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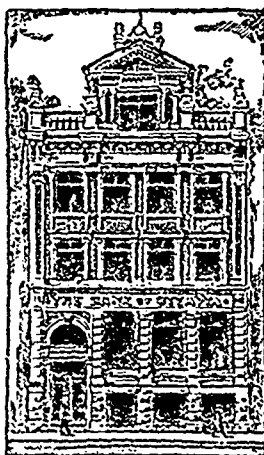
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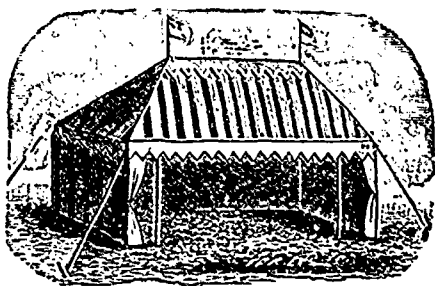
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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 26, 1898.

WORRIES OF BUSINESS.

Harm is often done in the country through wrong impressions getting abroad in regard to prices of various commodities. Sometimes it is a report that higher prices are being paid at a neighboring town for some commodity which the farmers have to sell. This is a fruitful cause of worry to buyers of grain, butter, eggs, and other commodities. Reports frequently get into circulation that a cent more is being paid for wheat at one point, or half a cent more for butter, than the local dealer is offering. We sometimes find farmers hauling their grain through one town and on to another, where it is reported a higher price is being paid, but usually it turns out that there is a mistake about the report somewhere. These reports are very often founded on an error, and arise in various ways, but this does not prevent them from being widely believed, consequently leading to much dissatisfaction in the community. For instance, a farmer may sell a load of grain in one town in his district for a certain price, and a few days later he may visit another town and get a cent or two more. He at once starts the report that the buyers at such a place are paying higher prices than at the other town. It may be that the grain has advanced in price in the meantime, or the difference may be accounted for by one buyer having considered the grain a little better quality than the first buyer.

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Another cause of trouble to merchants are the reports which frequently get into circulation to the effect that some staple line of goods is being sold at a lower price at some other place than is asked by the local dealers. In nine cases out of ten these reports are either entirely wrong, or they are founded on misapprehension. Often the report is simply an error, and if traced up would be found to have been manufactured in some such way as that of the three black crows, which we have all heard about. Very often the goods would turn out to be of different quality. Sometimes simply a cut will have been made, but this would not be sufficient to establish a regular quotation.

The local provincial papers sometimes inadvertently causes trouble to the merchants of their town by publishing reports of prices paid for produce or prices which goods are sold for, at some other town. This week we noticed an item in a paper published in a southwestern Manitoba town, to the effect that barb wire was being sold at another town for \$2.65. The editor may not have intended to cause any trouble to the local dealers of the place, but the probability is that the item will do harm. The farmers will see it and will want to know why their merchants are charging more. Of course barb wire cannot be sold at the price named in southwestern Manitoba, except at a loss, but it will be hard to convince the farmers who see this item that they are not being charged too much for their wire. Local papers could often avoid causing worries of this nature by investigating before they publish reports of this nature.

IS IT ALL CANADIAN.

Doubt has been cast, within the past few days, upon the statement that the Stikine is an all-Canadian route. The mouth of the river Stikine is in United States territory, but Canada enjoys the treaty right to the navigation of the river. This right, however, is limited by the condition that it is subject to United States regulations. Freight for the Stikine would have to be transferred from ocean to river steamers in United States territory, and by imposing restrictive regulations regarding such transfer of goods the United States government could greatly hamper the trade and largely destroy the value of the route. In fact rumors have already come from Washington that restrictions will be imposed on the transfer of goods at

Wrangel, for the Stikine route, with the object of worrying further concessions to the United States, from this country. In British Columbia, where the situation is best understood, there is a strong movement in favor of abandoning the Stikine river, and carrying the railway to a British Columbia ocean port, which would necessitate the construction of 175 to 200 miles of additional road, besides the 150 miles from Glenora to Teslin lake, or in all say 350 miles of road.

It may be well to wait a while before concluding that the United States will take any such action. As matters now stand, everything is in favor of the United States. Canadians are debarred from entering the United States for the purpose of mining. All rights there are reserved for their own citizens. On the other hand, United States citizens are accorded every right in Canada which our own people are entitled to, in regard to mining claims. It has been stated that 80 per cent. of the outfitting trade for the Klondike has been done at Seattle, 10 per cent at other Pacific coast points in the United States, and 10 per cent at Canadian Pacific coast points. If this be true, it simply means that about ninety per cent of those going to the Klondike are from the United States. They are going there not for the purpose of becoming citizens, but simply to secure all the gold they can and return to their own country. The admission of United States citizens to our gold territory on the same footing as our own people, while Canadians are barred from any like privileges in the United States, would seem to be a vastly more important concession than anything the United States is likely to be asked for in the line of transportation facilities through Alaskan territory. The request made at Ottawa by delegates from the United States, that the Canadian government should issue licenses to prospectors at United States ports, certainly seems like a very cheeky proposal. We not only admit United States citizens to all the rights accorded our own people, but we are asked to open office within United States territory, for the accommodation of United States citizens who wish to procure licenses to prospect in Canada. The Commercial believes strongly in encouraging in every way the most cordial relations between the two countries; but in this Klondike matter it would certainly appear that we are entitled to the most liberal treatment from the United States on account of the great concession to that country already made. If any attempt is made to hamper Canadian trade along the Alaskan coast, with the object of forcing further concessions, the way to meet it would be to shut out foreigners from our gold

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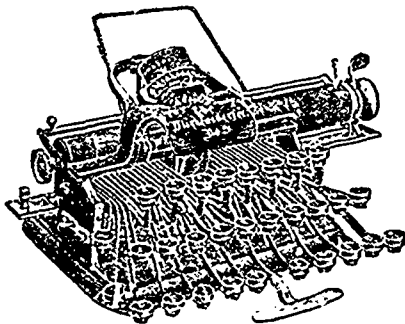
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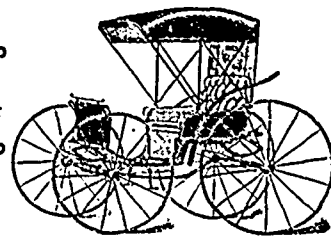
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territory entirely, or else charge them an additional license tax to pay for the cost of opening the route to the country. For instance, if we were forced to build a couple of hundred miles of railway in British Columbia, on account of the restrictions imposed by the United States at the mouth of the Stikine river, we might get back the cost of this work by charging foreigners double or treble the price paid by Canadians for miners' licenses.

THE STIKINE RAILWAY.

The Stikine railway contract is about the most uppermost question in Canadian public affairs at present. The construction of the railway is undoubtedly a case of emergency, and the government seems justified to a considerable extent, at least, in the action that has been taken in this matter. At the same time we believe the moral effect would have been much better if proposals had been publicly invited for the construction of this work. The conclusion of a contract before the public were aware that such a matter was under consideration, has not had an inspiring effect. Urgency there is undoubtedly in the matter; but the government have had since fast fail to consider the question, and this would appear to have allowed of sufficient time to have invited proposals in a public way.

The general provisions for the construction of the road appear to be reasonable. The Commercial has long been steadily opposed to the principle of granting public lands in aid of railways. With the present temper of public feeling in Eastern Canada, a cash grant to a western road would no doubt have aroused more opposition to the road. The eastern people want the cash for their own roads and canals, while western roads can be aided by grants of public lands. Even in this case, however, a reasonable cash subsidy, we believe, would have been preferable to the grant of 25,000 acres of land per mile for the 150 miles of road.

As to the general question of the construction of the road, the work is undoubtedly one of pressing necessity. Ever if the cost had been much greater the government could hardly be excused from grappling with the undertaking and putting it through to completion at the earliest possible moment. The exigencies of the case demand that the most readily accessible route to Yukon under Canadian control should be opened at once.

The fact that the opening of the most practical coast route is a necessity, does not detract in the least from what The Commercial said last week in regard to an interior route via the North Saskatchewan. We did not

wish to imply in the article last week that a railway should be built at once right through to Dawson, via the Saskatchewan and Peace River valleys. We do believe, however, that immediate action should be taken to open a permanent, all-Canadian interior route through the fine agricultural and stock raising country north of the Saskatchewan. It might mean the improvement of the natural waterways alone, or the improvements of the waterways, with connecting railway links, or connection with the Stikine-Teslin route, as further investigation may show most practical. It certainly seems of vast importance to the material welfare of Canada, that this great opportunity for the development of our Dominion should not be allowed to pass by. If we rise equal to the occasion we have the opportunity of advancing our national development such as might not come in a score of years under ordinary circumstances.

PROVINCIAL RAILWAY EXTENSIONS.

It is to be hoped that that there is more to be hoped than in the reports that certain local branch railways in Manitoba are likely to be extended this year. Beyond the Stonewall branch there is a splendid section of country, which has been partially settled since the early days. While settlers have been going away west to look for desirable districts wherein to settle, the beautiful strip of country lying north of Stonewall, and between Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba, has been neglected all these years. A number of settlers went into this district in the early years, under the belief that the main line of the Canadian Pacific would pass through that region. The proposed route of the road, however, was changed, and these settlers have been without railway communication all this time. The district is well supplied with fuel and water and is in every sense a superb mixed farming section, but though comparatively close to the largest market in the west, the absence of railway communication has caused new settlers to neglect the district.

The other branch about which there is some talk of an extension is known as the Pipestone branch. It is located in western Manitoba, and the proposed extension would be mainly in the territory of Assiniboia. Beyond the present terminus of the Pipestone branch for a distance of almost 100 miles there is a fine agricultural country, which has been fairly well settled for many years. Like the other district mentioned these settlers expected when they went in that they would not be long without a railway, as one or more roads were projected for this district before the settlers went in to take up the land. It is

to be hoped this their greatest need will not long be denied them. In the excitement over Klondike roads and routes we must not overlook important needs nearer home.

THE INTERIOR ROUTES.

A good many prospectors appear to be going north via the interior routes. Out of 1,000 licenses so far issued, 100 have been issued at Edmonton. For practical prospectors, the interior routes via Prince Albert and Edmonton offer many advantages. By these routes they pass through hundreds of miles of gold-bearing country, where just as good strikes are likely to be made as have yet been made in the famous Klondike region.

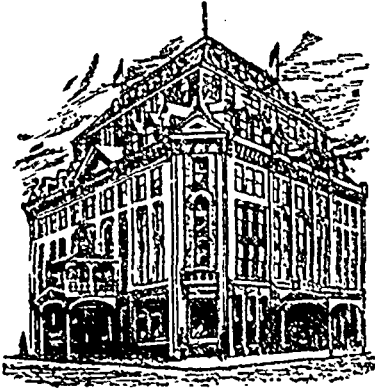
A TRIP TO SOUTHERN MANITOBA.

BY A COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

GRETNA.

