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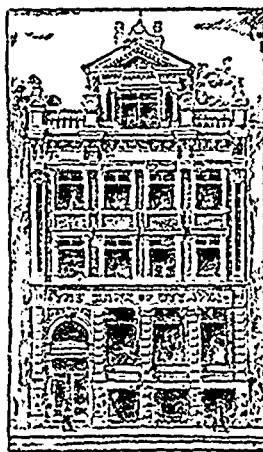
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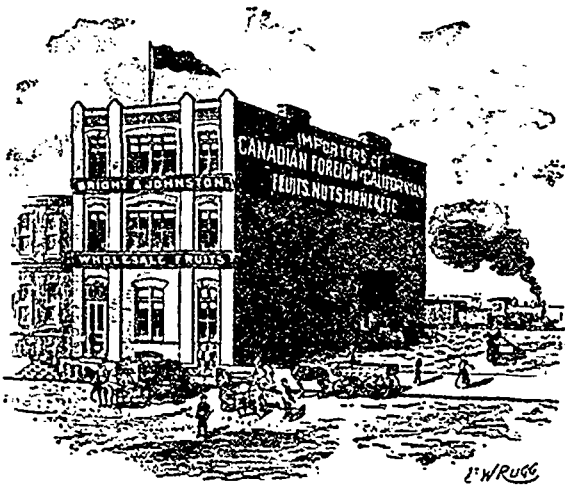
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WINNIPEG, MAY 11, 1898.

Manitoba Farm Homes.

The Manitoba Liberal, of Portage la Prairie recently gave the substance of an interview with James Bray, a successful Manitoba farmer and stock raiser, who resides near Longburn, twelve miles north of Portage la Prairie. Mr. Bray first engaged in grain growing when he came to Manitoba, and for this purpose he took up a farm in the Carberry district. His biggest average yield of wheat was 32 bushels per acre, and the minimum 13 bushels, though the latter was during an unfavorable season, while the average for the twenty years would be in excess of 20 bushels per acre. There was a great difference in the prices realized for wheat. He had sold wheat at \$1.13, and the lowest price obtained was 48 c., yet the average for the entire period would be between 65 and 70 cents per bushel.

Deciding to devote his attention more extensively to live stock, he moved later to his present farm, which is more suited for mixed farming. Of late years Mr. Bray has been known as a prominent breeder of Jersey cattle, and he has also taken much interest in dairying.

"Without personal reference," said Mr. Bray to the Liberal, "I think I am correct when I reply that there are no settlers of the province who are better off, or have more comforts than the farmers who have included stock-raising in their operations. I may add that these farmers are also the most successful wheat growers. In my opinion it is absolutely necessary to keep stock in connection with grain-growing, for utilization of straw and the accumulation of fertilizers. There are here ten chances to one in any other country for getting along," replied Mr. Bray in answer as to his ad-

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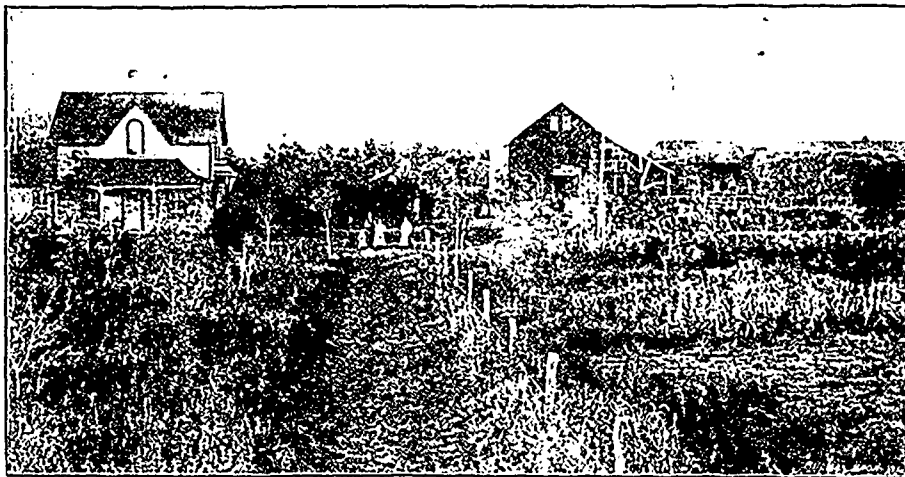
The rubber season is fairly started, and the various companies are completing their contracts. It looked for a while as though it was going to be a go-as-you-please for 1898 and '9, but now the companies have settled down to an understanding as to discounts and terms. An advance of about 7 1/2 per cent has been made in the lists, and the trade discounts are the same, namely, 20 and 5 off; but a change has been made in the cash discounts, and instead of straight five off thirty days, they are now five per cent for thirty days and six per cent cash. Business has been done on this basis. The rebates are one per cent on \$500, two per cent on \$1,000, and three per cent on \$2,000 net.—Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

From January, 1895, to the present time, fine Para rubber has risen from 75 cents per pound to 90 cents while the inferior qualities, African rubber, have within the same period,

leader among furs in domestic use, and commanded prices which even now seem extravagant, a full-length mink wrap costing as much as \$1,500 a generation ago.—New York Fur Trade Review.

The exportation of Persian lambskins has been prohibited in Persia, owing to the scarcity of sheep and mutton, the great demand for the lambskins having worked havoc among the flocks.

Following are the prices obtained for sealskins at the last London sales: Copper Island—Middlings, 65; middlings and smalls, 59; smalls, 58 to 59; large pups, 56 to 59; middling pups, 60 to 62; small pups, 55 to 57; middlings and smalls low, 42; smalls low, 40; large pups low, 41 to 42; middling pups low, 42; small pups low, 36 shillings. Northwest Coast—Middlings, and smalls, 46; smalls, 40 to 46; large pups, 50; middling pups, 48; small pups, 43; middlings and smalls cut, 34 to 35 shillings. Lobos Islands—Middlings and smalls, 24; smalls, 24 to 26; large pups, 26 to 29; middling pups, 25 to 29; small pups, 19 to 22; extra small pups, 14 to 16; extra small pups, low, 6 to 8 shillings. Cape Horn—Middlings and smalls, 19 to 30; smalls, 27 to 32;



MANITOBA FARM HOMES—Residence of James Bray, Longburn.

risen from 35 cents to 40 cents per pound. This latter advance is equivalent to a rise of 40 per cent in value. It is little wonder, then, that the rubber companies, in taking their spring survey of business conditions, decided that manufactured products must be advanced in price.

The Monetary Times says: The Canadian Rubber company, in taking over the jobbing business of Halley Bros., have made an innovation in the trade. The latter firm has sold exclusively Canadian Rubber company's goods to the retail trade for some years. The change means that this important manufacturing concern intends to appeal directly to the retail trade. It is, however, announced that the intention of the company is not to interfere with the interests of the jobbers, but simple to continue the trade connection of Halley Bros. The company binds itself in its jobbing capacity to adhere to the price lists which jobbers are obliged to observe.

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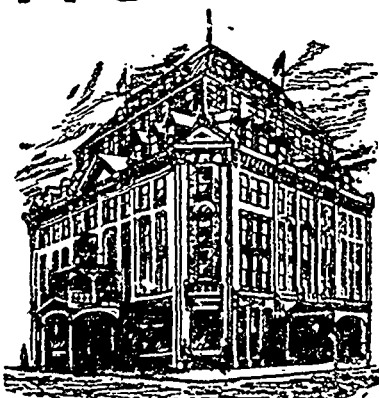
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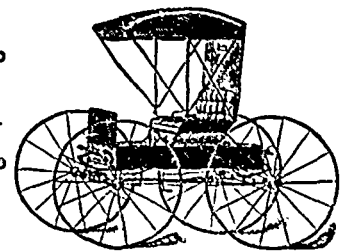
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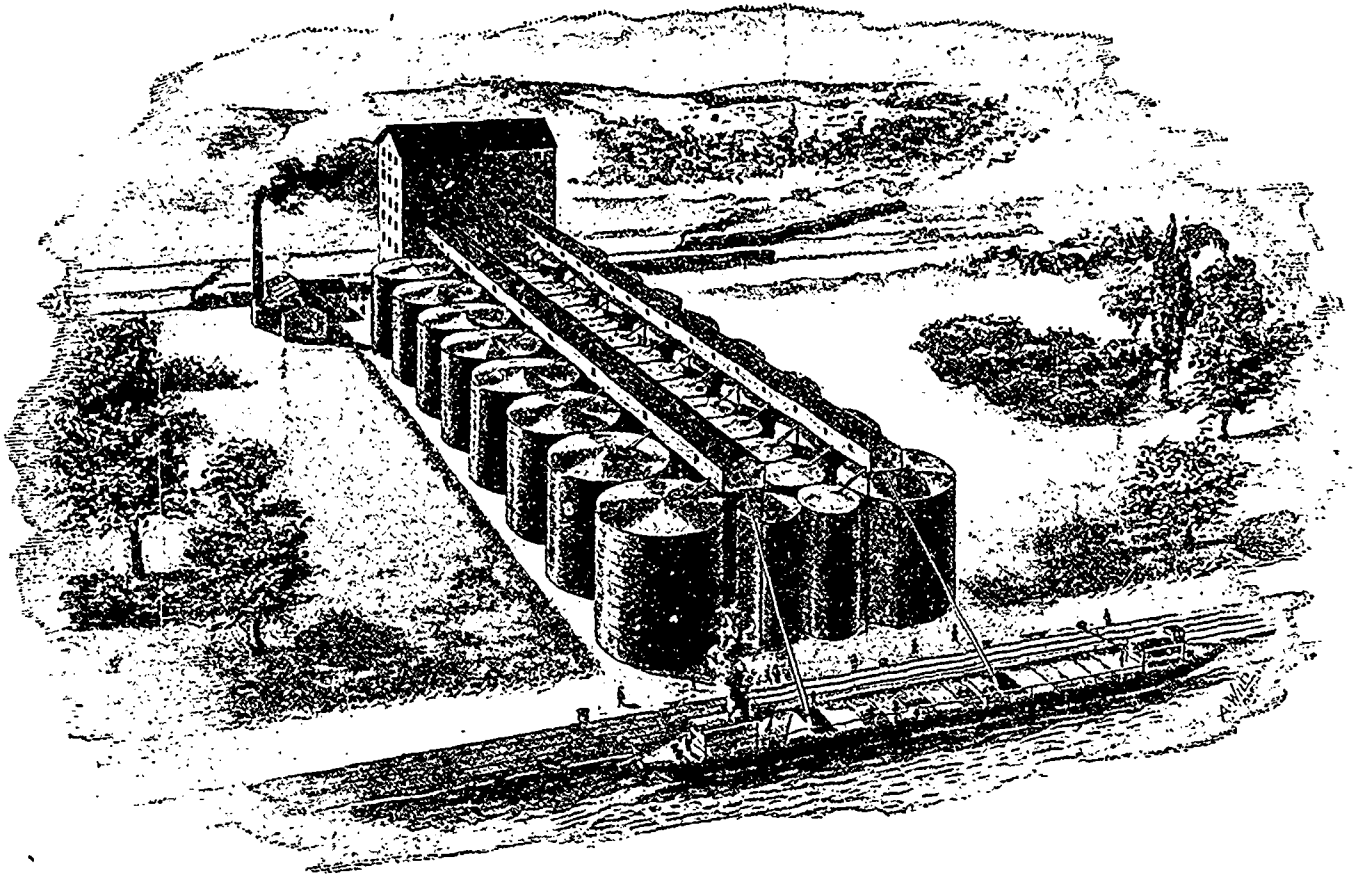
storing the grain. No insurance will be carried and hence the saving in seven years will pay the first cost of the elevator.

