed—Flour, Manitoba Patents, \$6.50: Manitoba Bakers, \$6.50: Oregon flour is quoted at the following p s: Valley, \$5.50: Spokane, \$5.25. Rolled oats \$4.00; cornmeal, \$2.70. Outmeal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. oil cake, \$40 per ton; shorts, \$26 per ton; bran, \$21; wheat, \$37.50 to \$40; oats, \$35; hay, \$17 to \$18.

Vegetables—Potatoes, are now quoted at from \$22.50 to \$25; Asheroft potatoes fetch \$30 per ton; Oregon onions, \$6.25 to \$6.50; carrots and turnips \$15 for table use per ton, and \$10 to \$12 for common; California cabbage, 2½c per pound; celery is fetching \$1.10 per dozen heads.

Fruits,—Oranges, Navols, \$5 to \$5.25; Riverside seedlings, \$3; second quality seedlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Los Angelos, \$2.75; San Gabrielle, \$2.50. California lemons \$4 per box, and Sicilian from \$7 to \$8. Island apples of good quality are fetching \$2 per box, and Washing: ton apples \$2 to \$2.25.

British Columbia.

R. Keeler, grocer, Esquimalt, has assigned.
I. Morris, hotel, Ragers Pass, was burned

Major Wilkins, greeer, etc., Vancouver, has sold out.

1). C. Coverley has opened in groceries at Vancouver.

Nightingale & Welsh succeed to Weeks & Ford's branch grocery at Mt. Pleasant.

Westminster Slate Company, (Ltd.), New Westminster; gazetted for incorporation.

F. Filion has been admitted into partnership with W. L. Davis & Co., groceries, Vancouver.

Adderton & Smith, bakers, Nanaimo, have dissolved partnership; firm now Adderton & Hague.

Schneider & McDonald, hotel, Lansdowne, have dissolved partnership: Schneider will continue the business.

Machant, Futcher & Co., Japan goods, etc., Victoria, have dissolved; Thos. S. Futcher will continue the business.

At the last meeting of the board of trade of Victoria, over twenty rew members were reported. S. J. Pitts tendered his resignation, as he is leaving for Eigland. U. S. Consul Myers addressed the board regarding the representation of B. C. at the Chicago World's Fair. The board decided to confer with the provincial government in the matter. The advertising committee reported that the civic authorities had decided to carry out the advertising of Victoria by means of a volume, similar to Tacoma Illustrated, without the assistance of the board and had already donated \$2,000. The committee had arrived at the conclusion that it would be more advantageous for the board to cause the city to be advertised through one of the monthly magazines published by or with the assistance of the Northern Pacific, notably the Northwestern Magazine. The report was referred back to the council. The president nominated as auditors for the ensuing year: M. T. Johnson, E. A. McQuade and A. C. Flummerfelt. The following were elected members: E. V. Bodwell, A. L. Belyea, H. Carmichael, A. St. G. Flint, W. C. Haywood, Jas. Hutcheson, Joseph Hunter, P, Æ. Irving, Robt. Irving, Robt. Jamieson, T. S. Milligan.

R. P. McLennan, Thos. Norquay, T. G. Rayner, C. E. Renouf, N. P. Saowden, Robert Swinerton, A. G. Sargison, John Teague. sr., B. Williams, M. W. Weitt and H. C. Beeton W. F. Bullen moved, "That this board learns with satisfaction that negotiations have been in progress, and are now pending for the pur pose of giving to Victoria direct railway communication over the Northern Pacific railway, thereby opening up to commerce the adjacent districts of Vancouver Island, and placing Victoria in direct communication with the trade centres of the continent; Now, therefore be it resolved-That this board urges upon its mem bers the importance of forwarding in every way this most momentous project, for the advancement and material welfare of Victoria and the province of British Columbia." It was decided to consider the question at an adjourned meeting one week hence. Mr Davies gave notice of motion for next meeting to make the quorum at a general meeting seven instead of eleven; also to make the entrante fee \$30 after the next general meeting. The following committee was appointed to amend the by-laws. M. T. Johnson, H. E. Croasdaile, Joshua Davies, Chas. Wilson and A. C. Flummerfelt. It was decided to have a banquet after the annual meeting.

Saskatchewan.

The Prince Albert Times says that D. Peter son has entered into an engagement with Grundy Bros., of Winnipeg, dealers in musical instruments, to travel in that firm's interests through the territories. Mr. Peterson intends closing out his business at Prince Albert.

At the last meeting of the Prince Albert board of trade, a committee consisting of Di. Jardine, Mr. McPhail and the president was appointed to revise the by-laws and report to the next regular quarterly meeting. Another committee consisting of Messrs. Betts, Cann and Montgomery was appointed to draft a memorial to the Lieut. Governor asking that a portion of the Dominion Immigration fund should be specially appropriated to the terri tories and placed under the control of the Legislative Assembly; and another memorial to the Minister of Agriculture asking for the appointment of a local immigrant agent and the crection of immigrant sheds at Prince Albert.

Alberta.

Dr. L. Geo. DeVeber, of Macleod, has located at Lethbridge.

W. R. McDougal¹, boot and shoe maker, Lethbridge, has given up business.

A. J. Ross, photographer, Calgary, has assign ed in trust to W. J. O. Bouchier.

Fresh butter is scarce at Edmonton, at 30c to 35c a pound. Eggs are abundant at 25c to 30c a dozen.

Hay is scarce at Lethbridge, and some has been brought in from Manitoba. It brings \$20 to \$22 per ton.

