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The Briton and His Commercial Rivals.

Dear Sir:

The bogey of "made in Germany and the reiterated cry that British commerce is being worried in every market of the world, lead me to ask for a little space in your columns to place before your readers one or two reasons why they need not give way to feelings of despair or even despondency over the situation. By the magazines, our foreign trade is made to appear decadent, while that of Germany and America is shown to be as rapidly growing. "Give a dog a bad name and hang him," tell the whole world day by day that the Briton is a degenerate, and that his German and American rivals are cutting him out, and the prophets will bring about the fulfilment of their own forebodings. merchants and manufacturers will become discouraged, and capitalists will look abroad for more promising fields in which to invest, and then we may write "Ichabod" over the gateways of our custom houses. A great number of writers take it for granted that Germans and Americans have made relatively far greater progress than Britons during the past twenty years. Indeed the opinion of some of the authorities in the symposium on this subject, held in a monthly review this month, clearly is, that Britain has lost its supremacy in the field of foreign commerce, and that it has fallen into a second or third place, behind Germany or America. I have seen enough of German and American factories and institutions to fill me with respect for them, yet I have felt no uneasiness concerning our own prospects. It may be all very well to attempt to spur on the British manufacturer to greater endeavor by warning him of what his rivals are doing, but exaggeration and in many cases, false statements, are not justifiable.

With your permission, sir, I would like to lay the following broad statement of facts before your readers, so that they may draw their own conclusions, from official data:

The annual gross exports of merchandise from the U. K., Germany and the U. S. A. are given in the statistical abstract of the board of trade, divided among the inhabitants of the respective countries, during the period from 1879 to 1899, split up into three equal terms of seven years.

Periods—	United Kingdom.			Germany.			U. S. A.		
	Total exp.	per cap.	per exp.	Total exp.	per cap.	per exp.	Total exp.	per cap.	per exp.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1879-1885	.5	4	1	4	17	5	3	2	2
1886-1892	.8	0	11	4	8	4	2	14	1
1893-1899	.7	9	0	3	12	2	2	14	0

The above decreases are due to the fall in value of late years, the actual volume of trade has of course greatly increased.

Besides showing that the Briton is doing more, man for man, than his two great rivals combined, the above statement proves that he is increasing his lead. In the foregoing the export business only has been taken into account, and, moreover, no credit has been claimed for the great preponderance of the British shipping and financial interests, in which this kingdom is facile princeps.

I remain, yours obediently,
G. J. S. BROOMHALL,
Royal Statistical Society's Rooms,
London, 9 Adelphi Terrace, Strand, W. C., 25th March, 1901.

P. S.—Had the trade of other parts of Greater Britain been included, the total for the whole empire would have been equal to the combined trade of Germany, America, France and Russia.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

Comparative prices of staples in New York:		Apr. 5, 1901.		Apr. 7, 1901.	
Flour	...	\$3.35	\$3.55	\$3.35	\$3.55
Wheat	...	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Corn	...	40	40	40	40
Oats	...	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rye	...	31	31	31	31
Cotton	...	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Printcloths	...	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Wool, Ohio	...	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Wool, No. 1	...	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Fork, mess	...	\$15.50	\$15.50	13.2	13.50
Lard	...	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00
Butter	...	22	22	21	21
Cheese	...	12 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Sugar, gran	...	5.25	5.25	5.00	5.00
Coffee, No. 7	...	7	7	5	5
Petroleum, fld	...	7.5	7.5	8.00	8.00
Iron, Besse	...	17 1/2	17.25	21.00	21.00
*Steel billets	...	24.00	24.00	25.00	25.00
Steel rails	...	20.00	20.00	23.00	23.00
Copper	...	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Lead, lb	...	4.37 1/2	4.37 1/2	4.75	4.75
Zn, lb	...	25.80	25.80	26.00	26.00
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THE RAILWAY CONTRACTS.

But slow progress is being made at Ottawa with the measures introduced there to ratify the Manitoba railway contracts. Opponents of the measures now hope that they will be crowded out this session, as the time for prorogation is drawing near and a lot of business remains yet to be disposed of. The latest and most important feature to crop up since the passage of the bills by the Manitoba legislature, is the action of the Ontario government in connection with these contracts. The Rainy River section of the Canadian Northern, which Manitoba proposes to guarantee to the extent of \$20,000 per mile, lies entirely within the province of Ontario. Ontario has already granted a large subsidy to this road, and, therefore, has an important interest in the property, in addition to the fact that the road is in that province. The Ontario government naturally objects to the control of this road by Manitoba, and the interference of Ontario further complicates an already complicated situation. When the Manitoba government undertook to secure the control or a measure of control over railways outside the province, it is evident that the members of the government did not fully comprehend the difficulties in the way. The legal difficulties seem to be increasing as the contracts are advanced. The Ontario government, which certainly has a large interest at stake in this matter, will oppose, it is understood, any attempt by Manitoba to exercise jurisdiction over a railway in that province. If the opposition of Ontario to the contracts is manifested in strong form, the probability of the ratification of the contracts by the Dominion parliament this session would be reduced to a minimum. It now looks as though Manitoba might be saved from assuming this enormous responsibility, by circumstances beyond the control of our provincial authorities. We certainly hope that the measures will not be ratified by parliament this term, believing that time only is necessary to show the undesirability of entering into these contracts. If the country is given a year to discuss these measures, we believe there will surely be another attempt to push the contracts through in their present form.

RAISE MORE POULTRY.

It is a pity that the producers of this country do not pay more attention to the business of poultry raising. Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia are annually obliged to send to Ontario for winter supplies of this necessary line of food products and although the quantity brought west last winter was not so large as in other years it was still a considerable item and the amount of money represented would have made a big difference in the circumstances of some of our farmers if they had had it distributed among them. The west could just as well as not produce this poultry. The feed is here and all the conditions are favorable for poultry raising. Those farmers who have been engaged in the business heretofore even if only to a limited extent, have done well out of it, especially if they have given sufficient attention to feed the stock right and have dressed it in attractive fashion. The principal line of poultry now being brought from the east is turkeys and these are just as easily raised here as they are in the east. If they are well dressed and sent to market in nice shape they readily command a premium over the price of eastern turkeys. For instance a lot of turkeys were received here last week from a western point, which

THE USE OF COPPERS.

The resolution adopted by the Retail Grocers' Association of Vancouver last week denouncing the use of Canadian and United States coppers as a medium of exchange in business and pledging the members of the association not to use them in the transaction of business must strike the ordinary person as a rather high-handed proceeding so far as its application to Canadian coins is concerned. It is easy to sympathize with those retail merchants in their desire to get along without the coppers if their introduction means further reductions in profits which are all too small already on many lines of goods, but the fact seems to have been lost sight of by those who put this resolution through that they have no option in the matter and are obliged by law to accept coppers to the amount of 25c the same as they would any other form of legal tender in payment for goods or in discharge of any sort of obligation. For United States money as a medium of exchange in any of its denominations Canadians have no use whatever, and it is only accepted in many places at a discount. We have plenty of better money of our own in Canada for all requirements and the retail merchants of Vancouver will certainly be doing a sensible thing if they decide to refuse

Another very noticeable change in the bicycle business now from what it was a few years ago is that riders do not change mounts so frequently, being now content to use the same wheel for several seasons. This is due partly to the fact that the new wheels differ very little from year to year, but the principal reason is, probably to be found in the fact that the larger proportion of those owning bicycles at the present time, especially in the cities, have them as a matter of convenience more than for the sake of exercise or recreation.

Jobbers report a tendency on the part of country dealers this year to hold off until they see how the season opens up, and they are, therefore, ordering in smaller quantities than in previous years, but the spring revival is being felt here also and the travellers are securing better orders on their second trip.

Dominion Revenue.

Ottawa, April 6.—The statement of Dominion revenue and expenditures for the month of March last was issued by the finance department today. The revenue for the nine months ending March 31st was \$37,918,017 or \$1,007,919 of an increase over the same period for the last fiscal year. The expenditure for the past nine months was \$28,627,612, an increase of \$2,576,000 over the nine months in 1900. The difference between revenue and expenditure on ordinary account shows a normal surplus of \$9,290,000, but there was expended in the nine months \$7,301,258 on capital account, or an increase of about \$800,000 over the same time last year, and of this is added to the ordinary expenditure. Then there would be nearly \$2,000,000 left to the good.

The revenue for the month of March shows a decrease of about \$280,000 over March, 1901, which would indicate that Mr. Fielding was pretty accurate in his prediction in the budget speech that Canada was on "the crest of the wave" financially. The expenditure for March was \$900,000 more than for March, 1900. This is largely due to the expenditure for the session, parliament having met earlier this year.

