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WINNIPEG, MAY 20, 1895.

Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Music Co., has been incorporated.

Moody & Sutherland, hardware, West Selkirk, are adding flour and feed.

W. Delahey, general store, Balmoral, is succeeded by J. A. Frayne & Co.

Gardner & Owens, hardware, Rapid City, have dissolved; Edgar Gardner continues.

Velie, Carey & Co., wholesale liquors, Winnipeg, have dissolved; George Velie continues.

The contract for building the Macdonald creamery has been let and work has begun. The building is 24 by 38 feet with an engine room 10 by 13 feet.

City assessor Harris reports the population of Winnipeg at 37,062, an increase of 2,000 over last year. Henderson's directory now in preparation will place the population in excess of 38,000, including floating population.

W. A. Carson, who sold out his meat business in Winnipeg about a year ago, has again decided to open in the fresh meat trade here. He has had the premises at 594 Main Street fitted up in nice style and is opening for business to-day.

The plant of the Brandon Mail, newspaper, has been sold to satisfy claims for rent, taxes, etc., to a party in Sault Ste. Marie. The subscription list has been purchased by the Brandon Times, newspaper. C. Cliffe, publisher of The Mail, says he will get in a new plant and start another paper.

Mr. Stairs Duffus, of Halifax, of the Consumers' Cordage Co., has been visiting this week in Manitoba, looking up prospects for the season's trade here. Mr. Merrick, of Merrick, Anderson & Co., spent a few days driving about the country with him.

The plans for the new hotel to be erected by J. Heiman & Co., at Morden, have arrived from Winnipeg. It is expected that the contract will be let in a few days. The hotel will be one of the best in the province, being 80 feet by 50 feet, three stories high, of solid brick and stone.

Haley & Sutton have decided to locate in Morden where they will open a private bank. This firm was engaged in the mercantile business in Morden some years ago. They moved to Vancouver, then to Edmonton, next to Brandon, and are now back to the southern Manitoba town again.

At the last regular meeting of the Winnipeg Retail Association reports were given of certain places of business now under the by-laws being open after hours. The early closing committee were instructed to attend to the matter. The taxation question was left over until the next meeting on May 28th. It is the intention of the members to hold an excursion or pic-nic early in the summer.

The statement appearing in some western papers to the effect that a number of farmers in sections of Manitoba have been compelled to seed a second time a considerable acreage of ground, the first grain sown having been blown out of the soil by heavy winds, is an error. High winds prevailed on several days early in the spring, but advices to The Commercial from the districts most affected say that no damage was done to the crops.

J. W. Harris, Winnipeg, assessment commissioner, reports the total assessment of the city for the current year at \$22,150,160, exclusive of exemptions, which amount to \$4,505,980, being an increase on the latter item of \$81,560 over that of 1894. For the year 1894 the rateable property of the city was \$22,001,330, showing an actual increase, therefore, of nearly \$150,000 for the present year. This is a smaller increase than in former years, owing to the large reductions made in the assessed value of outlying lands, and owing to changes made in the law, whereby billiard rooms have been relieved from business tax assessment, this change alone accounting for the greater portion of the \$200,000 decrease shown in the assessment for business tax. The total business tax assessed for 1895 is \$3,045,380.

Alberta.

J. L. Beatty, blacksmith, Lacombe, has sold out.

G. B. Batho, hotel, is opening a lumber yard at Olds.

Wm. Schmoek, butcher, Lacombe is succeeded by — Puffer.

Entrance was made into the Canadian Pacific Railway office at Macleod during the night of May 11. The cash drawer was taken from the desk and \$11 in silver, also a remittance of \$727 taken from the safe by prying off the safety board and taking the lock box from the safe.

Fire broke out in the engine room of Cushing's sash factory at Calgary on May 12. The building and machinery was saved after a hard struggle. The engine room and part of the machinery and some stock in the drying room was destroyed. The loss amounting to about \$3,000 is partly covered by insurance.

The Canadian Agricultural, Coal and Colonization Company has decided to withdraw from all its operations in the territories except so far as relates to cattle ranching. On the 5th June next the company will sell by public auction at the cold storage establishment at Calgary its entire stock outside the range cattle.

Canned Horse.

Portions of the states of Oregon and Washington are over-run with semi-wild horses, and as they are unsaleable, being worth only \$2 to \$10 per head, the idea has been devised to can them for the flesh. The Herrick cannery, at the Dalles, has already begun to pack horse meat. Six horses have been slaughtered and canned, and Mr. Herrick is now feeding a fine three-year-old filly on grain to see if the quality of the meat will improve. Samples of canned horse meat have been distributed in the large cities and if the demand warrants it, one hundred horses a day will be slaughtered and canned.

North West Ontario.

A customs office will be opened at Fort Francis, which will be made a port of entry. Goods in bond may be manifested direct to Fort Francis, while matter in bond for Hannaford, Couching, Rainy Lake city and all Seine river points may be bonded on the same point.

Grain and Milling News.

Tenders are asked for the excavation of the brsement of Brackman & Ker's oatmeal mill to be built at South Edmonton, Alberta.

The directors of the Northern Elevator Company, of Winnipeg, waited upon Superintendent Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, one day this week, and stated that it was their intention to erect a large cleaning and storage elevator in Winnipeg this year, if proper arrangements can be made with the railways. The superintendent said the railway company was in favor of the proposed elevator.

Dairy Matters.

The butter which the Dominion government bought at 20 cents per pound from Ontario creameries was sold in England for 15 cents per pound, that was the highest price, the other consignments brought less.

It is said that over 20,000 packages of last year's creamery butter is being placed in cold storage to carry over until next winter, the owners preferring to hold rather than sell at the heavy loss they would make by selling now.

N. F. Davin has given notice in parliament at Ottawa of a resolution declaring the expediency of applying \$20,000 to aid in the establishment of creameries and cheese factories in the Territories. He will also ask the government to consider giving a bonus on butter exported to England, and of raising the customs duty from 4 cents to 6 cents in order to enable the territory farmers to compete with United States exporters in the British Columbia market.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

R. T. Riley and J. H. Ashdown have been making a visit to leading Manitoba towns in the interest of the new fire insurance company which has been established in Winnipeg. They are meeting with liberal encouragement from the principal merchants.

By the majority of 526 to 52 the ratepayers of Winnipeg on Thursday, endorsed the school board by-law to issue four per cent fifty year debentures to the amount of \$65,000, for the furnishing of accommodation for the rapidly increasing school population of the city.

Comptroller Currie, of Winnipeg, announced to the civic committee the receipt of two tenders for local improvement debentures—one from H. O'Hara & Co., Toronto, for \$37,315 of fifteen year debentures at 107.36, and the other from Hanson Bros., Montreal, for \$24,203 of seven year debentures at 103.55. These are the highest prices ever obtained for city bonds of this description.

Silver.

The only feature of any importance in the silver market was the report that Japan has waived the accession of territory for an increase in its money indemnity. This checked any declining tendency in the London silver market, though it did not impart decided strength, as the actual demand is slow and light. The New York market at the end of the week is firm in sympathy with London. Silver prices on May 10 were: London 30½d; New York 66¾c.

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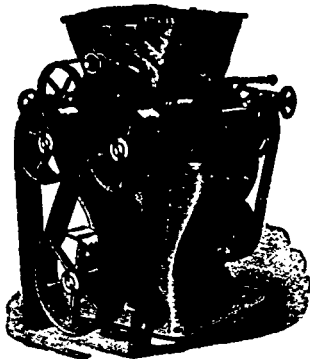
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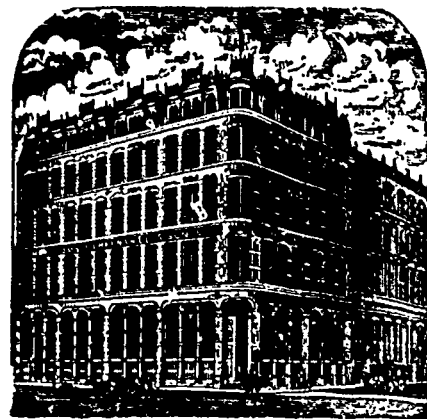


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WINNIPEG, MAY 20, 1895.

THE BUTTER TRADE.

Owing to the low price of butter, it will be necessary for country merchants in Manitoba to exercise greater care than ever before in handling butter. The butter output will soon be at its maximum and the quantity made this year will no doubt be large. In order to save themselves from loss, country merchants will find it necessary to discriminate very closely in buying butter. Only the best quality of butter will be wanted while prices remain so low and stocks so large, and the poor stuff will be almost unsalable, except at the price of grease. In fact, the days have gone by for finding a market for poor or stale butter. People want choice butter, and they want it fresh. With the extensive refrigerator car service on our railways this year, merchants will be able to market their butter in good condition while it is fresh and sweet. Merchants and shippers should take advantage of this refrigerator car service and ship promptly. The Commercial never did advise holding butter, and not withstanding present low prices, we cannot advise holding now. On the contrary we think it more necessary than ever that the butter should be marketed promptly while it is fresh and sweet, for the reason stated that while prices are so low people will not use stale butter. Some may think that because prices are so low now, it would be safe to hold for an advance. This might be a good argument with some commodities, but with an article which deteriorates in quality so fast as butter, it is not safe to hold no matter how low prices go. Very few country merchants have reasonably good accommodation for holding butter for any length of time. Choice butter, marketed while fresh, is the only class of butter which it is desirable to market at all.

Manitoba is beginning to produce a considerable surplus of butter over local requirements and it is time that we should endeavor to gain a reputation abroad for good quality. Sending away poor quality or stale butter will do harm by injuring the reputation of our butter in the markets to which it is sent. Those who cannot or will not make good butter would do the country a service by going out of the business, and merchants who allow the butter to deteriorate by careless handling and holding until it has lost the sweet, fresh flavor, also help to get a bad reputation for our butter, to the injury of the trade.