The greater and most important feature of steel elevators, however, is the separation of the storage department from the machinery for weighing and transferring grain. This allows the construction of separate tanks of various capacities to suit any condition. The tanks are constructed of homogeneous steel, and by close riveting an air-tight tank is obtained. While air is essential to the life and growth of vegetable matter it forms, at the point of maturity in grain, the direct and active agent that not only induces fermentation but begins decay.

The theory for counteracting the deleterious influence is to enclose these products at maturity in steel tanks, from which the common air may be excluded. By common air is meant

The Canadian Pacific experts hence insisted on air-tight tanks. Their elevator building proper is built of structural steel, with one-quarter inch steel plate floors, supported on "I" beams, the steel frame being covered with heavy corrugated steel. It contains the scales, steel circular gannets, steel elevator legs, power shovels, rappers, warehouse, separators, steel spouting, transmission machinery and fixture for the weighing and transferring of grain from cars to tanks or direct to vessels.

Two belt galleries run over the top of the tanks. They are built of steel and contain two belt conveyors, each with trippers for distributing grain to various tanks, or direct to vessels. The shipping capacity is 40,000 bushels per hour. The unloading capacity is 400 cars per day. The boiler and engine house is built of Lake Superior stone, with steel truss



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Construction Co., has the contract. The elevator is being built for the Canadian Pacific Railway company, which handles from 25,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels of grain yearly at Fort William. The grain comes from the Manitoba grain fields by rail and is transferred to vessels at Fort William for shipment to eastern points.

The Canadian Pacific now has three wooden elevators, each holding 1,250,000 bushels, at Fort William. The new elevator is all steel and has a capacity of 3,000,000 bushels, equaling the Great Northern elevator's capacity. The great electric elevator here in Buffalo was built by the same contractors. The contract for the Canadian Pacific elevator was let last August by P. Alex. Peterson, chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific. He insisted that the new elevator should be fire-proof with air-tight tanks for

the free atmosphere, composed of 22 parts oxygen and 78 parts nitrogen, reposing or existing in various degrees of density and temperature. It is only necessary to shut these products from contact with this free common air, because they have within themselves the means of their own preservation and the destroying influence of the air that may be contained within the steel tank is counteracted by the admixture of the elements from the products in store, for when common air, by the admixture of foreign gases, is changed in composition, it is as harmless to destroy as it would be impotent to aid the growth of these products.

Air-tight tanks prevent mixing, heating, rotting or shrinking of grain in store. The expensive process of airing and cooling the grain is abolished and there is no opportunity for ravage of weevil, rats or thieves.

roof, and contains one 400-horse-power condensing engine; three boilers 66 inches by sixteen feet, with all the necessary pumps and fixtures. The power is transmitted from the engine to the steel house by a 400-horse power manilla rope drive. Tunnels constructed of stone under the tanks contain the belt conveyors for transferring grain from the tanks to the steel building where the grain is weighed and shipped to vessels by means of the conveyors in the steel galleries over the tanks; dock spouts being attached to the end of the galleries for receiving the grain from the belt conveyors. There are 16 steel tanks 58 feet in diameter by 60 feet high and 32 tanks 29 feet in diameter by 60 feet high. The tanks are ranged side by side the smaller tanks in a double row flanked on each side by a row of eight big tanks.

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Fruit Growing in Manitoba.

We present this week a cut of the fruit garden of J. Parkinson, situated near the town of Portage la Prairie. Mr. Parkinson says: "My experience with fruit growing in Manitoba has been mostly in small fruits. Black, white and red currants all do well, so do raspberries and gooseberries. Strawberries have not done so well with me. Cultivated plums have not done well with me. I have been trying to grow apples from seed, and if I had known as well at the outset where to plant as I do now, I have not the least doubt but what I should have had about twenty apple trees with fruit on this summer. But the deep snow a year ago took the tops clean off all the apples and about 20 wild or native plums. The plums I

mental work goes on, many varieties of fruit will be found which will succeed here. In a country where wild fruits produce so abundantly as they do here, there should be many cultivated varieties which could be acclimatized in time, or new varieties propagated which would prove successful in our climate.

Manager White Talks on Railway Matters.

Manager Whyte, of the C. P. R., returned on Monday from Montreal, where he went to discuss matters concerning those portions of the company's lines under his management. Among the more important of these subjects were plans for laying a num-

The proposal for the fast express service involves a considerable reduction of time from Montreal to Vancouver, and if adopted the journey will probably be made in one hundred hours. To enable this time to be made some local trains will have to be put on to handle the business of the smaller places, as the fast trains will only stop at the most important stations. About the end of this month is the time suggested for the inauguration of this service. It is also intended to have the east bound train leave in the evening, say at about 9 o'clock, the west train leaving in the morning about 7.

When en route to Montreal Mr. Whyte visited Ottawa, and was there when Mr. Douglas' elevator bill was before committee, and the so-called



A MANITOBA FRUIT FARM.

am digging out, but the apple trees I shall let stand. They grew wonderfully last summer. I am so satisfied that apples will grow here that we are preparing to plant about three acres next spring. I shall plant half the land to Duchess of Oldenburg, and the rest to be selected. I shall plant currants in rows four feet apart each way until apples grow on the apple trees. We are picking fruit from about 3,000 currant, gooseberry and raspberry bushes and intend to plant about 2,000 more this spring and about 12,000 cuttings."

A great deal has been accomplished in Manitoba within a few years by experimental work with fruits, and already some varieties of fruits have been successfully grown, which a few years ago would have been considered as useless here. No doubt as experi-

ber of additional sidings between Winnipeg and Fort William and for putting on a fast transcontinental passenger train service. Plans submitted were approved, but the minutiae of details have yet to be worked out.

The primary object of the new sidings is to afford required accommodation for increasing traffic, but ultimately they will be utilized as a part of a double track system from Winnipeg to the lake front. For some time past all bridges, culverts, sidings, etc., that have been renewed, have been constructed with that end in view, and the new sidings to be put in this year will be built on the same plan. The sidings, renewed bridges, etc., will form no small portion of the double track, the completion of which is now not far distant.

compromise effected. The bill as amended met with general approval, all the western members, with a couple of exceptions, giving it their support. By this law the object sought will be attained, namely, to give the farmer the privilege of shipping his own grain if he considers that he is not receiving fair treatment from the elevators. Had Mr. Douglas' original bill been placed on the statute books, the elevator system would have been destroyed, and the farmers would be the greatest sufferers by such a result. This fact impressed the members of the committee strongly. With elevators run unconditionally the farmers would be completely at the mercy of elevator men and they could never get their grain out through flat warehouses. The law about to be passed will fur-

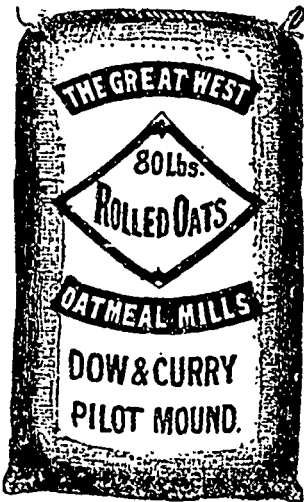
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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

Stocks of Wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	234,000
Toronto	18,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	300,000
Manitoba elevators	1,710,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	989,000
Total April 30	3,251,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's of May 1, were 31,039,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 49,634,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1 were 3,051,000 bushels, compared with 1,614,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended May 7, was 22,528,000 bushels, being a decrease of 735,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 31,862,000 bushels, two years ago 54,000,000 bushels, three years ago 59,623,000 bushels, four years ago 63,510,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	3,161,000 bushels
Duluth	3,000,000 "
Minneapolis	9,273,000 "
New York	1,061,000 "
Buffalo	969,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 9,534,000 bushels, compared with 10,895,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 24,913,000 bushels, compared with 15,061,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on May 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: May 1, 1898, 100,890,000; May 1, 1897, 107,198,000; May 1, 1896, 146,682,000; May 1, 1895, 172,099,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	66,063,280	53,031,300
Milwaukee	7,933,937	6,766,537
Duluth	36,553,294	39,236,362
Chicago	31,858,942	14,670,788
Total	142,459,453	113,704,985

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United

States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	10,793,328	6,762,720
St. Louis	11,306,594	10,867,196
Detroit	4,556,368	3,112,079
Kansas City	27,446,566	6,696,000
Total	54,102,856	27,437,995

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" spring . . . . .	.08	.12
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, May afloat Fort William, 76½c.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.10; Bakers, \$1.90.

Bran—Per ton, \$4.50.

Shorts—Per ton, \$4.50.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 20@2½c.

Barley—Feed, 25c; Malting, 27@28c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, dealers' selling price, 14@17c.

Cheese—Dealers selling at 11@12c.

Eggs—Fresh selling at 9@10c.

Beef—City dressed, fresh, 6 @ 6½c.

Mutton—Frozen 8c. Fresh 10c.

Hogs—Dressed, 6@6½c.

Cattle—4@4½c as to quality.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 4½c for best bacon.

Sheep—4½@5c off cars here.

Hides—No. 1 green, 6@6½c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 16@18c.

Poultry—Chickens, 10c per pound; turkeys, 14c per lb.

Potatoes—35@40c per bushel.

Hay—4@5 per ton.

Customs Collections.

