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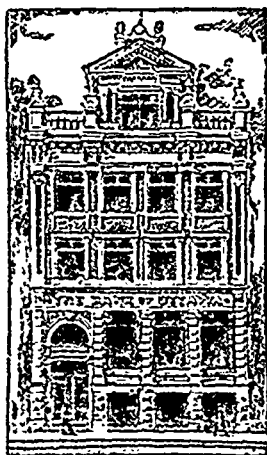
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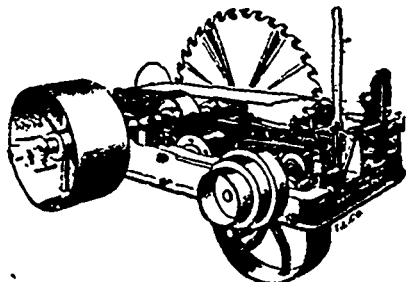
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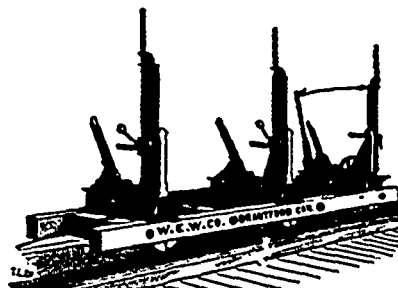
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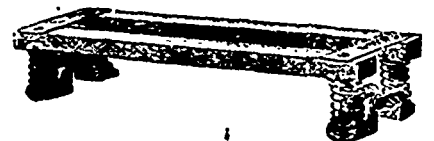
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WINNIPEG, MAY 20, 1899.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

A letter from a British Columbia
correspondent recently appeared in
The Commercial, in which a strong
protest was made against granting a
charter to the proposed Corbin rail-
way. In an editorial comment there-
on, The Commercial said that the
arguments against the Corbin road
were presented in about as forcible a
manner as it is possible to put them.
Some of our readers have miscon-
structed this remark into an indorsement
by this journal of the arguments used
against the proposed railway. This
is an entirely erroneous opinion, and
furthermore an opinion entirely at
variance with the past utterances of
The Commercial in referring to this
and other similar enterprises. While
we gave our correspondent credit
for presenting his side of the case in
a very forcible manner, we did not
necessarily endorse his contention.

Land Grants.

The Winnipeg board of trade has
been asked to endorse the request for
aid to carry out proposed extensions
of the Dauphin railway. The aid asked
for, it is understood, includes the
"usual land grant." It is to be hoped
the board will not lend itself to such
a proposal as that of recommending
any further alienation of the public
domain. The manner in which our
western lands have been disposed of,
will form one of the black
pages in Canadian history. The
policy followed by the governing
power in dealing with this great pub-
lic heritage, has been such as will bring
upon us—the people of this generation—the
curse of posterity. Those in control
of public affairs have altogether
failed to grasp the wonderful and far-
reaching possibilities of the future,
within reach of the people who inherit-
ed this vast and rich public domain. Al-

ready a vast area of territory has
been dissipated. A halt cannot be
called a moment too soon to the waste-
ful and destructive policy which our
government after another in Canada
has followed in dealing with the public
domain.

Furs in London.

A representative of the London Daily
Mail had an interesting chat yester-
day with Mr. Bills, the wholesale fur-
rier of Aldersgate street, on the sub-
ject and learned some details of the
prices which may be paid for a lady's
quivering or evening cape.

Mr. Bills was found amid a most
comfortable surrounding of furs;
piles of them were everywhere, and
restoons of gray, black and brown
skins hung from the ceiling and walls
with a pleasant suggestion of warmth
after the Arctic atmosphere of the
street.

"Yes," said Mr. Bills, "furs have cer-
tainly increased tremendously in price,
and next winter they will, so far as
appearance point, be still dearer.
The reason is somewhat difficult to
give.

"You must know that London is the
fur market of the world. Buyers come
from all countries, and in no other
capital are there any sales of raw
goods which in any way approach
those held here. The sales are held
in January, March and June for gen-
eral furs, and in November seal-skins
only are sold. The March sales last
about a fortnight, and the goods are
on view for about three weeks pre-
vious to the days of sale.

"To take the furs in their classes.
Silver fox skins, which are taken
chiefly by France and America, a
few only being bought by England
and Russia, show an advance of 90
per cent on last year's prices. The
highest price paid this year was £340
for a skin, and this was by a Paris
firm. White fox, which are dyed the
fashionable shades, have advanced 60
per cent, while the blue fox, which
have a natural color of slate or bluish
gray, are now 170 to 200 per
cent dearer, and some of the finest
Iceland skins fetch even more.

"Next year's fur necklets will prob-
ably be whole-skin ones, with head,
etc., complete, and for these the prices
have advanced 75 per cent. The sea-
otter provides one of the most valu-
able skins there is, and with a prob-
ability of a greatly reduced supply
next year, and the possibility of the
animal's early extinction, the advance
is 50 per cent. Russia takes the ma-
jority of these furs, and £150 is an
ordinary price for sufficient to trim
the collar and cuffs of an overcoat.
The highest price so far has been
£260.

"Lynx are dearer by forty per cent,
and the American marten, which in
England is generally called sable,
shows an advance of sixty per cent.
While this American variety fetches
from £1 to £5 a skin, the Russian
sable—the real thing—is worth from
£3 to £40, and a cape of, say, twenty-
inches depth costs 2,000 guineas. Mink,
which much resembles marten in color,
though the fur is shorter and coarser,
and is affected by the ruling prices of
sable and marten, and has gone up
fifty per cent, will probably be much
used for capes next year.

"Bear-skins of all varieties do not
show much change. The finest, which
are used for army head-dresses, fetch
from £15 to £17, but the general sorts
are no dearer than a year ago, and
should be greatly in request at their
present moderate prices. Skunk, one

of the best wearing furs in use, al-
though some thirty per cent dearer,
is still moderately cheap, and likely to
be in great demand in consequence."—
Daily Mail.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, May 15.

In coast cities business continues
good, while in Vancouver the perilous
building boom continues and the fear
of the city being over built is still more
apparent.

The salmon industry is threatened
again by scarcity of tins, many of the
canners foolishly allowing their rivals
on Puget Sound, to buy up their
stock when they were feeling discour-
aged over the tardiness of the federal
authorities in changing the salmon
regulations. Owing to the scarcity of
tins there will be a small pack in any
event this season.

It all depends on the weather, whe-
ther British Columbia is to have an-
other devastating flood or not. Farm-
ers in the lower Fraser are becom-
ing very anxious, and the outlook is
not at all encouraging. Owing to
the backward spring, snow accumu-
lated on the mountains until quite late
and should warm weather, which has
kept off so far, suddenly come, floods
will follow.

The only change of importance in
the market is in eggs. Eastern eggs
are commencing to arrive, and are
driving the United States eggs out.
There is a veritable meat famine on
the Sound, which affects this market
more or less, but not very materially.

THE SEALING INDUSTRY.

The Victoria Colonist says: Nearly
all of the coast sealing vessels have
returned to port. Those vessels ab-
sent are the Dora Seivard, which will
remain up the coast to fit out for the
Behring sea; the Mermald, which, it
is thought, may cross to the Copper
Island coast; the Penelope, Diana,
Mary Taylor and Hazie Hatic. The
catches of these are given in the
table appended as reported by other
vessels up till late in April or within
a week of the closing of the spring
season. Taken together with the
good prices for seal fur realized at last
fall's sales the large catches this year
has put a new complexion on the seal-
ing industry. There were two ves-
sels of the year's fleet which made
splendid hauls. The Geneva,
captained by W. Byers was top-liner
with the Mermald as close second.
The catch to date is as follows:
Viva, 442 skins; Munnie, 236; Enter-
prise, 601; Geneva, 1,582; Umorina,
450; Zillah May, 637; Otto, 725;
Ocean Belle, 703; Beatrice, 310; Fav-
orite, 278; Ainoka, 449; Borealls, 200;
Arlentis, 362; Dora Seivard, 319; Hat-
zie 200; Penelope, 600; Mary Taylor,
140; Mermald, 1,350; Diana, 775.

One hundred and sixty seven whites
and four hundred Indians were em-
ployed in the industry during the past
season, and it is probable that more
than double this number of men will
find employment on the fleet which
goes to Behring Sea. The season
was notable for plenty of seals and
fine weather. No damaged schooners
have reached home. Losses of more
serious nature, however, were chron-
icled, seven lives being sacrificed.

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Seneca Root.

Now that the seneca root season is starting again, it may be well to call attention to some points which should be observed in gathering and preparing the article for market. In the first place the root should be thoroughly washed, and then it should be dried thoroughly in the sun, so that it will be brittle and snap when bent. Root that will bend without snapping is too green to market. This is an important point. A great deal of root is marketed before it is properly dried. It may be spread out and dried afterwards, but it is not as good quality as when dried properly in the first place. The color is darker, and the root often becomes mouldy and damaged from being packed up before it is thoroughly dried. Green or damp root should not be taken on any account. The color is an important matter, hence the necessity for thoroughly washing and drying in the sun. Root dried in the sun has a brighter and more yellowish color than when dried under cover. The color of the Manitoba root is one of the greatest objections raised against it by foreign dealers. Small, fine root is more valuable than large, coarse and bulby root. The large bulby root is hard to sell. The root should be well washed around the tops, and any sprouts or growth should be carefully removed. Root with green or reddish tops is almost unsaleable at any price, and should not be taken.

It is necessary that country storekeepers, who buy the root should be more careful, as the wholesale buyers and exporters here will be obliged to discriminate as to quality, more than they have in the past on account of the refusal of foreign buyers to take root of such quality as has been frequently forwarded in the past. The trade is quite an important one, and it is worth while that an effort should be made to improve the quality of our exports of this commodity.

The Crop.

The following crop reports were received by the Northern Pacific railway, from points along their line in Manitoba. The reports show the condition at the end of last week.

In the Rounthwaite district two-thirds of the wheat is in and much of it is above ground and looks vigorous. Plowing is being pushed and farmers are losing no time.

At Wawanesa the wheat is practically all sown, and about 50 per cent coarse grains as well. Earliest sown wheat is growing well, vegetation having been remarkable in spite of the cold weather.

Hilton reports one-half of the wheat area sown, with a possible decrease of 15 per cent in the total.

Elgin reports a favorable week for seeding, and 80 per cent of the crop is now in. The farmers are getting in all the grain they can.

Minto reports all plowing done and a bright outlook for both hay and grain.

Dunrea reports an increase of about 10 per cent in the wheat area. Oats are being sown and of this cereal there will also be an increased acreage.

At Ninette about 90 per cent of the wheat is in, and there is quite a growth in some places. Grass is fully four inches high in the meadows.

Belmont reports 80 per cent of the wheat in. Considerable plowing has to be done, but the ground is in fine shape.

At Baldur 70 per cent of the wheat has been sown, and the area will be much larger than at first expected, probably as much as last year.

Altamont reports 40 per cent of the wheat sown. The weather has delayed operations, and there will likely be a decreased acreage at this point. At Miami 60 per cent of the crop is in.

At Roland 70 per cent of the wheat is in. Early sown wheat is up and doing well.

Morris reports 60 per cent of the wheat area in. The balance has to be plowed and will be sown with coarse grain.

St. Jean, Letellier and Emerson send favorable reports. The farmers are working briskly and will probably make up for lost time. At Emerson there has been good vegetation, and the early sown wheat there is further advanced than it was this time a year ago.

THE DAIRY TRADE.**BUTTER.**

Montreal Trade Bulletin: 'There are signs of a plentiful make of butter, judging from the more liberal offerings from factorymen during the past few days, and sales have been made of choice Eastern Townships creameries at 15 3-4c to 16c at the factories, although we hear of a very good French creamery having just been sold at 15 1-2c delivered here. There has been some fairly good buying for export account, several thousand packages having been taken during the past week by shippers, London being the principal destination, and the prices paid have been equal to 16 1-4c and 16 1-2c delivered here for choice in boxes, but the outside figure is said to be extreme to-day, 16 1-4c being considered top for the best creameries in boxes, with sales in 70 lb. tubs at 16c, undergraded ranging from 15 to 15 3-4c. On this date last year exporters were paying 16 1-2c to 17c for best creameries. The pastures are generally good, and with the promised rain, which has already set in, they should make rapid progress, and insure an ample flow of milk.'

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

The Crystal City creamery is now in operation.

Ten factories boarded 335 boxes at Madoc on May 10; 150 May cheese sold at 9c; balance unsold.

The first meeting of the Stirling cheese board was held on May 10. 255 boxes white were boarded. One firm bought 30 at 9 1-16c; balance unsold.

The first meeting of the Picton, Ont., cheese board was held on May 10. Nine factories boarded 356 boxes, 315 colored and 80 white; 9 1-16c highest bid, no sales.

The Woodstock, Ont., cheese board met for the first time for the season for organization on May 10. No cheese offered on board; Aprils all sold at 9 1-4 to 9 3-8c.

The make of early spring cheese in Canada this year is estimated to have totalled 12,000 to 15,000 boxes as against fully 18,000 boxes last year. The higher prices which have prevailed have to some extent offset this loss.

There will not be an insolvency law introduced at this session of parliament, according to advices from the east.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.**PRICES STILL ADVANCING.**

Mention was made a week or two ago, says the Toronto Globe on the authority of European buyers for Toronto houses of the continually advancing markets on the other side of the Atlantic. Tangible evidence of these advances are beginning to come to hand. There has been quite a big advance in Scotch crapes and towellings, and yesterday the advanced price list of these goods was received in this market. Bradford and Leeds woollen dress goods for the fall have been advanced in price, owing to the higher prices for fine wools. It is said that the receipts of fine wool in London are only about half what they were last year, and at each of the fortnightly wool sales either prices are established on a higher basis or previous quotations are strongly maintained. While the wholesale trade of Toronto do not take advantage of the retailers in moving prices up after an order has been placed, in sympathy with such advances noted above at Bradford and Leeds, the position of the market is very much strengthened, and retailers will see that it is very much to their interests to place fall orders early in order to get the benefit of present quotations. Should it be necessary to repeat lines in which prices have been advanced wholesalers will have to make charges to cover the enhanced value. There is a very active upward tendency in the prices of nearly all classes of dry goods. It would be impossible to give here a detailed list of advances that have taken place in the last few months. Such small goods as elastic, pins, threads, etc., all have been affected in this way, and in one or two lines three or four advances have been made in as many months.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Several manufacturers have withdrawn their quotations on knitted goods.

The worsted manufacturers of Huddersfield, England, have withdrawn prices for their products pending an increase in quotations.

There has been so good a demand for gingham and Saxons, that the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills company have been compelled to increase their capacity for making them. The manufacture of these goods has hitherto been carried on at the St. Croix mill, St. Stephen, N. B., but the Cornwall mill is now receiving 250 new looms, and a bleachery, which will put the mill in a position to produce these goods. It is expected that gingham and Saxons will be turned out at Cornwall early in the coming autumn. —Monetary Times.

Lucas, Steele & Bristol, of Hamilton, have just completed additions to their already large warehouse. This was necessitated to a great extent on account of western trade. In future they guarantee quick shipment. Orders this spring have somewhat crowded them.

The total number of business failures in Canada during the week ending May 11th, according to Bradstreet's, was 20, as compared with 24 in the same week a year ago. Two of these failures are credited to Manitoba. As a matter of fact only one of them properly belongs to this province, the other was at Gleichen, a point in the Northwest Territories, hundreds of miles from Manitoba.