The McLeod—Lethbridge stage line has changed hands, having been bought by Geo. Lovasseur, of Pincher Creek.

Hull Bros., of Calgary, have shipped six car loads of beoves to Vancouver. I. G. Baker & Co., and others are also making shipments.

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Assessment Commissioner Harris, of Winnipeg, has presented the following report:

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Toronto Empire: "It is reported that some Ontario conned goods packer has sold tomatoes for future delivery for 85c. It is doubtful if muny or any of them will sell any more at that figure. Most of them will not sell at any price until they are able to gain a better knowledge of prospects.

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C. M. Lampson & Co's Fur Sales.

The New York Fur Trade Review gives the following report of C. M. Lampson's fur sales, held at London, in March:—

Russian sable, Kamtchatka, 10 per cent higher than in October, 1890. Russian sable, Jakutsky, 10 per cent higher than in October, 1890. Russian sable, Amooraky, same es October, 1890. Silver fox 45 per cent higher than in March, 1890. Cross fox 20 per cent higher than in March, 1890. Blue fox 121 per cent higher than in March, 1893. Fisher 20 per cent higher than in March, 1890. Otter, Labrador, same as in March, 1890. Otter, other sorts, 10 per cent higher than in March. 1893. Sea otter 40 per cent higher than in March, 1890. Red fox 15 per cent higher than in October, 1890. White fox same as in January, 1891. Beaver same as in January, 1891. Marten, same as in January, 1891. Lynx 10 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Bear, black, brown, grizzly, same as in January, 1891. Gray fox 71 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Wolverine 10 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Badger 20 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Wild cat 25 per cent higher than in January, 1891. House cat same as in January, 1891. Wolf same as in January, 1891. Japanese fox same as in January, 1891. Chinchilla, bastard, same as in October, 1890. Dry hair seal 10 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Australian opcssum 10 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Raccoon 10 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Opossum 35 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Muskrats 15 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Black muskrat 15 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Skunk about same as in January, 1891. Mink 10 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Copper Island seals 15 per cent lower than in October 1890. Northwest coast seals 10 per cent lower than in January, 1891. Cape Horn seals 10 per cent higher than in January, 1891. Japanese seals, stagy skins, sold at low prices.

P. R. Poland & Son furnish the following detailed report of Lumpson & Co's sales:—

These large sales attracted a considerable number of buyers, especially from the Continent. Prices correspond pretty well with the late rates of the Hudson's Bay Co., although in several articles prices had a weakening tendency towards the end of the respective catalogues; sea otters were eagerly competed for by Russian buyers and consequently were driven very high; martens fetched better prices than at the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Skunk has become a very important article, being in vogue in nearly all countries. The English trade does not show much anxiety in purchasing stock at the present values of most articles.

Russian Sable—(6,645; about 600 less than last March)—The greater part of the off ring consisted of Kamschatka skins, generally of a better description than last sale's collection; there were three parcels of good Jakuzky and Okhotzhy, one of extra large Tartary skins, and some few Amoor. Kamschatka are to be quoted ten per cent. dearer than in October, and dark sorts at March prices. The article was in demand for Russia, America and Germany, a few being bought for French and English use.

Prices—Kamechatka: Dark, and dark brown A firsts, large, 80s to 120s; seconds, large, 47s 6d to 80s; good brown B, firsts, large, 42s 6d o 60s; seconds, large, 30s to 49s; brown C,

firsts, large, 25s to 47s 6.1; seconds, large, 17s 6d to 27s 6d; ; ale brown D, firsts, large, 20s to 30s; seconds, large, 12s 6.1 to 20s; pale and extra pale E, firsts, large, 7s 61 to 17s 61; seconds, large, 7s 8d to 12s 8d; dark and dark brown and silvery A, firsts, large, 95s to 145s; seconds, large, 55s to 95s; good brown silvery B, firsts, large, 45s to 75s; seconds, large, 35s to 40s; brown silvery C, firsts, large, 35s to 60s; seconds, large, 22s 61 to 32s 6d; pale brown silvery D, firsts, large, 27s 6d to 32s 6d; seconds, large, 17s 6d to 22s 6d; pale and extra pale silvery E, firsts, large, 22s 6d to 15s; seconds, large, 20:; Kamschatka-dark and dark brown A, firsts, small, 47s 6d to 50s; seconds, small, 30; good brown B, firsts, small, 27s 61 to 30s; seconds, small, 224 6d; brown C, firsts, small, 20s; seconds, small, 15s; dark and dark brown and silvery A, firsts, small, 69s to 80s; seconds, small, 37s 81 to 42s 8d; good brown silvery B. firsts, small, 27s 6d to 37s 6l; seconds, small, 25s; brown silvery C, firs's, small, 17s 6.1 to 25s; seconds, small, 15s to 17s 6d; Okhotsk-Dark and dark brown and silvery A, firsts, large, 89s to 140s; second, large, 75s, good brown ailvery B, firsts, large, 73s, seconds, large, 45s; brown silvery C, firsts, large, 32s 6d; seconds, large, 25; pale brown silvery D, firsts, large, 17s 6d; seconds, large, 17s 6d. Okhotsk. Dark and dark brown and silvery D, firsts, small, 65s; seconds, smail, 20s; good brown silvery B, firsts, small, 20s; seconds, small, 15s. Jakutsk-Dark and dark brown A, firsts, large, 280s to 320s; seconds, large, 115s; good brown B, firsts, large, 130s to 180s; seconds, large, 60s to 150s; brown C, firsts, large, 80s to 85s; seconds, large, 554; dark and dark brown and silvery A, firsts, large, 100s to 350s; seconds, large, 55s to 118s; good brown silvery P, firsts, large, 80s to 220s; seconds, large, 42s 61 to 200s; brown silvery C, first, large, 65s to 95s. seconds, large, 40s to 55s; pale brown silvery D, seconds, large, 30s to 35s. Jakutak - Dark and dark brown A, first, small, 150s; seconds, small, 42:61; good brown B, firsts small, 80s; dark and dark brown silvery A, firsts, small, 70s to 95s; seconds, small, 69s; good brown silvery B, ficats, small, 37s 6d to 47s 6d; seconds, small, 35s; brown silvery C, ficsts, small, 20s; seconds, small, 20s. Amoor-Dark and dark brown A. firsts and seconds, large, 25s to 35s 6d; good brown B, firsts and seconds, large 15s to 17s 6d; C, firsts and seconds, large, 10s; pale brown D, firsts and seconds, large, 10s; pale and extra pale E, firsts and seconds, large, 76s; dark and dark brown silvery A, firsts and seconds, large, 22s 6d to 55s; firsts and seconds, small, 17s 6d; good brown silvery B, firsts and seconds; large, 20s to 27s 6d; firsts and seconds, small, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; brown silvery C, firsts and seconds, large, 12:61 to 17s 6d; firsts and seconds, small, 12s 6d; pale brown silvery D, firsts and seconds, large, 10s; firsts and seconds, small, 10s.

