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WINNIPEG, APRIL 22, 1895.

Manitoba.

George Hague, grocer, has assigned.

J. Dick, general storekeeper, Findlay, has assigned.

J. G. Pitch has opened a grocery store at Carberry.

A company is being organized at Gladstone to start a butter factory.

The Queen's hotel, Winnipeg, was slightly damaged by fire last week.

Chas. Sheldon contemplates building a hotel at Selkirk for tourists.

A. Young, will succeed to the drug business of Harrison & Co., Neepawa.

Perry & Alpin, general store, Stonewall, are succeeded by Perry & Co.

The Buckle Printing Company, of Winnipeg, is seeking incorporation.

W. A. McLachlan, blacksmith, of Boissevain, will open a shop at Ninga.

Perry & Alpin, general store, Stonewall Man., have dissolved partnership.

S. S. Alpin is opening business in clothing and mens furnishings at Winnipeg.

Four carloads of fat cattle and one car of hogs and sheep were shipped from Hamiota last week.

T. E. Greenwood, of Douglas, expects to commence operating his creamery about April 29th.

Hughes, Atkinson & Co., lumber, coal and wood, Souris, Hartney and Brandon, have dissolved.

R. D. Rorison has resumed publication of a Winnipeg paper called "The Banner" an advocate of prohibition.

Over 200 head of fat cattle have been purchased in the past few weeks on the Carberry plain, says the local paper.

W. J. Hammond, merchant, Toronto, has arrived in Winnipeg and leased the store formerly occupied by Joseph Rodgers, opposite the Manitoba hotel.

Chalmers Bros and Bethune, of Manitou, shipped a carload of hogs to Winnipeg last week and about the 23rd instant will forward a train load of cattle to Montreal.

R. P. Campbell, of Portage la Prairie, Man., has purchased the furniture stock of Mr. Boyd, of Neepawa. John Simpson goes to Neepawa to manage the business.

The livery and feed stable at Alexander, Man., owned by A. Edmonds, of Brandon was destroyed by fire on Friday. The loss is \$3,000; partly covered by insurance.

J. Corbett, lately in the clothing trade in Winnipeg, is dead. On Tuesday Mr. Corbett underwent an operation, and having been for some time in a weak state of health, succumbed to the strain.

In Winnipeg, on nearly every street, piles of stone are to be seen in front of many residences. Landlords find they have to put stone foundations and furnaces in their houses if they wish to keep tenants.

The creamery committee at Manitou have awarded tenders for a butter factory building. The building is to be 86x86, with engine room 14x18. The committee are corresponding with a view to purchasing the plant.

G. B. Murphy shipped twelve carloads of cattle from Carberry for Gordon & Ironside, the largest shipment of cattle ever made from that place at one time. Messrs. Murphy and Armstrong have also shipped about \$5,000 worth of farm produce this spring, mostly to British Columbia.

At the regular meeting of the Winnipeg Retail Association the early closing committee reported the success of the different petitions they had charge of. A committee was appointed to look after the itinerant traders' question. The membership of the association is rapidly increasing and the association is now one of the strongest organizations in the city.

Alberta.

Newham & Co., tents, Calgary, have dissolved.

Wm. Geo. Middleton, merchant, McLeod and Namaka, has assigned to V. J. Beaupre, Gleichen.

The Calgary Herald has decided to publish a northern edition to be known as the Edmonton Herald.

A special car containing 49 Swedish immigrants has arrived from the east. They came from the New England States.

T. G. Hutchings has started a farmers' grocery store at his farm in Poplar Lake settlement, Edmonton district.

Montgomery & Dunn, harness makers, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, have dissolved; T. G. Montgomery will continue the business.

Jackson & Grierson, of the Queen's Hotel, Edmonton, write to deny an item to the effect that they were leasing the hotel to other parties. They have no thought of giving up the business.

Monday's train, says the Edmonton Bulletin, brought 76 settlers, 51 of whom were from the States, 5 from Scotland, 9 from Ontario, 9 from British Columbia and 2 from Manitoba.

Edmonton Bulletin: Mr. Sparrow, buyer for Gordon & Ironside, cattle dealer, went south on Friday's train. He will return shortly to make purchases. He has paid 3c a pound for cattle already purchased.

Dr. Dawson, director of the geological survey, has advised that the investigation of the petroleum fields of Athabasca and Northern Alberta be continued until the value of these fields be determined.

Assiniboia.

Humphrey & Sons, Cannington Manor, have gone into the pork packing business.

James Orr is starting a blacksmith shop near Clumber school house Saltcoats district.

A cheese factory is to be established at Cannington Manor. Sidney Brockmann is secretary of the new company.

The shareholders of the Regina Leader newspaper have refused to sanction Mr. Davin's sale of the Leader to Mr. Scott, of Moose Jaw. Legal complications are likely to follow.

J. D. McGregor, of Brandon, has sold seventeen bulls to a banking company at Qu'Appelle. They are of the Polled Angus variety, and will be distributed among the farmers for the improvement of stock in the district.

Northwest Ontario.

The ferry steamer Keninna was launched on April 17, at Rat Portage, and commenced her regular trips between Rat Portage and Keowatin on April 19th. Navigation will not open on the Rainy river for some days yet.

J. E. Smith, furniture dealer and W. J. Neelin, grocer, of Port Arthur, were burned out in the recent fire at that place. Neelin had \$800 insurance on his store and stock and Smith had \$900 on his stock. A. M. Cooke also suffered loss in damage to building and removal of stock.

The Rat Portage board of trade held its annual meeting on Monday evening. The following were elected officers: George Drawry, president; D. C. Cameron, vice-president; A. H. Dickins, treasurer; F. J. ApJohn, secretary. Council: F. Gardner, E. A. Mather, J. M. Savage, J. T. Mackay, J. W. Colclough, A. Carmicheal, C. W. Chadwick and W. Margach.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

D. Torrance & Co. will run a line of steamships between Montreal and Manchester, so that produce can be taken direct to Manchester. Freight room for grain is offered to Manchester at 2s.


The Northwestern Transportation Co. has announced the following lake and rail rates on grain for the opening of the season. From Fort William to Toronto and Ontario points west thereof, 7c; east of Toronto to Kingston, 8c; east of Kingston to Montreal, 5c.

The lake and rail rate from Montreal and eastern points to Winnipeg has been fixed at \$1.48 first class and 72 cents for fifth class freight. The special rate of 67 cents made last year on nails, etc., to keep U. S. manufactures out of Manitoba, has been dropped for the present.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of April 12 says: Quotations on grain are 1s 8d to Glasgow and London, and 1s 4¹/₂d to Liverpool, and 1s 6d asked Avonmouth. To the continent 2s 3d is asked and 1s 9d bid. Considerable grain space has been taken in New York for the continent at 2s. Considerable cattle space has been taken for first sailings at 40s London, 42s Bristol and 45s Liverpool. Sack flour has been engaged at 7s to 7s 6d. From Kingston to Montreal 2¹/₂c wheat and 2¹/₂c corn, and from Fort William to Montreal 6c.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin of April 15 says: Rail rates to the east are demoralized, grain being taken at 10 to 12c and provisions at 22c to New York, a reduction of 8 to 10c from the regular tariff. Through rates were easier. The rates to Liverpool ranged at 25.88 to 26.44c per 100 lbs for grain and 35¹/₂ to 39¹/₂c per 100 lbs for provisions. Rates to Antwerp were about 1c over Liverpool. A moderate demand existed for vessel room to load for spring shipment and rates were steady at 1¹/₂; on wheat and 1¹/₂c for corn to Buffalo, 2¹/₂ for wheat and 2¹/₂c for corn to Kingston.

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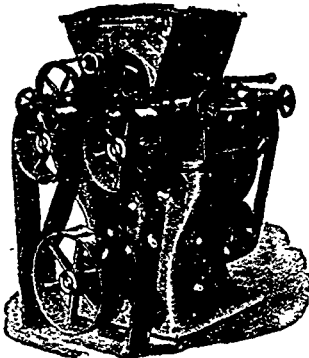
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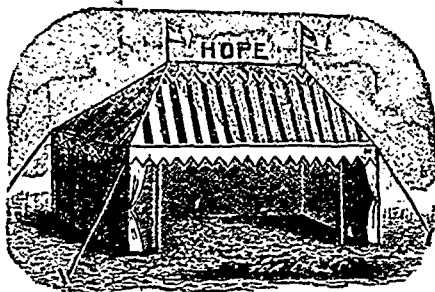


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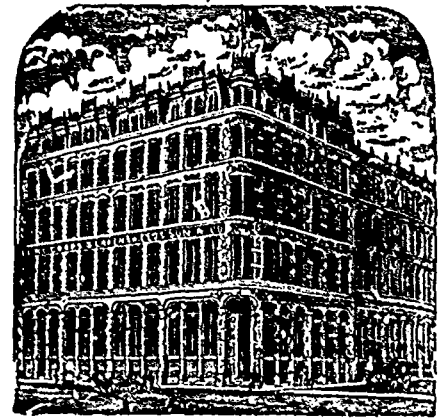
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THE DECIMAL SYSTEM.

The Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, the greatest commercial conference in Great Britain, at their recent annual meeting, adopted a resolution unanimously in favor of the decimal system of weights and measures. A committee has been appointed by the British Parliament to consider the question of the adoption of the decimal system. It is also worthy of note that a commission has been appointed at Washington, to consider the advisability of introducing the decimal system of weights and measures in the United States. No doubt the investigation of the question will lead to the adoption of the decimal system in each of these countries. If the system is adopted by Great Britain and the United States, it practically means that it will become the universal system of the civilized world.

