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WINNIPEG, MAY 27, 1889.

M. GAGLIETTO & Co., grocers, are opening a store at Kamloops.

J. W. LUND, saddler, intends opening business at Prince Albert.

S. McKELVY, blacksmith, Gladstone, advertises his business for sale.

C. M. McLELLAN, blacksmith, Clinton, B. C., offers his business for sale.

T. W. RUTLEDGE, baker, Fort William, has sold out to Jas. Plummeridge.

ARTHUR BIGGAR is erecting a building for his pork-packing industry at Whitewood.

SKIDGATE OIL Co., Skidgate, B. C., have sold out to R. Tennant. Style now Skidgate Oil Works.

TENDERS are called for the erection of a brick building for a Lands' Title office at Portage la Prairie.

SCHUBERT & McDUGALL have gone into partnership and have opened the Vernon Hotel at Kamloops. B. C.

BRANDON is to have its new post office at once. Tenders are called for by the Dominion Government for its erection.

A BY-LAW authorizing the raising of a loan of \$125,000 for street improvements at Vancouver, B. C., was carried last week.

CHARLES STEWART, general merchant. Meadow Lea, is offering his business for sale, and contemplates giving up mercantile life.

In one of the provincial papers last week a Government advertisement was headed with a cut of "the glorious and immortal" King William III.

R. KEE, grocer, Brandon, is selling out and going out of business.

JOHN CURRIE, grocer, Winnipeg, offers to dispose of his business.

R. CAMPBELL, boots and shoes, Vancouver, B. C., is going out of business.

LUNDBERG & BECAN, fish, etc., Vancouver, B. C., advertise business for sale.

J. S. Clute & Co., hardware merchants, Vancouver, B. C., intend going out of business.

PAISLEY, MILLER & CASCADEN, general storekeepers, Brandon, contemplate dissolving partnership.

LEESON & SON, shingles, Vancouver, B. C., have formed a new partnership under the style of Leeson & Hawes.

NEUMYERS & PARES, brewers, Brandon, are about dissolving partnership; W. H. Pares disposing of his interest to G. Agg.

MOWATT BROS., general storekeepers and ranchers, Regina, are retiring from the general store business and purpose engaging exclusively in ranching.

THE Southern Manitoba Liquor dealers have formed a protection association and will meet at Morden on June 3rd to discuss trade matters generally.

A PEDDLER by the name of S. Narovlansky, while doing the Territories, was recently relieved of goods to the amount of \$500, during a short absence, of the proprietor.

THE firm of Wishart, Bishop & Co., wholesale and retail furniture dealers, Winnipeg, having been dissolved, the new firm in future will be known as the Bishop Furniture Co.

THE first disagreement in the camp of the Grocers' Association has developed, and is in the flour trade; the millers still selling flour at wholesale prices to farmers who are customers, being the ground of complaint.

CAPT. W. C. B. GRAHAME has formed a partnership with one Foussard, under the firm name of Grahame & Foussard, and opened up in the lumber trade in St. John, Dakota. In this manner both sides of the international boundary line are occupied. Van Etten & Grahame in Winnipeg and the new firm in St. John.

THE Prince Albert Times advises the residents of that town, on the confines of civilization, not to become unduly excited over the prospective railway, assuring them that a land boom is out of the question with their sparse population and the high prices for land that now prevails.

APPLICATION is made for incorporation by Benjamin Parkyn Richardson, Gilbert Wellington Faulkner, Richard Stuart Lake and Thomas Flemming, all of Grenfell, farmers, and Robert William Francis, grain merchant, under the name of The Grenfell Cheese Company. The capital stock of the company will be \$2,500.

APPLICATION for incorporation is made by George H. Strevel, Frank G. Walsh, Jefferson Davis, James M. Johnston and Henry J. Dexter, under the name of The Northwest Electric Company, with power to acquire, build, construct, erect, operate and maintain electric-lighting system or systems, electri-

street railways, electric motors, or other electrical power, in the province of Manitoba. The amount of capital stock to be \$100,000.

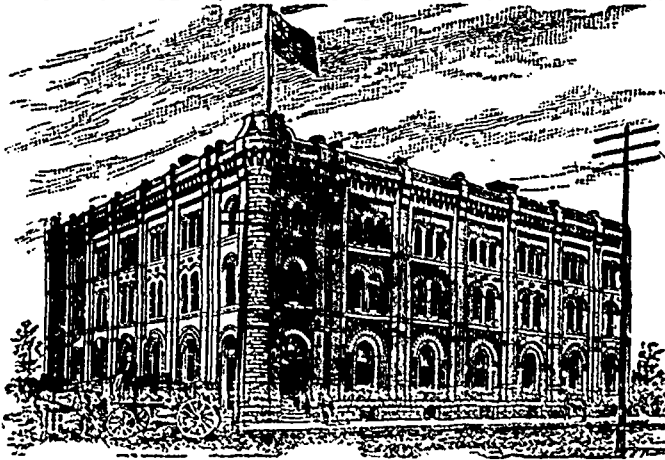
A MEETING of the market, license and health committee was held on Saturday evening, for the purpose of considering the tenders for the city scavenging and cremating. The tender of W. S. Reid for \$34,485 for scavenging and cremation for three years was accepted, he to provide the site for the crematory, the work to be done strictly in accordance with the specifications for each submitted, the scavenging to include the removal of the scrapings from paved streets, the same to be placed in heaps by the board of works.

ON Friday evening at a meeting of the special committee of the Winnipeg city council on water-power, it was decided, on the recommendation of City Engineer Ruttan, to call in the services of J. T. Fanning, C. E., of the St. Anthony's Falls Waterpower Company, of Minneapolis, and secure from him a report on the available water-power of the Assiniboine River. Mr. Ruttan had previously communicated with Mr. Fanning, and received from him an offer to undertake the work required of him at a cost of \$30 a day while engaged thereon. The members of the committee readily assented to this expenditure, although the whole expenditure sanctioned to them by the council is only \$300. So far there seems to be a well-meant effort to push along this very necessary project.

NOTICE is given for the incorporation of The Saskatchewan Printing and Publishing Company (Limited), for the purpose of printing and publishing a weekly newspaper at the town of Prince Albert, and for carrying on the business of printers and publishers at said town. The capital stock is \$3,000; the applicants are: James McArthur, John Stewart, J. R. McPhail, Rev. Robt. Jardine, D.L., Thomas A. Davis, H. W. Newlands, James L. Johnston, Richard C. Wymore, Rev. John H. Howard, Samuel Macleod, Robert Buckley, William Plaxton, M.L.A., John M. Campbell, Alexander S. Stewart, George Brown, James Sinclair, Andrew Goodfellow, William Knox, Graham Neilson, Joseph Courtney, Charles Hamilton, William Gerrard, and James Moffat; all of Prince Albert.

THE Free Press of Wednesday states that definite news had reached Winnipeg on the previous day, to the effect that the Souris branch of the C. P. R., from Brandon to the coal fields, and an extension from Deloraine to these fields would be constructed this summer. For years these coal fields have been unworked for want of railway communication, and Manitobans have been paying fancy prices for coal the bulk of which went in long haul freight rates to the C. P. R. company. Now it is decided that the N. P. & M. will enter these coal fields, and the C. P. R. company are hastening to run two different roads there. Verily relief when it does come, comes in a lump. It will be interesting two years or so hence, when both companies are hauling coal west, north and east from these fields, to note the freight rates on coal from Port Arthur to Winnipeg. A calculation can then be made as to how much blood was sucked from this young country, by a voracious monopoly.

