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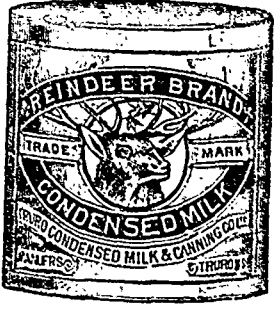
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WINNIPEG, MARCH 25, 1895.

Manitoba.

A spring fair will be held at Birtle on April 23.

J. H. Thompson & Co., Minnedosa; sold out to Taylor Bros..

W. N. Brown, late with Joseph Rogers, has opened a hat store at 360 Main street, Winnipeg.

A meeting of Silver Creek farmers was held recently to take steps to secure a cheese factory for that district.

C. Graham, boot and shoe dealer, of Portage la Prairie, is going into the harness business in connection with the boot and shoe business.

Jno Gilchrist has completed the assessment of the town of Morden. The total assessment this year is \$270,210. The population is 1,308.

The new Canadian Pacific Railway land map of Manitoba shows 1,000,000 acres of land available for homesteading in Manitoba, exclusive of the unsurveyed portions of the province.

A fire in the Winnipeg planing mill of G. W. Murray caused about \$100 damage. The fire originated from a spark, it is supposed, under a corner of the building.

C. Knox, of Calgary, brought a lot of broncho horses to Portage la Prairie to be sold there and left for the west again with 31 head of cattle.

The dry goods stock of J. Norris & Co., Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on March 28. Stock amounts to \$13,135; fixtures, \$992; accounts and bills receivable, \$1,691.

A cheese factory is to be built eight miles east of Griswold by Mr. Osterhout, of Alexander. About 275 cows have been promised, and farmers are entering heartily into the enterprise.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has issued a new map of Manitoba and the adjoining territory, showing Canadian Pacific Railway lands, free government lands, Canada Northwest Land Co.'s lands, etc.

A well known Winnipeg merchant, discussing business prospects recently said: "It is no doubt true that times are hard, but I believe a greater cash business has been done in Winnipeg this year than ever before in the city's history. The volume of trade may not have been so great, but a far greater proportion of it has been done on a cash basis."

J. E. Dingman, wholesale commission merchant, Winnipeg, has taken the agency here for the celebrated "Dog's Head" brand of oyster oysters, packed by the Martin, Wagner Co., of Baltimore. These oysters can be carried at any season of the year, when the fresh oysters are out of season. They are fine goods, and are meeting with a considerable sale here.

A fire at Brandon completely destroyed Morrill & Co's furniture store and stock. The building was owned by A. Harris Son & Co., and was valued at about \$1,500. The stock of furniture was valued at \$7,000. The insurance on the stock is \$1,500. The Hub restaurant adjoining was badly damaged, but the contents were saved.

The Fairchild Vehicle and Machinery Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg, is seeking incorporation by letters patent. The applicants are F. A. Fairchild, T. E. Fairchild, W. Hutchison, G. E. Dixon and J. H. Fairchild to carry on the business of dealers in implements with a capital stock of \$100,000, in a thousand shares of \$100 each.

It is likely that the farmers of Stonowall will establish a butter factory on the cream gathering plan, by which means the milk can be left at home for the use of young stock. A two story stone building suitable for a factory is available in the town and will be made use of. There are ample cows in the district to supply a large factory.

A largely attended meeting of the Winnipeg Retail Association was held on Tuesday evening. Committees were appointed to go before the local legislature to protest against the abolition of imprisonment for debt, and the abolishing of garnishees. The completion of the early closing by-law petition was also dealt with. The taxation committee reported progress since the last meeting, at which a resolution was passed recommending a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent. on the maximum retail and floor space per centage, and the collection of income and poll tax. The membership committee reported ten new members since last meeting.

Alberta.

W. Pitman & Co., groceries &c., Calgary; succeeded by J. S. Hawkey.

Assiniboia.

W. J. Gould, photographer, late of Owen Sound, has decided to locate in Regina.

Tetlock, Loveless & Falls have decided to erect a cheese factory on the Pipestone, near Grenfell. Mr. Falls, who is an old cheesemaker, will manage the factory.

Saskatchewan.

James Leslie has arranged a partnership with Mr. Sinclair and will establish a creamery and probably a general store at Saskatoon.

J. E. Sinclair, of Prince Albert, shipped \$500 worth of prime fur consisting of beaver, otter, martin, bear, etc., to Winnipeg recently.

Northwest Ontario.

R. Mattheu has purchased the confectionery business of E. A. Caslake, of Rat Portage.

A. E. Rutledge has succeeded to the business of Rutledge & Hammond, dealers in gents' furnishings, clothing, etc., Fort William.

It is rumoured that one of the Canadian Pacific Railway boats of the Owen Sound line will be run between Fort William and Buffalo

the coming season. Other rumors state that it will be run between Fort William and Windsor.

A serious fire commenced at West Fort William on Thursday, destroying almost the entire business portion of the old town. Spharr's hotel, the Woodbine hotel, leased by J. Campbell, Mrs. O'Connor's hotel and residence. The Ontario house, owned by Jones Bros., Toronto; Ingales Block, containing three stories to Dr. Baker's residence, in all sixteen buildings, stores, etc. The amount of insurance is unknown.

A deputation of the Rat Portage Board of Trade consisting of George Drewry, J. T. Mackay and Angus Carmichael have gone on a trip to Ottawa and Toronto. The matter of extending fishing privileges on the Lake of the Woods will be discussed with the head of the fisheries department. The government will also be urged to make a mariner's chart of the Lake of the Woods in order that vessel owners may obtain insurance on their craft and to make navigation safer. The promised appropriation for a government post office building in Rat Portage will also be discussed with the Ottawa officials. Immediate prosecution of the proposed improvements in the navigation of Rainy river will be urged upon the Government. At Toronto the delegation will lay before the provincial government the importance of giving assistance in developing the mineral resources of the Rat Portage district, including the erection of a custom mill for sampling and reducing gold ores.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.


The Montreal Trade Bulletin of March 15th says: "About three weeks ago we published the first charters of grain for the present season to East British ports at 2s to 2s 3d, and we have now to report the engagement of 200,000 bushels for Liverpool at 1s 6d; but 1s 9d is now asked. Part cargoes of deals have been engaged at 37s 6d for Liverpool and 37s 6d to Glasgow, and space has been engaged for cattle, the price to be governed by ruling rates at date of shipment. Shippers have offered 40s, but so far have been unable to obtain any space on first boats at that rate. Some business is reported for Duluth to Kingston on the basis of 2 1/2 corn. The rates from Kingston to Montreal are 2 1/2 corn and 2 1/2 wheat.

The open tariffs published make through rates on flour from Minneapolis to European ports in cents, as follows: Liverpool, 37.83; London, 38.16. Across the lake via Milwaukee 2 cents less.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin of March 18 says: "Rail rates were steadier, only one road making lower rates than the regular tariff which cut the rate 3c. The regular rate on flour and grain to New York was 20c, and on Provisions 30c. Through rates were firmer. The rates to Liverpool ranged at 27.83 to 28c per 100 lbs. for flour, 18c per 100 lbs. for grain and 89 1/2 to 41 1/2c per 100 lbs. for provisions. A moderate demand existed for vessel room to load for spring shipment, and rates were steady at 1 1/2c on wheat and 1 1/2c on corn to Port Huron, 2 1/2c for wheat and 2 1/2c for corn to Kingston."

The Minneapolis Market Record of March 20 says: "The attempt on the part of the eastern roads to re-establish the 30 cent rate to New York on a firm basis has proved an utter failure. Rates are quoted at 30 cents per hundred from Minneapolis to New York but no flour is moving at that figure. Across the lake routes are still quoting a 28 cent rate and it is said that they are even doing better than that."

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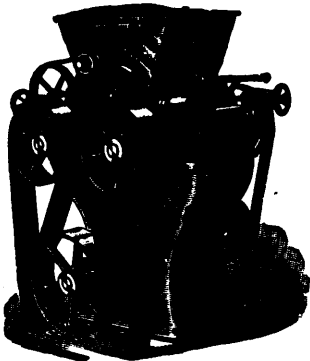
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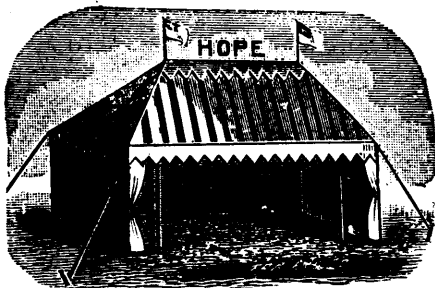


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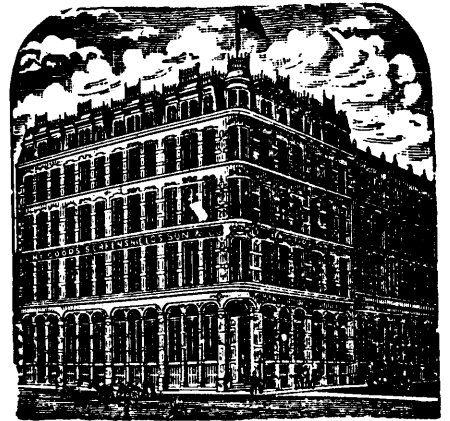


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The Commercial

WINNIPEG, MARCH 25, 1895.

HANDLING PRODUCE.

Up to the present time it has been the custom of Winnipeg wholesale grocery houses to handle country produce, such as butter and eggs. Handling produce is not as a rule considered a part of the wholesale grocery trade. Country produce is usually left to commission and produce men, who make a special business of this branch of trade. This is likely to soon become the rule in Winnipeg. Indeed, The Commercial is informed that some of the leading grocery houses have recently signified their intention of going out of the produce trade. The past season's trade in produce has been a very unprofitable one and the grocery houses are beginning to feel that it would probably be better to drop this branch and give their entire attention to the grocery business.

It would we believe be better for the grocery houses themselves and also better for the country producers and purchasers of produce if the handling of produce here were confined to persons and firms who make a specialty of the business. In the first place, the wholesale grocers have their regular grocery business to look after, and they cannot be expected to give as thorough attention to the produce trade as those who make a business of handling produce could do. The latter can make a close study of the produce trade and they will know when and where to place their produce to the best advantage.

There is another way in which it can be shown that the handling of country produce by the grocers is a cause of loss to the country producer and the country buyer of this class of goods. We will take the egg trade to illustrate the argument. Winnipeg is a consuming market for country produce. Shipments of eggs are being made from country points to this market for local consumption. Now, if all these eggs were shipped to a few produce dealers there would be less competition and prices would be maintained to better advantage. But when these eggs are shipped to half a dozen or more grocery houses the situation is, that there are more than twice as many houses trying to sell eggs in the city than there would be if the goods were handled only by regular produce dealers. The result of this is that as soon as there is an appearance of an accumulation of eggs in the city, prices are at once cut. We have known the Winnipeg egg market to become thoroughly demoralized at a time when there was no real cause for such a condition, owing to the competition to sell eggs between the wholesale grocers themselves and the produce dealers. The result of this has been a heavy loss in some cases to country shippers of eggs. If the egg trade had been handled by the commission men alone, many of these sudden slumps in the market would no doubt have been avoided.

