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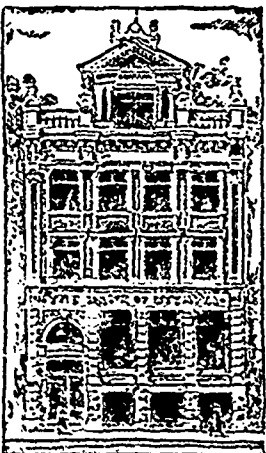
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ASSETS.	Jan. 1st, 1890		Jan. 1st, 1900.		LIABILITIES.	Jan. 1st, 1890		Jan. 1st, 1900	
	\$		\$			\$		\$	
Quick Assets	2,432,135.38		3,274,162.14		Capital paid in	1,114,300.00		1,760,900.00	
Loans and bills discounted	5,903,094.20		11,270,924.09		Reserve undivided profits	572,973.81		2,193,136.57	
Other assets	44,956.41		74,669.61		Notes in circulation	1,325,270.68		1,670,368.50	
Bank premises	94,975.77		18,640.59		Other liabilities	194,238.36		198,632.96	
					Deposits	5,268,378.91		13,815,368.40	
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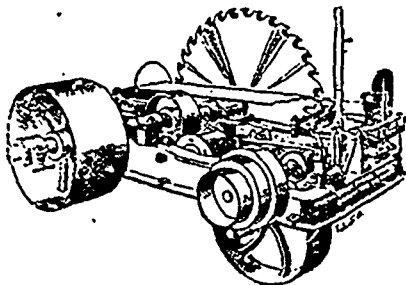
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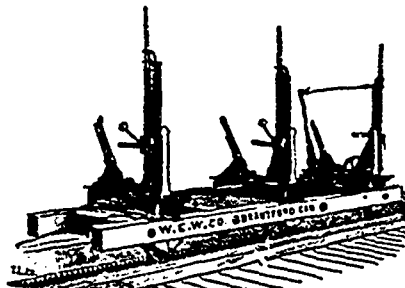
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BETTER ROADS.

As a result of the movement in Winnipeg and the adjoining municipalities for better roads, it has been decided to press the question upon the attention of the provincial government. One thing which will be asked for is the appointment of a provincial road inspector. To this no objection can be taken from any quarter, and it is to be hoped the government will concede at once to this request. The appointment of a provincial inspector or instructor in road making, whose services and advice would be available in all districts in the province, should be a material assistance to the cause of better roads. The government will also be asked to pass a wide tire act. It is hardly necessary to say anything on this point. Wherever the question of good roads has made any headway, the necessity of enforcing the use of wide tires has been recognized.

The proposal that the government be asked to contribute 50 per cent of the cost of constructing and maintaining roads leading into the city, may bring objections from other districts. Naturally, residents of other municipalities will consider themselves equally entitled to assistance in road building which cannot be controverted.

If Manitoba is to make the progress desired in the direction of securing better roads, it would seem that some central influence is necessary to take the matter in hand. Roads, it has been said, are the arteries of commerce, along which flows the life stream of the nation. Good roads bring prosperity and contentment. They exert a great civilizing influence. Our municipal system is not adapted to the securing of good roads to the extent at least that is required. A

well defined and comprehensive plan should be undertaken and systematically carried out under control of a central authority. Under the municipal system we could at best hope only for patches of good road. The main roads, at least, throughout the country, should be constructed by the government. In nearly all European countries, and in some of the states of the American union, state aid for country roads is recognized. In England, Ireland and Scotland county engineers are appointed to supervise work on the roads. State aid is also given. The county system for road management is much superior to the parish or municipal system. In Germany, France, and nearly all other advanced European countries, the main roads are under national control.

TERRITORIAL LEGISLATION.

The Winnipeg board of trade will take vigorous steps to oppose the measure introduced in the Territorial legislature relating to assignments. The object of the Territorial act is to have insolvent estates wound up by a resident of the district. In the first place this would mean that in nine cases out of ten estates would be placed in the hands of an incompetent or inexperienced person, whereas under the present procedure such estates are almost invariably placed in charge of experts. The cost of winding up estates under the proposed new territorial law would undoubtedly be greatly increased, and besides this there would certainly be much greater delay in closing up the estate than under the present mode of procedure. Insolvents are naturally interested in having their estates pay as large a portion of their liabilities as possible and therefore the proposed change is not in the interest of insolvents. So far as the creditors are concerned, the proposed act, if carried to the extreme, would deprive them of the right of disposing of their own property to the best advantage. Statistics compiled here show that only about five per cent of the liabilities of insolvent estates within the Territories has been owing to local creditors. Even this small proportion has been made up mostly of preferred claims, such as rents, etc., which must be paid in full, before other creditors receive anything, regardless also of the expense of winding up the estate. This shows that the proposed Territorial act is entirely unreasonable and unwarranted. Merchants in the Territories will naturally be opposed to the measure, as it will have the effect, if enforced, of curtailing their credit with Winnipeg and Eastern jobbers. If the measure is passed in the objectionable form as introduced, steps should be taken to have it disallowed by the federal government, as it would seem to be an

unreasonable interference with trade freedom within the Dominion. The Winnipeg board of trade has communicated with the Territorial government, and will send a delegation to Regina to oppose the measure, if the bill is not modified satisfactorily.

STATUTE LABOR.

A century has gone by since the adoption of statute labor in Ontario for "improving" country roads. It was an act of the first parliament of Upper Canada, convened by Lord Simcoe, the first Lieutenant-Governor, at Newark, now Niagara-on-the-Lake. This was in 1796. Less than ten years later England and Scotland repealed their statute labor law, because of the excessively bad condition of the roads, substituting a system of better management and expenditure which under the methods of Macadam, Telford and McNeil have amply justified the change.

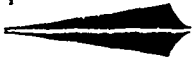
Manitoba has adopted the statute labor system of Ontario, which is here shown to be just about a century behind the times. In this respect the "progressing West" has not shown a very progressive spirit. When we get the statute labor system abolished we will be in a better position to adopt some modern plan that will prove more effective in securing better roads.

SMALL-POX.

The intemperate language of a Winnipeg city official, in connection with the small-pox scare here, has done great injury to the business interests of the city. This official seems to have lost his head, or his senses for a time, and used language which would make it appear that the situation is ten times more serious than it really is. The facts of the case, briefly, are: A sick passenger was a short time ago taken from a tram here to the public hospital. The disease turned out to be small pox, but was not properly diagnosed, in consequence of which a number of persons were exposed to infection. In due time a number of the exposed persons, principally nurses and attendants at the hospital, developed the disease. No deaths, however, among these, have occurred, and nearly all are mild cases, only two or three being regarded as serious. All patients and suspects have been carefully quarantined. The statement that the disease is of a most virulent type, and that there is danger of an epidemic, seem entirely without foundation in fact.

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Ymir is about 17 miles south of Nelson on the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway. It was staked in the spring of 1897, and although still a small place its prospects of becoming an important mining camp would seem to be very good, as it has tributary to it a large number of good mines. Already it is well represented by the different lines of business having several general stores, hardware, drug store, dry goods and clothing, fruit stands, etc., and newspaper.

The most important mine of the district is the Ymir. It is equipped with a 40 stamp mill, and it is the intention to double this in the near future. They crush on an average about 2,500 tons per month, the ore running between \$7 and \$8 per ton in value and occasionally they ship crude ore going over \$100 per ton. The total output of the stamp mill for eight months has reached \$200,000. The mine is developed by three tunnels, shafts and up-raises. The ore is conveyed to the mill by means of a Halladie aerial tramway which has a capacity of 100 tons a day. The principal development work now going on is the running of a long tunnel which will be about 2,800 feet in length, extending from a point near the mill to the main workings. There will be sufficient room in it for two teams and when completed will take the place of the aerial tramway. The ore is principally gold; the main ore body is about 30 feet wide, and the chute has a length of 500 feet.

The Porto Rico mine is owned by the Canadian Pacific Exploration Co., of London. They have a 10-stamp mill running, in which they crush about 500 tons of ore per month, averaging in value about \$20 a ton. The average width of the vein is about 21 1/2 feet. The mine is developed by four tunnels, all run on the vein. It has also a Halladie tramway, which is about 1,600 feet in length. An additional 10-stamp mill is contemplated.

The Tanagrae is owned by the Kenneth Gold Mining Co. The ore consists of iron and arsenical pyrites and the vein is about four feet wide. An inclined shaft is down 185 feet, from the bottom shaft a drift has been run a distance of 340 feet. An added tunnel has been run in from the surface to meet the bottom shaft, making a continuous tunnel of 650 feet. In this tunnel an ore chute has been exposed for a length of 500 feet; the average values of which are calculated at \$13. There has been no output so far, but experiments are now being made as to the best method of treating the ore. There are about 2,000 tons of ore on the dump.

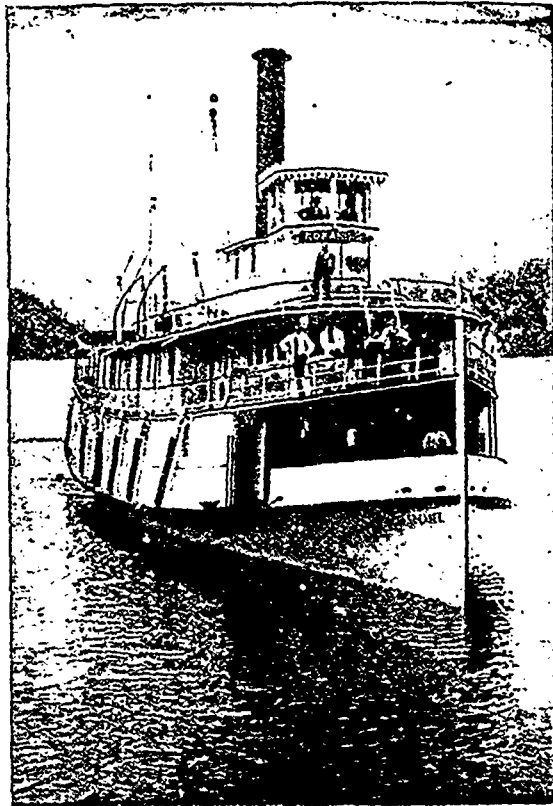
The Dundee mine has a shaft down 265 feet. From the 200 feet level drifts have been run east and west for 150 feet and from the 260 feet level drifts have been run east and west 200 feet. The vein has an average width of 16 feet, 10 per cent. of which is high grade shipping ore, averaging about \$10 to the ton, the balance being a concentrating ore averaging \$8 per ton. A concentrator with a capacity of 75 tons per day has been erected and is connected with the shaft head by a gravity tramway.

The Black Cock mine is now shipping and one of the last carloads went \$40 in gold and \$1 in silver. The mine is developed by two shafts 185 feet and 100 feet in length and a tunnel is now being run on the vein to top the larger shaft. The ore at present being shipped is from the 50 feet level where 16 inches of high grade ore and about 5 feet of milling ore is exposed. The company intend erecting a plant this summer for treating this milling ore.

The Wilcox adjoins the Black Cock and is developed by three tunnels in 300 feet, 360 feet and 250 feet and a 200 feet shaft. The ore is principally free milling and averages about

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Nelson is situated on the south shore of the western arm of Kootenay Lake. It is built on the mountain side, the portion occupied by the business houses being near the lake and more level than that occupied by the residences, but in no place is the hill sufficiently steep to cause inconvenience. On the other hand the benefits derived from this location are numerous, not the least of which is the view that is to be had of the lake and opposite range of mountains. This spot first received a name in 1887 when it was called Salisbury, to be changed in 1888 to Stanley. It was known by the two names until a post office was secured, it was given its present name in honor of the lieutenant-governor of the province. The first sale of lots was made in 1888 and soon a couple of stores and a hotel were started, to be followed in after years by other and larger business places until now as good an assortment of merchandise is found



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\$11 per ton. It is intended to erect a stamp mill as soon as possible.

The Big Horn are drifting a cross cut tunnel to tap the rich ledge which crops out at the surface of a width of 12 feet. Assays of this ore gave \$270 per ton.

The Good Hope is a rich but small vein of free milling ore. About 100 feet of work have been done and it is the intention to erect a stamp mill this summer.

The Nevada ledge is about 8 feet wide. This is principally a concentrating ore and it is the intention to erect a concentrator this summer. This is a silver lead proposition. Other claims in this district are the Bullion, Union Jack, Silver Lake, Rainy Day, Roanoke, Ymir Belle, etc.

here as in almost any city of the Dominion. The log cabins at first erected have given place to large and handsome buildings. During the last year a great amount of building was done and on the main street alone brick blocks to the value of \$65,000 were erected. These comprise the blocks of the London, B. C. Gold Fields Co., Ltd., Bank of Montreal, Oddfellows, Hudson's Bay Co., Madden, P. Burns & Co., Hall, Malone & Houston block. In addition to these A. MacDonald & Co., and J. Y. Griffin & Co., have just built large warehouses and offices.

While Nelson is the supply depot for a number of good mines it is not entirely dependent on these for its support as from its location it is the na-

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tural distributing point for East and West Kootenay and the Boundary Creek country, and we find that a large number of both eastern and western wholesale houses have established branches here which transact a large business. To show the shipping facilities enjoyed by Nelson it is only necessary to say that it is the terminus of the St. Juan River, Columbia and Kootenay and Crow's Nest Pass systems controlled by the C. P. R. and the British Columbia terminus of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway operated in connection with the Great Northern Railway, and it is also the principal port for a number of steamers trafficking on the Kootenay lake.

As a business point we find that in addition to its wholesale houses it is well supplied with retail stores, carrying first class stocks of goods, and has four banking places, namely, the Bank of Montreal, the Merchants Bank of Halifax, the Imperial Bank of Canada and Bank of British Columbia. It has electric street cars, gas, electric light, telephone and waterworks systems, sawmills, smelter, opera house, schools, good churches, and two daily newspapers. It is understood that some of the principal streets are to be paved in the near future.

As has been said, Nelson is not dependent entirely for its support upon the mines, still the business received from these represents a large proportion of that transacted here.

