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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 15, 1892.

Manitoba.

Hall, blacksmith, Lake Dauphin, is burned out.

The Gladstone Times has ceased publication for lack of support.

L. K. Horn, a practical harnessmaker, has opened at Dominion City.

F. A. Meyers, manufacturer of aerated waters, Portage la Prairie, is dead.

W. J. Smale, boots, shoes and furnishings, Carberry, has assigned in trust.

F. Nation & Co., dry goods, Brandon, report sold out to A. D. Rankin.

Neil McIvor, general dealer, trading as Mills & Co., at Holland, has assigned.

W. Elliott and family, of Virden, have left for Carnduff, where he takes a hotel.

Forbes, watchmaker, of Winnipeg, has opened a watch and jewelry shop at Cartwright.

Blair & Rodgers, dry goods, Carberry, stock sold at 55 cents on the dollar to J. E. Henderson.

James Flanagan, wholesale provisions, Winnipeg, stock sold to Tees & Forsee at 75 cents on the dollar.

At the sale of school lands held at Brandon, recently, 15,675 acres were disposed of for \$127,105, and average of \$8.10 an acre.

Recently we announced that A. F. Eden had been appointed manager of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment Co. This company is again actively engaged in the loaning business.

The Lake of the Woods Milling company have moved their Winnipeg offices to new premises on the corner of Main and James streets, which have been fitted up in very comfortable and attractive style.

J. J. Philp, Winnipeg, left on Saturday for

Ottawa, where he goes as a delegate to the grand lodge of United Workmen. He will visit Montreal, Toronto and other points, while east, on business.

The stock of crockery, groceries, boots, shoes, live stock and grain of John Rougeau, of Otterburn, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, by public auction at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 19th February, at Winnipeg.

MacKenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved, Mr. Mills retiring from the firm. The business will be continued as heretofore, in all its departments, by A. A. MacKenzie, but the old firm name will be retained. The business has been carried on successfully for the past eight years, which includes the close period experienced in Manitoba, and there is every reason to look for satisfactory results for the future. Though the dissolution has gone into effect, Mr. Mills remains with the house until the first of April.

The negotiations which have been in progress for several weeks for the establishment of another biscuit factory in Winnipeg have been completed. The promoter and head of this enterprise is W. V. Bateman, who, until a couple of years ago, had the largest bakery business in the city, which he disposed of for the purpose of engaging in other business. He has secured the control of the large factory on Fonseca street, which was formerly operated by Woods, Oven & Co., and which he will remodel and fit up with all the best appliances of the day, and when completed he hopes to turn out goods equal to anything made in Canada in the line of biscuits, candies, etc.

The Manitoba Assurance Co., held its annual meeting at the company's office in Winnipeg on the 4th inst. President F. H. Brydges being absent, the chair was taken by vice-president J. N. Kirchhoffer. The annual report was read and unanimously adopted. It showed that the company's operations for the year have been satisfactory. After paying a stock dividend and making ample provision for re-insurance about an amount nearly equal to eighteen per cent. of the paid up capital was placed to the credit of the reserve fund. The old officers and board were re-elected as follows: F. H. Brydges, president; J. N. Kirchhoffer, vice-president; Frank Burnett, H. H. Beck, Jno. Russell, C. P. Wilson, H. N. Williams, directors. At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the secretary (N. W. Williams), board and officers.

Assiniboia.

H. C. Disney, general store, Dalesboro, has moved to Oxbow.

Oscar Hall, drugs, Fort Qu'Appelle, closed out under chattel mortgage.

J. N. McDonald has disposed of his interest in the Moose Jaw Times, Hamilton Lang is the new editor and proprietor.

The Windsor hotel, Regina, has been burnt, by a fire which started from a stove in one of the commercial sample rooms. The hotel building was owned by C. Howson, and was insured for \$5,600. It was valued at over \$10,000. Mrs. Doig, landlady of the hotel, was the owner of the furniture and some building additions to the hotel, her insurance being \$3,900 on furniture and \$1,000 on buildings. The furniture was mostly taken out of the burning building.

The new town of Oxbow on the C.P.R. Souris branch, is going ahead fast. A correspondent write:—A person who has not seen it for a month would not know the place. The first house was built in the second week in December and now there are over fifty buildings and more on the way. There are 4 grain buyers on the market, shipping from ten to twelve cars of wheat per week, principally No. 1 hard, there being very little inferior wheat in this locality. There are at present 5 general stores, 3 hardware, 1 drug store; two blacksmith shops and 3 livery stables, 3 boarding houses, 2 grain ware-

houses, 1 butcher shop and 3 lumber yards. A school will be started on the first of April. There will be two or three grain elevators built this summer. The C.P.R. have opened the station here with Geo. W. Hilde as agent. We have no regular train as yet, but we expect to have one in a short time. The telegraph line will reach here in a day or to.

Northwest Ontario.

A Port Arthur syndicate has purchased a large and fast passenger steamer to ply between here and Duluth tri-weekly connecting here with the Canadian Pacific railway and steamship line and Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway. At Duluth connections are to be made with the United States railway systems. It is expected that with improved communication with Duluth that there will be a large influx of tourists next season.

Alberta.

Howey & Campbell, butchers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. W. H. Howey will continue the business.

Grain and Milling.

The Molita Milling Company are having plans prepared for a mill proposed to be erected at Molita, Manitoba.

Hugh McKay, of Edmonton, received a letter recently from Wm. Brown, of Lockerby Mills, Paisley, Ontario, asking if there was an opening for an 80 barrel roller mill, as he is dissatisfied with his present location.

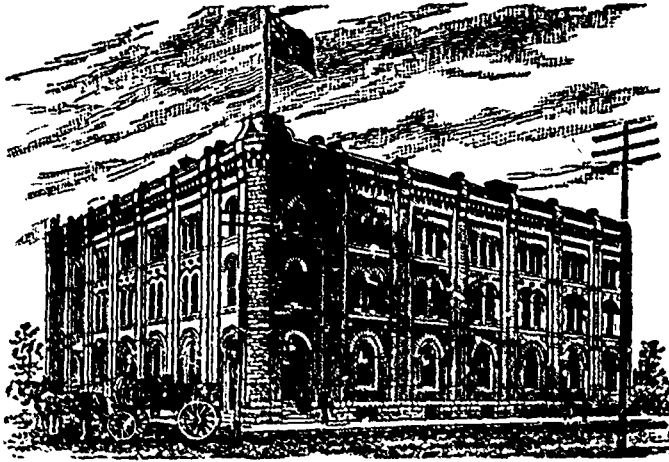
The town council, of Calgary, in view of the increased acreage of wheat to be sown this year in the district, and along the line of the Calgary and Edmonton railway north and south, have decided that unless private parties accept the bonus offered for building the mill by the first of March, the corporation will proceed with the construction of a 150 barrel mill as a town investment. The offer is of \$3,000 bonus and exemption for ten years.

A Toronto telegram says: A number of cases of grain mixing having lately come to the notice of dealers it has been decided to put a stop to it. After the noon call to-day the grain section of the board of trade passed resolutions condemning this practice, and, if necessary, further steps are to be taken to punish the guilty parties. It appears that instances have occurred where some dealers have mixed Manitoba and Ontario wheat, and others marrowfats with common peas. If carried on this practice would soon bring the trade into disrepute, and hence the action of the board.

The cable to Daily Trade Bulletin, Chicago, dated Liverpool, Feb. 4, says: Shipments of flour and wheat to Europe during the past week were as follows: To United Kingdom, equal, 3,650,000 bushels; to Continent, 2,480,000 bushels; total, 6,160,000 bushels. Requirements, 7,680,000 bushels. Calcutta correspondent cables India prospects for wheat, fair, and flax seed, poor. The clearances of wheat to Europe since August 1—twenty seven weeks—as cabled to the Daily Trade Bulletin, have been as follows: To United Kingdom, 110,110,000 bushels; to Continent, 115,350,000 bushels; total, 225,560,000 bushels. Requirements, 207,300,000.

The Whitlaw Bros., who came from Aultsville, Ont., in 1888, to Deloraine, Manitoba, and farm in township 2, range 23 west, raised last year 4,000 bushels of wheat off 150 acres; 800 bushels of oats off 15 acres; 266 bushels of barley off 6 acres; besides handling this crop they put up 90 loads of hay, and broke and backset 70 acres of new land, which they will sow in the spring. They also raised 250 bushels of fine potatoes.

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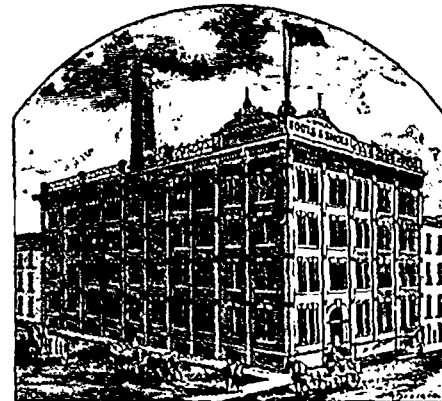
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of \$863,979, being now over \$90,100,000. There is a decrease in the tabulated items showing liabilities to other Canadian banks, and a decrease of \$230,388 in indebtedness to British agents. The reserve of specie continues to decrease slightly, the figures being \$5,783,640 for November, and \$5,769,313 for December. There is, on the other hand, a slight increase in Dominion notes. These items are, perhaps, a little low compared with the usual conservative methods of the banks, but the increase of \$924,020 in notes and cheques of other banks, readily convertible into cash, must not be overlooked in estimating the situation. This increase is, doubtless, largely due to returning circulation. The reduction of \$1,900,000 in the amount of funds due by foreign banks may explain the redemption of circulation without any monetary pressure, the banks having drawn upon these balances, for this purpose, as well as to pay their dividends. The indebtedness of British agents increased over \$600,000. Call loans show an increase of \$1,165,888, and overdue debts were increased by only \$2,564, a good showing in view of the fact that current loans were cut down \$1,257,043, of which a certain amount has doubtless been written off in bad and doubtful debts. The increase of \$1,287,480 in total liabilities and the decrease of \$62,132 in total assets probably arises from the payment of semi-annual dividends and the writing off of bad debts. The small increase in overdue debts and the fairly large decrease in discounts compare very favorably with December, 1890, when discounts decreased only \$299,186, while overdue debts increased \$312,916, or more than the decrease in discounts. — *Bankers' Journal*, Jan. 24.

There are nine different varieties of owls in Manitoba.

Some weeks ago the *Times* newspaper, of Deloraine, Man., reported a yield of 61½ bushels to the acre on the farm of Mr. Cassils about 3 miles north of the town, and yet we have another report this week almost as large. G. L. Scott, whose farm is on 24-2-24, the old Ross farm about two miles out of Deloraine, threshed on Saturday week last, with the result that 6 acres threshed by itself yielded 354 bushels, threshers' measure, which does not include the "cleaning" up grain, and from 15 acres more 750 bushels were obtained. The wheat is said to be all No. 1 hard, and the ground to be accurately measured,



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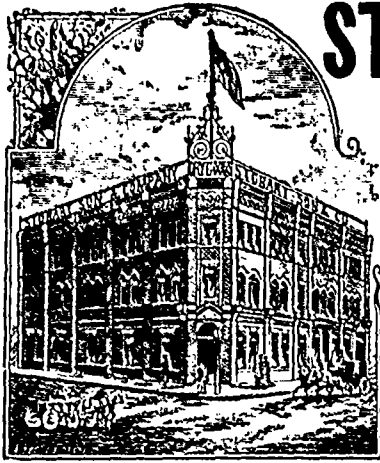
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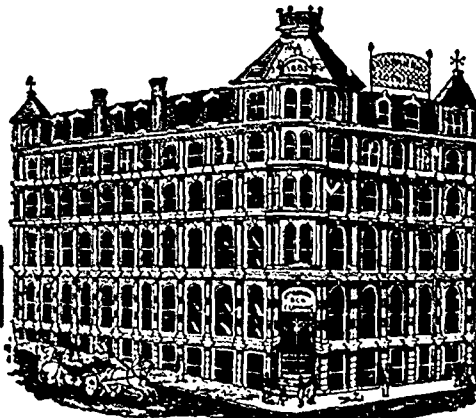
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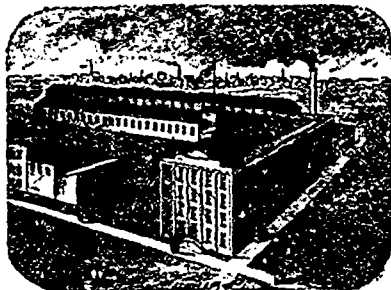
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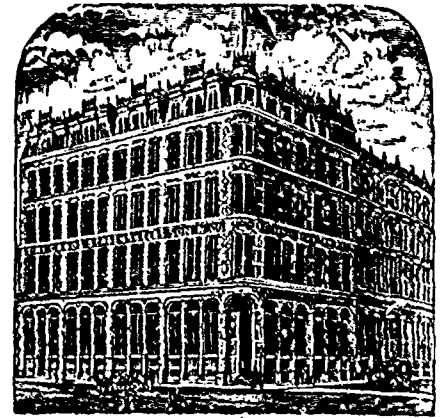
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Port Arthur Board of Trade.