Silver fox.—(815; last year, 997). A very fair collection, although not any extra fine skins; there was a quantity of Russian Territory Foxes. Sold at the heavy advance of 80 per cent. almost exclusively to the Russian market. Prices; Firsts, £22 to £72; seconds, £10 to £32; thirds, £4 10s to £12; fourths, £1 to £2.

Cross Fox—(2,824; about last year's quantity). These comprised Alaska and some parcels of Labrador and Nova Scotia sorts, with other descriptions, especially coarse Russian skins. Are 20 per cent, better value, but sold most irregu-

larly; again wanted for Russis. Prices: Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Labrador, firsts, 1004; seconds, 57s 61 to 97s 61, 59s; seconds, low, 40s to 42s 61; thirds, 31s to 34s; firsts and seconds, pale, 37 s to 40s; seconds, pale and low, 31s to 32s; thirds, fourths and inferior, 22s; dark, 65s to 75s. Alaska, firsts, 60s to 70s; seconds, 45: to 52: 61; seconds, low, 35s to 42: 61; thirds, 24s to 20s; firsts, pule, 49s to 42s 61; seconds, 33s to 39-; seconds, pule and low, 32s to 33s; thirds, fourths, and inferior, 16s; dark 97s 6d. Sitka and Kim, firsts, 77s 6d; seconds, 57s 61; seconds, low, 40s; firsts and seconds, pale, 411. Columbia, firsts, 50s to 70s; seconds, 47s 6d; 77s 61 to 80s; seconds, low, 40s; thirds, 29s; firsts and seconds, pale, 42s 6d, 40s to 36s; seconds, pale and low, 33c; thirds, fourths, and interior, 17s; dark 65s to 100s. Russian, etc., firsts, 21 s t : 37s; secon ls. 343, 20s to 344; seconds, low, 18s to 234; thirds, 15s to 21s; firsts, pale, 19s to 32s; seconds, pale, 20s to 26s; seconds, pale and low, 19s to

Blue Fox -(3,379, against 1,477 last year). -Were principally of the Alaska kind, with here and there a few Greenland skins; the first large string of Alaska was very deficient in color. Proved in good request for Russia at an advance of thirty to forty per cent. Prices: Alaska, good color, firsts, 120s. to 210s.; seconds. 100s. to 125s.; seconds, low, 85s. to 100s.; thirds, 57s 6d. to 70s; firsts, ex. large, 155 at to 250s.; seconds, ex. large, 130s. to 135s.; fourths, 22s. 6d. Alaska, brown, firsts, 105s. to 160s.; seconds, 90s. to 125s.; seconds, low, 80s. to 100s.; firsts, ex. large, 130s. to 150s.; seconds, ex. large, 120s. to 125s. Alaska, pate, firsts, 80:. to 110s.; seconds, 65s. to 10Gs.; seconds, low, 70s. to 80s.; firsts, ex. large, 95s to 1054; secends, ex. large, 904. to 95s.

Fisher—(2,641; last year, 2,391)—An average collection of North-West and Columbia skins, and some few Northern and Canada. Also taken by Russian buyers at twenty-five to thirty per cent. higher figures, a few being secured also by the German trade. Prices: N. etc., firsts, 62s. 61.; seconds, 42s. 61.; thirds, 19s.; firsts, pale, 27s. to 30s.; seconds, pale and ex. pale, 24s. to 28s.; firsts, large, 50s. to 57s.; seconds, large, 33a.; firsts, pale, 23s. to 26s. W., N. W., etc., firsts, 36s. to 77s. 61.; seconds, 29s. to 40s.; thirds, 15s. 3d. to 23s.; firsts, pale, 25s. to 31s.; seconds, pale, and ex. pale, 23s. to 26.; fi sts, large, 47s. 6d.; seconds, large, 28s.; fi-sts, pale, 24s.