The largest and probably the most important mine in the immediate vicinity of Nelson is the Silver King, which is situated on Tead Mountain some four and a half miles from the city and is the property of the Hall Mines, Ltd. It was located some ten years ago almost by accident. The ore was extraordinarily rich right from the surface and the first shipment of twenty tons is said to have netted over \$8,000. The mine soon passed into the hands of English capitalists and the company formed which are now operating it. An immense amount of development work has been done and the mine equipped with the most complete and modern machinery necessary for carrying on work on a large scale. This company has also a very complete smelter at Nelson, the ore being brought from the mine by means of an aerial tramway. The smelter consists of a blast copper furnace which has a daily capacity of 180 tons, a blast silver-lead furnace with a capacity of 100 tons daily, two large calcining furnaces and two reverberatory furnaces. Nearly a hundred men are employed at the smelter as ores from other mines are treated as well. The ore from the Hall mines is largely a copper-silver ore, although extensive bodies have been found of silver ore carrying no copper.

On the Dandy a large amount of work has been done. The ore is silver carrying little or no copper and it is thought to be the same vein as that of the Hall mines.

The Last Chance is a copper proposition and is being thoroughly developed, several hundred feet of tunnelling having been done, and trial shipments of the ore have turned out very satisfactorily.

The California is a free-milling proposition and a considerable amount of development work has been done and some rich shipments made. A rich vein of gold-bearing quartz has been found.

The Venus is another free-milling property, located near the California. Development has exposed a vein of

free-milling quartz half a foot in width.

On Morning mountain are located the Athabasca and Exchequer properties.

The Athabasca is looked upon as one of the good properties here and systematic development work is being carried on and a large amount of ore has been blocked out. A 10-stamp mill has been erected and is working with satisfactory results.

The Exchequer lies between the California and Athabasca. Development work has demonstrated that there is four feet of high grade ore which retains its size and values with depth and great things are expected of this property.

A few miles down Kootenay river are located the Granite and Royal Canadian mines, owned by the Duncan Mines, Limited, an English company. The first year after these mines were bonded development work was done to the extent of some \$50,000. The Granite is being developed by means of two shafts and the Royal Canadian by tunnelling. The Poorman mine is located near the Granite and Royal Canadian, and, like them, is free milling. A great deal of work has been done on this property and a 10 stamp mill erected. The owners have been well repaid by the work expended on this property.

The Fern mine is another free milling proposition a short distance from Nelson, and near the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. This property has already proved itself a dividend payer and is equipped with a 10-stamp mill and a chlorination plant.

We have only made mention of some of the more important mines in the immediate vicinity of Nelson and there are probably hundreds of promising claims now being developed which will some day be good shipping mines.

Seeding.

The following crop report for the week ending Sunday, has been issued from the office of the general agent of the Northern Pacific lines in Manitoba:

Portage la Prairie—Seeding three weeks earlier than last year; about 28,000 acres to be sown; plowing all done; 12 per cent. acreage in oats; 9 per cent. barley; 5 per cent. vegetables, wheat and oats all sown, weather favorable, warm and dry; moisture in ground considerably deeper last year, account little snow during winter.

Oakland—Wheat all in; oats about 60 per cent. sown; growing grain about half inch high; no vegetables in; hay meadows burned over; general condition and outlook good; seeding about three weeks earlier than last year; plowing all done; growth appreciable, and general prospects as good as last year; weather dry, but not detrimental; very little depth of moisture, owing to open winter.

Beaver—Wheat seeding finished, and farmers preparing to sow oats; season opened about two weeks earlier than last year, and favorable weather has enabled farmers to get through fully three weeks sooner; weather warm, and grain is coming up nicely; heavy shower night of 27th, and noticeable improvement today, 28th, in hay and grass; acreage sown in wheat about same as last year.

Morris—Season almost two weeks earlier than last year; all wheat is sown, and very little plowing to be done; increase in acreage expected of about 25 per cent.; weather has been

most favorable; as soon as all grain is sown, a few good showers would be beneficial, as ground is dry, there being so little snow last winter that only moisture in ground now is the frost, which went to depth of five or six feet.

St. Jean—Weather very favorable; wheat all sown, some of it up; have had light showers last few days, which has helped grain greatly, there will be about 35,000 acres sown tributary to St. Jean, an increase of about 20 per cent.; nearly all plowing to be done yet for oats and barley; seeding about two weeks earlier than last year; ground in fine shape.

Levellier—Seeding progressing rapidly; wheat and oats practically all in; no barley yet sown; farmers claim seeding of all grains will be finished three weeks in advance of last year; owing to favorable weather, work progressing in first class shape; very heavy rain fell during night of 24th; present growth appearance and general prospect were never more promising; an increase in acreage of 20 per cent.

Emerson—Wheat seeding practically finished and bulk of wheat is up; crop has never been in better shape and fully a month ahead of last year; acreage of wheat about 10 per cent. larger and about same increase in coarse grains; weather all that could be desired and plowing for coarse grains well under way.

Roland—Wheat seeding practically finished; coarse grains will all be in in course of next week; soil in excellent condition and weather most favorable, little if any plowing remaining to be done and season two weeks earlier than last year; about 25,000 acres wheat sown, weather dry; new crop in need of rains.

Rosebank—Seeding in this vicinity finished and quite a lot of crop up which is doing well; season much earlier than last year; weather favorable.

Miami—Wheat seeding finished, fields turning green and grain coming on finely fully 75 per cent. oats and barley sown; weather dry and a shower would do good but nothing suffering for want of rain; season fully a month ahead of last year.

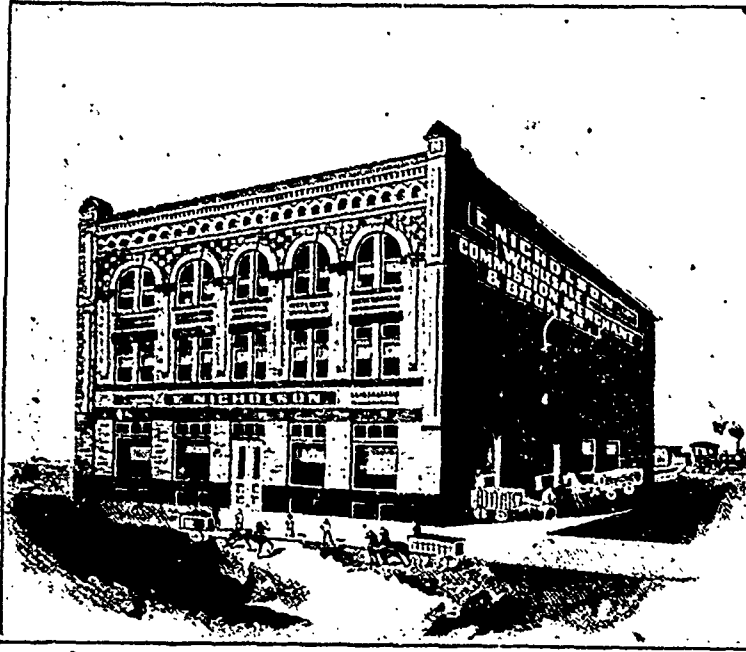
Altamont—Weather fine and warm, with one or two small showers which did a lot of good, wheat seeding finished two weeks earlier than last year, increase in wheat acreage of about 25 per cent. and some wheat is above ground and growing very fast few farmers have any oats or barley yet sown as it is little early for them.

Sonsbeet—About 75 per cent. wheat seeding done; season about a month ahead of last year; very little rain but some of the wheat is above ground and prospects for fine weather are good.

Wan Lake—Wheat seeding three weeks earlier than last year; condition first class; acreage about 15,000 including 3,000 new broken; prospects very favorable. rain not needed as yet; very little moisture in soil owing to open winter; wheat about all in and some up, of which the appearance is splendid, weather clear; light showers 26th and 27th.

Wardur—Weather favorable; wheat seeding practically over; during past week have had several showers which have been very beneficial to grain just coming up, many fields now looking like green and coarser grains now being sown.

Belmont—Wheat about all in and weather conditions most favorable; about 15 per cent. more wheat will be sown; soil is in excellent condition;



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two weeks ahead of a year ago; weather fine with two nice warm rains which has brought grain along well; some wheat is up; plowing the order of the day now.

Hilton—Seedling commenced much earlier than last year and everything progressing favorably; much larger acreage this year and about half the plowing for oats, etc., is now done; the weather has been very favorable, as we have had a few fine showers; ground quite moist on account of great depth of frost, but a little rain would do no harm.

Wawanesa—Seedling much earlier than last year and wheat all in; some showing growth; coarser grains not sown yet; there will be a small increase in acreage; weather part cloudy and cool with light rain, 26th; a good rain would be beneficial.

Rounthwaite—About 90 per cent wheat sown; no coarser grains; weather clear and warm, light showers 26th; some plowing yet to be done; season much earlier than last year; will likely be slight increase in acreage.

Brandon—Seedling progressing rapidly about 90 per cent of wheat is sown and about 50 per cent of other grains; some plowing yet to be done for oats, but season is fully a month ahead of last year; some of the grain is nicely up and fields are looking green; weather very favorable with beautiful slower night of 27th; everything growing very rapidly, and general conditions all that could be desired; there will probably be a slight increase in acreage.

Nhette—Wheat seedling about finished and farmers are busy with oats and barley some of the wheat is nicely up and doing splendidly; weather fine and dry, but a rain would be beneficial; there is still a good deal of moisture in the ground owing to the great depth of the frost; general conditions good.

Dunrea—Wheat about all in and some nicely above ground; about 20 per cent increase in acreage; oats and barley well under way; acreage about same as last year; land in excellent condition and weather fine and favorable; a nice shower on the 25th, which did a lot of good; depth of moisture in contact with subsoil; season fully two weeks in advance of '99 and about 12,500 acres to be sown, about 300 acres of which is yet to be plowed.

Minto—Wheat is about all sown and some fields beginning to look green; plowing nearly all done and seedling will be completed next week; seeding about three weeks earlier than last year and there will be an increase in acreage of about 10 per cent; weather favorable and general conditions good, but rain would be beneficial.

Elgin—Seedling well advanced; nearly all the wheat is in; weather very favorable; small increase in acreage over last year, season much earlier than last year.

Coal Oil Rates.

Ottawa, April 30.—A preliminary decision has been reached by the railway committee of the privy council, confirmed by the governor-in-council, on the complaint against the railway rates on coal oil. It will be remembered that about a year and a half ago the railway companies reduced their tariff on coal oil from Sarnia and Petrolia to Montreal and other points east, which were open to competition by water. The rate originally charged from Sarnia was 35 cents per 100 lbs. on oil, but after the Standard company had acquired the railways at Petrolia and had re-established the business of refining at

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Sarnia they prevailed upon the railway companies to reduce the rate to between 20 and 21 cents. The reason assigned for this was that the Standard company was contemplating counting on boats for the carriage of oil to Montreal and other points accessible by water. At the same time the railway companies raised the rates from Table Rock, Suspension Bridge and other points in the United States to Montreal and other centres in Canada from 23 to 35 cents. They justified their action in doing this by alleging that the rate was too low, and that in any case they preferred to make up the loss which would be entailed upon them by the Sarnia reduction. The effect of this reduction from Sarnia and the increase to points along the Niagara border was to restrict the importation of oil from the United States in competition with the oil produced at Sarnia, and thus to give the Sarnia product the control of the Canadian market. Consumers of oil became very much incensed at this and to it attributed the rise in the price of oil, as well as the discrepancy in the cost on the American side of the line as compared with this. They lodged a complaint of illegal discrimination before the railway committee of the privy council against the railways.

After several hearings and some delay, owing very largely to the requests of the complainants themselves and their inability to arrange their case and secure evidence, the question has been finally determined against the railway company. The railway committee came to the conclusion that the only practical remedy available was to reduce the railway tariff on it. They made a report and recommendation to the council accordingly. The effect is to leave the rate from Sarnia untouched while the rate from American points to points in Canada is reduced to the figure of 23 cents as it originally was based on mileage.

C. P. R. land sales for April aggregated \$5,500 acres, for which \$182,000 was realized. In April, 1899, 26,600 acres were sold for \$117,000.

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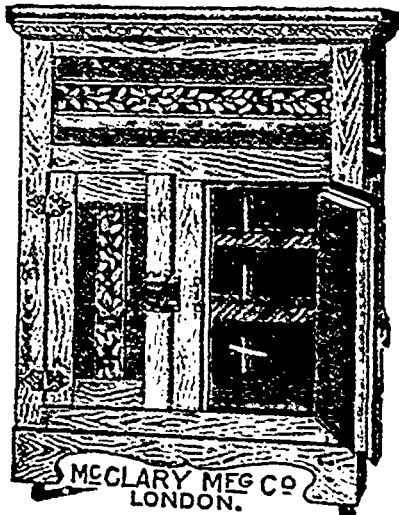
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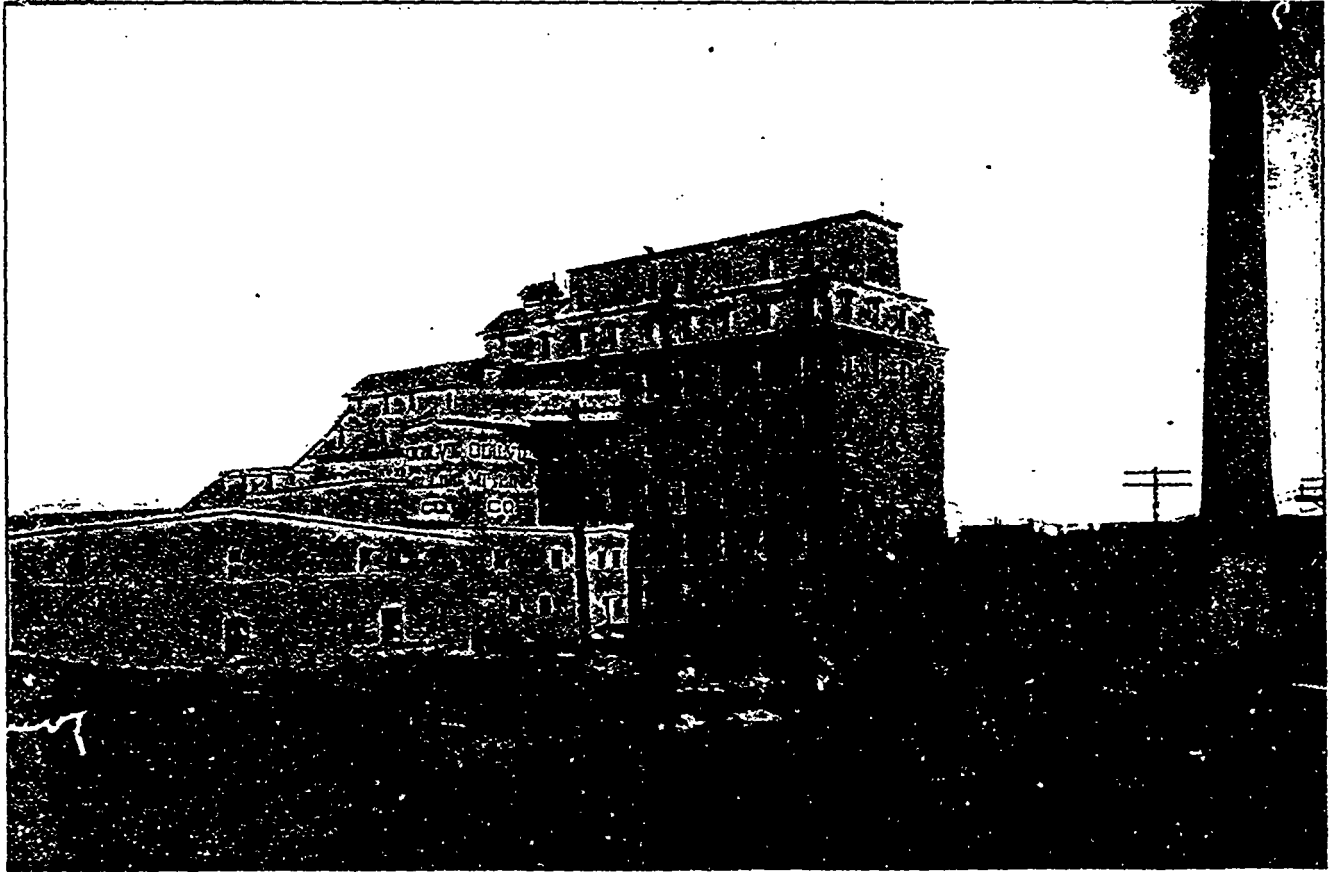
A member of The Commercial staff had the pleasure this week of being shown through the Ogilvie Milling Company's fine flour mill at Winnipeg by General Manager F. W. Thompson, giving special attention to the improvements which have recently been made in the power and lighting plants and in the mill itself. Few people even in Winnipeg are aware of the size and capacity of this mill and of the vast amount of money and energy which its establishment and maintenance represents.