THE NATIONAL FINANCES.

It is not a matter for surprise that the national finances should show a deficit. The low prices which have ruled on so many lines of goods of late, would be almost certain to produce a large falling off in the customs revenue, even if their had been no curtailment

of imports. When times improve, as they eventually will, the revenue will come up again. In the meantime a half cent per pound duty has been placed on sugar, and an increase has been made in the duty on spirits, etc., to obviate any further deficit for the next financial year. This necessary increase in the customs tax indicates that any considerable decrease in the revenue producing duties could only be brought about at present by great national economy, unless other means were adopted of raising the revenue. Governments as well as individuals should economize during periods of depression, if deficits are to be avoided. Under some circumstances it would be better perhaps to have a deficit than to greatly curtail official expenditure during a time of depression, as the depression would be only the more keenly felt. Canada has been free from deficits for many years, and the present one will not be a serious matter, though there is no doubt plenty of room for economy in the administration of public affairs.

FREIGHT RATES COMMISSION.

The report of the commission appointed by the Dominion government, to take evidence and hear complaints against railway rates in the west, is just about what was expected by a good many business men here who took an interest in the matter. The brief summary of the report, as published in The Commercial last week, completely exonerates the Canadian Pacific Railway from any charges of imposing exorbitant or extortionate rates. One statement made by the commission, however, calls for a direct challenge. They say, according to telegraphic reports, that some of the heaviest shippers in Winnipeg had no complaints to make, and there was an entire absence of complaints from the heavy freight handlers. This statement will bear explanation which will put it in a very different light. Instead of making their complaints individually, which would necessitate a great deal of repetition, the Winnipeg business men resolved to state their case collectively, through the board of trade. This made a great saving of time and labor for the commission. The case presented by the Winnipeg board of trade was in reality the complaint of all the heavy freight handlers of Winnipeg who are members of the board. The statement, therefore, that a great many of the heaviest shippers had no complaint to make, while literally true, considering these men individually, is nevertheless entirely misleading.

The report itself, it is needless to say, will not prove satisfactory to the people of the west. There was a feeling here at the time the commission was first appointed, that a mistake had been made in appointing government officials to compose the commission. If the commission had been composed of men of known commercial ability, who were not under official influence of any kind, the report now made would have carried very much more weight, even if it had been opposed to popular opinion in the matter. As it

is, however, the report coming from officials of the government is not considered a very weighty document.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION FARCE.

About as great a farce as has been perpetrated in Canada for some time is this royal commission for the investigation of the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic. Three massive blue books of about 1,000 pages each have been published, and more are to follow before the report of the commission is complete. The report is utterly worthless. No one will ever take the trouble to make even a superficial examination of the reports. The whole thing is a farce and we might also add—a fraud. The only thing real about it is the cost, which foots up to about \$100,000. This sum has been squandered to secure a lot of worthless opinions about prohibition.

FISH VERSUS BEEF.

It is said that the consumption of fish has increased considerably in the United States owing to the high price of beef. Fish make a wholesome, nourishing and palatable food, and it is a wonder that the consumption of fish, as compared with meats, is not greater, when the low price of the former is considered. The New York Fishing Gazette says:

"Fish were never better, more plentiful, or cheaper than at the present time. The supply is inexhaustible, notwithstanding the complaints of journals devoted to angling that the commercial fisherman are depleting the waters.

"It now looks as if the opportunity of the fish trade had come, and dealers look forward to a greatly increased business, which will bring better times and more money to all who are engaged in the fishing industry."

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin of May 13 says: Rail rates were well maintained last week on the basis of 20c per 100 lbs for flour and grain and 30c for provisions to New York. Through rates were steady, with business light. The rates to Liverpool ranged at 20.62 to 21.3c per 100 pounds for flour, 11½ to 11¾c per bu for grain and 37 to 39.84c per 100 lb for provisions. Rates to Antwerp about 1c over Liverpool. Lake and rail rates to New York are 15c per 100 lb; on flour and 6c per bu on grain, and on grain to New England 8¾c. Vessel room was inquired for freely and offerings of boats have decreased. Charters for grain to Buffalo at 1¾c, and to Kingston at 2¾c.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of May 10 says: Further engagements of heavy grain have been made at 1s 1½d to Liverpool, London and Glasgow, as low as 1s being accepted for Liverpool, but agents are now trying to get 1s 3d. To the Continent 2s to 2s 3d are the quoted rates. One or two jags have been taken for Bristol at 1s 4½d, but 1s 6d is now asked. Space is offered for sack flour at 8s 9d London, shippers bidding 7s 6d. Glasgow and Liverpool rates are quoted at 7s. Engagements have been made for cheese at 15s Liverpool, 20s London, 22s 6d Bristol and 25s Glasgow. To Liverpool it is said a cut rate of 12s 6d has been accepted by one of the lines. Cattle are quoted at 45s Liverpool and Bristol, and 40s London. Kingston to Montreal the rate is 2½c on wheat, and Chicago to Kingston 2½c.

Manitoba Wheat Movement.

The following statement shows the weekly receipts of Manitoba wheat at and shipments from Fort William and Port Arthur (our Lake Superior ports) for this crop to date, given in bushels:

Week.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Sept. 1	212,688	171,751
" 8	121,099	27,877
" 15	221,285	168,481
" 22	393,158	159,081
" 29	727,817	752,197
Oct. 6	898,767	448,813
" 13	1,018,702	1,007,883
" 20	991,574	851,773
" 27	893,800	890,672
Nov. 3	810,091	891,030
" 10	717,693	1,021,222
" 17	588,205	636,556
" 24	757,614	1,111,180
Dec. 1	392,190	717,699
" 8	145,888	70,000
" 15	78,080	1,328
" 22	89,837	1,114
" 29	82,088	none
Jan. 5	88,746	"
" 12	34,791	1,191
" 19	61,868	3,510
" 26	80,778	18,207
Feb. 2	5,681	18,511
" 9	21,357	8,901
" 16	16,015	18,620
" 23	none	none
Mar. 4	"	"
" 11	25,248	8,859
" 18	2,447	3,312
" 25	5,205	3,227
" 31	10,311	865
Apr. 7	9,899	665
" 14	none	none
" 21	21,811	none
" 28	49,149	88,593
May 4	65,210	374,469

Total Bushels 9,899,402 9,712,592

Stocks on hand at the lake ports on May 4 were 589,902 bushels, as compared with 1,513,998 bushels, a year ago. The corresponding week last year stocks decreased 227,855 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,353,000 bushels.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 11, 1895, shows a decrease of 2,573,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,616,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 387,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

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

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1891.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2	83,581,000	80,223,000	81,218,050	45,037,000
Feb. 5	83,378,000	79,583,000	81,331,000	43,101,000
Mar. 4	78,785,000	75,569,000	79,083,000	41,558,000
April 1	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,631,000	41,030,000
" 8	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,231,000	41,177,000
" 15	73,487,000	69,217,000	70,196,000	42,055,000
" 22	73,625,000	68,425,000	74,869,000	39,140,000
" 29	69,770,000	66,583,000	75,027,000	37,030,000
May 6	62,196,000	65,166,000	74,069,000	30,100,000
" 13	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,082,000	35,193,000

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

	bushels.
Montreal	265,000
Toronto	30,000
Kingston	"
Winnipeg	237,000
Manitoba elevators	1,318,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	1,101,000

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

East of the Mountains	76,166,000
Pacific coast stocks	9,745,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	

East of the Mountains	82,085,000
Pacific coast	9,878,000

Stocks of wheat in Europe and afloat for Europe on May 1, 1895, were 61,376,000 bushels, which added to American stocks above, make a grand total for Europe and America and afloat of 151,980,000 bushels as compared with 170,000,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending May 16 were \$487,021, balances, \$169,175. For the previous week clearings were \$1,018,212. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$778,012. For the month ending April 30, clearings were \$3,099,079, as compared with \$2,958,880 for April of last year.

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

	Clearings.	May 2.	May 9.
Montreal	\$10,771,408	\$12,060,006	
Toronto	5,461,859	6,310,145	
Hallfax	1,007,881	1,366,972	
Winnipeg	778,907	1,048,212	
Hamilton	550,701	677,277	
Total	\$18,560,201	\$21,462,612	

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York on May 10 and a year ago.

	May 10, 1895.	May 11, 1894.
Flour, straight spring	\$3.00 to \$3.70	\$3.00 to \$3.50
Flour, straight winter	\$3.50 to \$3.50	\$2.50 to \$3.00
Wheat, No. 1 red	87c	63c
Corn, No. 2 mixed	58c	43c
oats, No. 1	31c	33c
Rye, No. 2 Western	"	"
Hay, No. 1 Milwaukee	6 13-16c	7 5-16c
Cotton, mid. upld.	21	23 + 1 percent.
Paint cloths, 10x10	16 to 16c	20 to 21c
Wool, No. 1 comb.	19 to 20c	23 to 26c
Pork, mess, new	\$13.52 to 13.60	\$13.75 to 14.00
Lard, westn. sim.	9 1/2c	7.80c
Butter, ore in ry.	18c	17c
Ch. case, ch. east ft.	7c	11c
Sugar, centrl. 90%	37. 8 to 33c	24c
Sugar, granulated	47-10c	4c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.	10c	17c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	1 7/8c	35 1/4c
roleum, ind. gal.	8 1/2c	6.11c
Iron, No. 1 anth.	\$12.00	\$12.50 to 13.25
*Iron, best, pig.	\$10.75	
*Steel in 1/2 in. ton	\$15.00	\$17.50 to 19.00
Ocean Steam Freight		
Arabs. Liverpool	2d	1d
Cotton	7-01d	3-32d

Lumber Trade News.

