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WINNIPEG, MARCH 25, 1889.

A GERMAN paper will shortly be started in Winnipeg.

J. B. JOHNSON, dry goods, Winnipeg, has sold out to Burns & Co.

CHESTER & Co., have opened a seed store at 535 Main Street, Winnipeg.

GEO. THOMPSON, of Rat Portage, has bought out Rochon's bakery at Keewatin.

J. K. DRINNAN has purchased the *Times* newspaper, of Medicine Hat, Assa.

BURKE & STONE, general storekeepers, Cartwright, Man., have assigned in trust.

A MR. ST. JEAN will shortly open business in groceries and provisions at Keewatin.

CLARK & PEARSON, hardware dealers, Keewatin, are adding groceries to their business.

JAMES A. JOHNSTON and Charles Pilling are opening an agency and land office at Brandon.

CLIFFORD & WHEELER have succeeded to the business of E. Broadfoot, merchant, Austin, Man.

T. W. SOULES & Co., meats, Calgary, Alberta, have dissolved, and the business will be carried on by F. G. Topp & Co.

THERE is said to be a good opening at Dominion City, Man., for a woodworker in connection with the blacksmith trade.

G. D. STINSON, Whitemouth, Man., has sold his property at that place and will move to Fort Francis, where he will open an hotel.

THE revised ordinances of the Territories have been printed and published, from the office of R. B. Gordon, government printer, Regina.

DR. HARRISON, banker, Neepawa, Man., has decided not to open branches at either Minnedosa or Rapid City, for the present, as previously contemplated.

THE Vancouver *News-Advertiser* has published a special twelve page issue, giving a very complete history and sketch of New Westminster and district.

WINNIPEG bakers have raised the price of bread to 14 loaves retail and 16 wholesale for \$1. Formerly prices were 16 loaves retail and 18 wholesale for \$1.

W. UGLOW, books and stationery, Winnipeg, who was badly damaged by fire a short time ago, has his store fixed up in good shape again and is opening a large stock of new goods.

THE *Herald*, of Battleford, Saskatchewan Territory, says:—Farmers generally are beginning to pay attention to the rearing of pigs, and it is probable no more fresh pork will be imported into this district.

H. BENTLEY & Co., general merchants, Lethbridge, Alberta, have added a tailoring department. The citizens of that place will now have an opportunity of patronizing home industry, instead of sending their orders abroad, which they will, no doubt, at once make use of.

J. R. SPEARE, formerly of McLachlin & Speare, general merchants, Treherne, Man., and who opened a hardware store at Treherne last fall, is evidently finding business prosperous in this branch. He is now adding a complete tinware department to his hardware business.

VERY contradictory statements are made concerning the Regina & Long Lake Railway. A telegram from Ottawa last week says that negotiations for the construction of the road by the C. P. R. were well advanced, the only point to settle being regarding a bridge across the Saskatchewan river, which the company wants the Government to build.

A copy of *Once a Week* has reached the table. This is a journal of fiction, fact, sensation, wit, humor, news, etc., and a glance over its pages shows that it carries out its programme in good style. The sensational department is well represented in the number received by a large sketch entitled, "The Annexation of Canada," in which the Prince of Wales is represented as hoisting the flag of the Republic over Canada. Viewing the scene are a number of British and Canadian notables, and prominent citizens of the Republic. The paper is profusely illustrated, and racy throughout. P. F. Collier, publisher, New York.

MAXWELL, manager of the W. Robinson Fishing company, operating on Lake Winnipeg, states that the close season for whitefish in this country is too short. It now extends from October 5 to November 5. Mr. Maxwell thinks that by adding another month to the close season, the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of fish in spawn would be averted. The fishing industry is extending very rapidly on the Manitoba lakes, and every precaution should be taken to preserve the supply. Formerly there was no danger of the supply being materially reduced, but with the large export business which has sprung up of late, there may be danger of depleting the lakes of fish.

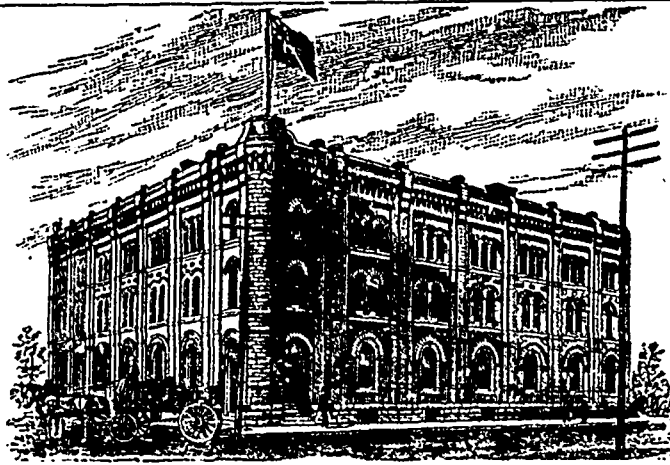
G. H. BALFOUR, manager of the Union Bank, Winnipeg, has been transferred to Montreal, where he will occupy a similar position. F. L. Patton, formerly manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Federal Bank, will succeed to the management of the Union branch here. The appointment will be a popular one, as Mr. Patton is already well and favorably known in commercial and banking circles here.

CONTRADICTORY reports still come from Ottawa, concerning the Regina and Long Lake railway. A telegram on Friday says:—The deal between the Long Lake and Regina road and the Canadian Pacific railway is off, and Mr. Pugsley is trying to make arrangements with other capitalists for the operation of the road. Onderdonk, who is here in connection with the arbitration, has been approached on the matter and may be induced to take hold of the enterprise.

A TELEGRAM from St. Paul, Minnesota, says, Mr. McNaught, solicitor to the N. P., has returned from the east. In regard to the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway, he says that Dominion legislation has been secured which now removes the road from under the control of the Manitoba Government. Henceforth the road, which is designed to compete with the Canadian Pacific, will work independently under a direct Dominion charter. Under the new arrangement the bonding power of the company has been increased to \$20,000 per mile, and a loan has just been negotiated with a New York syndicate for \$6,000,000 on bonds of the road. The intention is to extend the system extensively during the coming year, especially in the direction of the Souris coal fields.

COMMENCING last week a train leaves Winnipeg every day on the C. P. R., for the Pacific coast. Heretofore there were only six through trains for the coast per week, no train leaving Montreal on Sunday, and consequently there was no train reaching here from the east on Wednesday. The extra train now put on will therefore leave Winnipeg on Wednesdays, and this will be its starting point, as there will be no train from Montreal on Wednesdays. There is a considerable traffic over the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway, via Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, and Wednesday's train is added to accommodate this traffic, otherwise passengers arriving here from the south on Wednesdays, for the coast, would be obliged to remain over for Thursday's train going west.

THE *Victoria Colonist* of March 16 says:—At noon yesterday in Victoria the temperature was 84 in the shade; at Winnipeg yesterday it was 22 below zero. The *Colonist* is evidently a long way out in its reference to the temperature at Winnipeg. The thermometer here for some time back has ranged from 40 to 70 above zero during the day in the shade, and frequently barely reaching the freezing point at night. The 22 below zero of the *Colonist* has probably been 22 above zero, and even this would be the very lowest point touched in the 24 hours, which would be between midnight and 6 o'clock in the morning. Seeding was going on in different sections of Manitoba as early as the first two or three days in March, and all last week agricultural operations were general all over Manitoba. Snow and ice have long since disappeared, and overcoats and winter caps were discarded weeks ago, all of which would be out of the question, with the thermometer going below zero, or even continuing at the freezing point during the day.

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Lumber Cuttings.

D. Ross, Whitemouth, Man., started his saw mill last week.

Jas. Forman is opening a lumber yard at Alexander, Man.

The Lake of the Woods and other mills are beginning to run their planers.

The new McLaren-Ross Lumber Co., which will operate in B. C., has a capital of \$500,000, of which \$350,000 is paid up.

The Dominion Government has paid out \$16,152 to cover costs in the suit for the possession of lumber limits carried on with the Province of Ontario, in the name of the St. Catharines Milling Company.

The partnership existing between James Anderson and John Grady, under the name and style of the Vancouver Lumber Company, Vancouver, B. C., has been dissolved, J. Grady retiring from the business.

The new company which has taken the Che-manus mill, B. C., is appointed a Mr. Peabody as manager. It is said to be the intention of the new company to erect three large saw mills in different parts of the province during the coming summer.

The *Mississippi Valley Lumberman* thinks that the construction of the Duluth & Winnipeg and other proposed railroads in Northern Minnesota, will have the effect of diverting a portion of the timber southward that now goes north to the Rainy River and thence to the Lake of the Woods mills.

A bill is before the British Columbia Legislature to incorporate the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company. The capital stock of the company will be \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. The principal shareholders are W. J. Macaulay, of the city of Victoria, John E. Glover, W. H. Phipps and J. A. Humbird, of Wisconsin.

The machinery in the mill of the Winnipeg Lumber Company, Winnipeg, has been sold to Ross, Hall & Brown, who will move it to Rat Portage, for their new mill there. The machinery purchased consists mainly of engine,

boilers, etc., and is in good order. This mill was established just about the time the real estate boom was collapsing, which proved particularly depressing to the lumber trade. The mill shortly after its construction, passed into the hands of a bank, and it has not been operated since. It was the largest and best mill ever established in Winnipeg, having a capacity of about 100,000 feet per day, and first-class fittings throughout.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has made a material reduction in the rates of freight on lumber and shingles in carload lots from British Columbia coast points to Manitoba and the Territories. The new schedule of rates is as follows:

TO	NEW.	OLD.
Calgary.....	35c.	40c. per 100 lbs.
Dunmore.....	40c.	45c. "
Maple Creek.....	42½c.	45c. "
Regina.....	47c.	55c. "
Winnipeg.....	50c.	60c. "

The location of the proposed big saw mill in British Columbia, by the Ross-McLaren company, is still in dispute. The company purchased a site on the Fraser River, near Westminster, some time ago, but the agent of the company declares that the mill will not be built on this property, unless the council of Westminster agrees to locate the proposed railway bridge across the Fraser at some point above the mill. It is claimed that the bridge would interfere with the passage of large vessels to the mill. The council objects to locating the bridge above the mill, as the bridge is to be used for general traffic as well as railway purposes, and such a location would be too far from the city to render the bridge valuable or convenient for general traffic.