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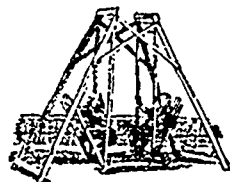
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THE LUMBER TRADE.

LUMBER OUTLOOK IN THE UNITED STATES.

The lumber product of 1899 is certain to be large. There will be no great increase in the output of white pine over last year, though probably some enlargement of the output will be effected, but hemlock will be produced on a much larger scale, spruce will more than hold its own, while yellow pine will be manufactured on a larger scale than ever before in the history of the business. The question of interest is as to whether this enlarged supply can be taken care of without affecting prices or producing any appreciable increase in the stock. It is on the whole doubtful if the increase in output will any more than keep pace with the increase of the demand, and the demand last year was great enough to cause a heavy diminution of stock at the end of the year as compared with the beginning. This is another argument for the general maintenance of values, though the distribution of the product as between the different competitive woods may lower prices of some of them.—American Lumberman.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

North Carolina pine has advanced \$1 per thousand at the mills.

The market for shingles at Minneapolis remains steady at \$2.10 for Extra "A" red shingles.

Isaac Cockburn has been appointed secretary of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association, to succeed John Dick.

A report from Birtle says: MacArthur Bros.' drive has reached town and their mill yard presents a very busy scene just now.

Cypress is to some extent taking the place of white pine in the manufacture of doors in the south. This is owing partly to the scarcity of pine. These cypress doors are being sold at about the same price as No. 1 white pine doors.

The trade in poplar wood in the United States is very active and mills are unable to keep pace with the demand. Some mills are said to be sold so far ahead that it will take them the entire season to clean up orders in hand on some grades.

Famine prices are prevailing for some kinds of hardwood in nearby United States markets. Quarter sawed white oak is particularly scarce and manufacturers are offering very high prices for this wood. Thick, dry white ash is also practically out of the market. Maple flooring prices have advanced \$1 on clear, \$2 on common, and \$1 on factory flooring.

Dry hemlock lumber is exceedingly scarce in southern markets and prices are firm at about \$2 per thousand over last year's figures. The Michigan mill men have formed an association for the purpose of equalizing market conditions as far as possible. A price scale has been fixed on the basis of \$3 per thousand for short lengths and \$2 extra for each additional two feet. This is the price on the docks.

N. Bawlf, of Winnipeg, who went to Ottawa as one of the delegation to confer with the government regarding the Douglas grain bill, returned last Sunday.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

THE TWINE MARKET.

The probable course of twine prices during the remainder of the season becomes more and more problematical as the weeks slip by. Conflicting stories regarding the positions of large jobbers are in circulation. Some of them are said to have reached the conclusion that their purchases are more than ample for their trade requirements, and it is known to be a fact that certain jobbers, as noted last week, are looking around for relief. On the other hand, it is equally well established that one large jobber has been trying for the past week to buy 100 tons of pure manilla, and had found but one concern from which he could obtain it, yet whose price was so high that a contract was out of the question. Another jobber is reported to have eagerly snapped up a block of 100 tons of standard which another jobber was willing to spare. It would seem from these incidents that some of the jobbers think they are loaded beyond their needs, while others are in the market for more. Manufacturers have asserted that if any weakness develops it will be among the wholesalers, who are frightened by the crop outlook. It is worthy of note, however, that the jobbers who are most likely to take harm are not the ones who bought twine at the lowest prices, hence it is reasonable to assume that they will defer any concessions in price until the last minute, before which time conditions indicative of a better out-come may arise.

It is a waiting game that the jobbers are now indulging in, not in the sense that they are indifferent to selling opportunities, but that they are watching developments closely in order that they may determine on the proper course to be pursued later. If any have applied the scalpel to a price schedule it has not yet appeared on the surface.

Manufacturers are fairly well sold up. Some cannot take on any more business for delivery earlier than July, and others could, to use their own language, "squeeze out a little in June." One large company has withdrawn entirely from the market, having sold all the twine they care to. If not all they can make. A careful summing up may effect a change later on.

Fiber is again weaker, sisal especially, having dropped back behind manilla, whereas it has endeavored for several weeks past to rank the other fiber in price. A dearth of business may have caused the manipulators of sisal hemp to bring it down from its lofty and inconsistent position as a bait to attract buyers. But fiber prices, if the manufacturers' diagnosis of the situation is correct, will cut no figure in regulating twine prices for the remainder of this season. According to several conservative twine makers there remains to be purchased very little hemp for this year's product, and the present weakness of the hemp market is expected to induce buying of stock for 1900. These men are equally positive that the jobbers hold the key to the situation as far as future prices of twine are concerned.

Prices f.o.b. Chicago remain as follows:
 Sisal... .. 9 1-2
 Standard... .. 9 1-2
 Manila (600-foot)... .. 10 1-2
 Pure manilla 11
 Car lots, 1-4 cent less. Five ton lots, 1-8c less. Fall terms.—Farm Implement News, May 11.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

The first association of agricultural implement dealers ever formed in England, has just completed its organization.

American hemp is reported higher, an advance of 15 cents per hundred having occurred last week. Producers now realize \$5.15 per 100 lbs.

Hay press manufacturers held a meeting in Chicago on May 11th to consider an advance in prices. The extent of the proposed advance is not yet known.

The consolidation of United States plow manufacturing interests is making progress. At a meeting held in Chicago last week the plans of organization were advanced a stage. Only a section of the manufacturing interests will be in the trust. The capital stock is to be \$50,000,000.

At a meeting of manufacturers held in Chicago last Wednesday advances were made in the prices of corn-shell-ers, feed-mills and cider mills. The advances amount to from 10 to 15 per cent.

At a meeting of the Northwestern Plow Association of the United States held in Chicago on May 8, it was decided to make an advance of 15 per cent in the price of all kinds of plows. Some manufacturing concerns were in favor of making the advance 20 to 25 per cent, but the majority thought that too radical a change to make at one time. The resolution providing for the advance gives these concerns the option of adding more than 15 per cent if they want to, but does not make it compulsory. Increased cost of material is the reason assigned for the advance. Cultivators, harrows and corn planters are also affected by the advance.

Inspection of Hides.

A deputation of tanners recently waited on the Ontario government and asked that the inspection of hides be made compulsory at the principal accumulating markets. Winnipeg was one of the points included in the proposal. A bill for the compulsory inspection of hides was introduced in parliament a year ago, it will be remembered, but it was withdrawn later. The proposed act would not, it is presumed, affect the buying of hides in country markets. Dealers will no doubt be left at liberty to buy in any way they like in the country. The compulsory inspection, if it goes into effect, would apply to the handling of hides in accumulating markets. Of course if inspection is made compulsory buyers would likely be more careful about taking hides in the country on a flat rate basis.

The June number of The Delineator is called the early summer number and combines an immense amount of authoritative and applicable advice as to what is newest and most beautiful in the world of fashion—including special illustrations of bridal costumes—with a profusion of sparkling literary features, social, household and departmental hints and suggestions and fancy work detail. The Delineator Publishing Co., Toronto.

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Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:
 Wheat—No. 1 hard afloat, Fort William, \$1.83 to \$1.84.
 Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$3.30; best bakers', \$3.10.
 Millstuffs—Bran, \$12 per ton; shorts, \$14 in large lots.
 Oatmeal—Dealers selling to trade at \$2.20 per sack of rolled in small lots.
 Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 47c.
 Corn—No business done. Nominal value 48 to 50c per bushel of 56 lbs.
 Barley—45 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.
 Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 14 to 18c for fresh; creamery 18 to 18 1-2c.
 Cheese—Jobbers selling at 9 to 10 cents for old; new cheese 10 to 11c in small quantities.
 Eggs—10 1-2 to 11c per dozen on commission basis.
 Hides—No. 1 green hides 7c.
 Wool—8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.
 Hay—Baled, on track here, \$11 to \$12 per ton for local hay.
 Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
 Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 15c; live chickens, 60 to 75c per pair.
 Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 6 1-2 to 7c; mutton, 8c for frozen, 9 to 10c for fresh; hogs, 7 1-2c for country and 8c for city dressed; veal 7 to 9c.
 Live stock—Cattle, butchers' 4 to 4 1-4c off cars; yearling stockers, \$14; hogs, off cars, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep 4 1-2 to 5c.

Live Stock News.

331 head of young cattle were shipped west to the ranches from Virden, Man., last week.
 D. Hamilton shipped 950 head of young cattle from Neepawa, Man., and Arden, Man., to Medicine Hat last week.
 Two carloads of stockers were shipped to the Northwest Territories from Dauphin by Gordon & Ironsides last week.
 Dr. T. W. Simpson, veterinarian, of Saltcoats, Assa., has invented a chemical preparation for branding cattle or other animals. It is in the form of a fluid and requires to be applied with a brush. It is said to be painless. If this fluid is equal to the work it should quickly supersede the cruel practice of branding with hot irons.
 D. C. Mills, of Carman, has returned from Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he went as witness in the case brought by the United States government against Messrs. Hymman & Howell for the recovery of \$10,000 for alleged undervaluation of cattle taken from Manitoba to Dakota. The trial has been adjourned until next November, in order that the case may come before a jury.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:
 Montreal 101,000
 Toronto 34,000
 Klugston 25,000
 Winnipeg 110,000
 Manitoba elevators 4,950,000
 Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin 3,930,000

Total May 9,456,000
 Total a year ago 2,984,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States, as reported by Bradstreet's on May 6, were 45,644,000 bushels.
 Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 29,818,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.
 Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1, were 4,455,000 bushels, compared with 3,051,000 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 May 13, was 26,028,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,438,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 22,004,000 bushels two years ago 25,737,000 bushels, three years ago 58,146,000 bushels, and four years ago 56,484,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,796,000
Duluth	7,795,000
Minneapolis	7,887,000
New York	303,000
Buffalo and afloat	147,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,683,000 bushels, compared with 8,704,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 19,140,000 bushels, compared with 22,460,000 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 May 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows:—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1899	115,418,000
1898	100,890,000
1897	107,198,000
1896	146,682,000
1895	172,090,000

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 movement, Aug. 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	76,657,486	67,738,880
Milwaukee	11,588,408	8,057,853
Duluth	65,053,907	37,380,229
Chicago	31,122,198	33,049,729

Total 184,421,997 146,476,191

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	12,426,314	11,406,815
St. Louis	13,455,385	11,481,594
Detroit	4,755,339	4,654,852
Kansas City	24,581,143	27,907,772

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A government experimental tobacco station is to be established in Essex county, Ontario.

During 1898 the world produced 4,707,900 tons of beet root sugar. Germany heads the list of producing countries.

Canada took 1,000 tons of currants from Patras during the year ending March 31 last as compared with 1,500 tons during the previous year.

Tres & Persse, brokers, Winnipeg, were advised by wire on Monday of an advance of 25c. per box on California Mediterranean sweets and seedling oranges

Cable advices from Japan report an active market for tea. Settlements were 12,000 piculs, against 10,000 piculs last year; prices same as last quoted, 19c for good medium, 20 1-2c for finest, and 23c for choicest.

A curious feature of the market for black teas in Canada is the fact that higher prices are ruling abroad than can be obtained here. As a result of this orders have been booked over the cable for several round lots for immediate shipment.

It is predicted that as a result of the keen competition in sugar trading the practice of putting up sugar in packages is becoming more and more popular. Under this system no losses by inaccurate weighing are avoided and the time consumed in putting up parcels is also saved.

Canadian importations of West India raw sugars during the six months ending December 31 last were about 40 per cent greater than during the corresponding period of the previous year. The actual figures are: 1898, 9,049,020 pounds, valued at \$161,901, as against 6,245,929 pounds, valued at \$124,504 during the previous year.

During the nine months ending March 31, Canada imported from England 1,606,491 pounds of Indian and 1,698,536 lbs of Ceylon tea, as compared with 845,052 and 1,145,153 pounds respectively during the same period of 1897-98. These figures show an increase of over 89 per cent in our imports of Indian teas, which is a most surprising record. Of China teas we imported 797,003 pounds during the nine months' period ending March 31 last and from other countries 37,526 pounds, or a total importation of 1,139,906 pounds from all countries, as against 2,793,041 pounds in the previous similar period.

At Mayville, Mich., there is a potato canning factory which has a capacity of 300 bushels per day. The potatoes are washed, then steamed, then washed and forced through a sieve, making them stringy, then fried and placed into square tin cans, eight inches each way. A can will contain a half bushel and weighs about five pounds. In this way, 3,000 bushels can be shipped in a freight car, while in the old way a car contains about 500 bushels. The potatoes are not affected by heat or cold, and can be held from one season to another without damage. They may be cooked in any style to suit the taste.—Trade.

Yonhiogheny coal has been advanced 25c per ton at the docks, Duluth. The clover crop of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio is reported to have been winter killed.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

CHICAGO HARDWARE MARKET.

Iron and Steel of May 12th says: Activity is the prevailing state of the hardware market. It has been a backward spring, but spring is now here. From sources of supply there are large shipments of ice cream freezers, lawn mowers, and smaller goods. Jobbers generally report a most thriving trade.

Prices keep moving upward. Undoubtedly the manufacturers in a great many lines of goods are trying by associated action to get more money for their products, but the advances are not all due to this cause. Material and labor are more expensive and besides there is among all classes of people an active disposition to do a little better financially than they have been doing, and this effort is not without its influence in raising the quotations of various goods. The manufacturers of braces held a meeting recently for the purpose of combining their interests and by united action advancing prices. The meeting failed to accomplish the desired results and the makers went home. But one by one they have since individually advanced the prices of their products and braces are from five to fifteen per cent higher than a few days ago. Much the same state of affairs exists in other lines of hardware manufacture.

A strike at the zinc mines has enhanced the value of that metal almost 1-4 cent per pound and all kinds of goods manufactured therefrom are stronger. Among other products washboards are affected. Brass faucets have advanced \$2 per dozen and sheet copper is higher. Some makers of hatches and hammers have given notice of another 10 per cent advance.

Among the changes in the Chicago wholesale hardware market this week may be mentioned the following:

Egg beaters, Dover, from 65 cents to 75 to 85 cents per dozen.

Brackets, Stanley's No. 790, from 70 cents to 60 to 60 and 5 per cent.

Padlocks, No. 376, brass, from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per dozen; No. 570, Barnes, from \$10 to \$12 per dozen.

Zinc, 300 pound cask, 30-inch, from 91-2 to 93-4 cents per pound; 36 inch, from 91-4 to 91-2 cents per pound; 600-pound cask, 30-inch, from 9 to 91-2 cents per pound; sheet zinc, 36-inch, from 93-4 to 10 cents per pound, 36-inch, from 91-2 to 93-4 cents per pound.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

The latest thing in bicycle pumps is a street slot machine, where a wheel can be pumped up for one cent.

Business in firebricks at Montreal is reported to be active, and prices remain firm at \$17 to \$23 as to brand ex-wharf.

The entire stock of the new Amalgamated Copper Company, Trenton, N. J., has been offered for sale by public subscription at the par value of \$100 per share.

The demand for white lead has been so great in Eastern Canada and raw material is scarce that manufacturers are unable to complete their orders with any degree of promptitude.

Window glass has advanced twice within two weeks at St. Paul. These advances have been 5 per cent each time, and are the results of a firm

foreign market and of the manipulations of the new United States glass trust

Last week an advance was noted in the prices for range boilers at Toronto. Following are now the quotations: Galvanized, 30 gallon, \$7; 35 gallon, \$8, and 40 gallon, \$9. The discount on copper boilers has been reduced to 10 per cent instead of 20 per cent as formerly.