British Columbia mills are doing a large trade with California since the duty was taken off lumber going into the United States. This applies to the soft lumber only, as cedar is still subject to duty as cabinet wood.

D. Sprague, of the Winnipeg saw mill, has received word that his log drive of 6,000,000 feet has been successfully floated into the main stream of the Rousseau river, and it is not now expected that there will be any difficulty in getting the logs to Winnipeg. The first part of the drive will reach here about the end of the month.

Fire started in the yard of the Golden Lumber Company, Golden, British Columbia, on May 13. About 800,000 feet of lumber was burned. It is fully insured in the Phoenix and other companies, all by a Vancouver agency.

Wheat in Argentina

The London Westminster Gazette says: "Despite the low prices of cereals, the exports of wheat and flour from the Argentine Republic have grown in the following remarkable way since 1889:

Year.	Exports.	
	Wheat, tons.	Flour, tons.
1889	22,806	3,861
1890	327,591	12,018
1891	895,555	7,015
1892	470,110	18,819
1893	1,008,187	87,921
1894	1,608,219	40,758

The chief importers of Argentina wheat are the United Kingdom, Brazil, which is a very big customer, and Belgium. In regard to wheat prospects in 1895, it is generally admitted that the crop will be smaller than that of 1891. Grain merchants are of the opinion that the export of 1895 will be 25 per cent. under that of 1891, but this is mere guesswork.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of May 13, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: English wheat has been steady; foreign wheats have declined 6d; there have been heavy shipments from Argentina and Russia. Linseed and rape seed have been firm. To-day English wheats are 6d dearer and foreign wheat a turn lower. American and Russian wheats are firm, and Chilean, Argentine and California wheats are selling at about last week's prices. All of them are unchanged except Duluth, which is quoted at 27s 6d.

Breeding Horses.

Dr. Rutherford, V. S., of Portogola Prairie, Man., believes that cattle are likely to remain higher for some time, and horses of the right kind will be more wanted in a few years than they have ever been. The reason for this the doctor says, is that there is not one horse being bred to-day where twenty were five years ago. The man who takes note of this and gets ready will have the market to himself for several years. The wheat crop can be increased in one year, pigs, sheep and cattle can be got ready for market in from six months to three years, but it takes six years to get a horse ready for sale. There are four classes of horses that are higher priced to-day than they have ever been, and they will continue to rule high. They are: 1. Heavy draught over 1,800 pounds and well proportioned. 2. Heavy coach and van horses, clean legged, upstanding; cheery fellows, sixteen hands and over, capable of handling express wagons, etc. 3. Carriage horses, from 15 hands to 16, with quality, action and style, speed not a necessity. 4. Half-bred saddle horse, hunter, troop horse or charger. There is an ever increasing demand for these. There is no use for the ordinary farm plug. The only place where he was any use was the street car, and the trolley has supplanted him. Those who breed a special purpose horse will, in case any accident happens to him, have a better horse for the farm than if they bred plugs for this purpose. Good horses were never scarcer than they are to-day. In New York three weeks ago a team of carriage horses without speed or pedigree were sold for \$8,450 because they had style and action. A short time ago \$1,500 was paid for a bay gelding for a gentleman's carriage, and the horse had nothing to recommend him but his looks and action. Concluding, Dr. Rutherford said, "It is my opinion that the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition should form their prize list to encourage the breeding of horses that are in demand and suitable for the market at the present time."

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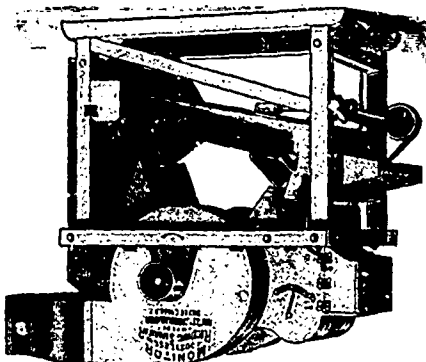
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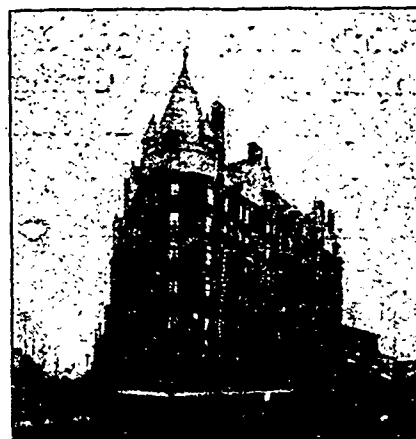
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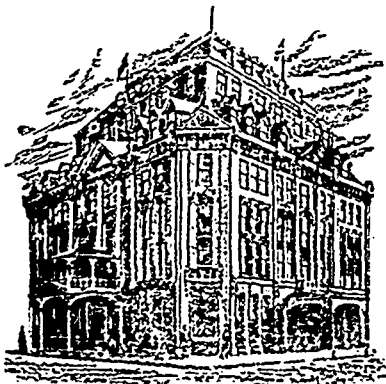
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, May 18.

Bank clearings at Winnipeg again show a liberal increase over the corresponding week last year, though mercantile reports generally speak of a moderate volume of business. The Manitoba crop outlook is considered very favorable, notwithstanding the check to rapid growth by the cool weather of the last ten days. The upward tendency of prices continues in many staple commodities, including sugar, hides, leather, boots and shoes, cottons, some metals, wheat, flour, etc. Cattle and hogs have been easier in price again this week in most markets. Butter and cheese are weak and very low in price, as compared with a year ago. Bradstreet's, New York, today says: "Prices of staples this week again show a sharp inclination upward, the most striking since the revival set in, because of the increased strength of advance in and demand for iron and steel."

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 18.

[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.]

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The present season is a most unsatisfactory one for the manufacturers in this branch, owing to the advancing tendency in leather. Shoe houses take their orders long in advance of manufacturing, and with leather prices advancing almost every week, it is very hard for them to fix prices for boots and shoes at safe figures. Their raw material is costing them more every day. Leather has taken a tremendous advance since the season for booking fall orders in the shoe trade opened, and the prospect seems that leather will advance quite a bit yet, as hides are still advancing owing to the scarcity of the stocks, and leather is still below a parity with hides. Shoe manufacturers have been compelled to make a further advance in prices, which show an appreciation of 10 to 15 per cent since the advance started in leather, but as leather has made further sharp advances within the last two weeks, the shoe manufacturers are not in any better position than they were before they advanced prices. Under the present conditions of the hide and leather market, it seems unreasonable to expect anything but an advancing tendency in boots and shoes for some time, and these who hold off ordering in the hope of a weakening in prices, will likely find they have blundered seriously.

BINDER TWINE.—The feature of interest in this line is the call of the Patrons of Industry for tenders for their supply of twine for this season. They are asking tenders for about thirty car loads, though they do not bind themselves to take that quantity. Dealers here are not quoting prices yet, but it is known, as previously stated in The Commercial that prices will be considerably lower than last year—probably at least a full cent or lb. lower. The price at which the Patrons obtain their twine will no doubt have some influence on prices to dealers generally. It is understood the Patrons will close their tender on May 23. Merrick Anderson & Co., agents here for the Consumers Cordage Co., will not carry a stock of twine this year, as they have done in the past, but will simply bring in twine as ordered. The margin on twine is now so small that no one wants to take the risk of carrying any stock over to another season, and it will therefore be necessary for country dealers to get farmers to place their orders

early, so that they will know just what quantity of twine they will require, as it will perhaps be impossible to replenish stocks late in the season should any run short, as no large stocks in advance of actual orders will be carried here.

COAL.—Prices delivered to consumers in Winnipeg are as follows: Imported anthracite, \$9 per ton for egg, stove and nut sizes. Western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton for stove and furnace size, and \$4.50 for small nut; Lethbridge bituminous, \$7.50 per ton, Souris lignite, \$1.25 delivered or \$3.75 on cars here, and \$1.50 to \$1.75 on cars at the mines.

DRY GOODS.—The firmness in prices in many staple lines of goods, which has been so noticeable of late, is beginning to manifest itself in the dry goods trade. In the United States cottons are firm, and a considerable advance has taken place in both gray and white cottons, and the factories in both cottons and wools are well employed. In Canada cottons are following the advance in the United States and have appreciated about 7½ per cent.

DRUGS.—Cream tartar continues to advance abroad. Glycerine is firm. The advance in the duty on alcohol causes an advancing tendency in tinctures, ethers, extracts, etc., of from three to five per cent. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Alum, per pound, 3½ to 4½c; alcohol, \$1.75; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, ¼ to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor, ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c; coppers, 3½ to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$7.50 to \$8.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c, do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 30 to 40c, glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 35 to 45c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to 2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to 5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to 1.10; oil, U.S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to 1.50; oxalic acid, 13 to 16c; potash iodide, \$1.25 to \$1.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3½ to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb. per keg of 112 pounds, \$8.75 to \$1.25; sal soda, \$2.00 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb, 45 to 55.

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

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2, 4-oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 8-oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$21.30. Staminial—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do. 4oz., \$5.10; do, 8 oz., \$7.65; do, 16oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$1.25.