New Ontario Railway.

The Ontario government has made a bargain for a railway in the northern part of that province, the chief features of which are as follows: That in consideration of the building of 285 miles of railway, opening up a new district, the province grants 2,542,000 acres of wild land.

The company on its part agrees to give the province full control over its rates.

It agrees to give the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Grand Trunk Railway, or any other road, running powers on fair terms over its lines.

It leaves the province the option of acquiring the railway within fifteen years, and for the purpose of arriving at the actual value thereof it agrees to furnish in satisfactory detail the cost of construction and all other outlays, the cost of operating, and the earnings of the road. Six per cent. cumulative interest shall be added to the cost thus arrived at, after deducting the provincial subsidy at a valuation of fifty cents an acre, the traffic receipts, and 50 per cent. of any subsidy which may hereafter be obtained from the Dominion government. The name of the road receiving this aid is the Manitoulin and North Shore.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

An extraordinary general meeting of the White Pass and Yukon Railway Company, Limited, was held in London a short time ago, when the matter of a new issue of shares was brought up. Close Brothers & Co. agreed to finance all liabilities falling due by the company up to June 30th, on the terms that they should have the call of the £255,550 shares at par up to December 31st, 1903. With regard to the new issue of £100,000, the above firm had agreed to underwrite the issue for the moderate commission of 1 per cent., payable out of profits. Resolutions were passed empowering the directors to increase the capital by the creation and issue of 70,000 new ordinary shares, and for the alteration of the articles of the association, so as to bring them in accordance with the Companies' Act, 1900, and to enable a bonus distribution of shares to be made.



Manitoba Farm Homes—Buildings of D. Febr, Rosenfeld

were beautifully dressed and put up, they were not in warehouse thirty minutes before they were snapped up by a leading buyer at 13c per pound. The same buyer would take large quantities of fresh killed turkeys regularly at outside prices if they were obtainable and there are many others who would do the same. It is certain that if the farmers knew how quickly choice lots of poultry are snapped up at good prices they would pay more attention to the business. It takes a little time, of course, to become familiar with the requirements of the market, and it may happen that first shipments have sometimes to be sold by commission houses at less than current market prices owing to defects in the dressing or manner of handling, but these can readily be overcome if attention is paid to instructions which are generally sent out by commission houses to those who regularly ship to them. We venture to say that there is not a commission house in this city which will not gladly at any time go to the trouble and expense of answering letters of enquiry as to how poultry should be put up in order to secure the largest of the best buyers. In fact they are glad to have their advice solicited in this way. A little attention to this business in the future on the part of western producers will result in profitable returns to all concerned.

United States coppers altogether, but the case of Canadian coppers is different and we do not see how they can give effect to any agreement among themselves not to use them, so long as they remain legal tender. It would be wiser for the merchants on the coast to do as those in Winnipeg and other western places of business have been doing since the one cent piece found its way to the west of the great lakes, that is to accept them quietly and endeavor to make them the servants of trade instead of allowing them to become its master.

The Bicycle Situation.

The fine weather of the past week has proved a great stimulus to the bicycle trade and jobbers and retail dealers at Winnipeg report business as being very satisfactory. The demand for bicycles shows no falling off, and it is expected that the business this year will be fully as large as that of 1900. Dealers who have been in business in this country for a number of years report a considerable change in regard to the class of wheels being bought. Some years ago the demand was principally for racing or light roadster bicycles and the drop handles, of the "rams horn" style, were in great favor. During the last year or two, however, the demand for this class of mount has been dying out and is being replaced by a heavier machine with the up-turn handles, which enable the rider to sit in a more comfortable position, speed being no longer considered the one thing needful.

REGINA.

Regina, the capital of the Northwest Territories, has a population of about 2,500. It is particularly well supplied with business places, having three hardware stores, two bank branches, five general stores, several implement warehouses, lumber yards, four newspapers and one or more of all the different kinds of stores to be found in the larger towns and cities. This point is the headquarters of the Northwest Mounted Police and as the force at times numbers two or three hundred men, a considerable amount of extra business is thus done by the local merchants. For many years land seekers have been passing by the Regina district owing to a widely circulated report regarding the scarcity of water. To dispel this illusion a well boring outfit was secured and a number of wells sunk with very satisfactory results. The C. P. R. Soo short line has also helped to open up the country to the south of Regina and a big immigration has been pouring in during the last couple of years and a large number of settlers are looked for this year. The official report issued by the Regina land office shows that the number of homestead entries granted during the past year was 1,045 and 325 applications made for patents. This report says: "The principal part of the homestead entries have been located south of the main line and also along the Soo line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. I may say there has been considerable indifference shown to the country contiguous to this lat-

Manager Whyte Returns.

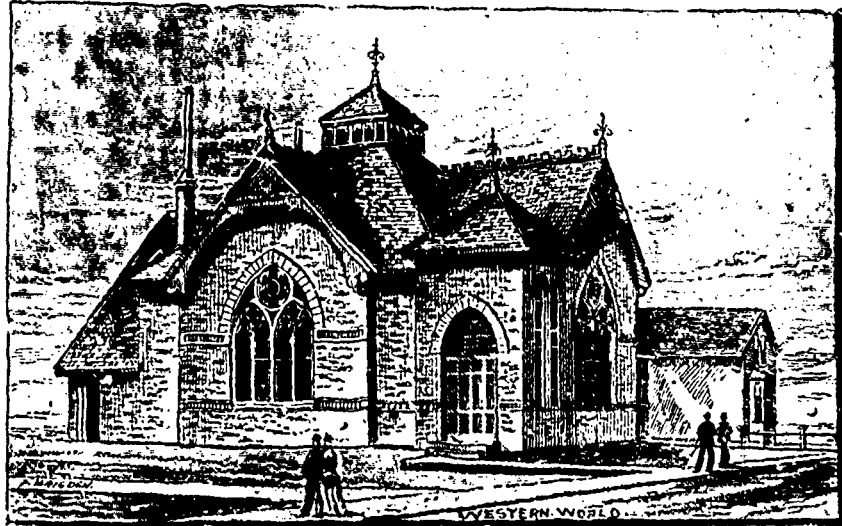
Manager Whyte, of the C. P. R., returned this week from the west. He has been absent about four weeks in British Columbia, visiting both the coast and mining regions. Speaking of his trip to a Free Press reporter, Mr. Whyte said: "I went direct to Vancouver from here and returned via the Crow's Nest Pass. At Nelson a new divisional yard has just been completed, and the

the big Granby smelter, where two furnaces are going, and 600 tons of ore treated daily. The capacity here will shortly be doubled from 1,200 to 1,500 tons per day, making use of 160 tons of coke daily. These ores are from the Phoenix camps, where the mines, the old Ironside and Nob Hill, are working. It is the intention soon to have the C. P. R. cars run from the smelter to the mines instead of the small trucks now being used, and to get the working down to such a fine

other countries, in China and Japan, where lead in tea packages is now very largely required." The western cattle, Mr. Whyte stated, were in excellent condition, and everything points to a prosperous season.