The border town is a flourishing community, pleasantly situated, with a fringe of large trees not far from it and with many small trees growing where they have been let out through the town. The site is somewhat flat, seeming to be the centre of a perfectly level plain, which is however an extremely fertile plain, cultivated right up to the outskirts of the town. Indeed for miles before reaching Gretna the railway passes through a succession of wheat fields very little virgin prairie being left. While Morden has a large Mennonite trade, its surrounding population is not all of that class, as it is situated on the western side of the reserve. Gretna, however, while not geographically in the centre, may be said to be the economic centre of the Mennonite community. Most of the business men are shrewd, thrifty Germans, some from Ontario, some from the old land, but all like thorough-going business men, who have contributed in no small measure to the success of the Mennonite settlers whose business has been in their hands. Fairly at the head of the list stands the firm of E. Penner & Co., the head of which, Mr. Penner, is almost in the position of a patriarch to his compatriots. He has a large general store comprising almost every article of ordinary use or consumption about the house or farm. Indeed this seems to be the way trade is done here, for all the general stores are stocked on the same lines. Others with large general stores are J. Loewen, W. Esau & Co., Schultz & Stiefel, and Friesen & Jansen. J. Heiman & Co., Morden, wholesale liquor merchants, have a store here in charge of A. Coblenz, an old-time Winnipeg and Emerson merchant. J. D. Pierson is an implement agent, associated with C. Pieper. Mr. Pieper has built a large new warehouse. J. P. Friesen & Son own and operate the Gretna roller mills, capacity 100 barrels, and also handle lumber and building material. Ritz & Widmeyer are private bankers and financial agents, also handle implements. J. G. Kertcher manufactures tow for upholstering purposes, from flax which is quite extensively grown in the reserve. This industry should grow as it is the first established and the upholstering and finishing of fur-

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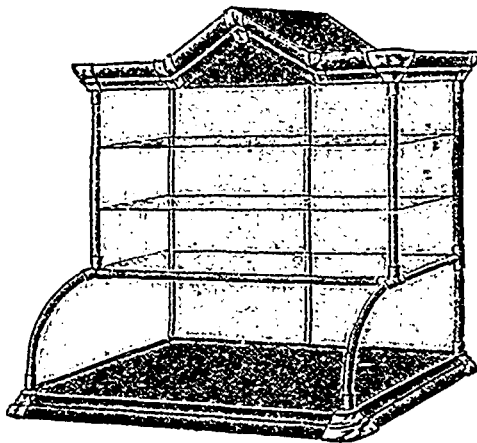
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ulture is attaining considerable proportions in Winnipeg, Portage, Brandon and other western towns. There are five elevators at Cretna and this season the amount of wheat delivered was expected to reach 250,000 bushels, a very creditable total considering the short crop and the vicinity of the four smaller points mentioned and Morden not a great distance away. The Queens hotel, H. Braun, proprietor, and the International, Otto Ritz & Co., proprietors, furnish really good accommodation.

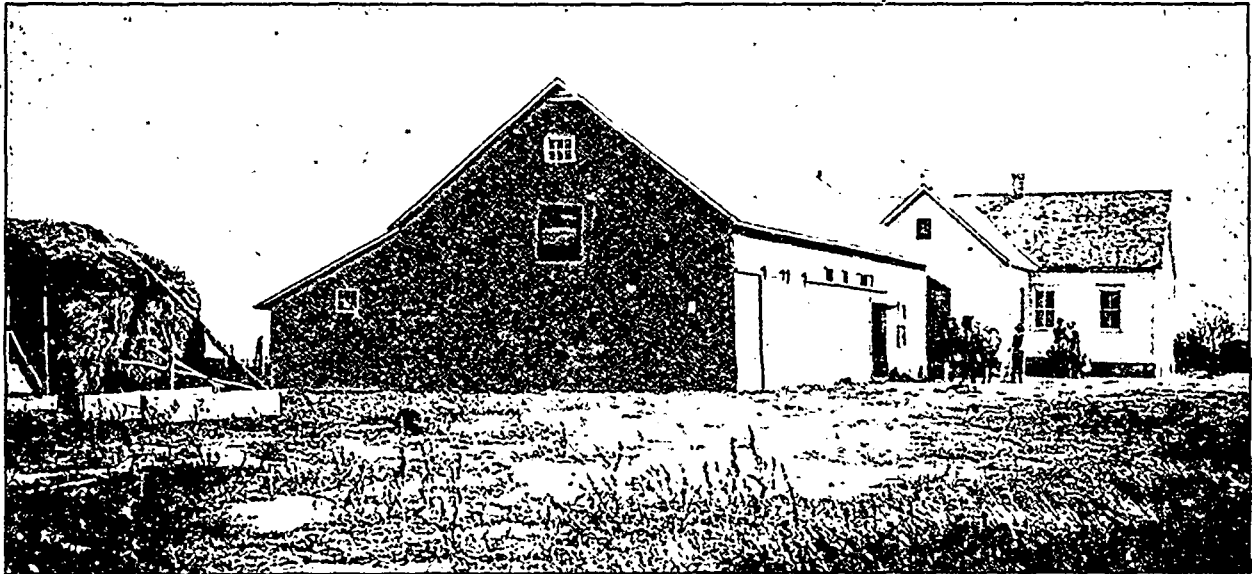
THE MENNONITES.

In writing of Cretna a passing notice of the Mennonite colony is quite appropriate, though that devoted and unoffending, twice expatriated race has been, time and times again, the subject of journalistic sketch, review and study. This time they will be set off lightly. Neither their homes, their habits, their family life and their corner cupboards nor cosmopolitan sleeping arrangements shall be investigated, but shall be left unexposed to the view of the gaping crowd. The visitor is impressed with the almost uniform appearance of thrift

vated largely. Some difficulty has been experienced in the past in obtaining sufficient water supply in some portions of the district. This fall a discovery was made of a splendid vein yielding flowing wells, a few miles northwest of the town. As things are going now the Mennonites, who have long ago used up all their own reserve and have begun spreading out both north and west, will stand a good chance of absorbing a large part of this fertile wheat area. Many of them have already purchased and settled on land west of here and more will do so. Crops were fairly good this year, but then Red River valley land is the surest land in the world for a crop. Some cattle are raised along the Red River, but more could be. An example of the capabilities along this line is the enterprise in which Jas. Connery is engaged. In addition to his retail butcher business he has established quite a stock ranch. He secured a piece of ground on the river just beside the town. Here he has erected large stables, built of one thickness of lumber tightly put together, the roof being made

out straw that was burned every year would feed hundreds of cattle. Lastly as to cattle, he bought all kinds. If one was fit for beef or shipping, it could go. If a thin beast, he could put it in his stables in the winter or on his ranch in summer and get it into condition. He made a specialty of buying up young cattle, and for the coming summer he would have quite a dairy department, 30 or 40 milking cows; this number he proposed to increase in the future. He had gradually grown into this idea and found that the work of providing shelter and food could be both cheaply and effectively done—with some work. It was better business than letting young stockers, even calves, be shipped out of the country. He also has a number of sheep and hogs to feed. Mr. Connery is one of the old-timers of Morris, having had his up and downs along with the town.

Lawrie Bros. are general merchants, long established and well known in Morris. Chisholm & McKenzie and McIntosh & Co. are also general merchants. Mr. Chisholm, of the former



MANITOBA FARM HOMES—MENNONITE FARM BUILDINGS NEAR ALTONA

and neatness everywhere seen not only about the buildings, but over the fields and farms. The houses are tidy and not pretentious, in most cases painted. The farm machinery is not scattered about, but carefully stowed when not in use. The habit of living in little clustering villages and going abroad to the fields is still continued—that is the original little villages which dotted the reserve from the first settlement, still exist, and the canny Ruso-Teutons are much too thrifty to leave the houses deserted and untenanted.

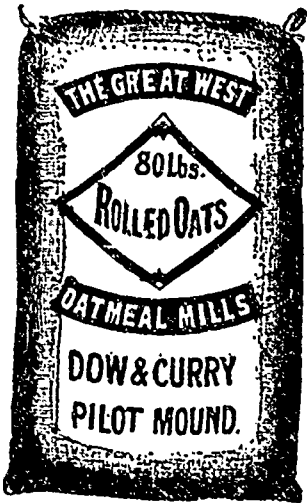
MORRIS.

This town is perhaps the most marked instance of the results of boom time methods. It still retains its dimensions of three miles square, nine sections, of level land, when half of one-quarter section would be ample for all its requirements. The town suffered greater reverses owing to the desertion of much of the farming area surrounding it. That drawback is, however, being remedied rapidly and the prospects are that all the land will soon be occupied again and culti-

of poles, laid as if for thatch, only a flatter roof, and the poles are not close together. On this straw manure or sods are placed, forming a close warm roof. One point noticed is that the walls are a fairly good height. Mr. Connery has had one stable for some time, and this fall just completed another much larger. When these stables are full the cattle are often too warm and the vents in the roof often require to be opened in winter weather. In the stable built this year the initial cost was greatly reduced by working up a lot of second hand bridge timber, plank, etc., bought cheap. The framework of these stables is strong, and yet cheap, and no skilled labor is needed, any farmer being able to put them up. As to feed, Mr. Connery said he could not understand why farmers talked of feed being scarce. He had plenty of hay, and even with the large stock he was feeding he could sell some. He had hired a couple of men for a month and put up all the hay he wished, and there was plenty of hay went to waste every year. Then the good chaff and

firm, was mayor of Morris for 1897. J. M. Phillips has a good stock of hardware, stoves and tinware. C. J. Kercher handles a line of hardware and groceries. Morkill and Whitworth are lumber dealers and general agents. J. C. Nichols has one hotel. P. Kastner, the other near the depot. There are three grain elevators and as the Morris-Brandon branch of the N. P. & M. strikes off from here, it is quite a railway centre. The C. P. R., Great Northern and the Pembina branch trains also pass daily so that the train service is splendid. Morris may have a past but the future is looming up brightly on the inner rim of the horizon.

The Great Northern Transit Co. Limited, and the North Shore Navigation Co., Limited, have established a new steamboat line between Collingwood, Owen Sound, Fort William, Port Arthur and Duluth, to be known as the Georgian Bay and Lake Superior Steamboat line.



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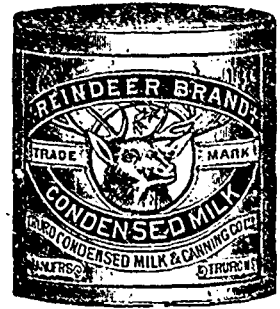
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FINANCIAL

LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.

At a meeting at Toronto this week of the defunct Farmers' Loan company, a letter from Hon. Wm. Mulock, formerly president of the company, was read, in which he offered to pay various sums to the creditors of the concern on account of his liability as a director. Mr. Mulock resigned the presidency of the company when he entered the Dominion cabinet. Mr. Mulock said in his letter that he had decided to invite the creditors to take the opinion of a judge as to his liability as a director of the defunct company. He further offered, that if his liability, if decided in this way, did not absorb all his means, he would give a further sum of \$25,000 to be distributed among the widows or other persons who had invested in the company while he was its president. Another proposition made by Mr. Mulock was to the effect that he would give \$150,000 for the discharge of his liability as a director of the company, without a legal opinion thereon as to the amount of his liability, \$50,000 of this sum to be distributed to widows or other needy persons as before stated.

While this offer from Mr. Mulock may in one sense be considered a very generous proposal, it is perhaps not out of proportion to the moral responsibility resting upon him as president of the Farmers' Loan company. In addition to his actual legal liability as a director of the company, there is certainly a heavy moral responsibility resting upon Mr. Mulock in this matter. The liquidation has shown the most scandalous mismanagement and incompetency, if not worse doings, in connection with the affairs of this loan company. Mr. Mulock claims that he had entire confidence in the management of the company, but this does not release him and the other directors from the moral as well as the legal responsibility resting upon them.

It is altogether too common a thing in Canada for public men to assume the responsibility of directors or officers in stock concerns. Public men of prominence are solicited on account of their influence in bringing business to the company. The best guide which the investing public often have in selecting companies wherein to place their means is the names constituting the board of directors. Public or prominent men who allow their names to be used for purpose of drawing business for a stock concern, have there-

fore a great moral responsibility resting upon them. The greater their influence the greater is that responsibility. Those who accept this responsibility should therefore use due diligence to find out that their institution is worthy of their confidence, lest they influence others to place their means in a rotten concern, such as the Farmers' Loan company proved to be.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Union bank has opened a branch at Melita, Man.

Cheque, for the final dividend of the Commercial bank of Manitoba were mailed this week.

Molson's bank, Victoria, has decided to build a \$100,000 block at Victoria, B. C., where a branch of the bank will be opened.

