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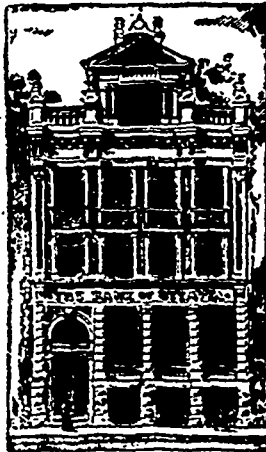
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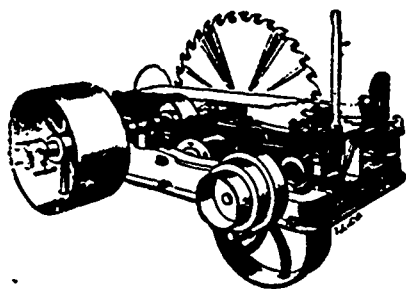
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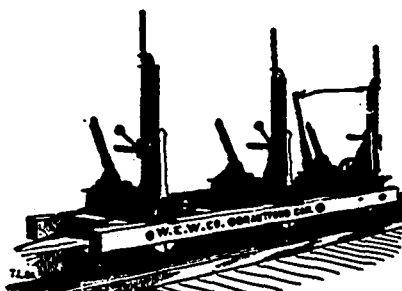
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WINNIPEG, MARCH 11, 1899.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

Winnipeg people, or at least a considerable number of citizens are greatly agitated over the question of tuberculosis. In fact something of a scare exists at the present time over this matter. A Dominion government veterinarian has been examining the city dairies and found that almost fifty per cent of the cows which are used to supply the citizens with milk, are affected with this terrible scourge of animal life, which spares neither man nor beast. It has taken a long time to arouse public opinion here to the danger of the situation, but at last the citizens seem to be thoroughly aroused. Several things have worked together to contribute to this result; but probably the statements of one of the city dairymen has been the principal cause in creating the present interest in the matter. This milk vendor did not believe that tuberculosis was communicated from animals to human beings through the consumption of milk, and he, like many others, regarded the tuberculin test as a fad. Several of his cows were subjected to the test and declared diseased. Their milk was given to calves, and the calves soon contracted the disease. In this way the dairymen was convinced and he stated his convictions and related his experiences in such a forcible manner at a public meeting held recently that it had the effect of thor-

oughly arousing the citizens. Since then other meetings have been held, and it seems likely that some plan will be adopted whereby the interest of the citizens will be safeguarded. It has been proposed that a company should be formed to handle the milk of the different dairies. All the milk would be delivered at a central depot where it would be sterilized before being distributed to the citizens.

The present unsatisfactory state of the city dairies is largely owing to the weakness, or possibly the unbelief of the city aldermen as to the danger of spreading disease in this way. Two or three years ago measures were undertaken for the inspection and supervision of the city dairies, but the half-hearted way in which the matter was handled by the city council, led to the failure of the efforts then taken to improve the situation. The necessity for careful and strict regulations for the control of the city dairies, should be apparent to every one, even aside from the question of tuberculosis. Scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever and other diseases are known to have been transmitted by milk. Some of the Winnipeg dairies are known to be in a very filthy condition. As for tuberculosis, it is now generally admitted by experts that this disease in cattle is the same as the disease commonly called consumption, which may be described as the great scourge of mankind. Some people profess to consider the tuberculin test as a fad, and the danger of transmitting the diseases from animals to man as a scare-crow. A long series of experiments, carried on for years in about all civilized countries, has proved however, that the test is almost infallible, and the danger of transmission only too real. Over two years ago The Commercial published a series of articles dealing with tuberculosis and giving the experience gained in dealing with the disease in Germany, Denmark and other countries. This evidence has been confirmed by later experience. It is now believed by many eminent physicians and scientists in various countries, who have made a special study of this matter, that diseased milk and diseased meat are the principal distributors of consumption. A number of other diseases, which have been known under different names, such as cholera infantum, hip disease, lupus, etc., are now declared to be due to the presence of tubercular germs. It is foolish for any one who does not possess any knowledge of medical science to sneer at the declarations of the men who have made a life study of these matters. Medical men have made mistakes in the past, it is true, but the great extent to which the investigations have been carried leave hardly

a shadow of doubt as to the correctness of the present theories regarding the nature of consumption and the reasons for the great prevalence of the scourge. If the public were prepared to carry out regulations based on our present knowledge of the disease, tubercular consumption would be practically eradicated within a few decades.

Of course it is not to be inferred that the cattle throughout the country generally are so badly affected with tuberculosis as the city dairy cows. Cows kept in city dairies are far more subject to the disease than other animals. At the same time, it is quite probable that many farm herds are affected, and to cope with this situation systematic effort is necessary. In the meantime consumers of animal flesh can protect themselves by eating only thoroughly cooked meat. In the case of milk, where there is any reason to believe that it is infected, it can be sterilized by heating to a temperature of 160 degrees, and keeping it at this temperature for twenty minutes.

