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# Tariff Memorial

Laid Before the Dominion Government by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

To the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, K. C., and his colleagues in the Dominion Cabinet.

In pursuance of the interview granted on the 10th inst. to a special committee appointed by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. When they had the honor to confer with you regarding the general revision of the Canadian tariff, we beg to place before you a brief review of the situation from the standpoint of our association.

Permit us to preface these remarks with a word regarding our organization and its attitude towards the question at issue.

### The Association.

With a membership of 1,218, representing many factories, with an invested capital of more than \$40,000,000, and employing many thousands of men, we are distinguished by laying before you the interests of a manufacturing industry of Canada, which has become so important a part of our Dominion. In presenting these, we have in view one object—namely, the advancement and welfare of our country, by the arrangement of a fiscal policy which would prove beneficial alike to the Canadian manufacturer, farmer and workman, and to the general welfare of the whole Dominion.

### Absolutely Non-Political.

We are a national, non-political, business organization. Your government has had opportunity for the past year for observing the important work which has been carried on through our offices, and we deem it very important trade question of the day, and how the thought and experience of our members have been brought to bear upon these important questions in the earnest desire that we may assist the governing bodies of our Dominion towards keeping pace with the needs of our country.

At some time past we have argued that in the interests of Canada, her tariff revision should be removed entirely from politics, and be viewed as a national business problem. As time passes, and the statistics multiply, we are more than ever convinced that in this we are correct; we believe it to be the policy of the government of the day, irrespective of any party watchword or traditional remedy, to adopt that policy which will best defend the interests of our citizens, and not only secure for Canada the development of her vast resources, but preserve and foster within our borders those great industries which provide industrial opportunities for her people.

In recommending an immediate and radical revision of the tariff in our sole purpose, and we believe we need no other.

### General Revision Necessary.

Six years since the last time a general revision was made. During that time Canada and her resources have been known, and the rapid development of a young country such as ours, demands a periodic revision of the tariff to meet the changes in our industrial conditions, which are becoming more marked with the welfare of commerce. And further, while we appreciate the importance of tariff stability, we are certain we should adopt that policy which would best defend the interests of our employees, and our desire for the general welfare of our country would forbid any recommendations on our part which might prove detrimental to the welfare of commerce.

### United States Domination.

Our most natural market, geographically, is the United States. It is meeting us in every branch of industry and at every opportunity, with a closed door. Our products are sold where we might expect to produce for their winning markets, which, purchased from us last year only \$3,000,000,

worth, while our scattered and less preferred population of 1-15 their number patronized the farmers to the extent of \$25,000,000. Nor does the difference in our tariffs affect us in this respect alone. The advantage in tariff in many items is so low and the competition so keen, and the undervaluation of our United States competitors are so successful that they are able to supply a large portion of the goods which we consume, and which, in order to benefit all classes of Canadians, should be manufactured in our own factories. In other cases where the Canadian tariff would appear to be reasonably adequate, they can use us to their advantage, and to our own destruction by making our markets the dumping ground for their surplus products.

We have stood by and watched their successful campaign. We have seen our imports from the United States grow during consecutive years from \$25,000,000 in 1896 to \$50,000,000 in 1898, until last year they reached the enormous sum of \$120,000,000. Surely



INDIAN BOYS AT WORK IN GARDEN, AT BRANDON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

### INDIAN BOYS AT WORK IN GARDEN, AT BRANDON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

It is a significant fact for all Canadian producers that while we pride ourselves upon advancements made during the last six years, yet that during that time, with all our splendid resources, and our almost unlimited capacity for production, our imports from the United States increased nearly three times as much as they did during the preceding thirty years. Of the \$120,000,000 worth we bought from them last year, \$85,000,000 was made up of our British goods alone, or more than the value of the wheat grown last year in our whole Northwest. True, we may congratulate ourselves upon the expansion of our great Northwest, but what does it profit Canada if we give the whole of our Northwest crop in the encouragement of United States industries opposed to our own, and enhance for the United States farmer the value of his market which excludes at every point the farmers of Canada.

### British Competition.

Turning to the more distant but friendly markets of Great Britain, we find that the motherland, purchased from us last year only \$11,700,000, as compared with \$23,000,000 which she purchased the previous year from the producers of the United States. This is a fact which we should bear in mind, and which we should turn only \$45,000,000, or about one-third of the amount supplied to us from the United States. It is a fact of the fact that we have given a preference of one-third of the entire duty to the products of the Mother Country.

### The Preferential Treaty.

Your honorable government will bear witness to the fact that our association has consented and support-

ed rather than objected to the preferential tariff, and yet you must be aware that many of our industries are suffering to-day from the competition of the British manufacturer, with his tremendous output, and his heavy capital and labor.

This grievance is aggravated by the fact that the preferential provisions are taken advantage of by manufacturers of Germany and other countries, who have their goods practically transhipped from Britain, and thus obtain a preference in our markets which they are not entitled to—a preference which is nothing short of an injustice to the manufacturers of this country.

We are desirous that Great Britain and our sister colonies should still be given a preference in this market, but we will defend the Canadian government in contending that preference to the detriment of Canadian capital and workmen, especially when the Canadian producer receives no compensating preference in the markets of Great Britain.

### Our Position To-Day.

From this brief outline, the whole situation in Canadian industrial development is apparent. Many of our industries have become prosperous during recent years. This has been due largely to the abnormal prosperity which has prevailed at large, has enjoyed, the partial protection afforded by the present tariff, the grow-

In view of all these facts, we believe it our duty to sound the note of warning in Canada, and to insist that only a careful revision of the tariff can protect in any degree, the industrial interests of our country, if such conditions arise.

While the reason already cited requires more especially to be made in the manufacturing industries of our land, it is the earnest desire of our association that those engaged in producing the products of our farms, our mines and our fisheries, should also be revised from the same standpoint, and such changes made as would enable our producers the adequate defence of their industries in the home market.

We then thank you for your honorable government will give us your worthy assurance that this most important question will receive the valued attention during the coming session of parliament, and that you will take immediately the steps towards bringing about the changes which are so necessary.

### CONSOLIDATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

(From the Toronto News.)

The minister of education is under consideration a most important project in the proposed system of consolidating rural schools in districts where such a change will be desirable and practicable. In most of our rural communities the school problem is unsolved to a considerable degree. It has been the custom with many parents to send their more advanced pupils to the High School in town when they could afford it, but only the comfortably-situated parents of ambitious children could do this. If it be possible by consolidation to congregate under one roof the pupils in senior forms who have not passed the entrance examination, a great thing will have been done. The plan has been tried in several States of the Union, notably in Michigan, where conditions are almost ideal. In Ontario, in Ottawa county, in the state mentioned, four school districts were consolidated, and a central schoolhouse built. After the consolidation three teachers did the work which required four formerly, and the quality of the school was graded, they did it better. Many of the children lived several miles from the school, and were transported to and from school in covered spring wagons at the expense of the parents, and the result, naturally, last year a two years' high school course was added to that of the common school, and the total annual cost of maintenance is but little more than that of the four old separate sections. Nearly all the expense is caused by the transportation, but this must be more apparent than real. The children undoubtedly gain in comfort and health, and are better able to learn than they would be after a long trudge through the snow, to say nothing of the more serious dangers to bodily well-being. In addition to this, the work of teaching is better done, the schoolhouse is much more to profit by looking at each other.

### Canal Tolls Abolished.

Tolls on Canadian canals will be abolished for two years as an experiment. This announcement was made in parliament at Ottawa yesterday.

A large wash and door factory is being established at Perth, B. C., by the Fernie Manufacturing Co. J. T. Nelson, who is supervising the plant, says it will be one of the largest factories between Winnipeg and the coast.

There will be a large increase in the number of brick manufactured at Winnipeg this season. Several new plants are being put in, among these are two at the city, one at the airport two just placed by J. T. Nelson each of 50,000 capacity per day. One of these is being put in by Kelly Bros. & Co. as an addition to their present plants, and the other by the Winnipeg Brick Co. The latter is a new concern.

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**DRY GOODS TRADE.**

**Toronto Dry Goods Market.**  
The trade being done in printed goods at present is entirely satisfactory, says the Toronto Globe. The retailers have already bought liberally, allowing to the very attractive lines of domestic and British goods offered this season, and the excellent values they present, the demand is keeping up wonderfully well and is expected to continue for some weeks. About the biggest demand lately has been for gingham. These have sold largely in strips. This line has forged well ahead in the sales of wash fabrics. The consumers seem to have recognized in them better wear and faster colors, and better values than in other lines. They appear to present more effective coloring and all this has led to a large increase in the demand. The gingham which are selling so freely start with a low light colored check for children's wear and run to some effective stuff with solid colored stripes, alternating with plain open work lace and fancy worked lace stripes. This line, which is very beautiful, can be retailed at the popular price of 12½c, and is a great credit to the domestic mills. The difficulty with the wholesale trade is not in selling these goods, but in securing prompt delivery of the quantities of the goods wanted. Generally the sales of printed goods have been bigger than ever this season.

One line in which fabrics that is most successful this season is a silk wash pongee, a light-weight fabric with a glossy finish, and very soft, being a cross between a muslin and a print, which is suitable for coats and waists, and is shown in very stylish designs in a large assortment of colors and makes. It makes an ideal summer costume.

**Dry Goods Trade Notes.**

Blue and white and black checks and small, neat effects in Louisiana silks are in good demand in American markets.

Pongees, which have been very popular this season, are somewhat scarce in the New York market, and orders for quick delivery are hard to fill.

Blanket manufacturers in the United States expect to advance their prices to 10 per cent very shortly. Cotton bedding will also advance 5 per cent.

The market for linens continues strong. Orders sent with samples of Scotch towelling recently to the old country showed an advance asked in the range of 17 per cent over what was paid for the goods last November. The wholesale men point out that retailers would do well to buy promptly such lines as they need for the fall that are showing an advancing tendency.

Staple lines of dry goods hold very firmly to present values in eastern markets. Jobbers are of the opinion that all stocks now in sight and all that the factories can make for months to come are required to meet actual necessities of the trade, and they are, therefore, not inclined to shade prices for the sake of promoting quick sales. In all eastern wholesale centers sorting trade is now active and is expected to continue so.

Silk and linen cloths are in good demand. The natural linen color allows of elaborate trimming. Some others show marked tone stripes in white, black or colors. Tissue cloths, combinations of silk and cotton, and high-finished in black, white and colors fall fair to be favorites among the light-weight materials. Some are plain and others show dots and small figures in lapnet patterns. White roses are favorites in these as well as in other fabrics.

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

Lemons are 5c to 15c per box high in New York.

Private cables announce a decision in the Greek chamber of deputies regarding the amount of the government retention of currants out of this season's crop. The quantity to be retained, it is stated, has been fixed at 24 per cent. of the whole, or 4 per cent more than that retained out of last year's crop. The cables report the market in Greece as somewhat depressed as a result of the announcement.

Recent estimates from Brazil relate to the new coffee crop places the

figures between 13,000,000 and 15,500,000 bags, indicating another season of production in excess of consumption. A very strong feeling prevails in the market for Barbados molasses, owing to the fact that the yield of this season's crop is turning out very disappointing. Therefore, the shortage anticipated, will be much larger than at the beginning of the season and, as private cable advices received here yesterday stated that the complete crop would be disposed of by the end of this month, and there has not been a single puncheon of it purchased up to the present for Montreal account, which is a thing that probably has never before occurred in the history of the trade with stocks of oil on spot as light as they are just now, and since importers state that buyers show no disposition to operate at these high prices. The first cost at the island yesterday was 18c per gallon, an advance of 1c per gallon, and equal to 37½c, duty paid, Montreal.—Montreal Gazette, Friday.

**IMPLEMENT TRADE.**

**Binder Twine.**

Cordage Trade Journal, New York: Since the announcement of prices for binder twine there has been a very active demand, and independent manufacturers have been offered more business than they care to take. Few, if any, cancellations of the guaranteed contracts or priceless contracts now made after the manufacturers announced their prices for the twine given in the last issue of the Cordage Trade Journal. Some few buyers of hundred-ton lots had managed to obtain a better price than 10 cents on standard and sisal from the manufacturers, but the latter have been firm in holding to the prices named, and the jobbers have been glad to pay car-load prices for larger lots. Fifty-and-hundred-ton lots have sold at 10½ cents for sisal and standard f.o.b. New York within the last fortnight. Very little twine is offering, and the sisal and standard varieties are particularly scarce. The Union Selling Company has advanced its prices on sisal standard, and is now asking a quarter of a cent per pound more than the International Harvester Company's schedule. Another eastern manufacturer is this week quoting 10½ cents for less than car lots, and states that he will soon dispose of all he will make this season. Still another eastern manufacturer is declining all large orders, and is asking 11½ cents f.o.b. factory or New York for five-ton lots. One two western manufacturers are under contract to make binder twine for the International Harvester Company, and will have no twine for sale until July 1st. The United States Agricultural Department's first report on the condition of winter wheat for the season, made on April 16th, shows an almost unprecedented situation, the condition being placed at 97.3, against 98.7 on April 1st. The average acreage seeded last autumn was given as 34,070,000 acres, against 32,000,000 acres, this condition indicates the largest crop of winter wheat ever harvested, and this will require a corresponding increase in the supply of twine. If spring grains do even as well as they did last year, the consumption of binder twine this year should be the largest on record.—If twine can be procured.