At the recent annual meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade. President George T. Marks, delivered an address, which contains much valuable information. Mr. Marks said: "Following close on the heels of the crops, it might not be out of place to look at the facilities both for transportation and storage. It is a well known fact that owing to the lateness of the western harvest, the necessity for fall ploughing, and the scarcity of labor, that when the wheat movement commences it is not possible to move more than 10 per cent. of the crop out before the close of navigation. Last fall every effort was made to get wheat to market, and the single track connecting Lake Superior with the prairies was taxed almost to its maximum capacity, with the result that something like 2,000,000 bushels were exported by the lake route. What is going to become of the West in a year or two when it has a surplus of 30, 40 or 50 millions? Not only must the Canadian Pacific be double tracked, but some other railway must of necessity be built from Port Arthur to Winnipeg. The elevator capacity at Port Arthur and Fort William, which all comes under the Port Arthur inspection district, is now about 4,000,000 bushels. The Canadian Pacific elevator at this point, which has been idle for several years, is being operated with new and modern cleaning machinery is likely to be a great convenience to shippers. More elevators of this kind are required and would be built but there appears to be doubts in the minds of those who wish to build as to whether the Canadian Pacific company would give independent elevator companies equal facilities with themselves for the carrying on of their business. Your board should take this question up vigorously, and have it settled, as I am positive that independent companies would immediately commence the construction here of elevators. This means not only the expenditure of large sums of money in their construction and in their operation, but the establishment of a grain market, similar to that of Chicago or Duluth, and without doubt this would then be the wheat market of Canada. There is now, even without the question of independent elevators, no reason why all the grain business of Western Canada should be done in Winnipeg, and if the Winnipeg dealers cannot be induced to locate their headquarters in Port Arthur, then others should be induced to come here and establish the market where nature intended that it should be, and where man will put it. Port Arthur must be the distributing point for the export trade and the speculative grain market for Canada. From a wheat market to a milling centre is only a step. It is most important that a flouring mill should be established here. There is wheat to be had in abundance, and taking freights into consideration, as cheaply as at any other milling centre."

LUMBER.

Touching on the lumber industry Mr. Marks says: "It is a pleasure to note that the lumber trade of the district has assumed much larger dimensions than ever before. Large contracts have been let by the Canadian Pacific company for ties, which are being taken out between here and Rat Portage. The trade in cedar for paving blocks, fence posts, telegraph poles, ties, piles and as square timber for bridges and culvert work, is large, and unreserved. No less than three firms have camps on the line of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway, which are expected to cut 8,000,000 feet of pine, which will be sawn in the district, for the trade of Manitoba and the Territories. Some effort should be made to increase our lumber cutting and manufacturing capacity; nothing distributes more money, and none becomes more quickly or more generally distributed than the wages paid to saw and planing mill hands. The spruce pulp wood

business has in Eastern Algoma become a most important industry, almost equaling that of pine. So far, nothing has been done in it here, owing perhaps to the higher rates of wages prevailing here, and the greater lake freights which would have to be paid on the wood to the eastern markets. There is little doubt that with an improvement in existing conditions, spruce pulp wood will be shipped from here to the United States and Canadian markets, and will add another to our already important lumbering industries."

THE MINES.

After reference to the mining laws and government, the address continued: "Locally, our silver production is about the same as last year; if it had not been for the Mining act more new work would have been done. Sufficient has already been accomplished in the Port Arthur silver district to show that nearly every vein lying in the black (silver) slates of the district will produce that metal in paying quantities. The question which agitates the mining community is, what minerals, if any, are to be found in the underlying foundations. None of the mining companies feel that they have the right to spend \$100,000 or more in sinking a perpendicular shaft 2,000 or 3,000 feet deep to make a test which will be of benefit to the whole district, as well as the government. The popular opinion is that the government should either make such a test or liberally subsidize any company that would undertake it. The Atikokan iron range has come in for a large share of public attention during the past year. The Atikokan railway was chartered by the Federal Government and preliminary surveys made. The Ontario & Rainy River Railway Company likewise made a preliminary survey from the already constructed joint line of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway and Rainy River Railway to the range. A diamond drill was taken in last winter and operated during the whole summer with most satisfactory results. Late last fall the representatives of one of the largest monetary institutions in Belgium visited Port Arthur, personally examined and sampled the deposits of ore in the range, with the result that a provisional contract has been entered into between them and the various owners of properties on the range, that they should have until the fall of 1892 to explore and test the ore deposits with a view to proving to their satisfaction that ore exists in sufficient quantities and of good enough quality to pay to mine and ship. If it does, then during the summer of 1893 the Atikokan railway from the Canadian Pacific to the mines, some fifty miles in length is to be built. When so completed, the present owners transfer to the Belgian company an interest in the properties; and the company on its part agrees to mine and ship some hundreds of thousands of tons per annum. If this trade is consummated, as there is every reason to believe it will be, it means an expenditure of nearly \$1,000,000 in this district for railway and mining purposes, and an annual outlay for mining and transportation to the extent of probably \$1,000,000 more. While no contract has been entered into respecting the building of ore docks, furnaces and rolling mills, ore docks must be built before the ore can be shipped; furnaces are a necessity to meet the market of pig iron, the manufacture of which is protected by a high tariff and encouraged by a large bounty; and rolling mills and similar industries naturally follow the production of pig iron."

"There have been during the last season discoveries of gold sufficiently rich and numerous, along the line of the Canadian Pacific railway, (west) and in the Atikokan region, which if in some wholly inaccessible region, would have produced an excitement and results such as California had in '49, or Australia with the discovery of the precious metal there. Want of capital and good mining laws are prominent reasons why there are not tens of thousands of miners in Algoma, earning large wages and

producing wealth from the bowels of the earth."

NAVIGATION.

"The people of the west are probably not more interested in any subject than they are in that of transportation. To them high or low rates mean the increase or decrease in the value of the product of every acre. This board has always taken a lively interest in this question, advocated continuously the building of St. Mary's Falls canal, or the enlargement or reconstruction of the locks and canals of the St. Lawrence system. When the contract for the St. Mary's Falls locks was let, the attention of your board was drawn to the fact that the Canadian Government was building a canal which when completed would be far behind the American one across the river. The Government has quite recently come to the same conclusion, and it has been decided to increase the capacity of the Canadian "Soo" canal to that of the American now building.

Our American cousins have all agreed that it is an absolute necessity to make all harbor, river, lake and canal improvements with a view of loading a steamer at Duluth to 20 feet draught for Buffalo. A great many of them advocate a canal of equal capacity from Buffalo to the sea, and it must eventually come. With the completion of the Canadian "Soo" canal and the United States river improvements, we, likewise, by using their improvements, can load a vessel to a draught of 20 feet to Buffalo—but there we stop. The canals which the government of Canada saw fit in its wisdom to design, from Port Colborne to the sea, will, when completed, be as far behind the age as the old Welland or the old St. Lawrence canals are to-day. The dimensions of the Canadian locks are 270x45x14—in other words, they will accommodate conveniently a vessel with a length of 235 feet, 42 beam and drawing 14 feet of water; or in the case of steamers, one which has a carrying capacity on those dimensions of 2,000 tons, or say 67,000 bushels of wheat. With a draught of 20 feet, lake steamers can be built to carry easily 5,000 tons or 165,000 bushels of wheat. Even now American steamers, their length not being limited, are being built which carry nearly twice as much as any Canadian; as, for instance, the steamer Maryland has carried 3,737 net tons of iron ore from Escanaba to South Chicago on 16 feet 6 inches draught. The E. C. Pope, 3,628 net tons from Escanaba to Buffalo on 16 feet; while Pope has a Lake Superior record of 3,167 tons on 14 feet 6 inches, and 125,730 bushels of corn from Chicago to Buffalo on 14 feet 8 inches. It is a well known fact that neither the cost of construction of steamers nor their running expenses increase in the same proportions as their capacity, and 5,000 ton boats can certainly carry freight at a greater profit, or at a lower rate than those of half their capacity. It appears to me that in these modern times with two civilized peoples, such as the Canadians and the Americans are that the two countries could come to some amicable and satisfactory arrangement for the building of such a channel from Lake Superior to the sea as could be used equally and advantageously to both nations. Of what use would either proposed channels be in case of war; Within a week the locks would be rendered useless and the river channels connecting the great lakes obstructed by the sinking of ships or blocking them in some other way. The canal question is an important one to the people of Canada. During 1890, by statisticians collected by the general superintendent of the St. Mary's Falls canal, the average cost of transporting the cargoes which went through it was 13-10 mills per ton per mile—a rate no railway on earth, so far built or projected could compete with. During the season 1891, there were carried through the canal at Sault Ste. Marie 2,501,532 tons of coal, 3,786,143 barrels of flour, 38,816,570 bushels of wheat, 1,032,104 bushels of other grain, 69,741 tons of pig iron, 234,523 tons of salt, 69,190 tons of copper, 3,560,513 tons of iron ore, besides other products. This will give an idea of the importance of the lake traffic. The Government of Canada has recently completed at

Kingston a graving dock, which is practically in connection with the canal system of the country. There is no good reason why a graving dock should not be built at Port Arthur as there is none on either side nearer than Owen Sound, and it is absolutely necessary that there should be one on Lake Superior:

RAILWAYS.

The construction of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway has been proceeded with vigorously during the past season, and the line is now practically completed for some 70 miles, or within 15 miles of its terminus at Gunflint lake. Already we have seen the benefit which has arisen from the running of passenger trains, the transportation of supplies to the Silver mines, the carriage out of silver ores, while the numerous lumber camps on the line have not only had their supplies and men taken in over it, but are already hauling out their logs by the same route. From present appearances, iron mining will be commenced in the spring at its terminus on both the Canadian and American sides of the boundary, and before the next annual report of this board shipments of ore will in all probability be made from this port. It is to be hoped that no time will be lost in making a connection with the Duluth & Iron Range railway, so that Port Arthur will have another outlet by rail and more direct communication with the republic south of us. The summer travel to Port Arthur has not been as good for several years as it should; owing to the rapidly increasing business travel the railways and steamboats do not make the same efforts to attract tourists as they otherwise would. With the object of attracting American tourists and investors to Port Arthur and the mining districts in the neighborhood, arrangements are being made to establish a tri weekly steamboat service between here and Duluth, with the object of encouraging travel by a more regular service and shortening the time between Port Arthur, Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago."

Mr. Marks says the dredging of the harbor is one of the public matters which require attention, and efforts should be made to secure a grant and have the work proceeded with as soon as possible after the opening of navigation, as there are certain shoal spots which should certainly be deepened at once,

FISHERIES.

Reference to the fisheries is made as follows: The Lake Superior fisheries, as usual, have furnished employment to a large number of men, boats and steamers. On the whole they appear last year to have been fairly remunerative. Some dissatisfaction appears to exist as to the Government regulations and the manner in which they are carried out. I am of opinion that the whole question of their value, preserving and increasing the catch, as well as the laws, should be looked into by the Government with a view to adopting the regulations most suitable for the proper protection of such an important industry. It is considered by many that pound nets should not be allowed in Thunder Bay, that it should be kept for winter fishing, as it is most convenient and accessible for that, and not only are the town's inhabitants thus enabled to get fish the year around, but fishermen find employment during the winter, where they otherwise would not. Owing to a ruling of the U.S. customs, under a recent bill, fish caught in Canadian waters by United States citizens with nets and boats owned by Americans, are admitted into the United States free of duty, while the unfortunate fisherman who happens to be a Canadian and fishes with Canadian nets out of British boats has to pay $\frac{2}{3}$ of a cent per pound duty, which means that he gets $\frac{1}{3}$ of a cent per pound less for his fish. This is clearly wrong. The Americans are compelled to get a large proportion of their fresh fish from this side, and the government should make such regulations that all fish caught should pay the same duty, and let the American consumer (if his government makes such an unfair regulation) pay $\frac{2}{3}$ of a cent per pound more for his fish.