A branch of the Molson's bank is being opened in Vancouver, B. C., under the management of H. Lockwood, assistant inspector, who will also act as supervisor of the branches of the bank in the west.

The Peace River District.

Rev. John McDougall, of Morley, writes to the Calgary Herald: "Now that our northern country is attracting attention because of the recent rich gold finds in Klondike and vicinity and there is an opportunity of this country opening up for settlement much earlier than some of us anticipated, I want to say to my fellow Canadians, and through them to the world, that we have in the Peace River region a large area of habitable land, rich soil, good grass, plenty of timber for settlement, and the whole land well watered. These are the surface conditions which meet even the casual observer as one travels through the country which lies north of the site of old Fort Assiniboine, on the Athabasca river. Then when we take into account these facts that the altitude of most of the Peace river country is very much lower than that of either Edmonton or Calgary, that large bodies of water are distributed here and there all over the land, that the evaporation from the lakes and the many flowing streams which debouch into them creates a humidity in the summer season, which, with the long day sunshine is pre-eminently conducive to vegetable growth, and also in a large measure ensures from summer frosts, I say when one thinks of the actual conditions and incontrovertible facts, then one very reasonably comes to the conclusion that on the Peace river, and from 300 to 600 miles north of Calgary, there is an immense region which is doubtless designed by nature for the prosperous homes of many people.

"In connection with this the known quantities in that northern country as to its minerals, are that both gold and coal are found here and there all through it. In the early sixties I communed with men who had washed gold out of the bar of the Peace and its tributaries. Then the trouble was food and supplies. In 1878 I saw for myself the coal in waste and seam on the streams which run from west to east between the Athabasca and the Peace river, and I firmly believe that great mineral development will reward the diligent searchers thereof in that land. As to its mineral wealth the whole country abounds with it and

the quantity is unknown. I for one believe that the Klondike has no monopoly of this factor in the settlement of the hitherto wilderness country. Other rich finds will be made, but in the meantime the hardy settler and real home seker can go into the north land and find all I have mentioned and with this a glorious climate—largely free from summer cyclones or winter blizzard—one in which a dominant race of men may be bred and reared. I have come to the conclusion from personal travel and observation, and also from having conversed with Hudson's Bay officials, miners, trappers, and Indians, during the last nearly forty years of almost constant sojourn in the Northwest country. I will end by saying that if all the area between the 49th parallel and the Athabasca river did not exist, still having the richly endowed country to the north of us, Canada would be possessed of a region full of glorious possibilities.

JOHN McDUGALL."

Grain and Milling News.

Sir Henri Joly has agreed to the request of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange to make the legal weight of flax seed 56 pounds per bushel so as to agree with the generally accepted commercial usage.

It is rumored that the Ogilvie Milling company contemplate building a steel tank storage plant in Winnipeg of 500,000 bushels' capacity. We would not be surprised at this. There is nothing new, of value, which the Ogilvies do not get.

In the house at Ottawa, recently Dr. Rutherford asked whether the government will take action to assist the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories in abolishing the elevator monopoly. The premier said that the government is alive to the situation, but no conclusion had yet been reached.

A bonus was passed in aid of a small flour mill to be built in the municipality of St. Charles, near Winnipeg, but according to provincial laws bonuses are not valid without the sanction of the legislature. An effort will be made to get the legislature to legalize the by-law. A flour mill in this municipality, so near to Winnipeg, can prove of very little value, as the Winnipeg mills sell flour to farmers at wholesale prices, and the proposed new mill would not likely receive patronage enough to pay for grease for the machinery. It would likely only prove a loss to those embarking in the enterprise and also a loss to the municipality to the amount of the bonus. The legalizing of bonus by-laws is against the spirit of the law which prohibits bonusing, and only exceptionally weighty reasons should be accepted for legalizing bonuses.

At the annual meeting of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association, held in Winnipeg, on February 16, a fitting tribute was paid to the late Dr. Fleming, of Brandon. A resolution was passed that the council be requested to look into the matter of dividing the province into districts for the purpose of having councillors representative of such districts. The following members were elected as councillors for the ensuing two years. J. F. Howard, E. D. Martin, C. Flexon, W. Pulford and Alex Campbell, Winnipeg; W. R. Bartlett, Brandon; A. R. Leonard, Stouevon, J.

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The Lumber Trade.

R. Kinney is establishing a planing mill at Gladstone, Man. Machinery for making sash, doors, etc., will also be put in.

Capt. Robinson says the cut of logs at the camps at Lake Winnipeg will be greatly increased this winter. He estimates the quantity at fully one-third more than last season.

Mr. Moon, of the British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading company of Vancouver, was in Winnipeg last week, and later went south to St. Paul. He will visit Winnipeg again on his return.

The Rat Portage Lumber company are now filling up their Winnipeg warehouse with an immense stock of sash, doors, etc., in anticipation of a large season's trade. They are making a large quantity of cedar doors at present, from the best British Columbia stock.

Peter McArthur, of Westbourne, Man., will establish a saw mill at Winnipegosis, the new town at the lake terminus of the Dauphin railway. He is cutting 1,500,000 feet of logs at Lake Winnipegosis this winter, and may move his saw mill at Gladstone, Man., to the lake.

The council of the Vancouver board of trade has passed a resolution to the effect that the duties imposed by the United States on Canadian lumber are most prejudicial to the interest of one of the most important industries of Canada, and that the privileges at present accorded to lumber manufacturers of the States of admitting their products free of duty into Canada is unjust. Therefore, this board would urge in the strongest possible manner that until the lumber products of Canada be admitted free into the United States, exactly the same duties as are levied by the States on Canadian lumber and shingles be imposed on lumber and all kinds of timber and cabinet woods entering Canada from the United States.

The flour mill at St. Anne, Man., will be sold by auction in Winnipeg on



SOCIETY INSURANCE.

Another assessment "insurance" concern has gone by the boards. The members of the Select Knights of Canada have received a circular informing them that the officers have decided that it is useless to try to keep up the struggle any longer. They have negotiated terms by which the Knights may become members of the Independent Order of Foresters. The terms, however, imply that the Knights must undergo the usual medical examination, and be accepted before they can be transformed into Foresters. From this it will be seen that those among the Knights who are in a poor state of health will not be able to secure such protection as the Foresters are able to offer. They have lost what they have paid to the Knights, and are now beyond the pale of securing insurance at any price. In their time of need there is none to help them. How long will people continue to put their trust in "cheap insurance," which in the end so often proves to be no insurance at all.

Business men should give this ques-

tion of life insurance more careful study for themselves, and not accept either the statement of friends or the comments of the newspaper press. Statements appearing in the papers are not always reliable, from the fact that they are often simply paid advertisements. Only a few days ago a most extravagantly laudatory article appeared in a Winnipeg paper, concerning a well-known assessment concern, which has proved a most grievous disappointment to its members. The newspaper press cannot be relied upon as a safe guide in insurance matters.

INSURANCE ITEMS.

The Calendar card of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, a copy of which has been received, is adorned by a picture of its extensive head office building.

Melville S. Parry, of the Confederation Life staff at Winnipeg, left this week to assume his new office as general agent of the company in British Columbia. He proceeds direct to Victoria, and later will go to the Kootenay.

D. McDonald, inspector of the Confederation Life association, left this week for British Columbia, whence he proceeds to Southern California for the benefit of his health.

The Pacific Cable.

The Commercial has received the following resolution passed by the Vancouver board of trade recently, with a request for publication:

"Whereas the laying of a Pacific cable from British Columbia to Australia to complete the circle of Imperial telegraphic communication and afford an alternate direct service between the mother country and her greatest dependencies of Canada, India and Australia, is of the highest strategical and commercial importance; and whereas, in this connection the home government would appear to be now awaiting more definite action on the part of the colonies; and whereas, further, all measures tending to facilitate more ready intercourse with Australia are of the first importance to Canada;

"Be it resolved that, in the opinion of the Vancouver board of trade, the question of the earliest possible completion of a Pacific cable from British Columbia to Australia is one which demands the careful and urgent attention of the Dominion government.

"Be it also resolved that as a further incentive to prompt action, the board would suggest that the consummation of an all-British circumterrestrial telegraphic service might be a fitting event with which to inaugurate the first year of the twentieth century.

It is rumored that the Pipestone and Stonewall branch railways will be extended this year. There are fine agricultural settlements beyond each of these railways, which are much in need of railway communication.

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Assets December 31, 1897	236,876,308.04
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Paid Policy-Holders in 1897	21,106,314.14

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Manitoba

M. Wilson will start a brickyard at Gladstone.

A board of trade will be organized at Boissevain.

A new paper to be called the Dufferin Leader will be started at Carman.

Messrs. Ross have rented their hotel at Winnipegosis to Mr. Co. well, of Meltila.

The nineteenth annual report of the Winnipeg board of trade has been issued in pamphlet form.

F. T. Eames & Co., hotel, Brandon, have dissolved. Eames continues the business; Wm. Law retires.

T. A. M. Hughes & Co., stationery, Souris, have dissolved partnership. The stock will be sold by tender.

Davidson Bros., photographers, of Brandon, are opening a branch gallery in Deloraine.

D. K. Book, of Portage la Prairie, has taken a position as traveller with Thos. Ryan, of Winnipeg.

The stock and plant of the bicycle department of Cornell & Spera's business, Winnipeg, will be sold to-day by auction.

A general store will shortly be opened in Ninga by H. George. He will occupy the premises vacated by Andrew Holiday.

A. Herron will continue the Chardon hotel at Cypress River, the transfer of the license to other parties having been refused by the commissioners.

The stock and book debts of the estate of A. H. Baker, of Rosebank, will be sold in Winnipeg on March 2 by auction. Stock amounts to \$4,246. Book debts, \$1,669.

H. C. Webber, of Toronto, has recently arrived in Winnipeg to take charge of the printers' supplies department of the local jobbing house of Love, McAllister & Co., which includes the agency for Miller & Richard's type and printing supplies.

Benjamin Swears is erecting a large building at Winnipegosis, the upper story of which is to be used as a hall, and the ground floor will be divided into two apartments, one for a general store and another for a billiard room and restaurant. These will all be conducted by Mr. Swears.

The frame building occupied by O. Desilet, barber, and G. Valde, merchant tailor, Brandon, was burned on February 21. Both lose all of their stock. The damage, including the building, is estimated at \$2,500, partly covered by insurance.

Application will be made for the incorporation of "The Imperial Dry Goods Company," of Winnipeg. The applicants are: R. T. Riley, R. Drhcoll, S. Dunwoody, J. H. Brock, A. S. Bluns, and S. Spink, all of Winnipeg. The capital stock is \$25,000. The company will take over the dry goods business of Dunwoody, Steen & Co., of Winnipeg, as announced in The Commercial a week ago.

Those burned out recently at Morden are getting into new quarters. W. Hall has erected a temporary building on the corner of the burned out block and again commenced business. Postmaster Dunsford has secured temporary quarters in the building lately occupied by Rogers & Ray. J. H. Smith has opened his book store in a part of the post office building. McCannell, barber, has secured the old municipal office.

F. W. Heubach, manager of the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition, has received a telegram from Herbert Saunders & Co., importers and manufacturers, London, Eng., asking for space at the coming exhibition. Mr. Heubach says that the exhibits this year will be larger than ever before. The greatest difficulty they will have, he says, will be to provide building accommodation fast enough to meet the demand caused by the great expansion of the exhibition.

J. M. Perkins, seedsman, Winnipeg, has issued a very handsome spring catalogue descriptive of some of the varieties of grains and vegetables, the seeds of which he handles. The catalogue is profusely illustrated, each one of the fifty odd pages having one or more illustrations. The cover shows a fine field of cabbage grown from Perkins' seed, in a market garden near Winnipeg. The mechanical work of the pamphlet is creditably executed by E. W. Rugg Co., Winnipeg. Gardeners and farmers should get a copy of this catalogue.