**Implement Trade Notes.**

The price of binder twine manufactured at the Kingston penitentiary has been fixed at the season as follows: Fine Manilla, 150 feet, 11½c; fine Manilla, 600 feet, 10½c; Kingston special, 125 feet, 9½c.

Those Winnipeg implement houses which handle drills have been disappointed in some respects over their spring business. The poor freight service has been a serious handicap. In a number of cases, the goods have been so long delayed on the road after leaving Winnipeg as to deprive their purchasers of the benefit of them and they will have to be carried over to another season.

**Lumber Trade Notes.**

The Dominion cabinet had under consideration on Saturday last the question of a alleged combine in the lumber business. The cabinet's attention was brought to the attention



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of the government by Hon. Thomas Greenway. He asked for a commission to investigate the matter. It is pretty well understood that this will be granted.

**Dairy Trade Notes.**  
The British Home and Foreign Produce Exchange has reported to Lord Strathcona that "fewer complaints than usual have been made the past season of the quality of Canadian cheese. Speaking generally, it may

be said the average shows a distinct improvement over the previous years. The condition of the boxes still gives rise to comment. There is room for improvement.

It is reported that fifty per cent. of the sheep of Utah, Southern Idaho and Eastern Nevada have died from a new malignant disease which has appeared among them and from the severities of the past winter.





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AGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each \$1.00. AXES—Bench, 60 per cent; chopping...

BAR—Crow, 50 per 100 lbs. BELTING—Agricultural, 65 per cent;...

BLANKETS—Wool, 50 per 100 lbs. BOLT—Carriage, 60 per cent;...

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor, plain, 20c;...

BUTTONS—Cast, loose pin, common, 60 per cent;...

CARRIAGES—Him, Eric, American, discount 30-35 per cent;...

CHAIN—Coal, 1 1/2 inch, 10c; 2 inch, 12c;...

COFFERS—Flashed, 20c; plain, 15c. FILES—Common, 70 and 10 per cent;...

GLUE—Sheets, 10 lb; broken, 12 1/2c. GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's per gross, \$1.00;...

GRINDSTONES—\$1.75 per 100 lbs. IRON—Plaster's, 90c bale. NAILS—Cut, 300 up to \$1.30;...

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STEEEL—Plate, 14x18, 10c per 100 lbs. TIN—No. 1, 10c;...

TINWARE—Plain, 7 1/2 and 9c; 20c; 30c; 40c;...

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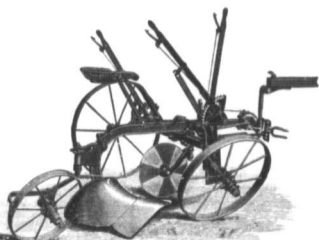
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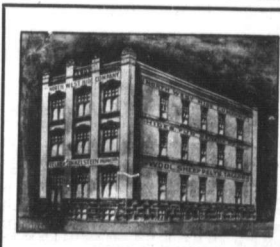
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MANITOBA.

John Simons has started a brick-plant at Grand View.

M. T. Hicks, grocer, Winnipeg, has made an assignment to C. H. Newton.

Wm. Reage has opened a stock of fruit and confectionery at Plum Coulee.

Geo. Gorle has sold his implement house at Tremont to Jas. Stevenson and Geo. Verner.

T. B. Willens is erecting a store building at Eden, in which he will open as a general mercantile.

William Hopps is erecting an implement warehouse at Elkhorst. He has been appointed agent for Frost & Wood at that point.

J. C. Callander & Co., general merchants, have dissolved partnership. J. C. Callander continues the business, Thos. Hopkins retiring.

A Winnipeg alderman is authority for the statement that the deal with the C. P. R. for a subway, hotel and station at Winnipeg is off, owing to the legal difficulties in the way.

A stock of general merchandise at carman is being advertised for sale by order of The MacDonald Co., Winnipeg. Bids are to be in May 1. The stock is valued at \$10,440, of which \$3,025 is in good goods.

The police have not yet succeeded in apprehending the person or persons who robbed the post office at Arcola last week. The stolen money was found minus the valuable portion of their contents.

Communication between the various settlements along the Red River, north of Winnipeg and the city, is to be established shortly by the construction of an electric railway. It is expected that the line will be open as far as Parkdale by July.

The stock and effects of The East India Tea Company, at Winnipeg, consisting of teas of various qualities, valued at \$1,190.61, will be sold by auction at a rate on the dollar on Wednesday, the 25th inst., by the assignees, Newton & Davidson.

The venerable town of St. Boniface, opposite to Winnipeg on the Red River, has taken a new lease of life, and is making wonderful progress this year. New modern buildings are being erected, the streets are being improved and the town modernized in every way.

Miller, Morse & Co., have secured an injunction restraining Campbell & Co. from blasting in a foundation beside their building owing to the injury which the vibration was alleged to be causing to their walls. No damage was proven, but the judge considered that there was some likelihood.

There is a keen demand for dwelling houses and business premises at Winnipeg. Many families in the city are absolutely without a home, and cannot get them in the meantime. New houses are being rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. In business property the present demand is not being exceeded.

The Brandon city council met on Monday night. A deputation from the Board of Trade asked for a grant towards the purchase of 100 acres of land to be donated to the chambers of commerce convention at Montreal, who are expected to bring 10,000 to the west. The sum of \$300 was appropriated for the purpose. A deputation was appointed to appear on the local government together with a deputation from the municipality of Elton in regard to the building of a branch line from Nepawa south.

A meeting of the Brandon Horticultural Association was held on the 17th inst. in the council chamber. Dr. McInnes presiding. Prof. H. B. Munro, in the evening, gave a reading upon "Beneficial Insects," which was full of useful knowledge. Prof. Munro followed with a short lecture upon "The Relationship Between Animal and Vegetable Kingdoms." Mr. Hodgson, science master of the College, gave a talk on wireless telegraphy, explaining its operation and demonstration by a practical illustration and demonstration of the same. Hearty votes of thanks were tendered to those gentlemen who had contributed.

ALBERTA.

The C. P. R. has been interviewing the town council of Edmonton with reference to a view, it is said, to securing

a station site and right-of-way through the town.

Edmonton printers have formed a branch of the International Typographical Union.

The Mercantile Bank will open a branch at Calgary. Premises have been purchased.

W. J. Hunter, of Edmonton, will be editor and manager of a new newspaper, the Reporter, about to be established at Fort Saskatchewan.

K. Gordon, of Fort McMurray, sold a batch of furs to the Hudson's Bay Company, at Edmonton, last week, for \$4,430. The present consisted of 2 silver foxes, 223 martins, 163 lynx, 165 mink, 7 otter, 16 red foxes, 10 cross foxes.

The following officers have been elected by the Frank hotel of trade: S. W. Chambers, president; H. E. Lyon, vice-president; Mark Drumm, secretary; A. Litch, A. Cameron, L. W. Krebs, H. Y. Lang, J. E. Farmer, J. E. Woods and K. Langdon, executives.

Lethbridge is to have a new steam brick-making plant. Three large drying sheds, 110x26 feet each, with a capacity of 160,000 bricks, are nearly completed, excavation for water pipe is under way, and machinery is being placed in position. The new work will employ 21 men.

Long distance telephone communication will be established this year between Lethbridge and Cardston and Calgary and Edmonton, Cardston and Calgary will be connected next year, thus completing the chain. Two railway companies are canvassing for telegraph lines in Cardston and Matilda. They are the Bell and an independent company. They offer the lowest rates of \$20 and \$24 respectively for business phones and \$25 and \$15 for residential.

The Northwest Lumber Company is being incorporated to take over the yards in Raymond, Magrath and Striving. The object of this company will be the handling of lumber from the East. Kootenay mills, securing their stock from the Kallispell, Mont. Lumber Co. Eventually, the company will be established somewhere in this district, principally Striving, and is rough lumber from across the line drawn there. The general manager of the company is H. Baker, with an office at Raymond.

ASSINIBOIA.

The village of Arcola will shortly seek incorporation.

An American company has purchased clay deposits at Estevan, and will engage in the manufacture of brick and pottery.

The Territorial legislature was opened 10th. The most important announcement in the speech was that the federal government had accepted the request of the Territorial government to extend the jurisdiction of the legislature to the important subject of land titles. This will necessitate legislative provision for the maintenance and control of the land and minerals.

The first general meeting of the Arcola board of trade was held on Thursday evening of last week. The board starts with twenty-two members. Following are the officers elected: President, E. Bush; J. Lein, vice-president; J. R. Meigs; secretary-treasurer, C. L. Logan; councillors, Messrs. E. Brown, G. Oak, Lein, D. McLeod and R. E. Gordon. The board of directors elected are Messrs. A. E. Cook, S. Bush, G. Hopper, A. T. Davis, D. W. Hopper and J. A. McKinlon.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The Saskatchewan Phenix gives the following list of new business people who are locating in that town: Wm. Chambers, of Oak Lake, feed and sale stable; E. A. R. Gordon and Sons, hardware, butcher; M. Ishister and Shearman, butchers; W. J. Bell, the McCormick Implement Co., hardware and machinery; J. general merchants; D. T. Smith, barretter; J. S. Cameron, hardware; J. McKay, M. D.; Geo. McIntosh, who enters into partnership with his brother, Robt. A. S. Bush, and McPherson, of the Saskatoon restaurant; Geo. A. Alexander, manager of the Saskatoon; J. E. Lawson, bank; J. D. Stirling, dentist; Hy. Bakula, wagonmaker; H. Wilmer, wholesale grocer; Polak & Salmath and C.

J. Smith, real estate dealer; E. C. Clark, tailor; and Wm. Murphy, tin-smith.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The Mercantile Bank is opening a lumber yard at Fort Arthur.

The photograph gallery of Robt. Merrick at Port Arthur was damaged by fire to the extent of \$500 on Wednesday.

A letter received at Port Arthur from George T. Marks, who is in London, states that a new vessel, which will be under construction at Glasgow, will be delivered on August 15. The vessel, which is of the 120,000 ton grain freighter type, is being built for Mr. Marks to put on the lakes, and will likely operate between Georgian Bay points and Lake Superior ports. Another vessel is also said to be building in the yards at Glasgow for Fort Arthur people.

A new navigation company is to establish a line of freight and passenger service upon the Lake of the Woods. The Rainsy river and tributary waters. The Warroad Transportation Co. filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state for Minnesota. The company is capitalized at \$700,000. The new steamer will ply between Warroad and Koochiching, the end of navigation on the Rainy. The company also states its purpose is to build a hotel plant, and to maintain places of amusement and recreation. The incorporators are W. H. Berg, Warroad; Geo. E. Hallberg, Albert Park; and Thos. Bruegaard, of Brainbow.

NORTHWEST CREAMERIES.

The creameries of the Dominion government at Territorial points, with their managers and dates of opening, will this year be as follows: Churchbridge—W. Smith, April 27. Qu'Appelle—S. A. Gibson, May 1. Grenfell—C. McDougall, May 5. Moose Jaw, J. Hopkings, May 12. Moonomin—J. Flon, May 12. Prince Albert—J. Doan, May 19. Saltcoats—G. Smith, May 19. Whitewood—H. W. Horrocks, May 19.

Qu'Appelle creamery has been in operation all winter.

During the past year eggs were received and handled for patrons at the creamery stations at Churchbridge and Grenfell with marked success. At Churchbridge 15,501 dozen eggs were received from 194 patrons; 951 dozen were bad and unusable, but the balance sold for \$3,000. The sum \$151 was paid for hauling, \$63 for cartage, and \$375 for freight. The balance, \$2,481 was paid in cash to patrons, a net price of 17.02 cents per dozen. At Grenfell 49 patrons delivered 3,042 dozen, of which 95 dozen were unusable. The sum realized was \$619, and the sum realized leaving a balance of \$487 paid to patrons, or a net price of 16.53 cents per dozen.

The eggs received at these creameries were shipped to Calgary, where they are tested and classified, and all good eggs the end of the month. At the end of the season, when the vice-forwarded, the balance is returned. Prior to this year creameries handling eggs farmers were only receiving 10 cents a dozen. It is very probable that the department would agree to handle the eggs the same way as outlined above. It has been decided to take eggs this season at the Whitewood and Saltcoats creameries in addition to those at Churchbridge and Grenfell.—White-wood Herald.

At the annual meeting of the Johannauburg chamber of commerce on March 20th, the president said that they might hope for a considerable reduction in agency. F. R. Cameron, of the Johannauburg conference at Bloomington, Johannauburg would have a lower cost of living, which would enable it to carry over other industries at a cheaper rate. Business generally had been on a good footing during the year, and the general welfare of the town was indicated by the immense building operations in progress, and by the ability of the merchants to keep ahead of the requirements for building.—Times.