GROCERIES.—Sugars have continued very strong and advancing. The ½c duty coming in at a time when there was an advancing tendency in the market aside from the influence of the duty, has made the situation very

strong. There would no doubt have been an advance of ½ to ¾c in sugars at the present time even if the duty had not been imposed. Eastern refiners advanced prices ¾c again on Monday, making on advance altogether of ¾c on granulated within the fortnight, ¾c of which is directly due to the duty recently placed on all sugar to that amount, in addition to the duty of 61c per 100 pounds previously imposed on refined sugars, raws being formerly free. Eastern refiners now quote ¼c for granulated and 3½ to 4c for yellows. Molasses and syrups are slightly higher, owing to the increase in the duty and the advance in molasses abroad. The price of domestic canned corn and peas has been reduced 2½c by the packers' association. It appears, however, that prices of canned goods are generally demoralized. Packers are offering freely, direct to the wholesale trade at lower prices than the association lists quote, and this would indicate a probable breaking up of the association.

GREEN FRUITS.—Lemons have been coming forward in car lots from Montreal, being from steamship loads landed there direct from the Mediterranean. Winnipeg dealers attended the sales of these direct importations and bought heavily for the spring and summer trade. Prices at the Montreal sales were very strong this year, prices realized being higher than last year, so that lemon prices will rule firm this season. California navel oranges are about done for the season. Bananas were very scarce this week. Strawberries are now down to \$1.50 per crate. Quotations here are as follows: California oranges seedlings, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per box; California Navel oranges, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per box; Messina lemons, \$5 per box; apples \$7 to \$7.50 per barrel for anything good; bananas, \$2.25 to \$3.75 per bunch as to size. Pineapples, \$1.50 to \$6 per dozen; strawberries \$1.50 per crate of 21 boxes; Egyptian onions, \$5.00 per 100 pounds. Layer figs, 10 lb boxes, 15c per pound. White comb honey, 22c a lb; new dates, 7 to 7½c a lb. Maple sugar, 10c lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per gallon tin.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—The outlook in metals looks decidedly firmer, principally owing to the advance in coke, which must sooner or later have its effect on the iron market, if maintained. Pig tin and copper have advanced sharply in England and the latter also in the United States. Turpentine has declined heavily, as much as 3c at Montreal last week, and is weak in the South. Lined oil was also 1c lower at Montreal last week. Castor oil is firm. Refined petroleum has made a second decline since the recent "boom" in crude began to subside. United States oils have declined 2½c altogether for refined, and Canadian oils 1c, in the East. Locally there are no changes in prices: Quotations here are as follows:

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

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

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, 5½c; yellow ocre, 2½c; golden ocre, 5c; Venetian, red, French, 3½c; Venetian, red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ¾c per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c, English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 90c per lb.; less than bags, per lb., \$1.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange

shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50. Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.50; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.25; plaster, per barrel, \$3.00; plasterer's hair, \$1.10 per bale; putty, in barrels, per lb., 8c; less than barrels,

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 63c; boiled, per gal., 66c in barrels.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 65c; less than barrels, per gallon, 70c.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Quotations in Winnipeg, delivered from tanks, are as follows: Silver star, 22c; crescent, 26c; oleophene, 28c. In barrels for shipment to country points, add 2½c per gallon for silver star and 1½c per gallon for other grades to above prices. In car lots 1c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 8½c for cocene and 30c for sunlight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5½c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5½c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5½c.

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

CHAIN.—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb., 7 to 7½c; ¼ inch, per lb, 6½ to 6¾c; 5-16 inch, per lb., 6 to 6½c; ¾ inch, per lb., 5¾ to 6c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c; ½ inch, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 6c lb., broken lots, 6½c.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4½c.

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

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6½c.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

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

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 8½c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 11½c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch as 1 larger, 16c lb.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$2.75; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$2.85 per keg, 3 to 4 inch, \$3.27 keg; 2½ inch, \$3.50 keg; 2 inch, \$3.70 keg.

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

HORSE SHOES.—Per keg, \$1.50 to \$1.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$1.75 to \$3.

LUMBER.—Following are the prices fixed by the Winnipeg lumber association, at the yards here, from which 10 per cent. discount is allowed to contractors for cash.

Dimension and Timber.

SIZES.	12ft	14ft	16ft	18ft	20ft	22ft	24ft
2x4 to 2x12	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$20	\$21	\$22	\$23
8x6 to 8x12							
4x4 to 4x12	20	20	20	21	22	23	24
6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8							

8x10 to 12x12 21 21 21 22 23 24 15
2x4-10 at \$21.00.

2x6 to 2x12-10 at \$18.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LATH.—Pine lath, per M. \$3.00.

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

FINISHINGS.—1½ inch, 1½ inch and 2 inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd, clear, \$65.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$55.00; white pine, select, \$45; white pine, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00; red pine, select, \$30.00; B. C. cedar clear, \$55.00; B. C. fir clear, \$10.00. \$5.00 per M. advance on 2½ inch and thicker.

One inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$48.00; white pine, select, \$38.00; red pine clear, \$40.00; red pine, select, \$30.00; B. C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

OAK, RED AND WHITE.—1st and 2nd, \$30.00 to \$60.00; Common, \$35.00.

NUTS.—Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 15 to 16c, walnuts, 17 to 18c, filberts, 12 to 18c. New Chestnuts, 12½ to 15c lb; Fig-new layers, 15 to 22c; Cooking figs, 8 to 9c dates, 8 to 10c. Coconuts \$1 to \$1.20 per dozen.

RAW FURS.—This branch has been quiet this week. The following quotations give range of prices paid in Winnipeg. The prices cover the range from small to large skins, size, color and condition being considered, though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on account of being killed out of season.

Badger	\$0 15 to \$0 30
Bear, black or brown	8 00 to 30 00
Bear, grizzly	1 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large	6 00 to 7 25
" medium	8 00 to 4 00
" small	1 50 to 2 00
" castors, per lb.	3 00 to 7 00
Fisher	8 00 to 9 00
Fox, cross	2 50 to 15 00
" kitt	10 to 10
" red	50 to 1 70
" silver	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	1 50 to 2 75
" medium	1 00 to 2 00
" small	75 to 1 25
Marten	1 00 to 5 00
Mink	50 to 1 75
Musquash	02 to 09
Otter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 75
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 3 00
" prairie	25 to 75
Wolverine	1 00 to 3 50

WOOD FUEL.—There is very little selling. We quote car lots on track here: Tamarac, \$3.75 to 4 per cord; pine \$3.25 to 3.50, poplar \$2 to 2.25 as to quality. Oak about the same as tamarac.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—Wheat has again experienced a strong upward movement this week. Yesterday at Chicago prices touched over 70c for July wheat, showing an advance altogether of about 17c since the upward movement started. While there was a good deal of talk about crop damage, the general advancing tendency of prices in staple lines is no doubt helping the strong move in wheat very materially. Beerbohms and Bradstreet's reports as to the wheat crop outlook point to a probable reduction of 9 per cent this year, as compared with last in the world's crop, thus indicating the smallest world's total wheat crop since 1890. Exports of wheat from the United States, and from Montreal this week (flour counted as wheat) amounted to 2,397,000 against 2,805,000 bushels last week, 2,420,000 bushels in the corresponding week one year ago, 2,835,000 bushels two years ago, and 3,603,000 three years ago.

WHEAT LOCALLY.—It is hard to keep close track of the value of Manitoba wheat, sales being limited on account of light stocks and prices advancing rapidly. Every week lately we have advanced quotations, and this week there is a further sharp rise in values. The fact is there is very little wheat held for sale, and with the strong movement in the United States and a scarcity of wheat for milling in eastern Canada, holders of the little Manitoba wheat available hardly know what to ask for it. Wheat is much higher both here and in eastern Canada than in the United States owing to actual scarcity for milling. In fact, prices have advanced in Canada to a point which will almost permit bringing in wheat from the United States and paying the duty of 15c per bushel on it. A little wheat has already come in from the States for milling in Ontario. United States red winter wheat has sold in Ontario duty paid, at 88c, delivered at the mills. Ontario native

wheats are selling at 85 to 89c per bushel. For Manitoba wheats, 81 to 82c was bid early in the week, but later values were higher and we quote 83 to 81c now, delivery c.i.f. float Fort William. As noted, however, there is very little for sale. Since the finishing of seeding, Manitoba farmers have been disposing of the little wheat they held over, and firm prices is being paid for this, 65c being paid to farmers. A peculiarity of the present wheat situation in Canada is found in the fact that Manitoba wheat is worth more at a lake port here, for domestic use, than it is worth in England. On April 30 a sale was made in London of 16,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat at equal to 80½c delivered at the dock there, or 2 to 3c less than the wheat is worth at our upper lake ports.

FLOUR.—Stimulated by the remarkable strength in wheat, flour prices have made two sharp advances this week. On Monday prices were advanced 5c per sack, and yesterday a further advance of 15c per sack of 98 pounds went into effect. In eastern Canada markets prices are as strong as here. There was an advance of 85 to 40c per barrel in Ontario flours at Montreal last Saturday and Manitoba grades were reported 10c higher at Montreal on Tuesday. Sales by millers here are made at \$2.20 for patents and \$2.00 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs, delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash in 30 days. XXXX \$1.25 per sack.

MILLSTUFFS.—The quotation to the local trade is \$12 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more. The demand keeps good.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are steady, and range from \$17 to \$19 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 90 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades. In Ontario oatmeal shows an advancing tendency.

OATS.—Prices are much the same. We quote 80 to 82c for cars on track here. Holders usually demand 81c for ordinary mixed feed, per bushel of 84 pounds, though we heard of a sale at 80c. Oats have had an upward tendency in Eastern Canada, and prices there are firm.

BARLEY.—We quote about 40c per bushel of 48 pounds for feed grade. Another part car of poor feed quality sold at 35c.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

FEED WHEAT.—Feed wheat is very scarce and brings 65 to 70c per bushel readily.