The incentive of the wholesale grocers to handle produce is found in the fact that shipments of these goods are usually made on account or as a credit to be placed to the account of the shipper, against his liabilities to the grocery house. When the goods are sold, the proceeds are retained by the grocery house and placed to the credit of the shipper, who is usually a customer of the grocery house. As the produce trade has gone of late, however, it has been very unsatisfactory, and we understand that some of the grocery houses would prefer to drop the produce trade. If an arrangement could be come to that effect by the wholesale grocers, we believe it would be a relief to them and a decided advantage to the country purchasers of produce.

"BOOMING" OUR DAIRY INTERESTS.

The rush to establish butter and cheese factories in Manitoba seems to amount almost to a craze at present, and in the excitement there is danger that the establishment of industries of this nature may be overdone. We do not mean by this that the production of butter and cheese will be increased beyond the ability to find markets for the products; but we mean to say that factories are liable to be established in some cases under unfavorable conditions and in districts where they should not have been started, at least at the present time.

No journal in Manitoba has been more persistent in urging the value of the dairying industry upon the attention of the people than The Commercial. A word of caution from this paper, therefore, will not be taken as an attempt to throw a wet blanket over the present movement to start cheese and butter factories all over the country.

The dairying industry, like any other industry, can only be successful where the conditions are reasonably favorable. In the present state of undue excitement in the matter of starting factories there is danger that in many cases the existing conditions may not be carefully considered.

In the first place, quality is perhaps the greatest consideration in the manufacture of butter and cheese. It is greatly to be desired that Manitoba should turn out a high class of goods at the very beginning of our export trade. With the large number of butter and cheese factories now projected, we will have a considerable surplus of these commodities for export within a short time. If the first goods we send abroad are of indifferent quality, we will get an undesirable reputation which it will take years to overcome. In starting new factories it is therefore very necessary that a thoroughly competent person should be secured to take charge of the factory. If a competent person cannot be secured now to take the practical direction of the factory, it would be better to defer establishing a proposed factory until such a person can be engaged.

Another important feature is the quantity of milk or cream which can be obtained within reasonable distance of the point where it is

proposed to start a factory. In the enthusiasm of starting a factory there is a liability to overestimate the patronage the factory will receive. This point should be carefully considered. Unless the district is reasonably sure to afford a sufficient supply of material to enable the factory to be operated profitably, it would be unwise to embark in the enterprise. There is a minimum supply of cream or milk with which a factory can be made to pay. What that minimum is The Commercial is not prepared to say. But, unless there is a certainty of securing at least this minimum supply of milk or cream, it would be unwise to start a factory.

It is not to be expected that all the factories which are being started in Manitoba this year will be successful. Some of them (we hope not many) are sure to prove unprofitable, owing to the reasons outlined. At the same time, we have abundant faith in the natural capabilities of the country for dairying, and we believe that the present movement to establish dairying industries will be of great benefit to the country. Nevertheless, it is quite likely that a number of these new factories will prove unprofitable, at least for the first few years, through lack of experience on the part of the projectors, or for some other reasons, such as over-estimating the supply of material to work with.

The present movement to establish butter and cheese factories will no doubt lead to the improvement of our dairy cattle. In this respect there is great room for improvement in many parts of Manitoba. A dairy district should have good dairy cattle to obtain the best results for the farmers who are supplying the raw material to the factories. The improvement of our dairy cattle is a matter which should go hand in hand with the development of the dairying interests. Many of the herds now possessed by Manitoba farmers are not at all a profitable class of cattle for dairying purposes. If this province is to attain distinction as a dairy country, we should begin at once the study of raising profitable dairy cows, as well as giving attention to the other features of dairying. Official instructions in dairying should, we think, include the question of securing a profitable class of dairy cattle.

LIFE INSURANCE.

In The Commercial of March 11th, we gave some extracts from the reports of the sessions of the assessment life associations, showing that among themselves the expert insurance authorities admitted that the cost of assessment life insurance is greater than the level premium companies, and gave the reason for this from theory and experience.

The following comparative table illustrates the fact more clearly than any amount of theory can to the ordinary policyholder; it gives the actual experience of thirty companies doing a level premium business with a cash reserve and under government inspection; and thirty associations working on an assessment basis with "pocket" reserves.

TABLE.

Policy Year.	30 Assessment Associations.	30 American old line Companies.
1st.....	2.49	6.29
2nd.....	6.25	8.10
3rd.....	7.99	9.21
4th.....	8.83	10.00
5th.....	9.44	10.91
6th.....	10.27	11.36
7th.....	10.94	11.68
8th.....	12.43	12.25
9th.....	13.48	11.96
10th.....	14.57	12.31
11th.....	16.81	12.73
12th.....	16.84	13.36
13th.....	18.15	14.91
14th.....	19.10	14.06
15th.....	18.82	14.64
16th.....	27.91	14.77

It will be seen that the assessment associations apparently have the best of it for the first eight years, but this is only apparent, because the associations reporting exclude the older ages that the regular companies accept. But, notwithstanding this advantage, from the eighth year on the death rate among the associations increases very fast, on account of the fact that their healthy members, having no paid-up value in their policies, drop out as the rate increases, as they can get cheaper insurance in new organizations again for a time. The plain teaching of this experience is, that the only permanent insurance must have invested reserves to guarantee the payment of all policies at maturity. No one will deliberately speculate in life insurance, and as no one can tell what the future state of his health may be, all should see that a company is selected that puts aside a reserve based upon the mortality table that all insurance experience proves correct.

The Canadian government compels all assessment concerns to warn their policyholders by printing upon their policies and all their advertising literature, that they are working on the assessment system, and those who disregard this warning and listen to the sophistry of interested agents, will have only themselves to blame for making a foolish selection.

LOOKING AFTER COMMERCIAL LEGISLATION.

Winnipeg wholesale merchants, through their organization—the Jobbers' Union, have undertaken to watch provincial legislation affecting commercial interests. The jobbers have also interviewed the government to press for legislation which is deemed necessary in the interest of trade and commerce. The Winnipeg retailers, through their association, have also undertaken to press their views upon our law makers in the matter of commercial legislation. This shows the advantage of organization. Without organization such as the wholesale and retail merchants now have, many matters would be allowed to pass which urgently require attention from business men. The business men understand the requirements of the country in the matter of commercial legislation much better than the majority of the members of the legislature. Instead, therefore, of considering the representations from the business interests as done with a desire to impertinently interfere in

matters of legislation, no doubt the members of the government and the legislature will be pleased to have the advice of practical business men in matters which deeply concern business interests.

The Winnipeg retailers' association had a deputation before the law amendments committee of the legislature last week, to protest against the proposed abolition of judgment summonses, and also to protest against the proposal to increase the amount which can be garnished from \$25 to \$40. These changes, it can easily be seen, are not in the interest of retail merchants. The legislature has been inclined to show a disposition to increase the difficulties in the way of enforcing payment of debts. Goodness knows it is difficult enough now to enforce payment of debts. With all the exemptions and technicalities in favor of the debtor, there is no need for placing further obstacles in the way. Neither of the changes proposed, which the retail merchants have protested against, should be made. There is no good reason for asking these charges. If a garnishee order can be made for \$40, why should it not be made for \$25? As for the judgment summons, it cannot be shown that it is a hardship to the honest debtor, and it is perhaps useful in restraining dead beats—a class who certainly deserve no consideration. Why should it be desirable to make it easier for dishonest debtors? Instead of making the law a means of protection for dead beats, we would be inclined to favor every means of grappling with such characters.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE privilege of allowing Canadian cattle to pass through the United States for export to Europe or elsewhere, recently granted by the Washington government, is restricted to the port of Portland. Canadian cattle can only be shipped from this one port in the United States. The cattle must enter the United States only at Island Pond, south of Montreal. Certain certificates are also required as to the health of the animals, etc.

A DELEGATION of Winnipeg jobbers waited on the law amendments committee of the Manitoba legislature last week and discussed questions concerning preferential claims and snap judgments. The jobbers asked that marriage contracts be registered and that lien notes be registered for the safety of innocent purchasers, and also requested that some amendments be made to the assignment act. The points taken up by the jobbers were discussed in the editorial columns of *The Commercial* in our issues of March 4 and March 11, under the heads of "Preferences" and "The Marriage Settlement."

THE number of cases in which murder has been committed, or is supposed to have been committed to obtain the proceeds of life insurance policies, of late, is such as to cause alarm. Two men have just been convicted in Ontario of murdering a relative to secure the amount of his life insurance. The mur-

dered man had several thousand dollars on his life in favor of a daughter of one of the murderers, to whom he was engaged to be married. In the United States a most remarkable murder trial has just been concluded at Minneapolis, in which the life insurance carried by the victim appears to have been the incentive to a most dastardly murder. At Toronto a most sensational trial for murder is now going on, in which two men are charged with having plotted the death of a third party on account of his life insurance. In this case the insurance was in favor of the sister of the man alleged to have been murdered, and the man charged with the murder was engaged to and afterwards became the husband of the sister. These sensational murder cases in which life insurance has apparently been the incentive to crime, are sufficient to cause men to be very careful as to how they have their policies placed.

LOBSTERS are said to be becoming quite a scarce article. At any rate the price of canned lobsters is much higher than it used to be, and this is attributed to the depletion of the lobster grounds. If this is the case, as we have no reason to doubt, some effort should be made to provide new lobster grounds. Some years ago there was much talk about stocking our Pacific coast waters with lobsters. At present lobsters are not found on the Pacific coast. An attempt was once made to transfer some lobsters from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but the fish died in transit. Those who had the matter in hand appear to have been easily discouraged. We think the effort to colonize the lobster in our Pacific waters should not have been so quickly abandoned. Surely the fisheries department should have ingenuity enough to devise a plan for successfully transferring live lobsters from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. The idea to introduce the lobster into Pacific waters was a good one, and *The Commercial* would like to see the proposal carried into effect.

Vacant Lands Committee.

At the last meeting of the general committee on vacant lands, correspondence with the municipal councils was read. A number of replies have so far been received from the municipal councils written to by the committee to see what tax lands were held and the conditions under which the municipalities would hand these over to actual settlers. From the replies received it would seem that tax lands would be disposed of by municipalities at nominal figures.

The committee decided to report to the board of trade that in their opinion the only way in which settlers could be secured, and the lands economically handled, would be to have a strong joint stock company formed which would have capital sufficient to advertise the lands and if necessary make advances to actual settlers to give them a start.

Silver.

Silver prices have been stronger this week, mainly on the reports of an approaching international monetary conference. There were also statements to the effect that another large Chinese silver loan was to be issued, but this seems to have been unfounded. Silver prices on March 15 were: London, 28½d; New York, 61¼c.

