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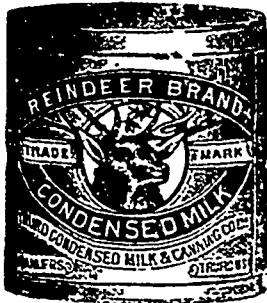
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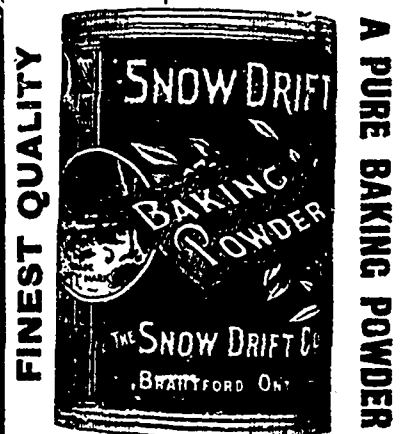
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WINNIPEG, JUNE 22, 1896.

## Manitoba.

F. Savago & Co. have opened a harness and saddlery shop at Poplar Point.

A. G. McLeod has opened a confectionery store at Selkirk.

Selkirk, with a population of 2,000, is the fourth largest town in Manitoba.

H. C. Birnie has purchased the photo business at Manitou, of T. C. Birnie & Co.

The Selkirk Record is urging upon the business men to form a board of trade in Selkirk. Good idea.

R. Baal, carriage maker, Selkirk, who received serious injuries at a recent fire there, died from the effects of his injuries.

Entries are now coming in for the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition. The earlier entries can be made the greater assistance it will be to the management.

The Selkirk Record came to hand as usual last week, notwithstanding the very severe loss from fire recently experienced by the publisher.

Geo. H. Rodgers, of Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., Winnipeg, went to Regina last week to take over the business of L. C. Rogers, which will be continued for the present under the style of Rodgers Bros. & Co.

C. N. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg board of trade and the grain exchange, will put in his summer holidays this year by making a trip to the Pacific coast. He starts next week, after election day of course.

James Burridge, manager at Winnipeg of the Gurney-Tilden company, is having plans prepared for a handsome new warehouse for his company, to be erected on Rupert street, Winnipeg. The height is four stories and a basement; dimensions 40x100.

Winnipeg hide dealers complain that considerable trouble is caused them by the arrival of hides not properly marked. Several lots of hides often come in on the same car, for different dealers, and when each and every hide is not marked, it is merely guesswork to tell what hides belong to each dealer. The bill of lading will show the number in each shipment, but when several shipments are mixed together, it will not show what hides belong to each shipper. Thus difficulty is caused with customers regarding weights. Shippers should mark every hide with a strong tag. When poor tags of light cardboard or paper are used, they often get torn off, and thus the identity of the hides is lost,

## Northwest Ontario.

A local development company has been formed at Rat Portage, and a number of the best business men have united for the purpose of handling and developing promising locations.

There will shortly be some extensive changes at the Sultana. It was stated some time ago that a new outfit of machinery would go into operation there during the summer.

## Alberta.

J. A. McDougall's new wholesale warehouse at Edmonton, says the Bulletin, is now completed. It is a fine addition to the business premises of the town. There are two floors, the lower part of the building being used for heavy groceries and provisions, and the upper portion devoted to clothing, dry goods, musical instruments and notions.

Work was commenced at the Edmonton creamery on June 12.

## The London Conference.

The congress of chambers of commerce of the British Empire assembled again on June 12, for the fourth and final sitting. The resolution of the Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce introduced by B. Plummer, that so far as possible the most important inter-imperial postal and telegraph routes be established between Great Britain and the colonies as well as between the colonies themselves, without such routes passing through other countries, was adopted.

The following resolution introduced by the London Chamber of commerce, relating to bills of lading was then adopted: "That this congress express strong disapproval of the method adopted in bills of lading of inserting clauses contracting ship-owners practically out of all liability, and requests the London Chamber of Commerce to provide a conference with ship owners in order to eliminate these clauses, or failing such conference to introduce a bill into parliament defining the liability of ship-owners.

Later, a motion of the Liverpool Incorporated Chamber of Commerce, regarding the rule of road at sea, was adopted. It reads: "Inasmuch as the system of sound signals for use in fog, proposed at the Washington conference, has been condemned as dangerous and useless by all classes directly responsible for the safety of the mercantile marine of this country and by the shipping interests of many other countries, it is expedient the British government should endeavor to secure the consent of all foreign powers to the withdrawal of the proposed new sound signals."

John Williams, for the Leeds Chamber of Commerce, submitted the following motion: "That connection by railway of Seaport in Barmah with Southwest China at Summao is greatly required in order to open out trade of the empire with our new territories in the basin of Mekong, and to enable manufacturers of the empire to compete with those of France in Northern Siam and Southwest China."

The emigration resolution of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, moved by Frank L. Patton, was next brought up and adopted. A similar resolution moved by H. B. Joyner, representing the Qu'Appelle, Canada, Board of Trade, was adopted later.

On motion of J. X. Perrault, for the Montreal chamber of commerce, the following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, the British currency system of pounds, shillings pence and farthings is a source of constant annoyance and loss of time to trade, especially to foreign trade who have adopted the decimal system, and whereas, the system of dollars and cents now covers the whole of the North American continent, with a population of seventy millions of English speaking

people; be it resolved, that the Canadian decimal system of currency, which answers all purposes, be extended to other portions of the British empire, a pound sterling to be equal to five dollars, and a shilling to twenty-five cents.

Whereas, the British system of weights and measures, which vary constantly in every part of the British empire, is a source of constant annoyance, loss of time and formidable obstacle to local imperial and foreign trade, and whereas, the metric system has now been universally recognized as the most perfect decimal system, and generally adopted by nations on both continents, with the exception of the British empire and the United States of America, be it resolved the metric system of weights and measures be adopted without further delay by the several governments of the empire, a yard being extended to a metro, a quart to a litre and two pounds weight to a kilogramme."

After a resolution expressing the congress to be in favor of closer connection between the governments and chambers of commerce had been adopted, the congress adjourned.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

At Brockville, Ontario, on June 4, the market for cheese was discouraging to the dairymen, who hoped for an advance. 2,851 boxes were offered, 285 boxes of white were sold and 28 colored, at 6½c on the board, but quite a large amount changed hands on the streets at these figures. G. G. Publow, inspector of factories for the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association was present and gave the makers some good advice. He said in his visits he found that in nearly all cases a fine article was being made, but complaints were made that some lots that had gone forward were off flavor. This is due to poor curing and the action of the starters used, which, he said, predominated in the flavor of the cheese. He thought too much salt was being used in some cases. He was advising a smooth boring silky textured cheese. Being asked the length of time necessary to secure a cheese, he said three weeks, or never less than fifteen days, but he believed that it would be better if no cheese were shipped under one month from date of making.

The prices paid for cheese at the different country boards in Ontario on June 10, advanced from ½c to ¾c over those of a week ago, and the average country value is now only ¼c to ½c below the ruling for last year in the country, which was 7½c.

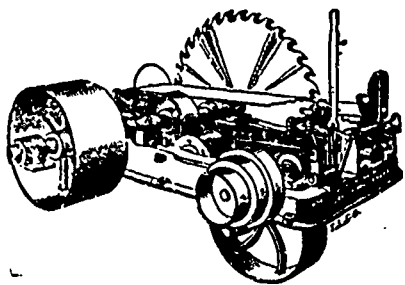
At Brockville, Ont., on June 11, there were 2,849 boxes cheese boarded, of which 471 were colored, and the balance white. Sales were—146 boxes white at 6½c, 608 boxes white at 7c, 180 boxes colored at 7c.

Mr. Telfer, of Telfer & Huey, provision merchants, of Glasgow, Scotland, paid Winnipeg a visit last week, and went south to visit western United States cities. While here Mr. Telfer arranged with David Cleland, with J. C. Sproule, to act as agents for his firm in Winnipeg. He also had negotiations with some of our millers, with a view to handling their flour in the Glasgow market.

At London, Ont. on June 18, six factories boarded 1,651 boxes May and 638 boxes June. Sales—25 at 6½c, 125 at 6 18-16c, 510 at 7c, 18 at 7 1-16c and 526 at 7½c.

## Silver.

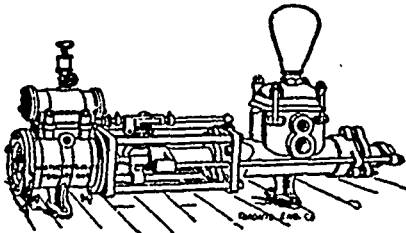
Prices were comparatively steady, the only change in the London quotations for bars being a decline of 1-16d. on Monday—to 31 5-16—which figure has since then remained stationary. Commercial quotations in New York exhibited a similar slight decline to 68½ to 69½. Silver prices on June 12 were: London, 31 5-16d. New York, 68½c to 69½c.—Bradstreet's,



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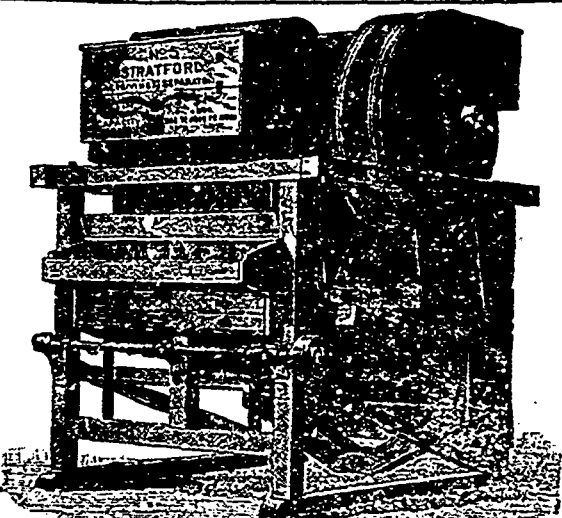
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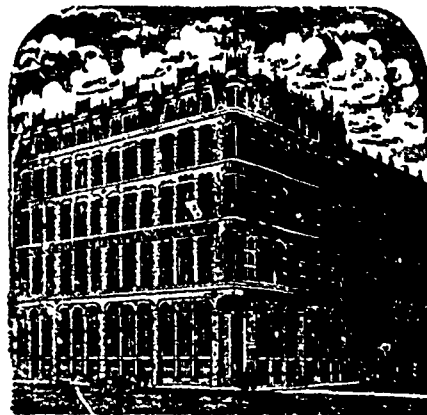
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WINNIPEG, JUNE 22, 1896.

## UNITED STATES CROP OUTLOOK.

The official United States crop report of late years has been a very unreliable document. The report has so persistently underrated both the area and condition of the crops, that it has generally come to be regarded as a document prepared specially to "boom" prices, in the interest of the farmers. Many of the commercial and grain trade papers in the United States have taken this view of the case. The Commercial does not believe that the Washington department has willfully under-rated the crops, but it is quite possible that many of its correspondents have knowingly done so, thus misleading the department and getting it into bad repute with the trade.