THE KING OF TROUT STREAMS.

The Nepigon continues to be visited by tourists from all parts of the world; it is the king of trout streams and affords the best fly fishing of any stream in the world. It is a pity that it is not better protected and cared for by the government. With reasonable attention this stream will furnish sport for all time. The provincial government, which has jurisdiction over it, should set aside a tract of land which is comparatively useless for other purposes, for say five miles on each side of the stream between Lake Superior and Lake Nepigon, and convert the whole into a national park. A small charge might then be made to all sportsmen alike, (not discriminating against foreigners as now done), which would pay the salary of an overseer."

COMMUNICATIONS.

BUSINESS AT BOISSEVAIN.

EDITOR COMMERCIAL.—I would like through the columns of your valuable paper to call the attention of the business men of the country to the rotten state into which the business men of this town have run things. Instead of running business on a good common sense basis, (where competition is keen) they have resorted to means of gaining trade, which will eventually cut their own throats (probably the sooner the better) for they not only suffer themselves but every one around them who is trying and willing to do business on business principles. It is really disgusting at this season of the year, when everybody should pay cash; and which should be the harvest time for the merchants, to have the bottom knocked out of things, by the issuing of such circulars as the one I enclose you, and I might just say that if there are any other towns afflicted in the same manner as we are, they have my sympathy. Is there no protection for merchants trying to do a legitimate business. We have large odds to contend against for about nine months in every year by giving our goods out to farmers on credit, relying wholly on their honesty for our pay; they being fully protected; and the other three months of the year, we have to contend against such rash-headedness as displayed by these chronic discounters. I think and feel sure every business man in the country trying to do a straight forward business, will think so too, that the wholesale men should protect us against such injustice. They are the only ones who can do it, and the sooner it is done the better it will be for themselves, business men and trade in general.

Yours truly,

MERCHANT.

Boissevain, Feb. 4.

NOTE.—The circular referred to by our correspondent, is headed "A Frantic Effort to Gain Trade," and it offers a discount of 25 per cent. for 30 days. It is certainly a more frantic than business-like way of doing business.

Canned Goods.

An enquiry from a wholesaler for future corn, peas and tomatoes, led to a sporting offer from a packer of \$1, if an immediate order were given for a round lot. No sale resulted. Four hundred cases of tomatoes of an established brand were sold to-day by a packer to clear out his stock at \$1. The canned goods industry in Ontario will show a considerable increase this year. A number of new factories have been decided upon already. A. Auning, who was one of the firm of A. C. Miller & Co., Picton, will establish himself in Belleville. If the British market continues to develop, as it has this and last year, there will be work for them all to do. Canadian gallon apples have made a good name for themselves in the British markets, and the shipments this year will be large. One factory, Aylmer Canning Co., shipped the

product of 500 barrels. The same company also sold an invoice of \$3,000 in canned meats, chiefly chicken.—Toronto Empire.

Trade Returns of the United Kingdom.

No relief coming to the export trade of the Kingdom during the last month of the year just ended, leaves 1891 in a deficiency compared with its predecessor. On one basis we calculated in our December article that the aggregate foreign trade of 1891 would reach 742,000,000 sterling value, and on another basis nearly 749,000,000 value. As a fact the registered total is over 744 $\frac{1}{2}$ millions; so that while our lowest estimate is exceeded by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ millions, our highest estimate is not attained by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ millions. This diminution is not due to the import trade, since in this branch the large figures of 1890 were exceeded both for December and for the twelve months. On reference to the appended table the import trade for the last seven years may be traced:—

Year.	IMPORTS.	
	12 months ended December.	Difference on previous year.
1891	£435,691,279	— £14,805,584
1890	420,885,695	+ 8,709,797
1889	427,595,442	+ 41,013,416
1888	386,582,026	+ 24,647,015
1887	361,935,011	+ 12,553,925
1886	349,381,086	— 21,023,223
1885	370,404,314	— 19,370,235

The largest import in the month of December for seven years took place in the month just expired; and notwithstanding the immense bound made by our custom for foreign productions in 1889 over 1888, the year 1891 tops that year of heavy imports by over 8 millions. Sixty millions odd represents the growth of the inward trade in six years, i. e. contrasting 1891 with 1885. We now proceed to give the export figures of domestic merchandise:—

Year	EXPORTS.	
	12 months ended December.	Difference on previous year.
1891	£247,272,173	— £16,258,312
1890	263,530,585	+ 14,545,390
1889	248,935,195	+ 15,092,588
1888	233,842,607	+ 12,428,421
1887	221,414,186	+ 8,981,432
1886	212,432,754	— 611,746
1885	213,044,500	— 19,980,742

There are some quarters in which the lessened business with the United States will be charged with this decrease, on the ground that the tariff abnormally increased shipments in 1890. But a glance at the comparison afforded above will display the fact that last year was actually below 1889 in exports. Of course the upset of credit in South America, as well as in various continental States, has, joined with the worse conditions in some respects of the North American market, tended to diminish British sales. On the threshold of the New Year hopefulness is a prevailing feature in trading, as in other circles. But, with many disturbing elements to take into account,—tariffs, harvests, general credit, etc., to say nothing of political matters,—the future prospect is not one that can, altogether, be contemplated with confidence.—Chamber of Commerce Journal.

Mr. Allen, of Thornhill, Man., can boast of large yields of wheat. He threshed the other day the product of 22 acres, and at the close 1,108 bushels were measured—viz., 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels to the acre.

H. Sorby, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, reports that his wheat turned out well, having 40,231 bushels from 1,100 acres. The best yields were: 160 acres at 43 bushels per acre; 25 white fyfe at 50 bushels per acre; 12 acres red fyfe (imported seed) 60 bushels per acre; and the worst, 10 acres ladoga, 30 bushels per acre.

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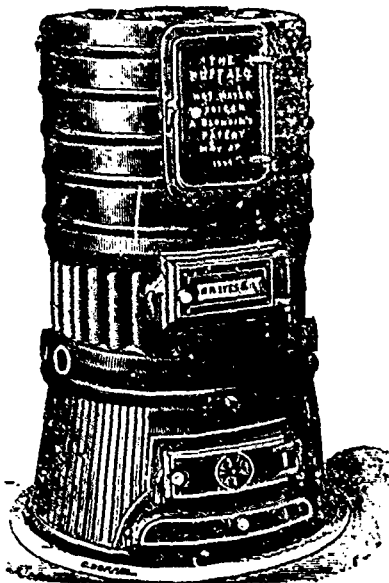
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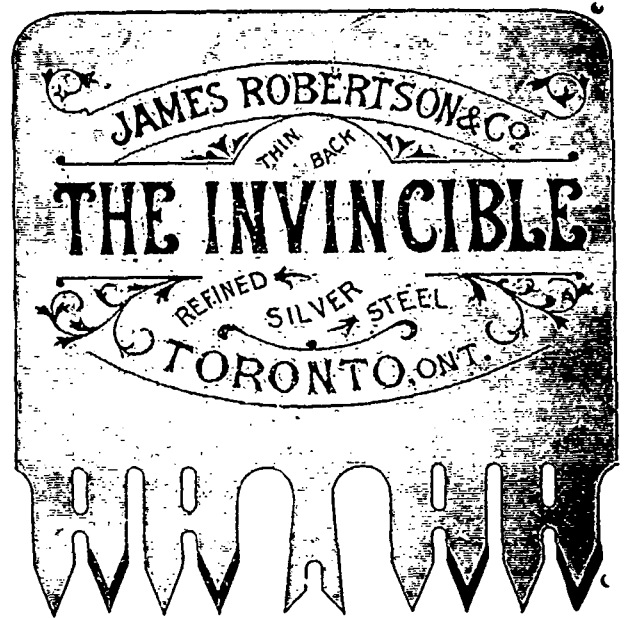
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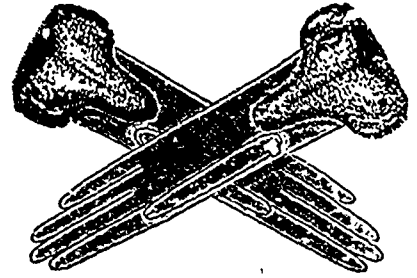
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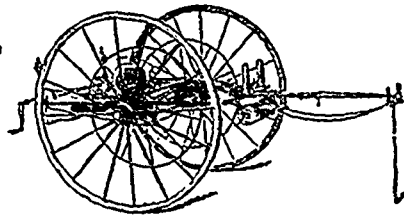
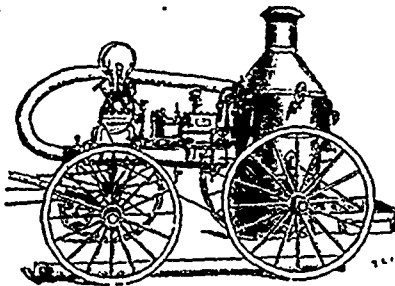
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WINNIPEG MARKETS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 13.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale, for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions for large quantities, and to cash discounts. See additional quotations on inside back cover.]

The grain markets here continued very flat, and the influence of this was felt through all business branches, particularly in collections, which are slow, country dealers giving the excuse that their farmer customers have not sold their grain. There was very little wheat offering. Travellers in from the country report grain markets almost deserted at some points. Coarse grains continue weak, and the tendency is still downward. Oats have sold at the low price of 16c on track at Manitoba points, and buyers slow at that. Barley is hardly saleable, unless at very low prices. In other country products, as butter, eggs, cheese, etc., prices are firm and tend upward. Cured hog products are strong, in sympathy with a sharp advance east in hogs, the crop having apparently not been as large as expected. Stormy weather interrupted trade and delayed railway traffic considerably during the week. There has been a good trade in green fruits. *Bradstreet's* last report says: Four cities in the Dominion report total clearings of \$18,932,007, a gain of about 12 per cent. on the week. There were 68 business failures in Canada this week, against 34 last week, and 38 in the week last year.

DRIED FRUITS—Dried apples, 6 to 6½c; evaporated, 8½ to 9c; figs, layers, 12 to 18c; figs, cooking, 5 to 7c; dates, 6 to 8c. Valencia raisins, \$1.90 to \$2.00. Currants, 6½ to 7½c; prunes, 6½ to 10c. Evaporated fruits are quoted: apricots, 11½ to 12c; peeled peaches, 17½ to 18c; unpeeled peaches, 12 to 13c; pitted plums, 11 to 11½c; cherries, 13 to 13½c; pears, 12½ to 13c; nectarines, 11½ to 12c; raspberries, 19 to 19½c.

FUEL—Wood has been coming forward more freely, and there is now a little stock ahead in the city. Settlers have been offering loads on the market in considerable quantities, which affects sales of city dealers. There is nothing new locally in coal, but the report of a trust to control all the Pennsylvania mines, is a matter of general interest. This is to be accomplished through a combination of the coal line railways.

FISH—The market is well supplied. Fresh water fish are quoted per lb.: Whitefish, 5½c, pickerel 5c, sturgeon 6c, pike 2½c, trout 9c. Lake Superior herring 35c per dozen; brook trout, 25c per lb. Fresh salt water fish: Salmon 1½c; smelts 12c; halibut 14c; cod 10c; haddock 10; smoked haddies 8½c; boneless cod 7 to 7½c. Oysters, are quoted at \$2.15 for standards and \$2.35 for selects per gallon, for Providence river stock, with Baltimores at \$2 to \$2.20.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples are firm for choice stock, fancy selling as high as \$3.50 per barrel in small lots, though ordinary stock is obtainable as low as \$3. Florida and California oranges are in good supply, the former being the favorite in point of quality. California stock being on the green side yet. Prices are: California fruits—Winter pears, 40 lb. boxes, \$3.50 to \$4; Navel oranges, \$4.50 to \$5 per box. Riverside seedlings \$4 per box; Ontario barrel apples, \$3 to \$3.25. Lemons—Now Messina, \$6.75 to \$7 per box; bananas, \$1 to \$5 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$4.50 to \$5 per box. Cranberries, \$10 per barrel. Malaga grapes, \$7.50 to \$10 per kog, as to size of keg.