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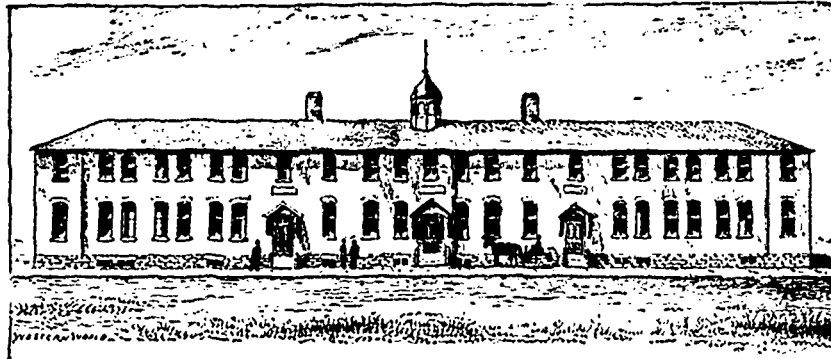
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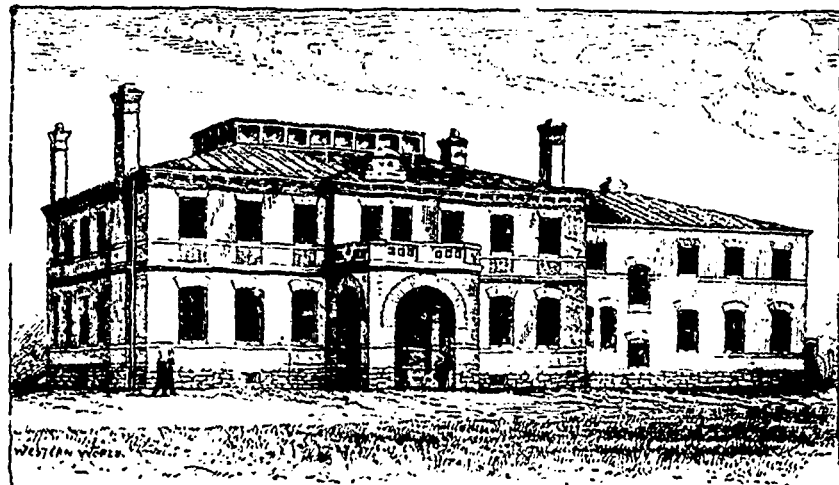
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ter line of railway until about a year ago, owing to the apparent scarcity of water, but private enterprise, coupled with a laudable desire on the part of the Northwest government to largely experiment by boring for water during the past summer has increased the faith of those settled in this otherwise fertile district, and on that account it has induced a large number of settlers to locate in that vicinity." The country to the north of Regina is already well settled and is principally a wheat section as far as the Qu'Appelle valley, where large numbers of cattle are raised. To the south and west it has not been so well settled and it is here that the majority of the newcomers are locating. This part is better suited to mixed farming. The building operations in Regina were quite extensive last year and the outlook in this respect for the coming season is very good. About a year ago a general hospital was started here and last fall the erection of a suitable building was commenced and will be finished this year. Accommodation will be provided for twenty-one patients and the furnishings will be very complete. It will cost, when finished, about \$7,000, including furnishings. A solid brick building, costing about \$20,000, was built last year for the land titles' office, a new warehouse was built for the McCormick implement agent, a lot of work was done at the police barracks and a number of residences erected in town and through the country. Regina is well supplied with schools and churches, has electric light and telephone systems, etc. The Indian industrial school here is doing a good work in teaching Indian boys and girls the usual public school course and in giving practical instruction in several trades with a view to fitting them to earn their own living. By courtesy of the Leader and the West newspapers we show cuts of some of the buildings here.

company intend building a new shipyard there for the steamers plying from Kootenay Landing to Nelson and Kaslo. At Nelson I went on to Rossland and Midway. On this route is the Boundary Falls smelter, which is turning out a large amount of ore daily. At Greenwood the pyritic smelter of the British Columbia Copper Co. is now at work and the day before I arrived had turned out 407 tons of ore. This smelter is using the new system of fuel by utilizing the sulphur from the burning coke. Coming back to Grand Forks, I arrived at

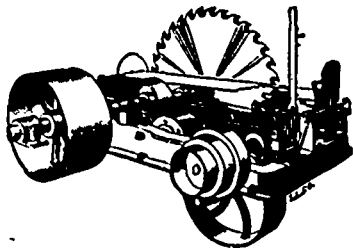
point that lower grade ores can be treated at a profit. These smelters are run on eastern townships' money. The mines in this locality are not affected by the drop in lead. West of the Columbia river the mines are all copper and gold, while east of that is where the lead is found with the silver. "There is great need for a lead refinery in this district to enable the working of the ore into the manufactured article used in paint. This would not only fill the home consumption, but would be used to compete with

mation of the Royal Insurance Company, of Liverpool, and the Lancashire, of Manchester, and information now to hand seems to confirm this rumor. The following are the figures of the two companies: The Royal, joint stocks, authorized, \$14,000,000; capital stock subscribed, \$12,189,442; amount paid up, \$1,228,416. The Lancashire, authorized, \$14,600,000; subscribed, \$3,285,318; paid up, \$1,328,531. The Royal's Canadian income for 1900 was \$643,158, and the Lancashire's, \$333,130.

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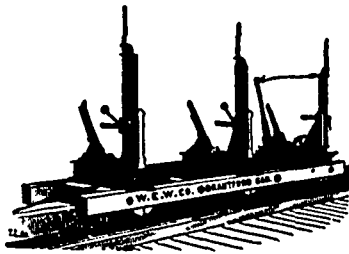


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Indian Head Experimental Farm Report.

The following is a summary of the report for 1900 of Angus McKay, superintendent of the experimental farm at Indian Head. The winter and spring weather was everything that could be desired by the farmer, but on May 8th dry windy weather, accompanied with excessive heat, set in and continued until July 4th, which did a great deal of damage to the crops throughout Assinibola. During June a few local showers fell which, however, were of little value and the heavy rains which set in on July 4th came too late for most of the crop. In Saskatchewan and Alberta the June rains were abundant and crops of all kinds made excellent progress and the yield would have been exceptionally large had it not been for the heavy rains and snow storms during harvest. In Assinibola also much damage was done to the crops by wet weather during harvest.

On the experimental farm the crops suffered severely from winds and dry weather and the season's operations were not, therefore, very satisfactory. Nearly two-thirds of the oats and peas and all the barley plots were killed by winds, the hay crop was a complete failure, potatoes and corn were the best ever grown, turnips and mangels were a fair crop, the small fruits were killed by the heat, but the Siberian

Flite wheat was sown on both brome and native sod; that on the the brome sod appeared to stand the drought much better and produced a considerably larger crop. Speltz wheat matured in 119 days, yielding 22 bushels per acre, the measured bushel weighing 43 1/4 lbs.

Fifty-nine varieties of oats were sown but these were all completely destroyed by winds and dry weather and had to be resown, which put them so far back that only a few of them had ripened when the frost came, on Sept. 13th.

Fifty-seven varieties of peas were sown but only sixteen varieties escaped destruction by winds and dry weather. Pearl yielded 33 bushels per acre, Prince and Perth 32 bushels, Prussian Blue 28 bushels, Elder 27 bushels.

Thirty-one varieties of Indian corn were sown. Those protected by a hedge produced a very satisfactory crop but the remainder were repeatedly swept by winds and injured to such an extent that the late rains did no good.

The following advice is given regarding the seeding and cultivation of brome grass. This grass should not be sown with a grain crop as the grain takes too much moisture from the young grass plants. It is advisable to sow the seed on land that does not blow. Summer fallowing would be the best preparation but on account of its liability to drift it is not safe in many parts to use this kind of land. Stubble land ploughed three or four inches



Experimental Farm House and Stable

will be necessary to cut the tops of the grass, but this will not injure the plants.

The root crop was a poor one. Turnips and mangels, while sound and good, were small, sugar beets were small and carrots an entire failure. Eighty-two varieties of potatoes were planted on a low, damp plot of summer-fallow which proved the most satisfactory ever grown on the farm. Rochester Rose gave the largest yield,

er for future apple production here from the new cross-bred sorts produced at Ottawa, which are much larger, and as far as they have been tested most of them seem to be hardy.

Four methods of summer-fallowing were tried and the one found to be the most satisfactory was to plow 7 or 8 inches deep before the last of June and surface cultivate during the growing season. Fallows that have been plowed for the first time after the first of July have never given good results, and the plan too frequently followed of waiting until weeds are full grown, and often fully ripe, and plowing under with the idea that of enriching the soil is a method that cannot be too earnestly advised against. After the June rains are over no amount of plowing can put moisture into the soil, and when the weeds are allowed to attain to their full growth they draw the moisture from the ground and plowing under weeds with their heads ripe, or nearly so, is adding to the myriads already in the soil and does not materially enrich the land.

The various hedges on the farm did good service in protecting the crops from winds. It was found by measurements that for every foot in height, a hedge protects from 50 to 60 feet in width of crop.



View of Experimental Farm, and Elevator in distance

crab and the seedling native and improved varieties of plums produced a very satisfactory crop of fruit.

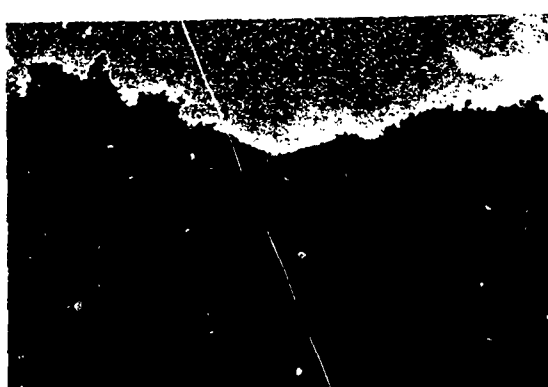
Forty-nine varieties of spring wheat were sown but on account of the unfavorable weather conditions the result cannot be taken as indicating the relative productiveness of the different kinds, although showing what kinds can best stand hot winds and drought. Red flite yielded 30 bushels, Stanley 28 bushels, Dion's 25 bushels; Beaudry also yielded 25 bushels, but it was touched with frost. Huron, Dufferin and Goose yielded 20 bushels per acre, but many of the other kinds were too late in ripening and were frozen. Red

deep in April or May and well harrowed after the seed is sown is found to be quite safe from winds as the stubble harrowed to the top prevents all drifting. Ten or twelve pounds of seed are required per acre. More seed will give a better crop the first year but less afterwards as the roots thicken up each year. Unless specially constructed seeders can be obtained, the seed should be sown by hand on a calm day. Weeds are sure to make great headway while the plants are young and to prevent these from seeding a mower should be run over the field cutting just above the grass plants. If this has to be repeated it

722 bushels per acre, followed by American Wonder, American Giant, Empire State, Seattle, Beauty of Hebron, etc.

