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The Transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st May, both days inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the bank on Wednesday, the 16th day of June next. The chair to be taken at noon.

By order of the Board,

D. R. WILKIE,
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Toronto, April 22, 1897.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Banking House, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 15th day of June next.

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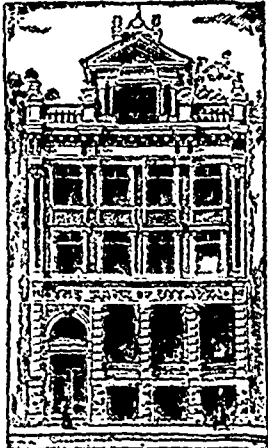
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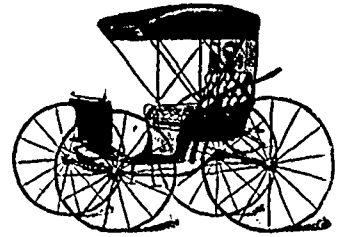
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WINNIPEG, MAY 24, 1897.

London Fur Trade Report.

Phillips, Politzer & Co., in their report of C. M. Lampson & Co.'s March sale, state:

Otter, 11,000 skins (last year 8,500). There was a good competition for the dark eastern skins, which very nearly touched last year's values, but the pale and coarser kinds were in less demand, and show a fall of 15 per cent to 20 per cent. The bulk of these latter go to Germany.

Fox silver, 1,240 skins (last year 1,450). Have done rather better at Messrs. Lampson's than in the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale, but the improvement was more particularly marked in the black and dark skins, which here realized very fair prices, about equal to those of last March, whereas, at the recent Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale, such skins were comparatively neglected.

Fox, red, 60,000 skins (last year 65,000). A trifle under last sale prices. Bear, black, 5,000 skins (last year 3,000). As indicated in our report last week on the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale, bears are out of fashion, and it has been only the heavy reduction in values which induced the home trade to show any interest in the article. Some portion of the collection, however, has been secured by American buyers, and a moderate quantity goes to Germany. The result is a decline of 25 per cent on last sale values.

Lynx, 18,000 skins (last year 13,000). Still not the least consumption found for these, and the prices remain at about the same low level as in January; but, if anything, the sales obtained in Messrs. Lampson's were lower than those realized by the Hudson's Bay Co. last week.

Skunk, 460,000 skins (last year 470,000). Values of last January were well maintained, except in the case of the short and long stripe skins, which were somewhat cheaper. The collection was not a very good one.

Sable, Russian, 15,000 skins (last year 20,000). Remain in very extensive use, especially in France, and a good demand from the United States de cloped itself in the sale rooms, in consequence of which the higher class of skins, such as Yakutzky and Kam-schatka, have improved in value to the extent of 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. Lower classes of skins were in less request, and sold at a reduction of about 10 per cent.

Mink, 200,000 skins (last year 140,000). In fair request, and, as usual, they were for the most part bought by German houses, although purchases for the French market were somewhat larger than is generally the case, and some were taken by English and American buyers. The result of the sale shows a decline of about 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. for the pale and common grades of skin, but there is hardly any change to report in the finer sorts, although the small and extra large skins have, if anything, done rather better than in January.

Marten, 35,000 skins (last year 35,000). The English market being the principal supporter of this article, and the quantity now offered being in excess of the requirements for home consumption, prices gave way, as in the case of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale last week, to the average extent of 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. A great improvement, however, was shown in respect to the dark skins as compared with last week's values, they realizing here considerably more than at the Hudson's Bay Co.'s, and quite 15 per cent. to 20 per cent. more than in January, the increased value being occasioned through competition by the American buyers present.

SEAL SKINS.

Northwest Coast, (Hudson's Bay Co., 1,697; Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co., 7,041).—The low prices ruling in January have attracted the attention of buyers and quite a lively competition has consequently sprung up, this being influenced also by the withdrawal of the Alaska and Lobos skins, which had been announced for this sale. The quantity to be offered was thus reduced to the small number of Northwest Coast skins, and the competition was particularly brisk for the few strings of finer goods, which showed an advance of about 15 per cent. on January prices.

A particularly healthy feature was that a good many lots were purchased by buyers for the American market, who in the last two sales have entirely abstained from operating.

Lobos, 316, Cape Horn, 251, Australasian, 243 Sundries, 466, were offered by C. M. Lampson & Co., and most purchased for Russia for washing and drying, bringing about the same prices as last sale.

British Finances.

Great Britain's financial condition, as outlined in the budget speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is decidedly favorable. During the year the national debt has been reduced by £7,584,000, or over \$37,000,000. The receipts show an excess over the expenditures of £2,473,000, or over \$12,000,000 for the year, and the total value of British trade during the year amounted to £738,000,000, or over \$3,600,000,000, which represents an increase of 5 per cent. as compared with the preceding year. Some of the comparisons made by the

Chancellor with conditions at the beginning of the reign of Queen Victoria, apropos of the coming jubilee, are of particular interest. It seems that the revenue, which amounted to £52,500,000 in the fiscal year 1836-37, amounted to over £112,000,000 in 1896-97. In other words, the revenue has more than doubled in the course of the sixty years of the present reign. Of more interest, from the standpoint of the economic historian, is the fact that whereas at the beginning of the reign 71 per cent. of the revenue was derived from taxes on commodities, at present only 44 per cent. of the revenue is derived from such taxes, and in the meantime the total of foreign trade is nearly six times what it was in 1836-37.

WHITE PINE TIMBER SUPPLY.

The Engineering News quotes the chief of the forestry division, department of agriculture, as follows: "Since 1873 it is estimated that 154,000,000 feet B. M. were cut in the forests of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, together with 83,000 millions of shingles. In eighteen years the estimated cut in the whole country is 200,000,000 feet B. M. The wood pulp industry now consumes every year 800,000,000 B. M. of pine, spruce and hemlock. The average annual consumption of pine timber in the United States is 20,000,000,000 feet B. M. and the estimated standing coniferous growth in the northern states is about 100,000,000,000 feet B. M. divided as follows, measured in millions of feet, board measure: Minnesota, 20,000; Wisconsin, 10,000; Michigan, 18,000; Pennsylvania, 10,000; New York, 15,000, and the remainder in other states. Canada is reported as having standing 37,300,000,000 feet B. M. of white pine, with an annual consumption of 2,000,000,000 feet B. M.

Since the change in the tariff German granulated sugars are offering at Montreal for importation, at about 1-4c under domestic granulated.

The W. E. Sanford Manufacturing company, of Hamilton, has been given the contract for supplying the new uniforms for the Canadian military contingent who will go to the Queen's jubilee in England.

The Provincial Building and Loan association was incorporated under a provincial charter last year, and has already placed about \$300,000 of its stock. It has now proceeded to appoint a general agent by the selection of Mr. S. H. Hamby, of this city. The inspector of the company, Mr. E. B. Davies, is now reorganizing the Winnipeg board and reports thirty local boards in good working order throughout the province. Messrs. Crotty & Cross are the company's valuers and Hough & Campbell its solicitors.