The June report of the Washington department this year, however, is something of a surprise, as the estimates of crop area and crop conditions are considered as fully up to, if not in advance of actual conditions. This may be accounted for by a change in the mode of obtaining crop reports. The department has obtained reports from 15,000 millers throughout the country, in addition to the reports from its regular agricultural correspondents.

The report places the winter wheat area at 22,791,000 acres and the spring wheat area at 11,825,000, or a total of 34,616,000 acres of winter and spring wheat. Last year the area was 31,047,332 and in 1891 it was 34,832,486 and in 1893 it was 31,629,418 acres. Thus it will be seen that there has not been much variation in the total wheat area of the United States for four years.

The spring wheat area, as shown by the June report this year, it is a little greater than for the preceding three years, while the winter wheat area shows a slight decrease. The spring wheat area of the important spring wheat states is as follows: Minnesota, 3,200,000; North Dakota, 2,530,000; South Dakota, 2,463,000; Nebraska, 1,221,000 acres. Last year the area of these states was: Minnesota, 2,851,000; North Dakota, 2,907,000; South Dakota, 2,483,000; Nebraska, 1,232,000. North Dakota shows a considerable decrease in the area, which is in the Red river valley, owing to the wet spring. The report however, shows a considerable increase in the wheat area of Minnesota, while the other two leading spring wheat states are much the same as last year. The increase in Minnesota about balances the decrease in North Dakota, and the total spring wheat area, as already noted, is slightly in excess of the three previous years.

The winter wheat area, according to the June report, was reduced somewhat by the plowing up of some fields, but this is we may say an annual occurrence. Among the winter wheat states California again leads in point of acres, with 3,011,000 acres, which is a little less than last year. Kansas comes next with 2,681,000 acres, which is a decrease of nearly 800,000 acres as compared with last year, and a decrease of over 700,000 acres as

compared with 1891. In 1893 and 1894 Kansas had a larger area than any other winter wheat state, reaching 8,395,000 acres in 1891, but last year and this it takes second place to California. The other leading wheat states come in the following order this year: Ohio, 2,422,000 acres; Indiana, 2,291,000 acres; Illinois, 1,906,000 acres; Missouri, 1,418,000 acres; Pennsylvania, 1,239,000 acres, Michigan, 1,202,000 acres. All other winter wheat states have an area under 1,000,000 acres each.

The areas of oats, rye and barley are all slightly reduced as compared with last year, wheat being considered a more profitable crop at current prices than any of these grains.

As reported in The Commercial last week, the condition of spring wheat is said to be high, being placed at 99.9 per cent. Winter wheat is only fair, the condition being only 77.9 per cent. Corn is not fully reported in the June returns.

## WHERE SKILL AND INTELLIGENCE ARE NEEDED.

The French government has been endeavoring to improve agricultural methods in that country, to enable the farmers to profitably produce a sufficient quantity of foodstuffs to supply the home market. According to recently published statistics, a great measure of success has attended these efforts. Some years ago it was claimed that the cost of producing wheat in France was \$1.40 per bushel. But owing to improved methods, France has gone on producing wheat, even in larger quantities than in former years, at a much less cost than \$1.40 per bushel. Experimental schools were established, and the farmers were taught the use of fertilizers, the rotation of crops, changing of seed, etc., resulting, as a recent report says, "in great benefit through the introduction of scientific methods."

The Commercial has frequently referred to the good work being done in our own country by the Dominion Experimental farms. Canadian farmers could compete with the world and make money, if they would study and practice improved methods. A recent investigation into the condition of agriculture in one of the eastern states was made, and in the report the cause of the majority of failures was said to be owing to careless or unscientific methods of farming. If such an investigation were made in Canada, it would certainly be found that in the very great majority of cases where farmers were not doing well, unscientific methods would be at the bottom of the trouble. Many farmers merely make a living or progress slowly, when they might get along to much better advantage by improved methods.

The work of the Dominion experimental farms places within the reach of every farmer in Canada a great deal of the information which is necessary to enable him to succeed. Of course, practical experience must not be overlooked; but after practical experience, any one possessing ordinary intelligence can gain almost all the theoretical and scientific knowledge required by carefully following the work of the experimental farms from year to year. A great work is thus being

done in the interest of the farmers of Canada, if they would only avail themselves of it. Unfortunately a great many pay very little attention to modern methods, and prefer to go on in the old way, and the result is apparent on every hand.

There is no more noble nor independent occupation than that of the farmer. There is no occupation which gives greater scope for the application of the highest order of intelligence than that of the farmer. The farmer can make his daily work a source of education to himself and benefit (through observation) to his neighbors, by intelligently seeking to excel. The avenues for gaining experimental and practical knowledge are illimitable. Young people leave the farms to obtain a "higher education," and then devote themselves to other pursuits. Why not turn their "higher education" to account on the farm? There is no place where it could be used to better advantage. There is something wrong in our social system that it does not recognize this fact. There is ten times the scope for the application of a first-class education on the farm, than there is in most city offices. Many of the advanced studies, such as chemistry, botany, etc., can be turned to constant use on the farm. The idea that any ignoramus will do for a farmer, is the greatest error. Education and intelligence are nowhere required more urgently than on the farm.

In these days of low prices of agricultural products, what is required is intelligence applied to agricultural pursuits. It is not necessary to have a nation of scientists devoted to farming. What our farmers do need, however, is to endeavor to make use of the information which is being worked out for them by the experimental farms and other agencies, applying such information intelligently, combining therewith the personal determination to excel in their work, and to profit continually by the experience gained by themselves or through observation.

The trend of education and of social influences in Canada have been in the wrong direction in the past, but a change is taking place at last, and the needs of agriculture are beginning to be recognized. Canada is an agricultural country, and every effort should be made to encourage our principle industry. Without any increase of population, our annual exports might be almost doubled and our national wealth vastly increased by the application of improved methods of agriculture. Other nations are beginning to see the advantage of encouraging the farmers to adopt improved methods. In Denmark, for instance, the government has done a great work in educating the farmers in this direction. If Canada is to hold her own, a strong effort must be made to assist the farmer to adopt more improved methods, thus enabling him to produce at a profit, even at current low values.

At the experimental farm at Brandon last year, the lowest yield of wheat from twelve leading varieties sown, was 42½ bushels per acre, and the highest yield 49 bushels per acre. At the Indian Head experimental farm, the lowest yield from twelve leading varieties of wheat was 43½ bushels per acre, and the highest yield was 52 bushels per

acro. This is what following improved methods means. Why could not every farmer in the country do equally as well? They could, if they would apply the same intelligence and knowledge to their work. Take even the lowest yield obtained from the twenty-four plots of wheat grown on the two farms, or say 42 bushels per acre. Surely the average farmer could equal the poorest crop grown out of the twenty-four, if he tried, yet we find that the average yield of wheat in Manitoba last year was about fifteen bushels per acre less than the lowest return from the twenty-four plots of wheat grown at the two experimental farms, and twenty-four bushels per acre less than the highest yield. Taking the lowest yield as a guide to what the average farmer should do, we find that the farmers of Manitoba produced last year 15,000,000 bushels less wheat than they should have done, on the area under crop. This gives an idea what might be accomplished in Manitoba by skilful agricultural methods, and bears out the statements made earlier, that the highest order of intelligence, combined with good education, can find ample scope for operation in agriculture. By applying intelligently the knowledge which is being worked out for our farmers, yields of wheat ranging from 40 to 50 bushels per acre would become as common as 15 to 20 bushels per acre has been in the past, thus greatly reducing the cost of producing wheat per bushel, and correspondingly increasing the profits.

### THE GREAT CONFERENCE.

So far only meagre cable reports have been received of the proceedings of the London Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire. Trade within the Empire was of course the most important matter discussed. The general interest which is taken in the question of trade relationship within the Empire may be imagined from the fact that almost every commercial body represented at the conference had some proposals or resolutions to submit on this point. Only a few of the resolutions, however, could be discussed, and as many of them were very similar in the views presented, it was not necessary to take them all into consideration.

In opening the proceedings of the conference, Hon. Jos. Chamberlain, honorary president, dwelt at some length upon relationship within the Empire. In his address Mr. Chamberlain referred to a point which has frequently been dealt with in *The Commercial*, regarding preferential trade, namely; that British free traders could not accept the proposals coming from colonial protectionists, and apparently the colonies would not accept the free trade proposals coming from the home parties.

So far as can be gleaned from the cable reports, very little progress was made in a practical direction at the conference. All the different commercial bodies represented seemed to be in favor of closer trade relationship within the Empire, but there is a great difference of opinion as to how it should be brought about. The resolutions were all withdrawn in favor of a non-committal one, to the effect that an "imperial conference should be called, representing

all interests involved, in order to devise ways to bring about this object." It will thus be seen that the conference avoided expressing any direct opinion as to the nature which the proposed closer commercial relationship should take.

Simmered down, the great difficulty in the way of a commercial Zollverein within the Empire is, Protection in the colonies, or to put it the other way, Free Trade in Great Britain. These are antagonistic principles. British free traders do not seem more inclined than formerly to consider preferential trade on protectionist principles. They might be induced to adopt a moderate tariff against foreign countries, on certain specified commodities, if by so doing absolute or even approximate free trade within the Empire could be attained. Mr. Chamberlain hinted this much in his speech; but they are not at all likely to submit to tariff taxation in order to secure simply a preferential tariff in their favor in the colonies. So far as Canada is concerned, and the other colonies are in much the same condition, protection bars the way to the realization of the imperial Zollverein idea.

### DISCOURAGING HOME INDUSTRY.

There has been talk at times of protecting Winnipeg merchant tailors, who have to compete with agents of eastern establishments. We have not heard anything, however, about protecting the local printers. Wages are higher in Winnipeg than in the East, and prices for all kinds of job printing are cut down very fine. Almost every class of work in printing, lithographing, embossing, engraving, etc., can be secured in Winnipeg, which in point of workmanship will quite equal the average work done in eastern cities. Employment is given to a large number of hands, who are paid much higher wages than are generally paid in local establishments in other lines. As regards prices, they are cut down very fine.

An experienced master printer from an eastern city, who recently visited Winnipeg, was surprised when he learned of the prices current here for job printing. Compared with the rate of wages and other expenses here, he declared that work was done on a much smaller margin here than in Toronto. Yet a large quantity of job printing is sent away to eastern parties, or given to agents of eastern establishments. This is not the way to encourage local enterprise and build up the city. The local printers pay high rents, high taxes and high wages. At the last municipal contest in Winnipeg, one of the mayoralty candidates said:

"Merchant tailors paying high rent, high taxes and high wages should be protected against the eastern tailor who makes Winnipeg his temporary abode, and who solicits business to the great prejudice of local men. I think such visitors (whether their stay in Winnipeg is long or short) should pay a license at least equal to the tax imposed upon the local dealers."

The above applies with even greater force to the printers, especially in the matter of higher wages paid.

While *The Commercial* does not ask for direct protection for the printers, as against eastern agents, it does ask business men to

consider the interests of the city in which they are making a living, by having their work in this line executed at home.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

OCCASIONALLY the law against trusts gets in its work. In Wisconsin the National Manufacturing company has been restrained from doing business, pending a hearing of the case, on the complaint that the company was formed for the purpose of controlling the sash, door and blind trade of a group of states, including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and others.

