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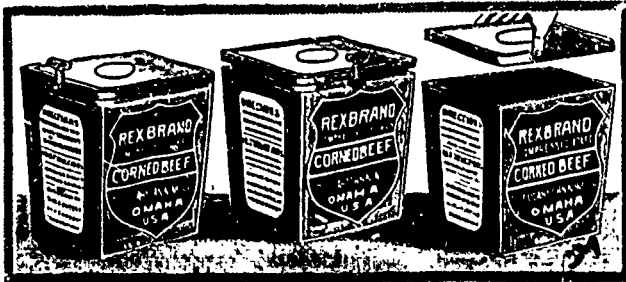
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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 15, 1892.

Canada's Canals.

We have received a copy of the supplement to the annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals. It deals exclusively with the canals of the Dominion; and in addition to the usual statistics, contains much information in regard to the traffic on the great lakes and the comparative advantages of the Canadian and United States routes to the seaboard—information which possesses special interest at the present juncture. The total revenue, exclusive of hydraulic rents, for 1890 and 1891 was \$348,059 and \$350,351 respectively. The total increases and decreases for the two years mentioned are:

	Increase.	Decrease.
Welland.....	\$5,734 33	
St. Lawrence.....	9,883 31	
Chambly.....	1,350 13	
Rideau.....		\$ 142 88
Ottawa.....		7,593 97
St. Peter's.....		183 16
Trent Valley.....		6 21
Murray.....		75 14
	\$10,447 92	\$8,155 36

Total increase..... \$2,292 46

These figures are, however, considerably altered by the refunds made under the orders-in-council, which have caused the present hostile attitude of the United States government. The quantity of grain that passed down the Welland Canal and was transhipped at Canadian ports to Montreal during the season of 1891 was 276,861 tons, upon which a refund was made of 18 cents per ton to the amount of \$49,834. Of the 220,527 tons of grain passed down the Welland canal to United States ports during the same period 17,817 tons were trans-shipped at Ogdensburg and passed down the St. Lawrence canals to Montreal. Upon these trans shipments no refund was made. The tables given of the quantity of barley, corn, oats, peas, rye and wheat passed down the Welland canal,

from ports west of Port Colborne for a period of ten years, shows that during the last decade the quantity of agricultural products passing down the Welland and St. Lawrence canals to Montreal, has increased from 180,794 tons in 1882 to 295,509 tons in 1891; and the quantity passed down the Welland canal from the United States ports to United States ports has increased from \$3,811, to 202,710 tons. It the same period the quantity of barley, corn, oats, peas, rye and wheat arrived at Montreal, via Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways has increased from 75,026 tons in 1882 to 184,410 in 1891. In other words, the total quantity of grain of all kinds reaching Montreal by rail and water has increased in ten years from 255,720 tons to 479,919 tons, or 87.6 per cent. The following statements of the comparative shipments of grain by the St. Lawrence route and by rail and water via the state of New York, are of interest, as showing the growing importance of the St. Lawrence route. The quantity of grain and peas passed down the whole length of the St. Lawrence canals to Montreal in 1890 was 212,571 tons and in 1891, 320,434 tons, showing an increase of 77,863 tons. The quantity of grain and peas carried to Montreal by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways in 1890 was 119,208 tons, and in 1891 184,410 tons, an increase of 65,202 tons. The quantity of grain arrived at tide water by New York canals in 1890 was 1,131,289 and in 1891 it was 1,045,278, a decrease of 76,011 tons. The quantity of grain carried to tide water by the New York railways in 1890 was 3,045,302 tons, and in 1891 it was 2,356,600 tons, showing a decrease of 688,642 tons. In other words, while the receipts at Montreal last year by St. Lawrence canals show an increase of 54.69 per cent., the receipts by water at New York show a decrease of 6.71 per cent., and by rail of 22.61 per cent.

In addition to the information given in the bluebook under notice, it may be stated that the Canadian system embraces seven distinct canals, comprising a total length of seventy-one miles. The Welland canal is 26 7/8 miles long, with 26 locks; while the St. Lawrence canals comprise the Galops, 7 3/4 miles, with 3 locks; the Rapide Plat 4 miles in length, with 2 locks; Farran's Point, 3/4 mile, with 1 lock; Cornwall, 11 1/2 miles, with 6 locks; the Beauharrois, 11 1/2 miles, with 9 locks, and the Lachine, 8 1/2 miles, with 5 locks. All these Canadian canals are absolutely necessary to the navigation of the chain of lakes and rivers, and being wholly within Canadian territory, the United States could construct nothing to take their place. Prior to confederation, Canada had spent \$15,791,457 upon the Welland and St. Lawrence canals. Since 1872, and after a special request, if not demanded, made by the American Commissioners at the Washington Convention upon which the treaty was based, we have spent, besides a large sum for surveys, etc., the following on capital account: Lachine canal, \$6,563,316; Cornwall canal, \$1,954,558; Williamsburg canals, \$871,157; Welland canal, \$16,030,669; total, \$25,419,700.—Trade Review,

The MacArthur-Forrest Process.

The Vancouver, British Columbia, Telegram says:

"It will interest the owners of mines producing the precious metals, and more especially if their ores happen to be refractory, to learn that a gentleman has lately arrived in British Columbia with a commission from the Gold Recovery Syndicate of Glasgow, Scotland, to visit our mines, experiment on their ores, and report as to their suitability for treatment by the MacArthur-Forrest cyanide process of extraction.

The process has already achieved remarkable results elsewhere with ore previously considered most refractory. Indeed, the boom in the flourishing district in South Africa is largely due to the results obtained on treating the ores and banks of tailings by this process. It has

already been introduced after thorough tests in Australia and the United States. Mr. Colquhoun, the gentleman referred to, has with him a complete plant capable of treating quantities of ore up to one ton, so that his experiments will be conducted on a practical scale, and will, perhaps thereby be the more convincing to those unaccustomed to the requirements of laboratory work, and who must needs see the precious metal in bulk.

The MacArthur Forrest process is not unknown, and in mining journals has had considerable attention paid to it of late. The principle involved is based, to use a slightly technical explanation, on the selective affinity of weak cyanide solution for gold and silver. To describe it simply, the ores are crushed by stamps or rolls of the ordinary character to the requisite fineness and mixed in water in which cyanide of potassium has been dissolved, the chemical action being assisted by percolation or filtration. Six hours' treatment is usually required to extract the gold and silver. The mass is then transferred to large wooden tanks, the solutions are allowed to settle, and are drawn off. The gold and silver contained in these solutions are precipitated by passing through zinc. The residuum is not altered and may be treated for other mineral elements in the ordinary way.

A large number of tests with a variety of samples give an average extraction of about 87 per cent. of gold and 85 of silver, and as to output that is only limited by facilities for treatment and extent of plant. The cost of treatment, etc., is put down at about \$5 per ton.

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The claims put forward for this process, which would seem to be peculiarly adapted to treating many of the British Columbia ores, are cheapness, simplicity and inexpensiveness of plant, economy of time, the percentage of silver extracted, the small amount of power and water required, and the doing away with the necessity of roasting, of fuel and mercury, and of smelting.

It is obvious that if their claims can be substantiated, it means a good deal for the mineral development of this country, which so largely depends upon conditions which this process aims to modify.

Mr. Colquhoun, whose mission it is to introduce it throughout Canada, will visit East and West Kootenay mining camps and Cariboo and give practical demonstrations of the working of the MacArthur-Forrest process. He is very favorably impressed with Vancouver and the province, and will, in all probability settle down here after touring Canada and going back to Scotland.

The Copper Market.

Rallying with quite a sharp turn, this metal is now well on the way back toward that 12 cent quotation, which at one time seemed as if it were gone, never to return. The particular cause which has operated on values has been the steady buying, both here and in London, by the same parties who it turns out were sellers on the previous decline; and who have now taken probably upward of a million pounds during the week, mostly in small lots, to the supply of which all hands—speculators, jobbers and even consumers—alike have freely contributed.—Chicago Journal of Commerce.

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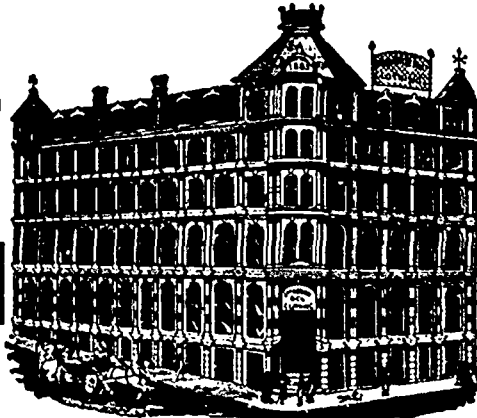
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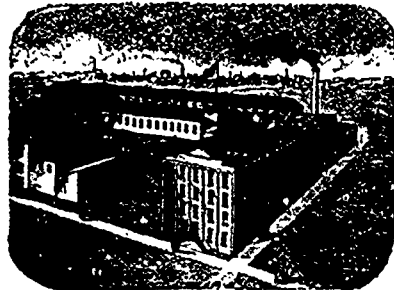
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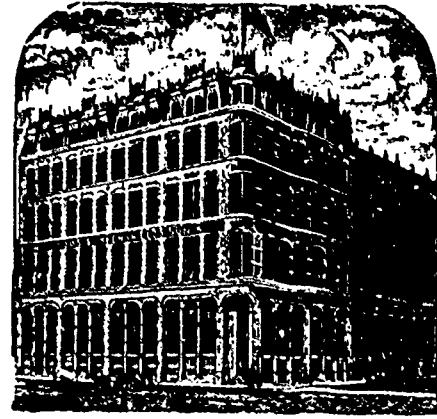
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THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

The price of wheat at Chicago touched the lowest point last month that it has done in six years, and with the exception of 1887, the lowest in a record of twenty-seven years in that market. The range for Chicago No. 2 spring wheat, during July, was from 76 to 80½ cents per bushel. This shows a low price and steady value, the extreme range of prices during the month being only 4½ cents. The lowest point touched was 76 cents on July 13 and the highest 80½ on July 21. As compared with previous years, the prices last month show as follows for No. 2 spring wheat at Chicago:—

Range for July, 1892	76 to 80½ cents.
" " 1891	85 to 93 "
" " 1890	85 to 94½ "
" " 1889	77½ to 85 "
" " 1888	70 to 85 "
" " 1887	67½ to 72 "

From the above it will be seen that prices ranged lower in July, 1892, than in the same month this year, while the lowest point touched in July, 1889, was only 1½ cent higher, but the top range in July that year was 4½ cents higher than for July of 1892. Compared with the previous five years as shown above, the difference in prices July this year is not so great as might generally be supposed. Only in two years in the past six years, has the July range of prices at Chicago been materially higher than during the same month this year.

It will be seen that the lowest range as given above was in July, 1887, but in the following month of the same year, wheat touched a still lower point. Thus in August, 1887, wheat sold in Chicago at 66½ cents. This was the lowest price touched in that market in twenty-seven years. In the twenty years previous to 1881, wheat sold at above \$1 per bushel during at least a portion of the month of July in every one of these years, except in July, 1880, when the range was from 86½ to 96½ cents. Since 1883, therefore, wheat prices appear to have reached a permanently lower plane, previous to 1883 prices having generally ranged above \$1 per bushel at Chicago, and the course of prices in that market will indicate the general tendency of values elsewhere. In the years 1863 and 1867, wheat sold at above \$2 per bushel during several months in each of these years, and in May, 1867, it reached \$2.95 per bushel. This was the highest price in twenty-seven years. The following will show the range of prices at Chicago during the month of July for a series of years:—

Range in July, 1880	\$.78 to \$.82
" " 1885	.85½ to .90
" " 1881	.79½ to .84
" " 1883	.96½ to 1.03½
" " 1882	1.26 to 1.36
" " 1881	1.08½ to 1.22
" " 1880	.86½ to .96½
" " 1879	.88½ to 1.04½
" " 1878	.89 to 1.08½
" " 1877	1.20 to 1.40½
" " 1876	.83 to 1.05
" " 1876	1.24 to 1.30
" " 1874	1.01 to 1.17

" " 1873	1.11 to 1.16
" " 1872	1.20 to 1.24
" " 1871	1.00½ to 1.24
" " 1870	1.02½ to 1.31½
" " 1869	1.24 to 1.30
" " 1868	1.70 to 2.20
" " 1867	1.65 to 2.11
" " 1866	.87½ to 1.25
" " 1865	1.00 to 1.15

Though the range of prices is given only during the month of July in the years named, it may be remarked that this will indicate to some extent the general values throughout the year. Previous to 1884, wheat was considered cheap at any time when it touched below \$1 per bushel, but since then it has been most of the time under \$1. The cereal fell to below \$1 per bushel on the first day of September, 1883, and did not again reach above \$1 until the corner in wheat at Chicago in September of 1888, thus ranging continually for five years below \$1. In each of the last three months of 1888, and the first four months of 1889, wheat touched above \$1 at some time during the month. It then dropped below \$1 for a full year, until May, 1890, when it ranged from 90c to \$1. Again in August and the three following months of 1890, it touched above \$1, but the lowest range was below \$1 in each of those months. The highest in 1890 was \$1.07 in August and the lowest 74½ cents in February. In 1891 wheat touched above \$1 in several months, the highest being \$1.16 in April, during which month the range was from \$1.02½ to \$1.16. The lowest during 1891 was 85 cents in July.

During the present year the range of No. 2 spring wheat at Chicago in each month to date has been as follows:—

January range	81½ to 90 cents.
February "	81½ to 91½ "
March "	77½ to 91 "
April "	70½ to 80 "
May "	80 to 85½ "
June "	78 to 87½ "
July "	76 to 80½ "

Wheat has therefore not been within 9 cents of \$1 per bushel so far this year, and last month was the lowest monthly range for the year.

THE COMMERCIAL has frequently been asked of late for an opinion as to the probable course of wheat prices for the new cereal year. Well now, this is a very delicate matter to handle. He would be self confident indeed, who would attempt to answer such a query. THE COMMERCIAL happened to be nearly correct in its moderate prognostications concerning wheat during the cereal year now closed, but it would be foolish at this early date to attempt to review prospects for the new cereal year. As prices are now on a fairly low basis, the outlook to this extent is favorable for dealers. At the present time, however, there are few circumstances upon which to base predictions for very high values during the crop year. The outlook so far as it can now be ascertained, would indicate a continuance of rather low values. But there is a great deal of wheat to harvest yet, and the final result of harvest in the northern wheat regions, will have an important bearing upon the conditions ruling prices for the future.