It is one of the mysteries that the decimal system was not long ago adopted by all progressive commercial countries. Nothing can appear more ridiculous than the systems, or rather lack of system in computing weights and measures in Great Britain and the United States. In Great Britain there is a great difference in the custom of different markets, and this is also true in Canada and the United States. In one market, for instance, 34 lbs. make a bushel of oats, while in another market a bushel of this grain is only 32 lbs. In London grain is reckoned by the quarter, and in Liverpool by the hundred weight. These differences cause a great deal of annoyance and confusion, and often make quotations very misleading, owing to lack of knowledge of the peculiar requirements of each market.

The remedy for this is the general adoption of the decimal system by the civilized world. It is the common sense system, and though a little inconvenience would be caused at first, it would be only temporary. The trade would very soon accustom itself to the new order of things. Any temporary inconvenience from the adoption of the decimal system, would be made up many times over by the vast superiority of the new system. Germany and some other European countries have adopted the decimal system, with apparently very little inconvenience even at the outset, and it only remains for Great Britain and the United States to follow suit, to make the system practically universal.

RAINY LAKE GOLD FIELDS.

The discoveries made in the Rainy Lake gold district last season are likely to attract a great deal of attention to this near-by mining country this year. Now that the season for prospecting is opening, we may expect quite an influx of mining experts and capitalists within a short time. The first discoveries of gold were made on the United States side of

the Rainy river, but by far the most valuable finds made last summer were located in Canadian territory. In fact, the result of last season's operations would indicate that the Rainy Lake mineral country is practically in Canadian territory, and with the adjoining Lake of the Woods district, forms a vast and rich mineral district all in Canada.

Capitalists and mining experts who may wish to visit these gold districts, will be interested in learning something of the routes by which they may reach the districts. The only way to reach either the Rainy Lake or Lake of the Woods district is by the Canadian Pacific Railway. This applies to the country on the United States as well as to the Canadian side of the boundary. Visitors to the district can come to Winnipeg by any of the railways from the south and west and from here they can take the Canadian Pacific Railway to Rat Portage on the Lake of the Woods, 183 miles east of Winnipeg. At Rat Portage steamers can be taken to any point on the Lake of the Woods and Rainy river. Visitors coming from the east can take the Canadian Pacific Railway direct to Rat Portage. A steamer will leave Duluth three times each week for Fort Arthur, on Lake Superior, where the Canadian Pacific Railway can be taken direct for Rat Portage. Rat Portage, the door to the mining country, can therefore be reached in a few hours direct by rail from either Winnipeg to the west or from Port Arthur on the east. In addition to the fleet of steamers on the Lake of the Woods, two new steamers have been built at Rat Portage this winter for the Lake and Rainy river trade. Navigation is expected to open on the Lake of the Woods in a few days.

HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES ADVANCING.

The remarkable advance in the price of hides is one of the most interesting features of the commercial situation at the moment. Hides have been a very depressed commodity for a long time, but they have now experienced a steady advance since early last winter, until prices are up 100 per cent and more. What is more remarkable about the advance is, that it has come at a time when hides are at a minimum value, intrinsically. In the winter and spring hides are not worth as much to the tanner, pound for pound, as in the summer, as the extra weight of hair carried in the winter represents quite a loss in weight. Hides are also grubby and carry considerable foreign matter in the form of adhering manure in the spring, though, of course, allowance is made for this in inspecting.

The advance in hides is due to actual scarcity, and the scarcity of beef cattle explains to a considerable extent why it is that hides are scarce. At the three great slaughter markets of Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha, there is a shortage of 227,000 head of cattle, for the first three months of this year, as compared with the same period of last year, and the shortage this year is much greater when compared with the first three

months of either 1893 or 1892. At Boston, a leading hide market, prices have advanced over 100 per cent. The Winnipeg market shows the full advance made elsewhere. A year ago 2½ cents per pound was quoted here for No. 1 cows, while this week 5 cents is offered for No. 1 cured stock.

The advance in hides must, of course, lead to a similar advance in leather prices, and this in turn will develop higher prices for manufactures of leather, such as boots and shoes, etc. Leather did not at first follow the advance in hides sharply, but leather is now advancing rapidly. Boot and shoe manufacturers are also beginning to give notice of advances in their prices, and prices for fall goods in this branch will show a considerable advance no doubt.

It would seem probable that the high prices of hides will hold out for some time as the high price of beef will operate to curtail the consumption of beef in favor of other meat foods, or until the supply of cattle increases sufficiently to reduce prices again. The price of hides, however, seems to have reached almost a dangerous height.

The leather industry in Canada has been one of the most depressed branches for years, and the advance in hides did not help the tanners any, many of them having closed up rather than buy bear hides. Now that the advance has set in in leather, however, tanners who have held any stocks will be able to make good money.

HIGHER PRICES FOR CATTLE.

If an improvement in prices is an indication of better times, prospects ahead should be bright. Several staple commodities have recently experienced almost a remarkable advance in prices. These are crude petroleum, hides and beef cattle. The advance in these raw materials will affect other lines, as, for instance, the big advance in hides will affect leather, hoots and shoes and leather manufactures generally.

The advance in beef has gone on to such an extent that it has led to a rumor that a combine had been formed by the packers to "boom" prices. There does not, however, seem to be any good reason for suspecting anything in the nature of a combine. On the contrary, the advance appears to have come from natural causes. The immediate cause appears to have been the short corn and fodder crops in several of the western states last year. A good many cattle were, no doubt, crowded to market prematurely, while the number of cattle fed for the market in the great corn states has been much less than usual. It is also said that hard times has led to a shrinkage of the ranching interests in the great grazing regions of the western and southwestern states, thus further reducing the supply of cattle.

The price of beef has advanced to such an extent that it has been necessary to advance the price of canned meats, and some of the packing houses at the western centres have closed down in consequence of the increased cost of beef. The advance in beef has been

felt all over the continent. In Manitoba prices of cattle have advanced about one cent per pound within a couple of weeks, influenced to quite an extent by the advance elsewhere. It seems probable that prices of cattle will remain comparatively high for the whole of this summer, as it takes time to produce good beef cattle. The supply of cattle is placed at 30 per cent less than last year. Prices in the western states are about 1½ cents per pound higher than a year ago and dressed beef is 2½ cents per pound higher than last year, and higher than the average for ten years.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMING.

One thing which was urged upon the Manitoba government by the committee which is interesting itself in the settlement of the vacant lands in the organized municipalities of this province, was the establishment of an agricultural college and experimental farm in the Red River valley. The Dominion Government some years ago established an experimental farm in the western part of the province, at Brandon, and this farm has done most valuable work in the interest of agriculture in Manitoba. As the nature of the soil and some other conditions are quite different in the eastern districts of Manitoba, as compared with the western sections, it was thought an experimental farm should also be established somewhere in the eastern portion of the province. The government, however, did not hold out any hope for the establishment of such an institution. A few years ago it is understood the local government was considering seriously a proposal to establish an experimental farm and we believe if the intention had been carried out at the time it would have been a great benefit to the country.

There is a feature which ought to be considered in connection with the establishment of an experimental farm and agricultural college, which has perhaps not been presented to the government. We hear a good deal about young men being sent out from the Old Country to learn farming. Private parties in Canada have made a business of teaching farming, for a consideration, and very often the conditions under which they proposed to do the teaching were anything but satisfactory. The Commercial has discouraged the custom of sending out young men to learn farming with some of these alleged tutors. If the teaching were done in a properly equipped institution carried on by the government, however, it would be quite different. Such an institution should be capable of doing good work. There are no doubt a good many young men in the Old Country who would be glad of the chance of attending an institution thoroughly equipped to carry on experimental and practical farming. Such an institution in Manitoba would we believe be well patronized and would be to quite an extent self-sustaining. Young men from the Old Country or elsewhere could be given a term of practical farming and at the end of that time they would be able to locate on a farm with good prospects of suc-

cess. If the matter were impressed upon the government in this way, a more favorable consideration of the matter might be given.

WILL THE JOBBER GO

The position of the jobber still seems fairly secure, notwithstanding the various assaults which have been made upon him from time to time. Prophecies have been made that the jobber would eventually pass away, and that trade would be done directly between the manufacturer and the retailer. There is very little indication, however, of any weakening in the position of the jobber. In fact in some cases, where manufacturers have undertaken to get along without the jobber, they have found out their mistake and have returned to the old way of doing business. The New York Shipping and Commercial List says:

"For two years the National Linseed Oil Company ignored jobbers in this vicinity and sought the retail trade exclusively. That short experience was sufficient to last the company for all time, and the new system was abolished in disgust after an accumulation of bad debts. It was only last month that the pottery manufacturers and jobbers had a love feast in New York after a separation of two years, during which time the makers were made to realize the power of the middlemen; they are now fast friends and trying to recover lost ground. At the opening of the year white lead jobbers were placed on an equality with buyers of twelve tons, and the dissatisfaction is resulting in bringing to the front obscure brands not in the agreement, with probability of increased importations. Some years ago the Standard Oil Company fought the jobber, but subsequently found out its mistake, and has appreciated his usefulness ever since."

AN INTERESTING LEGAL DECISION

The suit of Crane vs. Hunt and Wayper is a very interesting and somewhat novel case which has just been concluded in Ontario, at the Wellington assize court at Guolph. James A. Crahe, a farmer, was drowned in a dam. Robert Crane, administrator of the estate of the late James A. Crane, brought suit against Thos. Hunt and Joseph Wayper, the two hotel-keepers of the village of Hesplor, where it appears Crane had got drunk, and was drowned in the dam on his way home. The evidence showed that deceased had been drinking around the two hotels during the day, and was in an intoxicated condition.