FLAX SEED.—There has been a good demand lately for flax seed for seed purposes, and the ruling price has been \$1.35 per bushel. It has been scarce.

BUTTER.—Butter is now coming forward in tubs, which are now preferred to rolls. There is no change in prices and we quote 10 to 12c per lb for now dairy butter. Butter markets everywhere are very dull. Now creamery is selling at 15 to 16c at Montreal, which is 5 to 7c lower than a year ago. Last season's held creamery is said to have sold in that market at 7c for a large lot, and old dairy as low as 5c. This creamery cost about 20c originally. As a good many new creameries are starting in Manitoba this year, it is likely that the make of dairy butter will not be as large as last year, as farmers will send their milk and cream to the factories.

CHEESE.—Eastern cheese markets are opening very low this year, owing to the low bids and general apathy of British buyers. At Ingersoll, the leading primary cheese

market in Ontario, on Tuesday, sales of new cheese were made at 6½ and 6.9-16c per lb. A year ago prices were 10½ to 10¾c at Ingersoll. Here a little early cheese has come in and has been bought at about 8c.

EAGS.—Prices are the same. Packers and dealers are paying 7½c net, and selling at 8½c per dozen.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs; 11½; picnic hams, 9½; short spiced rolls, 8c long rolls, 8½; shoulders, 9½; smoked long clear, 10c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb; shoulders, 8c; backs, 10c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ½c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$18.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 80c lb.

LARD.—We quote: Pure, \$1.90 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.80 for 50-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 8, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9½c pound.

POULTRY.—Held, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices: Chickens 8c, turkeys 10c, geese, 9 to 10c ducks 8c, 40c per pair for live chickens.

DRESSED MEATS.—Beef still sells at 6c per lb., but butchers say they are losing money at this price. Good fresh mutton holds at 10c. Wholesale butchers get 6c for dressed hogs. Veal is worth 5 to 6c.

HIDES.—The situation in hides continues very strong. There has been a further advance here this week. Montreal reported still another ½c advance last week. The prospect is favorable for continued firm prices for some time. Tanners have been holding off in hopes of lower prices, until their stocks are exhausted, and now they will have to buy regardless of prices, so this makes the outlook very firm. Here prices have been somewhat irregular this week, as a good many hides have been bought at a flat rate without inspection, and it is difficult to tell just what they have cost according to grade when bought in this way. We understand 5½c has been paid, flat rate, for green city hides, and one dealer reported he would pay 6c flat for all grades un-inspected, equal to fully 6½c for No. 1 cows. Another buyer was paying 6½c for No. 1 cows and steers, and other grades in proportion. The report in a city daily paper that a St. Paul buyer had picked up six car loads of hides here this week, was wrong. We believe the St. Paul man loaded one car here, which had been previously purchased from a local dealer. We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green, 6½c for No. 1 cows, 5½c for No. 2, and 4½c for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 6½c, and 5½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calif, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 7c per lb. Deacons, 20c each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, 35 to 65c each, as to size, etc. Shearlings, 5 to 10c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—The London wool sales show firm prices at about the same range as a year ago. Local prices are 9 to 10½c per lb., for unwashed Manitoba fleeces, as to quality, free from burrs and chaff. Barry and chaffy wool, 5 to 8c. The British Trade Journal says: "Although during the second series of wool sales in London prices advanced from five to ten per cent., bringing them up to the level of the average a year ago, there is still room for improvement from the wool growers' point of view. The sales just opened (May sales) will determine whether their hopes are justified." Brads. & Co., New York, says: "Woolen goods

manufacturers, even with orders for several months to come, are not anticipating wants, as prices for wool at the interior are about a parity with quotations at the seaboard, and lower prices are looked for. Woolen manufacturers say the demand is largely for the cheaper grades."

SENECA ROOT.—No first new root was offered this week. Indications continue for low prices on the new crop, and we quote 18c. The large lot of 4000 pounds of old root offered here a few weeks ago sold at 19c.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are: Potatoes, easier at 80 to 85c per bushel for farmers loads; Car lots could be had at 25c at country points, per bushel, but few are wanted. cabbage, 8c per lb for good to 2c for poor stock; carrots, 60 to 75c per bushel; beets, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.; rhubarb, \$1.75 to \$2 per box of about 45 pounds. Egyptian onions, \$5 per 100 pounds.

HAY.—A little better sale of late. Prairie baled is quoted at \$1 per ton on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

This has been a dull week in cattle. Only a few were in and no shipments were made. Choice fat cattle are scarce owing to large exports. Owing to the low price of dressed beef here, local wholesale butchers are dissatisfied with cattle prices. All good butchers cattle are taken by exporters at 8½c and upward, and at present prices of dressed beef, butchers can hardly afford to pay 8½c. The result is they have been obliged to take a poorer class of cattle at 8 to 8½c for an under quality class of animals. For anything reasonably good, 9½c has to be paid and good to choice cattle heavy enough to ship range from 8½ to 4c. Wholesale butchers, however, say they cannot get any more for choice beef than for ordinary stuff, and that there is no encouragement to take choice cattle, consequently they want very few cattle at over 8½c at the outside. Cattle declined considerably at Chicago this week, and British markets were also lower.

HOGS.—A few loads were in, and we quote 4½c for loads, off cars here, for average lots of fat hogs. About 8½c is being paid to farmers for hogs in the country. One load sold at 4c in the country. Hogs were easier at Chicago on most days this week, and Toronto prices also declined this week.

SHEEP.—One bunch only came in by rail this week, for a local butcher. The feeling is easier here for sheep, and we quote 4½ to 4¾c. Shorn sheep would not bring this price. After shearing, offerings are expected to increase and lower prices are looked for. Sheep advanced sharply at Chicago this week.

At Toronto on Tuesday the market was easier for cattle and hogs. Only in one or two cases 5½c was paid for export cattle. Dealers say prices will have to go lower or they will not be able to buy. A number of sales were made at \$1.60 to \$5.00 per cwt. In butchers' cattle prices ranged from 8c to 4½c per lb. for fair to choice. Sheep and lambs were steady a 5½ to 5¾c per lb. for yearlings and \$5 per head for sheep. Hogs were 5c to 10c lower, with sales of best at \$1.75 per cwt. Others were not wanted.

HORSES.—There has been little doing in horses this spring at the city sale stables. A few years ago a large number of horses were brought in from eastern Canada every spring for sale here and in other Manitoba towns. The business has been gradually dropping off until the last two years very few horses have come in, the local supply being almost equal to requirements. This spring a very few car lots of horses have been brought in from the east. Heavy teams have sold at about \$250, and medium general purpose teams at \$150 to \$200, as to style, weight, etc. Light horses, ponies, etc., run much lower.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was strong on Monday and prices gained 1 to 1½c over Saturday's closing prices. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	61½	63½	65½-¾
Corn.....	50½	50½-51	51½
Oats.....	28	28½	—
Mess Pork...	—	12 17½	12-37½
Lard.....	—	6 80	6 95
Short Ribs...	—	6 20	6 32½

Prices for wheat were strong at the opening on Tuesday, but declined on realizing sales and closed a shade lower than Monday. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	61½	65	65½
Corn.....	50½	50½	51½
Oats.....	28	27½-28	—
Pork.....	—	11 97½	12 15
Lard.....	—	6 70	6 85
Short Ribs..	—	6 07½	6 20

On Wednesday wheat opened easy but advanced 1 to 1½c later, on weather probabilities of frost. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat....	65½	66½	68½
Corn.....	50½-51	51½	52-½
Oats.....	28-½	28½-¾	—
Mess Pork..	—	12 05	12 25
Lard.....	—	6 65	6 80
Short Ribs..	—	6 10	6 22½

Wheat was strong on Thursday, and prices were 2c higher, due to crop damage reports from insects. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat....	67½	68½-¾	68½
Corn.....	51½	51½-¾	52½-¾
Oats.....	28	28½	—
Mess Pork..	—	12 17½	12 40
Lard.....	—	6 67½	6 82½
Short Ribs..	—	6 10	6 20

On Friday wheat was strong, July wheat touching 70½. Cold weather, thought to be unfavorable to the crops, helped the advance. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	69½	70½-¾	70½
Corn.....	51½	51½-¾	52½-¾
Oats.....	28½	28½	—
Mess Pork..	—	12 15	12 42½
Lard.....	—	6 70	6 85
Short Ribs..	—	6 17½	6 32½

Wheat opened about ¾c lower on Saturday but advanced irregularly, gaining 1½c for the day. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	71½	71½	71½
Corn.....	52½	53½	51½
Oats.....	29	29½	28½
Mess Pork..	12 40	12 47½	12 72½
Lard.....	—	6 82½	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

A week ago July wheat closed at 61½c.
A year ago July wheat closed at 56¾c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, May 18th, July wheat closed at 73½c and September delivery at 73¾c. A week ago wheat closed at 67½c for July and 68½c for September

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May 67½; July, 63½; Sept. 66½.
Tuesday—May 67½; July 63½c; Sept. 66½.
Wednesday—May, 69½; July, 70; Sept. 67½.
Thursday—May, 70; July, 71½; Sept. 68½.
Friday—May, 72½; July, 73½; Sept. 70½.
Saturday—May, 74c; July, 75c; Sept. 72c.