Mississippi Valley Lumberman:—The logging season in the white pine states has been brought abruptly to an end by the mild weather which occurred last week. The cut of logs has undoubtedly been materially curtailed in consequence, though reports differ somewhat as to whether the cut will fall very far short of what it was the intention to put in. The season has been an exceedingly short one, but as a whole

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decidedly favorable for the loggers. The snow fall came at the right time—just when the skidways were loaded—and from that time until the break-up the work has gone forward, particularly in Minnesota and Wisconsin, under conditions as favorable as they have ever been. There was neither too much nor too little snow. A good deal of work has, therefore, been done in a short time, and at the minimum of expense to the loggers. It is probably true that had the season been protracted the log market would have been overstocked. Without going into details or attempting to sift reports which do not entirely agree, it can safely be said that there are enough logs to keep the mills busy during the summer.

The Sault Route.

It is the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, together with the St. Clair Flats Canal and the improvement of the Grossepoint Channel and of Detroit River, which furnish a water route check on all railway freights between Buffalo and points as far west as St. Paul. Especially will this through water route between Lake Erie and Duluth and Manitoba control, in a great measure, the rates of freight that can be charged upon the fully completed Canadian Pacific road.

It is still doubtful whether the commerce of Manitoba and the Saskatchewan Valley, of the British Columbia and even of the Hudson Bay region will not trend through this canal to Cleveland and New York, rather than be diverted by costly railway routes around the rough and mountainous circuit to the north of Lake Superior and Huron, and down by rail to Toronto and Montreal. The natural tendency, therefore, of the commerce of the entire Western British America must be through the Sault Ste. Marie and St. Clair Flats Canals and the Detroit River so far as it does not find a still more western outlet at St. Paul.

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COMMERCE OF THE GREAT LAKES.

Now that the question of deepening and enlarging the canals, and building new ones, is being considered in Canada, it will be important to know something of the nature and extent of the shipping trade on the lakes. Very few people probably have any idea of the extent of the commerce carried on the Lakes. This can best be shown by comparison. It will certainly be a great surprise to learn that the commerce passing through the canal at Sault Ste. Marie, connecting Lakes Superior and Huron, is greater than that passing through the famous Suez canal. At first thought, many will be inclined to treat this statement as an absurd assertion, but the figures are at hand to prove the point. The *American Economist*, a valuable journal published at New York, has been investigating the figures of lake commerce, and it learns that the daily average of registered tonnage through the Sault Ste. Marie canal, during 1886, was 18,837 tons, against a daily average through the Suez canal, for the same year, of 15,802 tons. The number of registered vessels passing through the Sault Ste. Marie canal shows a still greater increase over the number passing through the Suez canal. For the year named, 7,118 vessels passed through the Sault canal, against 3,096 vessels through the Suez canal. The figures of tonnage through the respective canals, would show that the upper lake vessels average about one half the tonnage each of the craft passing through Suez. The figures also show that the lake commerce is rapidly increasing. In 1886, 2,075 more vessels passed through the Sault Ste. Marie canal than in 1885, and in 1887, the total number of registered vessels passing through this canal was further increased to 8,823, a gain of 1,705 vessels over the previous year. On the other hand, the figures relating to the Suez canal show a decrease of 524 vessels through the canal in 1886, as compared with the previous year.

These figures are certainly surprising, and in the face of such facts, further argument to show the necessity for improving our lake canals would seem to be almost superfluous. With such an immense and rapidly increasing traffic, there can be no question as to the necessity of improv-

ing these canals to their utmost capacity. With the existing shipping facilities, traffic can now be carried on the lakes at remarkably low rates, as compared with railway rates. With the enlargement of the canals and channels to admit of the passage safely of larger vessels than are now used, the cost of carrying freight by the lakes can be further materially reduced. The great St. Lawrence water-system affords a cheap means of transit between the West and the East, and the improvement of this great route is of the very first importance to the producers of the west, whose interest it is to get their exports to the seaboard at the lowest possible cost. The cost of the long railway haul between the central portion of the continent and the Atlantic seaboard, can be largely overcome by the development of the great water route. Even now the railways cannot compete in hauling grain from the west, with the water route, and with the proposed improvements to navigation, the railways will be placed at a further disadvantage.

Returning to the figures of traffic through the Sault canal, surprising though the revelation is, it is yet but a fraction of what will be done in the future. While the commerce of the Suez canal is probably developed almost to its fullest extent, and can be expected at best to increase very slowly, the commerce of the Sault Ste. Marie canal is only in its infancy, so to speak. The great West, which supplies the commerce of Lake Superior, is only on the threshold of its development. When the provinces, states and territories on either side of the international boundary west of Lake Superior are more fully settled up and developed, the commerce of the lakes will reach enormous proportions. It is evident that the Canadian Government is not undertaking too soon the work of building a canal at the Sault, for it will not be long before there will be as much business as can be handled by both the United States and the proposed Canadian canal. With the great prospects of an immense commerce in the near future, the Government should construct a good canal while about it. Not merely a canal which will accommodate the lake craft of the present day, but one which will afford a passage for the larger vessels which will float upon our great inland seas in the future. The size of the lake vessels is being increased as fast as the improvements being made to navi-

gation will permit of, and of course the larger vessels can handle freight more economically than the smaller craft. Every improvement to navigation on the Great Lakes and their connecting rivers is therefore in the interest of the West.

The cost of a first-class canal on the Canadian side, at Sault Ste. Marie, would be but trifling in comparison with the magnitude of the interests involved. The new United States canal at the Sault, when completed, will cost about \$4,740,000. It will have a depth of 21 feet and a breadth of 100 feet. On the Canadian side it is said a canal of equal capacity can be built at a considerably less cost. In point of cost, comparison can again be made with the Suez canal, to the disadvantage of the latter. This great canal, which affords a short route between Europe and South Asia, etc., cost over \$55,000,000.

THE FLOUR DUTIES.

The agitation in favor of higher duties on flour is being kept up. Eastern millers are making a vigorous effort to press the matter upon the attention of the Dominion Government with the hope of gaining their point this session. Several deputations have visited Ottawa to confer with the Government upon the subject. At the meeting of Ontario millers held in Toronto recently, to discuss the duties, about 100 millers from all parts of the province were present. The meeting was not a meeting of the Ontario Millers' Association, as previously reported, as no such association exists. It was simply a gathering of millers, in response to a circular, calling a meeting to discuss the flour duties. At this meeting a resolution was passed unanimously, to the effect that in the opinion of the meeting, \$1 per barrel was the proper duty to place upon flour, and that such a duty be asked for. A number of speeches were made setting forth the state of the milling industry, and the claims of the millers to protection. Reference was made to Manitoba wheat, and it was stated that if United States flour could be kept out, the demand for Manitoba flour and wheat in Eastern Canada would be greatly increased. There is no doubt some truth in this statement, as it is Minneapolis flour that comes into direct competition with flour from Manitoba wheat, in eastern markets. During the last fiscal year about 96,545 barrels of flour were imported into Canada, equal to

say nearly 450,000 bushels of wheat. For the first six months of the present fiscal year, however, imports of flour from the United States show a considerable increase. For the six months ended December 31st last, 171,336 barrels of flour were imported, of which 154,896 barrels were entered for consumption. This increase is no doubt due to the shutting off of European exports to a considerable extent. Previous to the last six months, importations of wheat and flour into Canada, for consumption, have shown a steady decline for several years back.

The following statement shows the quantity of wheat and flour imported into this country for consumption during the last five years:—

	Wheat bush.	Flour bbls.
1883-4.....	298,696	529,376
1884-5.....	373,009	538,028
1885-6.....	46,061	199,375
1886-7.....	22,534	168,124
1887-8.....	12,042	96,545

Total.....772,342 1,465,448

The decline in imports has generally been attributed to the advent of Manitoba wheat and flour into the market. It will be noticed that the imports of flour for the five years have been very much greater than imports of wheat. Reduced to bushels, imports of flour are equal to say 6,694,000 bushels of wheat, against imports of wheat of less than one million bushels. The figures all round do not seem very important, especially wheat imports, which for the last fiscal year represent only about as much as would be marketed at a single point in Manitoba in two or three days during the busy season. Imports of flour for the last fiscal year for which we have returns, also appear small, and the total quantity could be ground in the two Winnipeg mills in sixty to seventy days. Of course, with the duty relatively lower on flour than on wheat, it is quite natural that the former would be imported in preference to the latter.

There certainly does seem to be something anomalous about the wheat and flour duties. With the duty of 15 cents per bushel on wheat, the duty on the quantity of wheat required to make a barrel of flour, would amount to 67½ cents, on a basis of 4½ bushels to the barrel. A poor quality of wheat would require as high as five bushels to the barrel, which would increase the amount of duty on the quantity of wheat necessary to make a barrel of flour, to 75 cents. But while the wheat would cost from 67½ to 75 cents,

the barrel of flour can be brought in for 50 cents. This is certainly discriminating against the raw material, and in favor of the importation of the manufactured article, which seems a very peculiar circumstance, at the same time that we have a National Policy for the purpose of encouraging home manufacturing industries. The millers, in their published appeal for \$1 duty on flour, illustrate this peculiarity in the wheat and flour duties as follows:

The American miller sends into Canada one thousand barrels of flour, and stores it in bond. The Canadian miller brings in enough American wheat to make one thousand barrels of flour, grinds it in bond and stores it in the same warehouse in which the American miller has his thousand barrels stored. The two men, or their agents, go to the Customs to pay their duty. The American miller has to pay \$500; the Canadian miller has to pay \$567.