The stock in trade and book debts of the estate of Geo. Craig & Co., dry goods, etc., Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on the premises on Tuesday, March 8. The stock amounts to about \$31,000, shop fixtures and furniture about \$6,000, book debts \$10,600. These with real estate and other property make up assets of about \$54,000 all told, but as in the case of book accounts the amount realized will be small. The liabilities, as previously stated, amount to over \$81,000. This includes the ordinary commercial creditors and preferred claims to the amount of \$1,335 for rent, taxes and wages. There are also some indirect liabilities, which amount to a few thousand dollars, which will probably rank against the estate.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.

It is a remarkable fact that in spite of the statement made by a prominent member of the board of trade here that Vancouver had and would have all the Klondike outfitting business she could attend to, merchants are cutting prices. It is strange that business men like railway corporations find it impossible to form a combination of rates or prices, fair to the public and fairly profitable to themselves. Whenever four are gathered together for their common benefit there is one Judas who will go back on the arrangement and precipitate a rate war. At present there is a rate war on the railway and a rate war in the town and the public are getting the benefit of it. Perhaps this is one of those Divine arrangements of nature "pro bono publico."

All the well known jobbing houses in Vancouver are carrying supplies and all claim to be doing a fair share of the Klondike trade. They report business generally very good and money easy.

Australian creamery butter is rather weaker but a very fine quality of New Zealand butter is selling at 25 cents. It is expected that in another fortnight California will be able to supply good fresh butter that can be sold several cents under present prices. The Parsons Produce company quote eggs considerably lower,

Oregon eggs being procurable at 23 cents.

The Parsons Produce company have issued their first list of prices for cured meats, having lately embarked in the business here. The Commercial correspondent was shown through their curing establishment. They have 300,000 lbs. of hogs under way all shipped through in bulk from Manitoba. The first load of lard turned out looked very clean and white.

Mr. Tyson reports a great variety of fish of all kinds on the market. Manitoba whitefish are meeting with a ready sale. Fruits are lower. Game is pretty well out. Malards are selling at 50c. and pintals 75c. a brace. Brackman and Ker chronicle an advance in flour. They state that though Manitoba flour has advanced, and the price of wheat is up; this writing, Oregon flour is held at the same price.

Brackman & Ker explained the manufacture of their compressed horse feed for Klondike trade, to The Commercial man. They are having an enormous sale and have applied for a patent. It is composed of one part corn, three-quarters oats and one part hay. The bundle ready for shipment could be tucked under the arm of a strong man, and weighs about 100 lbs. In this form \$7 freight is saved, as it is carried as merchandise. It is bound by wire, but sacked to save waste.

Lower prices for sheep are reported and a ready sale of penicau for the Klondike trade is noted.

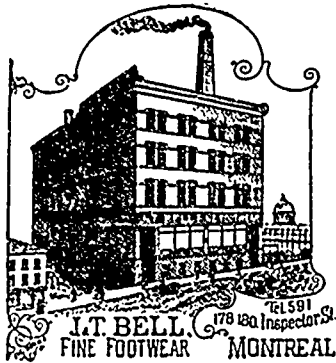
Grocery Trade Notes.

The Montreal Gazette says: In syrups business continues exceedingly quiet, which is due principally to the small stock held in first hands. There is a fair enquiry for dark grades, which are scarce, and only one or two lines of the bright are offering at 2 1-2c per lb. In regard to molasses the market is strong and as stocks are exceedingly small, prices are fully maintained, with an upward tendency. The demand is good and supplies in wholesale grocers' hands are decreasing fast.

Belgium has decided to postpone the international sugar conference indefinitely, owing to the want of unanimity among the best growing powers. Great Britain will probably now invite a conference in London on the question. If the British government would impose a duty on sugar to offset the bounty, before the conference is called, it would no doubt secure the success of the proposed meeting.

Railway Rate War.

The railway rate war is attracting great attention. There is war all along the line, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, affecting Canada and the northern states. There has been great slashing of rates, former rates being cut in two, and even greater cuts in some cases. The cutting was inaugurated by the Canadian Pacific railway, which claims that it is fighting for legitimate Canadian business. Lower rates in Ontario have been cut one-half or more to force the Grand Trunk to terms, the latter road having been working in with United States roads to the detriment of the Canadian road. Rates from Winnipeg to the coast have been cut in two.



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Stocks of Wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	89,000
Toronto	42,000
Kingston	7,000
Winnipeg	412,000
Manitoba elevators	3,260,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,116,000

Total February 12 4,926,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Feb. 12, were 49,413,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 68,092,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on February 1 were 5,318,000 bushels, compared with 3,005,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended Feb. 19, was 35,433,000 bushels, being a decrease of 201,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 45,215,000 bushels, two years ago 65,011,000 bushels, three years ago 79,476,000 bushels, four years ago 77,257,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	9,725,000 bushels
Duluth	2,483,000 "
Minneapolis	12,926,000 "
New York	2,073,000 "
Buffalo	1,119,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 14,012,000 bushels, compared with 13,494,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 38,572,000 bushels, compared with 24,394,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on February 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: February 1, 1898, 129,123,000; February 1, 1897, 123,629,000; February 1, 1896, 160,425,000; February 1, 1895, 181,419,000; February 1, 1894, 183,927,000; February 1, 1893, 178,088,000; February 1, 1892, 155,308,000; February 8, 1891, 105,087,000; February 1, 1890, 105,533,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	55,556,520	43,631,180
Milwaukee	6,461,222	5,833,864
Duluth	33,248,137	32,689,968
Chicago	26,606,407	13,780,350

Total 121,872,286 95,935,362

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United

States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	9,364,659	6,239,101
St. Louis	10,276,956	9,867,893
Detroit	4,022,012	2,845,344
Kansas City	24,413,366	5,839,200
Total	48,076,993	24,771,538

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" fall . . . . .	.04	.07
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, 73c.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.10@2.15, Bakers, \$1.95@2.00.

Bran—Per ton, \$6.

Shorts—Per ton, \$8.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 20@26c.

Barley—Feed, 20 @ 24c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.

Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 45@50c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, dealers' price, 18@16c.

Cheese—Dealers selling at 91@10c.

Eggs—Dealers were paying 22c net for fresh.

Beef—City dressed, fresh, 5@6c; country beef, 3@4c.

Mutton—5@6c.

Hogs—Dressed, 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2c.

Cattle—Butchers nominal 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 3 1/2c for best bacon.

Sheep—Nominal at 3 1/2 @ 4c.

Hides—Green frozen, 6@6 1/2c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6@7c per pound; turkeys, 9@10c per lb.

Potatoes—30c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, February 26, 1898.

Business with the local jobbing houses is fairly good for the season. The volume is larger than for the corresponding period of last year. Spring stocks are now being shipped out freely. No further failures have been reported this week and it is thought the worst is now over. The free shipment of spring stocks indicates confidence in the future. The amount of business doing on new orders is also very satisfactory for the season. The movement, particularly in the hardware trade, is good, and large shipments of car lot quantities are being made. Prospects for the building trade are better this year than last. Stormy but not severe weather has interfered with railway traffic and also reduced grain business at interior points. Railway traffic is the heaviest on record at this season. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continue week after week to exceed totals for previous years. Collections are slow, as usual toward the end of the month.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 26
BOOTS AND SHOES.

Spring shipments have been made freely. The great scarcity of moccasins is a feature of the situation, owing to the demand for the Klondike. Ordinarily, of course, moccasins would not be wanted at this time of year and a scarcity would not be noted. This year they have been wanted for immediate shipments to points where Klondike outfitting is being done, and as the facilities for manufacturing moccasins are not large, dealers have been unable to obtain supplies promptly from the east. A box of men's moccasins of desirable quality and size could hardly be secured up in the city. In fact the scarcity has been such that some small lots held by retail dealers have been picked up by jobbers in this line and higher prices have been realized for the goods.

DRY GOODS.

Spring shipments are moving out freely in dry goods and clothing, and retailers appear anxious to receive their spring stocks as early as possible. Quite a sprinkling of new orders are also coming in, showing a larger volume of business than usual at this season. The Klondike movement has not materially affected the dry goods trade of the city, but in the clothing line some increased trade has been done as a result of the rush to the north.

FARM MACHINERY.

Shipments of farm machinery have been large lately. Prospects for a large trade in spring implements are good. Some dealers already report larger sales of seeders than for recent previous years. Stocks of bicycles are being received.

GROCERIES.

Business is satisfactory with a fair volume of trade doing. Prices are firm, though the local dealers have not advanced prices in proportion to

the advances cast on many lines of staple sugars have moved up a notch. Tomatoes are still being billed at \$3, though they could not be replaced for this money. Peas have been advanced to \$2.25, and corn to \$2. See quotations on another page.

GREEN FRUITS.

Malaga grapes are now almost out of season. A few are still held at lower prices. Choice apples are firm, but stocks are largely of quality or inferior, and such are selling at irregular prices. Bananas are coming more freely. Heated cars are arriving from the south with stocks. Other lines steady.

Prices are as follows: Mexican oranges, \$3.75 to \$4; naval oranges, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bananas, per bunch, \$3 to \$3.50; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per box; apples, Ontario stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for good to choice; southern apples \$4 per bbl.; off quality, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per bbl. as to condition; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8 to \$8.50 a barrel; frozen stock, \$7 to \$7.50 per bbl.; sweet potatoes \$5 per bbl.; Malaga grapes \$7 to \$7.50 per keg; Ontario black walnuts, 8c lb.; cocoanuts \$1 per doz.; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 13c; figs, fancy clemes, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 10 lb. box, 30 lb. boxes, 18c; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; dates, 7 1-2c per lb.; shelled walnuts, 20 to 25c. per lb.; imported celery, 60 to 75c per doz.

HARDWARE.

Dealers in this branch are having a good trade, and shipments are large. Large quantities of barbed wire are being shipped to country points on direct orders, in car lots, and very close prices are being made. There is a tendency among the retail trade in the country to sell barbed wire at a price which leaves the dealer little or no profit. In fact it has been quoted at prices at some points which mean an actual loss to the handler. This is a great mistake. Retail dealers should have a reasonable profit on all staple goods as well as on less staple articles. It is nothing less than sheer folly to sell any line of goods at a price which does not give a reasonable profit. Prices are steady and firm. See quotations on another page.

LUMBER.

Things are not working altogether smoothly in the city lumber trade. Dealers have not been holding to list prices for some time, and at the moment it seems uncertain whether harmony or cutting in prices will be the feature of the trade during the coming season. Prospects are favorable for a good building season in the city this year, and it will be unfortunate if these good prospects are largely destroyed by price cutting. The cut of lumber at the mills in both the pine and spruce districts will be the largest for some years, if the logs now being taken out of the woods are got down to the mills all right. The light snow fall has made it easier getting about in the woods, and the cut of logs has been large. The only thing to be feared is lack of water to float logs in the spring, but there is lots of time yet to bring more snow.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Washington's birthday holiday made a break in the United States markets this week, there being no quotations to report on Tuesday. Prices advanced on Monday, but declined

on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, closing yesterday 2 to 3c lower than a week ago.

The local market has declined in sympathy. On Monday up to \$1 was made for No. 1 hard, float Fort William, but yesterday only about 96c was quoted. In country markets very little wheat has been offering, owing to rough weather, but a brisk movement is looked for soon, as farmers will likely market their remaining surplus before the roads break up. Earlier in the week 87c was paid to farmers at country points, but yesterday 85c was quoted to farmers, at 18 cent rate country points, and 90c was paid in this market.

FLOUR—The market was firm. A further advance of 5c per sack was made this week on all brands, but prices are irregular. We quote: Patent, \$2.50 to \$2.60; best bakers, \$2.30 to \$2.40; second bakers, \$1.90; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 98 lbs, discount of 5c net.