The customs collections during the months of March and April were as shown by the subjoined statements:

	1897.	1898.
March—Exported	\$444,118	\$241,082
Entered for consumption, dutiable	189,493	330,630
Entered for consumption, free	57,435	127,313

Total for consumption	246,929	457,943
Duty collected	55,637.88	92,243.04

MEMO.

The decrease in exports is owing to export entries for wheat being entered in March, 1897, and in January, 1898.

	1897.	1898.
April—Exported	\$137,987	\$151,423
Entered for consumption, dutiable	131,986	252,085
Entered for consumption, free	33,398	158,212

Total for consumption	165,384	410,897
Duty collected	20,308.67	71,620.70

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INSURANCE ITEMS.

W. W. Serimes, manager at Winnipeg for the Hartford Insurance Co., left recently on a western business trip.

The packers of salmon in British Columbia have been trying to effect a reduction in the rates of insurance on their factories.

The Ancient Order of Foresters has secured the passage of an act of Dominion incorporation. A clause was added in parliament requiring the order to be put up a reserve fund satisfactory to the insurance department.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada during the month of March, shows a total of \$7,615,200. This abnormally moderate aggregate brings the figures for the first quarter of 1898 much below those for the same period in 1897, and represents the lightest month since last November.

Some severe rate cutting in the fire field, says Money and Risks, is a result of the efforts made by one or two new companies to get business. While the new companies are somewhat discriminating in the risks they take, and refuse many risks that are not considered a 1, they offer big discounts on association scheduled quotations, and pay extraordinary percentages for business brought to them.

Grain and Milling News.

The Manitoba Grain company will shortly commence work on a new elevator at Calgary, Alberta.

Rolled oatmeal advanced 15c per barrel at Montreal on Monday, and

is now firmly held at \$1.25 per barrel and \$2.10 per bag.

A pleasant surprise was afforded the employees of the Ogilvie Milling company, Winnipeg, one day this week, when General Manager F. W. Thompson announced a general advance in wages of about 10 per cent, to go into effect at once. The company evidently proposes to divide up a part of the better profit now being made, with the men.

A few Manitoba farmers who have been holding their wheat have been offered high prices lately. One farmer who has three year's crop on hand, is said to have refused over \$1.10 per bushel for it, and asks \$1.50. When such splendid prices can be obtained they should be quickly accepted, as it cannot be expected that the present high prices, which mainly depend on speculative influences and unnatural excitement will be long maintained.

The Montreal Gazette of Monday last says: A very strong feeling prevails in the flour market. W. W. Ogilvie marked up the price of Manitoba grades another 25c per barrel on Saturday, making a net rise of \$1.35 per barrel from the lowest point, which figures are still \$1 per barrel below United States prices for the same grades of flour. The Lake of the Woods Milling company received a cable from London for 500 sacks each of the four different grades of flour they manufacture, making 2,000 sacks which they offered to fill at a marked advance over previous bids and it was accepted by the buyer. A further sale of 5,000 sacks of Manitoba flour for Australia, was reported from Montreal on Monday.

The Lumber Trade.

R. A. Mather, of the Keewatin Lumber Co., was in Winnipeg, this week.

The property known as the Moore & Macdowell mill at Prince Albert, Sask., with large timber limits, is offered for sale.

The Arrowhead Saw and Planing Mills Co. has established a saw and planing mill on the south arm of Arrow Lake, south of Revelstoke, B. C., with a capacity of 20,000 feet per day. A sash and door factory in connection will employ about 30 men. The company has opened yards at Nelson and Revelstoke. The officers of the company are, J. C. DeCew, president; W. M. DeCew, manager; T. H. DeCew, secretary.

The Westminster, B. C. Columbian, says the mills are all working over time. The Royal City mills, it says, are working overtime on orders, from the prairie country chiefly, and three carloads of house and railway lumber are being shipped every day over the C. P. R. The local trade is also brisk, and takes several snowloads daily. The factory at the mill is working full strength, to increase the stock of doors, sashes, etc., while several large cannery orders already received are keeping the box factory busy early and late.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: It is believed that shingles have struck bottom. There has been a wavering in the market during the past several weeks, and from a possible price of \$2.25 per thousand for "A's", there has been a drop of fifteen cents, so that probably the market quotation is now \$2.10, though some sales are made for five cents higher. But the shingle manufacturers of the coast have tak-

en the matter in hand and propose to stop the falling off in prices. They have shut down their mills until the first of June, anyway, and they will remain down for a longer time if it appears necessary in order to keep up the market.

Hides, Wool, etc.

Hides were advanced 1-2c at Toronto on Monday, to 8c for No. 1 green.

A bill has passed its second reading at Ottawa to make the inspection of hides compulsory. The penalty is \$1 per hide for evasion of the proposed law. The inspection fee is five cents per hide, or when offered in lots over 100 to be 4 cents per hide. The inspector, of course, will be a government official, who will practically stand between the buyer and the seller. The inspector will be responsible for any errors in grading hides, the same as in inspecting wheat. This law will only apply at points where inspectors have been appointed, and will not prevent country dealers from selling their hides flat at their own places of business. The opinion of dealers is divided as to the advisability of the law.

It is not very easy to get at the accurate value of the new clip, but it may be pointed out that in the United States markets prices are 25c to 30c per lb—say the average price is 28c. The duty on wool in the United States is 12c per lb. This makes 16c for washed wool in Canada, and from this must be taken freight charges for export, and profit to the Canadian dealer for handling the wool, which would make it necessary to buy washed wool at 11c in Canada, if the wool were to be taken for export at a price based on United States market values. The duties are as follows: Unwashed wool 11c to 12c per pound, the lower rate on fine wools, such as merinos and merino crosses; tub washed, 36c; and scoured 36c.

Grocery Trade Notes.

New rice is offering at Montreal, and prices have advanced there 1-1c. Cables are very strong on rice from all markets.

The Montreal Gazette says: "The feature of the molasses market during the past week has been the stronger cable advices received from the island, noting a further advance of 1c per gallon on the first cost to 10c, and even at this figure importers state they find it impossible to get firm offers. There has been an improved demand on spot and a sale of 100 punchons of Barbadoes is reported at 27c, with 27 1-2c bid for 50 more, but the buyer could not secure they last lot even at the 1-2c advance. Some small lots of old 1896 crop of Antigua have changed hands at 20c. This stock was very dark in quality and would not fetch 18c a few months ago. A later cable quoted a further advance of 2c to 12c first cost, equal to 30c Montreal.

Mr. Richardson's garnishee bill introduced at Ottawa, has been withdrawn for this session.

Superintendent Ford, of the Dominion Express company, will go over the Crow's Nest Pass railway line. Branch offices will be opened along this line if it is considered advisable.

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nish a safety valve such as the promoter desired.

Anticipating an increase in freight traffic the C. P. R. shops at Perth have rushed through the 250 new flat cars which will be in use on the C. P. R. system immediately. The capacity of each car will be 60,000 lbs., and for the late fall business can be converted into box cars.

Manitoba

B. J. Smith is opening a general store at Reston.

Geo. Castle, blacksmith, Treesbank, has sold out to Geo. Clark.

Mr. Gregory has assumed full control of the Queen's hotel, Winnipeg.

Neil McKelvie, general storekeeper, of Rapid City, has disposed of his business to J. J. Moore.

The contract for Winnipeg city police uniforms has been awarded to the Hudson's Bay company.

R. B. Currie, of Markdale, Ont., has located at Brandon, where he will open business in packing and pickling eggs.

R. Johnson has purchased J. Stinson's interest in the saddlery business of Johnson & Stinson, at Stonewall, and will continue the business alone.

It is rumored that the Northwest Central railway will be extended fifty miles west from Hamiota this year. Engineers are now surveying the line.

By-laws relating to auctioneers and to regulate the weight of loaves of bread were introduced at the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council.

W. J. Steele will build a stone block at Morden on the site of the late fire. The building will be 70x25 feet, and will be used as a general store by Carley & Stutor.

Mr. Sherrin is erecting a building at Reston to be used as a furniture store, with a hall up-stairs. He will open in this branch when his premises are ready.

H. C. Stovel has resigned his position as manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Toronto Type Foundry, and J. C. Crome, of Vancouver, has been appointed in his place.

E. De Pencier, general storekeeper, La Riviere, has sold out to P. Winram & Co., of Maniton, who will continue the business as a branch store, in charge of W. Winram.

A. Harstone and W. A. Windatt, coal and wood dealers, Winnipeg, operating as Harstone, Windatt & Co., have dissolved partnership. Mr. Windatt retires and Mr. Harstone will continue the business in his own name.

The Dauphin House, Dauphin, has changed hands, D. C. McKinnon, of Brandon, being the new proprietor. Mr. Clark, the former proprietor, intends going into farming.

The new produce and provision company formed in Winnipeg recently, it is said, will not be prosecuted any further, but will be wound up, owing to disagreement among the members.

Another turn has been taken in the Cloutier assignment case by the arrest of F. Cloutier, merchant, Winnipeg, on request from Montreal, for alleged false pretenses. Cloutier was later released on bail. He denies the charge and says he will defend the case.

The city (Winnipeg) has not gained anything by cancelling the lumber contract with Dick, Banning & Co. The

contract was cancelled on the ground that tenders were not advertised a sufficiently long time to give a fair chance to all dealers to get in tenders. New tenders were called for, but they did not vary materially from the tender formerly accepted, and it was decided to again accept the original tender of Dick, Banning & Co.

Hardware and Paint Trade

Paris green has advanced 2c at Montreal to 161-2c in barrels, 17c in drums and 18c in packages. Dry white lead advanced 1-4c to 43-4 to 5c.

The Montreal Gazette says: The firmness in lead products last week had another development this week in a sharp advance in both lead pipe and shot, both of which articles have risen 2 1-2c per cent. The old discount of the list on lead pipe was 27 1-2 per cent, and this has been reduced to 25 per cent, while shot which was formerly sold at a discount of 12 1-2 off the list is now sold at 10 per cent off. The list prices in both cases remain the same.

Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin says: East-bound rail rates continued unsettled. Flour and grain are taken from Chicago to New York at 12 to 13c per 100 lbs. and provisions at 14 to 15c—these are the lowest on record. Ocean rates are steady. A Chicago skipper has within a week taken 28 steamers at New York and outports to load wheat, aggregating nearly 4,000,000 bushels. Rate from New York to Liverpool is 5d per bushel. Through rates from Chicago to Liverpool are 16c per bushel on wheat, flour is 34 to 34 5-8c per 100 pounds. Lake and rail rates to New England are, 9 1-2c per bushel on wheat. Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo were steadier at 13-8c on wheat, 11-1c on corn and 1c on oats. Corn was taken to Kingston at 23-4c.