The Tin Horn is still a prime favorite on the coast. The big stamp mill is now on its way from the coast, and the company will be crushing ore in less than two months. The sale of the stock of this free milling Fairview property has been phenomenal, 156,000 shares having been sold in the regular way for 25 cents.

English money is showing itself in Vancouver. Several large offers have been made for seaboard mines from England, but the properties were held too high.

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To Creamery Managers.

The following circular addressed to the managers of creameries in Manitoba has been issued by the dairy branch of the department of agriculture:

Dear Sir:—The creamery butter making season for 1897 is now at hand and the following suggestions are offered with a view to having our creamery butter reach the best possible markets in the best possible condition during the whole season; so that our reputation, already gained, as a butter producing province will reach a still higher level in the best markets of the world. The requirements of the European markets is, butter of a mild, sweet flavor, salted not more than 3 per cent of salt or half ounce per pound of butter (best brand of salt.) The color should be pale, two ounces of good quality butter color to the cream required to make 100 pounds of butter should be used in making so-ter butter, and no coloring need be used during the summer when the cows are on the pasture. The color of the butter must be uniform and free from any white specks or streaks. Body firm and free from any air-cells. The requirements of the western trade are identical to that of the European, with the exception that a little more salt is required. For all British Columbia points I would advise using three-quarters to one ounce of salt per pound of butter.

PACKAGES.

The packages most desired by the European trade is the square box holding 56 pounds nett; lined throughout with good quality of parchment paper; the paper to weigh not less than 50 pounds to the ream; buy no other. Upon making extensive inquiries of dealers in England, I find that there is a difference of opinion on the part of the European butter dealers as to the kind of butter box that is most suitable for their trade. Some dealers favor the ordinary nailed box, and some the "dove-tailed" box. The dove-tailed box, however, suits our purpose best here, and I would strongly advise all creameries that are packing butter for the European trade to use the dove-tailed box. For the western trade, the packages required are varied in size; such as, tubs holding 10, 20 and 30 pounds respectively; also boxes holding 14 and 28 pounds respectively. All packages must be properly lined with good parchment paper.

BRANDING.

The boxes should be branded on the end only; in letters not more than three-quarters of an inch in length. Usually the box comes from the manufacturers branded "Manitoba Fine Creamery Butter—Canadian;" this is as it should be. With this brand the net weight and the name of the creamery is all that should appear on the package. When tubs are used the brand should be placed on the side of the tub, under the second hoop; and not on the cover, as the brand on the cover becomes more or less obliterated and gives the package an untidy appearance.

BUTTER BOX COVERINGS.

A demand has come from the different markets to have the butter boxes and tubs enclosed in a "jute bag covering" when shipping the butter. These bags are used for protecting the butter packages from becoming soiled

from dust and wet, which injures the appearance of the package and consequently retards the sale of its contents. This matter of covering the butter packages is of very great importance to our creamery butter trade and I hope and trust that the executive of every creamery in Manitoba will study their own interests and respond to the call from the dealers and put a covering on every package of creamery butter that is exported out of the province. These bags are made to fit any sized package from a 10, 20, 30, 50 and 70 pound tub, and 14, 28 and 56 pound box. The prices I find are very reasonable and within reach of every creamery in Manitoba.

Prices, all f.o.b. in Winnipeg, are as follows: Brand A, 17 1-2x20, first quality for covering, 14 lb. box, 3 7-8c; brand CX, 17 1-2 x20, second quality for covering, 14 lb. box 3 7-10c; brand A, 22x20, first quality for covering, 28 lb. box, 5c; brand CX, 22x20, second quality for covering, 28 lb. box, 4 7-10c; brand A, 28 1-2 x24, first quality for covering, 56 lb. box, 6c; brand A, 24x24, first quality for covering, 50 lb. tub, 5 1-8c; brand CX, 24x24 second quality for covering, 50 lb. tub, 4 7-8c; brand A, 26x26, first quality for covering, 70 lb. tub, 6c; brand CX 26x26, second quality for covering, 70 lb. tub., 5 3-4c.

It will be seen that the cost of covering a 56 lb. box will be one-ninth of a cent per pound of butter, and all other packages at a correspondingly low figure. These coverings will enable the creameries to place the butter on the market in a clean, tidy condition, which is very desirable, as the butter will sell more readily, and would be worth fully one cent per lb. more money with the coverings than without them. By giving strict attention to the packing and shipping, our creamery butter we can do much towards not only retaining the markets that we have already established, but will be enabled to open up new fields for our excellent quality of butter, and thereby bring more revenue to the pockets of the farmers of our province.

C. C. MACDONALD,

Dairy Superintendent,

Winnipeg, May 18, 1897.

Value of Waterways.

The Commercial has frequently pointed out the great advantages which would be gained to Western Canada by the development of our inland waterways, in providing cheap transportation for products. In Europe the value of waterways as compared with railways is fully appreciated. The waterways of that continent are being rapidly improved and extended, and it is in a measure due to the lowness of the rates charged for the transmission of freight that its foreign export trade has been fostered. Germany has expended large sums on canalization works, and with the exception of the North Sea-Baltic canal, the German canals, on the whole, afford cheap and good commercial waterways. Their aggregate length amounts to the immense figure of some 8,700 miles. Rather strangely, the cheapness of the German canal rates has been viewed by some in the light of a danger to German home industries on account of the facilities they offer for foreign imports. Austria-Hungary, says Engineer 3, comes

close after Germany, the aggregate length of the navigable waterways being, according to recent statistics, about 7,150 miles. Important canals are, however, under contemplation and in course of construction, viz., the Danube-Oder and the Oder-Moldau-Elbe canals. This connection between the Danube and the Elbe will be about 2,000 miles long, and will, in a manner, connect the black sea with the Baltic and the North sea. In France the system of canals, which was originally commenced some 300 years ago, has an aggregate length of some 3,800 miles, and is of vast importance. In addition to the existing canals one or two very large and important schemes are under consideration, involving immense expenditure.

The Iron Trade.

The Philadelphia Ledger says: In the iron trade the unseemly rivalry of some of the very large concerns for business increases the disturbance in prices and affords buyers renewed arguments for bearish predictions. Aside from this disturbing element, there is evidence of a daily increase in the volume of business offering, with indications of a continuous movement in that direction. Twenty thousand tons of bridge material has just been placed in this country for a Canadian bridge, and one of our Pennsylvania mills has just begun on an order for 30,000 tons of rails for Canada. Inquiries for export business are numerous.

No. 2 Spring Thrown Out.