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The early breaking up of the river and the low water ever since gives a better chance for gold washing than has occurred for some years. Bars are bare that have not been so for years, and can now be worked. Although they may have been worked out pretty nearly during a former season of low water, in the time since they have received a deposit of pay dirt well worth working. This skimming is the chief attraction this season. A larger number of men are at work than ever before unless in the first year or two that gold was struck here—between twenty-five and fifty. They make from \$2.50 to \$5 a day, and will be able to work profitably until the summer rise takes place, some time between the 20th of May and the 15th of June. The gold is in flakes so small as to be only visible to the naked eye on account of their brightness. The process by which these fine particles are collected from the river bars is roughly as follows; The pay bars consist of boulders, small stones, gravel, grit, black sand and gold dust, inter-mixed. This is loosened with the pick, and shoveled into the dump box. Water is then poured on, which carries the material on to the "grizzly," a convex sieve made of iron rods which shunts the coarse gravel off to either side while the fine dirt and gold pass through. These fall through the grizzly into the sluice box—a long narrow box set at a slight incline, in the bottom of which blanket stuff is laid, which catches the particles of gold and the heavy black sand which is always found with it in bar diggings. After such an amount of material is run through as causes the blanket to become full of sand and gold, the blanket is taken out and washed in a tub, the bottom of which is covered with pieces of blanket. The water poured into the dump box carries the solid material out at the lower end of the sluice, excepting the gold dust and the black sand. These being the heaviest material stick on the blanket while everything else is floated over. When the blanket becomes so full of sand and gold that it ceases to catch what is passing, it is taken out and the gold and sand

washed out of it into some tight vessel. It is then replaced in the sluice box and the operation continued. After a considerable amount of sand and gold has been collected—generally at the end of a week's work—the gold is panned out. A small quantity of the sand and gold is taken in the gold pan, a shallow iron pan about a foot and a half in diameter with very sloping sides. Water is added and the pan, taken in the miner's hands, is given a certain gentle circular motion which causes the water to carry the greater part of the black sand over the sides of the pan by centrifugal force, while the gold, which is slightly the heaviest, remains in the pan with a little of the black sand. Quick-silver is then put in the pan, with which the gold amalgamates forming a pasty mass, and thus finally gets rid of the black sand. The amalgam is then heated in an iron vessel—generally in the frying pan—and the quick-silver driven off in vapour, leaving a hard and bright but porous mass of almost pure gold. In this condition the gold sells at from \$12 to \$18 an ounce Troy weight, the differences in value being chiefly caused by the greater or less care taken in keeping impurities from getting mixed with the amalgam. The standard value is \$16 an ounce Saskatchewan gold is very pale in color, but it is not less valuable on that account.—*Edmonton Bulletin.*

Grocery Potats.

The *New York Commercial Bulletin* has the following on the mackerel situation:—"At the end of another two weeks the season for the catch of new mackerel will have opened. This year the event is looked forward to with more than the usual interest, as the poor results attending the labors of the fishermen last year have made the period since unsatisfactory as well as unprofitable to all concerned. True, higher prices have ruled, and those who possessed the limited stocks have been enabled to maintain the market at the full point established; but the advance made necessary by the scarcity has limited the trade to such small proportions that the benefits derived have not compensated for the disadvantages which have

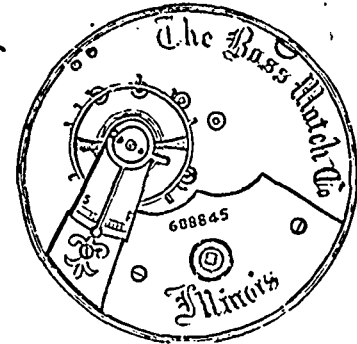
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arisen from the absence of the usual demand experienced when the fish are plentiful and cheap. The fish have already appeared upon the coast, but for their protection the law prohibits their taking or bringing into port until on and after June 1. Statements differ upon the number observed at sea, some reports stating them to be abundant, while others say the large schools observed consist chiefly of menhaden and other fish, very few mackerel being noticed. The boats, however, are now in active preparation east, and will soon determine the existence of the fish, thus relieving the minds of those interested in the industry or sale. All are in hopes, however, that a big catch will be the result of the season's labors, for though a large yield will mean low prices, low prices will promote consumption, stimulated demand and give an opportunity to do business, a fact which will be appreciated after the year's vacation which the trade have been forced to accept. Advices from Great Britain report the fish as quite abundant upon the shores of Ireland, and that the taking has begun in earnest. These in past seasons have come to this market in all sorts of order and condition, but some of the members of the trade here have devoted considerable time abroad the past year endeavoring to educate the fishermen and dealers there to treat the fish properly for this market, therefore better results are anticipated for the stock intended for export hither. Should the catch again prove a failure upon our shores this season, Boston dealers, it is said, have entered into arrangements in Great Britain and Norway whereby the bulk of the catch of those countries will be transferred to this side, but should our fishermen succeed in obtaining good results there will be little need for importation of the foreign, though as the fish are not appreciated in foreign markets as in this country, there would in all probability be liberal shipments of stock made to this and other markets, which would naturally cause a shrinkage in value, notwithstanding the exaction of a duty.

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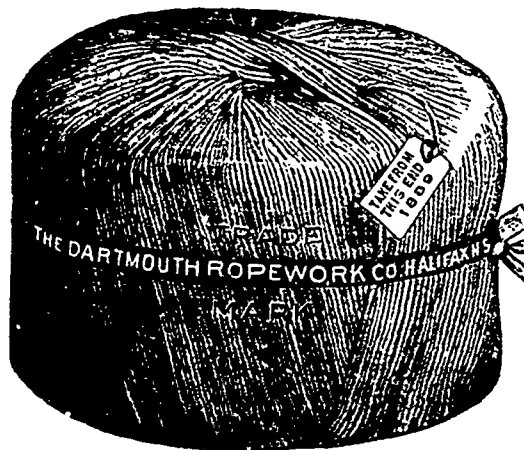
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THE OKLAHOMA RUSH.

Now that the rush of intending settlers to Oklahoma has somewhat subsided, and hundreds if not thousands are returning disappointed from that newly opened country, it may not be out of place to inquire as to what was the cause of the rush, which has so soon dwindled down to an irregular stream of adventurers, many of whom scarcely know what aim they had in starting out for that place.

If any person will take the trouble of looking over the records of settlement in the Western portion of this continent, he will find that for many years back the native born American in seeking a new home in the West, invariably turns his eyes to the South, whereas the North-western portion of the continent has been steadily filling up from the nations of Northern Europe. The rush to Oklahoma was undoubtedly one principally of native born Americans, who sought new homes where wealth accompanied by the luxuries of a southern temperature could be had, as they imagined, and it is not at all surprising that many of them are already disappointed.

If persons in search of a new home in the west would only take the trouble to inquire into the relative progress, in all that can be called real progress, of the settlers in the southwestern and those in the northwestern portion of North America, there is scarcely a man of enterprise who would not at once decide to locate in the latter. From the Mississippi westward through the agricultural states an imaginary line can be drawn, leaving Iowa, Northern Kansas, Nebraska, Dakota and Minnesota on the northern side and Missouri, Southern Kansas and other States still further south on the southern side. It requires but a superficial inquiry to demonstrate on which side the population are most happy, prosperous, educated, intelligent and free from the evils of crime. These are the genuine evidences of progress, and they can be found in the Northern country referred to in a measure not only as they are not found, but as they are not even hoped for in the Southern country outlined.

It is sometimes argued, and not without truth, that a great share of the

superior progress reached in the Northwest compared with that of the Southwest, is due to the hardy and enterprising races which have settled in the former. But to admit this is only to add another powerful argument in favor of the Northwest as a desirable settling place. People in search of a western home do well to select the best class of population to settle in, and the argument referred to shows that this too can be found in the Northwest. When after the American civil war millions of acres of the best portions of the old South lay uncultivated, owing to the shiftlessness of the former slave owners, and the demoralization of the negro labor market, great inducements were held out to Northern farmers of enterprise to go South, buy farms and settle, but a visit there, and a view of the community in which a home had to be made, usually decided the Northern man to stay at home, or seek a home further west in the new prairie lands of his own latitude. These drawbacks are to be found in a different form in the Southwest, and it is pretty certain that a large proportion of those who would make valuable settlers, who have drifted to the Oklahoma district, will ere long drift northward, where they can find homes with natural advantages as great if not greater than Oklahoma offered, and with educational, social and moral advantages not likely to take root there for many years to come.

What is the case with natives of the United States is true in a great measure of Canadians in search of a western home. They have in past years drifted to the south in thousands, discarding nationality and other ties, and we speak truth, when we say that many have lived to regret the step they have taken. Of course while this northwestern portion of the Dominion was under the C. P. R. monopoly and other stupidly arranged burdens fixed up by Ottawa legislators, there was some reason for avoiding settlement in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. But these stupid blunders have been rectified although reluctantly by our legislators, and now Eastern Canadians can find a new western home within the Dominion, where the national advantages are as great if not greater, than in any other part of this continent, and where they will lack few if any of the educational, social or moral advantages they enjoyed in their old homes. They will be able to settle among people of their own nation

and race, where all that is dear to them in common can be perpetuated. Already the eyes of emigrants from the east are beginning to be opened so as to see these advantages in their own country, as the large increase in settlement this season testifies, and this tide of settlement is only beginning to swell. We may never have a mad rush of intending settlers such as swarmed to Oklahoma, and nobody here is very anxious to have such a mixed mob rush here, but we can and will soon have a stream of steady settlement, such as the advantages of the Northwest entitles it to.