Vegetables were a very short crop. Cabbages did fairly well, but on account of too rapid growth during August almost all the varieties split and were more or less spoiled. Celery grew very large but the stocks rusted badly. Cauliflower did well while onions were a very light crop. Melons and citrons were a complete failure, but squash and marrows did well. Radish and lettuce were a complete failure till after the rains commenced and peas were almost as bad. The Emerald was the only variety of cucumber which was not a complete failure.

On the whole, trees and shrubs made satisfactory progress, though only about half the usual growth was attained. Small fruits gave exceptionally good promise but resulted in an entire failure, the hot winds destroying the blossoms or cooking the young fruit. Two seedlings of Arctic and Tonka apples, planted in 1899, did not winter-kill, and made fair growth during the season. Crab apple trees came through the winter in excellent condition and the fruit was the finest so far produced on the farm. The wild forms of Siberian crab do not produce themselves from seed truly, but vary very much in the size and quality of their fruit. Their hardiness in the west is now fully established and from their improvement by selection and top grafting of the poorer sorts with the better kinds some useful fruit will no doubt be obtained. The prospects are still bright-



Road on Experimental Farm

British Columbia and the Dominion.

The report of the delegation from the provincial government, consisting of the premier and attorney-general, to the Dominion government at Ottawa, has been presented to the local legislature. Strong representations, some of them in much detail, were made to the Dominion government upon the following objects:

1. Chinese and Japanese immigration.
 2. The right of the province to a greater share of the revenues arising out of the Chinese immigration act.
 3. The fisheries.
 1. The encouragement of ship-building on the British Columbia coast.
 5. Readjustment of the lumber tariff, in the interests of the local industry.
 6. Financial relations of the province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada.
 7. Co-operation of the Dominion with the province in the matter of railway development in British Columbia.
 8. The settlement of the Songhees Indian reserve.
 9. Readjustment of boundaries of Indian reserves in British Columbia.
 10. The right of the province to administer the minerals under Indian reserves.
 11. The right of the province to the foreshores, and the minerals under the same.
 12. The salaries of judges.
 - 13.—Amendment of the naturalization act, to prevent fraudulent naturalization of aliens.
 14. The claims of Robert Angus for compensation for timber seized within the Dominion railway belt.
 15. Claims for compensation in connection with smallpox quarantine along the international boundary line.
- The delegation met with a very courteous and considerate reception, and the provincial government and legislature are now awaiting replies from Ottawa.

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months. This well defined policy of decreasing discounts is highly endorsed by all agents and representatives, as it will prevent any heavy stocking of coal and none can be bought early in the season for delivery later, except at the price and discount ruling during the month of delivery.

It is expected that work on the Canadian Northern Railway, east of the Rainy River, will be commenced immediately. At the end of the track

in Assinibola grading will be commenced as soon as the season permits. It is also stated that this company will build a grade from the end of the old Hudson's Bay line, 40 miles from Winnipeg, to Oak Point, on Lake Manitoba.

According to the new postal regulations a depositor in the post office savings bank may now draw out at night any sum up to \$20, provided he is known by the postmaster.

A woman occasionally talks about her self—if there are no other women to talk about.

Count a hundred when you're angry; it will give the other fellow a chance to reach away.

If you would retain your friend, don't ask them to turn the grindstone wheel; you have an axe to grind.

A woman puts a strange baby in about the same manner a man puts a strange dog.

Manitoba.

I. W. Money will open a restaurant at Rapid City.

Scott is opening a harness and hardware store at Hilton.

The town of St. Boniface is purchasing a chemical fire engine.

A. D. Marshall, Rokand, has bought the Terry butcher business.

John McGregor intends opening a butcher shop at Strathclair.

Archie Lawson, Manitou, has sold his fruit store business to Robt. Lawson.

Gardner Bros., Shoal Lake, have sold their livery stable business to Wm. Bates.

James Nicol has bought the carpenter and carriage shop of John Simpson, Shoal Lake.

J. Chouinard has opened a dry goods and clothing store at No. 318 Main street, Winnipeg.

Geo. J. Hyndman & Co., clothing and men's furnishings, Winnipeg, have assigned.

C. Sorell has purchased the fruit and confectionery stock of Mrs. L. Mills, Selkirk.

N. A. Webb, Dauphin, has disposed of his butcher business to S. Harford, late of Neepawa.

Fred. Newton will handle the Deering Harvester Company's goods at Grand View this season.

The provincial government has fixed on May 10th as Arbor day for the schools throughout Manitoba.

F. B. Bagshaw has taken over the book and stationery business of Robertson & Bagshaw, Portage la Prairie.

Bigham Bros., hardware merchants, Grand View, have dissolved partnership. W. B. Bigham will continue the business.

The stock of the Neepawa Trading Co. was sold to J. Brown & Co., Neepawa, at 7c on the dollar. The stock was valued at \$9,476.

Ex-Premier Greenway of Manitoba is considering the sending of a number of his prize cattle to the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo.

Shaw Bros' lumber camp on the Riding Mountain has broken up. The amount of lumber sawn this season is in the neighborhood of 1,500,000 feet.

The Bank of Hamilton building, at Winnipeg, will be enlarged this season by a five story addition on the adjoining lot. The addition and improvements will cost about \$80,000.

Peter Kastner, of the Kastner house, Morris, and Robert Spence, of the Commercial hotel, of the same place, were each fined \$50 and costs of the court for selling liquor after hours.

The merchants of Dauphin have adapted the early closing movement and will close their stores every evening, excepting on Saturdays, from the 8th April until the 1st of September.

Norman Holmer, general merchant, Macgregor, who made an assignment a few weeks ago, has been able to make arrangements with his creditors by which he will continue the business.

The Winnipeg market is now being supplied with apples from the United States and regular shipments are coming in here from Minneapolis. The Macpherson Fruit Company had a car of fine Baldwin's in this week.

The Brandon Creamery and Supply Company, of Brandon, has been granted letters patent of incorporation. The applicants were Andrew Whitelaw, L. A. Rice, John Keddy, H. L. Adolph and J. Henderson. The capital stock is \$40,000.

The McKenzie Fish Company, Limited, of Selkirk, is applying for letters patent of incorporation. J. K. McKenzie, R. Smith, Jas. A. Cameron, F. W. E. Cullough and Jean Smith are the applicants. The capital stock of the company will be \$15,000.

Application has been made for a charter for The Dairy and Produce Company, of Winnipeg, for the purpose of dealing in farm and dairy products and general merchandise. The applicants are: T. Gordon, A. M. Nane, Geo. F. Galt, Winnipeg; Henderson, R. J. Agur, D. E. Sprague, John Arbuthnot, B. B. Hanna, and F. W. Hebach. The capital will be \$50,000. Suit was brought by E. B. Lemon in the county court on Tuesday to recover \$250 from the city for damages alleged to have been sustained by him through the action of Winnipeg civic employees in cutting the tops off certain trees growing on that portion of Bowen road immediately fronting his house. The jury returned a verdict giving the plaintiff the sum of \$150 damages.

Assinibola.

E. H. Williams, hardware merchant, Sinitaluta, has assigned.

A. Hughes, druggist, Medicine Hat, has sold out to Cowper & Souch.

John R. Green has been appointed collector of customs at Moose Jaw, in place of J. K. Stevenson, who resigned.

J. H. Elliott, Caraduff, has added millinery to his general store business. Miss M. Harrington, formerly of Winnipeg, has charge of the new department.

Alberta.

J. A. Kruger, tailor, Strathcona, has sold out to H. Doherty.

Cushing Bros. have leased J. J. Dugan's lumber yard at Strathcona.

Chris. Hansen has bought J. Stephenson's blacksmith business at Leduc.

Several carloads of fat cattle and a carload of hogs were shipped from Wetaskiwin, Alta., last week.

Commencing May 1st the merchants of Fort Saskatchewan will close their stores at 7 o'clock every evening except Saturday and take a half-holiday every Wednesday afternoon.

Northwestern Ontario.

Murphy is opening a store at Beaver Mills.