Otter (6,539; about 7.0 more than last March).-Included Alaska, Southwestern and other sorts, also two fine strings of Librador and Nova Scotia. The fur did not advance more than ten per cent., and was purchased chiefly for German requirements, some few for American and scarcely any for the London trade. Prices: N. S., Lab. and Hal., firsts. good, 824. 61 to 85s; seconds, good, 47s 61 to 57s 6d; thirds, 20s; firsts, brown and pale, 55s to 57s 61; seconds, brown and pale, 3Js to 31s; firsts, small, seasoned, 16; to 67s 61; seconds, small, 25s to 26s; thirds, small and cut, 11s to 14s. Alaska, firsts, good, 35s to 41s; seconds, good, 26s to 30s; thirds, 18s to 19s; firsts, brown and pale, 35s to 39s; seconds brown and pale, 2's to 27s; thirds, brown and pale, 17s; tirsts, small, seasoned, 24s to 30s; seconds, small, 20s to 23s; thirds, small, and cub, 13s to 14s W. and S. W., firsts, good, 30s to 44s; seconds, good, 23s to 31s; thirds, good, 14, to 17s; firsts, brown and pale, 25s to 35s; seconds brown and pale, 22s to 28; firsts, small, seasoned, 14s to 35s; seconds, small, 19s to 22s; S., firsts, good, 23s to 35s; seconds, good, 17s to 20s., 23s to 27s; thirds, 5s to 13s; firsts, brown and pale, 24s to 32s; seconds, brown and pale, 20s to 26s; firsts, small, seasoned, 23s to 24s; seconds, small, 15s to 16s, 19s to 92s. N. W. and Colo., firsts, good, 36s to 42s 6d; seconds, good, 27s to 34s; thirds, 17s; firsts, brown and pale, 29s to 39s; seconds. brown and pale, 22s to 24s; thirds, brown and pale, 16s.

Sea Otter-(2,223 and 141 cubs, compared with 2.311 and 318 cubs last year). - A good show, but still many woolly and poor skins, though not so many small as usual. The advance is twenty to twenty-five per cent. on best; woolly and small, forty to fifty per cent., and some even doub'e prices. Bought exclusively by the Russian market, two fine skins in different parts of the catalogue realizing £200 each, and 26 others from £100 to £170 Prices: Large, b'ack, silvery, £105, 155, 200; black, little and trifle silvery. 74, 88, 105, 135; black, no silver, 54 to 62; dark and dk. mouse, silvery, 74, 92, 120; dark and dk. mouse, little silvery, 52, 70, 82; dark and dk. mouse, no silver, 44, 52, 58; pa'e and mouse color, silvery, 62, 74, 105; pale and mouse color, little and triffs silvery, 50 to 62; pale and mouse color, no silver, 38, 46, 52; yellowish, silvrey, 60 to 86; yellowish, li t'e and trifle silvery, 48, 50, 64; yellowish, no silver, 34 to 48. Md Hing, black, silvery, 62, 72, 92; black, little and trifle silvery, 52, 72, 78; black, no silver, 39, 46, 52; dark and dk. mouse, silvery, 60 to 74; dark and dk. mouse, little and trifle silvery, 44 to 64; dark and dk. mouse, no silver, 36 to 48; pale and mouse color, silvery, 62, 80; pale and mouse color, little and trifle silvery, 50 to 60; pale and mouse color, no silver, 32 to 44; yellowish, silvery, 48 to 52; yeliowish, little and trifle silvery, 44; yellowish, no silver, 42. Small, black, silvery, 41 to 52; black little, and trifle silvery, 31 to 42; black, no silver, 27 to 36; dark and dk. mouse, silvery, 35 to 48; dark and dk, mouse, little and trifle silvery, 29 to 33: dark and dk. mouse, no silver, 23 to 28; pale and mouse color, silvery, 31 to 44; pale and mouse color, little and trifle silvery, 29 to 32, pale and mouse color, no silver, 19 to 26; yellowish, silvery, 49 to 42; yellowish, little and trifle silvery, 26 to 33; cube, fair and good, 11 to 19; cubs, poor, 4 to 6; slinks, 2 to 3.

Red Fox -(56,113; last year 39,193.. -Consisted of Alaska, Halifax, Canada and United States sorts, and were on the whole a fair collection. The two former kinds remain at last Merch figures, though the best are a little cheaper; United States skins are 10 per cent. dearer than in June last year. A'most entirely purchased for Russia and G rmany. Prices. Alaska-firsts, with color, 11s 9d to 13s 6d; seconds, with color, 10s 6d to 12s 9d; second low mid. color, 9s 6d to 11s 61; third, 7s to 9s 6d; fourth, 4s 9d to 5s 9d; firsts, sandy and pile, 11s 3d to 13s; seconds, sandy and pale, 10s 3d to 124; seconds, low, sandy and pa'e 8s 9d to 11s 6d; thirds, sandy and pale, 7s 6d to 9s 3d; good colors of dark, 13s 3d to 15s,3d; firsts, extra pale, 10s 6d; seconds, extra pale, 9s 6d. Halifax, Labrador and Nova Scotia: firsts, with colors, 10s 6d to 11s 9J; seconds, with colors, 9s 3d to 10s 3d, seconds, low mid. color, 8s to 9s; thirds, 6s 61 to 7s 9d; fourths, 4s 6d to 5s; firsts, sandy and pale, 9s to 11s 3J; seconds, sandy and pale, Ss 3d to 10s 3d; seconds,

