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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,

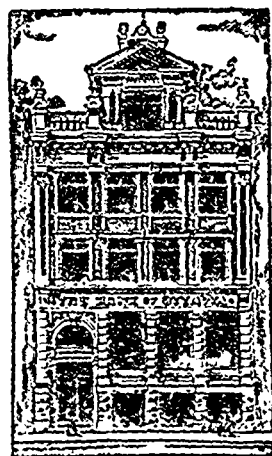
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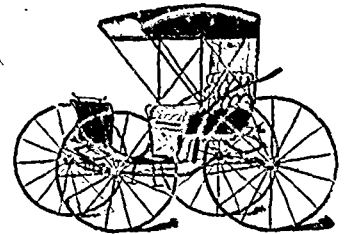
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WINNIPEG, MAY 31, 1897.

## Manitoba.

Peter Cram, butcher, Pilot Mound, has sold out to W. C. Burns, of Oak Lake.

James Osborne has opened business in fruits and confectionery at McGregor.

The stable of John Munro, Portage la Prairie, was burned on May 25. Loss \$1,200, insurance \$500.

Winnipeg barbers have signed the agreement to inaugurate the early closing movement, and hereafter shops will close at 8 o'clock, except Saturdays and evenings prior to holidays.

The H. M. Kringla Icelandic newspaper, Winnipeg, is deceased.

Wm. Renwick, Arden, has sold out to Mr. Chambers.

Higgins & Webster, Roiland, have sold out their hardware business to Chas. Hamilton.

Mulkr & Eitel have bought out Caldwell & McDonagh's wheelwright business, at Russell.

C. C. Macdonald, provincial dairy commissioner, is inspecting the dairies and creameries along the Manitoba & Northwestern railway.

The by-law to raise \$27,000 for a bridge over the Assiniboine river on Main street, at Winnipeg, will be put before the electors on the 25th of June.

The by-law preventing Winnipeg merchants from displaying goods on the street, has been repealed. They will now be allowed two feet of the street for that purpose.

Burglars recently entered the premises of Turnbull & McManus, Winnipeg agents for the Weiland Vale bicycles, and appropriated several bicycle parts.

Mr. D. Ross, proprietor of the White-mouth Lumber mill, was in the city last week and dropped in as usual to see The Commercial. He is expect-

ing a good trade this season for lumber. The Commercial is always pleased to receive calls from business men from outside towns, when they are in the city, and particularly those of such a cheerful and happy disposition as Mr. Ross.

Chief Rogers, of Winnipeg, has submitted his annual report of the fire department. It shows that there have been during the year 235 calls, as follows: Box alarms, 56; telephone alarms, 99; still alarms, 80; number of fires during the year, 70; number of alarms, 165; total value of property and contents affected, \$417,677.75; insurance on property and contents, \$233,000; total loss, \$31,477.65. This shows small loss for the year.

## British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, May 18.—Some important changes have taken place in the British Columbia market this week. Manitoba eggs are the feature of the week. Large consignments are being readily sold at 15 and 15 1/2 cents and have almost entirely replaced the Oregon article.

Butter has advanced this week with the exception of Manitoba dairy which is selling three cents below the California dairy, not so much on account of its inferior grade and the very superior make of the California farmer. This butter arrives from San Francisco in such fine condition that it can be distinguished scarcely from the creamery made, thus there is but a cent difference between the quotations for dairy and creamery.

Green stuff and early fruit made its appearance this week and as usual fancy prices are asked for them. Hay and oats are still very stiff but there will be enough to last before the new crop comes in. There are abundance of sheep in the market just now which has affected the price materialy. It is probable that all meats will decline at an early date.

This week shows the same commercial activity as last. Numerous handsome business blocks are being erected. The cannery and fishermen are busy spending money for the approaching season. Many charters have been received for lumber and a large amount of money is being spent at the mines building roads, developing and erecting mills.

Vancouver, May 25.—The farmers of the Fraser valley are much alarmed at this writing at the steady rise of the Fraser river. The Matsqui dyke has given away, destroying growing crops. It is now definitely known that the Dominion government decline to accept the responsibility of improving navigation and preventing floods, and the farmers will have to look to the Provincial Legislature alone to help them. The British Columbia government, in fact have determined to take over some of the larger dyke work and if possible permanently protect the Fraser valley farms against annual freshets. In the meantime the high water has done much good in making navigation possible in tributaries of the Fraser. Harrison Lake can now be navigated and in this mine camp alone are 400 claims reached with great difficulty previous to the freshet. So that the high water is not an un-mixed evil at this season of the year.

The now famous Fire Mountain Mine company are building a townsite at

the head of Harrison Lake, and a road to their mine, fourteen miles distant as the crow flies.

Wholesale report business good; money is easy, and collections fair. Large supplies are being sent to supply camps at Bickley Bay, where the Northern Transportation company distributes them to a hundred and one tents in the big mining area in these northern waters, and to other mining districts.

The mining machinery has arrived at Penticton for the Tin Horn mine, and the ore is ready for crushing. The Tin Horn is a proved mine and the result of the crushing is being watched with great interest.

There is little change in the markets. Manitoba creamery is beginning to come in, but does not as yet command as good a price as California dairy, being one cent lower. Fruits are getting cheaper, and fresh meats somewhat dearer with the exception of mutton, of which there is an abundant supply at present. There is much building going on in the city. Most of those who have realized large profits on mining investments are buying real estate in central positions.

## NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

R. B. Rodgers and Harry Rae, of Winnipeg, are opening business at Rat Portage in dry goods, furnishings, etc. Mr. Rodgers is a brother of Geo. H. Rodgers, a well known Winnipeg merchant, and Mr. Rae was formerly employed in the store of Geo. H. Rodgers & Co.

An order of the court has been obtained for winding up the Lake of the Woods Fishing Co.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Bradstreet's says of the United States dry goods trade: Trade is dull with conditions no better. The market for cotton fabrics continues dull and disappointing. In many cases production has been increased, but the market does not appear to want goods. The feeling is that more curtailment in production will have to be made in order to benefit the market. Sales are slow, and low prices have to be accepted to move any lines, while, on the other hand, the cost of raw cotton has increased. Printed fabrics are quiet, and some job are being offered in order to clean up. Dress woollens are quiet in all departments. Agents are asking higher prices, but are taking few orders. Men's-wear woollens are also slow, although the mill are quite well sold ahead at previous prices. Agents are generally asking more money for goods, but are taking little business at any advance.

Bradstreet's says of the United States dry goods trade: Trade is slow in all departments, with business depressed. The uncertainty of the tariff is an unfavorable influence, and it looks like continued dullness until this question is settled. Cotton fabrics are selling very low compared with cost of manufacture and general conditions are unfavorable for manufacturers. Raw cotton is costing above the basis on which the goods are selling, and the same can be said of wool. The production of cottons has been increased of late. The mills are fairly employed on old orders taken at low prices, but agents are able to secure little business at any advance.

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## TARIFF CHANGES.

Ottawa, May 25.—When Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, moved the house into committee this afternoon, he explained the amendments which he proposed to make in the original tariff, as introduced by him five weeks ago. The financial minister announced some fifty amendments, of which the following are the more important—original tariff, as below, means the tariff as introduced by Mr. Fielding:

Soap, pearl and other soap powders; original tariff, 30 per cent.; amended tariff, 35 per cent.

The tariff on books has been changed so as to divide them into two classes. The late tariff on books was six cents a pound. The Fielding tariff as introduced placed the duty at 20 per cent. The amended tariff reads as follows: Novels or literature of similar character, unbound or paper bound, not to include Christmas annuals or publications commonly known as juvenile and toy books, 20 per cent. Books, printed as periodicals and pamphlets, n.e.s., not to include blank account books, copy books, 10 per cent. On the free list are placed all books on the application of science to industries of all kinds, including books on agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fish and fishing, mining, metallurgy, architecture, electric and other engineering, carpentry, ship building, mechanism, dyeing, bleaching, tanning, weaving, and other mechanic arts, and similar industrial books, and for public and universal libraries, colleges or schools. It is provided that importers of books, who have sold the same for use in a library, may receive a refund of duty paid.

Advertising and printed matter on which under the old tariff a specific duty was imposed, was placed at 35 per cent in the original Fielding tariff. It now returns to a specific tariff of 15 cents a pound.

Printed music, 25 per cent in the original Fielding tariff is reduced to 10 per cent.

Partly printed newspapers, 20 per cent in the original tariff, increased to 25 per cent.

On medicines the original tariff placed a duty of 35 per cent on liquids and 25 per cent on others. The amended tariff is 50 per cent on liquid medicine containing alcohol and 25 per cent on all others.

Linseed oil, lard oil, etc., is raised from 20 per cent to 25 per cent in the amended resolution.

The item of coal dust in the original has been changed back to read as it was in the late government's tariff. Grindstones, over twelve inches, 20 per cent in the original tariff, are changed to 15 per cent.

The same change is made in rough granite.

Freestone and all building stone and blocks of marble, marble and granite sawn only, flagstone and building stone dressed, 20 per cent.

Roofing slate remains at 25 per cent with a proviso that the duty shall not exceed 75 cents per square.

Plate glass, not bevelled, in sheets and panes; original tariff 30 per cent; amended 35 per cent, when exceeding square feet each; otherwise 25 per cent.

Silvered glass, original tariff 30 per cent, amended 35 per cent.

Iron or steel scrap. The original tariff reduced the duty from \$4.00 to

\$1.50. The amended tariff reduces it still further to \$1.00 per ton.

Iron or steel ingots, puddled bars, etc., which were \$4.00 a ton in the original tariff are \$2.00 in the amended tariff.

Rolled iron or steel angles, girders, bridge sections, etc.; original tariff 15 per cent; amended 10 per cent.

Bridge plates of steel. Original tariff 15 per cent; amended to 10 per cent.

Rolled iron or steel plates, not less than 30 inches in width, original tariff 15 per cent; amended 10 per cent.

Item 229 is amended so that steel, rolled or hammered, when of greater value than 21-2 cents per pound, will be 5 per cent.

Iron or steel bridges and structural work, original tariff 30 per cent; amended 35 per cent.

Tubes of rolled steel, not more than 11-2 inches in diameter, and bicycle tubes; original tariff 15 per cent; amended 10 per cent.

On cut nails and spikes a specific duty of half a cent per pound is imposed instead of 30 per cent in the original Fielding tariff.

