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WINNIPEG, JULY 1, 1880.

HUGH DENNEY will open a hotel at Naniamo, B. C.

ROBERT KEE, grocer, Brandon, has given up business.

S. KNIGHT has opened a butcher shop at Gladstone.

WALLIE has opened a hardware store at Saltcoats.

T. G. POYNTZ, wholesale grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out.

CONNELLY BROS. are erecting a fine hotel at Pincher Creek.

JOHN CURRIE, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to J. Agrnovich.

ELINGSWORTH & Co., barbers, Winnipeg, have sold out to W. J. Lythe.

THE charter of incorporation of the Northwest Electric Company, limited, has been granted.

A BRICK YARD will be put in operation near Virden, a fine seam of clay being available in the vicinity.

A PETITION has been addressed to the Minister of the Interior for the establishment of a land office at Moosomin.

THE Sultana Mine dispute at Rat Portage has been settled by Snow taking an equal share with the stockholders and paying all back assessments.

THE two hotelkeepers at Minnedosa advertise that they have closed the boarding department of their respective places, but that they will run their bars on temperance principles and the billiard table will be available as of yore.

J. A. HOBBS has sold out his drug business at Killarnoy to John Williams.

A. E. HOUSE, general storekeeper, Nicola, B. C., advertises his business for sale.

A. McDUGALL, general storekeeper, Fort William, has sold out to Wm. Phillips.

H. J. HOLMES dealer in hardware and contractor, Rat Portage, has assigned in trust.

T. B. PEARSON & Co., manufacturer's and commission agents, Victoria, B. C., have dissolved partnership.

SEVENTY-THREE homestead and pre-emption entries were made during the month of May at the Calgary land office.

HOBBS & DANK, hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, are giving up business and selling household effects and furniture by auction.

E. PENNER, of the firm of E. Penner & Co., general storekeepers, Gretna, has formed a partnership with J. P. and Julius Siemens, and gone into the banking business at that place.

A COMMISSIONER has been appointed by the Provincial government to settle the disputed claims and other matters in the vicinity of Rat Portage and Keowatin, and commences work this month.

FROM Pilot Mound the export of fat cattle this season already total the magnificent sum of \$30,000. These figures speak more than words of the capabilities of the district for cattle raising.

THE brewery of A. Pendola, at Savonas Ferry, B. C., was destroyed by fire recently. It is reported that the proprietor loses almost the entire outfit, valued at \$10,000, the insurance being very little.

THE Higgenbotham Machine Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, etc., Sarnia, are sounding the Portage la Prairie town council as to what amount of bonus would be available were they to establish a branch of their business at that town that would give employment to between 25 and 50 hands.

OPERATIONS began on Friday last on the Winnipeg and Southeastern Railway. Egan Bros. have a portion of the contract. The road starts at a short distance from the St. Boniface exhibition grounds and will take as straight a course as possible to the northwest angle of the Lake of the Woods, the road being a connecting link from Duluth.

THE C. P. R. telegraph company have established a call box system and placed in those houses of business whose transactions with the company are of sufficient amount, 75 to 100 being put in position. The latest improvements are embodied in the system, which works well. Both closed and metallic circuits are worked and a duplex register records the signals in the central office.

THE first fair of the Reaburn Stock Association, held at that place on June 26th, was attended with fair success. Various live stock were out in good assortment. City buyers were not well represented, which was probably owing to a misunderstanding. A fair amount of business was put through at satisfactory prices and the institution is destined to be a great convenience to both buyer and sellers.

N. H. TAYLOR has opened a fruit and confectionery store on Alexander street, Winnipeg.

WM. MALLETT has sold out his jewelry business at Deloraine and purposes opening out at Plum Creek.

THE Montreal Herald has issued a special edition devoted to the Maritime Provinces. Its usual style is maintained but is placed in a lithographic cover. The reading matter is of an interesting nature.

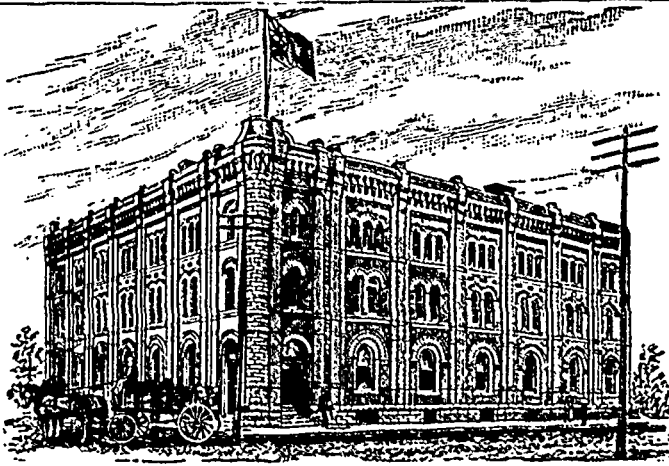
THE two threshing machines seized at Gretna have as yet not been destroyed and the Government are thinking of sending them back over the line. Remple has taken action against the Government for damages.

THE Manitoba Gazette of the 22nd June, published the long looked for Settlement Act of Emerson, and comes in force from that date. The old town of Emerson and that of West Lynne is united with the former. W. W. Unsworth of the latter place is appointed receiver and will also act as clerk and treasurer. To-morrow is made election day for mayor and councillors as well also that for school trustees.

THE Dominion Government has appointed a number of experts to investigate and report on the recent oil discoveries in Athabasca. A gentleman who has returned from the Field district reports that there was lately discovered seventy-one different springs of this article within a radius of five hundred acres and the indications are that the quantity is inexhaustible and the quality first-class, two or three separate analysis having shown ninety-one per cent. of lubricating oil. The position of these springs is not, as was generally supposed, in the Crow's Nest Pass, but within a short distance thereof and about sixty miles from the railroad. Two or three gallons of the crude petroleum just as it was scooped off the water was brought in to be tested.

AT the quarterly meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade to-morrow, the election of boards of grain examiners, flour and meal examiners, hide and leather examiners and the general grain committee will take place. The Winnipeg board will this year, for the first time, be the convener of the annual meeting to fix the grain standards for all grain grown west of Lake Superior, and its three representatives at this annual gathering will have to be chosen from the board of grain examiners, the selections of the members is a matter of great importance. The board of flour examiners will this year for the first time send a representative to the Dominion flour examiners' meeting, which is annually held in Montreal. The committee have taken steps to enter into correspondence with the Montreal and Toronto boards of trade regarding the definitions given to certain terms used in the grain and flour trade. Toronto and Winnipeg have adopted practically the same terms and definitions, but considerable differences exist between these and the official terms adopted by the Montreal board. Already many cases of dispute have arisen between men in the grain trade in Winnipeg and Montreal owing to this lack of harmony in the meaning of trade terms, and the committee hope to get the boards interested to agree on some common interpretation. This meeting is the most important after the general annual meeting.

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The Virden mill was sold by auction on June 22nd.

A new grist mill is in course of erection at Prince Albert.

The grist mill at Westbourn is being overhauled and roller process machinery put in.

The mill and elevator at Saltcoats will cost when completed between \$18,000 and \$20,000.

The amount of wheat in store at Fort William elevator last week is under 300,000 bushels.

The well-known mill builder of Minneapolis, Mr. Pyc, has the contract for the equipment of the Pilot Mound mill.

The arbitrators on the claim of Contractor Reid, who constructed the Keewatin mill, and who wants \$35,000 for unspecified work on that building are now at work and have made an inspection of the building.

C. W. Seefield, a prominent Minnesota barley dealer had made a trip through Manitoba prospecting for elevator sites and proposes building at Little Pembina on the C.P.R. Southwestern. Other locations are in contemplation.

A New Swindle in Cigars.

Among the latest imitations which have been successfully introduced into the tobacco trade of this and other cities are cigars, the wrappers of which are made out of specially perfumed paper. A gentleman well known in the cigar manufacturing circles of this vicinity was the first to inform a *Commercial Gazette* reporter that smoking material of this kind was now on the market. He has recently returned from a visit to Norfolk, Va., where he met a drummer for a large tobacco factory of New York State. This gentleman informed the Pittsburger that he was then introducing an imitation cigar wrapper which was so deceiving in its character that experts could scarcely distinguish it from the genuine.

This preparation was made from rye straw, and one portion of the process was to steep the material in a strong solution made from tobacco

stems. The grain of the straw, together with the way material was dressed would lead any person to suppose that it was a sample of the leaf used in making wrappers for cigars of a more than ordinary quality. The flavor of tobacco was also present, owing to the paper having been immersed in a solution made from the genuine article.