It is quite evident under this arrangement of duties that flour would always be imported, instead of wheat, if in case of a shortage in the home supply of wheat, the importation of either were rendered necessary. With a considerable surplus of wheat at home, the wheat duty seems pretty much ornamental, as under such circumstances, wheat prices are not likely to rule higher in this country than in the United States.

Unless importations of flour from the United States increase considerably, the amount of flour coming from that quarter, if entirely shut out by prohibitive duties, would not give a very great amount of extra employment to Canadian millers. Still, under our system of protection, our millers are entitled to the whole of the home market, just as fully as are manufacturers in some other lines who enjoy such protection. It is not at all likely that an increase in the flour duties would enable Canadian millers to advance their prices in the least. There is already keen competition at home in the milling industry, and the business is in too many hands to afford any opportunity to advance prices above the lowest possible margins. In fact the milling industry in this country is largely overdone, so far as domestic trade is concerned. It is claimed that there are a sufficient number of mills in Canada to manufacture all the flour consumed by the domestic trade in a year, in forty-five days. These mills are in the hands of 2,000 different owners and are scattered all over the country. With such competition, any advance in prices of Canadian flour would be out of the question, no matter what duty might be placed upon the product.

Still, though it is evident that domestic flour would not be advanced in price, yet this does not mean that the cost of flour to consumers in some parts of Canada would not be advanced. In the coast markets of British Columbia, for instance, Manitoba flours are handled, in competition with imported flours from the State of Oregon principally. Only the high grades of Manitoba flour can be sold in the coast markets of British Columbia, on account of the long haul and heavy freight, and these grades find sale not on account of

their cheapness, but owing to their superior quality. Now, though an increase to \$1 per barrel on flour would not increase the cost of Manitoba high grade flours to the consumers of our Pacific Coast, yet it would increase the cost of the low grades of flour which would still be imported, by just 50 cents a barrel—the amount of the increase in duties.

STOCKS OF WHEAT.

The official report of the Agricultural Department of the United States, showing the stocks of wheat held in farmers' hands, was published in THE COMMERCIAL last week, with a note added to the effect that this report was not considered in grain circles as very reliable, or even a fair approximate estimate of the actual amount of wheat so held. This official report showed 112,000,000 bushels of wheat said to be held in farmers' hands, against 132,000,000 bushels so held a year ago. Based on this official report of wheat held in first hands, the following estimate has been made:—

	Bushels.
Crop harvested in 1888.....	416,000,000
Visible supply (official) March 1, 1889.....	37,516,000
Farmers' stocks, March 1, 1888.....	132,000,000
Total supply year ending March 1, 1889..	685,516,000
Seed during past year.....	53,000,000
Exports (wheat and flour) bushels.....	90,000,000
Consumed at home.....	238,000,000
	431,000,000
Nominally available, March 1, 1889.....	154,516,000
Required for consumption prior to next harvest.....	92,000,000
Required for spring seeding.....	16,000,000
Minimum reserve, July 1, 1889..	20,000,000
	198,000,000

Maximum, both costs, available for export as wheat or flour for four months..... 26,516,000

Bradstreet's journal characterises the Government estimates of wheat held in farmers' hands as very misleading, and not necessarily approximately accurate. It must also be remembered that the visible supply of wheat, when used as in the statistics given above, is very misleading. The visible supply represents only stocks at principal points of accumulation, and by no means shows the full stocks of wheat held out of farmers hands. Bradstreet's makes the following estimate of wheat stocks and available surplus:—

	Bushels.
Harvested in 1888, wheat.....	416,000,000
Bradstreet's report, visible supply, both coasts	78,000,000
Farmers' stocks (government).....	182,000,000
Approximately real total supply for year ending March 1, 1889.....	626,000,000
Used and exported during past year.....	435,000,000
On hand March 1, 1889.....	191,000,000
Consumption and seeding to July 1, 1889.....	103,000,000
Minimum reserve.....	20,000,000
	128,000,000

Available for export, both coasts, to July 1, if reserve is cut to 20,000,000 bushels.... 63,000,000

Bradstreet's thinks that even this increased estimate of stocks on March 1st last is under the mark, and that the total stocks in the United States and Canada was nearer 200,000,000, on the first of this month, including wheat in farmers' hands and full visible supply.

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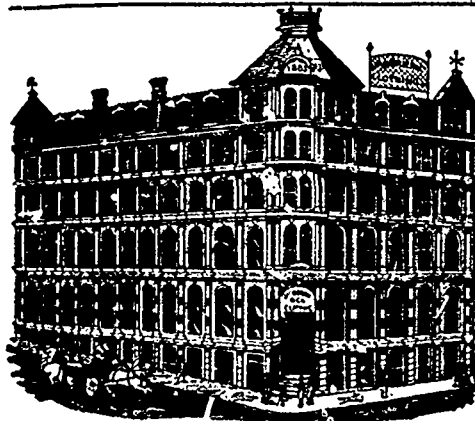
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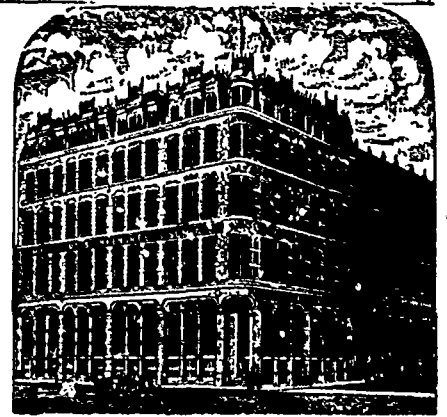
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Money matters seem to have got down to a chronic state of closeness. In the city there is a great deal of grumbling from all quarters, in wholesale, retail and miscellaneous trade circles. Generally it appears more difficult to collect than to do business. The closeness in the city is also reflected to a considerable extent in the country, though not in as acute form. Now that spring has opened up and warm weather apparently set in for good, the situation is expected to be relieved by the commencement of active operations in out-door work of all kinds, building, railway construction, etc. Real estate is said to be moving more freely than for years almost, sales being largely of farm properties to new settlers. The mortgage loan companies are looking for a good season's business.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

From appearances last week warm weather has apparently set in to stay. Spring has now fairly opened up, and a marked effect upon trade has been felt. The implement dealers have had a rattling business in implements necessary for seeding, from old and new settlers. Lumber, building material and such lines have also opened out quite briskly, and with the large immigration which has set in, prospects are considered good in these branches. The early advent of such warm weather, however, has occasioned loss in some instances to holders of frozen meats, fish, etc. New settlers who are now arriving in hundreds and almost thousands daily, are as a rule a superior class to those coming in other years. The majority arriving so far are from Eastern Canada, and they bring a good deal of the necessaries wherewith to start life on the prairies, along with them, including implements, live stock, etc., and frequently a good stock of provisions. Their presence is therefore not so quickly felt in business circles as if they purchased their outfits here. Still, they require a good deal of stuff, and from some country distributing points, a good business with new settlers was reported. The most of the new settlers pass right on to country points, where they have decided to locate, and they do very little business in the city. In textile lines business is quiet. Wholesalers have hardly finished sending out spring stocks, and therefore do not look for much sorting trade yet.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

There has been a large demand for plows, harrows, seeders, etc., and dealers have experienced a splendid season's trade in these implements. The only difficulty has been that stocks of spring implements have not arrived soon enough to supply the full demand. Spring farming operations were going on all over the country last week, under very favorable weather conditions, and from the large demand for implements, it is believed that there will be a big increase in the acreage sown this year.

CANNED GOODS.

The Toronto *Empire* says:—There is a decided strength in canned corn. The unusually low prices at which the article has been sold this season has largely increased the consumption. There has been an active demand during the

past few weeks, and stocks in retailers' hands have been reduced very materially. It was believed that the retailers hold quite a large quantity on account of their liberal purchases, but a canvass of the leading retailers shows that the greater part of the stock has passed into consumption. Jobbers, on making enquiries from packers as to prices, found the latter firm at an advance of 12½c from the lowest point. The lowest figure quoted was 87½c. On the whole the market presents an unusually strong front, and the tendency of prices is upward.

DRUGS.

Business continues steady in this branch. Prices are: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 55 to 60c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 30 to 35c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 8 to 10c.

FRUITS—DRIED.

Prices show little change as follows:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valencias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, ½ boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. Currants 7 to 7½c; evaporated apples, 9½c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22½c; peeled peaches, 22 to 23c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c. Elemé figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; cooking figs, 7c per lb; Fancy Tunis dates on stem, 20c per pound; fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18 to 20c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 18 to 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Cocoanuts, \$10 per 100.

FRUITS—GREEN.

The warm weather has materially improved business in green fruits. Dealers were shipping out freely by ordinary freight last week, as there appeared to be no danger of damage from frost. The market is well supplied with oranges, at quotations. Choice apples bring \$3.50 per barrel readily. Prices are:—Choice varieties of apples in good condition, \$3.50 per barrel. Messina lemons are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box. Florida oranges, \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box. Messina oranges, \$5 to \$5.50 per box. California fancy Riverside seedless oranges, \$5 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$6 to \$6.50 per box. Bananas, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bunch. Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$6 to \$10 as to size of keg; Cranberries are quoted: \$7 to \$9 per barrel for sound fresh fruit; frozen cranberries, \$3 to \$5 per barrel. Southern red onions, \$1.25 per crate of 50 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

FURS.