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## FINANCIAL

## Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the April 22-23-24-25, Thursday, show as follows:

1912 ending April 22, 1902.....\$4,432,611  
Corresponding week, 1902.....3,174,222  
Corresponding week, 1901.....1,969,542

## Financial Notes.

G. D. E. O'Grady, of the Bank of Commerce at London, is to be manager of the new Crown Building.

The provincial treasurer of Manitoba is advertising a large block of drainage debentures, bearing 4 per cent interest, and running for thirty-five years, to be sold by tender. Bids are to be in by the 7th of May.

The members of the New York stock exchange dedicated their new building on Wednesday. The entire day has given up to the ceremonies. This exchange has been in existence since 1817. The new building is said to be a magnificent one.

There seems to be pretty keen competition at present for the savings accounts of the banks. The various banks and savings companies are advertising rates of interest of from 3½ to 5 per cent on deposits.

E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, has notified his shareholders that the bank is to pay 5 per cent for the current half-year, upon the paid up capital of the bank has been declared, making the total dividend of 10 per cent for the year.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the finance committee, will be received at the office of the city controller, City Hall, Winnipeg, Manitoba, up to 3:30 p. m. on Friday, 29th of May next, for the purchase of \$1,000,000 of 4 per cent bonds, in three tranches, payable in Winnipeg in gold or its equivalent. Interest at four per cent per annum, and to be deposited at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in London, England, New York, Montreal and Toronto at the option of the tenderers: option: \$349,312.1, running 7 years; \$375,490.71, running 10 years; \$275,197.19, running 20 years; \$221,000.88, running 30 years.

## Railway and Traffic Matters.

The price of all C. P. R. lands south of the Saskatchewan and east of the C. & E. railway has been increased to 60 cents per acre.

The contract for the erection of the new C. P. R. machine shops at Nelson has been let to A. Q. Creelman, of Lonsdale. The building is to cost \$10,000, and work is to be started immediately.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is being very liberal in the credit for the defeat of the Northern Securities Co. before the United States courts. It is well known in financial circles for some time that the C. P. R. was opposing this bill.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company has submitted plans to the city of Winnipeg providing for a new station and hotel. The plans also include new shops and a street bridge across the Assiniboine river. The approval of these plans by the city would involve the widening of certain streets in the vicinity of Broadway bridge.

The first boat to leave Owen Sound this season was Albert, which started for Fort William on Tuesday afternoon. There are a total of 901 tons of merchandise on board, of which is consigned to Fort William, the other 58 tons to Port Arthur. The passenger list was light, on account of the early season. There were ten first and ten second class passengers.

Now that navigation is open on the Great Lakes all the railway companies operating in Chicago are busy, with the exception of the Grand Trunk report an easier situation with regard to car supply. It is expected that the balance between supply and demand has been restored. With the number of additional cars that their stock it is expected that this balance will be maintained throughout the summer.

The cattle embargo on the ports of Boston and Portland has already had a remarkable effect upon the shipping for this class of freight by the Canadian steamship lines. The Elder- Dempsey Company, that year from Montreal in May and June 4,000 head of cattle. The C. P. R., which had purchased 100,000 bushels of vessels, has already booked nearly five times that number, or 450,000 head, this year it opened at 45, and stiffened to 50. The five or six ship sailings a month will be taxed to their utmost to handle the business. Commodore Edgerly, commanding the line, says that the whole cattle shipping facilities of the port of Montreal were strained this year to carry the cattle that will be sent via the St. Lawrence route.

The Chicago correspondence of the Wall Street Journal says: A number of western railroads have been called upon by the interstate commerce commission to explain by May 1 the reason for high rates charged by them on grain and grain products. The commission is to investigate to ascertain whether any law has been violated. The railroads to be investigated are the Chicago and North Western, the Great Northern, the Chicago and Mississippi river points. It has been charged that the railroads are to be investigated to ascertain whether any law has been violated. The railroads to be investigated are the Chicago and North Western, the Great Northern, the Chicago and Mississippi river points. It has been charged that the railroads are to be investigated to ascertain whether any law has been violated.

Petitions have been laid before the Dominion House of Commons, which provide for additional accommodation in the west. One of these, in the name of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, asks the government to construct the following lines: From Hartney, Man., to Lakeview, Sask.; from Battleford to the Brazeau River. From Battleford to the Saskatchewan. From a point west of Edmonton to Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, direct. From a point west of Edmonton and the westerly boundary of Manitoba to a point between Grandview and Battleford. The petitioners, which is in the name of the Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific Railway Company, signed by the city controller, and W. H. Moore, secretary, ask for an extension for five years of the time for completing the lines mentioned in its charter, including that via the Yellowhead. Peace River. Pass to a point in British Columbia.

J. W. Leonard, the new assistant manager of the C. P. R., says, in a late interview: "Our traffic on the upper lakes has necessitated our taking steps to establish a daily freight and passenger service between Port William and Owen Sound. The west is using eastern products far beyond the usual in, and the old settlers are beginning to spend money. It is the natural growth of the country, and we must keep pace with it, or some one else will. At the close of the present year we shall be at least at the full elevator capacity of 10,000,000 bushels, or just double what we had at the close of 1905. During the winter we moved nearly 5,000,000 by the all-rail route, or about five times as much as in 1905. Our business is growing. We are making good progress on the new coal docks at Port William, which are at a cost of \$500,000 to afford a capacity of 350,000 tons. The plant is the biggest and most complete on any coast. It is being built by another leasehold for the Atlantic trade, bringing the total number up to 15. The ship tonnage is 175 feet long, 48 feet beam with a gross tonnage of 4,078 tons."

## WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the city council on Monday evening the deputation of interested persons asked for a charter allowing them to bring water to the city, but the council refused to present a proposition in writing.

A motion was passed providing that the city should be supplied with electric power to the city from any of the numerous sources available; bids to be in by May 25. This is expected

to bring the numerous power propositions now before the council into practical effect. The tender of the Boyce Carriage Company for the supply of four new horse-drawn carriages for the department at \$225 each, and of the W. E. Seagram Co., of Walkerville, for the supply of 100 bushels of Edgerly's compressed, \$2,400, were accepted.

The fire, water and light committee recommended that the tender for supply of caps for fire department be awarded to J. A. Andrews, at \$1.88 each, with bound pack.

The market license and health commission recommended that the following tenders be accepted: For supply of drugs, Walter Pufford; for supply of groceries for relief purposes, J. A. Kercher.

The finance committee recommended that the tender of the Tribune Publishing Co. for all city advertising at 17-100 cents per line be accepted, and the tender of the Manitoba Free Press, for local improvement advertising at 10 cents per line be also accepted. That the tender of the Stowe Company for lithographing be accepted at the prices stated in said tender.

## Tenders.

Tenders will be received until the 30th of April, 1902, in connection with stone and frame house for Chas. Monbrugg at Winnipeg.

Tenders are wanted by the town of Indian Head for the construction of a drain, supplying pipe, material, etc. Bids are to be in by May 15.

The city engineer is now asking for tenders for the construction of certain sidewalks, pavements and sewers. Bids are to be in by the 28th of April.

Tenders will be received up to May 15, 1902, for the erection of a stone chimney at Indian Head, S. D. 2nd Mer. J. W. Bell, of Hicksville, Assa., is in charge.

Tenders will be received by Jas. Chisholm architect, up to 12:00, noon, Wednesday, April 29th, for the erection of a paragon for the school at St. George's, St. Paul, Minn. J. P. DSG.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, will be received up to 10 o'clock of stove coal, will be received up to 10 o'clock on Monday, April 27th.

Tenders will be received by Jas. Chisholm architect, up to 12:00, noon, Thursday, April 30, for the erection of a brick and stone residence on Main avenue, Fort Rouge, for C. A. Young.

The city of Winnipeg invites proposals for the supply of electric power upon certain conditions, a copy of which may be secured upon application to the office of the city clerk. The proposals shall be addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, and will be received up to 3:30 p. m. Monday, May 25.

## Movements of Business Men.

Thos. Law, of Alexander & Law Bros., millers, Brandon, passed through Winnipeg this week, returning to his home in the city.

J. T. Gordon returned to Winnipeg this week from Montreal, where he has been consulting with his partner, in connection with the season's cattle export business.

Certain United States business men have been in the city this week, looking over the prospects for investment in the lumber and building material business.

Wm. Sutherland, manager of the Jas. Smart Manufacturing Co. at Winnipeg, while on the road received the sad news that his oldest son, Jesse, had been operated on for appendicitis at Brockville. He left for Brockville on Sunday evening.

R. R. Scott, of the Macpherson Fruit Co., leaves on Monday for Ontario, where he will be attending the annual spring sales of Mediterranean fruit, which opens on Monday.

Wednesday for Calgary and several intermediate points on business en route. He is expected to be in Winnipeg, as he has during his residence in the district won many friends, who are pleased to meet his arrival, and who qualify his business ability eminently to fill the position.

## Late Western Business Items.

The Auditorium Rink property, Winnipeg, is being offered for sale. The Rat Portage Lumber Co. has established its Winnipeg office at 100-10th street, in the brick building.

Thos. I. Groves has been arrested at Morden on a charge of defrauding the Winnipeg Traction Co. It is expected that Mill No. 1 of the Rat Portage Lumber Company will commence cutting on Monday.

The residence of a butcher shop of William James, at 575 Notre Dame avenue, Winnipeg, was damaged by fire to the extent of about \$700, Wednesday night.

The Stuart Machinery Co., Winnipeg, has been awarded the contract for supplying and installing a new electric light plant at Prince Albert. The price named is \$9,700.

The July block, Rat Portage, on the Winnipeg Traction Co., to the extent of \$250. It was occupied by E. J. Husband, painter, who lost \$100 worth of wall paper, etc., value \$100.

Joseph Franklin has purchased the flour and feed mill at Indian Head, Winnipeg, which has heretofore been owned by E. J. Baird. A complete line of field, garden and flower seeds has been added.

The Swan River Lumber Co.'s saw mill at Fisher's Sliding was burned on Thursday morning. The mill building was equipped with new machinery, and was to commence running the latter week of the summer cut. The loss is \$10,000.

An attempt was made by the Winnipeg city council to sell the old city hall, but the sale failed. The price this week. The property was put up at auction and \$14,000 was bid for it. The city council has decided to sell the price there was no sale.

A wire from Port Arthur on Thursday said: "The steamship Brandon is to be sold to the city of Port Arthur. Three other steamships are waiting their turn to get under the spot, but the city is breaking up through the ice to the passenger dock. The channel in the inner harbor is blocked to the point miles. The ice still remains in the bay."

## CHICAGO HIDE MARKET.

"The market closes this week with a better feeling in all selections of country hides," says Hide and Leather of Chicago. Its latest review of the market. "The improvement appears to be caused by the advancing season, when hides improve in quality and the ice setting in the tannery strike in Chicago and the easier feeling in tannery labor circles."

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TRADE REVIEWS.

New York, April 24.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will show Trade and Industry progresses well... The active farm preparatory work... Collections continue to slowly but steadily improve.

summer business. Wholesale trade at Toronto is active and the outlook favorable... Quebec reports satisfactory trade conditions with the manufacturers especially busy and collections up to the mark.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Chicago, April 24.—Receipts 100,000... Market steady at yesterday's close. Mixed and butchered, \$8.00; good to extra, \$8.00; cows, \$1.50; calves, \$1.50.

LONDON STOCKS. London, April 24.—4 p.m.—Consols for next 2 1/2, 104 1/2; 4 1/2, 104 1/2; 5 1/2, 104 1/2.

penditure, and hoped great reductions would be possible soon. On the other hand, the possession of a strong navy was a matter of national pride...

ST. WILLIAM VERNON-HARCOMB (Liberal), former chancellor of the exchequer, followed. Sir William said that though it was not unduly understood that the well-to-do classes should be relieved to such an extent...

UNJUST RATES.

New York, April 23.—The interstate commerce commission to-day announced a decision in the case of the proposed advance in freight rates on various articles between Chicago and New York.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

London, April 23.—The budget which was introduced in the House of Commons to-day, shows an estimated expenditure for 1903-04 of £717,770,000.

TRACKMEN'S TROUBLES.

Montreal, April 23.—The troubles between the trackmen and the leading Canadian railway companies are adding their area to a more serious character.

FORESTRY AND IRRIGATION.

In the last report of the United States commissioner of the general land office the following statement is made: "Irrigated agriculture, as representing the leading industry in the future of the arid region, is rapidly forcing to the front the question of irrigation as one of the great national issues of the day."

lent magnitude to contemplate the reclamation of our six hundred or more millions of acres of irrigable lands which are now in a wasteland.

That irrigation depends upon the water supply and that the water supply depends upon the forests is potent, and the necessity of maintaining the forests for this if for no other reason is equally apparent.

Eucalyptus Tree of the Desert.

That phenomenal tree of the Australian continent, the eucalyptus, which has been planted for forty years in the dry soil of our own southwest...

CANADIAN TRADE.

Bradstreet's will say of trade in Canada throughout the Dominion is satisfactory. Montreal reports the shipping business showing signs of recovery.

Canadian bank clearings for the week ending April 23 aggregate \$20,182,422, 34 per cent. over last week but 10 per cent. under last year.

R. G. DUN'S CO'S REVIEW.

tomorrow will say: Trade responded generally better seasonably in many sections of the country, notably in the active appearing in reasonable lines retail conservatism as compared with earlier months this year, although a moderate advance than it was a year ago.