A week ago prices closed at 66½c for May and 67½c for July. A year ago May

wheat closed at 58¾c, and two years ago at 57c. No. 1 hard is quoted at about 1c over No 1 northern, No. 2 northern 3½c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 73½c for May delivery, July closed at 73½c and September at 70½c. A week ago May wheat closed at 65¾c, and July at 66c.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William May, 60 to 60½c.
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.65.; Bakers, \$1.55.
Bran.—Per ton, \$12 to \$13.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$14 to \$15.
Oats.—Per bushel, 31 to 33c.
Barley.—Per bushel, 40 to 45c.
Butter.—New 21 to 23c.
Eggs.—Fresh, easier at 9 to 9½c.
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 6 to 7c.
Mutton.—Fresh, 10c.
Hogs.—Dressed, 5½ to 6c.
Cattle.—Ordinary butchers, 8 to 8½c. choice to fancy 8½ to 1c.
Chickens.—Dressed, 10c.
Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.
Potatoes.—40 to 50c per bushel.
Hay.—\$5 to \$8.00 per ton, car lots.
Wool.—\$ to 9c, unwashed fleece.

This week a year ago wheat declined 2 to 3c and butter also dropped 2 to 3c, owing to increasing receipts of the latter. Eggs were 1c lower and cattle ¼ to ½c lower.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks of erded on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	April 13	April 20	April 27	May 4	May 11
Extra Manitoba hard	0	0	0	1	0
No. 1 hard	68	60	51	131	150
No. 2 hard	5	7	1	8	1
No. 1 Northern	7	26	21	24	11
No. 2 Northern	0	0	0	0	1
No 1 white fife	4	0	2	4	4
No. 2 white fife	0	0	1	0	0
No. 1 Spring	0	0	1	0	0
No. 1 K. Jected.	7	6	13	10	9
No. 2 Rej. cted.	4	1	2	6	5
No Grade	0	0	0	1	0
Total	55	100	129	155	151
Same week, last year.	15	0	36	13	56

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Manitoba Weather and Crops.

The weather has averaged cool and cloudy this week, with considerable rain and some light frosts, but the latter were not nearly as severe as the frost of Thursday night of last week. The lowest temperature at Winnipeg this week was about 2 degrees of frost. The rapid growth during the latter half of April and first week in May has been checked by the cool weather of the last week or ten days. Reports from the country generally assert that no damage was done to the grain crops by the frost. In fact there is quite a general belief among farmers in Manitoba that wheat is benefited by frost. The belief is that a moderate frost checks too rapid growth and causes the wheat to thicken on the ground, or stool out well. While perhaps a light frost may not be injurious, and possibly beneficial to wheat in some cases, at an early stage of its growth, we are of the opinion that a severe

frost is harmful. With the abundant rains of late, the outlook is very hopeful in Manitoba, and with average weather conditions from this out, we will have an early and good harvest.

Small fruits, which were in blossom, it is expected will be injured by the frosts, and a few early vegetables were caught, though the vegetable crop is not far enough advanced yet, as a rule, to be injured.

A Testimonial.

We regret that we have not sufficient space to devote to a report of a pleasant gathering which met in the Winnipeg Board of Trade hall on Friday evening, when Mr. M. R. O'Loughlin was presented with a handsome silver tea set from members of the Board, of the North West Commercial Travellers Association and other friends. The gathering was a thoroughly representative one, with Mr. J. Y. Griffin in the chair, while the presentation address was read by Mr. D. W. Bole. Quite a number of leading business men spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. O'Loughlin, and wished him restored health and prosperity in his new field in New York whither he goes.

Hardware Trade Notes.

A new list has been agreed upon by manufacturers of leather belting at a meeting he'd at Montreal recently. The prices show an advance of 25 to 30 per cent.

The Gurney Scale Co. have secured the contract for supplying scales for the ten new elevators to be erected in Manitoba by the Ogilvie Co. this year. Thirty scales in all will be required.

J. M. Macdonald, northwestern agent for McIntyre, Sons & Co., the well-known Montreal dry goods house, starts on his western trip to-day and will take in the leading points to the Pacific coast. He reports a big improvement in sales in this district during the past week and says the recent rains all over the country and the wonderfully advanced state of crops has put new life into buyers lately.

Ontario and the eastern states were visited by frost on Monday of this week. Early fruits and vegetables are reported destroyed. Late peaches, apples, etc., in Ontario were not far enough advanced to be seriously injured, but the early fruits are seriously hurt. In the state of Ohio great damage was done to fruits and vegetables. In northern Michigan there was a blizzard of snow. Ice formed in Ontario, Michigan and Ohio, from a quarter to three quarters of an inch.

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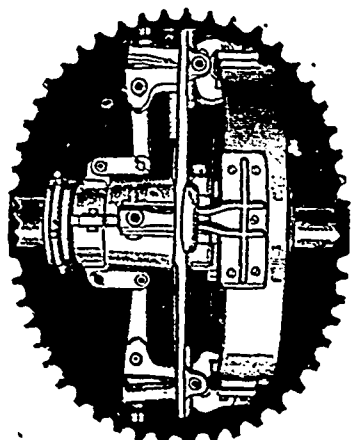
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British Columbia Markets

Vancouver, May 13, 1895.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 12 to 15; California creamery, 18 to 20c; Manitoba creamery, 18 to 20c; Eastern creamery 26c; Canadian cheese, 11½ to 12½; Manitoba cheese 12c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 12½c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides, 11½c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 3c; smelt, 5c; sea bass, 4; black cod, 5c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 6c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 12c; steel head salmon, 5½c; spring salmon, 7½c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; finnan haddie, 8½c; trout 10c; oolachans, 6c lb; salt salmon, \$6 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$8 to \$10 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$10 to \$14; American burbanks, \$15; onions, silver skins, 2½c; cabbage, 2½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 16 to 20c; eastern, 10 to 15c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$3.25 to \$3.50; California oranges, naval, \$3 to \$3.50, seedlings, 2.25 to \$2.50; California apples, \$1.85, rhubarb 8c lb.

Nuts.—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 13c; walnuts, 15c.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per bbl., \$1.50; strong bakers, \$1.55; Oregon, \$3.75; Oak Lake patent, \$1.65; strong bakers, \$1.35.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 93-lb, sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.90.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31.00; Edmonton district oats, \$29.00; Washington State wheat, \$22.50; do, oats \$28.00, f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$16.00 ton; ground wheat, \$20.00 ton; ground barley, \$20.50 ton; shorts, \$17.00 ton; bran \$14.60 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 8½c; mutton, 8½ to 9c; pork, 6 to 9c; veal, 7 to 10c.

Live Stock.—Calves, 6 to 7c; steers, 4½ to 4¾c; sheep, 4c; hogs, 6 to 6½c; lamb, per head, \$3.25 to \$4.25.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris lui. p, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow, 4c.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 16c; choice, 25c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c.

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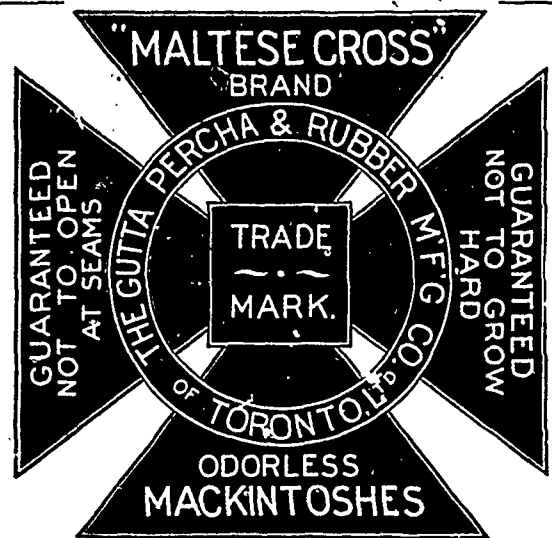
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British Columbia Business Notes.

Thomas L. Davis, clothing, etc., Nanaimo, is selling out.

Ewen Morrison, lumber, Victoria, has assigned.

R. Dunlop, livery, Nanaimo, has admitted A. Dunlop as partner.

W. R. Roberts, watchmaker, Nanaimo, is selling out by auction.

Savage & Dale, Victoria, have dissolved; D. Dale continues.

Sarantis Bros., fruits, etc., Victoria, have dissolved; each continues alone.

W. A. Bissett, hotel, Sydney, has sold out to R. Jackson and F. G. Norris.

Atkins & Atkins and H. McDowell & Co., drug firms, Vancouver, have amalgamated.

There are nine vessels loading lumber at Vancouver; two for Chili, two for China, one for South Africa, one for Australia and three for California, at Nanaimo four American ships are loading coal for California.

The average sealskin catch this season will not exceed 250 skins per schooner. This is evidently to be an off season with the sealers. Owing to the bad luck in selling the skins last season their ill fortune this season will bear doubly hard on them.

At a meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Horticultural and Fruit Grower's Association it was resolved that the president and secretary be appointed a committee to make arrangements for sending an exhibit from the province to the Manitoba and the Territorial exhibitions this summer.

The entire British population of the province is becoming very much annoyed at the fact that immense quantities of ore are going to United States smelters this season. Our own railways cannot carry the quantities ready to go forward to the States. This national sentiment is acting as a spur to tardy capitalists, and now besides the smelter being erected at Pilot Bay, there is one to be put up at Vancouver at an early date.

Trail Creek is now producing \$1,000 a day in solid gold. This year it will export \$2,000,000 of precious metal or five per cent of the whole output of the United States. Trail Creek is now greater than Cariboo in its palmy days, but the capital going into that country is comparatively very small. Trail Creek miners are indignant that eastern Canadian capitalists do not show more practical faith in a country as rich as South Africa and only awaiting the golden key to unlock its vast treasure houses of wealth.

The crops look very promising in the Fraser Valley and elsewhere. The high water period on the Fraser is passed.

There will be no floods this year. It will be a red letter season for the farmers. Trade is still improving. Prices are advancing, money is easier, merchants are hopeful. Spirits and sugar have advanced owing to the tariff. Other commodities are advancing in price and the general tone of the market is stronger.