Prices are withheld until after the Hudson's Bay Company's sales which take place in Lon-

don this month. A cable from London on Saturday says:—The annual Hudson's Bay fur sales take place next week. An excellent display is made; there is an active demand and the market is greatly improved. A good advance upon last year's prices is expected.

FISH.

The warm weather, has played havoc with the trade in fresh fish. Considerable quantities of frozen fresh and salt water fish were held here, and they have been selling at almost any prices to get rid of them, notwithstanding which, there will be some loss in lots spoiling. Smoked haddies were sold as low as 5c per pound, and fresh sea fish at 3 to 5c per pound. Lake Winnipeg frozen fish sold from 1 to 3c per pound. Prices have, therefore, been demoralized. Hereafter only small lots of fresh fish will be brought in, to be kept in ice, and consequently prices will be higher when the market recovers. Oysters are not quotable, and probably will not be any more this season, though small lots will probably be brought in for a while yet. Cured fish are quoted:—Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 2c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7½c per lb; Labrador herrings, No. 1, \$9.50 per barrel; No. 2, \$8.50; No. 1, \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; St. John bloaters, \$1.40.

GROCERIES.

The principal feature has been the strong situation in sugars. The statistical situation remains very strong, and nearly all markets show advances in prices. Coffees are generally reported as very firm. Heat, drought and yellow fever is said to be seriously affecting the coffee business in Brazil. Prices here are: Sugars, yellows 6½ to 7½c; granulated 8½c; lumps 9½ to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 46½c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; Honoyr. ckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

As usual, some dealers have held their hides till the warm weather has set in, with the result that a good many are arriving in a damaged condition. Receipts were large last week, as holders were rushing in what they had on hand. The hides are thawed out and soft when they get here, and lots which arrive now will be more or less damaged. Eastern markets are reported as very flat and weak. Prices here are unchanged, as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 3, 2c. Calf skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, and are more freely offering. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality.

LUMBER.

The lumber trade is very active for this season of the year, and already dealers are kept pretty busy in supplying the demand. The movement from the mills to interior points is large, and dealers are enthusiastic over the prospect. The C. P. Railway company has reduced freight rates from British Columbia coast mills to port.

in Manitoba and the Territories. This will not be welcome news to the proprietors of mills on the line of the railway in the interior of British Columbia, at such points as Donald, Beaver, Palliser, etc. Operators of these mills already claim that the railway company discriminates against them and in favor of the coast mills, by giving as low rates from the coast as from interior mills. The early break-up of winter in the Lake of the Woods district has left some mills short of their intended cut of logs, though others got out their full supply. The shortage for the district is placed at 10,000,000 feet less than the intended cut. The snow is all gone in the woods, and an early opening of navigation is looked for. A number of mills have started their planers running. Prices f.o.b. at the Lake of the Woods mills are as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 feet long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. Fifty cents per M advance on each foot over the above length up to 24 feet long. One dollar per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches surface. Surfacing, 50c per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17; dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17.50 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Reveal Siding No. 1, 1st siding ½ in. x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear—1½, 1½, and 2, inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; select, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; ½ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Wheat at leading markets last week was stronger, prices at Chicago once more getting above the \$1 point for May option. Duluth and Minneapolis had a stronger tone. The strongest feature in the markets was the demand for cash wheat reported from various points for milling. Speaking of this feature, the *Chicago Daily Business* says: "It is true that this healthy renewal of activity in the cash

wheat trade is now on a basis of Chicago prices, but on the other hand it must not be forgotten that prices ranging from 5 to 20c a bushel above other markets for a period of five months have failed to bring wheat in any considerable quantities to Chicago, thus strengthening decidedly the view entertained by leading bulls that there is no very great amount in the country available for shipment to Chicago."

The local situation has remained very quiet, due to the fact that deliveries of wheat at country points are now next to nothing. Buyers are being withdrawn from a good many country markets. At some points a few loads were coming in, and prices paid to farmers ranged from 90 to 95c, as a general rule, for best samples with as high as \$1 reported from a few points. Farmers are now in the midst of seeding. Operations were going on pretty much all over the country all last week, and in some sections considerable seeding has been done. The weather was clear, dry and warm, and in every way just as fine as it could be for seeding. Rain showers were reported from the western division of Manitoba, extending into the Territories some distance. The early opening of spring will enable farmers to get in a large acreage, especially if the weather continues as favorable for seeding as during the past ten days. New settlers who were arriving fast last week, will in some instances make an effort to get some crop in this spring.

FLOUR.

Flour prices hold at about the same as last quotation to the local trade. A disturbing factor has occurred in the offer of the Keewatin mill to deliver flour at Winnipeg and other points, in car lots, at underquotations formerly ruling here. The figures of the Keewatin mill are \$2.90 for patents, \$2.80 for strong bakers', and \$2.65 for second bakers', f.o.b. at Winnipeg. What effect this mill will have on prices generally, remains to be seen. Prices delivered to the local trade are: Patents, \$3.20; strong bakers, \$3.00; XXXX, \$2.50 to \$2.40; superfine, \$1.80 to \$1.85; Graham flour, \$3.00; middlings, \$3.20.

MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold unchanged at \$10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts, with \$1 per ton advance asked for small lots.

OATS.

Prices hold steady and fairly firm, though there is only a slight demand to fill, loads bringing \$1.31 to 33c as to quality.

BARLEY.

Malting samples worth 35 to 40c at the breweries. Feed samples dull.

CHEESE.

Slow at 10 to 11c in jobbing lots.

BUTTER.

There does not appear to be much movement yet in new butter. Dealers complain about the poor quality of receipts of dairy. For instance one lot of 1,000 pounds which arrived last week, guaranteed choice, was found to have only two packages of good in the lot. It would have found ready sale at a good figure if really good, but the purchaser would only take two packages as coming up to his requirements. About 20c per pound is the usual quotation, but 1c more can be obtained for a really choice sample.

EGGS.

Prices dropped on Thursday to 16c per dozen in case lots and on Friday offerings at 16c were general, due to reported large imports from the south, though it afterwards appeared that imports were not as large as reported. Country

eggs are now coming in freely, and sufficient to supply the market, without imports.

LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago at \$2.35.

CURED MEATS.

The lower prices in the following quotations are for cash or very short time sales, mostly to the city trade. Prices are:—Mess pork, \$19 per bbl; long clear dry salt bacon, 10 to 10½c per lb; smoked breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

The early advent of warm weather has seriously affected the meat trade. Considerable quantities of frozen beef were held, which of course is reduced in value, and very slow sale, for although it may be kept in cold storage for some time, yet it is hard to sell with plenty of unfrozen meat in the market. Offerings of frozen beef on the market, or rather beef that had been frozen but thawed out, were almost unsalable at any price. Good fresh killed beef brings from 5 to 6c per pound for full carcasses. Hogs were offered more freely, the balance of stocks held having no doubt been rushed in. Prices were a trifle easier, and ranged from 7 to 7½c per pound. Mutton holds at 9 to 10c; veal 8 to 9c.

POULTRY.

Chickens are about the only thing offering in the poultry line and bring about 12c for nice fresh!

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes still bring about 25c in quantities. Onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50; carrots, 60c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, \$1.20; beets, 50 to 60c, all per bushel. Cabbage average \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen for good.

Canadian Securities in England.

The *Canadian Gazette* of March 7, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
Canada 3½ per cents.....	105	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents, 1883.....	112	—	—
Ditto 3 per cents.....	91½	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.....	113	1	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.....	114	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents, 1874 and 1876.....	113	—	—
Ditto 4½ per cents.....	115	—	—
Ditto 5 per cents, 1883.....	11	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents.....	104	—	—
Montreal 3 per cents.....	83	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents.....	101	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.....	111	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register) 52½	—	1	—
Ditto shares (London register).....	52	—	1
Ditto first mortgage bonds.....	105½	½	—
Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds.....	97	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock.....	12	—	½
Ditto first preference.....	73½	—	½
Manitoba and Northwestern bonds.....	—	—	—
Manitoba Southwestern bonds.....	—	—	—
Bank of British Columbia.....	36rd	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.....	78	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid.....	51	—	—
Ditto £3 paid.....	3	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage.....	—	—	—
British American Land.....	25	—	—
Canada North-West Land.....	31	—	—
Hudson's Bay.....	19½	½	—
Land Corporation of Canada.....	1	—	—
Vancouver Coal.....	—	—	—

Grain and Milling.

Voting took place last week in Silver Creek municipality on a by-law for the purpose of raising \$2,500 by way of bonus to assist in the erection of a grist mill in the village of Russell, Man. The by-law was carried by a large majority.

Dominion Mechanical and Milling News of Toronto says:—It is time that an Association of Canadian millers was organized. It seems well-nigh absurd that in this age of organization, the 2,000 millers of Canada should still stick to the individual in preference to the united plan of working. One of our American contemporaries correctly states that in years gone by the mechanical part of the milling business was uppermost, and any mill which could turn out a good article of flour had no difficulty in disposing of it at a reasonable margin of profit. Now, when nearly every mill can make good flour, it is not so much a question of how to make as of how to sell it and keep the balance of the profit and loss account on the right side of the ledger. It is now not a question of machinery and system so much as a question of business methods and business policy. It will be admitted that many millers who might otherwise hope to be successful, fail through lack of acquaintance with business methods and business policy. Dominion and Provincial Associations of millers, holding meetings three or four times a year, might discuss with much profit the essentials of successful business management in flour manufacture. The deliberations of such Associations would be certain to benefit each individual member, and also to advance the prosperity of the milling industry throughout the Dominion. The means would be afforded the millers of the country of becoming acquainted with each other, and should the occasion arise, this acquaintanceship would enable them to work together harmoniously and successfully for their common welfare.

Chicago Barley Market.

