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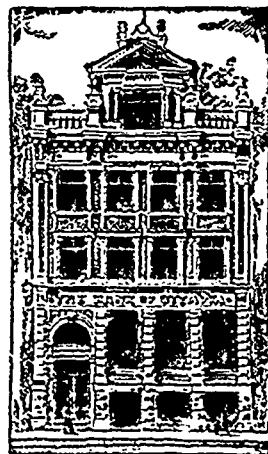
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, 1890--1900.

ASSETS.	Jan. 1st, 1890	Jan. 1st, 1900.	LIABILITIES.	Jan. 1st, 1890	Jan. 1st, 1900
Quick Assets	\$ 2,432,135.38	\$ 8,274,182.14	Capital paid in	\$ 1,114,300.00	\$ 1,760,900.00
Loans and bills discounted.	5,903,094.20	11,270,924.09	Reserve undivided profits..	572,973.81	2,193,136.57
Other assets	44,956.41	74,669.61	Notes in circulation	1,325,270.68	1,670,368.50
Bank premises	94,975.77	* 18,640.59	Other liabilities.....	194,238.36	198,032.96
	\$ 8,475,161.76	\$ 19,638,396.43	Deposits	5,268,378.91	13,815,358.40
				\$ 8,475,161.76	\$ 19,638,396.43

* Nominal value.

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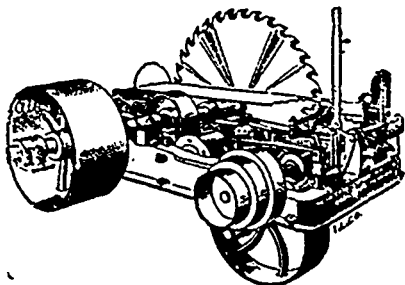
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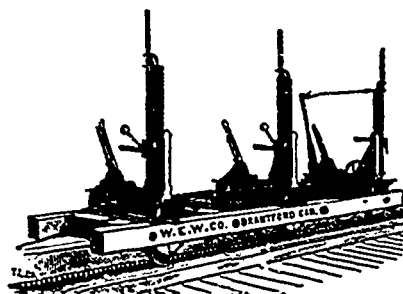
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WINNIPEG, MAR. 24, 1900.

Rubber Shoe Prices.

The Rubber Shoe Manufacturers of Canada held a meeting last week in Montreal to discuss the situation for the present year, the following companies being represented: Canadian Rubber Co., Granby Rubber Co., Gutta Percha and Rubber Co., Boston Rubber Co., and Toronto Rubber Shoe Manufacturing Co. A letter was read from the Berlin Rubber Co., of Berlin, Ont., stating that they would uphold and carry out any plans agreed upon. It was unanimously decided to adopt a uniform price list for the coming seasons trade, and a sub-committee was appointed to prepare the new price list to be issued on April 1 next. The new price list, says the Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal, it is claimed, will show some changes made necessary by the continued high prices of raw material. Rubber, cottons, fleeces, and in fact everything that enters into the manufacture of rubber shoes, have advanced from 10 to 25 per cent over last season, and wooden cases, not an unimportant item, are costing nearly 75 per cent more than at the corresponding date of last year. We are given to understand, however, that the advance that may be made on the list will not equal the advance in cost of raw material. The companies will endeavor, by economy in manufacturing, to keep prices down as much as is possible. As an evidence of this it is notorious that Canadian prices for some years past have been from 5 to 7 1-2 per cent below the prices at which similar goods are sold in the United States.

It has been decided by the companies to make the rubber year end on the last day of February in each year instead of March, as formerly, so that lists and discounts will be announced in future one month earlier, as more suitable for the Canadian trade. Many houses doing trade in the distant provinces ask for samples in March.

The manufacturers, desiring to meet the wishes of the wholesale trade, have this season sent out letters of inquiry to all the jobbers, requesting their views on the matter of contracts and freights, and the replies to these letters being overwhelmingly in favor

of a contract binding the jobbers as to the prices and discount at which they will sell to the retail trade and an equalization of freights as from competing points, the views as embraced in these requests will be carried out in the arrangement made for the coming season's trade.

Discounts will be announced simultaneously with the issue of new price lists on the 1st April.

C. P. R. Annual Report.

The annual meeting of the C. P. R. is to be held at Montreal on the 4th of April, at which a statement including the following information will be made by the directors:

A balance sheet of the affairs of the company at Dec. 31, 1899, shows the gross earnings for the year were, \$29,230,088.26; the working expenses were \$16,999,872.77; and the net earnings were \$12,230,165.49.

The working expenses for the year amounted to 58.16 per cent of the gross earnings, and the net earnings to 41.84 per cent, as compared with 59.92 and 40.08 per cent, respectively in 1898. The earnings per passenger per mile were 1.79 cents and per ton of freight per mile 0.74 cents, as against 1.52 and 0.76 cents respectively in 1898. During the year, two hundred and seventy-four miles of the main line were relaid with steel rails weighing seventy-three and eighty pounds per yard, and the policy was continued of improving the railway and its facilities with a view to most economical operation.

To meet the requirements of the traffic, a greater number of cars and locomotives had to be provided than was anticipated a year ago, involving an expenditure of \$1,070,315.36 in excess of the appropriation made at the last annual meeting.

"The growth of your company's business requires an enlargement of the facilities at Winnipeg that cannot longer be delayed. In connection with a new passenger station it is proposed to provide hotel accommodation for the travelling public. During the past year nearly all of the land necessary for these improvements was acquired, but it is estimated that the building and other works will require an expenditure of \$750,000, within the next two years."

You will be asked to authorize expenditures during the current year at Montreal and Winnipeg in connection with these works to the extent of \$750,000; also expenditures for permanent wharves and other terminal work at Vancouver, \$98,817; for improvements to permanent way, \$987,744 for increased yard and other facilities at various points on the system, \$461,928, and for additional rolling stock, \$975,000."

You will be asked to approve a lease by your company of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company's main line and branches, two hundred and fifty-three miles in all, and a lease of the Great North West Central railway, extending from a point on your main line near Brandon, Manitoba, in a northwesterly direction for a distance of fifty miles, with an extension now in course of construction, twenty miles in length, both of these lines are important contributors of traffic to your system, and, therefore, you could not afford to have them fall into other hands.

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Wheat Supplies and Reserves. March 1.

The world's wheat stock showed a small gain during the month of February. It is true there was a decrease of 3,000,000 bushels in the American supply, the latter covering the United States and Canada, but European stocks showed a slight increase, while those in Australia and Argentina also showed gains, the result being a gain of 1,368,000 bushels in the aggregate world's supply, as the following table shows:

	March 1. 1900.	Feb. 1. 1900.
U. S. & Canada...	93,384,000	96,396,000
Europe & afloat	66,300,000	66,000,000
Australia	9,100,000	7,400,000
Argentina	7,900,000	5,520,000

Totals 176,684,000 175,316,000

The aggregate world's supply, it will be seen, on March 1 amounted to 176,684,000 bushels, an increase of 1,368,000 bushels over Feb. 1 and of 1,607,000 bushels over January 1. Compared with a year ago the aggregate stock of wheat is 41,000,000 bushels larger, and as compared with March 1, 1899, which witnessed the beginning of the acute stage of the "Lietor corner," the increase is 50,000,000 bushels. The chief increase in stocks as compared with one and two years ago, it will be seen, was in the United States and Canada, in which stocks are 37,000,000 bushels larger than last year and 41,000,000 bushels larger than two years ago. European stocks are smaller than a year ago by 2,000,000 bushels. Australian stocks are only slightly in excess, while the small quantity in Argentina renders the practical trebling of stocks there of little moment.

European supplies were the smallest on March 1 this year reported on this date for nine years past.

There is shown a decrease of less than 3,000,000 bushels in European and American supplies for the month, while as compared with a year ago the said supplies are 35,400,000 bushels larger, and as compared with 1898 they are 41,000,000 bushels larger, and with 1897, 26,000,000 bushels larger. They are, however, smaller than the stock held at the same time in 1896 by 12,000,000 bushels, and as compared with 1895 the decrease is 33,000,000 bushels.

New C. P. R. Hotel and Depot.

Notice is being given to the tenants now occupying buildings on the site of the proposed new Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s hotel in Winnipeg, that they will be required to vacate about May 1 next. The principal building on the property is the Royal hotel. The buildings will probably be sold by auction.

City contractors are now inspecting the plans for this building and preparing their tenders. It is expected that work will commence as soon as the weather will permit. The building is estimated to cost about \$750,000 without furnishings or extras.

The new store adjoining the post office in Portage la Prairie, to which reference was made in The Commercial of March 10, was built and is still owned by A. McKillop, and now by D. McKillop, as stated. The store is 32 by 85 feet, built of stone and brick, and is one of the best in the town.

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case in all towns of such rapid growth, the buildings are all frame, but those in the newer portion of the town are, for the most part, well built, considerable attention also being paid to appearances, so that the town does not give one the impression of having grown up in a night.

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View in Fernie, B. C.
Photo by Steele & Co., Winnipeg.

It was not until the fall of 1898 that the townsite of Fernie was cleared and buildings erected and even then building operations were so delayed, on account of the scarcity of lumber, that it was well on into winter, and in some cases nearly spring, before the buildings were completed. Previous to this a number of log houses had been run up across the railway track in what is now termed the old town. Here a number of stores were opened in the spring of 1898, the goods being brought in by pack trains as the railway did not reach this point until June of that year. As is the

is now being built. It has electric light, telephone and waterworks systems which are operated by the Coal company. The water is taken from Coal creek at a point about three miles from the town, the force of gravity giving a pressure of 120 lbs. in the hydrants. The principal factor in the building up and maintenance of this town is the coal mines, owned by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, from which a very high grade of coking coal is obtained. A test made of this coal by the British government for use on their men-of-war proved it to be one of the

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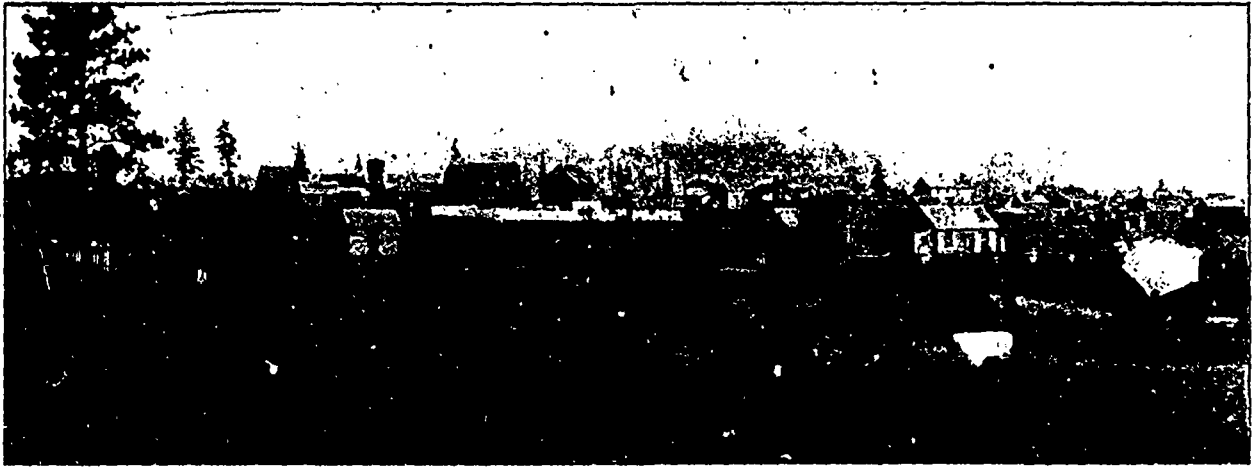
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is very fine coal from which the coke is manufactured. The usual output of the mines per day is from 800 to 900 tons, although as much as 937 tons have been handled. Work was commenced on these mines in March, 1898, and last year they produced over 100,000 tons of coal, part of

ler and Henry Dunlop are in charge of the underground shafts.

The coke ovens, as has already been said, are located at the town. There are 202 of these, each holding six tons of coal. These are in two rows, the walls of which are of stone, while the ovens, which are bee-hive shaped, are

the Northwest Mounted Police built a fort at the same point, when the name was changed to Fort Steele by which it is still known. The town of Fort Steele, however, is of much more recent date as until four years ago there was almost nothing but the buildings comprising the fort here. It has now



Fort Steele, B.C.

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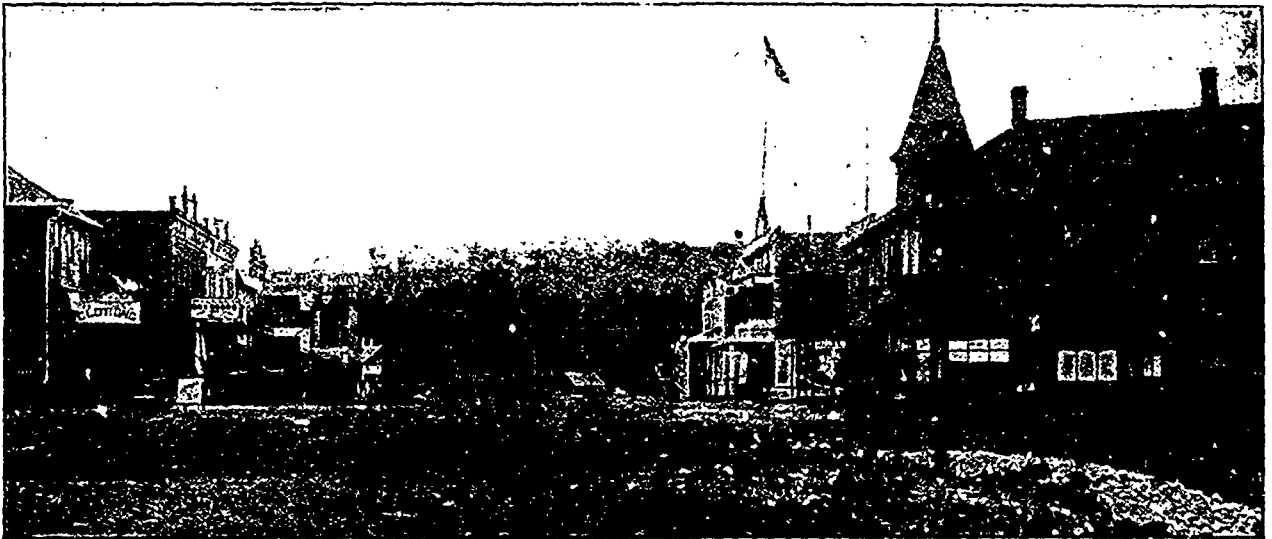
which was manufactured into 30,000 tons of coke. No. 1 tunnel is now in about 1,500 feet and No. 2 about 2,000 feet; the seams are from 4 feet to 30 feet wide and run into the mountains on a slight decline. On the sides of the mountains and near the mouth of each tunnel are located the ventilating plants. Murphy's reversible fans are used, which force 15,000 feet of cubic air per minute into No. 1 mine and 50,000 cubic feet per minute into No. 2. No. 2 mine is fitted with an electric water pump as there is more water in

of the best fire brick. A standard gauge track is laid along the top of each row of ovens by which means the coal is brought to the ovens in a special dump car drawn by a 10-ton locomotive.

The coal is burned for 72 hours when it is cooled off with water and raked out at doors in the sides of the ovens and is then ready for shipment.

This coal has been used largely by the smelters throughout British Columbia and by the Canadian Pacific Railway and is everywhere spoken of in the highest terms.

a population of about 1,200 with three large general stores, a branch of the Bank of Commerce and a number of other business places also a newspaper. Unfortunately, it is off the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, being eight miles and a half from Fort Steele junction, but it is confidently expected that the C. P. R. will construct a line from a point near Wardner on the C. N. P. Ry. north to Golden on the main line, which will give Fort Steele railway facilities, and also open up the rich mining districts of Wasu, Windermere, Toby Creek, Horse Thief Creek,



Cranbrook, B.C.

Photo by Steele & Co., Winnipeg.

it than in the other. The works of the company at the mines include repair shop with turning lathes, drilling machine, etc., and a blacksmith shop containing some half a dozen forges. Robt. Fisher is the certificated superintendent of the mines and Jas. All-

Fort Steele.