The gentleman subsequently examined cigars on sale at Norfolk and discovered that they were made with these patent wrappers. The samples examined were of extra fine quality. The drummer stated that the firm which he represented were making tons of this material and shipping it to all the leading cities of the country. Paper made with rye straw is the only kind that can be successfully used for that purpose, as all other kinds of paper can easily be detected by the smoker. The new material is used for fillers in certain classes of cigars. It is very cheap and can be sold greatly below the price paid for the genuine leaf. Mr. Keenan, a well-known tobacco salesman of this city, when asked yesterday if cigars of this kind were sold here, replied in the affirmative. He had seen numerous samples and said they were very hard to detect. — *Pittsburg Commercial Gazette*.

U. S. Crop Indications.

A brief synopsis can not do justice to the various characteristics of interest presented by our special correspondence published in detail this week in regard to leading crops. The continuance of rain in the Ohio valley region and some other districts, east and west, has reached a point threatening material injury in many localities to the winter wheat crop. Considerable complaint has also arisen in regard to a grain pest which has attacked wheat in many localities in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and there is apprehension of injury from this source extending to oats. This pest is declared by the entomologist of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station to be one of long standing, known as the grain plant louse. It has evidently been in obscurity for some years. Specimens received by the *Price*

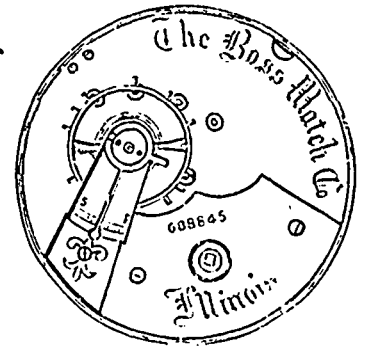
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Current show it to be fly, in its advanced condition of development.

Advices from the Northwest indicate that spring wheat prospects are quite uncertain in many districts very good, and others quite otherwise—the general average being probably fully 15 per cent. below what might be termed normal condition.

The rains have promoted the growth of grass and have helped corn very materially, but have retarded its cultivation, while weeds have grown rapidly, especially in the warmer temperature of the past few days, and unless there is soon such a change as to give the corn the needed cultivation the crop will become seriously impaired in its condition, in a large breadth. These drawbacks are yet possible to overcome under a favorable turn in the weather. — *Current Price Current*.

MONTREAL, 15th June, 1889.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COMMERCIAL.

DEAR SIR:—Being largely interested in butter, and having handled consignments of Manitoban, we have read with great pleasure Messrs. Grant & Horn's letter in your issue of 10th June and your editorial remarks thereon, which we heartily emphasize and which we hope the makers and packers will read, mark and learn to their ultimate profit.

There will be an increasing quantity to be sent eastward year by year, and it comes in competition with the make of the older sections of country, which is packed with the care and skill taught by experience; it is therefore requisite to make the butter as presentable as possible, not only in quality but also in appearance; we would therefore again urge the necessity of clean, handsome packages, of uniform size. The present style of handling the goods, reminds us of a similar condition of affairs existing over thirty years ago with consignments of Upper Canada butter sent to Montreal, but the trade calls for something very different now; local as well as English dealers and consumers are far more fastidious than even a very few years ago. All grades of butter below finest are now in competition with the cheap margarine, which is sweet and well put up. If only well handled, there is no butter that should be better than Manitoban. Apologies for taking up room and space. Yours truly,

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Brandon, May 22nd, 1889.

Messrs. G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg:
GENTLEMEN,—We have much pleasure in recommending to the public your Mixed Paint as being a good article and worthy of public patronage. We have been selling it for about two years to our customers without a single complaint.

Yours truly,
(Signed) JOHNSON & CO.

Emerson, May, 1889.

Messrs. G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg:
GENTLEMEN,—For the past three years I have been selling your Mixed Paints, and I am pleased to say that they have given entire satisfaction; so much so that my sales of the last year have more than doubled that of former years, and I find increasing demand for them.

Yours truly,
(Signed) S. A. HAMILTON.

Neepawa, May, 1889.

Messrs. G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg:
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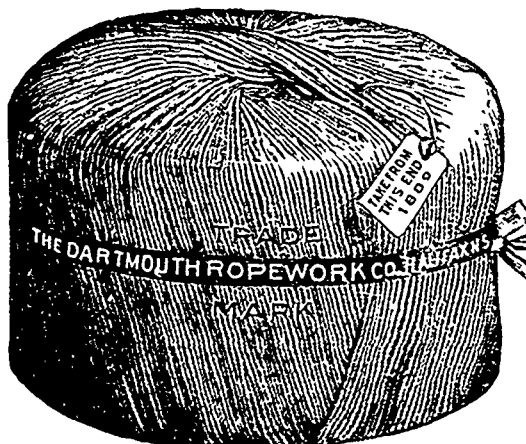
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The Commercial

WINNIPEG, JULY 1, 1880.

THE ASSINIBOINE WATER-POWER.

The project of a water-power being constructed at or near the City of Winnipeg, on one or other of the two rivers flowing through the city has long been under consideration by many of the most enterprising and aggressive of the residents of the Manitoba capital, and the schemes proposed from time to time have been varied, and not always practicable much less economical. Most of the citizens can remember the proposal of a now absent local politician, whose knowledge of politics was greater than his knowledge of engineering, to construct an aqueduct, or as the proposer misnamed it, a viaduct, from the Assiniboine above the St. James Rapids, to the Red River below Point Douglas, securing thus a fall on the canal, aqueduct or viaduct across this neck of land of fourteen to eighteen feet, which would furnish a water-power when the volume of the Assiniboine was directed thereto. Others have proposed a dam on the Red River, below the city, which would back the water up into both streams, and incur great danger of a flooded city during freshets. Others again have suggested a dam down the Red near to St. Andrew's Rapids where the power would be located; but this would be the most dangerous of all proposals, as the greatest floods in the history of this settlement have resulted from the confining of the river flood by the narrow gorge at these rapids, and to place a further obstruction of a dam there, would be sheer madness.

The most feasible and safest of all projects, undoubtedly is the construction of a dam on the Assiniboine in the extreme western portion of the city, and above the low lying neck of land which divides the two rivers, over which the local politician proposed to construct his aqueduct or viaduct. This project has been thoroughly sifted, and its feasibility, safety and great value for water power purposes placed beyond doubt. The \$2,500, or thereabouts, spent by the city council of last year in response to the memorial from the Board of Trade and other citizens, in securing a preliminary survey and examination in connection with this project, was the first practical step towards its being carried to comple-

tion, and the expenditure in securing a report from Engineer Fanning, of Minneapolis Water-Power Company completes all that is necessary in the line of preliminaries. The point has now been reached when further steps must be taken towards the actual construction of the proposed water-power.

Engineer Fanning's report is no doubt too elaborate and in some respects too technical, for the average citizen to read and fully comprehend. But boiled down to concise facts and figures it means, that for a cost of about \$400,000 a water-power can be secured which will supply at lowest water flow, for twenty-four hours each day, about 3,500 horse-power, and during the average flow of the river nearly 6,000 horse-power, and this can all be done without creating any more danger of floods in or near the city than at present exists. As reservoirs to the river lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis can be drawn upon, and a steady water-power of 10,000 horse all the year round can be secured. Such is in short the gist of Mr. Fanning's report, as to feasibility and safety, and his points taken as to the value of such a water-power it is unnecessary to refer to, as they are well understood by all here, who have taken the trouble to make the most casual investigation of the matter.

It is frequently asserted, and with some truth, that a project like this is invariably muddled and tangled, when it is undertaken by a government, either civic, provincial, or dominion. Let us hope that in this case there will be an exception, and that there will now be neither delay nor hitch in the carrying out of this scheme. First-class engineering skill proclaims, that there is no difficulty in the way, and any that may be met with will be caused by blundering in the business management of the work, and the project is one of such importance to the city, that the ratepayers will resent quickly any bungling or mismanagement which may occur.

A "FREE PRESS" YARN.

The article in last issue of THE COMMERCIAL on the *Free Press* telegraphic rumors of the retirement of the Northern Pacific Railway Company from Manitoba did not have a soothing effect upon that journal, and in its issue of Tuesday last it attempts to refute some statements, not with argument, but abuse—abuse such as it has for the past year been

hurling at everybody and everything that conflicts with its own cantankerous, crooked and clique-serving course on public affairs.