While there was urgency in the demand with comparatively few buying orders present, the market averaged fully steady with choice to fancy heavy lots firm under a continued scarcity of such. Some demand appears for cheap barley, that could be purchased around 30c, while the medium grades were dull and neglected. Very poor to fair was salable at 27 to 45c with good to choice at 54 to 66c. Sales were: Free on board and switched—new No. 4—1 car at 28c, 1 at 30c, 1 at 32c, 1 at 40c, 1 at 47c, No. 3, 1 at 40c, 1 at 45c, 1 at 55c, 1 at 60c.—*Daily Business*, March 20.

THE Eau Claire lumber mills, Calgary, were started cutting on Monday last.

A BREWER of hop beer at Anthracite, has had his property confiscated, and also fined \$100.

BOWEN, of Brandon, has formed a partnership with Gibson & Frazer, importers and dealers in horses.

DAGG & HEWITT, general merchants, Selkirk, Man., have dissolved partnership. Jas. G. Dagg continues the business.

T. B. HILL, from Toronto, has arrived at Regina, Assa., where he will commence business in the dry goods line. He has brought a portion of his stock with him.

ROBINSON & Co.'s grain elevator at Carberry Man., was burned last week, together with \$12,000 bushels of wheat. A McKenzie, of Brandon, was the owner of a considerable portion of the wheat.

THE formation of a company called the Manitoba Flax Co., is announced from Virden, Man. Seed will be furnished to farmers, and the crop purchased by the company.

J. RICHARDS, of Victoria, and C. W. Haywood, of Vancouver, have decided to open a real estate exchange in Westminster, B.C. The firm will be known as Richards, Haywood & Co.

THE *Virden Advance* has been purchased by W. H. Hall, who has been acting in the position of editor and manager since the establishment of the paper some years ago. The paper was owned by C. J. Atkinson, proprietor of the *Regina Journal*.

ANOTHER fish company has been formed to operate on Lake Winnipeg, composed of Wright, of Sandwich, Ont., and Howell, Daly Roberts and Fisher, of Selkirk, Man. A refrigerator is being erected by the new company at Selkirk.

Montreal Markets.

Wheat Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat close easier at \$1.33 to \$1.34.

Butter—Firm and in good demand, and stocks very low Creamery was quoted at from 23c for fair, up to 27c for choice. Township ranged from 19 to 22c, as to quality, and western butter from 16 to 18c.

Cheese—Dull and easy, owing to weaker cables. Medium quoted at 9 to 10c and fine a 10½ to 11½c.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, March 18th, May wheat opened 2c higher than Saturday's close, at 97 3/4c. The opening was the top price of the day, and prices ranged downward to 95 1/2c. July ranged from 92 to 93c. The weakness was due to favorable crop news from winter wheat sections. Provisions weak. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	94 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	86 1/2
Corn	34 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	24 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Pork	—	11.90	11.95	12.00
Lard	6.77 1/2	6.85	6.90	6.95
Short Ribs	6.02 1/2	6.10	6.15	6.20

May wheat ranged from 94 1/4c to 97c on Tuesday. July ranged from 85 3/4c to 86 3/4c. Prices were somewhat erratic, going up and down quickly on various rumors, none of which were of much importance. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	95 1/2	95 1/2	91 1/2	85 1/2
Corn	34	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	24 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25
Pork	—	11.97 1/2	12.00	12.10
Lard	6.82 1/2	6.90	6.95	6.97 1/2
Short Ribs	—	6.12 1/2	6.17 1/2	6.22 1/2

On Wednesday May wheat ranged from 95 1/4c to 96 3/4c, and July from 91 1/2 to 92 1/2. Opening prices were at the bottom, and closing near the top. A better export movement was reported from the seaboard, but the strong feature was the demand for cash wheat, reported from interior points, for milling. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	94 1/2	96 1/2	92 1/2	86
Corn	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	24 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2
Pork	—	12.22 1/2	12.27 1/2	12.35
Lard	6.85	6.95	7.00	7.02 1/2
Short Ribs	—	6.22 1/2	6.27 1/2	6.37 1/2

Trading was more active on Thursday, principally in May wheat. Prices for this option again reached a fraction above the \$1 point, the top price being \$1.00 1/2. The opening at 97 3/4c was the lowest price. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	97 1/2	92 1/2	94 1/2	86 1/2
Corn	—	35 1/2	35 1/2	—
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	12.20	12.25	12.32 1/2
Lard	—	6.92 1/2	6.97 1/2	7.02 1/2
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

There appeared to be a scarcity in offerings of wheat on Friday. Prices had a very wide range, May selling from 99c up to \$1.05 1/2. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	—	1.03 1/2	98 1/2	88
Corn	—	35 1/2	35 1/2	—
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	12.45	12.47 1/2	12.57 1/2
Lard	—	7.02 1/2	7.05	7.10
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Chicago Provision Prices.

Prices at Chicago on Wednesday for cash meats were:—Green meats—shoulders, per pound, 5c to 5 1/2c; hams, per pound, 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c. Loose dry salted shoulders, per 100 pounds, \$5.25 to \$5.50; short ribs, per 100 pounds, \$6.15 to \$6.20; long clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.20 to \$6.25; short clear, per 100 pounds,

\$6.30 to \$6.35. Boxed meats—Long and short clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.40 to \$6.45; Cumberlands, per pound, 7 1/4 to 7 1/2; Staffordshire sides, per pound, 7 1/4 to 8c; smoked hams, per pound, 9 to 9 1/2c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Closing quotations on Change on Thursday for wheat were just about the same as a week ago for No. 1 hard. Northern grades were 1c to 1 1/2c higher for April and May, and ranged 2c to 5c higher for cars on track, as follows:

	April.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard	1.09 1/2	1.11	1.10
No. 1 northern	98 1/2	99 1/2	98-1.00
No. 2	89	91 1/2	92-95

Quotations for flour ranged about 10c lower than a week ago for patents, both for shipping and to the local trade. Other grades were not materially changed, as follows,—Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.00 to \$6.20; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$7.80 to \$8.00; in barrels, \$6.00 to \$6.15. Delivered at New England points, \$6.75 to \$6.85; bakers, here, \$4.00 \$4.75; superfine, \$2.00 to \$3.50; red dog, sacks, \$1.35 to \$1.50; red dog, barrels, \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Bran and Shorts—Were dull and weak with no improvement reported. Quoted: bran \$8 to \$8.50; common shorts \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Barley—Steady and the better grades firm at 35 to 50c for stained to nice bright. Frosted lots in no request.—Market Record.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Closing prices on Change for No. 1 hard on each day of last week were:

	Cash.	Mar.	May	June.
Monday	—	1.08 1/2	1.09	1.13
Tuesday	—	1.08	1.08 1/2	1.12 1/2
Wednesday	—	1.09	—	1.13
Thursday	—	1.10	1.10 1/2	1.13 1/2
Friday	—	1.11	1.11 1/2	1.15 1/2

Wheat closed on Saturday as follows: Cash, \$1.11; May \$1.15 1/2; June, \$1.15; July, \$1.14.

Montreal Stock Market.

The following quotations on March 22 as compared with prices on March 1, will indicate the course of the stock market:

	March 1.		March 22.	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal	281	280 1/2	229	228 1/2
Ontario	134 1/2	130	133	129
Toronto	229	213	—	215
Merchants	139 1/2	138 1/2	139	138
Commerce	121	120 1/2	120	119
Molson's	164	160	165	157 1/2
Union	—	—	160	93
N. W. Land Co.	73 1/2	71 1/2	71	69 1/2
C. P. R.	50 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2

The Sugar Market.

The advance in sugar in all producing countries continue to attract the attention of the trade. Beet sugars seem to be the subject of a strong speculative movement, having advanced 1s 6d per cwt, for 88 per cent sugar, within the past month. In West India markets prices are £2 per ton higher for refining and grocery qualities. In Halifax merchants demand 1/2c advance on prices ruling a fortnight ago for hoghead sugars. In this market refined has a firm tone, but if the advance above noted in raw is maintained, it is considered that a further advance will be a necessary consequence.—Montreal Gazette.

Wheat Statistics.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The following shows the stocks in bushels, of wheat at the principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains; also, in transit by lake and rail, on the dates named, according to the Chicago statement:—

	1889	1888.	1887.
February 16	33,435,091	39,505,037	59,830,570
February 23	32,739,634	38,402,024	57,027,308
March 2	32,000,075	37,510,274	55,731,591
March 9	31,769,335	36,660,968	54,266,176
March 16	31,182,430	35,223,024	53,172,927

Decrease for the week ended March 16, 536,055 bushels.

WHEAT IN STORE.

The following shows the wheat in store, in bushels, at the points mentioned, on March 16:—

Chicago	4,704,007
Minneapolis	6,312,070
Duluth	1,866,629
Montreal	438,429
Toronto	29,000

WHEAT AT PRIMARY MARKETS.

The following table shows the receipts of spring wheat at the markets mentioned from June 30, 1888, to March 16, 1889, compared with two previous years:—

POINTS.	1888-89			1887-88			1886-87		
	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87
Chicago	10,918,000	10,874,000	15,812,000	10,918,000	10,874,000	15,812,000	10,918,000	10,874,000	15,812,000
Milwaukee	5,115,000	7,276,000	6,787,000	5,115,000	7,276,000	6,787,000	5,115,000	7,276,000	6,787,000
Minneapolis	31,020,000	35,622,000	28,934,000	31,020,000	35,622,000	28,934,000	31,020,000	35,622,000	28,934,000
Duluth	4,934,000	14,054,000	18,582,000	4,934,000	14,054,000	18,582,000	4,934,000	14,054,000	18,582,000

Total bushels 52,017,000 67,830,000 70,335,000

The total receipts of winter wheat at the market mentioned from July 30, 1888, to March 16, 1889, compared with two previous years, were as follows:—

POINTS.	1888-89			1887-88			1886-87		
	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87
St. Louis	11,070,000	11,106,000	10,511,000	11,070,000	11,106,000	10,511,000	11,070,000	11,106,000	10,511,000
Toledo	7,011,000	8,247,000	11,897,000	7,011,000	8,247,000	11,897,000	7,011,000	8,247,000	11,897,000
Detroit	6,293,000	5,755,000	8,589,000	6,293,000	5,755,000	8,589,000	6,293,000	5,755,000	8,589,000
Kansas City	1,784,000	1,316,000	2,629,000	1,784,000	1,316,000	2,629,000	1,784,000	1,316,000	2,629,000
Cincinnati	1,509,000	1,231,000	2,045,000	1,509,000	1,231,000	2,045,000	1,509,000	1,231,000	2,045,000

Total bushels 27,810,000 27,795,000 36,771,000

BREADSTUFF ON PASSAGE.