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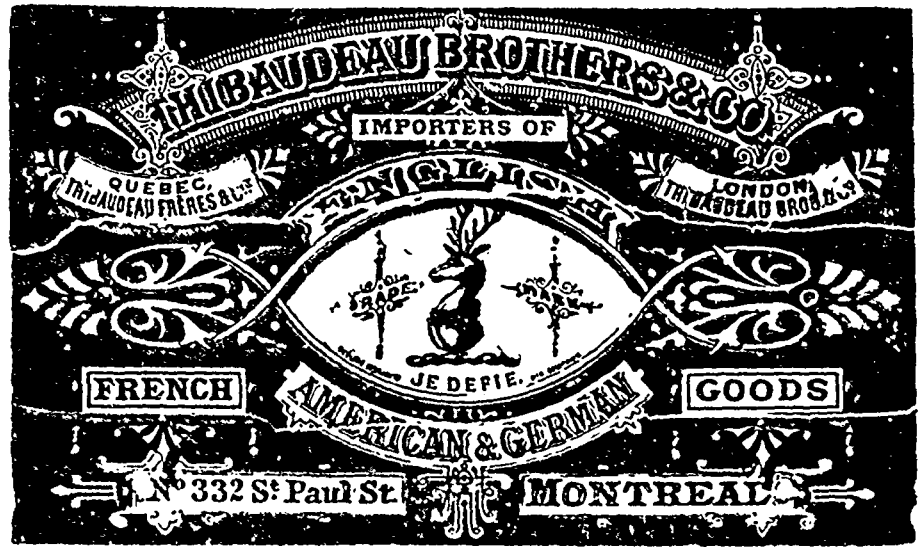
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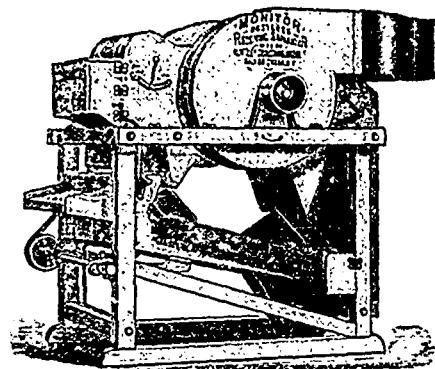
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, March 23.

The spring break-up has come in earnest this week, and under the influence of warm winds and rain, the indications of winter rapidly disappeared. Trade is over in frozen products, such as meats, fish, poultry, etc., except for such lots as are held in refrigerator storage. Lots not so held have been offered at whatever they would bring. In the dry goods and clothing branches, shipments of spring goods have been nearly all completed. Hardware, paints, lumber, etc., are in better demand. Winnipeg clearing house returns continue to show a considerable reduction, as compared with a year ago. Money is rather close. The fur sales this week in London have been very satisfactory for our shippers, some large profits resulted therefrom.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Mar. 23.

(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.)

GRACE FRUITS.—The mild weather has helped business some, but trade is not active. Apples have been quite scarce, and hereafter only small lots are expected to arrive, which will keep the market well cleaned up all the time. Oranges and lemons are about the same. Bananas are now coming forward more freely and in better condition. Pineapples are the only new thing in this week. Some very fine ones were received and sold at \$6 per dozen. Prices are as follows; California oranges seedlings, \$1 per box; California Navel oranges, \$1.50 per box; Messina lemons, \$3 to \$5.50 per box; apples \$1 to \$6 per barrel as to quality and condition; California Easter Bourro pears \$1.50 per box; bananas, \$3 to 4.50 per bunch; as to size. Malaga grapes, \$11.50 per largo keg; Spanish onions, \$1 to \$1.25 per crate of 50 lbs. Layer figs, 10 lb boxes, 15c per pound. Sweet potatoes, \$5.50 per barrel. White comb honey, 22c a lb; new dates, 7 to 7½c a lb.

FISH.—Owing to the mild weather, holders of frozen fish, who have no cold storage accommodation, are clearing out balance of supplies at whatever they will bring. Whitefish have sold at from 2c up, pickerel at 2c and pike at 1c. Holders of frozen fish in refrigerators, however, are maintaining prices. As soon as the few held outside of the refrigerators are cleared up prices will be higher for Manitoba varieties. Fish out of cold storage now are almost unsalable. Oysters are easier. Shell and can oysters are not kept much now. We quote: British Columbia salmon, 14c lb; British Columbia halibut, 14c; Fresh mackerel, 12½c lb.; cod, 7c; haddock, 8; smelts, 12½c; sea herring, 85c dozen; Lake Superior herring, 25c doz; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, round (not gutted) 2c; whitefish slit, 5c; pickerel, 2 to 3c; pike 1 to 2c; perch, 2c; smoked whitefish, 8c lb; smoked goldeyes, 30 to 35c dozen; red herring 20c box; finon haddies, 6 to 6½c lb; Salt herring \$1.50 per barrel; bloaters, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per box; Oysters, \$1.90 for standard and \$2.00 for selects, per gallon. dry cod, 7c lb; boneless cod, 7 to 7½c; boneless fish 6c.

GROCERIES.—There was some talk awhile ago about the possibility of a breaking up of the Canadian packer's association. The packers were endeavoring to get a number of outside packers into the association, and if unable to do this it was thought they would be unable to hold together. They appear to have been successful in their efforts, for the association has advised their brokers that they are bound together for the season of

1891 and 1895 stronger than ever. They claim that all goods from last year's pack will be needed, but it is not expected that prices will be advanced materially, except possibly on brands which are now selling at the minimum prices, and such brands are being advanced all the time as the stocks are reduced. The association claim that their idea is to keep prices at a moderate basis. Latest mail advices do not report any change in sugars at Canadian refineries. Prunes are advancing sharply abroad.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—There is keen competition in the hardware and metal trade here, and prices have been out so fine in this market of late that there is little or nothing to be gained in the way of lower prices by going east to purchase goods. Goods are now sold in the Winnipeg market on very close margins. This can be explained from the fact that there are four large wholesale hardware houses in Winnipeg competing for the trade of Manitoba and the West, which with our limited population makes competition very keen for the more desirable class of trade. Retailers who are safe customers, can certainly buy very close here. There are only six hardware houses in Montreal and Toronto with their vastly larger field to work in. There have been several meetings of manufacturers east, which are reported on another page in The Commercial this week. Turpentine has not changed here yet though still another advance of 1c is reported from Montreal. Refined petroleum has also refused to follow the advance in the east. In this market, both United States and Canadian oils have not changed, though several advances have occurred recently in Eastern markets.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.—Trade is beginning to open up in this branch. The spring-like weather of the week has induced some buying, principally in plows and harrows, and a few seeders. Wheeled rigs are also moving some. Dealers look forward to a quiet season's trade. The same caution which characterized the operations of the principal implement concerns last year, will be continued. Goods will not be sold on time, except to thoroughly responsible persons, and fair cash payments on most sales will be looked for. This means undoubtedly a light business. One or two United States concerns may push business here some, but the home companies will continue a cautious policy.

WOOD FUEL.—Cordwood is firmer, as the roads are now breaking up. An advance in prices is usual at this season. Still there is not much change in prices. Tamarac is to be had at \$3.25 to \$3.75 per cord on track here as to quality, good quality is held about \$3.50 to \$3.75, pine about \$3.00 to \$3.25 per cord. Oak brings about the same as tamarac, and extra good oak goes a little better sometimes. Poplar ranges about \$2 to \$2.25 per cord on track here.

LUMBER.—Business is picking up some, but is quiet yet. The mills are being put into shape for the summers' operation, and the planing mills, which have mostly been idle for some time, are being started up. A telegram from Vancouver reported a reduction equal to about \$2.50 per 1,000 feet in freight rates from there eastward. The railway people here, however, do not know anything about it, and say it is evidently a mistake. The report appears to be at least premature, though the Pacific coast manufacturers have been asking for lower freight rates on lumber eastward, and possibly they may have been promised a lower rate. A Washington Territory man was here this week offering cedar shingle, but it is understood he did not do anything here, though he offered a cut of 25c on British Columbia prices. The local lumbermen have been interviewing our legislators with a view to having the lien law

made more effective, as the present lien law is about useless as a protection to dealers. They want the law made so that when notice is served on a party who is building, he will be compelled to withhold payments from the contractor, and any sum due the contractor may be divided pro rata, as far as it will go, in liquidating the liabilities of the contractor for material supplied. The lumbermen resent the statement of a member in the Manitoba legislature to the effect that the farmers had derived no benefit from the reduction of the tariff and freight rates on lumber. The statement is well known to be false, as lumber prices in Manitoba have been materially reduced within the last year.

RAW FURS.—The fur sales held in London this week are the most important of the year, especially for Canadian furs. The result, as reported by cable, has been most satisfactory, at the Hudson's Bay Co's sale everything advanced or held its own, so far as reported by cable, except silver and cross fox. Big money was made on Marten. All together our shippers have made well from their collections at this sale and some shippers have made big profits. The following cable report has been received of the Hudson's Bay Co's sale:

Otter—same as March, 1891.
Fisher— " " "
Silver Fox—15% lower than March, 1891.
Cross Fox—5 " " "
Red Fox 5 " higher " "
Marten—75% " " "
Mink—15% " " "
Lynx—5% " " "
Bear, Black—10% " " "
Bear, Brown—10% " " "

The prices for bear apply to large skins. The Hudson's Bay Co's sale opened on Monday and closed on Thursday. White fox is also reported to have advanced sharply. The big advance in marten is owing to the popularity of the collarette made of the single skin.

Following are the prices on some classes of furs realized at the Hudson's Bay Co's March sale a year ago, which it will be interesting to compare with prices obtained this year: Silver fox, dark, firsts, Northwestern £30; Fisher, large firsts, 38 to 53s; Otter, firsts, large, 32s, small, 26s; Red fox, firsts, dark, Northwestern, 12½s; Mink, firsts, 6½ to 11½s, as to size, etc; Marten, large, dark, Northwestern, 11½s; pale, 7½ to 1s; Lynx, large, Northwestern, 16½s; middlings, 14½s; small, 10½s.