Public Revenues.

Ottawa, May 6.—The official statement of receipts of the Dominion for ten months of the fiscal year expired April 30, shows a total of \$32,155,540, as compared with \$31,934,721 for the same period of the previous year, or an increase of \$220,819 in favor of 1898. The revenue by services for the two periods was as follows.

	1897.	1898.
Customs	\$16,565,525	\$17,973,728
Excise	8,596,713	6,377,531
Postal	2,615,680	2,883,401
Public works and railways	2,300,000	3,112,070
Miscellaneous ...	1,256,858	1,808,808

Total \$31,939,721 \$32,155,540
Expenditure on account of consolidated fund up to April 30, 1898, \$25,450,000, compared with \$25,858,195, or a decrease in expenditure for the current period of \$378,000.

Expenditure on capital account for the ten months ending April 30th, 1898, was \$3,825,000, compared with \$2,828,000 for the same period of the previous year, the increase being accounted for in subsidies to railways, chiefly the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

The net public debt on April 30, was \$258,104,000, a decrease during the month of \$932,000.

Returns of expenditure for the month of April alone show revenue to the consolidated fund of \$3,506,000, as compared with \$4,183,000 in 1897, or a decrease for last month of about

\$900,000, which is more than accounted for by the decrease of \$1-100,000 in the single item of excise.

Customs receipts for April were well maintained, being only \$5,000 less than for April, 1897, while the receipts for public works, including railways, increased by \$114,000.

Hudson Bay Railway.

The agitation for a railway to Hudson Bay appears to have been transferred from Manitoba to Toronto. In Manitoba very little has been heard of late about a railway to Hudson Bay, while at Toronto the matter has been urged so strongly that the city has obtained a charter to build a road to James Bay, the southern extremity of Hudson Bay. The act of incorporation contains a proviso that the charter is to be suspended for two years. If at the end of that time it appears to the governor-in-council in council that the James Bay railway company, which was chartered last year, has not made substantial progress with the line, the suspension ceases, and the civic charter becomes operative.

Manitoba Elevators.

There will be no legislation on this year regarding the Manitoba elevator question. This is the latest news from Ottawa. This appears to be the result of a disagreement among the western members as to what should be done during the present session of parliament. A number of the western members agreed to certain modifications of the Douglas bill, whereby farmers only would be permitted to load grain on cars or from flat warehouses. Other members, working in sympathy with the smaller independent grain dealers, wanted the market thrown open to all comers, to ship from warehouses and elevators or by directly loading on cars. The result of the disagreement is, that nothing will be done this session toward compelling the railways to accept grain when not offered through the elevators.

Tenders.

Tenders are called by T. G. Treleaven, Killarney, Man., for the erection of a brick block.

Three tenders for a stone crusher were received by the Winnipeg board of works as follows. The Waterous Engine Co., \$975; W. G. McMahon, Winnipeg, \$1,100; The Canadian Rand Drill Co., Rat Portage, per Geo. J. Ross, \$1,200. These were referred to the city engineer.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg board of works committee, three tenders for lumber were received as follows: D. E. Sprague, for various dimensions specified, \$14, \$15 and \$16-50; siding, No. 3, white pine, \$23; flooring, No. 3, white pine, \$23; boards, 2nd, common white pine, \$15.50; boards, culls, \$12; shingles, No. 1, cedar, \$2.75. T. D. Robinson tendered at \$14, \$15, \$16.50, \$22.50, \$22.50, \$16.00, \$16.00, \$11.50, \$2.75 respectively, for the different grades. Dick, Banning & Co.'s figures in the tender accepted, but afterwards cancelled, were respectively \$14.70, \$15.00, \$15-25, \$21.00, \$21.00, \$14.50, \$14.50, \$11.00, \$2.25. The tenders were referred to the city engineer for comparison.



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Canned Goods Per case	
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2 25
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 00
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	2 10
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 10
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	4 75
Pears, Marlow's, 25, 2 doz.	2 25
Pears, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 00
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	5 50
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	4 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 25
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	3 10
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	4 50
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	4 50
Per tin	
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	06
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09
Sardines, imported, 3/4s	13
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s	10
Per doz.	
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s	1 50
Imp. Kipper Herring, 1s	1 75
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1st	1 90
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1st	2 00
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1st	2 00

Canned Meats Per case	
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 00
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	3 25
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 00
Lunch Tongue, 25, 1 doz.	6 50
Bravay, 25, 1 doz.	5 25
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	6 00
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	7 25
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 2 doz.	5 00
Per doz.	
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75
Potted Ham, 3/4s	50
Devilled Ham, 3/4s	50
Potted Tongue, 3/4s	50

Coffee Per pound.	
Green Rio	10 10 1/2

Cereals Per sack	
Split Peas, sack 95	2 25
Pat Barley, sack 95	2 40
Pearl Barley, sack 95	4 00
Roll'd Oats, sack 80	2 20
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	2 20
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 20
Beans (per bushel)	1 30
Cornmeal, sack 95	1 45
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 3/4sac)	75
Per pound	
Rice, B.	4 1/2 c
Rice, Japan	6 c
Sago	4 c
Tapioca	4 c

Cigarettes Per M	
Old Judge	58 90
Athlete	58 90
Sweet Caporal	58 90
Sweet Sixteen	57 90
Derby	66 00

Cured Fish	
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00
Codfish, boneless per lb	04
Codfish, Pure per lb	07
Herrings, in kegs	3 50

Dried Fruits Per pound	
Currents, Prov'l Barrels	07 7 1/2
Currents, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	07 7 1/2
Currents, Prov'l Cases	07 7 1/2
Currents, Vostizza Cases	07 7 1/2
Currents, Filistria, blis	07 7 1/2
Currents, Filistria, cases	07 7 1/2
Dates, Cases	06 07
Figs, Electric, about to lb box	14 1/2
Figs, Cooking, Sax	05 1/2
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases	08 09
Prunes, French, Cases	06 07
Sultana Raisins	10 12

Dried Fruits Per pound	
Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs	1 70
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 25
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	06 07 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 7 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 8 1/2
London Layer, 20 lb Boxes	1 90
Apples, Dried	07 09
Kvap, Apples, finest quality	11 12

California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	18 20
Peaches, unpeeled	11 13
Pears	11 14
Apricots, new	10 11
Pitted Plums	11 12
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	0 3/4
Prunes, 80 to 90	7 7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11

Matches Per case	
Telephone	3 60
Telephone	3 40
Tiger	3 25

Nuts Per pound	
Brazils	13 1/2
Taragona Almonds	13 1/2
Peanuts, roasted	13 1/2
Peanuts, green	10 12
Grenoble Walnuts	15 16
French Walnuts	13 15
Sicily Filberts	11 15
Shelled Almonds	25 30

Syrup	
Extra Bright, per lb	3 1/2 c
Medium, per lb	3c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal tins	5 70
Molasses, per gal.	35c

Sugar	
Extra Standard Granulated	5 1/2 c
German Granulated	5 1/2 c
Extra Ground	7c
Powdered	6 1/2 c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2 c
Maple Sugar	11c

Salt Per pound	
Rock Salt	1 1/2 c
Common, fine	1 90
Common, coarse	1 90
Dairy, 100-3	3 25
Dairy, 60-5	3 25
Per sack	
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine jute sack	00 45

Spices Per doz.	
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 90
Per pound	
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 20
Allspice, compound	15 20
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	18 25
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	10 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	13 15
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	20 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	25 35
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	30 35
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochina	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	25 30
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	60 1 00
Mace (per pound)	1 00 1 25

Teas Per pound	
China Blacks-	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	13 20
Indian and Ceylon-	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	21 25
Young Hysons-	
Choice	35 45
Medium	25 35
Common	22 30
Japan-	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	29 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Common	15 20

Tobacco Per pound	
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00 76
Lily, 85, Cads.	00 63
Cream, 85, Cads.	00 60
T. & B. Black Chewing, 50or16s	00 64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing,	
Ss or 16	00 64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00 89
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00 91
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00 91
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00 99
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 90
Oriinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00 85
Oriinoco, 1-5 tins	00 91
Oriinoco, 1/2 tins	00 86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette	
1-12	00 87
Brier, 75, Cads	00 65
Derby, 75, Cads	00 68
Derby, 75, Cads	00 68
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 66
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 66

Wooden Ware Per doz.	
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50
Pails, wire hoop	2 25
Pails, Star fibre	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50
Per nest	
Tubs, nests (3)	1 05
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25
Per doz.	
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Per nest	
Butter tubs, wire hoop (2)	50 55
Butter tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80

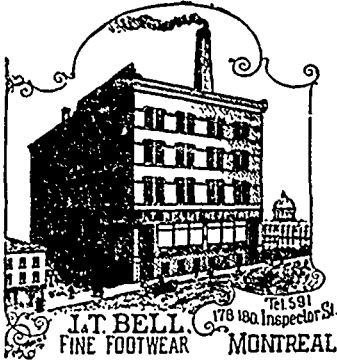
CURED MEATS AND LARD	
Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 90
Lard, pure, 50 lb pails	4 65
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	6 00
Lard, Tierces, per lb	5 1/2 8 1/2
Smoked Meats per lb.	
Hams	11 11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2 12
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 1/2 11
Spiced rolls	8 1/2 9
Shoulders	8 8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2 9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	8 1/2 9
Boneless Shoulders	8 1/2 8 1/2
Backs	9 9 1/2
Imported Short Clear	8 1/2 8 1/2
Barrel Pork Per barrel	
Heavy mess	15 50
Short cut	16 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	7 00
Bologna sausage, lb	6 1/2
Ham, chicken and tongue, doz	\$1 20
Pickled locks, per lb	03
Pickled tongues	05
Pickled pigs feet, pail 15 lbs	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	20 25

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS	
Whitefish, lb	4 1/2 05
Pickered, lb	03 1/2
Trout, lb	09
Lake Superior Herrings, doz	15
Pike, lb	02 1/2
Salmon, lb	14
B. C. halibut, lb	12
Smelts, lb	09
Cod, lb	08
Haddock	08
Smoked goldeyes, doz	30
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50
Oysters, cans select, each	65