C. R. Langstaff has purchased the business of T. W. Thompson, at Barwick.

R. H. Bagshaw is opening a fruit and confectionery store at Beaver Mills.

Hughes & Long, Beaver Mills, have built an addition to their store and are adding hardware to their general stock.

R. A. Duncan, at Portage, lost about \$800 by fire on Tuesday. His stable was destroyed, one dwelling gutted and another damaged considerably.

A syndicate of Wabigoon men has purchased the steamboat Plant of the Wabigoon and Manitou company and will operate it on the route between Wabigoon and Lower Manitou Lake.

The Keewatin Power Co. propose erecting a paper and pulp mill on Tunnel Island, near Norman, and are applying for the right to cut pulp wood on crown lands. The agreement with the government is for twenty-one acres. The expenditure incident to the undertaking is placed at \$1,500,000, of which \$500,000 must be expended in the first year from date of agreement; \$500,000 more in the second year and the balance within three years.

Saskatchewan.

Geo. E. Knechtel & Co., tin-smiths, Rosthern, have purchased the furniture stock of I. D. Klassen.

The latest brick-making machinery available will be installed this year by the Lac du Bonnet Mining Co., of a capacity sufficient to turn out about 40,000 pressed bricks per day.

The Winnipeg school board will ask the city council to submit a by-law to the ratepayers of the school district of Winnipeg, No. 1, authorizing the issuing of debentures to the amount of \$100,000, repayable at the expiration of fifty years, and to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, for school purposes.

MINING MATTERS.

NORTHWESTERN ONT. MINING.

A 10-stamp mill is to be erected at the Independence mine in the Manitou district.

A vein four feet in width and carrying rich values in gold has been struck on the Big Water mine, in the Manitou district.

Work has been suspended for a short time on the Atkokan iron mine, as work has gone as far as necessary until the expiry of the option held by the American Steel and Wire Co., which falls due on the 15th inst. Tests of this ore run as high as 65 per cent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING.

Work has been resumed on the Bruce claim, near Midway.

A Spokane syndicate has bonded the Fisher Maiden property near Silverton and work is to be commenced at once.

The cross-cut from the 100-foot level on the Rambler, Summit camp, is in a distance of 153 feet and good ore is being taken out.

The Athelstan mine, Wellington camp, is shipping two to three cars of ore daily to the Boundary Falls smelter.

Assays from the Rambler claim, Boundary district, give returns of \$5.28 in gold and 133 ozs. silver. There is a 22-inch ledge on the property and it is intended to commence shipment as soon as possible.

A large amount of development work was done on the Condor group, near Silverton, last year and a full force of men will be put on this season in order to bring the property to the shipping stage as soon as possible.

It is reported that the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star are contemplating bringing water from near Sheep Lake and the erection of one or two large concentrators. A line to bring in the water will cost \$150,000, and the concentrators considerably more than that.

MISCELLANEOUS MINING.

F. Wadsworth, a mining engineer, speaking about the mining outlook on the Saskatchewan river, says that there are now two dredges at work. The gravel runs frequently as high as 85 cents per cubic yard in gold, although the average samples show about 24 cents per cubic yard. The cost of working is about five cents per cubic yard.

THE LE ROI'S VALUES.

An interesting report was lately received at the head office of the company owning the mine, London, England, from the manager of the Le Roi, Rossland, B. C., for the month ending 31st December, 1900. This states amongst other details that the shipments then made to the Northport smelting works from the mine totaled 14,431.00 dry tons of 2,000 lbs. each.

The details of these shipments are recorded as follows:— 7,743.19 ozs. gold at \$20.00, \$154,865.80 or \$10.73 per ton, 15,550.14 ozs. silver at .65, \$9,330.08 or .65 per ton;

488,801 lbs. copper at .104, \$80,652.60 or \$5.50 per ton. Making the total gross value \$244,846.51 and the average value per ton \$16.97.

An appended summary shows as follows the total aggregate tonnage and the average value per ton for the ore shipped during the six months ended 31st December, 1900:—

Table with columns: Months, Tons, Gross value, Value per ton. Rows for July, August, September, October, November, December, and Totals.

NEW TRADE ASSOCIATION.

A new and important addition to the trade organizations of Winnipeg is the Winnipeg Implement and Carriage Dealers' Association, which was formed last week. W. A. Cavanaugh, manager of The McCormick Harvester company's business here, was elected president; Geo. W. Erb, manager of the Waterous Engine company, vice-president, and H. W. Hutchinson, manager of the Fairchild company, secretary-treasurer. The objects of the association are to look after the interests of the wholesale trade here and to represent the dealers in all matters affecting the trading body as a whole. Questions of freight rates, shipping, crediting, etc., will all come before the executive of the new association and will be dealt with by that committee in whatever manner seems best in the interests of the business generally. The new association will also work in harmony with the Retail Dealers' association.

Tenders.

Angus McBain, Strathclair, Man., is calling for tenders for the erection of a school house. Tenders to be in by May 1st.

A. H. Pufford is calling for tenders, to be in by the 13th inst., for the erection of a brick block on Portage avenue, Winnipeg.

Tenders will be received by J. D. Orr, Holmfeld, Man., until 23rd April, for the erection of a four-room stone school house at Holmfeld.

C. J. Brown, city clerk, Winnipeg, will receive tenders up to the 18th inst. for the supply of 10,000 lineal feet of curbing for asphalt streets.

Tenders for additions and alterations to the Bank of Hamilton building, Winnipeg, will be received until Friday, 19th of April, 1901, by D. B. Dick, 17 Toronto street, Toronto.

Tenders addressed to the chairman committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of lumber, hardware, cement and other supplies, will be received up to 3.30 p. m., on Thursday, April 18th.

Jas. W. Pattison, Neepawa, Man., is asking for tenders for digging and laying a tile drain 8 feet deep, on west side of First street, from Seventh street south across Brydon street, Neepawa. Tenders to be in by 19th inst.

Tenders for the printing, stationery, lithographing, bookbinding and advertising required by the city of Winnipeg, during the year ending April 30, 1902, addressed to the chairman finance committee, will be received by C. J. Brown, city clerk, up to 3.30 p. m., on Friday, April 19th.

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns for months and amounts. Includes data for Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, Jun., July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., and Totals.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Charles Webb, secretary of the National Trust Co. at Winnipeg, has been transferred to the Montreal office.

R. B. Hearn, manager of the Imperial Bank branch at Revelstoke, B. C., has been promoted to the management of the Portage la Prairie, Man., branch.

Dominion government savings bank returns for the month of March show the transactions to be as follows: Deposits \$18,322.90; withdrawals, \$21,006.33; withdrawals exceeding deposits by \$2,704.33.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending April 6 there were 324 cars of grain inspected which graded as follows: 1st grade, 21; 2nd, 59; 3rd, 236; 4th, 8; no grade, 10; condemned, 3 cars.

Oats—No. 2 white, 5; no grade, 1; rejected, 1 feed, 6 cars.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks. There were 2,342,035 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 6. Receipts for the week were 23,367 bushels and shipments, were 403 bushels.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The contract between the Chicago board of trade, the Western Railway and the Postal Telegraph Companies, provides that these two companies and the Cleveland Telegraph Company shall receive the quotations simultaneously by means of one Morse instrument on the floor of the exchange.

In the Dominion House on Thursday notice was given of a measure to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, carrying out the recommendations of the grain commission which visited Manitoba and the Territories a little over a year ago.

A proposal to ask that the duty of 5 cents per gallon on oil be removed was before the tariff committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' association last week.

Movements of Business Men.

John E. McAllister, of McAllister & Watts, wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, is visiting New York and eastern cities in the interests of the firm.

Grain Exchange Meeting.

A general meeting of the grain and produce exchange, with a large attendance, was held Wednesday according to notice, for the purpose of considering amendment, alterations and additions to the rules and by-laws of the exchange.

Members of the exchange are hereby prohibited from forming a market for the purpose of making any trade or contract in the manner herein prohibited, shall be deemed to have violated this rule, and he may therefore be fined by the council, in a sum not exceeding \$5.00 for the first offence.

The balance of the amendments to the grain exchange constitution and by-laws were adopted by the meeting of the exchange in the afternoon. The amendments as formulated at several committee meetings were passed with a few minor alterations and everything is now in shape to go ahead with the option board arrangements.

Western Business Items.

A foundry is to be established at Greenwood, B. C. W. H. Staples has opened a general store in Carleton Place, Ont.

The D.H. & Hill Co., Ltd., general merchandise and grocery store, are opening a branch store at Ferris, B. C.

Horace Ormond purchased for the creditors the millinery stock of Miss Howard, Portage la Prairie, at \$300 on the dollar.