On wire nails a specific duty of 3-5 of a cent per pound is placed instead of 35 per cent in the original Fielding tariff. When these two items were put on the ad valorem list the finance minister claimed credit for making a reform. He has thought better of it and restored the specific duty, though at a lower rate than the old one.

Buckthorn and ship fencing; original tariff 25 per cent; amended 20 per cent.

Wire covered with cotton or other material; original tariff 25 per cent; amended 30 per cent.

Wire of all metals or kinds; original tariff 20 per cent; amended; brass wire, 10 per cent, woven wire, 25 per cent.

Scrap lead; original tariff 20 per cent; amended 15 per cent.

Iron or steel nut washers, rivets, etc., original tariff 35 per cent.; amended, 3-4 of a cent a lb., and 25 per cent.

Stereotypes, electrotypes, etc., for almanacs and advertising purposes; original tariff 2 cents per square inch, amended 11-2 cents.

Stereotypes for newspaper columns, original tariff 3-8 of a cent, per square inch; amended 1-4 cent.

Veneers of woods; original tariff 10 per cent.; amended 71-2 per cent.

Jeans, satens, etc., when imported by corset makers; original tariff, 30 per cent.; amended, 20 per cent.

Two sub-clauses are made in item 369, reducing cotton and other cloths for use in the manufacture of umbrellas and neck ties, when these are cut into shape in bond, to 20 per cent., and reducing stockinettes for the manufacture of rubber boots and slates to 15 per cent; also placing cotton duck at 22 1-2 per cent.

In item 375, a sub-clause makes the duty on worsted tops from wool, as it is grown in Canada, 15 per cent. Woollen and worsted yarns, costing 30 cents or over per lb., imported by manufacturers, 20 per cent. This is a change in the classification, and a reduction.

Nitroglycerine, when imported for the manufacture of explosives, 10 per cent., instead of 3 cents a lb., as in the original tariff.

Buttons are divided into two classes, pantaloons buttons wholly of metal and shoe buttons being placed at 25 per

cent. Instead of 35 per cent., as at first proposed.

Twine and cordage; original Fielding tariff, 20 per cent.; amended to 25 per cent.

Cut tobacco; 50 cents per lb. and 12 1-2 per cent.; amended 55 cents. Other manufactured tobacco; original tariff, 45 cents per lb. and 12 1-2 per cent.; amended 50 cents a lb. The tariff as introduced by Mr. Fielding imposed an excise duty of 10 cents a lb. on raw leaf tobacco unstemmed and 14 cents on stemmed. It is proposed to change on the 1st of July to a customs duty of the same amount. The excise duties to be collected on all goods now in bond.

The remarks made by Mr. Fielding show that the intention of levying the excise duty in the first two or three months was to catch the importer who had endeavored to forestall the tariff by buying in a stock of raw tobacco.

Excise duties on cigarettes remain at \$3 per thousand as proposed, but only \$1.50 is to be levied on cigarettes made from native grown tobacco.

An important change is proposed in the item of mining machinery. The late government made free all mining machinery of a class not made in Canada. Mr. Fielding placed all mining machinery on the free list. In the amended resolution he goes back to the late government's system, except that he enumerates the machinery which he leaves dutiable and that which is made free.

A change is made in the preferential clause to provide that the government will extend the reciprocal tariff to any country which may be entitled to the same by virtue of any treaty with Her Majesty.

An amendment is also proposed to the combine clause which requires the decision of a court as to the fact of a combination before the government can have power to act in the premises.

At the evening sitting Sir Charles Tupper replied to the speech of the finance minister, denouncing the government's bungling effort as a complete back down on their policy of only a few weeks ago. Mr. Fielding's temporary distinction and eminence was passed away and so was the preferential tariff, so called. It was a complete justification of what he had said, that Canada could not withdraw from the application of the imperial treaties. The late tariff was nothing short of a declaration of independence. In any case the effect would be fatal to Canadian interests. He moved in conclusion the following amendment.

That in the opinion of this house the reduction by 25 per cent. of the duties upon the imports, except wine, malt liquors, spirits, spirituous liquors, liquid medicines and articles containing alcohol, sugar, molasses and syrups of all kinds, the product of the sugar cane or beet root, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, in favor of any country whose tariff is or may be made on the whole as low as that of schedule (D), is calculated to imperil the industrial interests of Canada and is a principle opposed to preferential trade of any kind with the Mother Country.

That on several occasions the government and parliament of Canada have requested Her Majesty to be pleased to take such steps as might be necessary to terminate the effect of the provisions of all treaties which prevent the parliament of the United Kingdom and the self governing colonies adopting such tariffs as may be required for the promotion of trade within the empire, but

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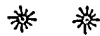
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no decisive action has been taken in this direction.

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That this house is of opinion that the government of Canada should cause Her Majesty's government to be advised that so soon as the difficulties in the way are removed the parliament of Canada is ready to enter into a preferential trade arrangement with Great Britain and Ireland.

That this house cannot consent that any arrangement be made by the government of Canada with any country involving serious considerations of tariff and revenue should become operative without the sanction and ratification of parliament.

**Lands Act Amended.**

Ottawa, May 25.—In the house this afternoon Hon. C. Sifton introduced a bill to amend the Northwest Territories act. He said: "The provisions of this bill are somewhat miscellaneous in character. I need not explain them at length now, because they would hardly be understood until the printed bill is in the hands of the members I may say, however, generally speaking, that the main provision of the bill is to change the constitution of the government of the Northwest Territories in this respect, that whereas they had what is called an executive committee, a committee that was entirely a statutory body, and I fancy without precedent in our constitutional system, under the proposed bill they will have an executive council, which will, to the extent of the statutory powers, conferred upon the government of the Northwest Territories by this act, exercise such powers in the same way as the executive council of a province. The effect will be rather as to the methods in which the government is carried on, than as to any extension of the powers of the government itself. The natural effect of this provision will be that a system of responsible government in the Northwest Territories will be more clearly defined and established than it has been heretofore.

Another feature of the bill gives Territorial assembly power dealing with questions of insurance, incorporation of local insurance companies and other necessary business. This is a power possessed by provincial legislatures but heretofore not possessed by the Territorial assembly. Difficulties have arisen through lack of local regulation and it is to meet these difficulties that this change has been made. The bill was read the first

**DOMINION LAND ACT.**

Sifton first moved the first reading of a bill to amend the Dominion Land Act. The first clause of the bill gives the immigration agent authority to grant leave to persons who may be nominated by the agents for settlers, who may be desired to make homesteads.

Section 5 of the bill embodies the provision of a bill introduced by Mr. Douglas which has passed on its second reading. Section 6 embodies the main provisions of a bill introduced by Mr. Davin, which has also passed on its second reading.

Section five provides that where an allotment or transfer of the homestead pre-emption right of a settler is made, it shall not necessarily

work a forfeiture of the settler's rights.

Section six gives power to the minister of the interior to grant grazing leases without going to council.

Section 13 provides for those cases in which a patent is issuable to a person who subsequently turns out to be dead before the patent is issued.

Sections 17 and 18 refer to abandonment by settlers of homesteads which they have obtained and on which they have a lien after it has been decided by competent authority that the land is not of such quality to make a living from it. These clauses are provided to meet the case of the Crofter settlement in the southern portion of Manitoba.

Section 21 authorizes the minister of the interior to make a special survey of lands in Yukon district, departing from the ordinary terms of the Dominion lands act. The bill was read a first time.

**IMMIGRATION.**

As the house passed into committee of supply Hon. G. E. Foster invited the minister of the interior to explain the plans which he had conceived in reference to immigration.

Mr. Sifton complied. The government did not propose, he said, to make any large promises with respect to immigration, which they looked upon as a highly important subject. They did propose to take care of settlers that came to this country and their object would be to keep them within our confines. An organization was entrusted with this purpose, a staff of officers was at the present time engaged in such states as Michigan, Kansas, Wisconsin and the Dakotas. He could not expect inside of one or two years to have a system in operation that will approach perfection. He did not feel like making any predictions, but his plan will be faithfully carried out, and his hope was for good results. Since entering upon the duties of his office he had given some study to the question of European immigration, and had in this connection the benefit of Sir Donald Smith's advice. He found that the main trouble has been the relaxation on the part of the late government during the last three years of action in the European field. Perhaps they were discouraged, or perhaps there were other reasons. He hoped to see the tide turn ere long, and immigration flow to Canadian shores as never before. Almost any reasonable sum would be voted by the Canadian parliament for this purpose. Yet he didn't propose to ask any large vote. Many of the items are for contingencies which may arise, and would meet the main requirements of the department, which are feasible.

**Wheat Stocks.**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 15, 1897, shows a decrease of 2,125,000 bushels against a decrease of 854,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 3,139,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 1,466,000 bushels three years ago.

The following shows the visible supply at the end of each week in the current year compared with the three previous years. This visible supply includes stocks of wheat in store at most important points, east of the Rocky mountains:

	1897	1896	1895	1894
Jan. 2	51,651,000	60,512,000	57,850,000	74,953,000
" 9	53,572,000	68,915,000	56,615,000	80,133,000
" 16	54,450,000	67,988,000	55,586,000	80,322,000
" 23	51,205,000	67,523,000	54,665,000	80,264,000
" 30	49,591,000	66,731,000	54,376,000	79,893,000
Feb. 6	47,585,000	66,119,000	54,322,000	79,570,000
" 13	46,055,000	65,016,000	50,733,000	78,667,000
" 20	45,215,000	65,011,000	49,476,000	77,257,000
" 27	43,797,000	64,080,000	48,761,000	75,869,000
Mar. 6	42,768,000	62,599,000	47,717,000	74,507,000
" 13	41,419,000	62,123,000	46,376,000	73,250,000
" 20	40,139,000	61,348,000	45,773,000	72,163,000
" 27	39,023,000	61,048,000	44,308,000	71,458,000
Apr. 3	38,612,000	60,322,000	42,703,000	70,762,000
" 10	37,706,000	59,330,000	40,370,000	69,217,000
" 17	36,979,000	58,431,000	38,626,000	68,425,000
" 24	36,201,000	57,916,000	36,776,000	66,583,000
May 8	31,561,000	51,000,000	30,623,000	63,510,000
" 15	28,737,000	51,116,000	30,411,000	61,041,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada May 8, is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	5,100,000
Toronto	117,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	193,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,010,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	2,703,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows on May 8, 1897:

	Bushels.
East of the mountains	45,533,000
Pacific Coast	1,614,000
Total stocks a year ago were	
East of the mountains	77,737,000
Pacific Coast	3,182,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ending May 15 shows an increase of 1,100,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 46,633,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on May 1, 1897, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 107,192,000 bushels as compared with 131,316,000 bushels on May 1, 1896, 154,980,000 on May 1, 1895; 170,695,000 on May 1, 1894; 172,093,000 on May 1, 1893; 125,894,000 on May 1, 1892; 95,409,000 on May 1, 1891, and 76,995,000 on May 1, 1890.