In 1864 the Hudson's Bay Company established a trading post at the junction of the Kootenay and St. Mary's rivers which was called Galbraith's Ferry, after J. T. Galbraith, who located it; and in 1837 Major Steele of

etc. On account of the lack of proper shipping facilities very little shipping has been done from the mines in these districts, and any shipments that were made were merely for the purpose of testing the ores, but sufficient work has been done to prove that there are



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some very valuable claims throughout this valley, and with the advent of a railway it is sure to become one of the best mining districts in British Columbia.

Some of the most promising mines in this district are the Big Chief, Dupont, Estella, Dibble, Burton, Kootenay King, Golden Fleece, Keystone, etc., while in the Windermere district are the Steel Line, Delphine, Pretty Girl, Silver Tip, Paradise group, etc.

The construction of the Crow's Nest Pass road has tended to inspire with confidence those interested in these claims and during the last year a great deal of development work has been done, many claims which were only prospects a year ago having been developed into mines. Excepting in the immediate vicinity of Fort Steele, where gold is found, the principal ores of this valley are silver, lead and copper.

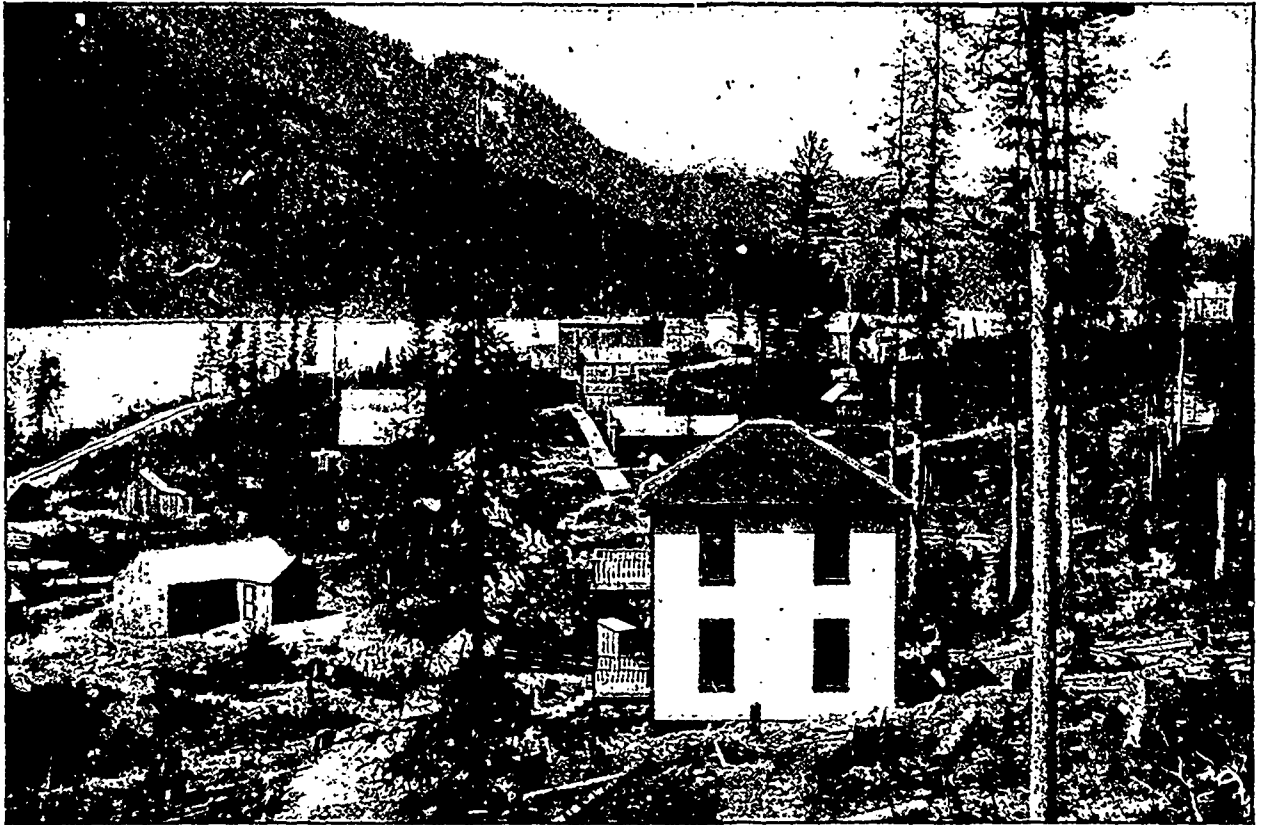
This group has been recently taken over by an English syndicate and it is the intention to develop it further to demonstrate its value. There is now a large amount of ore on the dump ready for shipment. Close to Fort Steele is the Wild Horse Creek where in the early 60's valuable placer gold discoveries were made which have been worked every year since with more or less success, and even now extensive placer mining is being done by the old methods, and a syndicate has put in an electric hydraulic plant, but this is not being operated at present. Those engaged in these washings are almost entirely Chinamen and it is a difficult matter therefore to find out just what amount is being recovered.

Throughout this valley also a considerable amount of farming is done, where irrigation is practicable.

With the construction of a railway

other color for that matter, as a large proportion of the buildings have not yet made the acquaintance of the painter. The building up of the town of Cranbrook may be said to have commenced in the spring of 1898, as it was not until then that people began to arrive in any numbers. New buildings were soon run up and G. H. Miner put in a stock of hardware to be followed a little later by other stores until now there are several dry goods stores, five general stores, a drug store, bakery, wholesale produce and liquor, besides six hotels and a number of restaurants and also a branch of the Bank of Commerce. During the last year \$75,000 worth of building was done, and an extensive system of sidewalks laid.

Cranbrook is in the centre of the mining districts of southeast Kootenay and while it has no large mines as yet immediately tributary to it,



Scene at Moyle, B.C.

A year ago an Ottawa and Montreal syndicate took hold of the Dupont claim and development work was at once commenced and a tunnel run in 137 feet. Assays have been taken which show \$30 to the ton. The Dupont will be equipped with compressor, concentrator and stamp mill.

The Big Chief is just across the gulch from the Dupont. This was also a prospect a year ago, but last summer a tunnel was run in and assays made averaging from \$20 to \$30 per ton, though picked specimens went as high as \$11,000 per ton. Machinery is to be installed in this mine shortly and the force of men largely increased.

The Estella is looked upon as the most prominent property in that section. A vast amount of development work has been done, consisting of 1,000 feet of tunnels, shafts and cross-

through this valley the residents of Fort Steele look forward with confidence to the future of their town.

Cranbrook.

Cranbrook, which is a town of about 1,200 inhabitants, is situated in the broad, level valley of the Kootenay River between the Rocky and Selkirk mountains. It is easy to see that this is a new town as the bright fresh appearance of new buildings is still to be seen in a large proportion of those here. We quote the following from a special number of the Cranbrook Herald of December last. "Two years ago this Christmas, Cranbrook consisted of the old Baker home, the Cranbrook hotel, a sawmill and in addition about 50 people and any amount of hope." The people living here do not appear to belong to the class who make a practice of "painting the town red" or any

it has a number of very good prospects and is in touch with the whole district from Moyle to Fort Steele. The most important mines tributary to this point are the Black Bear, the Negro, the Carrie Lee, the Mastodon, the Copper Crown and Excess, the Horse Shoe and the Pay Roll, which are all being worked and show prospects of becoming good producers in the near future.

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The Sullivan mine is situated on the north side of Mark creek, the ore being similar to that obtained from the North Star. A series of shafts have been sunk and large quantities of ore piled up ready for shipment.

The ore of the Black Bear mine is a quartz carrying gold, silver, copper and lead. A shaft has been sunk 72 feet which has a splendid showing of ore at the bottom. Other properties in this district are the Stenwulder, Kimberley Consolidated and the Headlight.

In all directions from Cranbrook mineral claims have been found, the assays of which have run very high, but these are practically all still in the development stage. It is now an almost assured fact, however, that the district of East Kootenay will before long be as well known for its silver and copper mines as other parts of British Columbia are for their gold. This district has also vast timber limits from which it will some day derive a large revenue.

Moyie.

It would be hard indeed, to imagine a more charming site for a town than that which Moyie possesses. It is located on the east shore of Moyie lake, on ground rising to the mountains immediately at the rear, and commands a view of a beautiful stretch of lake and mountain scenery. Moyie lake is about eight miles long and comprises two sheets of water connected by a short river or narrows. It is hemmed in by mountains, the sides of which are covered with forests reaching to the water's edge, the whole combining to make a scene not easily to be forgotten. Good boating, bathing and fishing are to be had during the summer, making this a desirable pleasure resort. But Moyie does not owe its existence to the beauty of its location, although that is an agreeable extra- but to the mineral deposits which are believed to exist here.

The St. Eugene mines have been the chief factor in bringing this town into public notice. This group now comprises the St. Eugene, the Moyie, Queen of the Hills, and the Lake Shore and are controlled by the St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Co., Limited. In addition to these there are a number of other good prospects now being worked, the principal ones of which are the Aurora, Fra Diavolo, Society Girl, Half Moon, Mountain Goat and Friday.

On the St. Eugene group a large sum has been expended in development work during the last four or five years. On the St. Eugene claim a vein averaging from two to five feet has been exposed on the surface for 600 feet and in every opening almost solid galena has been found. Tests made have shown the ore of this mine to run about 45 ounces of silver to the ton and about 70 per cent lead. A wagon road has been constructed from the mine to Moyie and a tramway, 3,267 feet in length, built to convey the ore to the mill which is at the railway

and quite close to the town. Arrangements are now being perfected to enlarge the concentrator, making it capable of handling 300 to 350 tons of ore a day, and other machinery will also be added shortly, including a 10-drill compressor. The other claims owned by this company are also being worked and appearances would seem to indicate an almost inexhaustible supply of ore. Last year about 700 tons of ore were shipped.

The Society Girl is another good property and is near the St. Eugene group. About \$10,000 has been expended on this and a tunnel is now in 75 feet. A few carloads of ore have been shipped which averaged about \$50 to the ton.

The Aurora is across the lake from Moyie, but is believed to be a continuation of the St. Eugene lead. A tunnel is in 150 feet and the shows are sufficiently good to warrant the belief that it will become a shipping proposition in the near future.

The minerals found in this district are almost entirely silver and lead and as yet it is largely a speculation as to how the claims will turn out as they are all still practically in the development stage, but the mining men interested seem to be perfectly satisfied with the results obtained so far.

Moyie is still a small place, but it has a good number of thriving businesses, including three general and two clothing stores, a hardware, drug store, a newspaper and five hotels. There were some forty buildings erected last year and everything points to this becoming an important mining camp.

Other towns will be referred to in future numbers of The Commercial.

English Drug Market.

Sayer & Co., of Manchester, review the drug market as follows in their March circular: "Caustic soda is not quite so actively sought for, though full prices are maintained by makers. Bleaching powder is in a somewhat similar position with the exception that there are more resale parcels to be had under market figures. Alkali manufacturers are well engaged and are not pressing for new orders. Salt-cake continues strong and scarce, with the exception of some inferior quality which it is found difficult to place. Chlorates of potash and soda are in steady request at the advance. Sulphate of copper is higher and seems likely to get dearer. Other metallic salts, with one exception, are more in favor of makers. Wood products seem rather to have touched the top for the present. Nitrate of soda has improved and promises to be dearer for the next month or two. Arsenic is offered more freely for early delivery."

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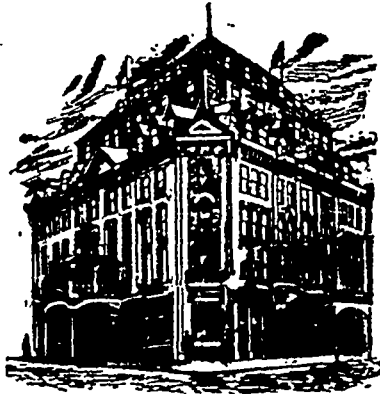
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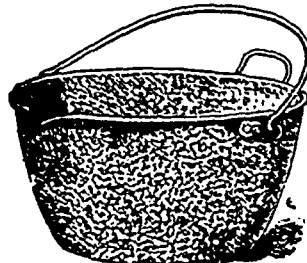
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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	55,000
Toronto	62,000
Kingston	64,000
Coteau, Que.	111,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	387,000
Winnipeg	330,000
Manitoba elevators	4,950,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,772,000

Total March 10	9,731,000
Total a year ago	9,257,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's March 10, were 83,935,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,102,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 7,814,000 bushels, compared with 5,923,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended March 17, was 53,911,090 bushels, being an increase of 213,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 29,992,000 bushels, two years ago 31,417,000 bushels, three years ago 40,430,000 bushels, and four years ago 61,348,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 6,728,000 bushels, compared with 11,074,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 20,642,000 bushels, compared with 33,466,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1900	159,684,000
1899	124,389,000
1898	118,545,000
1897	133,721,000
1896	172,234,000
1895	193,746,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	61,319,310	65,815,006
Milwaukee	8,125,992	10,452,826
Duluth	40,448,556	62,429,100
Chicago	19,379,701	28,444,083

Total	129,273,559	167,141,015
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The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1899 to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,372,482	11,647,479
St. Louis	7,851,899	12,866,087
Detroit	3,274,000	4,318,776
Kansas City	12,144,290	23,298,443

Total	33,642,661	52,130,785
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Grain and Milling Notes.

H. D. Motcalfe, grain dealer, of Montreal and Winnipeg, has purchased a seat on the Chicago board of trade.

J. Benson contemplates the erection of a flour mill at Saltcoats, Assa. An offer which he made to the town has been accepted.

Alex. Brown & Co. is the name of the firm that has taken the flour mill at Portage la Prairie, and not G. A. Brown, as previously stated.

The yield of the wheat crop in Ireland in 1899 is now officially given as 216,400 quarters, against 232,000 quarters in 1898. This, added to the yield of 8,191,000 quarters in Great Britain in 1899 makes a total for the United Kingdom of 8,407,000 quarters, against 9,360,000 quarters in 1898.

The Ontario government is considering a proposition for assisting the rural districts of that province to secure cold storage plants. The idea is to pay one-fifth of the cost of erecting and equipping a plant in convenient places, according to approved plans whether the project is undertaken by individuals, co-operative associations or by municipalities. The legislation will also encourage groups of municipalities to erect cold storage stations at suitable points. The contribution by the government is not in any case to exceed \$500. The expansion of cold storage facilities is rightly regarded as an important part in the development of the dairy and dressed meat industries.

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Grocery Trade Notes.

The retail grocers of Rat Portage, Ont., are forming an association.

Cables report serious damage by frost to the coming almond crops in southern France and northern Spain.

French sardines promise to be very high the coming season. The pack last year was a short one, and the supply is said to be about exhausted.

All grades of refined sugars advanced 5 cents per hundred pounds at New York on Monday. There was also an advance in the pound price of raw sugars.

A rumor is current on the coast to the effect that the canned fruit combine has secured control of certain heretofore independent brands with which to meet any cuts that may be made by the outside packers.

A decidedly strong feeling prevails in Canadian canned meats. Some sharp advances have taken place in the United States markets, which are likely to cause a general advance in Canadian prices. One packer has already put up prices as our Toronto telegram of last week stated.

Mail advices from New York say: An impression prevails that the opening price of Columbia River chinook salmon will be at least 20 per cent. higher than the initial figures of last season. Those who are well posted as to prevailing conditions and the higher cost of supplies do not appear to consider that such an advance would be excessive.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Cotton and cashmere hosiery are to be much dearer next fall according to present predictions.

Summer underwear has been in such demand that jobbers find it hard to get repeat orders filled by mills at old prices.

Canadian linings for this season's trade have been in heavy demand and great difficulty has been found in filling orders.

Laces are in good demand for trimming purposes. As a rule a much better class of goods is being asked for than heretofore.

Poplins, broadcloth, and cashmeres are in good demand for ladies wear. Crepons are also popular and some leading eastern retail stores are making special displays of this line.

The advance in staple cotton goods has had the effect of advancing the prices of printed Canadian goods in some instances. The Magog mills have advanced one line 1-2c per yard.

It is reported that the woolen mills of the Cornwall Manufacturing Company may close down permanently owing to differences with the hands over wages. About 200 people are employed, of whom all but 15 have struck for higher wages.

