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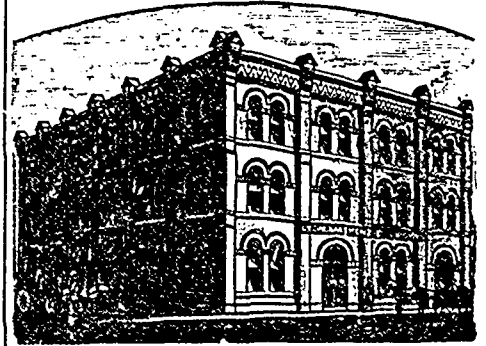
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A. SYLVAIN, Board of Trade hotel, Winnipeg, has sold out to Robert McLellan.

ED. ROBERTS, Grand Central hotel, Winnipeg, has sold out to A. Sylvain.

LOUIS G. GAONON, general storekeeper, St. Anns, has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

A. T. W. GOLDSMIDT, general storekeeper, Binscarth, has obtained an extension of time from creditors.

ASSINIBOINE VALLEY STOCK & DAIRY Co., Winnipeg, are selling out to the Canadian Pacific Colonization Corporation.

JAMES LAWRENCE & Co., dealers in hardware, Stonewall, have dissolved partnership; business continued by James Lawrence, jr.

THE Manitoba Land company reports an increased debit balance from £554 to £1,534. The directors propose to issue 8 per cent. cumulative preference shares to meet current maturing debentures. The directors are hopeful of the prospect.

THOS. SPENCE & SON are opening a general store at Oak River, Man. Mr. Spence, senior, is an old timer, and well known throughout Manitoba. Oak River is situated about 20 miles west of Rapid City, on the line of the Northwest Central railway, now under construction. The district is well settled with a thrifty class of people.

THE Northwest Land Corporation of Canada reports continued belief in the future of the Northwest: The directors propose to write off ten shillings per share as capital lost so as to start with a clean sheet and call up ten shillings per share in order to provide for liabilities. This will divide each share into three fully paid up shares of one pound each.

A SECOND brewery will be erected at Brandon.

NAVIGATION opened at Port Arthur on Monday last, May 21st. A large number of steamers had for several days previously been endeavoring to break through the ice which was still firm in the bay. The first arrivals outside the harbor were fully a week working in the ice, before an entrance could be made.

AFTER all it appears that the Territories are not to receive freedom from railway monopoly for another year yet. The bills before Parliament for the construction of railways to the United States boundary, in Manitoba and the Territories, were thrown out, on the ground that the bill providing for the purchase of the C.P.R. monopoly rights had not then received the royal assent. This seems a somewhat paltry excuse, but it is an excuse, and that is all that was wanted. So far as Manitoba is concerned, it will make little difference. It is not at all probable that any other roads than the Red River Valley will be built to the boundary this year. Anyway the roads could be built under provincial acts, which have been obtained. In the Territories, however, roads can only be built under Dominion acts, and the effect will therefore be to prevent for the present the construction of the proposed Territorial roads. The promoters of the scheme to extend the Galt road to the boundary, will feel the greatest disappointment, as it is understood that it was the intention to push on this road at once.

A MEETING was held in Winnipeg last week, in the interest of the formation of a company to operate for oil in the Lake Dauphin district, Man. Mr. Case, who is familiar with oil territories in the east, said he went to the district last March and speedily discovered the existence of oil by the discoloration of the snow which was caused by gas exuding from the earth. By this means he located the veins and traced them for some distance. Wherever the snow was discolored the ground beneath was not frozen, a sure indication that oil was present in considerable quantities. He asserted that there were better indications on the surface in the Lake Dauphin district than could be found in Pennsylvania at a depth of 200 feet. The shale exposed on the side of the hill by land slides was so saturated with oil that it could be ignited with a match and would burn freely. He expressed a positive belief that oil existed on the company's claim, and was certain that it would be found in paying quantities beneath the rock formation. It was decided that the board of directors should be limited to seven members, and the following gentleman were proposed for election: Dr. Clark, C. Stewart, C. F. Brown, T. G. Mathers, J. G. Moore, C. O. Wickenden, F. H. Schofield, A. R. Anderson, W. L. Harrison, W. P. Johnston. It was resolved to make application to the Legislature immediately for letters patent of incorporation under the provisions of the joint stock companies act. The capital stock of the company has been placed at \$100,000, divided into shares of \$25 each. Other companies will operate in the district, and if the territory proves as rich in oil as it is generally believed to be, a flourishing oil industry will soon be built up in the province.

E. J. SPARLING, grocer, Portage la Prairie, Man., has given up business.

J. E. LEATHERLAND & Co., merchant tailors, have commenced business at Winnipeg.

WM. COCHRANE has taken charge of the boarding department of the Commercial hotel, Morden, Man.

WM. BULL, late of the Windsor hotel, Port Arthur, has leased the Canadian Pacific hotel at Fort William West.

THE Beaubier house, Brandon, is being renovated and refitted by the proprietor, Beaubier, who will reopen the establishment about June 1st.

THE Beautiful Plains Banking Company has been organized at Neopawa, Man. J. Crawford, M.P.P., and J. P. Curran, late of this city, will be managers.

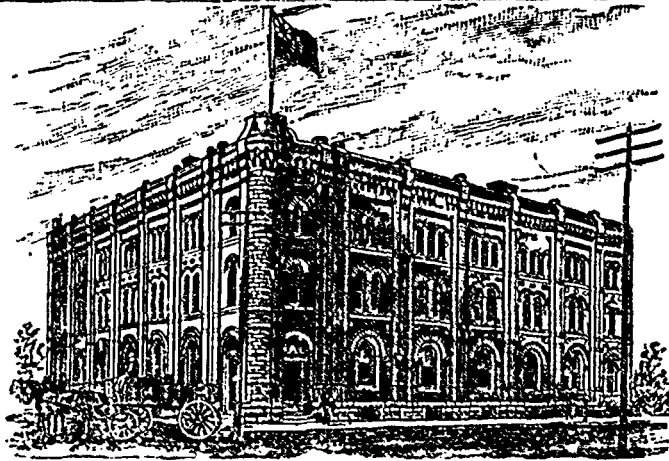
CHAS. WESBROOK, of Moosomin, Assa., late of the firm of Wesbrook & McKinnel, has opened business again in agricultural machinery, implements, etc., at the place named.

THE Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railway has adopted, commencing May 15th, a vestibuled train service, for the convenience and safety of passengers.

THE tenders submitted for the completion of the R. R. V. R. were considered by the Executive Council on Wednesday, and the award made to J. D. McArthur. The amount of the tender was \$234 per mile. There were eleven tenders altogether. The work was to begin on June 1st, and it is expected it will be finished by the middle of July.

A FIRE at Portage la Prairie, Man., last week, did damage to the amount of about \$20,000. The buildings burned were nearly all old structures and several were vacant. The fire originated in the Marquette flour mill, which was vacant, Bourne, the lessee of the mill, having lately given it up. It was an old stone mill, run partially on the roller process, and valued at \$6,000; no insurance. It was completely destroyed. Pratt's block, vacant, was next consumed. Valued at \$4,000; no insurance. The Lorne hotel, kept by Wm. Lyons was also burned. Valued at \$6,000; well insured, including \$1,000 on furniture and \$400 on stables. H. Grannis, of the Queens hotel, lately burned, had \$1,000 worth of furniture in one of the buildings, which was consumed. The Club house, vacant and a couple of other buildings were burned. The value of some of the buildings was mostly nominal.

THE New Douglas House, Winnipeg, was formally opened under its new management, on Wednesday evening last. Invitations were issued by Starkey & Co. to their opening dinner, and a large number of the friends, patrons and guests of the house responded, the spacious dining hall being filled to its full capacity. The spread was one of the best ever given in Winnipeg, the large bill of fare being crowded with a list of dishes long enough to bewilder the guests. Everything was of the very best in point of quality, and excellent wines and cigars were furnished in abundance by the landlord, Mr. F. Starkey, whose health was most enthusiastically drunk. The usual toast list was gone through with in a jovial spirit, all seeming to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

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LIKE all other bubbles usually known as real estate "booms," the great Southern California "boom" seems to have collapsed. All these land bubbles require is a small puncture to let the air out, and the collapse is complete. A good many in Manitoba will be able, from memory dating back a few years, to fully appreciate the present situation in the "boom" districts of Southern California. A recent report from that country says:—"A wave of severe financial distress is sweeping over Southern California and many thousands are ruined. Nearly all the high priced lots at Los Angeles, San Diego, Fresno and other places have returned to the first owners, the last purchasers having made default. The cars going out are described as full to overflowing, while those coming in are nearly empty."

A SHORT time ago reference was made in these columns to the navigable inland water stretches of British Columbia, and the great service which they could be made to render as highways of commerce. It is now learned that already arrangements are being made to improve these water stretches. The Kootenay Valley Co. has lately undertaken the construction of a canal for the purpose of connecting the head-waters of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers. The canal will be about one and a half miles in length, and will give a continuous stretch of about 250 miles. The work will be completed this season, the contract having been already let. The navigable waters which will thus be opened up, will commence at Golden, where the C. P. R. first reaches the Columbia River, thence up the Columbia to the upper lake. The canal will here connect with the Kootenay river, which is navigable from this point into the United States. The Dominion Government has also just placed \$50,000 in the estimates to improve navigation on the Columbia above Golden. The completion of these works will render readily accessible that region between the Rocky and Selkirk mountain ranges, from Donald southward to the United States boundary.

APPARENTLY the Canadian cotton industry is not in a flourishing condition. For some

time a cotton combination has existed among manufacturers, in order to prevent over-production and regulate prices. It has been customary that a deposit should be made by each mill, equivalent to \$1,000, as a guarantee that the agreement would be kept. Dissentions, however, appear to have arisen, and it is charged that some of the companies have not kept faith with the combine. The agreement expires by limitation of time in August, and it is said some of the mills will not renew the arrangement.