The following shows the quantity of wheat and flour equivalent to wheat, expressed in quarters, (\$ bushels to the quarter) on passage to Great Britain and Europe, on the dates named:—

	March 16, 1889.	Mar 9 1888.	March 17 1888.
To Great Britain	1,991,000	1,930,000	1,720,000
To Europe	347,000	322,000	322,000

EXPORTS FROM ATLANTIC PORTS.

Exports from principal Atlantic ports for the week ending March 16, and the corresponding week last year, were:—

	1889.	1888.
Flour, bbls.	88,000	222,000
Wheat, bu	37,000	479,500

Exports from Atlantic ports from Sept. 1st last to March 9, and corresponding period of previous year were:

	1888-9.	1887-8.
Wheat, bu.	5,222,166	16,280,84
Corn, bu	34,450,537	11,070,491
Flour, bbls	3,906,431	6,024,488

WHEAT IN FARMERS' HANDS.

The official report for the United States, issued at Washington on March 11, estimates the amount of wheat remaining on hand March 1, at 112,000,000 bushels and the amount of corn at 787,000,000 bushels, against 122,000,000 and 508,000,000 bushels respectively, a year ago. This government report is not usually considered as very reliable, in grain circles, as it is considered impossible to even approximately estimate the amount of grain held in first hands.

The wholesale hardware stock of Risley & Kerrigan, Toronto, who recently assigned, has been purchased by Samuel, Benjamin & Co., wholesale hardware, Toronto, at 77c on the dollar. It will be placed on the market at once.

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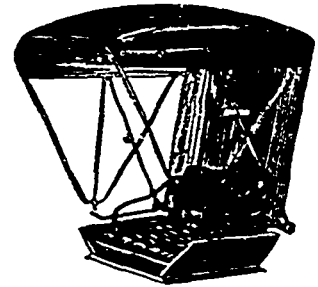
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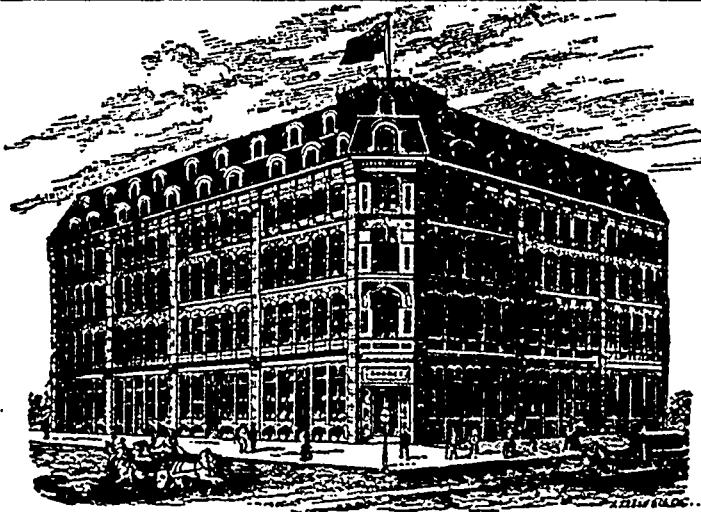
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H. J. Rattray, cigars, Galt, is dead.
G. Trimble, contractor, Toronto, is dead.
M. Halpin, baker, Wallaceburg, burned out.
John Dunn, baker, etc., Orillia, has sold out.
R. McIntosh, shoes, Kirkfield, has assigned.
Jeremiah Kennedy, shoes, London, is dead.
Joseph Shepley, shoes, Florence, has sold out.
G. Miller, cigars, etc., Dunville, is selling out.
Thomas Swalwell, livery, Almonte, has assigned.
A. Inglis, dry goods, etc., Renfrew, has assigned.
A. L. Henry, harness, Tp: Sullivan, has assigned.
A. Black & Co., furniture, Orrillia, have assigned.
S. Colliage, harness, Wallaceburg, was burned out.
Wm. Murdock, butcher, Wallaceburg, burned out.
Ellison Freeman, lumber dealer, St. Thomas, is dead.
C. A. Girvan, stoves and tins, Ridgeway, has assigned.
J. Carr, general storekeeper, Maxwell, has assigned.
Stephen, Hartly, baker, etc., Wyoming, has sold out.
Wm. McGregor, grocer, Wallaceburg, was burned out.
Thos. Redpath, hotelkeeper, Wallaceburg, is burned out.
G. H. Keys, restaurant, Wallaceburg, was burned out.
M. & C. Stonehouse, grocer, Wallaceburg, is burned out.
F. Eitner, blacksmith, Desboro, has made an assignment.
W. Brookland, merchant tailor, Pt. Colborne, has assigned.
J. A. Stone, groceries, etc., Essex Centre, has assigned.
C. & I. Puckridge, confectioners, Woodstock, have assigned.
W. J. & G. H. Fletcher, shoemakers, Orrillia, have assigned.
R. M. Northwood, restaurant, Windsor, is out of business.
W. Petty, general storekeeper, Tp. Hamilton, has assigned.
R. G. Wright, hardware, Napanee, is asking for a compromise.
R. & J. Gardiner, dry goods, Kingston, are retiring from business.
Wm. Chon, clothier, Toronto, has sold his stock and left the city.
Robert Waller, harness and groceries, Campbellford, has assigned.
James Boyd, general store, Vankleek Hill, is retiring from business.
A. H. McDonell & Bro., hardware dealers, Wallaceburg, burned out.
A. S. Case, general storekeeper, Cromarty, is asking for a compromise.
Lamb & Davidson, general storekeepers, Farmersburg, have assigned.
J. White & Co., general store, Wyoming, are asking an extension of time.
P. G. Marentette, general storekeeper, Belle River, is asking for a compromise.
D. McKay, general storekeeper, Craighurst, has called a meeting of creditors.
Risley & Kerrigan, wholesale hardware, Toronto, stock sold at 77½c in the dollar.
Boyd & Phillips, tins, etc., London, have dissolved; business will be continued by H. H. Boyd.

L. W. Crawford, carriages, etc., London, has changed the style of the firm to L. W. & J. A. Crawford.

Charlesworth & Co., wholesale dealers in shoes, Toronto, have compromised at 50c. on the dollar.

QUEBEC.

John Fulek, tailor, Quebec, is dead.
David Rea, leather, Montreal, has assigned.
Evariste Gelin, shoes, Montreal has assigned.
Amesse & Picard, builders, Lachine, have dissolved.
H. Morgan & Co., butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.
Nap. Ducharme, hotelkeeper, Valleyfield, has assigned.
T. H. Mace, general storekeeper, Montreal, has assigned.
St. Germain Hermidas, milkman, Montreal, has assigned.
Nap. Bertrand, harness maker, Coaticook, has assigned.
S. Cardinal, general storekeeper, St. Adele, has assigned.
Munns & Crabtree, plumbers, Sherbrooke, have assigned.
Marency & Frere, general store, St. Francis, have assigned.
Brais & Tergoux, stock brokers, Montreal, have dissolved.
L. Louis, hotelkeeper, Montreal, is offering to compromise.
Victor Portelance, general store, Lacheurotiere, has assigned.
Mow Glasgow Lumber Company, New Glasgow, have dissolved.
J. Aird & Co., shoe manufacturers, St. Hyacinthe, have assigned.
J. U. O. Dechene, general storekeeper, Fraserville, has assigned.
Cabana & Boivin, sash and door factory, Lachine, have dissolved.
Pierre Plainter, grocer, St. Johns, is having a meeting of creditors.
J. E. Woodley & Co., manufacturers of shoes, Quebec, have suspended.
P. Ralston & Sons, leather, Montreal and Berthier, have assigned.
The Canada Glass Silvering & Beveling Co., Montreal, have dissolved.
Moulton & Co., manufacturers of fringes, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
Payette Lagrenade & Co., Montreal shoe syndicate, Montreal, have dissolved.
Rival alias Bellerose Patrice, general store, St. Alexis des Monts, has assigned.
Sergius Archambault, general store, St. Theodosie, demand of assignment.
A. Gregoire, boot and shoe manufacturer, St. Henri, has had a meeting of creditors.
D. D. Buckley, furniture, etc., Montreal, is advertising his stock for sale at auction.
J. Steiner & Bros., wholesale furs, Montreal, have admitted A. Vogel as a partner under the same style.
Jas. Aird & Co., manufacturers of boots and shoes, St. Hyacinthe, have made a demand for an assignment.

NOVA SCOTIA.

D. S. Ross, tailor, Springhill, has assigned.
Jeremiah Murphy, shoes, Halifax, burned out.
John Cameron, physician, Port Hood, has assigned.
Alexander Crowe, groceries, etc., Acadia Mines, has assigned.
McKinnon & Co., grocers, Amherst, are asking a compromise.
Simon Fraser, hotelkeeper, Truro, is advertising his business for sale.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. Clara Corbett, millinery, Milltown, has assigned.
Humphrey & Snow, woolen mill, Moncton, have dissolved.
A. & W. F. Thornton, general store, Hartland, are burned out.
F. Nash, beer manufacturer, Portland, is offering to compromise at 50c in the dollar.
McRoberts & Crawford, stoves and tinware, St. John, are asking extensions from 6 to 24 months.