Advices have been received from Dundee, Scotland, the centre of the jute industry, that another advance is expected on jute bagging, owing to scarcity of supplies. Rug manufacturers find it difficult to secure supplies of material as fast as required.

British malls bring notices of further advances in some leading lines of British manufacture. Mercerized satens are dearer. British cotton goods are generally dearer as a result of the advance in the price of raw cottons, and more money is being asked on repeat orders.

Canadian homespuns and tweeds are being eagerly bought by retailers for the spring trade, and the samples of these goods being shown are highly commended.

Canadian mills are refusing to book further orders for summer and fall cotton goods of certain kinds, as they wish to clean up their already large surplus of orders before undertaking further contracts. This lends color to the view that prices will continue stiff for some time.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Cordage prices are lower at Montreal.

Spelter is 25c per 100 pounds dearer at Montreal.

Sheet zinc has advanced 1-4 to 1-2c per pound east.

Sweedish iron has been advanced 25c by Ontario jobbers.

Canadian Portland cement is 10 to 15c dearer at Toronto. The range for barrel lots is now \$2.80 to \$3.

Ingot tin has lost all that it gained by the recent sharp advance at importing centers and the rise is looked upon as having been purely speculative.

The British admiralty have purchased 1,000 tons of copper in New York. Delivery is to be made at once. Large purchases for the war office have also been made. The foreign demand at New York from other governments and for electrical purposes is very heavy.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE**BINDER TWINE.**

A good many of the orders of Manitoba dealers for binder twine for this season's trade have already been booked and the market here may be described as quiet at present. There has been a disposition on the part of some dealers this season to hold back their orders in the hope that the existing high prices of twine would be found to be of only temporary duration, but this course has so far not yielded its exponents any advantage and it seems more probable than ever as March draws near to its close that there will be no reduction in the price of binder twine in time to affect this year's sales. The signs of the market just now are all against anything in the way of lower prices. Stocks of twine carried over from last season were comparatively small and the twine was made so late in the year as to rank almost as high in cost as this year's product. The stock of hemp available for twine making this season in America has been exceedingly small and the relatively higher price of rope has tempted some holders to sell out to the rope manufacturers which has still further reduced the available quantity. Not only this but in some cases binder twine itself has been sold to rope makers at its full market value for spot cash to be converted into rope and this could be done again if holders saw fit. There is no chance of any fresh supplies of hemp being received in America in time for this year's harvest as every pound now on the way has already been taken into the reckoning and five months would be needed to land any further shipments from the islands of American ports. This puts it out of the range of possibilities that any large shipments can be made now or at any time in the near future which would be available in the manufactured state for the 1900 trade.

Moreover, the demand of rope makers would still have to be reckoned with and they could absorb quite a large quantity of hemp without it causing any marked weakness in the general cordage situation. The shipping demands for cordage are said to be exceedingly large at present, owing to the activity in ocean traffic and the constant accessions to the number of vessels at sea.

Another strong feature of the binder twine situation is the fact that owing to the almost certain prospect of lower prices next season, no factory would care to put up more twine if it could get the hemp than the harvests are likely to absorb as by doing so they would run the risk of having to carry it over and sell at a loss next year. This makes it probable that only sufficient for the orders on hand will be put up and any surplus of fibre, if such there should be at some factories will be allowed to go to the rope makers at current high prices.

Apparently the only thing that can produce a weakening in the twine market here is a failure of the southern crops, which would throw the twine manufactured for those districts upon the markets further north, thus creating a surplus. Prices at which Manitoba contracts have been made this year are: Sisal, 111-2c; Manila, 14 1-2c, and puro Manila, 16c.

IMPLEMENT FREIGHTS.

The 12,000 pound car rate on local shipments of implements has been restored until July 1, but the 6,000 pound rate, as previously enjoyed, has not been restored. As the matter now stands, the 12,000 car rate will be withdrawn on July 1 next and the 20,000 pound car rate enforced. This 12,000 pound rate has been a great help to the local trade and dealers are very anxious that it should be continued, but the chances appear against it at the present time as it is understood the railway companies have made a decision to enforce the 20,000 pound car after July 1 next.

The old vehicle rate of 12,000 pounds has been restored until April 30, the new 16,000 pound car rate having been withdrawn, as previously announced, until that date. After May 1 the new rate may be enforced, though dealers are hopeful of being able to compromise on a 14,000 pound car classification.

These old rates have only been restored to enable the dealers to make their spring shipments, the claim having been made with great force that it was unfair for the railway companies to make a higher classification without giving the trade reasonable notice of the change beforehand. Dealers claimed that they had sold goods for future delivery on the old rate, and they would be heavy losers by the enforcement of the new classifications. While the railway companies have admitted the force of this argument, and have temporarily restored the old rates, they claim, that in the case of vehicles, they are now supplying larger cars and should get a higher rate. They also point to the fact that their cars are employed far more profitably in handling other classes of freights, the capacity of the cars being 50,000 pounds and the average loading capacity of general merchandise from 20,000 to 30,000 pounds. Thus, a car of vehicles at even 16,000 pounds, does not pay the company as well as the average traffic of other classes.

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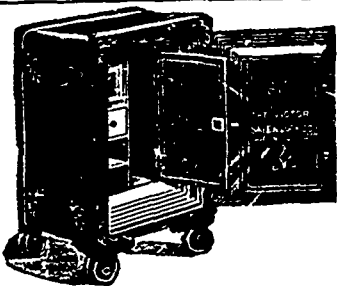
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The advance in farm implements and machinery has not been nearly so great this season as was expected. Owing to the big advance in raw materials last year, it was expected that there would be a very sharp advance in implements, vehicles, etc. There has been an advance to be sure, but not to the extent that was estimated, on the basis of the increased cost of raw materials. About 10 per cent. will cover the advance in prices of most articles handled in the implement trade, with a few exceptions, such for instance as United States wagons, which are held 20 per cent. higher. On the other hand, the advance in raw materials and wages, has increased the cost to manufacturers at least 20 per cent., and on some lines considerably more than 20 per cent. It is therefore evident that the manufacturers are bearing a considerable portion of the increased cost of manufacture, in the hope, no doubt, that the advance in materials is only temporary. We have a specific case of this nature in view. A manufacturer of plows informs The Commercial that a gang plow manufactured by his company costs them \$14 more than it did before the advance in materials, whereas they were only getting \$6 more for the plow. Thus the manufacturer in this case is bearing considerably over half the increased cost. Of course manufacturers cannot continue to do this, and if the high price of materials holds out long, there will certainly be further advances in farm implements and machinery.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

The Stevens' Manufacturing Co will erect an implement warehouse at La Riviere this year.

Regina is to be the Territorial headquarters of The McCormick and Deering companies. Smith & Ferguson are now the local agents of the McCormicks instead of D. A. Macdonald & Co.

A. C. McCrae, carriages, Winnipeg, has arranged with the manufacturers to handle the Cleveland bicycle in Winnipeg this season. The wheel is now manufactured by the Canadian Cycle and Motor Co.

A Winnipeg agent for a United States plow company, received an intimation last week that prices would likely be further advanced, as the present prices were very unsatisfactory to the manufacturers.

The increased cost of manufacturing implements may be imagined from the claims of manufacturers of railway rolling stock, who say that cars cost 30 to 40 per cent. more now than they did before the advance in materials set in. While wood is also higher, there has been a greater advance in metals, consequently the more metal used in an implement, the greater the increased cost.

Dealers, both wholesale and retail, have packed their cutters away, after probably the most unsatisfactory season in the history of the trade. There has been practically no sleighing in Manitoba this winter, and as a result, the winter vehicle trade has been a failure. Cutters are a most unsatisfactory thing to carry over, as they take up a lot of valuable room and represent very little profit to the dealer at best.

Lumber Trade Notes.

T. A. Cuddy, for a number of years a leading Manitoba lumber merchant, doing business at Minnedosa, has assumed the management of a company at Harrison River, B. C.

To take lumber from the forest to the house in six days seems almost incredible, yet that is what is being done in the districts contiguous to Duluth, according to the Boston Transcript. So urgent has been the demand for lumber this winter that it is a regular thing for trees standing in the forest to be made into lumber and used in construction inside of fifteen days. In fact, one large firm has been all winter making a record of taking the logs from the time they were standing timber to the construction of buildings in six days. More than 1,000,000 feet that have gone into the building of a dock for the Duluth, Missabe & Northern road have been handled from forest to erection in five to six days.

Live Stock News.

Canadian shippers made losses of \$10 per head on cattle in the Glasgow market last week, owing to the weak state of the market.

Jones & James have opened in business at Winnipeg as horse dealers. They are at present doing business on the corner of William avenue and Dagmar street.

Shipments of horses from Ontario to Manitoba are now arriving regularly and there is a good demand for all offerings. Southern horses are not so much in evidence this spring. Preference will be given to the Ontario animals as long as they are obtainable as they generally give better satisfaction.

Dairy Trade Notes.

A cheese factory is being started at Steinbach, Man.

Manitou will probably be made the site of a creamery this year.

It is reported that the creamery at Neepawa will be operated this year under A. Baird. Operations will commence about May 1.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

The C. F. R. will go on with its Mac Gregor extension this year as soon as the snow leaves the ground.

The Imperial Limited service will be the same this summer as last year. The time card will be put into force earlier than last summer, and the train from the east will arrive very early in the morning.

Mackenzie and Mann have completed forty miles of the Rainy River railway from Stanley, 62 miles from Port Arthur, which, with the Port Arthur and Duluth, makes 150 miles of the new railway system now being operated in that district.

John Brown, purchasing agent for Mackenzie and Mann, has been in Winnipeg this week, purchasing groceries, provisions, etc., for the company's railway camps in Northwestern Ontario. He reports splendid progress being made on construction. Forty miles west of the Port Arthur and Duluth have been railed, and the bridges built. For sixty miles farther west the grade is being thrown up. Besides this, they have started operations with a large force from the Fort Frances end.

Second class passenger rates from Eastern Canada to the Pacific coast have been advanced by agreement among the railway companies. Tickets from Montreal to Vancouver which heretofore cost \$47.00, are now \$62.40. All Pacific coast point second-class tickets have been advanced proportionately. To intermediate points the advance is in the same ratio.

A number of the residents of Gimli, Manitoba, waited upon the local government this week and presented a petition requesting that they should aid in securing a railway from a point on Lake Winnipeg to Gimli. It is understood that the C. P. R. will, this year, build a branch from Selkirk to some point on the lake, about ten miles this side of Gimli and the residents of that place desire government aid in persuading the company to extend their line.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the board was held on Tuesday. A letter from Hugh John Macdonald was read, regretting that the appointment of Mr. Nixon as official assignee had been made before the receipt of the board's recommendation of Charles H. Newton. It was moved that the government be asked to take such measures as may be necessary to enable them to appoint Mr. Newton as assignee.

A motion expressing sympathy with the Fargo convention for the improvement of the Red river, was endorsed.

The electric light and gas matter was discussed, but was left over for further consideration at a meeting to be held on Thursday.

Tenders.

A tender for gas wire has been awarded Miller, Morse & Co., at 7 1-2 cents a pound by the Winnipeg city council.

The Winnipeg city council will call for tenders for supplying wire and apparatus for use of city electric works to be in by April 16.

Tenders will be received by Wm. Milne, Mekiwin, P. O. Man., up to Tuesday the third day of April, for the construction and erection of a brick church at Mekiwin.

Tenders for 500 cords of wood have been awarded T. A. Atchison by the Winnipeg city council at \$4.87 a cord, the wood to consist of from 65 to 75 per cent tamarac.

Tenders will be received by G. W. Allan, Winnipeg, up to Saturday, 31st March, for the erection and completion of a frame residence on stone foundation, at Reslyn Place, Fort Rouge.

At a meeting of the directors of Geo. E. Tuckett & Son Company, held on March 10, Geo. T. Tuckett was elected president to succeed his late father, and H. B. Whitton vice-president.

A. E. McKenzie & Co., seed merchants, Brandon, have issued a neat catalogue of the large range of field and garden seeds which they handle. Everything in the seed line which has been found to be useful in this country seems to be embraced in this catalogue. This firm is working up a large seed trade throughout the west, for which business Brandon is well situated owing to the large agricultural population convenient thereto.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending March 22, show as follows:

Week ending Mar. 22, 1900 ... \$1,654,081
 Corresponding week, 1899 1,516,305
 Corresponding week, 1898 1,233,448

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,347,108
February	6,209,471	5,617,340
March	6,756,094	5,968,000
April	6,910,431	6,240,000
May	7,472,855	8,683,364
June	8,211,716	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,228
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,159	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,692
November	14,435,219	11,553,603
December	12,966,905	10,708,731

Totals \$107,786,814 \$90,674,325
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January \$9,906,607
 February 6,702,646

FINANCIAL NOTES.

J. M. Ciancy, of the Bank of Montreal staff, Winnipeg, has been transferred to the Calgary branch of the bank.

A meeting of the shareholders of the four amalgamating Canadian loan companies will be held April 11, to ratify the union.

A delegation of residents of Morris, Man., has asked the provincial government to guarantee interest on debentures to be issued in settlement of the debt of the town.

The revenue of the United Kingdom showed the enormous surplus of \$27,500,000 for the fiscal year. This surplus, and a much vaster sum besides, however will be absorbed by the war.

An error occurred in a recent write-up of Medicine Hat, which appeared in The Commercial. The bank branch there was spoken of as the "Bank of Montreal," when the "Merchants Bank" should have been used.

A dispatch from Halifax, of March 22, says: It has been definitely decided that the general manager's office of the Bank of Nova Scotia is to be removed to Toronto. General Manager H. C. McLeod will leave for Toronto on Monday, taking with him his entire staff.

The directors of La Banque Jacques Cartier have asked the shareholders to subscribe for \$100,000 of additional stock in order that the business may be put upon its feet again. The late embarrassment was wholly due, according to their statement, to the failure of La Banque Ville Marie. The directors themselves have subscribed largely for the new stock.

The attorney-general of Ontario has introduced a bill into the legislature of that province which will have the effect, if passed, of preventing the registration of companies having terminating stock and of greatly enlarging the class of securities in which loan companies may invest. The bill provides that in loan corporations incorporated after March 1, 1900, by provincial act, all stock and shares shall be fixed, permanent and non-withdrawable. After June 30 next no loan corporation not then registered under the act shall be granted registration if its stock or shares consist of

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or include terminating stock or shares. The section in the existing act limiting the amount of real estate to be held by a corporation, where such is necessary for the transaction of its business, to a maximum of \$20,000 in Ontario and a similar amount in each of the other provinces, is to be amended by increasing the maximum sum to \$50,000 in each case, and making the section applicable also to real estate acquired or held for the bona fide purpose of building upon or improving the same.

Insurance Notes.

Crastor Ross has renewed his connections with the Federal Life Assurance Company, as inspector of agencies for Manitoba.

A. H. Coroll, formerly manager in Winnipeg for the Equitable Life, has been appointed clerk of the provincial legislative assembly.

The insurance loss in the Port Arthur fire of last week by which a large portion of the Flaherty block was destroyed was \$14,250.

J. K. McCutcheon, superintendent of the Federal Life Assurance Company, was in the city this week returning from his annual trip to the west.

More than one prize on insurance competitions has come to Winnipeg lately. Adam Keld, of the Royal Victoria, has taken third place for personal work, in four months' competition offered by his company, winning a \$50 prize.

The management of the Winnipeg agency of the Sun Life has undergone a change. Edwin S. Baker has been appointed manager for the province of Manitoba and the Territories, and Thos. Gilroy, city manager. Formerly Messrs. Gilroy and Baker were joint managers here.

W. J. Clark, manager at Winnipeg for the Manufacturer's Life Insurance Co., is wearing a handsome gold watch and receiving the congratulations of the officials of the company, on his success in securing this valuable prize. In the prize competition for 1899, offered by the company, Mr. Clark stood third on the list in the agency competition, and fourth in personal work. His success in the agency competition was particularly gratifying, as he was only in charge of the agency here about half the term covered in the competition. Even with this disadvantage he was only about \$3,000 behind the leader in the competition.

Snow Locomotive.