MANITOBA is just now gaining a great deal of unenviable popularity, growing out of the charges recently made in the Legislature, against the late Norquay Government. The press from one end of the country to the other, and even in the United States, is discussing the matter in editorial articles, and graphically depicting the corruption existing in political circles in Manitoba. As is usually the case, the charges have not grown any the less obnoxious by their repetition abroad, but rather the contrary, and something which appeared here to look like a crow, has fully developed into the proverbial three crows when seen from abroad, and very black crows at that. Utterances which were given here in the heat of debate, and which were thrown out as insinuations or possible beliefs, are reported abroad, under startling headlines, as actual facts. A great deal has been made of the statement by outside journals, that the Government would criminally prosecute Norquay and LaRiviere, notwithstanding that the whole thing has flattened out here, and that it has been shown there was never any serious intention to enter such prosecution. The way politics have been held up to the public scorn, throughout the entire country, is not very pleasant to contemplate, and it only makes it the more a matter for regret, that so much recrimination was indulged in during the late session of the Legislature. Carelessness, amounting in some instances perhaps to almost criminality, there undoubtedly existed, but it is to be feared a greater desire was shown to make political capital out of the affair, than to seek an investigation. Indeed, it did not appear that either party was very anxious for an

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honest investigation of the charges, judging from the manner in which the whole thing was allowed to drop.

NOTWITHSTANDING all that has been said against the completion of the Red River Valley railway by the Manitoba Government, it is worthy of note that the Legislature, by an almost unanimous vote, has practically endorsed the policy of the Government in undertaking the completion of the road. With the single exception of Mr. Douglas, of Emerson, the Opposition has voted with the supporters of the Government in favor of the completion of the road. It is therefore evident that the Opposition cannot make use of this matter in the coming election contest, as an argument against the Government. In view of the considerable opposition which is supposed to exist in the western portions of the province against the completion of the Red River Valley road by the Government, the vote of the Opposition against the motion of Mr. Douglas, re the leasing of the Emerson branch of the C. P. Ry., is somewhat of a surprise. The offer of the C. P. Ry. to lease the Emerson branch was one which was worthy of some consideration, though Mr. Van Horne was evidently a little too slow in making his terms known. Likewise the offer of the company to grant running powers over its main line between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, thus providing a connection between the Manitoba Northwestern and the Red River Valley roads, seems a very fair one. If the company will grant this privilege on favorable terms, there would seem to be no good reason why it should not be considered. It would do away for the present at least with the necessity for the construction of a new line between the points named. If undertaken at once, the construction of a railway to Portage la Prairie would probably mean a considerable expenditure by the province in assistance to the road. In the course of a few years, however, the road could probably be built without Government assistance.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin appears to see danger growing from the connection between

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the Bank of Montreal and the C. P. R. Co. The article in the *Bulletin* calls to mind the statement recently made, that the Vancouver city loan, lately taken by the Bank of Montreal at 102 net, was owing to the influence of the C. P. R. over the Bank. The idea is, that the Company being interested in Vancouver, had prevailed upon the bank to take up the loan at such a high figure. The statement, of course, is only supposition, and we give it for what it is worth. The *Bulletin* says:—"There can be no question that the representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and their friends already exert a powerful influence over the Directorate of the Bank of Montreal, and no little uncasiness has been expressed in certain quarters, lest that influence should develop into a controlling one, in which case there would undoubtedly be cause for grave public alarm. Our readers must well remember when Sir George Stephen was president, and Mr. Angus manager of the Bank of Montreal, how these two gentlemen went conjointly into a railway speculation with a heavy loan from the

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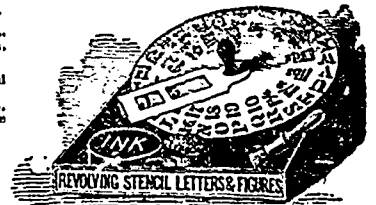
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Bank, which fortunately for themselves as well as the institution turned out successfully. We mention this to show that what has been done once can be done again, and upon a much larger scale. These are times in which shareholders should be well on the alert, in view of the peculiar groove into which things appear to be shaping."

THE new phase of the Irish Home Rule question is still a matter of general interest. The Irish people, or at least the leaders of the agitation, seem determined not to accept the Papal decree, ordering a discontinuance of such illegal and immoral methods as boycotting and the plan of campaign. The Irish argument that the acts of the league, though appearing illegal and immoral when viewed from any other than an Irish standpoint, are perfectly right when considered from an Irish point of view, is sufficient to cause a smile. The more bold declare that they will not have their politics dictated to them by Italians, which would indicate that in their estimation the Vatican is now only a body of Italians, and not the great council of the Church. The Papal decree claims to deal only with the spiritual

side of the question, and admonishes the people not to transgress the bounds of Christian charity and morality, whilst enjoying the fullest freedom to continue their agitation in a lawful and Christian manner. On the other hand the Irish people have passed resolutions to the effect that the decree is an interference with their political rights, and as such cannot be regarded within the sphere of the Church. Practically therefore we have the spectacle of a Catholic people denying the infallibility of the head of the Church, which is certainly a ridiculous position, considering the professed belief of the people on this point. It evidently makes a great difference which foot the shoe is on, with the professions of many people.

The Winnipeg Grocer's association held a meeting and unanimously resolved to petition the city council to pass a by-law to have all places of business closed at 8 p.m., except on Saturdays and evenings prior to public holidays, in accordance with the act just passed by the Legislature. Other branches of trade are also taking action with a view to putting the act in force.



# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, MAY 28, 1888.

## THE COMING PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

The mutterings of a political character which usually precede an election are little by little becoming more distinct throughout this Province, and the lines on which the coming provincial struggle is to be fought, are becoming more clearly defined. Six months ago no one could have supposed, that a provincial election in Manitoba would be fought out so soon upon straight old party lines, but so the matter stands at present, and before our harvest is ripe the old fight of Grit and Tory, Conservative and Reformer, will be as in bygone days, as bitter as it is unnecessary and senseless. It might have been expected, that a province which had in the past suffered so much from party discord, and gained so much by a short term of unity, would have avoided if not abhorred the former, and endeavored to prolong the latter. It might also have been expected, and with greater confidence, that a Government which had been hoisted into power by the united efforts of men of all shades of political opinion, would have promptly checked any act of its followers, which would tend to prolong party ascendancy, or mar the growing spirit of political independence. No such influence has been exercised, however, and we find the convention or caucus of the party in power as hide-bound and as party-ridden as ever were such gatherings in the past. The ability lay in the hands of the Government now in power to crush out this spirit of old partyism, but they failed to take advantage of their opportunity. It was accounted dead, and soulless as a dog, its resurrection now feared. But, galvanized into motion and action as it now is, its curse to the Province will not be lighter than while it lived. When a party in power makes such a false step, we may expect the evil to be intensified by the action of a broken and demoralized Opposition. As matters stand there can be no doubt about the results of the coming election, and indeed it is difficult to see how a man true to Manitoba can, under present circumstances, do otherwise than support the party now in power. In doing so, however, he may be simply choosing the least of two evils, and if he is one who severs old party ties to give

such support, he may with justice say, that provincial patriotism, and not the good faith so far of the Government on their late no party promises, prompts him to do so. Many such people, while supporting Mr. Greenway's candidates in the coming election, will regret that they must look upon that gentleman as a party figure head, instead of a leader of a united people. The several minor mistakes of the Government might well be looked upon as trifles, but in prolonging partyism they make a big blunder for which they themselves will yet suffer.

A sarcasm on Canadian politics says, that in the work of creation mankind were created male and female until Canada was reached, and there the distinction was changed to grit and tory, and the breeds have been distinct there ever since. Seemingly a Government cannot be found, even in Manitoba, with courage enough to attempt to mix them.

## THE COMBINATIONS.

The Parliamentary committee appointed to investigate into the workings and effect of trade combinations, presented its report to the House, at Ottawa, lately. A large amount of evidence was taken before the committee relating to the combines and alleged combines, many days being consumed in examining witnesses, including persons interested in the combinations, as well as those opposed to such trade arrangements. The result has been that the committee unhesitatingly condemns the combines, and proposes stringent legislation against them. The subjects examined were: Sugar and groceries, coal, biscuits and confectionery, combinations against Canadian watch case manufacturers, barbed wire, binding twine, agricultural implements, stoves, coffin makers and undertakers, oatmeal millers, combination of egg dealers, barley, and the Canadian Fire Underwriters' association. This presents quite a formidable list of alleged combinations, several of which were hardly known to exist, outside of those immediately interested or affected thereby.

The watch case combination is an international one. It appears that there is a Canadian association of jobbers in United States watches, in affiliation with the association in the latter country. By its constitution any member violating the rules shall forfeit \$500, and may be expelled from the association. The effect of this association is to compel Canadian

watch case manufacturers to join the combination or be frozen out.

The sugar combine is perhaps the best understood of any of the alleged combinations, its having been extensively discussed in the press during the past year. The sugar combination grew out of the unbusinesslike practice of selling sugar at or less than cost. Among wholesale as well as retail dealers, it had long been the practice to make a leader of sugar. All sorts of illegitimate trading and scheming and cutting of prices has been indulged in, in connection with sugar, in order to gain some real or fancied advantage. Cutting sugar prices had been carried to such an extent, that the sugar trade simply meant a dead loss to those who were handling the commodity. The more sugar a house handled, the more it would be out of pocket. Wholesale grocers commenced to cast about for a remedy, and finally an arrangement was made between the wholesale dealers and refiners, which had the desired effect. The wholesale dealers agreed to sell sugar at an advance on refiners' prices of  $\frac{3}{8}$  cent on small lots, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent on lots of fifteen barrels or more. In order to enforce this arrangement, an understanding was arrived at with the refiners, whereby the latter were to charge  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent per pound more to grocers who refused to enter the combination. In addition to this extra charge, grocers outside the combination, or Dominion Grocers' Guild, as it was called, were not allowed the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. discount which was given by refiners to the guild grocers, for cash. Altogether the advantage received by the guild grocers amounted to about 30 cents per 100 pounds. The guild furnished refiners with a list of wholesale grocers who adhered to the combination prices, and all others were charged the  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent extra, without discount. A number of grocers who did both a wholesale and retail business, and who were at first members of the guild, were subsequently dropped off the list. Members who refused to adhere to the fixed prices were also expelled. It will be admitted that the guild was formed to remedy a bad state of affairs, and that the  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent advance is a very moderate profit on sugar, and, therefore, no injustice to the general public. Still the principle underlying the combination is not such as to be considered worthy of recommendation.