Judge Ross reviewed carefully the meaning of the words "in excess" in the statute. Defendants had the right to sell liquor for gain as lawfully as the merchant to sell dry goods; the people, through their representatives, gave them that right. But should any damage result from the selling of liquor "in excess" to a man they were responsible. He held it clearly proved that the man Crane was drunk all that day and had come to his death while in that condition, and as the cause thereof. A glass of liquor, too, to a habitual drinker might not be "in excess," where that glass to an occasional drinker would be. He only touched briefly on the evidence, and left it to the jury to say as to whether in their opinion, liquor had been

sold "in excess" according to the statute, and that intoxication resulted from the excess.

The jury found that Crane had come to his death by drowning while in a state of intoxication, from drinking in excess in the hotel of the defendants, and assessed damages at \$600 as against Hunt and \$300 against Wayper.

This case is a very important one as establishing the liability of licensed liquor sellers in the province of Ontario, in similar cases. This places licensed vendors of liquors in that province in a very ticklish position.

THE "BOON" IN PETROLEUM.

The great advance which has taken place in crude petroleum of late, in the United States oil regions, was at first attributed to speculation, but it is now asserted that it is due to decreasing production. Great excitement has been experienced in the oil regions. The advance has been going on for some three or four months, and has culminated lately in some sharp speculative bulges. Since the first of this year crude petroleum has advanced 60 to 70 cents per barrel, or to about 75 cents per barrel over the price of a year ago. At Pittsburg crude touched as high as \$1.50 per barrel in a speculative way, but fluctuations were very wide. The advance in the product, as compared with prices a year ago, is in the neighborhood of 100 per cent., the price in the Pennsylvania oil regions having ranged between \$1.50 and \$1.60 per barrel lately. In October, 1892, crude petroleum sold as low as 50 cents, making the present advance over 200 per cent. as compared with prices in 1892.

The Canadian oil regions are sharing in the excitement and Canadian crude has advanced at Petros to \$1.50 per barrel. Refined oils are now advancing rapidly:

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Later telegraphic advices from Pittsburg report further excitement and still higher prices, prices there having advanced to \$1.75 for cash oil. Still later reports stated that oil had touched \$2.00.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week the oil markets at Pittsburg and Oil City, Pennsylvania, were very excited and prices fluctuated widely. On Wednesday the market touched \$2.62, but it declined again to \$2.12. On Thursday the market ranged from \$2.25 to \$2.50.

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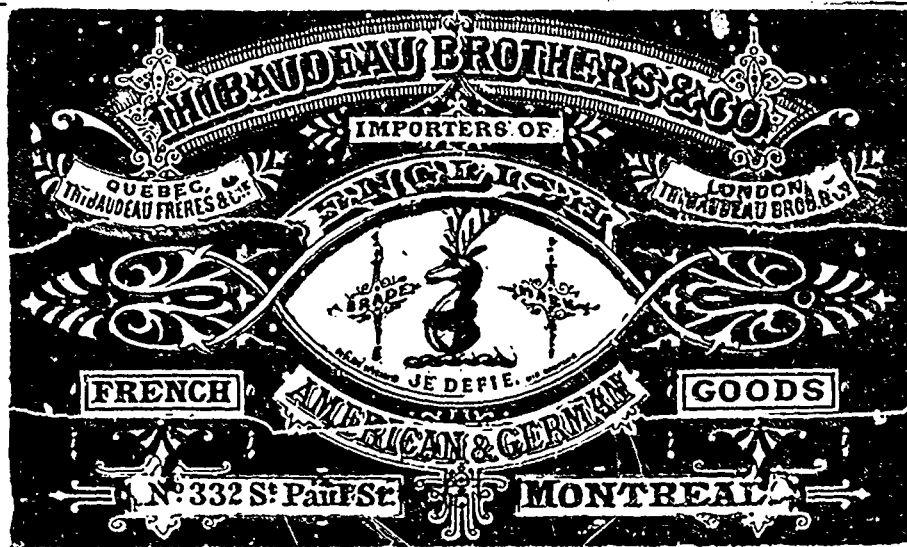
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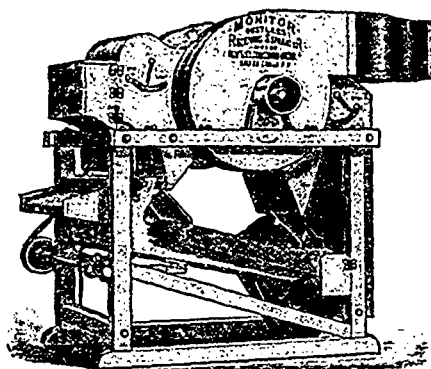
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GREEN FRUITS.—Oranges are 25c per box lower. Navels are fine stock. Lemons are firm. All advices on lemons are strong and the new fruit to arrive direct from the Mediterranean via Montreal may not allow of lower prices. The Sicilly crop has been damaged by storms and cold weather. It is expected that receipts at Montreal and other ports will be less than usual. One importer at Montreal says that receipts there by direct steamers will not likely be more than half what they were last year. Imports are small at New York also. The general impression seems to be that prices will rule comparatively high this summer. Bananas arriving are of fine quality. Prices here have been lower, but prices south are advancing some. New maple sugar and syrup is arriving. Quotations are as follow: California oranges seedlings, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box; California Navel oranges, \$9.75 to \$1.25 per box; Messina lemons, \$5 per box; apples \$7 per barrel for anything good; bananas, \$2.25 to \$3.75 per bunch as to size. Pineapples, \$1.50 to \$6 per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate of 50 lbs. Layer figs, 10 lb boxes, 15c per pound. White comb honey, 22c a lb; now dates, 7 to 7½c a lb. Maple sugar, 10c lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per gallon tin.

GROCERIES.—Sugars are reported firmer. It was said refiners were asking 1-10c more for futuro delivery. The reported agreement for peace between China and Japan makes the outlook for teas assuring, or at least less uncertain. The Canadian Packers Association has advanced gallon apples 5c per dozen, stocks being very low. All lines of canned fruits in first hands are said to be very low. The association has had a considerable export business in apples and tomatoes. Owing to the big advance in fresh beef, canned meats are higher. Canned corn and roast beef and brawn is 20c per dozen higher, for 2 pound tins and chipped beef is 20c higher for 1 pound tins, in first hands. Latest advices on currants are firm, though New York was easier. Rio coffee is firm abroad. Dried apples are scarce. Beans have advanced and now cost high. Local jobbers have a very poor opinion of the second grade of granulated sugar, which was put on the market by Eastern refiners to compete with the imported German Beet sugar. They say it is very poor quality and will not compare with the German article.

FISH.—We quote: British Columbia salmon, 14c lb, British Columbia halibut, 11c, Fresh mackerel, 12½c lb; cod, 9c; haddock, 9; smelts, 12½c; sea herring, 35c dozen; Lake Superior herring, 25c doz; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 6c pickerel, 4c; smoked whitefish, 8c lb; smoked goldeyes, 30 to 35c dozen; red herring 20c box; finen haddies, 6 to 6½c lb; Salt herring \$1.50 per barrel; bloaters, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per box; Oysters, \$1.90 for standards and \$2.00 for selects, per gallon. dry c.d. 7c lb; boneless cod, 7 to 7½c; boneless fish 6c.

DRY GOODS.—Business is improving a little in sorting and as the season advances. The weather has been remarkably favorable for an early movement in dry goods and clothing.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The big advance in leather is beginning to have its natural effect upon the boot and shoe trade. Goods for the fall trade will certainly show a considerable advance. "One of the largest manufacturing concerns," says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, has issued the following notice: "Please note that owing to the great advance

in price of leather, all staple boots and shoes have advanced ten per cent." Early next month travelers in this branch will be out with samples for fall trade.

RAW FURS.—The feeling continues rather easy in furs. Buyers are more careful in their selection and are not so free to bid outside prices. The following quotations give the range of prices paid in Winnipeg. The prices cover the range from small to large prime skins, size, color and condition being considered, though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on account of being killed out of season.

Badger	\$0 15 to \$0 80
Bear, black or brown	3 00 to 30 00
Bear, grizzly	1 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large	6 00 to 7 25
" medium	3 00 to 4 00
" small	1 50 to 2 00
" castors, per lb	3 00 to 7 00
Fisher	3 00 to 9 00
Fox, cross	2 50 to 15 00
" kitt	10 to 40
" red	50 to 1 70
" silver	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	1 50 to 2 75
" medium	1 00 to 2 00
" small	75 to 1 25
Marten	1 00 to 5 00
Mink	50 to 1 75
Musquash	02 to 09
Otter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 75
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 3 00
" prairie	25 to 75
Wolverine	1 00 to 3 50

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Glycerine is firm and higher abroad. Top prices on cod liver oil at the recent big advance, have not been maintained. Advices from Norway have been easier and report an improvement in the cod fisheries. Opium and morphia are easier. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Alum, per pound, 8¼ to 4¼c, alcohol, \$1.75; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; limestone, 4½ to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 18c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor, ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c; copperas, 3¼ to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$7.50 to \$8.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3¼ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 30 to 40c; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 35 to 45c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to 2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to 5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, U.S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to 4.50; oxalics acid, 18 to 16c; potass iodide, \$1.25 to \$1.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3¼ to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg 3¼ to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$1.25; sal soda, \$2.00 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb, 45 to 55.