Duns will say of Canadian trade: Wholesale foreign trade still somewhat slow, \$10,810,000, although showing some improvement over last week, but the opening of river navigation does not seem likely to have the customary stimulus.



**British Columbia**  
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**Vancouver Business Review.**

Hay is still buoyant. Vancouver, April 20. Hay is still buoyant. The market has reached \$18, with a tendency to go higher. The rise has all taken place in one or two days. The price is now an average \$100 a day. The dearthness of hay is caused by a combination of circumstances. The spring has been cold and much hay has been used for feed. The area of hay is not as great as usual, and the crop has not yet come from Seattle, where it is still selling for \$12. The highest price ever reached in Vancouver was \$25. Several attempts have been made of late to corner the commodity. It is a dangerous speculation, however, as hay in British Columbia, when stored in large quantities, goes sour very quickly, and past attempts to store it away and keep it out of the market have proved disastrous.

In the meat market the steen rise in pork has little significance. Pork will be back at the old figures in two months. Edmonton supplies the British Columbia market to a great extent in pork and at the present time the farmers of Edmonton are busy seeding, and thus not attending to their hog raising. Some progress has advanced in price and do not vary year at this season.

The dairy market has been almost featureless. There is a scant supply of local creamery owing to a slump in Ontario, which has made supply very good. The market is being sustained however, by creamery from Ontario, which is in good shape; is made to keep, and is a good seller. As regards butter, a wholesaler has called Vancouver "Two bit Town." This is no reflection on the paying qualities of the citizens, simply that housewives have the impression that 25 cents should be the limit for butter, and they pay 25c, or 30c at the most. The export creamery informant states that he recollects when a poor quality of dairy which was barely good enough for a table of a cheap restaurant, and was selling wholesale at 25c, was going freely to consumers at 25 cents, while excellent creamery at 28c retail, which cost 25c wholesale, remained on the shelves untouched. If this export creamery had been offered at 50 cents, marked "specially fine," this informant believes it would have sold much more readily. But the Vancouver housewife will not pay 22c or 23c for butter, and another reason for this is that there are no coppers in Vancouver, and if the odd cents are quoted it must be charged up, or some trifle thrown in to make up the price. The produce merchant, however, referred to insists that the consumer in Vancouver will as readily pay 50 cents for a choice article as any sum between 25c and 50c.

Eggs seem very plentiful and it is now possible to get two fresh laid eggs cooked and ready to eat for 5c at the cheap Carroll street lunch counters. This makes a new era for Vancouver in the cheap eating line, and when restaurants who cater to the submerged class can advertise two eggs a cup of coffee and three doughnuts for 10 cents it would indicate that the day of high prices in Vancouver was at an end.

There is some cutting going on in cured meats, but the prices are not changed from last quotations, as the cutting does not represent going prices. Some firms have cut a shade under quoted prices for hams and bacon.

This is going to be a great year for fruit. Inspector Cunningham says that \$25,000 worth of fruit trees have already arrived. Fifty per cent more trees will be planted this year than last, and by 1905 the area under fruit trees will be increased 100 per cent. The fruit cultivators have an eye on the Manitoba market.

**B. C. Business Notes.**

The mortgagee's sale is in possession of the Vancouver Green Co., Vancouver.

Taylor Bros. & George Limited, general merchants, Revelstoke, have sold to W. J. George, who will continue the business.

A steamer fishing for halibut near one of the Queen Charlotte group of

islands, took 140,000 pounds in one day last week. This is claimed to be a record catch.

W. J. Blundell, of Nelson, who has been with the firm of J. Y. Griffin & Co., for the past seven years, has left for Morrissey to take the position of manager of a store.

The British Columbia lead miners are disappointed over the failure of the Dominion government to place a duty on lead. They claim that it will be impossible to re-open the mines until some protection is afforded.

C. E. Stevenson & Co., dry goods merchants, of Ladysmith and Nanaimo, have been incorporated as a stock company under the name of Drysdale-Stevenson Ltd., and a similar change has taken place in the Vancouver house.

J. W. Doherty, of Mount Pleasant, B. C., and Mr. Walker, of Moodyville, B. C., will build a shingle mill on the Capilano, near Vancouver. A flume is being built to float down timber from the upper reaches of the stream, where they have obtained some good limits, which include some fine cedar.

A very creditable record has been made by the assignee in charge of the estate of Mr. Spring, jeweler, of Rossland, who made an assignment in May of last year. The estate has been made to realize 92c on the dollar for the creditors, which is considered a good showing. Walter J. Robinson, sheriff, of Rossland, was the assignee.

Erskine, Wall & Co., wholesale grocers, Victoria, have become embarrassed, and a receiver is in charge of the business pending a meeting of the creditors. It is said that the assets exceed the liabilities, but they are locked up. A severe marine loss, on which the firm has been unable to collect the insurance, was the immediate cause of the trouble.

The Fernie Manufacturing Company, a concern which was incorporated in January last, is establishing a saw and door factory at Fernie. Woodworking of all kinds will be done. The capital is \$25,000, the officers, H. F. Morrissey, president; Norman E. Broley, vice-pres-

ident and manager; H. J. Johnson, secretary-treasurer. Forty men will be employed. The market for the company's products will be found in the prairie country.

Foss & McDonald have finished the rock work for the new coke ovens at Morrissey, and have moved their outfit to Michel, where they have commenced a similar contract, of the 250 ovens to be built at the latter point. E. Wrightesworth and F. D. Alexander will each construct 125, and Harry Oldland, of Pittsburgh, has received the contract for the whole number at Morrissey. The bricks for the ovens are on the way, and are now over-riding.

Fernie Free Press.

The Inland Mining Company, Ltd., capitalized at \$250,000, has been incorporated. The British Columbia Power & Lumbering Company, Ltd., has also been incorporated. Its capital is \$25,000. It is organized to carry on an iron foundry business. The Trites-Wood Co., Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital of \$250,000. The object of the company is to carry on a general mercantile business. Another new company is the Rossland Creek Lumber Company, Ltd., which is capitalized at \$15,000.

Another disastrous fire occurred at New Denver on April 21. The Clever block and all the buildings adjoining up to the main building of the New-market hotel were destroyed. J. D. Smith & Co., who were burned out a few weeks ago in the burning of the Bourne block, had recently moved into the Clever block and lost their complete stock of general merchandise. The losses are: Herman Clever, buildings and stock, \$16,000; J. D. Smith, \$5,000; Knights of Pythias lodge furnishings, \$100; Insurance, J. D. Smith & Co., \$1,500; Knights of Pythias, \$400.

Mr. Bickerdike has given notice at Ottawa of a bill to prohibit the sale and manufacture of cigarettes.

Sir Wm. Mulock has been advised that Bermuda will accept newspapers and periodicals printed in Canada at the Canadian rates.

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**THOS. BLACK**

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HOES—The market is steady at the present for best weights of packers' size of circa here. Interior heights, from 1/4 to 1/2 lbs.

MILCH COWS—Cows are in good demand at from \$30 to \$50 each, according to quality.

HOUSES—Large importations from the east are being made to meet the spring demand. Prices are high, good ones being worth from \$200 to \$450.

**Prices at Vancouver.**

WHEAT—Manitoba 22 per ton, United States \$2.

OATS—52 per ton.

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Toronto Wholesale Trade.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, April 25.
Dry Goods—Sorting trade is less active owing to cool weather. Fall goods are moving. Values are all firm.
Hardware—Trade is increasing. Northwest business is particularly good. Jobbers are sending out notice of advances of 2 to 5 per cent. on German goods owing to surtax. Slender stock cuttings are higher at \$21 per thousand. Wheelbarrows, 10 cent. higher. Sial rope and lath 10 per cent. higher. Green wire cloth is firm at \$1.50. Turpentine is lower at 75 to 77.
Groceries—Fairly active. Rice is stiffening. Barbadoes molasses is higher.

Montreal Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, April 25.
Oats have risen 1/2c to 1/4c since a week ago. Ontario bran and shorts have declined 3/4c per 100. Manitoba feed is unchanged. Choice No. 1 wheat at 12 1/2c, and No. 2 choice is quoted. Hatter is weak and fairly 3c lower than a week ago. Corn is 1/2c off, and there is a feeling that the market will be lower. Hogs are 25c lower.
Oats—Export, 3 1/2c to 3 1/2c for No. 1 May delivery; export, 2 white, 7 1/2c.
Barley—No. 3, extra, 40c; high freight.
Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.00 to \$4.20; Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50; straight rolls, \$3.40 to \$3.45; winter patents, \$3.70 to \$4.00.
Rolled Oats—\$3.80 to \$3.85 per barrel and \$1.75 to \$1.80 for bags.
Feed—Manitoba bran, bags included, 40 cents, \$21 per ton; Ontario No. 1, in bulk, \$17.
Baled Hay—No. 2, \$3.50 to \$3 per ton.
Wheat—12 1/2c for best makes of new wheat.
Butter—Creamery, 19 to 20c for finest fresh, dairy, 16 to 18c.
Eggs—New laid, 11 1/2 to 12c per dozen.
Maple Syrup—75 to 80c for large lots; sugar, 74 to 8c for good.
Honey—White clover, comb, in large sections, 25 to 30c.
Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 14 to 18c; chickens, 14 to 15c; geese, 10 to 11c; ducks, 12 to 13c.
Hogs—Fresh killed, \$8.75 to \$9 for best weights of common quality.
Potatoes—Carrots, 90c to 95c for choice varieties.
Hides—No. 1, beef hides, 8c; No. 2, 7c; No. 3, with resins, 5c to 7c; Tanner at 8 1/2c for No. 1 buff; sheepskins, 40c for lambskins, 10c; catskins, 11c for No. 1 and 9c for No. 2.

Toronto Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, April 25.
Wheat is quiet and firmer. Flour is steadier and in some cases is quoted at 2 1/2c advance. Oats are in fair inquiry and steady. Butter is weak on a slow demand. Fresh creamery and dairy rolls are the only kinds selling freely. Large sections of choice new season. Eggs are in excellent demand and firmer.
Wheat—70c for red and white, middle freights; spring wheat, 68c to 70c; Manitoba No. 1 hard, \$2 1/2c; No. 1 northern, 8 1/2c; lake ports, opening of navigation.
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Oats—No. 1 white, 32c, and 2 white, 31c; No. 2 white, 30 1/2c, middle freights.
Barley—No. 3 extra, is quoted at 48 to 50c; No. 2 white, 45c to 47c, middle freights.
Flour—90 cent. Ontario patents, \$2 1/2 to \$2 3/4; in bays, 60c; middle freights. Choice brands are held 15 to 20c higher. Manitoba flour, \$4.20 for Hungarian patents, and \$3.00 to \$4 for strong bakers in car lots, bags included, on track, Toronto.
Milk—Short cream, 10c per ton, and bran, 15.00 per ton, middle freights. Manitoba feed, \$21 for cars of shorts, and \$19 for bran, sacks included, Toronto.
Outmeal—\$3.50 for cars of bags, and \$3 in wood for rolls, wood for rolls.
Hay—Carrots on track, \$9 per ton for No. 1 Timothy.
Wheat—Case lots, new laid, 12 1/2 to 13c per dozen.
Butter—Dairy, prints and rolls, 17 to 18c; tubs and 20c; creamery, 20c; tubs, choice, 20c to 21c; creamery, 22c to 25c.

Cheese—14 to 14 1/2c for job lots.
Hides—7c for No. 1 green cows; No. 1 steers, 9 1/2c; catkins, 10c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2; sheepskins, \$8 to \$11.00 each; tallow, 5 1/2c to 6c; unwashed, 8 1/2c to 9c.
Hides—\$2 per bushel for job lots of hand picked, and \$1.75 to \$1.80 for un-picked.
Apples—Evaporated, 6 to 6 1/2c; dried 3 1/2c.
Maple Syrup—\$1.10 per Imperial gallon, in bulk or gallon tins.
Honey—\$1.80 per gallon in bulk; in frames, \$1.50.
Potatoes—Cars, 50c for choice Ontario stock.
Poultry—No receipts.