DRUGS	
Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.	
Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb	06 07
Bluestone, lb	06 07
Bluestone, barrel lots	01 1/2 05
Borax	11 13
Bromide Potash	65 75
Camphor	65 75
Camphor, ounces	80 90
Carbolic Acid	40 65
Castor Oil	15 17
Chlorate Potash	25 30
Citric Acid	55 65
Copperas	03 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz	4 50
Cream Tartar, lb	30 35
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 1/2 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
German Quinine	35 45
Glycerine, lb	30 35
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	20 25
Howard's Quinine, oz.	45 55
Iodine	5 00
Insect Powder	35 40
Morphia, lb	2 10
Opium	4 50
Oil, olive	1 25
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25
Oil, lemon, super	2 75
Oil, peppermint	4 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 50
Oxalic Acid	14 16
Potass Iodide	3 75
Paris Green, lb	18 20
Saltpetre	10 12
Sal Rochelle	30 35
Shellac	35 40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 05
Sulphur Roll, keg	3 1/2 05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75
Sal Soda	2 00
Tartaric Acid, lb	45 55
Styrchnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00

LEATHER	
Per pound	
Harness, oak	33
Harness, union oak No. 1	33
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	32
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	32
Do., No. 1 R	31
Black collar leather	36
Sole, union oak	32
Listowell, sole	27 30
Pentagon, sole	27 30
B. F. French calf	25 30
B. F. French kip	95 1 15
Canada calf	65 80
Canada Calf, Horseshoe	90
Horseshoe Brand Kip	50
Kara Kip	50 55
Wax upper	42 46
Grain upper	42 46
Kangaroo, per foot	25 50
Dolgon, per foot	25 40

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Coal	
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Per ton	
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	10 00
Pec size	7 50
Western anthracite, stove	9 00
Western anthracite, nut	7 25
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Hocking	7 50
Souris Lignite	7 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Blossburg smithing	9 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track	
Winnipeg, Per cord	
Tamarac, good, last winter's cut	4 25
Pine, green cut, dry	3 75
Pine, dead cut	3 50
Spruce	3 75
Poplar, green cut dry	2 50
Poplar, dead cut	2 25
Salt, green cut dry body	4 50
Oak, dead cut	4 00



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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, May 14, 1898.

The flour, grain and feed market is very strong and tending upward on almost everything. Cheese $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower.

Butter—California creamery, 26@27c.

Eggs—Local, 20c; Eastern eggs 17@18c.

Cheese—Manitoba 12c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @13c; short clear 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; short rolls 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb, in pails and tubs 10c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 16c; kippered cod 5c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; kippered herring 8c; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes 8@12 per ton; ashcroft \$19.50; local onions, 3c; cabbage 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons 2.25@2.75 box; Navel oranges, 3.00 @ \$3.25; seedling oranges, 1.50@2.25; bananas, bunch \$2.75; California cherries, \$1.75 box; strawberries, 15c for small boxes.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.05; 245 pounds sacks \$3.10; 422 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound sacks \$3.30; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 250's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.75 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$7.50; strong bakers \$7.25; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.50.

Grain—Oats, 23@30 per ton; wheat 27@30 per ton; barley, 27@30 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton, bran \$22, oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$16 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ @9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 9; veal 9@10c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, 5.00 @ \$5.25 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$5.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 @ 7.50 per 100 lbs; cows, 4.50@5.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$1.50 to \$1.60 pair.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ @9c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Paris lump, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; granulated, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; extra C. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; good 13c; choice 22c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, May 14.

Pig Iron—\$15@15.60.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.50@1.60; hoop and band iron, \$1.85 for Canadian and \$2 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40, 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 18@24, \$3.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 26, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 28 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c @ 4.

Lead—Pig, 4c; sheet, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb; shot, can., dis. 10 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain— $\frac{1}{2}$ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; $\frac{3}{4}$ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in. \$3.15; $\frac{1}{2}$ in., \$3.10; $\frac{3}{8}$ in., \$2.80; $\frac{1}{4}$ in., \$2.75.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.

Antimony—9 $\frac{1}{2}$ @9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; solder, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Ingot Copper—12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@17.

Canada plates—Half-polished, 32-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tinplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20x28; charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, 1.87 to \$2.00, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$2.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, \$2.62 $\frac{1}{2}$; 1 inch, \$3.60. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, \$4.75; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$6.20; 2 inch, \$8.30. Galvanized, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$3.80; $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, 4.60 to \$4.80; 1 inch, 6.40@6.70; 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, 8.25 to \$9.20; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, 11.25@11.80; 2 inch, 15.20@16.00.

Barb Wire—\$2, terms 30 days or 2 per cent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent.; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.90 for delivery in Toronto, Montreal and London; terms, four months or 3 per cent off for cash 30 days.

Cut Nails—\$1.80@1.85 base price Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25@3.35 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 10, round head bright, 80 and 10; flat head brass, 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 10; round head brass, 75 and 10 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, 70 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 43c; hexagon, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent, all sizes; copper rivets, 50 and 10.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.45, and in 100-foot boxes, \$2.75; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per; cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 45 and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Harvest Tools—Discounts 60, 10 and 5 per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 8c; $\frac{3}{8}$ in., 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5-16 in., 9c; 3-16 inch, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 9c; $\frac{3}{8}$, 9c; $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5-16, 10c.

Binder Twine—Pure Manila, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@6 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, May 14.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 2 granulated, 4 7-16c; Dutch granulated, 4 7-16c@4 $\frac{1}{2}$; yellows, 3 15-16@4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 28c@30c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 23c@30; for medium and 35c@50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c; fines, 30@35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oologs, 25c@65c; Ceylons, 17@15c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ @12c; Mochia, 26c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.25; peas, 90@91; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Canned Salmon, 95c@98c; sock-eyes, \$1.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ @1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1 60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencia, off-stalk, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@5c; fine, off-stalk, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; selected, 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; layers, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ @7c; Provincial, currants, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ @6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Filiatras, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ @7c; Patras, 7c@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Vostizias, 8c@8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@11c, pears, 9c@10c, peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 50's to 60's, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 60's to 70's, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 80's to 90's, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@7c; 90's to 100's, 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Bosnia prunes, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Sultanas, 9c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c@15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c@14c. Hallowee dates, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Malaga, London layers, \$1 30@1.50 per box, black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Natural in bags, 4@5c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6 crown; 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 4 lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Nuts—Marbots, 10@11c; filberts, Sicily, 9@11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4c; do Patna, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; do Japan, 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochin, 15@20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@18c. Ambboy, 18@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@51; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, 15 @23c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16.50 for Canada mess; short cut, \$17.00; clear mess, \$15.00

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8c, ton and case lots, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11@11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; hams, large 10@11c and 11@11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for small; picnic hams, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ @9c; rolls, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; tubs, 8c; pails, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

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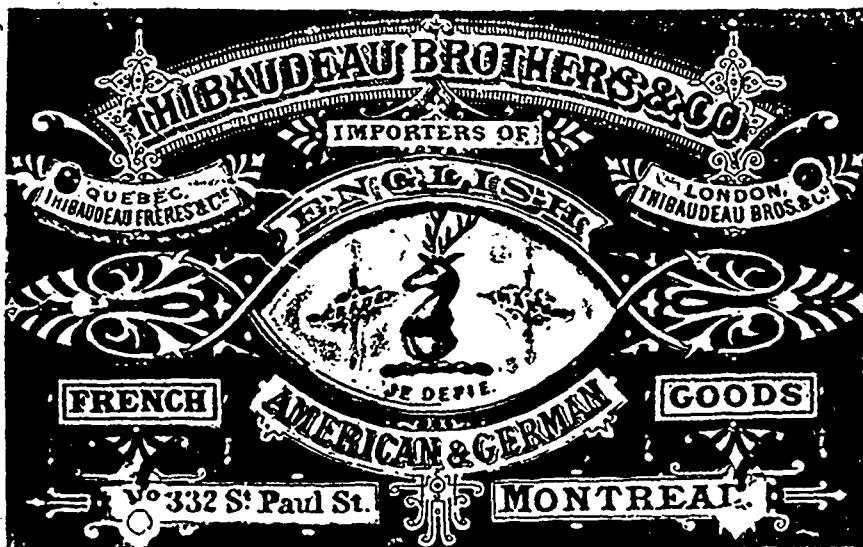
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday May 14.

Business is very good with the jobbing houses, taken all round. The season's trade to date has been heavy. All lines have participated more or less in the increased movement. Hardware, paints, building material, etc., have been particularly active. Large importations of goods are now beginning to come to hand and the amount being paid out for freight and duty is very heavy. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show an enormous increase over corresponding periods of previous years, being a little more than double that they were little more than double what they were this week last year.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 14
BICYCLES.

A very large business has been done in bicycles this season. Very few of the local dealers have been able to supply the demand upon them as required. A number of bicycle dealers spoken to this week, all told the same story of orders in hand which they could not fill, as they could not get the goods in fast enough. The trouble is with the factories. Last fall there was something of a slump in the bicycle market and the outlook was not considered favorable. On this account the factories did not prepare a very large stock during the winter for the spring trade. The demand, however, has been so large that few of the factories have been able to fill orders at all promptly and as they opened season with light stocks, they have not been able to catch up yet with their orders.

DRUGS.

Locally there is no change in the situation. Advances from abroad report quinine still irregular and excited, with some sharp advances in price. Copperas is reported 1-4c higher at the factories and Paris green has been advanced 2c by manufacturers. Chlorate of potash is 4c higher in first hands.

FISH.

Fresh caught Lake Superior trout are now coming forward freely, fishing having been resumed on the lake since the opening of navigation. Fresh caught Lake Manitoba whitefish have also commenced to arrive, though only in limited quantity so far, and the main supply is cold storage stock. Plenty of fresh caught fish, however, are looked for soon. No fresh caught Lake Winnipeg whitefish are expected until June.

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

The dealers continue to report a good business. The season's trade in vehicles has been large and at times it has been difficult to keep up stocks. The manufacturers east have had a large trade and have been more or less behind in their orders all the season in implements and vehicles.

GREEN FRUITS.