The winter wheat crop in the United States has been harvested, and threshing returns are rather disappointing in some sections, but it is calculated that earlier estimates will be ap-

proximated. The Pacific coast states are not doing quite as well as last year. Harvesting is progressing in South Dakota, and the yield is larger than last year, while the acreage is also 10 per cent. larger than last year. Minnesota and North Dakota each have promise of a considerably lighter crop than last year, but if harvest comes through all right, the quality will be much better, which will make up largely for the decreased quantity. The two Dakotas and Minnesota are expected to give 125,000,000 bushels of wheat, as compared with 160,000,000 last year. Ontario has secured a fine crop of winter wheat, and is likely to finish harvesting a good crop of spring wheat. Though this continent will certainly not produce the enormous crop of last year, it will have a fair crop of better quality, providing the hard spring wheat regions get through with the harvest in good condition. The decreased yield in America this year, as compared with the extraordinary large crop of 1891, will be made up by the better prospect in European wheat countries.

MEN FROM THE STATES.

One of the features in connection with immigration to Manitoba and the territories of Western Canada this season, is the large number of parties of delegates who have come from the United States, with a view to looking over our country as a possible future home for themselves and their friends. A few parties came on this errand last year, but this year one party after another has arrived and made tours of the country. These parties have numbered from half a dozen or so up to as many as forty persons in a single party. They come from the far eastern and border western states, principally, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, etc., being represented. In every case the delegates have declared themselves thoroughly pleased with the country, and many of them have taken up land at once. Others have gone home, declaring their intention to return as soon as they can straighten up their affairs and arrange to move here.

As a result of the visits of a few parties of delegates last year, a large number of settlers have come from the Dakotas and other parts of the United States this year, and next season we may expect a much larger influx, as a result of the many parties of delegates who have visited Western Canada this summer. A party of delegates from the state of Michigan, who last week completed a tour of inspection through the country, have made the following report:

"We arrived at Winnipeg on July 26th, at which place we laid over until the 28th. The Manitoba provincial exhibition was then open and was visited by us. The cattle and horses were beyond our expectations, the former fattened on prairie grass were superior to much stall-fed stock that we have seen. The other exhibits were a credit to the new province. We arrived at Calgary on July 30th. The crops west of Winnipeg 323 miles were very good. The Portage district, which we passed through, was one of the best we have ever seen, the wheat, barley and oats all apparently perfect as to quality and quantity. The Brandon district was also very good; on our passage we saw many fields of grain of 50 and 100 acres, many miles of grain as far as the eye could

reach, which to us was quite an encouraging and hopeful sight. The district west of (On Appelle was not equal to the country east of that point owing to the lack of rain. Although the crops seemed short and sparse owing to lack of rain the forbage seemed everywhere plentiful and to afford abundant nourishment to fatten cattle, of which we saw many, all in prime condition.

We visited the city of Calgary with its population of 1,500 at the foot of the Rockies where the snow peaks can be seen. A number of its buildings are built of stone quarried about two miles from the centre of the city. The country about this place is known as the ranching country and in some years has not sufficient rain for mixed farming. We were driven about the country by the mounted police under the guidance of Amos Rowe, the Dominion land agent. We visited the Chapman ranch which has 1,000 head of cattle and 600 horses, both the cattle and horses looked in prime condition; though the grass was very short, it was plentiful and succulent. We also saw in one flock 2,000 sheep, and were informed of another of 3,000; stock of all kinds thrive in Alberta.

On Monday, August the 2nd, we took the Edmonton and Calgary railroad for Edmonton, a distance of 192 miles in a northerly direction. We found appearance of the country improve as we travelled north; 50 miles from Calgary all the growth commenced to be very luxuriant, the grass being especially good. We found that many settlers were already in the country, and every station filled with anxious land hunters. At Edmonton and points south and east of it settlers can procure at the stores all requirements at a fair price. There are two coal mines at Edmonton. Coal is sold at \$2.40 or \$2.75 per ton delivered. Gold is being produced by many placer miners on the sand banks of the North Saskatchewan. We were informed that each man averaged from \$2 to \$3 per day. They are testing for oil west of Edmonton, with fair prospects of success. The game through the country is very plentiful. We saw a great many flocks of prairie chickens, ducks and geese, and in our opinion it is the sportsman's paradise. The shooting season for prairie chicken commences on August 15th, and ducks, geese, etc., on September 1st. It would be difficult to conceive more favorable conditions for settlement than are to be met with in the country we traversed. Good soil, water, timber, hay, coal easily and cheaply mined on the Saskatchewan river. It seems to crop out everywhere. The opinions of the delegates as regards the opportunities of the Northwest for settlement, would be this: That whilst the entire country seems well adapted for stock raising, the district around Edmonton so far as we saw, was beyond our expectation suitable for mixed farming. Wheat was especially good, also oats and barley, and as eastern farmers we would say of the timothy grass, it was as fine as can be produced in any country, and we believe it can be raised with profit to the farmer as the country becomes more improved by settlers, from our observation. In going east about thirty-six or forty miles vegetation was growing nicely and looking well; in our opinion it is to be the future country of the Northwest. We can say from evidence within our knowledge that any man who will endeavor to make a home can do so in this district. It certainly has the best depth of soil. In this country hay is abundant and all kinds of the small wild fruits such as strawberries, gooseberries, wild currants and wild blackberries abound.

The Edmonton district surpassed our expectations, we found a country that is well adapted for mixed farming, with an inexhaustible black, loamy soil, well watered and well timbered. The conditions in that respect would compare favorably to the state of Illinois; wheat, oats, barley and hay will grow in abundance. We saw timothy and pot toes as good as ever we saw in the east, and we see no reason why any person who is burdened with taxes and interest should not go at once and make a home in the beautiful Northwest if he

can. There he has a good healthy climate, no taxes to speak of, good land, no mortgages, no interest, and where with a little energy and perseverance he could make himself a comfortable and happy home.

The soil is from one and one half to three feet deep, a rich black loam similar to the soil of our Michigan river flats only heavier, and rests upon a clay subsoil which is in itself most black and rich. The climate is mild, many farmers telling us that horses get a good living running out all winter, and that last season there was very little or no sleighing there being so little snow. It was the same the winter before and we believe is generally so. The crops of wheat were fine and stand very even about as high as the fence tops, about four and a half to five feet, and indicating a yield of 25 to 30 bushels per acre. They will be ready to harvest about August 20th. Oats were heavy and good; we would think them good for 60 to 70 bushels and we were told of exceptional yields of 100 bushels per acre. Barley, the largest we ever saw, and much larger and more plentiful than is ever raised in any part of Michigan. Potatoes and a variety of garden vegetables are grown most successfully, there being no potato bugs, cabbage worms or any vegetable or grain pest.

Regarding storage facilities for grain, this is the best equipped of any new country that we have knowledge of. Beginning at Port Arthur and Fort William on Lake Superior and thence along the line of the C.P.R. for 1,200 miles, the elevators are most numerous and commodious, even at the small towns they seem to have storage capacity enough for one half the state of Michigan.

The milling industry of this country is immense, there are a good many small mills in the smaller towns and in Winnipeg, Keewatin (or Lake of the Woods) and Portage la Prairie the mills are very fine, ranging in capacity from 500 to 2,000 barrels per day. These larger mills are all roller and built on the plan known as the long system. The spring wheat is very hard and flinty and mills better on the long than the short system. The flour made from this wheat makes excellent bread and is especially valuable for baker's purposes. Though it may not look nearly as well as Parshall's Legal Tender, the flour from Manitoba wheat brings the best price and is always quoted at the top of the market.

We cannot conclude our report without thanking the C.P.R. and its officials for its kindness and attention to us. We had a colonization sleeper from Winnipeg to Edmonton and return. Mr. Niblock, assistant superintendent, Medicine Hat, was very kind and attentive to us. The Manitoba, one of the C.P.R. steamers that run into Fort William, on which we travelled, is one of the best we ever saw; in short we may say that the Canadian people and officials wherever we met them were very attentive and accommodating to us.

DISCOUNTS FOR CASH.

A. G. Hample, dealer in meats, etc., Winnipeg, has decided upon a new departure for the meat trade in this city. He has decided to do business upon a strictly cash basis, and will sell coupon books to his customers at a discount of 10 per cent. from the face value of the coupons, and these will be taken in exchange for goods. This virtually amounts to selling his goods at a reduction of ten per cent. for cash. Some time ago THE COMMERCIAL pointed out the injustice practiced upon cash customers, in the meat trade in Winnipeg. At that time the butchers were making big profits on their sales, but at the same time they claimed that they were not making any money. When the difference between the wholesale and retail prices of meats was shown, it was evident that

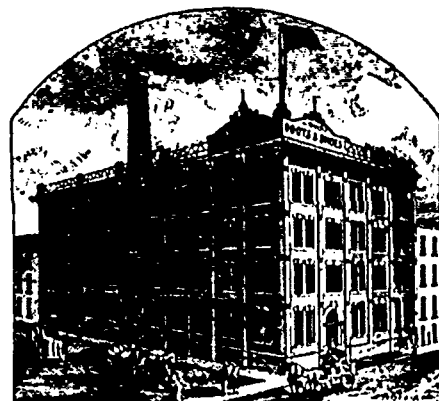
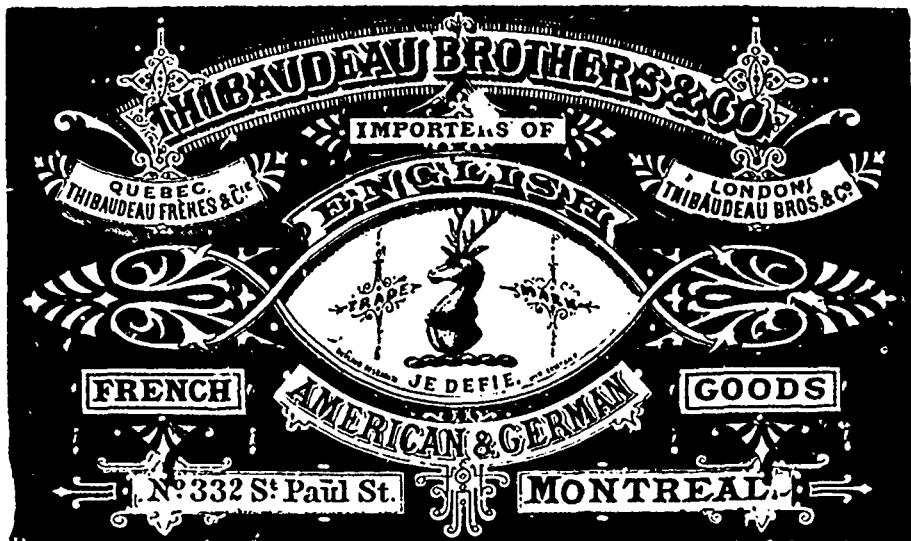
they had a wide margin for profit, meats being cheap wholesale at that time. They complained, however, that on account of their large losses in bad debts, they were obliged to keep up the price of meats, and even then were not making any money. As cash customers are in no way accountable for the losses sustained in giving credit, THE COMMERCIAL endeavored to show how unreasonable it was to compel them to make up these losses, by charging them the same price with credit customers. Mr. Hample is the first we believe to recognize this principle, and the ten per cent. reduction which he offers to cash customers, is but a tardy recognition of the rights of the cash buyer. Ten per cent. is not at all too much of a difference in favor of the cash buyer. We believe he has lost a good deal more than ten per cent. of his total sales, through his credit transactions, and we further believe that he will come out much further ahead at the end of the year, by selling at the reduction of ten per cent. for cash, than if he followed the old plan of selling at an increased profit of ten per cent., but lost a considerable portion of his sales through bad accounts.

It is one of the principles of the farmers' organization known as the Patrons of Industry, to claim the right to a reduced price in buying for cash. It is a right which also belongs to the residents of towns and cities, quite as much as it does to the farmers. People in the towns who buy for cash, are imposed upon quite as much as are the farmers, by being compelled often to pay credit prices for their purchases, or in other words, being compelled to pay for the losses on credit transactions. All cash buyers should resent this custom, whether they are farmers or residents of towns and cities. The retail trade is more largely recognizing the rights of cash buyers, but not to the extent that it should be recognized. Cash buyers should always assert their right to a discount from credit prices, individually, and collectively if necessary, until their just claim is fully recognized.

Agricultural Exhibits.

Macleod, N.W.T.	Tuesday, Aug. 2nd
Melita	" 23
Moosejaw, Assa.	" 14th
Trcherno	" 10th
Oxbow, Assa.	Sept. 30th
Meadow Lea (Woodlands E. D. Soc.)	Tues., Oct. 1th
Selkirk	" 15
Pilot Mound	" 15
Saltcoats	" 11
North Plympton, Springfield	" 26
Saskatoon	Wednesday and Thursday, "
Killarney	" 26
Oak River	" 26th
Carberry	" 27
Portage la Prairie	" 27
Birtle	" 27
Regina	Thursday and Friday, "
Swan Lake (Lorne E. D. Agr. Soc.)	" 27th
Strathclair, Man.	" 7th
Stonewall, Man.	" 11-12
Nepawa, Man.	" 11-12
Minnedosa, Man.	" 13th
Wolsley Agr. Soc.	" 18th

The exhibition souvenir number of the *Western World*, which was received too late for a notice last week, is an excellent issue. It is entirely devoted to the city of Winnipeg, and is profusely illustrated with scenes of the past and present, which present more forcibly than can be done in words, the wonderful changes which have taken place here in recent years. A brief review, showing the growth of the city and settlement, is given.



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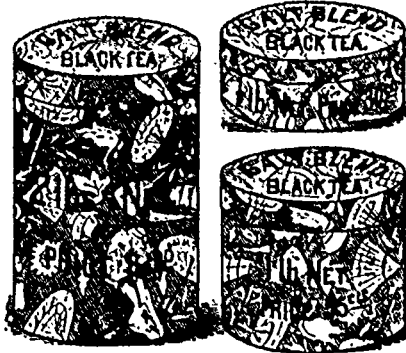
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Manitoba.

P. V. Georgan, lawyer, Portage la Prairie, is dead.

The Grand Union hotel, Melita, has again changed hands.

T. E. Shore, hotel-keeper, Manitou, has purchased the Morden House, at Morden.

T. O. Moller has opened a store at Minnedosa, handling tweeds and other cloths, etc.

McRae & Ross, of Brandon, carriage builders and blacksmiths, will embark in business at Melita.