Messrs. Stobart, Sons & Co., Winnipeg, have received the following reports of C. M. Lamson & Co's sales:

Fisher—5% lower than March last.
Otter—7 " " " "
Lynx—Same as " " "
Silver Fox— " " "
Beaver— " January "

Also the following regarding the Hudson's Bay Co's sales:

Skunk—Same as March last.
Bear, Black—5% higher than March last.
Bear, Brown—25% " " "
Bear, Grizzly—25 " " "
Muskrat—10% lower than in January.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—The edge seems to be off the wheat market this week, and prices have experienced several breaks. The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended Saturday, March 16, 1895 shows a decrease of 814,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,218,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 83,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago. The total visible supply is now 76,873,000 bushels as compared with 73,259,000 a year ago, 79,020,000 bushels two years ago and 41,139,000 bushels three years ago. Stocks

on ocean passage increased 481,000 bushels last week. There was a decline in prices in United States markets every day of the week, from Monday to Friday inclusive, a drop of a full 1 cent occurring on Thursday. Exports of wheat including flour as wheat, from both coasts of the United States this week equal 2,998,685 bushels, 27,000 bushels more than last week. 600,000 bushels in excess of exports in the third week of March 1891, and more than 200,000 in excess of exports the like week of 1893. The increase as compared with the corresponding period of 1892, is about 400,000 and with 1891 more than 800,000 bushels. Thus, for the first time in many months the week's exports of wheat and flour have been in excess of corresponding totals in four preceding years.

LOCAL WHEAT.—The advance in the United States last week had the effect of strengthening local and other Canadian markets, and there has been a good demand in Ontario for Manitoba wheat for milling purposes, at higher prices. Wheat seems to be scarce in Ontario, and both Manitoba and Ontario wheat, sent to Montreal for export, is being shipped back to Ontario mills. Some of the Manitoba wheat being shipped west from Montreal, is said to be two years old. Either the government crop report was an over-estimate, or the farmers are holding their wheat in Ontario, or they may be feeding it to live stock, for the surplus based on government estimates has not come out, hence the demand from Ontario country millers which is drawing wheat from storage points. This demand, strengthened by the advance of last week in the United States, has advanced prices in Ontario for Manitoba and other wheats. In this market May wheat is quoted at about 66½ to 67½c, for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. Cash wheat on track, Manitoba country points, is worth about 53c per bushel, or about 65c c.i.f., Fort William. These prices show Manitoba wheat to be held relatively about 6 to 7c higher than Duluth. There is some Manitoba wheat in store at Duluth, which will no doubt go to Ontario millers on the opening of navigation, if prices remain relatively as at present. The spring break-up of the roads has now come and there is nothing doing in country markets.

FLOUR.—Manitoba flour is in fair demand East, and sales are being made for export, from stock shipped East to store before navigation closed last fall. A little better prices have been obtained in some cases on late sales. Montreal stocks of flour are remarkably low at present, being down to 17,000 or 18,000 barrels, according to a late report. There has been no change in the local market. Manitoba country mills are doing very little, and most of them are closed down or running only on short time. Sales by millers are made at \$1.85 for patents and \$1.65 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs., delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash in 30 days. Sales of country mills are made at about 10c under quotations on track here.

MILLSTUFFS.—Prices are steady. 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. Bran is higher again east and selling in Montreal at about \$19 per ton, for Manitoba bran and 50c to \$1 higher for Ontario bran.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are firm. Prices range from \$18 to \$20 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 50 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.

Oatmeal has been advancing in the east lately, in sympathy with the higher prices for oats there, car lots at Toronto being held at \$1.00 and a further advance of 25c was being asked by some.

OATS.—Prices are just about the same, but the market is perhaps a little firmer. The bulk of farmers loads are taken at 29c per bushel of 31 pounds, and 30c is paid for a few. Car lots are held at 29c on track here and 30c was asked in some cases. Good milling oats would bring the usual advance, and a real fancy oat would command 32c. The advance in the East, which permits shipping from here, and the spring break-up of the roads, which will reduce farmers' offerings, makes the market firmer. The price in Eastern markets keeps strong, up to 42c having been realized for car lots at Montreal.

Barley.—There is no change in barley this week; 35c per bushels of 48 pounds has been paid for some farmers' loads of ordinary feed quality and a good sample suitable for seed or malting would command 40c.

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

BUTTER.—We can say nothing new in regard to butter. It is the same old story, week after week of nothing doing. There is quite a little new butter in prints and rolls offering by farmers, which brings about 15c for good quality of prints, with a range of 10 to 17c as to quality for new rolls, prints and bricks. Another car lot of Manitoba dairy is being made up to go East to Montreal. A sale of 300 tubs Manitoba dairy is reported from Montreal at 7c per lb, and a large lot of rolls at 18c. We quote dairy here at 8 to 14c as the quality.

EGGS.—This market has continued weak and declining for eggs. Up to yesterday prices had declined 1c this week to 11c per dozen for single case lots of fresh, and even 10c was accepted at the close, though some dealers were holding at 11c. Lined are about unsalable, and the few remaining are offered for what they will bring. In fact lined are offered retail at 5c per dozen.

CURED MEATS.—The markets are all firm for hog stuffs. Hogs have made quite an advance East and prices here are higher. Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11½; do backs 10½c; picnic hams, 9c; short spiced rolls, 8c; long rolls, 8½c; shoulders, 8½c; smoked long clear 9c; smoked jowls, 5c. Dry salt meats are noted: Long clear bacon, 7½ to 8c; shoulders, 7½c; backs, 9c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$11.00 to \$11.50; short cut, \$16.00; 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.

LARD.—We quote: Pure, \$1.75 to \$1.80 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.65 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3 and 5 pound tins, \$6 per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 70 pounds, tierces 5½c pound.

POULTRY.—Stocks of frozen poultry have been well cleaned up this year, and only two or three dealers are holding any frozen stock in refrigerator storage. This class of stock is jobbing at about the following prices: Chickens 8c, turkeys 10c, geese 10c, ducks 8c. About 1 to 2c per pound higher would be paid for nice fresh birds.

DRESSED MEATS.—There is quite a little frozen mutton held by butchers and prices are lower, owing to the soft weather. We quote 6 to 8c per lb. for mutton. Some butchers still had a little frozen beef, which was practically unsalable as refrigerator kept beef is not wanted by butchers. Fresh beef is offering at 5½c per 10., which is the usual

jobbing price for good city dressed beef. Hogs have held about the same to a little firmer at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Veal about 6 to 6½c per lb.

HIDES.—There has been a little stirring up in the hide trade again by a circular sent out by one of the city dealers, offering to pay 4c for No. 1 cows and 4½c for No. 1 steers, those prices showing an advance of ¼ to ½c. One dealer said he will not pay these prices, while another said he might go a little better. This brings graded hides up to about a level with the prices which have been paid this winter for frozen country stock. Outside markets are strong for green hides, with a good demand. We quote Winnipeg inspection 4c for No. 1 cows, 3c for No. 2, and 2c for No. 3, and 4½c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 3½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 4 to 5c per lb. Kips 3 to 4c. Sheep skins, 35 to 50c each, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

SENECA ROOT.—Dull and nominal at 18 to 20c.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are as follows. Potatoes, 40c per bushel. Scams have been bought as low as 35c. Onions, 8c per lb; cabbage, 3c per lb. for good to 2c for poor stock. Celery, 25 to 50c per dozen as to quality, which varies widely. Carrots, 50c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.

HAY.—A little firmer in consequence of the break up of the roads, but not much change yet. Loose hay is selling on the street at about \$3.50 to \$1 per ton. Baled is held at about \$1 to \$5 per ton on track, but sells at \$1 generally.

LIVE STOCK.—The second direct export shipment of Manitoba cattle was made up here yesterday by Gordon & Ironsides, for England, consisting of a train load. They also had about 700 hogs in, but these were mostly all bought by J. Y. Griffin & Co. for their Winnipeg packing house. The export cattle have cost about 8c in the country. Cattle are rather firmer, and finest butchers would bring up to 3½c per lb. here, good 3c and fair about 2½c. Hogs will be taken at 1c for good packing lots. Light hogs, under 150 pounds are not wanted, and these should not be marketed. Now that hogs are practically wintered, farmers should not market their small hogs, as it is wasteful to do so. Sheep we quote at 1c for future delivery, but none are wanted at once.

At Toronto on Tuesday, March 19, good cattle were firm, but poor sold \$2 to \$3 per head lower. Best butchers' cattle sold at 3½ to 3¾ per lb., with a few picked head going a shade better. The bulk sold at about 3c for fairly good, and poor at 2½ to 2¾c. Export cattle quoted at 4 to 4½c, the latter for fancy steers. Hogs were steady. Best bacon sold at \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 100 pounds; Heavy at \$1.25 to \$1.30; Stores, \$3.75 to \$1.20; Stags and rough, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Sheep brought \$1.50 to \$1.75 per head, and up to \$5 for choice, and lambs at 4c to 5c per lb.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express, of March 18, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: During the week English wheat have risen 6d to 8d. Foreign wheats have been strong for good reds, and weak for white. American reds were 9d higher, red winter is quoted at 22s 6d, and No. 1 Manitoba at 21s 9d. To-day the rise in prices was maintained. English and foreign wheats were 3d higher, with good enquiry. London flour was 6d and American 3d higher.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday wheat was uncertain in tendency of prices. May wheat opened at 56 3/4c and had a range of from 55 3/4 to 57c. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	51 3/4	56 3/4	57 3/4
Corn	45 1/4	46 3/4	46 1/4
Oats	—	29 1/4	28 1/4
Mess Pork ..	—	11 95	12 07 1/2
Lard	—	6 80	6 92 1/2
Short Ribs ..	—	5 90	6 02 1/2

Wheat was somewhat irregular on Tuesday, opening active at about 56c, then became dull and easy, declining to 55 1/2c. The range of the day for May wheat was over 55 1/2 to 56 3/4c. Corn was higher. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	51 1/4	55 7/8	56 3/4
Corn	45 3/4	47 1/4	46 3/4
Oats	—	29 1/4	28 3/4
Mess Pork ..	—	11 70	11 82 1/2
Lard	—	6 75	6 87 1/2
Short Ribs ..	—	5 75	5 87 1/2

On Wednesday May wheat opened at about 56c and sold between 55 3/4c and 56 3/4c; closing 1/2 to 3/4c lower than yesterday. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June	July.
Wheat ..	51 1/4	55 3/4	—	56 3/4
Corn	45 3/4	47 1/4	—	46 3/4
Oats	—	29 3/4	—	28 3/4
Mess Pork	—	11 67 1/2	—	11 87 1/2
Lard	—	6 75	—	6 87 1/2
Short Ribs	—	5 75	—	5 90

On Thursday wheat was weak and lower. May wheat opened at about 55 3/4c and sold between 55 3/4c and 56 1/4c. Cash wheat was 1/2c per bushel lower. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat ...	53 1/4	51 3/4	—	55 3/4	—
Corn	45	46 1/4	—	46 1/4	—
Oats	—	29 1/4	—	28 1/4	—
Mess Pork	—	11 92 1/2	—	12 07 1/2	—
Lard	—	6 85 1/2	—	6 97 1/2	—
Short Ribs	—	5 95	—	6 10	—

On Friday wheat continued weak, cash wheat selling about 3/4c lower. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May	June	July.
Wheat	53	51 1/4	—	55 1/4
Corn	44 1/4	45 3/4	—	45 3/4
Oat	—	29	—	28
Mess Pork ..	—	12 05	—	12 25
Lard	—	6 95	—	7 10
Short Ribs ..	—	6 05	—	6 20

On Saturday wheat made the only gain of the week. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	51	55 1/4	56 1/4
Corn	45	46 1/4	46 1/4
Oats	28 1/4	29 1/4	28 1/4
Mess Pork ..	12 05	12 20	—
Lard	—	—	—
Short Ribs ..	—	—	—

A week ago May wheat closed at 56 3/4c. A year ago May wheat was quoted at 57 1/2c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—March, 61 1/2; May 61 1/2; July, 61 1/2.
Tuesday—March, 60 3/4; May 61 1/2; July 61 1/2.
Wednesday—March, 60 1/2; May, 61 1/2; July, 61 1/2.
Thursday—March, 59 1/2; May, 60 1/2; July, 60 1/2.
Friday—March, 59 1/2; May, 59 1/2; July, 60 1/2.
Saturday—March, 59 1/2; May, 60 1/2; July, 60 1/2.