WOOD FUEL.—There is very little selling in car lots now. City dealers stocked up in the winter, to forestall the usual spring advance, and they have still plenty of wood on hand. Prices have appreciated some lately. Some shippers are holding tamarac at \$1, but it is hardly selling at that. We quote: Tamarac, \$3.75 to 4 per cord on track here; pine \$3.25 to 3.50; poplar \$2 to 2.25. Oak about the same as tamarac.

COAL.—The eastern anthracite coal sales agents have made a new schedule of prices as follows: Grate, \$3.35; egg, \$3.35; stove, \$3.50, and chestnut, \$3.35. These are 15c less for grate and egg, 25c less for stove and 40c less for chestnut than the schedule prices

of a year ago. They are also under the nominal prices of a year ago. They are also under the nominal prices now current, but are actually 25c to 40c higher than the real market rates. Western prices at Duluth were fixed at \$1.60 for grate and \$1.75 for egg, stove and chestnut. Prices delivered to consumers in Winnipeg are as follows: Imported anthracite, \$9 per ton for egg, stove and nut sizes. Western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton for stove and furnace size, and \$8.50 for small nut; Lethbridge bituminous, \$7.75 per ton; Souris lignite, \$1.25 delivered or \$3.75 on cars here, and \$1.50 to \$1.75 on cars at the mines.

LUMBER.—There is a better call for lumber, though the trade is not very active yet. The cut of logs for the Winnipeg mill (about 6,000,000 feet) is larger than usual, about 3,000,000 feet having been the cut of this mill in previous years. The logs will come down the Rosseau river, from west of the Lake of the Woods to the Red river. The very low water this spring is causing some anxiety about getting the logs safely down. Nothing has been done at the Lake of the Woods mills yet, navigation not being open on the lake. The cut of these mills will be light this year, as the quantity of logs taken out is the smallest for many years, and stock of lumber carried over are large. The sash and door trust in the United States has been revised at a meeting at Chicago, and prices have been advanced 10 per cent as a result. Following are the prices as fixed by the Winnipeg lumber association, at the yards here, from which 10 per cent discount is allowed to contractors for cash.

Dimension and Timber.

SIZES.	12ft	14ft	16ft	18ft	20ft	22ft	24ft
2x4 to 2x12,	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$20	\$21	\$22	\$23
3x6 to 3x12							
4x4 to 4x12							
6x6 to 6x12	20	20	20	21	22	23	24
and 8x8							
8x10 to 12x12	21	21	21	22	23	24	25
2x4-10 at \$21.00.							
2x6 to 2x12-10 at \$18.00.							

Dimension, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$24.00. Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$26.00, \$1.00 per M. advance on each inch over 12in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M. less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M.

BOARDS.—1st common dressed, \$25.50; 2nd common dressed, \$20.00; 2nd common rough, 19.00; 3rd common dressed, \$18.00; 3rd common rough, 17.00; culls rough, 14.00; spruce dressed, \$18.00, spruce rough, \$17.00; \$2.00 per M. less for 8 to 10 ft. and under; culls No. 2, \$8.00

SIDING, FLOORING AND CEILING.—1st, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$11.00; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$9.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$30.00; 1st, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$36.00; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$32.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$28.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white pine, \$23.00; B. C. No. 1 fir, \$36.00; B. C. No. 2 fir, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, \$23.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$25.00; Cedar siding, \$36.00; \$1.00 per M. advance for dressing both sides.

BEVEL SIDING.—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white pine, \$23.00.

SHIP-LAP.—6 inch, \$19.00; 8 and 10 inch, \$21.00; Spruce, 8 inch x 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 6 inch, \$19.00.

SHINGLES.—B. C. cedar, per M. \$3.25; No. 1 pine, per M. \$2.75; No. 2 pine, per M. \$2.25; No. 3 pine, per M. \$2.00.

LATH.—Pine lath, per M. \$3.00.

COMMON STOCK BOARDS.—1st, 8 to 10 and 12 inch, \$26.50; 2nd, 12 inch, \$21.00; 2nd, 8 to 10 inch, \$20.00.

FINISHINGS— $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch and 2 inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd, clear, \$65.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$55.00; white pine, selects, \$15; white pine, shops, \$36.00, red pine, clear, \$40.00, red pine, selects, \$30.00; B. C. cedar clear, \$55.00; B. C. fir clear, \$10.00. \$5.00 per M. advance on $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch and thicker

One inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, white pine, 3rd clear, \$48.00; white pine, selects, \$38.00; red pine clear, \$10.00; red pine, selects, \$30.00; B. C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

OAK, RED AND WHITE.—1st and 2nd, \$50.00 to \$60.00; Common, \$35.00.

MOULDING AND BASE.—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal 60c; lattice, $\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$, 100 feet lineal, 76c; window and door stop, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch lineal, \$1.25; window and door stop, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; $\frac{1}{2}$ round and $\frac{3}{4}$ cove, 75c; $1\frac{1}{2}$ round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; $2\frac{1}{2}$ round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; $3\frac{1}{2}$ round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; $4\frac{1}{2}$ round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, $1\frac{1}{2}$, \$1.50; 6 round window stool, $1\frac{1}{2}$, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$1.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; hand rail, 2 x 4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$2.35; wainscot cap, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from $1\frac{1}{2}$ stock add 25 per cent; $1\frac{1}{2}$ add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or moulding to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

HARDWARE.—There is no important change locally. It is reported the special lake and rail rate given on nails, iron, etc., last summer, from the east to Winnipeg, will not be continued this year. The special rate was 67c as against the regular fifth class rate of 72 cents per 100 pounds. This special rate was given to keep out United States goods. Wire is firm. Prices here are:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 25 to 26c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.75 to \$5; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$9.50 to 9.75; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$11.50 to 11.75.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$9.50 to 9.75.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs., base price, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hard iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to 3.25; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast steel, per lb, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to 3.25.

IRON PIPE.—50 to 55 per cent. off list.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

CHAIN.—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb., 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, per lb., 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; 5-16 inch, per lb., 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, per lb., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, per lb., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 6c lb., broken lots, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30

per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c base; cotton, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch ar 1 larger, 16c lb.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$2.75; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$2.85 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$3.27 keg; $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$3.50 keg; 2 inch, \$3.70 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

HORSE SHOES.—Per keg, \$1.50 to \$1.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$1.75 to \$5.

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ETC.—The great boom in petroleum is the feature of this branch, reference to which is made at length in another column. The big advance in crude petroleum has led to advances in refined oil. The Standard Oil Co. advanced prices here 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c on Monday, which with the previous advance, made a total advance of 3c per gallon. Prices were advanced again on Wednesday another 3c, making a total advance of 6c since the rise started. Petroleum machine oils are 3c higher all around for black oils and clear machine oils, and 5c for cylinder oils. Benzine and gasoline is 50c higher per case. Turpentine was nominally advanced 1c here, but the advance hardly took effect, and prices are now easy. Turpentine is easier in other markets, and 1c lower at Montreal last week. Trade locally is fairly brisk. On Friday petroleum was 20c lower at Pittsburg per barrel. Prices are:

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guaranteed, \$6 per 100-lb kegs; white lead, No. 1, per 100 lbs., \$5.50; white lead, No. 2, \$5.00; assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 10c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.25 to \$1.35.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c, red lead, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, yellow ocre, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; golden ocre, 5c; Venetian, red, French, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Venetian, red, English, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; English purple oxides, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c, English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 90c per lb.; less than bags, per lb., \$1.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.50; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.25; plaster, per barrel, \$3.00; plasterer's hair, \$1.10 per bale; putty, in barrels, per lb., 8c; less than barrels, WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 65c; boiled, per gal., 68c in barrels.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 68c; less than barrels, per gallon, 73c.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 30 to 40c; cylinder oil, 45 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; steam refined seal oil, 85c, pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Quotations in Winnipeg, delivered from tanks, are as follows: Silver star, 22c; crescent, 23c; oleophene, 28c. In barrels for shipment to country points, add 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per gallon for silver star and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per gallon for other grades to above prices. In car lots 1c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 31c for cocene and 30c for sunlight.

GRAIN AND PROD. E.

WHEAT.—Wheat has had quite a little boom this week and prices have touched about 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c over the lowest point of last week at Chicago. It is not unlikely that the advance in silver, oil, cotton, meats, etc., is awakening speculative interest in Wheat. The large decrease in the visible supply on Monday was also a factor, and all helped to start nervous shorts to buying, thus helping on the advance.

Exports of wheat from both coasts of the United States this week, flour included as wheat, amount to 3,165,000 bushels, against 2,931,000 bushels last week, 3,019,000 in the corresponding week in 1891, 3,973,000 bushels in the like week of 1893, 3,107,000 bushels in 1892, and 2,222,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1891.

WHEAT LOCALLY.—The advance in other markets made local holders very strong. The very light stocks of Manitoba wheat held, and the apparent development of greater strength in other markets, makes the situation very firm here. There was no business doing in May wheat, but holders were much higher, and it is doubtful if offers of 70c for No. 1 hard, Fort William, would have induced holders to part with much wheat. There was a little car lot business doing in cash wheat, cars selling in the country on a basis of about 70c for May at Fort William, or equal to 57 to 58c at Manitoba country points. Manitoba wheats in Ontario were held at \$1 to 85c, grading in transit privileges. The crop outlook here is favorable. The weather has been very favorable this week, though a heavy wind prevailed on Monday last, but was followed by six hours rain on Monday. Wheat seeding we may say is practically finished in Manitoba, and the soil has been in good condition. The rain of Monday was heaviest in the East, and very light to no rain at all in western districts. No damage is reported from the wind storm of Monday, but the air was filled with dust in the west. Early sown wheat is showing above ground. A full area will be sown, perhaps a little in excess of last year. Light rain here to-day and threatening more.