Chicago, May 19.—By a vote of 488 to 436 the Chicago board of trade to-day voted to discontinue the use of No. 2 spring wheat as a contract grade, thus placing this market on an equal footing with the other big grain centers of the country. This leaves only two contract grades of wheat for future delivery, No. 1 northern spring and No. 2 red winter. The elimination of the No. 2 spring grade, it was claimed, would markedly restrict the speculative element, thus rendering much easier the creation of "corners." On the other hand, it was contended by the supporters of the amendment, it would tend to elevate the standard of speculative trade. The elevator men were generally credited with being against the amendment. The rule is to go into effect on Oct. 1. There are in round numbers 5,000,000 bushels of No. 2 spring wheat in Chicago elevators and only about 3,000,000 bushels of the other grades. All this former large amount will be thrown entirely out of the regular wheat market.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The spring orders are now pretty well all executed, and a few sorting orders are arriving both from travelers and customers direct. Travellers in British Columbia are doing fairly well with their fall samples, quite a number of orders having already been received. Fall samples for this province and Ontario, however, are late in getting out, and manufacturers are now busy in preparing them. Remittances are fair.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

It is reported that a combination has been formed by the California honey men, the object being to control production.

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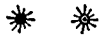
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The Experimental Farm.

The Brandon Sun has the following interesting column on work at the provincial experimental farm:

The experimental farm at Brandon is one of the best public institutions in Canada. The systematic tests there made are very valuable to farmers, not only in Manitoba, but also in the Territories. Thousands of visitors come from all parts of the west to see what is going on at the farm, and to learn about new methods of culture, and about new varieties of grains, vegetables and other farm products. The majority of farmers, however, cannot visit the experimental farm very often, and for this reason the Sun has decided to have a report of a visit to the farm every week.

This season has been especially favorable. Everything on the farm shows signs of vigorous growth. The wheat already covers the ground fully, and its bright green color gives the fields and plots an attractive appearance. The plants have such a rich color that it is evident that the weather of the past week has been more favorable to healthy growth than the excessive rainfall of last year at the same stage of growth. If the high temperature of last week had been accompanied by an excess of moisture, Mr. Bedford says that the wheat would have shown signs of rust before this. As it is, with most favorable weather, the wheat plant is making a steady and robust growth, and the prospects of a heavy yield are good.

The farm teams and men are now engaged in plowing for and sowing seed oats. In order to prevent the land from drying out too rapidly each day's plowing is harrowed before night, and the seed is sown as soon afterward as possible. This plan ensures rapid germination and conserves the moisture.

The oats and peas are looking well. The early sown oats are now appearing above ground, and promise to turn out well. Forty varieties of peas were sown and all are making a good showing.

The usual spring improvements are being made, fences are in course of construction, and an addition is being built to the superintendent's house.

Mr. Bedford says that visitors are already quite numerous and will, no doubt, greatly increase from this time onward.

Mr. Brown, the head of the horticulture department, was busy at work. He said that the lack of rain had retarded somewhat the growth of garden products, but a few showers would make everything push ahead rapidly. Onions, lettuce, radish, peas and carrots are all above ground and the germination has been remarkably even. This year they are testing a full collection of the following vegetables, peas, beans, and squash. About sixty varieties of each are being experimented with, so there will be afforded an excellent chance for comparison. The results in all these cases should prove valuable to gardeners and farmers in the west.

It would do most farmers good to take a look at the rhubarb plot and then compare it with their own. Nearly all the varieties are ready for pulling, and look as if they would be tender and of good flavor.

In the hot beds everything is looking well. The plants are all progressing rapidly and the indications are

that there will be a lot of fine plants ready for the bedding at once.

In the department of arboriculture the distribution of trees is now over. The number sent out this year is larger than ever before. During the spring months something over thirty-five thousand trees and fifteen thousand shrubs have been sent out to different parts of the province. As the trees are now too far advanced for safe transplanting, the distribution is closed for the year.

At the present time the employees of the forestry department under the direction of Mr. Roby are busy planting imported stock, to test its adaptability to our climate. Many hundreds of feet of new hedges are also being planted, of several different varieties, as a test of their suitability for shelter and beauty.

Propagation is also carried on by means of cutting layers and suckers, and about two acres of tree seed have already been sown. The selected native plum seeds which were stratified (covered with damp sand in the fall and exposed to the severity of the frost) and planted first thing in the spring, have already appeared above ground. They have found it absolutely necessary to stratify all hard shell seeds such as plum pits, rose seeds, apple seeds, etc.

This season of the year is the very best time to visit the farm. The benefits to be derived would be especially great in the arboriculture and horticulture sections, where many new experiments are being tried. The average farm garden is very poor and not at all up to the other departments. There is no really good reason for this as Manitoba garden products cannot at all up to the other departments. Every farmer, no matter how good his garden, could get many valuable hints from a visit to the Experimental Farm.

C.P.R. Refrigerator Service.

The traffic manager of the C. P. R. has issued a circular to agents, shippers and consignees as to the refrigerator car service during the ensuing summer. The cars in this service are intended for the exclusive transportation of butter, eggs, cheese, dressed poultry and other similar high class freight, requiring refrigerator cars. From Winnipeg and intermediate stations east of Brandon, for main and branch line stations west of Dunmore, the West Kootenay and the Pacific coast, the first car will leave on Thursday, May 13, and every Thursday thereafter during the season.

From Brandon and intermediate stations to and including Moose Jaw, for main and branch line stations west of Dunmore, the West Kootenay and the Pacific coast, the first car will leave Brandon, Thursday, May 13, and every Thursday thereafter during the season.

From Edmonton and intermediate stations to and including Calgary, for main and branch line stations west thereof, the West Kootenay and the Pacific coast, the first car will leave Edmonton Tuesday, May 18, and thereafter every alternate Tuesday.

From Napinka and intermediate Pembina branch stations to Winnipeg and all points covered by routes Nos. 1 and 5, the first car will leave Napinka Wednesday, May 19, and thereafter every alternate Wednesday. Shipments in this car for points west

of and east of Winnipeg will be held in the company's cold storage warehouse at Winnipeg, and consolidated with cars on routes Nos. 1 and 5 without additional expense to the owner.

From Broadway and intermediate stations to Winnipeg and all points east thereof to and including Port Arthur, the first car will leave Broadway Wednesday May 19, and thereafter every alternate Wednesday. Shipments in this car for points east of Winnipeg will be consolidated at Winnipeg with shipments out of cars on routes No. 4, 6 and 7.

From Alameda and intermediate Souris and Southwestern branch stations to Winnipeg and all points covered by route No. 1, and all points east of Winnipeg route 5, the first car will leave Alameda, Wednesday, May 23, and thereafter every alternate Wednesday. Shipments in this car for points west of and east of Winnipeg will be held in the company's cold storage warehouse at Winnipeg without additional expense to the owner, to await connections with cars on routes 1 and 5.

From Emerson and intermediate stations to Winnipeg and all points covered by routes Nos. 1, 2 and 5, the first car will leave Emerson, Monday, May 17, and thereafter every alternate Monday. Shipments in this car for points west and east of Winnipeg will be held in the cold storage warehouse at Winnipeg without additional expense to the owner, to await connection with cars on routes Nos. 1 and 5.