But the grocers' guild did not stop with its efforts to regulate prices of sugar.

Similar agreements to that made with the sugar refiners, were entered into with manufacturers of tobacco, starch, Cooks Friend baking powder, Moitons, and Cross & Blackwell's pickles, James' dome lead, Nestle's food, laundry blue, etc. Efforts were being made to extend the power of the guild in other directions. It will therefore be seen that this guild was rapidly becoming a most dangerous combination. As is usually the case with such combinations, the success attending the sugar agreement induced the desire to extend the influence of the guild, until it was becoming a powerful and unjust combination, which could at pleasure prevent a dealer from obtaining goods on terms as favorable as other houses.

The coal combination, the next investigated, proved to be the most iniquitous. It was stated that coal combinations existed at Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and London. The Toronto association has been in existence for some years, and is affiliated with the board of trade, as the coal section of the board. It comprises both importers and retail coal dealers. Retailers were supplied coal by importers at 75 cents per ton less than the price charged the consumer. The executive consisted of a majority of importers, which enabled the latter to manipulate affairs to their own satisfaction. Oaths of fidelity to the rules of the association were required from not only members, but from their salesmen. The records show two different fines of \$1,000 each, imposed for violations of the rules. When tenders were asked for furnishing coal, it was customary to hold a meeting of the association and fix the price at which the tender should be made. The privilege of filling the contract was then given to the member who would give the largest bonus for such contract. For instance, on one occasion the Ontario Government asked for tenders for 2,800 tons of coal, and the member who received the contract, paid a bonus to the association of \$1,500. This bonus was divided among the importing members of the association, who number about half a dozen. One-sixth of such bonuses went into the general funds. Fines were divided in the same way, five-sixths among the importing members, and the balance placed to the general fund. In order to avoid suspicion, in case of tenders, other members put in tenders at higher prices, a scheme which no doubt some in Winnipeg are familiar with. In order to enforce their monopoly, the Toronto coal dealers had an understanding with United States collieries, whereby those not members of the association were unable to obtain supplies. Altogether the result of the coal combination was such as to prevent competition,

and defeat the object sought in calling for tenders. The association furthermore took upon itself powers only properly belonging to the courts, by exacting oaths, and providing fines for their violation.

The coffin makers and undertakers' association is another instance of illegal combination. The coffin manufacturers and wholesale dealers in undertaking supplies had agreed with the undertakers' association to sell only to members of the organization. To become a member of this organization required the consent of the three nearest undertakers, and afterwards the consent of two-thirds of the executive committee. It will thus be seen that, through this combination, the undertakers had it within their power to limit competition almost at will. As the association practically enjoyed full control of the sales of caskets and supplies, it was an easy matter to freeze out undesirable competition. The result of this is that exorbitant prices have frequently prevailed, in this case afflicted families, who are often the least able to bear it, having to stand the blunt.

The cordage and binder twine combination included five manufacturers in this branch, and was formed on the pooling plan. Uniform prices were established, and a percentage of the sales allotted to each firm. It was claimed on behalf of this combination, that it was instrumental in improving the quality of binder twine, whilst prices were no higher than in the United States and Britain. The five factories have a capacity of manufacturing about twice the quantity of twine consumed in Canada, beside which there were other factories in the country, one new establishment alone being capable of turning out twenty per cent. of the twine used in the country. The binder twine combination terminated a few weeks ago, owing to the withdrawal from it of A. W. Morris & Bro., of Montreal.

The Canadian Iron Founders association has existed since 1865, and includes eighteen firms. The principle object is the fixing of uniform prices for stoves and other goods. It was not shown that this combination had resulted in establishing exorbitant prices, but rather that prices compared favorably with the cost of similar goods in the United States. On low grade stoves prices were lower in the United States, but on base burners and high class goods, prices were lower in Canada, in some instances. There are a large number of manufacturers, about forty in all, outside of the association, and this no doubt tends to keep up competition.

The Oatmeal Millers' combination was formed for the purpose of sustaining the price of oatmeal and regulating the price of oats. There are twenty-four mills in the combination. Ten other mills have been closed up, having been leased for that purpose by the combination, at from \$300 to \$800 per annum. This is a well known process of shutting off competition. The total cost of closing the ten mills amounts to \$6,312 annually, which is a surprisingly

small sum, and would indicate that oatmeal milling must have been a very unprofitable business in Eastern Canada. There are about twenty-five mills out of the combination, but they are all of such limited capacity that their influence is not materially felt. In order to restrict production, each combination mill is allowed to turn out a certain percentage of the total production. Millers who manufacture in excess of the quantity allowed them, are supposed to pay a premium at the rate of 30 cents per barrel into the association.

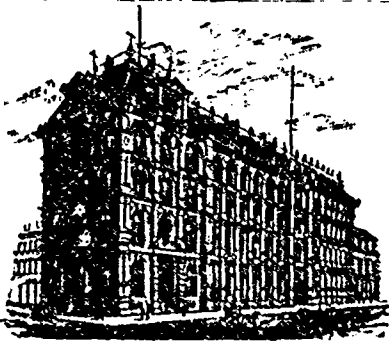
Biscuit and confectionery manufacturers' have associations for each branch, the principal object being to maintain prices. This they have been enabled to do to good advantage to themselves, for though the prices of the commodities used in these branches have greatly decreased in price, biscuits have been kept up to the old figures. It is therefore apparent that prices are now much higher than they would be under free competition. In some classes of finer goods, prices were shown to be from 20 to 30 per cent. higher than in the United States. The association has been in existence about six years.

The egg combination is a somewhat peculiar one. The object is not to keep up prices, but to keep prices down. It is of recent origin, and is composed of leading Ontario dealers, who buy for export. These dealers have buyers out all through the province, and in order that their buyers may purchase at low prices, organized efforts are made to force prices down in the cities, which of course control country markets. As the dealers buy for export, and do not sell in the domestic markets, they find it to their interest to force home prices down to the lowest possible figure, and this they accomplish by selling through agents in the home city markets. They have also adopted an organized system of forcing competitors out of the markets. In agricultural implements and barley, it was shown that no combinations existed. In barbed wire an attempt had been made to secure a uniform price of 6½ cents per pound.

In fire insurance, the underwriters' association is dealt with, and it is declared that this association has brought about higher rates all over the country. The rules, tariff and rates of the association are also said by the committee to be of an arbitrary nature. There are two sides, however, to every question, and in the opinion of many, the Underwriters' association is not an unmixt evil.

Altogether the investigation carried on by the combines' committee has brought to light many facts which were previously unknown to the general public of this country. Few have heretofore had any idea as to the extent and nature of these trade combinations. Nothing further will be done this session, but it is understood a bill will be introduced at the next session of Parliament, having for its object the summary suppression of these combinations, trusts and pooling arrangements.





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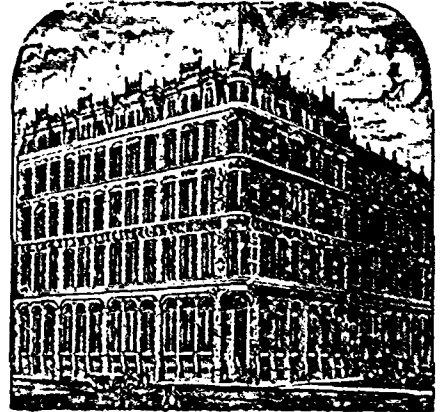
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## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Since our last issue the monetary situation in the city has sunk from inactivity to actual idleness, so far as trade matters are concerned. With the opening of June the bulk of the spring sales of wholesalers in season lines will go into discounts, and quite a lively demand for funds is looked forward to, which the banks have plenty of resources to supply, and quite a demand for eastern exchange is also expected, making in all a few days of activity and profit for the banks. At present the city is in the midst of the lull before rush, and hence the drowsy feeling. There has been, however, a freer circulation of money, and the aspect and prospect are both healthy. The discount rates are unchanged and in some degree nominal, 8 per cent. being the minimum quotation. In real estate mortgage loan business there has been an improvement since our last report. Most farmers have finished seeding operations, and the applications for farm loans have increased materially. A steady but not heavy volume of such applications are now looked for during the next month or so. The interest rate is steady at 8 per cent. for new business.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There was not much change to the situation in local wholesale circles last week. The holiday on the 24th broke into the week to some extent, but not to materially affect business. Trade appears to be moving along very steadily from week to week, and without any specially important feature in any direction. Altogether business for immediate wants is so far this season hardly coming up to expectations, though some branches show exception to the general rule. It is expected the opening of navigation on the lakes will soon commence to exert its usual influence upon trade.

## CANNED GOODS.

Quotations are: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$1.50 to \$5.00; strawberries, \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$8.50; pears, \$8.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$8.00.

## DRY GOODS.

In textile branches the movement is hardly coming up to expectations which were made earlier in the season. Whereas a much larger sorting trade was expected this season than last, so far there has been little increase in the volume of business. The season, however, has been very much more backward, and the balance may show some improvement. In clothing the work of taking orders for fall stocks is going on actively.