A test was made at Winnipeg last week of a traction machine for hauling freight over prairie roads in the winter. The principle is a simple one, the driving power being derived from a revolving wheel between the runners. This can be raised or lowered by the operator to suit the road over which he is passing. The machine is easily controlled and will run 8 or 10 miles per hour. It is the intention to adapt this invention to plowing as well as winter hauling. S. Anderson, of Winnipeg, is the inventor.

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Immediately. Blacksmith shop and dwelling house, with tools. Apply to K. P., care The Commercial.

Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.

The tanning industry of Ontario is developing rapidly.

Fall samples of boots and shoes will soon be ready for the travellers.

Patent leather shoes are to be a prominent feature of the fall lines for gentlemen.

Button boots are to be worn more than ever by gentlemen this year and this style is also coming strongly into favor for ladies again.

Quebec makers have nearly all their orders for spring lines of boots and shoes filled and are beginning to turn their attention to fall goods.

Competition is very keen for the rubber footwear trade of Canada and there will be a strong push for trade when the new fall lists and samples are out. The manufacturers meet to fix prices March 31.

There is said to be a good export demand for leather just now, and tanners are holding out for good prices. This applies more particularly to sole and upper goods. The tendency of prices is if anything to advance.

Eastern manufacturers are buying leather rather sparingly at present as their requirements are mainly for completion of spring orders for boots, shoes, etc., and they do not care to buy any more than is actually required for this trade.

Owing to the large shipments of hemlock bark from Ontario to the United States for use in tanneries, legislation looking to the restriction of the exports of such bark from the province is said to be contemplated by the Ontario government.

The Maple Leaf Rubber Company is succeeding the Toronto Rubber Company, of Toronto, and Port Dalhousie, in all branches of its business. This is merely a change of name as the ownership is the same. The new factory at Port Dalhousie with which the one destroyed by fire has been replaced is equipped for making all kinds of rubber footwear. The capacity is 10,000 pairs per day.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 69 1-2c March delivery.

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

Oatmeal—\$1.90 per 80 pound sack of Manitoba meal.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$11 per ton; shorts, \$13 delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, 33 to 35c for feed.

Flaxseed—Per bushel, retail, 70 to 80c.

Barley—28 to 33c per bushel.

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

Butter—Dairy, jobbers offer 13 to 17c creamery, 22 to 23c to retail trade.

Cheese—9 3-4 to 10c per pound.

Eggs—Buyers offer 17c for Manitoba fresh; Hines, 14c.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c; frozen wool—8 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleece, stock, 6 1-2c per lb.

Seneca—19c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on cars. Loose, worth \$6 to \$7.50 ton.

Potatoes—10 to 15c per bushel on the street.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 10 to 12c; ducks, 10c; geese, 8 to 9c. Live chickens 60 to 70c per pair.

Game—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each; pigeons, 20c per pair.

Dressed Meats—Fresh killed beef, 6 to 7c mutton 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; hogs, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; veal, 6 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 1-2 to 4c for butchers' stock; stockers, \$10 to \$14 for yearlings; sheep, 4 1-2 to 5c; hogs, 4 1-2c off cars for selected weights.

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WESTERN SELLING AGENTS

Manitoba.

C Hoey will open in boots and shoes at Nanga.

F. S. Booth is opening in furniture at Minota.

W. T. McKenzie has sold his hotel at Nanga to H. Witt.

G. W. Ray, Nowdale, has added flour and feed to his business.

E. Paront has sold his hotel at Leteller to Bourbonals, of St. Pl.

Miss K. McDermid is opening a dress-making and millinery establishment at Gladstone.

J. C. Storey, general merchant, Wawanesa has added millinery to his business.

J. G. Kalbfleish has disposed of his butchering business at Morden to W. H. Snowden.

P. D. Laird and H. Ford have formed a partnership in contracting and building at Deloraine.

Wm. Bailey, proprietor of the South-eastern hotel, Winnipeg, has assigned to Newton & Davidson.

James Willis, butcher, Plumas, has sold out to James Leggett and is leaving to live in St. Paul.

The Chester Seed Co. has opened business for the spring trade at 122 McErmot avenue, Winnipeg.

The Neepawa Trading Company, successors to Stevenson & Clare, general merchants, Neepawa, are now open for business.

Miss Malcolm, milliner, is retiring from business at Portage la Prairie and will open in the fancy goods business in Winnipeg.

J. W. Fleming and H. Ferguson, of Brandon, are now in the east looking for attractions for the Brandon exhibition of this year.

Settlers are beginning to arrive in Manitoba in large numbers from Eastern Canada. Several hundred landed at Winnipeg last week.

A small carpet weaving shed belonging to T. A. Garland, at Portage la Prairie, was destroyed by fire on Monday at a loss of about \$200.

The differences between the Great West Saddlery Company and its factory hands have been settled and the men are returning to work.

Hamelin Bros., of Melita, and Lauder, have bought the general stock of W. Bolton, Napinka, at a rate on the dollar and will continue the business.

The stock of T. C. McRae, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, which was sold by the assignee at auction last Saturday, was bought by R. Rose for 65c on the dollar cash.

S. McWilliams, blacksmith, Brandon, has sold out to Metcalf & Brooks. McWilliams will move to Rapid City, where he will go into blacksmithing again.

A delegation from the Winnipeg city council attended a convention at Fargo on Wednesday to consider the question of preventing floods on the Red River.

Zink Bros., boot and shoe dealers, Brandon, have purchased the stock of the late Strome & Whyte Co. It is understood that Zink Bros. will erect a block on their present premises during the coming summer.

Portage la Prairie has formed a new board of trade with A. H. Dickens, president. W. Bell, vice-president, H. W. B. Douglas, secretary-treasurer; and W. J. Cooper, E. Brown, W. J. May, J. A. Marshall, R. S. McKenzie, W. Forsyth and J. McPherson as councillors. A

railway southwest from that town will be one of the schemes immediately pushed.

The partnership between Wm. Henderson, of Wawanesa, and Jas. Alexander Hector, of the same place, has been declared dissolved by the death of J. A. Hector.

Application will be made at the next session of the legislature for the incorporation of the Winnipeg, Selkirk and Lake Winnipeg Electric Railway. It is proposed to run this road through to Selkirk and possibly to the lake.

The postmaster general of Canada has agreed to establish four branch post offices in Winnipeg at the following locations: Corner Logan and Nena, Fort Rouge, corner Portage avenue and Spencer and on Main street north.

Last year Winnipeg spent \$36,600 in sewer construction; \$261,400 on pavements, and \$36,350 on sidewalks and boulevards, or a total on local improvements of \$334,250. The sum is to be raised by an issue of local improvement debentures. In 1898 the expenditure was \$150,450.

Thos. Buck, manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg, has taken the agency here for the Canadian Asbestos Co., of Montreal and will carry a stock of their goods in Winnipeg. The company manufactures a wide range of asbestos goods, some of which are of great commercial value.

McGlashan & Waldon, commission merchants, Winnipeg, have assigned. Their trade liabilities are small, being under \$3,000, their business being mainly commission in drugs, etc. They carried a moderate stock of Japanese goods, etc. Waldon, of the firm, died suddenly last fall and this affected the standing of the business somewhat, while another trouble was accommodation paper in connection with the J. F. Howard failure.

The large addition to the Hudson's Bay Co.'s stores, Winnipeg, is approaching completion. The new addition about doubles the size of the large Main street building. The entire building is being rearranged and new departments are being added, which makes this one of the most complete establishments of the kind in Canada.

Gault Bros. Co., Limited, who are opening in the wholesale dry goods trade in Winnipeg, are this week occupying the fine new warehouse which has been erected for them here, and which is now nearing completion. H. M. Belcher, who will be manager of the business, arrived from Montreal this week, and other members of the staff have also arrived, including J. D. Brown, who will act as accountant. Mr. Belcher has been with the company in Montreal for many years, and Mr. Brown has also been with the Montreal house for a long period. J. G. Crawford, western representative of the company, will have the position of assistant manager in connection with the new Winnipeg business. Mr. Crawford moved his samples this week from the Sanford block to the new building. The stock is now beginning to arrive.

Assinibola.

J. F. Robinson has purchased the clothing and boot and shoe business of W. Cousins at Medicine Hat.

Fire visited Medicine Hat on March 19 burning the Cosmopolitan hotel, and C. H. Evan's store, with two other buildings. The fire started in the

Cosmopolitan hotel, and the wind carried it east along South Railway street. The loss is about \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

A Urquhart, of Fort Qu'Appelle, will move to Yellow Grass and open a hardware store there in the spring.

The stock of general merchandise of A. E. Tredale & Co., Fort Qu'Appelle, was sold by the assignee at auction on the 17th inst. to A. M. Blackburn at 5c on the dollar. Blackburn also bought the book debts at 2c on the dollar.

Alberta.

W. J. Walker will erect a \$10,000 store building at Edmonton this year for the accommodation of his general store business.

E. C. Pell, who was recently mentioned as opening in business at Strathcona will open at Edmonton instead. His line is meat and provisions.

The Farmers Milling Company of Fort Saskatchewan have all the machinery in place in the new mill there and will commence operations the first week in April.

Northwest Ontario.

Jackson Bros are opening a bake shop at Rat Portage.

Geo McCannou is opening a butcher business at Rat Portage.

The town council of Port Arthur read on March 18, for the third time the by-law voted upon at the January elections, granting a bonus of \$50,000 and exemption from taxation for twenty-one years to the Ontario and Rainy River railway in consideration of the terminus of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway, the Ontario and Rainy River railway and the Canadian Northern railway being placed in Port Arthur. The company especially agrees to erect a union station between Cameron and Bay streets, workshops and round houses within one mile south of Arthur street; a million bushel elevator within one and one-half miles of Arthur street, and to transfer all their through freight and passenger business at Port Arthur.

Red River Floods.

The main object of the convention held at Fargo, North Dakota, this week is to consider the proposals to control the waters of the Red river and tributaries so as to prevent floods. Great damage has been done in Minnesota and Dakota, and to a less extent in Manitoba, by the overflowing of the river. The United States government has had a report upon the matter by an engineer, who recommended three reservoirs at Big Stone lake, Lake Traverse and Red lake. The work as outlined in this report would cost in the neighborhood of from \$600,000 to \$800,000. These reserves would hold the water back in these lakes, which are the principal sources of the Red river. Incidentally the reservoirs would be a benefit to the navigation of the river.

The Fargo meeting was preliminary to the holding of a convention at Grand Forks, North Dakota, at a later date.

T. A. Cuddy, of Minnedosa, passed through Winnipeg this week on his way to British Columbia.

Wm. Crawford, of Indian Head, Assa., whose store and stock were recently damaged by fire, was in Winnipeg this week buying a new stock. He left for home on Thursday.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

ANVILS—Per lb., 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.

AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 60 to 90c.

AXES—Bench, 30 and 10 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$7 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$12 to \$18.

BELLOWS—20, 24, \$4.50, 20, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36 \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.

BELTING—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 60 per cent; extra, 50 per cent.

BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent, Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.

BLUESTONE—0 1 2c lb.

BOLTS—Carriage, 42 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 65 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor, Cyclone, and Jubilee, plain, 60c, Cyclone and Jubilee tarred, 75c, Anchor, tarred, 55c, Shield, tarred, 55c.

BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peterboro', 33 1-3 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent; loose pin, 60 per cent, bronze, 45c up.

CARTRIDGES—Rim fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; per cent; centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. not list, Dom. 15 per cent.

CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

CHAIN—Coll, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$11; do. 1-4 in. \$9.00; do. 5-16 in. \$6.50; 3-8 in. \$6.00; do. 7-16 in. \$5.75; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25c to \$1. Log, 5-16, \$8.50; 3-8, \$8.00. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.

CHURNS—B. B. steel frame, 55 per cent; wood frame, 20 per cent less ad.

COPPER—Finned sheets, 28c, plainished, 33c; boiler and A. K. pits, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.

FILES—Com. 70 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.

GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$4.75. Diamond, light \$1.75 case, Jark, \$1.75; Mica, \$8.00.

GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.

HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.

HARVEST TOLS—55 and 5 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.90; 2 and larger, \$4.05. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20, 2 and larger, \$4.95.

HINGES—Heavy Tand strap, per 100 lbs., \$6.25 to \$7.20; light do., 50 per cent; screw hook and hingo, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.

IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.10. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.40 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs; Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blaina, \$4.00. Imitation Russian sheets 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12 to 13c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.

NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.40; 20d, \$3.45; 10d, \$3.50; 8d, \$3.55; 6d, \$3.70; 4d, \$3.80. 3d, \$4.05; 2d, \$4.40. Wire nails, 4 1-2 in. up, \$4; 4 in., \$4.05; 3 in., \$4.10; 3 1-2 in., \$4.15; 2 in., \$4.30; 1 1-2 in., \$4.40; 1 1-4 in., \$4.65; 1 in., \$5. Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.

PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$8.82 1-2; 3-8, \$8.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1-2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90; 1 1-2, \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 4 inch, \$8.80; 3 8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.35; 3-4, \$10.35; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45. Stove, 6 inch, \$9.25; 7 inch, \$10.00 per 100 lengths.

PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.

PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.

RIVETS AND BURS—Carriage, sec-

tion 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 16c lb.; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn, 11c; Manila, per lb., 16c base; sisal, 1 1-2c base.

SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6; coach screws, 57 1-2 per cent.

SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.50, chilled, \$1.65; 10 gauge soft, \$2, chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled \$2.05, No. 10 gauge soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.

SHOT—Soft, 6 1-4c per lb.; chilled, 6 3-4c; buckshot, 7 1-4c.

SOLDER—Half and half per lb., 23c, SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring \$4.25 base; machinery, \$4.25 base; share com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; 100 calk, \$4.25 base; tire stool, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00.

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

TAR—Per barrel, \$5.

TIN—Lamb and flags, 56 and 28 lb. fugots, per lb., 35c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 x 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; I X same size box, \$6.75; I C charcoal, 20 x 28 112 sheets to box, \$11.00; I X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$13.00.

TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.50.

TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retined, 70 and 10 per cent.

TRAPS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz., No. 1, \$2; No. 1 1-2, \$3.38; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.

TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1 2c per foot; 2 1 2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.

VISES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb, regular, \$4.00; galvanized, plain twist, \$4.00.

ZINC—Sheet, in casks, \$9 per 100 lbs.; broken lots, \$9.50.

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ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

DY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 7c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrels 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c, less than barrels 4c; Venetian red, barrels 3c, less than barrels 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c, less quantities, 4c lb.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.

GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 unted inches, \$2.50; 28 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$6.00; 51 to 60, \$6.50, 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, Gal., 76c; boiled, gal., 79c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30 to 33c; cylinder oil 53 to 78c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.30 to \$1.70, as to shade and quality.

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do, less than barrels, 3c lb.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 20 1-2c; Oleopheno, 23 1-4c; Sunlight, 24c; and Eocene, 27c per gallon.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 89c; less than barrels, gal, 94c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1, extra furniture, \$1.30; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.70; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.50 per 100 lbs. No. 1, \$7.25.

WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for plus lumber:

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber, 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12 and 8x8 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$19.50, timber, 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8 and 3x6 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$17.00; dimensions, 2x4, 10 feet long, \$17.50; dimensions 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$17.00; dimensions, 2x6, 10 feet long, \$17.00; dimensions, 2x4, 10 x 12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$14.50; cull plank all widths \$14.50; cull plank, re-sawn, \$11.50. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width. \$1 per M advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.

BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$22.50; second common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.50; third common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.00; culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$15.00; 1-2 inch sheathing S. I. S., 10 to 18 feet, \$13.50; second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$13; second common stock, 8 to 10 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$18; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$27.50, No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20. \$2 per M less for 6 and 8 feet, 10-sawing boards \$1 per M extra.

SHIPLAP—Shiplap, 8 and 10 in., \$18.50; shiplap, 6 in., \$17.50; shiplap, culls, 8 and 10 in., \$16; culls, 6 in., \$13. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under.

FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$19.00; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$16; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$35.50; do., second white pine, \$31.50; do., third white pine, \$24.50; do., 5 and 6 in., first and second red pine, \$27; do., 4 in first and second red pine, \$25.50; do., 5 and 6 in., third red pine, \$22; do., 4 in third red pine, \$21; do., 5 and 6 in. fourth red and white pine, \$19. do., 4 in fourth red and white pine, \$17; do., 4, 5 and 6 in culls, \$15. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under. \$1 per M advance for dressing two sides 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 in. flooring \$1 per M advance over 1 in. Bevel siding, No 1, 1-2 in x 6 in, \$21, bevel siding No 2, 1-2 in x 6 in, \$18.

FINISHING—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine \$45, do., select white pine \$35; do., shop, \$30. \$5 per M advance on 2 1-2 in and thicker. 1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in clear red pine, \$31, do., select red pine, \$20.00; 1 in first and second clear white pine, \$47.50; do third, clear white pine \$38.50, do. B. select white pine, \$30; do., C select white pine \$25; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in., \$41.50; do. 8 and 10 in., \$39.50; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$36.50; do., 8 and 10 in., \$34.50; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$25.50, do., 8 and 10 in., \$27.50; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31; do., select, \$26 Selected widths, \$2 per M extra.

MOULDINGS—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c window stops, do., 50c, door stops, do., 75c, quarter round and cover, do., 50c; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.00; 5 in. casing, do., \$2; 6 in. casing, do., \$2.40; 8 in. base, do., \$3.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings 50 per cent discount off universal moulding list. Lath, per M, \$8.50, pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

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

Table listing various grocery items such as Canned Goods (Apples, Peas, Corn), Imported Fresh Herring, Canned Meats (Corn Beef, Lunch Beef), Coffee, Cereals (Split Peas, Pot Barley), Cigarettes (Old Judge, Athlete), Cured Fish (Haddock, Codfish), Dried Fruits (Currants, Raisins), and various oils and flours.

Table listing various food items including Dried Fruits (Raisins, Figs, Prunes), Nuts (Brazil, Almonds, Walnuts), Syrups (Maple, Molasses), Spices (Pepper, Cloves, Nutmegs), and Teas (China, Indian, Young Hysons).

Table listing various tobacco and cigar products including Tobacco (T. & B., Lilly, Crescent), Cigars (T. & B., Mahogany), and Cigarettes (Tuckett's Cherub, Brier, Derby).

Table listing various drug and chemical products including Alums, Bleaching Powder, Borax, Bromide Potash, Camphor, Carboric Acid, Castor Oil, Chlorate Potash, Citric Acid, Coppers, Cocaine, Cream Tartar, Cloves, Epsom Salts, Extract Logwood, Formalin, German Quinine, Glycerine, Ginger, Jamaica, Ginger, African, Howard's Quinine, Iodine, Insect Powder, Morphine, Opium, Oil, Olive, Pure, Oil, U.S. Salad, Oil, Lemon, Super, Oil, Peppermint, Oil, Cod Liver, Gal., Oxalic Acid, Potass Iodide, Paris Green, Saltpetre, Sal Rochelle, Shellac, Sulphur Flowers, Sulphur Moll, Keg., Soda Bicarb, Keg of 112 lbs., Sal Soda, Tartaric Acid, Strychnine, pure crystals.

Table listing various leather and wood products including Harness (oak, union oak), Penicang, Sole, Acton Sole, B. F. French calf, B. F. French kip, Canada calf, Canada Calf, Niagara, Niagara Brand Kip, Wax upper, Grain upper, Kangaroo, Dolgona, Dolgona, bright, Bag sheepskins, Pails, Star fibre, Tubs, Washboards, GLOBE, Perfumery, Cured Meats (Lard, Compound), Smoked Meats (Hams, Breakfast bacon), Dry Salt Meats (Long clear bacon, Shoulders, Short Clear, Backs), Barrel Pork, Meat Sundries (Fresh pork sausage, Bologna sausage, Pickled pigs feet, Sausage casings).

Table listing various fuel products including Coal (Pennsylvania anthracite, Stave, nut or lump, Pea size, Canadian anthracite, Lethbridge bituminous, U. S. bituminous, Souris Lignite, Souda, car lots F.O.B. mines, Blossburg Smithing) and Cordwood (Tamarac, Pine, Spruce, Poplar, green or dead, cut, Manitoba Oak, Birch, Minnesota Hard Maple, Minnesota Oak).

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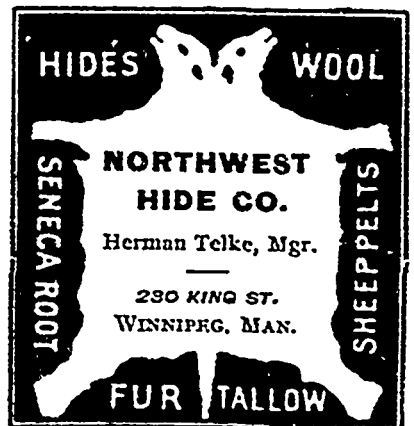
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, March 24.

Warmer and more springlike weather is stimulating trade. Retail dealers in wearing apparel are now busy selling seasonable goods and wholesale houses are making preparations to meet the sorting demand. Millinery openings and other tokens of spring have been going on among city retail stores. Values remain steady on most lines. Bank clearing increased \$70,000 over the previous week and were also higher than the same week last year. Collections have not improved any and complaints of scarcity of money are common. Two business failures occurred in the city during the week, and creditors meetings to consider the affairs of several city and country concerns have been held.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, March 24.

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

BLINDER TWINE.

One leading implement concern is selling binder twine to consumers at 10 and 12 cents per pound, as to grade, and quite a quantity has been sold in this way in Winnipeg. The twine is last year's stock, Dominion government factory make.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Fall samples are the centre of interest for the time being in this line. There has been some little delay in receiving these, but they are now coming forward and show a fine range of shapes and styles. Travellers will be out with them shortly. Some eastern men have already passed through Winnipeg with their samples. Prices will be fully maintained for fall business, and there seems to be no weakening in the market. Factories are busy yet on spring and summer orders.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

Local white brick is quoted at \$11 per thousand. Stonewall rubble stone is quoted for spring delivery at \$3.50 per cord; Stonewall footings at \$3.50; Stony Mountain rubble at \$1.00; white lime at 20c per bushel, and grey lime Stony Mountain and Tyndall at 16c per bushel.

CURED MEATS.

Cured meats show continued strength. One firm is now quoting choice breakfast bacon, bellies, at 12 1/2c and backs at 10 to 11c, in advance of 1-2c over all quotations on the former, and of 1c on the latter. Long clear bacon has advanced 1 1/2c to 9c per lb.

CLOTHING.

Travellers are getting ready to take the road with fall samples, which are now arriving. The range of goods shown is wider and better than over. Ready-made goods are evidently gaining rapidly in style and finish and also in favor. Prices on fall lines will be considerably higher than last year. Factories have been obliged to take into consideration the increased cost of labor and material.

DRUGS.

Carbolic acid has declined 10c and

50c to 60c is now the ruling quotation. Other prices remain unchanged here.

DRY GOODS.

Local houses continue to receive advances at mills, and the situation appears to retain all of its strength, especially in staple lines. Many lines of cottons cannot be ordered now at all as mills have their output sold months ahead and do not care to accept any further business at present. Preparations are being made for fall trade now that the spring rush is over. Buyers are on their way to the old country to select goods for fall and winter. Makers' prices for these are high, and very firm with a possibility of going still higher. The city retail milliners are beginning to make spring announcements and hold their millinery openings, which will be the formal inauguration of the spring trading season.

FISH.

The demand holds good and all kinds of fish seem to be plentiful. Oyster trade is about over. Prices are: White fish, frozen, per pound, 6 to 6 1/2c; pickerel, 3 1/2c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12 1/2c, salmon, round cuts, 10c; halibut, 11c; salt whitefish, in half barrels, \$6.50; haddies, 7c; salt cod, 7c; mackerel, fresh, 15c; fresh herring, 20c; Labrador herring, in half barrels, \$1.00; oysters, standards, in bulk, \$2.00; select, \$2.25.

FUEL.

Stocks of wood in the city have become quite large, and the demand is not so heavy owing to milder weather. Teaming is becoming bad. Prices hold firm for both wood and coal at figures given on our "prices current" page.

GREEN FRUITS.

Demand continues light. There has been a scarcity of bananas throughout the week, and they have been practically unobtainable. St. Paul and Minneapolis houses have all been disappointed in the shipments which accounts for the shortage here. Oranges are now firmly held at the 25c advance noted last week. Navels are showing unusually good quality this season. Apples are firm at unchanged prices. We quote: California navel oranges, \$1.25 per case for regular sizes California seedlings, \$3.50; California lemons, per box, \$1.75; Messina lemons, \$1.75; bananas, \$3.00 to \$3.50; California grape fruit, \$5.00 per case; apples, winter, \$3.50 to \$5.50 per barrel; Cape Cod cran berries per barrel, \$8.00; coconuts, per dozen, 50c; Greno'le walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; liberts, 12c; peanuts, green, 9c, roasted 12c; pecan nuts 15c per pound; maple sugar, per pound, 11c, apple cider, 55c per gallon; in barrels and all barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California layer figs in 10 pound boxes, \$1.40; new Smyrna in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10 lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box; dates, 7c per lb in 1-lb. cartons, 10c, honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; American red onions, 3c per lb.; jam, in 7 lb. pails, per dozen, \$6.50, in jars, 4-1/2 per dozen; in barrels, per dozen, \$2.25. California celery, per dozen bunches, 90c.

GROCERIES.

Business has been active this week and there is a steady movement of goods to all parts of the country. Prices have been without change so far as the jobbing list is concerned, but refinery agents are quoting an advance of 5c on both granulated and yellow sugars. Unless further ad-

vances are made there will be no change to correspond with this in the quotations to retailers. Eastern canners have announced their new prices for 1900, but prices for this market have not yet been arranged. Canned meats are very firm and may go higher.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Hardware houses are having a breathing spell as the first rush of spring shipments is about over. The demand for spring lines has been exceptionally good. Orders for April shipment are numerous. Prices remain unchanged.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

There is no change in the local market as regards prices. The list given on our "prices current" page is fully maintained and the position of leather at producing centres does not encourage the view that there will be any early declines. Export demand is not so brisk as it has been and the consuming demand is of a hard to mouth character. Findings and saddlery hardware are quiet and steady.

LUMBER.

Wholesale stocks appear to have been broken into to an almost unprecedented extent already. Advances have been received from large manufacturers showing that they are utterly unable to fill any orders for certain kinds of lumber which are much in demand as their reserve stocks are exhausted and orders are looked far ahead. This is not confined to any one mill, but seems to be the case with all doing business in this market both Canadian and United States. This seems to indicate that the amount of new work done in the building line this season will be limited by the ability of lumber mills to supply material. Prices have not changed since our last issue, but are very firmly held. There is a good demand for lumber from all parts of the country.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Linseed oil advanced another 2c this week making the quotations now 76c per gallon for raw and 79c for boiled in barrel lots to the retail trade. The oil market is very firm all over America and this advance is fully justified by the state of other markets. Turpentine has also advanced this week being now 2c higher at \$9 and 9 1/4c per gallon, the former figure being for barrel lots. Latest advices from Savannah and New York point to the continued strength in turpentine prices and many in the trade seem to expect that prices will go still higher. The feeling with regard to linseed oil is that prices cannot possibly go down until June when lake and rail freights will come into force again. There is very little oil held in stock in Canada at present. Trade in paints, oils and glass here is better than it has ever been at this season and the prospects are for a prosperous year. The scarcity of money is the weak spot in the situation.

SCRAP.

The scrap market is steady and so far as local conditions are concerned unchanged. There is a weaker feeling in rubber scrap at consuming points and buyers think of putting prices down. Metals are steady but not in such good demand as last month. We quote prices f. o. b. Winnipeg as follows: No. 1 cast iron (roy iron wrought and malleable) \$14 per ton; No. 2, \$7 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$8.50 per ton;

heavy copper, 10c per pound; red brass 3 to 8 1/2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2c per pound; zinc scrap, 5c per pound, rags, country mixed, 50c, rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The more encouraging position of the wheat markets noticed in this review in our last week's issue proved to be only temporary, as at the beginning of this week the whole of the advance made during last week was lost in one day. The situation is a mixed one. European markets while not aggressive in that direction show a tendency to hold prices up, and with any fair encouragement from America would readily show a higher range of value to some extent. On this side, while visible stocks are larger than for the last few years, it is estimated the invisible supplies are not abnormal, and there is a distinct disinclination on the part of farmers to put their holdings on the market freely at present prices. It is established that South America and Australasia are in the enviable position of being able to supply to importing countries from their recent crops a larger quantity of wheat than ever before and that of extra quality. The real arbiter of prices of wheat for the current year is the crop to be harvested in the latter half of 1900. And yet the prospect and result of those are by no means certain. At the present writing the prospects seem fair for a moderate or average crop over Europe and North America, more than this it is not possible to estimate. The change in the position of values shows 1c to 1 1/4c per bushel decline on the week. The movement of wheat during last week and the changes in statistical position mostly favor the bear side. The American visible supply increased 213,000 bushels compared with a decrease of 386,000 bushels previous week and an increase a year ago of 193,000 bushels. The world's shipments were 7,429,000 bushels compared to 6,600,000 bushels same week a year ago. The primary receipts in the States were much enlarged, being nearly 50 per cent. larger than for corresponding days a year ago. This week's Argentine shipments are reported as over 4,000,000 bushels, which is simply immense. A British item is Bradstreet's report of the world's visible supply which they published as decreased 1,328,000 bushels compared to decrease previous week 123,000 bushels and same week a year ago an increase of 678,000 bushels.

The local market follows the outside market as to price, but there is only a moderate business passing, as for some time there has been a very light movement of marketing by farmers, and the low level of prices has deterred wheat from changing hands. With the advance of values in the end of last week, there was quite an increase in the volume of enquiry as to what could be obtained for wheat and had markets continued to advance or even held up there would this week have been a considerable amount of business put through, but the sudden drop in prices shut off prospective sellers who again wait for further improvement before putting their wheat on the market. The price of 1 hard in store Fort William, which at the end of last week was 67c, has receded to 63c at the end of this

week with buyers scarce and indifferent, but holders firm and not disposed to sell at market prices. Yesterday afternoon sellers of 1 hard for May delivery asked 6c and there were buyers at 6 3/4c, 2 hard and 1 northern are 2 1/2c under 1 hard, 3 hard 5 1/2c under 1 hard; 1 frosted 56c and 2 frosted 51c, all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—Prices now quoted as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.75; Glenora, \$1.65; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.40; XXXX, \$1. Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.85; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Medora, \$1.40; XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 98 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLEED—We quote Ogilvie's bran \$13.50, shorts, \$13.50 per ton; Lake of the Woods bran, \$13.50; shorts, \$14.50.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop is worth \$23 per ton; barley chop, \$17; and mixed feed of barley and oats, \$20 per ton. Corn chop, \$18; oilcake, \$27.

OATS—Offerings continue light. Warmer weather should have the effect of stimulating deliveries of oats as there is more or less danger of them spoiling, especially in farmers' hands, through heating in case of any damp stock being held. Prices have not changed any from last week. We quote: No. 2 white oats in car lots on track here, 32 to 32c; No. 2 mixed 31 to 32c. Carlots at country points, 25 to 27c.

BARLEY—No barley moving to speak of and the market is unchanged. Car lots on track here, 32 to 35c per bushel. At country points 30c track is the price.

CORN—Movement increasing. In carlots on track worth 42 to 43 1/2c per bushel for No. 3 corn.

WHEAT—Buyers are paying farmers 54c per bushel at 15c freight rate points.

FLAXSEED—No movement. Worth \$1 1/5 per bushel to farmers.

ATOMAL—Manitoba meal is being offered at \$1.65 per 80 lb. sack to the retail trade by millers.

HAY—The market is very dull. Fresh baled hay is worth \$5 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, \$3 to \$4.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is nominal at about 24c per pound.

BUTTER—Dairy—Receipts continue very light especially of choice butter. Country shippers still seem to cling to the bad practice of holding butter until it loses its freshness before shipping. Butter has been arriving in the city this week which, if it had been shipped when newly made, or within 15 days of churning, would have realized fancy prices, but owing to the length of time it has been held is not now any better than second grade. This refers to butter put up in bricks. When packed in tubs it will keep longer. There is a steady demand for all the good butter that can be had. In tubs finest dairy is worth 20c per pound less freight and commission. Dairy prints 20c. Rolls 18 to 19c. Second grades 11 to 17c.