Joe Anderson, of the Union Bank staff at Moosomin, Assa., has been appointed manager of the branch at Wawanesa, Man.

M. A. Irish, druggist and confectionery, Wapella, Assa., was taken J. Matheson in partnership and will add a stock of groceries.

James Cowan, of Killarney, Man., writes to deny the report that he has sold out his livery, feed and sale stable business in Killarney.

The wood and tile camps are now closed down for the season. An exceptionally large number of ties were cut this past winter.

The stock of M. Weidman, clothing, of a grain elevator at the office of Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg carpenters contemplate making demands on the contractors which, if not complied with, may lead to a strike.

Peter Krocker, Plum Coulee, Man., is calling for tenders for the erection of a grain elevator at that station. Tenders to be in by the 20th April.

The stock of J. McDaniel, boot and shoe merchant, Keewatin, Ont., will be sold by auction at the office of Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg, on the 23rd inst.

Walter Suckling & Co., Winnipeg, are seeking for tenders for the purchase and erection of the brick veneered dwelling on Edmonton street, Winnipeg.

The old warehouse on the Marks dock at Port Arthur is being removed to make way for improvements. This will be completed in the early days of April.

The government dredge and tug on the Red river, which has been overhauled during the past winter, and the dredge will be operated at the mouth of the river again this season.

The C. P. R. has an engineer now looking over the district lying between Calgary and Medicine Hat to ascertain the feasibility of the plan to irrigate it from the Bow river.

The many friends of Thomas Ryan, wholesale boots and shoes, Winnipeg, were glad to learn that he is recovering from a very severe attack of typhoid fever and expects to be out, in a short time.

The Commercial Men.

G. T. Harrison and H. E. Walker, of The Salt Bros. Co., Winnipeg, started out on sorting trips this week.

Wm. Sterling, representing H. G. Middleton & Bro., Winnipeg, returned on Thursday from a trip through the territory east of Winnipeg.

The eighth annual outing of the Order of United Commercial Travelers of America, will be held at Fargo, North Dakota on May 24 and 25. The committee of the Winnipeg council will make an effort to secure a large attendance of members of the local order.

S. C. Matthews, of the firm of Matthews, Towers & Co., wholesale men's furnishings, Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week on one of his regular western trips.

W. G. Rickert, western representative of James Corstine & Co., hats, caps, fur, etc., Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg on Friday to commence work on fall orders.

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TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Supplies of flour are increasing, but prices remain unchanged. The wheat market is dull and 1/4 to 1/2 lower in sympathy with other markets.

Wheat—Ontario red and white winter 8c, middle freight; Ontario spring, 8c; No. 1 hard, 10 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 9 1/2c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 30c east; 2 white 28 to 29c, middle freight.

Barley—No. 3 extra at country points, 18c.

Butter—Large and pound rolls, 15 to 16c; low grades, 12c; creamery packages, 18 1/2 to 19c; prints, 19 to 20c.

Hides—10c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 steers, 7c; country hides, 4c under these prices.

Wool—Washed fleece, 18 to 14c, unwashed, 8c to 9c.

Dried Apples—3 1/2 to 4 1/2c for round lots; evaporated, 5 1/2c.

Maple Syrup—Advices from the points of production indicate that the crop will be small and the market is opening up firm.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

The grain trade is quiet. April 3 is 1/2c higher for spot. Wheat 5/8 to 1/2 lower.

Oats—No. 1 oats are offering at 35 to 35 1/2c; No. 2, 34 1/2 to 34 1/2c.

Flour—In fair demand and firm. Manitoba patent, \$4 to \$4.30; Manitoba Street, \$3.75 to \$4.

Maple Syrup—5 1/2 to 7c in wood; tons, 6c to 9c; sugar, 9 to 10c for new.

Hides—No. 1, 6 1/2c to 7c; No. 2, 5 1/2 to 6c; No. 3, 4 1/2 to 5c; cat skins, 8ad 6c; lambskins, 90c for good soft skins.

Vegetables—Potatoes, carrots, 2S to 40c; onions, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c; chickens, 8 to 9c; ducks, 4 to 5c; geese, 5 to 6c.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial. Toronto, April 13. Dry goods—Trade is improving. Receipts at the stock yards yesterday were 72 railroads, including 805 cattle, 364 sheep and lambs, and 664 hogs.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, April 8.—Wheat, May opened at 70 1/2, high 71 1/2, low 70 1/2, close 71 1/2. July open 71 1/2, high 71 1/2, low 71 1/2, close 71 1/2.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard closed at 70c Fort William, and No. 3 hard at 66c. Market dull.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, April 12.—p. m.—Consols for money 95 1/2, do. for the account 95 1/2 1/2.

Hardwood Lumber Prices.

Following is the new scale of hardwood lumber prices fixed by the Winnipeg lumber dealers:

Table with 2 columns: Description of lumber (e.g., Plain white or red oak, 1 in. to 2 in.) and Price per M (e.g., \$70.00, \$75.00).

SEEDING.

Considerable seeding has been done in some sections this week. In some other sections the land is yet too wet to permit of cultivation.

HORSE AUCTION SALES.

An innovation in Winnipeg trading circles is the auction sale of horses to be held each Thursday afternoon by Ryan & Fares at their stables, on James street.

MARCH FIRE LOSSES ARE HIGH.

New York, April 8.—The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin in its issue to-morrow will say:

Table showing fire losses in the United States and Canada for the month of March, comparing 1899, 1900, and 1901.

The fire loss for the United States and Canada for the month of March, as compiled from our daily records, shows a total of \$15,306,250.

The establishment of Morgan Bros., manufacturers of saddlery and whips and flour and feed dealers, Hamilton, Ont., was destroyed by fire Thursday; loss about \$37,000, with \$34,000 insurance.

The wise man gives words, but he keeps his thoughts to himself. A sober man when drunk is as stupid as a drunken man when sober.

Chicago, April 11.—Wheat, May opened 69 1/2, high 71 1/2, low 69 1/2, close 71 1/2.

Chicago, April 12.—Wheat, May open at 71 1/2, high 71 1/2, low 70 1/2, close 70 1/2. Corn, May open 43 1/2, high 44, low 43 1/2, close 43 1/2.

New York Wheat.

New York, April 8.—Wheat, May opened 76 1/2, high 77 1/2, low 76 1/2, close 77 1/2. New York, April 9.—Wheat, May open 77, high 77 1/2, low 76 1/2, close 76 1/2.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, April 8.—Wheat, May open 70 1/2, high 70 1/2, low 70, close 70 1/2. Minneapolis, April 9.—Wheat, May open 70 1/2, high 70 1/2, low 69 1/2, close 69 1/2.

Duluth Wheat.

Duluth, April 8.—Wheat, May opened at 72 1/2, high 72 1/2, low 71 1/2, close 72 1/2. Duluth, April 9.—Wheat, May open 72 1/2, high 72 1/2, low 71 1/2, close 71 1/2.

Liverpool Cattle Market.

Liverpool, April 12. Quotations are 1/4 to 1/2 higher at from 11 1/2 to 13 1/2 per pound, dressed weights. Sheep 13 to 14c per pound.

Liverpool Cheese Market.

Liverpool, April 12. Cheese quoted steady at 47s 6d to 4s for both white and colored.

Liverpool Prices.

Liverpool, April 12.—Closing: Wheat, spot quiet. No. 1 California 6s 2 1/2d. No. 2 red western winter 5s 11 1/2d.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, April 13. Receipts at the semi-weekly markets yesterday were 64 cars, including 350 sheep and lambs, and 200 hogs.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, April 13. There has been no improvement in the demand for ocean grain freight consequently the market is quiet and easy.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, April 13. According to cables from Liverpool and London the trade in American and Canadian cattle has been slow.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. London, April 12. Beet sugar is quoted unchanged at 8s 11 1/2d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, April 12. Cheese quoted steady at 47s 6d to 4s for both white and colored.

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HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS.

Special to The Commercial. Toronto, April 13. Hog products are in better demand. Stocks in some lines are running close.

MONTREAL GROCERY AND PROVISION TRADE.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, April 13. Sugar has advanced 10c, making the price of granulated now \$1.55, and of yellows \$1.70 to \$4.50.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, April 9. At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 150 cattle and 25 sheep and lambs.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, April 12. Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir on Thursday included 50 cattle.