H. Stool has purchased the Jermyn warehouse at Minnedosa and is fitting it up as a feed stable.

C. F. Herbert, grocer, Winnipeg, stock sold to T. Finklestein at 3½ on dollar, and book debts at 1½ on dollar.

Jas. T. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, is on a trip through the territories in search of fat cattle for the English market.

C. Christie, who moved to Wawanesa from Shoal Lake a year ago, has now moved to Hilton and opened a general store.

J. M. Ræd has completed a business block at Wawanesa which he will occupy as a flour and feed store and implement and vehicle showroom.

H. J. Pugh, treasurer of the Morden board of trade, has resigned. A general meeting of the board will be held on August 17, to elect officers, etc.

Henry McKittrick has leased the New Douglas house, Winnipeg, which has been closed for a short time. It will hereafter be known as the National hotel.

Hopkins & Son, general merchants, Hartney, have commenced operation on a new store 30 x 60, stone foundation, brick veneered, two stories high, plate glass front. Hartney & Dickson, of the same place, also intend replacing their present store with a new one.

The changes on the Deloraine branch railway, consequent upon the extension of the line to Napinka, has disturbed the postal arrangements along the line. Trains now run from Winnipeg right through to Napinka, where connection is made with the Souris branch. The Morden board of trade, agitating for a daily express service each way, instead of three times a week as at present arranged.

The loss sustained by Jas. Robertson & Co., wholesale hardware, Winnipeg, by fire, as noted in THE COMMERCIAL, has been very serious. The new brick building, three stories and basement, containing the light hardware etc., was badly injured throughout, and everything therein more or less damaged, mostly by smoke and water. The building was insured for \$11,000, and stock insured for \$96,000, which will cover the loss in each case. The old warehouse, in which the metals and heavy goods were stored, was not injured. The firm is filling all orders as usual, having arranged to supply from other sources any goods not in stock.

Saskatchewan.

The engine for the electric light company, of Prince Albert, is en route.

Cordwood is being shipped in large quantities from the Saskatchewan, to Regina and Moose Jaw.

R. Ionside, of Manitou, Man., has written Prince Albert parties that if the town will build a flat warehouse and rent it to him he will place a grain buyer on the market.

A meeting of the council of the Prince Albert board of trade was held recently. The matter of discount charge by the branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada in Prince Albert was discussed. The council decided to ask from the head office at Toronto a reduction from the present rate, viz., 10 to 8 per cent.

Lewis and Ohschauer, delegates from South Dakota, and Mr. Omerink, from Stevon's Point,

Wisconsin, have just returned after thoroughly inspecting the Prince Albert district. The members of the party were so well pleased with the prospects that they went immediately to the land office and entered for several homesteads and pre-emptions, and will return to them this fall. Mr. Omerink represents a large number of farmers in Wisconsin, whom he says he will have no difficulty of persuading to settle in Prince Albert.

Assiniboia.

The timber in the Cypress hills has been burning for several days, says the Medicine Hat Times, which accounts for the smoky condition of the atmosphere.

Mr. Whitton has returned to Medicine Hat from Montreal, whither he had been with two carloads of fat cattle which he was shipping to Glasgow. The cattle were purchased chiefly from the Medicine Hat Rauche company.

Alberta.

D. Roberts, teas, Calgary, has been slightly damaged by fire.

C. E. D. Wood, late publisher of the Macleod Gazette, has gone into the insurance business. He represents the New York Life.

A gang of men, under contractor Watson have commenced work on the road west of Macleod to be extended through the Crow's Nest Pass.

Mr. Grant's entire plant, which has been employed in boring oil west of Macleod was destroyed by fire recently. The loss will be a great set back to the boring operations.

Northwest Ontario.

Miss Cooke, milliner, Rat Portage, has given up business.

Gamble & Co., Toronto, merchant tailors, have opened a branch at Rat Portage.

The Fort William Journal has been considerably enlarged, and appears to be prospering.

The C.P.R. company are getting in a large stock of coal for the coming season at Heron Bay, Russport and Fort William, some 18,000 tons to each of the first two ports.

A sale has been effected of six gold mining locations near Pine Portage bay, to Major John P. MacLick, of Chicago. The work of development will be begun on these properties as soon as a patent can be obtained. The properties are known as the Eureka, Skolapika, Bessie, Burnt wood, Pine Tree and Katie.

Amongst some eleven vessels to Heron Bay in July came the steamer Segno, Capt. Symes, of the Parry Sound Navigation company, said to have cost \$137,000, the engines alone costing over \$3000. She has a very fine electric light apparatus, which lit the whole ship up at night, made the work of turning out the black diamond at night a sort of modified pleasure instead of a trembling toil.

That there is gold in abundance along the north shore of Lake Superior is being constantly proven, says a Duluth paper. The latest find of the metal is just reported from a mine owned by Duluth capitalists on the shore of Black bay a few miles from the location of the now famous Silver Islet mine. Here a prospecting crew, at work since March looking for lead and silver, has found gold, reliable assay of which indicate that it will yield from \$100 a ton upward.

Work was started on the Treasure mine last week, says the Rat Portage Record. A crew of men are busy building camps and getting everything ready for active development which is to begin at once. This is a fine property situated on the Rossland road about half way between Pine Portage bay and Rossland station. The surface ore is very rich and shows visible free gold in the quartz. The location is owned and operated by Mr. Webster, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is also owner of the Eldivir mine.

The Canadian Pacific Railway are making extensive and solid improvements along the line Eastern Division north of Lake Superior. There are six steamshovels mostly of the Bucyrus Steamshovel Company pattern with attendant trains at work, between Port Arthur and White River, a distance of 254 miles, which means the dumping of from 600 to some days 700 cars of ballast on the road, obliterating wooden trestles and consolidating the road-bed, while before them a strong body of masons and laborers under R. M. Patterson, of Sherbrooke, have been at work for two seasons laying down extra culverts that the work done may be lasting.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

Freight rates on flour eastward from Minneapolis to the seaboard, says the Northwestern Miller, appear to be a good deal demoralized, and it is hard to tell just what is bottom. A lake-and-rail rate of 22½c per 100 pounds on domestic shipments, Minneapolis to New York, is very common, and there is every indication that in many instances even better terms are made. On exports, it is stated that 3 to 4c per 100 pounds are taken off tariff rates, making the rate to New York 21 to 22c.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of Aug. 5, says: "The freight market for grain is steady, engagements being reported for Avonmouth at 2s 9d which is a further advance on last week's rates. Engagements have been made at 1s 9d. for Glasgow with 2s now asked. Liverpool space has been let at 2s, and London at 2s 3d. Sack flour has been engaged for Liverpool at 10s 3d and to Glasgow at 11s 3d. Provisions 13s 9d, butter and cheese 25s to Liverpool, London and Glasgow and 30s to Avonmouth. Eggs 15s, deals 10s to U.K. ports, and cattle 45s to 60s. Freight from Chicago are steady at 3½ to Kingston and 2½c from Kingston to Montreal.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin of Aug. 6, says: There were no new developments in the railroad situation, rates remaining steady on the basis of 22½c per 100 lbs flour and grain and 25c for provisions to New York. Through rates to Liverpool by the lake and rail route were stronger at 25½ to 26½c per 100 lbs for flour, 22½c for grain and 36½ to 41½c for provisions. Rates by lake and rail to the seaboard were firmer at 5½c per bushel for wheat and 5½c for corn to New York, and 5½c for wheat and 5c for corn to Philadelphia and Baltimore. New England rates steady . . . 9½c for corn and 6½c for oats. Lake freights to Buffalo were firmer with a good demand, but not many boats offered. Rates to Buffalo advanced ¼ to 2½c for wheat and 2½c for corn to Buffalo. Georgian Bay rates held steady at 1½c for corn and 1½c for oats.

Articles incorporating all the large flour milling companies in New York city into one corporation will, in the course of a few days, be filed with the secretary of state at Albany. The capital of the proposed corporation is \$7,000,000.

The advocates of the eight-hour day have scored a success at Washington. The president has signed a law which lately passed both houses prohibiting all employees of the government from working over eight hours a day, and extending the rule to those working on government contracts.

SPECIAL TRADE NOTICE.

The tobacco of Martinico was once the favorite with the smoking world, and when old Father Hennipen descended the Mississippi about 1680 the Indians were much surprised to see a European with such an excellent sample of their native plant. But the smokers of the "Myrtle Navy" would give but a poor account of the once celebrated Martinico. Their favorite brand is as much superior to it as it was to the raw and uncured leaf which the Indians of that day smoked.

Dairy Matters.

The government has been advised that Canadian cheese carried off all the prizes against all competitors at the agricultural show at Liverpool last month.

The Dairymen's association of the Territories has recently been organized and a meeting for the election of officers and other business will be held in the town hall, Regina, on Thursday, the 18th, at 10 a.m. The opening address will be given by Lieutenant-Governor Royal. Addresses will be given by the following gentlemen at the same place: At the opening meeting, 10 a.m.—Angus McKay, of the experimental farm—"The Breeding and Feeding of Dairy Stock." At 2 p.m.—R. Cornett, assistant dairy commissioner—"The Care of Milk and Butter Making." At 8 p.m.—Senator Perley—"How I Make Dairying Pay." Arrangements are being made with the C.P.R. for reduced fares, and an application has been made to the Legislative Assembly for a grant towards the travelling expenses of farmers attending from distant points east and west of Regina.

Manitoba butter is steadily gaining a reputation abroad. Recently sales have been made for the shipment of Manitoba tinned butter to the Gilbert and Marshall islands, northeast of Australia, some 7,000 miles from Winnipeg.

Winnipeg dealers complain that the price of cheese is being reduced by the custom of factories peddling cheese to retail dealers. Some of the factories divide the make among their patrons, and the latter peddle it in a small way among retail traders. By adopting this custom the factories are simply increasing competition against themselves. Prices are frequently cut in this way, and thus the value of the make is reduced generally.

Grain and Milling.

The annex elevator at Fort William will hereafter be known as elevator "C."

Application for letters patent of incorporation has been made by "The Patrons' Elevator, Milling and Supply Company" for the purpose of establishing an elevator, mill and various other industries at Boissevain. The amount of the capital stock of the company is to be \$48,000, divided into 1920 shares of \$25 each. The following are the applicants: Wm. Long, Geo. C. Currie, Jas. Johnston, Wm. Smith, Thos. Johnston, Wm. Hall and Thos. H. Barker, farmers in the municipality of Morton, who are to be the first directors of the company. A 50,000 bushel elevator is talked of for this season, although Boissevain now has five elevators.

The Carberry mill has been re-modelled and is now being operated by Rogers & Co.

Grain Items.

The hot summer sun is beginning to tell on the wheat crop in this district, writes a Brandon correspondent on August 9. Many fields are rapidly turning color indicating that the straw and grain will soon be ready for the reaper. A field of Ladoga wheat on the experimental farm is nearly ripe and only a few days now will pass before it will be in stook. Today a farmer living north commenced cutting a field of wheat which is the first to be harvested in the district.

The Pilot Mound *Sentinel* says: Those farmers who have fields of timothy are this season obtaining large quantities of hay from the ground as the summer has been most favorable for the production of all descriptions of grass.

A Killarney correspondent writes: The weather has been very warm during the past week and the grain is ripening fast. The wheat will be fit to cut in a couple of weeks. Every-

thing is favorable for a bountiful harvest. Haying is well advanced and all kinds of root crops are looking well.

The barley harvest commenced at Prince Albert this week. Several farmers have finished cutting. Oats and wheat are advanced, and many farmers report that if the present fine weather continues till the 15th of August the bulk of the large wheat crop will be ready for the binder.

The Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa has received from Prof. Saunders the following telegram, dated August 8, which may be taken as an official report of the condition of the crops of Manitoba and the territories: "The crops in Manitoba and the territories have matured rapidly during the past three weeks. In many places west of Indian Head the yield will be small on account of the drought. About Indian Head and east thereof, also in Manitoba, the yield will be a good one where the ground was well prepared. We are having fine ripening weather. The straw will be short, heads average in size and well filled. The grain will be fit to cut a week or more earlier than last year. The present outlook is very promising. The crops on the experimental farms at Indian Head and Brandon are excellent and well advanced."

Jas. Porte, Fort Saskatchewan, commenced to cut his barley on Monday, August 1st. This was sown on May 12th.

Fur Trade Notes.

The New York *Fur Trade Review* says: "There is no change in the demand for the various furs previously noted as in favor; stocks are uniformly small, and a sudden revival in trade would doubtless cause a flurry in prices. Russian sable will sell well this year. Mink is in favor for fine trade; it is made up in various attractive forms, and is steadily advancing in popularity."

The London, England, correspondent of the *Fur Trade Review*, writing on July 11 says: "We are sorry to say we cannot report any better news of the trade on this side since our last, in point of fact business is quieter to-day than it was then, and were it not for the shipments being made for your side things would be deplorable indeed, and should this state of things last much longer we fear there will be a large crop of failures. However, we hope this may be averted by business improving within the next two weeks or so; and seeing that this is the case, it is a hard matter to say what is good stock and what is bad, for fashion is so fickle that what is a favorite to-day is despised to-morrow. The only branch of trade that still keeps pegging away is the fur lined cloak business, but as regards general goods for furriers, it is almost a dead letter. Under such circumstances all we can do this month is to give our opinion as to what will be likely to go later on. The mantle houses are using for trimmings dyed black and brown raccoons, dyed black and brown Australian opossum, skunk colored American opossum, nutria, marten and a few musquash, but the dyed goods predominate, very few natural skins being used. Beaver is still very much neglected, but we think will sell better as the autumn advances, although we cannot expect it to sell very freely on account of its being so actively competed against by nutria. Skunk dyed American opossum are not selling quite so freely on account of the advanced price of the raw skin, which makes them cost almost as much as the natural skunk when finished. Skunk although quiet at the moment, will sell pretty freely later. Musquash are being acquired for, the ruling prices having again brought them into request. Mouflon at the moment there seems to be absolutely no sale, and we have a very poor opinion of the article for the later trade. Thibet crosses and coats are in poor demand, but will improve later; a fair trade is still being done in these for Paris. Squirrel lock linings prices

still remain firm, and we do not expect to see them much cheaper this season. Kaluga. There are some rather large parcels coming forward, which will make the price of the article rather easier. The best article to-day is squirrel tail boas.