FARMERS' WANTS.

The Farmers' Alliance delegation has interviewed the provincial government of British Columbia and presented the following resolutions:

"That this convention of representative farmers from the several districts of the province, resolves that it is necessary in the interests of the province at large that this question of financial interest should be taken up by the government and legislature at the earliest possible date, either in the form of a loan to the farmers direct, advanced upon the security of their holdings, or if it can be done by the province issuing legal tender, provincial paper money, or else by passing legislation whereby our farmers may be enabled to organize themselves into a co-operative settlers' unions or associations and issue terminable mortgage certificates or debentures upon the united security of the union or association, and of the land held by them under government supervision and upon which mortgage security or debentures the government may be authorized to guarantee the interest to the extent of four per cent, thus enabling the farmers to help themselves in the matter. That the government be urged to grant no charter to a private person or persons for the purpose of constructing a railroad, and that all railroads be under government supervision and run for the public welfare."

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WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, May 22

Under twine—There is considerable business in this line of goods and much speculation as to what the future may develop. A gentleman from Ontario who is a leader of the Patrons in the East, arrived here recently and his mission is said to be to sell twine for the Ontario Twine company. This is said to be a company or syndicate formed for the purpose of disposing of a quantity of twine which was bought as a job lot. It is said to be principally Ontario Central prison twine, haul over from last season, with some other job lots. Hobbs, of London, Ontario was the purchaser of this twine, and it is now offered under the name given above. The party who is working this territory for this twine, is said to be offering low prices, one line, it is alleged, having been offered at a price which would enable retailers to sell it at 6 1-2c. The quality is, of course, unknown. There was a rumor that the Manitoba Patrons had bought their twine without calling for bids, but this is not confirmed. Prices are lower than last year, varying from 1-1c lower on some brands of imported, to nearly 1c lower on some standard brands of domestic make. Of course there is more or less variation in the quality of different brands from year to year, so that the price of a given brand this year, compared with past years, does not always indicate the difference in the price on the same quality of goods.

Fish—The variety of fresh fish in the market is not large. The following about covers the list, with jobbing prices: White 6c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, paddock 8c, salmon 12 1-2c to 15c lb. kippered goldeyes 30c dozen.

Green fruits—The market regarding apples and California oranges is about the same as explained last week. There has been some cutting on seedling oranges. No Messina lemons are to hand yet, but are expected soon and will sell at prices given below. The first cargo Mediterranean fruit has been sold at Montreal and most of the lemons were bought for the States. Lemons sold in large lots at \$2.25 to \$2.90. The oranges in the cargo sold well, at \$1.50 to \$3.60 per box to variety. California naval oranges are said to be becoming scarce. Bananas keep firm. Strawberries are 25c lower, and pineapples are down 50c per dozen. Tomatoes have declined sharply and prices are: Apples, good stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel. Damaged stock can be had at almost any price. California oranges, navels, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per box; California seedling oranges \$3.50 to \$4.00 per box; Messina lemons, \$4.50 per box; California lemons, \$4.25 box; bananas, \$2.50 to \$3 per bunch; pineapples \$3.00 per dozen; sweet potatoes, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel, pea plant, 2 1-2c to 3c per pound; strawberries, \$4.75 a case of 24 baskets; tomatoes, \$5 per crate of 6 baskets; Egyptian onion 5c lb; new cabbage, \$5 per 100 lbs. Dates, 6 1-2 to 7c lb, larger figs, 12 1-2 to 14c lb. Asparagus, local \$1 per doz. Ontario do, \$1.20 basket.

GROCERIES.

Tobacco—There are several important features in the grocery trade, and these are mainly owing to the recent changes in the duty. One feature is the tobacco situation. Some of the manufacturers withdrew quo-

tations as soon as the duty was announced, but others advanced prices at once. McDonald of Montreal, advanced the prices to jobbers 14c per lb., which is just the amount of duty placed on stemmed leaf. The tobacco men had a meeting on Thursday in the east, and a wire report says all the manufacturers have agreed on this advance. The new duty considerably complicates the tobacco trade, and makes it less profitable to jobbers. The jobbing price here has been advanced 15c per lb., and in the case of McDonald's tobaccos the excise tax will have to be paid in advance, as the manufacturer it is said, now refuses to sell in bond. This causes a heavy outlay on the part of jobbers and gives them proportionately a less profit than they had before the duty changes. One feature of the changes will be that manufacturers will be obliged to change the size of plugs. T. & B. will be probably changed from three to four plugs to the pound, and Prince of Wales from sevens to tens, so they can be handled to better advantage by retailers. P. of W. has been advanced from 50c to 65c per caddy, and T. & B. from \$10.70 to \$13.15 per caddy. A full report of the result of the meeting of the tobacco manufacturers will be received in a few days.

Teas—There has been much excitement in the leading tea markets lately owing to the buying up of teas in Canada to ship to the States before the proposed duty goes into effect. There has been a considerable advance in teas all along the line.

Sugars—German granulated sugars have been offering here at about 1-4c under Standard domestic granulated, and several sales are reported so that these sugars will soon be in the market here. This is also a result of recent duty changes. These sugars are handled in bags. They are said to be not as uniform quality as the Standard domestic brands. They are being offered to lay down here at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c in round lots.

Hardware and metals—This branch of trade has been completely upset by the recent tariff changes, which are now taking effect upon prices here and elsewhere. The principal feature of the tariff revision was the reduction in the duties on hardware and metals. This is alleged to be owing to the fact that so many associations to regulate prices had been formed among manufacturers which it was desired to knock out. At any rate, the new hardware tariff will greatly benefit United States manufacturers, who have been steadily gaining ground in this country, and with the recent changes in their favor will now control the Canadian market in many lines. Barb wire, for instance, it is claimed cannot be manufactured here at all. This is quite a loss to Winnipeg, as several factories were operated here. One factory alone is said to have paid out about \$100,000 in operating its works here last year. Barb wire has been sold here at very low prices for the past two years, large orders having been taken at times at net cost of manufacturing, and a very small margin on jobbing lots, but even this cannot be done any more, at the price wire is now being offered from the States. As it stands now, there is a discrimination in the duty against domestic barb wire, the duty being proportionately higher on the material than on the finished barb wire.

Wire nails is another line which is coming in freely from the States, and also bar iron and iron pipe. Some large orders of the latter, it is said, have been placed with Chicago parties. Stocks of wire nails here were practically exhausted, so that there will be no losses by local jobbers through the drop in prices. In fact lower duties in this branch were expected by the trade, and the trade generally was very low in stock of staples. In barb wire, the season's trade was well over before the changes came in. Agents of United States houses have made large sales here. They were here within two or three days after the tariff changes, and one Chicago house at least had an agent on the ground waiting for the new tariff to be announced, and he was around immediately offering goods at below domestic manufacturers' prices. One effect of the derangement of prices in this branch by the introduction of large quantities of goods from the States, has been felt in freight rates, which have been cut to permit Eastern manufacturers to compete with United States agents. In some lines, such as cut nails, eastern manufacturers are now meeting the reduced prices through reduced freights. The lines which are lower this week are bar iron, band iron and iron pipe. The old list on iron pipe has been discarded and prices are now given as quoted below:

Tin—Lamb and 56 and 28 lb. Ingots, per lb. 19 to 20c.