low, sandy and ple, 7s 3d to 8s 7d; thirds, sandy and pale, 6.61 to 7s 6d. Canada, firsts, with color, 9s 3d to 10s 3d; seconds, with color, 8s to 8s 9d: seconds, low mid. color, 74 61 to 84 3d; thirds, 64 3d to 64 6d; fourths, 4, 31 to 4 91; firste, sandy and pale, 8s 9d to 10s; seconds, sandy and pale, 7s 6d to Ss 6d; seconds, low, sandy and pale, 7s 8d; thirds, sandy and pale, Ss 6s; bastards; 7s 6d. United States, Eastern-firsts, with color, 10s: seconds, with color, Ss Gd; seconds, low mid. color, 7s 3d to 7s 6d; thirds, 6s to 6s 6d; fourths, 3s 9d; firsts, sandy and pale, 8s 6d to 8s 9d; seconds, sandy and pale, Gd; seconds, low, sandy and pale, 7s 31; thirds, sandy and pale, 5s 6d to 6s. United States, good-firsts, with color, 9s to 9s 9d; seconds, with color, 8s to 9s; seconds, low. mid. color, 7s 3d to 8s 6d; thirds. 6s to 6s 9d; fourths, 3. 91 to 5s; firsts, andy and pale, 8s to 10.; seconds, sandy and pale, 7s to 9s; seconds, low, sandy and pale, 6s 6d to 7s 9d; thirds, sandy and and pale, 5s 61 to 6s 31; bastards, 7s to 7s 9d. United States, Southern -firsts, with color, 8s 31 to 9s; seconds, with color, 7s 3.1 to 8: seconds, low, mid. color, 6s 61 to 7s 3d; thirds, 5s 3d to 5s 9d; fourths, 4s 3d; firsts, sandy and pa'e, 7s 9d to 8s; seconds. sandy and pale, 7s to 7s 3d; seconds, low sandy and pale, 6s 6.1 to 7s; thirds, sandy and pale, 5:6d. United States, Northwest-firsts, sandy and pale, 9s to 10s 6d; seconds, sandy and pale, Ss 3d to 8s 6d; seconds, low, sandy and pale, 7s 6d to 7s 91; thirds, sandy and pale, 6s 31 to 63 9d; firsts and seconds, extra pale, 98 to 05

Lynx-(4,363; last year 1,454).—A small gathering of A'aska, Northwest and Canada skins. Declined 10 per cent. on January rates. Chiefly taken for German use, a few for France. Prices: Canada—firsts, 18, to 20s 6d; seconds, 12s to 14s; thirds, 5s to 7s; firsts, small, 12s to 12s 6d: seconds, small, 9s 6d; thirds, 6s 6d. Alaska—firsts, 17s to 19s. seconds, 11s to 13s; thirds, 5s; firsts and seconds, small, 11s 6d. Northwest and Colorado—firsts, 16s to 20s; seconds, 12s to 14s; thirds, 5s to 6s 6d; firsts, small, 10s to 15s 6d; seconds, small, 9s to 12s.

White Fox—(1,227).—Again declined 10 per cent. on January prices. London and Leipzig houses were the purchasers. Prices: Alaska, etc., firsts, 12s 6d to 13s 6d, seconds, 8s to 9s; thirds, 5; firsts, yellow, 10s 6d; seconds, yellow, 7s to 8s.

Beaver-(3 961; last year 5,315). - Included a large parcel of Alask i, two strings of Rocky Mountain sorts and two small ones of Labrador and East Coast. Found purchasers at January prices for the German market, a few are reshipped for American requirements. Prices ; Librador and E. M.-No. 1 large, 51s; No. 2 large, 43s to 45s; No. 3, large, 30s; No. 1 middling, 36s; No. 2 middling, 26s, No. 1 small, 22s; No. 2 small, 19s; dark, 26s to 63s. Conada and N. S.-No. 1 lurge, 45.; N. 2 large, 39s to 40s; No. 3 large, 25s; No. 1 middling, 32s; No. 2 middling, 29s; No. 3 middling, 16s; No. 1 small, 22s; No 2 small, 18s; No. 3 small. and cub, 7s 6d. S. W. and R. M .- No. 1 large, 45s to 48s; No. 2 large, 41s to 43s; No. 3 large, 27s; No. 1 midding, 34s; No. 2 middl ng, 28s; No. 1 small, 21s; No. 2 small, 17s. Alaska and Colorado - No. 1 large, 43s to 45s; No. 2, large 37s to 41s; No. 3, large, 24s to 26s; No. 1 middling, 32s; No. 2 middling, 25s; No. 3, middling, 19s; No. 1, small, 19s; No. 2 small 159 to 16s; No. 3, small and cub,

Marten. -(29,721, being 20,000 more than last March) .- Principally Peace River skins, the rest United States, 3 parcels of Labrador and some Columbia descriptions. Realized January figures, and therefore dearer than in the Company's sale. The greater part were bought for England, some for Germany. Prices. E. C. and Labrador, firsts, with color, 17s to 26s; seconds, with color, 14s to 14s 6d; first. small, 15s to 17s; firsts, pale, 11s 6d to 12s; seconds pale, and firsts ex. pale, 9s to 10s. firsts, small pale, 9s; dark, 28s to 43s. P. R. -Firsts, with color, 13s 6d; seconds, with color, 10s; thirds, 6s 6d; firsts, small, 9s 3d; firsts, pale, Ss 9d; seconds, pale, and firsts, ex. pale, 6s 91 to 7s ;firsts, small, pale, 7s to 7s 3d; dark, 18s to 35s. Columbia-Firsts, with color, 163 61; seconds, with color, 11s; thirds, 3s 91; fourths, 2s 3d; firsts, small, 7s 6d; firsts, pale, 7s 6d to 10s, seconds, pale, and firsts extra pale, 6s 3d to 7s 3d; firsts, small, pa'e, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; dark. 20s to 26s. Canada and U. S.-firsts, with color, 5s 6d to 8s 9d; seconds, with color, 3s 9d to 5s 3d; thirds, 3s 9d to 4s; fourths, 2s 9d; firsts, small, 4: 31 to 6:; firsts, pale, 4: 31 to 5s 3d; seconds pale and firsts ex. pale, 3s 9d to 4s 9d; firsts, small pale, 4s to 4s 4d; dark,