FLOUR.—Reports generally are firm. There has been better buying at firm prices last. There is no change in the local market. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.35 for patents and \$1.65 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs., delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash in 30 days.

MILLSTUFFS.—The quotation to the local trade is \$12 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more. Shorts were offered on track at \$12.50 this week.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are firm. Prices range from \$18 to \$20 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oat and barley feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 89 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality.

Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades.

OATS.—There is no material change. Cars were reported sold at 30c per bushel for ordinary feed grade and 31c for something better. About 30c, however, seems to be the best obtainable, and farmers loads sold at 29c per bushel of 34 pounds. Oats were 1/2c lower at Montreal on Tuesday at 10 to 10 1/2c for car lots.

BARLEY.—No business doing. Prices are easier. A part car of feed grade sold at something under 40c per bushel.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$27.

BUTTER.—The situation is much the same. New rolls and prints are selling in a limited way at 10 to 12 for ordinary to good quality. Demand light.

EGGS.—Prices have ranged at 7 1/2 to 8c this week. Packers have begun operations. Though some were holding at 8c sales were made freely at 7 1/2. Packers have been allowing shippers 7c nett.

CURED MEATS.—Eastern advices reported an advance of 1/2c on hams, bacon, lard, etc., and 25c on barrel pork. Prices here remain very firm in hog products. Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12; do backs, 11c; picnic hams, 9 1/2c; short spiced rolls, 8c long rolls, 8 1/2c; shoulders, 9c; smoked long clear, 9 1/2c; smoked jowls, 5 1/2c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 8 1/2c per lb; shoulders, 7 1/2c; backs, 9 1/2c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, 1/2c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess, \$16.00, short cut, \$17.50; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

LARD.—We quote: Pure, \$1.85 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.60 for 60-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

POULTRY.—Held, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices: Chickens 8c, turkeys 12c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c. About 1 to 2c per pound higher would be paid for nice fresh birds, or 65 to 70c per pair for live chickens.

DRESSED MEATS.—All fresh meats keep very firm. Beef is strong at an advance quoted last week. We quote beef at 5 1/2 to 6c per lb. Mutton is 1c higher, good city dressed being held at 10c for fresh killed, though there is a little frozen stock obtainable lower. Dressed hogs are also firm at 5 1/2 to 6c. The outlook is for firm prices for some time for beef, pork and mutton, particularly beef.

HIDES.—Prices hold firm locally and in other markets. Reports from the east and the United States still speak of a scarcity of supplies and firm prices, though prices have reached such a high figure now that some are beginning to think the advance has gone as far as it can go. United States buyers are picking up lots in Eastern Canada. One country butcher at least seems to have become intoxicated with the advance, for he wrote offering to sell his hides at 5c flat rate for all grades, and he wanted an answer by wire. This would have been equal, freight added to about 6 1/2c for No. 1 cows here, on inspection. It is needless to say the offer was not bit at. We quote: Hides Winnipeg inspection, green, 4 1/2c for No. 1 cows, 3 1/2c for No. 2, and 2 1/2c for No. 3, and 5 1/2c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 4 1/2c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Cured, hides 5 to 5 1/2c. We quote: Calif, 3 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6c per lb. Kips 4 to 5c. Sheep skins, 35 to 60c each, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—There is no new wool coming in yet, the clip having not begun yet. We quote 9 to 10c for unwashed Manitoba fleeces. Ontario mills are said to be buying wool in the States to some extent.

SENeca ROOT.—The large lot of root mentioned last week as put up here for tender, did not sell, bids not having been high enough to meet views of holders. The outlook is for much lower prices for the new crop than has been paid in previous recent years, owing to the immenso crop gathered last year, a large quantity of which is still held at New York and other markets. About 20,000 pounds of old root are held in Winnipeg, and probably 20,000 more elsewhere in Manitoba. If wanted this root would probably bring about 18c per lb. About 20c per lb is looked upon as likely to be the best price this season.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes are slow. Some car lots are offering, but they do not appear to be wanted, and it is difficult to find a shipping market to take the surplus. Farmers' loads are taken at 30c to 35c per bushel when wanted. Onions, 3 1/2c per lb; cabbage, 3c per lb. for good to 2c for poor stock. Celery, 25 to 50c per dozen as to quality, which varies widely. Carrots, 50c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.

HAY.—Still very dull. Prairie baled is quoted at \$4 per ton on track here.

LIVE STOCK.—This has been quite a "boom" week in shipping. About 1,000 head of cattle were received at the Winnipeg stock yards this week, most of which were for export eastward. There were also about 1,500 hogs received here this week, which also went mostly east. The hogs would be for eastern Canada markets and the cattle for England. Gordon & Ironsides sent forward one train load on Wednesday and they had three more train loads to go forward between Friday and to-day, making four train loads for this firm this week, aggregating about 900 head of cattle. They also had most of the hogs which came in, though there were some loads of hogs in for local sale. The cattle came from all parts of Manitoba, but principally from Pilot Mound, Carberry, Hamiota, Virden, Elkhorn and other districts. Mullins & Wilson are gathering up a train load of cattle and hogs to ship next week, and Chalmers Bros. & Bathune are reported to be preparing a train load for next week. This is a much heavier export movement than ever before in Manitoba for so early in the season. Shipments of cattle this week have cost higher, from 3 to 3 1/2c, having been paid in the country for them, and possibly as high as 4c for a few prime, extra choice steers, though the latter figure is rather beyond the range. Butchers' cattle are firm at 3c for common up to 3 1/2c here, in fact, butchers can hardly obtain the class of animals they want for 3 1/2c. Hogs are steady at about 4 1/2c off cars here. Selected would bring 4 1/2c, but there are no loads which would come up to requirements to bring this price. There is very little doing in sheep, but prices are higher. One of the last bunches to arrive cost 4 1/2c here, which figure we quote as about present market value. The big spread one of the Winnipeg daily papers made about shipping cattle to the States was, no doubt, mostly wind, as the duty and quarantine at the boundary will prevent shipments that way. A few cattle, however, were taken over from southern Manitoba to Dakota. Eastern markets were not doing much this week, as is usual after Easter. Cattle and hogs were easier at Chicago on Thursday and Friday.

At Toronto on Tuesday, April 11, cattle were about 1/2c higher than last market day. Best butchers' sold at 3 1/2 to 4c, and common at 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c. Export cattle ranged from 4 to 5c. Sheep were firm. Good yearlings sold at 5 to 5 1/2c per lb. and sheep at \$4 to \$6 per head.

Hogs were also firm, best bacon hogs bringing \$1.90 to \$5, and some choice sold at \$5.25 per cwt off cars. Heavy fat hogs, \$1.80 to \$5.

On Tuesday at Liverpool cattle sold 1/2c higher, and sheep 1c higher, but London was 1 1/2c lower for cattle at 11 1/2c for finest steers. There were 10,000 Argentine sheep at Liverpool on Tuesday this week.

HORSES.—Horses, as well as other classes of animals, appear to be looking up. Advices from the east report an improved demand and better prices for horses. A fine team of blacks, weighing about 2,600, sold for the Winnipeg fire department at \$100.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—April, 61 1/2; May 61 1/2; July, 62 1/2.
Tuesday—April, 61 1/2; May 61 1/2; July 62 1/2.
Wednesday—April, 62; May, 62 1/2; July 63
Thursday—April, 63 1/2; May, 63; July, 63 1/2
Friday—April, 62 1/2; May, 62 1/2; July, 63 1/2
Saturday—April, 64 1/2; May, 6 1/2; July, 65 1/2.

A week ago prices closed at —c for March and 60 1/2c for May. A year ago May wheat closed at 62c, and two years ago at 66 1/2c. No. 1 hard is quoted at about 3c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern 3 1/2c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 62 1/2c for April delivery, May at 62 1/2c and July at 63c. A week ago April wheat closed at 58 1/2c, and May at 58 1/2c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, April 20th, May wheat closed at 63 1/2c and July at 64 1/2c. A week ago wheat closed at 60 1/2c for May and 60 1/2c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was stronger on Monday, prices advancing 2c from Saturdays close, due to buying by shorts and good general buying, the large decrease in the visible supply and speculative awakening. May wheat ranged between 55 1/2 and 57c. The full advance was not held. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	56 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2-57 3/4
Corn.....	45 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2-46 3/4
Oats.....	—	28 1/2	27 1/2-27 3/4
Mess Pork...	—	12 45	12 65
Lard.....	—	7 05	7 20
Short Ribs..	—	6 35	6 47 1/2

On Tuesday wheat continued firm, but not so strong as Monday. Prices advanced about 1c, but the gain was all lost and the close was the same as yesterday. The elevator men are alleged to be trying to "boom" May wheat. Closing prices were:

	April	May.	July.
Wheat.....	56 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2
Corn.....	45 15 1/2	45 1/2-45 3/4	46
Oats.....	—	28 1/2	27 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	12 35	12 55
Lard.....	—	7 00	7 12 1/2
Short Ribs..	—	6 30	6 42 1/2