MILLEED—Prices are unchanged. We quote bran at \$11 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

OATMEAL—Prices are firm. Imported meal would cost \$1.70 to lay down here now in car lots, but jobbers are still selling at \$1.80.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is quoted at \$16 to \$17 per ton, Oil cake \$22 per ton.

OATS—There is very little doing, and prices are about the same. We quote 35 to 37 as to quality, for car lots here.

BARLEY—Feed barley is quoted at about 35 to 38c, nominal. Very little demanded. Malt samples 38 to 43c as to quality, and 1 to 2c higher for fancy samples.

CORN—We quote 39 1-2c per bushel of 56 lbs., for cars on track here.

BUTTER, creamery—A little fall creamery is still held, which is selling at 23 to 23 1-2c.

BUTTER, Dairy—Market is steady. Receipts are fairly liberal and the demand is about sufficient to absorb offerings. There is no accumulation, and there is very little held fall stocks this year, stocks having been well sold out all the season. Rolls will hardly bring as good prices as tubs. We quote dealers paying 16c net for good dairy tubs and 1-2c less for ordinary lots of rolls. Dealers are selling at 17 to 18c per lb. as to quantity and quality.

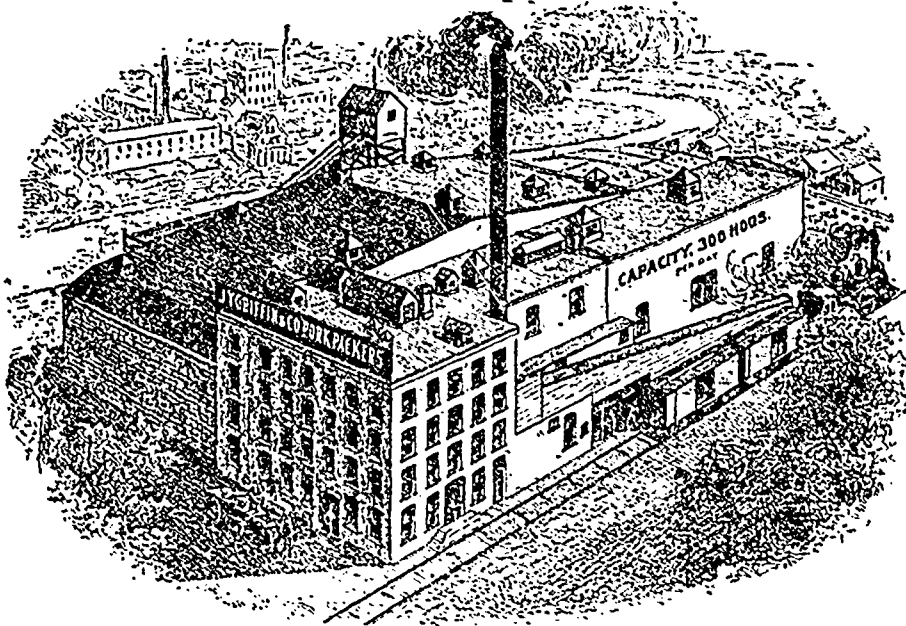
CHEESE—Dealers are selling at 10 to 10 1-2c. Stocks limited.

EGGS—Eggs are firmer. Stocks of held goods and limes are about sold out, and with this depressing feature removed, which has been the cause of low prices, the market is in much better shape. Dealers have paid as high as 17c for choice fresh. Receipts from the country have averaged very good quality lately. We quote 16 to 19c for fresh, as to quality.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens will bring 8 to 9c as to quality. From 10 to 11c would be paid for Manitoba turkeys. Geese 9 to 10c. Ducks would bring about 8c.

DRESSED MEATS—The firm tone for dressed hogs continues. 6 1-2c being paid for round lots of desirable weights. One car lot sold at 6 1-4c, including some light hogs and a few heavy. For small lots of choice hogs for butchers' use 7c has been paid, and they have resold at 7 1-4c in a small way. Frozen beef is dull and

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quoted at 3 to 5c as to quality, and fresh unfrozen at 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c as to quality, for sides. Large stocks of frozen beef are held. Mutton 5 to 7c as to quality.

CURED MEATS AND LARD—Prices are firm at the advance. See quotations on another page.

HIDES—Prices are firm. The market is very irregular. Buyers are keen for the few offering, the demand for shipment being good. Higher prices have been paid, over 7c having been paid flat rate, for frozen hides. One buyer who has been on this market a good many years, said that he bid the highest price recently that he ever offered on this market and then he did not get the hides, the offer having been better than 7c flat here. We quote: Green frozen hides, 6 1-2c to 7c; bulls, oxen stags and brands, 5c to 6 1-2c; kip hides, 6c to 7c; calf, 8 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 4c to 75c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each, colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleeces. Wools were a little lower, prices being shaded 2 to 3c scoured basis, according to recent advices from Boston.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—The market is weak. About 16c is now offered.

VEGETABLES—Prices as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots, \$1 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb; imported, 3c; celery, 40 to 70c per doz. bunches; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20 per bushel; parsnips, 11-2 to 2c.

HAY—\$6 per ten is the usual price for baled hay l.o.b. country points. Some ask 50c more. Some hay was shipped to the coast this week with a Klondike party.

LIVE STOCK.

Butchers cattle are quiet at 3c for cows and heifers and 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c for choice. Very few wanted as large stocks of frozen beef are held. Some parts have heavy stock of beef on hand for this season of the year, and if soft weather should set in, early there might be considerable loss on this stuff. Sheep nominal at about 3c. Butchers are also carrying large stocks of frozen mutton and scarcely any killing is being done.

HOGS—The market for live hogs is firm at unchanged prices. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50, heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4 as to quality, live weight.

HORSES—Quite a number of car loads of horses are arriving in Manitoba from Eastern Canada and the States. Prices for horses east, however, are higher than last year, and Ontario horses can hardly be had down here to sell at a profit. Farmers will soon want horses for their spring work, but the demand is not very brisk as yet.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$5.20 to \$5.30; second patents, \$5.05 to \$5.15.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.50 to \$10; bran in bulk, \$10 to \$10.50; corn feed, \$11.25 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 26 7-8c for No. 3. Oats—Held at 26c for No. 3 white. Barley—Feed quoted at 28 1-2 to 29c.

Flax seed—\$1.22 per bushel. Eggs—11 3-4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2 to 10c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 17 to 18 1-2c; seconds, 13 to 15c; dairy, 10 1-2 to 17c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 1c to 6 1-2c; lam's, 5 to 8 1-2c, lots, 4 1-2c for heavy and 5c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 30 to 38c; choice named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 9 1-2c; old fowls, 4 to 8 1-2c; turkeys, 9 to 11c.

Ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 7 to 8 1-2c.

Hides—Green, frozen hides, 7 to 8c; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1-2 to 7 1-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 18 to 22c.

Cattle—Sales were: 6 steers average 640 lbs., \$3.90; 3 heifers, average 497 lbs., \$3; 4 cows, average 987 lbs., \$3; 3 steers average 647 lb., \$3.65; 2 average 430 \$4; 1 bull, 1,180 lbs., \$3; 1 tanner, 980, \$3.25.

Hogs—Sales were: 64 hogs, average 154 lbs., \$3.47 1-2; 71 hogs average 178 lbs., \$3.87 1-2; 67, average 190, \$3.82 1-2.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, Feb. 25.—12.30 p.m.—Corn—Spot quiet. Wheat—Spot dull; No. 1 California 8s 1d to 8s 1 1-2d; No. 1 red northern spring 8s 2d.

Close—Corn, May easy at 3s 6 1-4d.; March steady at 3s 4 1-4d.

Over 100 miners' licenses have been issued at Edmonton, to parties going to Yukon.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 26.
Dry Goods—Railway cut rates brought in large numbers of buyers this week, including many milliners, although millinery openings are not till Monday, Feb. 28. Wholesale houses report a large increase of business. Values in woollens and cottons are firm, orders placed four months ago cannot be repeated at same price now.

Hardware—The hardware trade is more active with a good demand for the Northwest. Rope has declined again steel 1-2c and manilla 1-1c lower. Last week there was an advance of 1-2c on rope, which has now been partially lost here. Bar iron is firmer. Turpentine advanced 1c.

Groceries—In this branch prices advancing under active speculative influences. Teas are very firm. Salmon is stronger. It is reported that the English pool has advanced canned salmon 6d.

Grain and produce—Grain more active and lower. Ontario wheat cent lower. Manitoba No. 1 hard 1c lower. Ontario flour 10c lower. Manitoba flour dull, steady. Barley higher. Oats cent lower. Hides weak. Wool cent dearer. Butter higher. New laid eggs cent easier.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 26.
The grain market is active and the prices are generally easier and lower. Manitoba flour dull. Ontario flour 10c lower. Barley higher. Hides are weaker and a decline is looked for. Wool 1c higher. Butter 1c higher. Eggs 1c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.50; bakers, \$5; Ontario straight roller, \$4.30.

Wheat—Ontario wheat 90c to 91c; Manitoba No. 1 hard, \$1.10, North Bay.

Oats—No. 2 white 30c.
Barley—Quite at 43c for No. 2; 35c for No. 3 extra, and 29 to 30c for feed.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton; bran \$12 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.70 to \$3.80 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 17c; fresh 14 to 15c; hmsd, 14 to 15c.

Butter, dairy—Tubs, choice, 15 to 16c; medium, 12 1-2 to 14c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 9 1-2c, the latter of steers; cured, 9 3-4c; sheepskins, \$1.10 to \$1.25 for fresh killed; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Firm at 4 to 4 1-2c; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—G 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—75 to 90c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$6.20 per 100 lbs. for choice.

Wool—Fleece 21 to 21 1-2c. Pulled super, 20 to 22c; extras, 22 to 23c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Tuesday 22.
Offerings to-day were 43 carloads, including 8 cars left over from last Friday. These included 193 sheep and lambs, 450 hogs.

Export cattle were steady at 3 3-4c to 4 1-4c for good steers, and bulls which were weaker, sold at \$3 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle were weaker at 3c to 3 3-4c.

Sheep and lambs were steady. Export sheep sold at 8c to 3 1-2c; bucks, 3c per pound, and lambs, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Milk cows and springers were steady at \$25 to \$45.

Hogs were firm at \$1.90 for singers, \$1.65 for light, and \$1.50 for thick fat.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 25.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 50 carloads, including 1,200 hogs. Cattle were more active. Best hogs 10c higher. Other prices the same as at Tuesday's market. Prices per 100 pounds were as follows.

Export cattle	4.25 to 4.25
Butchers choice cattle	3.50 to 3.75
Butchers, common to good	2.75 to 3.30
Bulls	2.75 to 3.50
Feeders	3.50 to 3.75
Stockers	3.00 to 3.25
Export sheep	3.25 to 3.50
Butchers' sheep	3.00 to 3.50
Lambs	5.25 to 5.50
Choice bacon hogs	4.90 to 5.00
Light hogs	4.60 to 4.65
Thick fat hogs	4.45 to 4.50
Stores	4.40 to 4.45
Sows	3.00 to 3.25
Stags	2.00 to 2.25

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 26.

Milfeed is in good demand and prices are 50c higher per ton. Oatmeal is 5 to 10c higher per sack. Oats fair export demand. Prices the same as a week ago. Flour irregular, with keen rivalry in Manitoba grades. Butter is firmer with a light supply of fancy goods. Both dairy and creamery are 1c higher for choicest qualities. Cheese dull and 1-1c lower.

Oats—Steady at 34 to 34 1-2c per bushel for No. 2 white.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.90 to \$1.95; Manitoba patents, \$5.35 to \$5.40.

Milfeed—Bran \$14.50 to \$15 per ton; shorts, \$16 to \$17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.80 to \$1.85 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Cold storage, 12 to 13c per dozen; new laid, 19 to 20c.

Butter—Dairy, 15 to 17c.
Butter—Creamery, 18 to 20c.