Tin plates—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20 per box \$4.50 to \$4.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$9 to \$9.25; I. X., per box 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$11 to \$11.20.

Terne plates—I. C., 20 by 28, \$9 to \$9.25.

Iron and steel—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.15 to \$2.25; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.65 to \$2.75; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs.; \$5.25 to \$6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3 to \$3.25; best cast tool steel, per lb. 9c to 11c; Russian sheet, per lb., 12c to 13c.

Sheet iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25, 28 gauge \$3.50.

Canada plates—Garth and Blain, \$3.15.

Galvanized iron—American, 20 gauge \$4; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4.25; 26 gauge, \$4.50; 28 gauge, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-4 inch, \$2.50; 3-8 inch, \$2.75; 1-2 inch, \$3; 3-4 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1-4 inch, \$7; 1 1-2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1-2c. Sheet zinc—in casks, \$5.75 lb., broken lots, \$6.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to \$7.50; short, Canadian, soft, 5-21c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$2.80 to \$2.90 per 100 lbs. These prices are being shaded for car lots.

Rope—Sisal, per lb., 6 to 6 1-2c base; manilla, per lb., 7 1-2 to 8c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

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Paints, oils, etc.—There is not much change in this branch. Business is fairly good. The new tariff has not had any influence upon prices here in the paint trade. Castor oil is about the only line which shows any change. It is now quoted at 11c in barrels and 12c in five gallon cans. Linseed oil is held at 50c for raw and 53 for boiled in barrels, and 5c more in less than barrels. White lead steady at \$5.75. Turpentine is unchanged at 55c in barrels and 60c in smaller packages. Glass \$175 per box of 50 feet for first break. Import stocks are coming to hand.

Raw furs—A few small lots are coming in. The far northern furs are not coming yet, but will be coming in soon. The quantity of furs marketed here this season has been much less than usual, and this is attributed to a light catch last winter, owing to the unusual depth of snow. The high water this spring also interfered with the catch of rats in some districts.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat—Wheat has ranged lower this week in leading markets, and the local market has been in sympathy. Prices made quite a decline early in the week, selling down to 73 1-2c for No. 1 hard in store at Fort William, and ranged about 73 1-2 to 74c during the balance of the week. Yesterday quotations here were: No. 1 hard, 73 1-2c to 74c; No. 2 hard 71 1-2c; 20 cars sold at this price on Thursday; No. 3 hard, 67 to 68c; No. 1 frosted, 61 1-2 to 62c. Low grades are very slow sale. Farmers are now marketing the balance of their crop, and at country points 58 to 60c is being paid for best samples. Greena, Boissevain, Carberry and Indian Head were marketing quite freely. Shipments from store via Fort William were large.

Wheat—Winnipeg street market. From 62c to 63c was paid farmers here. Feed wheat has sold at about 40c for local demand.

Flour—The market is quiet. Prices are as follows: Patent, \$2.10; bakers', \$1.90; second bakers', \$1.50; XXX, \$1, per sack of 98 pounds, to the local trade, delivered in the city. From Montreal several good sized exports of Manitoba flour have been reported recently.

Mill feed—There is still irregularity in bran and shorts and the prices now ruling here are the lowest ever quoted in the market. Prices have also declined further in the east, the latest report from Montreal quoting Manitoba bran at 50c lower at \$9.50 and shorts at \$10.50, including sacks. Here bran and shorts have been selling at \$4 to \$4.50 per ton, for either, but the large mill is holding at \$5 for bran and \$8 for shorts.

Barley—A few cars of barley are wanted for the local trade, but there appear to be none offering anywhere in the country. The crop seems about exhausted. Feed barley would bring about 24c to 25c, and 27c to 28c for malting samples, per bushel of 48 pounds.

Oats—Our reports elsewhere in this issue show a considerable advance in oats at Montreal, but later reports indicated that the edge was off the market again. The advance at Montreal was caused by export demand at better prices. More higher prices have been obtained on some cars, but there does not appear to be very much change, as cars of feed oats have sold at 19c here, equal at least to a good No. 2 mixed, and quotations are made all the way from 18c to 24c, as to grade, which shows a wide range in prices. In the country car lots are quoted at 12c to 14c as to grade, Manitoba points.

Prepared cereals—Prices are as follows: Rolled oatmeal, 80 lb. sacks, \$1.40 per sack; granulated, 98 lbs. \$1.80; standard, 98 lbs. \$1.80. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs. \$1.60 sack; pot barley, 98 lbs. \$1.60; pearl barley, 38 lbs. \$2.75 sack.

Ground feed—Rolled oats are held at \$15 per ton, ordinary chop, \$12 to \$13 per ton, and mixed mill feed, \$11 per ton.

Butter—Receipts continue light, and there is no accumulation of stock, everything being taken for immediate consumption as fast as it comes in. Prices are about the same, ranging from 14 to 16c for ordinary good dairy and 17c for fancy dairy. Scarcely any creamery is offered yet and the quotation is nominal at 18c to 19c. In fact dealers are not buying yet, as early goods are irregular in quality and what is coming forward is mostly on commission basis. While prices are not materially changed this week, the feeling is decidedly easier, and a sharp drop is looked for in prices next week as the creameries are now well at work and as the pastures are getting good, a large increase in receipts is looked for. Country merchants should exercise great care in taking dairy goods to avoid loss on a slump in prices, and ship promptly, as it hardly seems probable that present prices can hold much longer. More butter will now be wanted for British Columbia, as the season for fresh California butter is closing.

Cheese—The market is weaker. There is now enough new cheese offering to supply the local demand, and as the recent high prices were caused only by a temporary local scarcity, they will drop down fast to a shipping basis. From the east this week we learn that cheese is heavy and early makes were about 1-2c lower. Here a little new cheese is selling in a small jobbing way at 10c to 10 1-2c, with lower prices indicated. At present prices the only buying is for immediate wants.

Eggs—Prices advanced 1c, the first of the week, but yesterday it was reported sales were being made at 10c in some instances and it is believed that 10c will be the jobbing price next week, or 9c net. Shipments are going freely to British Columbia.

Poultry—prices are firm, as receipts are light. No ducks or geese offering. Following are prices: Chicken, 10c; to 12 1-2c; turkeys 14c; geese 10c; ducks 10c for dressed stock.

Lard—Prices are: Pure \$1.70 to \$1.75 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4.25 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.00 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8 to 8 1-2c.