The Leipzig, Germany, correspondent of the *Fur Trade Review*, writing on July 10, says:—Trade for the summer has been slower than in some years, even the fresh parcels of goods from the June sales have not met with the usual demand; a few orders are received from abroad. There is some demand for the fresh skunk from London; the white skins also sell for dyeing purposes. Parcels of raw raccoon have been purchased for a Russian speculator who regarded the article as cheap; heavily furred raccoon has been dyed in skunk imitation, to be sent to the United States; it is dear in comparison with American opossum. Musquash is having a moderate sale; the dyed skins are less generally demanded; lower grades of musquash are largely made up into linings for English, French and German consumption—we think this not merely to meet an actual necessity, but is due to the fact that owners do not know what to do with the skins; parcels of black musquash have been purchased for France, best sorts being preferred. Greek commission firms have taken the most desirable lots of fresh red fox from the June sales. Very little is done in lynx; a few fine black dyed skins have been ordered for America; nutria is taken to some extent for mantle manufacturers, who also show new interest in mink of medium and common sorts; mink tails are high in price. Australian opossum finds ready buyers for various countries. American marten has been taken for France. European foxes have been freely purchased of late; stonemarten has been taken for Russia, and sales would be better if the tails had a firm price; small lots of land otter have been purchased for France, and for plucking and dyeing black cats are in fair demand for Italy, other colors sell slowly; silver gray rabbits have advanced in favor; there has been a reasonably good demand for Lissa white rabbits, and linings, etc. In Russian furs some interest is shown for squirrels, and parcels of dark skins have been sent to America; other squirrel skins have been taken by Leipzig firms for dressing; and there has been an increased sale of dark tails, as boas are again in request. Persian lambs sell better than in the spring, some of the buyers securing extended supplies, fearing that the cholera would cause a suspension of shipments from Russia; the same dread will have an effect upon the fair at Nijni Novgorod, causing a reduction in the number of visitors. Very few transactions have been noted in Astrakhan. Salted Russian lambs, schiras and mouflons do not sell. French dyers have taken a few parcels of white hares. Russian wolves have sold to some extent; large lots of raw Russian marmot have been purchased at low prices.

Capt. Robinson will rebuild his saw mill at Fisher Bay, Lake Winnipeg, which was destroyed by fire recently.

Jas. Porter, of Porter & Ronald, one of the Winnipeg delegates to the commercial congress in London, returned home last week.

The Hudson's Bay Company have had prepared plans for the erection of a frame store with stone foundation at Keewatin. The cost will be between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

A telegram from Victoria, B.C., dated Aug. 7, says: A supposed incendiary fire broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the repair shops of the National Tramway and Electric Light Company, which quickly spread to the power house adjoining. In two hours the whole plant, valued at \$200,000, was completely destroyed. The insurance does not exceed \$50,000. Flying embers started another fire where some of the private residences were destroyed. Loss \$10,000.

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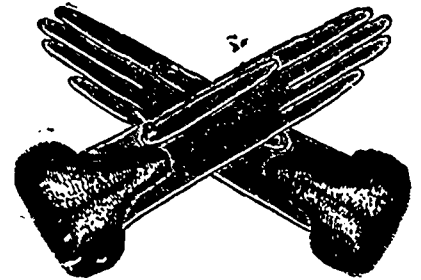
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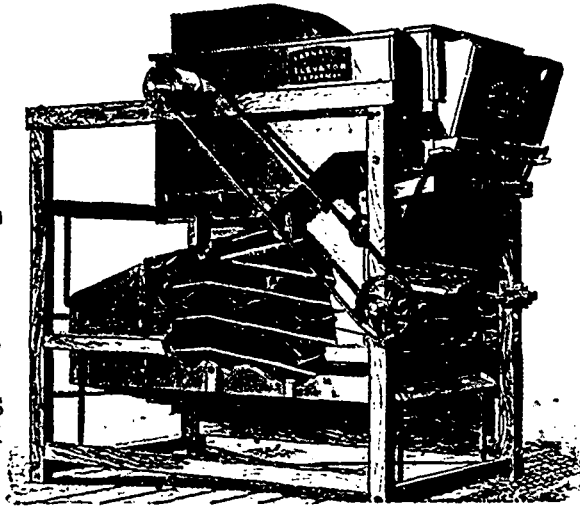
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WINNIPEG MARKETS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, August 13.

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

Business has assumed a somewhat midsummer quiet. The green fruit trade is about the only really active branch, and in this business is humming. Building operations are on quite a large scale in the city, and labor is well employed. The harvest is now beginning, and as the prospect is encouraging for the gathering in of fairly good crop, of extra quality, the outlook is encouraging.

DRYED FRUITS—In California producers are advancing prices, and are demanding high values for everything. Apricots have advanced 3c per pound within two weeks in San Francisco. Very high prices are also asked for prunes. Quotations here are: Dried apples, 5½ to 6c; evaporated, 8 to 9c; figs, layers, 10 to 14c; figs, cooking, 4 to 6c; dates, 6 to 8½c. Valencia raisins, new, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per box; Sultans, 10 to 11c per pound. Currants, 6 to 6½; prunes, 6 to 9. Evaporated fruits are quoted: apricots, 12 to 15c; peeled peaches, 17½ to 18c; unpeeled peaches, 12 to 12½c; pitted plums, 11 to 11½; cherries, 13 to 13½c; pears, 12½ to 13c; nectarines, 11½ to 12c; raspberries, 18 to 20c.

FISH—Whitefish unchanged at 5½ to 6c. Fresh salmon and trout when obtainable were held at 14c for salmon and 9c for trout. Cured fish quoted. salt Labrador herrings, \$4.75 to \$5 per half barrel; boneless codfish, 8 to 8½c per lb; smoked herrings, 22 to 25c per box.

GROCERIES—There is more or less uncertainty always at this season as to the price of new canned goods. The probability of higher prices for canned salmon is well established by existing conditions, but in fruits and vegetables the future of prices is uncertain. Small fruits (canned) are firm, and a short crop is claimed. In sugars prices are unchanged as follows:—Granulated 5 to 5½c; lumps 5½ to 5½c; powdered 7 to 7½c; yellow 4 to 4½c; sugar syrups 2½ to 3½c per lb.

GREEN FRUITS—Business has continued brisk, and a large quantity of fruit is being handled. California fruit is coming through direct from the primary markets, in car lot quantities, and is selling fast, at low prices. The trade should realize and appreciate the fact that California fruits are proportionally cheaper in this market, than in markets south. Winnipeg gets a favorable freight rate on direct importations of California fruits, but in comparing prices here with Minneapolis or St. Paul markets, the duty must be added. Some lines of California fruits are a short crop, and the growers are demanding high prices. This is particularly so of plums, which are costing high. Lemons are advancing. Prices are: California Valencia oranges, \$7.25 to \$7.50 box; St. Michael oranges, \$7.25 to \$7.50; California seedling oranges \$6.25 to \$6.50. Messina lemons, \$6.75 to \$7.00; bananas, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per bunch; tomatoes, \$1.75 to \$2.00 per box. California peaches, \$1.50 to \$1.75 box; plums, \$3.25 to \$3.75 per 20 lb box; pears, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per 40 lb box; southern black grapes, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 10 lb basket, blueberries, 5 to 6c per pound; watermelons, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per dozen. Native wild and cultivated small fruits have been offering freely on the street market, and have sold at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per ten-quart pail for raspberries, \$1.00 per pail for currants and gooseberries, and 60 to 75c for blueberries. Cider, \$6.50 per keg. Maple syrup, in cases of 12 one-half gallon tins, \$6.50 to \$7.75 as to quality.

NUTS—Fancy stock is quoted: Almonds per pound, 16 to 17c; walnuts, per pound, 15 to 16c; pecans, 17c to 18c; filberts, 13 to 14c; Brazils, 12 to 13c; peanuts, 14 to 15c; Cocoanuts, \$9 to \$10 per 100.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—There has been still a little wheat coming in at country markets, but harvest now starting will stop farmers delivering completely. The top price paid farmers in country markets for best samples, has been 60c per bushel. Interest in the old crop has been replaced by the commencement of wheat cutting. The new crop promises a fair quantity and superior quality, a short spell of fine weather being now the only requirement to fulfill the latter promise.

FLOUR—There is no change in the local market, and prices are still held at about last quotations. Prices are quoted as follows to the local trade in small lots per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.30; strong baker's, \$2.10; XXXX, \$1.10; some special brands of XXXX range up to \$1.20. Less than 100 pounds sacks 5c. extra per hundred.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices are nominally the same. We quote bran \$3 to \$9, and shorts \$9 to \$10 per ton to the local trade.

OATS—Farmers deliveries in the market have fallen away, and the city trade has to call for supplies from the country, consequently prices are higher, as car lots on track here would cost about 22c per bushel of 34 pounds, on the local freight rate from country points. Car lots country points quoted at 17c to 18c per bushel.

GROUND FEED—There is a wide range in the quality of offerings, and likewise in the price. We quote ground oats and barley chop at \$10 to \$14 per ton, as to quality and quantity.

MEALS, BEANS, ETC.—Oatmeal unchanged in this market. There is a wide range in prices at which the product of different mills is held, some holding rolled and granulated at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per sack, and other brands are held up to \$2 to \$2.05 and standard meal 5c lower. Cornmeal \$1.65 to \$1.70 per 100 lbs. Split peas \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$4.15 to \$4.20.

BUTTER—Little coming forward, owing to extremely warm weather. The butter market is somewhat irregular as to prices. Some dealers have been paying higher, and we have heard of as high as 14c paid for dairy, but this applies to fancy selected. A round lot of good to choice, however, is reported sold at 12½c, and this price may be considered good value in the present state of the market, for any round lot averaging good quality, but country shipments as they run could not be expected to bring this price. Creamery quoted at 20c.

CHEESE—Lower, as the price has been cut by peddling to retailers. This is an unwise custom for the factories to follow, as they cannot expect dealers to keep up prices to fair values, when the factories themselves run down prices by selling to retail dealers under jobbing quotations. We quote dealers paying 8 to 8½c, and jobbing at 8½ to 9c.

EGGS—Jobbing at 13 to 14c as to quality.

CURED MEATS—Prices continue very firm. In eastern markets prices are advancing. Local dealers have advanced prices on hams and breakfast bacon. Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 11c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; smoked hams, 12½ to 13c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per barrel. Sausage quoted. Pork sausage, 10c, bologna sausage, 9c; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb packet.

LARD—Compound held at \$1.70 per pail. Pure at \$2.20 per 20 pound pail. In tins, 12 to 12½c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS—Prices are not changed from a week ago. We quote beef by the side or carcass at 6 to 7c as to quality and demand, hogs are steady at 7½c, with no country dressed offerings; mutton steady at 12½c and veal, 5 to 5c.

LIVE STOCK—There is some buying of cattle in the county for export eastward, but the bad

condition of British markets puts a damper on trade. A sale of 300 live hogs was made in Winnipeg to a local packer. The hogs are understood to have been brought up from Eastern Canada for shipment to the coast, but were held here on account of small pox scare on the coast. The hogs, though here, will not be delivered to the purchaser for some weeks, until the weather is more favorable for curing.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes hold up well at 90c to \$1 per bushel. There is abundance of native vegetables of all kinds offering; following are prices at which dealers buy from growers on the market: New potatoes 90c to \$1; cabbage 40 to 60c dozen; cauliflower 40 to 60c dozen; celery 25c dozen; cucumbers 40 to 60c dozen; rhubarb 20c dozen bunches; green beans and peas in pod 50c to \$1 bushel; beets, carrots, turnips, radishes, onions, etc., sell at about 15c per dozen bunches. Imported tomatoes bring \$1.75 to \$2 per crate of 4 small baskets, and ripe onions 3½c lb.

POULTRY—Chickens are in demand at 50 to 65 per pair, and spring chickens at 30 to 50c per pair, and becoming more plentiful and easier in price. Turkeys 11 to 12½c per lb live weight. Ducks and geese 10c lb live.

HIDES AND TALLOW—There is no change in prices. We quote: No. 1 cows, 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 1 steers, 5c; No. 2 steers, 4c; No. 3, 2c lb. Real veal, 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound or about 46c per skin. Kips about same as hides. Sheepskins—25c each. Lamb skins, 30c each. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2½c rough.

WOOL—Dealers still quote their paying price at 10 to 10½c for unwashed Manitoba fleeces. Montreal quotes prices very firm.

SENAGA ROOT—We quote 25 to 27c per pound for good root.

HAY—The showers during the past week has not been favorable to haying, but a great deal of hay was put up in prime condition previous to this week. Loose on the street market held at \$5 to \$6 per ton. Baled \$6 to \$7 per ton.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

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

All grains were strong on Monday, particularly corn and oats. Corn gained 3c and oats 1½ to 1½c. The advance was due to unfavorable weather for corn, and oats advanced in sympathy. Wheat closed 1½c higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat.....	79½	79½	—
Corn.....	55½	54½	—
Oats.....	34½	35	35½
Pork.....	—	13 30	—
Lard.....	—	8 13½	—
Short Ribs.....	—	8 20	—

Grains were weaker on Tuesday. Corn declined and other cereals followed. Wheat opened ½c lower, declined ½c more, fluctuated and closed about 1½c lower than Monday. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat.....	78½	78½	—
Corn.....	53½	53½	—
Oats.....	33½	33½	34½
Pork.....	—	13 00	—
Lard.....	—	7 97½	—
Short Ribs.....	—	8 05	—

On Wednesday wheat opened ½c lower in sympathy with a decline in corn, but the tendency was slowly upward with fluctuations within a narrow range, and the close ½c higher. Corn declined 1½c, but regained loss. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat....	78½	78½	—
Corn.....	53½	53½	—
Oats.....	33½	34½	34½
Pork.....	—	12 82½	—
Lard.....	—	7 87½	—
Short Ribs.....	—	7 90	—

On Thursday the wheat market opened strong and higher on the government's report and then declined under the influence of bearish cables. Closing prices were ½ to ¾c lower. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	78½	78½	—
Corn	55½	53½	55
Oats	33½	34½	34½
Pork	12 77½	12 87½	—
Lard	7 82½	7 90	—
Hulls	7 97½	7 97½	—

On Friday wheat was lower, opening at 78c, and closed at 77½ for September, fluctuating during the day between the opening and closing price. December wheat closed at 80c. September corn closed at 52½c, oats at 33½c, and September pork at \$12.12½.

On Saturday, August 13, wheat at Chicago closed at 78c for September option

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Tuesday, August 11:

Grades,	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	On tr'k
No. 1 hard.....	—	—	—	82
No. 1 northern.....	75½	75½	77½	80½
No. 2 northern.....	—	—	—	73 to 77
August wheat old closed 70½.				
Sept. old, 77½.				