Oranges and apples are in about the same position as last week and prices are the same. Some very good apples can be had yet, but there is also a lot of poor stock. A car of apples is being shipped back to Winnipeg from a western Manitoba point, where there is an over-supply. New eastern lemons are not here yet, but are close by and may arrive any time. Strawberries are 50c lower. Florida pineapples are

now in the market and selling \$1 less than former stock. Tomatoes are offering more freely. Large quantities of pea plant have been handled this week and the quality of that offering is now much better than formerly. A car of California lemons, which were refused on account of bad condition, have been selling at irregular prices. Prices are: Navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4.00; California seedling oranges, \$3.00 to \$3.25; bananas, per bunch, \$2.25 to \$2.50, as to size; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4 per box; apples, \$4 to \$5.00 per barrel for best sorts; off quality, \$2 to \$3.50 per barrel, as to condition; pineapples, \$4 per dozen; pea plant, 2 1/2-2c per lb; strawberries, \$5 to \$5.50 per case of 24 quarts; tomatoes, \$4.50 per crate of six baskets; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; Siely fibberts, large 1 1/2 to 12c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, clemes, 10 lb boxes, \$1.25 to \$1.40, as to quality; 50 lb boxes, 17c per lb; dates, 6 1/2 to 7c per lb; Tarragona almonds, 12 1/2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 9c; peanuts, roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 7 1/2 to 10c per lb; maple sugar 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen 1-2 gallon tins, \$7; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels.

GROCERIES.

The general feature of the grocery market is the strong tone which prevails in regard to many lines. The sharp advances in outside markets have not been put into effect here to the full extent, and the result is that several lines of goods are being sold here at much lower prices than they could be offered at if the goods had to be brought in at the present basis of values in other markets. It is a feature of the local market, that dealers often do not take advantage of advances in producing markets so long as they hold stocks purchased before the advance. Whether or not this is good business principle we will not presume to say at present. Beans are very firm, and would cost higher to lay down, one quotation secured this week being \$1.27 per bushel laid down here, while they are jobbing at \$1.30. Oatmeal would also cost higher to lay down here, one quotation received being \$1.20 cost here, while jobbers are still selling at this figure. Mo's-as is advancing sharply in consequence of the war in the West Indies. Cured meats and canned meats have made further sharp advances in the United States. Corned beef would cost 35c higher to import than a few weeks ago. The local market is higher on cured hog products. It is understood that an advance will be made shortly by manufacturers of wooden ware.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

While there is much firmness about staple goods in this branch, there have been no important changes in prices. White lead is firm, and while large buyers could probably get a closer quotation, the general tendency is to hold for the 11-4c advance recently reported. Our reports from eastern markets show sharp advances on lead products. There has been no further advance in rope here, but the market is irregular and excited. A large volume of business has been done in all staple lines and importations are very heavy at present.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—This has been another week of wild excitement in the wheat markets. The daily fluctuation in

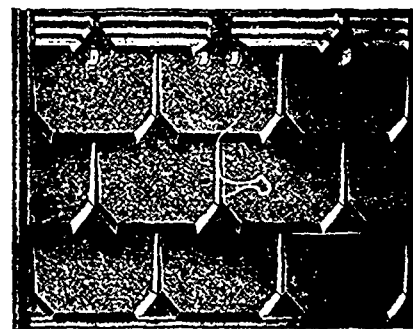
the markets has been enormous, and this was particularly marked on Monday and Tuesday. The market, of course, is largely a fictitious one and the conditions which have worked to bring about such a state are unnatural. Of course the statistical situation is strong, as will be seen by our monthly statements in another column. The statistical position of wheat, however, is not the main cause of the great boom. It is largely due to wild speculative influences and unnatural excitement, and a market of this kind cannot be relied upon for twenty-four hours at a time.

The local market was greatly excited, particularly early in the week, and a large speculative business was done here. It is said that speculative transactions in this market aggregated 1,500,000 bushels on one day this week. With hundreds of other markets all over the continent operating at this rate on margin transactions, the influence on legitimate trade in wheat may well be imagined. When it is considered that the country is usually bullish and that orders pouring into Chicago and other speculative centres would represent a heavy purchasing demand, it is no wonder that surprising prices were reached. In actual wheat the amount of business was limited, one reason being that there is not much wheat to operate in. Some round lots, however, changed hands at big prices. On Monday wheat sold here about 10c higher than Saturday, advancing up to \$1.40 per bushel for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. On Tuesday the top was reached when sales were made at \$1.50 per bushel, and it is understood a couple of sales were put through at \$1.52, Fort William. This price was offered for a round lot, but was not accepted. From Montreal it is reported that 5,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat sold on change there at \$1.56 on Tuesday, afloat Fort William. Prices dropped on Wednesday to about

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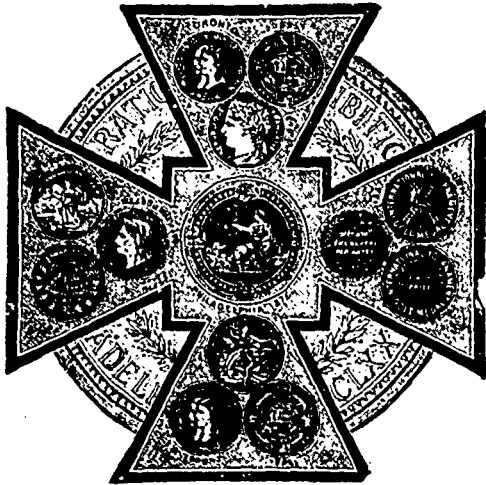
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\$1.48 to \$1.50, and on Thursday there was a further drop to \$1.35 to \$1.36. On Friday morning \$1.34 was the first quotation, but later \$1.33 was quoted and at the close about \$1.30 was the quotation. Very little business was done on Thursday and Friday. In the country the farmers, who are through with their seeding, were delivering quite a quantity of wheat, and received prices ranging up from \$1.30 to \$1.40 at the top, and as high as \$1.50 was paid at one country point. Receipts of wheat at Fort William last week were, 251,000 bushels; shipments, 275,000, in store 579,000.

FLOUR—The flour market has been excited and higher in sympathy with wheat. On Monday the Lake of the Woods advanced prices 50c per barrel, to \$3.25 for patents, \$3.05 for bakers, \$2.70 for second bakers and \$1.65 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs. This makes a total advance of \$1.50 per barrel since the "boom" in wheat started, the price previously having been \$2.50 for patents, per 98 lbs. or \$5 per barrel, compared with \$6.50 per barrel now. Ogilvie were quoting even higher prices, quoting \$3.60 for patent and \$3.40 for Glenora, which prices are still held for all brands to the close of our report. Some large export sales are reported from Montreal for Manitoba flour, at full prices asked from the domestic trade.

MILLFEED—No change. We quote bran at \$12.00 and shorts \$14.00 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 per ton as to quality. Ground corn \$18 per ton. Oil cake is out of the market.

OATMEAL—Prices in lots to the re-

tall trade held at \$2.20 per sack for rolled meal, but it could not be brought in now to sell at these prices, as prices are much higher both east and in the States.

BARLEY—There is no barley moving and practically none to be had. Nominal at 45 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.

CORN—Demand slow at present. It would cost about 46c on track here now, to lay down from the south.

OATS—There appears to be no oats obtainable except what are held by one city grain company, and they are asking 47c per bushel of 34 pounds, on track here. There are no oats offering in the country.

BUTTER—Creamery—The creameries are now getting started to work, but the make is very light yet and there is practically nothing offered. A few very small lots only have been offered. Creamery would be worth about 17c in round lots on a basis of prices east, but the few little lots offered have done better, owing to temporary limited supply of choice fresh goods. The early make is not a desirable quality to hold.

BUTTER—Dairy—Dairy butter is offering a little more liberally, but receipts are not as large for the season as in some past years. A large increase in receipts may come very soon. The tendency will be gradually easier, as the supply increases over local requirements. Rolls sell as well as tubs so far, but with any considerable increase in the supply above local wants, rolls would be at a discount. Jobbers are selling at 14 to 18c as to quality.

EGGS—The market has held steady this week. Packers and dealers are

paying 9c net per dozen, and jobbers are selling at 9 1-2 to 10c.

CHEESE—A little new cheese has been selling in a small way by jobbers at 10 to 11c as to quality. Old 9 1-2 to 10c.

DRESSED MEATS—The market keeps firm particularly for hogs, which have advanced sharply. Receipts of hogs are light. We quote hogs 7 1-2c for country dressed and 8c for city dressed. Beef 6 1-2 to 7c for city dressed. Mutton 8c for cold storage stock and 9 to 10c for fresh dressed. Veal, 7 to 9c, a sto quality.

DRESSED POULTRY—Good chickens will bring 60c to 75c per pair live, and turkeys 11c per lb. live weight or 15c dressed.

CURED MEATS AND LARD—There has been a sharp advance in cured meats and lard. Lard is 10c higher at \$2 per pail for pure. Dry salt meats 1-2c higher at 9 1-4 to 9 1-2c for long clear. Smoked meats 1-2 to 3c higher at 11 1-2 to 12c for hams and 12 to 12 1-2c for smoked bacon. The price list of cured meats on another page was printed before the last advance was made, and closing quotations are 1-2 to 1c higher than this list, as above.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel, as to quality and variety, onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; imported, 3c to 4c, as to quality; cabbage, 2c per lb.; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c. Green stuffs in onion, lettuce, radishes, etc., is offering at 15 to 25c dozen bushes; rhubarb, 2 1-2c per lb. per box; asparagus, 90c dozen bunches.

HAY—About a year ago hay was

drug on the market, and one load sold as low as \$1 per ton. Now it is a very scarce article. A few cars have been brought in from the States, costing about \$11.25 to \$11.50 laid down here, freight and duty paid. Local hay is held at about \$12 to \$12.50 in the country.

HIDES—The market is rather firmer and irregular, and while 6 1-2c was the general quotation, it is understood that 7c was paid in some cases, owing to competition among buyers. We quote green hides, No. 1 6 1-2c; kip 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 7 to 9c lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts, 40 to 80c as to size and quantity of wool; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal and easy at 8 to 9c. The wool market in Ontario has opened at 15 to 16c for washed wool.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal and weak. No demand from consuming markets. Quoted 10 to 15c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The market for fat cattle is a little uncertain. Some believe that the top has been touched. Higher prices were paid this week, but it is noticeable that the British Columbia market is easier, and it is the demand for shipment to British Columbia that caused the advance here, though only about 500 head of Manitoba fat cattle have been shipped to British Columbia so far. Our wire from Vancouver last Saturday reported cattle 1-4c lower. In the absence of any export demand to British markets, Manitoba should be able easily to spare what cattle may be wanted for British Columbia markets. Only two or three cars of fat cattle have gone east this season, and these mostly export bulls. In the country buyers have been paying 4c for choice cattle and 3 1-2 for cows, equal to 4 1-4 and 3 3-4 respectively, off cars here. Some cattle have been taken for the local market which cost a little higher than 4 1-4c here. There is still a considerable movement in stocker cattle, but it is considered that this class of cattle are now closely picked up. Shipments of Manitoba stockers have been going mostly to the western ranges, though a fair number have gone to the States. The average price paid for stockers is about \$14 each for yearlings and \$22 for two year olds. There will be nothing done in exporting until grass cattle are ready. On account of the large number of stocker cattle shipped from Manitoba the past year, it is believed the number of fat cattle for export this season will be light. There will, however, be a fair number of range cattle to ship, though the ranges suffered considerably owing to the unfavorable spring weather.