The eccentric travels, or alleged travels, of the telegram criticised in last issue of this journal serves the *Free Press* as a basis for its abuse, but still does not furnish any reasonable grounds for doubt as to the inspiration and aim in publishing the same. In the minds of all but the small clique of schemers who now drive the *Free Press* at their own gait, and in their own direction, the telegram will still be rated as connected with those special favorable terms existing between the *Free Press* and the C. P. R. Company.

The *Free Press* indignantly denies being favorable to C. P. R. interests in Manitoba at present. Its indignation would probably know no bounds, were it accused of having always been such, unless during a period of a year or so, when popular opinion here ran so high that it was very dangerous to support C. P. R. interests even in the most subtle way. But people possessed of fair memories think that way. They can remember how practically no aid was received from the *Free Press* during the long fight in monopoly days against the discrimination in C. P. R. freight rates in favor of eastern shippers, and they can remember, too, that the *Free Press* favored the election of Sir Donald A. Smith to represent Winnipeg in the Dominion Parliament at a time when that gentleman and his colleagues in the C. P. R. directorate were applying the gail of railway monopoly to Manitoba in the bitterest form. The journal which could thus advise the electors of Winnipeg to kiss the rod that whipped them, at a time when the sting of its stripes were most keenly felt, could be depended upon to do any double work, to aid the monopoly it secretly served, and which it never assailed (except during the period of danger referred to), unless to strike at political party opponents it hated strongly enough to make it for a time forget the service it was in. It is the most natural course possible for it, now that public feeling has been appeased and quieted, to fall quietly back into the service it was so long in, and which it forsook only temporarily and with great reluctance.

There is one portion of the *Free Press* article which would be amusing were it not for the spleeny venom it seeks to direct against a prominent business man

of this city, who, like THE COMMERCIAL, has recently fallen heir to a dose of abuse from our morning luminary. (1). That THE COMMERCIAL should criticise the telegrams in the *Free Press* on railway matters because of a desire to please Mr. J. H. Ashdown, and specially on account of that gentleman being President of the *Sun Printing Co.*, is a slight of logic worthy of the late and now departed quadruped which Dick Burden drove through Winnipeg streets. A few links more, making connections with "The Jesuit Controversy," "The Cronin Case," or a few other matters now stirring the public mind, would have added variety to the *Free Press* tirade, and have been quite as relevant as the rubbish to be found there.

Of course there is good reason for the *Free Press* thus trying to link all it can to its relations with Mr. Ashdown. It recently published an uncalled for, unprovoked and venomous collection of abuse on that gentleman, such as could only come from the pen of a moral assassin of the most cowardly and treacherous type; and now that the opinion of a judge and jury is to be asked as to whether or not such a publication is libelous, the policy of the *Free Press* is to add all it can to the wanton abuse it has already heaped upon that gentleman, in hopes that some of its mud may stick, and furnish to a few of its supporters, if it cannot to a judge and jury, an apparent justification of its scurrility and blackguardism.

It is but a short time since the *Free Press* rated all who differed with its opinions as to the present Local Government as fools or knaves. But that is nothing surprising, as crazy people usually imagine everybody's mind but their own unhinged. It would not take a very close study of the open letter literature of the past two years in Winnipeg to throw a strong taint of knave and fool combined around one prominent individual connected with the *Free Press*. But to do so would be an infringement upon the "personal journalism" which by its cowardly attack on Mr. Ashdown, the *Press* has made peculiarly its own.

MIPPED.

The relash man of the *Northwestern Miller*, of Minneapolis, while pursuing his monotonous work for the issue of June 21st, happened to light upon the following which he took from THE COMMERCIAL of June 3rd:—

"It is almost impossible for a farmer in that country to borrow money at less than twenty five per cent per annum, and often double that rate is paid, and the borrower mortgaged body, soul and boots for security. If these are the advantages our farmers are to secure, then they will be much better without them."

A violent fit of patriotic indignation seems to have overtaken him upon reading this quotation, and he accordingly launched out with the following effusion:—

"This sort of statements and those of a character even more exaggerated are so frequently made by the newspapers of Manitoba that they have come to be taken as a matter of course and a thing to be expected. But they are none the less futile and short-sighted. Will THE COMMERCIAL tell us why it is that the farmers of Dakota are so much a more unfortunate and deluded class than those of Manitoba? Is it because they are less intelligent, or because they are less favored in the matter of a free and enlightened Government? The former point we think hardly requires discussion and as to the latter, if we accept the testimony of the newspapers of Western Canada, a worse Government than that of the Dominion hardly exists under the sun. We do not take any risk in saying that the journals of Manitoba which furnish this sort of editorial statements to their readers do it for the sole purpose of stemming the tide of emigration from Manitoba across the line. There is not an intelligent editor in Canada who does not know that the free government of the United States is in itself an incentive to emigration. There is not an intelligent editor in Canada who does not know that the soil of Dakota is equally as fertile as that of Manitoba and less subject to early frosts. Apparently the journals of Canada are edited on the presumption that their readers do not know what is good for them. A more mistaken standpoint for a newspaper could hardly be assumed."

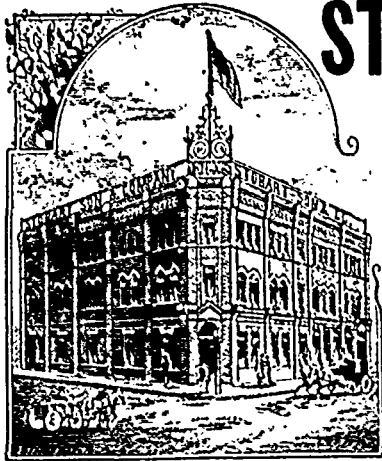
Where the *Miller* man found any comparison of Manitoba and Dakota farmers in the article from which he quoted, is a mystery to any one who will read the same, and he will only take the trouble of reading the whole article, instead of picking a fragment from the stomach of it, he will find himself mixed in a mystery over his effusion. Even the mutilated quotation he uses does not state or infer any comparison. It is simply a statement as to the interest paid by Dakota farmers on small loans not secured by real estate mortgage, which statement is within the limit of fact. Nor does this journal attempt to show, that Manitoba farmers can borrow at lower rates, or in fact, borrow at all. The article so far as it refers to farmers, treats only of the advantages they would possess when borrowing money upon graded grain represented by a warehouse receipt, compared with borrowing on ungraded grain similarly represented. Such comparisons as

the *Miller* man launches out in condemnation of, are not common in THE COMMERCIAL columns, and it would puzzle him to find one such in the four hundred or so issues of the journal that have been published since its establishment. It has carefully avoided the foolish policy of breaking the pump handle to prevent a neighbor from getting water, and going without itself in consequence.

But to come to the question of comparative rates of interest in Manitoba and Dakota, rates are decidedly lower and money and credit more easily obtained by either farmer or trader in the former. But THE COMMERCIAL does not claim that to be any advantage, but in many cases an evil. The whole credit system of this province, and every other province of Canada is inflated to a most unhealthy state, and a little importation of the spotcash, or short credit system in force in Dakota and other northwestern states, THE COMMERCIAL would deem quite an advantage to Manitoba.

Had the writer in the *Miller* read the whole of the article from which he quoted, he would have saved himself a good deal of annoyance and some space in the columns of the journal he writes for. It is only upon the assumption that he has not done so, that his action can be comprehended. There is only one other ground on which we can comprehend it, and that is that dishonest mutilation and garbling was the aim, and such a charge we are not prepared to make against a journal for which we have always had a very high esteem, as we always have had for the *Northwestern Miller*.

While thus disclaiming the charge of misrepresenting a neighboring country, which has interests in common with our own, we take the liberty of reminding the *Miller* that it has not always been blameless in that respect. It has on quite a few occasions strained a point to get a blow at Manitoba's interests; and it does not require any great stretch of memory, to remember when that journal sneeringly said, that up to that time Red Fyfe wheat had been produced here only in quart samples, and that the possibility of a milling supply was very doubtful. If the fact that Manitoba within three years thereafter exported from one crop some ten millions of bushels of that wheat, has not changed the *Miller's* opinion, the evidence of Mr. Pillsbury before the Senate Committee doubtless has. The *Miller* is usually prepared to back up the statements of a dignitary of the Minneapolis Millers' Association.