THE authorities in British Columbia are taking extraordinary precautions to prevent the introduction of insects injurious to fruits. Last year some consignments of apples from the States were destroyed, on the ground that the fruit was infested with injurious insects. Nursery stock has also been seized for the same reason. The latest report is that a consignment of Australian apples has been seized because infested with insects. Parties who contemplate shipping such goods to British Columbia should therefore make sure that their stock is free from insect pests.

THE bicycle craze is said to be causing Winnipeg retail merchants some difficulty in making collections. Certain it is that bicycle riding has become a fad in Winnipeg, and a large amount of cash is being put into wheels. Three or four wheels in one family will certainly detract from the ability of the family to pay store bills; and it is a well-known fact that many people are riding bicycles who ordinarily have difficulty in making both ends meet. Of course the bicycle is a help to a great many people whose employment necessitates much walking, and to some extent the bicycle also takes the place of a horse and carriage. Those who dispense with horses in favor of the bicycle, however, are probably very few. A very large number of those who now ride bicycles, are doing so because it is a popular amusement, and they use the bicycle for amusement and not for business purpose. This is evident from the fact that many persons who are never seen with a bicycle during business hours, may be seen riding for pleasure in the evenings. They go about their business affairs on foot, and bring out the bicycle after they have finished their day's work. A certain amount of recreation, however, is necessary, particularly for business people, or those confined in stores, and if the bicycle fad will induce them to take such recreation, it will be beneficial to many.

WE northern people are wont to look upon the "Sunny South" as a land entirely free from the visits of Jack Frost. It therefore seems strange to us to read reports about people leaving the state of Florida, on account of the devastation caused there by frost. Nevertheless it is true that a number of people have left that state and abandoned their property on account of the havoc worked by the frost. The frost which struck Florida two winters ago did not only damage the orange crop, but destroyed the trees entirely or to such an extent as to prevent them

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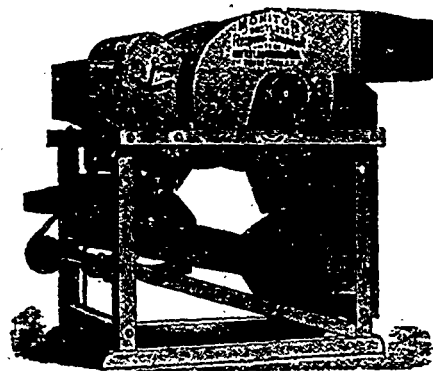
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from bearing fruit for years. Florida depends upon its orange crop, and for two years there have been practically no oranges for shipment. The most favorable reports state that it will be a few years before Florida can ship oranges on a large scale again. We have suffered some from frosts in Manitoba, but all the frost damage in Manitoba for ten years back would not compare with the loss to Florida in the one season. The damage also done in California this year from frost is probably much greater than was ever experienced in Manitoba.

THE warm season is again at hand, and one of the most objectionable features of life in Winnipeg is becoming apparent. We refer to the prevalence of disagreeable odors. Odors from poorly flushed sewers, odors from stagnant pools of water, owing to bad drainage, and odors from back-yard closets, are everywhere to be met with. Thanks to the abundant rain-fall this season, the sewers have been kept flushed fairly well and they have not as yet become very objectionable. The other two sources of olfactory refreshment, however, have become objectionable, and the latter one we have, so to speak, always with us. Regarding these pools of filthy, festering water, it does seem strange that provision has not been made for efficient surface drainage in the thickly-built-up portions of the city at least, where sewers have been built. As to these abominable back-yard closets, it does seem high time that something should be done to abate this beastly nuisance, in the closely settled portions of the city. On a calm, warm evening, the whole air, in some districts, seems to be permeated with the odor from these filthy affairs. Citizens who have put in water connections are obliged to submit to these disagreeable smells. To throw open a window to ventilate a room, means often that the air of the house is tainted with the foul odor from a neighbor's closet.

THE use of wood block pavement material is condemned on sanitary grounds. In London, England, wood pavement has been used to some extent and is considered a nuisance to the public. The Daily Telegraph says that as to its sanitary drawbacks there can be no possible doubt, whatever may be its merits or demerits in other respects. The blocks are porous enough to absorb liquid impurities, and in dry weather the air is laden with atoms of street refuse, which are offensive to the smell, irritating to the eyesight and injurious to the health. The Telegraph further refers to the London experiment with wood block pavement as "horribly unsanitary." This is no doubt a truthful reference to block pavement from a sanitary point of view. Imagine the streets covered with rotting wood, which is saturated with liquid manure and the soaking from all the filth which accumulates in the streets. Wood pavement is certainly most objectionable from the sanitary standpoint, and so far as the experience gained from its use in Winnipeg is concerned, there is very little to recommend it from any other point of view.

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## Freight Rates in British Columbia

The Canadian Pacific Railway has issued a new tariff of freight rates from British Columbia provincial points to the Kootenay towns, on hay, grain, flour, etc., which it is said will give British Columbia traders a decided advantage over Manitoba. The following is the new tariff, the figures indicating the rate in cents per hundred pounds for car load lots, from some points:

From	Hay	Grain.
From Ashcroft—		
To Nakusp and Robson.....	80	81½
Trail Creek and Waneta.....	85	86½
Three Forks and Sandon.....	45	46½
Nelson.....	40	41½
Kootenay Lake.....	45½	46½
From Kamloops—		
To Nakusp and Robson.....	27	28
Trail Creek and Waneta.....	32	33
Three Forks and Sandon.....	42	43
Nelson.....	37	38
Kootenay Lake.....	42½	43
From Salmon A. n.—		
To Nakusp and Robson.....	23½	25
Trail Creek and Waneta.....	28½	30
Three Forks and Sandon.....	38½	40
Nelson.....	33½	35
Kootenay Lake.....	40	40
From Vernon—		
To Nakusp and Robson.....	84½	25
Trail Creek and Waneta.....	29½	30
Three Forks and Sandon.....	39½	40
Nelson.....	34½	35
Kootenay Lake.....	40	40
From Enderby—		
To Nakusp and Robson.....	24½	25
Trail Creek and Waneta.....	29½	30
Three Forks and Sandon.....	39½	40
Nelson.....	34½	35
Kootenay Lake.....	40	40

Rates shown under head of grain will include all commodities in straight or mixed car loads, rated 8th class in current Canadian joint freight classification.

Kootenay Lake points are Ainsworth, Hendryx, Pilot Bay, Balfour and Kaslo. The rate to Roseberry same as to Three Forks and Sandon.

## The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Gazette says: "Owing to the free arrivals of linseed oil and the limited demand at present the market for this article has ruled weak during the past week and prices have declined one cent per gallon. Recent sales of round lots of raw have taken place at 51c and small lots at 53c, while boiled has changed hands at 54 to 56c as to quality. The market for turpentine has also been weaker on account of increased supplies and continued easy advices from the South, and prices here have been reduced one cent per gallon to 89c for 5 to 10 barrel lots and 40c for smaller quantities. Advices from the

South state that the arrivals of new season's turpentine at the shipping points already aggregate over ten thousand barrels in excess of the same period last year and, although there is free buying, the quotations have reached a very low point. Buyers would like to cover futures at about present figures, but an advance of three cents (3c) is demanded over spot quotations."

## Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Flour declined 30c per barrel. Eggs were higher, and wheat sharply lower.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat, sold 88 to 99c.  
 Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$2.25; Bakers, \$2.05.  
 Bran.—Per ton, \$11.  
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.  
 Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 83 to 84c.  
 Barley.—Per bushel, about 40c, local freights.  
 Flax Seed.—Small sales retail at \$1.50 per bushel.  
 Butter.—Country dairy 10 in a small way, and very dull.  
 Cheese.—New —c.  
 Eggs.—Fresh, 9c net, jobbing 10c.  
 Beef.—City dressed, 6 to 6½c.  
 Mutton.—Fresh, 8c.  
 Hogs.—City dressed, 5½c.  
 Cattle.—Butchers' 3 to 3½c.  
 Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.  
 Sheep.—4c.  
 Seneca Root.—Dry 17 to 19c lb.  
 Poultry.—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair, turkeys, 8c lb., live weight.  
 Hides.—No. 1 cows, 7½c.  
 Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 9 to 10½c.  
 Potatoes.—45c per bushel.  
 Hay.—\$4.00 to \$4.50 per ton, car lots.

## United States Wool Market.

Manufacturers are not disposed to buy to stock up except at liberal concessions from the present low prices. Western speculators are buying up considerable wool in the territories at better prices than eastern dealers will pay, hence the latter can see no object in cutting prices any more to clean out old wools when the cost to replace with new wools would be greater. The feeling is that, until the woolen goods market improves and permits idle machinery to start up, there is little prospect of any marked increase in the demand for wool.—Bradstreet's.

The court at St. Paul, Minnesota, has finally ordered the sale of the Duluth and Winnipeg road at Duluth next month.

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**THE BUSINESS SITUATION.**

WINNIPEG, Saturday, June 20, 1896.

This being the final week in the federal election contest, political excitement is at a high heat and business is correspondingly neglected. The expression has been heard when asking about business: "Hang business, how will the elections go?" In general wholesale trade there are no important features, and in country produce the dairy trade at present the most important feature. Grain trade is very quiet. The official Manitoba crop report, issued this week, shows a smaller decrease in the area than had been looked for owing to the late spring and weather. The decreased area in wheat is about five per cent. The weather has continued a most exceptionally favorable for the growing crops, and splendid progress is being made by the crops generally. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show an increase of about 16 per cent over the corresponding week of 1895, and about 21 per cent over the week of 1891.

There are 55 business failures reported in Canada this week, as compared with 38 last week, 30 in the week one year ago, 21 two years ago, and 20 in the third week in June, 1895.

Canadian imports and exports for May show a decided increase over those for May, 1895. In eleven months of the current fiscal year the exports increased six millions, and the imports five and a quarter. The increase in customs revenue is \$2,375,000.

Rain is reported to be needed in Ontario. Owing to the election excitement, business throughout Canada is quiet, and in the east some travellers have been taken of the road temporarily.

In the United States this week a better feeling has been caused by the adoption of a strong sound money platform by the Republican party, but the commercial situation is depressed. Bradstreet's says: "in industrial lines there is no improvement. In iron and steel prices of some varieties tend lower. Manufacturers of cotton have cut quotations to attract buyers. Quotations for wool at the interior are still above a parity with seaboard prices. Practically unchanged quotations are recorded for wheat, flour, oats, coffee, print cloths, leather iron and steel, while there are advances for corn, pork, cotton, petroleum, and spirits of turpentine."

Stocks at New York and London have been dull. At New York yesterday call money was quoted at 1 1/2 to 2 per cent.; primo mercantile paper 1 to 5 1/2 per cent. Bar Silver 69 3/4c.

**WINNIPEG MARKETS.**

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, June 20.

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

**GROCERIES**—A more active demand at the refineries is reported for sugars, owing to the beginning of the fruit season, and prices are held firmer, though there was a decline of 1-16c at New York at the end of last week. Now that the fruit season has started, with a large fruit crop in view, meaning a large demand for sugars, a firm market may be looked for for some time.