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as fine an engine room as can be found anywhere. The steam wherewith the engines are operated is derived from nine huge boilers, having a combined capacity of 1,500 horse power, located in a separate boiler room which has been enlarged this spring.

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This spring's improvements to the Winnipeg mill plant has cost the company about \$75,000. They include a 1,200 horse power Laurio engine with driving gear, Holley gravity water system and air pumps, electric lighting plant, mammoth leather driving belt—the largest in America—additional machinery in mill besides substantial enlargement to engine and boiler room.

The new engine pulleys and pumps were supplied by the Laurio Engine Company, of Montreal. The engine is one of the largest in Canada, and is a wonderful piece of machinery. It is what is technically known as a tandem corliss compound condensing engine. Its general

pumps are accompanied by compound heaters by means of which the water is kept at a temperature of 208 degrees. Another remarkable feature of this power plant is the main driving belt. This was supplied by Sadler & Haworth, of Montreal, and like the pulley is the largest on this continent. Its dimensions are: Width, 72 inches, length 115 feet, thickness 3 1/2 inches, and total weight 2,270 pounds. In addition to the new engine above described there is a fine engine of several hundred horse power kept in reserve. The new electric light plant just being installed will be quite in keeping with the rest of the machinery. It will have a capacity of 1,200 lights. The engine room will be lighted by arc lamps of the newest make, while the mill, offices etc., will have incandescent light. The engine room in which all this machinery is placed is being remodelled and enlarged and when the work is completed will be

for the men, no employee being allowed to change his clothes in the mill. Every man is provided with a separate locker for his clothes. The mill machine shop is also in this separate building and contains a complete machine shop plant. The accompanying engraving is from a new photographing the plant as it appears to-day.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	91,000
Toronto	65,000
Kingston	10,000
Coteau, Que.	229,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	81,000
Winnipeg	430,000
Manitoba elevators	4,400,000
Keewatin	4,100,000

Total April 21	5,430,000
Total previous week	5,351,000
Total a year ago	10,239,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's April 21, were 74,172,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 49,189,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 7,814,000 bushels, compared with 5,928,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 28, was 52,472,000 bushels, being a decrease of 2,342,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 28,144,000 bushels, two years ago 23,263,000 bushels, three years ago 31,412,000 bushels, and four years ago 35,519,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,987,000 bushels, compared with 9,513,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 21,918,000 bushels, compared with 25,611,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe March 1, in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1900	169,881,000
1899	124,389,000
1898	118,545,000
1897	153,721,000
1896	172,134,000
1895	193,746,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	69,928,355	74,527,786
Milwaukee	9,406,592	11,344,303
Duluth	45,569,092	64,711,600
Chicago	21,264,228	30,514,371

Total 146,188,467 181,100,363

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, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,647,342	12,060,699
St. Louis	8,420,459	13,220,806
Petroit	3,473,014	4,632,481
Kansas City	13,501,010	24,220,443

Total 36,041,885 54,160,432

Grain and Milling Notes.

The Dominion Elevator Co.'s elevator at Virden, Man., was burned on Sunday last together with 15,000 bushels of wheat.

Snider & Glass have leased the flour mill of the Ontario Milling Company at Deloraine, Man., and will operate the mill this year.

The Ogilvie Milling Company has subscribed \$1,000 towards the fund for the relief of the persons who suffered in the Ottawa-Hull fire.

Some of the material for the erection of the proposed Ogilvie mill at Fort William, Ont., has been purchased and the company announce their intention of going ahead with the work in due time.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie milling Company, informed The Commercial this week that his company had fully decided to go ahead with the erection of a number of elevators throughout the wheat belt this year.

Manager F. W. Thompson, of the Ogilvie Milling Co., reports that the wheat area in Manitoba and the Territories will be increased 15 per cent this year. This estimate is based on reports received from their agents throughout the wheat belt.

Wilson & Russell, of Qu'Appelle Station, Assa., have made a proposition to the town of Lumsden, Assa., to erect a flour mill at that point in consideration of a bonus of \$1,000 payable in five years in flour, feed, etc. The proposed mill will be of 75 barrels capacity.

Work has already been actively commenced rebuilding the burned portions of Ottawa and Hull. The large companies are endeavoring to utilize their old employees in this work so as to give them a chance to earn something. The E. B. Eddy Company have 1,000 men employed cleaning away the site of their burned factories. Some of the factories will be re-built on a larger scale than ever.

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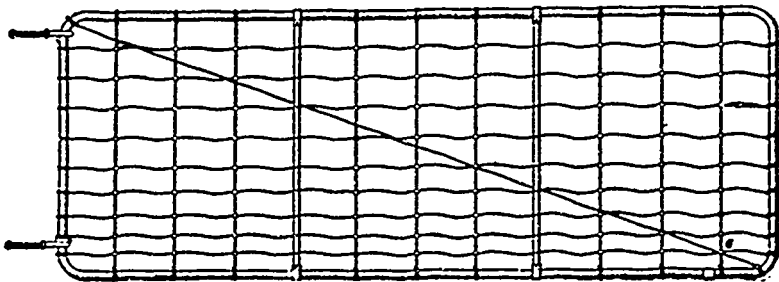
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IMPLEMENT FREIGHTS.

The new freight classification on vehicles went into effect on May 1, and after that date a car load of carriages will be charged for on the basis of 14,000 pounds. Until the 1st of January of the present year, 12,000 pounds constituted a car of vehicles. On the date mentioned the classification was changed to 16,000 pounds. Winnipeg jobbers protested very strongly against this change, claiming that it would be a great hardship to be compelled to pay for 16,000 pounds on each car of vehicles, particularly as they had no notice beforehand of the change. A delegate representing the Winnipeg jobbers went east to interview the railway people and succeeded in having the new classification withdrawn until May 1, thus giving dealers a chance to handle the spring trade on the old basis of 12,000 pound car lots. The delegate also succeeded in compromising on the new classification, by inducing the railway companies to agree to a 14,000 pound car basis, instead of making it 16,000 pounds. The Winnipeg implement jobbers, by their energy in this matter, have secured an important concession, which will result in benefit to the consumer.

TALK TO IMPLEMENT MEN.

Following are the remarks in full of Secretary F. Chapin, at the meeting of retail implement men held at Brandon recently:

Gentlemen:—

I think our worthy president in his speech from the throne struck the nail on the head, and his suggestions furnish material for us to think about, receive, and inwardly digest. From what I have learned from kindred societies to the south of us, our troubles and difficulties differ somewhat. They complain of catalogue houses, freight rates, wholesalers supplying blacksmiths on every four corners, who sell at very small margins, and thus prejudice the consumer against the regular dealer who has no other way to make his living, but by making a reasonable profit on sales. They do not complain very much about internal evils. It is possible they have cured all their internal troubles through their organizations, and now that they have got the inside of the platter clean they are turning their attention to the outside. If this be true, may we not do well to follow them?

I would call your attention to the evil of overstocking. Manufacturers urge for large orders, and we are all liable to overstock, this is a serious mistake, as it places the dealer between two evils, of either holding over the goods, paying insurance and interest on the investment, or selling at cost, or on long time payments and to doubtful or poor pay. This latter plan is generally chosen, and goes a begging to get rid of our goods at no profit (a most humiliating position) and it lowers the dignity of our business, and we feel the effect of such business afterwards. We might better hold goods over, but best of all order short in the first instance, and take chances in getting your subsequent needs supplied, when the time comes. To go short of goods for a year or two would tone up our business, make us more independent, and would tend to make consumers order goods in time and make it much easier to get prices. Many farmers withhold their orders till the last, in order

to catch a dealer overloaded so they may get a snap deal, while the man who orders early gets regular prices.

I would also mention the question of trespassing on each other's territory. Does this horrify you, does this charge reflect on us as being tricky? I realize it is not good policy to cry stinking fish, and neither it is, to the man engaged in selling such fish; but to an honorable man who is doing straight business and who wishes to retain his good name. I submit there is every reason why he should be exposed for any tricks, both for his own and his neighbor's good, and for the general reputation of those engaged in the same business. It is said there is hell among thieves; if this be so how much more should implement dealers (who profess to be straight) act the gentlemen. Manufacturers in appointing an agent give him certain territorial lines in which to do business, and expect him to not trespass on his neighbor's territory, and vice versa. But strange to say our noble and honorable clan, in some cases, break through these lines; even cut prices to get through them; and then carry with them the innocent air of an angel. Manufacturers say in their contracts that we must protect our territory the same as any other property. But this cannot be done by law, the only way to keep even with the trespasser is to pay him back with his own coin, or try and make manufacturers punish such offenders. From a moral standpoint it is no better than stealing. We organized for mutual aid and protection, and to be true to our principles we must help rather than hinder each other. It is said a man's worst enemies are those of his own household. When civil war exists, a war of conquest is impossible. We must cast the mote out of our eye, locate the Achan, clean the inside of the platter, settle internal coldness, and then come together as one man to talk conquest in the matter of freight rates, insurance, catalogue houses, territorial lines, etc.

F. CHAPIN.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Seventy-five thousand pounds of binder twine belonging to the McCormick Harvesting Company were destroyed by fire on April 19 at Chicago.

Winnipeg dealers report their season's trade in wagons and buggies unusually good so far. The fine dry weather and good roads has stimulated traffic considerably both in town and country.

An active trade has been done in bicycles this spring in the city. One prominent dealer reports the season's sales to have been the most satisfactory he has yet experienced. Chainless wheels are in good demand.

All the leading farm implement manufacturers of Ontario have signed an agreement that they will not exhibit any of their goods at the Toronto exhibition or any of the provincial fall fairs this year. This has been discussed in previous years, but no action taken.

Minneapolis houses report an unusually large demand this spring for breaking plows, indicating that the amount of new land broken in the country tributary to that city will be considerable. It is said that large areas of new land have been settled upon in the Northwestern States this year.

The new 20,000 pound classification on implements will go into effect on July 1.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company announces a new freight schedule on implements and binder twine which practically restores the table of exceptions withdrawn on January 1 last. The new rate went into effect May 1. Other roads are expected to follow this action.

One of the methods by which some United States brokers have succeeded in securing supplies of twine which they can afford to sell at a lower figure than the current quotation for standard grades is by picking up the rejected twine of those mills which make twine on contract. As a rule the big customers of these mills keep an inspector on the ground whose business it is to examine carefully all twine offered on their contract and throw out such as cannot come up to the standard. This twine is bought up afterwards by speculators and sold as standard twine at tempting cuts under the regular prices.

Canada's Charms.

Canada's charms are not too well known. The grandeur of her lake and mountain scenery, the beauty of her rivers and forests and the charm of her summer climate are all well illustrated and described in the "Tourist Number" (May) just issued by the Canadian Magazine. The colored cover is quite typical and the hundred illustrations which brighten its pages give a comprehensive view of what Canadians are apt to prize too highly. The frontispiece is a reproduction of a typical scene in the Rockies, and indicates very graphically the splendid scenes which there delight the eye and mind of the traveller. Then there are reproductions of scenes in British Columbia, in the famous 30,000 islands of the Georgian Bay Archipelago, of Muskoka, Niagara, the St. Lawrence, the Ottawa, the St. John river and the cliffs and sand dunes of Prince Edward Island, with articles describing each district.

Nor is this all. This number contains a bright Nova Scotian story by Prof. Charles G. D. Roberts, special South African illustrations, "Heinrich Heine" by W. A. R. Kerr, "Twenty Years on the War Path," by Frederic Villiers, a bright story by Virginia Sheard, "An Eastern Holiday," by Jean Blewett; "An Historical Naval Battle," by Dr. G. Archie Stockwell, and the usual short articles and departments.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association in a recent resolution, asks the Dominion government to use discrimination in fixing the amount of the preference to be given British goods in the Canadian market, as the present plan of making a flat rate of preference for every line is liable to act detrimentally against certain industries. They also ask that the minimum tariff shall always be high enough to afford adequate protection to existing Canadian industries. They also point out that in some cases goods are coming into Canada under the preferential tariff on which the bulk of the labor expended is foreign and not British, to remedy which they propose that the percentage of British labor expended on imports in order to entitle them to the preference shall be raised to 50 per cent.

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Grocery Trade Notes.

Canned corn declined 10c per case on spot at Montreal last week.

Syrups rule stronger in the east in sympathy with the advance in classes at primary markets.

Chicago packers are reported to have made handsome profits out of their recent manipulation of the pork market of that city. May pork was forced up to \$13.40 at one time.

Advice from Calcutta dated May 2, says that reports received from the tea districts show the prospects are generally unfavorable. Hail and rain storms have done much damage to the crops.