Montreal Live Stock.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, April 21.
At the East End abattoir on Monday receipts were 800 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs and 500 calves.
Although the supply of cattle was large the market ruled steady. The demand was quiet. Choice stock is preferred, but the trade in common and inferior stock was slow. A few picked lots were sold at 10c to 11c, and a few of extra choice quality sold at 7 1/2 and 7 3/4 per lb., while choice brought 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per lb. and the lower grades selling from 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c. The demand for sheep was good, but trade was slow. Choice sheep met a ready sale at from \$2.50 to \$3 each. The demand for calves was firm and prices for them at \$1 to \$8.50 each, as to quality.
At the Montreal stock yards at Point St. Charles receipts of live stock were 400 cattle, 100 sheep and 225 hogs. There was no specific feature in the market for cattle. The demand was quiet and fair, and prices were well maintained with a few scattered lots at prices ranging from 4 1/2c to 6c per lb. and 10c to 11c. The demand for sheep was quiet, and prices were well maintained with a few scattered lots at prices ranging from 4 1/2c to 6c per lb. and 10c to 11c. The demand for hogs was quiet, and prices were well maintained with a few scattered lots at prices ranging from 4 1/2c to 6c per lb. and 10c to 11c.
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THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 24.
At the East End abattoir on Thursday receipts included 630 cattle, 300 calves and 250 lambs and sheep.
There was a good demand for choice beef cattle which are higher at 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c, and for common quality, 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c, and common 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c. Hides and tallow, and prices were firm at 12c to 14c. Choice sheep met a ready sale at \$2.50 to \$3 each, and the space to Caribou has been contracted for, for May and June at \$4 to \$5.
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Toronto Live Stock.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, April 22.
The run amounted to 67 cars, containing 1,117 cattle, 282 sheep, 705 hogs and 297 calves.
Export cattle there was a fair demand, and nearly everything was steady. About 11 in all grades continue to be sold at 10c to 11c, and the top price paid for choice car, and for this class, 12c to 14c. Medium grades sold at \$4.25 to \$4.70, and inferior stock at about \$3 to 4.
Hatches and lambs were plentiful, and prices were maintained. Picked lots sold at \$4.20 to \$4.50 per cwt. Prices in the market for hogs bought about \$3.90 to \$4.20.
Stockers and feeders—The demand for this class was active. Feeders, short-keep, \$1 to \$4.40; do medium, \$3.90 to \$3.90; do light, \$3.25 to \$3.50; do common, \$2.75 to \$3.
Sheep and lambs—Export ewes per cwt. \$4.25 to \$4.50; grain fed ewes, \$3.50 to \$4; grain fed ewes, \$2.50 to \$3; spring lambs, \$4 to \$5; spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.

Hogs—There was a fair run, and trade good. Prices are 15 to 20c higher. Choice stock is preferred, but the trade in common and inferior stock was slow. A few picked lots were sold at 10c to 11c, and a few of extra choice quality sold at 7 1/2 and 7 3/4 per lb., while choice brought 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per lb. and the lower grades selling from 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c. The demand for sheep was good, but trade was slow. Choice sheep met a ready sale at from \$2.50 to \$3 each. The demand for calves was firm and prices for them at \$1 to \$8.50 each, as to quality.
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FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, April 25.
Receipts at the stock yards yesterday amounted to 42 cars, including 300 sheep and lambs and 1,100 hogs.
Export cattle were quiet, as there is not much shipping. Choice stock is preferred, but the trade in common and inferior stock was slow. A few picked lots were sold at 10c to 11c, and a few of extra choice quality sold at 7 1/2 and 7 3/4 per lb., while choice brought 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per lb. and the lower grades selling from 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c. The demand for sheep was good, but trade was slow. Choice sheep met a ready sale at from \$2.50 to \$3 each. The demand for calves was firm and prices for them at \$1 to \$8.50 each, as to quality.
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Hogs and Hog Products.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, April 25.
Dressed hogs are firmer and farmers' lots are now worth as high as 80c per cwt. Hog products are in good demand and prices are 10c to 15c higher.
Dressed Hogs—Farmers' lot, dressed, \$7.50 to \$8.00.
Pork—Canned short cut, \$22.50 to \$23.00; heavy mess, \$21.00 to \$21.50; pig, \$18 to \$19.
Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, tons and cases, 10c to 10 1/2c; hams, 13c to 13 1/2c; rolls, 11c to 12c; shoulder, 12c to 12 1/2c; backs, 14 1/2 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 14 1/2 to 15c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.
Lard—Tubs, 19 1/2c; tubs, 10 1/2c, and pails, 11c.

British Live Stock Markets.

London, April 20.—The tone of the market for both cattle and sheep has been fairly steady since last Wednesday, and prices show no material change compared with that date. Choice American cattle sold at 12 1/2c, choice Canadian at 12c, choice Argentinians at 11 1/2c, and best Argentine sheep at 12 1/2c; lambs at 15 1/2c.
Liverpool, April 20.—There was no change in the market for Canadian cattle, sales being made at 12c to 12 1/2c.

FRIDAY'S CABLE.

Special to The Commercial.
London, April 24.
Canadian cattle, 10 1/2c to 12c; United States, 11 1/2c to 12c; estimate for dressed weights. Sheep, 13c to 14c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Table with columns for Chicago for the week, May, July, Sept, and Dec. Rows include Wheat, Corn, Pork, Lard, and other commodities with their respective prices.

New York Wheat.

Table with columns for New York for the week, May, July, Sept, and Dec. Rows include Soft, Hard, and other wheat grades with their respective prices.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Table with columns for Minneapolis for the week, May, July, Sept, and Dec. Rows include No. 1, No. 2, and other wheat grades with their respective prices.

Duluth Wheat.

Table with columns for Duluth for the week, May, July, Sept, and Dec. Rows include No. 1, No. 2, and other wheat grades with their respective prices.

London Sugar Market.

Special to The Commercial.
London, April 24.
April sugar is quoted to-day at 4 1/2c, an advance of 2 1/2c over the price of a week ago.

THE LABOR MARKET.

There is a feeling of unrest in the organized labor circles in Winnipeg. The carpenters are carefully planning for a strike, if they are not satisfied. Plumbers are also in consultation with their bosses on the same subject. The P. O. employees are also in a state of agitation, and the train men are endeavoring to arrange a new scale and the city tailors are striking. The market, besides numerous smaller unions, is under discussion between employers and employees. The working men find that in these days of strenuous activity and high prices, the dollar is not worth as much as it was a few years ago, and that he is actually losing power. He is not so much concerned that he has had his wages reduced, but he is not so much concerned that he has had his wages reduced. He is not so much concerned that he has had his wages reduced, but he is not so much concerned that he has had his wages reduced. He is not so much concerned that he has had his wages reduced, but he is not so much concerned that he has had his wages reduced.

Late Western Business Items.

G. R. Russell has sold his general store business at Prince Albert, Sask. to Thos. Noble.
R. Wynne has sold his wholesale liquor business, at Prince Albert, to J. F. Flanagan, of the Royal Hotel.
Navigation on the Great Lakes is now fully open. The steamer Arabia, Detroit, and Hamilton, commenced discharge of cargo on Friday morning, at Port Arthur. The steamer Majestic, of the Northern Pacific, was chartered to carry merchandise to reach Port Arthur yesterday. The steamer Albatross, of the Northern Pacific, was chartered for the first return trip of the season to Owen Sound.
The first flotilla of vessels to leave from Port William this season carried over 4,000 bushels of wheat.
The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. is now accepting wheat for shipment to Port William from Manitoba, as well as Territorial produce.
It is said the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads have raised the rate for wheat from Minneapolis to Seattle and Seattle to \$1 per ton, 40c per barrel, amounting to \$3.50, or 25c above the rate of \$3.25 for wheat from African as well as Australian shipm.



STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal ports of accumulation are reported as follows:

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Montreal                             | 507,000     |
| Quebec                               | 34,000      |
| Port Harbor, Ont.                    | 33,000      |
| Winnipeg                             | 30,000      |
| Port William, Port Arthur and Sarnia | 7,000,000   |
| Winnipeg elevators                   | 300,000     |
| Total                                | 8,000,000   |
| Total previous week                  | 19,700,000  |
| Total year                           | 100,000,000 |

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's April 11, were 11,200,000 bushels, as against 61,854,000 bushels the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 70,112,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports in April 1 were 3,500,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ending April 18, was 27,720,000 bushels, being a decrease of 2,825,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 43,284,000 bushels; two years ago, 43,800,000 bushels; and three years ago 51,000,000 bushels; four years ago 29,330,000 bushels; five years ago 25,014,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, being 1,875,000 bushels compared with 1,714,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 8,706,000 bushels, against 7,180,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe at the close of Europe April 1 in each year for a series of years, was as follows—Bradstreet's report:

| Year | Bushels.    |
|------|-------------|
| 1907 | 128,000,000 |
| 1906 | 123,000,000 |
| 1905 | 109,000,000 |
| 1904 | 105,000,000 |
| 1903 | 125,000,000 |
| 1902 | 114,000,000 |
| 1901 | 122,000,000 |
| 1900 | 105,000,000 |

WHEAT 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, 1905, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

| This Crop Last Crop. |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Minneapolis          | 75,669,000 72,634,238   |
| Milwaukee            | 7,622,554 9,571,089     |
| Chicago              | 30,433,520 40,345,000   |
| St. Louis            | 31,960,592 35,228,368   |
| Total                | 148,725,066 158,178,745 |

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, 1905, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

| This Crop Last Crop. |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| St. Louis            | 11,252,212 4,874,898  |
| St. Paul             | 20,433,520 16,489,562 |
| Detroit              | 2,433,206 2,846,239   |
| Chicago City         | 24,784,120 17,668,348 |
| Total                | 69,062,708 43,366,247 |

Western Grain Stocks.

Stocks of grain at Fort William and Port Arthur on Saturday, April 18, were as follows:

| Fort William.      |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Wheat              | Bushels.  |
| 1 Hard             | 1,140,284 |
| 1 Northern         | 732,485   |
| 2 Northern         | 673,667   |
| 3 Northern         | 1,365,720 |
| Other grades       | 564,244   |
| Total              | 4,286,600 |
| Oats               | 292,169   |
| Barley             | 10,470    |
| Canary             | 7,000,000 |
| Port Arthur.       |           |
| Wheat              | Bushels.  |
| 1 Hard             | 1,360,280 |
| 1 Northern         | 710,463   |
| 2 Northern         | 496,732   |
| 3 Northern         | 152,796   |
| Other grades       | 317,349   |
| Total              | 2,878,599 |
| Oats               | 48,065    |
| Barley             | 12,815    |
| Canary             | 11,269    |
| Canary Port Arthur | 3,900,000 |

This figures show a total quantity of wheat in stock in the two points of 7,162,569 bushels, a year ago the total quantity was 9,976,000 bushels. Receipts of wheat for the week at these terminal points were 64,128 bushels, and shipments 21,120,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat in stock at Port William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are approximately 18,300,000 bushels against 17,200,000 bushels a year ago, 4,328,000 bushels two years ago, 4,578,000 bushels three years ago, and 10,600,000 bushels four years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

During the week ending April 21 there were inspected 74,000 bushels of grain, comprising the following:

| Wheat      | Cars. |
|------------|-------|
| 1 Hard     | 271   |
| 1 Northern | 235   |
| 2 Northern | 217   |
| 3 Northern | 204   |
| No. 4      | 39    |
| Feed       | 12    |
| Rejected 1 | 5     |
| Rejected 2 | 2     |
| No grade   | 3     |
| Rejected 3 | 2     |
| Condemned  | 0     |
| Total      | 500   |

| Oats        | Cars. |
|-------------|-------|
| Extra No. 1 | 0     |
| No. 1       | 7     |
| No. 2       | 8     |
| No. 3       | 1     |
| Feed        | 0     |
| Rejected    | 1     |
| Barley      | 1     |
| No. 3 extra | 0     |
| No. 4       | 0     |
| No. 5       | 0     |
| Feed        | 1     |
| Rejected    | 1     |
| Flaxseed    | 0     |
| No. 1       | 4     |
| No. 2       | 0     |
| Rejected    | 0     |

The total number of cars of grain inspected as above was 500, of which 229 were on the C. P. R. and 271 on the C. N. W. R.

During the same week a year ago there were inspected 1,540 cars of grain, of which 1,490 were wheat.

Grain and Milling Notes.

A Hamburg cable says frost has caused some damage to the new wheat crop in France and Germany.

There is very little Manitoba wheat offered here, says the New York Journal of Commerce, and not as much at Montreal for the opening of navigation as expected.

General and copious rains have fallen in southern Russia, and have removed the fears for the safety of the crops which had been aroused by the long continued drought.

It is estimated that 200 new elevators may be erected in Manitoba and the Territories this year. The number will only be limited by the supply of material and labor.

The Andrews & Gage Grain Co., of Minneapolis, and W. G. McMichael's have closed contracts with the Manitoba Iron Works, Ltd., Winnipeg, for the equipment of thirteen elevators which they are erecting this season.

Rates are quoted at 7 1/2¢ to 7 3/4¢ per bushel from Port William and Duluth by all water, and lake and rail to Montreal. From Chicago to Montreal 6¢ to 6 1/2¢. From Chicago to Buffalo the rate is firmer at 2¢ on wheat.

The shutdown of the Minneapolis flour mills, undertaken as a protest against discriminatory freight rates on the railroads, assurances have been received which justify the millers in resuming work.

The statistical position in flaxseed is claimed to be decidedly against the price, says the American Elevator and Grain Trade. The crop is put down at 28,000,000 bushels. Receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth have been 25,000,000 bushels up to April 1. Chicago receipts are 3,000,000 bushels, including some duplications. This does not appear at distributing points.

It is estimated there are 2,000,000 bushels of stock in the northwestern country, and elevator people all say there is much more back than has been figured on. The Argentine exportable surplus is 20,000,000 bushels, and that country has shipped 10,000,000 bushels up to this time last year. It shipped 5,000,000 bushels. The season there this year is three weeks late, otherwise they would have shipped 4,000,000 more up to this time. The annual consumption in the United States is 38,000,000, exports 4,000,000. Over 5,000,000 bushels is carried over in seed and oil.