Winnipeg Prices, Paints, Oils Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.00; Murato, do., \$3.50. BRICKS—Case, \$3.50. DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1/2 red lead, 7 1/2; yellow ochre in barrel lots 2 1/2, less than barrel lots, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2; less than barrels, 3c; Venetian red, barrels, 3c, less than barrels, 3 1/2; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2 1/2, less than barrels, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2; less quantities, 4c lb.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3; naphtha, \$2.00. GLASS—Single glass, first break, 10 to 25 uncut inches, \$2.50; 20 to 40, \$2.75; per 60 feet boxes: 40 to 50, \$0; 51 to 102, \$0.50; 61 to 70, \$7 per 100 feet boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 65c; boiled, gal., 75c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal., extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30c; cylinder oil, 53 1/2; 73c, as to quality; castor oil, 1 1/2 per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure water-bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gal., \$1.00; \$1.00, as to shade and quality. PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2 lb; in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 10c; Oleophene, 21c; Sunlight, 22c; Ecocene, 24c per gallon; Diamond, 25c; T. & P., 24c; Solar, 22c; Brilliant, 21 1/2c per gal. in barrels. T. & P., cases, \$2.75; Solar, case, \$2.55.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 65c; less than barrels, 70c per gal. An additional charge for packages of small quantities.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50; \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; \$1.50; Brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.70; coach painters' do., \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.00; pure orange shellac, \$2.25.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.00 per 100 lb; No. 1, \$6.50. WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lb gross weight.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Following is a list of the prices now being paid by responsible fur buyers in Winnipeg for consignments of furs from all parts of the west:

Table with columns: Fur Type, Price Range. Includes Badger, Bear, Beaver, Fisher, Fox, Lynx, Marten, Mink, Musquash, Otter, Skunk, Wolf, Wolverine.

The above prices are for prime skins only, and vary according to size and color.

The ice on the Red River commenced to go out on Tuesday afternoon, the 9th inst.

The Dominion government has voted \$15,000 for tree culture in Manitoba and the Territories.

The Russell theatre, at Ottawa, was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning, the loss being about \$90,000, with insurance of \$60,000.

A conference between members of parliament and the senate and council of the Montreal board of trade was held at Montreal last Saturday for the purpose of deciding upon a course of action in applying to the Dominion government for assistance towards the improvement of the facilities of the port of Montreal.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Table of grocery prices including Canned Goods, Dried Fruits, Nuts, Syrups, Molasses, Cereals, Coffee, Cigarettes, Cured Fish, Dried Fruits, Raisins, etc.

Dried Fruits

Table of dried fruit prices including Raisins, Prunes, Apples, Peaches, Apricots, etc.

To receive

Table of prices for various goods including Dominion Tobacco Co.'s list, Empire Tobacco Co.'s list, Cured Meats, etc.

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcels with usual reductions for un-kegs packages.

Table of drug prices including Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, Borax, Bromide Potash, Camphor, etc.

LEATHER

Table of leather prices including Harness, Saddle, etc.

FUEL

Table of fuel prices including Coal, Pennsylvania anthracite, etc.

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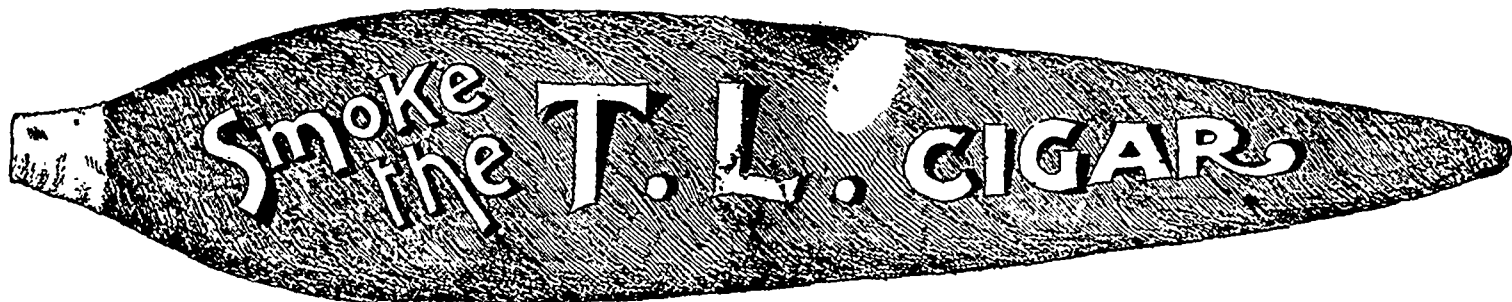
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Developing the Kootenay.

The C. P. R. express from the west Monday had a special sleeper attached to it, filled with some of the leading men of the Kootenay, who are en route to Ottawa to lay before the Dominion government the requirements of the mining industry of British Columbia. It was the largest delegation of the kind that ever travelled the distance in Canada, and they expect through force of numbers and facts to impress upon the government the importance of granting their demands. The Kaslo board of trade has taken the initiative in the matter and organized the party. It is headed by Mr. G. O. Buchanan, proprietor of the Kootenay Lake saw mills at Kaslo. He is acknowledged to be the best posted man in the west on the lead question, has statistics at his finger ends and is an eloquent speaker. Mayor G. A. Carlson, of Kaslo, a railroad contractor and a holder of large mining interests, is also with the delegation. Other Kaslo delegates are A. W. Goodenough, discoverer of the famous Goodenough mine at Sandon, which contains the richest silver lead ever mined; Ald. F. E. Archer, chairman of the water committee, president of the Kootenayan Printing and Publishing company, and a large holder of Kaslo real estate; Ald. W. Vidler, Papworth, chairman of the public works committee, and proprietor of the Kaslo hotel; George Alexander, manager of the Ruth; Antoine Jackson, Whitewater, and other mines and the Kootenay Ore company, which operates the sampler at Kaslo; W. Hastie Adams, manager of the well known Rambler-Cariboo mines, and W. W. Beaton, a well-known ex-Winnipegger, who now is editor and manager of the Kaslo Kootenayan.

Sandon sends David Heap, manager of the Last Chance mine and one of the best mining men in the west, Geo. F. Ransom, manager of the Slovan Sovereign mine; M. L. Grimmet, barrister, and C. Cliffe, proprietor and manager of the Sandon Mining Review.

Rossland's delegates are M. S. Logan, who operates the Juno group of claims and A. B. Claban, mining operator.

Grand Forks, in the Boundary country, sends Fred Clark and J. W. Jones, both prominent merchants.

Mr. J. W. H. Smythe, manager of the Bank of Commerce, is the representative of Greenwood.

Fernie is well represented by Mr. Harry Bentley, a merchant of both Fernie and Lethbridge; C. Plummer Hill, one of the best known mining men of the west, and G. G. Henderson, proprietor and manager of the Fernie Free Press.

Fort Steele's representative is Dr. Hugh Watt, for many years member of the B. C. legislature for Cariboo.

Nelson's members of the delegation are S. S. Taylor, K. C., a prominent lawyer, S. S. Fowler, president of the Canadian Mining Institute and a mining engineer; H. E. Croasdale, another mining man, and J. Roderick Robertson, managing director of the London and British Columbia Gold Fields, Limited, one of the largest English corporations operating in the Kootenays.

In connection with one of the leading delegates the Free Press was informed that the Slovan has proved itself to be the richest silver-lead camp in the world, but the majority of the properties now taking out ore have it stacked up in sacks at the mouths of the tunnels and can find no market for it. This, it is claimed, is a result of the dependence of the mine owners on the American Smelting and Refining company, which has one hundred millions of dollars at its back and can consequently do as it pleases. It has refused to take British Columbia ores for reasons known only to itself and therefore shuts off the market for the Kootenay miners. It is to get smelting and refining in Canada on a basis that will be thoroughly independent of the big American trust that the large delegation is going to Ottawa to discuss with the government the best means to bring it about. Other matters will also be discussed with the government, prominent amongst them being the railway requirements of Southern British Columbia.

The delegates will return over the Great Northern and expect to be away from home for a month. They speak in the highest terms of the treatment accorded them by the Canadian Pacific, which has done all in its power

to add to their comfort. The special sleeper placed at the disposal of the delegation is one of the handiest running on the system and the attention and courtesies of the officials are much appreciated.