## DRUGS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3.00; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$9 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3.00; chlorate of

potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

In this there was an active business previous to the 24th, and the week wound up with stocks very low all around, dealers being almost drained. A full supply of Mediterranean goods will be received the first of this week, from stocks lately arrived by ship at Montreal. Some Naval oranges were still left, and quoted at \$7 to \$7.50 per box, Messina lemons, unchanged at \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box. Strawberries were coming in more freely and quoted at \$6.50 per crate. California cherries, \$3.25 per box of about ten pounds. Rhubarb, 7c per pound.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Outside reports state that Valencia raisins are strong and advancing fast, on indications of a scarcity before the new crop comes into the market. Quotations are: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to 2.50 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

## FURS.

In the following range of prices it will be understood that only a No. 1 prime skin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grade of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the lowest to the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows:—Beaver, \$1 to \$6 per skin; badger, 25c to \$1.50; black bear, \$2 to \$16; cubs do, 50c to \$4.00; brown bear or cinnamon, \$1 to \$15; cubs do, 50c to \$3; grizzly bear, \$3 to \$35; cubs do, \$1 to \$12; white bear, \$3 to \$50; cubs do, \$2 to \$15; lynx, 25c to \$3.00; cubs do, 5c to 40c; wild cat, 25 to 75c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3; large prairie do, 25c to \$1.30; small prairie do or coyote, 25c to \$1; wolverine, 50c to \$4; panther 10c to \$2.50, fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 25c to \$1.50; kit fox, 25c to 60c; silver, grey, or black fox, \$4 to \$50 according to color and quality, cross fox, 50c to \$5; blue fox, 50c. to \$4.50; white fox, 25c to \$1.50; martin, 25c to \$1.25, mink, 15 to 60c, muskrat, midwinter, 6 to 10c, fall, 3 to 5c, spring, 3 to 12c, culls and kits, 1 to 2c, otter, \$1 to \$8, do cubs, 25 to 75, raccoon, 25 to 80c, skunk, 15 to 50c. Skins may be so badly damaged or out of season that even the lowest price stated can not be obtained.

## GROCERIES.

Business is steady and in moderate volume, with prices as follows: Sugars, dark yellow, 7 to 7½c; bright yellow, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 8½ to 8¾c; lumps, 9½ to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 18 to 22c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c, young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine's

chewing tobaccos: Beaver, 8s, 63c; Jubilee, ½s, 59c; Anchor, 58c; Smoking, Virginia Leaf, 3s, 56c; do Leaf, 7s, 56c; Silver Shield, 7s, 53c; Cut Cavendish, 8s, 70c; Silver Ash, 8s, 5 lb. tin boxes, 64c; Club Mixture, 8s, 95c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## HIDES.

The feeling is dull in eastern markets and sales slow at easy prices. Quotations here are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 1½c per pound.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Stocks are now ordered to come forward by the lakes, and some changes will probably be made in prices, on account of the lower freight rates. Quotations at present are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$8 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 40 to 42c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish sole 27 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 29 to 32c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

## PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices now quoted: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil \$1.00; neatfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$4.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25. Alabastine, \$8 per case of 20 pkgs.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage, 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

## WOOL.

Though there is nothing doing in wool at present, yet it is time to commence to figure on prices. The present prospect is that the market will open lower than last year. Last year's business it is claimed was not a profitable one to buyers. Latest reports from eastern wool markets were not satisfactory to sellers. It is thought that about 7c will be the price for ordinary long wools, unwashed, and about 14c for choice washed. Montana sheep, unwashed, is expected to range from 11 to 15c as to quality.

## THE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## WHEAT.

With the opening of navigation at Port Arthur, wheat has commenced to go forward freely from the elevators there and at Fort William. Throughout the province there has been quite a little wheat delivered at some points, and farmers who have grain available for market have been bringing it in as fast as possible, on account of the recent climb in prices. There was a wide range in prices paid to farmers at the different markets, as high as 80c having been reached at one point for best samples, owing to competition. A good many country millers are not carrying much wheat ahead, and are now anxious to buy. Prices ranged from 67 to 75c for best samples, according to the market, with occasional advances over the latter figure at some points. As to the crops, there has yet been no rain of any consequence

to start growth, and rain is now badly needed. In some districts reports indicate that wheat is coming up irregularly on account of the drought. There can be little progress to the crops until rains come.

## FLOUR.

Prices to the local trade now hold steady at last weeks figures, as follows: Patents, \$2.35; strong bakers, \$2.15; XXXX, \$1.55; superfine, \$1.30.

## MILKSTUFFS.

Bran is now quoted at \$10 per ton and shorts \$12 per ton.

## OATS.

A few loads were occasionally offering on the street, and brought about 30 to 32c. On track values would be about the same, but almost nominal.

## OATMEAL.

Prices still hold at old quotations as follows: Standard, \$2.45; granulated, \$2.60; rolled oats, \$3.00.

## EGGS.

Case lots were going usually at 12c last week, which price may be held for some days. Receipts were coming forward more freely.

## BUTTER.

Prices hold steady, the range for new being from 15 to 18c, the highest price for choice rolls, for the city trade.

## LARD.

Best Chicago lard was firm at \$2.25 per 20 pound pail, with native held at \$2.25 to \$2.30. Inferior qualities of imported lard may be obtained from \$2.00 upward.

## CURED MEATS.

Prices strong and steady at last quotations, as follows: Long clear, 11½ to 11¾; breakfast

bacon, 14½ to 15c; rolls, 13½c; hams, 15 to 15½c

## LIVE STOCK.

Good beef cattle appear to be less readily picked up than they were awhile ago, and prices are firm. About 4c may be quoted for good stock, with perhaps a shade higher obtainable for choice animals. Hogs have been arriving in small batches with cattle, and are usually quoted at 6c here, though as high as 6c has been paid in the country. No hogs have arrived for packing yet, supplies all being taken by butchers. A car lot for packing is expected to arrive early this week.

## VEGETABLES.

Potatoes somewhat slow at 25 to 30c. Other prices are: Onions, \$1.50 to \$1.80 per bushel; cabbage, \$10 per 100 for good; celery, 50c to \$1 per dozen bunches, as to quality; carrots 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 25c per bushel.

*Birtle Observer:* During the week the river has been crowded with saw logs. A slide has been constructed at the mill dam and many thousand sticks have been sent down stream. It is generally believed that it will be impossible to take such a number as 40,000 logs from Birtle to the mouth of the Assiniboine river in the present low condition of the water. The bed of the stream is for many miles obstructed by large boulders that now stand partly above the water that passes between the stones. A heavy rain might help the drive onward but the chances are that the logs will not get through.

The Virden cheese factory commenced operations last Tuesday with a good supply of milk. A much larger number of cows are being used this year than last.

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Geo. BROWNELL, general merchant, Neopawa, Man., has assigned in trust to McLeod Holiday, of Winnipeg. The failure has been expected for some time.

Two arrests have been made at Portage la Prairie, Man., in connection with the recent fire at that place. It is hoped the guilty parties will be detected and severely punished.

V. G. BOOTH, a Chicago fish dealer, has made contracts with some of the provincial fishermen of Lake Winnipeg to purchase their total catch this season. Mr. W. Maxwell, an employee of Mr. Booth's, will be stationed at Selkirk to superintend the packing and shipping.

D. H. DIAMOND, who returned recently from St. Paul, and who was arrested and subsequently discharged in connection with the Union Bank robbery, has instructed Messrs. Ewart, Fisher & Wilson to take action against Mr. G. H. Balfour and the Union bank for \$50,000 damages for false imprisonment.

CALGARY *Tribune*: Mr. Bjornsson has received a letter from his friends in Dakota, saying that about a dozen families are preparing to start immediately for the Calgary district and wish him to meet them at the boundary to see them safely over. Mr. Bjornsson will meet them as requested and will likely come back and see them settled before he goes to Dakota.

F. W. STOBART has been appointed assignee in the estate of R. T. Williams, general merchant, who assigned a short time ago to the official assignee. Williams' liabilities amounted to about \$10,000, and his inventory of stock, etc., showed assets to about the same amount, exclusive of his store premises. The return of the official assignee, however, places the stock assets at about \$2,000 less than the first inventory.

It is understood that the members from the two Western Provinces and Northwest Territories have strongly urged upon the Ottawa Government the claim of this section of the Dominion from which they come, to represent in the Cabinet, and protest against a continuation of the system by which Cabinet Ministers are chosen exclusively from the older Provinces. The claim is a reasonable one and must be faced before long.

The last order-in-council made with reference to the Northwest Central railway is to the effect that a land subsidy of 6,400 acres per mile, or a total of \$2,800,000 acres, for the portion between Brandon and Battleford, be granted to the company. None of the land is to be earned until fifty miles are completed, a quantity proportional to that mileage being granted, and thereafter on construction of each ten miles the company will be entitled to a grant of a proportional amount of land.

R. G. DUNN & Co's trade review for last week, published at New York on Saturday, says:—Gold has begun to go abroad in large amounts. The cheapening of money in this market by treasury disbursements for bonds has contributed to this movement. The volume of trade is almost universally reported as unsatisfactory, but unfavorable weather is generally accepted as the chief cause of the depression. The tendency of prices for both products and securities has been downward. Wheat has declined 3½c,

corn 2½c, and oats 1c for the week. Hogs and lard have advanced 15c. per cwt., and coffee ¾c. Cotton and sugar are unchanged. Oil 3½c lower. The decline of wool since May 1 is 30c. per 100 pounds. Boot and shoe orders fall below the expectation. Definite, though not a great improvement appears in dry goods and groceries. Prices of many grades of sheetings have been advanced, and the demand closely presses the supply. In woolens there is a better feeling. Stocks have averaged a decline of \$1 per share for the week. Number of failures for the week: In the United States, 213; in Canada, 12.