Flour—Flour was steady in movement and in prices. The feeling was quite confident on the part of most local millers that the low prices of the season has been reached. Quoted at \$4.00 to \$4.40 for first patents; \$3.90 to \$4.05 for second patents; \$2.95 to \$3.15 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.30 to \$1.90 for low grades, in bags, including red dog.

Bran and Shorts—Millstuff went out steadily on the basis of \$9 to \$9.50 for bulk bran and \$11 to \$11.50 for sacked. Quoted at \$9 to \$9.50 for bran, \$9.25 to \$10.00 for shorts and \$10.00 to \$10.25 for middlings.

Oats—Oats for the season are estimated at about 600,000,000 by some experts, for the total yield. Local demand good. Prices were higher. The following sales were made: One car No. 3 oats, 32½; 1 car 3 white 33; 1 car 3 oats 31½; 1 car 3 oats 32; 1 car 3 oats 32 o.t.; 1 car sample oats choice 34; 1 car sample oats very choice 34½c.

Barley—Held at 38 to 45c for No. 3. No. 4 at 30 to 40c.

Feed—Millers held at \$17.00 to \$17.50; less than car lot, \$17.50 to \$18.00; with cornmeal at \$16.00 to \$16.50. Granulated meal \$21.00. —Market Record August 12.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Tuesday—August 56½; September 50½.
Tuesday—August, 79½c, September, 79½c.
Wednesday—August, 79½c, September 79½c.
Thursday—August, 79½c; September 79c.
Friday—August, 78½c; September 78½c.
Saturday—August 78½; September 79.

A week ago August closed at 75½c and September delivery at 79c.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, August 11, 1892.

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.
Bank of Montreal	226½	225
Ontario	—	120
Molson's	175	165
Toronto	—	—
Merchants'	—	159
Union	—	—
Commerce	445½	444½
Miscellaneous		
Montreal Tel	146½	145
Rich. & Ont. Nav	75	73
City Pass. R'y	232½	231½
Montreal Gas	212	211
Can. N. W. Land	—	—
Can. Pac. R'y (Montreal)	89	88½
" " (London)	—	91
Money—Time	4½	4
"—On Call	4	3½
Sterling 60 days, N.Y. posted rate	487½	—
"—Demand	489	—
" 60 days Montreal rate between banks	97-10	93-8
" Demand Montreal rate between banks	9 11-16	9 5-8
" New York exchange Montreal rate between banks	1-32	1-16 dis.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the four weeks ended August 6 and July 30, 23 and 16, 1892, is given below with the grading of the same.

Grade.	July 16.	July 23.	July 30	Aug 6
Extra Manitoba hard	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	2	3	1	2
No. 2 hard	16	25	26	55
No. 3 hard	47	25	39	19
No. 1 Northern	1	0	0	0
No. 2 Northern	0	6	0	11
No. 3 Northern	2	4	7	7
No. 2 White type	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Regular	18	12	12	11
No. 2 Regular	25	10	20	15
No. 3 Regular	6	0	0	1
No. 1 Rejected	3	2	2	4
No. Grade	30	41	62	43
Rejected	10	4	10	10
Feed Wheat	0	0	0	0
Total	163	131	170	183

Total inspected for the four weeks, as above, 659 cars. Total inspected for the corresponding weeks of last year, 15 cars.

The Cattle Markets.

The cable reported no improvement in the cattle trade at Liverpool on Aug. 8. The receipts of Canadian and American cattle are very heavy and the general supply continues fairly large. The demand is weak, and the finest steers barely reached 11½c. The supply of sheep was fair and prices easy. Quotations were as follows:—Finest steers, 11½c; good to choice, 11c; poor to medium, 10c; inferior and bulls, 7½ to 9c; best sheep, 12c; secondary, 10 to 11c; merinos, 9½ to 10½c; inferior and rams, 7 to 8½c.

The Montreal Gazette of August 9 says: "The live stock shippers are no doubt the sickest lot of individuals one could meet at the present time. There is not a profitable market on the other side at the present time, the last week seems to be a record breaker so far as losses are concerned. All the cables from the other side are very disappointing in character. The majority ask for a reduction in drafts and the others advise the greatest caution. One private cable received to day reads: "Crops turning out badly. Prospects bad. Act accordingly," and another says: "Turnip crop likely prove a failure; go slow," and still another says: "Don't pay more than 30 shillings for freight; prospects very bad owing to poor crop prospects." Stockers lost 10 shillings to £1 last week.

The Montreal Stock Yards Co., Point St. Charles, report trade at their yards for the week ended August 6, as follows: "There were fair receipts, but a quiet trade in export stock. There was a medium supply of butchers' cattle and business was generally rather slow, though everything was cleared. There was no change in prices. The receipts of shipping sheep were small and owing to the bad state of the British markets there was little if any inquiry. Hogs were steady at 5½c and there was a medium supply. We quote the following as being fair values: Cattle export, 4½ to 4¾c; cattle, butchers', medium, 3½ to 3¾c; cattle, butchers' culls, 3c; sheep, 3½ to 3¾c; hogs, 5½ to 5¾c; calves, \$3 to \$5.

Manitoba Crop Condition.

The weather has been showery to a considerable extent during the week, but warm and favorable for the crops. Haying has suffered some, but a great deal of hay had been sown in prime condition, previous to this week. There was a heavy general rain on Sunday night and Monday morning, and local thunder storms during the week. The temperature ranged from moderate to very warm. The rains would greatly benefit garden crops, roots, etc., and would also be beneficial to the later grain crops, while no injury has been done to the more advanced portion of the crop as harvesting has only barely started in a few patches of early grain. A little wheat has been cut during the week, but thi

only amounts to a patch here and there which is in advance of the general crop. The favorable weather has brought on the grain very rapidly, and during next week harvesting will become quite active in several districts, while in other parts there will not be much done until a little later. A few reports of slight damage from hail have come in, but the country as a whole has been very free from damage by storms of any kind. The crop will be light in some sections, owing to June drought, while other districts will give quite a large average, or even better than an average crop, and Manitoba as a whole will return a fairly good crop in quantity, and the prospect of a very much better average quality than last year. Owing to light straw, the labor of saving the crop will probably be not greatly more than half what it was last year.

In the territories west of Manitoba, conditions are more varied than in the province. Some sections, especially the northern settlements, have fair to excellent crops, while considerable areas are very poor, owing to early drought.

Official Manitoba Crop Report

The Manitoba department of agriculture has issued the following report, from information gathered up to date of August 1st:—

	1891.	1892.
Rainfall recorded in July.....	2.95 inches	2.15 inches.
Average yield per acre of prairie hay	1.62 tons.	1.92 tons.
Average yield per acre of cultivated hay.....	—	2.31 tons.
Approximate yield of wheat 27.1 bush.	—	22.07 bush.
" " Oats.....	44.5 "	43.16 "
" " Barley.....	35.3 "	32.19 "
" " Peas.....	—	23.00 "
Acres of new prairie broken	173,330	143,910

In giving the average yield of different grains it is to be understood that they are only approximate, as it would be almost impossible for correspondents, on the 1st of August to state with any certain degree of exactness what the yield will be when the grains come to be threshed out.

WEATHER.—Correspondents are all pretty well agreed that the weather during the month of July was favorable for the growing crops, some saying it was of the very best. There has been a good deal of sultry weath during the month with frequent showers, which has brought along the crops rapidly, and has made up to a large degree for the cool weather of June.

The following is a record of the total rainfall, in inches, at the principal stations in the province for the month of July: Grtna, 1.20; Morden, 2.95; Arden, 3.81; Hartney, 1.82; Greenwood, 2.92; Selkirk, 2.69; Manitou, 2.94; Pomeroy, 3.43; Aweme, 4.97; Treherne, 6.59; Hillview, 3.14; Rapid City, 3.68; Norquay, 3.18; Bradwardine, 1.64; Carman, 2.90; Shoal Lake, 2.39; Beaver Creek, 3.67; Oak Bank, 2.92; Elm Valley, 2.14; Winnipeg, 3.56; Foxton, 3.10.

WHEAT.—Correspondents differ very widely in their estimates as to their yield per acre. Some are as low as 10 bushels to the acre, while a few estimate 35 and 40 bushels to the acre, by far the greater number estimate from 18 to 25 bushels per acre. Growth has been very rapid during the month, yet the yield of straw is much lighter than last year.

OATS.—Oats are reported to be doing very well, but are said to be very short in the straw, in some places and uneven in plant, especially on old land. In some places where poor seed was used they are reported as thin. This is no doubt owing to their having been sown broadcast, because where the drill has been used, they are much thicker and further advanced. On back-setting they are reported as very good. In some places they came up thinly, but have stood out wonderfully. On the whole the crop promises to be an average one.

BARLEY.—Comments by correspondents on the barley crop are as follows: Good; average; very good; equal to last year; headed out; ready to cut in a week or ten days. The im-

pression is made that the yield will be greater according to the appearance of the crop, than it was last season with the extra growth of straw

PEAS AND FLAX.—Where they are mentioned they are said to be in good condition. Peas will average 23 and flax about 17 bushels per acre; which, in the case of flax, is some better than last year, when it was put at 15 bushels per acre. The total area under flax is 1,718 acres, which is almost entirely confined to the municipalities of Arthur and Rhineland.

POTATOES AND ROOTS.—The unanimous report on potatoes is that they are a splendid crop, for years past there has been no report so generally favorable. No damage of any kind is reported. Turnips and field roots are above the average. The seasonable rains in July have given them a start that ensures a good crop.

MEADOW GRASS.—This is a bonanza year for grass, the estimated yield of wild grass per acre is 1 92 tons. In some cases the sloughs are as yet too wet to cut, but the favorable weather of the past week will give access to the heaviest and richest marshes.

CULTIVATED MEADOWS.—It must be said that the report current for some years that timothy could not be successfully raised in Manitoba was not founded on actual experience. Very few farmers until quite recently have tried to raise timothy, the prairie supplying all hay required, and the land broken has been given to some kind of grain. Now we have reports from almost all sections of the country of very fine crops being taken off cultivated meadows. The average estimated yield is 2 31 tons per acre. It is only a matter of time until the meadow will take its place in the rotation of crops in Manitoba as in Ontario. The most successful farmers to day are thus raising hay for their stock, and at the same time giving back to the soil its virgin fertility by occasionally "seeding down."

THRASHING MACHINES.—An interesting report is given in connection with threshing machines. The very heavy crop of 1891 taught farmers generally that their money is not in their pocket as soon as harvest is over. Machines were at a premium—old horse powers were overhauled—every available machine in the province in the hands of the machine men was secured and all found work to do, and yet many farmers could not and did not get their grain threshed. The result to some farmers was almost a total loss of the season's crop and, generally a serious loss to the province. A glance at the number of threshers in the province shows how great was the demand. Last year there were in the province the total number of threshers, 977, this year a total number of 1180, showing an increase of over two hundred, of which all but twenty wore steam outfits. With a much lighter quantity of straw to handle and with the increased facilities, it may be expected that the difficulty of the past season may not this year be experienced.

NEW BREAKING.—Again we have a large area of new breaking, in all 143,919 acres. This is 34,411 acres less than last year, but when it is remembered that hundreds of farmers had to do their threshing in June and July—the breaking season,—this is a large increase of land added to what is already under cultivation in the provinces.

GRAND TOTALS FOR THE PROVINCE.

The following is a brief summary showing the estimated yield for the province of the principal grain crops:

	Acres.	Bush per acre.	Total Bushels.
Wheat	875,930	22.07	19,333,059
Oats	382,974	43.16	14,571,157
Barley	97,641	32.19	3,143,100
Peas	2,188	23.00	50,324
Flax	1,718	17.05	29,291

Gophers are destructive in some parts of the northwestern district.

A. Lang, of the Lang Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of biscuits, &c, Montreal, is dead.

F. X. Moisan, dry goods, Montreal, has sold out to Robert & Gauvin.

British Columbia Market Quotation.

FLOUR AND FEED, etc.—Market quiet and unchanged. New hay is appearing more freely at \$13, and old hay has fallen to meet it. Tendency is downward. Quotations are: Manitoba patents, \$5.85; strong bakers, \$5.45; ladies' choice \$6.00; prairie lily, \$5.70; Oregon \$5.85; Spokane \$5.65; Enderby mills—Premium \$5.85; three star \$5.75; two star \$5.40; oatmeal eastern \$3.40; California granulated, in gunnies, \$4.35; National mills, Victoria \$3.65; rolled oats eastern \$3 to \$3.25; California \$3.75; National mills \$3.75; cornmeal \$3.10; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. **RICE.**—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale: Japan rice, per ton, \$77.50; China rice, do, \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$23; rice meal, do \$17.50; chopped feed \$33 to \$35 per ton; bran \$24; shorts \$25; oats \$30 to \$32; wheat 28 to \$35; oil cake \$4; hay, \$18. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$23 to \$28 per ton; oats \$26; chop barley \$25. California malting barley \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop \$32 to \$33; the Western Milling Co.'s quote bran in car lots, \$19.50 per ton; shorts, \$20.50; mixed chop, \$25; rye, \$38; patent flour, \$5, strong bakers, \$4.60; Graham flour, \$4.60.

DAIRY.—The warm weather combined with large stocks has caused butter to go slow. Prices remain steady in creamery, but the demand is weak. Eastern creamery here is selling at 25c, while Manitoba dairy is offering as low as 17 to 18c. Country merchants are paying as high as 23c for British Columbia butter, but the competition in the Manitoba and territories article has rendered the demand nil. Farmers prefer to pack their butter and hold for higher prices. Now cheese is quoted at 12 to 12½c.

EGGS.—Another car load of Eastern eggs was received last week. Prices remain the same, 14c; local fresh eggs are worth about 35c.

FRUITS, EVAPORATED GOODS, etc.—There is very little sale for dried or evaporated goods just now, except for camps and ships, and prices are nominal. A constant supply of fruit is coming in from California and shipments of British Columbia products are being received. British Columbia plums and apples will be regularly on the market after this. Plums are likely to be very cheap and plentiful. Apples are not so good a crop as usual and prices may rule higher. Raspberries and small fruits are about over, Oranges and lemons are scarce. Sicily lemons, \$6.50; coconuts, \$1 per doz.; bananas, \$3.75 to \$4; Turkish figs, 15½c; almonds, 18c; walnuts, 15c; filberts, 15c; pine, 20c; Virginia peanuts, 13c; Brazil, 15c; evaporated apples, 11c; evaporated prunes, 7 to 8c; do peaches, 12c; do apricots, 11c; California pitted plums, 11c; raisins, \$2 to \$2.75; apricots, per box \$1.50; peaches, \$1.40; tomatoes, \$1.15; plums, \$1.25; pears, \$3; apples, \$1.75 to \$2; watermelons, 35c apiece or \$6 a crate; raspberries, \$1.10.