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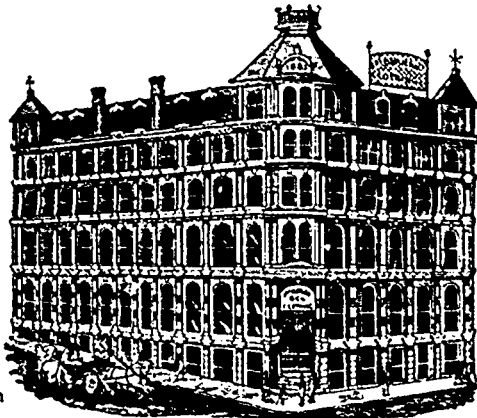
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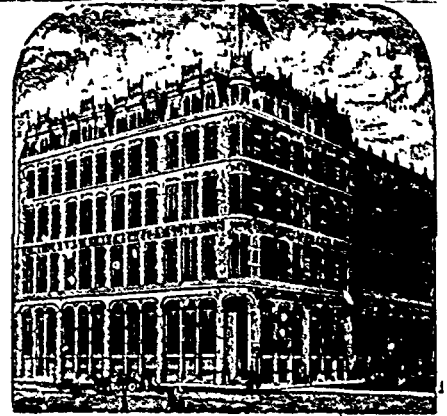
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In connection with the monetary arrangements of trade affairs, the situation in the city during the past week has been one of slowness, if not of actual drowsiness. Nearing the close of the month the volume of regular trade discounts slacked up as is customary, and made the week a very quiet one. There is but little opening for funds outside of this regular trade business, and new enterprises that would be likely to make any special demand for funds are not heard of. With the opening of this month, there will be the usual little stir, but no lasting relief from the quiet feeling is looked for until the growing crop begins to come to market. In mortgage loans the business has been lighter than during the previous week, and it is believed the present poor crop outlook has prevented many new applications being made for small loans on farms, and with continued drought a good season's business will be materially spoiled. There has been no circumstance that would tend to change discount rates in commercial circles, and the interest rate on mortgage loans holds equally steady.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

It would be difficult to find a word that would better express the feeling in Winnipeg wholesale circles last week, than the term monotony. This does not mean that business was dead, or that there was an utter absence of changes in values in the different branches. On the contrary there have been more than the usual number of changes of quotations, and the volume of business done has been about normal, with exceptions in some branches. In food products and other every day staples the volume of sales has been fairly heavy, but with no bustle or rush, and no remarkable feature, except that buyers are taking only what the demands of the moment compel them to purchase. In season goods generally the feeling is a little quieter, the sorting season being now nearly over, and the taking of fall orders from samples almost completed. In contractor and builders supplies the business while fairly good is rather disappointing for this time of year, when the greatest rush should be on. The report all round as to collections is not very bright, although there were no expressions of disappointment made on that head, and the intention seemed to be to wait for a more favorable turn. There can be no doubt; but the feeling would be better all round but for the discouraging reports of damage to crops from drought over the greater portion of the country.

CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS.

The sorting trade has fallen off slightly during the week, but a few demands of that kind are still heard from. Orders from fall sample have fallen off greatly, and are nearly closed for the season. Those who have not bought are afraid to with the present rather poor crop prospect. Collections are reported very slow.

FRUITS.

The fruit market has been moving with fair activity during the week. California peaches, apricots and soft fruits are almost out of the market, and consignors will not send more here, unless they secure better prices than they

got for former lots. Oranges are getting scarcer and firmer, but had made no further advance up to the end of the week. There are no other changes in prices to report. Quotations have been as follows: Lemons—360 count boxes, \$7 to \$7.50; in 300 counts, \$7 to \$7.50; Oranges—Fancy Riverside Mediterranean Sweets, \$6.50 to \$7; fancy Riverside St. Michaels, \$7.50. Fananas—Port Limon, \$3 to \$3.50 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per crate, \$3.50; onions—Egyptian, in 100 lb. crates, per crate, \$6; Bermuda, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$3.25; Eggs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; in lb. cartons, per doz., \$1.75; dates—Persian in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 19c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22c; white apricots, do, 21c; eggs—fresh, per doz., 14c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c.

GROCERIES.

Business has been moving in a steady manner, with no unusual feature to note. In fact the movement has been rather monotonous. Sugars are still climbing upwards, and the advanced prices lately reached on canned goods are still held to. Quotations stand: Sugars, yellows, 9 to 9½c; granulated, 10½ to 10¾c; lumps, 11½c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mocha, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congou, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c; Beaver, 61c; Olderow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS

The quiet feeling is still maintained in this branch, and no improvement is noted. The feeling pervades both shelf and heavy branches, and can only be looked upon as a temporary lull, and not an actual dullness. The complaint is loudest in connection with heavy lines. Collections are reported very slow, and not at all satisfactory. Several slight changes have taken place in prices, all resulting from the upward tendency of iron. The following are quotations: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 9½c; ½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

Hides coming to market very slowly and only in small lots. Wool receipts still keep liberal. No changes in prices, quotations being as follows; Unwashed, low grades, 7½ to 8c per pound; Shropshire and Southdowns, 9 to 11c;

washed, 14c. Prices of hides range as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb.; Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 75c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c rendered 5c.

LUMBER.

Business at the mills is still quite active, but the city local demand has fallen off somewhat. Prices at the mills east of here hold steady, quotations being as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 19, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M, Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$16, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding ½ in. x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear—1½, 1½, and 2, inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; ½ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business in these lines has held steady and active, with no prospect of falling off. Turpentine has advanced a little, but no other changes are reported. Quotations are: Turpentine in barrels, 90c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 67c, boiled 70c; benzine and gasoline, 59c; puroxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar, \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$1.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00.

Mr. O. E. Marcy, representing the Doherty Organ Co., returned last week from a tour to the Pacific coast and back, taking in all the leading points by the way. He reports business very encouraging, and adds that every trip he makes adds to the faith he has in the Northwest, no matter what obstacles to its progress or temporary set-back it may meet with.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

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WHEAT

The situation has changed considerably since our last report was issued, and the feeling of careless languor which seemed to pervade leading markets on this continent has been superseded by a tone of general firmness and an inclination to better values. The European reports have not been much to produce this firm feeling, as crop reports from every wheat producing country there except Russia indicate a good yield from the crop now ripening. On this continent the bright hues which were the rule in crop reports have darkened considerably during the past three weeks. From the winter wheat states and from the Pacific Coast the estimates of yield of a month ago are being cut down by the thrashing machine, while in the spring wheat in the Northwestern States, and in this province have undoubtedly been damaged greatly by drought, and this has now gone so far, that even heavy rains from this date forward would fail to bring anything like an average yield in Minnesota, Northern Dakota and Manitoba, and then heavy rains are not likely to had this season. With a continuation of dry weather for two weeks more, the hard wheat area of the Northwest on both sides of the international boundary will not produce anything like half an average crop. It is only natural, that with such an outlook values should stiffen. Chicago has been going up slowly during most of the week, while Duluth has shown a more marked upward tendency. No. 1 hard being quoted at over a dollar as early as Tuesday. In our local market the feeling has been firm also, and bids of \$1.05 for No. 1 hard free on board at Port Arthur have been steadily refused by holders. Montreal buyers were offering \$1.12½ for the same grade there, and holders demanded \$1.15, and only small lots of 5,000 bushels could be had at that, the heavy holders here and in the east being confident of securing a higher figure before many days. Altogether the feeling has stiffened up greatly during the past week, and as July nears the fear spreads that a corner for that month may be worked in Chicago and other spring wheat markets, as the stocks available are now so light, that any strong combination properly organized could carry the whole load and make a squeeze of the shorts of that month.

FLOUR.

The report for this week is a decidedly encouraging one compared with those received during the past month or so. The eastern demand has waked up wonderfully, and prices down there are sufficiently improved to allow of shipping from here. Quite a few car lots have been sent there during the week, and the demand still keeps firm and steady. The local trade has been steady and about normal with prices unchanged, but ready to advance at any time. Quotations are: Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers, \$2.50; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

The shipping demand is still good, and prices to local buyers are unchanged, although the local demand is very light. Bran is quoted at \$9 to \$10 a ton, and shorts at \$11 to \$12, according to size of lot sold.

OATS

The fear is generally gaining ground, and not without good reason, that the growing crop is likely to be a very short one, and holders have been inclined to hoist prices in consequence. There is practically no demand at present, but feed oats are held at 31 to 32c., and milling lots as high as 33c. The value, however, is purely the estimate of the holder, as there has been no movement on which to base prices.