REGARDING fall wheat the spring bulletin of the Ontario bureau says:—The outlook for fall wheat is rather unpromising, though much depends on the character of the weather during the latter part of May and the first half of June. A very dry summer was followed by a dry autumn; the little rain that did fall in time to in any way promote the growth of crops was so quickly absorbed by the parched ground that its good effects were scarcely noticeable. In so far as concerned fall wheat, the cold weather came upon it while the plant was still small and delicate, and very ill-fitted to contend with the trials of the winter and spring seasons. Had the spring opened at all favorably the crop would likely have been a good one, despite the bad start in the fall. But the season has been very untoward. April, instead of being made up of successive days of warm showers and bright sunshine, was, with the exception of a few days, cold, dry and bright. Chilling winds from the west and northwest made sad havoc with the wheat, which in most localities had come through the winter very promisingly, and, though the crop is now in anything but a promising condition, three or four weeks of fresh, warm, growing weather may greatly change its prospects for better. It is a noticeable fact that to a great extent the plants escaped winter-killing, while very few correspondents have noted the ravages of worms of insects.

Fruit trees generally are looking well; such injury as has been noticed is to be attributed rather to the long continued drought of last summer than to the severity of the winter. The very backwardness of the spring, though preventing correspondents from making a satisfactory forecast, is thought to be favorable to fruit, as late frosts are less liable to occur. The various reports received support the conclusion that provided no unforeseen drawback intervene, the apple crop will this year be above the average. From nearly every district with the exception of those in which it is the "off year" for bearing, the indications are favorable for an abundant yield. On account of the deep snow adverse reports might have been expected regarding the ravages of mice, but few complaints have been received, and it would appear that the damage done is less than in former years. The peach crop is likely to be a failure except in the Niagara district and in some parts of Essex and Kent, and even in those localities many of the buds have been killed by the severe frosts. The plum promises well where the tree has been spared by the black knot, and pears, quinces, grapes and small fruits bid fair to come up to the average. In regard to the cherry, the re-

ports are very discouraging. From every part of the province correspondents report with unvarying monotony that nearly all trees are destroyed by the black knot, no adequate or wholly satisfactory method for its prevention or extermination having yet been devised.

BATES BROS. have purchased the butcher business of Joseph Battell, at Moose Jaw, Assa.

THE Hudson's Bay hotel at Portage la Prairie, now occupied as the Lansdowns college, will shortly be opened by W. Lyons, whose hotel, the Lorne house, was recently burned.

A FLOWING well of pure spring water has been struck at the Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, sufficient to supply the house. This will make a great improvement on the river water furnished by the city water-works.

VIRDEN *Advance*: We understand that Geo. Hall has purchased Craig's interest in the Virden flour mill. We are also informed that the owners of the mill intend increasing its capacity and building a large elevator as soon as arrangements can be made.

THE bailiff has taken possession of the premises of Hughes Bros., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, in the interests of Murdoch, Nephews & Co., an English wholesale dry goods establishment who lately obtained execution against the bankrupt firm for \$4,000. The seizure was a great surprise. A meeting of the firm's creditors is to be held on Monday.

At a meeting of Winnipeg clerks held on Friday night, reports were received from committees having charge of petitions to be presented to the city council with a view of having a by law passed in accordance with the Early Closing Act recently assented to by the Legislature. It was reported that nearly all the dry goods merchants, the jewellers, with one exception, and all the boot and shoe dealers had signed the petition. The grocer's committee have not yet circulated their petition. Another meeting will be held next Thursday evening in the Y.M.C.A. parlors, commencing at 21 o'clock.

THE managers of the western and north-western roads met Friday at Chicago, and unanimously adopted an agreement for the conduct of competitive business, taking effect June 12. The new agreement provides for monthly meetings of the roads, which are to occur on the second Tuesday of each month. No rates within the territory of the association can be changed unless notice has been given five days previous to the regular meeting, and if the change involves the interests of other roads, and objections are made, a ten days notice must be given before the change can be allowed. Any road, however, may reduce its rates without notice at any time in order to meet outside competition, but must notify the chairman after such reduction has been made. If rates are reduced by any road in any other way or for any other reason the road making such reduction may be fined from \$100 to \$500, the amount of fine to be determined in general meeting of all roads. Under billing and other offences are to be punished in a similar manner. Any road can enter a complaint against any other road for violating either state or federal laws in regard to rates and the accused road will be prosecuted by the association. J. N. Forthman was selected chairman of the new association, which will be known as the Western and Northwestern Freight Association.

**EASTERN MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO**

The visible supply decrease, as announced on Monday, was only 250,000 bushels, which was a disappointment to the bulls. Trading was more active in July option, which ranged from 87c to 89c. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.
Wheat	85½	87
Corn	55	54½
Oats	33	32½
Pork	14.37½	14.47½
Lard	8.60	8.67½
Short Ribs	7.60	7.67½

July wheat ranged from 86½ to 87½c on Tuesday. There was free selling, and more favorable crop news from the northwest had an easy effect. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.
Wheat	86	87½
Corn	55½	54½
Oats	33½	32½
Pork	14.40	14.50
Lard	8.05	8.72½
Short Ribs	7.07½	7.75

There was quite a break in the wheat market on Wednesday, caused by more favorable crop news, and attempts to realize. July was most neglected, and declined 2c to noon, August closing about the same as the former month. July ranged from 85½ to 87½c. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.
Wheat	85	86½
Corn	57½	55½
Oats	35½	32½
Pork	14.35	14.45
Lard	8.67½	8.72½
Short Ribs	7.67½	7.75

Wheat bobbed up again on Thursday. There was better buying, and changing over to August went on largely. July ranged from 85½ to 87½c. August sold at a premium over July, and closed at 87½c. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.
Wheat	86½	87½
Corn	58½	56½
Oats	37	34½
Pork	14.37½	14.45
Lard	8.62½	8.67½
Short Ribs	7.70	7.77½

On Friday free selling brought prices down ½ to 1c early in the day, but more unfavorable crop news again brought prices up again. August wheat closed at 87½. Other closing prices were:

	May.	July.
Wheat	86½	87½
Corn	56½	55½
Oats	38	33½
Pork	14.35	14.45
Lard	8.57½	8.62½
Short Ribs	7.65	7.72½

On Saturday prices closed lower all around. Future options of wheat were specially lower, August closing at 86½c and September at 86½c. Other closing prices were:

	May.	July.
Wheat	85½	86½
Corn	55½	54½
Oats	35½	33
Pork	14.17½	14.27½
Lard	8.45	8.50

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash	June.	July.	Aug.
Monday	—	86½	86½	88
Tuesday	—	86½	86½	88
Wednesday	—	84½	85½	86½
Thursday	—	86	87	86
Friday	—	87	87½	88½

Closing prices on Saturday were: June, 86½; July, 86½; Aug., 87½; Sept., 86.

**MINNEAPOLIS.**

Closing quotations on Thursday for wheat were:

	Cash.	July.	On track
No 1 hard	84½	86½	86
No 1 northern	83½	85½	85
N 2	81½	83½	83

Closing quotations for flour were as follows: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$4.70 to \$4.50; Patents to ship, sacks, car lots, \$4.30 to \$4.50; in barrels, \$4.70 to \$4.90; bakers, here, \$3.75 to \$3.60; superfine, \$2.00 to \$3.00; red dog, sack, \$1.50 to \$1.60; red dog, barrel, \$1.65 to \$1.75.

**MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.**

The following quotations on May 4th, as compared with prices on May 23rd will indicate the course of the stock market:

	May 4.		May 23	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal	214½	214½	210½	209½
Ontario	123	122	120½	118½
Toronto	216	207	—	—
Merchants	134½	134	151	130
Dominion	—	—	—	—
Commerce	120½	120	116	115½
Imperial	—	—	—	—
Molson's	152	143½	—	140½
Union	—	—	—	91½
N. W. Land Co.	54	53	60	56
C. P. R.	69½	59	59	58½

**CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.**

The Canadian Gazette of May 10th, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Canada 4 per cents., 1860	113	—	—
Ditto 3½ per cents.	107	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents., 1885	113	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.	116	—	—
do 6 per cents 1877	—	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.	111	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents., 1883	114	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.	110	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register)	60½	—	—
Ditto shares (London register)	60½	—	—
Ditto mortgage bonds	107½	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	103	—	—
Ditto first preference	62½	—	—
Bank of B. C. fully-paid shares	—	—	—
Ditto 2½ paid	—	—	—
Bank of B. N.	74	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage	—	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid	5	—	—
Canada North-West Land	23	—	—
Hudson's Bay	20½	—	—
Vancouver Coal, £9 paid	—	—	—
Manitoba Northwestern bonds	94	—	—

**Toronto Trade.**

Prices on Wednesday were reported: Wheat—Fall, No. 2, 95 to 97½c; No. 3, 90 to 91c; spring, No. 2, 92 to 93c; red winter, No. 2, 95 to 97c; barley, No. 1, 65c; No. 2, 60c; No. 3, extra, 55c; No. 3, 45 to 50; peas, No. 1, 72 to 73c; No. 2, 71c; oats, No. 2, 50 to 51c; flour, extra, \$3.70 to \$4.00.

Butter steady at 16 to 17c for good to choice large rolls, with common to medium at 12 to 15c. A few new store-packed tubs sold at 12 to 14c, the quality being only fair.

Cheese was quoted: Full cream, 11 to 12c; part skims, 9c; new, 10 to 10½c. At Ingersoll, on Tuesday, twenty-four factories offered 2,119 boxes, all May make; sales, 382 boxes at 8½c per lb. Market firm; 9 buyers present; 31 factories represented.

Dressed hogs were nominal at \$9 per cwt. for good butchers'. Provisions were firm, with an upward tendency, and quoted: Mess pork, per bbl., \$17.00 to \$17.50; bacon, long clear, per lb., 9½ to 10c; lard, tierces, per lb. 10 to 10½c; lard, pails, 11 to 11½c; hams, per lb. 12 to 12½c; bellies, per lb, 11½ to 12c; Cumberland, per lb. 9½ to 10c; rolls, 10½ to 11c.