On Wednesday the market was rather nervous and uncertain. May wheat ranged between 56 1/2 and 57 1/2c, a spurt near the close carrying prices up to the top for the day. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat.....	57	57 1/2-1	—	58 1/2-3
Corn.....	45 1/2	45 1/2-3	—	46
Oats.....	—	28 1/2	28 3/4	27 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	12 32 1/2	—	12 52 1/2
Lard.....	—	6 97 1/2	—	7 12 1/2
Short Ribs..	—	6 30	—	6 45

Wheat continued nervous on Thursday. The opening was higher and prices gained 1c more. Crop news was favorable to buyers. May wheat opened at 57½c and ranged up to 58½c. Part of the gain was lost before the close. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat	57½-58	58½-58½	59½
Corn	45½-45½	45½-45½	46½
Oats	—	28½	27½
Mess Pork	—	12 15	12 37½
Lard	—	6 87½	7 02½
Short Ribs	—	6 22½	6 37½

Heavy buying by wheat shorts made the market an excited one on Friday. Prices fluctuated rapidly and were very irregular. May wheat opened about 58½c and sold as high as 59½c, but lost all the advance. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat	57½	58½	59½-1
Corn	45½	45½	46½-8
Oats	—	28½	27½
Pork	—	12 27½	12 52½
Lard	—	6 90	7 05
Short Ribs	—	6 27½	6 42½

The market was very strong on Saturday, opening at 58½c for May wheat, and advancing sharply, closing at the top 1½c higher than yesterday. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May	July
Wheat	59½-3	59½-60	61
Corn	47½	47½	47½
Oats	29½	29½	29½
Mess Pork	12 25	12 32½	12 55
Lard	—	6 90	—
Short Ribs	—	—	—

A week ago May wheat closed at 55c.
A year ago May wheat closed at 59½c.

Wheat Stocks

The visible supply of wheat in the the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 13, 1895, shows a decrease of 2,216,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,515,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 1,197,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first week in each month on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2	88,581,000	80,223,000	81,258,000	45,007,000
Feb. 5	83,376,000	79,803,000	81,391,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,088,000	41,558,000
April 1	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,654,000	41,036,000
" 8	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,294,000	41,177,000
" 15	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,056,000	42,055,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on April 6 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal	163,000
Toronto	23,000
Kingston	7,000
Winnipeg	221,000
Manitoba elevators	1,583,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	1,129,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on April 6, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains	88,976,000
Pacific coast stocks	10,572,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	

	bushels.
East of the Mountains	88,075,000
Pacific coast	8,634,000

Stocks of wheat in Europe and afloat for Europe on April 1, 1895, were 60,752,000 bushels, which added to American stocks above, make a grand total for Europe and America and afloat of 162,501,000 bushels as compared with 175,959,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending April 18 were \$631,065, balances, \$100,957. For the previous week clearings were \$741,832. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$760,139.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	
	Mar. 28.	April 4.
Montreal	\$8,528,008	\$9,481,008
Toronto	4,781,836	4,968,076
Halifax	875,532	1,084,866
Winnipeg	601,910	741,625
Hamilton	473,990	597,375
Total	\$15,261,276	\$16,875,950

Live Stock Markets.

English cables were easier for cattle this week. A Liverpool cable quoted 5½ to 6d for cattle and 6½d for sheep.

Ocean freights for cattle from Montreal to Liverpool were quoted at 45s for May.

At the Montreal Point St. Charles stockyards, on April 15, the run of live stock was very small. Business at this market was dull and no sales of cattle, sheep or lambs were reported. The offerings of hogs were small, for which the demand was fair and values were steady at \$5.10 to \$5.15 per 100 lbs fed, and at \$5.25 off cars. Butchers stocked up before Easter and were not buying anything.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

- Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William May, 64c.
- Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1 60 to \$1.65; Bakers, \$1.50 to \$1.55.
- Bran.—Per ton, \$18 to \$18.
- Shorts.—Per ton, \$14 to \$15.
- Oats.—Per bushel, 30 to 31c.
- Barley.—Per bushel, 10 to 45c.
- Butter.—Held dairy, good jobbing, 14 to 20c New rolls, 20 to 22c.
- Eggs.—Fresh, higher at 12½ to 13c.
- Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 5 to 7c.
- Mutton.—Fresh, 10 to 11c.
- Hogs.—Dressed, firmer, 5½c.
- Cattle.—Ordinary butchers, 3 to 3½c; fancy 4c.
- Chickens.—Dressed, 10c.
- Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½ to 2¾c.

Late Western Business Items.

T. F. Harrison has purchased the confectionary business carried on by his father at Neepawa, Man.

Mr. McLaren of the Ontario Glove Works, Brockville, is visiting with the Winnipeg branch of the company.

The Driad hotel at Nicola Lake, British Columbia, was burned on April 18. Two boarders, Alex. Ferguson, miller, and Joe. Moore, a stranger in the village, perished.

D. Fraser has purchased the stock of T. Oddson, general dealer, of Selkirk, Man., and has taken possession. He proposes closing out the stock of dry goods and dealing only in groceries, gents' furnishings and boots and shoes.

The item published in a Winnipeg paper that a train load of cattle had been sent from Minnedosa, Man., this week, was a mistake. Six cars were brought to Winnipeg from the Northwestern by John Wako and T. Almack for Gordon & Ironside. A number of cattle have been purchased by the latter firm along the Northwestern railway for shipment later.

Financial and Insurance Notes

The result of the suit of Blackley vs. Great West Life Assurance Co., of Winnipeg, should act as a check upon the custom of obtaining insurance by fraud. The plaintiff was David Blackley, who sued to obtain \$10,000 on the life of J. A. Taylor, of Hamilton, Ontario, who was his brother-in-law, the company having refused payment of the policy. In August 1892, Taylor made application for a policy in the Great West Life for ten thousand dollars, payable to Blackley, as a creditor. This application stated, in reply to statement as to drinking habits, that Taylor had been "for several years a total abstainer and never drank to excess." This was proved to have been untrue. In the family record, as disclosed in the application, it was stated that the applicant had "one brother living in good health, two sisters died under two years of age of infantile diseases." About six months after the issue of the policy the company notified both Taylor and Blackley that on account of their discovery of material misstatements in the application the policy was void. Taylor died some three months after this notice was given and a claim for the amount of his policy was made by Blackley. The trial came on at Hamilton, and lasted four days. About twenty witnesses were examined as to the habits of deceased and as to family record. The jury gave a unanimous decision in favor of the company, declaring that the misrepresentation as to the habits of deceased and as to family history was material to the contract. The Great West Life deserves credit for the way they handled this case. It is an injury to the honest policy holder to compromise on policies obtained by fraud.

Emanuel Ohlen, formerly of Winnipeg, has opened an office at Montreal, representing the Export Association of Sweden. He will export Canadian produce to Sweden, and import Swedish iron and steel.

T. H. Whyte, representative of D. McCall & Company, wholesale millinery and fancy dry goods, Toronto, is now doing the west for his house. This firm was the first eastern house in their line to send representatives west and they have had a good business here for years.

Parliament was opened at Ottawa on Thursday. Legislation promised in the opening address includes a bankruptcy law. This will be the measure held over from last session.

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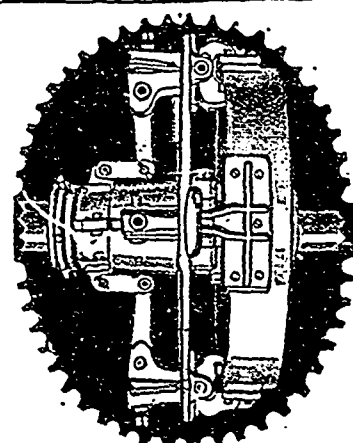
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BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, April 16, 1895.

The wholesale trade is still increasing in volume and has been gradually improving since open air work was started. Although money is considerably easier among the more successful merchants, there are still a numerous class of customers who ask for longer credit and are not marked A 1 in the books of the wholesalers. Those wholesalers who shook off the long credit customers early in the struggle are now enjoying a prosperous trade, buying cheaper than ever before and getting good profits and quick returns. Those who did not take the first loss and are still encouraging tardy debtors to buy goods in hopes that a revival of good times will enable them to settle the old score as well as the new are still complaining of the tightness of money and hard times. Beyond this the trade prospect for British Columbia is good. There are some changes in quotations this week. Shippers are still flooding the market with produce, a fact which has taught the farmers of British Columbia the folly of holding out for extravagant prices, and has enabled the consumer to live almost as cheaply as in the far east, owing to so many shipments being sacrificed at a glutted market. Manitoba eggs have been selling this week at 8 and 10 cents, butter correspondingly cheap. Fraser river potatoes sold at \$8, while a lot of Ashcroft's were forced on the market at \$10. This is the same grade of potatoes that the British Columbia farmer held for \$25. British Columbia producers could supply the home market in eggs, butter, milk, cheese, potatoes, poultry and many other necessities, but through their apathy or greed for gain, or a little of both, we are still supplied from outside. In this connection the following figures are rather startling: For the past twelve months there has been shipped over the C. P. R., to British Columbia from the East, butter, two tons; eggs, one ton; lard, two tons; canned fruit, eleven tons; dried fruit, five tons; flour, nineteen tons; canned milk, one ton; oats and seed, three tons; strawberries, three tons; poultry, one ton. Total 48 tons. These figures do not comprise produce shipped direct to interior points and it is safe to say that fully as much again is imported from the Sound in similar lines. The only advance reported in the market is in cured meats, prices in this commodity are steadily rising.

British Columbia Markets.