Live Stock Markets.

Cables on May 13 report a weaker tone to the cattle markets in Liverpool and London and prices show a decline of ¼c per pound since the previous Monday. Choice States cattle in Liverpool were quoted at 11½c; in London at 12½c. The sheep market in Liverpool was strong and values show an advance of 1c per lb., best being quoted at 15c.

The Montreal Gazette of May 13 says: "The receipts of live stock at the Montreal stock yards this morning were light. There was a fair enquiry from shippers for export cattle, but there were none on the market suitable for this trade. On the whole cattle were scarce, and the tone of the market was very firm. The demand from local buyers was good and what good cattle there was met with a ready sale at 4½ to 4¾c, and common grades sold down to 3½c per lb., live weight. The indications are that if receipts continue light and the demand for export stock rules good values will go higher in the near future. The supply of sheep was also small, there being only one or two lots on the market which were bought for export account at 4½ to 5c per lb. live weight. There were 850 live hogs offered and as the demand showed a decided improvement a firmer feeling prevailed, and the bulk were bought up at 5c to 5½c per lb."

The Cincinnati Price Current Statistical Annual will be ready next week, and orders for copies should be sent in at once. The Annual is an exceptionally comprehensive work, and represents a vast amount of personal effort in getting together information useful to grain and produce men as reference, throughout the year.

A telegram from Niagara Falls, Ont., on May 13, says: Snow fell to the depth of four inches this morning, followed during the afternoon with drizzling rain. The grape crop in this locality has been almost totally destroyed, which means thousands of dollars loss. Strawberry patches look as if they had been swept by fire. Cherries suffered severely, also the peach trees. The frost means hard times for fruit growers and farmers in Niagara district. In the eastern states millions of dollars worth of fruit, etc., is reported destroyed by the untimely frosts.

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Barley.—Feed firm in sympathy with oats; 45c for car lots outside; 48c for heavy malt-ing barley.

Flour.—Straight rollers, \$1; \$3.90 bid.

Millfeed.—Shorts scarce and firm \$17, bran \$13, Toronto freights.

Cured Meats.—Barrel Pork.—Heavy mess, \$15.75; shoulders, \$13.50; clear shoulder mess, \$13.75 to \$14.25; short cut, \$16 to \$16.25. Dry Salted.—Long clear bacon, cars 7½c, ton and case lots 8c to 8½c; backs 8c to 9½c. Smoked Meats.—Hams, 11c; breakfast bacon, 11c; backs, 10½c, and rolls, 8½c; picnic hams, 8c. Lard.—Tierces, 9c; tubs, 9½c; pails, 9½c. Compound, 7 to 7½c.

Butter.—Top new creamery tubs, 17c. Dairy choice rolls are in moderate demand at yesterday's prices. Long held tub is un-salable.

Cheese.—Purchases of new fodder were made at 8c delivered. Round lots at factory outside 7½c.

Eggs.—10 to 10½c; a shade easier.

Beans.—Are steady; choice hand-picked are quoted at \$1.60.

Maple Syrup.—Is steady at 85 to 90c.

Dried Apples.—Dull at 5½c for job lots here and 5 to 5½c for round lots outside. Eva-porated are quiet at 7c for job lots here. Round lots outside are quoted at 6 to 6½c.

Wool.—Fleece combing, 19c; clothing, 21 to 22c. Pulled Wools.—There is a little in-quiry from the home mills but the movement is small. We quote: Supers, 20 to 21c, and extras, 22 to 23c. Foreign wools are steady.

Hides are in good demand and the market is firm at the recent advance. Local dealers quote cured at 7 to 7½c and green at 6½c. Sheepskins are in good demand and steady at 90c to \$1.00, and country skins are quoted at 50 to 75c. Calfskins are in fair demand and steady at 7c for No. 1 and 5c for No. 2. Tallow.—Local dealers are paying 5 to 5½ and asking 5½.—Globe, May 11.

Montreal Hardware Market

The heavy iron and metal market is quiet and the tone in outside markets on crude material is firmer. For instance, Connells-ville coke has advanced over 15 per cent. and a change of this character ought to have an effect on values. We quote: Summerlee pig iron \$20; Eglinton \$18.50; American \$18 to \$18.50; Carnbro \$18.50; Ferrona \$15-

75 to \$16; Siemens No. 1 \$15.75 to \$16; wrought scrap No. 1 \$14 to \$15; bar iron \$1.55 to \$1.60. Tin plates, cokes, \$2.55 to \$2.75; I.C. charcoal \$3 to \$3.25; Canada plates \$1.95 to \$2.10;terne plates \$5.75 to \$6.25; galvanized iron 4½ to 5½c as to brand. Copper 9½ to 10½c; ingot tin 16 to 17c; lead at \$2.90 to \$3; and spelter at \$1.50 to \$1.75; cut nails \$2.10.

Paints, Oils, and Leads.—The demand in this branch of the trade continues good. In oils the feeling is easier and values have a downward tendency. Linseed oil has declined 1c per gallon with recent sales of raw at 55 to 56c and boiled at 58 to 59c. Cod oil is quiet at 37½ to 40c, as to quantity. In castor oil the feeling is firmer, and the inside price now for a round lot is 5½c, and small quanti-ties fetch 6½c. We quote: Choice brands white lead, Government standard, \$1.75; No. 1 \$1.50; No. 2 \$1.25; No. 3 \$1; No. 4 \$3.75, dry white lead 4½c; red lead, pure, 3½ to 4c; do. No. 1 4c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; glass, \$1.15 to \$1.20, first break; \$1.25 to \$1.30 second break per 50 feet; \$2.70 to \$2.80 for third break per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 55 to 56c; boiled, 58 to 59c; putty in bulk, \$1.85.

Cement and Naval Stores.—The first ar-rivals of cement for the season have come to hand, which consist of 1,700 barrels of Eng-lish and 2,500 Belgian. The feature this week has been the sale of 5,000 barrels of English brand on Western account at \$1.95 per barrel, and a sale of a lot of 1,200 barrels of Belgian and another lot of 500 at \$1.85. We quote English brands at \$1.90 to \$2, and Belgian at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per barrel ex ship. The arrivals of firebricks were 61,000. The demand for these continues good and sales of round lots are being made at \$15 to \$21 per 1,000 as to brand. The feature of the naval stores market has been the decided weakness in turpentine, and prices have broke 3c per gallon, recent sales having been made at 47c, and holders would probably shade this figure for a round lot in order to dispose of their old stock before the new crop arrivals come to hand. There is a better feeling in cordage and although values show no material change they have an upward tendency, due to the recent firmness in the raw material. We quote: Turpentine 47c; resins, \$2.50 to \$5, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cotton waste 4c to 5½c for colored and 6c to 8c for white; oakum 4½ to 6c, and cotton oakum 9 to 11c. Cordage—Sisal 5½ to 6c for 7-16 and upwards, and 14 to 15c for deep sea line. Pure manilla 9c for 7-16 and upwards and 9½c for smaller sizes.

The weak tone to the petroleum market noted in our last has continued and values show a further decline of 1c per gallon in Canadian and 1½c in United States. We quote Canadian refined at 15½c in shed, and

17c for smaller quantities, with a discount of two per cent for cash. United States petrol-um is quoted at 19½c in car lots and 20½c for smaller quantities. Water white 20½c in car lots and 21½c in small lots.—Gazette, May 10.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Butchers Cattle.—There was a firmer feel-ing to-day, although prices were not any higher for ordinary cattle. One or two loads of fancy butchers' cattle sold for 4½c per lb. but the ruling figures are from 3½c for ordi-nary cattle up to 4½c per lb for choice butchers' cattle.

Export Cattle.—There is some difficulty in getting the right sort of cattle, and dealers have to fill up with the best of the butchers' cattle in many instances. Prices ruled from 5c to 5½c per lb mostly, occasionally 5½c per lb being paid.

Stockers and Feeders.—Messrs. Halligan & Rodgers were buying light stockers, weighing from 800 to 900 lbs each, for Antwerp, to-day, and paying from 8½c to 9½c per lb. Some choice feeders sold as high as 4½c per lb. One carload averaging 1,180 lbs each, sold for 4½c per lb.

Hogs.—This line was easier to-day, and showed a decline of about 10c per cwt. Best long, lean hogs were fetching \$1.70 per cwt. fed and watered, and about \$1.85 weighed off the cars. Other hogs are lower in proportion.

Sheep and Lambs.—Good grain-fed year-lings and choice spring lambs sell well. Ordinary butchers' sheep are dull. Prices range as follows: Sheep, butchers', each \$5 to \$6; lambs, yearlings, per cwt. \$5.50 to \$5.75; lambs, spring, each \$3 to \$4.—Globe, May 10.

Cheap Coal at Montreal.

At this season of the year there is generally a change in values for coal, but this year the reduction has been more than was anti-cipated, prices showing a decline of 75c to \$1 per ton on all hard grades under winter quotations, and 75c per ton under the figures which it opened at this time last year. There is no particular reason given for the above, except that dealers say everything else is cheap and coal has to be likewise. We quote stove and chestnut at \$3.25 per 2,000 lbs., and egg and grate at \$5.10. Scotch grate at \$5, steam at \$3.75 to \$4, and Sydney steam at \$3.35 to \$3.75.—Gazette.

An arrangement has been effected between the United States and Great Britain by which October next is set for the time of assembling at Washington of a commission to negotiate a treaty to settle claims of sealers on account of the Behring sea seizures,

Leather.