Toronto Dry Goods Trade.

There have been a moderate number of merchants on the market this week, chiefly from the eastern and western portion of Ontario. They have for the most part been large retail country merchants. While these have not been buying large parcels they have been purchasing cheerfully. Their enquiries are mostly for dress goods and dress trimmings, and a fair amount of printed sateens are also moving. Scotch gingham and zephyrs have been shipped in quantities during the last few days. Staples are in moderately active request, but there is not quite as much doing in grey cottons, the enquiry having eased off to some extent. There has been no particular change in quotations, but all lines are very firmly held.

During next week a good number of the smaller retail merchants are expected to visit the city. The country dealers will probably come in steadily till the end of the month, when the travellers go out on the sorting-up trade.

Not very many complaints are being heard in regard to payments. Money is coming in fairly well, and remittances on the whole are considered better than a year ago.—*Empire*.

General Notes.

D. P. Frisbee has been appointed travelling passenger agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. He takes the place of F. B. Ross, who has resigned.

A meeting of Heney & Lacroix's creditors, of Montreal, was held last week. A resolution was unanimously passed recommending the creditors to accept Mr. Heney's offer of 40 cents cash. The creditors present expressed great sympathy with the firm and hoped prompt settlement would be made, so as to enable the firm to at once resume business.

The Commercial Tourists.

The bill introduced in the Dominion Parliament to provide against the careless handling of baggage by the employees of railway companies, has been thrown out.

A drummer made Winnipeg the other day on the noon train. Finishing the remains of a half pint, he deposited the bottle in a pocket of one of the overcoats hanging in the office. The overcoat belonged to one of the leading prohibitionists of the city. After lunch he put his coat on and putting his hands in his pockets, drew forth the bottle amid the cheers of the crowd. There is a wild-eyed prohib. laying for the drummer.

W. P. JOHNSON, planing mill, Winnipeg, has sold out to Stephens & Farquhar.

British Columbia.

Nicholson & Scott have leased the new hotel on Front street, Nanaimo.

T. G. Rayner has opened a real estate and financial agency office at Victoria.

Kam Wo Tai Co., Chinese traders, Lilloett, have assigned to M. Strouss of Victoria.

Cope & Young, Vancouver, are adding a dressmaking department to their dry goods business.

David Green, dealer in clothing and gents' furnishings, Victoria, has assigned in trust to M. Strouss.

E. C. Goulding, lately employed as a reporter on the Nanaimo Courier, will open a law office at Nanaimo.

L. Guichon, general merchant and rancher, Ladner's Landing, has sold his store, hotel and business to Sherman.

The American Building and Loan Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will establish a branch at Vancouver.

Geo. Mann has sold out his grocery and liquor business at Victoria to Wm. Summerville, late engineer on the steamer Yosemite.

A. Godfrey & Co., hardware merchants, Vancouver, will move their establishment to a commodious store now approaching completion.

L. Riske, of Westminster, is making arrangements for establishing a quartz mill on the Monishec claim, near the head of Cherry Creek.

The new Vancouver Fisheries Company, has elected the following officers: Ald. Horne, President; F. C. Cotton Vice President; H. B. McGowan, Secretary.

Reports from Chilliwack say the farmers are hard at work seeding and planting. Nearly all have finished ploughing and if fine weather lasts for a couple of weeks the bulk of the seeding will be over.

The estate of Thaddeus Harper will be sold by tender on April 6th. The estate consists of a water-power mill and a store and stock of general goods, implements, mining leases, etc. Sale in separate parcels.

The Queen's Hotel, a fine brick structure, erected at Westminster some time ago by Mr. Duncan, has been leased to a Mrs. Miller, from Halifax, N. S., who will furnish it in first-class style and conduct it on the temperance plan.

Westminster Columbian: American capitalists are buying up all the suburban and farming property they can lay hold of in the vicinity of Westminster. The Yankees are long-headed enough to know a good place for investment when they see it.

R. Dickenson, H. Hoy, Thos. Dunn and R. G. Tatlow have asked for an act of incorporation to construct and operate a short line of railway between New Westminster and Vancouver. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$500,000.

Victoria Times: Advice from Ashcroft are to the effect that the coal claim which Mc-Nicholl and Finney have been prospecting is turning out favorably. Mc-Nicholl informs us that he has sunk sixty-five feet on the claim, and that the coal lays in strata ranging from

six to sixteen feet in thickness, the strata being separated from each other by a thin layer of limestone rock. This coal, which is pronounced of excellent quality, lies to the north of Ashcroft 25 miles.

The new Union coal mines recently opened on Vancouver Island, Comox district, are proving successful, and tests of the coal demonstrate the fact that it is superior to the Wellington coal. A test made is said to indicate that 15 tons of this coal will be equal to 20 tons of Wellington coal for steam purposes.

In the Legislature last week Mr. Higgins brought forward an important resolution relating to railway extension on Vancouver island. He showed that a line 175 miles long, added to the 75 miles of railway already built on the Island would connect the straits of Fuca with the northern end of the island, and that with nine and a half miles of ferry across the straits and a railway 210 miles in length from the straits to Portland, the commercial capital of Oregon would be brought within three and a half days of Sitka, Alaska, only two days of which would be water travel.

The annual meeting of the Vancouver board of trade was held on March 12. President D. Oppenheimer made a very able address in review of the work of the board for the past year. The council, A. H. B. MacGowan, also presented a very admirable report, which gives a great deal of information about the city and district. The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of \$31 20, receipts of 1,071.90 and disbursements of \$1,040.70. The estimates for the year 1899 are: Receipts, \$1,239; expenditures, \$1,150. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, E. V. Bodwell; vice-president, R. H. Alexander; secretary-treasurer, A. H. B. MacGowan; all elected unanimously. H. T. Ceperley, J. M. Clute, F. C. Cotton, W. D. Creighton, T. Dunn, J. C. Keith, D. Oppenheimer, W. Skene. Messrs. Ceperley, Clute, Cotton, Creighton, Dunn, Henderson, Leask, McFarland, Skene, Turner, Whetham were elected a board of arbitrators.

Duluth and Winnipeg Railroad.

Now that there is a prospect of the Duluth & Winnipeg being successful in securing the legislation desired at the hands of the Minnesota legislature, and going forward with the building of the line proposed, it is reported that President Hill, of the Manitoba, will rush forward to completion the St. Paul, Brainerd & Northwestern, which also penetrates the region north of the Northern Pacific in Minnesota. Of course two roads will be more potential in opening up and developing that area than one, and the rivalry which has been engendered may accomplish what the natural resources of the country has not heretofore secured. The proposed roads will have a very important bearing upon the opening of the timbered country in Northern Minnesota. Railroad mills are pretty sure to spring up, although the lot of the railroad mill man without ample outlet for the lumber he may manufacture is not a particular happy one. The next two or three months will probably determine what is to be done in the line of railroad building in Northern Minnesota, and it is altogether probable that by another

winter the loggers will go into the camps on the upper Mississippi by rail instead of by the tedious tote roads. The proposed railroads will to some extent probably also divert from the Canadian side of the line some of the timber now floated down to the Rainy Lake river.—*Mississippi Valley Lumberman.*

Ontario Apple Market.

There has not been much doing in export apples directly from the city this week, and values remain unchanged. From outside points a good number of shipments are reported. Apples are still very plentiful in the province. The difficulty is about the quality, which in many instances is inferior, and oftentimes the exporter after having gone to some point to inspect a lot that has been offered as good fruit, finds that he has had his trouble for nothing. Advices from British market continue encouraging. The markets there yet shows no signs of overloading. It is reported that some of the late shipments from here were received in bad condition, being frosted, and realized poor prices. The demand for apples for local consumption has improved considerably lately, and a fair movement is reported. Packed are going at \$1.25 to \$1.50 and in some cases even \$2 per bbl in small lots. The quality of the loose apples offered by the farmers has been better recently, and the supply has not been so great. With the increased enquiry better prices have ruled, and they now run from \$1 to \$2 per bbl. in small lots.—*Toronto Empire.*

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Winnipeg Grocers.

A meeting of the retail grocers of the city was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, corner of Princess and McDermott Streets, on Thursday evening for the purpose of re-organizing the Grocers' Association. There were present about 40 of the retail grocers of the city. C. D. Anderson, president of the former organization, occupied the chair, and J. G. Hargrave was appointed secretary pro tem.

W. Hunter introduced the object of the meeting. D. West dwelt upon the benefits to be derived in the way of cultivating a more social feeling among merchants and business men generally, the need of measures to prevent wholesale dealers from selling at retail, also to prevent peddlers from selling without license. Other points were the want of protection against dead beats, the desirability of a board of exchange, of shortening the hours of labor and of an agreement between the grocers and the millers regarding the price of flour. W. Cummings and others spoke briefly on matters of general interest to the retail trade, especially on the injury done by wholesalers selling to consumers and the destruction to business caused by peddlars going from house to house cutting down prices and paying little or nothing to the city in the way of license, fees or taxes.

After due deliberation it was decided to re-organize the association, to be known as the Grocers' Retail Association of Winnipeg. The following officers were elected:—Wm. Hunter, president; A. R. Christie, vice-president; Herbert Thompson, secretary; C. D. Anderson, treasurer. A committee to draft by-laws was appointed, consisting of the president, vice-president and J. H. Horne, Wm. Cummings, D. West and Phillip Marris. A committee was appointed to wait on the millers in reference to an agreement between them and the retail grocers in regard to the handling of flour, the members being W. Cummings, F. Cloutier, R. H. Wiram and J. B. Bell.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers of the old association for their services, and suitable replies were made by C. D. Anderson, president, and J. W. Horne, vice-president.