**SIGNIFICANT CIRCULAR.**

The statement, often made of late and as often denied, that the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway systems are to be amalgamated under one head, is borne out by the latest folder which has been issued by the Great Northern company. Together with time tables of that company and information regarding its steamship line is the advertisement of the Yellowstone park line—the N. P.—a condensed schedule of the Northern Pacific railway trains and the dates of departure from Tacoma of the Northern Pacific steamers. This is the first time that the two systems have been drawn so closely together and the first time that a folder has been issued since the announcement was made some weeks ago that Jas. J. Hill would shortly become the head of the combined system. The fact that this first folder since that time advertises the two lines, which have always been rivals, indicates that all the smoke concerning the amalgamation rose from some fire.

A daily newspaper to be called The Standard will shortly be issued in Kamloops. It will be conservative in federal politics and will support the present local government.



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**Grain and Milling News.**

Kenneth Campbell, of Brandon, is putting up an elevator at Forrest.

Goldsmith & Hague are building a 30,000 bushel elevator at Alexander, Man.

A Reid, of Stockton, is building a 30,000 bushel elevator at Cypress River, Man.

The Wolseley Milling Co., Wolseley, Assa., have commenced work again after some weeks spent in fitting up new machinery.

The Brackman & Ker Milling Co., who have mills in British Columbia and an oatmeal mill at Edmonton, Alberta, have decided to build a 50,000-bushel elevator at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, this summer.

Large shipments of wheat have been going forward from interior points to Lake Superior ports recently. This wheat does not represent new deliveries by farmers, as some have supposed, though the farmers have been marketing quite a little wheat lately. A considerable portion is wheat held in store from last winter, which is now going forward for export, large sales of Manitoba wheat having been made in New York lately for export.

A report from Montreal says: There was some demand from abroad for Manitoba flour to-day, and the Lake of the Woods Milling company placed 1,600 sacks on London account. This firm also made a sale of a round lot recently for shipment to South Africa.

Oats advanced 1-2c at Montreal on May 13, with sales of round lots in store at 26 to 26 1-2c for No. 2. The following day, May 14, a further 1-2c advance was established, sales being made at 26 1-2c to 27c in store. A 1-2c advance was also reported on May 12 to 25 1-2 to 26c in store. This shows a good record for three consecutive days.

Considerable business has been done at Montreal, says the Bulletin, in oats for export, one firm having placed 150,000 bushels during the past two weeks. In this market about 50,000 bushels have been purchased for export at 25c in store, and one lot was reported sold to an exporter at 25 1-2c afloat. The market is no doubt easier owing in the first place to lower offers from the other side, and secondly to the great paucity of ocean freight space.

The Neepawa Register says: "It is currently reported that R. C. Ennis is negotiating the sale of his milling property in the town of Neepawa to an English syndicate. The same report states that this syndicate is buying up a large number of the smaller milling concerns throughout Manitoba with a view to 'bucking' the Ogilvie and Lake of the Woods Milling companies." The Commercial would add to this that while there have been some rumors regarding the formation of a milling syndicate, the matter has not gone farther than mere proposals, and has not reached a point where it could be considered among the probabilities.

The present season has been an unfortunate one for the Manitoba grain trade. We sometimes hear talk about large profits in grain, but take the trade as a whole and it is difficult to figure out anything but a loss on the present season's trade, in the aggregate. The heaviest purchases from producers were made when prices were

high, and after the trade was loaded up with dear wheat, bought in advance of export prices, prices declined. A large quantity of wheat was carried over from last fall to the opening of navigation this spring, at the usual cost of carrying in addition to shrinkage in prices. The Manitoba grain trade may be some wiser, but it is certainly not richer than it was before the season's operations began. The grain trade is now handled on an exceedingly small margin, and in order to make a profit even under favorable conditions, it must be done on a large scale. This is the cause of the tendency to organize large companies in the trade, thereby reducing expenses in proportion to the quantity of business handled.

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

The feeling in the rice market is much firmer on account of the recent large advance in Indian.

Stocks of Persian dates in London are said to be the smallest in any year except 1896.

In New York refined sugar was reduced to 1-16c on all hard grades, 1-3c on Nos. 4 to 8, inclusive, and for most other grades 1-16c.

The feature of the molasses market has been the decline of 1c per gallon in the first cost of Barbadoes at the island, cables received quoting 6c, which is the lowest figure touched for some years past.

A new industry in California is the packing of sardines. The goods are claimed to be equal to French, but are sold on their merits and not as an imitation of French. Prices are about the same as the latter or best Portugal. The fish are packed at San Pedro, Cal., in pure California oliveoil.

Concerning the Cuba sugar crop, Willett & Gray, say: "The crop will reach about 200,000 tons. The next crop can not exceed this amount owing to existing state of the sugar estates. The crop has been largely made this year under independent protection against both antagonists."

The tea market, says The New York Commercial Bulletin of Saturday, has been quick and upon a confident basis. The advance of 3c to 5c per pound that has been made is rather inside at the close, with some parcels, invoices and jobbing quantities practically held off the market, and as awaiting further consideration of the proposed imposition of a duty.

A Toronto report says: There has been a good demand for teas for shipment to the United States and some lots have been sent from here of Japans and Hysons, the inquiry for Japans being mostly for teas in the neighborhood of 15c. There is a good demand for canned goods and, owing to the fact that stocks are not large, prices are firm.

According to private letters received from the coast more than half of the prunes are already on the grounds and other fruit crops are said to have suffered proportionately; but it is generally admitted that California, in spite of all adverse conditions, may yet turn out one of the largest crops since 1891. The stock of prunes left from the 1896 crop in California, according to last advices, is reduced to less than 30 cars, some informants stating that there is not more than 25 cars left there.

A Montreal report says. The active enquiry for teas from United States buyers continues, but owing to the fact that the bulk of the desirable grades have been picked up in this market the volume of business has been small, and holders of small lots of suitable goods are asking such high prices for them that it won't permit buyers to take hold. The tone of the market is firm for all grades, but no transactions of importance have taken place.

The money spent in North America in making India teas known is justified. In the first quarter of this year 2,631,555 lbs. Indian went to North America, of which Canada took 1,233,387 lbs., against 1,294,054 lbs. in the first three months of last year, of which Canada took 150,779 lbs. These figures show a great increase, but those for Ceylon tea are startling in comparison. In the quarter 1,758,365 lbs. of Ceylon tea went to North America, of which only 100,769 lbs. were shipped direct via China, against 1,050,884 lbs. in 1896, of which 34,568 went direct. Of the total Canada took 806,624 lbs, against 154,324 lbs. the previous year.

It is reported that all of the salt salmon held by the Alaska Packers' Association has been cleaned up. It is said that there are not 25 barrels to be had on the spot.

A Montreal report says: There has been quite a demand for tea in the Montreal market during the past week for New York account, one lot of Japans which was valued at 14 1-2c by Montreal brokers selling in New York at 17c. Another round lot valued at 15 1-2c was shipped to New York and sold there at 19c. A lot of 521 packages Japans was sold by a firm here a few days ago at a good profit to a New York firm at 16c here, and other transactions have been put through for American account at prices which have proved very satisfactory to holders. A firm in New York, which has been accumulating low grade teas for some years past, a portion of which has been held for four years, stands to make \$250,000 if it gets only one-half of the proposed new duty.

**THE MINING CONVENTION.**

Rat Portage, May 27.—The mining convention to be held here on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, promises to be a great success. Many letters have been received by the secretary from mining men and capitalists from Ro-sland and Spokane in the west, to Montreal and New York in the east, and Cleveland, Chicago, St. Paul, Duluth and other United States cities, stating their intention to be present. Many valuable papers will be read by prominent men, while a large exhibit of ores has been prepared from every portion of the gold fields of northwestern Ontario. Excursions will be run to the mines, carrying visitors free of charge. Every effort will be made to make their visit an enjoyable and instructive one. Visitors are requested to see that they obtain a receipt when buying their railroad ticket, on presentation of which they will be returned free of charge, thus giving them a whole month to visit the Lake of the Woods and contiguous mining districts for a single fare rate. Ample hotel accommodation has been provided for, and no pains have been spared to make this convention one of the most important yet held in Canada.

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A well dressed man respects himself and commands the respects of others. Put the ordinary individual in a stylish, well-made suit of clothes, and it has a tendency to make him think he amounts to something, and as a rule he will arise to the occasion and show the man in him; put him in a shoddy suit that will rip and ravel and he will be just about the style of chap to go well with such a suit. But the shoddy suit even if made up in a manner quite in keeping with the goods from which it is made has a temptation that is sometimes hard to be resisted, as the late P. T. Barnum remarked, "That the public liked to be humbugged." The great danger that is threatening the clothing trade of Canada lies in the fact that some of the large wholesale dry goods houses who have been unable through unfair competition with each other to pay an interest on their capital, have conceived the idea of competing with the clothing houses for their trade. This has arisen probably through the fact of their piece goods business decreasing as ready-made clothing has become more popular, but will have, if it has not already had a tendency to cause some houses in the clothing trade to cheapen their goods at the expense of the intrinsic value the consumer gets for his money. These dry goods people farm their goods out to Russian and to Polish buyers principally. They are cut in large quantities with a knife or cutting machine, and made up by these buyers in a style that would be a disgrace to any self-respecting man to wear. The thread with which they are sewn is of the cheapest and most inferior quality; the linings and trimmings are also of a quality to match, and the whole outfit when produced will be dear to the consumer at the price, but the price at which they are offered is so exceedingly low that the bargain hunter is unable to resist. The result of all this will be that what is now a growing and respectable business will rapidly degenerate through the unfair competition of those who know nothing of the value of the goods they are competing with those who do. The only remedy that we can suggest is to advise our customers to buy their clothing from reputable

clothing houses, and not from people whose business it is to sell other goods, and also to insist upon agents from whom they purchase their goods, giving them a guarantee as to workmanship and quality.

### The Hardware Trade.

Owing to large importations of glass, the Montreal market has been weak and prices have declined 10c to 15c per 50 feet and 50c per 100 feet. Dealers there now quote first break, \$1.25; second break, \$1.35 per 50 feet, and third break, \$2.50 per 100 feet.