GROCERIES—There appears to be a general belief east that the sugar agreement will collapse,

as considerable cutting in prices has occurred in eastern markets of late. Locally sugars are quoted at 4 to 4½ for yellows, with sometimes a fraction better obtained for very bright. Granulated in barrels, 5½c, and in bags, 5c; lumps, 6 to 6½c; syrups, 3 to 3½c for dark to extra bright. Molasses, 56 to 58c per gal.

LEATHER—This trade east is very depressed on account of the epidemic of failures in leather and kindred branches, which leads to the slaughter of stock and other evil features. Locally business is good in the harness line. Quotations on inside back cover.

NUTS—Good stock is quoted. Taragona almonds, per pound, 18 to 19c; Grenoble walnuts, 17 to 18c; polished pecans, 20c; Sicily filberts, large, 14 to 15c; Brazils, 15c; chestnuts, 15c; peanuts, green, 14 to 15c; peanuts, roasted, 16 to 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$10.00.

FURS—There are few lots of furs offering at present, but there is a feeling of weakness, especially for beaver and rat, on account of the result of the London sales. The most important sales of the season, by the Hudson's Bay Co., commence on March 21, and continue four days. The *Canadian Gazette*, of London, Eng., says: Owing to several adverse circumstances (including the distress in Russia, a serious failure in the Moscow fur trade, and the illness from influenza of one or two more important buyers) the Hudson's Bay January sales have been very adverse to sellers.

DRY GOODS—A telegram from Toronto on Saturday says: "For some time past negotiations have been in progress for the absorption into one syndicate of all the cotton mills in the Dominion and it is expected the deal will very shortly be accomplished, leaving only one or two, independent mills in the country. The syndicate is primarily the Dominion Cotton mill company, of Montreal, which now has eleven mills under its control. The mills about to be absorbed are situated at Merriton, Hamilton, Cornwall and Marysville, N. B." *Bradstreet's* last weekly report says: "In Ontario and Quebec, the feature in the former province being some activity in drygoods, with fair payments on mercantile accounts. A similar report comes from Quebec, where cotton goods mills are said to have done a fair business for the season." Advices generally indicate firm prices, slight advances being reported in shirting. A Montreal report states that jute goods are advanced in Scotland, Hessians being fully 12 to 15 per cent. up, and that orders cabled for carpetings will not be accepted except at a halfpenny advance. Local clothing houses are shipping out spring goods, and fair orders for spring dry goods are reported, stock of which are now well at hand.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

GENERAL WHEAT—The advance in wheat toward the close of last week, did not impart very lasting strength to the situation. On Monday United States markets were mostly weak and lower, but closing prices for the day were fully up to and in some cases slightly higher than Saturday's close, owing to reports of damage to the French and Russian crops. Liverpool was ½ to 1d lower, and Paris ½ to 1½c lower, which seemed to contradict reports of crop damage across the water. The visible supply statement on Monday was disappointing to the bulls, as it showed an increase of 43,000 bushels. The same week a year ago it decreased 466,000 bushels. The visible supply at principal points in the United States and Canada east of the mountains is now 43,160,888 bushels, and a year ago was 23,125,680 bushels. Receipts at Duluth on Monday were 166 cars, and Minneapolis 550 cars. United States markets were weak on Tuesday, Chicago closing over 2c lower, and Duluth nearly 2c lower. Reports of damage to the French crop were said to have been exaggerated. Liverpool was ½ to 3d higher and London 3d lower, Paris 1½c lower. Wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 560,000 bushels. The estimated consumption in the United Kingdom exceeded the imports and

English farmers' deliveries during the past week by about 225,000 bushels. The export clearances from the U.S. aggregated 544,000 bushels wheat and flour. Duluth received 87 cars, and Minneapolis 262 cars, a total of 349 cars, as compared with 190 cars the corresponding day last year. On Wednesday United States markets were weak and unsettled, but were mostly slightly higher at the close. The anti-option bill before Congress had an unsettling effect upon speculative markets. Cables were all lower, Liverpool ½ to 7d lower, London 3d lower, Paris 1½ to 2½c lower. Michigan state crop report for winter wheat was favorable. Duluth receipts were 126 cars, and Minneapolis 363 cars. *Bradstreet's* reported a decrease of 892,030 bushels west, and an increase of 63,000 bushels east of the mountains for the week. United States markets continued unsettled on Thursday, and the tone was on the weak side, but there was not much change from the day before in closing prices. Minneapolis receipts were 298 and Duluth 114 cars. Several leading United States markets were closed on Friday on account of Lincoln's anniversary. The tendency was generally higher, New York leading with an advance of ½ to 1c. Cables were firmer.

Cincinnati Price Current says crop advices are fully as assuring as previously though average condition is below normal. Interior grain is still held tenaciously for better prices and milling is being reduced.

Total receipts at the four principal United States spring wheat points, since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop, year foot up. Minneapolis 41,510,852 bu; Duluth, 34,652,547 bu; Chicago, 34,267,212 bu; Milwaukee, 7,989,814 bu, making a total of 118,420,425 bu, against 60,357,649 bu during the same time last year and 67,269,034 bu in 1890. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 55,166,870 bu. against 21,068,654 bu in 1891, and 25,518,050 bu in 1890.

Bradstreet's reported exports smaller, amounting to only 3,641,000 bu, or 1,100,000 less (from both coasts, with flour as wheat included) than in the preceding week.

LOCAL WHEAT—The week was a very dull one, both in the city and in Manitoba country markets. Stormy weather interfered considerably with farmers' deliveries in country markets, but even when the weather was fine, there was but a very light movement of grain to market. Deliveries have certainly fallen very flat ever since the first of the year, and the quantity of grain coming in has been greatly under expectations. This is due to three causes, namely: considerable rough weather, lower prices than farmers care to sell for, and the large quantity of wheat still unthreshed. There is no doubt but that a good deal of wheat is held by farmers, on account of prices being below their expectations. In some sections of the country, particularly southwest and west, a very large portion of the crop is in stack. Travellers who have been through these districts recently, say that the stacks appear to be as thick about the country as they were last fall. Some threshing is still being done on fine days, but we repeat our warning, that unless the grain can be kept dry, it will be better to allow it to remain in stack even until summer. There was a heavy storm of snow on Friday, which delayed railway traffic, and will leave country roads in bad shape for a few days again. Export business is unsatisfactory for shippers, and the trade is mostly left to local millers and small car lot shipments to eastern Canada points. Many buyers have been called off country markets.

There was scarcely any business of any kind done on the Winnipeg Exchange during the week. Sellers were numerous, but buyers were as scarce as flies in the skating season. Nobody wanted to purchase, no matter how tempting were the offers placed before them. On Wednesday No. 2 hard in store, Fort William, sold at 82c. Following were quotations

on Friday: No. 2 hard offered 97c North Bay, offered 81c on track, Fort William; offered 90c afloat May; 89c bid. No. 1 hard offered 60c country point, 58c bid; offered 79c afloat Fort William May, 76c bid; No. 2 northern offered at 89c North Bay; No. 1 regular offered at 50c Manitoba point, 50c bid; offered 77c North Bay 76c bid. No. 2 regular offered 39c country point, 37c bid. No. 3 regular offered 30c country point, 29c bid.

On Saturday No. 1 hard offered \$1.01 North Bay; No. 2 hard offered 98c North Bay, and 90c afloat May for 10,000 bushels. No. 3 hard offered 86c North Bay, 85c bid; offered 5,000 bushels at 80c afloat Fort William May. No. 2 regular offered at 41c for 5,000 bushels, country point. No. 3 regular offered at 30c, Manitoba point. Feed wheat offered at 20c country point, without bids. Barley offered at 18c, 17c bid.

The last weekly report showed stocks in store at Fort William to be 1,432, 901 bushels, being an increase of 153,795 for the week.

FLOUR.—Prices hold steady at the quotations of the past two weeks: Wholesale quotations to the local trade in broken lots are as follows per 100 lbs: Patents, \$2.35; strong bakers', \$2.15; second, do \$1.70 to \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.20 to \$1.30; superfine, \$1.10 to \$1.15. The prices are for well known brands. Some brands selling under quotations.

MILLSUFF.—We quote bran unchanged at \$10 to \$11, and shorts at \$12 to 13 per ton, in broken lots, locally, though quotations are nominally given higher.

FEED.—Ground feed held at \$13.00 to \$14.00 per ton.

OATS.—There is still a very weak and unsatisfactory feeling in oats, and prices are again lower. Buyers would only bid about 16c per bushel of 34 lbs for car lots on track, at Manitoba country points, and a car was reported sold at this figure on Thursday. Sellers gener-

ally held about 17c, but there was little or no business transacted, as the price was regarded too high. On Friday, on change, Winnipeg, 16c was bid for 10,000 bushels, April delivery, with sellers at 18c, and bids increased to 17c. Milling oats have sold at 20c to 22c, car lots, on track, country points, for local milling, which shows that good milling qualities are relatively higher than ordinary feed grades. The Winnipeg farmers' market price is 20c to 21c for feed and 22c for good milling. Toronto price 31c to 32c in car lots.

BARLEY.—The barley market is still unsatisfactory. Sellers held at 19c to 20c, for feed quality, car lots at country points, but a bid could not be obtained to approximate these quotations. Nobody seemed to want barley at any price, bids of 15c to 16c on change being given merely to tantalize holders. On Friday there was an offer as low as 18c on change, without a buyer. Winnipeg farmers' market prices at 20c to 24c per bushel of 48 lbs, for feed, and 28c for choice milling. On Saturday on change 17c was bid for one car with seller at 18c.

MEALS.—City, Manitoba country and eastern oatmeal is in the market, and prices vary slightly. Jobbers are selling mostly at \$2.50 for rolled oats and granulated meal, and \$2.40 to \$2.45 for standard per sack. A car lot was reported sold on track here, from a country mill, for \$2.15, for rolled and granulated. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23 per ton, these prices for five ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Split peas, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$1.75 to \$2 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 pounds.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Little stock in the market, and that mostly imported, which jobbers are selling at 15c and chickens 12c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—There is much less frozen beef held than usual at this time of year, and

very little country beef offering. Fresh unfrozen city dressed is held at 6c, and good to choice frozen at 5 to 5c. Good mutton, 9c. Pork is scarce and firm, at 7 per lb. Prices east have continued to advance.

CHEESE.—Cheese is being sold by jobbers as low as 10c, but this is considered a very close price, and indeed it is lower than those who paid longer prices, could sell at. We quote 10c to 11c for large, and 11 to 11c for small sizes.

VEGETABLES.—Following are prices at which city dealers buy on the market. Potatoes, 35 to 40c; carrots, 40 to 50c; beets, 40c, per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/2 to 1 1/2c per pound; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 45 to 75c per dozen; celery 30 to 50c per dozen; onions, 2 to 2 1/2c per pound; horseradish 8c per pound. Dealers are selling sweet potatoes at \$6 per barrel, and Spanish onions at \$1.35 per crate.

BUTTER.—Stocks of choice are moderate and receipts light. We quote choice dairy, 20 to 22c, the latter for selections, with medium, 15 to 18c, as to quality.

EGGS.—Eastern limed held at 20 to 21c per dozen. No fresh stock.

CURED MEATS.—Prices are very firm and advancing in the east, hogs being up 1/2c. Dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10c; spiced rolls, 10c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1/2c; smoked hams, 12c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna sausage, 8c per pound; German sausage, 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per 1/2-lb. package.

LARD.—Compound held at \$1.80 to \$1.85 per pail. Pure at \$2.20 per 20-lb. pail.

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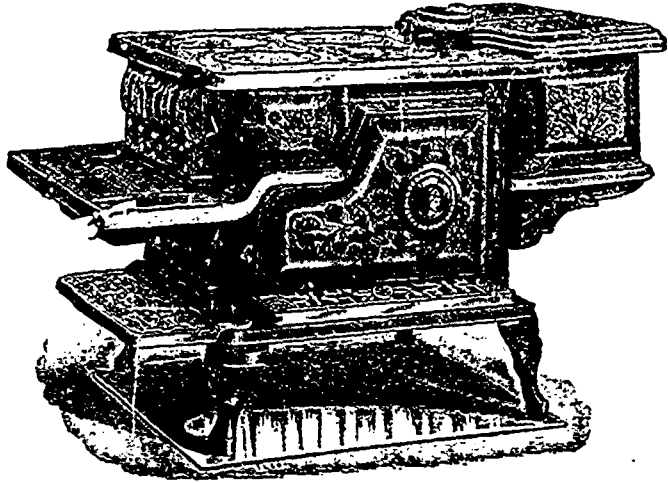
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At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the National Electric Tramway and Lighting company, there were about 9,000 shares represented. The annual report and balance sheet showed a credit for the year of \$19,000, the receipts for the same period being \$78,000. The directors were authorized to issue \$100,000 worth more stock at \$10 per share. The old directors were re-elected.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

[Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.]