A week ago prices closed at 61 3/4c for March and 62 1/2c for May. A year ago May wheat closed at 59 3/4c, and two years ago at 61c. No. 1 hard is quoted at only 1/2 to 3/4c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern 2c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 58 3/4c for March delivery, May at 58 3/4c and July at 59 1/2c. A week ago March wheat closed at 60c, and May at 59 1/2 to 60c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, March 23, May wheat closed at 60 3/4c and July at 60 3/4c. A week ago wheat closed at 62c for May and 62 1/2c for July.

Live Stock Markets.

The cable from Liverpool on March 18 reported the supply of cattle fair, but a stronger feeling prevailed and prices advanced 1/2c per lb. over the previous Monday. At Liverpool the sheep market was strong and prices advanced 1c per lb., best stock being quoted at 1 1/4c. Prices were:

	Liverpool.	London.
Finest steers	12c	12 1/2c
Good to Choice	11 1/2c	12c
Poor to medium	10 1/2c	11c
Inferior and bulls	8 to 9 1/2c	8 1/2 to 9 1/2
Best Sheep	14	00
Secondary	12 to 13	00 to 00
Morinoes	11 1/2 to 12 1/2	00 to 00
Inferior and rams	9 to 10 1/2	00 to 00

At the Montreal stock yards at Point St. Charles on March 18, the demand for cattle was slow. A load of choice steers sold at 3 1/2c, and other sales of fair to good cattle were made at 2 1/2c to 3c per lb. live weight. Sheep ruled steady at 3c to 3 1/2c per lb. live weight. Lambs were well cleaned up at 4c to 4 1/2c. Hogs ruled higher, sales being made at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs.

The Montreal Gazette of March 19 says: "The outlook at present is encouraging, and the general impression is that we are going to have a season of high prices. There has been considerable activity and excitement in live stock circles here during the past few days, especially when it became known among Canadian shippers that a representative of a United States syndicate was going through the country buying up all the distillery stock that he could, for which it is stated that 5c per lb was paid for steers and 4c for bulls. Beside the above there has also been some extensive buying done by Canadian shippers, consequently the prospects are that the shipments in May and June will be large. In regard to the sheep trade, the impression is that shipments of Canadian stock will be small owing to the fact that the country has been pretty well cleaned up of all suitable export stock."

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks of ended 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.	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2	Mar. 11	Mar. 16.
Extra Manitoba hard	0	1	1	2	0
No. 1 hard	26	44	32	46	66
No. 2 hard	0	0	2	0	1
No. 1 Northern	0	1	1	4	9
No. 2 Northern	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white type	0	0	0	1	1
No. 2 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 R. Jected	4	6	5	3	5
No. 2 Rejected	2	2	4	5	4
No Grade	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	54	52	61	86
Same week last year	55	42	59	56	78

*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 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	174,751
" 8	121,099	277,877
" 15	224,285	168,481
" 22	393,158	153,981
" 29	727,817	752,197
Oct. 6	808,767	448,813
" 13	1,018,702	1,007,383
" 20	991,574	851,773
" 27	893,890	890,672
Nov. 3	810,091	891,030
" 10	717,696	1,021,222
" 17	538,206	636,556
" 24	757,614	1,111,180
Dec. 1	392,190	717,699
" 8	145,338	70,000
" 15	73,030	1,328
" 22	89,337	1,114
" 29	82,038	none
Jan. 5	38,746	"
" 12	31,791	1,194
" 19	61,868	3,510
" 26	30,778	18,267
Feb. 2	5,681	13,511
" 9	21,357	8,901
" 16	16,015	13,620
" 23	none	none
Mar. 4	"	"
" 11	25,248	3,859
" 18	2,417	3,312

Total Bushels 9,231,421 9,211,819

Stocks on hand at the lake ports on March 17 were 909,935 bushels, as compared with 2,171,838 bushels, a year ago. Shipments from Lake ports previous to December 8 were by water, since that date by rail east.

The table above shows all wheat shipped out via the Canadian Pacific Railway, the receipts at lake ports as above showing shipments out of Manitoba. Adding 1,500,000 bush. shipped out by the Northern Pacific, via Duluth or Chicago, we have a total of 10,731,421 bushels of the crop shipped out, to which may further be added about 2,000,000 bushels converted into flour for shipment out of Manitoba, making a total of wheat and flour of say 12,731,421 bushels so disposed of. There are about 2,000,000 bushels in store at interior points, and a little has gone out all rail via the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is not included in the figures given above, making a total surplus wheat crop over local requirements of say 15,000,000 bushels, providing that farmers hold very limited stocks yet to dispose of.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending March 21 were \$695,451, balances, \$163,231. For the previous week clearings were \$655,379. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$821,171.

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

	Clearings.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 14.
Montreal	\$10,035,562	\$9,938,413	
Toronto	5,550,139	5,396,172	
Halifax	1,142,521	966,451	
Winnipeg	762,025	653,379	
Hamilton	721,915	553,800	

Total

The Mounted Police canteen at Regina was burned Friday night. The building is a total loss. The loss on the stock of liquors, etc., is \$3,000; insurance \$2,000.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Wheat.—c.i.f. Fort William, May, '92 to '93.
 Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.60 to \$1.65.; Bakers, \$1.50 to \$1.55.
 Bran.—Per ton, \$12 to \$13.
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$13 to \$14.
 Oats.—Per bushel, 30 to 32c.
 Barley.—Per bushel, 35 to 40c.
 Butter.—Country dairy, jobbing, 18 to 20c.
 Eggs.—Fresh opened at 17c, closed week at 12c.
 Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 5 to 7c.
 Hogs.—Dressed, easier, 5 to 5½c.
 Cattle.—Choice, 4c, some fancy sold at 4½c.
 Chickens.—Dressed, 8 to 10c.
 Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

A general store owned and conducted by a merchant named S. Goldstaub, at Plum Coulee, Man., was burned recently. Representatives of the insurance company that held a risk on the property visited the scene and were about to pay Goldstaub's claim for the loss of the stock when something transpired that convinced them fraud had been practiced. Detective McKenzie was engaged on the case, and a quantity of goods alleged to be part of Goldstaub's stock was found stored in a stable, carefully packed and covered with hay. Goldstaub was arrested and brought to the city. Yesterday he succeeded in getting bail, which was fixed at \$3,000.

There is a movement in Winnipeg to establish a local fire insurance company. A circular, signed by four well known wholesale merchants, has been sent out. It reads as follows: "For some time past there has been a growing conviction with some of the business men of this Province that the time has arrived when a Provincial Fire Insurance Company, established with ample capital, under the management of a Board of Directors resident in the Province, conducted on sound business principles and entirely free from the control of the Manitoba Board of Underwriters, could do a successful and paying business. In order to test the feeling on this matter in this city we are inviting one hundred citizens, representing various interests, to attend a meeting to be held at the Board of Trade Rooms on Wednesday the 20th March, at 4 p. m., at which this question will be discussed and shall be glad if you will make it convenient to attend." The meeting was held as announced in the circular. The proposal to start a local company was favorably entertained, and a committee was appointed to obtain information with the object of following up the proposal.

FIRE INSURANCE.

TO EDITOR THE COMMERCIAL.

Sir.—Your issue of February 20th, which is just before me, contains a learned statement on fire insurance from one W. R. Allan, showing that the fire insurance companies, forty-five of them, were actually doing business from philanthropic motives, 98 per cent of these companies' premium income being paid out for losses and expenses. Mark you Mr. Editor, expenses, that is so clear, so definite; but Mr. Editor its too much for me, won't the gentleman please explain yet more clearly or definitely those expenses. The salaries of 45 presidents and vice-presidents, and the salaries on commission drawn by those other gentlemen who seem to work so hard, from I presume, philanthropic motives. May I suggest that the work of these 45 presidents and 45 vice-presidents be done by the Dominion Government with one practical overseer, thereby saving the salaries of at least 41 presidents and 41 vice-presidents, and also save the 2 per cent, which means many thousands of dollars. Would this not have the effect of reducing the expenses 50 per

cent., and to that extent reduce the cost of insurance to us the now too heavily assessed contributors to those philanthropists—the insurance people. Kindly answer, Mr. Allan and oblige,

Yours truly,

Winnipeg, Mar. 21, '95. W. F. DOTL.

Grain and Milling Matters.

George V. Hastings, and G. H. Kelly, general manager, and head miller, respectively, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., were looking over local mills at Duluth and Superior recently. Mr. Hastings went east from there, while Mr. Kelly went south to Minneapolis.

The mill bonus by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers on March 28, at Hamiota, Man.

The protest of the bakers in the United States against the name "bakers' flour" is a strong one says a Chicago bakers journal. It would be better on many accounts if the millers would get together on this matter, and decide on a name that can be used with as much practical unanimity as the name "Bakers" is now used. As one of the milling firms says, all dealers in flour know just what is meant when "Bakers Flour" is spoken of. The abandonment of that name and the adoption of a score of different names to designate the same grade would lead to a good deal of confusion in the flour trade. But the millers are abundantly able to take care of that. What is needed at once is to have the name "Bakers" removed from a grade of flour which bakers seldom or never use.

The by-law to grant a bonus of \$20,000 to a company to erect a flour mill and elevator in St. Boniface, Man., will be submitted to vote of the people on the 17th of April.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The course of trade flies off at strange tangents sometimes, an example of which is afforded in the continued shipment of wheat from Montreal to Western points. Further sales of hard Manitoba wheat have been made in this city for Ontario millers, a lot of 11 cars being shipped out a few days ago, with more to follow. Nearly 100,000 bushels have already been shipped West, and there is probably 300,000 bushels of hard Manitoba and 100,000 bushels of red winter left, which it is expected will all be wanted for the Western home trade, although it was all shipped here for export. It is said that about 100,000 bushels of hard Manitoba wheat in store here has been sold for later shipment for Western account besides what has already gone out."

The Portage la Prairie oatmeal mill has again changed hands. The purchasers are Alex. McKinnon, head miller at the mill, and Andrew Kennedy, late on the staff of the Home for Incurables at that town. It is understood that the price was \$10,000. The new firm takes possession on the 1st of May. The mill was the property of the Hon. Jos. Martin, but was leased by Wm. Smith last spring.