**GREEN FRUITS**—Oranges have become increasingly scarce. In fact, supplies of oranges are about exhausted everywhere and the few secured lately have been held at fancy prices. Lemons are very firm, the warm weather causing a heavy demand. Bananas are in good supply. Strawberries have been out of the market most of the week, and the quotation is nominal. California fruits are

coming in greater varieties. Cherries are arriving freely, though many have been over-ripe. Watermelons are now on the way from the south. Prices are: Lemons, Messina, \$1 to \$5 per box as to quality; California oranges, Mediterranean sweets, 126 size \$5 per box; St. Michael's \$5 to 6 per box as to size; Messina blood oranges, 1/2 boxes, \$2.75 for 80, and \$3 for \$120 size; Bananas, fancy, Port Limon, \$2 to \$3 per bunch as to size, strawberries, 10 quart cases, \$2.75 to \$3.75 per case, pineapples, \$2.50 to \$3 per dozen as to size, California cherries, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per box, California peaches, \$2.75 per box; California apricots, \$2.50 box; California plums, \$3 1/2 box, Tomatoes, \$1.75 per crate of 4 baskets, cucumbers, 90c doz. Apple cider, 35c per gallon, in 30 gal barrels, maple sugar 12c per lb, maple syrup, \$1.10 per wine gallon, in gallon tins; pie plant, \$1.75 per 100 pounds, Egyptian onions, \$3.50 per 100 pounds.

**PAINTS, OILS, ETC**—Prices here are as follows.

**WHITE LEADS**.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 to \$8 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

**PREPARED PAINTS**.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

**DRY COLORS**.—White lead, per lb., 8c, red lead, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c, less than barrels, 2 1/4c, golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c, American vermilion, 15c, English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2 1/2c, less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 3 1/2c less, than kegs, 4c lb.

**VARNISHES**.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.50; No. 1 carriage, \$1.60; hard oil finish, \$1.50; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

**SUNDRIES**.—Gluc, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12 1/2 to 15c; gluc, white, for kalsomining, 16 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$3; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plasterer's hair, 90c per bale; putty, in bladders, barrel lots 2 1/2c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., 2 1/4c.

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

**LINSEED OIL**.—Raw, per gal., 56c; boiled, per gal., 59c in barrels, less than barrels 3c per gallon extra.

**TURPENTINE**.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 58c; less than barrels, per gallon, 65c.

**OILS**.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

**REFINED PETROLEUM**.—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 2 1/2c; crescent, 2 1/4c; cleophene, 2 1/2c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 3 1/2c for cocene and 80c for sunlight.

**WOOD FUEL**.—There is very little business doing in car lots, city retail dealers having stocked up during the winter and early spring. There is very little poplar wood offering. Car lot prices are: Poplar, \$2.50 to \$3 per cord; pine, \$3.50 to \$3.75; tamarac, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

**WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION**—Wheat has been fairly steady and moderately firm this week. On Monday prices went a little under the lowest point of last week, but recovered again the next day. There have been heavy receipts of wheat at Duluth and Minneapolis, reaching over 500 car loads yesterday at these two points, but this has been offset by less favorable returns from the southwest, where threshing is now going on, and reports are that the yield is not turning out equal to expectations. Export demand has been light. The adoption of a solid money plank by the St. Louis Republican convention, helped the market a trifle. Shipments from all exporting countries last week were large, aggregating 8,400,000 bushels, of which under 3,000,000 bushels was from America. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 3,020,000 bushels against 2,922,000 last week, 2,857,000 in the same week one year ago, and is compared with 1,927,000 bushels in the third week of June 1891, and with 8,533,000 bushels in the like week of 1892.

**WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION**—The local market has been very dull, election excitement detracting from business matters very materially. Prices have been steady. About the highest idea of values this week here has been 60c for No. 1 hard, delivered afloat Fort William, this price having been realized to a limited extent at the top of the market. The general basis of values here, however, has been about 59c, but a very limited business has been done. In Manitoba country markets prices have been irregular, prices to farmers varying from 40 to 44c for best samples at different points. Receipts at Fort William and Port Arthur last week were 234,516 bushels; shipments, 276,925 bushels; in store 1,825,000 bushels. Since opening of navigation up to June 13th, shipments of Manitoba wheat have been as follows: To New York for export, 1,963,398 bushels; Montreal for export, 838,473 bushels; Ontario, for local milling, 1,433,474 bushels; total shipments, 4,235,345 bushels. Stocks in store at interior points are estimated at about 2,500,000 bushels. For the corresponding week last year, receipts were 99,955 bushels, shipments, 10,483 bushels, in store at lake ports 332,832 bushels. In store two years ago 1,198,537 bushels. We quote prices today as follows: No. 1 hard afloat Fort William, 69c; No. 2 hard, 56 to 57c; No. 3 hard, 52 to 53c.

**FLOUR**—There is no change in the local market, but sharp cutting in Manitoba flour is reported from eastern markets. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.75 to \$1.90 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.80 to \$1.35; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

**MILLSTUFFS**.—City mills are still selling at \$8 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in broken lots. In Eastern Canada markets, millstuffs are reported 50c per ton lower.

**OATS**—The market is exceedingly dull and prices are easier. About 12 1/2c per bushel of 34 pounds is the very outside price which would be paid for car lots of good No. 2 white, at country points on average through freights. In this market cars have been offered, local freights paid, at 17 1/2 to 18 1/2c as to grade. The street price to farmers here is 17 to 18c per bushel.

**BARLEY**—Barley is absolutely unsaleable. The quotation of 13 to 14c in the country for car lots is nominal. There is no demand local or otherwise.

**GROUND FEED**. Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for

rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

**OATMEAL**—The following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, 80 lb sacks, \$1.35; 40 lb sacks, 70c, 20 lb sacks 86½c; Granulated and standard meal, 98 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

**OIL CAKE**—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

**FLAX SEED**—There is no business doing in flax seed, and the quotation is nominal at 60 to 65c. Sales of choice cleaned seed have been made in a retail way, for seed purposes, at 70c to \$1.

**BUTTER—CREAMERY**—A large output of creamery goods is now being made, the factories being in full operation, with fine pasture, and the quality of the butter being made is good. Until recently the surplus creamery has been about all taken for the western and British Columbia trade, but those markets are now getting filled up and the present make is far too large to be absorbed by the local and western trade, consequently it will have to go eastward. For the western trade the factories have been packing in tubs, but 56 pound boxes should now be used, as this style of packing is much preferred for the eastern and export trade. Choice creamery has been selling in Montreal at 15 to 15½c and finest goods at 16 to 16½c, which would indicate about 14c as full value here. Several purchases have been made at about 14c here, or f.o.b. at factories at points having a freight rate eastward about the same as Winnipeg, and at under 14c for more distant points according to freights. On shipments to Winnipeg, a rebate of one-half the local freight is allowed when the goods are shipped east.

**BUTTER—DAIRY**—Dairy butter has been arriving freely, and stocks have been accumulating here, as recent receipts have simply been going into store here to await some outlet. There appears to be no use sending much dairy goods to the coast markets at present, as they are already overstocked with butter consigned to commission men there, and creamery is so low that the demand is largely for creamery. It is probable that the bulk of dairy butter held here will have to be eventually shipped east or exported and sold at a low price for confectioner's use, as much of it being early make is of course not fine quality, and not good keeping quality. There is no local sale for butter, city retailers being supplied direct by farmers, though commission men are offering selections in small lots at 11c, but there is no sale at this figure. An offer of 11c at Montreal has been made for No. 1 Manitoba, which would be equal to only 9c here for No. 1, with second and third qualities thrown out, thus reducing the average price of round lots of all grades to about 7c here. It is understood offers have been made of 7c here for round lots of average quality, all grades, which is fully equal to the best offers reported from Montreal for selections, allowing for refrigerator car freights. Country merchants are paying higher prices for butter at some points than the situation will warrant, and to avoid loss more careful buying will be necessary.

**CHEESE**—There has been quite a strong movement in Ontario markets, which makes a better feeling here. Factories, however, are holding higher here than can be paid to ship, factories generally asking 7c. Some small lots have been taken at 6½ to 7c for the local and western trade, but when the movement becomes heavy prices will have to come to a parity with Montreal, though it is hoped the advance east will continue until it reaches a parity with prices here. The latest reports reached from Ontario report 7½ to 7¾ paid at the Ingersoll board this week, and

7 5-16c paid at Campbellford, showing a strong market. At Montreal on Tuesday 7½c was offered for finest, but holders asked 7¾c. Quebec cheese, 7 to 7½c.

**EGGS**—Supply liberal and prices easy at 7c for receipts. Dealers are jobbing at 8c. Retail dealers in the city are selling as low as 8 doz. for 25c. Receipts keep up remarkably large for the season, considering the low prices.

**LARD**—Prices are: Pure \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.80 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.25 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound; cases of 80, one lb. tins, \$3.50.

**CURED MEATS**—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below or ¾c for parchment paper wrapping. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½c cents; Fancy clear, 8½c cents; smoked jowls, 5½c cents. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb; shoulders, 6c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$18.00; clear mess \$18.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 80c lb.

**DRESSED MEATS**—No material change in prices this week. We quote city dressed beef steady at 5 to 5½c. Fresh mutton easier at 8½ to 9c. City dressed hogs, 5½c; country dressed 5c. Veal, easy at 5½c to 6½c.

**POULTRY**—Chickens are easier at 60 to 65c per pair as to quality. Turkeys would bring 10c per lb live weight, if they could be had, but none offering. No other kinds offering.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes have sold at 15 to 20c per bushel on the street market. A good many potatoes were destroyed in the pits by wet weather in the spring, but there appears to be plenty offering to meet requirements. Pie plant is now offered at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 pounds.

**HIDES**—There is a good demand for hides in leading markets at steady prices, but best information received does not indicate any further material advance. Here ¼c is the general price for hides, but in special cases 5c has been paid, owing to local competition. We quote: Green city hides, No. 1, 4½c to 5c; No. 2, 3½c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 and 6c per lb.; skins 15 to 20c each; kips 4 to 5c; sheep 50 to 65c; shearlings, 5 to 10c; lambskins, 10c; Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25; tallow 3½ to 4c rendered and 2c rough.

**WOOL**—The situation in wool is still unsatisfactory in the United States. In eastern markets prices are weak, the demand is slow and large stocks of old wool are held over, owing to the small consumption on account of close times and the large amount of machinery idle. Notwithstanding this situation dealers have been buying up the new clip in the west at correspondingly higher prices than can be obtained in the leading eastern wool markets. This is probably being done on the expectation of a Republican victory at the presidential elections, resulting in restoring the wool duty. But it will be a year before the duty can be changed, and before any advance could be made, large stocks of foreign wool would be imported, sufficient to stock up the country for a year in advance at least, so that it is difficult to see how the prospect of a duty on wool can enhance the value of the present United States clip. Locally the extreme price paid for a few choice lots of unwashed fleece has been 9½ to 9¾c, but the bulk of purchases have been made at 8½ to 9c, and for dirty and chaffy wool from 7 to 8c. Heavy scurking territories, 5 to 6c.