C. P. R. ENTERPRISE.

No matter how much opposed any person or parties may be to some details of the policy of the C. P. R. Company, or how bitterly they may have resisted the claims of the Company in the past, there is but one verdict as to the enterprise of its managers and projectors since the syndicate took hold of it in 1881, and that verdict is that they have displayed an enterprise and tenacious energy, such as has never been exceeded, and possibly never equalled in the history of Canada. The race of grading and track-laying across nearly a thousand miles of prairie to the Rock Mountains during the years 1881-2-3-4; the cutting, tunneling, bridging and other feats of engineering through these mountains and the Selkirk ranges to the Pacific, and the work of construction through rock, morass and relics of a period of volcanic chaos from Manitoba to the Ottawa valley, all testify to the enterprise and unflagging energy of the men who constructed the great Canadian trans-continental highway, and their work will stand in years to come, the best and greatest monument to their praiseworthy efforts.

It sometimes does happen that people of a very enterprising character carry their enterprise too far, or rather allow it to run into fields from which they would be better to keep free. In this respect the C.P.R. Company have not been free from blunders, and if their foresight was so defective as to let them fall into such mistakes, their after experience was sufficient to make them regret their blunders. For instance the famous philanthropic wheat deal, when the heads of the Company a few years ago stepped into the field as grain buyers in Manitoba in opposition to the men who had invested many thousands of dollars along their

lines, never for a moment expecting that they would have to face the unheard of situation, of having their common carrier to the seaboard as a competitor in their business. No doubt the philanthropic deal was a link in the engineering of some financial undertaking in which European capitalists had to be coaxed or tickled; but whether it was successful in that respect or not, the loss it brought to its operators, and the injury done to the reputation of our Northwestern raised wheat in British markets by the damp and otherwise damaged stuff, which was bought and shipped on philanthropic and not business principles, was such that there is not much fear of a repetition of that blunder.

In another place in these columns will be found an article quoted from the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, which in a humorous and satirical way furnishes the information that in the milling, as well as in the grain buying business, the C.P.R. combination have not struck a financial success. It has been pretty generally believed, and not without good reason, that the fine new flouring mill at Keewatin was from first to last simply a C.P.R. enterprise, owned by the C.P.R. directorate and a few friends, and constructed and operated to be worked purely in the interests of the railway company, no matter how unfair might be the arrangement to others in the milling trade. According to the *Trade Bulletin*, (and that journal has a happy knack of blurting out unpleasant facts at times) the milling venture, or if you like it adventure, of the C.P.R. crowd at Keewatin, although only a year in operation, has already cost its owners \$75,000 to \$100,000 of a loss in running alone; so that if kept in operation upon the same principles for five years more, we would probably hear of an appeal being made to the Dominion Government for a subsidy to keep it running *pro bono publico*, for assuredly it has not so far been run for the benefit of its owners.

So it would appear, that in milling as well as grain buying the efforts of the C.P.R. combination have been anything but a success, and they have received one more expensive piece of instruction in what might seem plain to them, namely, that railroading and neither commerce nor manufactures is their line of business. If they can only get that fact firmly fixed in their minds there is some hope of their operating the C.P.R. so that it may be a

benefit to the grain and milling interests of Canada, instead of the company being as it has been in the past a menace to both. Enterprise is altogether misguided when its rose is poked into other people's business, and this is what the C.P.R. combination have been doing in connection with both the grain and milling business.

The Keewatin mill has passed we understand into the control of Messrs. Hastings Bros. & McGaw, and with this transfer we hope will vanish every interference from C.P.R. magnates with any branch of trade to which they are servants as public carriers.

THE LATE HON. A. G. B. BANNATYNE.

There was somewhat of a shock felt by all old residents of Winnipeg on Monday morning of last week, when the daily press announced the death of the Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, which took place in St. Paul on Saturday, while he was on his way home to this city, after spending the winter in Texas, whither he had gone last fall to spend some months in a warm climate, and avoid the rigors of a northern one, which his failing health would not allow him to face. Although Mr. Bannatyne had been in poor health for a number of years, and many of his friends as well as himself believed he had his fatal disease upon him, still his death within one day's travel of his home, seems a specially sad circumstance, and was a sad disappointment to many who knew of his intending return, and hoped, if only for once, to meet him again in his own home, and in the country to which he was so attached. But it was willed otherwise, and only his mortal remains reached this city on Monday, and were interred in the Kildonan church-yard on Tuesday afternoon, when they were followed to their last resting place by one of the largest processions of citizens of every grade that ever attended a funeral in this city.

The honorable gentleman was a Scotchman by birth, but at a very early age entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, from which time he made his home in what is now the Canadian Northwest, and has been intimately connected with its growth and progress ever since. Although he had only attained his sixtieth year, his life was a long one if judged by the record of work and usefulness he left behind him. As a pioneer, a citizen, and a legislator he put the stamp of

his upright character upon everything he touched, and when laying down life's burden he might truly have said, I have lived not for myself half as much as for the welfare of others.

But as a trade journal THE COMMERCIAL finds in the deceased gentleman one of the oldest links with the past. Only those who have lived nearly half a century in this Northwest can realize how rigidly the Hudson Bay Company's officers sought to enforce the Company's trading monopoly in early days. Yet as far back as 1848 Mr. Bannatyne braved all their power, and established what may be considered the first independent store in Manitoba, and for over twenty years he carried on this business in opposition to every obstruction put in his way by the Company's officers. When then, his sad death occurred, the Northwest lost its father of free and untrammelled trade. His name is fitly placed to-day at the head of the list of Presidents of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, he having been the first to fill that responsible position. In connection with many other spheres of public life Mr. Bannatyne's name stands out prominently, showing that for the public good he was ever ready to sacrifice himself.

Men possessed of the sterling qualities of Mr. Bannatyne are invariably successful in business, and he was no exception to the rule. Eight years ago he might have been considered a wealthy man even in an older, more populous and wealthier country than Manitoba. Unfortunately he got caught in the whirlwind of speculation, which passed over this country in 1881-2, and in latter years had the misfortune and mortification to see slipping from his grasp the accumulations of many years, and not through his own mismanagement, but through the recklessness of others in whom he placed too implicit a confidence. No man in the Northwest had wider sympathy in his misfortune, for none possessed a freer hand and more liberal heart than he, while he possessed wealth.

Seldom does death claim a man for whose loss regrets come from such varied sources. Many have lost a warm social friend; the country has lost one who was a conscientious and patriotic legislator; the church has lost one whose example as a Christian was brought out in every sphere of life, and the commercial community has lost the pioneer and father of unrestricted commerce throughout the Canadian Northwest.

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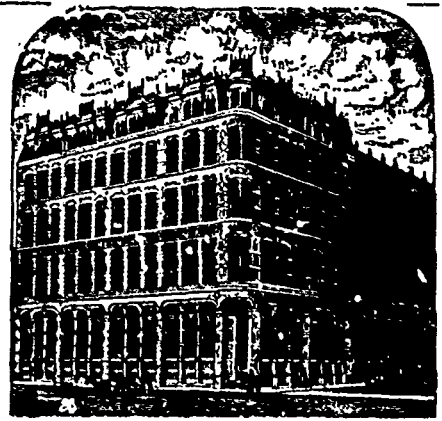
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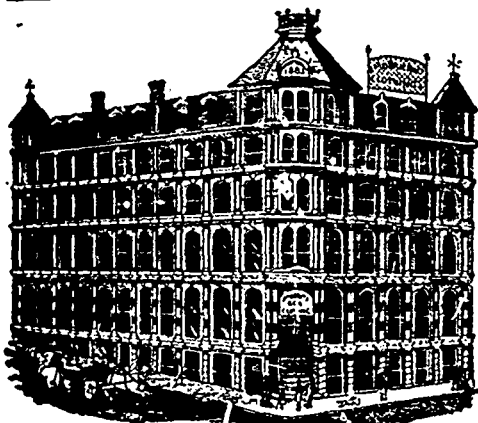
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is but little if any change to note in connection with the monetary affairs of this city since our last report, and if anything, business has become even quieter at the banks, as it usually does near the close of a month. There is a holding back of trade discounts until June opens, when the last of the spring transactions in season goods will go into paper, and it is expected this will call for considerable funds from the banks, but not enough to cause any unusual stir. Railway construction is now fairly under way, and this will also help the business of banks, so that there is a prospect of some relief from the sleepy quietness which has characterized the business of May. There is no change in discount rates, and nothing unusual either here or in the east to call for any change. Commercial paper is therefore taken at 7 to 8 per cent., for what may be rated as good to gilt edge, and there is no anxiety on the part of banks to handle the class of paper that would bring higher figures. Mortgage companies report quite a few small farm loans in demand, but no calls for any heavy loans. In the city, too, there is very little doing in new business. The rate on farm loans is steady at 8 per cent., but no heavy transactions that would call for a lower rate are reported.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Since our last report there has been quite an improved feeling gradually developing in city wholesale circles generally, and in most lines of trade there has been more business doing. The start to railway construction has created a demand for lines of goods which were moving but slowly up to last week, and the prospect now is that these branches will have a busy season up to fall. In other staple lines the same cause will account for increased activity, so that goods of every day consumption are now in steady demand, and houses holding such are looking forward to several months of steady business, if not of activity and bustle. In season goods there has been no improvement so far as sorting trade is concerned, and sales for immediate wants have been few and light. From fall samples, however, orders have been coming in much more freely, than during the early part of the month, and travellers now out report home that the bulk of the buying of fall lines will be done during the next two weeks, as traders in this province and the eastern portion of the territories are satisfied beyond doubt as to the crop prospect, and anticipate a heavy fall and winter trade. An occasional report of continued quietness has been received, and especially from houses in fancy lines, but taken all over, the wholesale report shows a decided improvement upon the early part of May, so far as sales are concerned, and even in cash returns, several reports of a decided improvement were received, and none reported matters any worse. It is generally expected, too, that this improved state of affairs will last for a number of weeks, and in some branches, for a few months.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

There is no improvement to note in connection with the sorting trade in these branches, and goods are moving out rather slowly.