SHEEP—Very little has been done in sheep. The only business has been a few cars in this season for the local market, a considerable portion of the local supply of mutton up to date having been held cold storage stock. Offerings of sheep have been limited and it is thought the supply this season will not be large, as the sheep raising industry has rather gone backward in the west of late. We quote sheep off cars here at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c. Lambs \$2.50 to \$3.50 each. Sheep have dropped 1-2 to 3-4c at Vancouver where they are being brought in from the States.

HOGS—The market is firmer. Offer-

ings have been light, though a little larger this week. Prices have moved up another 1-8c, making an advance of 1-4c in two weeks; 5 1-4c now being paid for best bacon hogs off cars here. Shippers have been paying 5c at country points for hogs to ship to British Columbia. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at 5 1-4c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs. \$4.50 to \$5.00; heavy hogs over 300 lbs. \$3.25 to \$4.25, as to quality, live weight.

HORSES—The demand is quieter. The usual range is \$225 to \$250 for fair to good farm teams.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Compared with a week ago flour is \$1.05 per barrel higher, ground corn feed \$1 a ton higher, corn 2 1-4c higher, oats 1-2c higher, flax seed 2c higher, butter 1-2c lower, eggs 1-1c lower, potatoes 5c higher, hay 50c to \$1 higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$7.40 to \$7.60; second patents, \$7.20 to \$7.40.

Millfeed—Shorts at bulk, \$10.75 to \$11; bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11; corn feed \$13.50 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 34 3-4c for No. 3. **Oats**—Held at 31c for No. 3 white. **Barley**—Feed quoted at 40c. **Flax seed**—\$1.32 1-2 per bushel. **Eggs**—9c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 10c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 1-2 to 16 1-2c; seconds, 15c; dairy 14 to 15 1-2c for good to choice; seconds, 13c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 6 1-2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1-4c; for heavy and 4 1-2c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed 48 to 52c; named varieties 50 to 70c.

Poultry—Chicken, 5 to 8c; turkeys 9 to 9 1-2c; ducks 8c; geese 7c, all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 7 3-4 for No. 1, 6 3-4 for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1-2 to 6 3-4c; sheepskins 40 to 80c each; veal calf 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c; tallow, 2 1-4c to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 19 to 21c.

Hay—\$7.50 to \$9.50 per ton, including timothy.

Cattle—Sales, 6 cows av 1,028, \$3.65; 4 av 960, \$3; 3 heifers, av 473, \$3.60; 3 heifers, av 766, \$3.40; 3 stockers av 253, \$4.75; 7 av 538, \$4; 10 steers av 1,031, \$4.40; 30 av 1,275, \$4.75; 2 bulls, av 1,635, \$3.40; 3 av 383, \$4.

Live Hogs—Sales—37 hogs, av 183 lbs., \$4; 18 hogs, av 273 lbs., \$4.02 1-2; 6 av 375, \$3.75.

Sheep—Sales—1 shearer wt. 90 lbs. \$4.60; 4 muttons av 137 lbs., 4: 1 yearling, 90, \$4.25.

ASSINIBOIA.

J. C. Large is opening in the butcher business at Yorkton. The railway company will build a freight shed and stock yard at Lumsden station, north of Regina. C. J. McCusker has been appointed agent at Regina for the Deering Harvester Co.

Victoria, May 11.—The debate in the provincial legislature on the second reading of the public works loan bill, providing amongst other things for a subsidy of \$1,600,000 to McKenzie & Mann, for the building of a railway from the British Columbia coast to Teslin Lake, was concluded this afternoon. The motion was adopted on division of 15 to 12.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.
The weekly report of the Winnipeg clearing house is as follows:

Clearings.		Balances.	
Week ending	May	Week ending	May
12, 1898	...	\$2,268,965	\$429,307
12, 1897	...	1,111,955	248,847
12, 1896	...	1,026,594	182,867

Oatmeal was advanced 20c per barrel at Toronto on Tuesday, and 5c at Montreal. At the latter place there was an advance of 15c per barrel on Monday, making the total advance the same as at Toronto.

"The Maples," a rural residence near Virdee, Man., shown in The Commercial Illustrations last week, is the residence of Capt. E. A. C. Hosmer, not Howard, as a typographical error made it appear.

E. Nicholson, commission merchant, Winnipeg, has received information to the effect that the factory of the Turo Condensed Milk and Canning Co. which was burned on May 4, will be rebuilt at once. No time will be lost in getting the factory in operation again. These goods have long been favorably known throughout all Canada, and it will be a satisfaction to the trade to learn that the industry will only suffer a very temporary check by the recent disaster.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
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Toronto, May 14.
Dry Goods—Wholesale dry goods trade is very active, as usual on approach of Queen's birthday. Local jobbers expect that the trade will be the largest ever experienced here. Values are generally firm. Considerable buying of fall goods.

Hardware—This branch shows increased activity. Values are advancing. There is no weakness anywhere. European markets are firmer again but no advance. Demand for harvest tools less brisk. Canada plates firmer. Shot is dearer. The discount has been reduced to 10 per cent. Antimony is 1-2c up, an advance on glass is likely. Castor oil is 1-2 cent higher.

Groceries—Good distributive demand. California prunes are 1-2c higher. Sugars firm; foreign refined is coming in again. A big lot of Japan tea was shipped from here to Chicago yesterday. Teas are very firm. Canned lobsters, rice and molasses are firmer. Hog products are active and Lard and bacon 1-4c up.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 10.
Offerings to-day were 96 carloads including 200 sheep and lambs and 2,500 hogs.

Export cattle—There was a firmer market. Prices ruled from \$4 to \$4.10 per cwt. for the best shippers. Some poorer loads sold at about \$3.90 per cwt., and some extra choice at \$4.40.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice brought up to 4c but the general range was 3 3-8 to 3 3-4c.

Feeding bulls 2 3-4 to 3c.

Stockers and Feeders—Demand good for stockers for Buffalo, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4. half-fat feeders 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.

Sheep—Choice yearlings 5 1-2 to 5 7-8c; butchers and export sheep 3 to 3 3-4c bucks 3c, and spring lambs \$3 to \$4.75 each.

Hogs—Receipts heavy, demand good prices advanced 10c, to \$5 to \$5.10, weighed off the ears for choice bacon hogs. Light and thick fat, \$4.60 to \$4.75; sows \$3 to \$3.25, stags and rough \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 13.
Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 100 carloads including 3,000 hogs. Receipts recently have been the heaviest in the history of the market. Export cattle were weaker. United States buyers are picking up some cattle in Ontario. Prices are about the same as Tuesday, but outside prices on exporters were not so easily obtained.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 14.
The grain markets are not as active as early in the week. The price of Ontario wheat, in country markets to farmers, was reduced 6c yesterday to \$1.02. Ontario flour is 25 to 30c per barrel lower. New cheese is offering at 9c. Butter is easier. Dairy rolls are 1c lower than a week ago. Eggs 1-2c lower. Oatmeal 20c higher. Hides 1-2c higher.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$7; bakers, \$6.50; Ontario straight roller, \$5.25 in barrel.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, \$1.02 for

cars at country points; No. 1 hard Owen Sound, \$1.45.

Oats—White, 35c for cars at country points.

Peas—62c per bushel.
Millfeed—Shorts, \$12 to \$13 per ton; at country points. Bran, \$10.50.

Oatmeal—\$4.30 per barrel for car lots and \$4.20 in bags.

Eggs—10c.
Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 12c; creamery, tub, 17c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8c; cured 8 1-2c; sheepskins, 60c to \$1.35 for fresh killed; calfskins, 8 to 9c; tallow 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 to 4c; 9 to 10c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb in bulk.
Beans—85 to 90c per bushel.

Wool—New wash 1 16c, unwashed 11c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per bushel. Red clover, \$3 to \$4 per bush. Maple syrup—65 per gallon.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 14.

Oats close easier. They sold up to 4 1-2-2; but buyers yesterday were only offering 4 1-2-2c with holders asking 4 1-2c. Flour is irregular. Ogilvies are asking the outside price, but other brands are offering at the inside range. The grain markets are generally easier. Oatmeal is also irregular and is held 10 to 20c higher. Potatoes, 5c higher per bag. Butter is steady. Cheese is quiet on spot, but active at the country boards. Receipts for the week were: Wheat, 266,762 bushels; oats, 297,226 bushels; flour, 25,261 barrels; meal 1,050 barrels; butter 4,319 pkgs.; cheese, 3,386 boxes.

Oats—10 1-2c per bushel for No. 2 white delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.50 to \$7; Manitoba patents, \$6.90 to \$7.40.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton; shorts, \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$2.10 to \$2.20 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 8c; calfskins 10c; sheepskins \$1; tallow 3 to 3 1-4c.

Eggs—Fresh 9 1-2 to 10c per dozen. Butter—Choice dairy 15 to 16c.

Butter—16 1-2 to 7c.
Cheese—3 to 8 1-4c. At the country boards this week 7 3-4 to 7 15-16c was paid for first week May cheese.

Potatoes—70 to 75c per bag.
Maple syrup—Barrels, 4 3-4 to 5c lb.; tins, 45 to 50c; in wood, 4 1-2 to 5c lb.; sugar 6 to 6 1-4c.

Freights—Grain freights 3d to 6d lower.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 14.
Turpentine has scored a decline of 2c this week to 48c. Ingot tin is 1c higher. White lead is firm. Imports of cement are coming to hand. White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; turpentine, 48c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3 25 to \$3.75. Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

To the Editor of The Commercial.
Montreal, May 10.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle, 125 sheep and lambs, 75 store hogs and 200 calves. The tendency was upward for choice cattle and in a few instances 1-8c higher. Prime beefs sold at 45-5c; choice at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c; good at 3 3-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3 1-2c, and common at 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c. The supply of sheep was small and sales were made at 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c per lb. Spring lambs at \$2 to \$4 each. Store hogs \$5 to \$8 each.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 13.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday prices were easier for cattle, 4 1-4c being the ruling price for choice. Lambs were 50c lower. Hogs firm at 5c. Heavy draft horses are in demand and sell readily at good prices. Shipments for export this week were: Cattle, 3,360 head; horses, 277. Offerings yesterday were 650 cattle, 800 calves, 225 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Choice, 4 1-4c; fair to good, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—3 1-2 to 4 1-2c. Spring lambs \$2 to \$4 each.