Reports from Porto Rico say the molasses crop is 50 per cent short of normal. Prices rule from 8 to 10c per gallon higher than last year, first cost. Canada has been a heavy buyer of this line lately.

Southern storms have held back strawberry deliveries at distributing points in the northern States and Canada to some extent recently. This applies particularly to fancy stock. The crop area is moving further north each week though, and it is expected that a more plentiful supply will be available henceforth.

Barbadoes molasses advanced 1c per gallon at the Island, making the cost there now 18c. This news proved to be unwelcome to Canadian importers as they have been holding back from making their regular spring purchases in the hope that the market would decline. At 18c first cost this molasses is worth 37c per gallon landed at Montreal.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Silk taffeta gloves are in good demand for summer wear this year.

Toronto houses are finding a large demand for light makes of ladies hosiery and underwear. Sales are estimated to be fully 25 per cent larger than a year ago at this time. Prices still show an upward tendency.

A prominent New York house estimates the American supply of cotton to be so short that it, as seems at present threatened, there should be a shortage in this year's crop the situation would be without precedent since the war. They estimate that for August delivery as high as 12c per pound may yet be realized.

Hardware Trade Notes.

An association of Canadian lamp chimney manufacturers has been formed, and as a result prices are now higher and more uniform.

Galvanized iron pipe has declined from 15 to 20 per cent at Toronto. Half-inch pipe is now worth \$5.30 and other sizes proportionately.

Steam refined seal oil is weaker in eastern markets and has declined 2 1-2c per gallon at Montreal. The jobbing price there now is 45 to 47 1-2c.

Hardware dealers in both Canada and the United States were considerably surprised by the recent cut of the American Steel and Wire company in the price of barbed wire and wire nails. The actual amount of the cut at factories was \$20 per ton on barbed wire and \$20 per ton on nails. Subsequent events have however shown that the cut was largely, if not wholly of a speculative character, and has resulted in great gain to those who understood its purpose. The manipulators at once began hammering the stock of the company down in the New

York market and managed thereby to cover a large short interest at a profit of from 8 to 10c per share at the expense of the small shareholders.

Canadian jobbers decided that they could not take any action in the matter of following the cut in fence wire and nails made by the United States combine last week until more definite information was obtainable as to the purpose and probable duration of the cut. Stocks in Canada are said to be fairly heavy.

Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.

The higher prices prevailing for leather this season is said to be tempting some unscrupulous makers of boots and shoes to substitute imitations for the genuine article where the deception cannot be easily detected. Dealers should be careful to buy only from responsible people and then they can be sure that they are getting what they bargain for.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Labor troubles in Chicago and at other points are causing a falling off in the demand for lumber in the United States.

Alger Smith & Co.'s big log cut on the Arrow and Pigeon rivers, Port Arthur district, is hung up for want of water. There was no snow of consequence last winter and no rain this spring.

Freight Rates.

The C. P. R. has issued its lake and rail tariff for the summer.

An easier feeling has developed in the market for ocean grain freight, says the Montreal Gazette. Steamship agents during the past few days have shown more disposition to meet shippers' views; in consequence, rates generally show a reduction all round. The demand has been limited during the week and only a small business is reported, but now that navigation is open and vessels are commencing to arrive, the indications are that a more active trade will be done. Rates are quoted as follows: Liverpool, 2s 4 1-2 June; London 2s 10 1-2 June; Glasgow, 2s 4 1-2 May; 2s 6d June; Avonmouth, 3s July; Manchester 2s 9d June; Hamburg, 3s 3d June; Antwerp, 3s June; Leith, 3s 3d June; Dublin, 3s June; Belfast, 2s 9d June; Aberdeen, 3s 3d June, and Cardiff, 2s 10 1-2 June.

Mail advices from New York say: Latest official statistics show that steamships representing more than 2,200,000 tons gross have been diverted from ordinary commercial channels to the war transport service of Great Britain in connection with the African war, and it is a question which is being discussed in shipping circles how severe a period of depression has been averted in the shipping trade by the war. There is, it is asserted, ample tonnage now available to accommodate all business that can be conducted on a basis that will pay reasonable ocean freight rates; and if the additional tonnage which is now engaged in the African war service were to be suddenly released the outlook for shipping would, it is very generally acknowledged, be particularly gloomy. However, should the African war be brought to an abrupt close, it would require a large number of transports a considerable time to return the men and military equipment freed in the war.

THE LIVE STOCK TRADE**WESTERN STOCK GROWERS MEET.**

At the recent meeting of the Western Stock Growers' Association, held at Medicine Hat, Assa., a number of important matters affecting the interests of this industry were dealt with and remedies suggested for existing evils. Among others, the subject of mangle was taken up and it was decided to ask for government assistance towards stamping this disease out. Tramp cattle from the United States side of the boundary have caused considerable trouble in the past and it was decided to take steps to keep them out. Regarding imported thoroughbred cattle it was decided to ask for legislation providing the tuberculin test for these. The association will co-operate with the Manitoba horse-breeders for the purpose of securing, if possible, a cavalry re-mount station in Western Canada from the Imperial government. It was decided to increase the bounty on wolves as follows: Full grown females, \$10; full grown males, \$5; pups, \$3, coyotes, 25c for full grown and 12 1-2c for pups. Before leaving Medicine Hat the stockmen were tendered a banquet by the town in the Assiniboia Hotel. The attendance at the convention was large and representative. The following are the new officers as elected during the meeting: President, D. H. Andrews, Crane Lake, first vice-president, A. R. Springett, New Oxley; second vice-president, W. F. Cochran, Maledo; board of management, Bow River, W. R. Hull; Medicine Hat, Robert Porter; Maple Creek, D. J. Wylie; Lethbridge, Howell Harris, Sheep Creek, J. Rodgers; High River, F. Stimson and H. Smith; Pincher Creek, C. Kettles and R. Duthie; Willow Creek, A. B. McDonald and Dr. Warnock.

LIVE STOCK TRADE NOTES.

D. Hamilton started this week from Neepawa with about 1,000 head of young cattle, for the western ranches. This is believed to be the largest single shipment of cattle ever made from that district.

A rancher from Montana is visiting the range country in the vicinity of Medicine Hat for the purpose of locating a large ranch there. He is one of the firm of Spencer Bros., who have been well known in Montana as ranchers.

Cattlemen coming in from the west say that they have failed to come across a dead range animal this spring and that there has been absolutely no loss amongst range cattle during the past winter. The animals are in better condition than they have been in years at this time.

A cable from London on April 28th to the Montreal Gazette stated that a new order had been issued by the British board of agriculture putting Birkhead on the same footing as Deptford as regards the slaughter of cattle. Argentine cattle must be slaughtered within 36 hours and Canadian or United States cattle within five days.

Shipments of ore from Rosslund for the week ending Saturday last totalled 2,633 tons.

At the April sheepskins' sales in London, England, which closed on the 27th April, the offerings numbered 125,000, a large proportion of which were taken by the home trade at a decline of 1s 2d to 1s 4 1-2d.

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WESTERN SELLING AGENTS

Manitoba.

Thos. Leo is opening a harness shop at Brandon.

E. A. Rogers is opening a jewellery store at Selkirk.

A G. Cartor is opening in jewellery and watchmaking in Winnipeg.

J. W. Loyntz has leased the Western Hotel at Carberry from Thos. Huckle.

The Winnipeg city council is asking for bids for the supply of summer caps for the city firemen.

The Killarney Driv'ing Park Association of Killarney is applying for incorporation. Capital, \$2,000.

A Roland wheat buyer named Badger has mysteriously disappeared according to the Morden Empire.

Battie & McLarty, machinists, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership. McLarty continues the business.

The Central Electric Company of Portage la Prairie will enlarge and improve its plant at that place this summer.

A. L. Hill & Co., general merchants, Griswold, have disposed of their hardware business at that point to Brown & Mitchell.

D. W. McLean will again engage in the grocery business at Winnipeg. He expects to open next week at 576 Main street.

G. Silvester, hardware merchant, Elkhoru, has bought out the lumber and coal business of W. C. Van Nosttrand at that place.

Isaac Moore has purchased the implement business of J. B. Govanlock at Cypress River and has taken in Venner as a partner under style of Venner & Moore.

The Kemp Manufacturing Company of Toronto, the purchasers of Gull-bault's tin box factory, Winnipeg, at the assignee's sale some months ago, have started the factory running again.

W. J. Wright, general merchant, Stonewall, has decided to adopt the early closing idea on his own account in connection with his store. This good example should be followed by others in that and other towns.

The town council of Neepawa has passed an early closing by-law and henceforth all stores in that town will close at 7 o'clock on business days except on Saturdays and days preceding a public holiday, when they will remain open till 10 p. m.

The building and plant of the Great West Laundry Company at Winnipeg was sold on Monday by the assignee to F. H. Whyte, acting for John McRae, late manager of the D. McCall Co. at Winnipeg. \$9,050 or about 78 cents on the dollar was the purchase price. The new owner intends to enlarge the plant and buildings so as to make the laundry as complete as possible.

F. H. Whyte has succeeded John McRae in the management of the Winnipeg branch of the wholesale millinery business of D. McCall Co., of Toronto. Mr. Whyte has been in charge of the British Columbia branch of the company's business and up to about four years ago travelled all of Western Canada for them, so that he is no stranger to the western trade. Mr. Whyte will still look after the British Columbia business as well, but will not travel in Manitoba, F. M. Noble having succeeded to that part of Mr. McRae's work.

Assinibota.

Geo. Milne & Co., have purchased the meat business of W. B. Marshall, at Mealchic Hat.

N. Hobson has sold his butchering business at Grenfell to Kirk and Brown. Kirk has also purchased the Grenfell mineral water factory.

Alberta.

The initial number of The National Park Gazette, of Banff, appeared last week. I. Byers is the publisher.

C. Hiebert, formerly of Holland, Man., is erecting a building at Didsbury, Alberta, where he will open a general store.

The Cardston Implement Company, of Cardston, Alberta, have started to erect a large and substantial implement warehouse.

J. F. Glanville, of Calgary, has purchased the Trimble general store stock at Leduc, for his brother who is expected to arrive in July.

Beaudry, Moran and Billo, hotelkeepers, Morinville, have dissolved partnership and are winding up their business. F. Goede has been appointed receiver.

Northwest Ontario.

W. T. Newman has purchased the cigar and barbering business of Thos. Davidson at Rat Portage, Ont.

It is reported that E. Tompkinson, of Emo, has purchased the stock of tinware, etc., of the late E. J. Locke at Fort Francis and will continue the business.

A bad fire broke out in Rat Portage on Thursday evening in Duncan & Co.'s flour and feed store, spreading to King's harness shop, Delbridge's livery stable, Hellofs & Verdun's butcher shop and a restaurant. The loss on buildings and contents amounts to about \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received by Architect McGowan until Tuesday, May 15, for the erection of a house, on Carlton street, Winnipeg.

Tenders are requested by Architect Wheeler till Thursday, May 10, for alterations and additions to a residence on Smith street, Winnipeg.

Tenders addressed to J. R. Carthew will be received up to Saturday, May 19, for applications for the position of road commissioner for the municipality of Dufferin.

The municipality of Morris, Man., is calling for tenders for supply of two teams of horses to work graders for three months, or for doing work of grading at so much per cubic yard, municipality to furnish grading machines. Bids to be in by May 19. Address H. N. Whitworth, secretary-treasurer, Morris, Man.

A. & E. Clarke have taken over the Commercial Hotel business at Yorkton, Assa., from Chas. Eyre.

A strike of carpenters is threatened in Winnipeg. The men ask an advance from 39 to 35 cents an hour.

The new flour mill at Cardston, Alberta, is now running and turning out 60 barrels per day. Its full capacity is 90 barrels.

J. Rosenthal and E. Somers left Winnipeg on Tuesday for Dawson City, where they will open business in dry goods, clothing, etc.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

JOHN HORNE.

The subject of our illustration this week is one of the travellers who rustle for business among the retail houses of this city, Mr. John Horne. The city travellers are a fairly numerous body and they are no less genial and enterprising than their brothers who drum the country towns. Mr. Horne travels for Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, with which house he has been for a number of years. He has



John Horne.

been at this occupation longer than almost any other traveller in the city. His first experience here was with Jas. Flanagan, provision merchant, in 1885. Mr. Horne comes from Belfast, Ireland, where he entered his present line of business. He takes an active interest in everything that pertains to the welfare of the travelling fraternity.

AMONG THE TRAVELLERS.

Wm. Kenning, of Guolph, Ont., is coming to Winnipeg to accept a situation as traveller with Miller, Morse & Co., wholesale hardware.

J. W. Williams, of the William Shoe Co., of Brampton, is on a business trip to the coast.

Monthly Trade Returns.

The customs returns for April, 1900, as compared with the same period in 1899 are given below:

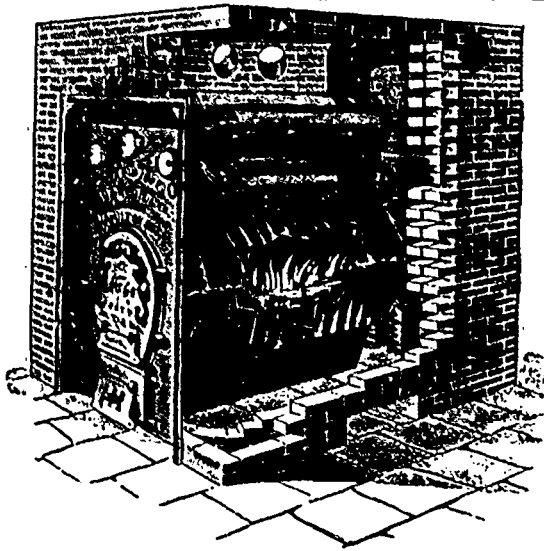
	1899.	1900.
Goods exported	\$196,690	\$ 78,014
Entered for consumption—		
Dutiable	393,323	372,216
Free	161,528	191,579
Total	\$554,851	\$566,795

Duty collected

\$69,682	\$96,468
The returns from the department of inland revenue show the collections at the port of Winnipeg for the month of April, to be as follows:	
Spirits	\$ 8,508.92
Malt	1,263.12
Tobacco (mid.)	16,843.25
Tobacco (raw leaf)	691.50
Cigars	1,568.97
Methylated spirits	89.89

Total \$28,957.67

The Yorkton, Assa., creamery will commence operations on May 14.



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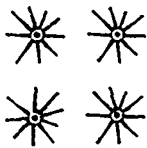
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The Ward System.