The Montreal Gazette says: There has been some readjustment of pig iron prices in consequence of new arrival at wharf. Summerlee pig iron is now selling at \$17.50 to \$18 ex ship and other English brands are lowered in proportion. Sheet iron has declined 25c to \$2.25, and a further drop has occurred in galvanized iron, which is selling at a range of \$4.25 to \$5.25. Canada plates are rather unsettled with a lower inside price for round lots at \$2.35, while smaller quantities range up to \$2.60. Pig lead is 10c higher at \$3.35 to \$3.60.

A further Montreal Gazette report says: The market for both wire and cut nails is completely demoralized as a consequence of the recent tariff changes and competition from United States makers. The basis of sale for wire nails was changed from a discount to a net price after the new tariff had been brought down, the change being equivalent to a considerable decline in price. The United States wire nail list is \$1.35, base f.o.b. Pittsburg, and 35 per cent, duty brings that to \$1.83. Bearing this in mind, Canadian makers first scaled their price at \$2 to \$2.10, but they were forced the other day to make a still further reduction. The basis in this province is now \$2, but in Ontario there is no fixed price, everything depending on the offers that are made by the Pittsburg people, but the ruling idea seems to be \$1.94 for carload lots. Cut nails are just as much demoralized as wire. At the first of the year they were selling at a base of \$2.25 to \$2.30. To-day the base in Quebec is \$1.95, or a decline of 35c, and there is no fixed price in Ontario, the instructions to salesmen from Canadian makers being to meet the Pittsburg price, no matter what it may be.

### Dairy Trade Items.

The Souris creamery commenced operations for the season on May 21.

W. Stevenson has been engaged for the Neepawa creamery this season.

Mr. Hettle, of Boissevain, has rented the Ninga creamery and commenced operations on May 19.

The managers for the respective government creameries in the Territories have assumed their positions.

The machinery for a new creamery at Souris, Man., is being placed in position. J. O. Smith has been engaged to handle the creamery.

At the cheese market at Brockville, Ont., on May 20, cheese was lower at 83-4 to 87-4, 3,500 boxes changing hands.

The Gladstone creamery began operations for the season on May 17, in charge of J. Martin, who has been in charge for the past two years.

The Newdale creamery shipped a ton of butter to Vancouver recently. Farmers in the vicinity of Newdale are patronizing the creamery very liberally this spring.

At the Douglas creamery they are receiving about 1,500 pounds per week, just three times as much as this time last year. The present price is 16c per pound. The manager, Mr. Greenwood, is about to build a large refrigerator capable of holding the whole season's make.

The Regina creamery started operations for the season under A. E. Howie on May 20. It is estimated that there will be cream from 500 cows in Regina and neighborhood. A cream gathering station has been established at Craven, about twenty-two miles north, and from that point there will be cream from 300 cows. The farmers seem to be waking up to the benefit of the monthly cash distribution on account.

### Live Stock Items.

M. McKinnon, of Calgary, left Edmonton recently with a number of cattle, which he had purchased in the district for Gordon & Ironside.

During the week, says the Deloraine Times, Mr. Macdonald sent 300 head of cattle to Bottineau, and thence shipped them to St. Paul, Minnesota.

The flow of cattle into the Kootenay from Northern Alberta still continues. J. J. Duggan, of South Edmonton, shipped four cars of fat steers to Nelson recently.

A company of cattlemen from the United States have located in the Cypress Hill, Assa., with one thousand head of stockers, which they purchased in Ontario.

W. R. Stewart and H. J. Burton, of Carman, Man., have purchased some 400 head of Manitoba stocker cattle and 1,500 head in Ontario, which they have shipped to Alberta ranches. 1,000 head of steers and two carloads of bulls were disposed of to the Cochrane ranch, thirteen head of bulls were placed in the Pincher Creek and the North Fork and twenty-two head at High River and Calgary; 105 head of cattle were also sent to the Blood reserve and twenty head to the Peigans.

### ALBERTA.

Mellin and Vogel, of Edmonton, have bought out Alfred Cover's meat business at South Edmonton.

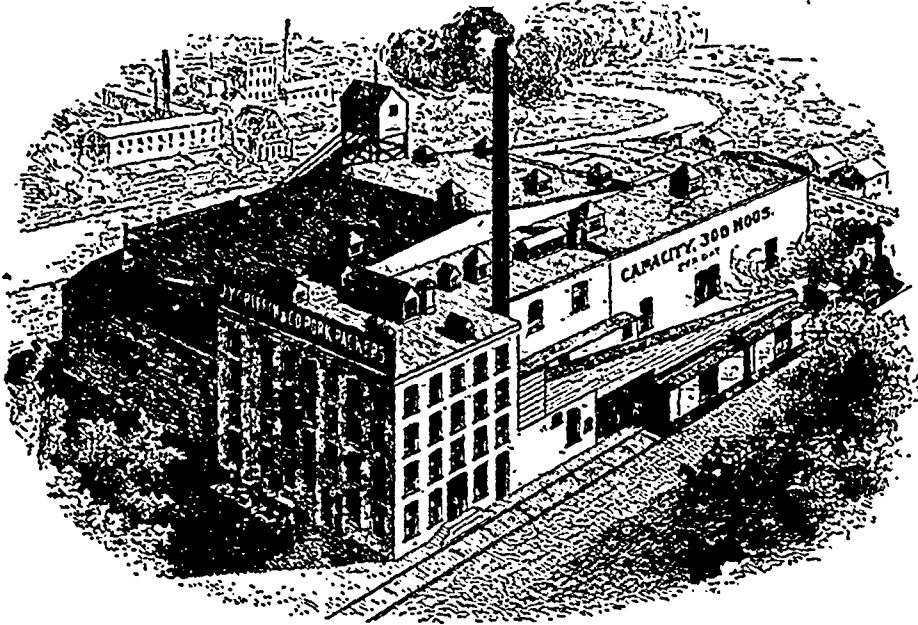
J. Shera, of Edmonton, who has been employed with J. A. McDougall for some time, will open business at Fort Saskatchewan under the style of Shera & Co.

C. Gallagher, of Edmonton, has begun the erection of a pork packing establishment at South Edmonton. The building will be of solid brick and three storeys high.

The South Edmonton Plaindealer says: "The egg trade with the Kootenay has so developed that a great demand for egg cases has arisen. To meet this demand a factory for the purpose, with a steam plant, is being put in by R. B. Bisset. The factory has an initial order for 1,500 cases.

Hay advanced 50c to \$1 per ton at Montreal recently, to \$11 to \$11.25 for No. 1 and \$10 to \$10.25 for No. 2 timothy.

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Northwestern Crops.

This week's crop report from northwestern points, which is furnished by the M. & N. W. Railway company, is of a highly satisfactory character. Seeding of all kinds of grain in most districts has been finished, and the early sown wheat is well up and growing rapidly and vigorously under favorable weather conditions. The area under crop between Westbourne and Yorkton will in the aggregate be considerably in excess of last year's acreage. The reports from the various points are here subjoined:

**Westbourne**—Seeding all finished and about three weeks earlier than last year. The frost of Sunday night did not do much damage. Farmers say the prospects for a good crop are very promising. Acreage of various kinds of grain about the same as last year.

**Garbutt**—Seeding in this vicinity finished and crops never looked better. Wheat about two and a half inches above the ground and has sustained no damage by the recent frost. Acreage compared with last years as follows: Wheat 20 per cent more; oats and barley about the same. 12 per cent more wheat sown this year than ever before.

**Archie**—The crops have not been doing so well this past week on account of their being no rain to speak of; what little rain there was helped wonderfully. Wheat and oats are up nicely, and all that is required is more rain. Barley is not all sown yet, so no progress can be reported for it. About 25 or 30 per cent more wheat and oats than this time last year. Barley will be about the same.

**Nepawa**—Wheat, oats and barley have an acreage about 20 per cent more than last year. All crops are looking first class so far; but there is need of more rain. No damage done by frost in this district.

**Manitou**—Seeding is now finished, and grain sown early is doing well, about three inches high. The recent rains have helped to advance growth very so far the light frosts have done no damage to the crops. The acreage in wheat will be fully 40 per cent over last year. Oats and barley will be about the same.

**Regina**—Practically all the grain sown in this district and most of the wheat is from two to three inches above the ground. No damage done by frost; weather favorable and prospects good generally. Wheat acreage same as last year. Oats and barley 15 to 20 per cent more than last year.

**Neudale**—Seeding will be finished by Friday next, all kinds of grain; looking fine and in very healthy condition. It is estimated that the crops of all kinds are from ten to fifteen days further advanced than this time last year. No damage by frost. Acreage about the same as last year with the exception of wheat, which will be 10 per cent more this year.

**Smithfield**—Seeding about finished, crops looking well. Wheat from two to three and a half inches high, and coming up. No damage from frost if the dry weather continues, crops will suffer. Very little rain falling. The acreage as compared with last year is about the same, wheat, which is about 25 per cent greater.

**Red Lake**—Crops in this district looking very favorable, the late showers have given them an excellent

start. Fully one-third more wheat sown than last year. Oats and barley will be about the same acreage as last year. No damage reported from recent frost. Grain between three and four inches high. All seeding completed with exception of little barley.

**Birtle**—Wheat growing well. Cannot learn of any damage by frost. About two weeks ahead of last year; acreage fully fifteen per cent greater. Oats coming on well; acreage about twenty per cent less than last year. Very little barley sown in this district.

**Binscarth**—Seeding is finished; fully a week earlier than last year. The acreage under crop is about the same. A number of fields are quite green and the plant in a good healthy condition. We have had plenty of rain accompanied with growing warmth; had a light frost but no apparent damage.

**Russell**—Wheat crop acreage fully 25 per cent over last year; oats and barley about the same. Crops nearly all above ground, looking well. Nothing injured by frosts, not even the tenderest garden plants.

**Langenburg**—Wheat is up about two or three inches in most places and looks well with all prospects of a fine crop. The late rains have made a wonderful improvement on the grain. Farmers say it is about ten or twelve days ahead of this time last year. Oats are up and look splendid; they are fully five to ten days ahead of this time last year. We have had a light frost but not enough to do any damage to grain. Acreage is about 50 per cent more than last year for all kinds of grain.

**Saltcoats**—The grain has all been sown. The more advanced wheat has been set back by frost in some localities but the late rains are bringing both grain and grass along fine, and all grain fully as far advanced as at this time last year. Farmers here express themselves satisfied now that rains are frequent. Acreage sown is fully one-third more than last year.