Travellers, however, are sending in liberal orders from fall samples, and report retailers all over the country as buying more freely, and quite as heavily if not more so than last year. The only locality in which a falling off is reported is British Columbia. Now that railway construction has commenced, a lively sorting trade is expected to come from portions of the province, where the work is being pushed. Collections are reported as considerably better by some houses, while others state that there is no improvement.

FURS, RAW.

There has been no change in eastern markets, which would materially affect prices here, and the local market holds steady, with buyers competing keenly for the lots offered, which have been quite a few during the past ten days or so. The following figures may still be taken as the ranges of prices, the top figures being paid only for prime skins. These figures are: Beaver, 50c to \$6 per skin; cubs do. 25c to \$1.50; badge, 10c to \$1.50; black bear, \$1.50 to \$2; cubs, do. \$1 to \$5; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$18; grizzly bear, \$1 to \$16; cubs, do. 20 to 70c; timber wolf, 50c to \$2.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5, as to color and quality; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 20c to \$1.60; kit fox, 10c to 50c; cross fox, \$1. to \$5; silver and black ox, \$10 to \$60, as to beauty and condition of skin; martin, dark, 50c to \$2.50; martin, yellow or pale, 25c to \$1; mink, 20c to \$1; muskrat, 6c to 15c; otter, \$1.50 to \$7.50; skunk, 10c to 65c. Prices all per skin.

FRUITS—GREEN.

There has been a steady business with about a normal volume done during the past week, and the trade generally expresses satisfaction with the results. Lemons and oranges are firm and tending upward, but no other changes are reported. Quotations are as follows: Fancy Messina \$6.50; choice Messina, lemons, \$6.00, both 300s; the same 300s, \$6.50 and \$6.00 respectively; oranges, extra fancy Messinas in half cases, \$3.50; fancy Sorrentos, 200s to 240s, \$3.50; California seedless, 128s to 226s, \$4.25 to \$1.50; California medium sweets, 128s to 226s, \$5.00; California St. Michael paper rind, 150s to 250s, \$5.50; California Washington Naval, 98s to 176s, \$6.00; Bananas, fancy Port Limon, large bunches, \$3.50; medium sized, \$3.00; Pine apples, fancy Havana, extra large, \$4 per doz; medium sized, \$3.50; Strawberries, per 24 qt crate, \$5.50; evaporated Apricots, fancy California, 19c per lb; peeled peaches, fancy California evaporated 22c per lb; Nectarines, fancy evaporated California, 21c; Figs, extra fancy in 20 lb boxes, 17c per lb; good, in 10 lb boxes, 15c; 1 lb cartons, \$1.75; Dates, Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, 10c per lb; Fard, in 20 lb boxes, 12c; Nuts, Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Gredoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoa nuts, \$10 per hundred.

GROCERIES.

In this staple branch there has been very little change, but the little has been for the better. The opening of railway construction for the season has caused quite a little demand for supplies for contractors, and this has to some extent eased the quietness which formerly

prevailed. Prices are unchanged, although the report of a further advance in sugar at the refineries may at any time cause a quarter cent advance here. Quotations are: Sugars, yellows, 8 to 8½; granulated, 9½ to 10c; lumps, 10½ to 10¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solaco, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solaco, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS

A decided improvement all round is reported from this branch. Shelf goods are in heavy demand, and heavy lines are moving freely, and would probably move more so, only stocks now en route by the lakes are sadly wanted to fill orders. There are no changes in prices to report, and the feeling all round is firm quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$3.50 to \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.00 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 25 to 40 per cent, according to size, off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 32½c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c

HIDES AND TALLOW.

There has been a hunting up for old stock all over the country, and receipts have been quite liberal during the week. It is now believed that the bulk of what was stored throughout the country has come to market. Prices are firm, and as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb.; Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2¾ to 3c rendered 5c.

LUMBER.

Local business is rather quiet still, but there is a good demand from western and southern points, and there has been some trouble in getting stuff to fill orders with any degree of promptitude. Prices at the mills in Keewatin district are as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$10.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17; dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16; dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$11.5c

per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. S and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding $\frac{1}{2}$ in. x in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear— $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and 2, inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; $\frac{1}{4}$ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business keeps improving as the season advances, and matters are now in a very satisfactory state. There are no changes, and quotations hold steady as follows: Turpentine in barrels, 85c per gallon; benzine and gasoline, 59c; linseed oil, 63c raw and 65c boiled; panoxide paints, mixed in barrels, 90c crown white lead, \$7.25 per 100 lbs.; royal charter, \$7; plaster, in barrels, 3.50; cement scarce in the city. Coal oils are unchanged.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The past week has been another sickener to people of bullish inclinations, and it now seems as if the low prices which were lately reached were likely to be permanent. Chicago after the little hectic rise of the previous week dropped again with a thud on Tuesday and Wednesday, and seems disposed to keep down. European advices do not give any hope of recovery, and the crop reports from all over this continent have been so golden tinted that the already arbitrary bears formed but little opposition to the strong united pull they made during the week, and in consequence Chicago, Duluth and every other western as well as eastern market had to yield to their pressure. In our local market the dead lock between buyers and sellers still continues, and many eastern millers have shut down rather than buy wheat at prices which would entail heavy loss to run their mills. It was impossible to get a quotation in this city for a round lot of wheat, and while somewhat between twenty and thirty thousand bushels stored at western points are said to have changed hands, the prices sold at are kept a secret from outsiders. None of the transactions were on 'change, all being private deals.

FLOUR.

The local trade continues steady and about normal in volume, but the eastern demand is very light, and shipments there for the week aggregated only a few car lots. The Pacific

coast is making no demand at present so that the mills running throughout the country are all adding more or less to stocks. Prices here are steady and unchanged as follows:—Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers, \$2.70; XXXX, \$2.00; second bakers, \$2.45 to \$2.55; superfine, \$1.40; middlings, \$2.90; Graham flour, \$2.70.

MILLSTUFFS

The local demand keeps getting lighter, but there is a fair shipping trade doing and car lots are worth \$9 to \$10 a ton on track for bran and \$11 to \$12 a ton for shorts.

OATS

Receipts are nil, and the demand is purely a local feed one, mills having a plentiful supply for immediate wants. Car lots on track would fetch from 30 to 32c, but these figures are purely nominal.

OATMEAL.

No demand from the east, and business locally rather slow. Millers are unable to pay present prices for oats, and export at a profit. Prices are steady as follows: Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.60; granulated, \$2.75; rolled oats in 80 lb. sacks, \$3.

BUTTER.

There has been a heavy increase in receipts since our last report, and there is now quite a surplus over the local demand. But as store-rooms are empty, and receipts generally have been in fairly good condition, much better than in any former year, all offering have been freely bought either for use at once, or to go into store. The readiness to take all good lots coming in has prevented any further fall in prices, and first-class in tubs is still worth 19c, while one fancy lot sold at 20c. There have been few lots sold below 18c, and only one we have heard of as low as 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

CHEESE.

Facts are not offering very freely yet, but small lots have been going with the feeling rather easier. Few sales are heard of over 10c, and only one or two at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

EGGS.

Cool weather has had the effect of bringing receipts to the city in fine condition, and some packers were inclined to put down stock for winter but prices have held too stiff, and any prime lot sold readily at 14c, while a few sales at 15c took place.

LARD.

No change to report, and but a moderate local demand. Prices are unchanged, 20 lb. pails being held at \$2.60.