HONEY.—F. R. Stewart has received the agency for the province of the Chilliwhack honey from the apiary of Smith Broz., and quotes as follows: 1 lb glasses, per doz, \$3; 1 lb combs, per doz., \$2.50; 3 lb jars, per doz., \$7.75; eastern honey is 12c per lb; strained honey, 13c.

SUGARS.—B. C. sugar refinery, granulated 5½; E.C. 5½; fancy yellow 5c; yellow 4½; cube 6½; powdered, sacks 7½c; do boxes 7½c; syrup 4c. Redpaths syrup, 2 lb tin, 15c; do, 8 lb tins, 50c; do, kegs, 3½c per lb.

FISH.—The local supply for the week has been better than usual. One feature of the market has been the large size of the spring salmon offered for sale, fish varying from 40 to 65 lbs each, which is remarkable. A Fader had the latter, caught in the Fraser, on exhibition last Saturday. Fader has also received a consignment of 3,000 lbs of halibut. Prices are: Salmon 6 to 7c; cod 6 to 7c; halibut 8c; amelts 5 to 6c; sturgeon 4 to 5c.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes are coming down with a rush and from \$30 a few weeks ago are now \$15 per ton and a drug in the market. Dealers are not anxious to handle them. Onions are 1½c; cabbage 1 to 1½c; turnips 7 to 1c; carrots and beets 1c per lb. The supply of local vegetables is abundant.

LIVE STOCK, DRESSED MEATS, etc.—Supply very plentiful; prices unchanged. Live steers are quoted 4c; cows, 3½c; dressed beef, 7½c; lambs \$1.50 apiece; dressed 5½c; sheep 5½c; mutton, 12c; hogs 8c; pork, 11c; calves, 7c; veal, 11c.

MEATS, etc. Meats remain firm and may advance. Quotations are: Wiltshire cured hams, 15½c; do bacon, 15½c; do backs, 15c; do sides, 15½c; Eastern hams, 14½c; bacon, 15½c; rolls, 12c; smoked sides, 12½c; long clear 11½c; barrel pork \$23.50; 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins lard, 13c; 20 lb. pails lard, 12½c; 50 lb. tubs lard, 12c; tierces, lard, 11½c. Lard Compound is 11c.

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British Columbia Business Review.

August 20th, 1892.

There is every indication of improvement in business circles. The feeling of firmness is general although quietness in trade still prevails. That the province and especially the coast cities should have stood the depression of the past winter and spring, undergone a slight financial panic, and recovered from the paralyzing effects of the small pox scare without suffering in a greater degree than they have is to be wondered at. No recent failures have occurred, and as the customs and inland revenue figures go to show, the volume of business has increased instead of decreasing as might have been expected under circumstances so unpropitious. As pointed out in THE COMMERCIAL the depression and tightness of money were the natural result of too general speculation in real estate and investment of various kinds, which withdrew money from legitimate business channels and limited its circulation. However, while speculation was general and perhaps too much directed towards what are known as "outside properties," yet it never was at any time wild and was usually conducted on a cash or semi-cash basis, and was in all cases bona fide. So that even in the most doubtful property, there is a good percentage of value represented, while so far as the cities are concerned up to the present prices have remained firm and, except under exceptionally bad circumstances, the shrinkage in values is not likely at the worst to be very great and in most instances is not likely to occur at all. In fact, what might be termed ordinary inside city property to day is a good investment. Business, therefore, is better than the feeling generally indicated for a time, because communities like individuals get the "blues" at times. The outlook for next year is exceedingly good, though the situation may not immediately improve very rapidly. There is in prospect and practically under construction a long extent of lines of railway, building operations and public improvement all over the province are very extensive, the depression in the lumber trade cannot last much longer. Next year the salmon canning operations are sure to be very large, the sealing troubles will have been settled and altogether the prospects are much brighter.

Reports from the Skeena River are of a favorable character in regard to the salmon canning industry. The packs will be made as decided upon. The important principle of cold storage has been brought into requisition and not only are the canneries able to preserve the catch in good condition so as to allow the canning hands to catch up after a heavy run without losing so many fish as they often are obliged to do, but it is predicted that frozen salmon by the process adopted may be laid down in the east at any time subsequently—that is within any reasonable time—and the fish remain in a perfectly good condition. Mr. Cunningham's cannery on the Skeena River has had a cold storage system put in in connection with it, and other canneries are said to be following suit. Advice from Rivers Inlet, on the contrary, are most discouraging. The catch there is represented as almost a total failure, and it is said the small pack decided upon will not be nearly filled. Up to Saturday last the run on the Fraser was very poor and canners and fishermen were about disheartened. However, Saturday evening the long looked for run commenced and from 50 to 200 fish to a boat were being reported.

In this connection there has arisen another *casus belli* in diplomacy between Canada and the United States. News was received the other day that Woodham's cannery steamer the Winnifred had been seized, with a crew and cargo of fish, by the U.S. customs officials. The value of the seizure altogether is about \$7,000. This is a case almost on all fours with the *Coquitlam*. In some years it has been the habit of some of the Fraser river canners to get a supply of fish from the American fishermen by anchoring inside the three mile limit and buying from boats that brought out fish. The boundary line cuts through Point Roberts a few miles from Ladner's Landing, and around this point is a favorite fishing ground, the salmon running in very heavy shoals before entering the Fraser river. The contention in this case is that the steamer crossed the line; entering the three mile limit without clearing at an American port. This the Captain of the Winnifred denies, and so it stands, a matter depending on the evidence of observation.

Major Clarke, at the head of the Croftor colonization scheme, is in the province arranging the preliminaries of this great enterprise with the government, and the first batch of colonists will shortly be received. It is understood that an order has been placed with the Alton Iron Works for a steamer, the largest, fastest and finest on the Pacific coast, by the syndicate represented by Major Clarke. In the meantime the old government steamer Sir James Douglas will be utilized for the company's purposes.

Trade is picking up generally. The weather has been exceedingly fine for some time now and fruit is ripening in excellent condition. Orders in the supply lines are better. For the past several weeks, however, they were the poorest experienced for some years, largely owing to the small pox. From present appearances the epidemic is about stamped out. Only a few cases, and those "suspects," have occurred during the past two weeks and most of the existing cases are convalescent. A large quantity of fruit is coming in from San Francisco by each boat—plums, pears, tomatoes, peaches, apricots, nectarines, apples, prunes, and watermelons. The tomatoes received so far have been of poor quality. Orders from the Interior have been slow and not up to what was expected, due largely to the overlooking of that country by eastern travellers, who ship orders direct, early in the spring. Business up there, however, has been exceptionally large. The development in the Okanagan and Kootenay countries in a mining way is largely coming up to expectation. There never has been so much attention paid to mining matters; never so many capitalists have gone in before and never so many transactions of an important character concluded. The general outlook for mining development on an unprecedented scale is all that could be desired.

The seizure of the steamer *Coquitlam* has taken a new phase, and one somewhat unusual in marine law. The Sealers' Association has refused to bond the steamer out of the hands of the American authorities, leaving that for the owners to do. The Association is interested only in the sealskins aboard. The owners, however, are insured in Lloyds against, they claim, seizure, detention, etc., among other things, and as the steamer is a dead loss to them, as much so as though she was wrecked they have abandoned her to the underwriters, who are expected to put up the bonds and take the steamer into their ownership until matters are settled, either one way or another. Litigation of a very important character is expected to follow.

Trade Returns for July.

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The Rich Nochaco Valley.

On the 20th of April last, Stanley Smith, a well known land prospector, left for the Nochaco Valley, a country lying north-west of the forks of the Quonmolto, and extending about 175 miles in length, with an average width of between 40 and 60 miles. He arrived at Stony Creek on the 15th of May. The usual way of going into that country is by way of Ashcroft, taking the Cariboo road to Quonmolto, then crossing over the Fraser, following the old telegraph trail, which runs through the Nochaco valley at Chinat Lake, as far as the forks of the Skeena. From Ashcroft the trip in occupies about fifteen days.

The valley of the Nochaco river from where it joins the Fraser for its full length, is one grand area of agricultural land, containing about 5,500,000 acres. About one-quarter of this may be referred to as broken country, but all of it suitable for pasturage. Mr. Smith speaks in the most hopeful terms of the future of this district as a field for settlement and supplies the lack of agricultural lands, about which so much has been written in the past. The Nochaco Valley may be described as a low, rolling country covered with a rich growth of grasses, vetches, peas vicia and other vegetation. The prevailing tree growth is poplar, which is thinly distributed in clumps here and there, similar to what are known in the Northwest as poplar bluffs. On the uplands jack pine grows. The general elevation of the country is between 2,200 feet and 2,500 feet. The soil is a rich black loam with principally a clay sub-soil.

Spring opens about the 1st of April and after Mr. Smith's arrival no frost occurred. The summers are warm with cool nights. During June and July of the present year, light showers occurred and no irrigation is required. Winters are cold, the temperature going as low as 20 below zero, but the snow fall is light, and the atmosphere cool and bracing. No high winds occur.

As there have been no settlers as yet, no fruit has been grown and therefore nothing is known of the capabilities of the country, but as indicative of its possibilities in this direction, it may be stated that abundance of wild fruit is found everywhere—red and black raspberries, strawberries, red and black cherries, and service berries. Wheat, oats and barley, potatoes and vegetables generally, have been cultivated successfully by Hudson's Bay officials at Fort Fraser.

South of the Nochaco there are any number of beautiful lakes, in which are abundance of fish—salmon and speckled trout, graylings and suckers. Water fowl, such as geese, ducks, white swans, loons, pelicans, etc., are numerous. The small game on land, however, largely exceed them in numbers, and the foot houn, spruce and common partridge and prairie chicken abound. Rabbits also are plentiful, as well as coyotes, red and black tail deer, moose, beaver, bear, martens, minks, foxes, muskrats and otter. Neither elk nor cariboo were seen, but their horns are frequently found.

Mr. Smith regards this as the road into the Skeena country, through which any railway to Fort Simpson must pass. The rivers and lakes are nearly all navigable. The Fraser from

Soda creek to its head waters is navigable, and the Nechaco river to Tremblay lake and Fraser lake on the west. From Ashcroft to Quosnelle is 210 miles. One or two settlers have already located, and Mr. Smith made locations for about fifty more, and expects to increase the number to one hundred before fall.

Brief Business Notes.

J. M. O'Toole, plumber, Vancouver, contemplates selling out.

J. Boal has bought out the Koksilah hotel from Mr. Marshall.

T. F. Allison, general store, Similkameen, is reported to be selling out.

Brown & Bales, proprietors of the Halfway House, Slocan, have dissolved.

E. Booth, fruits, etc., Nanaimo—stock offered for sale by tender by assignee.

Voysey & Co., blacksmiths, Vancouver, have dissolved, Thos. Morrison retiring.

The American schooner Robert Searls, sailed from San Diego, on July 19th, to load lumber at Hastings for Port Pirie.

The partnership lately existing between A. Reuch and L. Lawrence, lessees of the Nanaimo opera house, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

The Mainland & Nanaimo Steamship company will probably establish a daily service between Westminster, Vancouver and Nanaimo.

Lequime Bros., general store, Okanagan Mission, have admitted Wedell & Atwood into partnership, under the firm style of Lequime Bros. & Co.

A. W. Mure & Co., Victoria, have secured the agency for the Dominion Building and Loan Association, capital \$10,000,000, and will in future transact the local business for that institution.

Mr. Richardson, Ferguson block, Hastings street, has sold out his entire stock of dry goods, millinery, etc., to Cope & Young, who have moved the same to the McConnell block, on Cordova street.

The four-masted iron ship Zingal, now on the way to Vancouver, from Yokohama, has a cargo of 5,720,000 pounds of tea on board. One hundred and thirty car loads of this is for the east and the remainder for the coast.

A letter received from Telegraph Creek, Cassiar, dated July 16th, states that the hydraulic claims that have been operated for the past two years have turned out a failure. Mr. Cornell, in Thibert Creek, has secured a very fine prospect.

The official returns for the port of Nanaimo for the past month were:

Duties	\$1,011 93
Sick mariner's dues.....	236 36
Miscellaneous	70 10

Total..... \$1,318 41

The first shipment of Protection Island coal will be made on the bark Sea King. Two hundred tons have been raised for the San Francisco market. The coal is of splendid quality and superior to the Wellington and Northfield article. It is expected to meet with a large demand in the Frisco market.

At a meeting of the Mainland-Nanaimo Steam Navigation company, held last week, the following officers and directors were appointed for the ensuing year: President, A. O. Campbell; secretary-treasurer, A. McLean; directors, Messrs. H. Elliott and Capt. Rogers, Westminster; John Kirkland and W. H. Ladner, Ladner's Landing; and Evans, Vancouver.

Evans, Coleman & Evans new wharf, Vancouver, has been opened. It was constructed at a cost of not less than \$12,000. It contains three warehouses, one for coal, one for bonded freights, and one for general freight and storage. The wharf has 220 feet frontage, and a width of 150 feet. The water at front is 21 feet deep at extreme spring tide, and, 40 feet at high tide, and, can accommodate two ships at a time.

Robert Munroe, the managing director of the Canada Paint company, is now on the coast with the intention of opening a branch office and warehouse in Vancouver. He estimates that the company will pay out from \$8,000 to \$10,000 annually in wages, and has asked the council to grant them exemption from taxation for ten years, and water at the rate of 15 cents per 1,000 gallons, and also free wharfage for the first cargo of goods, if the city has a wharf.

A mining company, said to be one of the largest and strongest financially in the world, dealing in placer mines, has purchased a large interest in the Tulameen Hydraulic Company's grounds on the Tulameen River. A very large sum of money is the consideration, the experts sent out from England being well satisfied as to its value. The particular district in which they have made the investment, has long been known to produce large quantities of platinum and gold, and has played no unimportant part in the world's supply of platinum and iridium.

It is learned that the business of a gentleman who has lately arrived in the city and who represents foreign capital, is to negotiate with the different sealing interests here for the purchase of all seal skins in the market. It is altogether probable that within a day or two it will be arranged so that the whole lot will go to Europe notwithstanding the efforts made by American companies, Treadwell and others, to secure the entire catch. It is likely that all the skins that were on board the Coquitlam at time of seizure will be here in a few days.—Victoria Times.