OATMEAL.

There is no export demand, and no possibility of exporting at a profit, with present prices ruling here. The local trade is steady and about normal, with prices unchanged.

BUTTER.

The market is still loaded, and in quite a glutted state. There are no calls for round lots, and sales of a few tubs of prime quality are all that are reported. As high as 14c. has been paid for any choice, with 13c. for choice, but no round lots are wanted at any figure. Anything below choice is not wanted at any figure, and stocks in the city and country are fast increasing to heavy proportions. Should the drought of the past two weeks continue, the supply might fall off considerably, but there is plenty of a surplus stock to fall back upon.

CHEESE.

It is much the same situation still with factories. No heavy lots are being pressed or even offered, for fear of injuring the market prospect. The slight improvement recently in the east has raised the hopes of local manufacturers, and they look for higher figures soon. A fair price for prime new would be about 8½c., but no factories care to let go at that figure.

EGGS.

The supply is still good but prices have held up pretty well. From 12 to 13c. is the usual range, although some very choice fresh are held at 1c.

LARD.

Very little moving and no change in prices reported. Pails of 20 lbs. are held steady at \$2.20.

CURED MEATS.

The volume of sales has been very light, and prices have been steady. Hams are held at 13 and 14c.; breakfast bacon, at 15c.; rolls, at 11 to 12c., and drysalt at 10c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef carcasses still range from 6 to 6½c., with a stray sale of very choice, at 6½c.; dressed hogs are only wanted by butchers and sell at from 7 to 7½c. Mutton and veal are still held at the old fancy prices.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle are plentiful such as they are, but really fat butchers' stock are not so. Prices from 3c. for rough stock to 3½c. for prime. Hogs are held steady at 5c., live weight.

Minneapolis Markets.

The closing prices for wheat on Thursday, June 20th, were:

	June.	July.	On track.
No 1 hard	98	98	110
No 1 northern	93½	93½	95-6
No 2 "	84½	84½	84-6

FLOUR—Few important changes have occurred in the past week. Prices the latter part were higher, owing to the extra firmness of wheat for a few days, but the firmness of millers lessened the amount of sales considerably. Early in the week the demand was more quiet, and buyers were less urgent than for a short time previous, seemingly having some fears of a further rise. There had been a good call for flour for domestic distribution and prices were maintained, except in the case of a

few local millers, who were inclined to put out sales for the future at something under current figures. A few lots of flour have went out on the basis of \$6. counting on New England freight. As the patent has to bear all the extra cost of wheat, milling don't pay well at the relative prices of wheat and its products, and the situation is rather discouraging to parties having wheat to buy to fill contracts for flour. The time from now until the next crop will do to grind, will likely see some trouble among millers without reserve stocks, as the offerings are small and sometimes too small to supply the demand. Buyers are unwilling to pay the late rise as asked by millers, but as their stocks are not generally large, they will probably have to meet higher prices if the price of wheat is maintained. Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$5.25@5.60; second patents, \$4.75@5.10, bakers', \$3.25@3.75; best low grades, \$1.35@1.90 in bags; red dog, \$1.25@1.50 in bags.—Northwestern Miller.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Closing prices for the day of the day of the week as under were as follows:

	Cash.	June.	July	Sep
Monday	95	96	85	80
Tuesday	93	95	86½	81½
Wednesday	1.01	1.01	88	84
Thursday	1.01	1.01	85	82½
Friday	—	1.01½	86	83½

Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of June 13th, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
Canada 3½ per cents	105	—	1
Canada 4 per cents	116	—	—
Canada 3 per cents	97	—	—
British Columbia ½ per cents	97	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents	115	—	—
Quebec 4 per cents	101	—	—
Montreal 3 per cents	83½	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents	106	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents	100	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register)	57½	—	1
Ditto shares (London register)	57½	—	1
Ditto first mortgage bonds	110½	—	—
Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds	95½	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	103	—	1
Ditto first preference	65½	—	—
Bank of British Columbia	59	½	—
Bank of N. A.	80	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid.	54	—	—
Ditto £3 paid	31	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage	1	—	—
British American Land	23	—	—
Canada North-West Land	43-16	3-16	—
Hudson's Bay	21	—	1
Land Corporation of Canada	11	—	1

Port Arthur Illustrated.

The above is the name of a supplementary number of the *Manitoba Colonist* just issued, with a view of publishing the advantages of that town and its surroundings. The work is got up upon the finest grade of coated paper, has twenty-four pages of beautifully executed engravings, twenty pages of reading matter, and a finely illustrated cover, the size of the book being the same as that of the *Colonist*. The reading matter is interesting throughout, treating on the commerce, shipping, mining, lumbering and other interests of Port Arthur and its surroundings, and comprises none of the personal sketches, which have been so much abused in advertising works of late. No pains or expense has been spared to enhance the appearance of this work, and it is probably the finest of its class ever issued in the Dominion. It speaks loudly of the enterprise, judgment and refined taste of its compiler and publisher.

Free Lumber.

The rumor that the Dominion Government had decided to reduce the export duty on Canadian logs from \$3 to \$2 a thousand feet board measurement, and had made an offer to abolish all lumber duties, provided the United States followed a similar course, has caused a little stir in lumber circles on both sides of the international boundary line. The reduced duty on logs will be a great relief to Michigan lumbermen, who are now in a great measure dependant upon Canada for a supply of logs, while it will in no way hurt lumbering interests in the Dominion.

But the most startling part of the rumor is the offer to abolish lumber duties, to the conditions of which, if the United States Government agree, there will be a great revolution in the lumber trade of the Northwest in both countries, and a little more than the thin edge of the wedge will be introduced into the most foolish and useless portion of the tariff obstructions between the two countries. There never was anything practical about tariff on lumber, grain and other natural products of both countries, unless a desire to create and keep up irritation between them can be considered a practical one; and it is to be hoped not only that the rumor is true, but that the United States will meet the Canadian proposal in a spirit of conciliation and with a desire to promote the mutual interests of their own and our country. If they do so, the days are numbered of grain tariff and duties on other natural products, which are affected in price not by tariff,

but by European demand, and the producers of which are injured rather than benefitted by the so-called protection that tariff is supposed to bestow. After the evidence given recently at Minneapolis before the Senate Committee on trade relations, the Washington Government should see no difficulty in the way of accepting the Canadian proposal.

If the rumor should prove true, the Dominion Government is entitled to more credit for a desire for freer trade relations with the United States, than this journal and a majority of the people of this province were previously prepared to allow. There is one point however, which should not be forgotten, and that is, that the vast lumber regions of Ontario are now declared to be under the control of that province, and not under that of the Dominion. In moving for free lumber now, the Dominion Government have but little interest in the matter, compared with what they thought they had a few years ago. The entire district which is in any way affected by competition with the United States is under the control of the Government of Ontario, according to the decision of the Imperial Privy Council, and if the abolition of lumber duties would in any way injure the value of these vast timber regions, which the Ottawa Government have been compelled to let slip from their grasp, it would not be outside of a policy of reprisal to strike the blow, for there is no love lost between the parties composing the two governments. However, the move is one in the right direction, no matter what may have prompted it, and it is to be hoped that no obstacle will come in the way of its being carried into effect by the consent of both Canada and the United States.

Testing Sacks.

Testing wheat is an everyday occupation in this province, but testing wheat sacks is a new undertaking, and it is possible that Mr. R. J. Whitla, wholesale dry goods merchant, Winnipeg, may apply for a patent in connection therewith. Last Thursday he made a test of his system, which by the way calls for much more strength and awkwardness than ingenuity. He had received a large consignment of seamless sacks, warranted to stand any strain or rough handling, and he accordingly repaired with one to the grain warehouse of Mr. N. Bawlf to apply his test. The sack was duly loaded with 145 pounds of No. 1 hard wheat, then carried up an inclined plank and laid across a joint eight feet high, from which it was thrown down on its side to the floor beneath. It was then lifted on a tall man's shoulder and tossed end over end to the floor again, and still it was as sound and tight as when it left the factory. Mr. Whitla then rushed to the telephone and sent a message to Mr. Elliott his partner, to start the drummers on the road at once with samples of these not combustible but unbustable sacks, and to furnish each man with a bundle of written warranties that they will stand pitching from a factory chimney or a church spire full of grain without injury. It is unnecessary to state that Mr. Whitla did not handle the sack himself unless when it was empty.