**Portage Tribune:** The Citizens' Committee have received an offer from an agent of a first-class fire engine manufacturer to loan them a good steamer, at present in Winnipeg, for a month or so until the town council is in shape to purchase an engine. The conditions are that the freight from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie shall be paid, the engine kept in good shape and that the company owning the loaned engine should have the first chance to sell a new one or the loaned engine to the town.

**Emerson International:** The wheat market has been lively in Emerson the past week. Owing to the prospect of a poor crop in the United States, the grain men and speculators at Chicago and other large markets are buying eagerly, and the price of wheat has gone booming away up in the East. This has, of course, had an effect on the local market. Last week Mr. Thompson, of the Red elevator, commenced buying, paying 70c a bushel. On Monday Mr. J. W. Whitman went on the market and put the price up to 73c per bushel, and later to 75c, where it held until Tuesday, when Mr. Chas. McMullen, buyer for Ogilvie & Co., arrived in town and shoved the price up to 78c. Several thousand bushels of wheat have been marketed the past week. Those farmers who happened to have any wheat left are in great luck and feel happy over the big prices.

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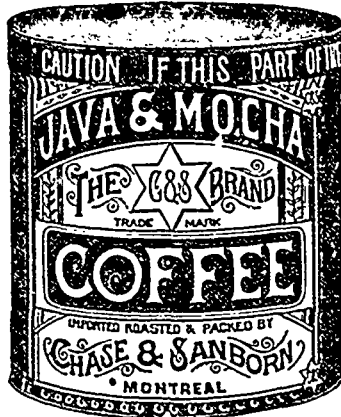
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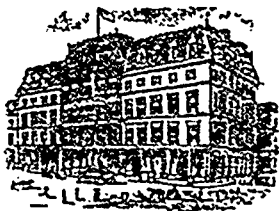
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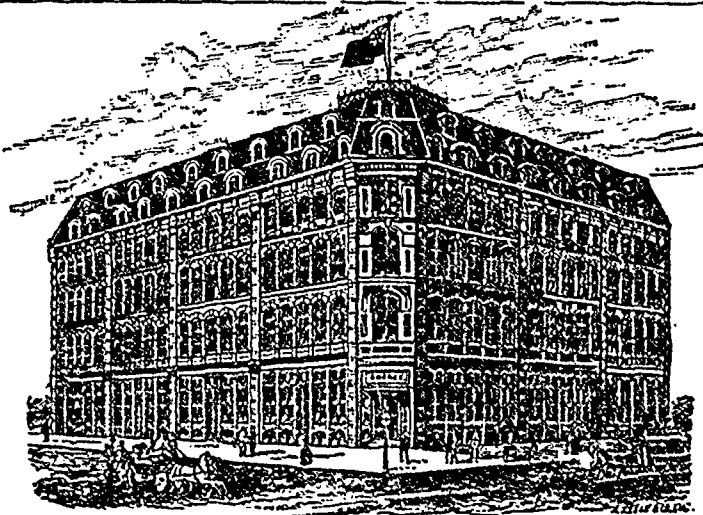
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**British Columbia.**

The Sunday train service between Vancouver and Westminster has been resumed.

The Dominion Government is placing a revenue cutter in the waters of this Province.

Cole & Muschamp, of the Greyhound hotel, Vancouver, have been dissolved, Cole will continue the business.

Jacob Duck, of the South Thompson, about 18 miles east of Kamloops, has sold his ranche, horses and cattle, to Bostock of England, for the sum of \$45,000.

E. Matthews, the manager of the Hotel Vancouver, as the new C.P.R. hotel at Vancouver will be known, expects to be ready to open within a few days.

B. H. Burgess and W. A. Stevens, who recently purchased McHugh's stock of confectionery and have opened a store at Victoria, doing business under the style of B. H. Hughes & Co.

*Westminster Columbian*: It is reported that a well-known farmer of the North Arm imported a lot of very inferior butter from the east, and sold it to dealers in Vancouver as North Arm butter.

From Robert Ward & Co's shipping list, it is learned that exports of coal from British Columbia for April were 28,144 tons, valued at \$140,720. The shippers were: Vancouver Coal Company, 16,569 tons; Robert Dunsmuir & Sons, 9,700 tons; East Wellington Coal Company, 1,875 tons.

The Victoria city council, in a special meeting, have censured the Dominion Government for withdrawal of the steamship subsidy between this port and San Francisco. The resolution demands the restoration of mail service. Great indignation prevails at the apathy of the Government. The Pacific Coast Steamship company already talk of landing Victoria freight and passengers at Port Townsend and to discontinue calling. A copy of the resolution was telegraphed to Sir John.

*Westminster Columbian*: For the past three months property in Westminster and vicinity has been gradually rising in value, and in many cases has doubled in price every month during that time. During the last two weeks purchasers have become very numerous and a few exciting races have occurred between keen and shrewd buyers in their efforts to secure some coveted lots. It is reported several Vancouver real estate firms will open offices in this city, having already been commissioned to buy largely for outside speculators. The fact that Westminster is the very best field for investment in the province, is beginning to be generally admitted on all sides, and the present rapid advance in values is not unexpected, but what we all knew was bound to come within a very short time. With our magnificent fishing business, large lumbering companies, besides being the natural manufacturing centre of the province and the terminus of two great railroads, Westminster is certain to become the chief distributing point in British Columbia.

A new paper, in the French language, will make its appearance in Winnipeg this week, under the management of F. I. Clarke. The name of the new paper will be *L'Courier du Manitoba*.

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**Grain and Milling News.**

The mill dam at Birtle, Man., recently carried away, has been repaired.

W. & J. G. Grey, of Toronto, are putting in the machinery in the new mill at Oak Lake, Man.

It is reported that the Keewatin Milling company, of Keewatin, intend commencing on another large flour mill and elevator as soon as the one now under construction is in operation.

An enterprising Grit sheet lately got off the following: "Under Norquay, monopoly ridden farmers got 54 cents for wheat. Under Greenway, with monopoly gone, they get 73 cents, and the price still rising. Do the farmers want the old or present prices? Let them speak out at the coming elections!" Now, if the new Government will guarantee exemption from drought, frosts, etc., Manitoba farmers will ask nothing more.

A trade circular says: Speculation seems to have fairly set in for a bull campaign, and it is most likely, as usual, that somebody will get hurt. It will not perhaps be distressing to know that those who by persistent short selling have depressed prices, may be called upon to make restitution of a portion of their gains, and certainly we shall not weep if English dealers who have aided in the depression are sharers in the loss. But values are crawling up to the danger line, and at any rate to where rapid and large fluctuations will occur. To safely conduct business under such conditions requires increased care, and above all increased margins.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has issued a crop report under date May 15. Fall wheat is rather unpromising though much depends on the character of the weather up to middle of June. The season has been very backward regarding spring work. The impression made by a perusal of the report is that although the harvest may be a week later than usual, the excellent state of the seed bed will render it fully up to the mark. Of spring grains, oats appear to be the favorite. Spring wheat is steadily declining in popularity. Barley is given an increased acreage.

*Bradstreet's:* The advance of 9c in the price of wheat since March 1 has checked exports. If we ship 10,000,000 bushels to July 1 it is probable that the United States will carry over 37,000,000 bushels, about one-half as much as July 1 last. The United Kingdom will require to receive from 28,000,000 to 35,000,000 bushels from abroad from May 12 to August 1, and India and Russia have ample supplies. Without fresh crop disaster or war abroad it is probable that the 5c or 6c advance here over European wheat quotations, which is quite disproportionate, may not be sustained.

The Vulcan Iron Co., of Manitoba, are making a very important addition to their plant at their Winnipeg foundry and iron works, and one which will prove of great convenience to Manitoba and Territorial millers. Heretofore millers have been obliged to send their rolls east for grinding and corrugating, which has been a source of great expense and loss of time. This will now be avoided, as the Vulcan Iron Co. have decided to put in the latest improved and very best machinery procurable for grinding

and corrugating mill rolls. The machinery for this purpose, which was procured in Minneapolis, has now arrived, and millers will henceforth be able to have this important work done at home.

**Lumber Cuttings.**

The saw mill near Deloraine, Man., on section 16, township 2, range 21, operated by S. C. Smith, has started up again.

Forbes & Stirrett's planing mill at Brandon is kept running to its full capacity just now, supplying material for the new buildings going up in the city and vicinity.

During April the arrivals at Burrard Inlet, B.C. to load lumber were three ships, two for the Hastings and one for the Moodyville mills. During the month, one ship cleared from the Hastings mill, for Melbourne, Australia, with lumber. Two cleared from the Moodyville mill, also for Australia taking 923,659 feet of lumber and a quantity of lath and pickets. One ship cleared from the Chemainus mill, for San Francisco, with lumber, piles, spars, laths and pickets.

**Montreal Grain Market.**

On Tuesday there was no apparent disposition of sellers to accept less than before. There was some enquiry from buyers who would pay about \$1 for No. 1 northern, but offerings were light. Quotations: Canada red winter wheat, 96 to 97½c; Canada white winter, 96 to 97½c; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.04 to \$1.05; No. 2, \$1.01½ to \$1.02; No. 1 Northern, \$1; to \$1.01½; peas, 89 to 90c; oats, 44 to 45c; barley, 55 to 60c; corn, 72 to 75c, duty paid. Flour, quiet. Manitoba strong bakers' at \$4.45 to \$4.55. On Wednesday wheat was quiet with a weaker tendency. A 98c bid for No. 1 Northern refused. No. 1 hard, Manitoba, \$1.04 to \$1.05; No. 2, \$1.01½ to \$1.02. Strong bakers' higher, \$4.50 to \$4.55.

On Friday there was more activity in grain and good business was done in Manitoba wheat at steady prices. The demand from Ontario millers was good and large sales were made. Some came to this city and bought wheat, paid freight and shipped it back, showing how bad millers are off for stock. No. 1 Northern, refused; several lots sold at \$1. No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.04 to \$1.05; No. 2, \$1.01½ to \$1.02; strong bakers' higher, \$4.50 to \$4.55.