Vancouver, April 9, 1895.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 12 to 15c; Manitoba creamery, 18 to 20c; Eastern creamery, 26c; Canadian cheese, 11½ to 13; Manitoba cheese 12 to 18c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18c; breakfast bacon, 18½c; backs, 12c; long clear, 9½c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides, 11c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 8c; smelt, 5c; sea bass, 4; black cod, 5c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 6c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 19c; steel head

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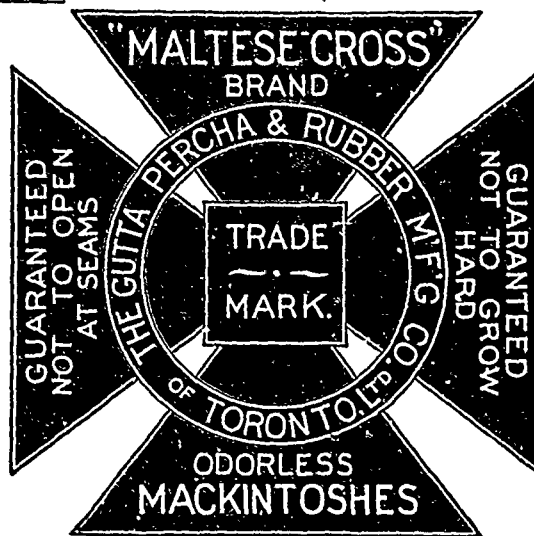
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Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$8 to \$10 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$15 to \$16; American burbanks, \$15; onions, silver skins, 2½c; cabbage, 2½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¼ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 20c; eastern, 10c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$3.25 to \$3.50; California oranges, naval, \$3 to \$3.50; seedlings, 2.25 to \$2.50; California apples, \$1.85.

Nuts.—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 18c; walnuts, 15c.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per bbl., \$4.40; strong bakers, \$4.10; Oregon, \$3.75; Oak Lake patent, \$4.30; strong bakers, \$4.00.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb, sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.90.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31.00; Edmonton district oats, \$29.00; Washington State wheat, \$20.00; do, oats \$26.50, f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$16 ton; ground wheat, \$20.00 ton; ground barley, \$20.00 ton; shorts, \$15 ton; bran \$13 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 8 to 8½c; mutton, 8½ to 9c, pork, 6½ to 8c; veal, 8 to 10c.

Live Stock.—Calves, 6 to 7c; steers, 4 to 4½c; sheep, 4c; hogs, 5½ to 6c, lamb, per head, \$4.

Lugars.—Powdered and icing, 5½c; Paris lu., 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellows 3½c; yellow, 3½c.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 2½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4.25 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice 25c. Ceylons: fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c.

British Columbia Business Notes.

Edwin Hind, tailor, New Westminster, has assigned.

W. Cowan, hotel, Nakusp, has sold out to John Hector.

Robt. Graham, hotel, Comox, advertises his business for sale.

The steamer Warrimoo sailed for Australia on April 16. She had only six saloon passengers, but carried a cargo of 1,000 tons.

Shirley & Hoy, stoves, etc., New Westminster, are selling out.

J. A. Cohen, Printer, Victoria, was partially burned out; loss \$500.

E. W. Ogle, men's furnishings, New Westminster, has assigned.

McLennan & McFeeley, hardware, Vancouver, have incorporated.

Lovatt Bros., hotel, Three Forks, have dissolved; Geo. Lovatt continues.

British Columbia Pottery & Terra Co. Ltd., Victoria, is winding up business.

Wasto & Mossford, marble, Victoria, Mossford reported to have left town.

John Wilson, wholesale produce, Victoria, was partially burned out fully insured.

Namu Canning & Trading Co., Victoria, has been dissolved; Robert Draney continues.

W. A. Emsley, soap manufacturer, Vancouver, has admitted A. W. Jameson as partner. The name "Cameron," formerly mentioned as having been admitted partner in this business, was an error.

The Texas Lake Ice company made a shipment of frozen salmon to England, via Australia, a few months ago. They have just received word that the shipment arrived in good condition, and proved a success. They now intend to ship regularly by every steamer.

Grain and Milling Matters.

It is proposed to start an oatmeal mill at Rapid City, Man., if its promoters can secure a bonus from the municipality of \$3,000.

S. Armstrong has returned from Toronto, where he has been on business in connection with the proposed flour mill at Hamiota, Man. A site has been selected for the mill.

The Selkirk Roller Mill Company, Selkirk, Man., is to be dissolved; one of the partners retiring. The company contemplates replacing the present engine with a much larger one and also putting in some extra rolls and reels to increase the capacity of the mill to seventy-five barrels per day. They also intend opening up a flour and feed store in Selkirk.

The Virden Advance understands it is the intention of the Ogilvie company to erect an elevator at Virden, Man.; this year. This is quite possible as the company intend erecting a number of elevators this year.

At Carievale, Assa., a new steam elevator has been contracted for, to be built for the Carnduff Elevator and Milling Company.

Oxbow needs an elevator. About 80,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from there from last crop.

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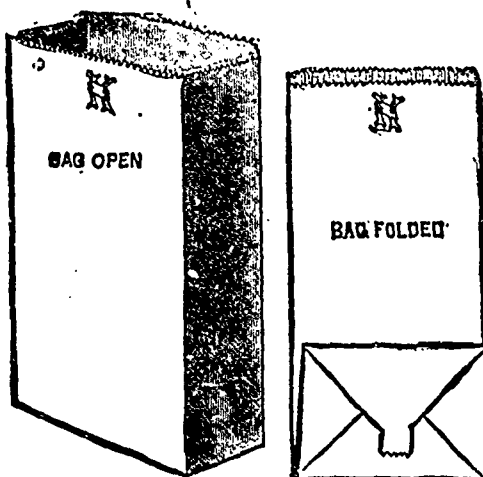
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Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

Flour.—The market remains firm, with a good business transpiring on both local and maritime province account. Sales of straight roller have been reported in the west at equal to \$3.35 to \$3.40 here, which seems to be dangerously near the export line, as Ohio straight can be laid down here at \$2.60 in bond to which add duty 75c, and costs \$3.35 on this market. An occasional sale is reported for English account. Patent, spring, \$3.75 to \$3.90; Winter Patent, \$3.50 to \$3.65; Straight roller, \$3.25 to \$3.35; Extra, \$2.80 to \$2.95; Superfine, \$2.55 to \$2.70; City Strong Bakers, \$3.65 to \$3.75; Manitoba Bakers, \$3.40 to \$3.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.45 to \$1.50; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.55 to \$1.60.

Oatmeal.—Rolled and granulated \$4.10 to \$4.20; standard \$4.05 to \$4.10. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.02½ to \$2.07½ and standard at \$1.95 to \$2. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—The market is firm at \$19.00 to \$19.50 and a fair movement is reported at within that range. Shorts \$19.50 to \$20.00 and moullie \$22.00 to \$24.00 as to grade.

Wheat.—The local market remains quiet but firm with an upward tendency, No. 1 hard Manitoba having sold at 79c for western shipment. No. 2 red winter is firm at 69c to 70c. Sales have been reported in the west of white winter and spring at 70c and red do. at 69c.

Oats.—The market has held up well, sales of car lots being reported at 40½ to 41c for No. 2.

Barley. The last lot of No. 1 barley reported sold for brewers' account was at 60c and we quote 55c to 60c. Feed barley is quoted steady at 50 to 51c.

Pork, Lard, &c.—Lard is firmer, with sales of car lots of compound at \$1.40 per pail. We hear of a large sale of heavy sized hams at 8½c, but is said that 10c would not be shaded now. Shipments continue to go forward to England. Canada short cut pork, per bbl \$17.00 to \$17.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl \$16.00 to \$16.50; Extra plate beef per bbl \$10.50 to \$11; hams, per lb. 10 to 11c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb. 8½ to 9c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb. 7 to 7½c; bacon, per lb. 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb. 8½ to 9c.

Butter.—There is a good demand for choice fresh made creamery, which sells at 21 to 21½c to the local trade and grades just a trifle lower bring 20 to 20½c. There is quite a

sprinkling of new eastern townships dairy on the market, and while some "receivers" quote 19c others say they find it difficult to get over 17c for the best, and quote 16 to 17c, any not fine going at 15c. Held summer creamery is being worked off at from 12 to 14c as to grade, one lot selling at 11c. Held western has sold at 7 to 10c, an odd package selected bringing 11 to 12c. The market has an easy tone throughout. The market for rolls is quiet, the supply is large, and the demand slow. Sales have been made all the way from 10c up to 14c.

Cheese.—A few of the first lot of fodder goods have been received, sales of which have been made to the local trade at 9c, against 10½ to 11c a year ago. A good many of the large factories in the west will not start before April 15th. In old cheese, colored is very scarce and firm. A round lot of September and October goods was sold a day or two ago at 10½c.

Eggs.—Considerable quantities were disposed of at 14 to 14½c, but the supplies showed a decrease and sales were made yesterday at 15c.

Maple products.—The receipts were heavy for a few days and sales were made of syrup at 65 to 70c in tins and at 5c to 6c per lb. in kegs as to quality. Sugar has been placed at 7c to 8c for good to choice lots; but some dark lots have been placed at 6c.

Hides.—The market is firm at the advance and stocks exceedingly light. Although tanners stated they would not pay over 6½c a week ago, sales of No. 1 light have since been made at 7c and this figure has been paid in Ontario for a lot of 3,000 for United States account. There seems to be quite a scarcity of supplies in Canada and the United States, the price of No. 1 buff in Chicago having been hoisted to 7½ to 8c. It is feared, however, that prices are being advanced to a dangerously high level for the poor quality now coming in. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides, 6½c for No. 1, 5½c for No. 2, and 4½c for No. 3; Heavy hides are quoted at 6½ to 7½c; calfskins 6c; lamb-skins 10 to 15c.—Trade Bulletin, April 12.