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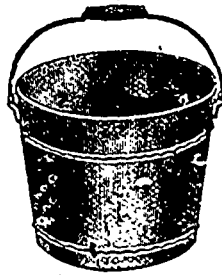
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The wheat market on Monday was marked by a nervous feeling and weather probabilities were anxiously watched. Cables were stronger and Liverpool and London were higher on decreasing supplies, which unsettled the bear element somewhat, although weather reports were of a better character. Provisions were slow. Closing prices were as follows:

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	80	77½	75½	75½
Corn.....	35½	35½	35½	35½
Oats.....	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork.....	11.67½	11.70	11.77½	11.85
Lard.....	6.50	6.55	6.62½	6.70
Short Ribs.....	5.82½	5.82½	5.90	5.97½

Tuesday was a busy day on the board and excitement ran high at times. Weather reports were of the most gloomy character especially from the northwestern States, where orders for agricultural implements were being canceled right and left. From the east and Kansas also the damage done was reported large. Wheat advanced 2½ over yesterday closing and was strong at the close. Other cereals were in sympathy. Provisions made a substantial advance. Closing prices were as follows:

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	82	80½	77½	77½
Corn.....	35½	35½	35½	36
Oats.....	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork.....	11.85	11.87½	11.95	12.02½
Lard.....	6.55	6.60	6.70	6.77½
Short Ribs.....	5.92	—	6.02½	6.07½

There was another improved turn in the wheat market Wednesday, and cash buyers were busy. July opened at \$1 and with fractional declines got a strong lead on the reaction and was advanced to \$3c. Foreign markets were strong. Provisions also advanced materially. Closing prices were as follows:

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	83	81½	79½	79½
Corn.....	35½	35½	35½	36
Oats.....	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork.....	11.90	11.92½	12.00	12.07½
Lard.....	6.57½	6.62½	6.72½	6.80
Short Ribs.....	6.00	6.00	6.05	6.12½

On Thursday there was a weaker feeling in the wheat market, the demand being light, shorts covering on the bulge of yesterday. Several attempts to hoist prices did not materialize and at the close were weak. Provisions were active and strong early in the session, but eased off. Closing figures were as follows:

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	\$1½-2	70½	77½	78½
Corn.....	35	35	35½	35½
Oats.....	—	—	—	—
Pork.....	11.85 90	11.82½	11.92½	11.97
Lard.....	6.62½	6.62½	6.72½	6.80
Short Ribs.....	—	—	—	—

On Friday there was a sharp advance in all futures, and the feeling was strong until the close. There was considerable nervousness throughout the day although considerable speculation was done. Closing figures were as follows:

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	\$1½	80½	79	79½
Corn.....	35	34½	35½	35½
Oats.....	—	—	—	—
Pork.....	11.55	11.75	11.85	11.92½
Short Ribs.....	6.57½	6.57½	6.77½	6.75

The Crops.

The reports during the week on the state of the crops throughout the Northwest have been rather conflicting, but none are too encouraging. The drought of the past few weeks has undoubtedly done bad work to grain of all kinds. Early wheat has not suffered so severely, as it got a good start with the May rains, and now it is short and stunted in the straw, although where good sound seed has been sown, it invariably has a fairly good stand, but where damaged seed was used the stand is thin and promise a light yield. Late wheat where it has been sown broadcast has fared very badly, and some fields will not much more than pay the trouble and expense of harvesting and thrashing. This is very marked where broadcast sowing has been done, and done on spring plowing, in such fields the prospect is exceedingly poor. The bulk of the sowing done with

the drill, and put deep into the ground now promise results as good if not better than the early wheat, for what it has lost in time it has more than gained by missing the frosts of May. The barley and oat crops have made but poor headway. The early sowing got nipped badly with the May frosts, and is very thin in stand, while late broadcast sowing is even worse, and in some instances only strong kinds of seed have come up owing to the drought. Where the drill has been used in late sowing of these grains the prospect is good for a crop not much below an average one, but this includes only a small proportion of the crop.

As might be expected some districts have been more fortunate than others. In the central and western portions of Assiniboia, and the northwestern portion of Manitoba there has been a more liberal rainfall, and a prospect of nearly an average crop is the result. Grain raising in these districts however is not on a large scale. The southwestern districts and the Red River Valley have suffered badly, while the central has big streaks where the prospect is fairly good. Until the last two days of the week matters looked serious, but on Friday and Saturday good warm rains were general over all the driest parts of the province, and matters are now greatly improved. Still at best the wheat yield cannot reach any way near to an average, and a half average of barley and oats is the best that can be expected under the most favorable circumstances. The harvest promises to come early, and the grain in good condition however. The hay crop is a decided failure this season.

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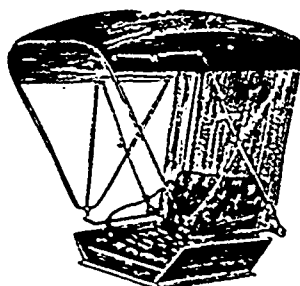
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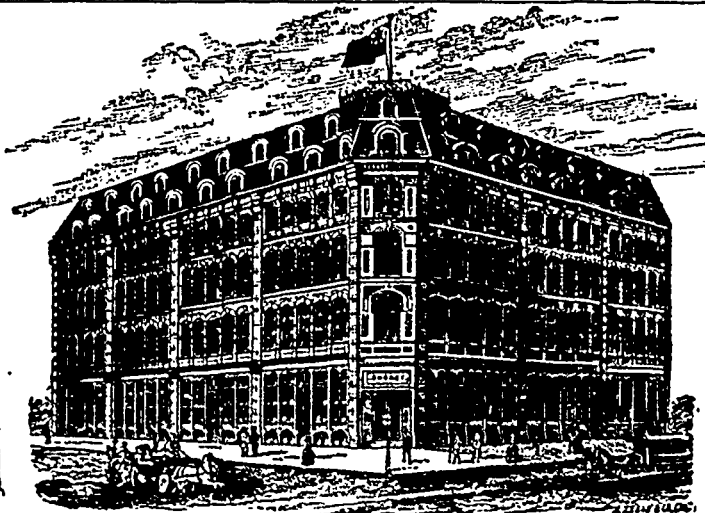
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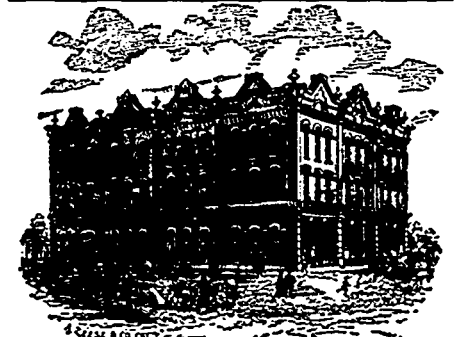
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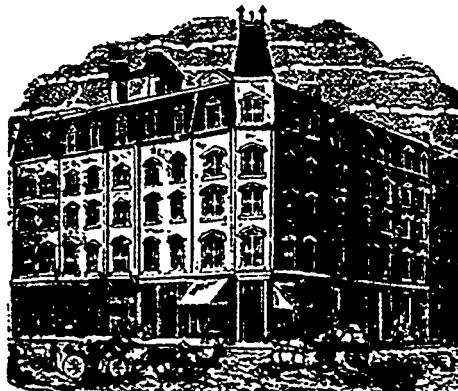


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Assiniboine Water Power.

Mr. J. T. Fanning, civil engineer of Minneapolis, has made his report to the Winnipeg City Council on the proposed water power on the Assiniboine at or near Winnipeg, and the report was submitted at the regular meeting of the council on Monday evening last. The report altogether is very favorable to the project, and Mr. Fanning's six facts and figures have astonished and agreeably surprised many thoughtful Winnipeggers.

In dealing with the extremes of flow on the river Mr. Fanning says: "The Assiniboine may be classed as a true prairie stream, located in a region of light rainfall, of great evaporation all the year, and its tributaries and head waters are subject to such thickness of ice covering in winter as materially effect their flow. Its watershed is however, very large, and its minimum flow is equal to the volume that reaches most of those water powers that are already noted for their magnitude. I estimated the annual rainfall of the lower section of the watershed at 20 inches, including snow measured as equivalent to rainfall, and the annual rainfall of large portions of the upper water shed as 15 inches and the mean annual rainfall of the entire water shed as 18 inches. I judge that the distribution of precipitations through the months of the year may be similar to the rainfalls at Breckonridge and Moorhead, Minn."