**SENECA ROOT**—The outlook indicates very low prices, ranging from 12 and 15c per lb., owing to the large stocks of old root held over.

**HAY**—There is very little demand and the prices is considerably lower, baled prairie having been offered as low as \$6 on track here. A load or two of new loose has been offered on the street market.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—There is nothing but a little local trade doing. Butcher's cattle are steady at 8c for best offering, and really choice are not very plentiful, the good stall fed cattle having been exported. Good cows about 2½c, and common stuff down to 2c.

**SHEEP**—Quiet at about 8½ to 8¾c off cars here. Very little doing. Range sheep are not in marketable condition yet, except where grain fed, and those offered as grain fed have been pretty thin.

**HOGS**—All offered were taken. Steady at 8¾c for good packing hogs off cars here averaging 150 to 300 pounds, heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3c, as to quality; stags 1½ to 8c.

#### The Live Stock Trade.

At Liverpool on June 15, prices for choice cattle declined ½c per lb., due to heavy supplies and warm weather. The demand was slow, and trade on the whole was very bad. Best United States and light Canadian steers and heifers sold at 10c, while it was difficult to sell heavyweights at 9 to 9½c. The market for sheep was decidedly weaker owing to the continued heavy arrivals from South America, and prices had a bad break, the range being 8½c to 10½c, as against 11½ to 12½c last week.

The Montreal Gazette says "The recent advance in ocean freight rates noted has been maintained and the market is firm, all the space for this week and part of next having been engaged at 42s 6d to 45s.

At the East End Abattoir market at Montreal on June 15, the demand from butchers was good, and with a fair enquiry from exporters, trade was fairly active. The general feeling was steady and prices showed no material change from the decline noted last Thursday. Choice steers and heifers sold at 8½c to 8¾c; good, 8c to 8½c; fair, 2½ to 2¾c, and common 2 to 2½c per lb. live weight. Trade in sheep was slow, there being no demand from shippers; sales were dull at 3c per lb. live weight. Sales of lambs were at from \$2 to \$3.50 each. At the Point St. Charles market on the same day, hogs declined 15c per 100 pounds, with sales at \$3.90 to \$4.10 per 100 pounds.

An Toronto on June 16, export cattle were slow, scarcely 4c per lb. was reached for best. Most of the sales were at \$2.60 to \$3.90 per cwt. Butcher's cattle were dull and prices steady, the top price paid being 3½c and only one or two had sold higher. General run sold from 2½c to 8c per lb. A few light stockers sold at 2½c to 2¾c per lb., and good fat feeders bring \$2.80 to \$3.30 per cwt. Bulls steady at 2½c to 8c per lb. Shipping sheep, mixed with some yearlings clipped, were quoted at 3c lb. Bucks were quiet at 2½c lb. Spring lambs brought \$3 to \$3.75 each. Milch cows and springers unchanged at \$19 to \$30 each. Hogs. Choice selection of bacon sold at \$3.90 to \$1 per cwt.; store, \$3.80 to \$3.90. Thick, fat, dull at \$3.40 to \$3.50. Stags not wanted and quoted at 2c lb.

J. Hughes has opened a carriage shop at Manitou, Man.

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**Wheat Stocks.**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended June 13, 1895, shows a decrease of 661,000 bushels, against a decrease of 2,022,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,106,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 2,287,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	83,581,000	80,223,000	81,229,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,323,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,745,000	75,569,000	79,038,000	41,558,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,455,000	77,054,000	41,030,000
May 6...	62,196,000	61,156,000	75,059,000	38,193,000
June 3...	62,229,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
July 1...	41,661,000	64,657,000	62,316,000	21,282,000
Aug. 8...	38,517,000	60,001,000	62,424,000	28,079,000
Sept. 7...	38,754,000	61,168,000	66,140,000	38,760,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	78,014,000	63,275,000	61,256,000
Nov. 2...	52,990,000	80,017,000	71,396,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,903,000	83,179,000	78,001,000	72,630,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,839,000	79,933,000	81,786,000
" 11...	69,945,000	86,615,000	80,433,000	82,080,000
" 18...	67,983,000	85,298,000	80,392,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,623,000	84,665,000	80,234,000	81,457,000
Feb. 1...	66,731,000	83,376,000	79,932,000	81,457,000
" 8...	64,119,000	82,322,000	79,860,000	80,973,000
" 15...	63,926,000	80,733,000	78,667,000	80,214,000
" 22...	63,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,433,000
March 1...	61,069,000	78,761,000	75,569,000	79,083,000
" 7...	62,596,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	79,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,259,000	79,020,000
" 21...	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,163,000	78,203,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,338,000	71,455,000	77,651,000
April 4...	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,702,000	77,293,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,036,000
" 18...	58,433,000	68,626,000	68,425,000	74,569,000
" 25...	57,946,000	68,776,000	66,533,000	75,027,000
May 2...	55,619,000	62,196,000	65,158,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	74,632,000
" 16...	53,146,000	56,431,000	62,044,000	71,528,000
" 23...	51,298,000	51,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,340,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,367,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,241,000	63,664,000
" 13...	49,456,000	47,717,000	57,165,000	68,375,000

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

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	358,000
Toronto.....	64,000
Kingston.....	30,000
Winnipeg.....	155,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,135,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Kewatin.....	2,075,000

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

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	66,919,000
Pacific Coast.....	2,555,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	61,201,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,145,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended June 13, shows a decrease of 1,729,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 65,190,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on June 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 117,969,000 bushels, as compared with 141,476,000 bushels on June 1, 1895, 160,392,000 bushels on June 1, 1894, 167,135,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 120,170,000 bushels on June 1, 1892, and with smaller totals on June 1 in preceding years.

The stock of Wm. Burton, general dealer, Portage la Prairie, has been sold to Andrew Holliday at 60c on the dollar.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat was lower on Monday, losing 1/8c to 1/4c not as compared with Saturday's close, weak cables and a small decrease in the visible were the principal features. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	56 1/2	56 3/4	57 1/2
Corn.....	27 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2
Oats.....	—	17 1/2	17 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	7 12 1/2	7 30
Lard.....	—	4 17 1/2	4 30
Short Ribs..	—	8 85	4 00

Wheat was firmer and steady on Tuesday, advance being influenced by less favorable harvesting reports from the southwest, French cables, etc. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	57 1/2	57 3/4	58 1/2
Corn.....	27 3/4	28 1/2	29 1/2
Oats.....	—	17 1/2	17 1/2
Mess Pork..	7 10	7 15	7 32 1/2
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

On Wednesday wheat was firmer, on less favorable crop news. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	58 3/4	58 3/4	59 3/4
Corn.....	28	28 3/4	29 1/2
Oats.....	—	17 1/2	15
Mess Pork..	—	7 20	7 35
Lard.....	—	4 20	4 35
Short Ribs..	—	8 90	4 05

On Thursday wheat was weak influenced by easy cables, large receipts at Duluth and Minneapolis, and small export demand. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	—	57 1/2	58 3/4
Corn.....	—	27 3/4	29 1/2
Oats.....	—	17 1/2	17 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	7 15	7 32 1/2
Lard.....	—	4 17	4 32 1/2
Short Ribs..	—	8 85	4 00

Wheat was firmer on Friday, though easy early in the day. Unfavorable crop news from the southwest was the principal feature. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	58	58 3/4	59 3/4
Corn.....	27 1/2	28 3/4	29 1/2
Oats.....	—	17 1/2	17 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	7 05	7 22 1/2
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

Wheat was easier on Saturday June 20, declining about 1/4c under Friday's close, recovering partially and closed easy. Closing prices were:

	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	57 1/2	57 3/4	58 3/4
Corn.....	27 3/4	28	29 1/2
Oats.....	—	17 1/2	17 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	7 05	7 20
Lard.....	—	4 10	4 25
Short Ribs..	—	8 75	3 92 1/2

A week ago to-day, July wheat closed at 57c and a year ago at 69 3/4c and two years ago, at 59 1/2c.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday as follows: July delivery at 54 1/2c; September 55 1/2c. A week ago July wheat closed at 54 1/2c.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, June 20, July delivery closed at 63 3/4c and Sept. delivery at 64 1/2c. A week ago July closed at 63 1/2c.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—May..	— c.	July 56 1/2c.	Sept. 57 1/2c.
Tuesday—May..	— c.	July 57 1/2c.	Sept. 57 1/2c.
Wednesday—May..	— c.	July 58 1/2c.	Sept. 59 1/2c.
Thursday—May..	— c.	July 57 1/2c.	Sept. 57 1/2c.
Friday—May..	— c.	July 57 1/2c.	Sept. 58 1/2c.
Saturday—May..	—	July 57 1/2c.	Sept. 58 1/2c.

A week ago price closed at 57 1/2 for July. A year ago July delivery closed at 72c. Two years ago July closed at 63c and three years ago at 61 1/2c.

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for the week ending June 18, were \$955,903; balances, \$153,486. For the previous week clearings were \$961,314. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$929,311 and for the week two years ago, \$791,097. For the month of May clearings were \$4,216,210 as compared with \$1,156,282 for April, 1895, and \$3,455,639 or May, 1894. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week amounted to \$19,090,000, as compared with \$20,072,000 last week and with 22,332,000 in the week one year ago.

**British Columbia.**

The stock of C. Mair, general store Kelowna, has been sold at 50 cents on the dollar.

Mrs. Harston, hotel, Nelson, has sold out to Mrs. Clark.

James Bear, Grocer, New Westminster, has sold out to Mrs. J. Grant.

The stock of James Rosseau, boots and shoes, New Westminster, has been sold to Sinclair & Co.

W. Chase, of W. Chase & Co., general store keepers, Shuswap, is dead.

B. Foster, grocer, Trail, has sold out to H. O. Chalerton.

Adderton & Rowbotham, bakers, Union, are succeeded by Turnbull & Campbell.

Partridge & Walters, grocers, Union, have dissolved, and are succeeded by Partridge & Rennison.

Biggar & Morrison, bakers, Vancouver, have dissolved; J. S. Morrison continues.

The stock of T. L. Brown & Co., Victoria, is advertised for sale by chattel mortgagee.

Thos. Sarantis, confectionery, Victoria, has sold out to C. K. Macris.

The stock of T. W. Bucklee, paints, etc., Wellington, is advertised for sale by the bailiff.

The failure of T. B. Pearson & Co., Victoria, is one of the most important occurring there for some time. Liabilities about \$50,000, and assets considerably less. The firm has been in business for a number of years, manufacturing clothing, overhauls, etc.

**Lumber Trade News.**

The tender of Thos. D. Robinson for the supplying of 200 cords of cedar blocks, at \$10.40 per cord has been accepted by the Winnipeg city board of works.

Capt. Robinson estimates that about 5,000 feet of lumber will be cut on Lake Winnipeg this season, principally spruce. There are five mills in all on the lake, including one mill at Selkirk.