Cheese—7 3-4 to 8c.

Dressed hogs—\$6.25 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c; hinds, 5 1-2 to 7 1-2c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 22.

Receipts at the East End Abattoir yesterday were 500 cattle, and fifty sheep and lambs. The feeling was steady and prices were not changed from last Thursday. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-4c; good at 3 3-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3 1-2c; common at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c, and inferior at 2c to 2 1-2c per lb. live weight. Sheep and lambs were unchanged at 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c for the former and at 4 1-2c to 5c for the latter.

It is stated that some of the leading exporters of the United States have had buyers through Ontario contracting for stall fed stock for spring shipment at 4 1-2c to 4 3-4c per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 25.

At yesterday's market prices were the same as on Monday.

Cattle—Choice 4 1-4; fair to good, 3 1-4 to 4c.

Sheep—3 to 3 1-2c per lb.; lambs, 4 1-2c to 5c.

Hogs—4 3-4c to 5 1-8c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 26.

Paints and oils are active and prices steady. Hardware quiet. No important changes in prices this week. Linseed oil and turpentine are firm. Quotations are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 1 3-4c; linseed oil raw, 45 to 46c; boiled 18 to 49c; turpentine 50 to 51c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50, tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plate, \$5.15 to \$6.25; galvanised iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; spout in bulk, \$1.65, in bladders, 80; mgot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 26.

All sugars were advanced 1-8c on Wednesday, making the third advance within a few weeks. Canned goods are firm. The in lie price on tomatoes is now \$1.25 dozen.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 17-16c; at the 1c mark, Canadian-German granulated, 4 1-8c, yellow, 3 11-16 to 3 7-8c; imported best granulated, 4 1-8c. Molasses, 2 1/2 to 30c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 1-2 to 10c; Mocha, 18 to 20c; Java, 17 to 20; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes \$1.25, corn, 90c to \$1; peas, 90c to \$1.

BUSINESS IN ONTARIO.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The election excitement is interfering somewhat with business and at the beginning of the week there was a heavy fall of snow, about the heaviest of the winter, blocking trains and preventing travellers from calling on customers so that the net result of the week's operations has been a smaller volume of business. The outlook, however, was never more promising. Next week general elections will be over, it is expected that the better sleighing in the country will largely increase the farmers deliveries of grain which are now very small, and the millinery openings and the cut rates on the railway are expected to result in a large influx of buyers to this market. While the number of orders coming in here is smaller, the falling off is not disappointing for in many lines the jobbers are having some difficulty in getting lines from the mills which continue very busy. The stocks of Manitoba wheat in Ontario are very small the Ontario millers having held off in the expectation of getting the grain to mix with the Ontario sprouted winter wheat at lower prices. It is absolutely necessary to mix in hard wheat with the poorer grades of Ontario since some flour sold to old country buyers made altogether from Ontario white wheat has been thrown on the hands of home millers and money has been lost. It is said that since the winter set in bread made from wheat of this description will not rise but runs all over the ovens. Collections are now more satisfactory and more people are buying for cash than was the case a year ago.

J. A. Gilluly, of Morden, has purchased the hardware business at Arden. Man., which has been managed by S. W. Chambers for the past year.

British Columbia Markets.

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

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, February 26, 1898.

No change reported in important staples this week. Business is good. Hay is firm.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 19@20c; Manitoba creamery 22@23c per lb; Australian creamery 24c; Ontario creamery 25c; New Zealand creamery, 25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17c per dozen. Local, 35c; Oregon eggs, 24c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11@12c per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls 10c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; frozen salmon 6c lb; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 9c; kippered herring 8c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 7c; frozen white fish, 10c lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$12@14 per ton ashcroft \$20; California onions 2c lb; cabbage 1c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$3.50 box; apples, 75c@\$1.25 box; Navel oranges, \$3.25@3.50; seedling oranges, \$2.50@2.75 box.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 1/2 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 1/2's, \$3.25; 2 5/8's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.50; strong bakers \$6.25; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, \$28.00 per ton; wheat, \$25@26 per ton; barley, \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton; Bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$18 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef \$5.75 @ \$6.00; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 8c; pork 6 1/2@7 1/2c; veal 7@9c; Pemmanian 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass feed \$3.25 @3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$5.25@5.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50@6.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75@3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, 11c lb, ducks, 11c lb; turkeys, 15c lb.

Game—Venison, 4c lb; grouse, 60c brace; mallard, 30c brace.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots, 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 8@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C. 4 1/2c, fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$1.25 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good 13c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$1.05 basis per, refined \$1.90; Swedes inch and over, \$3.25 @ \$4.25; Lowmoor, 5 1/2c@6c; hoops, coopers, \$2.25 basis; boiler rivets, best, \$4.50; sheet 10 and 12 gauge, \$2.20 and 2.50; 22 to 24 do, 2 1/2c @ 2 3/4c, 26 do, 2 1/2c; 23 do, \$2.75; Russian sheet, per lb 10c @12c.

Iron Pipe—1/2 to 3/4 inch, 65 per cent. off; 1/2 to 2 inch, 67 1/2c @ 70 1/2c and 10 off.

Tim—Lamb and slag, 28 to 56 lb. in. gots, 16 1/2c per lb.

Copper—Ingot, 12 1/2c; sheet, 17c @ 28c. Lead—Bar, 4 1/2c @ 5c; pig, 4 1/2c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75@5.25; shot, can., dis., 12 1/2 per cent.

Steel—Cast, 12c@14c; boiler plate, 1/2-inch, \$1.90; 5-16 do, 3/4 do, sleigh shoe, \$2.15.

Canada Plates—Half bright, \$2.50; all bright, \$3.

Tin Plate—IC coke, \$3.15; IC charcoal, \$3.75@4; I 1/2 charcoal, \$4.75 @ 5; IXX charcoal, \$5.75@6; DC charcoal, \$3.75 @ 4.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 1/2c@5 1/4c; zinc, spelter, 4 1/2c; domestic, imported, 5 1/2c; solder, hf. and hf., 13c@14c.

Brass—Sheet, 21c@28c.

Galvanized Iron—18 to 21 gauge, 4 1/2c; 26 do, 4 1/2c; 28 do, 25c.

Horseshoes—Per keg \$3.35.

Barb Wire—2 1/2c.

Wire and Coppered Spring—30 per cent. for Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto market; tinned, per lb, 4 1/2c@8c; galvanized, fence, same discount as annealed; coiled chain, 1/2-inch, 4 1/2c; 3/4-inch, 4 1/2c; 1-inch, 3 1/2c; galvanized, off list, 50c discount; boiler tubes, 2-inch, 15c; 3-inch, 18 1/2c.

Horse Nails—Canadian dis., 50 per cent. Canadian Horse Nail Co., "C" brand, f. o. b., Montreal, 50 p. c. "M" brand, 50 p. c.

Nails—Cut nails (iron) basis, 50 to 60 dy., \$1.95 f. o. b., Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, London. Cut nails (steel), add 10c to the prices in list for iron nails. Wire nails, \$2 per keg, Toronto; for places outside factory points \$1.90 f. o. b., Montreal. Carload lots, 5c per keg less than above figures. Brads and finishing nails, special sizes, 80 p. c. from new list.

Rope—Manilla, 8 1/2c basis; sisal, 7c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$6@11.

Glass—Fourth quality, star, 1st break, \$1.50; second do, \$1.60; third do, \$2.55; fourth do, \$2.85.

Binder Twine—Pure sisal, 5c@5 1/2c; mixed, 5 1/2c@6 1/2c.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 9-16c; No. 2 granulated, 4 1/2; Dutch granulated, 4 7-16c; yellows, 3 11-16c@4 3-16c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup mediums, 32c@38c; special bright, 40c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 28c@30; for medium and 35c@50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c; fines, 30@35c; Hysons, low grades, 24c@37c, Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oolong, 25c@65c;

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 1/2@12 1/2c; Mocha, 27 1/2c@30c; Java, 30c@33c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.30; peas, 95@1; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 75@80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's,

\$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@\$1; sock-eyes, \$1.17@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1 60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4 1/2c@5c; fine, off-stalk, 5 1/2c@5 1/2c; selected, 6c@6 1/2c; layers, 6 1/2c@7c; Provincial, currants, 6 1/2c; Filiatras, 6 1/2c@7c; Patras, 7c@7 1/2c; Vostizzas, 8c@8 1/2c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 10c@11c; 50's to 60's, 8c@8 1/2c; 60's to 70's, 7 1/2c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7 1/2c; 80's to 90's, 6 1/2c@7c; 90's to 100's, 6@6 1/2c. Bosnia prunes, 5 1/2@6 1/2c; Sultanas, 9 1/2c@12c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallowee dates, 5 1/2@6 1/2c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.50@1.65 per box; black baskets, \$2.25; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.50; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3 1/2@4c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7 1/2c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12 1/2c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4 1/2c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Nuts—Marbots, 10@11c; filberts, Sicily, 8 1/2@10c; Grenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 1/2@4c; do Patna, 5 1/2 @5 1/2c; do Japan, 5 1/2@6 1/2c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochin, 12@20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@18c; Auboy, 18@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@\$1; cream tartar, pure, 28c, 20 @25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$15@15.50 for Canada mess, short cut, \$16@16.50; clear mess, \$13.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7 1/2@8c, ton and case lots, 8c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10 1/2 @11; ham, large 10c and 10 1/2c to 11c for small; picnic hams, 8 1/2c to 9c; rolls, 8 1/2 to 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 7c; tubes 7 1/2; pails, 7 1/2c.

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New York Wheat.

New York, Feb. 21.—Wheat receipts 50,875 bushels; exports, 28,029 bushels; sales, 4,035,000 bushels futures, 48,000 bushels spot. Spot steady. No. 2 red, \$1.09 1-8 f.o.b. to arrive; No. 1 northern, Duluth, \$1.15 7-8 f.o.b. to arrive; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, \$1.14 1-8 f.o.b. to arrive; No. 1 hard Duluth, \$1.16 1-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive. Options opened firm at 5-8 to 11-16 advance on war rumors and another squeeze of May shorts. The bulge invited selling, however, which with bearish weekly statistics produced a midday reaction, followed at the close by a sharp rally on coverings. The market finally closed steady at 1-16 to 16 net advance. No. 2 red, March, \$1.08 3-4 to \$1.09 1-4, closed \$1.08 3-4; May, \$1.02 3-8 to \$1.03 3-4, closed \$1.03 1-8; July, 95 1-8 to 96 3-4, closed 96; Sept., 85c to 85 1-4, closed 85 1-4.

New York, Feb. 23.—Wheat receipts 74,000 bushels; exports, 253,773 bushels; options, opened weak at 3-4 to 1 3-8 cents net decline, under bearish cables and more peaceful political outlook abroad, and except for a midday spurt was irregular and weak all day, closing 5-8 to 11-4 cents net lower. The only bull factors were fair clearances, a decrease in Bradstreet's world's visible supply and oil support. No. 2 red, March, \$1.08 to \$1.08 1-4, closed \$1.08; May, \$1.02 5-8 to \$1.03, closed \$1.02 3-8; July, 94 1-2 to 95 13-16, closed 94 3-4; Sept., 84 1-4 to 85, closed 84 1-4.

New York, Feb. 24.—Wheat receipts 73,075 bushels; exports, 16,045 bushels. Options opened weak at 3-4 to 7-8 decline and experienced a somewhat sensational break later in the day under Wall street selling and the crash in stocks. Long and short wheat came on; the market freely all day, the close being weak at 2 to 2 1-2 net decline. Foreign houses sold No. 2 red, March, \$1.05 1-2 to \$1.07 1-8, closed \$1.05 1-2; May, 99 7-8 to \$1.01 7-8, closed \$1.00 1-4; July, 92 1-16 to 94 1-2, closed 92 1-2; Sept., 82 1-2 to 83 1-2, closed 82 1-2.