The provincial instructor in road making for the province of Ontario has the following to say about the ward system: "Good streets and the ward system are incompatible. Every year, in the larger municipalities, several thousands of dollars are divided among the wards; and this again is subdivided by the representative, or under his influence, and is scattered over the street area. Frequently work is attempted which is never completed, and not infrequently, work is done which would be better undone. It is in direct violation of the more economic management of streets whereby the expenditure would be concentrated in work of a substantial and finished character, and afterwards systematically maintained. Instead of this, under the ward system the effort is to build streets by an extensive series of disconnected patches, and to repair streets which were never constructed.

Wheat Growing in Siberia.

For a long time it has been predicted that Siberia is destined to become one of the greatest grain-producing countries in the world, especially after it has been opened up by the Trans-Siberian railway. After the statements of Herr Rohrbach, who has made a great reputation as a Central Asian traveler, however, the case seems doubtful. In an article in a recent number of the Proussische Jahrbucher, he says he does not believe that Siberia will ever be able to grow enough grain to feed even its own inhabitants. He estimates that the available area of arable land is quite five times that of Germany, cultivators will be forthcoming in abundance, and the climate is tolerably favorable, but that is not all.

The chief drawback, Herr Rohrbach says, is the quality of the soil, which is very poor and needs exceptionally careful cultivation if it is to bear crops year after year. He adds that the Russian peasants who are settling on the land possess neither the capital nor the skill necessary to bring prosperity, and that when their holdings become exhausted they simply move to virgin soil elsewhere, and by this expedient have supported the impression that Siberia is an ideal wheat-producing center. With the influx of settlers that method of cultivation would, of course, become impossible. The writer of the article compares the country with the Trans-Caspian district, and says that it is of no great value in itself, but the possession of it is necessary to the execution of those vast military designs with which Russia is credited.—Milling, Liverpool.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat closed at 72 1-2 to 72 3-4c April delivery.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.80; best bakera's, \$1.60.

Oatmeal—\$1.85 per 80 pound sack of Manitoba meal.

Millet—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12; delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, 85 to 88c feed.

Flaxseed—Per bushel, retail, \$1.00.

Barley—35 to 37c per bushel.

Corn—In carlots, 41 to 43c per bushel of 56 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers offer 15c per lb. for tubs and rolls; creamery, 22 to 28c to retail trade.

Cheese—10 to 10 1-2c per pound.

Eggs—Jobbers sell at; 10 1-2 to 12c for Manitoba fresh.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 6 1-2c per pound.

Wool—7c for unwashed fleece.

Seneca—1 1/2c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$7.00 to \$7.50 per ton on cars.

Potatoes—65 to 75c per bushel.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 10c per pound; chickens, 15c; geese, 10c; live chickens, 70 to 80c per pair; live ducks, 80 to 40c per pair.

Dressed Meats—Fresh killed beef, 7 1-2 to 8c; mutton, 7 to 8c; fresh killed mutton, 9 to 10c; hogs, 8 to 6 1-2c; veal, 7 to 8c; spring lamb, \$4.00 to \$5.00 per carcass.

Live Stock—Cattle, 4 to 4 1-2c for choice steers; stockers, \$12 to \$10 for yearlings; sheep, 11-2 to 4 3-4c; hogs, 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c off cars for selected weights.

Dairy Trade Notes.

It is stated that as high as 11c was paid last week in the Belleville district, Ontario, for fodder cheese. Lower prices are looked for this week as offerings are becoming quite large.

Cheese exports from New York last week were large, amounting to 23,730 packages of old and new. Exporters paid \$11-4c for large colored cheese and \$11-2 for large white, the latter being new goods.

Miss Madison—Excuse my ignorance, but ought I to call you Mr. Bones or Dr. Bones?

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Miss Madison—Ah! but those are only people who know you intimately.—Tit. Bits.

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Printed notices containing further information as to the conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the post office on the route, and at this office.

W. W. McLEOD,

Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, 27th April, 1900

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Sample Rooms, 502 McIntyre Bld., Winnipeg.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 3,961,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 28. Receipts for the week were 261,000 bushels and shipments were 313,000 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 3,290,000 bushels; 553,000 bushels two years ago; 3,250,000 bushels three years ago; 3,612,000 bushels four years ago; 550,000 bushels five years ago; 1,513,000 bushels six years ago. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg, and interior points were estimated approximately at 9,000,000 bushels, compared with 10,000,000 bushels a year ago, 3,300,000 bushels two years ago, 6,328,000 bushels three years ago, 8,000,000 bushels four years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels five years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending April 28 there were 395 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 313; 2 hard, 31; 1 northern, 6; 2 northern, 0; 3 hard, 15; 1 frosted, 5; 2 frosted, 3; 1 rejected, 1; 2 rejected 4; no grade, 16; condemned, 1 car.

Oats—2 white, 1 car.

Of this crop to date 21,912,830 bushels of wheat have been inspected, of which over 15,000,000 bushels were No. 1 hard.

Wholesale House Change.

The well-known Winnipeg wholesale grocery house of Sutherland & Campbell will hereafter be known under the style of Campbell Bros. & Wilson, the firm being composed of R. J. Campbell, W. J. Campbell and R. R. Wilson. All the partners have long been connected with the firm, under the old name, and all are well known in business circles here.

British Live Stock Markets.

London, April 30.—The supply of cattle was short. In consequence, the tone of the market was strong under a good demand, and prices for American show an advance of 1c and Canadian 1-2c as compared with a week ago. The trade throughout was firm and sales of choice States were made at 13c and Canadians at 12c.

Liverpool, April 30.—A private cable reported the market firmer for Canadian cattle at 12c.

A. E. Ogilvie, the new president of the Ogilvie Milling Co., will visit Winnipeg next week.

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending May 3, 1900 \$2,012,777
 Corresponding week, 1899 1,748,553
 Corresponding week, 1898 1,210,537

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
January	\$7,083,052	\$6,317,108
February	6,209,471	5,517,340
March	6,750,121	5,968,275
April	6,916,131	6,240,113
May	7,472,855	8,085,864
June	8,211,716	7,596,792
July	8,169,595	6,316,238
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,159	8,114,551
October	12,689,000	9,317,592
November	11,435,219	11,555,069
December	12,906,905	10,708,731

Totals \$107,786,814 \$90,674,325

1900.

January	\$9,906,607
February	8,702,646
March	7,320,962
April	7,091,519

MONEY.

Interest rates are firmly held in the city by banks and loan companies. The bank rate ranges from 6 to 8 per cent for mercantile loans according to time. Loan company rate 5 1/2 to 7 per cent for loans on city property, and 7 to 8 per cent for farm loans.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Eastern Townships Bank of Sherbrooke, Que., will open a branch at Prince Rupert, British Columbia. A branch is already in existence at Grand Forks.

Winnipeg bank clearings for April amounted to \$7,091,519 and balances to \$1,003,416; in 1899 they were \$6,916,131 and \$995,513; and in 1898 \$6,240,113 and \$860,256 respectively.

The directors of the Bank of Montreal give notice that they have declared a dividend of 5 per cent for the current half year on the paid-up stock of that concern, making a total distribution for the year of 10 per cent. The annual meeting of the bank is to be held at Montreal on June 4.

According to the Dominion government statement bank loans in Canada increased \$1,200,000 during the month of March as compared with the previous month, and \$38,000,000 as compared with March, 1899. Circulation increased \$2,000,000, as compared with February, and \$5,000,000 as compared with March, 1899. Deposits on loan made and notes are \$2,300,000 less than in February, but \$21,600,000 in excess of March, 1899.

The finance committee of the Winnipeg school board has made the following recommendation to the board: "Your finance committee would recommend that the accompanying by-law, for the purpose of raising by the issue of debentures the sum of \$60,000 for buildings and sites, and for debts and charges incurred on capital account for a period of fifty years and bearing interest at four per cent. per annum be passed; and that the city council be asked to submit the same to a vote of the ratepayers."

The plans for the proposed new Merchants' bank building, Winnipeg, provide for a seven-storey structure, with a frontage of 60 feet on Main street and a length of 80 feet on Lombard. It will be built with a handsome brown stone front on the first two storeys and a red brick superstructure. The total height of the building will be about 110 feet, and the cost will not be less than \$150,000. The plans were prepared in Montreal. It is understood that the work will be given to local contractors, and tenders will be called for as soon as the plans have been received.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CONFEDERATION LIFE.

Few representative men are better known in the business world of the Dominion of Canada than Mr. J. K. Macdonald, the managing director of the Confederation Life Association. About sixty-three years ago, October, 1837, he was born in the city of Edinburgh, his parents being of Highland extraction, a son of the Clan Macdonald of the Isles, who had settled in Cathness, being the progenitor of the family. When but a lad of eight or nine years his parents removed with their family to Canada and settled in the vicinity of Toronto. He attended the Weston grammar school, and afterwards took the Arts course at the University of Toronto in conjunction with a Theological course in Knox college, his intention being to enter the ministry. He afterwards accepted a position in the office of the treasurer of the county of York, and developing admirable qualities of method and thoroughness as applied to business affairs was appointed, on the death of the treasurer, to the duties of which he had performed for some time, and continued to the perfect satisfaction of all. Since 1868 Mr. Macdonald has been more or less identified with life insurance. The first feature of the business that particularly attracted his attention was the method of apportioning profits which he considered inequitable in the extreme. He later conceived the idea of forming a company, in which his own views as to the proper mode of dividing surplus could be carried out, and to name the principal promoter of the Confederation.

The Company began business in 1871, and Mr. Macdonald was appointed the general manager provisionally, but shortly afterwards resigned, giving the company, however, the benefit of his services as a director during the first three years of its existence. In 1874 he was induced to again assume the management, and since that time has successfully devoted his sound, shrewd business tact and energy to the building up of the great company whose history is the history of the life work of its promoter. "History is full of the names of men who have impressed their individuality upon the times in which they lived." Applying this truth to the field of life assurance we find that every promising, successful life insurance company is the offspring of the marked personality of some one individual. Those companies who have been successful in the most marked degree are those that have been dominated by individuality—by a single, strong, active mind, that knew what was necessary to success,

and pushed his ideas to that end so persistently as to bring his associates to his way of thinking, and command their co-operation in every sound, progressive step.

INSURANCES NOTES.

The Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance Company is offering \$200,000 of its stock for sale at par, with the intention of raising its cash capital to \$1,000,000.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

C. P. R. traffic returns for March: Gross earnings, \$2,294,787; working expenses, \$1,495,686; net profits, \$799,101. In March, 1899, net profits were \$828,895, and for the three months ended 31st March, 1899, net profits were as follows: Gross earnings, \$6,400,946; working expenses, \$4,287,543; net profits, \$2,113,403. For three months ended 31st March, 1899, there was a net profit of \$2,046,181. The decrease in net profits over the same period last year is therefore for March \$29,794, and from January 1 to March 31 there was an increase of \$67,272.


J. J. Kilgour, of the firm of Kilgour, Binner & Company, Winnipeg, left this week for Paris to see the exposition. Before his return, which will be about the middle of July, he anticipates visiting Great Britain and Ireland.

R. J. Whittle & Co., and Gault Bros. have decided to close their dry goods warehouses every afternoon from now till fall at five in the afternoon, except Saturdays, when they will close at ten o'clock. It is understood that other local jobbing houses may follow this example.

The Toronto Globe correspondent at Dawson City says in a recent advice: "The census of the Yukon for the purpose of local representation is progressing rapidly. Dawson returns show that the city has a population of 5,100, an increase of 1,000 since September last. British subjects number just over 1,700, and Americans 3,800. There is a full territorial return of the latter. The river will probably be open in a fortnight. The prospects are that the coming wash-up will be big. Business is lively, greatly lessening the interest in Nome."

"What?" exclaimed the orator, "what two things are helping mankind to get up in the world?"
 "The alarm clock and the stopladder," answered the dense person in the rear of the hall.—Baltimore—American.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 5.

Another week of dry weather has enabled farmers to get in most of their coarse grain seed, vegetables, etc., and to finish up their wheat seedling where that was not done last week. The country is now ready for some good soaking rains and would be the better for it. Grain deliveries throughout the country are light as farmers have been too busy to make unnecessary trips to town. The stocker cattle movement has been the principal feature of country trade. Shipments of stockers both west and south have been heavy. The general mercantile situation is without change. The demand for groceries, provisions, clothing hardware, etc., is moderately large and shipments are going forward to all parts of the country steadily. Values are for the most part unchanged. Hardware jobbers have reduced their prices of cut nails 10c per hundred pounds. Navigation is now open and shipments by the lake and rail route are coming in freely. Bank clearings at Winnipeg increased over the previous week by \$352,000 and over the same week a year ago by \$264,219.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, May 5.

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

BINDER TWINE.

There is no change in the twine market. Dealers are booking orders at 11 1/2c per pound for sisal and standard, 14 1/2c for Manila and 16c for pure Manila, f.o.b. Minneapolis, Duluth and Fort William in carlots. For less than carlots prices are 1-1c per pound higher.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

Stone and lime are in active demand at the following prices: Stonewall rubble \$4.50 per cord; Stonewall footing, \$6.50 per cord; Stony Mountain rubble, \$4 per cord. White lime is worth 2c per bushel, and grey lime 1 1/2c per bushel.

FISH.

Dealers have been disappointed in their expectation of receiving supplies of fresh caught fish so are still supplying their trade with frozen. Fresh caught fish should, however, be in in a few days. We quote prices for frozen fish as follows: Whitefish, frozen per pound, 6 to 6 1/2c; pickerel, 5 1/2c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12 1/2c; salmon, round cuts, 10c; halibut, 11c; salt whitefish, in half barrels, \$6.50; haddock, 7c; salt cod, 7c; mackerel, fresh, 15c; fresh herring, 20c; Labrador herring, in half barrels, \$4.00.

GREEN FRUITS.

Demand this week has been good and jobbing houses are all kept fairly busy. Prices remain unchanged as follows: California navel oranges, \$4.75 to \$5 per case for regular sizes. California seedlings, \$3.50 to \$3.75; fancy Mod. sweets, \$4; California lemons, per box, \$4.75; bananas, \$1.00 to \$3.50; pineapples per dozen, \$5.00, apples, winter, \$1.00

to \$5.00 per barrel; strawberries, \$6.50 per case; cocoanuts, per dozen, 80c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, green, 9c, roasted 12c; pecan nuts 15c per lb; new maple sugar, per pound 15c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 35c; California layer figs in 1-lb. pound boxes, \$1.10; new Smyrna in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10-lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box; dates, 7c per lb. in 1-lb. cartons, 10c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; American red onions, 3c per lb.; lettuce, radish, onions and parsley per dozen bunches, 50c; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$7; California celery, 90c per dozen bunches; new California cabbage 5c per lb.