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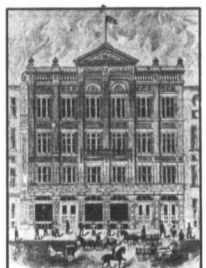
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One of the biggest labor strikes in the history of Montreal commenced on Thursday, when 750 carpenters and joiners quit work to enforce their demands for a nine-hour day, with a minimum rate of 22 1/2 cents an hour. Unless the master-builders grant the demands, 1,200 more men are expected to go out to-day.

It is reported that a new steel industry will be established in Montreal, the feature of which will be the adoption of the Hunter process. The capital will be in the vicinity of \$1,000,000. The company proposes to manufacture all kinds of machinery castings, automobile castings, railroad castings, horsehoes, harness and wagon hardware, edge tools and all kinds of steel castings.

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

Canned Goods. Per Case.

Table listing various canned goods such as Apples, Blackberries, Raspberries, Strawberries, Peaches, etc., with prices per case.

Meats. Per Case.

Table listing various meats such as Corn beef, Pork, Beef, etc., with prices per case.

Butter, Eggs, etc.

Table listing various dairy products and eggs with prices.

Green Rio. Per lb.

Cereals. Per Sack.

Table listing various cereals such as Split pea, Barley, Oatmeal, etc., with prices per sack.

Rice, Beans, etc.

Commeal. Per bushel.

Cigarettes. Per M.

Table listing various cigarette brands and prices per M.

Old Sugar. Per lb.

Table listing various types of old sugar with prices.

China Blacks. Per lb.

Teas. Per lb.

Table listing various teas and other goods with prices.

Pitted Plums. 9 9/16

Table listing various fruits and nuts with prices.

Matches. Per Case.

Nuts. Per lb.

Table listing various nuts such as Brazil, Taragona almonds, etc., with prices.

Syrup. Per lb.

Table listing various syrups and molasses with prices.

Sugar. Per lb.

Table listing various types of sugar with prices.

Salt. Per lb.

Spices. Per lb.

Table listing various spices such as Allspice, Cloves, etc., with prices.

Capstan, mid. 1.20

Table listing various hardware items with prices.

Shaving Brush. 1.00

Smoking. 1.00

Table listing various smoking-related items with prices.

Wooden Ware. Per Doz.

Table listing various wooden ware items with prices.

Brooms. 1.00

Table listing various brooms with prices.

Drugs. 1.00

Following are prices for parceling

Table listing various drug and chemical items with prices.

PRICES

Table listing various items with prices, including flour, oil, etc.

LEATHER. Per lb.

Table listing various types of leather with prices.

**MINING**

**British Columbia.**

Last week's shipments from Boundary mines amounted to 6,883 tons. One shipment from the mines in the West district last week amounted to 6,832 tons as follows: Grubby mine, 5,423 tons; Mother Lode, 1,410 tons. Total for the year to date 142,257 tons.

The Boundary Falls and Greenwood smelters have been closed down for a short time since the Form strike. Now they hope to start running again as coke supplies are beginning to arrive at all places.

The North Columbia Gold Mining Co. is certified as an extra-provincial company, permitted to carry on business in British Columbia. The head office of the company is at Huron, South Dakota. Its capitalization is \$1,000,000. The head office in British Columbia is Atlin.

Since the settlement of the miners' strike the Crow's Nest Coal Co. has advanced the price of coke 15¢ per ton. This will greatly increase the cost of operating the ore smelters of the province and will mean a great increase for fuel. There is great indignation in the Rossland and Boundary districts at the change.

Two more Rossland properties are to become shippers after May 1. These are the White Bear and Kootenay. They will make the total number of mines shipping seven. The Kootenay is expected to ship 100,000 tons of coal a month according to the White Bear 25 tons. The total list of shipping mines will be as follows: White Bear, 25,000 tons; White Bear, Le Roi No. 2, Grant, Kootenay and White Bear.

The mines at the three Crow's Nest locations are making good headway toward the settlement of the strike. At Michel the output has reached a record of 1,200 tons. The cokemakers are running their full capacity at that place. At Coal Creek the daily output has reached 1,000 tons, seven and eight hundred tons and this output is steadily increasing. At Morrissey the output has reached 600 tons. The construction of new open-pit plants at Michel and Morrissey is being rapidly pushed.

**Northwestern Ontario.**  
A twenty stamp mill at the Twentieth Century mine, Wabigoon district, working night and day.  
Two mining locations in Eagle Lake district have been sold to United States people who state that they will proceed with development. A test run of ore from these mines made last week showed \$5.50 per ton.

**PRICES A YEAR AGO.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this last year:  
Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat closed at 77¢  
No. 2 hard wheat, 75¢  
No. 3 hard wheat, 73¢  
No. 4 hard wheat, 71¢  
No. 5 hard wheat, 69¢  
No. 6 hard wheat, 67¢  
No. 7 hard wheat, 65¢  
No. 8 hard wheat, 63¢  
No. 9 hard wheat, 61¢  
No. 10 hard wheat, 59¢  
No. 11 hard wheat, 57¢  
No. 12 hard wheat, 55¢  
No. 13 hard wheat, 53¢  
No. 14 hard wheat, 51¢  
No. 15 hard wheat, 49¢  
No. 16 hard wheat, 47¢  
No. 17 hard wheat, 45¢  
No. 18 hard wheat, 43¢  
No. 19 hard wheat, 41¢  
No. 20 hard wheat, 39¢  
No. 21 hard wheat, 37¢  
No. 22 hard wheat, 35¢  
No. 23 hard wheat, 33¢  
No. 24 hard wheat, 31¢  
No. 25 hard wheat, 29¢  
No. 26 hard wheat, 27¢  
No. 27 hard wheat, 25¢  
No. 28 hard wheat, 23¢  
No. 29 hard wheat, 21¢  
No. 30 hard wheat, 19¢  
No. 31 hard wheat, 17¢  
No. 32 hard wheat, 15¢  
No. 33 hard wheat, 13¢  
No. 34 hard wheat, 11¢  
No. 35 hard wheat, 9¢  
No. 36 hard wheat, 7¢  
No. 37 hard wheat, 5¢  
No. 38 hard wheat, 3¢  
No. 39 hard wheat, 1¢  
No. 40 hard wheat, 0¢  
No. 41 hard wheat, 0¢  
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**COTTON GROWING.**  
With reference to cotton-growing within the empire, an interview was given at a meeting on March 6th of the African trade section of the Liverpool chamber (Sir Alfred Jones presiding). Sir Alfred Jones presided. J. W. Hoffman, the expert selected by the British Cotton Growing Association for establishing the industry in the West African States had practically covered their cotton-growing area and would sooner or later come to the world. In Africa they had vast territories with magnificent cotton-growing temperature, and an enormous number of people wanting to grow it, he had no doubt of the future prospects of West Africa. Mr. Hoffman stated that, as the result of the poor pay given to the colored people of the West African States, they were being driven from the cotton-producing belt, and the consequence was that the industry was only a question of a few years before the whole of the continent would be using the same machinery. He said that the sanguine that in West Africa he could produce a species of cotton which thrives there and have all the good qualities of the American cotton. He had no doubt of getting the chief interested in the cultivation of it. The one of the meeting was in favor of the movement, and the best speaker according to Mr. Hoffman on his mission—London Chamber of Commerce Journal.

**TOES.**

A few dealers catering to a very fashionable trade are purchasing a line of the narrow, black, high-cut style by some American manufacturers. The majority of these shoes are made in style altogether says the Ontario Shoe and Leather Journal. The tendency of the shoe trade is toward narrow, towards narrower goods, it were shown last season, but Canadian manufacturers are considering themselves to the moderate styling. They are very starting production in narrow toe effects have been seen, excepting those imported from a few exclusive walking shoes. It is not anything at all so long as they think it is fashionable, no matter how fast-fading they have, and the number is small in Canada compared with some other places, and consequently the demand for these standard styles in shoes is very light so far as concerns the best selling styles. The best selling styles are black and black with kids are the best selling leathers, although there is a good demand for veitours.

**GOVERNMENT BY COMMITTEE.**

There have been few more faithful subjects of servitude than the goal to which the evolution of the party system is bringing us. It is not longer what it was when it grew mainly out of parliamentary government in England, and the free exercise of the royal prerogative, must be apparent to every student of affairs. The royal prerogative has now entirely disappeared; and parliamentary government is fast following into oblivion. The British House of Commons, in its various spurts of independence as the new order of things is showing us, has practically abdicated of behalf of government; while, in this country, it has been years since the representative assembly has been allowed to abdicate. Thus what we have come to now in the progress of evolution—or whatever it may be—is really government by committee.

In Ontario, we have just seen a record precedent of the kind never preferred in the open legislature anywhere. One of the ministers, and casting a vote, the entire government of suspicion were promptly retired to take into consideration the matter for which they were called to account. This is a matter for the House, in which the ministers, as the accused parties,

would, with proper sensitiveness stand aside, never occurred to any one. The government went into session late a committee, and decided upon the policy which it would ask its majority to endorse. The course was directly contrary to all that the majority had been accustomed to honor. But that matter is not the point. The committee had been elected to support had chosen this course; and they rose one after another to support the committee in a competition of adroitness in finding plausible reasons for deserting their party duties and obeying the committee. Party is still a cover in the land; but the committee is a greater power than the party.

Ministers no longer exert themselves to win the favor of parliament. They sit in committee to decide upon the policy they will pursue, and then announce to parliament this policy as one they are to adopt and defend thereafter before their constituents. They have absolutely no fear that parliament will refuse to obey orders. They are upon the supposition that that is what a parliamentary majority is for—i. e., to obey orders. They, indeed, do not wish to know when an election day approaches what to do, and means of securing the choice of a majority in government. They do not care to know what the voters precisely as the government in Spain ranges in what districts they will prefer the election of a few oppositionists to keep them in commance. In this country, the committee is by no means as certain that the loaded dice will fall as they intend, and they do not know what they can do, and what with patronage and promises and campaign fanfare, they can do. Just what government by committee means for us is worth some consideration. But first it is well to realize fully that that is what we have.

It is no longer government by parliament, and it is not government by the people. It is a new development of popular government which would have been thought far to autocratic and irresponsible in the old days of the "Reform Bill" and the abolition of rotten boroughs. It is government by a small committee which chooses for the people except at its own chosen time, and with all the advantages in its favor, and which is not a member of parliament into retained authority, who plead its cause with their constituents. The people are not to be called to get rid of one committee and call in another.—Toronto News.

**Importance of Forest Reserves.**

Following are extracts from a paper by Dr. Bean, of St. Louis, read before the Irrigation congress at Colorado Springs:

Wood and water are two of the most important resources of civilization. The occupation of farming lands in our country began with the utilization of the undrained forest or undulated areas, followed by the clearing of trees at greater elevations until the bulk of the present forested regions is limited largely to the mountains. The irrigation forests have been protected, construction has furnished fuel and fenceposts, and various other products obtained by farm labor. They have performed a most important service in the regulation of the water supply, protection from floods and the conservation of power from stream flow. The future prospect of large areas in the west are well known to be dependent upon forestry and irrigation, and it is the forests that best conserve the water supply which serves the purposes for irrigation.

The forestry industry ranked fourth in importance in the United States in 1901, and their aggregate value amounted to more than \$1,000,000,000. The forest has many destructive enemies. It has been estimated that our forests are being destroyed at the rate of 450,000,000 every year.

In many regions of the country the sheep industry has an important relation to the forests. In the Rocky Mountain regions in 1900 over 19,000,000 sheep were grazed on the range, and in the Pacific states upward of 20,000,000 more. There can be no doubt that the prolonged overgrazing fatal to the future of the forest, and also diminishes its value as a water conservator.

The regulation of stream flow is one of the most important functions of the forests. Springs are improved in size and continuity of flow by a pro-

per forest cover of trees, litter and humus mold. Snow is being held longer in the forests, and its melting is retarded, giving opportunity for filtration into the ground.

Every civilized government should control the forest cover of its mountains in order to protect the water conditions, for no successful without proper control. Water is possible to be stored in the mountains. Forest reserves have been set apart out of the public domain in the western States and are being managed in area more than 72,000 square miles.

The rapid cutting of the forests on the slope of the northern Appalachian mountains, leading to the destruction of the resources, beauty and attractiveness of a great mountain region immensely valuable to a large part of the nation, has led up to the introduction of a bill in Congress providing for a national reserve for the preservation of the forests of the district, the perpetuation of the timber supply, the development of its farming resources, and the regulation of the water flow through its streams. This bill passed the Senate during the session of 1901 and was favorably reported upon by the committee of agriculture of the House, and will be considered at the first session of the next Congress. Agriculture in the west depends upon a system of irrigation. The success of these reservoirs, up to the present, have a partly failed in their object by the breaking up of dams, the filling up of the reservoir with silt. Storage reservoirs with drainage areas are protected by forests. The silt which flows from them is the chief foe to irrigation. The importance of maintaining and extending the system of government reservoirs because of their economic development and with forest preservation.