The report shows that the watershed of the Assiniboine embraces about 58,352 square miles, an extraordinary large area for one river to drain, compared with other American rivers noted in the report. The extreme flood flow of the river he estimates at a little over one cubic foot per second per square mile, or about 60,000 cubic feet per second, and the ordinary flood flow at .044 cubic feet per second per square mile, or 2,568 cubic feet per second per square mile. The power to be realized from the ordinary summer flow of the river is estimated at 6,935 horse, and the minimum at times of extreme low water 3,492 horse, available 24 hours of the day.

Mr. Fanning points out that by means of drawing from Lake Manitoba and Winnipegosis a steady power all year round of 10,000 horse could be secured, a power greater than is possessed at either Manchester, Lowell, or Lawrence on the Merrimac River in New England.

On the question of danger from floods with a dam constructed on the Assiniboine, Mr. Fanning has no fear, and as to the location of the dam, the report fixes upon a site above the bridge of the C. P. R., near St. James station. If the railway bridge was not already in position a site below the bridge would be preferred, and after conference with the railway authorities and agreements as to flowage, may still be preferred. In either case the canal and mill sites will extend along the river below the railway.

There are many admirable mill sites on both banks of the river below the bridge, and excellent railway facilities are obtainable, while water transportation is possible with the agricultural and timber regions up the river.

The bed of the river there, he states, is a

stratum of small gravel and coarse boulders about four-and-a-half feet thick. This rests upon a layer of hard pan about 8 feet thick, and the hard pan rests upon sandstone rock. This will make a good foundation for the dam, and can be made tight where the dam rests, so there will be no danger of percolation of water underneath the dam. The canal should have at least 10 feet depth below the under side of the thickest side. A canal with sides sloping up to within three feet of the standard level of the water surface, and then finish with revetment walls, will be advisable. Mr. Fanning expresses the opinion that there will be but little trouble from anchor ice.

On the cost of construction the following table is submitted.

Dam, 600 feet of filled crib-work.	\$186,000
Abutment, masonry and side-walks	46,000
Head gates and masonry	37,000
Canal, 1,500 ft. length and feeder gates	65,000
Bridges over canal	28,000
Grading	1,600
Contingencies and superintendence, 10 per cent.	36,000
	399,860

On the question of revenue from rentals of power, the report states as follows: Recent rentals of water power by the St. Anthony Falls Water Power company at Minneapolis have been at the rate of \$20 per gross horse power per annum, exclusive of land rentals. Earlier rental rates have gradually increased from \$6.67 and \$7.50 in the early days of the manufacturing at St. Anthony, as the demand for power increased, to the present rate.

Ten dollars per annum per horse power will be a very low rate for the earliest rentals of water power at Winnipeg, as compared with any other power that can compete with it for manufacturing purposes, and the rental rates may undoubtedly be increased in time to \$25 or \$30 per annum.

At present rates for good fuels, steam power must cost, for twenty four-hour runs, in Winnipeg, approximately \$90 per net horse power per annum, an average of about 29 cents per day for each 310 working days.

Assuming the cost of construction of the water power of 10,000 horse power capacity at \$400,000 dollars, the rental's of power at the following respective average rates per horse power per annum will pay interest on the investment, in addition to maintenance expenses, at the per cents indicated:

Rental of 2,500 h. p. at average, \$10, returns 5 per cent.
Rental of 5,000 h. p. at average, \$11, returns 12 per cent.
Rental of 7,500 h. p. at average, \$12, returns 18 per cent.
Rental of 70,000 h. p. at average, \$15, returns 36 per cent.

On the feasibility of the scheme and its great value to Winnipeg, Mr. Fanning treats in the closing portion of his report in the following sanguine language: The measurements and maps of Major Ruttan, together with the facts and estimates herein presented, leave no doubt respecting the feasibility, as an engineering project, of the construction of a large and permanent water power on the Assiniboine river

in the city of Winnipeg. As a financial scheme it may be in a measure dependent on the dispositions of the citizens of Winnipeg and the expression of their will by powers granted and instructions given to the city council to promote the scheme. Geographical position and transportation facilities have favored the development of the city as a trade centre, and will in a greater degree favor it as a manufacturing centre if it provides ample facilities for setting machinery in motion by a cheap power.

Estimating the wheat crop of the present season as twenty million bushels, we find that this wheat, exclusive of the seed wheat, if brought to Winnipeg, would give in its conversion into flour, constant employment for a year to this power of the Assiniboine river.

When the Assiniboine is reinforced by aid of a canal from Lake Manitoba, the shores and watershed of the lake will offer vast quantities of spruce and poplar for grinding into pulp, and the manufacture of paper.

The increasing agricultural development of the central Canadian provinces and mineral development in the mountains will call for the manufacture of large quantities of machinery, implements and woolen goods. A water-power of low annual rental is the potent influence that only can secure this work in the face of active outside competition.

The inducements for Winnipeg to make itself a manufacturing centre seem very great, and as an exceptionally favorable opportunity is presented through the development of its great water-power, I can conceive of no way in which the city can with more certainty and profit enhance its own growth, permanent revenues from taxation and general prosperity than by promoting, directly or indirectly, this Assiniboine water-power project, until its ten thousand horse-power shall be fully loaded with busy machinery.

Altogether the report is a surprise, even to the most sanguine supporters of the project, Mr. Fanning seeing as he does no difficulty in the way of a success far beyond the highest expectations of any of our citizens. Coming as it does from an engineer whose skill and reputation are above reproach, it should put an end to all question about constructing a water-power on the Assiniboine, except the question of how the work can be most speedily and most thoroughly carried out.

Lumber Cappings.

The steam saw mill at Fort Ellis, with the outfit necessary for the running of the same, will be sold by tender July 15th.

Lumber business is good at western points. Morden is particularly active in the demand, seven car loads being sold in one day.

Keewatin and Rat Portage mills are in need of logs. The drive on Rainy River is not a success, the water being low and the majority of the log crop of that district will be hung up until the river rises.

The country along the C. P. R. line from Donald to Banff has been on fire for two weeks and an immense amount of valuable timber has been destroyed. Although heavy rains checked the spreading perceptibly its ultimate extinguishment will not take place until the snow flies.

A Tough Customer.

A well-known shoe drummer struck a close buyer in Michigan not long since. This particular merchant is rated one of the toughest cases in the trade to sell a bill of goods on which any profit shall be left to the manufacturer. Of course, he would look at the line of goods, "but he really was not quite ready to buy." Then the sincere and earnest salesman, with confidence in his line, got in his finest work, and after a good deal of haggling over the prices, he found he had registered on his memorandum book an order of unexpected magnitude.

He had closed his book, and with an air of self-satisfaction, clapped it into his inside pocket, when his customer; as if recollecting something unusual which had escaped his mind, exclaimed:

"By the way, about terms?"

"Oh, regular, I suppose."

"No, no, we get seven off all around."

"Seven off ten?"

"No, indeed, seven off thirty days."

"Well, I suppose it's got to go," and the salesman drew forth his memorandum book and made a note to that effect.

"Now, about the dating."

"Well, I had not thought of that. I'll be liberal, however. What do you say to sixty days?"

"Nonsense, we are getting four months from everybody."

"I'm afraid I can't do it."

"Cancel the order, then."

"Very well, then, I'll have to give it to you."

And, as he jotted this down, with a sigh, he exclaimed: "Beside, you bought those goods away down at rock bottom." And then he added blithely: "When shall I ship you the first lot?"

"As you please." You know you are to pay all of the expenses of shipment and cartage. I always get goods delivered at the door, charges prepaid."

"Now, let me see," said the salesman, with an air of frozen imperturbability, as he listed this final concession, and then contemplated the aspect of the order upon his book. "I observe that you have got special prices all through the line; you want four months dating, seven off thirty, and all expenses and freight charges prepaid. Now; I am very anxious to sell you this bill of goods, and I'll tell you how we'll fix it. We will forward you the goods and invoices and you just send back the discounts."

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A CONSIDERABLE business is done by Indians and half breeds who collect the medicinal herb called snake root. The roots sell at about thirty cents a pound and the plant seems to be plentiful in the Pilot Mound district. About one thousand dollars' worth will be exported from that place this season. Snake root is used principally by the manufacturers of patent medicines and is said to possess valuable qualities as a remedy for some complaints. —*Sentinel*.