GROCERIES.

Trade has been moderately active this week. Collections are slow. Sugar has declined 5c per 100 pounds for both granulated and yellow. The sugar market is very unsettled and manufacturers' prices have fluctuated as much as 15c, but jobbers have not followed the extreme change, so that the net result of this week's trading is the decline of 5c. Canned goods are steady and unchanged. Valerian raisins are exceedingly scarce and prices have advanced about 1c per pound this week. Fine offstalks are now worth 25c per box more than a week ago and are selling at \$2.35 to \$2.40. Layers are worth 20 to 25c per box more at \$2.50 to \$2.60. Evaporated apples are easier at 3-4 to 1c per pound decline. Molasses is very firm and higher at an advance of 3c per gallon on New Orleans, which is now selling at 37 to 40c per gallon. Porto Rico molasses is worth from 5 to 6c per gallon more at 45 to 46c, and Barbadoes about 5c more at 50 to 55c per gallon. The recent destruction of Eddy's mills at Hull will undoubtedly create a scarcity in a good many lines of woodenware, but what particular lines it is not yet possible to determine. Though in the meantime no change has been made in prices it is quite possible that an advance will take place in these goods in the near future. For prices see page 1124.

HARDWARE.

A decline of 10c per 100 pounds in the jobbing price of cut nails which went into effect on Thursday is the most important feature of the hardware market. Another important item is an advance of 50c per 100 on shot which, also took effect Thursday, due to makers advancing their prices. Soft shot is now jobbing at 63-4c per pound, chilled at 71-4c and buckshot at 73-4c. The recent sensational decline in the price of wire nails and barbed wire in the United States has been the subject of considerable interest in Canada in view of its possible effect on Canadian prices, but inasmuch as the decline only applied to the United States markets and as they have long been away above Canada in the matter of prices the effect here was at first only sympathetic. The American Steel and Wire company have a much lower price for their Canadian trade than they sell at south of the line. Moreover, shrewd market observers are asserting that United States prices will be back to the old figures shortly, but this is, of course, only a guess. Our Toronto market telegram of this morning shows that eastern jobbers have already made a sharp cut in their prices. Business has been good with Winnipeg jobbers throughout the week.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Coal oil declined 1-2c per gallon this week, which is the only price change here. It may be worth noting, though that British and European makers of plate glass have recently formed a combination and raised their prices 50 per cent, which means that Winnipeg jobbers will have to pay more for their glass hereafter, and will shortly be obliged to raise their prices. Already the advance has been followed at Toronto and Montreal. Even if the full amount of this advance goes into effect here prices will still be lower than they are in the United States where the glass combine has held prices at a very high figure for some time. Lined oil and turpentine remain at the new prices fixed last week. Trade in the city is good and there is an active demand from country points as well.

RAW FURS.

The feeling here seems to be weakening and buyers are not so keen for furs as they have been, at least not at the high prices heretofore prevailing. The general opinion seems to be that the fur market has been badly inflated and that prices must decline before business can be done on a safe basis.

SCRAP.

We quote prices as follows: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton, No. 2, \$7 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 per ton; heavy copper, 10 1/2c per pound; red brass, 8 to 8 1/2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2c per pound; zinc scrap 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound; white ledger paper 1c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—There is not much change in the wheat markets from a week ago. They have been mainly steady as to price, with only a routine trade done. European markets are at the week's end rather off in price, but American markets are at about the same figure as a week ago, and have recently showed a nervous tendency, causing prices to make sudden advances within a short period of time. A more urgent cash demand is observed, and a large movement of wheat, partly in consequence of the opening of lake navigation in North America. The increased movement has caused a marked change in the statistical position. Thus the American visible supply decreased last week 2,342,000 bushels, compared to a decrease of 459,000 bushels the previous week and a decrease of 1,035,000 bushels same week a year ago, and the aggregate American visible now stands at 52,472,000 bushels, against 23,144,000 bushels last year. The world's shipments last week were moderate, being given at 6,596,000 bushels, against 8,490,000 bushels the previous week, and 8,742,000 bushels the same week last year, resulting in a decrease on passage of 1,251,000 bushels. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's decreased 2,418,000 bushels, against a decrease previous week of 963,000 bushels and a decrease last year of 3,531,000 bushels. There is much interest being taken at the present time in the prospect for the current year's crops, as the future (both immediate and more distant) of prices depends on the progress and ultimate result of the growing crops. The winter wheat crop in the States is in a mixed condition. In the Central States of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan the crop is in very bad condition, principally owing

to the ravages of the Hessian fly, and out of an aggregate of about 8 million acres in the three states, probably 3 million has been ploughed up and put to other crops. The states bordering on these are somewhat touched in the same way in certain districts, while having very fine crop prospects in other parts. There is, however, abundant promise in Kansas, Oklahoma and the western winter wheat country generally, but a great part of these crops are never safe till harvested, as a few days hot wind often cuts down the yield tremendously. The northwest spring wheat country has just finished seeding under most favorable circumstances, 2 to 4 weeks earlier than usual, and the only probable drawback to its progress in the near future is the dry tendency of the weather. It has not advanced far enough yet to be suffering for want of rain, although complaints to that effect are beginning, but there has been no general rain since October and rain will be badly needed before long. In Europe the weather has been more or less unfavorable for several months, the crops there are three to four weeks late, and it is generally estimated that this year's wheat crop in Western Europe will yield much less than those of the two last seasons, which were both good. If the world's crop this year turns out a good average prices might be weak, but not much if any lower than at present, and if under average it will not be very long before present prices seem extremely moderate.

The local market has continued quiet with not much business passing, although one large block is reported to have changed hands at top prices, but towards the end of the week there has been a much stronger tone as to price, and an advance in cash wheat has been secured in face of easy and unchanged markets outside. Lower lake freight and demand on part of shippers for spot wheat seem responsible for the advance. Last week closed with the price of 1 hard spot Fort William at 68c. It fell to 67 1/2c in the beginning of the week, but advanced on Wednesday to 68 1/2c at which figure it closes, although the demand at the close is rather restricted compared to two days ago. 2 hard and 1 northern sell for 2 1/2c less than 1 hard, and 3 hard 4 1/2c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—Demand is moderately active and prices steady. We quote: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.95; Glenora patent, \$1.75; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.45; XXXX, \$1.10, Lake of the Woods' Five Roses, \$1.65; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Melora, \$1.10, XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 96 pounds, delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLEED—Prices are: Bran, \$14.50 per ton; shorts, \$16.50.

GROUND FEED—We quote now: oat chop, \$23 per ton; barley chop, \$17; mixed feed of barley and oats, \$20; corn chop, \$19; oil cake, \$27.

OATS—Values are hard to fix as brokers have so many ideas of what they ought to get. Business has been very quiet and prices realized about as follows: No. 2 white oats, 50 to 51c per bushel in carlots on track here; No. 2 mixed 29 to 30c.

BARLEY—Deliveries are very light. Carlots on track are worth from 35 to 36c according to quality.

CORN—Corn is practically unchanged. We quote carlots on track at about 45 1/2c per bushel.

WHEAT—The wheat market in the country is very quiet. Buyers quote

from 52 to 54c per bushel to farmers according to freight rate.

FLAXSEED—No business doing.

OATMEAL—Manitoba millers are selling to the retail trade at \$1.65 per sack of 60 pounds.

HAY—The market is very dull. Fresh baled hay is worth \$3 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, \$3 to \$4.

BUTTER—Creamery—Some creamery butter was offered to commission houses this week, but sellers view as to price were regarded as being too high and the movement has been restricted. As high as 20c per pound f. o. b. at factories has been asked for fresh made creamery, which is a stiff figure compared with the value of creamery in eastern markets.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is a good demand for choice dairy butter in tubs and good prices can be realized for a choice article, but inferior stock is not wanted. There is an over supply of second grades. The ruling quotation for best dairy butter is 16 to 18c, commission basis, while second grades are only worth from 10 to 14c.

CHEESE—Old cheese is quoted at 14 to 14 1/2c to the retail trade. The new cheese offered this week was poor in quality and was not wanted by buyers here.

EGGS—Commission houses are paying 10 1/2c per dozen net for fresh eggs in cases delivered here. Receipts are large.

VEGETABLES—Supplies of home grown and imported vegetables are fairly liberal and the demand moderate. Potatoes are weaker again this week produce houses having filled the market with potatoes from country points in carlots. About 35 to 45c per bushel represents the value here for wholesale lots. Cars have been offered this week at 40c per bushel, a decline of 5c from a week ago. We quote: Potatoes, 35 to 45c per bushel; turnips, 30c; carrots, 75 to 90c; beets, 40 to 50c; parsnips, 11-2c per pound; onions, 8c per pound; California cabbage, 6c per pound, lettuce and parsley, 30c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20c per dozen; spinach, 10c per pound asparagus, \$1 per dozen, rhubarb, \$2.50 per box of 50 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS—Dressed meat is plentiful and the market steady at last week's prices, which were as follows: Beef, 6 to 7c per pound; veal, 8 to 9 1/2c; fresh killed mutton, 10 to 11c; frozen mutton, 8 to 9c; hogs, 6 1/2 to 7c for choice weights.

POULTRY—Best Smith's Falls turkeys wholesale at 13c per pound; ducks sell at 10c, geese, 9c; chickens, 12c. Dealers pay 50 to 60c each for wild geese. Live chickens are worth 75c per pair.

HIDES—Receipts are light as hutchers are not killing many cattle at present. We quote: No. 1 inspected hides, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3, kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 11-2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—The London sales which open next week will determine to a large extent the price which is to be paid for wool this spring. Dealers expect prices to rule lower. New Manitoba wool has offered this week in limited quantities. Dealers are quoting from 8 to 9c per pound delivered here.

SENECA As high as 40c is being paid for new Manitoba root at Minneapolis, but as none has offered yet

it is hard to say just what would be paid.

TALLCOW—Dealers are paying 31-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 21-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The feature of the week has been the large stocker shipments both south and west. Export business is dead for the time being. High ocean freights prevent shipments. Reports this week indicate that with the opening of navigation in the St. Lawrence river freights have become somewhat easier without very much actual decline in rates. Choice beef cattle are worth 35-4c per pound off cars here. Next grades rule at from 3 to 3 1/2c and common stock at 21-2 to 3c. Yearling stockers are mostly being bought at from \$15 to \$18, and two year olds at from \$22 to \$26.

SHEEP—Buyers offer 43-4c to 5c per pound for choice stock weighed off cars here.

HOGS—The market is steady, receipts moderate and prices if anything easier. We quote: Choice hogs 5c per pound; second grades 4 to 4 1/2c per pound according to weight and quality.

MILCH COWS—Cows are in good demand and readily bring from \$30 to 40 each.

HORSES—Business is dull. Good work horses weighing about 1,300 lbs. are worth here from \$150 to \$175 each, roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of lighter weight run from \$100 to \$140 each when halter broken.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$3.40 to \$3.50; second patents, \$3.20 to \$3.30.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00 per ton; bran in bulk, \$10.50 to \$10.75 per ton.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1/2 to 24c.

Barley—34 to 39c.

Corn—Quoted at 37c for No. 3.

Flax Seed—\$1.72 per bushel.

Eggs—10 1/2 to 10 3/4c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1/2 to 17 1/2c for choice to extras; seconds, 15 to 16c, dairy, 13 to 15c for choice to fancy, seconds, 12 to 13c.

Cheese—Old, 8 to 12c per pound; new, 9 1/2 to 10c.

Poultry—Live chickens, 10c; turkeys, 6 to 8c; ducks, 8c; geese, 7c.

Potatoes—15 to 25c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, light, \$1.2 for No. 1; 71-2 for No. 2; steers over 60 pounds, No. 1, 9 1/4c; No. 2, 8 1/4c; sheepskins, 25c to \$1.20 each; veal, calf, 10 and 11 1/2c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 33-4 to 43-4c; seneca root, \$6 1/2 to 40c, according to quality.

Wool—Unwashed fine, 13 to 17c, medium fine, 16 to 17 1/2c; medium, 15 to 19c, coarse, 16 to 17c.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$7.25 to \$10, as to quality.

Dressed Meats—Veal, \$1.2 to \$1.2c; mutton, 5 to 7c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per bushel, good medium, \$1.75.

Live Stock—Hogs, bulk, sold at \$5.10 to \$5.15, as high as \$5.30 paid for choice; cattle, choice steers sell as high as \$1.80 per hundred; cows and heifers, \$1.20.

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 1.

A strange combination of circumstances exists in Vancouver at present. Shipping is so active that two and three steamships at a time are compelled to anchor in the stream to allow incoming steamers to tie up at the C. P. R. wharfs, and this, in spite of the fact that the capacity of the wharf has been doubled of late; while the block of freight destined for the South and San Francisco continues to grow larger and larger until there is now along the C. P. R. tracks in the city 192 full cars and 125 en route. The banks clearings and customs returns also continue to grow. In spite of these things wholesalers complain of unusually dull times and tight money. They say that in spite of the fact of the Anderson Produce Company and the Manitoba Produce Company suspending operations here there is not enough business to go around in the produce trade. It is, however, thought that the dull times will not last and that when the northern and Kootenay trade revives as it is expected it will very soon good times will come again. Another large produce concern is arranging to greatly curtail their business here.

There are not many features in the market this week. In the dairy market California butter is a favorite, that is the better quality. It is claimed, however, that the Yankees are playing tricks with the British Columbia consignees in transforming dairy butter into creamery butter by the expeditious process of removing the dairy labels, and that as the dairy is nearly as good as the creamery the deception is usually successful. There is a great scarcity of hay in the Puget Sound ports, and it is reported that buyers are quietly purchasing all the hay they can in British Columbia for shipment to Manila. It is claimed that they will buy 5,000 tons at good price. The surplus hay crop, however, in British Columbia is very limited. The Japanese immigrants keep streaming big into British Columbia by the ship load and the authorities are beside themselves to know what to do with them. A prominent cannery man stated to The Commercial correspondent that the Japanese would be used in very much larger numbers than usual in the canneries. That the raw ones would be utilized to pull the boats and the more experienced to handle the nets. The same authority states that the Japanese are not joining the labor

unions as reported in any numbers worth speaking of. So that there will likely be a glut of fishermen.

British Columbia Markets.

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to the Commercial.)

Vancouver, May 5.