Bear, Black (4.013, against 2,672 last year.)— Comprised a good many rough lots, with some few Columbia and coarse Southwestern.

Bear, Brown (860; last year 532). Rear, Grizzly (512; last year 771). Were mostly of poor quality.

All bears were purchased chiefly by the Lon don trade at full January prices, and in some cases even dearer; a few black go to America and Germany. Prices: Black-Army, rough, firsts, 135s to 240s; seconds, 100s to 185s; thirds, 27s 6d to 50s; fourths, 3s to 7s; rough, middling and small, firsts, 130s to 1954; seconds 65 to 160s; thirds, 25s to 32s 3d; fourths, 1s; cubs and yearlings, firsts, 75s to 150s; seconds, 47s 6d to 100s; thirds, 12s to 47s 6d; fourths, 1s to 3s. Brown-army, roughs, firsts, 125 to 255s. seconds, 65s to 85s; thirds, 15s to 35s; fourths, 2s to 6s; rough, middling and small, firsts, 200s. seconds, 85s; thirds. 40s; fourths, 1s; cubs and yearlings, firsts, 90s to 120s; seconds, 40s. thirds, 25s to 30s; fourths, 1s to 2s. Gray-army, rough, firsts, 85s to 133s; seconds, 63s to 100s; thirds, 18s to 37s 61; fourths, 2s to 7s; rough, middling and small, firsts, 65s to 953; seconds, 40s to 70s, cubs and yearlings, firsts, 35s to 42s 6d; seconds and thirds, 15s to 17s 6d.

Gray Fox (13,414, compared with 16,855 last March).—Mostly a common lot of Southwestern and Southern descriptions. Best cased are 10 per cent. higher, others remain at January figures. The bulk were taken for London, and some small quantity for France. Prices Western—Firsts, cased, 3s 9d to 4s; seconds, 2s to 2s 3d; thirds, 6s; firsts, open, 2s 61; seconds, 1s 9d. Southern—firsts, cased, 3s 3d to 4s; seconds, 1s 6d to 2s 9d; thirds, 6s to 9s; firsts, open, 2s to 2s 6d, seconds, 1s 3d to 1s 9d.

Wolf (5,015 against 5,837 last year). Real ized about 10 per cent better figures than in January, the offering consisting principally of prairie sorts and some good western. Also taken chiefly for London use, Germany and France securing a small proportion. Prices.—Firsts, large, 4s to 6s; seconds, 3s to 4s 3l; thirds, 1s 3d; firsts, gray, small, 2s to 4s 3l;

seconds, 1s 3d to 3s 6d; thirds, 9d to 1s 3d; firsts and seconds, extra large, 10s 3d to 17s 6i.

Wolverine (682).—Purchased by the London trade, a few only for America, at about last prices, or perhaps even a trifle higher. Prices: Firsts, 20s to 25s; seconds, 14s; thirds, 5s to 5s 6d; firsts, pale, 12s to 13s; seconds, pale, 9s to 11s.

Badger (2392).—London and Leipzig houses took this article at former rates, but there was only one small lot of fair skins, the rest being of very poor quality. Prices: good, 10s 9d; inferior, 5s 3d; thirds, 9d to 1s.

Cat, common (4,090 last year 3,603).—Advanced 10 per cent on January prices. Purchased mostly for Germany. Prices: Canada—No. 1, cased, 5s 3d to 6s; No. 2, cased, 1s 10d to 2s 8d. Western and Southern—firsts and seconds, cased and open, 4s 3d to 4s 9; thirds, cased and open, 1s 7d to 2s 4d; firsts and seconds, small, 3d to 9d.

Cat, house, (8,802).—Again found purchasers for the German market at last prices. Prices: Black, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; blue 1s 6d; mottled, ect., 6d to 1s; kittens, 2d to 3d.

Kitt Fox (943). -Bought by London and Laipzig at a reduction of 20 per cent. Prices: First, 1s 8d to 2s 5d; seconds, 8d to 1s 1d; thirds, 3d.

Hair Seal, dry (2,527) —Large skins taken cheifly by London at about January prices, middling and small by France and Germany at rather cheaper rates. Prices: Extra large spots, 5s 3d; large spots, 4s to 4s 61; middling spots, 2s 9d to 3s; small spots, fine, 5c; small, spots, 2s 3d to 3s 9d.