On Monday wheat opened $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ lower, and declined $\frac{1}{4}$ more. Then the feeling became stronger, and prices advanced irregularly about $\frac{1}{4}$ c, the close being about $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher than Saturday. Trading was fairly active. Wheat receipts were 150 cars. Corn and oats gained $\frac{1}{4}$ c over Saturday. Provisions were lower all around. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	91 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	41 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	32
Pork	11.85	—	12.10
Lard	0.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0.72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs	5.85	—	6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Prices were weak and irregular on Tuesday, opening $\frac{1}{4}$ lower and declined $\frac{1}{4}$ more, then advanced about $\frac{1}{4}$ c, became very weak and declined $\frac{1}{4}$ c, closing about the bottom. Wheat receipts were 153 cars. Corn, oats and provisions were all lower. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	89 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	29	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	11.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	11.97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard	0.50	—	0.70
Short Ribs	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	6.10

The market closed higher on all commodities on Wednesday, wheat and oats making only a slight gain. Wheat was very irregular and opened lower, advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ c, declined $\frac{1}{4}$ c, recovered and declined again $\frac{1}{4}$ c, advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ c, sold off $\frac{1}{4}$ c, closing about $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher than Tuesday. Receipts, 132 cars. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	89 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	41	41 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	11.72 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	12.02 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard	0.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0.70
Short Ribs	6.03	—	6.10

On Thursday wheat was nervous and fluctuated wildly. The close showed little change. Uncertainty as to the contemplated anti-option legislation was the disturbing factor. Receipts 71 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	89 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	41	42	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	—	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	11.75	—	12.00
Lard	0.50	—	0.70
Short Ribs	5.95	—	6.10

There was no meeting of the board on Friday, being Lincoln's birthday. The curb was higher.

On Saturday, February 13, wheat prices were strong, the market opening at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for May wheat, and closing at 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago May wheat closed at 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Minneapolis.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on Thursday, Jan. 11:

Grades.	Feb.	Mar.	May.	On trk.
No. 1 hard	—	—	—	85
No. 1 northern	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	84
No. 2 northern	—	—	—	79-81

Closing quotations on cash wheat are made on track wheat, while the sales are made delivered. It costs $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent per bushel to deliver, so in closing wheat "on track" the close is usually $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent under the delivered price.

Flour.—Quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.65 for first patents; \$4.10 to \$4.30 for second patents, \$3.60 to \$4 for fancy and export bakers, \$1.50 to \$2.75 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Flour markets sympathize with the unsettled state of the wheat trade but in all other respects is in good form. Stocks are not called heavy through this country and the demand is fully as good as could be looked for from abroad. The continent is taking more of the middle grades of flour with considerable con-

tracts for bakers to go that way. Millers are in some instances sold largely ahead of production while others more cautious have booked less. Prices remained quite steady.

Bran and shorts.—Quoted at \$11 to \$11.50 or bran \$11 to \$12 for shorts and \$12 to \$12.50 for middlings. Millstuff remains in very good request and prices firm.

Oats.—Quoted at 20 to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 2 white; 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29c for No. 3 white and 26 to 28c for No. 2 and 3.

Barley.—Quiet at 42 to 50c for No. 3. Feed.—Millers held at \$14.50 to 15.50; less than car lots, \$15 to 16, with corn meal at \$14.50 to 14.75. Bolted meal \$16.50; granulated, \$18.

Eggs.—Fresh stock held at 20 to 23 cents per dozen.

Potatoes.—Car lots, 20 to 30c per bushel. Apples.—Common held at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per barrel, and choice, \$2 to \$2.40 in car lots.

Dressed meats.—Veal, 2 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, mutton, country dressed, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents; hogs, \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Dressed poultry.—Turkey, 9 to 12c; chickens, 8 to 12c.—Market Record, Jan. 1.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, February 13, wheat prices closed as follows for No. 1 northern: Feb. 84c. May, 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago February closed at 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and May at 87c

New York Wheat Market.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, wheat at New York was strong, and closed at the highest figures reached during the week. The highest closing on any other day was \$1.02 for May wheat on Monday. On Saturday, Feb. 13, March wheat closed at \$1.04 $\frac{1}{2}$, and May at \$1.02 $\frac{1}{2}$. A week ago the close was at \$1.03 for May wheat.

Duluth Wheat Market

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

Monday—Cash, —; February, 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Tuesday—Cash, —; February, 83c; May, 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Wednesday—Cash, —; February, 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 88c.
Thursday—Cash, —; February, 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 88c.
Friday—Holiday.
Saturday—Cash, —; February, 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A week ago January closed at 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and May at 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, February 12, 1892:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyer.
Bank of Montreal	223	220
Ontario	—	112
Molson's	167 $\frac{1}{2}$	160
Toronto	—	—
Mercantile	152 $\frac{1}{2}$	148
Union	—	90
Commerce	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	134
Commercial cable	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	150
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	120	127
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	55
City Pass Ity	—	—
Montreal Gas	—	—
Can. N. W. Land	—	—
C. P. R. (Montreal)	90	89 $\frac{1}{2}$
C. P. R. (London)	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$
Money—Time	—	—
— On Call	4	—
Sterling 60 days, N. Y. Posted rate	486 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
— Demand	489	—
— 60 days Montreal rate between banks	9 5-10	9 3-16
— Demand Montreal rate between banks	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
New York Exchange Montreal between banks	3-61	1-61 prem.

Toronto Markets.

Millfeed.—Quiet and easy. No track sales reported. Bran sold locally in tons at \$15 and shorts at \$16.

Wheat.—Ontario wheat was more active than for some days on milling account. Ex-

porters, however, were out of the market. Red and white winter sold at 87c for straight and 85c for standard. One dealer distributed 2 cars among three or four millers at these prices. Manitoba wheats were dull and easier. No. 3 hard offered at 90c North Bay, with 87c bid. No. 2 northern sold at 90c North Bay. No. 1 regular offered at 80c; 10,000 bush No. 2 regular offered at 63c North Bay. No. 1 northern offered at 97c North Bay, with 94c bid. No. 1 rejected sold at 88c North Bay.

Barley.—Demand more active and prices steady. There were several sales of No. 3 extra at 44c outside, and of No. 2 at 48c. On spot a sample lot of heavy, about No. 3 extra in color, sold at 48 and 49c. Ten thousand bushels No. 2 sold at 50c at a water point, April shipment.

Oats.—Were quiet at 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 32c here. White were bought outside at 28c.

Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.25 to \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.80 to \$4.85; Ontario patents, \$4.50 to \$4.90; straight roller, \$4 to \$4.05; extra, \$3.80 to \$3.85, low grades, per bag, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Bran—\$14 to \$15. Shorts—\$15 to \$16. Wheat—white, 85 to 87c; spring, 85 to 87c; red winter, 85 to 87c; goose, 76 to 78c; No. 1 hard, \$1.01 to \$1.02; No. 2 hard, 98 to 99c; No. 3 hard, 89 to 90c; No. 1 regular, 78c; No. 2 regular, 66 to 67c. Peas—No. 2, 59 to 60c. Barley—No. 1, 55 to 66c; No. 2, 50 to 51c; No. 3 extra, 48 to 49c; No. 3, 46 to 47c; two-rowed, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, averaging about No. 3 extra in color (outside), 53 to 57c. Corn—53c. Buckwheat—48 to 50c. Rye—75 to 78c. Oats—31 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Apples, dried.—There appears to be a better tone to the dried apple trade. Large lots are selling at 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; small lots at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Evaporated still remain quiet and firm with quotations at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Eggs.—Receipts are better. Fresh in cases are held at from 16 to 19c; limed at 14 to 15c per doz.

Meats.—Offerings not heavy and prices about steady. Beef sells: Fores, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; hinds, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Lambs is scarce and firmer at 8 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Mutton is dull at 6 to 7c. Veal is in good request at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

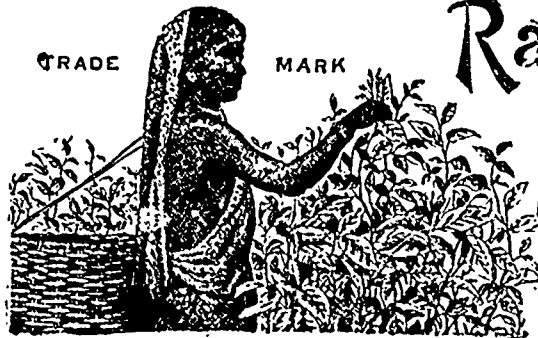
Potatoes and vegetables.—No improvement in potatoes, with cars on track quoted at 35c. The retail demand is quiet, dealers letting go stock at 45 to 50c per bag. Onions are firm at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bag in store lots. Turnips are quiet at 12 to 14c per bushel car lots.

Poultry.—Considerable fresh stock came in to-day. Turkeys quoted 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c; geese, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c; chickens, 40 to 60c per pair.

Provisions.—Receipts of dressed hogs locally were larger than yesterday. Demand was good and prices firm, \$6 being paid for the general. No transactions in cars were reported on local account, but a car in Guelph sold last night at \$6.10 f.o.b. to go to Montreal. Quotations are, Mess pork, United States, \$13.50 to \$14.00; do; Canadian (new), \$15.00; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16.25; bacon, long clear, per pound, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, compound, do, 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; smoked meats—hams, per pound (new), 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c; bellies, per pound 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c; rolls, per pound, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; backs, per pound, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; dressed hogs, \$5.00 to \$6.10 per cwt.

Butter.—Dealers are complaining about the scarcity of good butter, and in fact of all kinds. There is no accumulation of stock, and some commission men are depending entirely in the limited daily supply to fill orders. A few choice dairy tubs are held at 20c, but the bulk of the offerings are going at from 16 to 19c. Large rolls do not appear to be improving in quality, and are selling at 14 to 17c per lb. Common butter is scarce, and inferior grades of large rolls are used as a substitute. The prices range from 12 to 14c.

Cheese.—Steady and firm at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12c for best all makes. There is still some early made cheese on the market, but the demand is slow for it. Occasional sales are reported at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.—Empire, Feb. 10.



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British Columbia Business Review.

FEBRUARY 9.

At a meeting of the council of the Victoria board of trade several important matters were discussed. The proposition of the Vancouver board of trade looking to a bonus of the ship building industry by the govt. was not looked upon with favor, as the Dominion government already bonuses ship building to the extent 75c per ton, and an additional \$5 would be rather generous bonusing. It was facetiously asked to whom the vessel would belong when completed. A communication was received explaining the *modus operandi* of dealing with insolvents in the state of California, which opened the old subject up of a bankruptcy law for discussion, which ended in the Dominion government being petitioned to frame a suitable measure. Subscriptions towards the new building fund were reported satisfactory. Hon. J. H. Turner advocated sending suitable literature regarding British Columbia to be placed on the library tables of the trans-Atlantic steamers. In answer to an enquiry from England it was thought the prospect for chemical works was excellent.

It is satisfactory to know that the hop industry is progressing favorably. A company composed of F. Raith, D. McLellan, Hiram Hyde, George McKeen, and A. M. Innes, of Westminster, has been formed and are asking tenders for supplies for their ranch on the Coquitlam river, about six miles from the city. It is the intention to plant ten acres in hops this spring.

Mr. Byers, manager of the Galena Trading Co., the headquarters of which is Pilot Bay, is reported as anticipating fifteen thousand persons going into the Kootenay country in the spring. A smelter costing \$250,000 has been started and will be completed next September. Mr. Byers is reported as saying that the ore in sight is sufficient to keep a smelter constantly in operation. Apropos of the above is the rather important announcement by H. Abbott, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C.P.R., that his company has several branch lines in contemplation. During the present week surveys for a road from Revelstoke to the head of Arrow Lake will be undertaken. The distance is twenty-eight miles and no engineering difficulties to be encountered. Ultimately communication will be established with the whole of the Kootenay district.