Our telegraphic report of last week indicate an advance in tinplate at Toronto. Mail advices attribute the advance to the continued strength in England. Redipped plates are now 25c per 100 pounds higher, and the prices of bright coke plates and ofterne plates are also higher to the extent of 35 and 50c respectively.

A trust is in course of formation to take over almost the whole of the window glass factories of the United States. Seventy plants, comprising 98 per cent of the productive facilities of the country are in the scheme. The capital stock will be \$30,000,000. The concern will be known as the American Window Glass Company.

Reports from England and Belgium convey the information that glass fully maintains the strong position which it has occupied for some time past. A strike in the coal mines of Belgium has still further retarded production and the increased demand from all countries is giving the manufacturers more business than they can very well handle.

A Boston dispatch of May 15th says: "A consignment of 300 tons of steel guard rails has just arrived from London to be used by the Boston elevated railroad in its construction work." The significance of this paragraph is apparent. The United States trusts are slowly but surely getting in their work through the arbitrary manipulation of prices and driving good customers to other markets for what they cannot obtain at home at reasonable prices. The production of this particular kind of rails in the United States is now in the hands of a trust and unreasonable advances have been made in prices. The purchasers claim that they have saved 33 per cent by placing the order in England. The much talked of decadence of the British iron and steel industry will at this rate be a very slow process if United States competition is the only thing to be contended against.

Senator Boulton, of Russell, Man., died on May 15th, of congestion of the lungs, brought on by a long drive in a snowstorm.

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows: Week ended May 18, 1899) ...\$1,523,767 Corresponding week, 1898 2,123,809 Corresponding week, 1897 1,214,095 Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for four years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March ...	5,965,000	4,289,000	4,288,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,161,862	4,032,000
May ...	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,314,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ...	11,553,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945
Year ...	90,072,798	83,435,121	64,143,935

	1899.
Jan. ...	\$7,683,052
Feb. ...	6,209,471
March ...	6,756,094
April ...	6,916,431

THE MONEY MARKET.

The prevailing bank discount rate is 7 per cent, with a range of 6 to 8 per cent as to name. Mortgage loans range mostly at 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property, with special large loans on most valuable properties ranging 1 to 1-2 per cent less. While the loan companies are holding for 8 per cent on ordinary farm property loans, an increasing number of loans are going through at 7 per cent.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The new Fort Francis branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be opened for business immediately. A. E. Tiffin, teller of the Bank of Commerce at Winnipeg, left for the Athol district last week to take a position on the bank's staff there. The Vancouver clearing house returns for the week ending May 11th were \$726,549, and balances \$158,536; as against clearings, \$812,074, balances, \$180,974 for the preceding week. The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending May 9th were \$714,576; balances, \$236,643; those of the previous week being: Clearings \$740,255 and balances, \$306,019. The Molson's bank premises, Winnipeg, were threatened with an outbreak of fire on Sunday evening, May 14th. Fortunately the blaze was discovered and extinguished before any serious damage was done. Mr. Bartlett, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Hamilton's mission—that of accompanying the body of his deceased wife to her last resting place at Montreal. Mr. Bartlett has the sympathy of his friends and the public generally.

W. A. Douglas, of Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg a few days ago to take charge of the office of the Freehold Loan and Savings company, during the absence of Manager Russell, who with other officers of the amalgamated loan companies, will make a tour of Manitoba inspecting properties.

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BANK OF MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 12. — The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal, issued to-day, shows, like other financial barometers, a highly prosperous condition of the country. The net earnings in the year ending April 30, 1899 were \$1,350,582, an increase of \$85,232 over last year. The bank earned about 11.75 per cent on its capital of \$12,000,000, against 11-1-2 per cent for the financial year ending April 30, 1898. Deducting the usual half yearly dividends of five per cent, a total of \$1,200,000; there is left \$150,582 to be carried to profit and loss, making the balance of profit and loss amount to date, \$1,102,792, as compared with \$952,219.07 on April 30th, 1898.

The principal assets of the bank consist of \$4,975,192 in gold and silver coin and government demand notes, against \$5,368,633 last year; \$5,884,255 in 1897; and \$6,259,343 in 1896. Current loans and discounts have increased from \$39,318,507 last year, \$36,725,725 in 1897 and \$34,769,687 in 1896, to \$42,830,211 showing a progressively increased demand for funds for business purposes, and out of which the bank has been enabled to earn increased profits. The amount due by agencies of the bank, and other banks in foreign countries is \$11,468,371, compared with \$9,405,666 last year, and \$7,750,882 for 1897, and due by agencies of this bank and other banks in foreign countries is \$11,468,371, compared with \$9,405,666 last year, and \$7,750,882 for 1897, and \$7,837,952 by agencies of this bank and other banks in Great Britain, against \$5,294,174 last year and \$4,283,263 in 1897. Both these accounts therefore show a gratifying expansion. Less is invested in United States bonds, the amount thus invested this year being only \$1,705,928, compared with \$3,484,646 last year, and \$3,325,010 in 1897. Overdue debts not especially secured, loss provided for, amount to \$44,205, compared with \$62,506 last year, and \$125,745 in 1897.

On the liability side of the statement, the notes of the bank in circulation decreased from \$5,563,990 last year to \$5,446,597; deposits not bearing interest decreased from \$11,878,262 last year, to \$10,927,006, while deposits bearing interest increased from \$28,739,391 last year, to \$35,486,534 an increase of \$6,647,143. The unclaimed dividends amount to \$2,102, against \$2,032 last year. The market price of the stock on April 20, 1899, was 251 per cent, equal to \$502, as compared with 225 per cent, equal to \$470, on April 30, last year.

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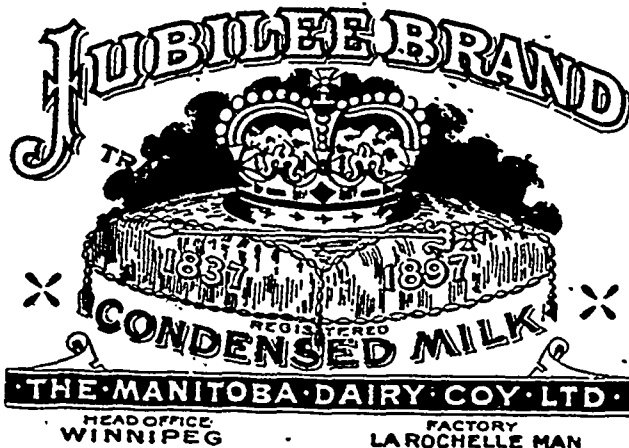
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TIN—Lamb and Flagg, 36 and 28 lb: lugots, per lb. 29c.

TIN PLATES—Olarcoal plates, 10, 10 1/4, 12x12 and 14x20, \$4.50 to \$4.75; 1X, same size box, \$5.75 to \$6; 10, charcoal, 20x28, 11 1/2 sheets to box, \$8.50 to \$9; 1X, box, 20x28, 11 1/2 sheets, \$10.50 to \$11.

TERNE PLATES—10, 20x28, \$8.50.

IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.30, band iron, 100 lbs., \$1.55 to \$2.75, Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 to \$6; sleigh shoe steel \$3; tire steel, \$3.50; cast tool steel, lb., 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb. 12 to 13c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$3; 3/8 inch and thicker, \$2.75.

BOILER TUBES—2 inch, 14c per foot; 2 1/2 inch, 15 1-2c; 3 inch, 17c per foot.

SHEET IRON—10 to 12 gauge, \$3; 14 to 26, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES—Garth and Blufna, \$3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON—American, 16 gauge, \$4; 18 to 22 gauge, \$4.25; 24 gauge, \$4.50; 26 gauge, \$4.75; 28 gauge, \$5 per 100 lbs.

IRON PIPE—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-4 inch, \$3.40; 3-8 inch, \$3.40; 1-2 inch, \$4.20; 3-4 inch, \$4.60; 1 inch, \$6.00; 1 1-4 inch, \$8.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$10.80; 2 inch, \$14.40.

GALVANIZED PIPE—1-4 inch, \$6.40; 3-8 inch, \$6.40; 1-2 inch, \$6.80; 3-4 inch, \$7.00; 1 inch, \$10.40; 1 1-4 inch, \$14.40; 1 1-2 inch, \$17.00; 2 inch, \$23.80.

STAMPED TINWARE—Plain, 70 and 20 per cent; retinned 70 and 12 1-2 per cent.

CHAIN—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$9; do. 1-4 in. \$8; do. 5-16 in. \$4.75; do. 3-8 in. \$4.25; do. 7-16 in. \$4; do. 1-2 in. \$3.85; do. 5-8 in. \$3.75; trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50; juck chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c; juck chain, double, per dozen yards, 25c to \$1.

COPPER—tinned copper sheets, 28c; finished 34c; boiler and T K pitta, plain tinned per lb. 29c; spun 33c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 4 1-2 to 5c.

SHEET ZINC—In casks, \$8 per 100 lbs; broken lots \$8.50.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb. 18c.

SHOT—Soft, 6 1-2c per lb; chilled 7c; buckshot, 7 1-2c.

AMMUNITION—Cartridges—R. F. pistol, American discount 37 1-2 to 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent to 50 and 5 per cent; centre fire military, American, net list; centre fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1-2 per cent; centre fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to \$7.50.

LOADED SHELLS—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft \$1.50; chilled \$1.05; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2.00; chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, \$1.90; chilled, \$2.05; No. 10 gauge, soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb; thin card wads, in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauge, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

ANVILS—Per lb. 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.

AUGER BITS—American, 65 to 70 per cent; Jennings's Excelsior, 50 per cent; post hole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.

AXES—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$5.50 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.

RELTING—Extra, 20 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 60 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent.

BOLTS—Carriage, 1-4 and 5-16, 52 1-2 per cent; 3-8 and up, 47 1-2c; tire dia. 60 per cent; stove, dia. 60 per cent; machine discount 55 per cent; coach screws, dia. 65 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.

BUTTS—Loose rim cast, dia. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dia. 65 per cent; loose pins, dia. 65 per cent; Ber-

lin bronzed, dia. 45 per cent; gon. bronzed per pair 35 to 85.

HINGES—Light T and strap, 65 per cent; heavy, per lb 5 to 6c; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in., 5c per lb. 12 in up, per lb., 4c, spring screen door, \$1 to \$2.25 doz.

HOES—Garden, mortar, etc., dia. 60 and 10 per cent.

ROPE—Sisal, lb. 11c base; manila, lb. 12c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 in. and larger, 15c lb., deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn 10c.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor brand plain 45c; do. tarred, 60c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred 73c.

HORSE NAILS—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 per box. No. G, \$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, 40 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.25; 2 and larger, \$4. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$4.55; 2 and larger, \$4.30; snow shoe, \$4.15; 3 in. \$3.20; 2 1-2 in. \$3.25; 2 in. \$3.40; 1 1-2 in. \$3.50; 1 1-4 in. \$3.75; 1 in. \$4.10.

NAILS, Cut—30d up, \$2.55; 20d, \$2.60; 10d, \$2.65; 8d, \$2.70; 6d, \$2.85; 4d, \$2.95; 3d, \$3.20; 2d, \$3.55.

SCREWS—Wood, F.H., iron and steel dia. 80 and 5; wood, R.H. iron, dia. 70 and 10; wood, F. H., brass, dia. 70 and 10; wood, R. H., brass, dia. 65 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50.

WIRE FENCING—Galvanized 4 barb. regular, \$3.50; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.50.

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.00 per 100 lbs.

WIRE CLOTH—Painted screen, per 100 sq. ft. \$1.50.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage, section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 45 per cent; black M rivets, 45 per cent; black and tinned rivets, 45 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 32 1-2c; cartons 1- per lb. extra net.

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20 to 25c.

AXLE GREASE—Imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, case, \$2.25.

COAL TAR—Per barrel, \$5.

CEMENT—Portland cement, barrel, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

PINE PITCH—\$4 per barrel.

PLASTER AND HAIR—Plaster, barrel, \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 85c bale.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal. 57c; boiled, gal. 60c in barrels, less than barrels, 5c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, 73c, less than barrels, gal. 78c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oils, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb, tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; cream, 20 1-2c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1-2c for eocene and 2 1-2 for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

The following prices cover the range as to size and color for prime skins. Very small and pale skins bring the lowest price, and very large the top range. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	.....	\$.25	\$.50
Bear, black	.....	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	.....	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings	.....	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings	.....	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly	.....	4.50	20.00
Beaver, large	.....	5.00	7.00
Beaver, medium	.....	3.00	5.00
Beaver, small	.....	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cuts	.....	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.	.....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	.....	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale	.....	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	.....	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale	.....	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt	.....	.25	.75
Fox, red	.....	1.00	2.25
Fox, silver dark	.....	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale	.....	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	.....	1.50	2.50
Lynx, medium	.....	1.00	1.75
Lynx, small	.....	.50	1.00
Marten, dark	.....	3.00	6.00
Marten, pale or brown	.....	2.50	5.00
Marten, light pale	.....	1.00	3.25
Mink, dark	.....	.75	2.25
Mink, pale75	1.50
Musquash, spring04	.12
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
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Manitoba

G. Bryant has opened a confectionery store and bakery at Russell.

It is reported that J. Spears intends opening a general store at Dunrue.

C. E. Gutteridge has bought out the bakery of P. McConnell at Deloraine.

Milne Bros. have opened in flour and feed at Rapid City.

J. W. Parks is organizing a company to carry on a wall paper business in Winnipeg.

A branch of the post office savings' bank will be opened at High Bluff on the 22nd inst.

F. D. Stuart, representing the Deering company, has opened in implements at Elm Creek.

R. Scott, of the Shoal Lake creamery has just shipped 20,000 pounds of butter to the Yukon.

Kilman & Moldovan, general merchants, St. Jean, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

The lumber yard of A. N. Shaw, Miami, has changed hands Oscar McCullough is the purchaser.

Weller and McCutcheon have purchased the livery business of C. Westover at Shoal Lake.

J. W. Jackson, of Sidney, has purchased the livery business formerly carried on by Jas. Campbell, at Holland.

Dr. Harrington, of Winnipeg, intends commencing the practice of medicine at Napinka. He will also open a drug store.

It is rumored that the T. Eaton Co., of Toronto, will open a branch of their departmental store business in Winnipeg.

Carman is to have a telephone exchange with connections to country points. Application is being made for incorporation.

Huckerby has opened a general store at Mariposa. He is also taking charge of a lumber yard there for another party.

Currie & Unicume, flour and feed merchants, Brandon, have dissolved business, Currie withdrawing to go into the produce business.

G. B. Housser & Co., are opening a flour and feed and implements branch in connection with their lumber yard at Willow Range.

Letters patent of incorporation have been issued to the Hoover Manufacturing Co., Ltd. The capital stock is \$10,000, and Winnipeg is the chief place of business.

Anna F. Summerfeld, general store-keeper, Plumias, has made an assignment to Wm. Antliff, Winnipeg. A meeting of her creditors will be held on Tuesday next at Winnipeg.

It is understood that the C. P. R. have decided to run a branch line from Whitemouth to Lac du Bonnet to handle the output of the brick and pottery manufactory being established at the latter place.

The Brandon city council held a meeting on May 17th at which the question of assessment was dealt with at some length, and the discussion developed considerable heat among some of the members.

Dr. Fletcher, of the Dominion experimental farms staff, will visit Manitoba shortly to look into some matters affecting the agricultural interests of the province. He will also lecture at two or three points. From here he goes to Regina.