**Yorkton**—Wheat crops looking fine; fields all green; fully three weeks ahead this time last year. Oat crop about half up and coming ahead fast; no damage whatever done by frost and there is every prospect for a good crop. Fully 20 per cent more sown than last year.

Export Duties.

Toronto, May 27.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says: "The question of export duties has been brought before the government in various fashions and it will be necessary that most serious consideration be given to the arguments urged by the parties who have made these representations of export duties. The finance minister states that facts for and against such duties will be very carefully weighed before a decision is arrived at. The two classes of exports concerning which the agitation for export duties has assumed considerable proportions are the ores of the precious and semi-precious metals, logs and pulp wood.

"As to the first, the agitation is not confined to one part of the Dominion. In the far west, the location of smelters for the gold, copper and silver lead ores of Kootenay may be determined in a great measure by the action of the government. Owners of not a few mines are Americans and naturally prefer to locate their smel-

ers on the American side. It is believed they may do so, if reasonably certain that no export duty will be levied by the government of Canada on these ores. Agitation for an export duty is promoted not alone by owners of smelters in Kootenay, but by many not so interested but who believe the people of Canada should benefit by the smelting and refining of the great masses of ore already mined in Canada and which will be in vastly increasing quantities from year to year."

The correspondent points out that the same condition of affairs exists further east with reference to nickel refining, which in Canada would mean a great industry built up here. The same holds good with regard to saw logs the export duty on which, however, depends upon the action of the United States with reference to the Dingley bill, the final draft of which will probably not be agreed upon when parliament adjourns, while there are still those who believe free lumber is by no means an impossibility.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: We hear of engagements at 1s 6d Liverpool, 1s 9d Glasgow, 2s London, and 2s 3d Avonmouth, which shows a decline of 3d to 4 1-2d on the week. There is still a very slow movement in flour, and what business is reported has been done on the basis of 7s 6d Liverpool, 8s 6d to 8s 9d Glasgow, 10s London, and 12s 6d Bristol. Cheese has been taken at 25s Liverpool, Glasgow and Bristol, and 20s London; with 5s extra for butter, and 10s additional for refrigerator room. Cattle freights are firmer, engagements have transpired at 50s Liverpool, 42s 6d to 45s London, and 45s Glasgow and Bristol.

The rates of freight on grain by the lakes are low, wheat having been engaged from Chicago to Buffalo at 11-2c per bushel, and from Buffalo to New York at 21-2 per bushel. This makes 4c per bushel through from Chicago to New York with Buffalo charges of about 7-8c to be added. Wheat is being taken from Chicago to New York at 47-8c per bushel, which is said to be as low a rate as was ever before known. Wheat, Fort William to Montreal has declined to 51-2c. From Duluth there have been charters of wheat to Kingston at 31-4c, and from Chicago to Kingston the rate is 23-4c wheat, and 21-2c corn. From Chicago to Prescott 23-4c wheat and 21-2c corn, and from Prescott to Montreal 17-8c wheat and 13-4c corn.

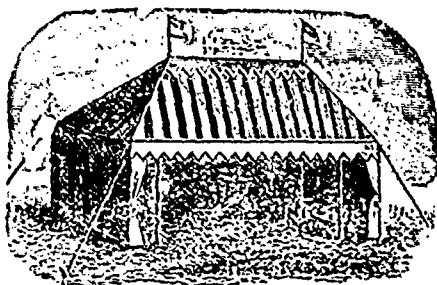
COMMERCIAL EMISSARIES.

Ottawa, May 27.—George Anderson, manager of the Royal Oil company, will shortly leave in behalf of the Canadian government to study the condition of trade in Japan with the object of opening up a market there, studying the prejudices of the people and following the suggestions made by Mr. Nisse, Japanese chief consul, who suggested the idea to the government. The probability is that Thomas Moffet, of Johannesburg, at the Cape of Good Hope, will be appointed Canadian agent for South Africa. He is a former Canadian and has done much already to promote trade.

Edmund E. Sheppard will leave for Central and South America for the same purpose, to promote trade, early next month.

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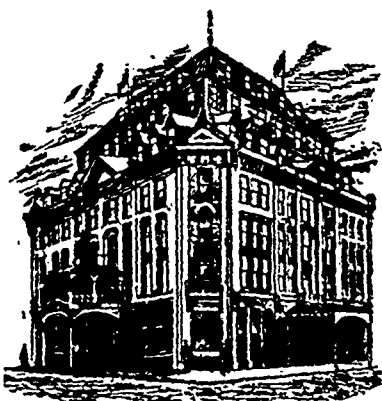


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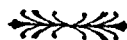
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**Question of Lake Freights.**

To the Editor of the Commercial.

Sir,—I have been interested in reading the accounts of the new air line of railway from Winnipeg to Duluth, about which so much has been written lately, and amongst the reasons and excuses given for its construction I notice one upon which particular stress has been laid by the Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Tribune, viz: that when the railroad is completed to Duluth, owing to the immense size of the cargo steamers trading from there to Buffalo, that lake freights will be materially reduced.

The statement is also made that boats can load to draught of 20 feet of water from Duluth to Buffalo. Now, any one who knows anything, understands that the draught of water for the cargo steamers trading on Lake Superior is regulated wholly by the draught through the Canadian and American canals at Sault Ste. Marie, and the depth of water in the St. Mary's river; and while both the new American and Canadian locks have been built with a view of loading to 20 feet, the river at present is only navigable for about 16 feet, and just as large steamers can and do load at Fort Arthur and Fort William for Buffalo as at Duluth or Superior. I might add that the largest cargo ever shipped in one bottom from any port on Lake Superior was the cargo of the steamer Andrew Carnegie last week, which loaded at Fort Arthur and Fort William for Buffalo, with Manitoba wheat, and had over 182,000 bushels aboard, over 5,460 tons dead weight.

When the rivers and waters are deepened to allow steamers drawing 20 feet to navigate them, a steamer the size of the Carnegie will carry 230,000 bushels of wheat, or equal to 7,500 net tons; and shipments of this size may be made from the Canadian ports at the head of Lake Superior, as well as the American ones. When the question of freight rates is considered—at present the rate from Fort Arthur or Fort William to Buffalo is 1 3/8 cents, a figure so low that no matter how large the steamers might be, there is no room for reduction. Your readers will easily understand that even with the present draught of water and the size of the steamers, they are to-day about as low as it will ever be possible to get them.

Regretting that I have had to trouble you to contradict statements which those who attempt to lead public opinion should know better than to send out.

GEORGE T. MARKS.

Mayer's Office, Port Arthur, May 21.

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store at Fort William 63 to 64c for May delivery.
- Flour—Local price, per sack. Patent, \$1.55 to \$1.60; bakers', \$1.75 to \$1.80.
- Bran—Per ton, \$8.
- Shorts—Per ton, \$10.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 18c to 19c. Car lots at country points, 10c to 13c.
- Barley—Selling at 17c to 18c for ad here. Car lots at country points 13c to 14c.
- Butter—Dairy, good to choice, jobbing at 10c to 13c as to quality and milky, creamery 14c.

- Cheese.—Jobbing price 7c to 7 1/2c.
- Eggs.—Fresh, jobbing at 9c to 9 1/2c and 8c net.
- Beef.—City dressed, 5c to 5 1/2c.
- Mutton.—Mutton held stock, 6c to 7c, fresh 9c.
- Hogs—Dressed, 5c to 5 1/2c.
- Cattle.—Nominal at 2 1/2c to 3c for butchers' stock.
- Hides—No. 1 green, 4c to 4 1/2c.
- Hogs—Live, off cars, 3 3/8c.
- Sheep.—Sheep nominal at 4 to 4 1/4c off cars.
- Seneca Root.—Dry 19c lb.
- Poultry.—Chickens, 12c lb; turkeys, 14c; ducks, 10c; geese, 12c.
- Potatoes—20c to 25c per bushel.
- Hay.—\$7 to \$9 for baled on track.
- Wool—5c to 9c as to quality.

**Hides, Wool, etc.**

Chicago Shoe and Leather Review says. Since our Wednesday report a block of last summer's spready native steer hides was sold at 9 1/2c. A car lot of May natives was taken at 9c. Among other sales was a block of early spring butt brands at 8c, a lot of 5,000 March heavy native cows at 8 1/4c, and several lots of Texas heavy, light and extreme light all at 8 1/2c. The hide market has been subject to extreme fluctuations in recent years. May natives are selling at 9c to-day; they brought 1c less a year ago, 3 1/2c more two years ago, and 3 3/4c less three years ago.

A Toronto report quotes unwashed fleece wool at 11c, but the future very uncertain. Hides at Toronto were quoted firmer at 7 1/2c.

Bradstreet's reports United States wool markets dull and easy.

The London market is firm, and prices are on a parity with the close of the previous sale. The London sale closed May 22. It is estimated that United States parties bought about 7,000 bales at this series.

**CITY ASSESSMENT.**

The total assessment of the city for the current year amounts to \$22,790, \$40 exclusive of exemptions, which amount to \$4,863,220, showing a net increase for the rateable property of the city over that of 1896 of over one-quarter of a million dollars. This increase is wholly represented by new buildings erected during the year 1896 and improvements added to others previously constructed, as it exceeds the reduction made on land and old buildings by over \$35,000. The total assessment by way of capitalized rental value for business tax is \$3,025,950, being a slight increase in this class of assessment over that of last year. The total population of the city taken in connection with this assessment is shown to be, inclusive of a fair percentage added for the transient and floating population, 32,691.

**ROOTS AND SHOES.**

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Apart from a few sorting orders manufacturers have very little to report. Travellers are going out with their fall samples, but it is too early yet to hear from them, although a few orders have been received. Retailers report a fair business, with stocks well broken into. Those manufacturers who supply jobbers are pretty busy just now, and the whole business is as good as can be expected for the between season's trade.