Onions are the feature of the market. A batch of Australian onions sold at 7 1/2c per pound. New California onions coming in will sell at 5c. The cause of these high prices is the large shipments to the Philippines. Eastern cheese is selling at 14c, Ashcroft potatoes are lower at \$19 to \$22 per ton. Box has advanced 1 1/2 to 2c per pound, pork is firmer at 9c, and mutton 1/2c higher at 11 1/2c. Veal has advanced 1c. Australian frozen mutton is offering at 9c per lb. Choice steers have advanced \$1.50 per 100 pounds to \$5.50. Lambs are higher at \$5 to \$5.50. Cows have advanced \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 pounds. Hogs are 75c per 100 pounds higher.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 18c; California creamery, 25 1/2c; Australian creamery, 27c; Fresh dairy, 24 1/2c to 25c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 18 to 20c; Manitoba eggs, 18 to 20c, as to quality Oregon eggs, 20c per dozen.

CHEESE—California cheese, 14c; eastern, 11c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$2.50 to \$3.00; seedlings, \$2.00; California lemons, \$2.00 to \$2.50; bananas, \$2.75.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60. Four 22 1/2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs., \$3.25; in 50 lb. sacks, \$3.00 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$1.90; strong bakers', \$1.60; Oregon, \$1.55 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14 1/2 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 1/2 to 14c, backs, 13c; long clear, 10 1/2c; rolls, 12 1/2 to 13c; smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 11c per lb; pails, 10 1/2c; tubs, 10c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c; hoppers, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 13c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock, \$15.00 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$22 ton; cabbage, 2 1/2 to 3c; carrots, turnips and beets, \$2 per ton. Australian onions, 7 1/2c per lb.; California onions, to arrive, 5c.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton, bran, \$20; shorts, \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, in-

cluding duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$16.
DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 9 1/2c; mutton, 11 1/2c; Australian frozen mutton, 9c per lb.; pork, 9c; veal, 11c.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; lambs, \$5 to \$5.50 each; cows, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.; sheep, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$6.75 per 100 lbs.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17 to 18c; peaches, 10 to 11c; pitted plums, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c; prunes, French, 5 1/2 to 8c; London layer raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 8c; 3 crown, 8 1/2c, 4 crown 9c; dates, 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1/2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box, \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1/2c; quartered pears, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c; half pears, 12 1/2 to 13c; nectarines, 14c; Valencia raisins, 7 1/2c; sultanas, 11 to 11c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 1/2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil 12 1/2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

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

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1/4 lb.; 10 gallon kegs, 2 3/4c; 5 gallon tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4.50 case of 10; 1 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India: fair, 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5.25. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c; Dotted oil, 85c. White lead, \$8.50. Putty, \$2.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, May 5.

Ontario creamery butter is 1c lower at 24c per lb. Fresh eggs have advanced 1c to 18c per dozen. Trade is improving.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 24c; choice dairy, 23c.

Cheese—Large, 15c, small sizes, 15 1/2c per pound.

Eggs—Fresh ranch eggs, 18c.

Oats—Per ton, \$26.

Milled—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.80.

Hay—Per ton, \$26.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$19.

J. W. Fitch is opening a grocery store at Moyle.

The Nelson Syndicate, of England, capital \$20,000, local office Nelson, has been registered as an extra-provincial company.

Three Vancouver grocery houses have failed this week, namely, C. S. Philip G. W. H. Hays and Shrewsbury.

P. E. McMillan has bought a quarter interest in Summit City townsite from the owners, W. C. Hayward, Fred Whitaker and A. W. Ross.

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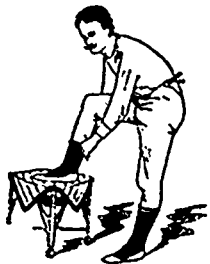
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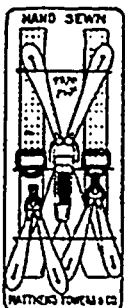
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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

ANVILS—Per lb., 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.00.
 AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 85 to \$1.35.
 AXES—Bench, 30 and 10 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$7 to \$12, double bit, per dozen, \$12 to \$18.
 BAILS—Crow, \$0.50 per 100 pounds.
 BELLOWS—20, 24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.85.
 BELTING—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 60 per cent; extra, 50 per cent. off new list.
 BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.
 BLUESTONE—6 1/2 lb.
 BOLTS—Carriage, 42 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 65 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.
 BUILDING PAPER—Anchor, Cyclone, and Jubilee, plain, 60c; Cyclone and Jubilee tarred, 75c; Anchor, tarred, 65c. Shield, tarred, 55c.
 BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peter, oro', 38 1-3 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent, loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 45c up.
 CALDRIDGES—Kitt fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; per cent; centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. not list, Dom. 15 per cent.
 CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$4.25 to \$4.50.
 CHAIN—Coll, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$11; do. 1-4 in. \$9.00; do. 5-16 in. \$9.50; 3-8 in. \$8.00; do. 7-16 in. \$5.75; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25c to \$1. Log, 5-10, \$8.50; 3-8, \$8.00. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.
 CHAINS—B. B. steel frame, 55 per cent; wood frame, 20 per cent less net.
 COPPER—Thin sheets, 28c; planished, 33c; boiler and T. K. pits, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.
 FILES—Com. 70 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.
 GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.
 GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$4.75; Diamond, light \$1.75 case; Jark, \$1.75; Mica, \$3.00.
 GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.
 HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.
 HARVEST TOOLS—55 per cent.
 HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.90; 2 and larger, \$4.65. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20; 2 and larger, \$4.95.
 HINGES—Heavy Tand strap, per 100 lbs., \$6.25 to \$7.20; light do., 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.
 IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.10. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.40 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs.; Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blain, \$4.00. Imitation Russian sheets 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12 to 12c.
 LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.
 NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.50; 20d, \$3.35; 10d, \$3.40; 8d, \$3.45; 6d, \$3.60; 4d, \$3.70; 3d, \$3.95; 2d, \$4.30. Wire nails, 4 1-2 in. \$4; 4 in., \$4.05; 3 in., \$4.10; 3 1-2 in., \$4.15; 2 in., \$4.30; 1 1-2 in., \$4.40; 1 1-4 in., \$4.65; 1 in., \$5. Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.
 PICKS—Gray, \$7 doz.; pick mattocks, \$8 dozen.
 PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$3.82 1-2; 3-8, \$3.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1-2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90; 1 1-2, \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 1/4 inch, \$8.80; 3/8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.35; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45. Stove, 6 inch, \$9.25; 7 inch, \$10.00 per 100 lengths.
 PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel;

PLASTER—Per barrel, \$0.25.
 RIVETS AND BUCKS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and bucks, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.
 ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 10 1-2c; lath yarn, 11c; Manila, per lb., 16c base; sisal, lb. 1-2c base.
 SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent, R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6. coach screws, 37 1-2 per cent.
 SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.65, chilled, \$1.89; 10 gauge, soft \$2.15, chilled \$2.30; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft \$2.10, chilled \$2.25; No. 10 gauge, soft \$2.00, chilled \$2.75.
 SHOT—Soft, 6.44c per lb.; chilled, 7 1-4c; buckshot, 7 3-4c.
 SOLDER—Half and half per lb., 23c.
 SOLDIERING IRONS—Per lb., 32c.
 SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 per cent.
 STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring \$4.25 base; machinery, \$4.25 base; share com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe calk, \$4.25 base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.
 STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00.
 STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.
 TAR—Coal tar, per barrel, \$5.
 TIN—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28 lb. lugots, per lb., 35c.
 TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 x 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; 1 X same size box, \$6.75; 1 C, charcoal, 20 x 28 112 sheets to box, \$11.00; 1 X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$13.00.
 TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.50.
 TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retinned, 70 and 10 per cent.
 TRAPS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz. No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1 1/2, \$3.35; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.
 TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1 2c per foot; 2 1/2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.
 VISES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$8.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.
 WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.
 WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb, regular, \$4.00; galvanized, plain twist, \$4.00.
 ZINC—Sheets, in casks, \$5 per 100 lbs.; broken lots, \$8.50.

ors, gallon, \$1.40 to \$1.90, as to shade and quality.
 PUTTY—in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do, less than barrels, 8c lb.
 REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 20 1-2c; Oleophene, 23c; Sunlight, 23 1-2c; and Eocene, 26 1-2c per gallon.
 RUBBER PLATE—Pure spirits in barrels, 83c; less than barrels, 35c per gallon. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.
 VALVES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.50; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil Hulsh, \$1.50; to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.70; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.
 WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.50 per 100 lbs. No. 1, \$7.25.
 WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber:
 TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber, 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12 and 8x8 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$20.00; timber 6x8 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8 and 3x6 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18.50; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$17.50; dimension, 2x4, 10 feet long, \$18; dimension, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$17.50; dimension, 2x6, 10 feet long, 10.50; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$15; cull plank all widths, \$12.00; cull plank, re-sawn, \$12.00. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width. \$1 per M advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.
 BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$23.00; second common, 10 to 16 feet, \$18.00; third common, 10 to 16 feet, \$17.50; culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$16.00; 1-2 inch sheathing, S. I. S., 10 to 18 feet, \$14.00; second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$19.30; second common stock, 8 to 10 in. boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$18.50; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$28.00. No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20.50. \$2 per M. less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawing boards \$1 per M extra.
 SHIP LAP—Ship lap, 8 and 10 in., \$19; ship lap, 6 in., \$18.00; ship lap, culls, 8 and 10 in., \$10.50; culls, 6 in., \$13.50. \$2 per M. less for 8 feet and under.
 FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$20.00; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$16.50; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$36.00; do., second white pine, \$32.00; do., third white pine, \$25; do., 5 and 6 in., first and second red pine, \$27.50; do. 4 in. first and second red pine, \$6.00; do., 5 and 6 in. third red pine, \$22.50; do., 4 in. third red pine, \$21.50; do. 5 and 6 in. fourth red and white pine, \$19.50; do., 4 in. fourth red and white pine, \$17.50; do. 4, 5 and 6 in. culls, \$15.50. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under. \$1 per M. advance for dressing two sides 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 in. flooring \$1 per M advance over 1 in. Bevel siding, No. 1 1-2 in x 6 in., \$21.50; bevel siding, No. 2 1-2 in x 6 in., \$18.50.
 FINISHING—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine, \$45.50; do. select white pine, \$35.50; do., shop, \$30.50. \$5 per M. advance on 1 1-2 in. and thicker. 1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. clear red pine, \$31.50; do. select red pine \$27.00; 1 in. first and second clear white pine, \$48.00; do. third clear white pine, \$37.00; do. B. select white pine, \$30.50; do. O. select white pine, \$25.50; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in., \$42.00; do. 8 and 10 in., \$40; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$37.00; do., 8 and 10 in., \$35.00; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$30; do., 8 and 10 in., \$28.00; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31.50; do., select, \$26.50. Selected widths, \$2 per M. extra.
 MOULDINGS—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c window stops, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c. quarter round and cove, do., 50c; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.00; 5 in casing, do., \$2; 6 in casing, do., \$2.40; 8 in base, do., \$3.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings 50 per cent discount off universal moulding list. Lath, per M, \$3.50. pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

Winnipeg Prices Paints Oils, Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50. Muralo, do., \$6.50.
 BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.
 DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 7c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrels 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c, less than barrels 4c; Venetian red, barrels 3c, less than barrels 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c, less quantities 4c lb.
 GASOLINE—Store, per case, \$3.50.
 GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50; 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$6.00; 51 to 60, \$6.50; 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.
 INSECT OIL—Raw, gal., 81c; boiled, gal., 81c 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, 30 to 33c; cylinder oil 53 to 78c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.
 PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid col-

New York Wheat.

New York, April 30.—Wheat, May opened 73c, closed 72 7-8c. July opened 73 3-8c, closed 73 1-4c.

New York, May 1.—Wheat, May opened 72 7-8c, closed 73 1-4c b. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 73 1-2c n. Sept. opened 74 1-8c, closed 74 1-4c n.

New York, May 2.—Wheat, May opened 73 3-8c, closed 73 5-8c. July opened 73 3-4c, closed 73 1-2c b. Sept. opened 74 5-8c, n. closed 74 1-4c b.

New York, May 3.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-2, closed 73c b. July opened 73 3-8c, closed 73 1-8c. Sept. opened 74 1-8c b, closed 73 7-8c.

New York, May 4.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-4c, closed 73c b. July opened 72 3-4c, closed 73 1-4c b. Sept. opened 73 1-2c, closed 71c.

New York, May 5.—May wheat closed to-day at 73 1-2c. July closed 73 1-4c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, April 30.—Wheat, May opened 65 3-8 to 5-8c, closed 65 1-4c. July opened 67 1-4c, closed 67 1-4c b. Sept. opened 68 to 1-4c, closed 68 3-8c. Corn, May opened 39 3-4c, closed 40c n. July opened 40 7-8c, closed 41c n. Sept. opened 41 1-4c, closed 41 3-8c b. Oats, May opened 22 1-2 to 3-4c, closed 22 1-4c. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-8c. Sept. opened 22 5-8c, closed 22 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$12.45 to \$12.50, closed \$12.42 1-2. July opened \$12.72 1-2, closed \$12.6. Lard, May opened \$7.15, closed \$7.07 1-2. July opened \$7.20, closed \$7.15. Ribs, May opened \$6.95, closed \$6.90. July opened \$6.95 1-2, closed \$6.95. Flax, cash \$1.76. May \$1.73. Sept. \$1.25 3-4 n. Oct. \$1.18 1-2 b.

Chicago, May 1.—The markets are closed to-day on account of the Dewey celebration.

Chicago, May 2.—Wheat, May opened 65 5-8c, closed 65 3-8c b. July opened 67 5-8c, closed 67 3-8c n. Sept. opened 68 3-8c, closed 67 3-8c n. Corn, May opened 39 7-8c, closed 40 1-8c n. July opened 41 1-8c, closed 41c. Oats, May opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 7-8c. July opened 22 3-8c, closed 23 1-2c. Pork, May opened \$11.90, closed \$12. July opened \$12.25, closed \$12.17 1-2. Lard, May opened \$7, closed \$6.90. July opened \$6.90, closed \$6.95. Ribs, May opened \$6.85, closed \$6.70. July opened \$6.75 to \$6.80, closed \$6.77 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.76. May \$1.75. Sept. \$1.25 1-2. Oct. \$1.19 1-4.