The first boat to arrive at Selkirk from Lake Winnipeg came in on Thursday, May 11th. It was a sail boat from Gimli, Capt. Johns. They report lots of ice in the lake yet and in some places still intact, but the heavy winds of the last few days will soon break it up.

E. H. Drury, chief engineer on the construction of the Southeastern railway, is in Winnipeg. He reports that the work of surveying and locating the line is being pushed ahead as fast as the weather will permit. There are over 200 men working on construction between Ste. Anne and the boundary.

The prize list of the Western Agricultural and Arts association of Brandon, for their 1899 exhibition is now ready for distribution. It is a neat volume of 132 pages with a handsome lithographed cover. Prizes are offered in sixty-three classes, containing from two to seventy-five sections. The exhibition commences on July 17th and continues during the week, with special attractions each afternoon and evening.

The Winnipeg Rubber company, western selling agents for The Gutta Percha and Rubber Manuf. Co., of Toronto, Limited, have purchased a block of ground 50x130 feet on the corner of King and McDermott streets, Winnipeg, and will erect a four story brick warehouse and office building upon it this summer. This step has been rendered necessary by rapid expansion of the company's business here which has made the present premises too small.

A board of trade has been organized at Rapid City with the following officers: President, E. Peplow; vice-president, G. L. Stone; secretary-treasurer, Aubrey LePage. The council consists of the officers together with the following gentlemen: Jas. Barland, A. F. LePage, T. J. Butchart, Dr. Crookshank, A. McKellar, D. E. D. Daly and W. Houlding. An immigration committee was also appointed, with instructions to have several thousand pamphlets printed for distribution among incoming settlers. This committee consists of Messrs. Daly, Turriff, Clay, Hindson and Nelles.

Mackenzie Bros. have opened business in Winnipeg as manufacturers' agents. They have located offices in the new McIntyre block, and will open a warehouse as soon as suitable premises can be secured. Their principle line will be the goods of the Doherty Manufacturing Co., of Sarnia, Ont., including stoves made from Doherty's decarbon steel. They will also represent Jas. Warnock & Co., Galt, Ont., American Cutlery Co., Chicago, Ontario Binder Twine Co., Toronto, and London Belt and Hinge Lock Co., London, Ont. Messrs. Mackenzie are well up in the hardware trade, their father, the late John Mackenzie, of Sarnia, having founded and carried on for many years one of the largest hardware houses in the western part of Ontario.

Assiniboia.

Manson Bros. have bought out the stock of A. DesBrisay at Wolseley.

Dr. R. M. Mitchell has commenced the practice of medicine at Weyburn on the Sob line. He has opened a drug store in connection.

The fourth annual meeting of the Medicine Hat Stock Growers' Association was held at Medicine Hat on May 6th. Reports of officers and

committees were presented which showed a very satisfactory season's business. Several matters of minor importance were dealt with. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, Thos. Tweed; first vice-president, Robt. D. Porter; second vice-president, W. T. Finlay, secretary-treasurer, J. H. G. Bray; auditors, John Cooper, T. H. Tinney. J. H. G. Bray was nominated for the office of stock inspector for the district. It was decided that the annual round-up of the association would start from Medicine Hat on the 25th inst.

Alberta.

T. A. Greig and F. E. Tims are starting a newspaper at Edmonton.

Barker & Gardiner sold out their liquor department at Macleod to the Hudson's Bay Co.

The Cardston Co., Ltd., Cardston, will erect an addition to their store premises this summer.

Kelly & Omand, brewers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. Kelly will continue the business.

The Edmonton Bulletin says. "A stone quarry has lately been opened at Red Deer, on the town side of the river, and an excellent quality of building stone can now be procured there for \$6.30 a cord. It seems a pity that the quarries up the river from Edmonton have been left so long undeveloped."

Important Civic Contract.

The Winnipeg board of works held its weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. A number of important city contracts were dealt with, among them the following:

The city engineer gave tabulated statements of tenders on cement, oil, and coal, recommending that 1,000 barrels Louisville cement be purchased from Kelly Bros. & Co., in cloth sacks at \$2.26 per barrel; and that the Portland cement required be purchased from Buchanan & Gordon, and the Rathbun Co., at \$3.50 per barrel, their tenders being lowest and equal.

Coal tenders of the Western Coal Co., and J. G. Hargrave for Youhloghichy at \$7 per ton were received, but it was decided not to recommend any tender for coal as there was no reduction in the ordinary price.

The Hamilton Power Co. tendered for dynamite at \$9 and \$11 so. 40 and 60 per cent.

For engine oil, Miller Morse & Co., 27 1-2 cents per gallon; for cylinder oil, the Imperial Oil Co., 52c; for signal oil, Miller, Morse & Co., and J. H. Ashdown, 56 cents per gallon each, harness oil, Miller, Morse & Company, and J. H. Ashdown \$3.25 per five gallons, each; castor oil, Imperial Oil Co., 28 1-2c, crusher oil, Miller, Morse & Co., 51c; linseed oil, boiled, Miller, Morse & Co., 62c; raw, 59c; coal oil, Miller Morse & Co.; Silver Star, 17c; Sunlight, 19 1-2c; Ecovene, 22 1-2c, Oleophene, 19c. The committee decided to recommend to the city council, in accordance with the advice of the city engineer.

The city engineer was instructed to proceed at once with the building of the pumping station, as requested by the fire, water and light committee.

Several pavement and drainage improvements were ordered to be proceeded with.

Sir Wm. Van Horne, president of the C. P. R., and a party of friends was in Winnipeg this week on a pleasure trip over the line.

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MINING NOTES

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A deal has been made by O. D. Hour with an English syndicate for the Empire group of mines in the Trout Lake mining division for \$6,000 cash. The group consists of four lull claims, the Reveistoke, Allouez, Negaunee, Pevabic and Crested Butte. It is situated ten miles from Ferguson on the headwaters of Cariboo creek, a tributary of the Duncan.

Three hundred and twenty-one tons of ore were shipped over the Kaslo and Slocan railway during the week ending May 4th.

The coal production of Vancouver Island collieries during the year 1898 aggregated 1,217,552 tons valued at \$3,407,595. The coke production was 35,000 tons, valued at \$175,000. San Francisco and the southern ports of California are important markets for Vancouver Island coal although Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, and the steamships engaged in Oriental trade are also large consumers.

PROBABLE OUTPUT OF NELSON DISTRICT.

Advices dated Nelson, May 7, say: The first gold bricks from the Ymir company's mine arrived in Nelson yesterday, and were turned over to the Bank of Montreal, to be forwarded to the U. S. assay office. They were valued at \$10,000, and represent the gold saved from the plates in what was virtually a fifteen days' run. In addition to the values saved upon the plates, the company has about \$1,000 in concentrates, so that the output of the mill for the first fifteen days' operation was virtually \$1,000 per day. These figures show that when in operation the Ymir mill can be counted on to turn out \$30,000 per month.

The clean-up at the Athabasca mill for April was not up to expectation. Trouble which the company had with its miners over the eight-hour law is responsible for this shortage in the output. Instead of an output of \$20,000, which was the limit set by the management, it fell off to \$9,500, including the gold saved on the plates and the values retained in concentrates. On a steady run this month the limit set for April should be reached, which added to the expected output of Ymir mill, gives two gold mines of the Nelson district a prospective output of \$50,000 per month.

In computing the possible output for the summer, account must be taken of the Duncan mines. The development which has been going on in this company's properties for the past year has opened up ore bodies sufficient to keep a twenty stamp mill running for some time, and when the projected mill is in operation it may be counted upon turning out another \$20,000 in a short time.

Then, there remains also the Poor Man and Fern properties to be considered, which, when operated, would have a very considerable output, so that there is every prospect before winter that gold properties in the vicinity of Nelson will have a monthly output of \$100,000. These figures carried on would give an output from the five properties of over \$1,000,000, some thing which is nearer realization than most people of Nelson imagine.

GRAIN AND MILLING

THE DOUGLAS BILL.

The Douglas bill was virtually killed in committee at Ottawa on Thursday. The first clause was defeated on vote, and this practically embodies the principle of the bill. There is talk of a further meeting of the committee to consider the question of appointing a general grain inspector, but it is very doubtful if anything further will be done this session.

GRAIN AND MILLING NOTES.

B. Manzer, of Strathecona, (South Edmonton), and Finlay, of Leduc, are about to erect a flour mill at the latter place.

On May 17 the property owners of Carberry, Man., voted on a by-law to grant \$3,000 as a bonus to a flour mill. The by-law was carried; 103 voted, 99 for and 4 against.

The Ontario winter wheat crop in all parts between Sarnia and Stratford, is estimated by a competent authority to have been reduced to about a third of a crop by unfavorable weather. Many fields are being plowed up and sown with oats, corn and roots.

The executive of the Dominion Millers' association held a meeting at Toronto on May 17 to consider the rules regulating the inspection of Manitoba wheat and the advisability of the millers adopting the same rules as the grain shippers. The meeting decided to petition the Dominion government to appoint sworn weighers at all public elevators, the principal points being Point Edward, Goderich, Owen Sound, Collingwood and Midland. In this connection the following resolution was adopted: "That millers, as far as possible, in purchasing wheat, assist the movement of the grain exporters by insisting on all weights being guaranteed at terminal points."

Insurance Items.

G. F. Johnston, of Toronto, superintendent of the Manufacturers' Life Co., was at the Leland, Winnipeg, this week, on his way to the Pacific coast.

J. E. Roberts, general manager in Canada for the Guarantee and Accident Co., with headquarters at Toronto, was in Winnipeg this week.

W. C. Holland, of the firm of Fred. J. Holland & Co., insurance, Winnipeg, left this week for Vancouver, where he will assume charge of the branch office recently opened at that point.

Rev. W. D. Misner, of Ladner, B. C., has accepted the city agency of the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Co., Winnipeg, and will assume his new duties June 1.

The bill relating to the Canada Life Assurance company which is before the Dominion house of parliament passed the banking and commerce committee with a few minor amendments which practically means that it will become law.

A reward of \$5,000 will be paid by the Standard Bank of Canada for the recovery of the money stolen from the bank at Bowmanville, and such information as will lead to arrest and conviction of the guilty parties; \$2,500 reward will be paid for the recovery of the money, or \$2,500 will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Tenders

Tenders will be received till Tuesday, May 30, for the various trades required in the erection and completion of a brick veneer residence on Donald street, Winnipeg, by C. H. Wheeler.

Tenders will be received up to Thursday, May 18, for the various trades required in the erection and completion of a brick residence on Broadway, Winnipeg. J. H. G. Russell, architect.

Tenders will be received up to Thursday, June 1st, for the erection of a school house for Mount View school district. A. Malcolm, Secy.-Treasurer, Dauphin.

The time for receiving tenders for the softening plant of the Winnipeg Winnipeg Waterworks has been extended to July 31, in order to give tenderers time to visit the city and personally look into the requirements.

Freight Rates.

According to the Montreal Trade Bulletin, ocean freight rates at that city are firm and higher. Following are some of the quotations:

Grain—The freight market is firm at 1s 3d to 1s 6d Liverpool; London at 1s 9d to 2s. Bristol space is 1s 9d to 2s. Glasgow 1s 6d to 1s 9d. Manchester freights 1s 9d to 2s. Grain to Hamburg 2s, now asking 2s 3d. Antwerp space 1s 9d to 2s.

Flour—To London 7s 6d to 10s; to Liverpool 5s to 7s 6d; to Bristol 11s 3d; to Glasgow, 9s to 10s; to Leith, 12s 6d.

Cheese—To London, 20s; to Liverpool 12s 6d; to Bristol, 20s; to Glasgow, 25s; to Leith, 25s; Manchester, 15s.

Butter—5s more than cheese.

Provisions—To London, 15s; to Liverpool, 17s 6d; to Bristol, 17s 6d; to Glasgow, 15s; to Leith, 17s, 6d.

Lumber—To London, 40s; to Liverpool 35s to 37s 6d; to Bristol 42s 6d; to Glasgow, 42s, 6d; to Leith, 50s.

Hay—Compressed and uncompressed—To London, 8s to 15s; to Glasgow, 15s to 20s.

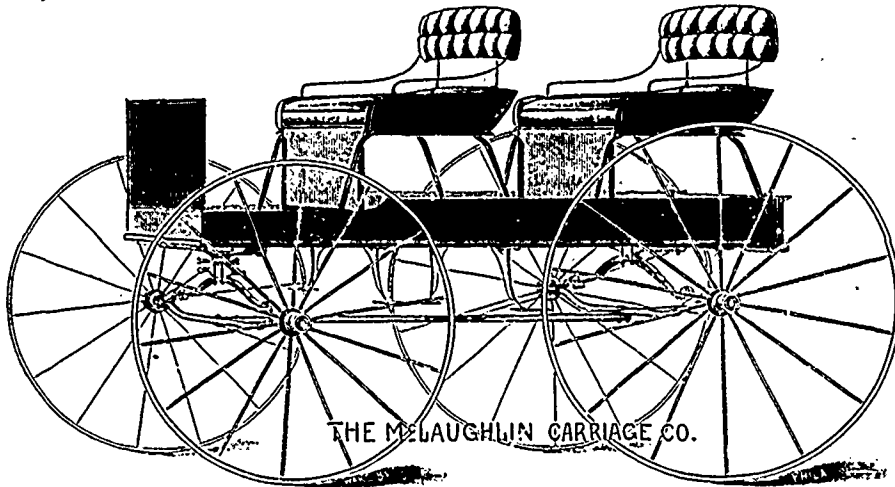
Horses—To London, 60s; to Liverpool, 60s; to Bristol, 65s; to Glasgow, 70s.

Cattle—To London, 30s; to Liverpool, 25s to 30s; to Bristol, 30s; Manchester, 35s.

The commissioners appointed to arrange a treaty with the Indians in the Athabasca Peace River region, northern Canada, are now en route to the scene of their labors. The party will be composed of Commissioner Laird, Winnipeg, Ross, Regina, and McKenna, Ottawa. Chas. Meyers will act as secretary. Major Walker, of Calgary and J. E. Cote, of the department of the interior, Ottawa, will arrange for the scrip of the half-breeds. A mounted police escort will also accompany the party, and Dr. West, one of the police surgeons, and Father Lacombe. It is expected that the party will be gone five months.

It is said that considerable difficulty is being experienced by packet tea dealers in securing stocks with which to mix their various standard brands at prices which will not mean an actual loss on transactions. The increased price of India and Ceylons has not reflected itself in the retail selling prices of the lead packet teas.

The Cincinnati Price Current statistical annual for the year ending March 31, 1899, is out. Complete statistics are given of the American provision, grain, live stock and dressed meats trade, crop statistics, etc.