The present winter in England is said to have been the coldest for 50 years. There used to be a theory that a cold spell meant high prices for wheat, but prices declined 8d. per quarter in England during February, although the weather was very cold.

There were 11,510,100 bushels of wheat in store at Duluth on March 15, of which 8,334,000 bushels were No. 1 hard, and 2,097,000 bushels No. 1 northern. A year ago Duluth had 11,301,301 bushels of wheat. On March 18 Minneapolis had 16,228,000 bushels of wheat in store.

The exports of wheat and flour from the United States expressed in wheat, in February 1895, equalled 8,865,991 bushels, compared with 12,195,747 bushels in January 1895

and 9,102,313 bushels in February 1891. The exports for eight months are 93,592,210 bushels compared with 117,838,959 bushels in 1893-91.

The exports of corn from the United States in February equalled 2,501,466 bushels, compared with 5,643,950 bushels in February 1891. The exports of corn eight months equalled 11,567,891 bushels compared with 43,371,813 bushels in 1893-91.

The total receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat points Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 30,126,913 bushels, against 39,809,972 bushels in 1891 and 68,766,788 bushels in 1893. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since August 1st, the beginning of the crop year foot up—Minneapolis, 40,737,103 bushels, Duluth, 28,343,136 bushels; Chicago, 19,315,638 bushels and Milwaukee, 5,019,815 bushels—making a total of 93,415,719 bushels; against 87,418,597 bushels during the same time last year and 138,493,267 bushels in 1893.

One of the most remarkable things in the way of low prices is ocean freights. Wheat from New York to Liverpool was quoted last week at 2d, as compared with 9½d a year ago per 100 pounds.

The interest of the estate of J. F. Ferguson in the flour mill at Melita, Man., is offered for sale. This is a 100 barrel mill, situated in a good district. The mill is comparatively new, having been operated only a little over a year. Tenders are asked for the purchase of the interest.

The Great West Life

The annual meeting of this local concern was held in Winnipeg on March 21. The directors' report, which ends the second full year since the company was organized, made a most favorable showing.

Eighteen hundred and seventy-eight applications for insurance, amounting to \$3,050,401, were received during the year, 1,784 policies were issued or received for \$2,887,804; 98 applications for \$173,600 were declined, the balance being in course of completion or under consideration. The insurance in force on the 31st December was \$1,239,000 a gain for the year of \$1,971,050.

The total cash income for the year was \$118,433.37, an increase of \$50,481.67 over the previous year. The premiums actually paid in cash amounted to \$112,006.19, being an increase of \$59,683.30.

This makes an excellent showing for the Great West Life. We hope to have room for a more extended report next week.

Late Western Business Items

The Ottawa government has decided to call parliament on April 18th.

The Queen's Hotel, Winnipeg, is about to change hands. Mr. Naismith will take charge of the house.

The Ogilvie Milling company's elevator at Methuen, Man. was burned on March 22. It contained about 15,000 bushels of wheat. The fire apparently originated in the power house, as it was completely gutted when first discovered.

G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, Man., have issued a circular to the trade stating that they "have decided to discontinue handling butter and eggs." The circular says: "In future all consignments of these goods will be handed over to some reliable commission house to be disposed of for the shipper." This decision has been made on account of the changed conditions in the produce trade, which renders it impossible for wholesale grocers to do justice to the business.

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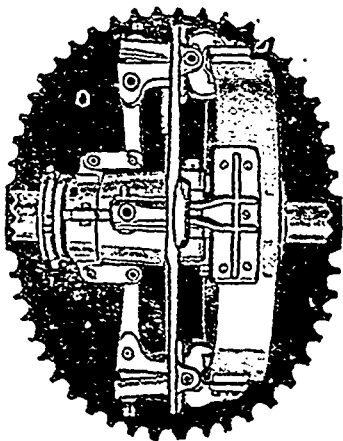
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BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, March 19, 1895.

Trade shows a decided improvement this week; money is easier; the prospects for the summer are favorable. The lumber trade still continues to improve; a large fleet of lumber vessels have been chartered to load lumber here and in Westminster; slightly better prices prevail. Lumber camps are opening up and in another month it is expected that there will be few idle men in the province. The British Columbia Cooperage Company is running full time and their trade with the Orient in tea chests alone is assuming considerable proportions. There are now no stocks of shingles on hand in the province and very few on the Sound. Shingles are bringing better prices and the demand for them is increasing, but price would be much better if it were not for the little "jack-knife" concerns who practically control the market. They start up with a small portable machine anywhere in the woods and send out their circular quoting prices as if they were some responsible large firm. Jobbers return these circulars to the old established shingle houses and write "If you cannot supply us with your shingles at these prices we will get them elsewhere." The prices mentioned are shaved by the little fellows to the lowest notch. There is great activity in mining circles. The latest item of interest is the announcement that the Finch Mining & Dredging Company are averaging \$20 an hour dredging the Fraser river above Lytton; between Lytton and Lilloet there are 500 men at work with rockers, they clean up from \$2.50 to \$6.00 a day. Contrary to expectation miners are being procured to work Cariboo and other mines from California instead of British Columbia; this fact has created considerable discontent in mining circles; the reason advanced is that better and cheaper men can be secured in California than here.

British Columbia Markets.

Vancouver, March 9, 1895.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 14 to 16c; Manitoba creamery, 22 to 25c; Eastern creamery, 23c to 25; Canadian cheese, 13, Manitoba cheese 12 to 13c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12½c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; backs, 11c, long clear, 9c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides, 10½c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 11½c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 9c; smelt, 6c; sea bass, 4; black cod, 5c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 5c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 6c doz.; smoked salmon, 12c; steel head salmon, 9c; spring salmon, 10c; pike, 10c; pickarel, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; finnan haddie, 8½c; Manitoba whitefish, 12c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$14 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$18 to \$20; American burbanks, \$16; onions silver skins, 1½ to 2c; cabbage, 2c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¼ to 1c a lb.

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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., \$1.40; strong bakers, \$1.20; Oregon, \$3.75; Oak Lake patent, \$1.30; strong bakers, \$1.00.

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

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31.00; Edmonton district oats, \$29.00, local oats \$25; Washington State wheat, \$20.00 do, oats \$26.50, f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

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

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

Live Stock.—Calves, 6 to 7c; steers, 3½ to 4c; sheep, 3½ to 4c; hogs, 5½ to 6c.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 5½c; Paris lu. p, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellows 3½c; yellow, 3¼c.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 2½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1.25 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

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

British Columbia Business Notes.

John Wamsley, blacksmith, Kaslo, is dead.

The Provincial Canning Co., Ltd., Eburne, has been incorporated.

Trumbull & Horrocks, cigars, Kaslo, have dissolved.

Fox & Ingram, saloon, Nanaimo, are succeeded by T. J. Jackson.

Alex. Johnson, saloon, Nelson, has been closed by chattel mortgage.

R. P. Freeman & Co., dry goods, New Westminster, stock sold to W. G. Collister.

H. B. Shadwell & Co., dry goods; stock sold by assignee.

Curtis & Newson, hardware, Vancouver, stock advertised for sale by tender.

John C. Douglas, liquors, Vancouver, has sold out to Habkirk & Spence.

Cochrane & Munn, druggists, Victoria, have dissolved, John Cochrane continues.

W. Walker, wood, Victoria, has sold out to Rattray & Hall.

John Shannon, contractor, Wigwam Landing, has assigned.

Wharton & Teasdale, hotel, New Denver, have sold out to Henry Stege.

Chas. Anderson, grocer, &c., Vancouver, is advertising to sell out.

Curtis & Newson, hardware, Vancouver, have assigned.

James M. Fox, baker, Vancouver, is out of business.

North West Produce Co., Victoria, has sold out to J. A. Cohen.

H. Siebenbaum, saloon, Victoria, is closing up.

The stock of the Cunningham Hardware Co., New Westminster, is advertised for sale by tender.

Paul Newman & Co., manufacturers cigars, Nanaimo, have dissolved; Paul Newman continues.

The stock of the estate of Jas. McDonald & Co., furniture, Nelson, has been sold to D. McArthur.

The stock of the estate of J. D. Bennett, jeweller, New Westminster, has been sold to G. E. Torey.

Lowes & Crane, hotel, Three Forks, have dissolved and are succeeded by Lowes & Clair.

Annesty & Howel, grocers, Victoria, have dissolved, and are succeeded by Howell & Beckwith.

The estate of Russel, McDonald & Co., general store, Victoria; stock advertised for sale by tender.

The estate of F. E. Wade, general store, Wade's Landing, has been sold to Wm. Moffitt.

The Vancouver furniture factory was entirely destroyed by fire. Loss \$10,000. Insurance on a stock of collins in the building \$3,000.

It is alleged that Phillip Armour, the great meat packer and wheat speculator of Chicago, made profits of ten millions last year.

In the famous suit at Toronto against W. F. Doll, for libel, brought by the American Watch Case Co., of that city, the jury stood 7 for acquittal. The cost in the case are said to amount to about \$5,000, which will have to be borne by the plaintiffs. The suit is a very interesting one to the jewellery trade of Canada, as it involved the quality of watch cases manufactured by the company. Some particulars of the suit have been published in pamphlet form.

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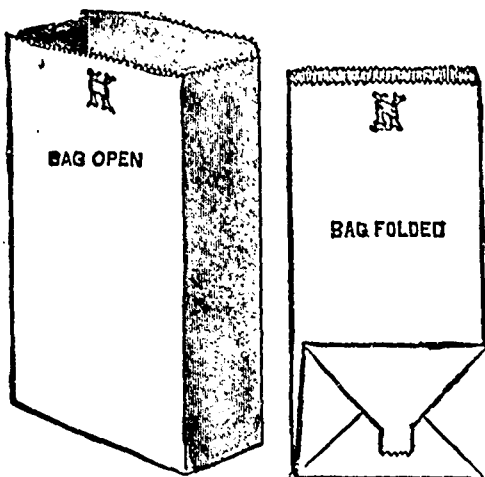
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Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

Flour.—There is no change in the price of strong bakers flour, but higher figures have been paid for Ontario straight rollers. Sales of car lots having been made on track here at \$2.90 to \$2.95, while some western millers ask \$3.00. Patent spring, \$3.65 to \$3.90; Winter Patent, \$3.15 to \$3.50; Straight roller, \$2.90 to \$3.05; Extra, \$2.60 to \$2.70; Superfine, \$2.35 to \$2.40; City Strong Bakers, \$3.65 to \$3.75; Manitoba Bakers, \$3.40 to \$3.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.30 to \$1.35; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Oatmeal.—The market is firm and higher, car lots being now quoted at \$1 to \$1.05 on track here for rolled and granulated. The jobbing demand is fair at the advance, and we quote prices here as follows: Rolled and granulated \$1.05 to \$1.10; standard \$1.00 to \$1.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.00 to \$2.05, and standard \$1.90 to \$2.00. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to 3.60.