CHEESE—Stocks are very low and the market is accordingly firm. Small size are worth 1-2c more than a week ago in some cases. We quote: Small 14 to 14 1/2c per pound and large 14c.

EGGS—Receipts are increasing and prices are about 3c per dozen lower. The top price for case eggs now, subject to candling, is 18c per dozen, less expressage. Some old eggs are offering at 15c per dozen.

VEGETABLES—Farmers' deliveries

of potatoes are larger owing to mild weather. Carlot business also continues. Turnips are getting very scarce. Cabbage have advanced 1-2c per lb. We quote: Potatoes, 50 to 55c per bushel, in carlots on track, 41 to 42c per bushel; turnips, 25 to 30c, carrots, 55 to 60c, beets, 40 to 50c, parsnips, 1 1/2c per lb.; dry onions, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, 2 to 2 1/2c per lb.; celery, 75c per dozen bunches, lettuce and parsley, 10c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is plentiful and country frozen stock is out of the market practically. Veal is coming in in limited quantities, but is mostly too young yet to please best class of trade. Hog deliveries are free and prices firm. We hear of as high as 61-2c being quoted for some extra choice hogs, which indicates that there is no weakness in the market. We quote: Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per lb; country dressed, 5 to 6c; mutton, 8 to 9c lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 8 to 9c; hogs, weighing from 100 to 170 pounds, \$6.40 to \$6.50, from 170 to 250 pounds, \$6.30 to \$6.35, from 250 upwards, \$6.20 per cwt.

POULTRY—The market is practically bare of home-grown and receipts are almost nil. Turkeys are worth about 11c per lb.; ducks, 10c; geese, 9c; and chickens, 11c.

GAME—Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons 20c per pair.

HIDES—The market is weakening in sympathy with the lower prices now prevailing at Chicago, Minneapolis and other large centres. The Chicago market is gradually sagging off and it looks as if the regular spring decline were taking place. Hides show poor quality and will be hard to keep from now on. Country shippers should bear this in mind that hides are bad things to hold in a frozen state after warm weather sets in. They are apt to become hair slipped and damaged. Prices being paid here now are above a parity with other markets. We quote: Frozen hides 61 1/2c per pound, five pounds tare; No. 1 inspected hides, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c; Braided hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 9 1/2c; Jack skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—We quote prices here 8 to 9c for unwashed fleeces.

SENECA ROOT—A new price has been made on seneca root owing to some lots having been offered. The market has been purely nominal for some months and as no transactions have been taking place it was difficult to arrive at value. For lots offered this week 28c per pound was bid.

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

LIVE STOCK

CATTLE—Butchers have been making liberal purchases of stall fed cattle for spring trade. Exporters have done almost nothing as yet in the way of buying. One lot of 204 head went east. Cattle appear to be plentiful in the country and there should be no such difficulty this year, as there was last over the supply. Butchers are paying 4c per pound for choice steers and 3c for heifers and cows. Steers are being bought at from \$15 to \$20 for yearlings, and \$22 to 27 for two year olds.

Exporters report as high as 41-2c paid off cars, Winnipeg, for choice steers.

SHEEP—We have to record the first movement of sheep of the season this week, a lot of 500 head having been shipped from Emerson recently.

City butchers are still supplied with frozen mutton. Sheep and lambs are worth 4 1/2 to 5 off cars here.

HOGS—Packers are taking all the live hogs which offer, and pay good prices for them. Receipts are fairly liberal. Choice logs are worth \$4.75 to \$4.87 1/2 off cars here, and as high as 5c is sometimes quoted. Second grades are worth 4 to 4 1/2-c.

MILCH COWS—Very few offering. Quotations range from \$30 to \$45 each.

HORSES—Horses are coming forward regularly for the spring trade. Sales have been numerous in the city this week. Good work horses weighing about 1,300 pounds are worth here from \$150 to \$175 each. Roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each, and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of lighter weight run from \$100 to \$140 each, when halter broken.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending March 17 there were 415 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 251; 2 hard, 53; 1 northern, 4; 2 northern, 0, 3 hard, 37. 1 frosted, 7; 2 frosted, 0; 1 rejected, 1, - rejected, 4, no grade, 20; 1 white 1/2c 1; 3 frosted, 1; condemned, 6 cars.

Oats—1 white, 3; 2 white, 12; 2 mixed 5; feed, 5 cars.

Barley—feed, 2 cars.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There was 3,555,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 17, compared with 2,728,000 bushels a year ago, 719,000 bushels two years ago; 3,027,000 bushels three years ago; 3,872,000 bushels four years ago, 910,000 bushels five years ago and 2,115,000 bushels six years ago. Receipts at Fort William last week were 188,000 bushels and shipments were 105,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 9,000,000 bushels, compared with about 8,950,000 bushels a year ago, 3,500,000 bushels two years ago and 6,000,000 bushels three years ago.

Grain Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin. Cars have become scarce on eastern lines, as they are having a heavy traffic. There has been an advance of 2 1/2-c ordered on export rates to take effect on April 1 next. The tariff on domestic grain and grain products from Mississippi river common points is: To New York, 17 1/2-c; Boston, 19 1/2-c; Philadelphia, 15 1/2-c; Baltimore, 14 1/2-c. On export grain the rates will be as follows: To New York and Boston, 15-c; Philadelphia, 12-c; Baltimore, 11 1/2-c. On grain and grain products for export: To Boston and New York, 15-c; Philadelphia, 13-c; Baltimore, 12-c. Ocean route in good demand from the river and rather firm. Rates are 3 1/2-c per bushel from New York and 3-c from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 16.40-c per bushel, rail, via New York, and 15 1/2-c via Boston. Flour is 36 7/8-c to 37-c per 100 pounds, and provisions 49.56-c to 50-c. Charters to load and hold corn for shipment to Buffalo in the spring were made at 4-c, and clipped 6-c at 2-c.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS

Winnipeg Council, No. 151, held a special meeting for initiation of candidates Saturday evening, the 17th inst., Past Councillor O. M. Hatcher presiding. The following candidates, twenty-four in number, presented themselves for initiation:

- W. Shimmun, with Amos Holden & Co., Winnipeg.
- W. B. Pittfield, with Macpherson Fruit Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- F. W. Morse, with Miller, Morse & Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- J. W. Barber, with Northern Elevator Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- K. McKenzie, with McLaughlin Carriage Co., Oshawa, Ont.
- A. M. Stewart, with Johnston & Stewart, Winnipeg, Man.
- J. H. Turnbull, with Turnbull & McManus of Winnipeg, Man.
- G. O. Anisbrook, with Rat Portage Lumber Co., Rat Portage, Ont.
- John Brockest, with McClary Mfg. Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- O. F. Lightcap, with Martin, Bole & Wynne Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- E. Nicholson, wholesale commission, Winnipeg, Man.
- B. G. Hipwell, with J. C. McNab & Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- Dudley Dingle, with Dingle & Stewart, Winnipeg, Man.
- F. E. Rosser, with Bright & Johnston, Winnipeg, Man.
- Geo. A. Lister, with John Arbuthnot, Winnipeg, Man.
- A. G. Watson, with Jno. Watson Mfg. Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- T. W. Ruttle, with McCormack Harvesting Machine Co., Winnipeg.
- H. E. Toms, with Steele & Toms, Winnipeg, Man.
- J. A. McTaggart, with Miller, Morse & Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- J. D. Ballour, with Balfour Implement Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- F. H. Jukeway, with Northern Elevator Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- L. H. Coleman, with J. C. McLaren Belling Co., Montreal, P. C.
- I. M. Morgan, with Amos Holden Co., Winnipeg, Man.
- T. S. Matheson, with Winnipeg Elevator Co., Winnipeg, Man.

Seventeen new applications were received and balloted upon. Forty-four new members have been initiated within the past month and something like fifty more applications are on file. The larger number of them are expected to be present for initiation Saturday evening, the 24th inst., when Grand Councillor B. F. Holbrook, of Minneapolis, will be present. Election and installation of officers occurs on that date and a supper will be served afterward. Arrangements for a ball after Lent will also be perfected and all members are requested to attend.

The newly initiated members were chosen by Captains Cavanaugh and Cox, and they will be given an opportunity to participate in the membership contest which closes next meeting.

MOVEMENTS OF TRAVELLERS.

Geo. A. Roome, of Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week representing Terrien Freres & Co., manufacturers of kid gloves, of Grenoble, France.

W. B. Dalton, formerly traveller in Manitoba for Caulfield, Henderson & Burns, is taking out samples for Donald Fraser & Company, wholesale clothiers, of Winnipeg. His territory will be British Columbia.

McKenna, Thomson & Co. wholesale clothing Montreal will be represented in Manitoba and the Territories this year by W. G. Shora and John W. Irwin, the latter gentleman taking the place of W. G. Plamington, who was with that firm in the western field last year.

T. B. Devaney, of the W. R. Brock Co., has returned from a visit to headquarters at Toronto. Mr. Devaney says that business is brisk in the east, and the mills are very busy, most of them being behind with their orders. There is no prospect of any let up in the firm tendency of prices in dry goods, so far as can be judged from present appearances, as manufacturers are not likely to ease up prices while they have more business than they can handle.

Early Closing.

A deputation from the Winnipeg Retail Clerks association interviewed the provincial government on Thursday asking for legislation in regard to early closing of such nature as to give the city power to enforce a by-law requiring all stores to close at 6 o'clock on five week days, and at 10 o'clock on Saturday nights. The members of the deputation were informed by Mr. Macdonald that he was in sympathy with their objects and while he could make no definite statement, promised to look into the matter and see what could be done in the way of the legislation asked.

Interviewed in the East.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., who is at present in Montreal, has been interviewed by the papers there. Mr. Thompson said to a Gazette reporter that they estimated that Manitoba farmers were holding from 8,000,000 to 8,000,000 bushels of wheat yet, besides which a considerable portion of the wheat in store was held by farmers. He believes therefore, that notwithstanding complaints of scarcity of money, the outlook was good for a freer movement of money soon.

Regarding the wheat area Mr. Thompson said: "The acreage in wheat in the province of Manitoba last year was 1,629,995 acres, and in the Territories 364,777 acres, and from the information which we obtain from our agents all over the country, I place the increase this year at from ten to fifteen per cent., which means a prospective total of 2,250,000 acres."

Regarding their Winnipeg mill Mr. Thompson said: "We are making extensive additions to our Winnipeg plant, and the constantly increasing demand upon our productive capacity renders it necessary that this work shall be carried on night and day. A large number of men are employed and by the 15th of April we hope to have the new plant completed, giving us the largest mill in the Dominion of Canada, with a steady output of three thousand barrels per day."

Mr. Thompson gave some interesting data concerning the tremendous fly-wheel of the new engine destined for the Winnipeg mill. The magnitude of this wheel will be better understood when it is known that it requires a belt six feet wide to drive it, the largest belt heretofore manufactured in the Dominion for driving purposes being only four feet six inches in width.

Speltz, a new variety of coarse grain, said to be excellent for feed, is being offered for seeding purposes in Winnipeg this spring. Speltz is sometimes called gramme and had its origin in India. It is now largely used in Russia.

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Ready-to-Wear Suits, Overcoats, Ulsters, Trousers, Etc. in Men's, Youth's, Boy's, and Children's Clothing

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Tariff Changes.

The budget was brought down in the Canadian commons yesterday. The most remarkable announcement in connection therewith is the British preferential tariff, which is to be increased to 33 1-3 per cent, instead of 25 per cent as heretofore. After July 1 next, British goods will be subject to a preference of 33 1-3 per cent. There is also a proposal for a practically free trade compact with the Island of Trinidad. The only direct tariff change announced is the provision that machinery not made in Canada when imported for the manufacture of beet sugar shall be free.

Additional Tenders.

Sealed tenders for the supply of fire alarm system and apparatus for the city of Winnipeg will be received up 8:30 p. m. on Monday, April 16.

Architect George Browne is calling for tenders, to April 7, for the erection of a building for the Y. M. C. A. in Winnipeg.

Tenders will be received by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. up to 12 o'clock, Saturday, April 7, for the construction of masonry bridges at the following points: Cook's Creek, East Selkirk, abutments for 60 ft. span; Strawberry Creek, Kaminstiquia, 25 ft. arch culvert; Fish Creek, three miles west of Maple Creek, abutments for 60 ft. span, Pipestone Creek, Lagan, pier and abutments for two 66 ft. spans; near Murray Park, South Western Branch, 25 ft. arch culvert.

Tenders for the erection of a church at Orr, Man., will be received up to April 15. Work to commence June 1st, next. John Usher, Campbellville, Man.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c higher, millfeed 25c higher; flaxseed 5c higher, butter easier; potatoes 3c lower; poultry firm and higher on some lines.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.45 to \$3.55; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.25; bran in bulk, \$11.25; corn feed, \$13.75 to \$15.25 per ton, as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 24c.

Barley—33 to 33c.

Corn—Quoted at 34 to 34 1-2c for No. 3.

Flax Seed—\$1.02 per bushel.

Eggs—12c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 21 to 23c for choice to extras; seconds, 20 to 21c; dairy, 19 to 22c for choice to fancy, seconds, 18c.

Cheese—9 to 12 1-2c.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 11 to 11 1-2c; fowl, 6 to 8c; turkeys, 8 to 11c; ducks, 11c; geese, 9c.

Potatoes—30c to 33c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, 81-4c for No. 1; 71-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 pounds, No. 1, 91-2c; No. 2, 81-2c; sheepskins, 40c to \$1.10 each; veal calf, No. 1, 11 1-4c; No. 2, 10c; tallow, 43-8 to 51-4c; seneca root, 36 to 40c.

Wool—Unwashed fine, 13 to 15c; medium fine, 15 to 16c; medium, 17 to 18c; coarse, 16 to 17c.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$7 to \$9.50 as to quality.

Dressed meats—Veal 6 to 9c; mutton, 5 to 7c; lambs, 5 to 9 1-2c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per bushel; good medium, \$1.50 to \$2.

Honey—Per lb., 7 to 10c; sections, 11 to 13c.

MINING MATTERS.

CAPE NOME.

The postmaster at Nome, Alaska describes the gold deposits and the work of mining there as follows in a recent letter:

"Imagine a strip of sandy beach which will pan from \$25 to \$500 a day. (The water from the ocean is used to wash out the auriferous particles and there is a chance for every one. Of course, there is a strip along the beach about 100 feet wide that belongs to the government for a roadway. But this can be leased from the interior department and is being worked by those who are in need of ready money for the necessities of life. About eight months ago a crowd of 2,000 miners came in dead broke. They had lost everything they had in the Copper river country, and to them the free gold on the beach was a God-send.

"I have never seen anyone who wanted to work clear up less than \$25 a day. (There are times when rich pockets would be struck and the labor of a few hours would pay \$500.

The best time to work is in the winter when the ground is frozen, but even then the climate is not so severe as in the Klondike and the miners can work to better advantage.

"Up in the hills, mines have been discovered and have been worked for several seasons. One of them employs eight men, and has turned out over \$250,000 net."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Stace & Brockman have bought the Monitor mine near Three Forks, Sandou district.

Smelter returns from fifteen tons of Okanagan gold mines concentrates gave \$1,064.70. This was net after the freight and treatment charges had been paid. The gross value of the concentrates was \$22.15 to the ton.

A rich strike has been made on the Nickel Plate, near Rossland, belonging to the East Le Roi company, heretofore regarded as one of the most dubious propositions of the British-American Company. The strike was made near the shaft at the 500-foot level and consisted of a rich ledge, carrying good values in gold and copper.

Notice has been given that dividends would be discontinued on the Rambler-Caribou. The information was signed by J. B. McArthur, president, and dated Kaslo, March 1. About \$35,000 to \$40,000 will be required for the erection of assay offices, bunk and boarding house, and additional plant, which will give the mine a production estimated at five times its present capacity. To raise the money dividends will be dispensed with and the money used for this purpose.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Work is progressing actively on the Geld Pauner mine, Kat Portage district. New machinery is being installed.

The mint returns from the last clean-up on the Golden Star show that the mine yielded nearly \$7,000 during the run. The result was much better than the directors anticipated.