Cured Meats—Advices from the east are very strong, as it is said supplies have already been reduced to small dimensions in some lines. Prices are firm and quoted

as follows: Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10 1-2 to 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 10 1-2c to 11c; do., backs, 9 1-2 to 10c; short sliced rolls, 7 1-2 to 8c; shoulders 6 1-2 to 7c; smoked long clear, 8 1-2 to 9c; fancy clear, 8 to 8 1-2c; dry salt meat are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 1-2 to 8c per lb; shoulders, 5 3-4c; boneless shoulders 6 1-2 to 7c; backs 7 3-4 to 8 1-4c; barrel pork, clear mess, \$13.00 to \$13.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$13 to 13.50; per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7 1-2c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb.

Dressed Meats—Prices are firm. Beef is selling at 6c to 6 1-2c for good to choice. Mutton is held at 8 to 10c as to quality. Dressed hogs run from 6 to 6 1-2c, and veal easier at 6 to 6c per lb.

Hides—The market for hides is about the same as last week. About 6c is the top paid by some buyers, and at this price they claim the local market is above the Chicago basis. We quote 6 to 6 1-2c for No. 1, and 5 to 5 1-2c for No. 2; calf 8 to 15c lb., skins 6 to 7c per lb; skins 10 to 20c each; clips, 5 to 7c; sheepskins range from 60c each to 80c according to quality; clips 5c to 10c; horsides 75c to \$1.25. Seneca root—Scarcely any offered yet and owing to the low prices, it is not expected very much root will be gathered this season. Prices are nominal at about 15c to 16c.

Wool—Prices for the coming season are uncertain. Dealers appear to be at sea yet as to the outlook. Tariff changes in the United States and Canada have made the outlook very uncertain. We quote nominal at 6c to 9c for unwashed fleece. It is said up to 9 1-2c has been paid this week for a few small lots.

Hay—The market is not quite so bad as it was, but the demand is very limited. We quote \$4 to \$5 per ton on track here as to quality. Choice new baled upland will bring \$4.50 per ton or a little better, when wanted.

Vegetables—Potatoes have been somewhat scarce lately, and are quoted on the street at 40c to 50c per bushel, and are selling from cars at 40c to 45c, or in car lots at 37c to 40c. Other prices are: Parsnips 1c lb; turnips, 20c bushel; carrots and beets, 30c bushel; lettuce, 25c dozen; green onions, 15c dozen; asparagus, 60c dozen bunches.

LIVE STOCK.

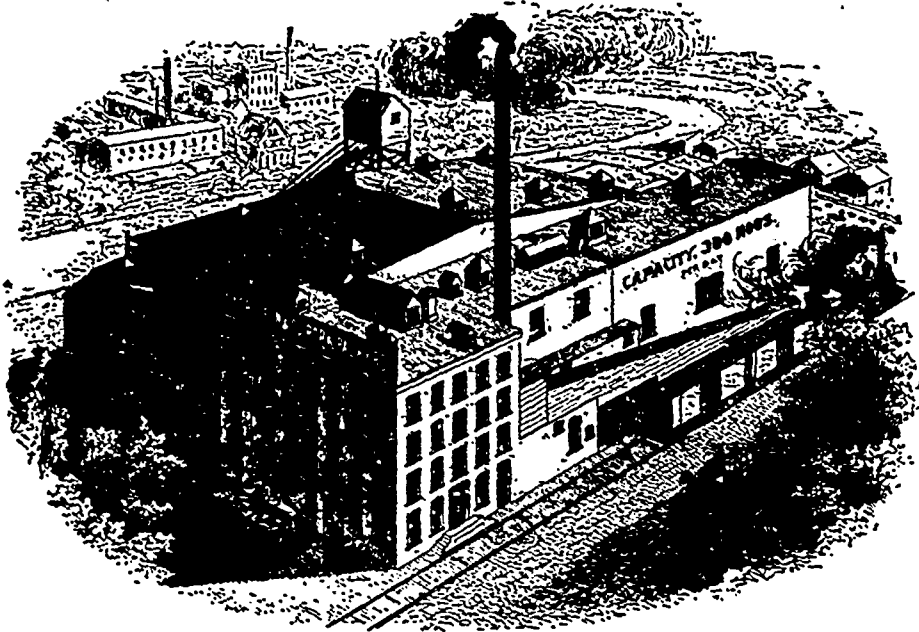
Cattle—Cattle are said to be improving fast this spring, as the weather has been favorable, being dry, flies not bad, but grass cattle will not be ready for some time yet. Good cattle hold firm at about 33-4c for good butchers' weights for young stock, and 3 to 3 1-2c for cows, as to quality. Export cattle are quoted at 33-4c to 4c, and fancy selected lots would bring 1-4c more, and possibly even 1-2c more for something extra fine.

Cows—There is a good demand for good dairy cows at about \$35 per head, but they must be good milkers. The ordinary run of cows sell at from \$15 to \$30 as to quality.

Sheep—The market is easier, as range sheep are offering to slip in a couple of weeks quite freely. We quote sheep at 4c to 4 3-4c off cars here.

Hogs—Prices are firm. About 4 1-2c is quoted off cars here for good bacon hogs.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Chicago, May 17.—The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—May 72 1-2; July 71 3-4; Sept. 60 7-8 to 67.
Corn—May 24 3-4; July 24 7-8; Sept. 25 7-8.
Oats—May \$17 7-8; Sept. 18 1-8.
Pork—May \$8.20; July \$8.22; Sept. \$8.25.
Lard—May \$3.75; July \$3.80; Sept. \$3.90.
Ribs—May \$4.50; July \$4.50; Sept. \$4.52.

Chicago, May 18.—The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—No. 2, May, 70 7-8; July, 70 7-8; Sept., 66 1-4.
Corn—No. 2, May, 24 1-2; July, 24 5-8; Sept., 25 3-4 to 7-8.
Mess Pork—May, \$8.20; July, \$8.24; Sept., 17 7-8 to 18.
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Lard—May, \$3.75; July, \$3.80; Sept., \$3.90.
Short Ribs—May, \$1.50; July, \$1.50; Sept., \$1.52 1-2.

Chicago, May 19.—The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—May, 71 1-2; July, 71; Sept., 66 1-2.
Corn, May 24 1-4; July 24 3-8; to 24 1-2; Sept., 25 5-8.
Oats, May, 17 3-4; July, 17 7-8; Sept., 18.
Mess Pork, May, \$8.15; July, \$8.17 1-2; Sept., \$8.20.
Lard, May, \$3.75; July, \$3.80; Sept., \$3.90.
Short Ribs, May, \$4.47 1-2; July, \$4.47 1-2; Sept., \$4.50.

Chicago, May 20.—Wheat, May closed 72 1-4. July opened 70 7-8c, closed 71 3-4c. Sept. opened 66c, closed 67 1-4c. Dec. opened 68c, closed 69 1-8c. Corn, May closed 24 1-4c. July opened 24 3-8c, closed 24 1-2c. Sept. opened 25 1-2c, closed 25 5-8c. Oats, May closed 18c. July opened 17 3-4c, closed 18 1-8c. Sept. opened 17 7-8c, closed 18 1-8c. Pork, May closed \$8.22. July opened \$8.20, closed \$8.25. Sept. closed \$8.27. Lard, May closed \$3.80, July opened \$3.80, closed \$3.85. Sept. opened \$3.90, closed \$3.92.