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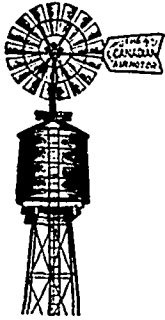
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Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 00
Black or Lawton berries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	2 00
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 50
Cherries, red, pitted, 25, 2 doz.	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 70
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 00
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	5 00
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	6 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 75
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	6 00
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 75
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	3 00
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	2 15
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	7 50
Sardines, domestic 1/8s.	05 08
Sardines, imported, 1/8s.	09 15
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	18 25
Sardines, imp. 1/8s, boneless.	20 33
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/8s.	10 12
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 50
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 75
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 50
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	2 00
Canned Meats	Per case.
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 00
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	3 00
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 00
Lunch Tongue, U.S., 2 doz.	6 75
Ham, 25, 1 doz.	3 00
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	3 75
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	3 50
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 2 doz.	25 25
Potted Ham, 1/8s.	04 10
Devilled Ham, 1/8s.	04 10
Potted Tongue, 1/8s.	04 10
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	05 10
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	06 10
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	06 10
Coffee	Per pound.
Green Rio.	04 10
Inferior grades.	03 09
Cereals	Per sack
Split Peas, sack 95.	2 50
Port Barley, sack 95.	5 00
Pearl Barley, sack 95.	4 00
Roll'd Oatmeal, sack 95.	1 90
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95.	2 30
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95.	2 30
Beans (per bushel).	1 30
Lentils, sack 95.	1 25
Cominut, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack).	0 65
Rice, B.	4 1/2c
Rice, Fatina.	5 1/2c
Rice, Japan.	5 1/2c
Sago.	5c
Tapioca.	5 1/2c
Cigarettes	Per M
Old Judge.	85 90
Athlete.	3 90
Sweet Caporal.	5 70
Sweet Sixteen.	5 70
Derby.	6 60
Cured Fish	
Boneless Hake, per lb.	05 05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00
Codfish, Pure per lb.	07 07 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels.	3 65
Dried Fruits.	
Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls.	05 1/2 5 1/2
Currants, Prov'l Cases.	5 1/2 5 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels.	05 1/2 5 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, bbls.	05 1/2 5 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, cases.	05 1/2 5 1/2
Currants, cleaned, cases.	06 1/2 7
Dates, Cases.	07 1/2 8
Figs, Elme, about 10 lb box.	20 22
Figs, Glove Box, per doz.	36 36
Figs, Cooking, Sax.	09 09 1/2
Figs, boxes.	12 12 1/2
Figs, Tappets.	05 1/2 06
Figs, Portuguese, boxes.	07 08
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases.	05 1/2 08
Sultana Raisins.	13 13 1/2

Dried Fruits

Per pound	Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	1 45
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	1 50
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	1 75
Loose Muscatels, a crown	08 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	08 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 00
Apples, Dried.	07 1/2
Evap Apples, finest quality	10 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	17 18
Peaches, unpeeled	14 15
Pears	12 1/2
Apricots	17 1/2
Pitted Plums	9 9 1/2
Nectarines	14 14 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	6 5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	6 6 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	6 7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11
Matches	Per case
Telegraph	3 45
Telephone	3 25
Tiger	3 10
Nuts	Per pound
Brazils	11 12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	14 15
Peanuts, roasted	11 1/2
Peanuts, green	9 10
Greenole Walnuts	14 15
French Walnuts	14 15
Sicily Filberts	13 14
Shelled Almonds	30 35
Syrup	
Extra Bright, per lb.	30 33 1/2
Medium, per lb.	24 1/2 30
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	7 00
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	34 35
Porto Rico	48 50
Barbadoes	48 50
Sugar	
Extra Standard Gran.	5 1/2c
German Granulated	5c
Extra Ground	7c
Powdered	6 1/2c
Lumps	6 1/2c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c
Maple Sugar	11c 12c
Salt	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2c
Common, fine	1 05
Common, coarse	1 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25
Dairy, 60-5	3 15
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine jute sack	00 45
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins.	75 90
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 22
Allspice, compound	15 18
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	17 20
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	11 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	10 18
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	21 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	28 30
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochin.	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	21 25
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55 80
Mace (per pound)	60 85
Teas	Per pound
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	13 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	16 22
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	Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00 70
Lily, 85, cads.	00 61
Crecent, 85, cads.	00 58
T. & B., Black Chewing, Sorlos	00 64
T. & B., Mahogany Chewing, 85 or 16.	00 44
T. & B., 1-12 pkg, cut	00 35
T. & B., 1-5 pkg, cut	00 35
T. & B., in pouches, 1-4	00 39
T. & B., in 1-5 tins.	00 36
T. & B., in 1/2 tins	00 33
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg	00 31
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 30
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 36
Luckett's Cherub Cigarette	1-12
Brier, 85, cads	00 57
Derby, 35 and 45, cads.	00 65
Derby, 85, cads.	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 65
London, 1-12 pkg	00 58
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21
Lower grades	10 1/2 12 1/2
Wooden Ware	Per doz.
Pails, a hoop clear.	1 60
Pails, wire hoop.	2 00
Pails, Star fibre	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	10 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	9 00
Tubs, No. 2 common	7 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 00
Tubs, nests (3)	1 55
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25
Tubs, fibre, No. 0.	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1.	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2.	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3.	10 50
Tubs, fibre, (3)	1 55
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	48 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80
CURED MEATS AND LARD	
Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend.	\$1 70
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	1 60
Lard, imported, 20 lbs	1 55
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 25
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	5 50
Lard, 50 lb tubs	5 00
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	30 1 35
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs	5 00
Smoked Meats	per lb.
Hams	11
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	11
Spiced rolls	09 01
Shoulders	8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	8
Shoulders	8 1/2
Short Clear	7 1/2
Backs	9
Barrel Pork	Per barrel
Heavy mess	16 00
Short cut	16 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	8
Bologna sausage, lb	8
Pickled pigs feet, kits	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	25 30
FRESH FISH, OYSTERS	
Whitefish, lb.	06
Pickrel, lb.	04
Trout, lb.	09
Pike, lb.	02
Salmon, lb	15
B.C. halibut, lb.	12
Smelts, lb.	08
Cod	08
Haddock	08
Smoked goldeyes, doz	45
Smoked haddies	08
Bloaters, per box	1 50
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50
Oysters, extras	2 25
Oysters, selects, per gal	2 00
Oysters, standards	1 80
Oysters, cans, each	40 50
Shell Oysters, bbls	6 50

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal	5 25
Bleaching Powder, lb	5 57
Bluestone, lb.	09 10
Borax	09 10
Bromide Potash	75 80
Camphor	08 75
Camphor, ounces	75 80
Carbolic Acid	35 60
Castor Oil	13 20
Chlorate Potash	18 20
Citric Acid	50 60
Copperas	03 04
Cocaine, oz	4 00
Cream Tartar, lb	28 33
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
Formalin, lb	40 50
German Quinine	50 55
Glycerine, lb.	20 25
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	15 20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	55 60
Iodine	4 75
Insect Powder	30 35
Morphia, sul.	1 00
Opium	4 75
Oil, olive, Pure	2 10
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 00
Oil, lemon, super	1 60
Oil, peppermint	2 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25
Oxalic Acid	14 16
Potash Iodide	3 75
Paris Green, lb.	20 22
Saltpetre.	08 10
Sal Rochelle	30 35
Shellac	25 34
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 4
Sulphur Roll, keg	3 1/2 4
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75
Sal Soda	2 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40 45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00
Harness, oak	Per pound
Harness, union oak No. 1.	32
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	31
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	31
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	30
Do., No. 1 R	32
Black collar leather	36
American Oak Sole	40
Sole, union oak	26 28
Listowell, sole	26 28
Penetang, sole	27 30
Acton Sole	26 27
B. F. French calf	25 1 30
B. F. French kip	25 1 15
Canada calf	65 80
Canada calf, Niagara	80 1 00
Niagara Brand Kip	65 75
Wax upper	42 46
Grain upper per foot	20
Kangaroo, per foot	30 50
Dolgora, per foot	25 40
Dolgora, bright	30
Bag sheepskins, per doz.	8 00
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	9 00
Pea size	7 00
Canadian anthracite, stove	8 50
Canadian anthracite, nut	7 00
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Crow's Nest bituminous	7 50
U. S. bituminous, as to mine	7 00
Souris Lignite	4 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Blossburg smithing	9 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track	Per cord
Winnipeg.	
Tamarac	4 10
Pine	3 75
Spruce	3 50
Poplar, green cut dry	3 75
Poplar, dead cut	2 50
Oak, green cut dry body	4 50
Oak dead cut	4 25
Minnesota Hard Maple	6 60
Minnesota Oak	5 00

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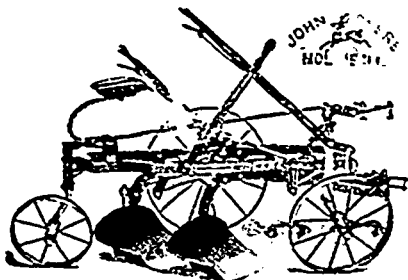
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 20.

The advent of finer weather this week has improved the local business situation considerably. The volume of business in both town and country is larger and is daily becoming more so.

The opening of navigation on the lakes has relieved the situation in the hardware trade and other lines where stocks were becoming exhausted and some very large shipments of heavy goods are now arriving or are on their way. The opening of some of the lakes in northern Manitoba has given the fishing industry a start and an active season's operations may be looked for. The various steamship services on the waters of Northwestern Ontario are also being resumed and there are indications of an active season's trade in those parts in lumbering, mining and fishing. The construction of the Rainy River railway is having a stimulating effect upon business in the mining and lumbering region of Northwestern Ontario. The opening of a bank branch at Fort Francis is a sign of the advancement there.

In wholesale dry goods and clothing circles there are some expressions of disappointment at the small amount of sorting trade, which has so far been done this month, but the slow movement of spring and early summer goods is entirely attributed to the late season. May should have been a busy month with sorting orders. Wholesale grocers and provision dealers are well satisfied with the trade in their lines. There are some complaints of slow collections among wholesale houses.

The carpenters strike in Winnipeg is retarding building operations somewhat, but not so much as it would had the weather been fine. The situation remains very much as outlined a week ago. There is a chance of the strike spreading to other trades, which will, of course, make the situation more acute. The bricklayers, masons and painters threaten a strike, also the teamsters.

The strike of freight handlers at Buffalo is paralyzing the grain trade and preventing the forward movement of Manitoba wheat, which usually begins with the opening of navigation. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the week ending Thursday were considerably below those of the corresponding week last year, but ahead of the clearings of two years ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 20.

(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.)

WOOL AND SHOES

Traders now on the road report business good and the general condition ahead of last year. The city

retail trade has also shown increased activity lately.

DRUGS.

A fair volume of business is doing in this market, both in letter order business and as a result of the efforts of travellers. The trade in strychnine has been rather disappointing this spring. Usually there is a good demand for strychnine in the spring and early summer for gopher killing, but this year the amount taken for this purpose has been comparatively small. Some country druggists who bought stocks in anticipation of the usual spring demand are trying to return what they took to jobbers. It will be too bad if the vigilance regarding gophers is relaxed this year as this falling off in the demand for poison seems to indicate. There is some speculation as to the amount of Paris green which will be required this year for spraying. It may pay country dealers to look up their stocks of this commodity and place their orders early.

DRY GOODS.

The demand for all kinds of seasonable dry goods is improving and prospects for a good active trade in summer goods are bright. Warmer weather is to some extent responsible for this improvement. Prices in most lines, especially cotton goods remain firm although no actual advances have been made lately. The advancing tendency in eastern and old country markets is making prices here firm. Buyers for Winnipeg houses now in England find business there very brisk and prices higher.

FISH.

Whitefish are now in more plentiful supply and pike, pickerel and trout are also in the market. It is said that on Lake Manitoba, where the fish now in the market, with the exception of trout, are all from, is still covered with broken ice on the upper end where the fish beds mostly lie. A south wind would clear this off and permit the fishermen to get at the fish properly. Whitefish are not so plentiful as they would be were this ice away from the shore. Trout is coming in from Port Arthur and is quoted at 9c per pound wholesale. Whitefish is worth 6c per pound, pickerel, 4c, and pike, or jackfish, 3c. Salt water fish are becoming scarce and some lines are about done. For full quotations see market page. A city dealer says there have been no frozen whitefish in the market for a month.

FUEL.

Large stocks of wool are now being carried by city dealers to meet the requirements of their summer trade. We have advanced the prices given in our market list about 25% all around this week which is the usual thing for summer delivery.

GREEN FRUITS.

Stocks of navel oranges are about exhausted and Mediterranean sweets and seedlings are also nearing the end of their season. St. Michaels are the most seasonable oranges in the market to-day. The quality of these is said to be excellent. Prices are firm as given below. Bananas are a little firmer this week at \$2 to \$2.50 per bunch. Those offering are of excellent quality, which cannot be said of some earlier lots. Arrivals of lemons have been free and prices are steady as quoted. Pieplant is now quoted at 2c per pound. Strawberries have become quite low in price dur-

ing the week owing to more liberal receipts at lower prices and to local cutting. As low as \$2.75 per case was taken by wholesale dealers during the week, although the prevailing prices have been \$1 to \$3.50 per case. At the end of the week the price again advanced to \$3.25 to \$4.00 for choice stock. Apples are about out. Quotations for Washington box apples are now \$2.25 per box. Business in the city has been good and considering the backward state of the weather country trade has been good too. Next week will bring the 24th of May, which is looked upon as the first summer holiday and generally means an active demand in fruit and sweetmeats. We quote prices as follows: Navel oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50, seedling \$3.25 to \$3.75, as to quality, per box. Mediterranean sweets, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per case; bloods, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box, bananas per bunch, \$2.00 to \$2.50 as to size and quality. Messina lemons, fancy November cuts, long-keeping stock, \$3.75 per case, and 5 case lots, \$3.50, choice Messinas, \$3.00 per case, and in 5 case lots \$2.75. California lemons, \$3.75, apples, \$6.50 per barrel. Washington box apples, \$2.25 box of 50 pounds, strawberries, per case, twenty-four one quart boxes, \$1.25 to \$4.00, cherries, \$2.75 per box; cranberries, \$4 per barrel; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5.50; coconuts in sacks of 100, \$5. Sicily filberts, large, 12c per lb. Greenable walnuts, 14c; new shelled walnuts, 25c. Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 12c, roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c per lb; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections; strained honey, \$1.2 to 9c per pound; orange marmalade in 7 lb. pails, 60c; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in gallon cans, \$1.20. Apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider, put up in 10, 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$1.90 per box; in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.40 per dozen; dates 7c per pound; native lettuce, radish, water cress, etc., per dozen bunches, 35c. California cabbage, 7c per pound; pieplant per pound, 2c, onions, 3 1/2c per pound.

GROCERIES.

A good steady run of business is being experienced by local wholesale houses. The strength in prices for most staple commodities continues. Sugars remain about as outlined last week. It is doubtful whether there will be any lower prices as a result of the resumption of lake and rail freight rates. Green Rio coffee has strengthened considerably within the last week, although there is no actual change in prices yet. Dried fish are becoming scarce. With the near advance of the hot season wholesalers are a little cautious about buying. Cod is practically out. Maple sugar and syrup are still scarce although some fairly large shipments are expected daily. Shippers in the east are unable to fill a fraction of their orders; \$1.25 per gallon will probably be the price of future lots. Salt has advanced 5c per barrel for common. Makers claim that they have been selling too cheap. A fair trade is doing in tea. Cables still show great strength abroad, although there has been a slightly easier feeling in medium and high grades. Dried apples are reported easier in the east but there is no sign of such feeling here. Local dealers state that they cannot obtain what stock they want for a hand-to-mouth trade.

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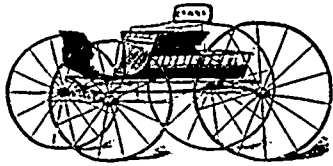
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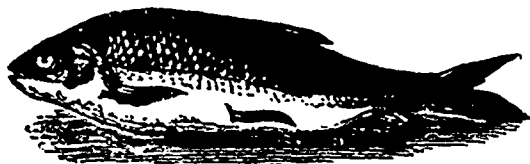
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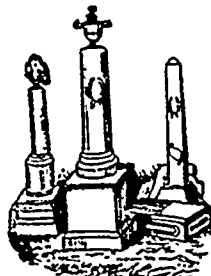
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HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

Heavy shipments of hardware are coming forward, and business is improving daily; Our paints and oils list now reflects the reduction reported last week by 10c per bushel on turpentine and 2c has been taken off. Turpentine stocks have been replenished this week. For prices see market page.