**PERFUMES.**

Dr. Adolf Liebmann, in an interesting address before the International Association on "Perfumes: Natural and Artificial," said it was probable that the art of perfume-making began in the East and sweet-scented spices by extraction and distillation was known to the Chinese, Hindus, and Egyptians, and other ancient peoples. In the middle ages great progress in the art was made by the alchemists. The first stage in its history was reached when modern chemistry began to ascertain the components of the various essential oils that were then obtained empirically, and to discover the nature of the compounds which they contained. As a result of this knowledge it became possible artificially to build up essential oils, and from these natural products, the component substances obtained in the cheapest way—either from oils in which they naturally occurred, or by synthetic methods. Thus artificial rose petals, was now an ordinary product of commerce. Many chemical products were now being manufactured by synthetic methods. The regions in which a good boon for many, particularly economic reasons. Vanilla, for instance, in 1876 cost \$100 per 100 pounds; in 1880 the price was reduced to about 25¢, and to-day it was only 10¢. But the industry is not still further, and not content with simply reproducing the originals of the natural products, but has produced aromatic compounds that were artificial in the full sense of the word. Examples were also given of synthetic artificial violet, ionone, an isomer of iron, the natural carrier of the violet aroma. The backwardness of England in this branch of industry. The deficiency of technical instruction in this country as the cause; but in his opinion technical education was being overcome, and we too frequently were to give knowledge into minds not sufficiently prepared to receive it. He was inclined rather to blame the manufacturer, who in consequence of a long habit of undisturbed supremacy, had begun to neglect the knowledge, perseverance, and enterprising about which no industry of 5,000,000,000 could be successful. Commerce Journal, London, Eng.

The governments of the Vaal River and Orange River States have agreed to grant a 10 per cent. preference to Great Britain, and to British colonies which are willing to reciprocate.

FORESTRY FOR FARMERS.

The farmers of the United States own about 500,000,000 acres of woodland, ten times the acreage of all Federal forest reserves, most of this consists of small wood-lots...

It was to help the farmer in caring for his timberland that the Bureau of Forestry several years ago began to furnish him, without cost, with the services of its foresters.

A great deal of wood is consumed every year on the farm for fuel, poles, and other purposes, and the farmer cuts what he needs without thought as to whether he is lessening the power of his forest to yield its supplies.

Usually, only one visit to the farm by the bureau is necessary, and this service is given without cost to the owner.

BUSINESS A PROFESSION.

"One of the distinguishing marks of this age is the eagerness for knowledge and comprehensive knowledge of the history and mechanism of money, exchange, speculation and credit.

"A notable development of the past few years has been the establishment of schools of commerce by the leading universities. This has called for the creation of a literature of business, and publishing houses have undertaken to supply the demand by the issue of series of books on business topics.

on questions of finance and commerce.

It is quite possible, therefore, for young men in business who have not had the advantage of collegiate training not only to keep posted in regard to the current events in the world of affairs, but also to acquire a large degree of knowledge of the theory and practice of the various branches of business in which they are engaged.

"One of the most notable developments along this line has been the organization of the American Institute of Bank Clerks, which has chapters in twenty-six cities and fully 6,000 members.

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THE PLATINUM INDUSTRY.

According to a report from Irkutsk, quoted in the Monteur Officiel du Commerce, the annual production of platinum in Russia is 7,525 kilograms.

ed only 4,750 kilogram. In lieu of 5,880 kilogram a difference of 1,130 kilogram. In the presence of so limited a production, it was natural that the metal should be practically unobtainable.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES.

In the light of recent discoveries of science and invention it is not now difficult to imagine any of the things which are being accomplished by wireless telegraphy.

CHILD LABOR.

Public sentiment is being aroused throughout the world in regard to the question of child labor. The publication of articles on the subject in the leading magazines of the world and the public in general is becoming interested.

A NEW FUEL.

Fuel briquettes, made from brown coals and dust and waste of coal mines, are extensively used in Germany, and their manufacture is said to be important industry.

RAILWAY BUILDING.

Railway building is extremely active in the United States. The total mileage was the amount of building in 1902-5,884 miles—the greatest since 1882.

lines the location of which has been fixed for which the tender has been asked—\$2,780. The great bulk of the new building will be done in the South and southwestern States.

SEEDING NOTES.

Moose Jaw, Assn., April 22.—Seeding is in full swing. The farmer conspicuous by his non-appearance in town just now.

Grand View, Man.—Seeding is well advanced. The land in the district is reported to be in excellent condition for spring work.

Shoal Lake, Man.—Seeding operations are now fairly started. The ground is in the best of condition for spring work.

Carberry, Man.—Seeding was done generally over the Big Plains. The spendid weather is made and the land is now in the hands of the farmers.

Hartney, Man., April 17.—The seeding in this district. The weather has not been very favorable for the season.

The largest electrical plant in the world is that at Salt Lake. It raises a total of 100,000 horsepower for irrigating the Salt Lake Valley.

Thomas A. Edison, in a recent interview said he believes that the motor and automobile will displace the horse most entirely. In the present condition of Oregon, he knows of no automobile which one could predict any special future for aerial navigation.

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ADVERTISING VICTORIA.

Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Victoria, B.C., Tourist association, is back from a most successful tour through the eastern cities, both of Canada and the United States.

The object of Mr. Cuthbert's visit to the east was to arouse interest in the British Columbia as a Mecca for tourists and a desirable country for permanent residence. He was very much surprised to find how very little the eastern people know of the far west. In Chicago, he said, there are sixteen railroads selling tickets for northern California all the year around and in interviews with the agents there he found the climate of British Columbia was looked upon as even as that of the middle west, and when Mr. Cuthbert informed them that at Victoria the average highest temperature is 78, and the lowest winter register is 42 it was hard to convince them of the truth of the statement.

In eastern Canada the keenest interest is felt in the development of the Northwest, and Winnipeg comes in for a large share of admiration. At Quebec Mr. Cuthbert delivered an illustrated lecture on British Columbia, and threw upon the canvas many Winnipeg scenes that brought forth loud demonstrations of enthusiasm. In Toronto the Canadian manufacturing association and Canadian club took the matter up, and under their auspices an illustrated lecture was given. He also addressed the Montreal board of trade and Business men's league.

The Chinese question, the labor troubles, and the trap fishing industry were matters that were of keenest interest to the eastern audiences. In speaking of the labor question Mr. Cuthbert said: "We get altogether too much notoriety on this through the British Columbia press. Labor difficulties are not more serious or clamorous with us in British Columbia than they are in the east, but they get more publicity at the coast than they do in the east."

In the eastern American cities there is a keen interest taken in Winnipeg.

which Mr. Cuthbert referred to as the Canadian Chicago. He advocated to prospective tourists a trip to the coast by the American lines from St. Paul to the coast and back again via the C. P. R., thus giving the tourist a fair idea of the great westland, American and Canadian.

"There are two things absolutely necessary if British Columbia is to go ahead," Mr. Cuthbert asserted, "and those are freedom from labor troubles and political unrest."

FIRST GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

Fort William, Ont., April 21.—Well may the citizens of Fort William feel proud of the finest harbor on the lake, with eighteen big freighters in port. The sight along the docks is something that has not been seen heretofore. The Sonora turned in the basin without the assistance of a tug, as also did the Leafield and her tow, the Agawa, about 330 feet in length, besides the other large boats.

The first departures of the boats took place this afternoon when the Theano with 80,000 bushels of grain left for Midland and the Sonora with 175,000 bushels steamed for Buffalo. The Monkshaven is loaded, waiting for her tow, the Barrour. The Pakli is also loaded and will wait to assist the Leafield to tow the Agawa when loaded with 200,000 bushels of grain. The Iroquois and Oliver are discharging their cargoes of coal at the C. P. R. docks.

The arrivals to-day were the Argonquin, the Ottawa, the Sultana, the Bramford, the Oliver and the Rappanahook. The I. W. Nicholas, which wintered here with grain, cannot leave port until a tug can be secured to turn her around as the boat, being loaded down, cannot turn in the basin without assistance.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The value of imports into the Argentine last year was \$103,039,256, a decrease of \$10,020,435 compared with 1901. Exports were valued at \$179,486,727, an increase of \$11,770,025. The imports of bullion were \$8-

900,086, an increase of \$6,520,946, and the exports \$3,074,341, an increase of \$908,071. Of the imports last year the United Kingdom sent \$36,905,400, the United States \$13,363,504, Germany \$13,229,275, and Italy \$12,235,063. Of the exports the United Kingdom took \$35,084,098, France \$23,587,457, Germany \$22,959,881, Belgium \$13,790,219, and the United States \$10,037,570. The following is a summary of the imports and exports, according to classification, for the years 1901 and 1902:

Imports.

|                                   | 1901         | 1902          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Animals, living.....              | 290,548      | \$ 492,603    |
| Food substances.....              | 10,854,487   | 10,629,093    |
| Tobacco.....                      | 2,007,295    | 2,329,641     |
| Wines and spirits.....            | 7,099,561    | 6,846,449     |
| Textile materials—                |              |               |
| (a) Silk.....                     | 1,782,575    | 1,444,172     |
| (b) Wool.....                     | 6,310,833    | 4,917,235     |
| (c) Cotton.....                   | 16,954,962   | 19,355,980    |
| (d) Various.....                  | 4,459,948    | 7,127,161     |
| Oil.....                          | 4,204,628    | 3,282,800     |
| Chemicals and drugs.....          | 414,902      | 3,077,260     |
| Dye stuffs and colors.....        | 345,000      | 399,921       |
| Lumber and appliances.....        | 7,299,778    | 6,846,775     |
| Paper and appliances.....         | 3,043,219    | 2,567,019     |
| Leather goods and appliances..... | 1,141,806    | 962,613       |
| Iron and appliances.....          | 4,204,628    | 3,439,134     |
| (a) Raw materials.....            | 2,465,950    | 2,231,161     |
| (b) Farm implements.....          | 7,488,220    | 8,252,284     |
| Other metals.....                 | 3,355,852    | 2,735,962     |
| China.....                        | 10,155,132   | 10,906,694    |
| Miscellaneous.....                | 3,466,363    | 2,075,547     |
|                                   | \$13,569,719 | \$105,039,256 |

Exports.

|                                | 1901          | 1902          |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Pastoral products—             |               |               |
| (a) Live animals.....          | 2,084,425     | 5,537,200     |
| (b) Animal products.....       | \$1,782,466   | \$9,141,828   |
| (c) Manufactured products..... | 5,154,239     | 6,032,249     |
| (d) By-products.....           | 621,974       | 741,369       |
| Agricultural products—         |               |               |
| (a) Raw products.....          | 63,106,990    | 61,118,427    |
| (b) Manufactured products..... | 6,704,101     | 4,994,247     |
| (c) By-products.....           | 1,787,909     | 2,668,658     |
| Forestal products.....         | 2,821,496     | 3,649,208     |
| Mineral products.....          | 408,440       | 277,000       |
| Products of the chase.....     | 940,141       | 718,449       |
| Miscellaneous.....             | 2,105,515     | 2,081,500     |
|                                | \$107,716,102 | \$179,486,727 |

SURTAX ENQUIRY.

Berlin, April 21.—The German government, before corresponding with Great Britain regarding the surtax imposed by Canada on German goods, or suggesting to the Bundesrath that the retaliatory measures proposed for in the new tariff bill should be applied, intends to inquire afresh through the ministry of the interior as to what the precise trade exchanges between Germany and Canada are, and how far German exports would be affected were the other British colonies to similarly discriminate against Germany. The foreign office apparently considers the principle involved to be one of exceeding importance, extending far beyond what are regarded as the rather insignificant interests directly engaged.

MADE IN CANADA.

One is glad to notice when on shopping tours that there is an ever-increasing tendency on the parts of both seller and purchaser to give prominence to articles of home manufacture.

Where, a few years ago, only "imported" things were deemed worthy of consideration, and the labels "Paris," "New York," "London," were important factors in making sales, now one's eye is attracted by such pleasant placards as "Our Own Manufacture," "Direct From Our Own Ware-rooms," etc., and there is a show case in one of our largest shops containing the prettiest collection imaginable of dainty stocks and flimsy jabots, all grouped around a card bearing the proud legend, "Made in Canada," "Canadian Magazine."

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## C. P. R. EXTENSIONS.

Enquiries made at the C. P. R. offices as to the intention of the company regarding the proposed line from Caborn to Selkirk, show that the company undoubtedly intends to build this line. Surveys for it have already been made with the result that it was found to be a route with a grade of not more than 25 degrees in angle. The grades are said to be nearly level while the cost of grading would be very light. The most important item is that a distance of seven miles would be saved by running a cut-off from Selkirk to the present route through Winnipeg. It is understood that the plans for this line have already been approved.

Construction work on the C. P. R. lines is now in full swing. Track is being laid now on the Kirkella extension between Bear Creek and Qu'Appelle river and operations will start soon on the Arcola extension into Regina and also on the Yorkton extension.

In all about 200 miles of track will be laid in the west this spring and summer.

This does not include the new sidetracks to be built on the main line between Winnipeg and Regina and also on many of the branch lines in the province and Territories. New sidings are to be built for elevator sites and for the purpose of facilitating the handling of traffic so as not to block the main line with freight when passenger and stock trains are to be runched through.