Chicago, May 21.—The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—May 71 7-8; July 70 7-8; Sept. 66 1-8.
Corn—May 24 1-4; July 24 1-2 to 24 5-8; Sept. 25 5-8.
Oats—May 17 7-8; July 17 7-8 to 18; Sept. 18.
Pork—May \$8.35; July \$8.37; Sept. \$8.42.
Lard—May, \$3.85; July, \$3.90; Sept., \$4.00.
Ribs—May and July \$4.57; Sept. \$4.62.

Chicago, May 22.—July wheat opened at 71c, and ranged up to 72 1-8c. Closing prices were:
Wheat—May 73 1-8, July 72, Sept. 67c.
Corn—March 24 1-4c, July 24 1-2.
Oats—May 17 3-4, July 17 7-8c.
Pork—\$8.17 1-2, July \$8.20.
Lard—May \$3.75, July \$3.0.
Ribs—May \$4.50, July \$4.50.
Flax seed—Cash 77 1-2, May and July 77.

Last week July delivered closed at 72 7-8c. A year ago July wheat closed at 61c. Two years ago at 79 1-2 and three years ago at 55 3-8c.

British Columbia Markets.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

(By wire to the Commercial.)
Vancouver, May 22, 1897.

New Manitoba creamery was first offered this week, and is quoted at 21c. Cattle and hogs are advancing and next quotations will be higher, while sheep will be lower.

Butter—California dairy, 22c; California creamery 23c; Manitoba dairy 18c; Manitoba creamery, 21c; Manitoba cheese, 10c; California cheese 12c per lb.

Cured meats—Hams, 13 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 13c; backs, 9 1-2c; long, clear, 9 1-2c; short rolls 9 1-2 to 10c; smoked sides 10 1-2c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb., in pails and tubs 9 1-2c lb.

Fish—Prices are: Flounders, 8c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod, 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring, 4c; spring salmon 7c; steelhead, 7c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon, 10c; finnan haddock, 10c; kippered herring, 12c; Columbia river oolichans, 7c.

Vegetables—Local potatoes, \$23 to \$25 per ton; onions 3c; cabbage, 13-4 cts. lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs—Oregon eggs 17c; Manitoba eggs, 15c to 15 1-2c.

Fruits—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted, Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 380 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 navel oranges. California lemons, \$2.50. California oranges, seedling, \$2 to \$2.25; navel oranges, \$3.50; Australian apples, \$2.50; bananas, \$2.75 per bunch; cherries, 10lb box, \$2.50; St. Michael oranges, \$3.50; Mediterranean oranges, \$3; asparagus, 20 lb box, \$1.50; cucumbers, doz., 90c; peas, 30 lb crate, \$1.70.

Evaporated fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1-2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10.7 sacks, \$2.60. Oat meal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.70.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Marx's patent, per barrel, \$5.50; strong bakers' \$5.20; Oregon, \$5.80.

Grain—Local wheat, \$30 to \$35. Oats \$26 per ton.

Ground feed—National mills chop, \$23 to \$24 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts, \$21.00 ton; bran, \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay—\$17 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 81-2 to 9c; mutton, 10c; pork, 61-2 to 71-2c; veal, 8 to 9c lb.

Live stock—Steers, \$4.75 to \$5.00 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs.

Poultry—Chickens, \$5.50 to \$6 doz.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

At Toronto, May 18, export cattle were easier owing to scarcity of ocean space. Many cattle were held over. Prices ruled at from 33-4c to 41-2 as to quality. There was a good demand for butchers' stock at 33-4c to 4c, and a few choice bought up to 4 1-2c. Several loads were taken for Buffalo. Stockers sold at 3c to 3 1-4c, and feeders at 3 1-4 to 4c. Twenty cars of the former were taken for Buffalo. Sheep were dull at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c; yearlings 5 to 5 3-4c; Hogs were firm. Choice selections of bacon hogs sold at 5 1-8c per pound, weighed off the cars. Thick fat hogs sold at 4 3-4c; light hogs 5c; sows 3c and stags 2c to 2 1-4c. All kinds are wanted.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, May 22, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 72 1-2c for May option, 72 1-8c for July, and 64 5-8c for September. A week ago July wheat closed at 73 3-4c.

NEW YORK WHEAT.

On Saturday, May 22, May option closed at 80c, July at 77 3-8c, and September at 72 7-8c. A week ago May option closed at 81 1-2c, and two weeks ago at 79 3-4c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:
Monday—May 74 1-4c, July 67 1-4c
Tuesday—May 73c, July 66 5-8c
Wednesday—May 73 1-8c, July 66 7-8
Thursday—May 73 7-8c, July 67 5-8c
Friday—May 73c, July 66 1-2c
Saturday—May 74c, July 67 1-4c.

On Saturday, May 22, cash No. 1 hard closed at 75 3-8c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 74 7-8c.

Last week July deliveries closed at 75 1-4c. A year ago July closed at 62 1-2c.



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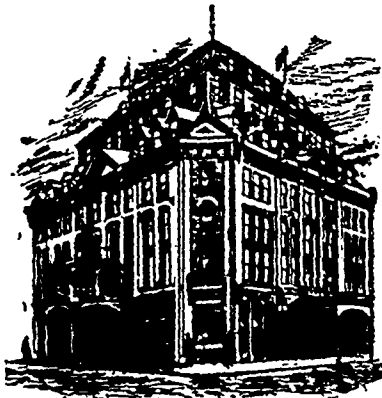
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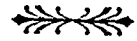
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Regarding ocean freights the Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The chief feature in grain freights is the demand for August-September space and away into October. We quote rates for heavy grain as follows: Glasgow and Liverpool at 1s 101-2d to 2s, and for London and Bristol 2s to 2s 3d. Sack flour 8s 6d Liverpool, 10s to 12s 6d London, 9s to 10s Glasgow, and 12s 6d Bristol. Butter and cheese 20s Liverpool and London, 25s Bristol and Glasgow, with 10s extra for refrigeration room. Cattle engagements have transpired at 45s Glasgow, 45s 6d to 47s 6d Liverpool, 40s to 45s London, and 45s Bristol.

The Dominion Express company announce a reduction in rates on butter, eggs and dressed poultry from points in Manitoba and the Territories to Kootenay points. The old rate was \$5 per 100 pounds, which has been reduced to \$3.50, except to Rossland, which is \$4 per 100 pounds.

The Canadian Pacific railway has issued a new tariff on singles and lumber from British Columbia via coast points to Montreal and common points. The new rate is 65 cents per hundred pounds.