Robert Stevenson has recently returned from a trip into the Granite Creek country, made in company with Major Burnett and Dr. Cameron. He reports mining in the Similkameen more active this year than for many years in the past. R. B. Brown, a Seattle man, has been very active and has taken up seven locations on Wolf Creek, about ten miles from Princeton. These claims are chiefly valuable for the copper, which assays from 50 to 70 per cent. The rock also carries from 3 to 7 per cent. silver. Six or seven gravel claims for hydraulicking have been taken up this year near Princeton, and the people of that village expect the railway to be built through Nicola Valley as far as that place this summer. Work is going on in copper mining on Friday Creek, the ore yielding 65 per cent. in copper. It is a peacock ore and very pretty. The platinum mines are being worked with good results, and a wagon road is now being constructed from Nicola to Granite Creek.

J. F. Wardner, of Fairhaven, has just returned from a visit to the Freddie Lee mines in the Slocan country. He said to a reporter: "We have just shipped out our first ore from the mine, and indeed the very first from the district. It was carried in sacks on the backs of mules, taken by boat down the Columbia to Little Dalles, and from there by the Spokane & Northern Pacific to East Helena. This ore, however, ought really—and will as soon as transportation facilities are improved—come over the Canadian Pacific to Puget Sound for smelting. The transportations and treatment of this ore costs at present about \$75 a ton, but since the average assay is \$264 a ton, there is some margin for profit. We are about 13 miles from the new town there, New Denver. The government reserved a townsite there, and a few days ago sold off 100 of the lots at an average of \$275. That price is considered pretty good for a brand new place. Plenty of prospectors are coming into the country and mines are being bought and sold every day."

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

J. H. Filman, hotel, Hamilton, is dead.

J. H. Fraser, drugs, Ottawa, has sold out.

Angus McFee, jeweller, Belleville, is dead.

J. Mercer, groceries, &c., London, is dead.

F. E. Arkell, druggist, Blenheim, has assigned.

C. Grasswoller, groceries, Toronto, has sold out.

O. A. Foreman, groceries, Toronto, has sold out.

Alvery Ashton, groceries, Guolph, has sold out.

L. A. Batty, hardware, Palmerston, has sold out.

Donald Ferguson, general store, Killeen, is dead.

G. W. Gale, sawmill, Cravenhurst; business closed.

S. A. Spangenberg, jeweler, Belleville; stock seized.

Silas Dawson, general store, Drumbo, has assigned.

Hargrave Bros., groceries, Lindsay, have assigned.

S. Saylor, flour and feed, Toronto, has assigned.

A. W. Sheffield, dry goods, Waterloo, has sold out.

Wm. Wright, groceries &c, Huntsville, has sold out.

E. J. O'Keefe & Co., shoes, Hamilton, have sold out.

A. G. Willows, general store, Lakeside, has sold out.

Robt. McFaddon, groceries, &c, Toronto, has assigned.

A. F. Hutton, electric light, Brampton, has assigned.

Jos. Lea, iron, fences, &c, St. Thomas, has assigned.

J. Uffelman, general store, Elmira, has moved to Waterloo.

Thos. McEwen, physician and drugs, Paris, has assigned.

W. H. Hewlett & Co., plumbers, Toronto, have assigned.

Zelensky & Brownstein, tins, &c, Hamilton, have assigned.

A. C. Bishop, furniture, Elmvale, is offering a compromise.

P. Freyseng & Co., corks, Toronto; J. E. Doyle of this firm is dead.

Jas. Gillespie, shoes, Toronto, has been succeeded by Downsall & Gillespie.

Brown Morris, hardware, London; stock advertised for sale by auction August 9th.

The stock of M. Lamont & Co., wholesale millinery, Toronto, has been sold by auction.

Mrs. P. H. Hayward, carriages, and C. Copp, wagons, Clinton, have been burned out; insured.

QUEBEC.

D. Drolet, dry goods, Quebec, has assigned.

B. Harkin & Co., shoes, Montreal, have assigned.

John O'Connell, lumber, Bridgewater Cove; deceased.

Labrecque & Co., groceries, Montreal, have dissolved.

Baker & Branchand, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Tarto & Roque, traders, Roxton Falls, have dissolved.

Chas. Stimson & Co., leather, Montreal, are liquidating.

O. Rochette, tanner, Quebec; A. Gaboury appointed curator.

J. F. Osgoode & Son, general store, Cookshire, have sold out.

McDonald & Lemoises, commission, Montreal, have dissolved.

L. A. H. Hogle & Son, general store, Pike River, have dissolved.

Trudel & Demers, locks, &c, Montreal, are offering a compromise.

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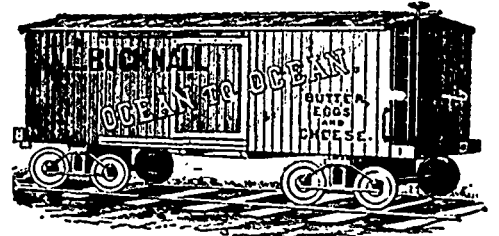
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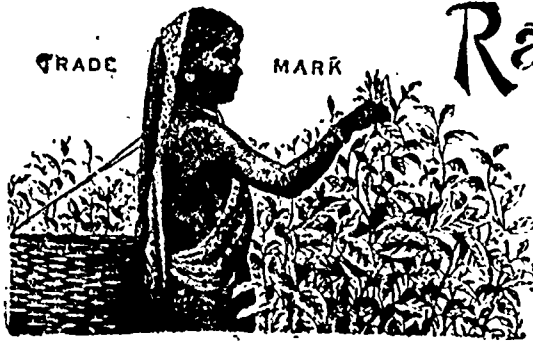
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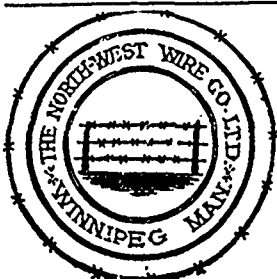
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Toronto Grocery Market

A fair amount of business is doing, but it is the same old story, "not very much in it." Prices show no important changes excepting in Japan teas, for which prices have again advanced at primary points. Payments are satisfactory.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—There is an active demand for sugars, but the business appears to be confined largely to houses which are offering at low prices. The range remains as before at \$1.25 for granulated in cars and \$3.25 up for yellows; lesser quantities 10 to 25¢ higher; in a few instances reports of purchases at \$1.32½ were made, but the brand was not stated. Sugars—Granulated, 4½ to 4½c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½c; extra ground, bbls, 5½ to 6½c powdered, bbls, 4½ to 4½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4c; Demarara 1½c; Trinidad 3½c to 3½c; Barbados 3½ to 3½c. Syrups—D. 2 to 2½c; M. 2½ to 3½c; B. 2½ to 2½c; V. B. 2½ to 2½c; E. V. B. 2½ to 2½c; ex. super. 2½ to 2½c; N. N. 2½ to 3c; N. N. and special 3c to 3½c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls 30 to 40c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals 30 to 40c; inferior low grades 25 to 28c.

Teas and Colocs—Cables report a further advance in Japan at primary points. A cable of August 1 makes settlements up to date 291,000 peculs, against 319,000 peculs same date last year. On spot nearly all consigned teas under 13 to 14c appear to be cleaned up, and the feeling is steady; old teas are selling as before, but for the same value in new teas about 2c per lb will probably have to be paid for teas under 20c, but on teas above that better value offers. In Ceylons low grades are easier in London, and samples coming out show poor value. There is now a full supply of samples of new Monings; these, too, do not show the same value. Common Young Hysons are scarce, nothing being shown from London under 7d. Brown Javas continue scarce. There appears to be none obtainable in the outside markets; green, however, are plentiful. Mochas firmly held. Rios are cabled higher in Rio. Prices are: Rios 17 to 20c; Jamaica 19 to 20c; Java 25 to 31c; Mocha 25 to 30½c; Porto Rico 23 to 25c.

Dried Fruit—Local markets are very firm, there being few Valencia raisins offered under 4 to 4½c, and in currants 5 to 5½c for bbls and 6 to 6½c for cases. Prices in New York for both have advanced on an active demand from the western states; there are no raisins there now under 2½ to 2½c, and currants have advanced about ½c. Cables report the opening price of prunes very high. Ordinary grades would cost 7 to 7½c laid down; the market is excited, speculators buying. Nuts quiet and unchanged. Brazils higher in New York. Currants—Bbls, 4½ to 5c; do fancy 6c; half-bbls 5½ to 5½c; Vostizza cases 6½ to 9c; Patras, bbls 5 to 5½c; cases 5½ to 5½c. Raisins—Valencias 4 to 5c; layers 6½ to 7½c; Sultanas 9 to 13c; London layers \$2.50 to \$2.75. Figs—Elemeas, 10 lbs and up, 11 to 16c; Malaga, 5½-lb bags 5 to 5½c; natural, bags 4½ to 5½c. Dates—Hallowee 5 to 5½c. Prunes—Cases 5 to 6½c; hds 4 to 4½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona 13½ to 15c; Ivica 14 to 15c; do shelled, Valencia 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenoble 14c, Bordeaux 11 to 12c.

Canned Goods—Salmon is still the strong feature of the market; a few cars now have come to hand, chiefly "Clover Leaf" and "British America," both of which are held at \$1.50. J. H. Todd & Co. write that they will have no Horse Shoe until September. Lobsters quiet; packers asking firmer prices. New peas are in, and are held at \$1.05 to \$1.10. New corn, to arrive, is quoted \$1 to \$1.05, and tomatoes \$1 to \$1.10. Owing to the failure of small tree fruits they are asking higher prices, but they are still unsettled. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.70 to \$1.85; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.45 to \$1.60; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.75 to \$2.25; mackerel \$1 to \$1.25; finnan haddie, \$1.40 to \$1.50; sardines, French ½'s, 40c; sardines, French ½'s, 17c;

sardines, American ½'s, 6 to 8c; sardines American ¾'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, \$1 to \$1.10; corn, 2's, 9½ to \$1.05; peas, 2's, \$1.05 to \$1.25; beans 90c to \$1; pumpkins 75 to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.10 to \$2.25; apples, gala, \$1.75 to \$2.00; 3's \$2.50 to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.85 to \$3.25; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to \$1.75; 3's \$2.05; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; 3's \$1.75 to \$2.10.

Spices, Rice, etc.—Rice, bags ¾ to 1c; do off grade ¾ to ¾c; do Patna 1½ to 5½c; do Japan 4½ to 5½c; sago ¾ to 1½c; tapioca 4½ to 5c; pepper, black 11½ to 12c; do white 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica 18 to 20c; cloves 10 to 15c; allspice 10 to 12c; nutmeg 90c to \$1.10; cream tartar 28 to 35c.

Peels—The market is quiet and unchanged at 16 to 17c for lemon, 16½ to 18c for orange and 25 to 28c for citron.—*Empire*, August 1.

Montreal Market.

Flour—The export demand has been quite a feature during the past two weeks, 17,018 sacks being shipped to Great Britain for week ending July 29. The price of flour in England has touched the lowest price known for a long time and some or hopeful that the turning point has been reached. There has been some enquiry for straight rollers for Newfoundland, but millers ask \$1; and as United States brands can be bought for less money, namely, at \$3.85 to \$3.90, Canadian straight rollers have been passed by. There has, however, been an enquiry for Canadian extras, which have been placed at \$3.25; but western millers now ask \$3.35 laid down here. Sales have also taken place of straight rollers at \$1 to \$1.15 to the local trade. In spring wheat flour there have been transactions in strong city bakers at \$4.40, and Manitoba ground strong bakers have sold all the way from \$3.99 to \$4.30, one lot of medium selling as low as \$3.75.

Wheat—Sales are reported of Manitoba feed wheat at 35c, which just about cover freight and expenses. No. 2 hard Manitoba is quoted nominal at 81 to 82c and No. 3 at 71 to 72c. No. 1 regular at 61 to 62c, an 1 No. 2 regular at 51 to 52c. A lot of 16,000 bushels of No. 1 regular was offered at 67c f.o.b. vessel New York. In Ontario wheat a round lot of No. 2 spring was offered at 82c in store here, but 81½c was the best bid. Considerable old wheat is still held by Ontario farmers, and now that they have harvested a large crop of winter wheat, it is thought they will be free sellers after their crops are all in.

Oats—Notwithstanding unfavorable advices from Bristol where attempts to re-sell No. 2 Canadian white oats at 15s 6d failed, there is still a demand here with sales at 36c in store per 34 pounds. The market is steady and some holders refuse to accept less than 37c as they have great faith in the future. Others, however, believe that owing to the large crop in this province and Ontario, prices will be lower later on.

Barley—The market is quiet although there is some export inquiry, and the last sale reported was at 49c said to have been very fair quality, and we quote 3S to 42c as to quality. Malting grades are quoted at 48 to 53c.

Oatmeal—Millers refuse to offer anything under \$1.00 for standard and roller. In this market sales have been made of small jobbing lots of standard at \$1.20 to \$1.25, while others report sales at \$1.05 to \$1.10. We quote prices here firmer as follows: Rolled and granulated \$1.05 to \$1.10; standard, \$3.95 to \$1.00. In bags, granulated, \$2.00 to \$2.05, and standard, \$1.90 to \$1.95.

Milled—The advance in the price of bran reported during the past two weeks has been followed by a further rise with sales of car lots at \$14.00 to \$14.50 and we quote \$14.50 to \$15. Shorts are also scarce and higher at \$15.50 to \$16.50; moullie is steady at \$17.00 to \$22.00 as to grade.

Butter—The improvement noted last week has continued, especially as regards creamery, sales of which have been made in this market at 20½ to 21c for round lots of choice late July make and as high as 21c has been paid at the factory for export. This shows a further advance since last report. Sales of fine late made Eastern Townships have been made at 18½ to 18½c with a fraction more obtainable for selections for the local trade. Medium to good is quoted at 16½ to 17½c. In Western there has been some enquiry for export with business at 15c to 15½c, a little more being obtainable for select jobbing parcels.

Cheese—The strength of the market referred to last week has manifested signs of further development both here and in the country, and an active business has transpired at somewhat improved rates. A considerable quantity of cheese has changed hands on this market at 8½ to 9½c but it was for underpriced goods, finest Western colored for shipment by this week's steamers having sold at 9½ to 9½c, but the latter figure is said to be exceptional. Finest Western white has changed hands at 9½ to 9½c. The market is firm and active at current rates with comparatively higher values paid in the country than here. The factories were never more closely sold up at this season of the year than at present. The Liverpool public cable has advanced another 6d to 45s 6d.

Eggs—The market has been steady, with sales of good to choice stock at 11 to 12½c. There is still an export demand, and shipments are being made all the time.