The difficulty which the Canadian Pacific find now is that they cannot raise enough rails about the length of two hundred miles of new track from only a part of the graded lines, the company are unable to obtain the quantities that orders for more than this amount for the construction department in this division at least will be filled.

On the Kirkella extension it was learned from the construction department, steel will be laid this summer for a distance of about 60 miles north of Qu'Appelle river to Stouffville, making altogether a new track of about 106 miles from Kirkella. This is about as much as the company can promise will be laid with steel this season.

They have sent in during the past month about 1,500,000 feet of timber for the erection of two big trestles at Cassiors and Bear Creeks. Track has been laid across the trestles and a crew is now at work erecting a steel span over the Qu'Appelle river.

An appropriation has been made for 30 miles of new steel on the Yorkton extension of the old M. & N. W. R. and a total of about 200 miles of new line will be built. It is not likely, however, that the last 30 miles of this line will be traced this summer.

Foley Bros. & Larson, railway contractors, have secured the contract for the building of the Arcola line into Regina and 115 miles of new track will be laid this year if it is possible to secure the steel.

There are several large contracting firms tendering on the work of grade reductions between Moose Jaw and Swift Current. Grades on this section will be reduced from one per cent to two-fifths of one per cent, thus doubling the hauling capacity of the line. This work will be done this summer and it is one of the largest improvements that will be made on the line. The reduction of the grades is a most important item in the work of the construction department and a work large saving in the amount of power required to operate trains in this section.

## MILLING TROUBLES.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 18.—The flour mill and wheat situation in the Northwest is more complicated than it has been since the shut-down. The millers stick to the original explanation, an unjust discrimination in tariffs between Duluth and Buffalo against flour and favoring wheat, which they assert, was the real cause of a big loss to them. Most reliable advices are that every flour mill in the Northwest is at a standstill, operations, pending instructions from the Minneapolis millers.

The crux of the trouble lies in the statement that the transportation companies have for years discriminated against flour in favor of wheat. It

costs to-day 9 cents per 100 pounds to get a barrel of flour from Duluth to Buffalo. It costs 2 cents a bushel, or 3-1-2 cents per 100 pounds to carry wheat to the same point.

The action of the millers was sudden and unexpected, and was prompted by developments at the head of the lakes. The head of a local milling firm received a long-distance telephone message from a distant point that a deal had just been closed for the carrying of 450,000 bushels of wheat from Duluth to Buffalo at 2 cents a bushel. With the existing rate of 9 cents per 100 pounds for flour, this put the miller out of the market.

At a meeting of the heads of the various milling companies called. It was decided to close the mills at 7 o'clock. The trouble lies in the fact that the foreign millers and the New England millers are coming to Duluth and other points and are buying great quantities of wheat, and are taking it to their plants to make it into flour. They can do this and sell the flour produced more cheaply than the Minneapolis mills can sell their flour in competition, for the reason that under existing discriminations in that they can get the wheat to their plants for much less than the Minneapolis millers can get their flour to the consuming centers.

More than two thousand men directly connected with the mills are out of employment, and many others employed in the cooper shops, bag factories and in the railroad yards will be affected.

It is the belief of railroad men who have expressed themselves that the situation must be cleared up.

They say that a controversy is an old one. It involves the question of comparative rates on raw and finished products. Transportation experts believe that the rate on grain should be less than that on flour, in that there are no claims against wheat shipments as there are against flour. Grain is a bulk shipment and does not have to be handled as does flour, which is a package freight. Under the present conditions the boats are glad to take grain, and load back at whatever they can get for it.

## NEW CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

"Referring to the clause in the resolution submitted to parliament under which a surtax is to be imposed on German goods, which provide that no such surtax shall apply to any goods actually purchased on or before the 10th day of April, 1903, by any corporation, firm or person in Canada, the question of interpretation to be placed upon this exemption clause will be a matter for legislation. I am authorized to state that such regulation will provide for the application of this exemption to goods which have arrived in Canada and are entered for duty on or before the 30th day of June, 1903, provided satisfactory proof be furnished in each case, that the order therefor from the importer in Canada was made on or before the foreign export on or before the 10th day of April, 1903.

The manner of the interpretation to be placed upon the exemption clause will enable business men to get their goods about in regard to orders they may have placed up to April 10, for German goods.

Canada's imposition of a surtax on German goods was seemingly not expected in ministerial quarters at Ottawa, where the step is not regarded as changing the trade relations to the detriment of Canada. Recently, she has only been buying such articles from Germany as were not obtainable elsewhere. The preferential duty accorded to Great Britain already had placed Germany at a disadvantage. Nothing is likely to be done by the German government, as it is recognized that it is not expected that such exclusion of Canada from most favored nation treatment. In any event, the German government will not protest until Chancellor Von Buelow returns to Berlin.

## PEACE RIVER SURVEYS.

Edmonton, N. W. T., April 15.—Burns, in charge of the C. N. R.—Bureau outfit returned here after having been out for about three months. The parties left Edmonton some time in the middle of January and went first to the Athabasca Landing, where

the party freighted to Lesser Slave lake and from there to Peace River Crossing, entering the Grand Prairie country by way of the Peace river, from which Burns worked his way towards the mountains.

The Grand Prairie country, as the Peace River diver this year, and called, had little snow this year, and cattle belonging to the few ranchers at the head of the country were looking splendid. The fur traders at Little Slave Lake and at the Peace River crossing, and at a first-class camp this year and expect to bring out larger quantities of pelts than ever before. The fur traders at Lesser Slave Lake and the Peace River are in full swing and the traders are rushing the goods for the points to which they run, Smoky river and north, so as to have them laid down before the thaw and had roads. At the Athabasca Landing boat building is going on vigorously and some five scows destined to carry freight down the Athabasca river, are in process of building. Anybody who knew the Landing some few years back would hardly recognize it in the bustling and bustling place of to-day. Business depots have sprung up, and the employees have built themselves comfortable frame houses. The sawmill is taxed to its utmost to keep up with the demand for lumber. Gagnon's new hotel does not accommodate all the trade and the found it necessary to build another. Burns finished his survey and started back to town about the 17th of March. At this time the snow at Grand Prairie has disappeared. The party came back with pack horse by way of Sturgeon Lake and Lake Sturgeon. The mail stop at Sturgeon has been doing an enormous fur trade this season and the traders at Lesser Slave Lake and Lake Sturgeon are well off. The settlements are reaching out already within close vicinity of the lake and fences and houses and other signs of human habitation have made their appearance when only a few years ago there was practically wilderness. Mr. Burns will stay a few days in town and will then return to Winnipeg.

## NAVIGATION OPENS.

Fort William, Ont., April 19.—Today navigation was opened at the mouth of the St. Lawrence river. The steamer from Duluth at 3 p.m. This morning. The steamer will be seen making headway for this port, arriving about 10 o'clock, and the same day proved to be a most creditable ice breaker as she cut a channel through the ice for a distance of about 10 miles. Closely followed in the Sonera's wake were the four Algoma Central steamers, the Cleopatra, Fenestella and tow, Bartum; and the Leadfield with her large steel barge, the Agawa. The docks presented a holiday appearance, a large concourse of citizens assembling to see the steamers arrive. The line of boats moving slowly up the channel in the ice presented a sorry sight. The steamer in leadfield didn't fare as well as the other boats, owing to her tow barge Agawa being a wider boat than the channel. The delay in the arrival of the Leadfield, and her tow till this evening. The steamer in leadfield, at about 10 o'clock, the C. P. R. docks here in port. Their total carrying capacity represented the most of the grain. The captains of the steamers are: Sonera, Capt. Reid; Theano, Capt. Penas; Fenestella, Capt. Garzey; Bartum, Capt. Cadott; Agawa, Capt. Slammers. The Kaministiquia river is all free of ice.

## MAIL CONTRACT.

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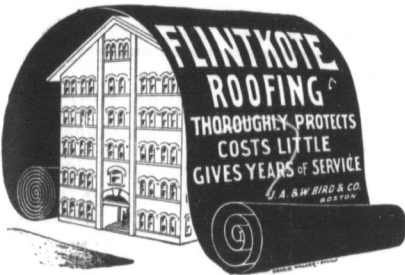
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St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 10, 1902.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the ingredients used by Mr. W. G. Douglas, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in the manufacture of his Carnefac Stock Food has been submitted to me for my opinion regarding their value. I may say with reference to them that I am satisfied they are all healthful. If properly blended they should make a splendid tonic for live stock, more especially when the digestion is not in the best working order. They will act as an appetizer and will also tend to stimulate the digestion so that when fed to animals not in good condition of thrift the result should be to quickly improve their condition. I would suppose that this food would be especially helpful in feeding horses in preparing them for spring work, and in putting in tone the stomach of cattle, sheep and swine that have been pushed too hard in feeding. It should also render good service when fed to calves that are not prospering because of indigestion.

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**Hardware Trade Notes.**

English advices state that there will be an advance of 25 cts per ton on Canada plate.

Canadian hardware jobbers state that their purchases in Great Britain and European markets for this season's trade have been greatly in excess of other years.

Argentine declined 40 per gallon in lumber markets last week, owing to disposition of the market. The Standard Oil Co. is seeking to freeze prices on the tarentine market.

The classes of United States tools, such as carpenters' tools and saws, are becoming in rather short supply, owing to the scarcity of such tools in the United States. Some houses have experienced great difficulty in obtaining quantities of augur bits. The millwright factories, particularly in the United States, are far behind with their orders, and even fittings have

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Advices from Toronto state that carpenters' braces are 10 per cent dearer; United States coffee mills have been advanced 5 per cent; an advance of about 20 per cent in rope halters is announced by the manufacturers, owing to increase in the price of hemp and of malleable castings; German pearl-handled pocket knives are 5 per cent dearer; an advance in copper and brass goods is anticipated, owing to rise in copper ingots; binder twine prices are 1 to 1 1/2 cts lower than a year ago; British pure manila rope is 1/2 cts lower, owing to competition of United States goods.

**Labor Notes.**

The carpenters of Montreal are asking for an advance of 2 1/2c per hour.

It is probable that the threatened tailors strike in Winnipeg will not materialize. The masters are making a compromise proposition to the journeymen, which is likely to be accepted.

The textile corporations in Lowell involved in the present strike of 17,000 operatives, with a single exception, cannot afford to pay their help the 10 per cent increase demanded by organized labor, is the opinion of the state board of arbitration and conciliation, which has just completed an investigation.

The differences respecting the wage scale between journeymen plumbers of Winnipeg and their employers have not yet been adjusted. It is expected that there will be an amicable arrangement shortly. The men ask for a change in the scale by which they will be paid more nearly according to merit. The price per hour for which they ask is 50c.

One of the important questions before the convention of iron, steel and tin workers of the United States, which was in session this week at Columbus, Ohio, was a proposition by a prominent iron and steel company to sell stock to workmen on easy payments. The company also proposed to give the workmen holding stock a director who shall have full powers with the other directors. This is regarded as an important question.

In the high court of justice, Toronto, Mr. Justice Meredith has handed down an important judgment in the suit of the H. Krug Furniture Co. of Berlin, Ont., versus Berlin Union, No. 112, Amalgamated Woodworkers of America. In this case the whole issue of how far strikers may go to obtain their ends in a labor dispute is involved, and the union has been defeated. The plaintiffs are granted a perpetual injunction restraining the union from unlawfully besetting their factory or from obstructing them in

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their business. The union must also pay damages to the Krug Co.

The Winnipeg trades and labor council met on Friday evening last. The immigration question and its effect upon the labor market was discussed and the opinion seemed to prevail that some steps should be taken to prevent any but agriculturists from coming. The government was blamed for not giving more attention to this phase of the question. It was decided to prepare a circular for transmission to all parts of the British Isles setting forth this view. Several cases of the employment of child labor in the city were taken up and will be investigated. The striking C. P. R. freight handlers asked for endorsement. The deliverymen's union wrote asking labor unionists to abstain from buying goods for delivery at such hours as are declared to be unreasonable by the union. This latter request was en-

dorsed. That of the freight handlers was referred to a committee.

**Prices of Staples in New York.**

|                | April 17, 1902. | April 18, 1902. |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Flour          | \$2.00          | \$1.97 1/2      |
| Wheat          | 83 1/2          | 87 1/2          |
| Corn           | 52 1/2          | 58              |
| Oats           | 38 1/2          | 40              |
| Cotton         | 10 1/2          | 9 7/8           |
| Printcloths    | 3 1/2           | 3 1/2           |
| Pork           | 28              | 28 1/2          |
| Lard           | 10 25           | 10 1/2          |
| Butter         | 27              | 26              |
| Cheese         | 15              | 15              |
| Sugar          | 13 1/2          | 13 1/2          |
| Coffee         | 5 3/4           | 5 3/4           |
| Petroleum      | 8 3/4           | 8 3/4           |
| Iron           | \$1.50          | \$1.50          |
| *Steel billets | \$30.50         | \$31.50         |
| Steel Rails    | \$28.00         | \$28.00         |
| Copper         | 15 1/2          | 15 1/2          |
| Lead, lb.      | 4 1/2           | 4 1/2           |
| Tin, lb.       | 30 1/2          | 30 1/2          |
|                | Pittsburg.      | Bradstreets.    |