CURED MEATS.

An advance of about 1-2c has been made in the price of cured meats by local packers. This brings quotations into line with the actual value and with prices elsewhere.

IMPLEMENTS.

The vehicle trade is picking up a little and will, no doubt, become more active as the roads improve. Heavy plows for breaking are also in demand.

LUMBER.

For the time being quietness reigns in the lumber trade. Stocks of lumber at country points are quite large which curtails the demand from that quarter, and the carpenters' strike is interfering with business in the city. A desultory retail trade is doing in town, but no large lots of lumber are being called for.

SCRAP MARKET.

There is a good demand for all kinds of old materials, especially iron. Rubber is not so firm owing to the unexpectedly large receipts. We quote prices f. o. b. Winnipeg as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton; No. 2, do., \$1 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$1 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$1 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire 1c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1-2c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 5/8c to 6/8c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber, boots and shoes free from arctics and rivets, 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets this week have moved altogether in the direction encouraging to the bulls. They closed last week flat, and hesitating as to whether or not they should assume a lower level, but apparently on second thoughts as it were, the contrary direction was decided on, and since Saturday last, the speculative markets in the States have gradually advanced, until at the close of yesterday's market they stood at 4c per bushel advance on the week. Continued impairment reported in the standing of the winter wheat crop in the States, seems to be at the bottom of the upward movement. Last week it almost seemed as if a favorable future for the crop had fairly set in, and as a consequence there was a good deal of short selling in speculative markets, which carried the prices down, but crop reports this week have gradually grown more persistent in alleging damage to winter wheat by bugs and fly, more particularly in localities which had been relied on to make good the deficiency admitted by winter killing in other parts. The Modern Miller, which has previously been fairly optimistic in its weekly reports, this week admits of a poor outlook in many districts, and Mr. Snow, the statistician, has dropped his estimate of the probable winter wheat yield to 275,000,000 bushels. It would seem that in spite of very favorable growing weather, the winter wheat

in the States is in many districts not progressing according to expectations, so that should these reports and estimates be confirmed later, it will be reasonable to expect a further lowering of the general condition, and prospect as to final yield. There are also rumors of drought in some parts of Russia and Roumania, and backward weather in other parts of Europe, the effect of which is to add to the uncertainty of the course of the wheat markets. On the other hand there has been large world's shipments to Europe during the last few weeks, showing no lack of wheat available for the consumers of the surplus of exporting countries, besides which it is generally understood that European farmers are still holding back a good deal of last year's abundant yield, and so European buyers continue to deal cautiously, and only for the supply of immediate requirements. Thus the trade in actual wheat drags on without particular activity, and is likely to do so until the prospect of probable shortage in the future supply may be more definitely determined. While there is much of discouragement in the prospect for the States winter wheat crop the prospect for the spring wheat crop of the northwestern states and provinces seem very favorable. The acreage is believed to be fully up to last year's, if not increased. The crop has been somewhat later in being seeded than on the average, but the land is well saturated with moisture, and with a favorable summer and harvest may result in an excellent yield. Last week the American visible supply decreased 1,338,000 bus., and the world's visible increased 876,000 bus., against a decrease of 893,000 bus. for same week last year. The world's shipments last week were 8,900,000 bus. the quantity on passage increasing about 2,500,000 bus. Argentine shipments this week are 2,024,000 bus. The strike of grain handlers, etc., at Buffalo still continues, and is a factor tending to hold down prices of grain in the west.

In the local market there has been more animation in sympathy with markets in the States, but the volume of business is greatly restricted. Export values are below a parity of prices here and shippers are not in the market to buy round lots at the top prices freely paid for carlots or small parcels. The Buffalo strike is disturbing shipping facilities from Fort William as well as Duluth, and contributes to deter business. With the upward course of markets there is considerable inquiry coming from country holders, who are getting ready to dispose of their holdings on a very little further advance, and if the market situation would allow large buyers and shippers to engage freely in the trade, business in the local market would be active. Last week's close saw 1 hard spot Fort William steady at 71c. On Monday the feeling was dull here, but Chicago was slightly firmer, and price of 1 hard remained at 71c. On Tuesday with increase in strength outside, sellers asked 72c and buyers bid 71 1-2c. On Wednesday there were sales at 72 1-2c, sellers asking 72 3-4c. On Thursday outside markets were very strong and advanced about 2c, and 1 hard, Fort William, after selling at 72 1-2c in the forenoon, sold in afternoon at 73 3-4 to 74c. Yesterday the previous day's price held fairly steady, and 1 hard sold at 73 3-4 to 74c in store Fort William in small lots. 2 hard and 1 northern sell at 3c less

than 1 hard, and 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring sell at 6 1-2c less than 1 hard. Tough wheat is not now wanted, but one or two odd cars have sold at 60c for tough 2 hard in store Fort William. Dried 2 hard was sold yesterday at 60c, and dried 2 northern at 65c in store Fort William, but the demand at these figures is very meagre.

FLOUR—Business is rather quiet and prices remain as follows: Ogilvie-Hungarian patent, \$1.80; Glenora, \$1.60; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.30. Lake of the Woods—Patent, \$1.80; strong bakers, \$1.60; second bakers, \$1.25; XXXX, \$1 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to dealers.

MILLFEED—Bran and shorts continue in fair supply. There is a good demand for shorts. We quote prices as follows: Bran \$10; shorts \$12, with \$1 off large orders.

GROUND FEED—Best corn feed this week is worth \$20 per ton, inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$21 for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$18 to \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Oillcake, \$21 per ton, and very scarce.

MEAL—Rolled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.85 in 80 pound sacks to the retail trade. Granulated and standard, \$2.55. Some United States meal has arrived and more is expected next week. This has been quoted at \$1.65 for car lots on track. This is 5c lower than our quotation on the last lot sold here.

OATS—The demand for oats for seed is now about over, and street oats are not offering any more, and offerings of all kinds are very light. Prices are about 2c higher as follows: No. 1 white, 40c; No. 2 white, 38c; No. 2 mixed, 37 to 38c; on track Winnipeg.

CORN—There has been a better demand for corn owing to the higher price of oats. About 41 to 42c represents the value here.

BARLEY—For malting barley 37c is being bid, and for seed 35 to 36c on track here.

FLAX—None offering.

WHEAT—There has been a slight improvement in the market at country points, and farmers are beginning to make deliveries which indicates that seeding must be well advanced. Next week will likely see considerable movement. From 52 to 55c is being paid for wheat at country points.

HAY—Fresh baled hay on track, Winnipeg, is worth \$8 to \$8.50 per ton. Loose hay on the street is worth \$8 to \$9 per ton.

BUTTER, creamery—Fresh made creamery butter is beginning to appear in the market, but is not all plentiful yet. There is a good demand for all offerings. At the factories 17c is being paid for choicest butter. In the city dealers selling price for this grade is 19 to 20c.

BUTTER, dairy—Fresh made dairy butter of the best quality will bring 12 to 13c, which is about 2c under the figures of a week ago. Choicest parchment covered bricks are worth 13 to 15c. Choice separator bricks are in good demand at 16c. These are prices which dealers will pay for those grades. Medium and low grades are not saleable as stocks of such butter are already too large.

CHEESE—Fresh made cheese is not yet quotable. Old stock is selling at 9 1-2c to 10c per pound.

EGGS—Coming in pretty freely. Dealers are now quoting 10 1-2c per dozen for strictly fresh eggs.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes continue scarce, some are expected in from the south next week. We quote prices as follows: Potatoes, choice white 85c per bushel; red 80c for small lots. Car lots have been handled at 60 to 65 per bushel, turnips 30 per bushel, parsnips 1 1-2c per pound, beets 50c per bushel; onions 3 1-2c per pound; rhubarb, 1 to 2c per lb; radish, 25c; parsley and lettuce, 25c per dozen bunches; green onions 15c per dozen bunches.

SENECA ROOT—No new root has yet been offered. We quote 17c per pound for clean, dry root.

HIDES—The hide market is quiet and without change. Prices remain as follows: Inspected hides No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3: kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf, 8c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each, sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c, as to length of wool; horsehides, 50 to 75c each. Shearings, 10c each.

POULTRY—Live chickens are worth 75 to 80c pair; dressed chickens, 15c, turkeys, best Smith's Falls, 16c, Manitoba, none offering.

DRESSED MEATS—There is no change to record this week. A good, brisk trade is doing, fully up to the average of other years, some dealers say above it, and prices are firm as follows. Beef, extra choice, 7 1-2c per pound, good to choice, 6 1-2c to 7c; fresh killed mutton, 9 to 10c; veal, scarce at 7 to 8c; pork, 6 to 6 1-2c per pound, the top price for city dressed; spring lamb, \$1.00 to \$5.00 each, as to size and quality.

WOOL—In the absence of business the local wool market remains unchanged. Reports from London show that the wool sales there have developed very active buying and prices for some kinds have advanced materially. At Montreal according to late advices an unexpected advance has been made in prices for imported wool. Greasy Cape was selling at the date of our advice at 17 and 20c. On a basis of Toronto prices for Canadian long wools of similar quality to Manitoba wool we quote 7c per pound here. For choice lots of fine wool 7 1-2c would be paid, but this is an outside figure. Prices of long wools, such as are produced in Canada, are very low, and the outlook points to very low prices for the near clip.

TALLOW—No. 1 tallow is worth 3 1-2c per pound; No. 2, 2 1-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There is no export business being done in cattle yet. The local quotations are too high to admit of any business being done. Choice beef cattle are in good demand for home requirements and extra choice steers will bring as high as 5c in a limited way for select city trade. For common to choice beef cattle the ruling quotation is still, however, 4 to 4 1-2c. Yearling stockers are worth \$12 to \$16 per head, and two year olds \$18 to \$22. Some stockers are still moving, mostly to the western ranges.

HOGS—Receipts of live hogs are becoming larger and dealers confidently state that there are plenty of hogs in the country for all local requirements. Shipments are being made regularly to British Columbia. We quote 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c as the ruling price here this week.

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SHEEP—Manitoba fed stock is coming in freely enough to supply the local demands as some stocks of frozen mutton are still held. Quoted at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per pound.

MILCH COWS—From \$39 to \$40 is the ruling price for good dairy cows.

HORSES—A good work horse is worth in the city to-day from \$100 to \$175, and a heavy draft horse from \$125 upwards. Southern horses are coming in freely. Western horses will be in the market about the end of May.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There were 3,574,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on May 13, compared with 3,412,000 bushels one week previously. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 802,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,250,000 bushels; three years ago, 3,612,000 bushels; four years ago, 589,000 bushels; five years ago, 1,543,000, and six years ago, 3,353,000.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 9,300,000 bushels, compared with about 2,750,000 bushels a year ago, 6,328,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels four years ago.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns of last week reported 173 cars of wheat inspected — compared with 209 cars the previous week — which graded as follows: 1 hard, 68 cars, 2 hard, 8, 3 hard, 1, 1 northern 28, 2 northern, 11; 3 northern, 5; 1 spring, 1; rejected, 5; no grade, 51 cars.

Movements of Business Men

D. Sprague, Winnipeg, returned from the east on Monday.

Jas. Tees, of Tees & Pense, has returned from a trip east and south.

A. B. Clark, of Clark Bros. & Co., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, went east this week on a business trip.

Laney Hibbard, of Montreal, a former resident of Winnipeg, was in Winnipeg this week on his way to Dawson City.

F. L. Patton, manager of the Dominion bank, Winnipeg, returned this week from Ottawa, where he went as one of the delegation from the bankers' association on the Douglas elevator bill.

D. R. Dugwall, wholesale jeweller, Winnipeg, has arrived home from a purchasing trip through the leading American manufacturing centres.

The Commercial Men.

C. R. Dixon, western representative of Lucas, Steele & Bristol, Hamilton, is making Calgary his headquarters. Letters sent care Alberta hotel will catch him.

W. E. Davidson, better known to his more intimate friends as Billie, who has represented Nerlich & Co., of Toronto, on the road here, sailed on Saturday for Scotland to visit the old friends of his native land. He expects to be back and on the road with holiday samples by the 1st of July.

The following commercial men registered at the Leland House, Winnipeg, this week: Alex. Jardine, Toronto; Alex. Munro, Hamilton; R. McLeenan, Montreal; A. R. McDonald, Toronto; Jas. Stevenson, Toronto; Geo. Aftel, Montreal; Wm. Grose, Montreal; W. P. Ryan, Toronto; C. S. McGhie, St. Catharines, Ont.; A. W. Lasher, Toronto; W. E. Woufel, Berlin, Ont.; W. R. Roseborough, Toronto; P. Ross, Hamilton; A. H. Campbell, Montreal; A. F. Houston, Montreal; C. S. Landau, Toronto; Wm. Richardson, Winnipeg; T. M. Clark, Chicago.

Stocks of Valencia raisins in first hands have become so small that Liverpool merchants have actually been offering to buy back lots which are now held in Canada and which originally came from that market.

Prices, it is said, have been made on three-pound extra "Golden Gate" California canned fruits as follows: Apricots, \$2.40; pears, \$2.60; white cherries, \$3; plums, \$2.10; and lemon cling peaches, \$2.85. General opening prices on California fruits have not yet been made, only one or two packers having announced quotations on their new pack, but most of the agents expect to be in a position soon to quote prices.

Notwithstanding the frequent warnings it is said some farmers have sown damp grain for seed, which is likely to show very poor germinating quality. It is not likely that very many farmers have taken such a foolish course, though a number of instances have been reported to The Commercial where damp grain had been used for seed. City dealers who had brought in choice oats for seed, expecting a large sale for such on account of the damp condition of much of the grain held by farmers, are disappointed with the result, and they say farmers are sowing damp seed.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, May 20.