Bran.—The market is very strong, with sales of Ontario bran at \$19 to \$19.50. One lot cost \$18.80 laid down here on track and we quote car lots \$19 to \$19.50. Sales of bran have been made in the west at equal to \$20 here. The sale of a car of shorts was made in the west at \$20 delivered here and we quote shorts \$20 to \$21. Mouillie \$22 to \$23.

Wheat.—In this market No. Manitoba hard has sold at about 73c for western shipment and is now quoted at 74 to 75c. Red and white winter has sold in the west at 65c f.o.b.

Oats.—The market keeps very firm, with sales of car lots of No. 2 white at 41½c and No. 3 at 40½c. There is a firm feeling in the west, with sales at 34½c and 35c f.o.b.

Barley.—There has been a sale of choice, bright No. 1 malting barley at 60c and we quote malting grades 55 to 56c as to quality, and feed barley is quoted at 49 to 50c.

Seeds.—We quote Canadian timothy steady at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per bushel. Red clover firmer at 11c to 12c, Alsike 11c to 12c, and mammoth clover 11½c to 12½c.

Pork, Lard, etc.—The advance of \$2.25 per bbl. in Chicago has also had a stiffening effect upon local prices. Lard is also firmer in sympathy with pork; but compound lard has not shown much change, although \$1.35 is now said to be the lowest price per pail. In smoked meats a few lots of bacon and hams continue to go forward to England. Canada short cut pork, per bbl \$15.50 to \$16.00; Extra plate beef per bbl. \$10.50 to \$11; Hams, per lb. 9 to 10c.; Lard pure in pails, per lb. 8½ to 9c;

Lard, compound, in pails, per lb. 6½ to 7c; Bacon, per lb. 10 to 11c; Shoulders, per lb. 8 to 8½c.

Dressed Hogs.—A few cars continue to come in, and sales of nice choice fresh killed hogs have sold at \$6.15 to \$6.20 in car lots, which shows quite an advance.

Butter.—The principal demand is for choice fresh made winter creamery which sells to the local trade at 21c to 21½c. There is also a little doing in choice fall creamery at 17c to 18c, although one dealer says the inside figure is the most he can get. There is still some early made creamery knocking around, sales of which have been made at 13c to 14c during the past few days. Straight lots of Western dairy are difficult to sell. A lot of 300 pkgs. of Manitoba butter was sold at 7c; but the quality was very poor and irregular. There is a demand for rolls, with sales at 14c to 15c. A large lot of Manitoba rolls was sold at 13c.

Cheese.—Since our last issue fully 15,000 boxes have been sold on this market at 9½c to 10c, a fraction over the latter figure having been paid for a lot of fancy.

Eggs.—Since our last report prices have declined 5c to 6c per dozen on fresh, and 6c to 7c on limed, sales being reported of now laid by express at 15c to 16c, while limed are difficult to sell at 10c to 12c, as the demand now runs almost exclusively on fresh.

Maple Products.—A small lot of maple syrup, described by the shipper as new, has been received, and sold at \$1 in tins, but it was believed to have been mixed. Old maple syrup 60c to 65c. Old sugar 6c to 6½c in boxes and cases.

Apples.—Prime fruit is scarce, and stocks are light, most of which is held by one or two firms. Sales have been made at \$3 to \$4 per barrel, while some fancy stocks have sold as high as \$4.50 per barrel.

Dried Apples.—Under a fair demand sales have been made at 5c to 5½c per lb. Evaporated apples: Evaporated apples command fair sales at 6c to 6½c per lb., some holders are asking 7c for fancy stock, but we do not hear of any sales at that figure.

Hides.—Firmness continues a marked feature at the hide market, last sales being made at 6 to 6½c for No. 1 in car lots. Dealers are paying 5c for No. 1, and 1c off for grubby skins. Caltskins are coming in more freely. Dealers are paying 5c. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides, 5c for No. 1, 4c for No. 2, and 3c for No. 3. Heavy hides are quoted at 5½ to 6½c; caltskins 5c; lambskins 10c.—Trade Bulletin, March, 17.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Canned Goods.—No material change has developed during the week. Both packers and wholesalers are experiencing a brisk trade for tomatoes, peas and corn, and a fair trade in canned fruits. Salmon is active and gradually getting into smaller compass. Some of the better brands are getting much reduced. Sardines, herrings and herrings in tomato sauce, and goods of that description, are all in good request. There is a brisk demand for gallon apples. We quote: Tomatoes, 87½ to 90c for choice and 85c for inferior and old stock; corn, 90 to 95c for choice and 87½c for common; peas, 82½ to 87½c for ordinary and \$1.40 for fancy; peaches, \$2.75 to \$3 for 3's, \$1.75 to \$1.90 for 2's; raspberries, \$1.65 to \$1.80; strawberries, \$1 to \$2.10; apples, 3's \$1 to \$1.10, gallons, \$2.10 to \$2.25, and preserved fancy quarters at \$1.35 to \$1.40; salmon, \$1.45 to \$1.50 for good red fish in tall tins, and \$1.60 to \$1.65 in flat tins; do., second quality, \$1.15 to \$1.25; canned mackerel, \$1 to \$1.10; lobsters, \$1.70 to \$2 for tall tins, and \$2.25 to \$2.75 for flat tins. Australian mutton, boiled, 2 lb. cans, \$3.40; ditto, corned and roast, \$3.75.

Coffees.—Fresh supplies of Rio coffee noted last week as being on the way to this market have not yet arrived. Good flat bean coffee is almost cleaned out. There is a moderate demand. We quote green, in bags, as follows: Rio, 2½ to 22c, East Indian, 27 to 30c; South American, 21 to 23c; Santos, 21½ to 22½c; Java, 28 to 33c; Mocha, 30 to 35c; Maracaibo, 21 to 23c; Jamaica, 21 to 25c.

Rice.—Continues fair; seasonable demand at unchanged prices. We quote: "B," 3½ to 33½c; extra Japan, 5½ to 5½c; imported Japan, 5½ to 6½c, tapioca, pearl, 4½ to 5c.

Spices.—Business remains quiet and prices unchanged. We quote: Pure black pepper, 10 to 12c; pure white, 18 to 25c; pure Jamaica ginger, 25 to 27c; cloves, 15 to 15c; pure mixed spice, 25 to 30c, cream of tartar, 20 to 25c per lb.

Nuts.—We quote. Brazil nuts, 11 to 11½c; Sicily shelled almonds, 25 to 26c; Tarragona almonds, 14 to 11½c, peanuts, 10 to 12c for roasted and 7 to 10c for green coconuts, \$1.50 to \$5 per sack, Grenoble walnuts, 15 to 16c Marbot walnuts, 12½ to 14c, Bordeaux walnuts, 12 to 13c, Sicily filberts, 9 to 10c for sacks and 10½ to 11 for small lots, pecans, 10½ to 11c.

Sugar.—There is a little firmer feeling on the market within the last few days in sympathy with the outside market. There is a

little German granulated, but as it was bought at a way above present even selling price of domestic granulated holders will not quote. We quote Granulated, domestic, \$3.10 to \$3.50; do. yellows, 2½ up; Raw—Domerara, dark, 2½c; golden, 3 to 3½c; bright, 3½c.

Syrups.—Syrups have been in little better supply, with demand principally for high-priced goods. We quote Dark, 25c, medium, 28 to 3½c; bright, 35 to 40c; very bright, 45 to 50c.

Molasses.—Demand is still fair at about 30c in barrels, and 32c in half barrels. We quote as follows: New Orleans, barrels, 26 to 28c; half-barrels, 30½ to 32c; Barbadoes, barrels, 28 to 32c; half-barrels, 30 to 3½c.

Teas.—Been quite a few Young Hysons moving. Low priced Ceylon teas are still much in demand and almost impossible to get in London under 9d. Local brokers report that a few lines of Japans have been moving, shippers desire to clear out balance of last year's teas. China Congous are rather neglected. We quote ruling prices to retailers: Young Hyson, 12 to 18c for low grades; 24 to 27c for mediums, and 30 to 45c for high grades; China Congous, 11 to 18c for mediums, and 35 to 55c for high grades. Japans, 16 to 20c for mediums, 28 to 35c for high grades; Indias and Ceylons, 18 to 22c for mediums, and 30 to 45c for high grades.

Dried Fruits—Valencia raisins are much as before both as regards volume of business and prices. We quote Off-stalk, 3½ to 3¾c; fine off-stalk, 4 to 4½c; selected, 5½ to 6c; layers, 5½ to 6c. Sultana raisins are scarce and firm at the advance; 5½c is the lowest price on this market. We quote 5½ to 8½c. In currants the situation is much as before, although the tendency is towards higher prices. We quote: Filatras, half-barrels, 4 to 4½c, barrels, 4½c; fine filatras, half barrels, 4½c, barrels, 4½c; Patras, 5½c in cases; Casalinas, 5½ to 6c; Vostizzas, 6½ to 7c in cases and half cases; Panartes, 8 to 8½c. Bosnia prunes are 1s dearer in Trieste, and a Marseilles cable quotes the French article firm and in light supply. The local market is nearly cleared out of Bosnia prunes, and fresh supplies are not expected for some weeks yet. We quote: "Sphinx"—"U," \$1.10 to \$1.15 to half kilo, 4½ to 5c per lb; "C," 85 to 90c per half kilo, 6½c per lb; "B" 8½ to 85c in half kilo, 7½ to 7¾c per lb; "Atlas,"—"D," \$1.10 to \$1.15 per half kilo, 1½ to 5c per lb; "Unicorn," 5 to 5½c. Bordeaux prunes, 4½c to 6½. Figs continue quiet. We quote: 1½ oz., 8 to 9c; 10 lb 8 to 10c; 18 lb, 12c; 28 lb, 15c; tups, 1½ to 1¾c, naturals, 6 to 7c. Demand continues good for California evaporated fruits. We quote: Peaches, 11 to 18c; apricots, 11 to 12c; pears, 10 to 12c per lb.—Canadian Grocer, March 15.

Toronto Live Stock Markets.

Butchers' Cattle.—At Toronto on Friday, March 15th, there was a firm tone. All the offerings were disposed of at good figures. Only the very poor stuff was hard to sell. Prices ruled about as follows.—Picked cattle, butchers', 3½ to 3¾c per lb., good cattle, 3 to 3½c per lb; medium, 2½ to 2¾c per lb; inferior and common, 2¼ to 2½c per lb. One or two choice lots sold for a fraction below 1c per pound.

Export Cattle.—Prices to-day were from 3 to 4c per lb. but the cattle taken were mostly bulls. Good thick steers fit for export will fetch 1½c per lb, but none of these are offering.

Stockers and Feeders.—Prices are purely nominal in the absence of offerings. About 2½ to 3c per lb. is the range.