New York, Feb. 25.—Wheat — Receipts 54,575 bushels; exports 27,831 bushels. Options opened easy at 3-8 to 1-2 decline, influenced by foreign selling and lower cables, but experienced a rapid recovery on light offerings and scattering covering. Steadiness ruled until near the close when a bear attack aided by disappointing speculative support caused a sharp break, the market leaving off weak at 3-8 to 1-2 net decline. Feb. closed \$1.05; March \$1.05 to \$1.05 1-4, closed \$1.05; May 99 3-4 to \$1.00 5-8, closed 99 7-8; July 92; to 92 7-8, closed 92; Sept. closed 82 1-4.

On Saturday, February 26, No. 2 red wheat closed at 98 7-8c for May option, and 91 1-8c July.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Feb. 25.—Money on call firm, 2 to 3 per cent; prime mercantile paper 3 to 4 per cent; sterling exchange weak at \$4.84 for demand and at \$4.81 3-4 to \$4.82 for sixty days, posted rates \$4.83 to \$4.83 1-2 and \$4.85 1-2 to \$4.86, commercial bills \$4.87 to \$4.87 1-2; silver certificates 55 1-2 to 56 1-2; bar silver 55 1-2 Mexican dollars 45 1-4; government bonds weak.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed to-day very dull and lower at about 95c, afloat at Fort William for No. 1 hard.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 50 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 60 pounds.

Chicago, Feb. 21. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Feb., \$1.07, May, \$1.08 3-4; July, 92 5-8.

Corn—May, 30 7-8; July, 32 1-8; Sept., 33 1-4.

Oats—May, 26 3-4; July, 27 1-4 to 27 5-8.

Mess pork—May, \$11; July, \$11.
Lard—May, \$5.25; July, \$5.32 1-2.
Short ribs—May, \$5.25; July, \$5.32 1-2.

Chicago, Feb. 23. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Feb., \$1.06; May, \$1.06; July, 91 3-8.

Corn—May, 30 5-8; July, 31 3-4 to 31 7-8; Sept., 33.

Oats—May, 26 3-4 to 26 7-8; July, 24 5-8 to 24 3-4.

Pork—May, \$10.82 1-2; July, \$10.85.
Lard—May, \$5.30; July, \$5.37 1-2.
Ribs—May, \$5.25; July, \$5.30.

Chicago, Feb. 24. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Feb. \$1.03 1-2; May \$1.03 1-2, July 89 7-8.

Corn—No. 2 May 29 7-8; July 31; Sept. 32 1-2.

Oats—No. 2 May 26 1-8; July 24 1-8 to 24 1-4.

Mess pork—May \$10.65; July \$10.67 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.22 1-2; July \$5.32 1-2.
Short ribs—May \$5.15; July \$5.22 1-2.

Chicago, Feb. 25. — The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat—May \$1.03 1-2, July 89 1-2 to 89 5-8.

Corn—May 29 3-4, July 30 7-8, Sept. 32 1-8c.

Oats—May 26 1-8c, July 24 1-4c.

Mess pork—May \$10.50, July \$10.55.

Lard—May \$5.20, July \$5.30.

Short ribs—May \$5.15, July \$5.20.

On Saturday, May 26, May wheat opened at \$1.03 to \$1.03 1-2, and ranged from the opening price down to \$1.01 1-2. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May \$1.02 1-2; July 98 1-4c; Sept. 77 1-2c.

Corn—Feb. 28c, May 29 5-8c.

Oats—Feb 25 1-2c, May 26c.

Pork—May \$10.85; July \$10.40.

Lard—May \$5.17 1-2, July \$5.25.

Ribs—May \$5.07 1-2; July \$5.15.

Flax seed—May \$1.25 3-4.

A week ago May option closed at \$1.06. A year ago May wheat closed at 74 1-2c, two years ago at 67 1-2c, and three years ago at 54 3-8c.

BANK STATEMENT.

London, Feb. 24.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes, compared with the previous account: Total reserve increased £606,000; circulation decreased £63,000; bullion increased £543,351; other securities increased £2,713,000; other deposits increased £1,640,000; public deposits increased £1,716,000; notes reserve increased £375,000. Government securities are unchanged. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 45.77 per cent, is now 44.10 per cent. The rate of discount of the Bank of England remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

Alex. Snelgrove, merchant of Fort William, has purchased the stock of the estate of Morton & Co., general storekeepers of the same place, at 60 cents on the dollar.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, February 26, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 94 7-8c for May option, 93 5-8 for July and 76c for September.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Feb. 25.—Consols for money 112 13-16; consols for the account 112 7-8; Canadian Pacific 84 1-4; Grand Trunk 7 7-8; Erie 14 1-2; Erie firsts preferred 39 3-4; Illinois Central 105 1-2; Mexican ordinary 23; St. Paul common 96; New York Central 116 1-2; Pennsylvania 59; Reading 9 7-8; Mexican Central new fours 97 1-2; Atchison 12; Louisville 56 1-2; Bar silver uncertain 25 5-8. Money 2 1-2 to 3-4. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills is 2 3-4 per cent.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week.

Monday—May \$1.01 1-8, July 99 3-8c.
Tuesday—Holiday.

Wednesday—May \$1.00 1-4, July 98 1-4c.

Thursday—May 98 3-8c, July 96 3-8c.

Friday—May 97 3-4c, July 95 3-4c.

Saturday—May 96 1-2c, July 94 1-2c.

Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 97 1-4c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 97c.

Last week May options closed at \$1.00.

A year ago May options closed at 74 5-8c, and two years ago at 64 3-4c, three years ago May option closed at 59 3-8c, and four years ago closed at 60 5-8c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Feb. 21.—The supplies of cattle were heavy, and trade was slower and weak, prices showing a decline of 1-4c to 1-2c for United States, and Argentine steck. Values for Canadian cattle however, show an advance of 1-2c. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-4c. Choice Canadians at 10 1-2c, and Argentines at 10c. Sheep declined 1-2c, choice Argentine selling at 11 1-2c, and choice Canadians at 11c.

Liverpool, Feb. 21.—The market was weaker for cattle the prices being fully 1-2c lower, choice Americans selling at 10 1-2c and Canadians at 9 1-2c to 10 1-2c.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

T. E. Lennox, blacksmith, is opening business at Holland, Man.

Mr. Teller has opened in flour and feed at Macdonald station, Man.

T. W. Jackson has opened in the machinery business, at Reston, Man.

The Winnipeg Winter Transportation Co., is applying for incorporation.

There was a slight blaze in the smoke house of J. Y. Griffin & Co.'s packing house, at Winnipeg, on Thursday last. Damage minimal. Covered by insurance.

M. H. Ritchie, general storekeeper, Poplar Point, Man., advertises his business for sale.

J. S. Chambers, general storekeeper, Brtine, Man., is reported to have sold out to R. W. Gibson.

John Hanbury contemplates establishing a sash, door and wood working factory at Brandon, Man.

A Beattie has rented the shop of Thorn, Bros., at Sidney, Manitoba, and intends opening a grocery store at once.

The Portage Produce Co., of Portage la Prairie, Man., has acquired the property known as the Union hotel and it will be transformed into a warehouse.

The Millinery Season.

In a recent letter The D. McCall Company's correspondent in Paris, France, states that the following are the newest ideas in millinery to date. This information coming from one of the best informed millinery experts in the trade, cannot but be helpful to the merchant and milliner.



Flowers will be used again to a very large extent. Novelties in flowers are: Roses, poppies and foliage, in plaid effects. Roses will again be the leader; with lilacs, heath, fuchsias and nasturtiums following strongly, the latter two being novelties and very stylish.



In materials some pretty effects are being shown in straw and tinsel on net and chiffon. Sequins are also to the front again for Bandeaux and crowns. A new plisse canvas called

zephyr is used in making crowns and brims.

Ribbons and laces of all kinds are good. In ribbons, plaids are largely shown, from the narrow to twelve inches wide.

In colors the new shades likely to be in command are the deep orange; in fact, all shades in these tones, from cream to deepest yellow, viz: Mals, regent, Coque de Roche and Giroffee (a deep nasturtium shade). Another of the leading shades will be Martin Peucher. Riller, Nacelle, being three shades from turquoise to dark paven.

The following will again be very prominent: Geranium, Legonia, refine, red; as also fawn, helix, castor and argent. Black will also be used in combinations.

In hats, trques are largely shown. Hats a trifle smaller than heretofore. Wings—black, white, are to be seen, with chiffon and fancy straws.

We give illustrations herewith of a couple of stylish new hats which will be shown by The D. McCall Company at their opening in Winnipeg.

British Columbia Items.

G. Foyle, furniture, etc., Nelson, is giving up business.

Wm. Hunter & Co., Ltd., Silverton, have been incorporated.

J. A. Nicol & Co., have opened in boots and shoes at Fairview.

The Grand Forks Mercantile Co., Co., Ltd., has been incorporated.

H. White, general storekeeper, Agassiz, has opened a branch at Tippella.

The Columbia Lumber and Trading Co., Ltd., of Nelson, has been incorporated.

Kamloops—W. T. Slavin, stationery, Kamloops, has sold out to Bailey Bros. Co.

Farley & Simpson, hotel and produce dealers, Nelson, have sold out their hotel to A. W. Crittenden.

Seaney & Moreland, general store, Ymir, have dissolved, S. H. Seaney continues as Salmon River Supply Co.

W. E. Flumerfelt, who has been managing the boot and shoe business at Nanaimo for A. B. Erskine, of Victoria, for some months, has now bought out the business and will carry it on in his own interest. Under Mr. Flumerfelt's management a flourishing business has been done for some time.

Robert Hall, inspector of Hudson's Bay company's posts in British Columbia, says business in Victoria is excellent, and as soon as the Klondikers reach the coast in large numbers, business in Vancouver will boom. Victoria now gets the San Francisco trade, and the overflow from Washington and Oregon. The Hudson's Bay company intend strengthening their posts along the Stikine river, particularly at Glenora, and will shortly open a new post at Teslin Lake, near the terminus of the proposed new railway.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: C. C. Blackburn, harness, has sold out to J. Storey. Thos. Scott, confectionery, advertises his business for sale. Wood & Barrett are opening in wholesale liquors. The Merchants Bank of Halifax have opened a branch here. The balance of the stock of Wm. Wilson & Co., dry goods, has been sold to J. Hutchison & Co. Phillips Bros., manufacturers of soda water, have given up business. A. C. Grayson, hotel, has succeeded Voss & Orth. J. S. Rollin, hotel, contemplates opening a branch at Telegraph Creek.

Loyal to Canadian Interests.

The people of British Columbia are not easy to satisfy in the matter of the efforts which government, railways, press and people of Canada generally should make in order to secure to the British Columbia ports the Yukon business, but the Canadian Pacific railway's course seems to be highly approved at least by the Victoria (B.C.) Times. It says: "The Canadian Pacific railway company has shown wonderful, yet characteristic, energy in dealing with the Klondike question; they have fairly flooded the United Kingdom with literature in the highest degree beneficial to the interests of Canada, yet indulging in no abuse or misrepresentation of the Americans. The case for Canada has been put in such a manner that thousands who would have gone to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and other American points who come to Victoria, Vancouver and other British Columbia cities. The C. P. R. can take passengers to Seattle quite as cheaply as they can land them in Victoria or Vancouver, but it is to the company's credit that all their efforts have been to divert the travel to Canada. We don't expect railway companies to be influenced entirely by patriotism, but the C. P. R. have certainly in this matter done all within their power to give Canada the benefit of their influence without going out of the way to hurt rival lines by false statements. The Alaska Commercial company, with all their experience in the Yukon and thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations governing the import of goods to the Klondike, purchasing their stores in Victoria is significant testimony to the fact that the Canadian campaign has been conducted on the proper lines, and that it will be completely successful."—From the Montreal Witness, Feb. 5.