CURED MEATS.

The easy feeling reported in our last still continues, although prices have changed little if anything. Hams are still selling at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14c, and breakfast bacon about the same figures. Kolls are easier and can be had in plenty at 10c, only specially fine lots bringing 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Dry salt is quoted at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; pork sausage at 9c and bologna at 8c. Sales of mess pork are not heard of.

DRESSED MEATS.

No change to report as yet, and prices are steady. Beef carcasses range from 6 to 7c, according to quality. Veal is worth 8 to 9c; mutton, 12c, and dressed hogs 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

LIVE STOCK.

As the lull between stall and grass fed supplies nears, cattle stiffen up in price, and first-class butcher stock sold last week up to 4c, with inferior going at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Hogs are easier and offered freely at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Business East.

ONTARIO.

Elizabeth Yost, Hanover, has assigned.
S. W. Day, grocer, Kingston, has assigned.
W. H. Lowe, grocer, Welland, has sold out.
G. S. Chittenden, dentist, Hamilton, is dead.
W. G. Quigley, plumber, Toronto, has assigned.

C. McPhee, books, etc., St. Mary's, has sold out.

A. D. Patterson, grocer, Blenheim, has sold out.

J. A. McKeon, hotelkeeper, Comber, has sold out.

J. Wagner & Co., tanners, Galt, have assigned.

Mark Hill, baker, etc., Hamilton, has assigned.

J. A. McMurtry & Co., teas, Toronto have assigned.

A. Z. Detwiler, axle manufacturer, Galt, has assigned.

Wilson & Hewson, flour, etc., Hamilton, have dissolved.

Thomas E. Mason, merchant, Eden Mills, has assigned.

Mackenzie Bros., lumberdealers, Courtwright, have assigned.

James Crowther, general storekeeper, Attercliffe, is dead.

Shaver & McPhee, books, etc., Stratford, have dissolved.

McCullough & Campbell, grocers, Toronto, have dissolved.

Walker & Marlatt, pork packers, Aylmer, were burned out.

Geo. Hollinger, tanner, Hanover, burned out, partially insured.

John Pomeroy, general storekeeper, Marlbank, has assigned.

George McPherson & Co., grocers, London, are out of business.

W. H. Garrod, general storekeeper, North Pelham, burned out.

Steben & McBrearty, plumbers, etc., Brockville, have assigned.

G. A. L. Fortier, groceries and shoes, Glencoe, is out of business.

W. Roger Robt's, musical instruments, Stratford, has sold out.

Thos. R. Whitesides, coal, wood, etc., Toronto, damaged by fire.

J. C. Kennedy planing mill, Owen Sound, burned out; partially insured.

St. Thomas Featherbone Co., stock, etc., seized under chattel mortgage.

Ouellette & Martin, grocers, Chatham, have dissolved, Ouellette continues at one.

Riley & Eastwood, manufacturers woolen felts, etc., Lancaster, have dissolved.

Hagey Bros., general storekeepers, Lynden, have dissolved. M. Hagey continues.

W. Griffith & Co., wholesale boots and shoes, Hamilton, have dissolved. W. and H. Griffith continue.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., wholesale stationers, Hamilton, have dissolved, A. Buntin retiring business continued under old style.

QUEBEC.

Nap. Mayer, hotelkeeper, Montreal, is dead.

J. B. A. Beique, contractor, Montreal, is dead.

Adelard Charest, carriages, Montreal, has assigned.

Mennier & Co., butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Mongeau & Baker, jewelers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Leveille & Frere, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

G. Goldberg & Co., furriers, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

R. Nicholson & Sons, butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Pruyn & Holloway, publishers, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. & R. McLea, shipping and commission, Montreal, have admitted Kenneth McLea as partner, under same style.

Tait & Lambertson, carpenters, Montreal, have dissolved.

Chas. Landry, general storekeeper, Becancour, has assigned.

Ovide Cardinal, general storekeeper, Rotheil, has compromised.

Hormidas Brais, hay and grain dealer, Montreal, has assigned.

Jos. Langhoff & Co., dyes and laundry, Montreal, have dissolved.

Goyer, Lusignan & Co., leather dealers, Montreal, have dissolved.

L. Raymond, general storekeeper, L'Ange Gardien, has assigned.

A. M. Bullock & Son, general storekeeper, Coat's Hook, has assigned.

Arch. McNair, general storekeeper, New Richmond, has assigned.

Damase Belanger, trader, St. Etienne de Beaumont, has assigned.

Bowes & Eastman, confectioners, Montreal, changed style to D. Bowes & Co.

Hislop, Meldrum & Co., commission merchants, Montreal, have dissolved.

NOVA SCOTIA.

H. V. McLeod, jeweler, Halifax, has given up business.

J. J. Campbell, general storekeeper, Strathlorne, is dead.

J. A. Leamon & Co., victuallers, Halifax, have dissolved.

E. B. Betts, agricultural implements, Wentworth, has assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

R. Connolly, lumber dealer, Mechanic's Set, has assigned.

Day & Reid, printers, St. John, have dissolved.

W. T. Pitfield & Co., general storekeepers, Sussex, have dissolved.

Thos. Walker & Co., plumbers, Montreal, Geo. R. Cleland, has ceased doing business under this style.

Assiniboine Water-Power.

It seems that this question is day by day increasing in importance in the public estimation, and on the streets of Winnipeg it is a common topic of conversation. The advisability of the city going on with its construction, or letting a private company undertake the work, comes in for quite a little discussion, and to appearances the latter course is favored by most citizens. On this matter of detail, however, there are no strong opinions expressed, and all would be satisfactory if the project is only pushed without delay. But there is all the material to stir up a big storm of public opinion about the ears of the city council, if through negligence or mismanagement, the undertaking is allowed to lag or be obstructed.

More than one visitor who has been spying out the country of late, has expressed the opinion, that with a water-power of 5,000 to 10,000 horse, available, the city cannot fail to become, in a very short time, quite an industrial centre, and the power would not be one year constructed before city property all over would rise one-third higher in value. One local clergyman, who has been out west lately, states that numbers of men who are looking up milling locations in the west, have halted in their inquiries, to see if the water-power here is likely soon to take shape, and if it does, they are convinced that a milling centre must at once spring up here, against which the mills at

outside points, as well as those in the east, would find it hard to compete.

Every indication points to this project soon becoming a burning one, and one in connection with which the rate-payers of the city will brook no delay. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Winnipeg city council will see to its being pushed forward with all possible haste.

T. N. HAMILTON, general storekeeper, Griswold, was burned out.

MEYER & CANONICA, Vancouver, B. C., have dissolved partnership.

MCDONALD & McLEOD, carpenters and builders, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership.

SMITH & FERGUSON, grocers, Vancouver, B. C., have dissolved partnership. Geo. A. Smith continues.

Work has been commenced on the ruins of the old Freeman block, Winnipeg, preparatory to the erection of a fine new building.

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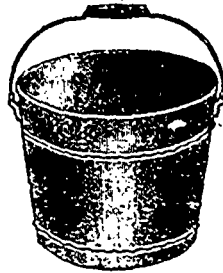
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The markets opened on Monday quiet, but a better class of business is being transacted, values being in the vicinity of a legitimate and healthy basis. Wheat made a sharp break before the close. Corn was steady under heavy receipts. Pork products moved freely. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	88	81	76 1/2	74
Corn	35 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/2
Oats	22 1/2	—	22 1/2	22 1/2
Pork	11.40	—	11.50	11.57 1/2
Lard	6.70	6.72 1/2	6.77 1/2	6.82 1/2-5
Short Ribs	5.72 1/2	—	5.82 1/2	5.87 1/2

On Tuesday the session of the board was not of an interesting nature, the tendency is for still lower prices and the weakness was more apparent. Pork products was fairly active, but irregular. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	82	80	76 1/2	73 1/2
Corn	33 1/2	33 1/2	34	34 1/2
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	11.60-2 1/2	11.57 1/2	11.67 1/2	11.71 1/2
Lard	6.75-7 1/2	6.75	6.82 1/2	6.85
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

At Wednesday's session the quietness of the past few days was undisturbed, trading was slow and fluctuations slight. A little business was transacted by shorts. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	81 1/2	80	76	73 1/2
Corn	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/2
Oats	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Pork	11.45	—	11.55	11.60
Lard	6.67 1/2	—	—	6.75-5
Short Ribs	5.65	—	5.70	5.77 1/2

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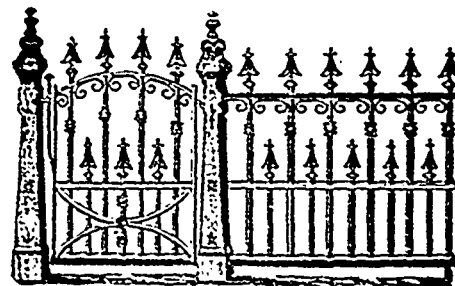
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Thursday there was a limited business transacted, and prices were a shade better than yesterday. Shorts continuing to cover being responsible for the firm tone. Closing quotations were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	81 1/2	80 1/2	76 1/2	73 1/2
Corn	33 1/2	33 1/2	34	34 1/2
Oats	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	—
Pork	11.67 1/2	—	11.77 1/2	11.80
Lard	6.77 1/2	6.67 1/2	6.75	6.77 1/2
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

On Friday there was a little more life in the wheat market, trading being more active and "shorts" covering stiffened prices, which closed as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	81 1/2-2	81	76 1/2	74 1/2
Corn	33 1/2	33 1/2	34	34 1/2
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	11.90-12	11.97 1/2	11.97 1/2	12.02 1/2
Lard	6.75-5	6.75	6.80	6.85
Short Ribs	6.12-15	—	—	—

Duluth Wheat Market.