The Joseph Rogers, Toronto, whose assignment is announced in another column of this issue, has no connection with Jos. H. Rogers, who is well known in Winnipeg, through his connection with the fur business of J. Rogers, his son, formerly carried on here.

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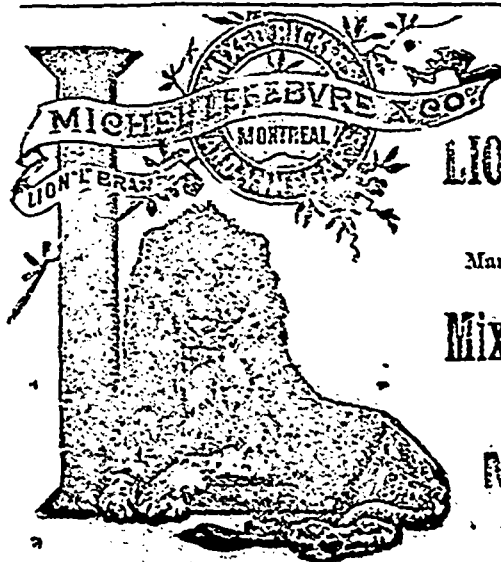
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**British Columbia Business Review.**

Vancouver, June 15, 1896.

Business in the cities is dull. Many wholesalers, however, are busy filling orders for the interior. Collections are better than last month. The provincial fruit crop is very backward owing to the late spring. Root crops, however, promise very well. Old hay is rapidly moving out of the market, so that fair prices may be expected for the new crop. The lumber business is very dull at present, there only being three ships in port. Passenger traffic on the Oriental and Australian steamship lines is very brisk at present, the last Oriental steamer, the Empress of Japan bringing over the largest number of passengers on record. It took ten passenger cars to accommodate the passenger traffic east on the arrival of the steamer. The run of spring salmon in the Fraser has been very light, but all the canneries are making elaborate preparations for a possible big sockeye run. A carload of live oysters and lobsters will arrive here on the 24th inst, from Nova Scotia to be transplanted in British Columbia waters as an experiment of Prof. Prince, government fishery commissioner. The freight business of the trans-Pacific lines is also brisk. The Keewatin Milling Co. have contracted with the Canadian-Australian Co. to carry 900 tons of flour to Australia every trip for the next two or three months. This flour is sold at 75c a barrel higher than Australian flour made from soft wheat.

**British Columbia Markets.**

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, June 20, 1896.

Receipts of Manitoba dairy butter are large, and both dairy and creamery are lower. Cured meats are firm and tending higher. Vegetables declining.

Butter.—Man. Dairy butter, 14 to 15c; Manitoba creamery, 18 to 19c; Local creamers 21 to 22c; Manitoba cheese, new, 10 1/2 to 11c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 11c; breakfast bacon 11c; backs 11c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9c; smoked sides 9c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in pails and tubs 9c. Mess pork 11 1/2; short cut 15.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smelt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut 10c; bloaters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt colachan, 25 and 50 lb. kets 5c; smoked salmon 12 1/2c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes \$5 to \$6 per ton; ash-croft potatoes, \$6 to 7 per ton; New potatoes, \$1.85 per 100 pounds; onions silver skins, 1 1/2 lb.; California onions, 2c.; sweet potatoes \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; cabbage, 1 1/2 lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Local Ranch eggs, 20c. Manitoba, 14c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 360 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. Standard Australian boxes for apples, etc., are smaller and contain from 125 to 150 apples in a box. California oranges. Mediterranean sweets, \$3; St. Michaels, \$3.25; blood oranges, \$3. California lemons, \$3 per box; Australian apples \$2.50 per box; bananas, \$1.75 per bunch, \$3.50 crate (2 bunches) \$3.50; Cherries, (10 lb box), \$1.40; Peaches, 20 lb boxes \$1.40; Pears, 20 lb boxes \$1.75; Apricots 20 lb boxes \$1.50.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22 1/2 pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.85. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.85.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.40; strong bakers, \$4.10; Oregon, \$4.20; Oak Lake patent \$4.30; do. strong bakers \$4.00.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$16.00 ton; bran \$15.00; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7c; mutton, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheen, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$5.50; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 6 1/2c; granulated, 5 1/2c; extra O, 5 1/2c; fancy yellows 4 1/2c; yellow 4 1/2c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

**British Columbia Mining News.**

The British Columbia Iron Works, Vancouver, are putting in \$250,000 worth of new machinery for the manufacture of mining plants.

Several new ledges have been discovered at Alberni. One of them is reported 800 feet wide and running about \$10 in gold, the ledge extending 6000 feet.

**SLOCAN.**

Total shipments from Kootenay for year \$1,559,910.

The Regina has a tunnel in 28 feet, it is showing 300 ounces of silver and \$25 in gold.

The longest chute of silver ore probably in the world is in the Bondholder at Shipinger Creek. The ore chute is 4,200, 12 inches wide and runs as high as 1200 oza. silver.

Very rich ore has been struck in the Ottawa, Springer Creek. The vein is three feet wide.

**GRAND FORKS.**

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Jumbo.....	1 10	Good Hope ..	7 1/2
Josie.....	52 1/2	Gertrude ..	10
O. K.....	83	Even Star ..	15
Iron Mask.....	85	High Ore.....	09
West Le Roi Josie	16	Phoenix.....	10
Poorman.....	18 1/2	St. Mary.....	08
Virginia.....	30	MonteCristo	20
Homestake.....	05	Silverine ..	10
Great Western ..	18	Commander ..	25
Nest Egg.....	12	Deer Park ..	10
Caledonia Con...	06 1/2	Eureka Con ..	06
Mayflower.....	16	Consol.....	06 1/2

The bond on the Mayflower No. 2 has been taken for \$15,000.

The Miami mineral claim has been sold.

The Stockton and San Jose have been purchased by an American for \$20,000.

The Red Mountain has been sold to an American for \$18,000.

The Dunning & Kamloops claims on Murphey Creek have been bonded for \$30,000 by Americans.

Iron-Horse group No. 2 has been sold to Chicago men for \$25,000.

The El Dorado has been sold to a Quebec citizen for \$22,000 cash.

**Manitoba Produce at the Coast.**

J. Y. Griffin, of J. Y. Griffin & Co., produce and provision dealers and packers, Winnipeg, returned recently from the Pacific coast. While at the coast Mr. Griffin went south to California, where he found politics the principal source of excitement. Speaking to a representative of The Commercial regarding British Columbia as a market for Manitoba produce, Mr. Griffin said that people here have too high an idea of the consumptive requirements of the British Columbia coast cities. The population is not large as yet and it is an easy matter to overstock the market. Shippers should use judgment in sending goods there, and not expect too much of the market. He found British Columbia people very friendly toward Manitoba and they will give our produce the preference over other sources of supply, but they could not be expected to consume more than the natural requirements of the population. Once the coast markets are overstocked in excess of their local requirements, there is no outlet for the goods, and this leads to sacrificing the stuff. In this respect Winnipeg is a better market for country shippers to ship to, as produce sent here can have the option of either the eastern or western markets.

Mr. Griffin found the coast markets well supplied with Manitoba butter, cheese and eggs. These lines were not coming in from any other market at present. Butter was weak, creamery selling at 18c and buyers would not stock heavily at that price. Dairy butter was in too large supply, as creamery is so cheap that consumers do not take much dairy. Still there was lots of dairy coming in on consignment all the time. He thought it unwise for Manitoba parties here to consign goods to the coast markets unless they had good arrangements to dispose of it.

Mr. Griffin further stated that he thought business was improving at the coast cities. Profits were cut down there to a reasonable basis, the "boom" spirit had largely disappeared and business appeared to be on a solid basis.

Mr. Griffin says that his agents at the coast—Knowler & Macaulay, of Vancouver—are having a splendid demand for Red Cross hams and bacon, the product of the Winnipeg packing house of J. Y. Griffin & Co., and these goods are now in good demand throughout the far west.

**Fur Trade News.**

Mr. Stobart has a curiosity in the fur line, selected from a consignment of raw furs sent to Stobart, Son & Co., Winnipeg. In this consignment of furs two very peculiar specimens were found, of a kind of fur never before seen here. Mr. Stobart showed the skins to some of the largest fur traders here, but they had never seen anything like them. The skins were finally discovered to be what is known as cotton mink. These skins are occasionally found further south, but are very rare here. The fur is of a light grey color, turning to white, and is soft and downy, which gives it the name of "cotton" mink. Mr. Stobart has had the skins tanned as curiosities.

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### Grocery Trade Notes.

A Montreal report says:—The Guild has reduced the price of Barbadoes molasses to 80c for car lots, and 81c for single puncheons.

Some of the new crop Japan teas by the first steamer arrived in the city, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin. A portion of the new teas have been sold at prices ranging from 25 to 28c, the quality being pronounced by experts as very fine, and are giving good satisfaction. Of course the bulk of the Japans to arrive on the present crop will be of less fancy description and lower priced, more suitable for general consumption. At the above named range of prices several hundred half chests have been sold on spot and to arrive.

The largest prune orchard in the world is said to be located at Los Gatos, on the western edge of the Santa Clara valley, California. It contains nearly 50,000 trees, covering about 8800 acres. A hundred Workmen and as many horses are constantly employed on this farm, which is provided with its own waterworks and electric light plant.

Sugar is reported to have advanced sharply abroad, on account of light supplies.

The beet root sugar factory at Farnham, Quebec is a thing of the past, the plant having been sold to parties who are establishing a factory in Mexico. The plant was sold for a small fraction of its original cost. This winds up beet root sugar refining in Canada.

Reports received by mail from Los Angeles, Cal., are as follows:—Apricots will yield one-fifth of a crop, pears two-thirds; of peaches there will be almost none, probably about one-tenth of last year's crop; there will be no prunes to speak of. The writer adds that the peach trees are in a bad way, even the leaves failing to come out.

There was a good demand for salmon at Toronto and the market was firmer. Cohoes were selling at \$1.12½ to \$1.15, clover leaf at \$1.35 and horseshoe at \$1.50.

The New York Journal of Commerce says: Salmon is in better demand, the sales, however, being mostly of small quantities to cover immediate requirements of consumption. Columbia futures are not selling to any extent. Chinooks are offered here at \$1.17½ less 1½ per cent. f.o.b. Columbia River points by some sellers. Red Alaska spot is rather scarce and firmly held at \$1.12½ less 1½ per cent. Despite the strike, there are several canneries operating, and the pack to date is estimated at about 50,000 cases. None of the Astoria canneries have as yet made any preparations for canning.

A telegram from Havana, Cuba, says: The gathering of the sugar crop is nearly terminated. It will amount to about an eighth of the crop of last year.

New crop rice is in the Montreal market, the first direct cargo having arrived there last week.

Regarding the outlook for new pack fruits. The California Fruit Grower says:—"Packers are at work in a small way on cherries and peas. Packing up to this time is very light. Prices for last season's cherries have been advanced to meet the basis of new pack. Cherry crop will prove very light and prices are bound to rule high. There is very little interest in futures. Market on spot goods steady."

New crop Japan teas are here now, says a Toronto report and selling at 28 to 35c, those offering being the higher grades, and low grades are not expected for a couple of months.