**Comparative Prices of Staples.**

	May 14, 1897	May 15, 1896
Flour, straight spg	\$4.10 @ \$4.25	\$3.10 @ \$3.50
Flour, straight wint	\$1.20 @ \$1.30	\$1.25 @ \$1.75
Wheat, No. 2 red	74 1/2c	74 1/2c
Corn, No. 2 mixed	35 1/2c	35 1/2c
Oats, No. 2	44 1/2c	44 1/2c
Rye, No. 2 western	46 1/2c	46 1/2c
Barley, No. 2, Millw		
Cotton, mid. upld	7 1/2-10c	8 1/2c
Print cloths, 61x64	2 7/10c	2 9/10c
Wool, Ohio & Pa. X	19 @ 20c	10c
Wool, No. 1 combg	23 @ 21c	19 @ 21c
Pork, mess, new	\$8.75 @ \$9.25	\$7 @ \$9.75
Lard, prime, cont'd	4 1/2c	4 5/8 @ 1.90
Butter, ex. creamery	15c	10c
Cheese, ch. east, fly	10c	9 1/2c
Sugar, centrif, 9c	3 5/10c	4 1/2c
Sugar, granulated	4 9/10c	5 1/2c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	8 1/2c	14 1/2 @ 1 1/2c
Petroleum, N. T. Co	55c	\$1.20
Petroleum, fld gal	6 2/5c	6 9/5c
Iron, Besse, pg	\$9.25	\$12.75
Steel Billets, ton	\$13.75	\$19.50
Steel Rails	\$20.00	
Ocean Steam Freights		
Grain, Liverpool	1 1/2d	ad
Cotton, Liverpool	9-12 1/2d	3-3 1/2d

\*Pittsburg.

**ENLARGING THE MILLS.**

Montreal, May 27.—The Montmorency Cotton company is making arrangements to erect an immense new cotton mill at Drummondville, utilizing the rapids on River St. Francis. It will employ about 1,500 hands. The management has turned to foreign countries for customers. It is the intention to manufacture on an elaborate scale for the markets of China and Japan. Careful personal inspection of those markets by the agents of the Montmorency company has convinced the management that an immense field for trade lies undeveloped in these countries.

**CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.**

The following are the returns for week ending May 27th, 1897.

	Clearings	Balances
Total for week ending May 27, 1897	\$ 970,429	\$180,739
Total for week ending May 27, 1896	850,210	157,270
Total for week ending May 27, 1895	952,733	255,800

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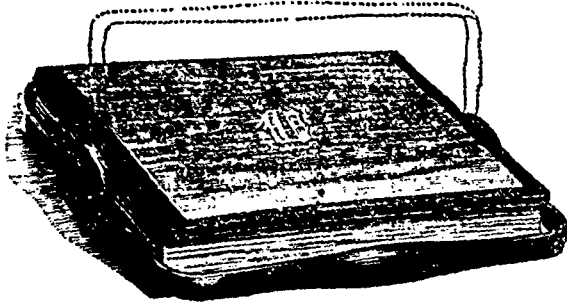
Quite a number of our subscribers have been thoughtful enough to send in their renewal subscriptions, since the Commercial office fire. To all these we say thank you. Following is a sample of the letters coming in:

Landers, B. C., May 13.

The Commercial, Winnipeg;  
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The old established firm of Adam Hope & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, of Hamilton, Ont., have called a meeting of their creditors. They allege that their difficulties are due to financial losses and a continuous shrinkage of sales during the last two years. Their total liabilities are obtained a compromise. The firm is one of the oldest in the trade in Canada.





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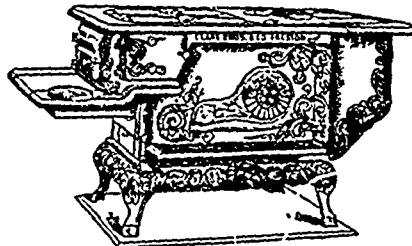
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## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, May 29  
FISH.

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 12-12c to 15c lb. kippered goldeyes 30c dozen.

## GREEN FRUITS.

California oranges are becoming scarce. There are a few in yet, but the season for these oranges is about over, and stocks in first hands are about exhausted. A few late Valentias may be obtained yet. Advices to land this week say the season is about done. In reply to a wire from here for California oranges, the answer came that there were none to offer, and a full car lot could not be obtained. Sessina oranges via Montreal are now on the way. The only changes this week are lower prices for strawberries and tomatoes. The former are 75c lower, and tomatoes are lower, \$1 per case. 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, \$1.50 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; pie plant, 21-2c to 3c per pound; strawberries, \$4 a case of 24 baskets; tomatoes, \$4 per crate of 6 baskets; Egyptian onion 5c lb; new cabbage, \$5 per 100 lbs. Dates, 61-2 to 7c lb, larger figs, 121-2 to 14c lb. Asparagus, local \$1 per doz. Ontario do, \$1.20 basket.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

The farther changes in the tariff announced this week, which will be found in another column, have added additional uncertainty to the hardware trade, and prices are more or less demoralized. The prices of nails are particularly unsettled. Large purchases of wire nails were made in the States shortly after the first reduction in the tariff was announced. Eastern makers reduced prices on nails and some other lines, but they were too late, as orders had been placed. The changes in the tariff this week restore some of the duty taken off nails, the advance being equal to about 121-2 per cent on cut and 15 per cent on wire nails. It is doubtful, even with this change, if eastern makers will be able to stop importations from the United States. It will be some time before the trade knows exactly where they are at in the matter of prices, as the additional tariff changes have further bewildered the situation.

Winnipeg dealers report business good. Winnipeg is now recognized as an important hardware market, and the trade of the West is centering here. This is not unnatural, as there is abundant competition here, large stocks are carried and business has been done on a close margin for the last two or three years, in fact. There are four large hardware houses exclusively, besides manufacturers' agents and commission houses handling hardware and metals. In point of number of houses, and keenness of competition, Winnipeg is claimed to exceed any other Canadian city. We note prices as follows:

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., \$2.05 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 Blaine, \$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., 41-2c. Sheet zinc—In casks, \$5.75 lb., broken lots, \$8.

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 11-1/2; 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 61-2c base; manilla, per lb., 71-2 to 8c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6 to \$9.

Nails—Cut per keg, base price, \$2.60 for 20 to 60d. with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 3 to 6 inch, \$2.75 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices 45 per cent.

## PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

Business is good in this branch. There are no changes in prices to report this week. Importations of English glass which have been coming to hand, have received the benefit of the preferential clause in the new tariff, which makes a considerable reduction in the duty. 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 \$3.75. Turpentine is unchanged at 55c in barrels and 60c in smaller packages. Glass \$1.75 a box of 50 feet for first break.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat—The general course of the markets has been downward this week each succeeding day being lower at the close than the previous day. The spring wheat crop outlook is good and winter wheat in the United States promises better than last year. The visible supply decreases last week was 1,141,000 bushels.

Locally the movement has been quieter than last week, there having been quite a brisk movement forward to ship from Fort William. The receipts at Fort William last week aggregated 282,997 bushels, and the shipment from that port were 592,775 bushels, leaving 1,850,129 bushels in store, as against 2,422,760 bushels at the corresponding period a year ago. The Manitoba crop outlook is considered very favorable. Seeding has been completed earlier than usual, under very favorable conditions. A good general rain would be very beneficial now. The sharp frost of May 24 is believed to have done no permanent injury to the crop.

Prices a week ago were about 73 1-2c. This week the price has tended downward. Yesterday morning the markets looked firmer for a time and sales were made of No. 1 hard at about 72c, but later 71c was bid. We quote prices yesterday as follows, afloat at Fort William: No. 1 hard 71c, No. 2 hard 68 to 1-2c, No. 3 64c. No. 1 frosted 59c.

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.

Millfeed—The low prices for bran and shorts during the last two weeks have led to a very large demand, under which prices have been advanced sharply. There have been three advances this week, amounting to \$1.50 per ton in all. Millers are now quoting \$6 for bran and \$8 for shorts, in small lots.

Barley—There is still some demand for seed barley, and farmers have been buying from city brewers, owing to the scarcity. There appears 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 maiting samples, per bushel of 48 pounds.

Oats—Prices for local consumption have been a little higher, but for shipment eastward about 1-2c lower is offered. There continues to be a wide range in prices obtained for car lots here. One car No. 2 mixed sold at 20c here, while in other cases 21 to 22c has been obtained for good feed oats, including No. 2 white, 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 18c to 14c, as to grade. Manitoba points for shipment.

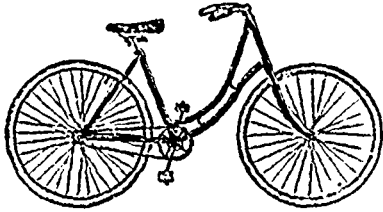
Prepared cereals—Prices are as follows: Rolled oatmeal, 80 lb. sacks, \$1.40 per sack; granulated, 98 lbs. \$1.80; standard, 98 lbs. \$1.80; Rolled wheat, 80 lbs. \$1.60 sack; pot barley, 98 lbs. \$1.60; pearl barley, 98 lbs. \$2.75 sack.

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 of dairy grades are coming forward more freely. There is no accumulation yet, but the supply is now fairly liberal. This has been a favorable season for country merchants, as they have been able to sell their purchases of butter promptly at good prices. It has been the general rule that merchants have not made anything on spring butter, but this season the situation has been reversed. The high prices which have ruled here, however, cannot be expected to continue and great care will now have

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to be exercised in buying in the country, as eastern markets are low, and as soon as a surplus accumulates, very much lower prices will have to be accepted. In fact, the edge is now off the market, and goods that would have brought 16 to 17c a week ago, are now being sold in a jobbing way at 14 to 15c, though for very choice lots 16c has still been obtained this week, and even 17c in a very limited way. A further reduction is almost certain, as no one wants to hold spring dairy goods beyond immediate requirements. Winnipeg has afforded a better consumptive market for dairy butter so far this spring than could have been obtained anywhere else, but prices will now have to come to a shipping basis very soon.

In creamery butter offerings are now becoming free. From 16 to 17c has been paid to creameries, to ship to B. C., but the tendency is lower. June creamery will be bought for eastern shipment, but prices will be lower. On the present basis of Montreal prices, 14 to 14 1-2c would be all that could be paid for creamery here. The higher prices paid so far have been owing to the local and western demand. The local demand for creamery is now very limited, as nice fresh dairy, marketed by farmers in the immediate vicinity, supplies the demand for high grade goods.

**Cheese**—Offerings are steadily increasing and prices continue to decline. The fancy prices paid for a while owing to local scarcity, have now about disappeared. The jobbing price is now about 10c for new cheese, and dealers are paying 9c net, with a lower tendency. This is, of course, higher than could be paid to ship east though good prices are still being paid east, but about 1c lower than the market opened at eastern points.

**Eggs**—11c has been obtained as a general rule for sales in a small way, and 10c net has been paid, but buyers are mostly bidding 1c lower or 9c net for next week's receipts. There has been a good demand for the British Columbia trade, which has kept prices up, but it is said 10c here will barely let Manitoba eggs into the Kootenay and keep out supplies from the States.