Closing prices for each day of the week were as follows:

	Cash.	May.	June.	July.
Monday	95	95	97	97
Tuesday	94	95	95	95 1/2
Wednesday	94	95	95	95 1/2
Thursday	94	95	95	95
Friday	94	95	95	95

ELSEWHERE in our columns will be found a resolution of the Chicago Board of Trade deciding to give no further quotations to any person not a member of that Board. How it will effect the grain business of the continent, time alone will tell. At present it reads like a big bomb-shell.

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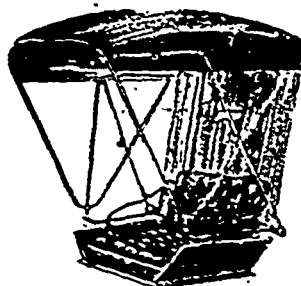
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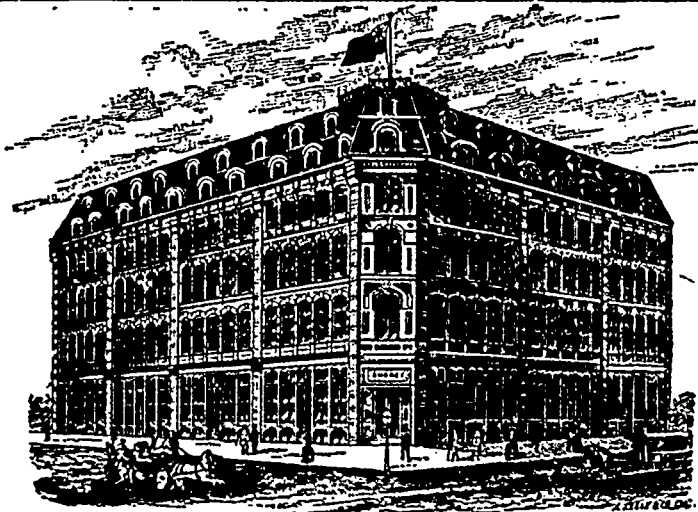
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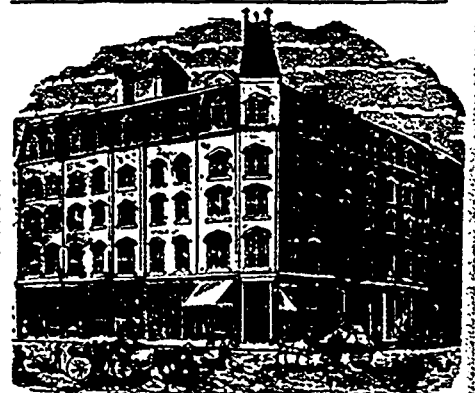
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Lake Superior Region.

The Fort William people are somewhat pleased with the position of affairs, and it is suggested that in their present "Micawber" position they would be making a way for themselves by inviting the promoter of the P. A., D. & W. Ry. to visit the burgh to discuss the situation, believing he will meet with little opposition in getting a bonus under certain conditions.

The town council at their last meeting decided against a resolution in favor of granting a bonus towards a railway through the mining regions, a consummation of which is looked for with a great amount of interest by those interested in the various mining properties. The citizens now want to know what the city council have to do in the matter. It was their business to submit the by-law when a requisition duly signed by the rate-payers was presented.

At last a definite answer has been received from Messrs. Hastings Bros. & McGaw, re proposed flour mill. The reply is, "matters have developed which effectually makes their building at Port Arthur impossible." It will now be in order for that firm to return our citizens the bond which they gave in good faith. The town has had a good lesson at a slight expense. Now let the council and people apply the moral and in future beware of strangers.—Port Arthur Herald.

The following statistics of the Canadian Lake Superior fishing industry are taken from the latest report of the Minister of Fisheries: Tugs 7, tonnage 232, value \$11,800, men 26; fishing material, gill nets 186,076 fathoms, pound nets 15, value \$5,610; fish—whitefish 958 barrels, 740,580 pounds; trout 1,720 barrels, 627,290 pounds; sturgeon 54,518 pounds; pickerel 90,217 pounds; coarse fish 30,000 pounds. The total value of fish is set down as \$159,298.61. The fishing stations are: Point Porphyre, Thunder Bay, Welcome Islands, Black Bay, Roche Debout, Nepigon Bay, Jackfish Bay, Caribou Island, Lizard Island, Mica Bay, North Mamainse, Pancake Bay, Gros Michipicoten Bay, Dog River.—Herald.

Western Resources.

Application for incorporation is made by James Burrige, Albert Monkman, John Carlton Sproule, G. H. Hadskis and Alfred Monkman, of Winnipeg, and Daniel Houllahan, Pasadena, California, U. S., and George Burrowes Gordon, Rosario, Sante Fee, Argentine Republic, South America, under the name of "The Western Plaster and Cement Company" (Limited), for the purpose of mining gypsum and manufacturing it for sale and use, and the manufacture of all the different materials and articles in which the same is or may be an ingredient and applying the same to its different uses and generally for the purpose of trading therein. The places within the Province of Manitoba where such company's operations are to be carried on are in the country surrounding Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba and the city of Winnipeg, which city shall be its chief place of business. The amount of capital stock is \$30,000.

R. M. Brereton, of London, England, con-

sulting engineer of the Alberta Exploration Company and the Red Deer Valley Railway Company, interviewed the Government at Ottawa in reference to the projects he represents. The first named company has just been incorporated in England, for the purpose of opening up and settling the Red Deer country, the company having secured possession of some valuable coal lands; and last session the Red Deer Valley Railway Company was chartered by the Dominion Parliament to build lines to reach these coal lands, one to run from Calgary, in a northeasterly direction, and another from Cheadle, on the C. P. R., in a northwesterly direction to a point where the two lines will meet. The chief considerations weighing with the promoters are whether traffic arrangements can be made with the C. P. R. whereby the output of the mines can find a market at reasonable rates. From a conversation had with President Van Horne he gathered that the Canadian Pacific intended to open up its own mines at Crowfoot and also at a point west of Calgary, so that they would be entirely independent of any other coal companies and not inclined to grant many favors. In that case, the outlook for projected companies would be a very poor one, until a large population settle in the Territories. English members of the syndicate now en route to Canada for the Northwest, will make an examination of the Red Deer country, with a view of reporting to the board at London. Should circumstances warrant the company going ahead, they propose to make a big effort next spring to colonize on the line of the proposed railway.—Empire.

Northwest Trade.

The Birtle cheese factory has started again.

There seems to be a good opening here for a woolen mill, and for the manufacture of woolen cloth. There are almost 6,000 sheep in the united counties; the mill ought to be a success from the beginning. This district is an excellent grazing one, and sheep could be made a profitable portion of the farmer's income.—Birtle Observer.

A large amount of building is being done throughout the country both by farmers and in the towns. From one point, *Deloraine*, the *Times* says:—Building appears to be lively just now. The following houses are in course of erection:—Presbyterian manse, 22x26, kitchen 23x14, value \$1,200; Sanders & McKinnon, one story house, 16x22, \$350; house for G. McKenzie, 26x28, \$1,800. Mr. Manuel has just finished his cottage, 20x22, one story; H. L. Montgomery intends building a two-story cottage. This is only a sample, there are a number of other improvements taking place which we have not got the particulars of.

Sir John Kaye instructed Messrs. Child & Wilson, architects, to draw up plans of a building which he contemplates having erected, to have a frontage of 75x130 feet. The plans to be submitted to Sir John on his return will be a very handsome erection of three stories, which will contain three stores on the frontage with large offices in the rear for the C. A. C. & C. Co. Over these it is proposed to have a large hall with a seating capacity of about 600, for theatrical and concert purposes, as well as for balls

and private entertainments. In this hall other offices will be built, with a gallery overhead. This story will be thirty feet high.—Calgary Herald.