A Montreal report says:—All the new crop Japan teas by the first steamer Empress of Japan have arrived, and the next batch will be of a less fancy description. Sales of late arrivals have ranged from 25c up to 26c, quite a lot having been placed at 22c to 23c

for finest, up to 25 and 27c for choice. Almost 200 packages finest sold at 28c. A lot of 60 packages of very good old medium Japans sold at 15c.

The strike of the Columbia River fishermen appears to be gaining in importance daily. Advice is to the effect that the strikers had set fire to a cannery on the Washington side of the river. If the strike continues it will materially affect the salmon pack.

### Dry Goods Trade Notes

The mid-summer novelty in bow ties is a stock bow in satin. The bow is placed at the bottom of a flat piece that fills the space left open in the high turn-over collars, so popular for this seasons blouses. They are shown in a wide range of desirable colorings, such as cardinal, navy, myrtle, green, black, etc.. Black satin bows with pointed and straight ends, omitting the usual band that is so difficult to place in the high standup collars, has a fine cord elastic to keep it in place.

Pique ties in white and China and Surah silk ties in plain and fancy whites are having their usual good sale. Summer coats and vests, having a fine cord, in linen shades, with detachable flat pearl buttons, can be retailed at popular prices, and are having great success. Lustre coats are always represented in a well assorted stock. Ceylon and Madras shirts, with soft bosoms, having two turn-down collars, are receiving good attention. White duck pique fancy flannel and cashmere vests are selling well.—Toronto Globe.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: For some time past certain mills have been quietly cutting prices in grey cottons and sheetings, and the Merchants Manufacturing Company, which discovered that for some unexplained reason orders from its regular customers were being placed elsewhere, soon found out that its competitors were selling below card prices, when it at once issued a circular to the trade openly and above board, reducing prices of grey cottons and sheetings about 5 per cent. It is stated upon good authority that should the underhand cutters, make a further cut, the Merchants' Manufacturing Company will pretty quickly issue another circular to meet it. It is to be remembered that a few weeks ago the Trade Bulletin referred to cutting in certain lines of cottons, and this was no doubt the cause of the circular referred to being issued. It was thought that a perfect understanding existed among our cotton manufacturers in regard to prices; but there seems to be implanted in the human breast an insatiable and irrespressible desire to somehow get ahead of one's neighbors; and this trait of the human family is never better illustrated than in the domain of trade and commerce. We know "it's devilish hard to miss a big sale" when a slight cut will secure it," as a traveller recently said; but when certain manufacturers enter into a compact to maintain a list of prices, and then deliberately break it, a great lack of business honor is indicated thereby; and the recent break that has been discovered on the part of some of the cotton kings, it is feared, will prevent any further compacts as to the regulation of prices for some time to come. It would, therefore not surprise us if an era of cutting were inaugurated that will lessen the profits of manufacturers very considerably.

Bradstreet says of the situation in the United States. Cotton fabrics are dull and values are weak, there being too many made-up goods on hand to give buyers any confidence. The mills have kept up production to such a point that they are forced to sell the goods at the best prices they can get. Raw cotton has declined considerably, but this does not affect the goods market, as the latter

are now selling below the parity of the cost of raw material. Lancaster and Amoskeag ginghams have been reduced in price to job at 4½c. Spring samples are being prepared, but there is little encouragement to show them as yet.

### Manitoba Official Crop Report.

The first official Manitoba crop bulletin for 1896 was published last Thursday, being compiled from correspondence received under date of June 1. Owing to the very wet season, the area of all crops shows a reduction, except roots, the heaviest reduction being in flax, which has decreased to under one-half of last year's crop. Wheat shows a decreased area of only about five per cent, as compared with last year. The decrease in flax is attributed to the low price ruling as well as to wet weather. The bulletin gives the following as the estimated area under crop for the province by districts:

District.	Wheat. Acres.	Oats. Acres.	Barley. Acres.
N. West ....	76,500	65,705	14,790
S. West.....	504,010	159,120	31,200
N. Centre... ..	201,050	76,100	27,175
S. Centre... ..	240,240	87,520	34,400
Eastern.....	60,160	54,000	20,320
Province..	1,081,960	442,445	127,885

	Acres.
Total area under flax.....	20,825
Total area under rye.....	3,180
Total area under peas.....	1,108
Total area under corn.....	760
Total area under potatoes....	12,260
Total area under roots.....	6,715

The total area under all crops is 1,695,593 acres, while that of last year was 1,887,796, showing a decrease of 191,218 acres.

The subjoined statement for convenience of reference gives a comparison with the total acreage for three years.

	1894. Acres.	1895. Acres.	1893. Acres.
Wheat.....	1,010,180	1,120,276	1,081,990
Oats.....	418,686	492,658	442,445
Barley.....	119,528	153,889	127,885
Flax.....	30,500	32,668	20,325
Potatoes....	18,800	16,716	12,260
Roots.....	7,890	6,685	6,715

To the question, "What area of wheat was sown on the stubble?" answers indicate as follows:

Northwest district, 12,410 acres; Southwest district, 92,690; North Central district, 20,825; South Central district, 25,690; Eastern district, 18,120. Province, 164,725 acres, or about 15 per cent.

The rain-fall for April and May was 8.51 inches.

Farmers are reported to have bluestoned their seed carefully.

In low districts grain was reported suffering from too much rain.

To the question, "How has stock wintered?" answers from all parts of the province are in a similar strain, as follows: "Well," "Could not be better," "First class."

Meadows and Pastures.—Reports from all parts of the province are to the effect that prospects could not be better for pastures and hay.

Cheese factories and creameries were late in commencing operations in most cases this season, on account of the bad roads.

There are now employed as farm help in the province about 6,500 men, including hard boys. The demand is not great at present, and probably will not be so until haying or harvest time.

There is still a demand for female help; several hundred girls could be supplied with work at wages ranging from \$7 to \$10 per month. There are now employed at these wages outside of cities and towns, 1,876 girls as household help.

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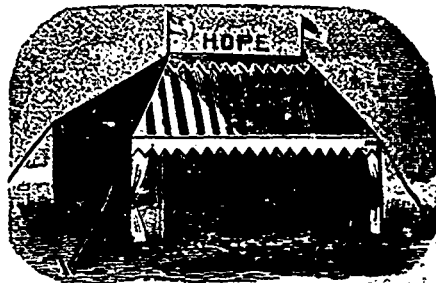
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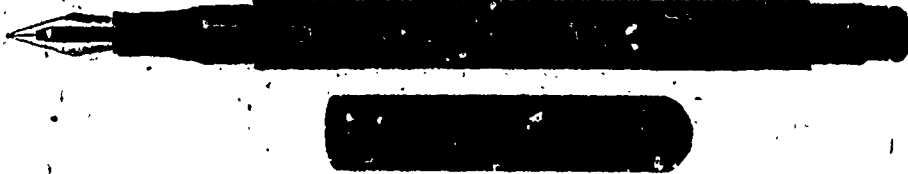
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### British Columbia Mining News.

The following items were crowded out last week:

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

In spite of doleful prognostications the Vancouver island coal industry shows a marked improvement this month. The exports from the three Vancouver coal companies for May were 24,853 tons, an increase over last month of 1,561 tons. From the Wellington colliery 17,168 tons were shipped, which amounts to 8,086 tons over the total export for April, while the Union colliery shows an increase over last month of 1,636 tons.

For years the persistent complaint of British Columbia has been that they had mineral and other resources richer than any in the world, but no capital to develop them. This can no longer be offered as an excuse. Developing companies are being organized in dozens to work British Columbia properties. The number of companies started has increased each week until the past six days, when it is recorded that more companies have been organized for developing purposes than in any similar period in the history of the province. They are: Takush Harbor Timber Co., Ltd., of England; with a capital stock of \$80,000 in \$1 shares. Kootenay Water Supply Co., Ltd., of Rochester, N. Y.; \$1,000,000 in shares of \$1. Acme Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; \$600,000 in \$1 shares. Beaver Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; \$750,000 in \$1 shares. Gold Stream Mining Co., Ltd., of Cudahy, Wis.; \$1,000,000 in \$1 shares. Hattle Brown Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; \$1,000,000 in shares of \$1. Crown Point Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; \$1,000,000 in \$1 shares. Blue Bird Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; \$600,000 in shares of \$1. Mayflower Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; 1,000,000 in \$1 shares. Monarch Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Northport, Wn.; \$750,000 in \$1 shares. Monte Cristo Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; \$1,000,000 in \$1 shares. Morrison Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; \$1,000,000 in \$1 shares. Republican Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Spokane; \$750,000 in shares of \$1. Hansard Gold and Copper Mining Co., Ltd., of Nelson, B. C., with capital stock of 1,000,000 in shares of \$1 each. Incorporators and trustees—Robert Shiell, F. W. Swannel, and Martin O'Reilly. John A. Hume Co., Ltd., of New Westminster, with capital stock of \$25,000 in shares of \$50. Incorporators and trustees—John A. Hume, F. J. Coulthard and B. C. Lowry. B. C. School of Mines, of Vancouver, with capital stock of \$30,000 in \$100 shares. Mineral Hill Gold Mining Co., Ltd., Victoria with capital stock of \$750,000.

A. W. Smith, M. P. P., says of the Golden Eagle mine, Lillooet recently acquired

by the Dominion of Canada Mine and Developing Co. I consider that there is \$1,000,000 in sight and that the vein is a true one. The company secured the mine from a half breed for \$30,000.

#### CARIBOO.

Report says the Cariboo and Horsefly mines will prove record breakers as soon as they get fairly to work. The backward spring prevented an early wash up.

Col. Wright, Dr. Cook and W. C. Young of Ottawa, representing the Mining and Milling Co., of Ottawa, are operating in the Omineca country.

J. Drummond reports very favorably on the Montreal Mine Co. Mr. Drummond has sunk 2,000 feet of shafts, drifts and tunnels.

Cariboo is more than supplied with laborers 25 ditches were recently let out on a big hydraulic claim.

In speaking of Cariboo an old California miner says that the wealth of the country is beyond the conception of men, but you can't easily get at it for the geological formation has been tumbled and twisted in every conceivable shape, veins shattered to pieces and molten gold spattered and sprayed on the rocks.

#### NEW DENVER

Vancouver people are buying the Silver Cap. Indications point to the fact that the main head has been reached on the Abbott and Great Northern

#### KASLO.

The Washington has 25,000 tons of ore on the dump, their new concentrator has started up. The black fox vein has widened from 8 to 5 feet in thickness and grows stronger. The ownership of the mine is disputed.

#### NELSON.

J. Wise, Westminster, has bonded the Nellie D., B. C., Last and Highland May for \$70,000.

Real estate is increasing as the importance of the mines are recognized. A lot was sold at Nelson yesterday for \$2,800.

The Irequeris, adjoining the famous Silver King has been purchased by the Hall Mines Co.

The Right Bower has been bonded by J. Cummings and McPhee.

The Cand. K., and Kaslo and Slocan railroads are extending their lines.

The Howard is being bonded for \$70,000. The ore in this mine runs 163oz. in silver and \$17.50 in gold.