Skunk (278,730; last year 292,238). -- A large and good collection, with very few stale skins. The article commenced at 10 per cent. higher than in January, towards the middle of the sale sold at last figures, and near the end again ruled even rather cheaper. Bought tor all countries. Prices-First dark, cases, good sorts, 8s 3d to 10s 3d, S. W., &c., 6s 9d to 8s 3d; second dark, cased, good sorts, 5s 6d to 7s; S. W., &c., 4s to 5s 3d; third dark, cased, good sorts, 2s 3d to 2s 6d, S. W &c., 1s 7d to 2s 3d; fourth dark, cased, good sorts, 3d to 7d, S. W. &c., 2d to 5d; first little striped, cased, good sorts, 6s 9d to 9s, S. W., 5s 6d to 7s 9d; second little striped, cased, good sorts, 4s 9d to 6s, S. W., &c., 3s 9d to 4s 9d; first much striped, cased, good sorts, 4s 3d to 6s, S. W., Ac., 3s 9d to 4s 6d; second much striped, cased, good sorts, 3s to 4s 3d, S. W., &c., 3s to 3s 6d; small much striped, S. W. &c., 2s 10d; first white, cased, good sorts, 1s 7d to 3s, S. W., &c., 1s 5d to 1s 9d; second white, cased, good sorts, 1s to 2s 5d, S. W., &c , 9d to 1s 1d.

Mink (92,739; being 48,000 less than last March) .-- An offering of most descriptions, a good many Western and Southwestern, and a few strings of Halifax, Increased 10 per cent, on January values, the chief buyers being for Germany; here and there a lot for America, and but very few for England and France. Prices-First brown and dark brown, Halifax, 17s to 20s 6d; E., &c., 21s; Mich. & W. 11s 9d to 12s 3d; W. &c., 6s 3d to 8s 9d; S. W. 4s to 4s 9d. Second brown and dark brown, Halifax, 10s to 11s; E., &c., 11s; Mich. & W. 8s 9d; W. &c., 3s 10d to 6s 3d; S W. 2s 11d to 3s 9d. Third brown and dark brown, Halifax, 3s 6d to 4s 3d; E, &c., 3s 8d; Mich. & W. 1s 11d; W. & c., 1s 8d to 2s 8d; S. W. 1s 3d to 1s 9d. Fourth brown and dark brown, Halifax, le ld to le lld E.. &c., 32 8d; Mich. & W. le 1

11d: W., &c., 6d to 1s 4d: S. W. 5d to 8d. First pale, Halifax, 4s 6d to 6s; E., &c., 8s 6d; Mich. & W., 5s 6d to 6s 9d; W. &c., 3s 7d to 4s 6d; S. W. 3s to 3s 11d. Second pale, Halifax, 4s 6d to 6s; E., &c, 5s 9J; Mich. & W. 4s 9d; W. &c., 2s 11d to 3s 5d; S. W. 2s 5d to 2s 9a. W., &c., first light brown, and dark brown, 6s 91 to 8s 91; S. W. 4s 9d to 5s. Second light pale, W. &c., 4s 6d to 5s 9d; S. W., 3s 1d to 4s. Large second brown, W. &c., 4s to 6s; S. W., 3s 10J. First small good brown, Halifax, 11s to 12s; E. &c., 14s to 16s; Mich. & W., 8s 9d to 9s; W. &c., 3s 9d to 5s 9d; S. W.. 3s 3d to 5s 3d. First small pale, E., &c., 5s 6d; Mich. & W., 3s 11d to 6s; W., &c,, 3s 3d to 3s 10d; S. W., 2s 11d to 3s 7d.

Raccoon (265,503; against 302,572 last March. -Consisted of Southwestern and New Madrid skins, and some good Northwestern and Western-on the whole a fair lot. Declined 10 per cent., and towards the end of the sale were oven lower still. A fair quantity was purchased for Germany, and part taken for the English and French markets. Prices-First, N. W. and Illinois, 5s 9d to 6, 9d; N. W. and W., 4s 6d to 5s 6J; W. and etc., 3s 7d to 5s; N. M., 2s 11d to 3s 3.1; S. W. and Kentucky, 2s 10d to 3s 2d; S. and etc., 2s 1d to 2s 4d. Second, N. W. and Illinois, 3s 1d to 4s 6d; N. W. and W., 2s 2d to 3s 10J; W. and etc., 2s 4d to 3s 4d; N. M., 2s to 2s 4d; S. W. and Kentucky, 1s 9d to 2s 7d; S. and etc., is 6d to 1s 9d Third, N. W. and Illinois, 1s 61 to 2s 6d; N W. and W., 1s 6d to 2s 5d; W. and etc., 1s 2d to 10 9d; N. M., 1s 1d to 18 3d; S. W. and Kentucky, la 1d to 1s 5d; S. and etc., 1s to 1s 1d. Fourth, N. W. and Illinois, 8d to 1s 3d; N. W. and W., 6d to ls; W. and etc., 4d to 8d; N. M., 5d to 8d; S. W. and Kentucky, 5d to 8d; S. and etc., 5d to 7d. First, pale, N. W. and W., 4s 31 to 5s 3d; W. etc., 2s 8d to 3s 11d; N. M., 2s to 2s 8d; S. W. and Kentucky, 2s 3d; S. etc., 2s 2d. Second pale, S. W. and W., 2s 6d; W., etc., 2s to 2s 7d; N. M., 1s 10d to 1s 11d; S. W. and Kentucky, 1s 8d to 2s. First middling size, N. W. and Iliinois, 3s 5d to 4s 6d; N. W. and W., 3s 2d to 3s 9d; W., etc., 2s 6d to 3s 3d; N. M., 2s 6d to 2s 10d; S. W. and Kentucky, 2s 4d to 2s 8d; S., and etc., 1s 10d to 1s 11d. First middling size, pale, N. W. & W., 2: 10d to 3: 6d; W. &c., 2s 3d to 3s; N. M., 2s to 2s 5J; S., &c., 1s 9d. Sma'l seasoned, W., &c., 2s to 2s 11d; N. M., 1s 11d to 2s 7d; S. W.& Kentucky, 2s to 2s 1d; S. &c., ls 10d to ls 11d. Large dark, N. W. & Illinois, 21s; N. W. & W., 10s to 13s; W., &c. 7 to 8s; N. M. 6s; S. W. & Kentucky, 4s 6d to 53 6d. Small dark, N. W. & Illinois, 11s; N. W. & W., 7s to 8s; W., &c., 5s: S. W. & Kentucky, 5s 6J. Second dark, N. W. & Illinois, 13s; N. W. & W., 8s; W., &c., 6s to 7s; S. W. & Kentucky, 4s 61. Extra large, N. W. & Illinois, 7s 3d to 9s; N. W. & W., 7s to 8s; W. &c., 5s to 6s 6d; N. & M., 3s 5d to 4s 3d : S. W. & Kentucky, 4s 9J; S., &c., 3s to 3s 11d. Extra large pale, N. & W. & W., 7s 9d; W., &c., 48 6d to 58 6d; N. M. 3s 1d to 3s