ANTIMONY—11 to 11-1-2c per lb. for Cookson's.
BARBED WIRE—f.o.b. Toronto, \$3 per 100 lbs. Terms 2 per cent off 10 days.
BAR IRON—\$1.70 from stock and \$1.65 from factory.
BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge at \$2.85.
BOLTS—Common carriage bolts, 5-16 inch, 60 per cent, do 3-8 and larger, 55 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 60 per cent; coach screws, 75 per cent; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 75 per cent; stove bolts, 60 and 10 per cent. Nuts, square, all sizes, 1-1-2c, hexagon, 5c, tapping nuts, 70 per cent.
BRASS—Roll and sheet, 14 to 16 gauge, 5 to 7-1-2 per cent to net; sheets, hard rolled 2x4, 24 to 25c per lb; tubing, 25c base.
BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarred lining, 40c, according to quality, tarred roofing felt, \$1.45 per 100 lbs.
CANADA PLATES—All dull at \$2.50 per 100 lbs; half polished \$2.60 and all bright \$3.10 per 100 lbs.
CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.65 to \$2.90; English do, \$2.90 to \$3.10; German do, \$3.10; Belgian do, \$2.70; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.90 to \$1.10; calcined plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.
COIL CHAIN—1-4 in., \$6.90, 5-16 in. \$4.40; 3-8 in. \$4; 7-16 in. \$3.80, 1-2 in. \$2.75; 5-8 in. \$3.55; 3-4 in. \$3.45.
COPPER—Ingots copper 19 to 19 1-2c per lb; sheet copper 23 to 23 1-2c; bracer's 23 to 25c, according to weight; finished 34c.
CUT NAILS—\$2.05 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London, with 5c per keg rebate.
FENCE WIRE—Discount 25 per cent factory.
FINE STEEL WIRE—Discount 25 per cent f.o.b. factory point. We quote for 100 lb. lots—No. 17, \$6; No. 18, \$6.50; No. 19, \$6; No. 20, \$6.55; No. 21, \$7; No. 22, \$7.30; No. 23, \$7.65; No. 24, \$8; No. 25, \$8; No. 26, \$9.50; No. 27, \$10; No. 28, \$11; No. 29, \$12; No. 30, \$13; No. 31, \$14; No. 32, \$15; No. 33, \$16; No. 34, \$17. Extras net. Tinned wire—Nos. 17-25, \$2; Nos. 26-31, \$4; Nos. 32-34, \$6. Coppered, 75c; oiling, 10c; in 25 lb. bundles, 15c; in 5 and 10 lb. bundles, 25c; in 1 lb. hanks, 50c; in 1-2 lb. hanks, 75c; in 1-4 lb. hanks, \$1; packed in casks or cases, 15c; bagging or papering 10c.
GALVANIZED IRON—Queen's Head, 28-gauge, \$4.85 per 100 lbs, American make, 28 gauge, \$4.60 per 100 lbs; Gordon crown, 28 gauge, \$4.60 per 100 lbs.
GLASS—Star, first break in 50-foot boxes, \$2, and in 100 foot boxes, \$3.75; double diamond under 26 united inches in 50 foot boxes \$3.20; in 100 foot boxes, \$6.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.
GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$1.30 per 100 square feet.
HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia counter sunk head, 50 and 20 per cent.
HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, light, medium and heavy \$3.65 f. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton, London and Guelph.
IRON PIPE—1-8 to 1-2 in. \$3.10; 3-4 in. \$3.40; 1 in. \$4.85; 1-1-4 in. \$6.50; 1 1-2 in \$8; 2 in. \$11; 2 1-2 in. to 6 in. discount 60 to 10 per cent. Galvanized pipe—1-4, 3-8 and 1-2 in. \$5.60; 3-4 in. \$6.10, 1 in. \$8.70; 1-1-4 in. \$12; 1 1-2 in. \$14.75; 2 in. \$19.75.
LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste 7 1-2c; discounts, 17 1-2 per cent.
PIG IRON—American \$17.40 and Hamilton f.o.b. care at furnace \$17 for No. 1, \$16.50 for No. 2, and \$16 for No. 3.
PIG LEAD—Imported at \$1-4 to 4 1-2c per lb.
FIG TIN—28 1-2c for Straits and 29 1-2 to 30c for Lamb and flag.
POULTRY NETTING—Discount of 50 and 5 per cent.
RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 60 per cent off the list; do. Norway iron, 55 per cent; black M rivets, steel, 60 per cent; do. Norway iron, 55 per cent; iron burrs, 50 and 5 per cent; copper rivets, 35 per cent; bifurcated, with box \$1.25; coppered iron rivets and burrs, in 5-lb. carton boxes, 80c per lb.
ROPE—Sisal, 7-10 in. and larger, 10

1-2c; 3-8 in, 11c; 1-4 and 5-16 in. 11 1-2c; Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 10 1-2c; 3-8 in. 11c; 1-4 to 5-16 in. 11 1-2c; deep sea line, 13 1-2c for water laid and 14 1-2c for machine made; hemp, 7 to 9c lath yarn, 8-8-4c. Olothesline, 48 feet, 90c; 60 feet, \$1.20; 72 feet, \$1.50; 100 feet, \$2.
SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 82 1-2 and 5 per cent off the list, round head bright, 75 and 5 per cent; flat head brass, 75 and 5 per cent, round head brass, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent, flat head bronze, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent, round head bronze, 62 1-2 and 5 per cent.
SHEET ZINC—8 1-4 to 8 1-2c for cask lots.
SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—The base is \$2.50 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.
SPELTER—7 1-2 to 7 3-4c per lb.
SOLDER—Half and half, 17 1-2 to 17 3-4; refined 17 to 17 1-2c; wiping 15 3-4 to 16c.
SLEIGH SHOE AND TIRE STEEL—\$2.50.
TINNED IRON—50x72, 24 gauge, 6 1-4 to 8 3-4c.
WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$2.55 Toronto and west.
PAINTS AND OILS.
CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 9c per lb. and 10c for single tins.
GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 22c.
LINSEED OIL—Prices delivered at Western Ontario points are: Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 53c; 4 boiled, 1 to 4 barrels, 56c. Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c per gallon less.
LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1 per gallon; No. 1 quality, 90c per gallon.
PARIS WHITE—90c.
PLASTER PARIS—Ordinary, \$1.75 per barrel; New Brunswick, \$2 per barrel.
RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lbs, \$4.90 to \$5; do. in kegs of 100 lbs. \$5.15 to \$5.50; No. 1, in casks of 560 lbs. \$4.75; do. kegs of 100 lbs. \$5.
SEAL OIL—59 to 60c per gallon, and yellow seal at 49 to 50c.
TURPENTINE—Price delivered at Western Ontario points are as follows: 1 to 4 barrels, 60c; in less quantities than barrels, 5c per gallon extra will be added and package charged for. Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c less than the above. Terms, net 30 days.
WHITING—60c per 100 lbs; gilders' whitening, 85c.
WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.12 1-2; No. 1, \$5.75; No. 2, \$5.37 1-2; No. 3, \$5; No. 4, \$4.62 1-2; dry white lead in casks, \$5.22 1-2.
WHITE ZINC—Genuine French, V.M., in casks, \$7 to \$7.25; Lehigh, in casks, \$6.
Toronto Grocery Market.
 Toronto, May 20.
SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto \$4.78; yellows, \$4.18 to \$4.58.
SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 35c to 42c.
MOLASSES—West India, barrels, 32 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium and 35 to 47c for bright.
COFFEE—Rio, green, 7 1-2 to 14c; Mocha, 23 to 28c; Java, 30 to 32c.
TEAS—Japans, low grade, 16 to 20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 45c; Indian, 18 to 50c; Congous, low grades, 10 to 15c; mediums, 22 to 25c; and fines 10 to 55c; Ceylons, 17 to 25c; Formosa oolongs, 25 to 65c.
CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 85c to 90c; peas, 80 to \$1.00; sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; corn, 95c to \$1; beans, 80 to 90c; pumpkins, 70 to 75c; strawberries, 2's \$1.50 to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55 to \$1.65; 3's \$2.50 to \$2.65; apples, 3's, 85c; gals., \$2.20 to \$2.40. Salmon, Cohoes, prime dark pink fish, \$1.15 to \$1.20; sock-eyes, red fish, \$1.35 to \$1.60, lobsters, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.
RICES—Rice bags, 35-8 to 4c; Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Patna, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.
SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c. Cochin, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 to 18c; Amboy-na, 18 to 25c; Penang, 28 to 30c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50 to \$1; cream tartar, pure, 25 to 28c; compound, 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 16c; Penang, 15c; compound, 8 to 12c; pep-

per, pure white, 26 to 28c.
DRIED FRUITS—Kaisius, Valencas, fine off-stalk, 4-7-8 to 5 1-8c; selected, 5 1-2 to 5 3-8c; layers, 6 to 6 1-2c; figs, layers, 10's and 28's, 18 to 20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18 to 19c; provincial currants, 4-1-4 to 4 1-2c; Filistras, 4 3-4 to 5 1-4c; Patras, 6c; Vostizas, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 17 to 20c, pears, 9 to 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c, 90's to 100's, 6 3-4 to 6c. Bosnia prunes, 5 to 6 1-2c; Sultanas, 11 to 13c. Hallowee dates, 6 1-4c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.75 to \$1.90 per box, black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c, black baskets, quarter flats, 75c, and blue baskets, quarter flats, 85c; Dohesia, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.
NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 26 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 45c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 26 to 28c; Grenoble, 12 1-2 to 13c; Sicily filberts, 9 to 10c.
PEEL—Orange, 12 to 13c; lemon, 10 1-2 to 13c, citron, 17 to 20c.
PROVISIONS.
PORK—Canada mess, \$14; short cut, \$15; clear shoulder mess, \$12.50.
DRY SALTED MEATS—Long; clear bacon, car lots 6 3-4c; ton and case lots, 7c; breakfast bacon, 10 1-2 to 11c; hams, large 9 1-2c, medium, 10c; rolls 8c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.
LARD—Tires 6 1-2c, tubs, 6 3-4c; pails, \$7.

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, May 20.

The market is steady this week. Creamery butter is 1c lower and eggs are also 1c lower. No other changes.

BUTTER—Ontario creamery, 22c.
EGGS—Fresh eastern, 18c.
CHEESE—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c.
CURED MEATS—Hams, 11 1-2 to 12c breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1-2c; backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c, smoked sides, 11c; Lard, tins 9 to 9 1-2c per lb., in pails and tubs 9c.

FISH—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c, sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 8c; bloaters 7c; cod 6c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$28 per ton; new California potatoes, 4c lb.; California silver skin onions, 1 1-2c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box.

GREEN FRUIT—California lemons \$3.25 to \$3.75 box; naval oranges, \$3.50 to \$4 box; seedlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75 box; St. Michael oranges, \$3.50; blood oranges, \$3.50 box; cherries, \$2.00 box; strawberries, \$2.50 crate; bananas, \$2.75 bunch.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sacs, \$2.90; 2 45 pound sacs, \$3; 4 22 1-2 pound sacs, \$3.20; 10 7 lb. sacs, \$2.60; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 5's \$3.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.20; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton; wheat, \$25 to \$28.

GROUND FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$24 ton; bran, \$22; oil cake meal \$35 ton; l.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef 9c; mutton 13c; pork 8 to 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; cows \$4 to \$4.50, sheep \$5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, 75c.

EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apricots 10 1-2c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.00 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 18c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 18c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 3-8c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C. 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$3.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c, good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 35c lb.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., May 20.

Eggs are now quite plentiful and the market is 1c lower. Fresh eastern creamery butter is also 1c lower. Some Manitoba creamery bricks are now offering here, at 24c. Small cheese is out of the market. Flour is down 20c per barrel. Oats have advanced \$2 per ton. Potatoes maintain a high price.

Following are jobbers prices here:

Creamery held—20c.

Creamery, fresh eastern—22c.

Manitoba, creamery bricks—24c.

Cheese, large—11.

Eggs—Ontario fresh, 18c.

Oats, per ton—\$30.

Flour, Manitoba patent, per barrel \$4.70.

Potatoes, per ton—\$37.

British Columbia Items.

Ymir has organized a board of trade.

Jas. H. McCracken has opened a hotel at Moyie City.

R. J. Johnston, saloon, Victoria, has sold out to Michael Powers.

Macdonald & Co. are opening in confectionery at Rossland.

D. B. Willard, hotel, Trail, is succeeded by George Jordan.

J. Choiditch & Co., commission, Nanaimo, are moving to Nelson.

R. Stackey, saw mill, Nelson, is succeeded by Brydges, Fisher & Co.

Weeks & McIntyre, plumbers, have commenced business at Vancouver.

W. H. Allen & Co., restaurant, Vancouver, have sold out to I. C. Mills.

B. F. Armstrong, jeweler, has succeeded J. W. Jackson at Vancouver.

Beaty & Co., confectionery, etc., Victoria, have sold out to James Hastie.

The stock of J. S. Morrison, baker, Vancouver, has been seized under judgment.

Gideon, Hicks & Co., pianos, Victoria, have opened a branch at Vancouver.

Turner & Harris, grocers, Rossland, have dissolved; H. L. Turner retiring.

East Kootenay Supply Co., general store, Windermere, is succeeded by Johnston & Santo.

L'on Brewing Co. Ltd., Rossland, are consolidating with the Yuengling Brewing Co., of Trail.

Geo. H. Grant & Co., crockery, New Westminster, have sold their stock to Parnell & Gunn and McKeuzie Bros.

G. B. McDermot has purchased the stock of Manuel and Ruttan at Donald and will remove it to Golden for disposal.

Sketton & Brewster, proprietors of the Russell House, at Golden, have dissolved partnership. The business will hereafter be carried on by J. I. Brewster.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago oats and corn are practically higher, flax seed a shade lower, eggs 1-2c higher, hides 1-4c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$3.55 to \$3.65, second patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25, bran in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$12.75 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No 3 white, 27 1-2c.

Corn—Quoted at 30 3-4c for No. 3 yellow; 30 1-2c for No. 3; 29 to 30 1-4c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.01 per bushel.

Eggs—10 1-2 to 11c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 9 to 11 1-2c; fair to good, 7 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 1-2 to 17 1-2c for choice to extras; seconds 11 to 11 1-2c; dairy 11 to 16c for choice to fancy; seconds, 10 to 11c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-4c for No. 1; 73-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs., 81-4 and 91-4c; sheepskins 25 to 70c each, veal, calf, 9 1-2 to 11c, tallow, 3 to 4c; seneca root, 22c.

Apples—No. 1 stock, \$5.50 to \$6 per barrel, boxes, \$1.75 to \$2.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 8c, lamb, 5 to 10c; veal 6 to 8 1-2c; hogs, light, 4 1-2c; medium, 4 1-2c; heavy, 4 to 4 1-4c.

Poultry—Live chickens, 6 to 10c; turkeys, 8 to 10c; ducks, 5 to 9c; geese, 5c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 30 to 40c; mixed, 25 to 30c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$8.50 to \$9 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$5.50.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, May 15.—Wheat, May opened 68 5-8c, closed 69 3-8c. July opened 70 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 70 1-2c b. Sept. opened 69 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 70c. Corn, May opened 32 3-4c, closed 32 5-8c b. July opened 33 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 33 3-8c b. Sept. opened 34 1-8c, closed 33 7-8c a. Oats, May opened 26c, closed 26c. July opened 23 1-2c, closed 23 3-8c. Sept. opened and closed 20 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$8.35, closed \$8.40. July opened \$8.55, closed \$8.55. Lard, May opened \$5.07, closed \$5.07. July opened \$5.17, closed \$5.22 a. Ribs, May opened \$4.70, a. closed \$4.70. July opened \$4.82, closed \$4.85 a. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.08 S. W. \$1.00. May \$1.08 1-2. July \$1.07 a. Sept. 91 1-2c b.

Chicago, May 16.—Wheat, May opened 69 3-8c, closed 70c. July opened 70 1-2c b, closed 71 1-8c b. Sept. opened 70c, closed 70 7-8c. Corn, May opened 32 5-8c b, closed 32 7-8c b. July opened 33 3-8c b, closed 33 3-4c a. Sept. opened 33 7-8c a, closed 34 1-8c. Oats, May opened 26c, closed 26 5-8c a. July opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 5-8c. Sept. opened 20 7-8c, closed 20 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$8.40, closed \$8.30. Sept. opened \$8.55, closed \$8.47. Lard, July opened \$5.07, closed \$5.07 a. Sept. opened \$5.22 a, closed \$5.20 a. Ribs, July \$4.70, closed \$4.67. Sept. opened \$4.85 a, closed \$4.82 a.