**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**—Some lard has been brought in from the United States. 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, forces 8 to 8 1-4c.

**Cured meats**—Prices are very firm. Stocks of cured hog products have been reduced in the east and holders are very firm in their views. Prices of hogs have been considerably higher in Canada than in the States, and that has enabled United States packers to work some goods into this country. Some sales have been made of United States meats here, principally dry salt, and some lard and smoked bacon has also come in. Prices here are: Hams, assorted sizes, 10 1-2 to 11c; breakfast bacon, halves, 10 1-2 to 11c, do., backs, 9 1-2 to 10c; short spiced rolls, 7 1-2 to 8c; shoulders 6 to 6 1-2c; smoked long clear, 8 1-2 to 9c; fancy clear, 8 to 8 1-2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 to 7 1-2c per lb.; shoulders, 5 1-4 to 5 3-4c; boneless shoulders, 6 1-2c to 7c; backs, 7 3-4 to 8 1-4c; barrel pork, clear mess, \$18.00 to \$18.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$18 to 18.50; 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 9c as to quality. Dressed hogs range from 6 to 6 1-2c, and veal easier at 5 to 6c per lb.

**Hides**—The local market seems to be still characterized by strong competition, and it is claimed that as high as 7c has been paid in some cases for No. 1 city butchers, while others say they will not pay over 6c, but 6 1-2c has been paid by some buyers. 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 8c per lb.; desks 10 to 20c each; kips, 5 to 7c; sheepskins range from 75c each to 90c according to quality; clips, 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 lb.

**Wool**—About 9c has been paid for the limited quantity of unwashed fleece so far marketed, and some has been taken at 9 1-2c. The Mennonites of Southern Manitoba, who always clip early, are the only sellers so far to amount to anything.

**Hay**—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**—The market has been well supplied by the arrival of a number of car lots. They are quoted on the street at 40c to 45c per bushel, and selling in car lots at 37c to 38c. 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. Rhubarb 20c to 25c per dozen bunches.

## LIVE STOCK.

**Cattle**—The bulk of grain fed cattle have been shipped out, and exports will be light until grass cattle are ready. The supply available for local use is limited and good prices are obtained readily. We quote butchers' cattle at 3c to 3 3-4c as to quality. Nothing fairly good can be had under 3 1-2c and up to 4c to 4 1-4c has been paid for choice animals of an export class.

**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 ship in a couple of weeks quite freely. We quote sheep at 4 1-2c to 4 3-4c off cars here.

**Hogs**—Prices are quoted at 4 1-2c off cars here for good bacon hogs, and there is a good demand at this figure.

## WINNIPEG BANK CHANGES.

A Kirkland, manager of the Bank of Montreal here, has been appointed manager of a branch of the same bank at Toronto. He will be succeeded by A. F. D. MacGachen, of Lindsay, Ontario, who has for many years been manager of the Lindsay branch of the bank.

The new branch of the Dominion bank will be opened in Winnipeg about the middle of June. This will make eleven chartered banks in the city. The premises on Prince's street, near the Grain Exchange, formerly occupied by Jas. Hall & Co., have been secured and are being fitted up for the bank. Mr. Patton, manager of the Union bank branch here, will take the management of the new Dominion bank branch. He vacates his position at the Union bank on June 1, and will be succeeded by Mr. McCaffry, late manager of the Union bank branch at Neepawa, Man. Mr. McCaffry is now in the city making himself familiar with the bank's business here.

**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 21.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 May 72 7-8; July 71 1-4; Sept. 66 3-8.

Corn—No. 2 May 24 1-4; July 24 1-2; Sept. 25 5-8.

Oats—No. 2 May 17 3-4; July 17 3-4; Sept. 18.

Mess pork — May \$8.17 1-2; July \$8.20, Sept. \$8.25.

Lard—May \$3.72 1-2; July \$3.77 1-2; Sept. \$3.85.

Short ribs—May \$4.50; July \$4.50; Sept. \$4.52 1-2.

Chicago, May 25.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, May, 72; July, 70 1-2; Sept., 67 7-8

Corn May, 24; July, 24 1-4; Sept., 25 3-8 to 1-2.

Oats, May, 17 5-8; July, 17 5-8 to 3-4, Sept., 17 3-4 to 7-8.

Pork May, \$8.10; July, \$8.12 1-2. Sept., \$8.17 1-2.

Lard May, \$3.67 1-2, July, \$3.72 1-2, Sept., \$3.80.

Short Ribs, July, \$4.45; Sept., \$4.47 1-2.

Chicago, May 26.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat No. 2—May 71 3-8; July 69 7-8, Sept. 65 1-4 to 65 3-8.

Corn No. 2—May 23 7-8; July 24 to 24 1-8; Sept. 25 1-4.

Oats No. 2—May 17 1-2; July 17 1-2 to 17 5-8, Sept. 17 5-8 to 17 3-4c.

Mess pork—May \$8; July \$3.02 1-2; Sept. \$8.07 1-2.

Lard—May \$3.55; July \$3.62 1-2; Sept. \$3.70.

Short ribs—May \$3.47 1-2; July \$1.37 1-2, Sept. \$1.40.

Chicago, May 28.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May, 69 3-8, July, 68 7-8; Sept., 65 1-8.

Corn—No. 2, May, 23 3-8; July, 23 3-4, Sept., 24 7-8.

Oats—No. 2 May, 17 5-8; Sept, 17 5-8 to 17 3-4.

Mess Pork— May, \$8.00, July \$8.02 1-2; Sept., \$8.05.

Lard—May, \$3.57 1-2; July, \$3.65; Sept., \$3.72 1-2.

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs—May \$4.37 1-2; July, \$4.37 1-2; Sept., \$4.40.

Chicago, May 27.—Wheat, May closed 69 1-4c, July opened 70 1-8c, closed 69 1-4c, Sept. opened 65 3-8c, closed 65 cents, Dec. opened 67c, closed 68 5-8c.

Corn, May closed 23 3-4c, July opened 24c, closed 23 3-4c, Sept. opened 25 1-8c, closed 24 7-8c, Oats, May closed 17 1-8c, July opened 17 1-2c, closed 17 1-2c, Sept. opened 17 5-8c, closed 17 1-2c, Pork, May closed \$7.97, July opened \$8, closed \$8, Sept. opened \$8.02, closed \$8.02. Lard, May closed

On Saturday, May 29, July wheat opened at 68 3-4c and ranged up to 69 and down to 68 1-4c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May 69 1-8c, Sept. 68 3-8c, Sept. 61 1-2c.

Corn—May 23 1-8c, July 23 1-4c.

Oats—May 17 3-8c, July 17 3-8 to 1-2c.

Pork—May \$7.92 1-2, July \$7.95.

Lard—May \$3.57, July \$3.62 1-2.

Ribs—May \$4.35, July \$4.35.

Flex seed—Cash 77c, July 76 3-4, Sept. 77.

Last week July delivered closed at \$7.75. A year ago July wheat closed at \$7.75. Two years ago at 79 1-4c and three years ago at 55 1-8c.

**New York Wheat.**

New York, May 24.—Wheat receipts, 251,225 bush; exports, 127,757 bush; sale, 3,615,000 bu. h. futures; 50,000 bush. spot. Spot dull, weak. No. 1 Northern, New York, \$1 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard, New York, 78 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened firmer on stronger cables, reported French crop average, but declined later under active liquidation, induced by small export business, disappointing reduction in the visible supply and fine home crop prospects, and closed partially 1-4 to 3-8 net lower; No. 2 red, May, 80 3-4 to \$1 1-8, closed 59 3-4; July, 77 to 78 1-4, closed 77 1-8; Sept., 72 1-2 to 73 1-2, closed 72 1-2; Dec., 73 1-2 to 74 3-4; closed 73 1-4.

New York, May 25.—Wheat receipts 205,225 bushels; exports 25,983 bushels; sales 23,155,000 bushels, futures 100,000 bushels, spot. Spot weak; No. 1 N. Y. 78 fob afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth \$1 1-4 to arrive. Options opened steadier on strong French cables, but turned weak and declined all the afternoon under liquidation, a small reduction in Bradstreet's visible, favorable crop news and a break in late Paris cables, closing 3-8 to 5-8 net lower; No. 2 red May 80 3-8 to 80 3-4, closed 80 1-2; July 76 5-16 to 77 1-8, closed 76 1-2; Sept. 72 to 72 1-2, closed 72; Dec. 73 1-8 to 73 5-8, closed 73 1-8.

New York, May 26.—Wheat, receipts 167,750 bushels; exports, 156,755 bushels; sales, 5,745,000 bushels, futures, 280,000 bushels; spot active for export. No. 1 Northern New York, 80 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard New York, 77 1-4c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth 80 3-4c f.o.b. afloat. Options opened steadier on light north western receipts and unfavorable French weather reports, but soon turned weak and declined all day under bearish southwestern crop news, liquidation and weak English cables in face of large export demand, closed 5-8c to 3-4c net lower. No. 2 red, May 79 3-4 to 80 1-8, closed 79 3-4; July 75 5-8 to 76 11-16, closed 75 3-4; Sept. 71 1-8 to 72 3-16, closed 71 1-4; Dec. 72 3-8 to 73 5-16, closed 72 1-2.

New York, May 27.—Wheat receipts 160,750 bushels; exports, 94,608 bushels; sales, 3,045,000 bushels; futures 64,000 bushels; spot weak; No. 1 Northern New York, 79 1-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard New York, 77 1-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. Northern Duluth 60 1-3 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened steadier on lighter northwestern receipts, but ruled weak for the balance of the day, influenced by weakness abroad, favorable crop prospects, light export demand, continued liquidation and lower southwestern markets, closing 1-4 to 1-2 net lower. No 2 red May 79 1-4 to 80 1-8, closed 79 1-2; June, closed 77 1-4; July 75 to 76 3-16, closed 75 1-4; Sept, 75 9-16 to 71 1-2, closed 70 7-8; Dec 71 1-8 to 72 5-8, closed 72.