American Oppossum, (273,877; about last year's quantity).—There were some good fresh skins, some also poor and common. The article now goes back to its former value before the heavy rise in January, showing a decline of fully 30 per cent on the prices then. Three parcels were withdrawn from the sale. Germany takes a large portion, London and France a few. Prices—Good sorts: First cased is ½d

to 1s 4d., poor sorts 10d to 11 d; second cased, good sorts 4d to 8 dd, poor sorts 3 d to 4 dd; third cased, good sorts d 1 to dd, poor sorts d 1; small cased, good sorts d 1 to 10 dd, poor sorts 4 dd to 5 dd; small second cased, good sorts 1 dd to 2d, poor sorts 1 dd to 12 d; extra large, good sorts, is 6d to 1s 9, poor sorts 1s 3 dd to 1s 4 dd; extra small, good sorts 2d to 3d, poor sorts 3 dd; first open good sorts 1s to 1s 21, poor sorts 1 dd first open good sorts 1s to 1s 21, poor sorts 1 dd; poor sorts 4 dd; small open, good sorts 4 dd to 5 dd; poor sorts 4 dd to 5 dd, small sec md open, good sorts 1 dd, poor sorts 1 dd to 1 dd.

Musquash, brown (566,600; about 260,000 less than last March). - The collection was principally composed of Minnesota and early caught New Jorsey, with here and there some Western and Southwestern sorts. Bought mostly by the tierman trade at a reduction of about 10 per cent. Prices-First, Canada, good 1s 31, pale and poor 10d; N. Y., good 1s 21d, W. etc, good is 2d, pale and poor is id; N. J., good is id to is 2id; S. W., good is 11d to 1s 21d, pale and poor 1s 01d; Minnesota, good 9d. Second, Canada, good 11d, pale and poor 91d; N. Y., good 101d to 11d, pale and poor 8d; W. etc., good 101d; N. J., good 91d to 11 d; pale and poor 81 to 9 d; S. W., good, 10d to 1031, pale and poor, 8d to 9hd; Minnesota, good, 81d to 111d, pale and poor, 71d to 10d Kittens, Canada. good, 571, pale and poor, 4d: N. Y., good, 61; W. etc., good, 71d; N. J., good, 5id to 6id, pale and poor, 4id to 4id; S W., good, 5id to 61, pale and poor, 4id: Minnesota, good, fid to 57d, pule and poor, 23d to 4d. Small, seasoned, N, J., good, 7d to 74d; S. W., good, 81d. Small, seconds, N. J., good, 6d to 74d; pale and poor, 5/1. S. W. good, 74d. Minnesota, good, 6d to 8d, pale and poor, 51d to 63d. First, thick pelts, S.W. good, 1s 3J. pale and poor, Sid. Shot and damaged, N. J., good 7d to 8d; S.W., good 62d to 9.1; Minnesota, good 53d to 71d.

Musquash, black, (21,858 nearly 7,000 more thin last year).—Are also to be quoted about 10 per cent cheaper; also wanted for Germany. There were no fine No. 1 quality. Prices:—Second, good, 1s 1d to 1s 3d; poor, 11½1 to 1s 6d; kittens, second, good, 1s 2d.

Fur scal, salted.—Messrs. Lampson offered 19,493 Copper Island skins of not such good quality as last October, also 786 damaged, 9092 Northwest, Japanese, etc., of only medium quality, 1608 Labos Island, Cape Horn, etc.

Other firms sold 380 Northwest, 119 Australian (both poor lots), 1104 Cape Horn, and 1066 Cape of Good Hope, also of indifferent character.

A general decline of 10 per cent has to be quoted, which may be accounted for by the poorness of the goods offered.

Members of the Canadian Canned Gooda Packers' Association met at Toronto recently and agreed to appoint a committe to wait on the Government and ask that canned goods packers be given a rebate of duty on peaches used for canning purposes and that the duty on sugar be reduced.

As the season is now over, says the Montreal Gazette, as far as the shipments of old cheese are concerned, it is opportune to give the figures to date and they are appended. The total shipments to date are some 1,625,000 odd boxes, against 1,511,644 in 1889-90, and 1,316,928 in 1888-89, a very satisfactory increase on the whole.



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