A gold brick valued at \$612 was shown in Toronto last week, produced from the Crown Point mine, Kat Portage. This mine is only being opened for development and promises well.

A circular has been issued by the Republic Company stating that a dividend of 3 per cent. will be paid on June 15. The mill site is prepared and all the machinery ordered. It is expected that this machinery will be in operation by July 1. A large modern plant is to be installed on the Quip, in which the Republic Company is interested, and it is expected that regular shipments will commence before the end of the summer. The new Republic mill will be opened by a separate company, the Republic Exploration & Cyanide Company, the majority of the stock of which will be owned by the Republic Company.

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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, March 19.

British Columbia has enjoyed a week of mild, warm weather, which has had its effect on the dairy market. Local eggs and butter are in plentiful supply. California butter is also huddled in large quantities. Owing to the plentiful supply of fresh local eggs and good case eggs from Portland, eastern case eggs are a glut on the market and are selling freely at 10 cents. Cured meats of not extra good quality have arrived in large quantities from the east lately and have depressed the market. The bank clearings show a big increase over corresponding periods last year, but wholesalers claim that business for March has been very dull and money tight. The northern orders are not contributing a great deal to wholesale trade, as Klondike parties are going in light over the ice and buying their provisions in the well stocked stores in the north.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, March 24.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 31c. California is selling at 29 to 30c.
EGGS—Fresh local, 20c; eastern case eggs, 19 to 15c, as to quality. Oregon eggs, 21c per doz.

CHEESE—15c.
GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$2.75 to \$3.00; seedlings, \$2.00; California lemons, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bananas, \$2.85.

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

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba, patent, per barrel, \$1.60; strong bakers', \$1.30; Oregon, \$1.50 per barrel.

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

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

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1/2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea loach, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 8c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c; bloater, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 70c; pintail, 40c teal, 25c; wildgeon, 40c per pair.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock \$15 to \$18 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 per ton; cabbage, 2 1/2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1 1/2c per lb., silver-skins 2 1/2c.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton, bran, \$20; shorts, \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

BRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 1/2 to 9c; mutton, 11c; pork, 8 1/2 to 9c; veal, 10 1/2 to 11c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.75 to \$4.00 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.60 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches, 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1/2c lb.; London layer raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.25 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1/2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 8c, 3 crown \$1.2c, 4 crown 9c; dates, 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1/2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box, \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1/2c; quartered pears, 11 1/2c; half pears, 12 1/2c; nectarines, 14c; Valencia raisins, 7 1/2c; sultanas,

11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 1/2c.

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

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

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1/4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs, 2 3/4c; 5 gallon tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1.60 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

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

HARDWARE—Bar iron — Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5.00. Wire nails — Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 10c. Bottled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.

British Columbia Notes.

Allen & Cory are reopening their hotel at Vevey.

H. Steffens, general merchant, Lytton, has assigned.

W. Wainmsley has purchased the Filbert hotel, Sandon.

Rahy Bros., dry goods, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.

D. Spencer, dry goods, Victoria, is opening a branch at Vancouver.

A Ross & Co. have opened in the dry goods business at Vancouver.

Carmichael & Dickle have opened in the grocery business at Vancouver.

J. E. W. Macfarlane will establish a fish oil and fertilizer factory at Vancouver.

S. F. W. Gainer has made arrangements to open a watchmaker's shop at Ferguson.

A joint stock company is being formed to take over the Grand Forks sash and door factory.

C. J. Kelly & Co., of Victoria, commission merchants, have assigned to Beaumont Boggs.

F. Richardson, formerly a commercial traveller, has opened a general store at White Horse.

John Temple, formerly of Napuka, Man., D. McMillan and Wm. Bonthron, are building a \$10,000 hotel at Rossland.

Williams & Barker, brewers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. Do-ring & Marstrand taking over the interest of Barker.

Sherlock & Bremner, Cranbrook and Lethbridge, have dissolved. Bremner takes over the Cranbrook business and Sherlock the Lethbridge branch.

Wauchope is the name of the new town on the Fire Valley trail and head waters of the Kettle river, and named in honor of General Wauchope, who lost his life at Magersfontein, South Africa.

Cunningham & Sons are building a store and warehouse at Essington, in connection with their canuery business there. They will also build a number of cottages for the use of employees and a hotel.

S Hansen has bought the Kauffman House, Morje City, from Chas. Kauffman. Hansen has given a lease of the house to N. A. MacKenzie and Fred Pullman, who will run it under the name Manhattan House.

D. V. Mott has sold his interest in the Fernie Lumber Co., Fernie, to Mc Dougall & Proctor, and hereafter the concern will be known as the Fernie Lumber Co., Ltd. It having been incorporated as a joint stock company.

The following new companies have been incorporated under British Columbia laws: E. S. Fether Co., of Van-

couver; capital \$25,000; Galena Creek Mining Co., of Lardau, of Rossland, capital \$150,000; Summit Water & Power Co., of Grand Forks, capital \$75,000; Golden Placer & Quartz Mining Co., of Golden, capital \$1,500,000; Lost Horse Copper Mines, of Vancouver, capital \$15,000; Spicer Shingle Mill Co., of Vancouver, capital \$25,000.

Vancouver Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Vancouver board of trade was held on Tuesday March 13. The election of officers resulted as follows. President, F. Buscombe, unopposed, vice-president, F. F. Burns, secretary, W. T. Stein. Council—W. Godfrey, W. H. Malkin, C. E. Tisdall, A. H. Alexander, W. H. Ker, F. Cockburn, H. T. Lockyer, W. F. Salisbury, W. Murray, A. O. Campbell, C. Gardiner-Johnson, Campbell Sweeney, W. Skene, W. Brald, W. Pellev Harvey. The first twelve members on the list of councillors are to constitute the board of arbitration.

The board has now 200 members and a substantial cash balance.

London Fur Sales.

The regular March fur sales of the Hudson's Bay Company and C. M. Lampson & Company have been held in London, England, this week. The Hudson's Bay Company sales opened on Monday and closed on Thursday; Lampson & Co.'s opened on Monday and will be continued into next week. Cable advices so far show the following results:

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY SALES.

Otter, 30 per cent. higher than last March.

Cross fox, 30 per cent. higher than last March.

Silver fox, 400 per cent. higher than last March.

Fisher, 5 per cent. lower than last March.

Marten, 20 per cent. higher than last March.

Red fox, 80 per cent. higher than last March.

Mink, 15 per cent. lower than last March.

Lynx, 140 per cent. higher than last March.

Wolf, 150 per cent. higher than last March.

Black bear, unchanged.

Brown bear, 10 per cent. higher than last March.

Grizzly bear, 15 per cent. lower than last March.

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

Cross fox, 35 per cent. higher than last March.

Beaver, 10 per cent. higher than last January.

Otter, 10 per cent. higher than last March.

Lynx, 140 per cent. higher than last March.

The Stuart Arbutnot Machinery Company are now comfortably settled in the new offices and warehouses on north Main street, Winnipeg. They are close to the Canadian Pacific rail road track, and in a good location for business. A description of this building will appear in an early issue of this journal.

J. M. Perkins, seed merchant, Winnipeg, has had several large orders for brome grass seed this week from distant places. One for 2,500 pounds was for shipment to British Columbia, another for St. Paul, and one for La Crosse, Wisconsin. Manitoba grown seed is apparently preferred wherever it is obtainable.

Toronto Grocery Market.

(Toronto, March 24.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$4.45 to \$4.53; yellows, from \$3.73 to \$4.40.

SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 52c; special bright, 35 to 42c.

MCLASSES—West India, barrels, 32 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium, and 35 to 47c for bright.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 91-2 to 14c Mocha, 25 to 28c; Java, 25 to 32c.

TEAS—Japan, low grade, 18 to 20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 46c, Indian, 18 to 50c; Congous, low grades, 10 to 15c; mediums, 22 to 25c; and fines 40 to 65c; Oeylous, 17 to 35c; Formosa oolongs, 25 to 65c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 30 to 55c, peas, 75c up; corn, \$1.05 to \$1.10; beans, 95c; sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; pumpkins, 80c, strawberries, 2's, \$1.65 to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.75 to \$2; peaches, 2's, \$1.75 to \$1.80; 3's, \$2.50 to \$2.65; apples, 3's, 85c; gals., \$2.35 to \$2.40. Salmon—Cohoos, prime dark pink fish, \$1.10 to \$1.20; sock-eye, red fish, \$1.30 to \$1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.80; flats, \$3.20.

RICE—Rice bags, 35-8 to 4c; Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Palma, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 18 to 20c; Amboyna, 22 to 25c; Penang, 23 to 35c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 80c to \$1; cream tartar, pure 25 to 28c, compound 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 17c, Penang, 16c; compound, 12 to 14c; pepper, pure white, 23 to 30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencias, fine off stalk, 7 to 7 1-4c; selected 7 1-2 to 8c; layers, 7 1-2 to 8c; figs, three stars, 10's, 13c; two stars, 10's, 12c, one star, 10's, 11c; provincial currents, 4 1-2 to 5c; Piliatras, 5 to 5 1-2c; Patras, 5 3-4 to 6c; Vostizzas, 7 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 19 to 20c, pears, 16 to 17c; peaches, 13 1-2 to 15c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 8c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 6 to 6 1-2c; Sultanas, 9 to 13c; Hallowee dates, 5 to 5 1-2c; Malaga London layers, \$1.95 to \$2 per box, black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, quarter flats, 75c, and blue baskets, quarter flats, 80c; Dehesa, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 26 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 40c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 24 to 28c; Grenobles, 13 1-2 to 14c; Sicily Alberts, 10 to 10 1-2c.

PEEL—Orange, 12 to 13c; lemon, 10 1-2 to 12c; citron, 17 to 20c.

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Canada mess, \$15.00; short, cut, \$16, clear and shoulder mess, \$12.50 to \$13.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 7 1-2c; ton and case lots, 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c; breakfast bacon, 11 to 12c; backs, 11 to 12 1-2c; shoulders, 8 to 8 1-2c; hams, 11 to 12c; rolls, \$1-2 to 3c. Green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

LARD—Tierces, 7c, tubs, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; pails, 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

(Toronto, March 24.

ANTIMONY—11 to 11 1-2c per lb. for Cookson's.

BARBED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$3.47 1-2; less than cars, \$3.72 1-2 Toronto.

BAR IRON—\$2.45 to \$2.50 bare.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge, \$3.50.

BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full square, 65 per cent.; common carriage bolts, all sizes, 50 per cent.; do., full square, 65 per cent.; machine bolts, all sizes, 62 1-2 per cent.; coach screws, 65 per cent.; sleighs-hoe bolts, 70 per cent.; blank bolts, 52 1-2 per cent.; bolt ends 62 1-2 per cent.; nuts, square, 3 1-2c off; nuts, hexagon, 4c off; tapping nuts, 60 per cent.; tire bolts, 60 per cent.; stove bolts, 60 and 10 per cent.; plough bolts, 50 per cent.

BRASS—Discount on roll and sheet, 15 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarpod lining, 40c.

CANADA PLATES—All dull, at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; half polished, \$3.35 to \$3.60, and all bright \$3.85 to \$4 per 100 lbs.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.80 to \$3.00 English do., \$3.00, Belgian, \$2.75 to \$3.00. Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25, calcined plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

COIL CHAIN—5-16 inch, \$6.

COPPER—Ingots copper, 19 to 20c per lb.; sheet copper, 23 to 23 1-2c.

CUT NAILS—\$2.85 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

FENCE WIRE—Woven, 7 1-2c per rod.

FINE STEEL WIRE—Discount 15 per cent.

GALVANIZED IRON—28 gauge, \$5.10 per 100 lbs. for English and \$4.75 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—9 gauge, \$3.47 1-2; 12 gauge, \$3.62 1-2, 13 gauge, \$3.77 1-2, No. 16, \$5.65.

GLASS—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.20, and in 100 ft. boxes, \$4.20; double diamond under 25 united inches in 100 ft. boxes, \$6.25; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$2.00 per 100 square feet.

HARVEST TOOLS—50 and 10 to 50, 10 and 5 per cent.

HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia, 50 and 10 per cent.

HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$4.05 f.o.b.; snowshoes, \$4.30.

IRON PIPE—1-4 to 3-8 inch, \$3.60; 1-2 inch, \$3.70; 3-4 inch, \$4.20; 1 inch, \$5.90; 1 1-4 inch, \$7.85; 1 1-2 inch, \$9.75; 2 inch, \$13.00; 2 1-2 inch to 6 inch, discount off list, 45 per cent. Galvanized pipe—1-2 inch, \$6.50; 3-4 inch, \$8; 1 inch, \$11.60; 1 1-4 inch, \$16; 1 1-2 inch, \$20; 2 inch, \$28.50.

LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste, 7 1-2c; discount 15 per cent.

OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 70c per cwt.; machinery cast, 70c per cwt; stove cast scrap, 45c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 65c per 100 lbs.; new light scrap copper 12c per lb.; bottoms, 10 1-2c; heavy copper, 14c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 11c; scrap lead, 2 3-4c; zinc, 3c; scrap rubber, 6c; good country mixed rags, 65 to 75c; clean dry bones, 40 to 50c per 100 lbs.

PIG IRON—Hamilton f.o.b. cars at furnace, \$24 to \$25.

PIG LEAD—Imported at 43-4c to 5c per lb.

PIG TIN—37 to 38c per lb.

POULTRY NETTING—Discount of 45 per cent.

RIVETS AND BURS—Carriage section wagon box rivets, etc., 45 per cent.; black M rivets, 45 per cent.; do. Norway iron, 45 per cent; iron burs, 40 per cent.; copper rivets, 35 per cent; bifurcated, with box \$1.25; coppered iron rivets and burs, in 5 lb. carton boxes, 30c per lb.

ROPE—Sisal, 12 1-2c; Manila 15 1-2c.

SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 50 per cent off the list; round head, bright 75 per cent; flat head brass, 75 per cent; round head brass, 67 1-2 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1-2 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1-2 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—7 1-2c for cask lots; 7 3-4c for part casks.

SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—The base is \$3.45 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent.

SOLDER—7 to 7 1-4c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 22 to 23c; refined, 21 1-2 to 22c; wiping, 21 to 21 1-2c.

TINNED SHEETS—24 gauge, 6 to 6 3-4c.

TIN PLATES—I.C., 14 by 20, and I.X., 14 by 20, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box.

TERNE PLATE—I.C., \$8.50; I.X., \$10.50.

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$3.40 to \$3.50 f.o.b. Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 9 to 9 1-2c per lb.; and 9 1-2 to 10c for single tins.

GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 22 1-2c; in less than cases, 25c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels 68c boiled 74c.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.20 to \$1.30 per gallon, No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—90c.

PARIS GREEN—Petroleum bris., 18c; arsenic kegs, 18 1-4c, drums, 50 and 100 lbs., 18 3-4c; drums, 25 lbs., 19 1-4c, tins, 1 lb., 20 3-4c; packages, 1 lb., 19 3-4c.

PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick, \$1.90 per barrel.

PUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100 pounds for bbls. and 4 to 5c per lb. in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb. in small lots, and 8c per lb. in barrels.

PUTTY—We quote: Bulk, \$1.75; bladders, in bbls., \$1.90; bladders in cases, \$2.05.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lbs., \$5.50; ditto, in kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.75; No. 1 in casks of 560 lbs., \$5 to \$5.25; do. kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.25 to \$5.50.

REFINED OIL—Pratt's astral, 20c in bulk; American water white, 20c in barrels; photogene, 19c; Sarnia water white 18 1-2c; in barrels; Sarnia prime, 17c in barrels.

SEAL OIL—54c per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 83c 2 to 4 barrel lots, 80c.

WHITING—60c per 100 lbs.; gliders' whitening, 75 to 82c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.87 1-2; No. 1, \$6.50; No. 2, \$6.12 1-2; No. 3, \$5.75; No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead in casks, \$5.75.