Reports from up country are to the effect that cattle have wintered well and that there are a good many more for beef purposes than was at first supposed. It appears that ranchers have been holding for higher prices, representations being made that the supply was limited. As a consequence, the dealers on the coast made contracts east of the mountains for their March, April and May meats. This was scarcely anticipated and now ranchers are offering freely rather than feed their stock for the balance of the winter. It is probable that some of the stock will be disposed of, but not all. The wholesale price has advanced one cent all round.

Reports from the sealers already out have been somewhat discouraging. The weather has been very heavy and the catch light.

H. P. Bell, of Valdivia, Chili, writes to the *Colonist* advocating the Abt. Rock railway system as peculiarly adapted to the interior of British Columbia as its capacity for interior of British Columbia as its capacity for inclination is from nothing to 45 degrees and the cost reduced one-third. In regard to a railway into

Cariboo, his scheme would be to run a steamer from the Canadian Pacific railway at Kamloops to the head of navigation on the Clearwater river and thence by climbing the intervening ridge to Queenell lakes by the Abt. system, using a steamboat for the lake traffic and joining the north end of these lakes with Barkerville by another stretch of the Abt. Rock railway system. The total distance of railway is 80 miles and the approximate cost of the whole system \$2,500,000.

Reports from Nanaimo show a decided improvement in the mining outlook and consequently an improvement in business, which has been somewhat dull. There has been an increase in the output for January over December, and the market looks better. Business generally, however, throughout the province continues quiet. Collections are slow and money tight; wholesale merchants particularly complain and especially of the country business, which has been unusually flat. One or two assignments have occurred as the result of depression and several more are anticipated, but, as has been said previously, prospects are bright for the coming summer and no anxiety is felt.

Rumors about the Northern Pacific are taking more or less definite shape. It is announced that a by-law will be introduced in the Vancouver city council, having in view a substantial bonus. A railway charter obtained last session of the legislature, it is said, will be utilized for the purpose and a water front has already been secured for terminal facilities. The extension of the Great Northern from Westminster to Vancouver is also on the tapis and it is thought the above *coup d'état* of the Northern will inspire a similar and speedy move on the part of the latter.

A letter received at this end from Mr. Edgar Tripp, commissioner for Trinidad, speaks hopefully of a direct trade between British Columbia and the West India Islands. Through rates have been granted in connection with C. P. R., Grand Trunk and the St. John line of steamers, which discounts the rates *via* New York by 12½ cents per 100 pounds. In those articles which we depend upon each other coming from and going to the West Indies and which are now carried circuitously there is no reason, he thinks, why a direct trade should not be established, and suggests a route *via* the Horn for cheapness. While sailing vessels do a profitable trade with England, they do not as a rule go out of their course, and unless a direct charter could be obtained would not call, but if the talked of line of steamers to San Francisco be accomplished, then shipments could be made. Mr. Tripp says British Columbia lumber has found its way to the West Indies through the United States classed as white pine. Talking of the export of lumber to the United States, a meeting of the council of the Vancouver board of trade, the other evening, discussed the protection of our lumber interests. Southern pine, similar to ours, was admitted into Eastern Canada free, while there was a duty on British Columbia pine going into the United States. It was thought only fair that Canada should impose a duty equal to that imposed by the United States.

Real estate in some sections of the province is showing indications of activity. In Vancouver a syndicate has purchased a large number of lots formerly held on building conditions, from the C.P.R., and is now offering them for sale. Recently, the town sites of Barclay, Alberni, Pilot Bay, and others have been laid out and a spring movement is anticipated.

Business in local produce is likely to improve shortly upon the re-opening of Frazer river navigation. In the five or six weeks the weather has been delightfully fine and it has improved the general tone, and building, etc., has been more active as a consequence.

Oats, \$32.50 per ton; barley (bright), \$32 per ton; second grade, \$27.50 per ton. In car lots, bulk oats are \$25 and in sack, \$26.50; wheat, in bulk, \$28, in sacks, \$30; barley chop, \$27.

There is no change in flour and feed. Jobbing sales are: Manitoba Hungarian, \$5.75; strong bakers', \$5.50; Oregon, \$6 to \$6.25; Spokane, \$3.75; Enderby \$5.75 three star, \$5.35 two star. Hay, \$15 to \$16. California oatmeal, \$4.25, Canadian, \$3.50. California rolled oats, \$3.00, Canadian, \$3.50; California cornmeal, \$3.25; chop feed, \$3.1; bran, \$2.3; shorts, \$2.5; oats, \$28 to \$30; wheat, \$33 to \$38, oil ake, \$40. There has been a noticeable improvement in business in this line. Manitoba flour is still easy. Local prices in Victoria for grain feed are higher in most instances than those quoted. Rolled oats are supplied by the National mills at \$3 to \$3.25 per sack; oatmeal at \$3.50 per 100 lbs. The local supply of grains is limited.

Vegetables are scarce and dear. Potatoes are weakening in price. Large quantities of sound potatoes are being imported in Victoria. The local supply is not keeping well. Frazer valley are selling at \$18 a ton and Ashcroft \$23. Turnips and carrots are quoted 60c cwt; onions, Frazer river, 1½c, Ashcroft, 3c. Dealers who hold potatoes this year in anticipation of a raise have met heavy losses. The warm, open winter has prevented their keeping.

Stocks of butter in creamery are good which is steady at from 27c to 29c according to quality. The dealers are loaded up with Manitoba dairy and a good deal of complaint is made as to its quality. It is quoted from 20 to 22c. Robt. Scott, of Shoal Lake, Man., has just sent in a carload of butter, for which sale is likely to be slow. A telegram from San Francisco quotes fancy rolls at 32c, and some of it has already been received in Victoria where it is a favorite article. The best grades of California butter is of very fine quality and eastern dealers must not affect to despise it. It will be in the market about the first of March. It is put up tastefully in rolls of 56 to 60 to the 100 lbs. Cheese is stiffening up and is firm at 13c, Stelton 38c, Swiss 40c. Eastern fresh and laced eggs are scarce. The latter is quoted at 21 to 23c. A carload of fresh eastern is on the way for which prices are expected to be up. Fresh laid eggs are coming in freely and are selling all the way from 25c to 40c according to degree of freshness.

The market in meats, which was glutted a few weeks ago, is much firmer. Quotations are: Heavy hams, 13 to 13½c; breakfast bacon, do.; backs, 12½ to 12¾c; short rolls, 11½c; long clear, 11c; lard in tubs and pails, 13 to 13½c, in tins 13½ to 13¾c.

Oranges are on the decline and not in demand, Riverside seedlings being offered at \$2.75, and Navels at \$4. Japanese oranges are no more to be had. The market is bare of apples. Oregon apples are quoted from \$1.15 to \$1.25. There are a few Eastern apples at \$5.50 and upwards. A car load is expected shortly and will probably sell as high as \$6. California lemons at \$4.25 to \$4.50, and Scillies at \$8 and upwards.

There is very little fish in the market. The B. C. Fishing and Trading company has received some por the Iona, and a cargo of halibut is expected on the Eliza Edwards. Quotations are: Salmon, 10c; black cod, 6c; halibut (depends on catch), 7c and 8c; herring, 5c; smelts, 6c; soles, 8c; flounders, 5c and 6c. The Iona on her last trip got a small supply of oil, heretofore unknown in these waters, prawns, mussels, cockerels, shrimps, etc., she being equipped with the most improved English trawl. The market, however, depends entirely upon the immediate supply and jobbing prices are higher than those quoted. Smoked salmon is quoted, 15c; salt salmon, \$8.25 per bbl; smoked halibut, 10c; fletched halibut, 6c. Game is scarce and almost out of the market.

Remarks have already been made on the fresh meat supply. Wholesale prices have advanced this week one cent, and went up at Calgary on the first of the month. Dressed meats are now quoted: Beef, 9c; mutton, 13c and 13½c; pork, 11½c. For live it is as follows: Steers, 4½ and 5c; cows, 3½c; calves, 7½c; hogs, 7½c.

The following are San Francisco quotations for hides and skins. British Columbia quotations being 10 less:

Hides and Skins—Dry kines, sound, 10c per lb; culls, 7c to 7½c; brands, 7c to 7½c; kip and aalf, 9c; culls and brands, 6c. Heavy salted steer, sound, 7½c; brands and culls, 6½c; do medium, 6c; brands and culls, 5c; do light, 4 to 4½c; do brands and culls, 3½c to 4c. Salted cows, 4c to 4½c; do brands and culls, 3½c to 4c. Salted kip, 3½c to 4c; do brands and culls, 3c. Salted veal, 6c; do brands and culls, 4c. Salted calf, 6c; do brands and culls, 5c. Long wool pelts, 90c to \$1.40 each; medium do, 70c to 90c; short do, 40c to 70c; shearing, 10c to 25c. Doerskins, summer, 37½c per lb; do medium, 30c to 32½c; do winter and long hair skins, 20c to 25c. Elk hides, 10c to 13c. Goatskins, prime and perfect, 30c to 50c each; damaged, 10c to 25c; kids, 5c to 10c.

Sugar, rice, lumber, etc., remain unchanged from former quotations.

BRIEF BUSINESS NOTES.

Plans for an incline wharf at Nelson are under way.

J. H. Bryson is building a blacksmith shop in Westminster.

Machinery for the Nanaimo dye works is being placed in position.

After a good deal of hard work Nanaimo harbor is to be well lighted.

Water pipes have been laid between Nanaimo and Protection Island.

The Vancouver customs returns for January show a revenue of \$19,470.

The Westminster *Daily Ledger* has succumbed for lack of support.

Ex-Mayor Hilbert has completed two new stores on Wharf street, Nanaimo.

Elk Creek will have a saw mill in full running order by the first of April.

Fall wheat about Delta is looking well. The sawmill there has started up again.

S. S. Grandholm brought 1,500 tons flour from Portland for the Empress of Japan.

Mr. Wilmot, Superintendent of Fisheries, has left Ottawa for British Columbia.

North Vancouver has been included within the limits of the Vancouver district.

W. C. Archer has commenced a large brick block on Mount Pleasant, Vancouver.

A despatch from Blaine announces the extension of the Northern to Vancouver.

M. Bantly, Victoria, is building a two story brick building to be used as a cigar factory.

Pontoons have been launched to raise the San Pedro which lies wrecked near Victoria.

The ss. Egerman has been lengthened to 65 feet. New boilers and engines will be put in.

S. S. Umatilla last trip had 300 tons freight, principally wool for Boston. She took out 200 tons.

A. E. McPhillips, barrister and solicitor, late of Winnipeg, has opened an office in Victoria.

Two vessels are unloading at the British Columbia sugar refinery, which has started up again.

The Victoria brewers are considering the advisability of building another brewery there.

Westminster city council has passed a by-law removing 5 per cent. of the tax on improvements.

Some seams of coal, said to be of value, have been discovered on the mountain back of Enderby.

Twelve new boilers for the Moodyville saw mill have been built by the Albion Iron works, Victoria.

Evans, Coleman & Evans, have been appointed agents of British Columbia Terra Cotta Co., Victoria.

The Finlayson estate, Victoria, is said to be

valued at \$250,000 realty and \$280,000 personal property.

C. F. Welsh & Son have opened up as painters, paper-hangers and glaziers, in New Westminster.

McGregor & June have secured the contract of building the new Victoria brewery for \$7,000.

Victoria harbor is being dredged. When completed the harbor will have a uniform depth of 2½ fathoms.

The Round Prairie Logging Co. have cut and banked 250,000 of logs at Brewer's mill, at Armstrong.

Chas. F. Winter, Ottawa, has been appointed secretary of the British Columbia fisheries commission.

Deposits to the amount of \$250,000 were received at the Dominion Savings Bank, Victoria, during 1891.

The revenue of Nanaimo customs house for January was \$6,485. Value of goods imported, \$23,173.00.

J. C. Douglas, liquor merchant, Vancouver, has moved two doors west of his old stand, Cordova street.

The British Columbia tanning company, Nanaimo, has decided to increase the capital stock \$10,000.

South Westminster property owners have resolved to bore for coal. Surface indications are said to be good.

The imports at Westminster for January were \$31,757. Exports, \$5,335, and duties collected, \$7,538.51.

O. H. Goochin, Victoria, has disposed of his business, that of manufacturing pianos, to Geo. W. Fuggle.

Baufield and Ditmens, Vancouver, have entered into partnership as accountants, auditors and assignees.

A seven mile telephone service is to be established by the Hudson's Bay Co. between Fort Simpson and Georgetown.