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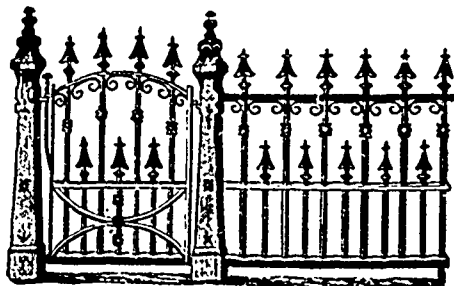
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Eastern Business.

ONTARIO.

A. McFarlane, hotel, Windsor, dead.
 A. Butt, jeweler, Toronto, has assigned.
 Jas. Whan, merchant, Chatham, has assigned.
 John Duncomb, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
 B. G. Wahl, wagonmaker, Elmira, has assigned.
 W. A. Ingles, general store, Powassan, has assigned.
 W. J. Ramsap, manufacturer, Toronto, has assigned.
 Levi Phillips, general store, Croton, has assigned.
 Louis A. Oldfield, druggist, Dundalk, has assigned.
 Neolands Bros., general store, Chesley, have sold out.
 W. R. Anderson, hardware, Collingwood, has assigned.
 Robt. Quance, lumber merchant, Middleton, has assigned.
 E. B. Moreland, weekly payment store, Ottawa, has assigned.
 Edward Walker, dealer in boots and shoes, Alymer, has assigned.
 Geo. Sarsfield, boots and shoes, Kingston, called a meeting of his creditors.

QUEBEC.

H. Samson, tanner, Quebec, has assigned.
 John F. Hanver, restaurant, Montreal, has assigned.
 Charest & Cadieux, carriages, Montreal, have dissolved.
 T. Macrae & Co., general store, etc., Cookshire, have assigned.
 Wm. McCrudder, jr., boots and shoes, Montreal, meeting of creditors 24th inst.
 Savage & McCanna, cigar manufacturers, Granby, have sold out to Payne Bros. & McFarlane.
 Geo. Verry, artist materials, etc., Montreal—Francis Moore admitted under style Geo. Verry & Co.
 F. X. Crevier & Co., plumbers, Montreal, Mrs. F. X. Crevier has ceased doing business under this style.
 J. Lessard & Co., publishers, Montreal, have dissolved—Jos. Lessard & M. P. E. Dore continue under the same style.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Wadman & Co., auctioneers, Moncton, have failed.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

John Withycombe, cooper, St. John's insolvent declaration applied for.

Railway Matters.

Voting on the bonus to the P. A. D. & W. Railway will take place at Port Arthur on the 11th July. June 26th was the last day of the month's option given to Flint, of New York, by the railway to enter into an agreement to build the line. Nothing has ever been heard from him directly or indirectly, and negotiations are off. The company still say they can build fifty miles this season if supported by a bonus from the town.

A correspondent writes: One of the editors of that journal, A. M. Wellington, an engineer of great practical experience, spent his vacation last summer along the C. P. R. in British

Columbia, and saw that, as traffic increases, it will be impossible to compete with other trans-continental lines, with such grades as they have in the Kicking Horse Pass and the Selkirks, and added to this the enormous expense of keeping up snow sheds, glance fences, etc., to protect their line from avalanches and snow slides.

The Rochester, U. S. *Herald* is not at all pleased with the encroachments of Canadian railways in their territory and thus delivers itself on the C. P. R. extension through the State of Maine. "Business that of right belongs to American roads, and which the American roads could easily handle. These British built and British subsidized roads have thrust their tenacles across Maine to the sea and across Michigan to Chicago to rob the American roads of the business that is necessary for their existence. It is time that favors to these intruders were stopped; it is time for the interstate commerce commission to erect proper barriers, under the authority it has, against the discriminations and rate breaking demoralization of these British railroads."

At a meeting in Calgary on 10th June Ick Evans, a representative of the Alberta Exploration Company, stated that the Company had \$600,000 at its disposal which it was proposed to expend at once in building the railway to the Red Deer, if Calgary would guarantee \$40,000 per annum for five years, in exchange for which a guarantee would be given by the company to put coal into the town at \$4.00 per ton, and the amount paid for the coal would be applied in diminishing the \$40,000 guarantee. Mr. Evans concluded by saying that unless the guarantee was given, the company would not build the road. After some discussion in which the Mayor stated that the council had no authority to make such a guarantee the meeting closed nothing having been decided on.

Some time since we published a paragraph regarding a party of surveyors heading for the Crow's Nest Pass. We take the following from the *New York Engineering News* which again gives color to the subject of remark at that time: "The Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railway, in co-operation with the Canadian Pacific, is rapidly pushing its northern branch to a connection with the C. P. R. at the international boundary line. The length to that point will be 113 miles, and to a connection with the C. P. R. at New Westminster about 130 miles. With this connection completed, Seattle will virtually become the main Pacific terminus of the C. P. R., and the result is likely to be beneficial both to that city and to the road, largely increasing its traffic. The project is the more important because the contemplated extension eastward of the Seattle road may, by a slight extension westward of an existing branch of the C. P. R. through the Kootenay Pass, or elsewhere, give that road an alternate route through the Rockies, shorter and of lighter grades than its existing line, and running directly toward Seattle and its rival, Tacoma. This line constructed (as it must be in time) would be sure to heavily increase the traffic of the line, and might make the Vancouver "main line" something like the Dunkirk "main line" of the Erie,—in reality a mere branch."

Dairy Matters.

A meeting was held at Odanah on June 1st to discuss the advisability of establishing a cheese factory in that district. There are a large number of cows in the district and the farmers are anxious that the enterprise should be proceeded with. A definite scheme was presented to the postponed meeting held on June 21st and the factory will be put in operation as soon as the necessary preliminaries are settled.

Robinson of Elbow Park farm near Calgary, has erected a big cheese factory 20 x 40, plastered and whitewashed, driven by a new engine and boiler of eight horse-power and two vats of 600 gallons capacity and presses capable of turning out 20 cheeses per day. Their water supply is brought from a spring on a hill half a mile away and is carried by means of an underground pipe, thus giving a supply of pure cold water flowing constantly through the factory. At present he has about one hundred cows his own, and besides has the milk of about fifty other cows which is sent in from the surrounding country.

Insurance Briefs.

The *New York Commercial Bulletin* says that the fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of May, 1889, reached a total of \$9,915,300, or nearly ten million dollars. This is in excess of the loss chargeable against the same month of 1888 by about seven hundred thousand dollars. The losses for May, 1887, amounted to \$10,636,500. The losses for the first four months of 1887 amounted to \$51,886,500; for 1888, \$57,686,400; for 1889, \$56,513,000.

The subject of contingent commissions to agents of insurance companies is again attracting attention. We can think of no one thing in the agency business that will do more to break up the present agency demoralization than contingent commissions to agents. It will greatly improve the character of the risks, and tend to firmness in rates. It will remove that class of agents and solicitors that engage in the business only temporarily, and thus leave the business in the hands of reliable and responsible parties. There is no good reason why an agent who has the selection of the business, and decides upon its eligibility, should not take his chances of profit with the company.—*Cincinnati Price Current*.

A Boston syndicate has bought the Magdalen Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, for \$500,000, and will erect a large fishing and lobster canning works immediately.

A publication for the study of the German language and literature is the latest addition to the journalistic field. It is published at Manchester, N. H., under the name of Germania, at \$3.00 per year.

Arrests have been made in New York of a grocer, a receiving clerk for Austin, Nichols & Co., commission merchants, and a driver for the Brooklyn Refining company, on the charge of systematic robbery. It is alleged that sugar to the value of \$80,000 has been stolen from the firm of Austin, Nichols & Co., and that the stealings have covered a period of three years.

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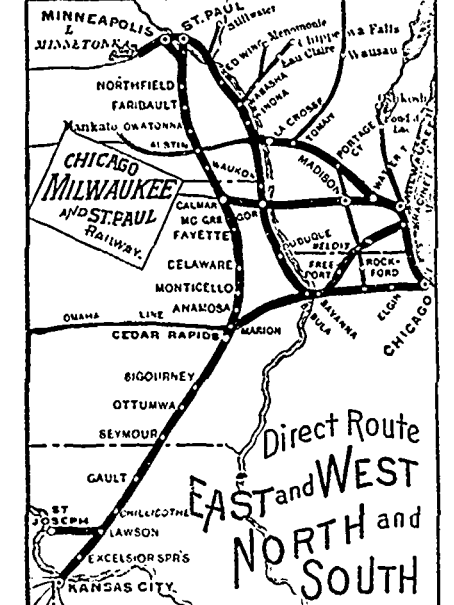
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