—Wife (pleadingly)—"I'm afraid, George, you do not love me as well as you used to do."

Husband—"Why?"

Wife—"Because you always let me get up to light the fire."

Husband—"Nonsense, my love! Your getting up to light the fire makes me love you all the more."—*Boston Courier.*

**General Notes.**

John Silver & Co., wholesale and retail dry goods, Halifax, N. S., have suspended. Liabilities between \$60,000 and \$65,000, considerable of which is borrowed money. References amount to \$20,000 or \$21,000, loans or endorsements; assets amount nominally to about the same as the liabilities. The firm owe largely to English houses, with some indebtedness in Montreal.

### The Discovery of British Columbia.

Dr. Bergin a few days ago introduced a large deputation to the First Minister to ask the Government to render some assistance to Miss Harriet Fraser, of St. Andrew's, Stormont county, Ont., the only surviving daughter of the late Simon Fraser, the discoverer of British Columbia, who died at St. Andrew's in the year 1802. In the year 1792 the late Simon Fraser entered the service of the Northwest Fur Trading company, and was soon after sent to Lake Athabasca. He remained in that vicinity for some years. In the year 1802 he became a partner in the company. In 1805 Mr. Fraser took part in the conference of the leading members of the company who met at Fort William to consider the project of extending their operations beyond the Rocky Mountains, and of occupying the country westward to the ocean in advance of the American traders, who had then penetrated as far north as the Columbia River, and were eagerly pushing their way farther up the coast. The members of the company having decided to extend their outposts across the Rocky Mountains and to establish trading connections with the tribes of Indians west of the mountain ranges, his partners deputed Mr. Fraser to undertake the task of exploring that region, of establishing trading posts in that then unknown territory, and of occupying the country as British traders. Mr. Fraser's diary shows that he left Fort William on his long and perilous adventure in August, 1805, passing through the Lake of the Woods, Lake Winnipeg, up the Saskatchewan, past Cumberland House, then up the English River as far as Isle la Croix, up Buffalo lake, then over Portage la Cache into the Athabasca river, and take to Fort Athabasca, up the Peace river to the foot the mountains to a place which he named the Rocky Mountain Portage, where he left two clerks, Mr. Jas. McDougall and Mr. Arch. McGillivray and twelve men in charge. He then continued his route with six men to Lake McLeod, so named by him, where he left three men to form acquaintance with the Indians. In the year 1806, having returned to the Portage for additional men, Mr. Fraser penetrated westward to the Fraser river, which received its name from him as its discoverer. He explored the Stewart river, calling it after John Stewart, a clerk who was with him, and at the distance of 120 miles from its mouth he established a trading post, leaving Stewart and two men in charge and calling the place New Caledonia. Continuing his exploration westward he established another post at Fraser's lake. The despatches he sent to Fort Athabasca gave increased interest in his undertaking and he was pressed to push on to the ocean and trace out the Fraser river, which at first he supposed was a branch of the Columbia. In the fall of 1807 two canoes, with goods, in charge of Messrs. Quesnel and Ferres, were sent to his assistance. The former gentleman was afterwards member for Montreal. They brought letters urging Mr. Fraser to continue his explorations and to occupy the country in advance of the Americans, as Lewis and Clark had in the previous year gone down the Columbia river and were extending the authority of the Republic through that region, and John

Jacob Astor was also enlarging his operations northward. In the summer of 1807 Mr. Fraser built another trading house on the Fraser river in about latitude 54 degrees. In May, 1808, he started from Stewart lake with four canoes and sixteen men traversing the Fraser river to the ocean. The Indians of the interior had never before seen the "pale faces," and it required great prudence and skill to avoid a conflict, and eventually to win their friendship. The Northwest Fur Company having thus added what is now British Columbia to their sovereignty it remained under their control till the fusion of that company with the Hudson Bay Company in 1821, and 37 years after it became a Crown colony. After the retirement of Mr. Fraser from the company, he was offered the honor of knighthood in recognition of his services. His circumstances however, did not warrant the acceptance of a title, and he died extremely poor, leaving his family unprovided for. The deputation, therefore, urged the Government to make some grant to Miss Fraser. The latter, in her petition, says:

Remembering the advantages gained by the neighboring republic in all our diplomatic controversies touching the boundary line between the two countries from the State of Maine line in the east, to the San Juan boundary in the west, can it be claimed that had British traders not occupied the country west of the Rocky Mountains in advance of the Americans we should to-day have the Pacific Ocean for our western boundary and should possess within our confederation the fine Province of British Columbia? Canada has never been ungrateful to those sons who have secured advantages for their country and your petitioner therefore hopes that some recognition of her father's services may even now be shown by making provision for the support of his only surviving daughter.

Sir John was deeply impressed with the representations made, and said he would discuss the matter with his colleagues.—*Victoria Colonist*.

### Manufacturers' Notes.

One of the flourishing industries of Winnipeg is the factory of the Manitoba Wire Company, of which A. Chisholm is manager. This industry was established here several years ago, and at present is enjoying a very busy season. The factory has been kept working several hours overtime for many weeks back, and still orders are behind. The Manitoba Wire Company owns the patents under which it is working, and is independent of the Washburn-Moen barb wire monopoly. The monopoly has endeavored to prosecute the Winnipeg concern, but in this has signally failed. So hopeless was the case for the barb wire monopolists, that the suits against the Manitoba Company were allowed to go by default, and were thrown out by the Queen's Bench, with costs against the combine. Lately the capacity of the Winnipeg factory has been doubled, but still is pushed to the utmost to fill the demand, owing to the extensive use of barb wire in this country. The quantity used is rapidly growing larger every year, with the development of the country, and when it is considered that throughout the great prairie region this is about the only thing used for fencing, the large demand can be accounted for. The trade extends throughout Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia.

The best English Bessemer steel is used, and the wire is galvanized to prevent rust. The machine used for barbing the wire is the Ross, which produces the true "lock barb," and which is said to be greatly superior to the ordinary article.

THERE is a curious diversity of taste among smokers as to the kind of pipe they prefer. Some like the clay pipe best, others prefer the briar root, others again the meerschaum, some must have their pipe well seasoned before they can enjoy it, others again must have a new pipe and throw it away whenever it becomes a little old. But though this diversity of taste among them is curious, and there is substantial unanimity among them that the "Myrtle Navy" brand of Messrs. Tuckett & Son is the genuine article.

### Insurance Briefs.

G. T. Marsh has been appointed agent at Regina, Assa., for the Sun Life Assurance Co.

A Philadelphia man has been indicted by the grand jury for permitting a large quantity of shavings to remain in his building, thereby endangering both it and surrounding property. That is a good way to treat such careless people. Make them understand that they cannot thus endanger property with impunity.

*Toronto Budget*: From an advertisement in the proper columns, it will be seen that Manager Livingstone, of the Mutual Life of New York, wants two specials to assist in his territory, viz., Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. T. C. is rapidly working up a large business. That for last year was an agreeable surprise to the company; and he now feels assured that the business of this year will exceed the records of life insurance in the Northwest.

*Cincinnati Price Current*: A covenant in an application, after stating the circumstances and value of the property to be insured, recited, "that the foregoing is a just, true and full exposition of all the facts and circumstances in regard to the condition, situation and value of the property to be insured, so far as the same are known to the applicant; and the same is hereby made a condition of insurance, and a warranty on the part of the insured." Held, that in the absence of fraud and gross negligence, the insurance company was not relieved from the contract of insurance by incorrect representations.

According to an abstract of statements of life insurance companies doing business in Canada during the year 1887, which has just been issued, the total number of companies are 39, 11 being Canadian, 16 British, and 12 American. The premiums for the year received by the Canadian companies amount to \$2,843,393, British \$890,629, and American \$2,285,954, making a total of \$6,019,981, showing an increase of \$824,261 over that of 1886. The total number of policies new and taken up was 29,871, an increase of 1,596 over the previous year, the amount of the same being \$38,103,730, an increase of \$2,937,382 over 1886. The total number of policies in force to date is 118,102, an increase over the corresponding year of 14,078. The net amount in force in 1887 was \$191,679,852, an increase of \$20,364,156 during the year. The total amount of claims paid in 1887 was \$2,161,523, an increase of \$201,733 over 1886.

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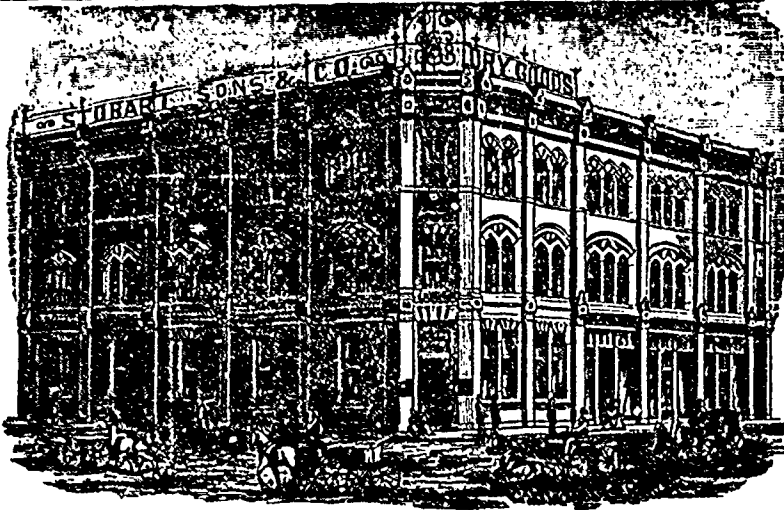
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THE recent decision in the United States Circuit Courts in Iowa, affecting the validity of what are known as the Washburn & Moen barb-wire patents, has had the effect of starting up quite a large number of barb-wire factories which decline to pay any royalty to the monopoly. Appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, but the life of these patents have nearly run out, and it is likely that they will have expired by limitation before an opinion regarding them will be handed down. In view of this situation, the Washburn and Moen monopoly have reduced the royalty to licenses from fifteen cents per hundred pounds—\$3 a ton—to five cents per hundred, or \$1 a ton, on all wire made. At the time the Iowa decision was made there were but very few "moonshine," or unlicensed factories in existence, but there were a large number which were operating under license; and to prevent trouble with these, the monopoly granted the reduction of 66½ per cent alluded to. This concession, however, did not prevent some of the licensees from ceasing from making wire, selling out their factories ostensibly to new companies, who are now manufacturing without license. Meanwhile the price of barb wire in the United States is very close to—sometimes less than—the cost of production.—*Canadian Manufacturer.*

### Western Notes.

Brandon has passed a fire-limit by-law.