Cured Meats—The market for hog products keeps firm with a steady upward tendency in values. In this market sales of Canada short cut pork have been made at \$17 to \$17.50 with sales of choice heavy short cut at \$18. Canada clear mess has been placed at \$17, and Chicago regular mess at \$16.50, although it would cost about that figure to lay it down. In lard a very fair business is reported, one large concern reporting sales of compound at \$1.35 to \$1.37½ per pair of 2½ lbs, while another firm gives sales at \$1.40 to \$1.45. There is evidently a better feeling, with a stiffening tendency in prices. Canada short cut mess pork per bbl \$17 to \$17.50; Canada clear mess per bbl \$16.50 to \$17; mess pork, American new per bbl \$16.50; extra mess beef per bbl \$11.50 to \$12.50; hams, city cured per lb 11 to 11½c; lard, pure in pails per lb 8½c; lard compound in pails, per lb 7 to 6½c; bacon per lb 9½ to 10½c; shoulders per lb 9c.

Wool—The market remains very firm. The only sales reported are small lots at our quotations. Manufacturers do not seem inclined to buy ahead at all, and very few of them have any stock worth speaking of. Holders of wool are quite confident in the position of wool, and are not at all anxious to sell, as they believe the advanced prices will be fully maintained. We quote: Greasy caps, 15 to 17c; B.A. scoured 33 to 38c; Northwest 15 to 16c.

Hides—Although the meeting of the trade last week decided that the price of hides was to be put down, and that commencing on Monday dealers would only pay 4½c to butchers, yet it is impossible to say that the arrangement has been carried out. We quote:—No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; No. 3, 2½c; tanners are paying one cent more; lambskins, 40 to 50c; clips, 30c; calfskins, 5c.

Fresh fish—Salmon is scarce, the few lots of British Columbia fish arriving being picked up at 14 to 15c per lb. Very few Gaspe fish are coming in, except frozen stock, which is selling at 14c to 15c. Halibut is in limited supply at 10 to 12c, and cod and haddock bring from 2½c to 3½c per lb. Lake trout and whitefish 6 to 7c.—*Trade Bulletin*, August 5.

THE COMMERCIAL has received the first number of a new commercial paper called the *Maritime Grocer*, which will be published at Halifax, Nova Scotia, fortnightly. C. P. McLonnan is the editor. It is small, but neatly printed, and will no doubt be welcomed by the trade of the far east.

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British Columbia Paragraphs.

[The following items for our British Columbia department, were crowded out last week.]

The Vancouver business of the legal firm of Drake, Jackson & Helmcken has been taken over entire by the firm of Davis & Marshall. E. P. Davis is a former resident of Calgary. His associate, D. G. Marshall, is from Hamilton, Ont.

Young & Dennis have become proprietors of the Palace livery and sale stables. Mr. Young is a member of the dry goods firm of Cope & Young and Mr. Dennis is from Jarvis, Ontario. It is the intention of the firm to import at intervals and keep on hand for sale well bred horses.

Geo. Mathews, pork packer, is giving up business in Vancouver and is going back to Peterboro. The firm of Matthew Bros. are going largely into the export trade, and will concentrate their efforts in that direction. Mr. Mathews built up a good business in this Province and was well liked among the dealers.

The following have successfully passed their examination for admission to the bar of this province: C. H. Barber, as barrister and solicitor, with Yates & Jay, Victoria; J. L. Reed, New Westminster, as barrister; J. B. C. Herry, solicitor, New Westminster; as barrister; R. McBride, New Westminster, as barrister and solicitor.

The first stamp mill ever imported into the lower Okanagan country, and which is now working the ores of the famous Black Bear and War Eagle claims at Loomiston, has dispelled the illusion that the ore in the Okanagan gold belt is not of a free milling nature. More sales of mining properties have been closed during the last 60 days than ever before in the history of the lower country.

The last Census bulletin issued shows that the output of manufactured products *per capita* of Westminster City, which in 1881 was \$584 (the largest in Canada,) in 1891 was only \$212, arising from the large increase in population, who are chiefly concerned in trade and shipping business. The output in Victoria increased from \$216 in 1881 to \$261 in 1891. Vancouver, which had no existence till five years after the earlier period, shows the largest output of any in 1891.

The case in the British courts at Victoria, involving a one twenty-sixth interest in the Kootenay Bonanza mine, was decided on the 5th instant in favor of James Durkin, who purchased the interest in question from J. C. Cobough. It is reported the suit was brought to determine the rights of all parties in the property, and the termination has resulted satisfactorily to all concerned. There is no ill feeling among the parties, as may have been supposed. Rumor has it that Durkin gave a

suit claim to the Kootenay Bonanza company in consideration of \$25,000.

The preliminary arrangement between the directors of the Canadian Western Railway company and Frank Bateman, trustee for the construction company, was executed on Tuesday night at Victoria. It was signed by Messrs. R. P. Rithet, Thomas Earle, M.P., E. G. Prior, M.P., and Frank Barnard, M.P., for the railway company. By the agreement Mr. Bateman undertakes to deposit \$50,000 with the Government, as a guarantee for the expenditure of that amount during the first year, and also to form a construction company to build and construct the road. Before going home Mr. Bateman, with a party of Victorians, will take a trip to Bute Inlet.

H. F. Davis, fur trader, has just returned from the Peace River country. In an interview he said: "Mining is rather slow just now. A number of placer claims are being worked in the various small streams, but, as yet, no very rich deposits have been discovered, and the returns are generally small, though it is probable that, if machinery could be gotten into the country, much of the ground now idle could be worked with profit. But transportation is very difficult, and the inducements are scarcely sufficient to lead any one to attempt to put in a modern plant. Hunting and trapping are as yet the only industries that amount to much. Those are carried on principally by the Indians, and are on a steady increase. I brought my furs by pack train to Quesnelle. They will come down by way of the Cariboo road, and I expect them in a few days. Take it altogether, I have done a fairly good season's business, and have nothing to complain of.

COAL—J. W. Harrison writes as follows in reference to the San Francisco coal market. "Although the latest mail advices from Australia reported only three vessels loading and very few engagements being made for later loading, our market has shown no improvement either as to tone or values. Stocks on hand in the yards are still excessive. The latest cables from Australia report some charters for this port, which show an advance of 9d per ton on coal rates, and tonnage is said to be very scarce even at the advance. This stiffening of freights, combined with the fact that nearly every cargo now en route from Great Britain and Australia has passed out of first hands, should help quotations in the near future. We are now fully assured that the lowest prices have been reached, and it will be a long time before some of the purchases recently made can be duplicated. This is the general opinion now expressed by those well posted in the coal trade." Coal freights are quoted: Nanaimo or Departure Bay to San Francisco, \$1.75 to \$2; to San Diego or San Pedro, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

Dried Fruits in California.

The San Francisco *Grocer and Country Merchant* in reviewing the situation of the trade in dried fruits says: "The indications are that the experience of 1890 will be repeated this year in the market for fresh and dried fruits and that prices, particularly for the latter, will reach figures that will greatly decrease the demand from consumers in the east, where the great bulk of these goods is sold. In their desire to obtain large profits, producers are advancing prices to an extent which seems quite unwarranted by the situation. While short crops of nearly all kinds of fruit in the eastern State is a legitimate bases for considerably higher prices than those of last year it does not seem to warrant figures for fruit which many producers are disposed to exact. Dried fruit, such as apricots and peaches, are regarded by a large class of consumers in the east as a luxury only to be indulged in when prices are reasonable. The former article has advanced in this market some 3c per pound during the past fifteen days, and many driers, it is said, refuse to meet the market even at current quotations, say 12½c per pound. At this date last year the same goods were selling here at 8½c per pound. When apricots bought at present quotations reach the retail buyer their price will be increased to some 20c per pound; a price which will in many cases cause him to look upon the grocer's barrel of dried apples with a good deal of interest. The same state of things exist in regard to prunes, which are approaching figures, which if maintained will lead to heavy foreign importations, the crop of this fruit in France this year being abundant. Merchants or producers, it is to be expected, will strive to obtain full value for the articles in which they deal, but those of shrewdness and experience find that the policy of meeting the market usually wins.

Canadian Progress.

The industrial progress of Canada during the past decade has been very marked, the amount of capital invested and the number of men employed having increased enormously. The number of factories has increased to 70,929, being 52 per cent. in excess of those in existence in 1881. The number of employes at the same time has risen to 352,661, or 44 per cent. more than in 1881. The eastern maritime provinces are those which have shown the most activity, but in proportion to its population British Columbia holds first place. The total capital now engaged in manufacturing establishments is put down at \$80,803,346 and the number of steam engines, exclusive of those in mines, ships, and on farms, at 9873. This showing is most creditable and ones which Canadians may well exhibit with feelings of legitimate pride.—*Calcutta Journal of Commerce.*



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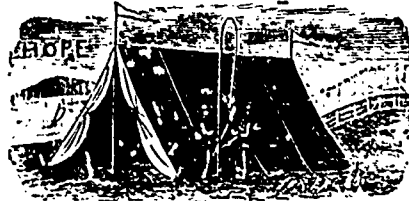
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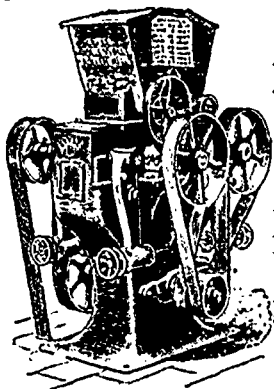
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Going South.		STATION.	Going North	
Mixed No. 5			Mixed No. 6	
		Daily, except Sunday.		
	7 30a	Ar. Great Falls	5 02p	
	8 45	Vaughan	5 40	
	9 00	Steel	6 15	
	4 15	Collins	7 45	
	2 50	Pondera	9 30	
	1 00	Conrad	10 45	
	12 05p	Shelby Junction	12 05a	
	10 50	Rocky Springs	12 55	
	10 00	Kevin	1 45	
	9 10	De. Sweet Grass	2 35	
		(Internat'l bound.)		
	8 10	Ar. Coult's	3 20	
	7 20	De. Milk River	4 10	
	6 30	Brunton	5 00	
	4 50	Starling	6 40	
	3 30	De. Lethbridge	8 00	

Going West.		STATIONS.	Going East.	
Mixed No. 2			Freight D. ex. No 3 Sun.	Mixed No. 1 Daily
	7 00p	Do. Dunmore	8 55a	10 40p
	10 30	Do. Grassy Lake	12 45p	2 00a
	2 00a	Ar. Lethbridge	4 45p	6 40a

CONNECTIONS.
Canadian Pacific Railway at Dunmore Junction: East bound train (Atlantic Express) leaves Dunmore at 10.17 a.m.; West bound train (Pacific Express) leaves Dunmore at 5.43 p.m.
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Taking effect on Sunday, April 3rd, 1892.
(Central or 90th Meridian Time.)

North Bound			STATIONS.	South Bound		
Brandon Ex. Tues., Th. & Sat.	St. Paul Express Daily.	Miles from Winnipeg.		St. Paul Express Daily.	Brandon Ex. Mon. Wed. & Fri.	
2.20p	4.25p	0	Winnipeg	11.10a	1.10p	
2.10p	4.13p	3.0	Portage Junction	11.19a	1.20p	
1.57p	2.68p	9.3	St. Norbert	11.33a	1.36p	
1.46p	3.45p	15.3	Cartier	11.47a	1.49p	
1.23p	3.26p	23.5	St. Agathe	12.00p	2.05p	
1.20p	3.17p	27.4	Union Point	12.14p	2.17p	
1.03p	3.05p	32.5	Silver Plains	12.26p	2.28p	
12.50p	2.48p	40.4	Morris	12.45p	2.45p	
	2.33p	46.8	St. Jean	1.00p		
	2.13p	56.0	Letellier	1.24p		
	1.60p	65.0	Emerson	1.50p		
	1.35p	68.1	Pembina	2.00p		
	9.45a	168	Grand Forks	5.50p		
	5.35a	223	Winnipeg Junction	9.50p		
	8.35p	470	Minneapolis	6.30a		
	8.00p	481	St. Paul	7.05a		
	9.00p	653	Chicago	9.35a		

MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.

East Bound.			STATIONS.	West Bound.		
Freight Mon., Wed. & Fri.	Passenger Tues., Thurs., Sat.	Miles from Morris.		Passenger Mon., Wed., Fri.	Freight Tues., Thurs., Sat.	
12.20p	9.20p		Winnipeg	1.10p	3.00a	
7.00p	12.40p		Morris	2.55p	3.45a	
6.10p	9.15p		Low Farm	3.18p	9.30a	
5.14p	11.43a	10 0	Myrtle	3.43p	10.19a	
4.49p	11.37a	21 2	Royale	3.53p	10.39a	
4.00p	11.18a	25 9	Rosebank	4.05p	11.13a	
3.30p	11.03a	33 5	Miami	4.25p	11.50a	
2.45p	10.40a	39 8	Deerwood	4.43p	12.33p	
2.20p	10.23a	49 0	Altamont	5.01p	1.05p	
1.46p	10.03a	54 1	Somerset	5.23p	1.45p	
1.13p	9.53a	62 1	Swan Lake	5.37p	2.17p	
12.43p	9.37a	68 4	Indian Springs	5.52p	2.48p	
12.19p	9.26a	74 0	Maricapolis	6.03p	3.12p	
11.46a	9.10a	79 4	Greenway	6.20p	3.45p	
11.15a	8.53a	86 1	Balder	6.35p	4.18p	
10.29a	8.30a	92 3	Belmont	7.00p	5.07p	
9.52a	8.12a	102.0	Hilton	7.30p	5.45p	
9.16a	7.57a	109.7	Ashdown	7.53p	6.25p	
9.02a	7.47a	120 0	Wawanaca	8.00p	6.38p	
8.15a	7.24a	129.5	Rounthwato	8.28p	7.27p	
7.33a	7.04a	137 2	Martinville	8.48a	8.05p	
7.00a	6.45a	145.1	Brandon	9.10p	8.45p	

West-bound Passenger Trains stop at Belmont for meals.

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East Bound.		STATIONS.	W. End.	
Mixed daily except Sunday.	Miles from Winnipeg.		daily	except Sunday.
11.35a	0	Winnipeg	4.30p	
11.15a	3.0	Portage Junction	4.45p	
10.49a	11.5	St. Charles	5.13p	
10.41a	14.7	Readingly	5.20p	
10.17a	21.0	White Plains	5.45p	
9.25a	35.2	Eustace	6.33p	
9.03a	42.1	Oakville	6.56p	
8.25a	55.5	Portage la Prairie	7.46p	

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