WHITE ZINC—Genuine French, V.M., in casks, \$7 to \$7.25; Lohigh, in casks, \$6.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, March 23.—1 p.m. closing Consols for money 101 13-16; do. for the account 101 15-16. Canadian Pacific 98 3-4 Erie firsts preferred 40 3-4 Illinois Central 118 U. P. preferred 78; St. Paul common 129 1-8; N. Y. C. 139 3-4; Pennsylvania 87 1-2 Reading 9 1-8; N. P. preferred 78 1-8; Atchison 26 3-8; Louisville 87. Rand Mines 37 3-8; G. T. 3 3-8; Anaconda 8 7-8. Bar silver 127 5-8d per ounce, steady. Money 7 1-2 per cent. (The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 1-2 to 3 3-4 do. for three months bills 3 3-4 per cent.)

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 23.—Wheat, spot firm; No. 1 northern spring 6s 2 3-4d. Futures steady: March nominal; May 5s 8 7-8d, July 5s 8d.

LATE WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

J. Fitzpatrick is opening a bakery at Indian Head, Assa.

J. R. Burn is opening in the lumber business at Millestone, Assa.

Unger's blacksmith shop at Cranleigh, Man., has been destroyed by fire. Loss about \$400; no insurance.

Agents for R. J. Whitla & Company, Winnipeg, are now on their way to Europe to make fall purchases. While away they will visit the leading markets of Great Britain and Europe.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, for an Act of Incorporation of "The Accident and Guarantee Company of Canada," for the purpose of carrying on a General Accident, including Sickness, and Guarantee Insurance Business.

JOHN F. MACKIE,

Solicitor for Applicant.

Montreal, Jan. 11, 1900.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 24.

Dry Goods—Trade is quiet. Large shipments to the Northwest and the coast are being made. Values are strong. The Colored Cotton Mills have advanced all lines including cottonades, tickings, flannellettes, denims and shirtings 5 per cent. Domestic made quilts have advanced again, this being the fourth advance. Linens are very firm. Manchester people are refusing orders at any price.

Hardware—Generally quiet. A good many orders for April delivery are coming in. Shipments are large and values generally firm with few changes. Pig tin is firmer. Pig iron firm.

Groceries—Demand has improved a little. Currents are selling freely. Valencia raisins have advanced 1-2c and are now 7 1-2 to 8c per lb. The feature in canned goods was the trading in next season's crop. Prices opening 1c to 12 1/2c per dozen higher than last year. Spot prices, corn \$1.05 to \$1.10; tomatoes 90 to 95c; peas 75c up, with better demand.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 24.

Grain market dull owing to freight rates being higher than by United States lines. Manitoba wheat sold 1-2c lower. Oats steady and 1-2c higher. New laid eggs advanced 1-2c. The butter market is easier and prices are off 1c from the top. Supplies are a little more abundant. Cheese is dull but firm. The tendency on wools has been easier and dealers are bidding 1c off from the top recently paid.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Manitoba bakers, \$3.60; car lots; Ontario roller, \$2.80 per barrel or car lots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 64 1-2 to 65c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 65 1-2c at eastern Ontario points; No. 1 hard, 79 1-2c North Bay.

Oats—26 1-2 to 28c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights.

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

Millfeed—Shorts, \$16 to \$18 per ton; bran, \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton for cars at country mills.

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

Eggs—New laid, 14 to 14 1-2c; fresh, held, 11c.

Butter—Lairy, tubs, choice fresh, 22 to 23c; large dairy rolls, 20 to 21c; creamery, tubs and prints, 25 to 26c. Cheese—13 to 13 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1-2c; country hides 1-2c under these prices; sheepskins and lambskins, \$1 to \$1.25; calfskins, 11c for No. 1; and 10c for No. 2; tallow, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 19c; unwashed, 11c.

Beans—\$1.85 per bushel for hand-picked.

Dried Apples—5 1-2 to 6c for round lots evaporated, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Honey—Sold at 9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 55c per pair; turkeys, 13c per lb.; geese, 7 to 8c. mucks, 60 to 80c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 38 to 39c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bushel; red clover, 55 to \$5.50; alsike, \$1.50 to \$6.00.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 21.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 600 cattle, 200 sheep and lambs, and 1,000 hogs.

Export cattle—Offerings light. Prices weak. Sales at \$4.50 to \$4.87 1-2 per cwt. for heavy cattle, the latter for extra choice. Light cattle sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Export bulls \$3.50 to \$5.75 for light, and \$3.75 to \$4 for heavy.

Butchers' cattle—Fair demand at easier prices. A few choice touched \$4.50, but the average choice helpers and steers sold at \$4 to \$4.25, and good loads at \$3.50 to \$3.90, medium to mixed lots at \$3 to \$3.50; common cows \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Stocks—Buffalo market easier and prices here rather weaker.

Sheep—Export ewes were sold at \$3.25 to \$3.75 per cwt.; bucks at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt and butcher sheep at \$3 to \$4 a head. Lambs 25c lower at \$4.25 to \$5.50 per cwt. and \$5.50 to \$5.75 for picked ewes and wethers.

Hogs—Advanced 12 1-2c per cwt. to \$5.62 1-2 for selections of 160 to 200 lbs. weight, and \$5 per cwt. for thick and light fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, March 24.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were forty carloads cattle, 100 sheep and lambs and 1,000 hogs.

Export cattle sold firmer and the top price for choice was five. Butchers' cattle sold weak. Best brought from 4 1-4c down. Hogs unchanged but likely to advance 1-8c next week.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 24.

Oats are dull and unchanged. Flour quiet and a shade weaker. Feed is scarce and firm. Meal steady. Hides unchanged. Eggs firm and active. Butter is lower and receipts increasing. Cheese is quiet and unchanged. Beans steady. Potatoes fairly active. Dressed poultry and meats quiet and fairly steady.

Oats—30 1-2 to 31c in store, 32 to 32 1-2c about, May.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.40 to \$3.60; Manitoba patents, \$3.70 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Bran, \$17 per ton; shorts, \$18 including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.40 per barrel; on track and \$1.65 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c. No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 10 1-2 to 11c; No. 2, 8 1-2c; lambskins, \$1.00 to \$1.10; tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 14 to 14 1-2c. Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 20 to 22c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 23 to 25c. Cheese—12 1-2 to 13c.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.80 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—45c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c; chickens, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c; ducks, 7 to 8c, geese, 6 to 7c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 1-2 to 5c per pound hind quarters, 5 to 7c; lamb, 6 to 6 1-4c, mutton, 4 1-2 to 5c; hogs, \$7.25 to \$7.50.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 20.

Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 450 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

Values were fairly well maintained. The demand was purely of a local character, there being no shippers present. Choice steers sold at 43-4 to 5c; good at 41-4 to 41-2c; fair at 31-2 to 4c, and lower grades at from 2c to 3 1-4c per lb. The market for sheep was quiet and prices ruled firm. Sheep sold at 3 1-2 to 4c, and yearling lambs at 5c per lb. A few spring lambs sold at from \$4 to \$6 each.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles the supply of live hogs were fair and prices for select lots were 10c per 100 lbs. lower. The demand was good at 5 1-4 to 5 1-2c per lb. weighed of cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, March 23.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 250 cattle and 300 sheep and lambs.

Choice cattle, 5c, fair to good 4 to 4 1-2c, and other grades at 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c per lb. Sheep sold at 4c, and yearling lambs at 5c. Hogs 5 1-4 to 5 1-2c off cars for straight lots.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Montreal, March 24.

All grades of sugar advanced 5c per 100 pounds early in the week. Other prices are unchanged. Market is steady and fairly active.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, March 23.

The cattle market is steady at 11 3-4 per pound, estimated dressed weight.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, March 23.

Cheese is now quoted at 60s for white, and 63s for colored.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
London, March 23.

Beet weak, March and April 10s 2 1-4d.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, March 20.—At the wool auction sales to-day there was a good attendance, and the catalogues were the largest of the series, and were partly New Zealand wools. The withdrawals were large. A good selection of merino and lots suitable for America were actively competed for, the bulk of greasy lambs going to the home trade, and crossbreds to Yorkshire and American representatives.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, March 19.—A weaker feeling prevailed in this market again to-day for cattle, and with trade bad, prices show a decline as compared with a week ago. Choice States sold at 12c and Argentines at 11c. The tone of the market for sheep continues strong with Argentines selling at 13 to 14c.

Liverpool, March 19.—A private cable received quoted Canadian cattle at 11 1-2c, sheep at 14c, and lambs at 17c.

A private cable from London quoted choice Canadian cattle at 11c.

Another private cable from Liverpool quoted choice American cattle at 11 1-2c, and Canadians at 11c.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 19.—Wheat, May opened 73 5-8c, closed 73c b. July opened 73 5-8c, closed 73c b.

New York, March 20.—Wheat, May opened 73c, closed 73 1-8c b. July opened 73c, closed 73 1-4c.

New York, March 21.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-4, closed 72 7-8c. July opened 73 1-8c, closed 73c a.

New York, March 22.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-4c, closed 72 1-4c b. July opened 72 7-8c, closed 72 1-4c b.

New York, March 23.—Wheat, May opened 71 7-8c, closed 72 3-8c b. July opened 72c, closed 72 3-8c b.

New York, March 24.—Wheat closed at 72 1-2c for May and July options.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, March 19.—Wheat, May opened 67 1-2c, closed 66 3-8c a. July opened 68c, closed 67 1-4c. Corn, May opened 37 1-2c, closed 37 1-2c b. July opened —, closed 37 7-8c a. Oats, May opened 24c, closed 24c a. July opened 23c, closed 22 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$11.30, closed \$11.42 1-2. July opened \$11.30, closed \$11.27 1-2 b. Lard, May opened \$6.15, closed \$6.12 1-2 a. July opened \$6.22 1-2, closed \$6.20 b. Ribs, May opened \$6.15, closed \$6.15. July opened \$6.17 1-2, closed \$6.17 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.01 1-2. May \$1.05 a. Sept. \$1.14. Oct. \$1.11 a.

Chicago, March 20.—Wheat, May opened 66 3-8c, closed 66 3-8c b. July opened 67 1-4c, closed 67 1-2c b. Corn, May opened 37 3-8c, closed 37 1-4c a. July opened 37 3-4c, closed 37 5-8c a. Oats, May opened 24c, closed 24c. July opened 23c, closed 22 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$11.40, closed \$11.40. July opened \$11.22 1-2, closed \$11.15 a. Lard, May opened \$6.12 1-2, closed \$6.05 a. July opened \$6.20, closed \$6.12 1-2 b. Ribs, May opened \$6.15, closed \$6.10 a. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.12 1-2.

Chicago, March 21.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-2c, closed 66 1-8c. July opened 67 3-8c, closed 67c b. Corn, May opened 37, closed 37 1-8c b. July opened 37 1-2c, closed 37 1-2c a. Sept. opened 38c, closed 38c. Oats, May opened 24, closed 24c. July opened 22 7-8, closed 23c. Pork, May opened \$11.35 to \$11.47 1-2, closed \$11.35. July opened \$11.15, closed \$11.25. Lard, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6.07 1-2. July opened \$6.12 1-2, closed \$6.15 b. Ribs, May opened \$6.07 1-2, closed \$6.15. July opened \$6.10, closed \$6.17 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.05. May \$1.03 b, \$1.05 a. Sept. \$1.15 1-2. Oct. \$1.11 b, \$1.11 1-2 a.

Chicago, March 22.—Wheat, May opened 65 7-8c, closed 65 5-8c a. July opened 66 7-8c, closed 66 1-2c b. Sept. opened 67 1-8c, closed 67 1-8c. Corn, May opened 36 7-8c, closed 36 7-8c b. July opened 37 1-8c, closed 37 1-4c. Oats, May opened 24c, closed 24c. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$11.40, closed \$11.60. July opened \$11.25, closed \$11.40 a. Lard, May opened \$6.12 1-2, closed \$6.15. July opened \$6.20, closed \$6.25. Ribs, May opened \$6.20, closed \$6.22 1-2. July opened \$6.20, closed \$6.25. Flax, cash \$1.05. May \$1.05. Sept. \$1.16 b. Oct. \$1.15 b.

Chicago, March 23.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-8c, closed 65 1-2c b. July opened 66 1-8c, closed 66 1-2 a. Corn, May opened 37c, closed 37 3-4c a. July opened 37 1-8, closed 38 1-8c a. Sept. opened 37 5-8c, closed 37 5-8c. Pork, May opened \$11.70 to \$11.75, closed at \$11.80. July opened \$11.55, closed \$11.62 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.15, closed \$6.25. July opened \$6.27 1-2, closed \$6.35. Ribs, May opened \$6.27 1-2, closed \$6.32 1-2. July opened \$6.27 1-2. Oats, May opened 23 7-8, closed 24c. July opened 22 3-4c, closed 22 7-8c. Flax, cash \$1.05. May \$1.05 a. Sept. \$1.17. Oct. \$1.14 a.

Chicago, March 24.—May wheat opened at 65 7-8c, and ranged from 65 5-8 to 66c. Closing prices.

Wheat—March, 65 1-8c; May, 65 5-8c, July, 66c.

Corn—May, 37 3-4c; July, 38 1-8c.

Oats—May, 24 1-8c.

Fork—May, 72 1-2c.

Lard—May, \$6.20.

Ribs—May, \$6.30.

A week ago May option closed at 67 1 2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 70 5 8c, two years ago at \$1.04; three years ago at 72 3 4c; four years ago at 64c, five years ago at 55 3 4c, and six years ago at 60c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, March 24.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.65 for cash and May.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, March 24.—Wheat closed at 63 1-2c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 65 1-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 64 1-8c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market dull and steady. Cash No. 1 hard quoted at 66c, in store Fort William, May 67 3-4c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 66 1 2, July 67 1-2.
Tuesday—May 66 5-8c, July 67 5-8c.
Wednesday—May 66 1 4c, July 67 1 8c.
Thursday—May 65 3-4c, July 66 5 8c.
Friday—May, 65 3-4c, July 66 5-8c.
Saturday—May, 65 7-8c, July, 66 7-8c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 66c, and cash 1 northern at 64 7-8c. A week ago May wheat closed at 67 3 8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 70 1-8c; two years ago at 97 3-4c; three years ago at 72 1-4c, four years ago at 62 1-8c, five years ago at 61 1 2c, and six years ago at 61 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 24.—Wheat closed 3-8d higher.

RENEW YOUR LIFE POLICY.

It matters not whether times are good or bad, whether you are in debt or out of debt, whether you are sick or well, you should always set the renewing of your life policy before you as a duty that must be done no matter what comes or goes, for when times are good you can pay your premiums easily, when times are bad your insurance is of great importance; when you are in debt you need your insurance to guarantee the payment of your debt, when out of debt you need it to protect those who are, or may be dependent upon you; when you are sick you are in imminent danger and could not get insurance; when you are well you need it because you have no guarantee of either health or life so that you need the protection of insurance at all times and under all circumstances.

J. Larlich, general merchant, Winkler, Man., has assigned to Thos. Ryan, Winnipeg.

Wm. H. Lowe, general merchant, Roland, Man., has assigned to Thos. Ryan, Winnipeg.

O. G. & N. J. Rutledge have bought out the implement business of Geo. Lawrence at Killarney, Man.

Wm. Baylis, proprietor of the South-eastern hotel, whose assignment is noted in another part of this issue, is arranging with his creditors to continue the business.

About "C"
Horse Nails

Our well known "C" brand of Horse Nails is not a stranger in Manitoba or the Northwest, as they have been sold by nearly all the leading firms for many years, and are to be obtained from the stocks in store of the following well-known dealers:

J. H. Ashdown - - - Winnipeg
Jas. Robertson & Co., Ltd " "
Geo. D. Wood & Co - " "
Miller, Morse & Co - - " "
E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd.,
Victoria, B. C.

We solicit from the retail trade of Manitoba and Northwest Territories their valued orders for our "C" brand through any of these firms.

In soliciting your preference for the "C" brand, we do so, feeling assured that we are offering you, without doubt, the best horse nail made in Canada. They are made only from the best obtainable quality of Swedish Charcoal Steel Nail Rods, which are "hot-forged" to the desired pattern. Nails made by this process are tougher and will stand more wear and tear than any cheaply made "cold process" nails.

Our methods of finishing and pointing, and our standards differ from those of other makers, and will be found to be the most economical in every respect.

Every box of our make is fully warranted to be perfect in every respect, and if found otherwise will be exchanged free of all expense to the purchaser.

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