Grocery and Produce Trade Notes.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Poor held dairy butter is beginning to crowd itself upon this market in large quantities, a lot of 1000 packages of Manitoba dairy having been offered here at 7 to 10c per pound as to grade, but there seems to be no demand for it.

The London Grocers' Gazette says: We have this week seen a still easier range of

prices, especially for all grades of Pekoo, some of which were down to the same price as Pokoe Souchong. Wonderful teas were selling at 7½d per pound, and everyone begins to think that we must be near the lowest point. The value in broken Pekoes is simply marvellous, but a great many are still over, and they take a lot of selling. Hundreds of parcels of really handsome teas with quality sold between 8d and 10d per pound, and as these teas are now about as low as ever we have seen them they surely ought to go off freely. Common leaf was done at 6½d per pound, and there was an increased supply at 6½d, but lower grades have relatively kept its value better than anything else, and the difference between the teas selling at 6½d and, say at 7½d per pound is far greater than is represented by the 1d per pound difference in quotation.

In shipping produce to commission houses country dealers should remember that the commission house may have a large supply of the same class of produce on hand. Country merchants sometimes seem to think that they should get a return right away from the commission dealer. The commission houses, however, to be fair to all their customers, must sell the goods in the order in which they are received. If a commission house has 1,000 dozen of eggs on hand at the time of receiving a consignment from a certain country trader, they must sell the 1,000 dozen first before they can begin to place the last lot. In the meantime the price may decline, and the shipper will have to stand the loss. This will explain how it is that country shippers of produce do not always receive the price that is ruling at the time their shipment reaches market. The recent rapid decline in the price of eggs in the Winnipeg market is a case in point, which has caused considerable trouble for commission houses, with their country customers. The price declined so fast that, though 10, 12 or 14 cents per dozen may have been the ruling price at the time certain shipments of eggs arrived, before the commission dealer could sell his earlier receipts, the price would be two or more cents per dozen lower. The country shipper would see the higher price quoted at the time his eggs were shipped, and he would, of course, be dissatisfied with the return. Commission dealers have therefore frequently been called upon lately by country shippers for an explanation as to why they did not get a better price for their consignments. Sometimes country shippers are not satisfied with the explanations, though the commission men cannot prevent the decline in prices and it would be unfair to their other customers to sell a shipment of produce before disposing of shipments received earlier

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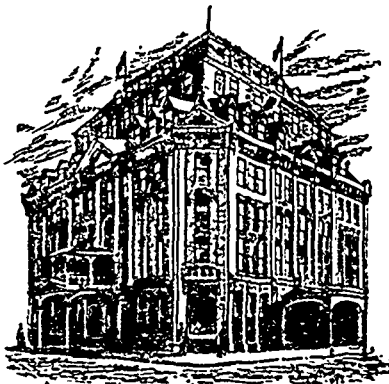
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Fur Trade News.

Jas. McMillan & Co in their last circular say: "The market is lower although we have not particularly reduced our quotations. A heavy advance over the January sale was expected, because on account of the excessively cold weather in January and February which interfered with the trapping and collecting of furs, some were led to think the offerings would be light and the prices realized high at the March sale, and did not hesitate to pay extravagant prices. It proved, however, that the offerings of almost all articles were as large or larger than in March of '91. Prices on some articles declined heavily, particularly grey fox, red fox, otter and wolf. The advance in raccoon has no significance because they sold extremely low in January. Occasionally a lot of marten will contain a good many dark ones, but usually a very small per cent. of marten are dark; the balance are either brown or pale, principally pale. Furs grow poorer in quality as the spring advances, except the water animals, viz., beaver, mink, muskrat and otter, which remains good as long as the water is cold. Spring mink are pale or red, and other kinds of furs become shedding, rubbed or faded. These defects reduce their quality and therefore their value. Shedding or rubbed furs pass as No. 2; where badly rubbed or shed, as No. 3 and 4. Shedding furs can readily be detected by looking through them towards the light from the fur side."

Jas. McMillan & Co. give the following report of the recent March London fur sales, comparing the prices with prices at the March sales a year ago and also showing a comparison with prices at the 1895 January sales.

C. M. LAMPSON & CO'S. SALE.

	Compared with March, '94.	Compared with Jan. '95.
Beaver	5 per cent. higher	10 per cent. higher
" Brown	80 per cent. "	Same.
" Grizzly	30 per cent. "	10 per cent. higher.
" Russian	30 per cent. "	Same.
Badger	Same as	10 per cent. higher
Beaver	3 1/2 per cent. lower	Same.
Cat, Civet	20 per cent. "	10 per cent. higher
" Wild	Same as	10 per cent. "
Fisher	5 per cent. lower	Not offered.
Fox, Blue	12 1/2 per cent. "	"
" Cross	1 1/2 per cent. "	"
" Grey	7 1/2 per cent. "	7 1/2 per cent. lower
" Kilt	10 per cent. "	Same.
" Red	4 per cent. "	7 1/2 per cent. lower
" Silver	Same as	Not offered.
" White	11 1/2 per cent. higher	15 per cent. lower.
Lynx	Same as	15 per cent. higher
Marten	80 per cent. higher	Same.
Mink	5 per cent. "	6 per cent. lower
Musk Ox	Same as	Not offered.
Muskrat	10 per cent. lower	5 per cent. higher
Opossum	1 1/2 per cent. higher	Same
Otter, Northern	Same as	Not offered.
Raccoon, Northern	Same as	30 per cent. higher
Sea Otter	5 per cent. higher	Not offered.
Seal, Dry Hair	15 per cent. lower	15 per cent. higher
Seal, Fur	5 per cent. "	Not offered.
Seal, Fur, Salted	Same as	Same.
Lobos	Same as	Same.
N. W. Coast	10 per cent. higher	10 per cent. higher
Skunk	15 per cent. lower	5 per cent. lower.
Wolf, Northern	35 per cent. lower	30 per cent. "
Wolverine	12 1/2 per cent. higher	Not offered.

HUDSON'S BAY CO'S. SALE.

	Compared with March, '94.	Compared with Lampson's January Sales.
Bear, Black	6 per cent. higher	10 per cent. higher
" Brown	25 per cent. "	5 per cent. over
" Grizzly	25 per cent. "	5 per cent. higher
Beaver	Same as	Same
Fisher	Same as	Not offered.
Fox, "	10 per cent. lower	"
" Cross	Same as	"
" Red	Same as	Same
" Silver	10 per cent. lower	Not offered.
" White	130 per cent. higher	Same.
Lynx	5 per cent. "	20 per cent. higher
Martin	7 1/2 per cent. "	15 per cent. "
Mink	15 per cent. "	5 per cent. "
Musk Ox	Same as	Not offered.
Muskrat	10 per cent. lower	5 per cent. higher.
Otter	Same as	Not offered.
Skunk	Same as	20 per cent. higher
Wolf	Same as	5 per cent. "
Wolverine	12 1/2 per cent. higher	Not offered.

British Columbia Exports.

The following interesting table has been compiled by the United States Consul at Vancouver, B.C.:

Exports cleared to the United States for the quarter ending December 31st, 1894. The exports from British Columbia amount to \$709,770.83 or an increase of \$367,427.10 over the corresponding quarter of 1893. The report for Vancouver is thus detailed by Consul Peterson:

Coal	\$187,886.00
Fish	80,786.00
Fish (in transit)	82,500.00
Furs and hides	9,286.00
Lumber, shingles, etc.	18,182.00
Merchandise	1,815.00
Returned American	1,961.00
Ore:	
Copper	1,597.00
Iron	2,806.00
Gold	8,419.00
Galena	160,619.00
Slate	8,020.00
Total	\$452,827.00
Total for previous quarter	\$248,168.00
Increase	\$209,659.00

The exports from Victoria are as follows:

Gold bullion	\$109,851.99
Furs, hides and skins	25,828.70
Wood	9,520.00
Liquors	4,096.00
Fish	574.64
Rice	1,594.80
Opium	897.70
Indian curios, etc	852.50
Bananas	117.00
Oat bran	89.10
Stones	236.96
Miscellaneous	45.85
Returned American goods	4,043.00
Total	\$156,843.83
Total for same quarter 1893	\$124,259.10
Increase	\$ 32,584.73

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A Year Ago.

The Commercial of April 21, 1894, reports no seeding done for a week or ten days, owing to a long spell of drizzly weather. Country very wet. A little seeding had been done in some sections before the rains set in. No business doing in wheat. Barley scarce and some demand for seed. Eggs declined about 1c for the week. Potatoes were very scarce, owing to bad roads and prices temporarily went up to 50 to 60c. Cattle were being brought freely in Manitoba for shipment west to British Columbia and exports of cattle eastward were expected to begin the following week.

Silver.

Further strength was shown by the silver market this week on the belief that the terms of peace between Japan and China will open up the latter country to foreign trade. Silver securities were all strong in the London market, though a weak allotment of India Council bills affected the market somewhat unfavorably. The London quotation for bars rose to 80 1/2d per ounce and reacted to 80 3/4d, the New York price rising to 67 1/2c, with a decline to 67c. Silver prices on April 12 were, London 80 3/4d; New York, 67c.

The last hide, wool and fur circular, issued by Jas. McMillan & Co., of Minneapolis, who are large dealers in these and other such commodities, is a very interesting one. It gives a lot of information about the various lines handled, particularly furs.

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