Chicago, May 3.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-2c, closed 65 3-8c b. July opened 67 1-4c, closed 67c n. Corn, May opened 39 5-8c, closed 39 1-8c. July opened 40 5-8c, closed 40c n. Oats, May opened 22 5-8c, closed 22 7-8c. July opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 5-8c n. Pork, May opened \$11.97 1-2, closed \$12. July opened \$12.17 1-2, closed \$12.10 b. Lard, May opened \$6.90, closed \$6.92 1-2. July opened \$6.97 1-2, closed \$6.97 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$6.70, closed \$6.70. July opened \$6.77 1-2, closed \$6.77 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.76. May \$1.75. Sept. \$1.24 b. Oct. \$1.17 b.

Chicago, May 4.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-4c, closed 65 3-8c. July opened 66 3-4c, closed 67 3-8c. Corn, May opened 39c, closed 39c n. July opened 39 3-4c, closed 40 1-8c b. Oats, May opened 22 3-4c, closed 22 5-8c b. July opened 23 1-4c, closed 23 1-4c b. Pork, May opened \$11.95, closed \$12. July opened \$12.12, to \$12.17 1-2, closed \$12.12 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.92 1-2, closed \$6.90 n. July opened \$7, closed \$6.95. Ribs, May opened \$6.80, closed \$6.75 n. July opened \$6.80, closed \$6.75. Flax, cash \$1.80. May \$1.80. Sept. \$1.26 b. Oct. \$1.19 b.

Chicago, May 5.—May wheat opened at 66c, and ranged from 65 7-8 to 66c. Closing prices:

Wheat—May, 65 5-8c; July, 67 3-8c.
Corn—May, 39 1-8c; July, 40 1-8c.
Oats—May, 23 1-8c; July, 23 3-8c.
Pork—May, \$11.80.
Lard—May, \$6.80.
Ribs—\$6.60.

A week ago May option closed at 65 5-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71c; two years ago at \$1.07; three years ago at 72 1-4c; four years ago at 63 5-4c; five years ago at 64 1-1c; and six years ago at 58 1-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, May 5.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.80 for May.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 66 5-8c; July, 67 3-1c.

Tuesday—May, 67c; July, 68c.

Wednesday—May, 67 1-4c; July, 68 1-8c.

Thursday—May, 67c; July, 67 7-8c.

Friday—May, 67 1-4c; July, 68 1-8c.

Saturday—May 67 1-2c; July, 68 1-4c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 69 1-1c. And cash 1 northern at 67 1-2c

A week ago May wheat closed at 66 5-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 72 5-8c; two years ago at \$1.57 1-2. Three years ago at 74 1-1c, four years ago at 63 5-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, May 5.—Wheat closed at 65 1-4 for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 67 3-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 65 7-8c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, May 5.—Wheat closed 1-2d higher.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard closed at 68 1-2c cash, or early May delivery. Market steady and unchanged from yesterday.

Additional Lumber Trade Items.

The Commercial representative at Vancouver, B. C., says: There is a strong demand for good loggers in the different camps just now, and the great provincial industry was never in better condition. Nearly every mill in the province is running full time, and as the lumber market is firm this will be a good year for the saw mill firms. As a result of this activity the logging camps are badly in need of men.

John Hendry, president of the B. C. mills T. & T. company, and Mrs. Hendry, leave this week for Paris to attend the exposition.

John Hanbury, of the Brandon saw mills, has received word that his cut of logs are making progress. Some of the logs are in the Assiniboine but most are in tributary streams.

Thos. Harrison and W. H. Harrison have purchased the lumber yard and lumber interests at Neepawa, of R. J. Ennis and A. Cumming. The stock from these old yards will be moved to the site of the new one and the combined stocks will then be one of the largest retail stocks in western Manitoba.

Sandon Burned.

Vancouver, May 4.—The town of Sandon, in the heart of the Sloean silver-lead mining district, was entirely destroyed by fire to-day. It was one of the most flourishing centres of British Columbia. All of the business part of Sandon, including the Reco hotel and the Canadian Pacific railway depot, have been reduced to ashes, and not a dozen houses remain standing in the residential district. The obliteration of the city is complete, and the residents, who are left without food or shelter, have appealed for relief to

other towns of the province. The wires from Sandon have been down all day, but telegraphic communication will be resumed to-night. The loss has not yet been estimated.

British Columbia Notes.

Jas. Stark, dry goods, proprietor of the Glasgow House, Vancouver, has taken his sons, W. L. and E. W. into partnership and the business will hereafter be carried on under the name and style of James Stark & Sons.

The miners working in the four shafts of the Extension coal mines of the Dunsmuir Company, at Nanaimo, went on strike on the 23rd of April owing to a dispute over the wage scale. They ask for a scale similar to that in vogue in the Wellington coal mines.

The Cascade Power & Light Company is developing 12,500 horse power at the falls of the Kettle river at Cascade, 12 miles from Grand Forks. The dam is built near the head of the Cascade gorge, and it is 400 feet long and 40 feet at the base. The object of this enterprise is, primarily, to furnish power for mine development and a secondary object is to supply lighting power for the Boundary Creek towns.

A. C. Hamerfelt, manager of the Victoria branch of the Ames Holden Co., has withdrawn from that position for the purpose of accepting the business management of the Granby Mining and Smelting Company, which operates largely in the Boundary Creek district of British Columbia. Mr. Hamerfelt has managed the Ames Holden Co.'s Victoria branch for fourteen years. He will be succeeded by J. B. McKilligan.

The following new companies have been incorporated under provincial laws: The Fred. Robinson Lumber Co., Ltd., of Revelstok, capital \$150,000; Okanagan Gold Mines, Ltd., of Rossland, capital \$200,000; Quebec Copper Co., of Greenwood, capital \$375,000; Yukon Plyer Line, of Victoria, capital \$60,000; Upper Yukon Consolidated Co., of Victoria, capital \$20,000; Wallace Bros Packing Co., of Vancouver, capital \$60,000; Ship Dumbarton Co., of Victoria, capital \$64,000.

The Nome Gold Fields.

The first map folder or circular respecting the Klondike gold strike of 1898 was issued by the Northern Pacific Railway. It is more than a coincidence that the first map folder or pamphlet of the Nome Mining district comes from the same source. The present folder not only contains a good map of the Nome district, but is embellished with several cuts of views at Nome City and on the beach where the method of mining is clearly shown. All information obtainable regarding sailing dates from Seattle and Tacoma, through rates, etc., is given in this book and the public cautioned to go to the agents of the N.P.R., who are supplied with diagrams of the Alaska steamers, and arrange in advance for their accommodations rather than to put off this very important business until they reached Puget Sound. There is no doubt but what there will be very considerable passenger business from the middle and eastern states, and a very heavy business from the Pacific Coast states to the Nome district next spring. For folders, rates, etc., call on H. Swinford, Winnipeg, or send a two cent stamp to Chas. S. Paul, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn., and he will mail you the Nome folder.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 5.

Dry Goods—Quiet owing to cool weather. A hot spell would cause activity. Buyers returned from Europe this week say blacks will be stronger than ever for dress goods. Fancy dress goods likely to take lead again after another year. Table and floor oil cloths advanced 10 per cent and likely to advance again soon.

Hardware—Orders coming freely and trade is generally good. Feature of week is reduction in wire and wire products. Wire nails are 30c per keg lower. Barbed wire is \$2.12 per 100 lbs. lower. Smooth steel wire is 25c lower at \$3.20. Galvanized wire is 27 1/2 to 45c per 100 lower. Plain wire is also reduced. Scrap iron is 5c lower. Shot is higher, common \$6.50 chilled \$7; buckshot and ball, \$7.50 discount 7 1/2. Turpentine is 1c higher. Linseed oil 4c dearer. Pig iron easier.

Groceries—Quiet. All refined sugars advanced 5c Wednesday. Advices from the coast say Fraser River canners began the season by advancing prices 50c to \$6.00. A private cable says new Japan tea will be 7 to 10 per cent higher.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 5.

Grain deliveries are small and the demand light. Wheat easier. Ontario flour is 5c lower. Eggs firmer at 12 to 12 1/2c, which is 1-2c to 1c higher. Butter receipts are large and quality poor. Best grades are about 1c higher. Bran and shorts are lower, bran having declined \$1 to \$2 per ton and shorts 50c. Wool market is easier.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.00 to \$4.10, Manitoba bakers, \$3.70, car lots, Ontario patent, \$2.75 to \$2.80 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 65c to 65 1/2c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 65 1/2c at eastern points; No. 1 hard, 79c, North Bay.

Oats—27 1/2c to 28 1/2c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freight.

Barley—No. 2, 42 to 43c, country points.

Milled—Shorts, \$16 to \$16.50 per ton, bran, \$14.00 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.30 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 12 to 12 1/2c per dozen.

Butter—Dairy rolls, 18c; pound prints, 14c, creamery, tubs, 17 to 18c; prints, 18 to 19c.

Cheese—12c for new fodder goods for job lots to the local trade and 13c for old.

Hides—\$3.4c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1/4c; country hides 1-2c under those prices; sheepskins, \$1.25 to \$1.40; spring lambs, 15 to 20c; calfskins, 10c for No. 1, and 9c for No. 2, tallow, 5 1/2 to 6 1/4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 16 to 17c; unwashed, 10 to 11c.

Beans—\$1.75 per bushel for choice hand picked.

Dried Apples—5 1/2 to 6c for round lots; evaporated, 6 3/4 to 7c.

Honey—Belt at 9 to 10c in bulk.

Maple Syrup—Quoted at \$1 for wine gallon, and \$1.10 to \$1.25 for imperial gallon.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 80c per pair; turkeys, 11 to 12 per lb.; geese, 7 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 80 per pair.

Potatoes—Quoted at 35c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$7 to \$7.25 per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.40 to \$2.00 per 100 lbs., red clover, \$5 to \$6; alsike, \$4.80 to \$7.50.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 2.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,000 cattle, 70 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 hogs.

Export Cattle—Demand was better; offerings fairly large. Stock sold out readily at \$4.60 to \$4.80 per cwt. for choice cattle, and \$4.10 to \$4.60 for lighter grades.

Butcher's Cattle—Fair demand at \$4 to \$4.25 or a shade higher for choice cattle, and \$3.50 to \$3.90 for good stock, \$3 to \$3.50 for medium to mixed lots; common lots sold at \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.

Export Bulls—Steady at \$3.35 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers—Moderate demand at weaker prices of \$3 to \$3.60 per cwt.

Sheep—Good trade. Export ewes sold at \$4 to \$5 per cwt. and bucks at \$3 to \$4 per cwt.

Lambs—Light run and all stock sold out at \$5 to \$6.50 per cwt. for yearlings, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per cwt. for picked ewes and wethers, \$2.50 to \$5 a head for spring lambs.

Hogs—Unchanged at \$6.25 per cwt. for selections of 160 to 200 pounds natural weight, \$5.75 per cwt. for fat, and \$5.50 per cwt. for lights.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, May 5.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 36 carloads cattle, 80 sheep and lambs, and 300 hogs.

Export cattle were in letter demand and higher at \$4.80 to \$4.85 top price. Butcher's cattle were dearer. Choice sold at \$4 to \$4.35. Feeder's higher at \$4.40 top. Spring lambs, \$2 to \$4.75.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 5.

Oats, barley, flour and meal are nominally unchanged. Hides are steady. Eggs are firm and 1-2c higher. Butter is a little easier at 1-2c decline from the top price for dairy.

Creamery butter is steady. Cheese is slightly lower. Beans and potatoes are quiet. Dressed hogs and meats are unchanged.

Oats—32 to 32 1/4c in store, 32 1/2 to 33c about, May.

Barley—No. 1, afloat, May, 50 to 51c.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00.

Milled—Bran, \$18 per ton; shorts \$19, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats \$3.30 to \$3.35 per barrel on track and \$1.60 to \$1.62 1/2 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; No. 1 buffs, 9 1/2 to 10c. calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c. lambskins, 10 to 15c; tallow, 4 to 4 1/2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 11 to 12c.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 15 to 15 1/2c.

Cheese—Finest old, 12 1/2c; fodder cheese, 10 1/2 to 11c.

Maple Syrup—New syrup, 65 to 70c per imperial gallon; 6 1/2 to 7c per pound pure sugar, 8 1/2 to 9c per pound.

Honey—White clover in comb 1 1/4 to 15c per lb.; white extracted in large tubs 9 to 9 1/2c.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.85 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—\$2 1/2 to 35c per bag on track.

Dressed Hogs—\$7.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs.

Cured Meats—Heavy Canadian short cut m-s pork, \$18.00 to \$18.50; pure Canadian hard, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c per pound compound refined, 7 to 8c; hams, 12 to 14c; bacon, 11 1/2 to 13c per pound.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Montreal, May 1.

Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle and 250 sheep and lambs.

The supply was somewhat in excess of local requirements, but the undertone was steady and values show little change. Choice steers sold at 4 1/2 to 5c; good at 4 to 4 1/4c; fair at 3 1/2 to 4c, and lower grades at 3 to 3 1/4c per pound live weight. There was a good demand for sheep, and prices ruled firm at 4 1/2 to 5c per pound. Spring lambs ranged from \$2 to \$5 each, as to size and quality. Demand for live hogs was good at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c per pound live weight, off cars.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles the receipts of live hogs were fair, for which the demand was good, and sales were made at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c per pound live weight, off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 4.

At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 400 cattle.

Market was well supplied and demand improved at Monday's prices.

MONTREAL PAINT AND OIL MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 5.

Turpentine declined 3c per gallon this week.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, May 4.

Beet, higher; April, 10s 8d; May, 10s 9d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 4.

Cheese is now quoted at 59s for white, and 63s for colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 4.

The cattle market is unchanged at 11 1/2 to 12c per pound, estimated dressed weight. Sheep, 14c.

Spence Keyes has opened up a harness shop at Midway, Man.

R. H. Agur, manager of the Massey-Harris Co., Winnipeg, is seriously ill at his home on Mayfair avenue, in this city.

Members of the Winnipeg Retail Clerks' Union No. 1 are asked to be present at the regular monthly meeting in Friendship hall, McIntyre block, on Monday evening next.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Table listing various grocery items such as Canned Goods, Canned Meats, Coffee, Cereals, Cigarettes, and Dried Fruits with their respective prices.

Table listing various dried fruits and nuts such as Raisins, California Evaporated Fruits, Brazilia, and Nuts with their prices.

Table listing various tobacco products including T. & B. 39, 48, and 95 Cads., Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List, and Empire Tobacco Co.'s List.

Table listing various drugs and leather goods such as Following are prices for parcel lots, LEATHER, and FUEL.