Chicago, May 17.—Wheat, May opened 69 7-8c, closed 70 7-8c. July opened 71 1-4c, closed 71 3-4c b. Sept. opened 70 7-8c, closed 71 5-8c a. Corn, May opened 32 3-4c, closed 32 1-2c b. July opened 33 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 33 1-4c. Sept. opened 34 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 33 3-4c b. Oats, May opened 26 3-4c, closed 26 7-8c. July opened 23 3-4c, closed 23 3-4c. Sept. opened 20 7-8c, closed 20 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$8.27, closed \$8.15. July opened \$8.40, closed \$8.32. Lard, May opened \$5.05, closed \$5.02. July opened \$5.17, closed \$5.15. Ribs, May opened \$4.65, closed \$4.65. July opened \$4.80, closed \$4.77. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.07 1-2. S. W. \$1.06. May \$1.07 a. July \$1.05 a. Sept. 91c b.

Chicago, May 18.—Wheat, May opened 71c, closed 72 3-4c. July opened 71 7-8c, closed 73 7-8c. Sept. opened 71 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 73 5-8c a. Corn, May opened 32 1-2c, closed 33c. July opened 34 1-4c, closed 33 3-4c b. Sept. opened 33 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 34 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 27c, closed 27 1-2c. July opened 23 3-4c, closed 24c. Sept. opened 20 3-4c, closed 21 1-8c. Pork, May opened \$8.15 b, closed \$8.15 b. July opened \$8.30, closed \$8.32 a. Lard, May opened \$5.02, closed 5.07. July opened \$5.15, closed \$5.20 a. Ribs, May opened \$4.65, closed \$4.67. July opened \$4.77, closed \$4.80. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.05 1-2. S. W. \$1.04. May \$1.05. July \$1.03. Sept. 90c.

Chicago, May 19.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-4c, closed 72 5-8c. July opened 74 to 74 3-4c, closed 73 3-4c b. Sept. opened 73 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 73 3-4c. Corn, May opened 32 3-4c, closed 32 1-2c. July opened 33 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 33 1-8c b. Sept. opened 34 1-8c, closed 33 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 27 1-2c, closed 27 1-8c b. July opened 24 1-8 to 2-4c, closed 23 3-4c. Sept. opened 21 1-8c, closed 21c. Pork, July opened \$8.20, closed \$8.20. Sept. opened \$8.37, closed \$8.40. Lard, July opened \$5.10, closed \$5.15. Sept. opened \$5.25, closed \$5.27. Ribs, July opened \$4.70, closed \$4.72. Sept. opened \$4.82, closed \$4.85. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.05. S. W. \$1.03. May \$1.03 1-2. July \$1.02. Sept. 91 1-2c b.

Chicago, May 20.—Wheat opened at 73 1-2c for July and ranged from 73 3-8 to 73 7-8c. Closing prices were: Wheat—May, 72 3-4; July, 73 1-2c; Sept., 73 1-2c. Corn—May, 32 5-8c; July, 33 2-3c. Oats—May, 27c; July, 23 3-4c. Pork—July, \$8.20; Sept., \$8.35. Lard—July, \$5.12 1-2; Sept., \$5.25.

Ribs—July, \$4.70, Sept., \$4.82 1-2. A week ago July option closed at 70c; a year ago July wheat closed at \$1.11 1-2; two years ago at 72c; three years ago at 61c; four years ago at 70 1-2c, and five years ago at 55 3-8c.

New York Wheat

New York, May 15.—Wheat, May opened 77 3-4c b, closed 77 3-4c b. July opened 74 7-8c, closed 75 5-8c. Sept. opened 73 3-4c, closed 74 1-4c.

New York, May 16.—Wheat — Receipts, 158,175 bushels; exports, 225,852 bushels. Options opened easy under disappointing cables, but soon recovered, and with one exception at mid-day ruled strong all day. Shorts found "bug" reports too abundant to disregard, and in the face of the cables, light export trade and small clearances were compelled to cover vigorously. The late afternoon market was especially strong, closing 5-2c to 1c net higher.

New York, May 17.—Wheat, receipts, 83,250 bushels; sales, 1,865,000 bushels. Options opened firm on English cable advances and later developed positive strength on bullish crop news. In addition to further reports of cinch bulls, the Modern Miller was quoted as estimating this year's wheat crop 100,000,000 bushels less than last season's. Shorts covered freely and the market closed strong at 5-8 to 7-8 net advance.

New York, May 18.—Wheat, receipts, 56,425 bushels; exports, 7,955 bushels. Options opened very steady on favorable cables and bullish crop reports, with prices unchanged to 1-8c higher and rapidly advanced 1 7-8c on broadening speculation, covering and foreign buying. Crop accounts in the afternoon were very bad and closing cables very strong. A rumor that the strike at Buffalo had been settled caused temporary liquidation but the market again rallied and closed firm at a not advance of 1 1-2c to 1 3-4c not advance.

New York, May 19.—Wheat, May opened 81 5-8c, closed 81 3-8c. July opened 78 7-8c, closed 78 3-8c. Sept. opened 77 3-4c, closed 78 1-8c.

New York, May 20.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: May, 81 3-8c; July, 78 3-4c; Sept., 77 5-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, May 20.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.05 for cash and July \$1.02, which is a drop of 2c on the week, and a drop of 1-4c in three weeks.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 71c, July 71 5-8c.
Tuesday—May 71 5-8c; July 72 1-8c.
Wednesday—May 72 1-2c, July 73c.
Thursday—May 73 7-8; July 74 1-2c.
Friday—May 73 3-4c, July 74 1-4c.
Saturday—May, 73 1-4c; July 73 3-4c. Sept. 72 1-2c.
Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 76 3-4c and cash No. 1 northern at 73 3-4c.

A week ago July wheat closed at 71 1-2c. A year ago July wheat closed at \$1.54 1-2, two years ago at 67 1-4c and three years ago at 62 1-2c.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Belleville, Ont., May 16. — Twenty factories offered 1,110 white and 30 colored cheese. Sales, 330 boxes at 9 1-4c and 365 at 9 3-16c. Ingersoll, May 16.—Offerings to-day, 670 boxes, second week, May make; no sales.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed to-day quiet and about 1-4c lower at 73 1-2 to 73 3-4c for No. 1 hard, Fort William.

MINNAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, May 20.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70 7-8c for May, and 71 3-4c for July; cash, No. 1 northern, 71 3-4c; cash, No. 2 northern, 70 3-4c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, May 19.—Wheat, spot firm; No. 2 red western winter 5s 11 1-2d; No. 1 red northern Duluth 6s 3 1-2d. Liverpool, May 20.—Holiday; no market.

Western Business Items.

W. A. Myers is starting a paper at Shoal Lake.

L. J. Corbett has opened business at Dauphin, Man., in dry goods, etc.

C. Williams and F. McRae, will open in the general store business at Gladstone.

M. McKittrick, hotel, Winnipeg, has sold out to W. H. Hatch and A. W. Riedle.

W. M. Boyd, drugs, Carberry, Man., has sold out to A. E. Pert, of Ex-bridge, Ont.

Palmer & Brown, printers, Winnipeg have dissolved. Brown will continue the business.

McAra, Barns & Co., general store, Craven, Assa., creditors claims called for by June 10th.

Hurt & McKay, millers, Boissevain, Man., have dissolved. J. S. McKay continues the business.

The Winnipeg Trunk and Box Co. has taken over the business of W. Jordan, box manufacturer, Winnipeg.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the public parks board, Winnipeg, for the construction of a fence around Dufferin park, will be received up to Tuesday, May 23.

The sale of Sunlight soap here has increased 500 to 600 per cent within a few weeks.

Strike Spreading.

In accordance with their resolution of Thursday night to strike in sympathy with the carpenters, the Winnipeg bricklayers, teamsters, stone-masons and stonecutters are going on strike to-day.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Kind words never die—except when killed by ingratitude.

The good die young and the other kind when they can't help it.

Superstition never keeps people from accepting thirteen for a dozen.

A man who lives on hope will spend his old age at somebody's else expense.

Women weep audibly when they are angry; silent tears mark the deepest grief.

The difference between repartee and impudence is in the size of the speaker.

Sweeping charges are made under the head of appropriations for street-cleaning.

Some folks are kept in the dark in order to prevent them from bringing things to light.

The man who knows but one thing feels capable of giving advice on all subjects.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, May 20.
Dry goods—Good sorting business. Dress linens will be very popular for hot weather. Sales of lace curtains are now enormous. Ribbons are in brisk demand, particularly narrow. Paris mill, the largest in Canada, today advanced knitted goods 15 to 17 1-2 per cent.

Hardware—Trade is less active. Barb wire makers, owing to scarcity of raw material, find difficulty in filling orders. American galvanized iron is 10c dearer. Green wire cloth is 10c dearer at \$1.30 per 100 feet. Coil chain is firmer. The discount on boot nails has been reduced from 40 to 33 per cent, the discount on galvanized roofing nails from 25 to 15 per cent, and the discount on copper nails from 45 to 40 and 5 per cent. Escutcheon pins are quoted now at 55 instead of 60 per cent off list, coopers and poultry netting staples 10 instead of 15 per cent, off list. White lead is 12 1-2 cents per 100 pounds dearer. Black iron sheets are dearer.

Groceries—Less active. Corn firmer at \$1.60. Tomatoes are steady at 80c, at which price a large lot sold for the west this week—in all three thousand tomatoes and corn. Sales of tomatoes for future delivery were made at 65c this week at factory. Raisins are in better demand, but the stock is about exhausted. Silver Gloss laundry starch was reduced 1-4c yesterday. Culinary starch, No. 1, is also 1-4c lower; No. 2, 3-4c lower. Dried apples are easier.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 16.
Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day were 85 carloads of all kinds, including 1,600 hogs and 125 sheep and lambs.

Export cattle were firm. Stockers were also firm, but butchers were rather easier.

Export cattle—Heavy exporters were in moderate supply and quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.85 per 100 lbs. Light exporters steady at \$1 to \$1.50.

Butchers cattle—Some extra choice sold at \$1.40 to \$1.50; medium and common were in very heavy supply and ranged at \$3.25 to \$4.25, and down to \$2 for inferior, some of the latter being left over.

Stockers and feeders—There was a good inquiry for stockers for Buffalo. Choice stockers were quoted at \$4 to \$4.25. There was an active demand for good feeders at \$4.50 to \$4.65 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Offerings light, demand good. Export and butchers sheep sold at 1-4c higher at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt for full woolled, and clipped sheep at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Hogs—Prices for choice and light fat hogs were 1-8c higher at \$4.75 per cwt for the former, and the latter at \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. Thick fats, were steady at \$4.25, and sows \$3; stags \$2 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 19.
At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 50 carloads, including 1,500 hogs.

Export cattle were in good demand and firm at \$4.85 to \$5.00. Yearling sheep advanced 10c over Tuesday's prices. Hogs were in good demand and firm at Tuesday's prices. Other prices same as on Tuesday.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 20.
Wheat is in better demand and firmer. Offerings are light. Ontario winter wheat is 1 1/2 to 2c dearer. Exporters have paid 32c for oats at country points. Eggs are in good demand for pickling and firmer. Cheese is 1-2c lower. No grass dairy butter is yet offering. Creamery butter is firmer on a good demand from the west. Potatoes are lower, cars here being quoted at 75c, and potatoes in store at 85c. Hog products are firmer and are expected to advance. Prices are now as follows:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4. Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80 Ontario straight roller, \$3.10 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freight rates.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 69 to 70c for cars at country points; No. 1 78 to 79c, Lake Huron ports, 83 to 84c; grinding in transit.

Oats—White 32c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 41c at country points for car lots.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton. Bran \$12 to \$13.50 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.80 in bags per barrel, and \$3.90 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 11 to 11 1-2c. Butter—Dairy tubs, fresh, 11 to 12c. Creamery, tubs, 16 to 17c.

Cheese—New, 9 1/4 to 9 1/2c.

Hides—Green, 8 1/4c for No. 1, 7 1/4c for No. 2, and 6 1/4c for No. 3. Cured hides and choice steers, 8 3/4c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 4 1/2c.

Potatoes—Car lots, Toronto 75c per bush 1, out of store 85c per bushel.

Wool—Washed fleece, 13 to 14c; unwashed, 8 to 8 1/2c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5.35 to \$5.60 per 100 pounds.

Dried apples—4 1/2 to 5c for round lots, evaporated, 9 to 9 1/2c.

Maple syrup—90c to \$1 per gallon in tins, imperial measure.

Honey—5 1/2 to 6 1/2c in bulk; tins, 6 to 7 1/2c, sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 12 to 13c; chickens, 40 to 70c a pair.

Sticks—Red clover, \$5 to 6 per 100 lbs., alsike, \$4.50 to \$6, timothy, \$2.25 to 2.75.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 20.

Oats fairly active at 1-2 to 3-4c less than a week ago. Flour quiet and steady. Feed easy and unchanged. Eggs firm at 1-4c advance. Butter is unchanged. Cheese is weaker at 1-4 to 1-2c lower. Potatoes steady. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 36 to 36 1-2c afloat.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.80, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.10.

Bran, \$16 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 8 1/2c; No. 2, 7 1/2c; No. 3, 6 1/2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins and clips, 10c, tallow, 3 1/4 to 3 3/4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 11 to 11 1/4c per dozen.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, tubs, 16 to 16 1-2c.

Cheese—Old, 10 1-2c; new, 9 1/4 to 9 5/8c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 70c on track.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 16.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 300 cattle, 125 sheep and lambs. There were 500 hogs at the Point St. Charles market.

The demand was rather slow, and some lots were left over. Prices were fairly steady. Choice cattle sold at 4 3/4 to 5c; good at 4 to 4 1/2c; fair at 3 1/2 to 4c, and common at 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c per pound, live weight. Mixed lots of sheep and lambs sold at 1c per pound, and one lot of 125 head averaging 125 pounds each at \$5 per head. Hogs were taken by packers at \$1.75 to \$1.80 per 100 pounds.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 19.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 300 head. Best cattle realized 4 to 5c; medium, 3 1/2 to 4c; common, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c. Sheep sold at 1c per pound, spring lambs at \$3 to \$5 each. Hogs sold at 4 1/2c per pound.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 20.

Groceries steady and fairly active at following prices:

Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.65 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$4.60 to \$4.40; molasses, \$1 to 32c; syrups, 1 3/4 to 2 1/4c, as to quality. Valencia raisins, 4 3/4 to 5 1/2c; Valencia layers, 6 1/2c; currants, 5 1/8 to 6 1/2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; standard B, 3 3/4 to 4c; canned corn, 90 to 95c; peas, 75 to 80c; tomatoes, 82 1/2 to 85c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 20.

Hardware paints and oils are all active and firm. White and red leads have advanced 12 1/2c per 100 lbs., and quotations for these now are: White lead, best brands, government standard, \$6; No. 1, \$5.67 1/2; No. 2, \$5.25, and No. 3, \$4.87 1/2 per 100 lbs. Red lead, in casks, \$4.87 1/2; in kegs, \$4.37 1/2 per 100 lbs. All other lines remain unchanged.

BLUESTONE COMES HIGH.

Toronto, May 20.—Blue vitrol is costing 6 1-2c for car lots here, which indicates the high price now ruling for this commodity.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 19.—Cattle, 1-4 to 1-2c lower at 10 3/4 to 11 1-2c per pound. Sheep unchanged at 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 19.—Cheese quoted at 5 1/8 6d for white and 4 9/8 6d for colored; an advance of 6d on white and a decline of 6d on colored for the week.

SUGAR.

London, May 19.—Beet quoted at 11s 1 1/2d for May and 11s 2 1/2d for June; an advance of 2 1/2d on May and of 3 1/2d on June on the week.