The Brandon council has leased the 18th street bridge from the Union Bank.

The output of coal at the Lethbridge mines one day last week reached something over 500 tons, the largest ever reached yet.

The ties from the Riding Mountains for the Northwest Central Ry. have reached Rapid City on their way down the river. There are over 30,000 ties and a lot of bridge timber.

About twenty homesteaders, who made entry for lots in the townships of Blake and Paipouge, near Port Arthur, last autumn, have arrived in the district and set to work improving their farms.

The C. P. R., it is said, are about to build another boat for their line from Port Arthur to

Owen Sound, to be the largest vessel on the lakes. They also purpose building six boats for service between Chicago and Owen Sound.

Portage la Prairie citizens committee has offered a reward of \$200 for the discovery and conviction of the fire bug who caused the recent fire, no doubt existing of its being incendiary.

It has been decided to write C. S. Rider for G. T. Smith, Company, of Stratford, to the effect that the Brandon council is inclined to grant a reasonable bonus to anyone erecting a flouring mill in Brandon, and that the council requests further correspondence as to terms, etc.

The Brandon board of trade have in their office a list of all lands that are for sale in that district with the price, name of owner and improvements, which makes it very convenient for the intending settler. The board is doing excellent work, and deserves encouragement.

J. G. RUTHERFORD, V. S., Portage la Prairie, has disposed of his livery business to Thomas Prout, who will continue the business.

THERE is some talk, at Portage la Prairie, already about re-organizing the fire protection service. It will likely be one of the first things to be looked after by the new council.

THE Portage *Liberal* gives the following list of losses by the late fire at that place: Marquette mill and machinery, about \$6,000; no insurance. Pratt block, \$4,000; no insurance. Lorne House, \$7,500; insured for \$7,000 in companies represented by Carruthers & Brock, Winnipeg. Lorne House stables, \$1,000; insured for \$400 in Commercial Union. T. & W. Millar's building, \$300; no insurance. Club House, \$500; no insurance. John McKenzie, material, etc., \$500. (Mr. McKenzie has \$500 insurance in the Glasgow & London on his building, part of which had been moved to the avenue.) John O'Reilly (Carey block) stock, \$200; insured. H. Grannis, furniture, \$2,500; no insurance. Maple Leaf restaurant (Mrs. Young) loss light; fully insured in Commercial Union. Wm. Lyons, furniture in Lorne House, badly damaged; insured for \$1,000 in Quebec Fire Ins. Co.

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**Business East.  
ONTARIO.**

A. Moses, tailor, Brockville, has assigned.  
 Jas. McCullough, tanner, Ottawa, is dead.  
 G. Bailey, flour dealer, Toronto, has sold out.  
 T. W. Lemon, printer, Mattawa, has assigned.  
 J. B. Campbell, physician, Balmont, has sold out.  
 J. P. Chambers, baker, Alvinston, has sold out.  
 S. S. Thorne, grocer, Campbellford, has sold out.  
 Geo. Watson, peddler, Woodstock, has assigned.  
 Jas. Watson, peddler, Woodstock, has assigned.  
 Jno. Ovens, hotelkeeper, Thornhill, has assigned.  
 Jas. W. Bray, cabinetware, Simcoe, has assigned.  
 Richard Francis, harness, Renfrow, has assigned.  
 Irwan & Ward, saw mill, Tp Euphrasia, have assigned.  
 Saunders & McLeod, grocer, Kincardine, have assigned.  
 Shevriar Bros., picture frames, Ottawa, have assigned.  
 E. & E. Hillman, millinery, Toronto, have assigned.  
 D. B. Currie, general storekeeper, Alvinston, has assigned.  
 Jas. B. Straith, general storekeeper, Belmore, has assigned.  
 John Hollinger, general storekeeper, Ferguson Falls, has assigned.

Rowlin & Co., fertilizers, Hamilton, have assigned.  
 J. L. Calver, fruit dealer, St Thomas, has sold out.  
 Miss Baikie, milliner, St Thomas, is out of business.  
 Rutrick Graham, confectioner, Toronto, has assigned.  
 Booth & McKay, woolen mill, Odessa, have dissolved.  
 Toronto Meat Packing Co., Toronto, have dissolved.  
 Andrew Dillon, hotelkeeper, Hamilton, is selling out.  
 Thos. Tidy, general storekeeper, Fordwich, has assigned.  
 D. A. McArthur, flour dealer, North Bay, has sold out.  
 Mrs. F. Saywell, crockery, Toronto, has compromised.  
 McIntosh & Somers, butchers, St. Marys, have dissolved.  
 Godfrey McTaggart, fruit dealer, St. Thomas, is out of business.  
 Wm. Brown, blacksmith, Port Stanley, sheriff in possession.  
 Bishop & Paulin, dealers in hardware, Owen Sound, have dissolved.  
 J. Green & sons, dealers in boots and shoes, Toronto, have assigned.  
 W. Fowler, paper boxes, Brantford, seized under chattle mortgage.  
 Mrs. McAlpine, millinery, Gore Bay, style now Mrs. McAlpine & Son.  
 Waller & Thompron, wagons, Tilsonburg, business continued by Thompson alone.

L. A. Patterson, millinery, Colborne, is away.  
 E. T. Barrows, general storekeeper, Niles-town, has sold out.  
 W. A. Snyder & Co., dealers in canned goods, Toronto, stock sold.  
 J. R. Bailey & Co., coal dealers, Toronto, style now Ontario Coal Co.  
 Breeze & Co., woolen mill, Napance, style now Breeze Bros. & McCay.

**QUEBEC.**

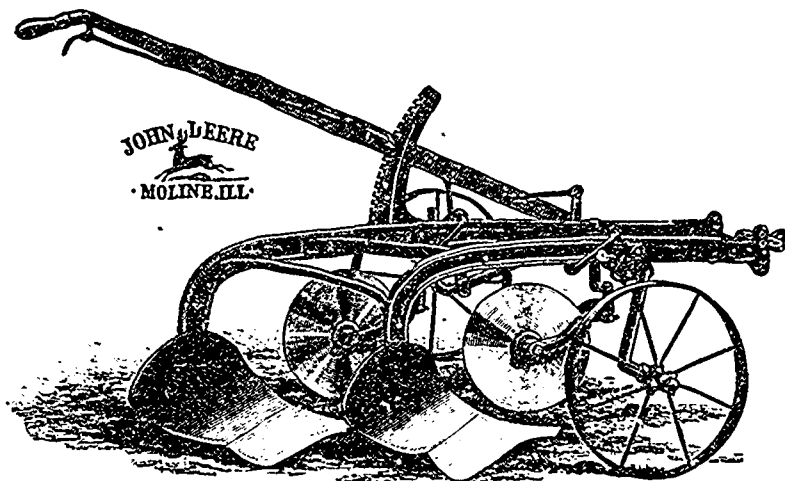
Henry Norman, grocer, Montreal, is dead.  
 C H. Wakefield & Co., tailors, Sherbrooke, have assigned.  
 Wm. Dodd & Co., grocers, Montreal, have assigned.  
 Dunham & Murray, hotelkeepers, Montreal, have assigned.  
 L. C. Duquette & Co., butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Wm. Dow & Co., brewers, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.  
 D. H. & P. M. Welsh, confectioners, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Chas. L. Desaulniers, dealers in dry goods, Nicolet, has assigned.  
 Dorais & Gravel, dealers in dry goods, St. Antoine, have dissolved.  
 S. D. Hamilton, dealer in dry goods, Montreal, has suspended.  
 Bernstein & Shindler, dealers in clothing, Montreal, have dissolved; each continues alone.  
 Rapid City Spectator: A man named Granger, from Winnipeg, was in town on Saturday and said he was thinking seriously of starting a cheese factory here.

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For all concerned the wholesaler, the retailer and the private customer, this abnormal length of credit means loss or risk. The interest is in itself a heavy item, the lengthened time before settlement brings increased danger of bad debts and this danger is augmented by the long deferred payment offering strong temptation to make purchases to an extent not warranted by prudence and careful consideration of the amount of business that may be done, or the ability to make payments. There have been recent instances of some notoriety that have evinced the risk, or rather the certainty, of loss that must result from from this practice. Not only does the length of time over which credit extends increase the chances of unforeseen misfortune occurring, but it actually offers a premium to reckless or even dishonest trading, leading inevitably to loss against which the creditor has put it out of his power to protect himself.

This practice is dangerous and in not really advantageous to any who are concerned. It has become so established that a sudden and complete change would be hardly practicable, but its necessity is acknowledged and the sooner it is adopted and carried out by degrees, but speedily, the better for the whole business community.

The wholesale houses, and manufacturers whose sales are of the same nature, have this matter very much in their own hands, and it would be well for them to determine at once to curtail this excessive credit and refuse any longer to incur such a burden of interest or risk of heavy losses. — *The Empire*.



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A14 25	85	Gladstone	13 25 D
D14 45			13 05 A
15 45	61	Nepawa	11 58
A16 35			11 15 D
D16 45	79	Minnedosa	11 05 A
17 50	94	Rapid City	9 45
18 30	115	Shoal Lake	9 20
119 30	138	Birtle	18 20
21 40	155	Binscarth	6 20
23 00	166	Russell	5 00
23 15	180	Langenburg	4 45
ARRIVE			LEAVE

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