Hogs.—There was a firm feeling. All sold early. Good long lean bacon hogs were fetch-

ing \$1.40 to \$1.50 per cwt, weighed off the cars, or about \$1.25 to \$1.35 fed and watered. Fat hogs were also slightly firmer, selling at from \$1.25 to \$1.30 per cwt, weighed off the cars.

Sheep and Lambs.—Really choice lambs are worth 5c per lb. To-day the ruling prices were from 4½ to 4¾ per lb. A bunch of mixed lambs and sheep sold for 1½c per lb; another lot, all lambs sold for 4¾c per lb; a batch of good lambs were sold yesterday at 4½c per lb. To-day 4½c per pound was refused.

The Hardware and Metal Trade

A meeting of the tack men was held in Montreal recently, at which it was stated that one firm were freely booking orders below the list rates. The question was raised, whether it would not be advisable to go back to the old quantity basis. After this had been discussed, it was decided to do so. Hereafter the basis on which the 5 per cent discount is allowed will be \$250 instead of \$150. This will pacify the firm which caused the trouble.

A meeting of the tinware manufacturers was held at Montreal recently, which was attended by representatives of all the leading firms. It was decided to withdraw some lines of goods from the association list, and these will henceforth be sold at open prices. The lines to be sold comprise pie plates, jelly plates and some classes of pieced ware.

There was a meeting of cut nail manufacturers at Montreal to discuss some matters over which some friction had arisen in the lower provinces. Everything was said to have been satisfactorily settled, and the members all expressed their determination to stick to the \$2.10 basis agreement, despite the cutting now being done by jobbers. They hold that the goods being offered by the latter at \$2 are stock produced during the depression at low prices, and that as soon as they are absorbed matters will adjust themselves.

Sales of ingot tin have been made at the remarkably low price of 14½ cost and freight Quebec, for spring delivery. Spot prices in Montreal are quoted at 16c to 16½c. Not many years ago the price was 25c to 26c.

Commercial Legislation.

An Act for the Prevention of Fraudulent Statements by Companies and Others" has been introduced into the Manitoba legislature. It provides that companies must not publish or circulate false statements in regard to their subscribed capital and their printed matter shall show only the actually subscribed capital. Companies, corporations or associations must not publish or make any false statements as to their incorporation, control, supervision, management or financial standing, intended to mislead or deceive the public. The penalty for such offences is a fine not to exceed \$200 and costs nor less than \$50 and costs, or imprisonment in default of payment.

It is proposed to amend "The Executions Act" of the Manitoba legislature, in respect to the exemptions allowed to farmers, by substituting the following paragraph: "Three horses, mules or oxen, six cows, ten sheep, ten pigs, fifty fowls, and food for the same during eleven months, provided that the word "horses" shall include colts or fillies, the words "oxen" and "cows" respectively shall include calves, heifers and steers, provided also that the exemption as to horses over the age of four year, shall apply only in case they are used by the judgments debtor in earning his living."

A bill has been introduced in the Manitoba legislature to amend "The Assignments Act." It provides that in case of a property being

assigned to any person other than an official assignee, such person shall be subject to the provisions of "The Assignments Act." It also provides as follows; "2. In case of assignment to a person other than an official assignee, any three creditors of the debtor may by requisition signed by each thereof and filed with an official assignee require such official assignee to call a meeting of the creditors of the debtor who made such assignment, which meeting shall be called in the manner provided by "The Assignments Act." 3. If at such meeting of creditors a majority of the creditors present at the meeting, pass a resolution requiring the assignee above mentioned to transfer the debtor's estate to an official assignee, then the said first mentioned assignee shall forthwith execute to the official assignee mentioned in the resolution, a transfer of all the property, estate and effects of the debtor which became vested in him by virtue of the deed of assignment, and such transfer shall have the same effect as if the assignment had originally been made to such official assignee."

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Canadian refiners are selling sugar about 3c lower than prices at New York.

The first fruit boat, the *Fromona*, for Montreal, will start to load at Palermo this week and on her way she will stop at Messina, she will have a cargo of some 25,000 boxes of oranges and lemons.

Advices from Patras on currants are very firm, and advise the buying of currants to hold for the coming season, on the ground that the market must be higher for the new crop, and the statement is made that 12,000 tons less currants were shipped to the London market the past year than for the previous year, which goes to show that the supply there will be short.

Jordan and Valencia almonds are higher abroad the former being cabled 25s 6d to 26s and the latter 14s 6d to 15s.

There is an easier feeling in the Montreal molasses market, and prices for choice Barbadoes stock have been reduced 1c per gallon, recent sales having taken place at 31c and we quote the range at 28c to 31c, as to quality, Porto Rico has sold at 26c to 27c and Trinidad at 25c to 26c.

"I had to hurrah for Canada again the other day" says a correspondent of the Grocer. It was up in the office and sample room of the Selling Committee of the Canadian Packers' Association. There were about a dozen packers present, and one of them I think it was Mr. Flynn, of St. Catharines, had sent out on the street and bought a tin each of California peaches and cherries and opened them up alongside Canadian packs. There were two kinds of Canadian peaches, one from a cannery in the Niagara peninsula and the other from a cannery in Montreal, but both containing peaches produced in the Niagara district. As far as size is concerned, the Canadian peach is not in it with the California article, but when it comes to flavor and appearance the California peach is not in it with the Canadian, although the former was what is known as the lemon cling variety. In flavor, the Canadian embodied all the richness of the peach in its natural state, while on going from it to the California quite an insipidness and lack of flavor was noticeable compared with the home product. In cherries there was the same difference in size in favor of the California article, but in flavor there was not as marked a difference as in the peaches, although there too the preference must be given to the Canadian fruit. It was pointed out to me that although the Canadian and the American peaches were both 3's, the former was a half pound heavier than the latter."

Bosnia prunes were about four weeks late reaching the Canadian market this season, owing to the steamer bringing the supply being delayed by a series of mishaps.

There has been an advance of one shilling in Bosnia prunes in Trieste. This makes an aggregate advance of two shillings from the lowest point. The cause is assigned to a short supply. Cable advices received from Marseilles indicate that similar conditions obtain in regard to French prunes.

The financial difficulties of Meredith & O'Brien, stock brokers, of Montreal, caused considerable excitement in that city and elsewhere. Their liabilities will be large, exceeding it is said \$150,000. James O'Brien, senior, it is said, is interested to a considerable extent over and above the \$20,000 alleged to have been obtained under false pretences, on a note discounted at the Quebec Bank for which Mr. James O'Brien, junior, was arrested. Meredith & O'Brien were said to be long on Canadian Pacific Railway and short on Richelieu stocks.

Communications.

Distribution of Samples of Grain from the Experimental Farm at Ottawa.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COMMERCIAL

During the past eight years samples of those varieties of grain which have succeeded best on the Experimental Farms have been distributed on application in 8-lb. bags to farmers in all parts of the Dominion free through the mail. The object in view in this distribution has been to improve the quality and character of these important agricultural products throughout the country. This work has met with much appreciation and a considerable degree of success.

Last year I was instructed by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture to forward, as far as practicable, two samples to each applicant, but the applications received were so numerous that on this basis of distribution all the available stock had been promised by the middle of February, and all later applications could not be supplied.

This year my instructions are to send one sample only to each applicant, with the hope that with this limitation every farmer in the Dominion who so desires may share in the benefits of this useful branch of the work of the Experimental Farms.

The distribution now in progress consists of some of the most promising sorts of Oats, Barley, Spring Wheat, Pease, Field Corn and Potatoes. Already more than 7,000 applications have been filled. All farmers desiring to participate in this distribution should send in their applications early, and state which of the above named samples they would prefer, and their wishes will be met as far as practicable, until the available stock is exhausted. The grain can be sent early, but the potatoes will not be distributed until the danger of being injured in transit by frost is over. Letters addressed to the Central Experimental Farm may be sent free of postage.

WM. SAUNDERS,

Director Experimental Farms.

Ottawa, March 11th, 1895.

Immigration to the United States

There was a remarkable falling off in immigration to the United States last year. The following table gives the totals by countries for the twelve months of 1893 and 1894.

From	1893.	1894
Bohemia.....	4,627	1,600
Hungary.....	26,219	9,000
Other Austrian States.....	35,022	12,365
Belgium.....	3,323	1,365
Denmark.....	8,374	4,300
France.....	5,242	3,443
Germany.....	89,603	40,436
Greece.....	1,446	1,141
Italy.....	70,381	39,821
Netherlands.....	7,757	2,262
Poland.....	6,122	1,088
Portugal.....	3,953	686
Roumania.....	997	468
Russia (except Poland).....	15,173	26,830
Finland.....	6,468	1,272
Spain.....	910	997
Sweden and Norway.....	51,723	19,468
Switzerland.....	4,807	2,660
Turkey.....	514	219
England.....	11,252	29,185
Scotland.....	11,815	5,005
Ireland.....	50,061	36,421
West Indies.....	430	832
Syria.....	1,410	1,562
China.....	3,017	2,939
Japan.....	661	721
Australasia.....	1,085	47-
Hawaiian Islands.....	1,100	267
Other countries.....	2,091	1,461
Total.....	448,776	248,938

Hides, Furs, Wool, etc.

Jas. McMillan & Co., in their last circular dated March 15, report as follows:

A decided advance in Green Hides and Tallow are the essential features of this circular.

Hides.—The receipts are light as is always the case at this time of the year, but this year they are unusually light, and the packers in the large killing centers are also sold up close. The market is excited for all classes of salted hides, and active for salted calfskins and dry hides. We advance our prices on salted hides very materially. Hides in the winter are long-haired and the poorest in quality of any season of the year, but for all that we have orders that we can not fill and at high prices regardless of the poor quality. The heaviest advance has been made in cow hides, which are nearly as high as steer hides. If the weather should grow warmer, as it is likely to do, your hides would get soft and become hair-slipped unless you went to the trouble and expense of salting them.

Furs.—While we have not reduced our prices or made any material changes, the market is easier than it was in February. The reason is that at that time the quantities of the different kinds of furs to be offered in the March sale were not known, and it was expected that there would be a short collection on account of the very severe weather in January which intererred with trapping, but it appears the offerings of nearly every article are equal to or in excess of the offerings in the March sale last year. In the spring of the year all classes of furs grow poorer in quality. Mink grow pale or red in color, Skunk begin to shed sooner than any other animal, although in our northern country it will be some time before any shedding furs are received. The water animals, viz., beaver, muskrat and otter, are the best in the spring of the year. Furs should be shipped in before the weather gets warm because winter-caught furs will command higher prices now than they will when the weather is warm.

Wool.—The market is very dull, and while the trade papers talk lower prices on some grades we cannot but believe we have seen the lowest point reached for a good many years and any change must be for the better, especially as times are going to gradually improve, but prices cannot be materially higher with such quantities of foreign wool hanging over the market that can be imported from abroad on short notice.

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