Tinning & Hoskins are calling for tenders for their new brick block on the southwest corner of South Railway and Scarth streets, and in a few weeks J. D. Sibbald & Co. will construct an extension of the Lansdowne hotel around the southeast corner, and as far down South Railway street as the Glasgow House. The building at present occupied by J. D. Sibbald & Co., and Scott & Hamilton, will be moved to a site west of Councillor Becho's house on South Railway street, and the building purchased by Sibbald & Co., from Mr. Green, will also be removed. These two lots will then be covered by a massive brick block three stories high, a part of which will be occupied by the Lansdowne hotel in connection with their present building, and the remainder used for business places, one of which will be accepted by J. D. Sibbald & Co. The Alberta Hotel is rapidly approaching completion. The plastering is finished, the plumbing, etc., done, and only a few weeks' works is required to complete this splendid hostelry.—Calgary Ex.

Grain and Milling.

The Keewatin mill was run at a loss of from \$75,000 to \$100,000 in a little over a year.

The millers of five western Ontario counties, viz., Perth, Huron, Bruce, Grey and Wellington, intend to hold a mass meeting at Listowel shortly to discuss the grievances of millers through the refusal of the Government to raise the duty on flour.

Missouri is to have a state grain inspection. This takes the inspection of grain out of the hands of grain men. By the bill only elevators having a capacity of 25,000 bushels are regarded as public elevators. The smaller ones can conduct their business as they please.

Lumber Cuttings.

Leeson & Son's portable shingle mill was damaged by fire at Vancouver, B.C., recently.

Ross, McLaren & Co., besides building the mill now in construction at New Westminster, B. C., is looking up a location for another.

The Victoria Lumbering Co. have closed their Chemainus mill for the purpose of making some important changes. It is the intention to increase the daily capacity of the mill to 100,000.

The contract for erecting the mill building for the new shingle mill at Revelstoke, B. C., has been awarded. The main building will be 32x32 feet, two stories high, with an addition for an engine room. Two shingle machines will be put in at the start and a 30 horse-power engine. It is the intention to kiln dry all shingles turned out, and for this purpose two dry houses will be erected. The capacity of the mill will be 75,000 to 100,000 a day, the shingles being of two grades, first and second. Thirteen men will find employment at the mill, and a number more in taking out shingle bolts. The owners are from Portland, Oregon, and one of them, J. Valentine, will be the resident manager. They expect to find a ready market in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba for their product, as they have got a better freight rate from the C. P. R. than allowed coast manufacturers, the difference being about \$18 a carload.—Truth.

British Columbia.

R. P. Edwards & Son have opened a general store at Nanaimo.

Mason & Eligh, dairymen, Vancouver, B. C., have dissolved partnership.

Application has been made to wind up the affairs of the Peoples' Steam Navigation Co., of Victoria.

The Victoria *Colonist* indulges in a tirade of abuse at the Vancouver P. O. officials for inefficient service.

The following were elected directors of the Nanaimo Courier Printing and Publishing Company: Arthur Bullock, J. Hilbert, Dr. E. A. Præger, J. H. Pleace and J. E. R. Tagart.

Two new canning companies are going up on the Naas, one by Findlay, Durham & Brodie and the other by the Cascade company at Echo Cove. The machinery, tin and entire outfit was taken up on the Princess Louise some time ago.

J. W. Stein, of Brownsville, is about to set out one of the largest fruit orchards in British Columbia. He purchased from Mr. J. L. Walworth \$1,000 worth of fruit trees, which will be set out this fall. This sale of trees is considered the largest ever made in the province.

Thirty-five barrels of sealskins in pickle, were shipped over the C. P. R. via Montreal, consigned to London, England. It is certain that the importance of this trade impresses itself upon those of our merchants who are engaged in the skin and fur business, these importations to England and other countries from this province will assume very large proportions.—*World*.

The Nanaimo Fire Company have no horses and to procure the same for service at a fire the following novel method is employed: "A premium of five dollars to the owner of the first span of horses arriving at the engine and hauling the same to the nearest tank or well in the vicinity of the fire. The company do not bind themselves to pay the premium in case of false alarms."

The *World* reports being shown a fine specimen of gold quartz taken from a ledge not far from Vancouver. The precious metal is plainly discernable all through the piece. Every one seems interested in gold mining and prospecting, more or less, just at present, and this item may have the effect of sending many more prospecting the district contiguous to that city.

The journeymen plumbers and tanners of Vancouver struck recently for shorter hours. They have heretofore been working ten hours per day and making from \$3.50 to \$4 per day. They have decided that nine hours are long enough to work, and, the employers aver, they want the same remuneration as for the ten hours work. The employers refused to come to time and a strike was declared. There are between 20 and 30 men out.

It is a fine country that has not some drawbacks. The following is taken from a B. C. exchange: "Under the new municipalities act the city council has the power to pass a by-law enforcing the destruction of caterpillars within

the city limits. The caterpillar gives promise of being as bad as usual this year, and it would be well for the council to enforce the destruction of these insects for the protection of the many people who are troubled with careless neighbors."

An enquiry in the British House of Commons in reference to the defence to be constructed at Esquimault, elicited the following: The Dominion Government find it difficult and expensive to provide a garrison and the Imperial Government has, therefore, decided to provide a Royal Marine artillery garrison under command of three officers at an annual maintenance charge of \$7,000 to the Dominion Government. The men and officers left for Esquimault some time ago, excepting the submarine miners who have not yet completed their drill. Armaments are now on the way.

Under the new fisheries law, by which only 450 boats are allowed on the Fraser River, the allotment to canneries has been made as follows: Ewen's cannery, 31; Delta Canning Co., 24; Wadham's cannery, 24; Laidlaw & Co., 24; B. Young, 24; Wellington Packington Co., 24; Phoenix cannery, 23; Harlock & Co., 20; Richmond Canning Co., 20; Bon Accorde Canning Co., 22; Beaver cannery, 18; Sea Island Canning Co., 18; Camie Pass Canning Co., 18; Fraser River Fishery, 20. One hundred boats have been allowed to outside fishermen, and of this number 44 have been licensed.—*Columbian*.

The rivalry between the O. R. & N. Co and the West Seattle Ferry Co. over the occupancy of a slip adjoining the latter's wharf, came very near culminating in a serious accident recently. The ferry boat City of Seattle left the slip on her trip to West Seattle, when the steamer Emma Hayward, according to the account, deliberately attempted to head her off and cross right in front of her. The master of the ferry boat, seeing that a collision was inevitable, backed his engines at full speed, but the momentum of the vessel was so great that she kept right ahead and crashed into the Hayward, carrying away about forty feet of her side between decks, and causing damage to the amount of \$500. The excitement among the passengers was intense, but fortunately no one was injured. An investigation is to be held.—*Colonist*.

The bond to be given by C. M. Sheafe & Co. to the city of New Westminster, as a guarantee that the railway between that city and Whatcom will be operated and maintained forever has been satisfactorily arranged and agreed to by Mr. I. B. Fisher, of the Bank of British Columbia. The Southern railway Company and the Bellingham Bay Railway and Navigation Company have been agreed on as sureties for the \$300,000 bond, which is to be given on completion of the road and is to be perpetual. The half million dollars will cover the operation and maintenance of 48 miles of road, which when built and equipped will cost \$1,500,000. The bond of the companies was taken in preference to that of an individual, on the ground that an individual may die or become insolvent, rendering the bond worthless, while sound corporations are on the whole more substantial security. The change in the personnel of the bond has given general satisfaction to all concerned.—*Columbian*.

General Notes.

Canadian fisheries were unprofitable last year. The cod, herring, salmon and lobster all show a falling off.

The Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association propose to start a superannuation fund for aged travellers. It will start off with \$10,000 cash and a subscription of \$5 from each member. The weekly allowance of \$6 to be made to the disabled or aged.

A shoe manufacturer of Portland, Maine, being asked to assist in providing bread for the suffering poor, said he would contribute to the extent of 100 sacks of flour and 100 bushels of meal, one sack of flour and one bushel of meal to be given to each man in Portland who neither kept a dog, drank rum, nor used tobacco, and was in need of bread. According to the local papers the first man had not appeared to claim the gift.—*Manufacturer*.

The four-masted British clipper-ship Reliance arrived at Queenstown last week from San Francisco, having made the passage in the remarkably short time of 86 days. Her cargo—consisting of wheat—is one of the largest, if not the largest, ever carried in a sailing ship, and the number of bushels 143,850. Fifty-one other ships left the Pacific coast for Europe previous to the sailing of the Reliance but none of these have yet arrived. Their cargoes of wheat and flour are equivalent to about 4,000,000 bushels.