All present signed their names as members of the association.

On motion of A. R. Christie, D. West was elected an honorary member.

The meeting adjourned until next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the same place.

Fur Trade.

Large catches of seal are reported from the Pacific coast.

The fur trade is beginning to open up wonderfully, says the *Vancouver World*, beaver and deer skins being brought into the city in goodly numbers.

P. Pruden and Alex. Hamelin, traders of Lac la Biche, have arrived at Edmonton with a large quantity of fur, to be sold there. Trade has been fairly good at Lac la Biche this winter, says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, chiefly in bear skins.

A report from Lac la Biche, north of Edmonton, Alberta, says: Fur of most kinds are not so plentiful as usual, but bear is much more so,

owing to the facility with which the animals can be hunted with dogs, now that there is little or no snow. There was a fall of snow during the winter, but two days rain in January took it away.

Recent raw fur quotations at Montreal were as follows:—

Beaver, per pound, \$3.25 to \$3.75; bear, per skin, \$15, \$17.50 to \$20; bear, cub, per skin, \$4, \$6 to \$8; fisher, \$4 to \$5; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.10; fox, cross, \$2 to \$3; lynx, \$2.50 to \$3.50; marten, 75c to 90c; mink, 75c to 90c; muskrat, 8c, 10c to 12c; otter, \$10 to \$12.50; raccoon, 40 to 60c; skunk, 40c, 60c to 80c.

The *Columbian*, Westminster, B. C., says: Furs are beginning to be brought in by Indians and others, but only a small number have been marketed as yet. Yesterday W. H. Vianen purchased thirty beaver skins, which were trapped near Chilliwack this winter. Although the weather has not been cold, and therefore against handsome furs, the skins are considered prime and of fine color. As soon as the Indians begin to return from their winter quarters a lively time is expected in the fur market, as reports say trapping has been fairly good during the last three months. Deer were unusually numerous last fall and the Northern Indians killed immense numbers of them.

Fishermen on the Fraser River, B. C., say that seals are more numerous in the river this spring than for many years. They follow the salmon nets, and when a fish becomes entangled they attack it and devour it unless frightened off by the boatmen. The damage done to nets by these thieves is sometimes considerable.

Business in British Columbia.

During the past week the merchants of the city have been complaining of the closeness of money. They say that trade is dull for this time of the year and collections very hard. They are, however, sanguine that this state of things will not last for any length of time. The market has been kept fairly well supplied and in some lines merchants have overstocked themselves. The real estate market is quiet and brokers are not anxious to do business for a week or two when they expect transactions to again become lively. The fruit, vegetable and dairy market has been kept well supplied and prices remain the same with but one or two exceptions. Choice California roll butter is coming in and selling at 65c per 2 pound roll. New turnips, green onions, lettuce and water cresses are being placed on the market.—*Vancouver News*.

The Wholesale trade at Victoria last week was reported as follows:—

Flour—Hungarian, \$7.20; strong bakers, \$6.85. Oregon—Royal, \$6; premier, \$6; snow flake, \$6; superfine, \$5.

Grain—wheat, per ton, \$37; Oats, per ton, \$25.05; barley, per ton, \$30.05.

Middlings, per ton, \$28; bran per ton, \$25; ground feed, per ton, \$32.50; oil cake, per ton, \$37.50; corn meal per 100 lbs., \$2.75; oatmeal, native, per 100 lbs., \$3.50.

Potatoes, per ton, \$13; sweet potatoes per 100 lbs., \$4; onions, \$1.25.

Hay, baled, per ton, \$20; straw, per bale, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Apples, Gravenstein, per box, 50 lbs., \$1.50; bananas, per bunch, \$4; pears, choice Bartlett,

per box, \$2; peaches, \$1.25; grapes, Muscatello, 25 lbs., \$1.50; tomatoes, California, 25 lb. box, \$1; coconuts, per 100, \$11.

Eggs, Island, per dozen, 20c; imported, 16c.

Butter, roll, Island, per pound, 40c; imported, 27c; tub or firkin, creamry, 20c; dairy, 24c.

Cheese, local, per pound, 15c; Canadian, 12½ to 15c; California 17 to 18c.

Hams, per pound, local, 15c; American, 17 to 18c; bacon, local, breakfast, per pound, 14 to 16c; American, 16½c; rolled, 14c; shoulders, 12½c; lard, 12½c.

Meats—beef per pound, 8c; mutton, 10c; pork, fresh, 12½c; veal, dressed, 12½ to 15c.

Hides, 4 to 7½; sheep skins, each, 25 to 35c; tallow, 2½c.

Fish—Salmon, 7c; halibut, 8c.

British Dry Goods Trade.

Mail reports to date of March 2nd speak of a fairly active business at the leading points and indicate steadiness to values for all desirable fabrics. Enquiries for the most stylish overcoatings and suitings for next winter, and some fair orders for lower-class fabrics for spring and summer wear are mentioned. Deliveries of spring goods are being pushed forward with as much despatch as possible. A Bradford report states that there is a large turnover going on for the home and American markets in dress goods and coatings, and manufacturers are kept tolerably busy. The linen markets are represented as still in favorable position. At Belfast brown power-loom cloth is meeting with fair consumptive demand, while hand-loom makes are in light supply and likely to be still further reduced as outdoor work draws near. Bleached and finished linens for home and export account moving rather better, and late full rates firmly maintained. At Dundee there was a steady business doing, with prices fully supported and manufacturers in a strong position for orders. The Nottingham lace trade seems still to be in an unsatisfactory condition. Some accounts are not of a decided improvement, while others speak of the trade as being very little better than at the close of last year. All, however, agree in affirming that prices are so low as to make it extremely difficult for sellers to realize a profit. In the hosiery trade the tendency seemed to be in the direction of improvement, and manufacturers are steadily employed.

Insurance Briefs.

Tatlow & Spinks, real estate and financial agents, Vancouver, B. C., have been appointed agents for the London and Lancashire Insurance Company.

At the last meeting of the city council of Brandon, Man., the report of the fire, water and light committee recommended the purchase immediately of a team of horses for the fire department, a chemical fire engine and the sale of the present fire engine with a view to obtaining a larger one. All of which recommendations were adopted by the whole council on considerable discussion.

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8 05 "	Portage Junction	9 20 "	
6 18 "	St. Norbert	9 40 "	
5 27 "	St. Agatho	10 20 "	
4 42 "	Silver Plains	10 47 "	
4 20 "	Morris	11 10 "	
4 04 "	St. Jean	11 23 "	
3 43 "	Catharino	11 55 a.m.	
3 20 "	West Lynno	12 20 p.m.	
3 05 p.m.	Pembina	12 35 "	
6 25 a.m.	Winnipeg Junction	8 50 "	
8 35 p.m.	Minneapolis	6 35 a.m.	
8 00 "	St. Paul	7 05 "	
6 40 "	Helena	4 00 p.m.	
3 40 "	Garrison	6 15 "	
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7 40 "	Tacoma	3 50 "	
4 30 "	"via Cascade"	6 40 "	

P.M.	A.M.	STATIONS	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
2 30	8:00	St. Paul	7:30	3:00	7:35
10 30	7 00	Chicago	9:00	3:10	8:10
6 45	10 15	Detroit	7:15	10:45	0:10
9 10	9:05	Toronto	9:10	9:05	9:05
7 00	7:50	New York	7:30	8:50	8:50
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No. 1 Daily.		No. 2 Daily.
14 00 Do	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
15 55	Woodpecker	23 35
16 50	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lak	21 45
18 00 Do		20 55
18 50	Cherry Coulee	20 05
20 00	Winnifred	Ar 19 55
20 55	Seven Persons	18 45
22 10 Ar	Dunmore	Do 17 30

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PASS	Miles	STATIONS.	PASS
Tuesday	from		Monday
Thur. day	Portage		Wednesday
and			and
Saturday			Fridays
LEAVE		Portage la Prairie	ARRIVE
18 00		..... Gladstone	13 30
+ 17 45	35	..... Neepawa	+ 12 05
18 45	61	..... Minnedosa	10 55
19 45	79	..... Rapid City	8 30
20 50	94	..... Shoal Lake	8 00
21 30	115	..... Birtle	+ 7 00
+ 22 30	138	..... *Bisearth	5 55
23 30	155	..... *Russell	5 15
24 10	166	..... *Langenburg	7 15
24 40	180	..... *Saltcoats	3 40
1 45	206		LEAVE

*Trains for Bisearth leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 22 50, returning leave Bisearth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 5 55. For Russell leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 22 50; returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 5 15. For Langenburg and Saltcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 22 50; returning leave Saltcoats Mondays only at 3 40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20 00; returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 30.

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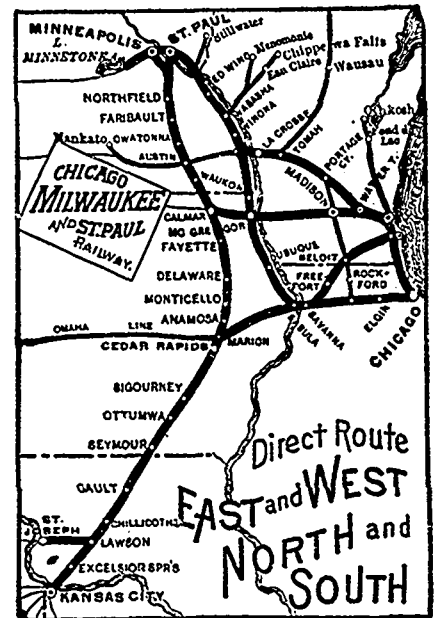
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