McIntosh, Sloan & McGirr, general merchants of Johnson's landing, have assigned to Oppenheimer Bros., Vancouver.

R. H. Alexander and John Devine have been appointed to act with Wilson Cargill as license commissioners for Vancouver.

J. S. Smith, Chilliwack, is enlarging his factory for the manufacture of incubators apiary supplies and grain and bone grinders.

J. C. O'Keefe, rancher, Okanagan, is going to fence 3,000 acres of pasture land between Vernon and the head of Okanagan lake.

Hamilton Byers, manager of the Galena Trading Co., has let the contract for a two-story 39x80 foot building at Pilot Bay.

A. P. Horne, for some time in the C. P. R. office, Vancouver, has been appointed secretary of the Okanagan Land and Development.

The firm of J. T. Road & Co., hardware, New Westminster, has assigned. Insufficient capital and the recent fire were the causes.

A project of raising the old steamer Beaver, the first to sail the Pacific ocean, and taking her to the World's fair, has been set on foot.

C. B. Perry, Vancouver, has been appointed city agent and inspector for the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York.

Over a million feet of logs have been cut by the logging camp recently established on the Sillovet River, by the Brunette Saw Mill Company.

Bell-Irving & Paterson, Vancouver, were awarded the contract for the pipes for the extension of the water-works, estimated at \$100,000.

Rosenbaum & Co., Hamburg and London, wholesale dealers in drugs, chemicals, etc., have decided to open a branch of their business in Vancouver.

The preliminary survey of the Burrard Inlet and Pitt river canal has been undertaken.

Qsyters in Burrard Inlet may be a possibility of its completion.

An oil factory stated not long ago at Nanaimo, has been objected to as a nuisance. Inspector of Fisheries McNabb, who was called in, refused to interfere.

The executive committee of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' association has held a meeting to make arrangements for the annual exhibition in August.

A telegram from Montreal announces that the big sticks of timber referred to in THE COMMERCIAL, arrived there in less than ten days from Vancouver.

The Barclay Sound Land & Improvement Company has been incorporated. The capital stock being \$100,000, \$70,000 of which has already been paid up.

The promoters of the Pilot Bay town site, Kootenay, intended calling it Galena, but a post office of that name already exists and a change will be made.

A meeting was held Saturday evening in the Town Hall, Chilliwack, to consider the reclamation of low lands in Chilliwack, in connection with the dyking of Sumas plains.

The Consumers' Water Works Company, Nelson, is applying to the Legislature for the right of taking water from the creeks around. A counter petition has been sent in.

A factory is about to be established in Victoria for the manufacture of Vault lights and patent stone by James S. Perce, who has also a patent for an underground viaduct.

The preliminary survey of the Nicola Valley railway from Spence's Bridge to Nicola lake, 40 miles, has been completed. It passes through good farming land and mineral property.

The sealing schooner Beatrice put back to Vancouver last week for repairs. She went south but met with heavy weather, being capsized and losing all her boats. She caught 22 seals.

The Eliza Edwards' halibut catch was all sold, at good prices, in Boston. The agent reports a ready market. A joint stock company is organizing, half of the stock to be taken up in Boston.

The British barque, City of Carisle, cleared from Victoria for Liverpool with \$105,235 worth of salmon and a miscellaneous cargo worth \$119,205. One hundred tons Manitoba wheat is included.

The Westminster Building Society has held its annual meeting. The report shows 466 shares of \$500 each taken up and \$13,300 loaned out during the year. A dividend of \$3 per share was declared.

Some anxiety was felt for the steamer Iona which was out on a fishing expedition north. The weather was very stormy and only one good day's fishing was obtained. A small miscellaneous catch was made.

The Canadian Co-operative Supply Company have opened a branch business in Vancouver, with offices in the Dougall Block, David F. Nolan in charge. Agents have been appointed for Victoria, Westminster and Nanaimo.

At a meeting of the Columbia and Kootenay Steam Navigation Co., Revelstoke, it was decided to run four steamers during the coming season, three between Revelstoke and Little Dalles—the Columbia, Lytton and Kootenay—and one on Kootenay Lake.

Notice is given of application for incorporation by the World Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, of Vancouver, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The trustees are to be J. C. McLagan, John Mitchell O'Brien and Robert Alexander Anderson.

The owners of the Neesho mineral claim in Ainsworth division have stocked it at Seattle, the company being known as the "Neesho Mining Company (Foreign)," with a capital of \$50,000. The company's main place of business will be at Ainsworth.

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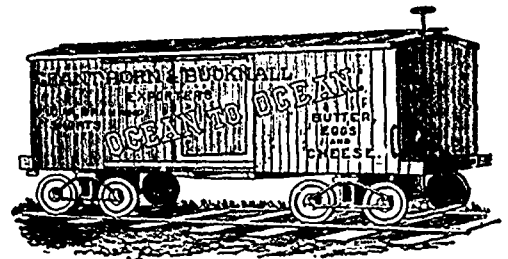
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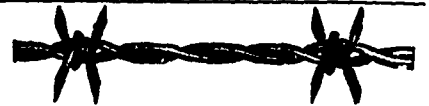
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Smutty Wheat Treated.

The question of smutty wheat which is being discussed at the present time in all parts of the country will be given an additional interest by the subjoined letter, which has been sent for publication by Angus McKay, superintendent, of the experimental farm at Indian Head.

Smut is a fungus which acts in mysterious ways and so far as is yet known is difficult to account for. The same seed sown on fallow land and on spring plowing will give very smutty wheat on the fallow and almost entirely free from smut on the spring plowing; one half of a head will be smut balls, the other half No. 1 hard wheat; one two or more heads in a stool of wheat will be smut, the balance good grain. One farmer has no smut, his neighbor alongside has not one bushel of wheat free from it, though neither have treated their seed. While smut acts in above strange ways when seed has not been treated its dangerous habits can be effectually overcome by little expense and very little trouble.

You give remedy advised by the Winnipeg board of trade as one suitable for the evil, which I have no doubt is, but for large quantities of seed it is rather troublesome. For very smutty seed one pound of blue stone to five bushels of wheat is almost a certain cure, while for seed that is not badly affected one pound to eight or ten bushels is ample. This will do away with soaking seed in salt brine and is much more easily applied than the two doses of medicine.

Let a farmer take his wagon box (if tight), put in ten bushels of seed, throw over this one pail of water in which two pounds of blue stone has been dissolved, turn three or four times so as to thoroughly mix. After turning until all the grain is damp, taking about fifteen minutes time, shovel it out in a heap; if no other place is available, hard ground will do. After the grain has been shoveled out of box by turning at intervals of thirty minutes or so it will be fit to bag up or sow in two or three hours if the day is at all favorable; One or two men in this way can get over a great many bushels in a few hours and put in their pockets a few months afterwards many dollars for their trouble.

The following result was obtained last season from sowing smutty seed treated and untreated. Three plots of 1-10 acre each were sown and when ripe six feet square of the grain in each plot was cut and every head counted. The remaining portion of wheat plot was afterwards cut, threshed and weighed.

Red fife untreated, sown 17 April, good, 1,011 heads; smut, 1,010 heads; yield, 24.10 bushels.

Red fife, treated, 1 to 5 bushels, 17 April, good, 2,033 heads; smut, 17 heads; yield, 32.00 bushels.

Red fife, treated, 1 to 10 bushels, 17 April, good, 1,789 heads; smut, 207 heads; yield 29.30 bushels.

The grain from the untreated seed is unsaleable at any price.

Yours very truly,
ANGUS MACKAY,
Superintendent.

The Peace River District.

"The Peace River District" was the subject of a lecture delivered in Portage la Prairie a few evenings ago, by Rev. A. Garrioch, who spent seventeen years in that northern region as a Church of England missionary. In reporting the lecture the *Review* says:—

"This much talked of country is 1,390 miles from here, 500 miles further north than Portage and 700 miles farther west. To get there the traveller goes 1,040 miles by train, then 350 by wagon and boat. It is supposed that the Peace River country derived its name from a treaty of peace made many years ago between the Beaver Indians and the Crees. The scene,

of the country is magnificent. As the speaker dilated on its beauty and pictured its mountain grandeur, its great sweeps of prairie intersected by winding rivers, bordered with a wreath of cedar and other forest treasures, his eye lit up with an artist's love of the beautiful, and more than one in the audience wished they might one day also have the privilege of visiting this land of promise. It abounds in timber, and, putting the estimate at the lowest, Mr. Garrioch felt certain that the annual output of the country before long would be eight billion feet of lumber, and then leave plenty for the use of 800,000 homesteaders whom he hoped to see soon settled there. There are some fifty farmers including the Hudson Bay Company. In all there are about 300 cattle and 1,000 horses. There is nothing to hinder any energetic man from making a fortune out there ranching as the grasses are so nutritious and sweet that the cattle are rolling fat with no special care from their owners. For about seven and a half months there is no snow at all and in the winter the chinook winds are sure to follow every cold spell, thereby lessening the length and severity of the winter very much. Two weeks of spring-like weather are sure to follow the cold snaps. Navigation is open for over seven months of the year and the climate taken as a whole, the speaker considered fully as pleasant as that of Manitoba. That the soil is good there is no doubt; the products prove that, and the country is rich in wood and water. A profusion of flowers adorn the landscape, and a sunflower, which Mr. Garrioch measured, was fourteen inches in diameter. It is an ordinary thing to have pumpkins grown in the gardens which weigh twenty-five pounds.

Lumber Cuttings.

An order-in council recently passed has an important bearing on the lumber business regulations heretofore governing the granting of yearly licenses to cut timber on Dominion land provided that licenses should have in operation within one year from a date to be fixed in the license and kept in operation for at least six months of each year of his holding a saw mill in connection with his berth capable of cutting daily at least 1,000 feet board measure of lumber for every two and a half square miles of area licensed. The Government being now of opinion that the time has now arrived when licensees should not be called upon to construct a mill unless the establishment thereof would supply a local need, an order-in-council has been passed amending the regulation so that licensees shall only be required to construct a mill and commence the manufacture of lumber within one year from the date on which he is notified by the Government that such step is necessary and expedient in the public interest.

The Eau Claire Lumber Company of Calgary, will put in two waterwheels of 100 horse power each, to be used for their saw mill and electric light purposes. The wheels will be shipped from Springfield, Ohio, on Feb. 17th.

Freight Rates and Traffic.

The Chicago *Trade Bulletin* of Feb. 8 says: The railroad situation has grown worse instead of better the past week. The leading roads are evidently short of motive power and are unable to handle the grain business, not only here but at the leading western points. A number of western roads have refused to accept grain consigned to eastern roads except in foreign cars. Rail rates remain steady at 25c for flour and grain and 30c for provisions to New York. Through business was restricted, owing to the inability of the roads to handle traffic. Through rates to Liverpool were weaker and lower, due to the decline in ocean rates. Flour ranged at 37½ to 39½c, grain at 36 to 37½c, and provisions at 48 to 52½c. Lake freights received more attention and were weaker and lower. Charters to Buffalo were made at 3½ to 4c for corn, the inside at the close. Wheat rates were 3½c at the close.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the three weeks ended Jan. 23, Jan. 30 and Feb 6, are shown below with the grading of the same.

Grade.	Jan 23	Jan 30	Feb 6.
Extra Manitoba hard	1	0	0
No. 1 hard	16	12	15
No. 2 hard	48	72	77
No. 3 hard	57	103	63
No. 1 Northern	4	0	0
No. 2 Northern	9	31	20
No. 3 Northern	1	1	0
No. 1 White tyfo	2	1	1
No. 1 Regular	66	100	67
No. 2 Regular	86	100	91
No. 3 Regular	21	28	6
No. 1 Rejected	11	8	15
No Grade	14	12	32
Rejected	20	44	51
Feed Wheat	10	9	0
Total	405	542	424

Total inspected for the three weeks, 1,371 cars. Inspected for the previous three weeks, 1,538 cars.

The Outlook for Flax.