Coal.

Anthracite coal throughout the west continues very quiet, says Black Diamonds of Chicago. The season of 1897-8 has been disappointing to producers, agents, jobbers, and to the trade generally, as beyond the sales made late in the summer and last fall there has been no regular movement of anthracite such as usually characterizes an ordinary winter's business, and the coal going forward now is of small moment.

Bituminous coal continues in excessive supply, but the enforcement of the demurrage law has caused many holders to unload with the usual result that the market has been badly demoralized, not only in Chicago but also at other large distributing points where loaded cars have been held on track.

Duluth and Superior advices are that the market there is on a weather basis. Prices on both hard and soft coal have felt the effect of the warm weather; they are lower.

Alberta.

The Pullman hotel, Holms and Capet's stores, the Waverly hotel and Alexander's dwelling and jewelry store, at Canmore, were burned on Feb. 22. Nothing was saved from the Pullman. The forty inmates lost their personal effects. Clara Christenson, aged ten, the daughter of the proprietor of the Pullman hotel, was burned to death. The estimated loss is \$15,000 with very little insurance.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Larab and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$1.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.75; 22 and 24 guage, \$4; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$4.50 100 lbs.

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

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

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

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10, 1/4 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$5.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 7 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 9c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

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

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$4.15; steel hoes, \$4.40; Snow shoe, \$4.40 per keg.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2 lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2 lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2.05 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 52c; boiled, gal., 55c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 60c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows. Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20c; oleophene, 20c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 24c for cocene and 21c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00, 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B.C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B.C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B.C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B.C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$35.00

Oak—Red and White—1 sawed, \$35.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1x1 1/4, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/4 round and 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/4 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.50; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.50; 10 inch base, \$5.50; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.00; wain-cot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Canned Goods		Per case
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2 25	3 50
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Apples, gallons, (per doz.)	3 00	3 25
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.	2 50	3 50
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	1 50	2 00
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 00	2 00
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	4 75	5 00
Pears, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	2 25	2 25
Pears, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 25	2 40
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 50	3 45
Pears, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 75	5 00
Pears, Bartlett, 3 1/2 doz.	5 50	6 00
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 50	6 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 50	4 00
Peaches, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 75	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	5 50	6 00
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 50	4 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 25	2 50
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50	3 75
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	3 00	3 00
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	4 50	5 00
Salmon, Cohoes * 15, 4 doz.	4 50	5 00
Per tin.		
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	06	08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09	15
Sardines, imported, 1/4s	18	25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20	35
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	10	12
Per doz.		
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 50	1 75
Imp. Kipperd Herrings, 15, 1 doz.	1 00	2 00
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	2 00	2 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 00	2 00
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 00	2 00
Canned Meats		
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 25	3 25
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	1 75	2 00
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 50	7 00
Lunch Tongue, 25, 1 doz.	6 25	6 50
Bravin, 25, 1 doz.	2 00	2 25
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	6 00	6 50
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 75	3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 2 doz.	50	5 00
Per doz.		
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75	75
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75	75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75	75
Potted Ham, 1/4s	1 50	1 50
Devilled Ham, 1/4s	1 50	1 50
Potted Tongue, 1/4s	1 50	1 50
Coffee		
Green Rio	12	15
Cereals		
Split Peas, sack 95	2 25	2 25
Pot Barley, sack 95	2 00	2 30
Pearl Barley, sack 95	4 00	4 50
Roll'd Oats, sack 95	1 50	2 00
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	2 10	2 20
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 10	2 20
Beans (per bushel)	1 20	1 35
Cornmeal, sack 95	1 45	1 55
Cornmeal, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	75	0 75
Per doz.		
Rice, H	4 5c	4 5c
Rice, Japan	5 5c	5 5c
Sago	4 5c	4 5c
Tapioca	4 5c	4 5c
Cigarettes		
Old Judge	55	55
Athlete	55	55
Sweet Caporal	55	55
Sweet Sixteen	55	55
Delly	55	55
Cured Fish		
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00	6 00
Codfish, boneless per lb	04	05
Codfish, Pure per lb	07	08
Herrings, in kegs	3 50	3 75
Dried Fruits		
Currants, Prov'l Barrels	06 1/2	06 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	06 1/2	06 1/2
Currants, Prov'l Cases	07 1/2	07 1/2
Currants, Vostizza Cases	07 1/2	07 1/2
Currants, Finistria, bibs	07 1/2	07 1/2
Currants, Finistria, cases	07 1/2	07 1/2
Dates, Cases	09	09
Figs, Elemc, about 10 lb box	12 1/2	13
Figs, Cooking, Sux	05 1/2	06
Prunes, Hosina, Cases	08	08
Prunes, French, Cases	06	06
Sultana Raisins	10	12

Dried Fruits		Per pound
Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs	1 70	1 90
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 25	2 55
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	06 1/2	07
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 1/2	08
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 1/2	09
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 90	2 00
Apples, Dried	09	07
Evap. Apples, finest quality	11	12
California Evaporated Fruits		
Peaches, peeled	15	20
Peaches, unpeeled	11	13
Pears	11	12
Apricots, new	10	11
Pitted Plums	11	12
Prunes, 100 to 120	3 1/2	6
Prunes, 90 to 100	0	6 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	7	7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	8
Prunes, 60 to 70	5	5 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10	11
Matches		
Telephone	\$3 60	
Telephone	3 40	
Tiger	3 25	
Nuts		
Brazils	12 1/2	15
Taragona Almonds	13	15
Peanuts, roasted	13	15
Greenish Walnuts	10	12
French Walnuts	15	15
Sicily Filberts	13	15
Shelled Almonds	11	15
Syrup		
Extra Bright, per lb	3 1/2c	4c
Medium, per lb	3c	3 1/2c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	\$7 00	
Molasses, per gal.	35c	45c
Sugar		
Extra Standard Granulated	5 1/2c	
German Granulated	4 1/2c	
Extra Ground	6 c	6 1/2c
Powdered	6 c	6 1/2c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c	
Maple Sugar	12 1/2c	15c
Salt		
Rock Salt	1 1/2c	1 1/2c
Per barrel		
Common, fine	1 00	2 00
Common, coarse	1 00	2 00
Dairy, 100-3	3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15	3 50
Per sack		
Dairy, white duck sack	00	50
Common, fine jute sack	00	45
Spices		
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75	90
Per pound		
Allspice, whole	15	20
Allspice, pure ground	15	20
Allspice, compound	15	20
Cassia, whole	15	20
Cassia, pure ground	20	25
Cassia, compound	13	18
Cloves, whole	15	25
Cloves, pure ground	25	30
Cloves, compound	15	20
Pepper, black, whole	10	15
Pepper, black, pure ground	13	15
Pepper, black, compound	10	13
Pepper, white, whole	20	25
Pepper, white, pure ground	25	30
Pepper, white, compound	15	20
Pepper, Cayenne	30	35
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25	30
Ginger, whole Cochin.	20	25
Ginger, pure ground	25	30
Ginger, compound	15	25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	06	1 00
Mace (per pound)	09	1 25
Teas		
China Blacks—		
Choice	35	40
Medium	25	35
Common	13	20
Indian and Ceylon—		
Choice	32	40
Medium	25	32
Common	22	25
Young Hysons—		
Choice	35	45
Medium	25	35
Common	22	30
Japan—		
Finest May Picking	35	40
Choice	30	35
Fine	25	30
Good Medium	20	25
Common	15	20

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00	70
Lily, 85, cads.	00	63
Crestant, 85, cads.	00	60
T. & B. Black Chewing, 50 or 165	00	64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 50 or 10	00	64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00	59
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00	91
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00	91
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00	92
T. & B. in 1-2 tins	00	90
T. & B. in 1-8 tins	00	87
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00	85
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00	94
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00	86
Tuckets Cherub Cigarette 1-12	00	87
Brier, 75, cads	00	95
Derby, 35, cads	00	68
Derby 75, cads	00	68
P. & W. Chewing, Cads	00	66
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00	66
Wooden Ware		
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50	1 60
Pails, wire hoop	2 25	2 40
Pails, Star fire	4 00	
Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50	10 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50	9 00
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50	7 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50	6 00
Per nest.		
Tubs, nests (3)	1 65	1 75
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25	2 40
Per doz.		
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50	
Per nest		
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20	
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	50	55
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75	80

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 70
Lard, pure, 50 lb pails	4 15
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 75
Lard, Tierces, per lb	7 1/2
Smoked Meats	
Haus	11 11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 10 1/2
Spiced rolls	8 1/2
Shoulders	8 8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	8 1/2 8 1/2
Boneless Shoulders	8 1/2 8 1/2
Backs	9 9 1/2
Imported Short Clear	8 1/2 8 1/2
Barrel Pork	
Heavy mess	15 00 15 50
Short cut	16 00 16 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	7
Bologna sausage, lb	6 1/2
Ham, chicken and tongue, doz	\$1 20
Pickled hocks, per lb	03
Pickled tongues	05
Pickled pigs feet, pail 15 lbs.	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	20 25

FRESH FISH

OYSTERS		Per doz.
Whitefish, lb	4 1/2	05
Pickarel, lb	01 1/2	05
Trout, lb	09	09
Lake Superior Herrings, doz	20	20
Pike, lb	02	02
Salmon, lb	12	12
H.C. halibut, lb	10	10
Smelts, lb	09	09
Cod, lb	08	08
Haddock	08	08
Roasters, per box	1 25	
Findon haddock, lb	6 1/2	07
Smoked goldeyes, doz	30	
Oysters, standards, gal	1 50	2 00
Oysters, select, gal	2 00	2 20
Oysters, shell, barrels	7 50	7 75
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50	
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50	

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for broken pack ages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal	50	5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb	06	07
Bluestone, lb	06	07
Borax	11	13
Bromide Potash	65	75
Camphor	65	75
Camphor, ounces	80	90
Carbolic Acid	40	65
Castor Oil	15	17
Chlorate Potash	25	30
Citric Acid	55	65
Copperas	03 1/2	04
Cocaine, oz	4 50	5 00
Cream Tartar, lb	30	35
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	01 1/2	04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14	15
Extract Logwood, boxes	15	20
Gerran Quinine	35	45
Glycerine, lb	30	35
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	20	25
Howard's Quinine, oz	45	55
Iodine	5 00	5 50
Juscut Powder	35	40
Morphia, sul.	2 10	2 25
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive	1 25	1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25	1 40
Oil, lemon, super	2 75	3 25
Oil, peppermint	4 00	4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 50	2 00
Oxalic Acid	14	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Paris Green, lb	18	20
Saltpetre	10	12
Sal Rochelle	30	35
Shallac	35	40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	05
Sulphur Koll, keg	3 1/2	05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75	4 25
Sal Soda	2 00	3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb	45	55
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz	85	1 00

LEATHER

Per pound	
Harness, oak	33
Harness, union oak No. 1	33
Harness, union oak No. 2 R.	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	32
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	32
Do., No. 1 R	31
Black collar leather	26
Sole, union oak	32
Listowell, sole	27
Penetang, sole	27
B. F. French calf	25
H. F. French kip	25
Canada calf	26
Canada calf, horse-shoe	26
Horse-shoe Brand Kip	26
Karn Kip	26
Wax upper	24
Kangaroo, per foot	25
Dolgoon, per foot	25

FUEL

Coal	
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	
Per ton	
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	10 00
1/2 size	7 50
Western anthracite, stove	9 50
Western anthracite, nut	7 25
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Hocking	7 50
Souris lignite	4 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Hosburg smiting	9 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.	
Per cord	
Tamarac, good, last winter's cut.	4 25
Pine, green cut, dry	3 25
Pine, dead cut	3 50
Spruce	3 25
Poplar, green cut dry	3 25
Poplar, dead cut	2 50
Oak, green cut dry body	4 50
Oak, dead cut	4 00