Hogs—\$5 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 14.

Molasses has made a further sharp advance this week, being quoted 3c higher at 30 to 31c and is very firm on account of the war in the West Indies. Other lines are steady and the market is generally firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 1-2c; the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 3-16c; yellows, 3 1-2 to 4 1-8c; molasses 30 to 31; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2 as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c. Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 35 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

WHEAT SUPPLIES.

The stock of wheat in Canada and the United States on May 1 was 34,090,000 bushels, the smallest total held at that date for ten years past, 17,000,000 bushels smaller than one year ago, over 49,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896, 56,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1895, and 65,000,000 bushels smaller than on May 1, 1893.

Both east and west of the Rocky mountains the stocks of wheat have reached extremely low points. The available supply decreased over 10,000,000 bushels during April, the heaviest falling off shown in any month for some time.

Stocks are also small in Europe, being 6,500,000 bushels less than one year ago 46,000,000 bushels less than two years ago and 71,000,000 bushels less than three years ago. The total combined stock on May 1 held in the United States, Canada, Europe and afloat, therefore, was only 100,890,000 bushels.

The New York Journal of Commerce says. The canned salmon market is reported to be strong and advancing under light supplies and increasing demand.

New York Wheat.

New York, May 9.—Wheat—Receipts 226,625 bushels, sales 10,195,000 bushels futures, 96,000 bushels spot. Spot strong. No. 2 red \$1.85 f.o.b. to arrive, nominal. Options sensationally strong all day on the biggest short scare of the year, started by extraordinary strength at Liverpool. Both May and July had tremendous advances, the former closing 25 1-2 higher, the latter 15 1-2 higher and other months 6 3-4 to 8 3-4 net higher. No. 2 red May \$1.70 to \$1.90, closed \$1.85 1-2; July \$1.18 to \$1.28 3-4, closed \$1.28 1-2; Sept. 47 1-2 to \$1.02, closed \$1.02; Dec. 89 1-2 to 95c, closed 95c.

New York, May 10. — Wheat — Receipts 251,000 bushels, exports 236,721 bushels. Options opened weak in response to lower cables and passed through a day of the widest price fluctuations seen in years. After the first break, shorts were run in on a feverish binge, which in turn was followed by a second crash in all months but May under heavy unloading; close was excited at 5 1-2 cents advance on May but 4 1-8 to 6 1-2 cents decline on other months. No. 2 red May \$1.80 to \$1.91, closed \$1.91; July \$1.19 1-2, closed \$1.22, Sept. 95 1-2 to \$1, closed 6 1-2. Dec. 88 to 92 1-2, closed 90 7-8.

New York, May 11.—Wheat — Receipts 230,325 bushels; exports 32,584 bushels. Options opened stronger on favorable English cables, but reacted, and were comparatively quiet all day. Near months suffered most from local unloading, and closed 1 1-2 to 1 1-4 lower, the latter on May, against 3-8 to 7-8c advance on late months. Rumored peace negotiations had a depressing effect all day. No. 2 red opened \$1.75 to \$1.88, closed \$1.77; July opened \$1.20 to \$1.25, closed \$1.20 1-2; Sept. opened 96 to 98, closed 97 1-2; Dec. opened 90 1-2 to 91 1-2, closed 91 1-4.

New York, May 12.—Wheat — Receipts 164,650 bushels; exports 257,255. Options opened firmer on bullish cables but through July liquidation, crop news, absence of export inquiry and foreign selling development pronounced weakness. There was little recovery all day and final prices were 14 cents off on May, three cents on July and 5-8c to 1 1-8c on later months. No. 2 red May \$1.58 to \$1.77, closed \$1.63; July \$1.16 to \$1.22, closed \$1.17 1-2; September 96c to 98 1-4c, closed 96 1-4c. December 90 1-2c to 92 1-2c closed 90 5-8c.

New York, May 13.—Wheat — Receipts 165,575 bushels; exports 147,060 bushels, sales 2,100,000 bushels futures, 129,000 bushels spot. Spot dull; No. 2 red \$1.50 1-2 f.o.b. afloat to arrive, nominal. Options opened weak, with Liverpool and continued so all day. A general depressing influence was heavy spring wheat receipts, bearish crop news, reported big Indian shipments, and July liquidation. May closed 12 1-2c lower, July 5c off, and other months 1 1-8 to 2c lower. No. 2 red May opened \$1.50 to \$1.60, closed \$1.50 1-2; July opened \$1.12 1-2 to \$1.15 1-8, closed \$1.12 1-2; Sept. opened 94 to 95 1-2, closed 94 1-4. Dec. opened 89 to 89 3-4, closed 89 1-2.

On Saturday, May 14, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.45 for May option, and \$1.11 1-2 for July, and 94 1-8c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at \$1.60.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, May 9.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 88 3-4, May \$1.75, July \$1.20 1-4, Sept. 94 1-4c.

Corn—May 36 7-8c, July 36 7-8c, September 37 3-8c to 37 1-2c.

Oats—May 31 3-4 to 31 7-8, July 27 7-8, Sept. 24 1-2.

Mess pork—May \$10.90, July \$11.22 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.90, July \$5.92 1-2, Sept. \$6.02 1-2.

Short ribs—May \$5.55, July \$5.60, Sept. \$5.67 1-2.

Chicago, May 10. — Wheat to-day seemed scarce, it could not be had for money. There was practically not a bushel on sale, except at rare intervals. There was very little trading in July, the leading option jumped to \$1.25, a record breaking price. The market was exceedingly erratic feeling apprehensive. In a single hour the fluctuations showed a range of 8 cents.

A tremendous temporary slump in the price of wheat occurred to-day. The fall amounted to 19 cents a bushel, from \$1.25, quotations for July, the chief option fell to \$1.06. However, there was a big rebound, the closing price being \$1.16. The market was seldom equalled in wildness even in war time.

The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May, \$1.85; July, \$1.44; Sept. 90 1-4; Dec., 85 3-4.

Corn — May, 35 1-4; July, 35 3-8; Sept., 36 1-4.

Oats—May, 31; July, 27 1-8; Sept., 24.

Mess pork—May, \$10.85; July, \$11.07 1-2.

Lard—May, \$5.87 1-2; July, \$5.90; Sept., \$6.

Short ribs—May, \$5.55; July, \$5.60; Sept., \$5.67 1-2.

Chicago, May 11.—The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat—May \$1.79, July \$1.10 1-2, Sept. 91 5-8; Dec. 87.

Corn—May 36 3-8; July 36 5-8 to 36 3-4, Sept. 37 1-8 to 37 1-4.

Oats—May 31 to 31 3-8, July 27 1-2; Sept. 24 1-2.

Mess pork — May \$11.70; July \$11.87 1-2.

Lard—May \$6.52 1-2; July \$6.55, Sept. \$6.62 1-2.

Short ribs—May \$6; July \$6.05; Sept. \$6.12 1-2.

Chicago, May 12.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.65; July \$1.08 1-1; Sept. 90 1-4; Dec. 86 7-8.

Corn—May 36; July 36 1-2; Sept. 37 1-8.

Oats—May 31 1-4; July 27 1-4; Sept. 24 1-4.

Mess pork — May \$11.92 1-2; July \$12.10.

Lard—May \$6.62 1-2; July \$6.65; Sept. \$6.75.

Short ribs — May \$6.25; July \$6.27 1-2; Sept. \$6.35.

Chicago, May 13. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.50, July \$1.04 1-2, Sept. 88 1-8c, Dec. 84 3-8c.

Corn—May 35 1-2c, July 35 7-8c, Sept. 36 5-8c.

Oats—May 30 3-8c, July 26 3-4c, Sept. 24c.

Mess pork—May \$11.45, July \$11.65, Lard—May \$6.47 1-2, July \$6.50, Sept. \$6.60.

On Saturday, May 7, July wheat opened at \$7 1-4 to \$7 1-2c and ranged upward to 90 1-4c, easing off at the close. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May \$1.44 3-4, July \$1.04 1-2; Sept. 89 5-8c.

Corn—May 35 5-8c, July 36.

Oats—May 29 5-8c, July 26 1-4c.

Pork—May \$11.52 1-2, July \$11.70.

Lard—May 6.47 1-2, July \$6.50.

Ribs—May \$6.12, July \$6.15.

Flax seed—Cash \$1.38, May \$1.38, Sept. \$1.19 1-2.

A week ago July option closed at \$106 3-8c, a year ago July wheat closed at 72 7-8c, two years ago at 62 3-8c, three years ago at 71 3-4c, and four years ago at 56 3-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The local market is very dull to-day. No business reported and nominal at about \$1.50 for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William. Yesterday afternoon, after the close of the regular markets, five cars sold here at \$1.29 afloat Fort William.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, May 14, No. 1 northern wheat closed at \$1.43 for May option, \$1.39 for July, and 90 5-8c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at \$1.45.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May \$1.75; July \$1.56.

Tuesday—May \$1.69, July \$1.46.

Wednesday—May \$1.67, July \$1.47.

Thursday—May \$1.58; July \$1.40.

Friday—May \$1.57, July \$1.38.

Saturday—May \$1.48; July \$1.40; Sept. 92.

Last week July option closed at \$1.44.

A year ago July option closed at 75 1-4c.

At London on May 9 the market was steady for all grades of cattle except Canadians, for which prices declined 1-2c since a week ago. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-4c; choice Canadian at 10 1-2c. Argentine, 9 1-2c; Argentine sheep, 10 1-2c, and clipped 10c.

J. Y. Griffin, of J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, returned a few days ago from a trip to British Columbia, where he visited Victoria, Vancouver and Rossland. Mr. Griffin says that the rush which was experienced at coast points in March and early in April, has now subsided, and there was accordingly some complaint among business men, many of whom are carrying large stocks. It is expected, however, that as soon as the passes are fit for travel and the Stikine route opened, the rush will commence again. The early rush to the Yukon was to get through before the spring break-up, after which the passes would be in bad shape until summer travel would be possible again.

Mr. Griffin says they have now their branch business at Vancouver fully opened. A good warehouse has been secured on Water street, and the business was opened as a regular branch on May 2, in charge of D. Naismith. They will carry a full stock of hog products, dairy products, eggs, etc., at Vancouver, which will be headquarters for their coast trade.

Mr. Griffin found business fairly good at Rossland and the people there were generally satisfied with the outlook.