Mr. Geo. O. Buchanan, of Kaslo, who is in the lumbering business there and has been in the Kootenay since 1886, was interviewed by a Free Press reporter regarding the circumstances which had led to large an influential delegation to undertake the long trip to Ottawa. Kaslo, he said, is the central point of the silver-lead producing district, all the silver-lead mines that are producing being within sixty miles. The output last year, notwithstanding that the year was spoiled up to the first of May by the labor trouble, was 63,000 tons of ore, which was worth about \$4,600,000. The ore was all marketed through the United States. There were two smelters in the Kootenay, which smelted part of the ore, but they sent their bullion to the American refineries, and the larger portion of the ore went direct to American smelters. At the beginning of this year the American Smelting and Refining company, which is a trust that has absorbed nearly all the smelters in the United States, refused to make any contracts for British Columbia ore. The only reason they alleged was that the C. P. R. company was discriminating against them in regard to freight rates. But inasmuch as the freight rate from the mines to the smelter was a through rate which was in itself satisfactory to them and the proportion taken by the C. P. R. for their haul was only a question of division of the rate as between the C. P. R. and the American roads, it did not seem as if it made any difference really to the smelters how much the C. P. R. got. So we believe their refusal to take British Columbia ore was to keep up the price of lead and prevent British Columbia lead coming into their market and competing with their own production. So the smelting capacity that we have available is totally inadequate to our requirements on the production of this year. The normal production estimated upon the basis of the mines that were ready to work at the first of the year would have been double that of last year, or 130,000 tons of ore, which would have been worth \$7,000,000 or \$8,000,000; but in consequence of the impossibility of marketing it now, many mines have shut down, and the total output will be very greatly diminished. The mine owners are not in a position to engage in the smelting business, they do not consider it a part of their business, and they prefer to shut down the mines and leave the ore there until the conditions right themselves rather than work under present circumstances. They have not capital available and are not in a position themselves to engage in the smelting business. The men there are managers of joint stock companies, the stock of which is held in other parts of the world. They are not in a position to take any combined action in an emergency of this kind; and prefer to close rather than make any move. But closing the mines is death to the commercial community, and to the towns that are dependent upon the money disbursed in connection with mining operations. The boards of trade and the commercial community who have been looking into the question to see what could be done to afford relief, and have negotiated with those who they hoped might be induced to establish smelters have been met with this objection. "We do not see our way to build smelters in Canada until we are in a position to manufacture the product of lead to a finish, and reach through Canadian agencies the market for it without being dependent at all upon the corporations that are doing business in the United States for the means of handling, treating and marketing our product."

The establishment of refining works such as would prepare the silver and lead for market is not in itself a very formidable undertaking. A quarter of a million dollars would be required to establish and equip a refinery large enough for the ore for all the lead in Canada; in fact the refinery would not have constant employment. The undertaking would be useless unless the people who had it had capital at command to buy all this bullion and to transport it to the market, which under present conditions would be Europe. There are no people now in sight who are willing to take the risk, who have the capital at command or

are willing to employ it in that enterprise under existing conditions. They naturally believe that if they embark in the business the American lead trust might suddenly enter into competition with them, re-open their smelters to Canadian ore, and leave them without a chance to do a profitable business. At the same time, Mr. Buchanan went on to say we believe that it is greatly in the interest of Canada as a whole, and of the mining district that the business should be transferred bodily to our side of the line. The smelting of our high grade lead ores in Canada would mean that a large quantity—four tons to one—or thereabouts of inferior class ores would be smelted along with the lead ores, so that the volume of mining business done would be multiplied to that extent. These ores are in abundance in British Columbia, low grade silver ores and low grade gold ores, so low that of themselves they afford scarcely any margin of profit; but they could be treated at a profit in combination with the fat lead ores, because the mixture is necessary for successful smelting. The Americans have had the benefit of that; they have used our rich ores for smelting their dry ores, and it is highly desirable that we should develop our own low grade ores. While they would not yield much margin of profit they would give employment to four times as many men, and add greatly to the industrial importance of the mining business. We think that, under these circumstances, the Dominion government should be willing to help the business over the dead centre by paying a substantial bonus for the output of a refinery for a short term of years, such a bonus as would pay a respectable dividend on the capital invested, and guarantee the investors against loss in the initial stages of the enterprise. We also think that lead products are very unfairly treated in the Canadian tariff. The tariff stands in regard to lead as it was made when the national policy was established, at a time when there was no lead production in Canada; it has never been changed since. It is inconsistent with itself and everything else in it. The tariff should be re-adjusted to suit the changed conditions. We think, moreover, that the whole mining industry deserves more consideration from the government, and that there should be a department or bureau of mines, which would afford a medium through which we could reach the ear of the government, and through which we could intelligently get our views as to the wants and necessities of the mining industry put before parliament, and we intend to impress this upon the government in connection with our trip. If there were such a department it would obviate the necessity of delegations of this kind going down to Ottawa. We are in dead earnest, so there are plenty of us going. The expenses of the delegation are provided by the boards of trade, city councils and mine owners associations of the district. All interests are represented. Any matters affecting mines will be taken up and discussed by the delegation. Mr. Taylor, of the Nelson Telegraph, who was in Ottawa, telegraphed that arrangements had been made for the deputation to meet the whole cabinet. The bounty to be asked for is \$5 per ton upon lead smelted and refined in Canada, for five years. We think the establishment of a refinery in the hands of men financially able to handle the product would lead to the establishment of all the smelters necessary to transfer the whole business to our side of the line. In order to do any business and earn any bonus, the refinery would have to encourage the erection of the necessary smelters, and would have to arrange such terms as would be satisfactory to the mine owners. We have silver-lead mines as good as any in the world; it is a question, not only of keeping those we have and developing a large number of mines hitherto not developed for want of capital, but a question also of developing low-grade ores that have never been worked, and never would be so long as the smelting is done on the other side of the line. The mining districts of Southern British Columbia have a population now of about 75,000, of whom a very large proportion are adult males, who are the best customers for eastern Canada; worth more than double a population of most any other kind. The copper mines of Rossland and those of the boundary camps and the gold mines are only indirectly affected by the

question at issue; but some of the men are with the delegation to lend their aid for the general welfare of the province. There are in the delegation three newspaper men, four or five mine owners and two lawyers. Besides those here to-day there are quite a number of important men already in Ottawa, who are to meet them. George Alexander, who manages the sample works at Kaslo, and four or five mines, is with the delegation, J. Roderick Robinson, manager of the B. C. gold fields syndicate, has gone already. D. Heap, manager of the "Last Chance," one of the best silver-lead producing mines, is here. The rest are commercial men.

Among the members of the Kootenay delegation is Mr. Charles Plummer Hill, one of the pioneers of the West Kootenay mining district. It was in 1888 that he first went into the Kootenay country and has stuck to it faithfully ever since and has a very large amount of money invested in mining properties. He is the largest individual mine owner in the Goat River mining district and organized the Port Hill mining district for the American government, which paid him the compliment of naming it, and the town of Port Hill, on the international boundary line, after him. At present he is working several metalliferous mines among an immense hemlock iron property, at Goat River. This is one of the most remarkable deposits found in the country, being nearly five miles long and averaging a hundred feet in width. It has been opened up by tunnels and shafts and will, when developed, be the greatest producer of tonnage in Canada.

But it is in connection with coal that Mr. Hill has made his latest mark. Last summer he became possessed with the idea that the boundaries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company's properties were not the boundaries of the coal deposits. He engaged a large party of prospectors and spent several months prospecting near the boundary between Alberta and British Columbia. During this time he bonded a coal location at Livingstons, Alta., and sunk a shaft 450 feet on coal all the way. His prospecting efforts were successful and he staked a large tract of coal lands which are now being developed on a very extensive scale. Work will be continued until the properties will become large producers.

The success of Mr. Hill's efforts in prospecting a new country assume a national importance when all is considered. It was thought that the Crow's Nest people controlled all the coal in the west and the prospects of the Great Northern, getting a controlling interest in the coalfields and giving access to the mines made the mining men of the west nervous that the smelters of British Columbia would not get sufficient coal and coke to keep them running. At the critical moment Mr. Hill's discoveries came to light and an army of prospectors invaded the district with the result that other immense tracts have been opened up. This proves that Western Canada has the greatest coal deposits on earth and that the Dominion will shortly become famous as a coal country. Tests have been made by the leading experts in America and comparisons have shown that the Fernie coalfields produce the finest coke in the world. The C.P.R. has made locomotive tests of the Alberta coal and have pronounced it superior as a steam maker to anything they have used. These tests show that the coal deposits are as remarkable for their richness as for their size.

A Newspaperman Talks.

One of the most unique personalities of western journalism, Mr. R. T. Lowery, the "Editor and Financier" of the New Denver, B. C., Ledger, arrived in the city yesterday. In his editorial capacity Mr. Lowery is a compound mixture of the Arizona Kicker and the Texas Iconoclast, but in everyday life he is a man of sunny ways and a prominent church member and temperance agitator of his mining town. According to his own statements he is on his way east to visit his old home, but it is whispered that he is "fleeing from the wrath," having been chased out of the Slovan by the righteously indignant populace over the editorial columns of the Ledger. Editor Lowery prints a cut every week which depicts himself seated at a table, wide-eyed, waiting for an inspiration; that portion of the table which is not taken up with the scissors and paste pot is covered with nuggets of virgin gold. At his right hand is a formidable bludgeon and behind him on the wall hangs a revol-

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