#### AINSWORTH.

The Skyline shipped 2,000 tons in six months netting \$40,000. There is 550 tons on the dump.

A six inch vein in No. One runs 1,600 ozs. in silver.

#### MIDWAY,

The Copper Mine has been bonded for 80,000 by Americans. The ore runs 85 per cent copper.

A Krugar Mountain claim has assayed a low percentage of two rare metals, telluride of silver and telluride of gold associated with pure gold.

J. Mitchell, a bricklayer, located a claim last summer while on a holiday tramp. He sold out this week for \$5,000.

Work has commenced on the North Star, Gold Drop and Big Copper.

#### ROSSLAND.

The Apache, Texas, Summit, Emma and Marion, at the mouth of the Kootenay river, have been bonded by the Lillooet Fraser River and Cariboo Mining Co. for \$30,000. The Apache shows over 18 feet of ore, and the Emma, 8 feet.

In a single week the situation has changed, and now Americans fear that Britishers are gobbling up all good properties.

It is reported that the Le Roi, War Eagle and Iron Horse have been sold to the Rothschilds, London, England, for \$9,000,000.

The May shipments from Trail were small for May, owing to bad roads. The Josie shipped 97 tons, valued at \$1,386; the LeRoi ore valued at \$2,665 and the Iron Mask ore valued at \$3,667 40.

Buffalo capitalists are working the Big Trout Claim.

The Lillooet and Fraser Valley Co. have bonded the Free Coinage Empress and Stonewall for \$60,000. These mines run \$30, \$51 and \$10.

#### ON THE COAST

Taxada Island—The tunnel in the Van Anda is down 55 feet. The ore is peacock copper, carrying gold and silver. Ore is to be shipped to Everett this week.

Work is being done on the Pooley and North Taxada.

Alberni—The Mineral Hill company formed this week are prospecting five prominent claims at Alberni. The company is composed of Victoria business men.

The shaft in the Consolidated Alberni is down sixty feet.

Roads and tramways are to be built between the different mines which are now considered sure pay propositions, and the deep water. The Alberni mine are to erect a stamp mill encouraged by the richness of their ore.

In the Last Chance claim, the ledge is improving. The Cataract, Duke of York and Star of the West have large gangs of men working.

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### Financial and Insurance Items

The Equitable Life association have appointed A. H. Corelli as manager for Manitoba, with head office in Winnipeg. Mr. Corelli has been with the company for several years.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg subsection of the Canadian Bankers' association was held on the 6th inst. Mr Kirkland was re-elected chairman, and D. Simpson, secretary. Mr. Hoare was elected chairman of the board of management of the clearing house, and D. Simpson secretary.

The finance committee of the Winnipeg city council has recommended the acceptance of the tender of Hanson Bros., of Montreal, of \$75,809.40, and accrued interest of local improvement debentures. It was the highest offer yet received, and indicated the standing of Winnipeg bonds on the eastern markets. A comparison of the 1896 offers with those received by the city last year was submitted by Ald. Sproule as follows: 7 years, 1894, \$103.55; 1896, 105.51; 15 years, 1895, 107.86; 1896, 111.26.

The Manitoba government has received 12 tenders for \$100,000 worth of drainage debentures, bearing interest for 30 years at 4½ per cent. The tender of Geo. A. Stinson & Co., Toronto, was accepted, it being the best. They offered \$113,451 for the \$100,000 worth of bonds.

The Manitoba board of fire underwriters have determined to discover if possible the cause of the recent mysterious fires in Winnipeg. They believe the following fires to be of incendiary origin and will give \$500 reward to the party who may secure the conviction of the incendiary. Terrace on Bannatyne avenue, corner of Isabel, on May 22nd. Double house on Edmonton and York on same date. Building connected with the rear of Cheapside, on 4th June. Terrace, 495, 497

and 499 Yonge street, on 12th June. Double dwelling on Kennedy street corner St. Mary's, also on June 12.

Bradstreets says of the New York money market. The stagnant condition of both business and speculation is reflected in the New York loan market. The market continues to be oversupplied with funds. Transactions in commercial paper are made on the basis of 4 to 4½ per cent. for best names and doubles. Time money is freely offered and in limited demand at 2½ to 3 per cent. for short and 3 to 4 per cent. for long periods. Call money has been 1½ to 2 per cent., with a little firmer tone on Friday, when quotations up to 3½ were made on the Stock Exchange.

### United Empire Trade League.

The conference of the United Empire Trade league opened in London, England on June 15 with the Right Hon. James Lowther, formerly under secretary for the colonies and chief secretary for Ireland, in the chair. (This is a separate association from the Congress of Chambers of Commerce, held in London the previous week). The meeting was called to discuss means to consummate the commercial federation of the empire.

Sir Donald Colmer said that a Zollverein is at present impossible, and suggested the duties imposed on tea, coffee and cocoa from the colonies be reduced one half, and, he moved the government abrogate as speedily as possible, Article 15 of the treaty of 1865 with Belgium and article 7 of the treaty of 1865 with the German Zollverein, which while in force prevented the colonies from preferring British over foreign goods.

Sir Donald Smith's motion, coupled with another calling for an early summoning of an imperial commercial conference was adopted,

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Hides have advanced 1c at Montreal to 6c for No. 1 and 5c for No. 2.

At Toronto a slight advance in hides is reported, but dealers say the condition of the leather trade does not warrant any advance in prices. The price for gron is now 5½c and for cured, 6c to 6½c. Lambskins, 30c and pelts 15c. Calfskins, 6c for No. 1 and 4c for No. 2. Dekins, 20c to 25c each. Horse hides, \$1.50 to \$2 each. Tallow, dealers are paying 3½c to 3¾c for primo rendered.

The Toronto Globe says of wool: The offerings of fleeco are fair and the receipts so far this season have probably been larger than for the same time last year. The buying is purely speculative, there being no inquiry for export. Prices are the same as last week, at 17 to 18c for farmers' lots of washed fleeco coming here, and a trifle more would be paid for choice lots of selected round lots in the country; rejected here is quoted at 14c to 15c, and unwashed at 10c to 11c. Pulled wools are slow owing to the fact that the manufacturers' are getting all they need in the country from the farmers. Prices are nominal at 18½c to 19½c for supers and 20c to 21c for extras.

## Financial Opinion of Manitoba.

At the recent annual meeting of the Freehold Loan and Savings Co., at Toronto, the president referred at some length to Manitoba. Besides giving statistics as to the agricultural development of the province, he said:

We have a large and increasing interest in the Province of Manitoba. In reviewing the general condition of the province during the past year, we cannot but realize the substantial advance it has made—most strikingly in the quantity and value of the agricultural productions, but also very noticeably in every branch of industry, as well as in commercial circles. The figures compiled from the Government returns and other sources indicate a marked increase over any previous year in the history of the province.

The agricultural possibilities of the country were never before so clearly indicated. The condition of the farmers has materially improved, more particularly in the closely settled districts, and purchases of implements are more largely for cash than formerly, and consequently at lower prices.

The commercial condition of the province is, generally speaking, good. During the year Winnipeg has continued to advance. The population has increased about 5,000, being now estimated at least 40,000. There has been a fair amount of building, mostly of a better class than formerly, and property has maintained its value. The smaller towns and villages throughout the province have also held their own, and many of them made substantial advances. The elevator and storage capacity has been greatly enlarged, and there is now ample storage for any ordinary crop.

The immigration during the past year has been light, but there has been considerable demand for land, mostly by farm laborers, who have saved enough to enable them to start for themselves, or neighboring farmers making additions to their farms, or buying for their sons.

At the recent annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, the chairman made the following reference to Manitoba: "No better proof of the consequent prosperity can be given than the records of the loan and insurance companies doing business in Manitoba. From a statement I hold in my hand it is shown that up to December 31st, 1885, the arrears of interest and of capital of the total loans in the Province of Manitoba were only 1.7 per cent at that date."

## Montreal Grocery Market.

Since our last the raw sugar market has been fairly active, and prices have fluctuated according to the action of long holders daily. Cables, however, to-day were weak both for cane and beet, and reported business at lower prices. The decline since yesterday has been 1½d, June being quoted at 10s 7½d and July at 10s 9d. The market on spot for the refined article continues very quiet, and although no actual change in values has taken place the impression is that refiners would probably shade present figures for a good-sized lot, but buyers of this class are described as being scarce at present, and what trade is doing is of a jobbing character. We quote: Granulated at 4½c in 250-barrel lots and over; 1 1/2-ton in 100 barrel lots, and 1½c in smaller quantities. Yellows range from 3 7/16c to 3½c, as to quality, at the factory.

The market for syrup continues to rule very quiet and without any feature of note, prices being nominally unchanged at 1½c to 2½c per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

The demand for molasses during the past week has been slow, and the market in consequence is dull and without any new feature of note. At the Island prices have ruled steady at 10c, while on spot round lots of Barbadoes are offering at 27½c to 28c, car lots at 27c, and smaller quantities at 31c. Porto Rico is dull and unchanged at 30c.

The demand for rice for the season continues very fair, and a moderately active business is reported at steady prices. We quote:—Japan standard, \$1.25 to \$1.40; crystal Japan, \$1.75 to \$5.00; standard B., \$3.45; Patna, \$1.25 to \$5, and Carolina at \$5.50 to \$7.50.

Business in spices, as is usual at this season of the year, is very quiet, and as the general feeling is steady the market is without any new phase. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only:—Penang black pepper, 6c to 7½c; white pepper, 10 to 12½c; cloves, 7½ to 9c; cassia, 8½ to 9½c; nutmegs, 60c to 90c, and Jamaica ginger, 15½ to 18½c.

The market for coffee is dull, the demand being only for small lots to fill actual wants. We quote:—Maracibo at 17½c to 18c, Rio 16 to 17½c; Java, 23 to 25c, and Mocha, 23 to 26c.

The tea market has been very quiet, there being little demand for either new or old crop goods, and we do not hear of any sales being made. Advertisers to hand state that the shipments of new crop Japan have been 10,000 piculs less this season to date, as compared with the corresponding time last year.—Gazette, June 12.

## Electrical Improvements.

The Electrical Review announces that Nicola Tesla has "perfected his vacuum tube system of electric lighting without wires, the possibilities of which he first brought to public notice five years ago in a lecture before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. This light is whiter, more brilliant and more intense than the arc light, and is produced with a much smaller amount of electrical energy. Tesla further states that his apparatus has been greatly simplified, and he will soon have it ready for practical use." Working on different lines, Thomas A. Edison, according to the Electrical Review, has succeeded in developing a new electric lamp or vacuum tube, "by means of which the Roentgen or X rays are turned into pure white light. Edison's new lamp is an ordinary Crookes tube, coated on the interior surface with crystal of a new fluorescent substance which he has discovered, similar to tungstate of calcium. The X rays, in passing through this coating of crystals, are changed to light. Very little heat is generated, and nearly the whole of the electrical energy expended is transformed into light.

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Johann Wulfsohn has returned from England and reports that he has organized a company in London who have placed \$5,000,000 in the bank for the purpose of developing British Columbia mines.

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