New York, May 28.—Wheat, receipts 359,800 bushels; exports 83,221 bushels; sales 3,285,000 bushels; futures, 448,000 bushels spot. Spot weak; No. 1 northern New York, 78 1-4 f. o. b. afloat. No. 2 hard New York, 61 1-4 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 79 1-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened firmer on better French cables, weakened and ruled dull and heavy until near the close when prices rallied on late months, closing 1-8 to 3-8 net higher, near months were depressed by weakness in outside cash markets, liquid-

ation and fine crop prospects. Closed 1-2 to 1 1-2 net lower. No. 2 red May, 78 5-8 to 79 1-2, closed 78; June 76 3-8 to 76 1-8, closed 76 1-2; July, 74 5-8 to 75 5-8, closed 74 3-4; Sept., 70 1-2 to 70 1-4, closed 71; Dec., 71 7-8 to 72 3-8, closed 72 3-8.

On Saturday, May 29, May option closed at—, July at 74 1-2c, and September at 70 7-8c. A week ago July option closed at 77 3-8c, and two weeks ago at 78 1-2c.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week: Monday—May 73 1-2c; July 66 3-8c; Tuesday—May 72 7-8c; July 66c. Wednesday—May 72 1-4c; July 65 3-8c.

Thursday—May 71 7-8c; July 65 1-8c. Friday—May 71 5-8c; July 65c.

Saturday—May 72 1-4c; July 71 1-4c; Sept. 64 3-4c.

On Saturday, May 29, cash No. 1 hard closed at 73c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 72 1-4c.

Last week July deliveries closed at 74. A year ago July closed at 59c.

**Montreal Grain and Produce.**

Oats—No. 2 white, in store, 26 1-2 to 27c.

Flour—In Ontario straight roller the feeling is weaker and sales were made at \$3.75 to \$3.90 per barrel and \$1.85 to \$1.90 per bag. Choice brands of Manitoba strong flour are selling at \$4.10 to \$4.15.

Milled—Manitoba bran is selling at \$9.50, and shorts at \$10.50 per ton including bags.

Oatmeal—Pri es ru'e steady at \$2.80 per barrel, and at \$1.37 1-2 per bag for rolled oatmeal.

Cheese—The cheese market continues to manifest a declining tendency, the total fall since the first of the month now being 1c per pound. This week's offerings at the Ontario boards comprise full grass cheese, which the buyers want to get around 83-8c, but the sellers are disposed to hold out for 81-2c. At the different country boards to-day bids averaged about about 1-2c decline from those of the previous week.

Butter.—The butter market continues much the same as it was at 16c to 16 1-2c for creamery.

Eggs.—The market is moderately active and steady at 9c to 9 1-4c per dozen.

Maple Syrup—We quote maple syrup at 41-2c to 43-4c per lb., and 45c to 55c per tin. Sugar 6c to 6 1-2c per lb.—Gazette, May 26.

**Toronto Grain and Produce.**

Wheat—Red is quoted at 74c asked north and west and 73c bid, and white at 74c bid and 75c asked. Manitoba No. 1 hard is quoted at Midland at 80c and No. 2 hard at 78c.

Flour—Cars of straight roller are quoted at \$3.60 west.

Milled—Is quiet at \$9.50 for shorts and \$8.50 for bran west.

Barley—Is dull and nominal at 30c for No. 1, 31c to 32c for No. 1 extra, 26c for No. 2, 24c for No. 3 extra and 21c for feed outside.

Oats—Mixed are offered west at 20c. White are steadier at 21 1-2c north and west and 21c bid. Toronto, May 26.

J. D. Adam's hotel at Birtle Man., is burned.

### The Live Stock Trade.

At Toronto on May 25, export cattle advanced a trifle to 4c to 4 1/2c and a few selected head brought 1-4c to 3-8c more. Butchers' cattle were firm at 3 to 3 1/2c and up to nearly 4c for selected. There was a good demand for steekers for the States at 2 1/2c to 3 1/4c. Sheep 3 1/4c to 3 1/2c, yearlings 5c to 5 1/2c. Pigs advanced 1-8c, choice scums at 5 1/8c to 5 1/4c, light 5c, heavy 4 3/4c, sows 3c, stags 2c to 2 1/4c.

At London on May 24 supplies of cattle were heavy, in consequence, the advance in prices of 1-2c noted a week ago, was lost. Choice State steers and heifers sold at 11 1/2c; Canadian at 11c, and Argentines at 10c. Clipped sheep sold at 11 1/2c.

A cable from Liverpool quoted Canadian steers at 11c.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on May 24, the demand for shippers was good, and all suitable stock met with a ready sale at 4 1/4c to 4 1/2c for steers and heifers; 4c for oxen and 3 1/4c to 3 1/2c for bulls. Good butchers' stock sold at 4c to 4 1/4c, fair at 3 1/4c; to 3 3/4c; common at 2 1/2c to 3c, and inferior at 2c to 2 1/4c per lb., live weight. The demand for choice sheep for export was good at 4c per lb; butchers paid from \$3 to \$5 each.

At the Point St. Charles stock yards Montreal, on May 24th, the hog market was weak, prices declining 10c to 25c per 100 lbs, with holders asking \$5.25, and buyers bid \$5.15 per 100 lbs.

### BRADSTREETS REPORT.

New York, May 28.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Results of the spring trade in staples, which is now over, are disappointing. The most favorable features are relative activity among woollen goods manufacturers, who are working on old orders; improved demand for shoes and leather; a continuance of the comparative activity in the general demand at Savannah, Memphis, St. Louis, Omaha, Sioux Falls, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, the better demand for lumber in the west, and in the trade outlook in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. Increased exports are reported from Pacific coast ports, but there is comparatively little gain in the domestic trade there, except in cattle, wool and hardware at Portland. Grain and fruit prospects in Washington are excellent. Among twenty of the more important staple products only two—lucis and wheat—have advanced while one-half the number—cotton, lumber, coal, Bessemer pig iron, steel billets, steel rails, print cloths, sugar, pork and coffee—are unchanged, although there is a nominal advance in the asking price for Bessemer pig and steel billets. Now that wool manufacturers have stocked up, wool is off, as are cotton goods when sold in quantity, so is lower, and among cereals, flour, Indian corn and oats, to which may be added lard and petroleum.

Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States, and from Montreal this week amount to 2,081,326 bushels, compared with 2,655,000 bushels last week 2,064,000 bushels in the week a year ago 2,426,000 bushels in the week two years ago 2,241,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 3,253,000 bushels in the like week of 1896.

### British Columbia Notes.

A paper to be known as the East Kootenay Miner, will shortly be started at Golden.

Thos. McNeely, general merchant, of Ladner's Landing, writing the Commercial as follows: We never had a finer seeding time than this has been and there is every promise of big crops and good prices, as all last year's hay and oats will be cleaned out. Our creamery is turning out 300 pounds of butter per day.

Ed. Dricoll, harness and notions, Carson City, is dead.

J. M. Winter, hotel, Cody, has been sold out by sheriff.

A. G. McDonald, blacksmith, Kamloops, is succeeded by McCabe & Ross.

James McGregor, men's furnishings, Nanaimo, is retiring from business.

The Nanaimo Equitable Pioneer Society, general dealers, is being wound up.

J. Campbell is opening in drugs at Quartz Creek.

Neelands & Timmons, blacksmiths, Salmon Arm, have given up business.

M. E. McLean, has started in business in men's furnishings.

H. C. Lester, grocer, Victoria, is offering his business for sale.

The Whitelaw Trading company, of Brandon, Man, has bought the business of Patterson & Steeper, of Roseland.

All the journeymen plumbers in Vancouver have struck for higher wages. They were getting \$2 per day and now demand \$3.

### MONEY RATES.

New York May 28.—Money on call easy at 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3 1/2 to 4 per cent; sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 for demand, and at \$4.85 3/4 to \$4.86 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.86 to 1-2 to \$4.87 and \$4.88 to 1-2; commercial bills, \$4.85 to 1-4. Government bonds firm.

### WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS

F. Sagrott, butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out to A. Green & Co.

The stock of E. Bernier, general merchant, of St. Agathe, Man., will be sold by auction in Winnipeg on June 4. Stock amounts to about \$3,000, and book accounts, real estate and chattels to about \$4,000.

Thos. Harrison has re-opened business in the lumber branch at Neepawa, Man.

David Pollock has assumed possession of the Prince Albert hotel Prince Albert.

The general store of J. O. Faubert, La Salle, Man., has been close by the creditors.

E. E. Turner, butcher, McGregor, Man., has sold out to J. Osborne.

Stewart & Dunlop, blacksmiths, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, and each will continue alone.

Atlee Bros., butchers, Yorkton, Assa., have sold out to Ball & Brown.

F. M. Clark, fruits, Yorkton, Assa., has given up business.

A. T. Walley, general merchant, Yorkton, Assa., is reported to be giving up business.

G. W. N. Stewart is opening a general store at Rat Portage.

### ENLARGED.

The Commercial is enlarged this week by the addition of four pages and we hope to be able to make a further enlargement in a very short time. If that support is accorded this journal which we believe it is entitled to, a further enlargement will be made at once. It will be the aim of the present management to make this journal a strictly commercial paper devoted to the business interests of Western Canada. The journal will be improved in full proportion to the patronage received from the business people of the West.

### CHEESE MARKETS.

Ingersoll, Ont., May 25.—Salesmen holding for 8 1/2c. The same week last year sales were at 6 5/8c.

Belleville Ont., May 25.—Thirty three factories boarded 1,962 white and 377 colored. Sales were 615 of white and 160 colored at 8 1/2-10 30 white at 8 3/4c, 35 white at 5-8c. The same week last year 212 were offered and sold at 6 5/8 to 3-4c.

### GOSSIP OF THE TRADE

Weather reports tend to weaken the corn market in Chicago.

The Price Current this week says "Winter wheat condition not improved possibly somewhat lowered, but indications suggest better results than last year. Spring wheat very encouraging."

### MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

On Saturday, May 29, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 70c for May option, 69 1/2 for July, and 62 3/4 for September. A week ago July wheat closed at 72 1/8c.

### CLOSING WINNIPEG WHEAT.

To-day No. 1 hard closes weak 71c. No. 2 hard 67 1/2 to 68c. No. 68 to 63 1/2c, No. 1 frosted 59c, all prices. Fort William.



Sealed Tenders, addressed to the designer, and endorsed "Tender Hot Water Heating Apparatus, Prince Albert, Sask.," will be received on Monday, the 14th day of June, 1897, for the construction of a hot water heating apparatus at the Prince Albert, Sask., Court House and Jail.

Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this department and on application to the chief of works, Prince Albert, or at the main Public Works office, Winnipeg.

Persons are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on printed form supplied and signed with the actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for, the tender will not be accepted and the cheque will be returned.

The department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,  
E. F. E. ROY,  
Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 22nd May, 1897.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the department will not be paid for it.