A further rise in the price of leather is certain, or else hides will have to decline to 2c per lb, one or the other. The chances are, however, that as hides are so very scarce, with no immediate prospect of an increase in supply, they will go still higher before they are lower. But as regards the excited feeling in leather, some conservative traders are apprehensive that it will be carried too far, and eventually result in losses. To give an idea of the wildness in the upward flight of values, it may be mentioned that a lot of splits was recently bought at nearly double the price asked for them three months ago, and within ten days the purchaser re-sold them at 25 per cent advance. Respecting best sole leather, a lot of 3,000 sides was bought some time ago at 17c, and the same quality is now held at 26c, with some holders predicting 30c. There has been a further advance in waxed upper, which is now quoted at 28c to 35c, an advance of 8c to 10c per lb. There is no one in the trade that remembers such a sudden and steep rise in prices as that which has characterized the present excited movement.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

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Grocery and Produce Trade Notes.

The market for Barbadoes' molasses at the island has been stronger and private cable advices received at Montreal noted an advance of 1c per gallon, the first cost price now being 12c, as against 11c last week.

The duty on refined and raw sugar took our refiners wholly by surprise, or they would not have allowed the splendid chance to slip by of providing themselves with a much larger supply of raw sugar. As it was, however, they not only missed the chance of making considerable money by laying in larger quantities of Cuban sugar. But they sold heavily ahead at the old figures, clearly showing that they had not the slightest idea that the government intended putting a duty on sugar. This unexpected action of the government caused the price of refined sugar to advance 15-16c to 1c per lb., granulated being quoted at 4½c and yellows at 3½ to 3¾c. Beet has advanced since our last report to 10s 1½d on spot, and both refined and raw have made a further rise in New York, granulated having gone up to 4.35c.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Montreal Trade Bulletin, May 10: The sale of a lot of 400 tubs of old held creamery butter was made a day or two ago at the unprecedentedly low price of 7c and sales of old western dairy have taken place at 5c to 6½c, the present hot spell having induced holders to push the stale stuff off at whatever price it will fetch. It is estimated that the loss on the above lot of 400 tubs of creamery is about 12c to 13c per lb., or about \$8 per tub of 70 lbs.

It is questionable if it is a wise policy for country merchants to go into the egg pickling business. Last winter and spring a good many country pickled eggs were sent into this market, and sometimes they were mixed with fresh eggs. This latter plan of trying to work off pickled stock is not strictly honorable, and it is an injury to the trade as well. The mixing of old with fresh stock depresses prices and reduces prices for sound stock. It would be better for those who have fresh eggs to sell to have the pickled stock in as few hands as possible, and therefore the promiscuous pickling of eggs is an injury to the trade.

Situation of Shoe Manufacturers.

For the past few years manufacturers have been favored by a falling market. Samples were figured on the basis of prices as they stood at time, and ninety-nine times out of a hundred leather was bought cheaper when orders were filled than when the costs were estimated. Under some circumstances there was every chance for some margin in the season's trade, even when prices were figured down to the lowest notch. To-day manufacturers are putting figures on their samples that will simply bewilder when they come to make up the goods. This fact should enter into the calculations of those who expect to come out at the right end of the horn at the close of the season. The market is certainly a most untoward one for the manufacturer, and the outlook discouraging indeed. Even with an advance of 12½ per cent, to-day on orders he may be losing money in filling them a month or two hence. Orders should be taken with the stipulation "subject to any advance over present prices in the leather market at the time of shipment."—Shoe and Leather Journal.

Pork Packing in Canada.

The enlarging tendency of pork packing operations in Canada has been maintained the past year, the returns showing an increase over any previous year in both summer and winter work. The total indicated for the entire year is 510,655 hogs, an increase

of 21 per cent compared with the preceding year. The total for the summer season was 209,010, and for the winter 301,640.

The Cincinnati Price Current's twentieth annual report of pork packing in Canada shows the following details for the winter season:

	1891-95.	1893-91.
Brantford.....	2,000	2,200
Chatham.....	1,600	2,500
Collingwood.....	17,786	5,200
Exeter.....	610	910
Hamilton.....	21,498	21,000
Ingersoll.....	31,671	20,195
Lindsay.....	2,000	*.....
London.....	15,000	*.....
Nowmarket.....	2,687	2,410
Orillia.....	1,700	1,700
Ottawa.....	20,000	*.....
Owen Sound.....	1,000	1,225
Peterboro.....	30,000	*.....
Port Hope.....	400	500
St. Catharines.....	2,000	3,000
St. Thomas.....	3,210	3,200
Toronto.....	71,655	81,980
Woodstock.....	1,700	640
Other places.....	10,000	56,000
Montreal.....	50,000	65,000
Quebec.....	2,100	3,400
Winnipeg.....	8,000	5,500

Total number, winter... 301,610 279,920
Summer season, total... 209,010 142,550

Twelve months..... 510,650 422,470

* Included with total for "other places."

YEARLY COMPARISONS.

	Summer pack.	Winter pack.	Total.
1891-95.....	209,010	301,640	510,650
1893-91.....	142,550	279,920	422,470
1892-98.....	128,611	227,409	356,020
1891-92.....	99,466	251,088	350,554
1890-91.....	91,910	284,970	326,880
1889-90.....	69,486	169,278	238,769
1888-89.....	35,315	143,137	178,480
1887-88.....	70,510	115,674	216,214
1886-87.....	81,811	171,671	256,485
1885-86.....	65,280	126,640	191,870
1884-85.....	55,578	154,575	210,148
1883-84.....	37,681	99,914	137,628
1882-83.....	28,715	140,814	169,529
1881-82.....	57,016	129,971	186,987
1880-81.....	37,857	156,768	191,620
1879-80.....	37,447	157,932	195,379
1878-79.....	8,579	115,775	124,354
1877-78.....	12,957	151,781	164,738
1876-77.....	58,514	181,198	244,712
1875-76.....	25,000	119,989	144,989

Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

Flour.—A fair business has been done since our last report both in spring and winter wheat flour at steady prices; but at the moment there is a quiet feeling, buyers having apparently satisfied their wants for the time being, and allayed their apprehensions of a further advance in prices. Now that United States wheat has commenced to go into Ontario. As regards the price of flour in this market, sales of straight rollers have been made in this market at \$3.90 to \$4.00 for cars on track, although some claim to have got better prices, sales of choice brands being reported at \$1.05 to \$1.15. There is some export demand as we learn of fresh ocean freight engagements of sack flour on through rates from the west. We quote: Patent, spring, to \$1.40; Winter Patent, \$1.05 to \$1.15; Straight roller, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Extra, \$3.35 to \$3.75; City Strong Bakers, \$1.25; Manitoba Bakers, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Ontario bags extra, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.95 to \$1.95.

Oatmeal.—Rolled and granulated \$1.05 to \$1.15, standard \$1.00 to \$1.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.00 to

\$2.05 and standard at \$1.90 to \$1.95. Pat barley \$3.75 in bbls, and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—The market for bran is steady sales being reported at \$17 to \$17.50. Shorts are quoted \$18.00 to \$19.00 and moullie at \$21.00 to \$22.50 as to grade.

Wheat.—The local market is firm, with further business in No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat for shipment west at 86c.

Oats.—There is a better demand, and owing to limited supplies holders have been able to get more money, sales of 10 cars being reported at 11½ to 11¾c and one car sold at 12c.

Barley.—Malting grade reported at 50 to 59c and feed 52 to 53c.

Butter.—The market for old held over dairy butter is in a bad way, and holders are endeavoring to work it off at whatever prices they can get for it, ranging from 5½ to 8c, and old held creamery has sold at 10 to 11c. Regarding new butter, a lot of fresh creamery has sold to arrive at 15c, and we quote 15 to 16c for round lots. Smaller lots to the retail trade sell at 17 to 18c. It looks as though the coming season would be one of very low prices. The receipts of new butter are unusually large for this early season. New butter—Creamery 15 to 16c; Townships 14 to 15c; Morrisburg 14 to 15c; Western 10 to 13c. Old butter—Creamery 8 to 11c; Townships 7 to 9c; Western 5 to 7c.

Cheese.—The new season has opened at Ingersoll, with sales at 7 to 7½c, which prices are about 3c under the opening sales of last year. Shippers just returned from England state that they expect to buy full cream cheese during the coming season at 6c. One large shipper said we must of necessity buy at low figures to compete with the 1c to 3c Australian product.

Eggs.—A steady demand has continued throughout the week, with sales at 10 to 10½c.

Maple Products.—The demand for syrup has fallen off somewhat, although sales are reported in kegs at 4½ to 4¾c per lb., choice 5c. Tins 55c to 65c. Sugar 6 to 7c, and old 5c to 5½c.

Hides.—It is difficult to tell which is the most excited, the leather or the hide market. Another advance of ½c has been established in the price of hides since our last issue, with sales to dealers at 8c, one dealer having paid as high as 8½c, but 8c is said to be the ruling rate. Sales to tanners have been made at 9 to 9½c against 4c last fall, a rise of 125 per cent. In Buenos Ayres dry hides sales have been made at New York at 20c for Cordova, which some time ago were bought at 11c. We quote prices as follows: Light hides, 8c for No. 1, 7c for No. 2, and 6c for No. 3, to tanners 9c to 9½c for No. 1. Heavy hides 8c to 8½c, calfskins 8c, lambskins 1½c, sheepskins 75c.

Wool.—There has been a fair amount of business doing in Greasy Cape, sales having been made on a basis of 13 to 15½c. Prices here remain firm as follows.—Greasy Cape 13c to 16c, Canadian fleeces 19 to 22c, Buenos Ayres, scoured, 25 to 31c. In Canada pulled wool 20 to 21½c is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 26c; Northwest wool 11 to 12c; British Columbia 9 to 11c.—Trade Bulletin, May 10.

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