It is not likely that a great area of flax will be planted this year, particularly in Kansas. Last year's crop was not a great success, averaging 7.2 bu. against 10 bu in Iowa and 9.6 bu in Minnesota. The failure of many winter wheat fields may lead to some flax seeding which would not otherwise have been done, but the acreage is not likely to equal last year's. Nor is the flax area in the Northwest likely to be as large as last year. The wheat crop of 1891 paid so much better than the flax crop than any extension of cultivated area is likely to be put to wheat. Last fall when flax dropped under 90c in Chicago, it broke the record of low prices. It is 93c now.—*Kansas City Trade Review*.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of Feb. 8th, in its weekly review of the British Grain Trade, says: The prices of English wheats are still declining. When offered at 6d reduction, the trade is slow, but when 1s is conceded ready buyers are found. Foreign wheats are irregularly lower. At Liverpool there has been 3d per cental decline on Californian and 2d per cental decline on other sorts of American wheats. Flour has dropped 6d per sack. Corn has fallen 1s without encouraging an advance. Barley is almost unsaleable at 1s decline. Oats have lost 1s and linseed 6d. At Monday's market English wheats were firm; without quotable advance; American was readily bought at the rise. Flour was in better demand and prices were up 6d.

C. H. Waterous, sr., founder in 1840 of the Waterous Engine Works Co., Bantford, Ont., with branches at St. Paul and Winnipeg, is dead.

The trade of Montreal, says the *Bulletin*, has been surprised the past few days by the magnificent size of frozen salmon arriving from British Columbia. Brown Bros., of St. Catherine street, are now exhibiting some monsters, such as have rarely, if ever, been seen here before.

Stocks of wheat in store in Minnesota and Dakota country elevators amounted to 11,834,900 bushels, showing a decrease of 432,300 bushels for the week. The stock of wheat in Minneapolis public elevator is 8,421,403 bushels, showing an increase of 149,151 bushels. The stock in Duluth is 7,954,931 bushels, an increase of 159,169 bushels. The Minneapolis private stocks, as computed by the Northwest-ern Miller, are 1,653,000 bushels, showing an increase of 179,000 bushels for the week. The total supply in Minnesota and Dakota elevators amounts to 29,864,234 bushels showing an increase of 51,020 bushels. The total a year ago was 22,397,887 bushels, an increase of 145,763 bushels for that week.—*Minneapolis Market Review*, Feb. 8th.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Wallace & Co., woollens, Lindsay, have sold out.

Chas. Koolln, dry goods, Kingston, has assigned.

John Price, general store, Port Stanley, has sold out.

Young & Murphy, groceries, Prescott, have assigned.

W. Coates & Bro., jewelers, Brockville, have dissolved.

John Sowerby, general store, Belhaven, has assigned.

Carter & Young, general store, Glencoe, have dissolved.

Thos. Kinsella, groceries, Ottawa; bailiff in possession.

T. L. Claffo, shoes, Ottawa, is offering to compromise.

J. H. Boggess, furniture, Hamilton, is giving up business.

Archd. Campbell, hardware, Newmarket, has assigned.

Paul Ohlke, picture frames, Kingston, is compromising.

S. A. Thompson, general store, Hamilton, is giving up business.

R. J. McLoughlin, general store, Wallaceburgh, has assigned.

W. D. Fuller, shoes, Belleville, has called a meeting of creditors.

W. J. McLean, groceries, etc., London, is going out of business.

Kilbourn, Bishop & Co., general store, Owen Sound, have assigned.

W. T. Jamieson, tailor, Ottawa, has sold out to Connolly & Groves.

Robert Kerr, shoes and tins, Fergus, was damaged by fire; insured.

C. F. Nicholson, publisher, Oshawa, was damaged by fire; insured.

Turner, Burns & Co., general store, Sault Ste. Marie, have dissolved.

T. M. & E. S. Edmondson, millers, Oshawa, are succeeded by E. S. Edmondson.

A. C. Barnett, shoes, Deseronto, is offering a compromise of 50 cents on the dollar.

J. M. Garland, wholesale dry goods, Ottawa; stock partly damaged by fire and water.

R. T. Robertson, shoes, Carlton Place, is offering a compromise of 50 cents on the dollar.

Carroll & Vick, contractors and general store, Credit Forks, are succeeded in the general store business by Ansley & Thomin.

Wm. Campbell, general store; Wm. Ebbs, shoes; Thos. Graham, furniture and livery, Tweed; damaged by fire—insured.

Cronk & Benson, shoe jobbers, St. Thomas, have dissolved; the business will be continued under the style of Cronk & Tallman.

QUEBEC.

Haydn Pizzo Co., Montreal, have dissolved.

J. J. Auclair, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

G. Bresse, shoe manufacturer, Quebec, is dead.

Geo. Payne, gunsmith, Montreal, has assigned.

A. H. Latour, dry goods, Montreal, has compromised.

Arthur Lefebvre, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Joseph Mercier, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Ed. Clermont, crockery, Montreal, has compromised.

Boisseau Bros., dry goods, Montreal, have suspended.

Honore Thibaudau, general store, Stanford, has assigned.

T. J. Sampson, Arthabaskaville, has assigned. Hua, Richardson & Co., leather, Montreal, have assigned.

Kearney Bros., wholesale teas, Montreal, have dissolved.

Gaudette & Co., groceries and hardware, Farnham, have assigned.

Arnoldi, Stewart & Co., railroad supplies, Montreal, have dissolved.

Albert Gaudet, general store, St. Monique, is offering a compromise.

Z. Boaregard, general store, St. Guillaume, is offering to compromise.

Felix Trotter, general store and match manufacturer, St. Casimir, has assigned.

NOVA SCOTIA.

J. E. Wilson, stoves, etc., Halifax, has assigned.

C. Graham & Co., grocers, Halifax, have assigned.

J. M. Davis, groceries, etc., Yarmouth, has assigned.

David Redmond, general store, etc., Pugwash, has assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

J. A. Flett, general store, Campbellton, has assigned.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—Business is said to be as flat as dish-water. Regarding a sale last week of straight rollers at \$4.45, it appears that this was a forced sale, and therefore the price was not a fair market quotation; a sale of a car of choice has been made this week at \$4.65, and the market value to-day is \$4.55 to \$4.65. Patent winter, \$4.95 to \$5.10; patent spring, \$5.00 to \$5.15; straight roller, \$4.50 to \$4.65; extra, \$4.15 to \$4.25; superfine, \$3.90 to \$4.15; fine, \$3.30 to \$3.60; city strong bakers' \$4.90 to \$5.00; Manitoba strong bakers' \$4.50 to \$4.75.

Oatmeal—We quote as follows: Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.45 to \$4.55 per barrel, and \$2.20 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.35 to 45; per barrel, and bags, \$2.15 to \$2.17½. Pot barley, \$4.00; pearl barley, No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel, \$3.75 per half barrel.

Mill Feed—There has been a little business in bran during the week at \$15.00 to \$16.00 in car lots, and there is more inquiry in the west. Shorts are \$16.00 to \$17.00.

Wheat—Prices are easier, but business on spot is so quiet that it is hard to say what values really are. Prices west of Toronto are down to 85 to 87c for winter and spring wheat.

Oats—Prices are weak and lower, No. 2 white being quoted at 32 to 33c, while they are being offered at 32c on the cars. Sales have been made in the country at 30c, but even this is considered too high.

Barley—Business is dull, and No. 3 in the west is offered at 43c.

Butter—Export business has been slow, but prices remain steady and very firm. Sales have been made of Western dairy at 16 to 18c, while Townships have been steady at 21 to 22c for fine fall goods. Creamery is quoted at 24 to 26c; roll butter at 16 to 17c for western.

Cheese—Sales have transpired during the week of large lots of fine fall goods at 11½ to 11¾c. The market is pretty bare.

Pork, lard, etc.—Business is active in all lines and prices are gradually advancing all round. Canada short cut mess pork, per barrel, \$16.75 to \$17.00; Canada short cut clear pork, per barrel, \$16; mess pork, American, per barrel, \$14.50 to \$15.00; extra mess beef, per barrel, \$14.50 to \$15.00; hams, city cured, per pound, 10½ to 11½c; lard, pure in pails, per pound, 8½ to 9c; lard, compound, in pails, 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per pound, 9½ to 10½c; shoulders, per pound, 8½ to 9c.

Dressed hogs—It seems as if, after all the talk of a tremendous crop, that the supply is about exhausted. Accordingly, prices have

again advanced, and car lots have been sold \$6.50, while it is claimed that \$6.75 would be the price to-day.

Eggs—The market is very weak with a poor demand. Limed are being offered at 15c and even at 14c; held fresh are dull at 16 to 17c.

Apples—Offerings of apples in car lots from the west are very liberal and in excess of the demand. Prices, \$1.90 to \$2.25 as to quality. Dried apples steady, and prices quoted, 4½ to 5c per pound, as to quality. Evaporated apples, 8 to 9c per pound, as to quality.

Groceries—The sugar market is still very quiet and devoid of interesting features. Granulated, 4½c; yellows, low grades, 3 7/16 to 7½c; bri it yellow, 3¾ to 4½c at the refineries. Coffee—Prices are unchanged, and we quote: Rio, 18 to 20c; Java, 26 to 30c; Mocha, 27 to 30c; Jamaica, 18 to 20c; Maracaibo, 23 to 25c. Dried fruits—Valencias, ordinary, 4½ to 5c; No. 1. off-stock, 5½ to 6c; layers, 6½ to 7½c. Patras currants, 5½ to 6c; Vostizzas, in cases 7½ to 8c. Walnuts, Grenoble, 12½ to 13c; Bordeaux, 10½ to 11c; Ivicas, 12 to 13c; Tarragonas, 14 to 15.—Montreal Trade Bulletin

Alberta.

I. S. Freeze & Co., general store, Calgary, have dissolved partnership.

Ingraham & Clark, hotel, Calgary; J. S. Ingraham has sold out to E. C. Clarke.

Damers & Son., grocers, etc., Victoria, have assigned.

John Craig, undertaker, Vancouver; closed by the sheriff.

Ceylon Tea Company, teas, etc., Vancouver, are opening a branch at New Westminster.

James MacLaren, president of the Bank of Ottawa, is dead. The deceased was born at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1818, and was 74 years of age when he died. He was president and largely interested in the MacLaren-Ross lumber company, New Westminster, B.C., and in the North Pacific lumber company, at Port Moody, B.C. He owned salt and silver mines in the west and extensive iron mines in Ottawa county.

A Washington telegram says: "The Canadian reciprocity commissioners, Sir John Thompson, Hon. McKenzie Bowell and Hon. George Foster, accompanied by the British Minister Sir Julian Pauncefote, called at the State Department at noon to-day. They were immediately shown into the private reception room where Secretary Blaine accorded them a hearty greeting. Col. J. W. Foster, who has charge of the reciprocity bureau was sent for and they informally discussed the subject of their visit."

A subscriber to the Montreal weekly *Witness* writes to that paper, that through the hints received in its agricultural column he is now the possessor of a twelve thousand dollar farm which he otherwise would not have owned, and that he, through following its advice, is making a success of his orchard and bee culture. It is a noticeable fact, that the readers of the Montreal *Witness* are as a rule well-to-do, prosperous and influential. People of this class admire such a paper as the *Witness*, and the *Witness* aids in increasing their prosperity and extending their influence for good. It is a highly interesting paper.

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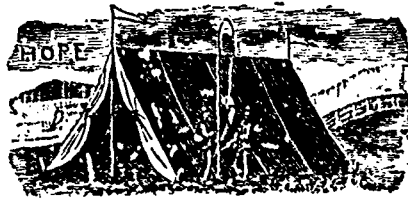
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6.10p	1.54p	10	Low Farm	12.14p	9.35a	
5.14p	1.24p	21	Myrtle	12.43p	10.34a	
4.50p	1.10p	35	Roland	12.55p	10.57a	
4.11p	12.60p	33	Rosebank	1.15p	11.37a	
3.40p	12.35p	39	Miami	1.45p	12.10p	
2.53p	11.49a	49	Deerwood	2.11p	1.02p	
2.20p	11.37a	54	Altamont	2.25p	1.25p	
1.40p	11.16a	62	Somerset	2.45p	2.05p	
1.13p	11.00a	68	Swan Lake	3.00p	2.35p	
12.43p	10.44a	74	Indian Springs	3.14p	3.04p	
12.19p	10.32a	79	Maricapolis	3.20p	3.26p	
11.40a	10.16a	88	Greenway	3.42p	3.58p	
11.15a	10.00a	92	Balder	3.57p	4.23p	
10.20a	9.36a	102.0	Belmont	4.20p	5.11p	
9.52a	9.16a	109.7	Hilton	4.33p	5.53p	
9.02a	8.50a	120.0	Wawanesa	5.03p	6.43p	
8.15a	8.25a	129.5	Rounthwaite	5.27p	7.30p	
7.33a	8.05a	137	Martinville	5.45p	8.03p	
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