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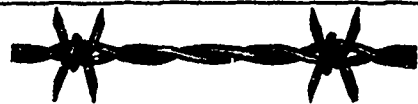
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No Chicago Quotations for the Public

The directors of the Chicago board of trade have adopted the following resolutions:—

"Whereas, The supreme court of this state has decided that the board of trade of the city of Chicago may discontinue furnishing to the public market quotations, but at the same time holds that so long as it continues to furnish them either directly or indirectly 'it must furnish market quotations to all who desire them for lawful purposes upon equal terms; and,

"Whereas, Such decision practically deprives this board of all discretion in the premises, as it will be impossible to determine in advance whether the party applying for the quotations intends to or will in fact thereafter use them for unlawful purposes, and when once granted, to attempt the discontinuance of such quotations on the ground of alleged illegal use would involve this board in a mass of litigation too grievous and burdensome to be borne; and,

"Whereas, In this dilemma it is deemed best for the interest of legitimate trade to withhold these quotations from the public altogether as the least of two evils, and to furnish them to members of the board only; therefore,

"Resolved, That on and after the 31st day of May, A. D. 1889, such market quotations will be furnished to such members only and will be withdrawn from all parties not members; and that the secretary of this board is directed to transmit copies of these resolutions to all parties who are not members, but who are now receiving these quotations.—*Market Record*.

Insurance Briefs.

It is stated that an ordinance is pending before the city council of Kansas City, Mo., to establish a fire patrol and signal service, to be maintained by an assessment upon the fire insurance companies of the city. Each insurance company will be charged \$300 per year, and each agent \$100. The companies interested are in sympathy with the innovation, and it will probably at an early date become law.

The fire insurance broker has ways of doing business that are—well, peculiar. We hear of an instance this week that is worth mentioning. Mr. A., the agent of a British company, receives word to cancel a certain risk, which is on the same day handed over, at an equal rate, to Mr. B.'s company, also a British one. Mr. B. gets word within one hour to cancel another risk, which is meanwhile handed over to Mr. A.'s company. The ingenious Toronto broker who negotiates these transactions pockets a commission of ten per cent. on each risk, and the aggregate business of both companies remains unimpaired. The risk that one loses the other gets, but they are collectively "out" just the amount of the commission, which goes into the pocket of the broker. There are wheels within wheels in this business, as well as in others.—*Monetary Times*.

The Mansfield Drug Company's establishment at Memphis, Tenn., burned February 13 last. Thirty-two companies had risks on it. The company claim a loss of \$93,000. In this

amount is embraced the profits on its manufactured goods, five per cent on the amount of stock on hand for freight charges, and expense on the part of the employers for receiving boxes, and the amount paid for premium on insurance. The insurance aggregates \$87,000. The companies deny liability on the items stated above, and offer, as a compromise, to pay \$72,000. A few years ago a case occurred in this city where the parties insured claimed for the profits on its manufactured goods, which the companies declined to allow. The matter was left to a prominent attorney, who heard arguments from the attorney of the companies and the attorney of the claimants, and he decided that the companies were liable for the profits on the manufactured goods. The companies paid the awards, but not one of them believed that the finding was in accordance with justice or law.—*Cincinnati Price Current*.

There has latterly been some discussion on the subject of the claims of insurance policyholders to a share of the profits of the companies in which they are insured. The surplus of the various companies is, it is claimed, held for their protection and it is asserted that at the termination of each policy its proportion of the surplus which has accumulated during its continuance should be returned to it, it being unfair that the share of those accumulations derived from and naturally belonging to any particular policy should be retained for the benefit of any one else, one of the points raised being, "In an ordinary corporation, stockholders or bondholders reap the advantages of accumulated surplus through the appreciation in value of their stock or bonds. Ought not policy holders in an insurance company, to reap a similar benefit in an increased amount to be paid on the termination of their policies to the extent of their equitable share in the surplus accumulated at the time?" It may be answered that it is the custom of most companies to declare and divide bonuses, which, to a certain extent, answers the question in the affirmative; but probably some of our readers may be inclined to give their views on this point.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.

Railway Matters.

The cheapest railroad building ever known in Manitoba will be done on the Morris-Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway. The bids put in by the local contractors for grading surprised the company and will likewise surprise every person acquainted with the cost of grading in this country, particularly when they compare the prices with figures that have been paid in the past. The lowest tender submitted was seven cents per yard, and the highest twenty-eight cents. The others ranged from thirteen to seventeen cents. Fifteen miles of mountain work, the heaviest on the line, will be built for seventeen cents per yard. The contracts for fifty miles were awarded on Saturday as follows:—

Egan Bros., 15 miles; Mann Bros., 10 miles; J. D. McArthur, 10 miles; Dennison, 5 miles; Erwin & McNeary, 5 miles; M. McCrimmon, 5 miles. Geo. Strevel secured 15 miles at a composition figure.

The contractors tendered against their interests, as in addition to the prospect of there being plenty of railway work in the country this year, it is understood that the company was willing to pay a fair price.

The fifty miles that the contracts have been let for begins at the end of the twenty miles now graded westward from Morris. The balance of the work will be let by the time the fifty miles are completed.—*Free Press*.

The annual contest for the control of the Oregon Transcontinental Company has this year been extremely bitter. It has in fact been involved in the increased rivalry between the Northern Pacific and the Union Pacific interests, and the former company is thought to be behind the present administration of the corporation, headed by Henry Villard, while the opposition has the open support of the Union Pacific party. The object of the Union Pacific would naturally be to obtain control of the Oregon Transcontinental Company, or have its management in friendly hands. As the company owns a majority of the stock of the Oregon Navigation Company a modification of the present onerous lease of that property could be secured, and at the same time the influence of the Oregon Transcontinental in the affairs of the Northern Pacific could be used to obtain better terms in any arrangement between the two systems, as well as a division of the Puget Sound business, now monopolized by the Northern Pacific. Meanwhile the direct fight between the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific companies grows more acute. The latter persists in refusing to allow the Union Pacific an entrance to the Puget Sound territory over its line from Portland, Ore., to Tacoma, Wash. The Union Pacific threatens to build an independent line from Portland to Puget Sound. The Northern Pacific has given notice of an intention to leave the Transcontinental Association, and that organization stands in serious danger of disruption.—*Bradstreet's*.

Keewatin and the Doctor's Bill.

Rumors, big with dark import, have been floating around, concerning the adverse turn in the affairs of the trade pet and pride of the C. P. R. boys—darling Keewatin. Why the very mention of her sweet name at one time was sufficient to color the future of the boys who claimed her, with the roseate hues of millions. She was their rising star, before whose increasing effulgence, it was claimed, the favorite household lights of "Glenora," "Royal" and "City," would pale. But alas! the glory of Keewatin was transitory and deceptive, for at the moment her rays are obscured in a total eclipse, and she has positively refused to grind for the boys any longer. In fact she has closed down on the whole lot of them. Keewatin made her debut in the milling world under the training and watchful care of Alexander Mitchell, at 30c to 40c admission below "Glenora," "Royal" and "City." It was a bid for popularity it is true, but the strain was too much for the fair aspirant, who is now sick and undergoing medical treatment, whilst it is said that the C. P. R. boys have been presented with a doctor's bill of between \$75,000 and \$100,000. It is also affirmed that a terrible breach has occurred between the management and directors of Keewatin, and that some one's resignation has been accepted. It is very certain, that the cutting manoeuvres of the management of the Keewatin mill have caused irreparable injury to the trade, at large, besides losing its owners about \$100,000.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.

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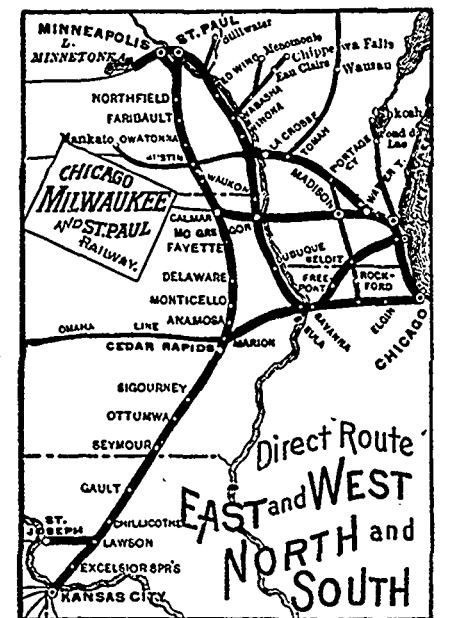
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