At a recent meeting of the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade it was reported that a complaint had been made to the council by a member of the board that a practical discrimination against Winnipeg existed on merchandise brought to Fort William or Duluth by the independent steamboat lines on Lake Superior; and that this discrimination did not apply to points west of Winnipeg, but to this city only. A committee was appointed to inquire into the matter and report the facts of the case to the council.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Advises from Liverpool report a firm and advancing market for Sultana raisins.

A cable from Amsterdam reported the batch sale of Java coffee at 1-1c above valuation with good ordinary Java at 46 3-4c.

A Toronto report says: Canned goods are in good demand. Peas, the stocks of which are small, are very firm and higher prices are expected for the line.

During the past week says the Montreal Gazette, there has been considerable activity, excitement and strength attached to the tea market, and prices have advanced 1c to 2c per lb. on all grades. This is due to the fact that the enquiry referred to last week from New York and Chicago, owing to the prospective rise of 10c per lb. on all teas has resulted in a very extensive business here, and the market is now comparatively bare of all desirable grades. The stock of teas now in Canada is very light, and the market is in a position to receive now crops. A sale of 1,300 half chests of Japan was made on New York account at 16c, and an offer from the buyer of 10c was made for 2,500

half chests of blacks, but the holder is firm at 11c. Another sale of 1,200 half chests of Japan was made on New York account at 15c to 17c. Besides the above other sales of small lots have been made aggregating between 2,000 to 3,000 packages. All the teas that showed a loss 11-2c per lb. to holders a week ago have been disposed of at a profit.

A cable report says: The market for Coryons is strong and much excited. Teas that sold at \$22.50 per picul last year, are this season quoted at \$35.

The demand for rice is steadily improving and as new importations have come to hand the market is now relieved of the scarcity recently noted.

The Hardware Trade.

A Toronto report says: Tacks, both list and discount, have been changed. Screws and bolts are also lower. Owing to reduction in the tariff wire nails and barbed wire have not been made to any large extent, consequently orders cannot all be executed with any degree of promptness. In metals business has been better and prices have been ruling firm.

The arrivals of fuel supplies of lincseed oil at Montreal, has weakened that market, and prices have declined 1c per gallon, round lots of raw offering at 41c, and boiled at 44c. With a somewhat improved market in England, however, no further reduction is looked for.

Owing to increased arrivals at shipping points, there has been a weaker feeling in the Montreal turpentine market, and prices have decline 1c per gal on, with recent sales of single barrels at 43c and five barrel lots at 42c.

Cordage continues unsettled in eastern markets, and prices are irregular. The higher prices in England for white lead gives a firm tone to the market.

Shellac has declined 1c at Montreal to 24c for pale orange, in car lots.

Hides, Wool, etc.

Bradstreets says of the United States wool market: The demand for domestic wool has fallen off largely, and the tone is weaker under a slow trade. Fleeces are in small supply and light demand. Territory wools are in slow demand, and concessions have to be made to attract buyers. Dealers hold fairly steady, and, consequently, do not sell. Foreign wools are being taken quite freely, both in delivery of previous sales to arrive and on new transactions. The price is based on the cost to import, and continues attractive to buyers, who look for a considerable advance if a duty is put on wool.

Hides have advanced 1c at Montreal to 8c for No. 1, owing to local competition. In some cases up to 9c has been bid for No. 1 hides.

Hides are quoted firm at Toronto at 71-2c for green, and 8c for cured, in car lots. Sheepskins \$1.25 to \$1.35 for the best. Tallow was weak at 23-4c to 3c for good to choice rendered.

The Toronto Globe says: The wool market is in a most unsatisfactory state of uncertainty owing to the delay in the passage of the tariff bill at Washington. This is very disappointing at this season to all interested in Canadian wools. Dealers do not know what value to place on the wool since they are not in a position to

judge of the future of the United States market for Canadian wools and will not be in a position to fix values till after the passage of the tariff by the United States congress. In the meantime, they will be working it in the dark, and any purchases of new wool prior to the passage of the tariff bill over there must be on a speculative basis. The passage of the tariff may be delayed for another month. Washed fleeces is quoted at 13 to 131-2c.

A report from Chicago says: "The packers have yielded. Native steer hides were let go at 81-4c and 71-4c for heavy and light, although at least two of the big cattle slaughterers were demanding 9c up to the time of making the sale. March and April Colorado steer hides were sold at 7c, but later a lot of late April salting brought 71-4c, because of better condition. Texas steer hides are firm and no concessions were granted. About 4,000 changed hands at 81-4c for the heavy, light and extreme light weights. Heavy native cowhides were moved at 81-4c—a concession of 1-4c—but the light weight selection was held steady at 83-4c.

The Live Stock Trade.

At London on May 17 the market was strong, and prices advanced 1-2c per lb. at which a firm trade was done owing to light offering. Choice States cattle sold at 121-2c, Canadians at 111-2c, and Argentines at 101-2c. The market for sheep was also stronger, and prices were 1-2c higher at 13c. On the other hand the Liverpool market for cattle was weak, and prices declined 1c, choice Canadian cattle being quoted at 101-2c.

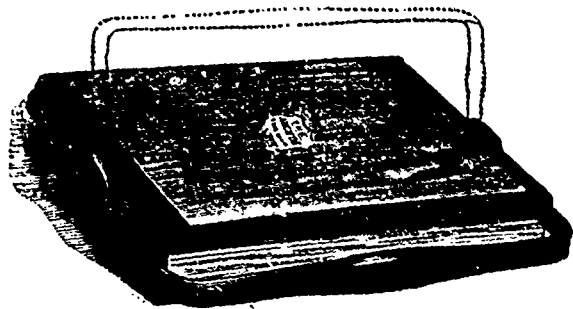
At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on May 17, dealers stated that 41-2c could have been realized for choice stock, but such were scarce. Good cattle sold at 4c to 41-4c, and choice would have brought 43-8c to 41-2c. Fair stock sold at 31-2c to 33-4c, common at 3c to 31-4c, and inferior at 21-4 to 23-4c per lb. live weight. Shippers picked up all the sheep suitable for shipment at 4c per lb. live weight, and butchers paid from \$3 to \$5 each. Spring lambs were in good demand at \$2.50 to each \$5 each.

At the Point St. Charles market, Montreal, on May 17, cattle changed hands at 31-2c to 33-4c per lb. for loads. The demand for export cattle was good, and for the class of stock offered shippers paid 4c to 41-2c per lb., but would pay 43-4c and probably 5c for really choice heavy steers and heifers. The receipts of live hogs were small, and sales were made at \$5.35 to \$5.45 per 100 lbs. live weight.

ALBERTA.

The general stock of P. Beaupre, of Gleichen, will be offered for sale at auction in Winnipeg on May 25, by the official assignee. The stock amounts to \$5,000, book accounts, \$4,800, live stock, \$4,500; real estate, \$5,960.

The vote at Edmonton on the by-law to empower the council to issue debentures giving a bonus of \$25,000 for the construction of a bridge over the Saskatchewan river, resulted in the by-law being carried by a vote of 69 to 3.



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