## Some Assinibola Trade Centres

In a previous letter on the towns of Assinibola the reader was taken from Moosomin to Indian Head in a brief review of business conditions and the material development of the towns along the way. The district covered by that letter, and which it is proposed to cover in this, comprises practically the whole of the wheat raising region tributary to the main line of the C. P. R. in the Territories. West of Moose Jaw lies the great Canadian cattle ranges which are destined in time to become an important factor in the production of the beef supply of eastern Canada and the old country. The towns and villages of that region will be taken up in a future letter, meanwhile, we have to deal with some of the most important points in the grain section of Assinibola, namely, the towns from Qu'Appelle to Moose Jaw on the main line.

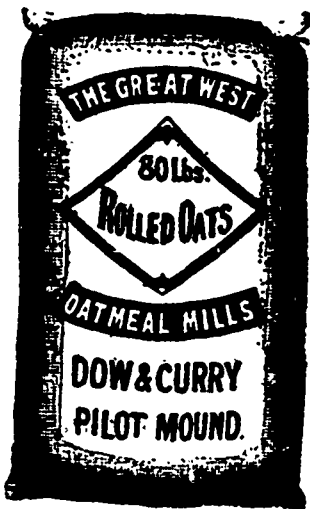
Qu'Appelle station was once noted as the distributing point for most of the trade with the numerous posts and stores in the immense country which lies to the north of the C. P. R. main line in this part of the Territories. It was also the railway supply point for Prince Albert. Since the Regina and Long Lake railway was opened for traffic, Qu'Appelle has lost much of its northern trade, and the character of the business done here has changed greatly. Having equal advantages with its neighbors on both sides as a farmer's market, it is now being developed along these lines. The picturesque trader or freighter with his cayuse and Red river cart is no longer to be seen on its streets, unless at rare intervals, but the sturdy farmer with his well-bred horses and smart looking wagon or sleigh is becoming more and more in evidence. The country tributary to Qu'Appelle is well adapted for mixed farming. The settlers are mostly all Ontario farmers, and are well-to-do. The town is 323 miles west of Winnipeg, and has a population of about 350. It is officially known as Qu'Ap-

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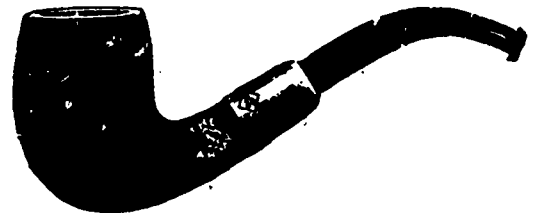


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pele Station to distinguish it from Fort Qu'Appelle, which is eighteen miles distant from the railway. To show the size of the grain business done here it may be stated that the elevator capacity at this point is 55,000 bushels. Some progress along industrial lines has been made, as is shown by the fact that there is a thriving creamery here and a felt factory where leading lines of felt goods are made. This latter industry is comparatively new and although temporarily closed down at present gives promise of being a permanent concern. J. A. Cowan is its manager. The principal product so far has been felt boots and footwear of various kinds. The principal general merchants here are: J. P. Beauchamp, S. H. Caswell, and C. T. Bailey & Co. Other lines of trade are well represented.

Fort Qu'Appelle is situated on the Qu'Appelle River, about 18 miles north of Qu'Appelle Station. Notwithstanding the drawback of its being away from the line of railway the town is a prosperous one in many ways. Its citizens are always agitating for a railway and no doubt in the near future its disabilities in this respect will be removed. The situation is a very beautiful one and will prove no small attraction to sight-seers when better means of access are provided. The town had the misfortune to lose its flour mill, the property of Jayner & Elkington, valued at \$25,000, early in January. This was a serious loss to the business community as the mill drew a great deal of business to the town. Hopes are entertained that it will be rebuilt again this year. The business community here is a representative one and there is no need for us to individualize.

Regina is the capital of the Northwest Territories and is in every way a leading town. It is incorporated as a town, is the seat of government for the Northwest Territories and the headquarters of the Northwest Mounted Police. The population is estimated at 2,000. This is also the junction of the Regina and Long Lake railway, which reaches 250 miles north to Prince Albert, on the Saskatchewan River. There is an elevator storage capacity here of 115,000 bushels and a flour mill until recently owned and operated by the Western Milling Co. The country around Regina is well adapted for grain raising and mixed farming and already is well settled. There is still, however, a great deal of excellent land waiting for the plow. Regina had a similar misfortune to that which befel Winnipeg during the early stages of its growth, that is, much of the land fell into the hands of speculators who have been holding it ever since in anticipation of a rise in values. Efforts are now being made to discourage the continued holding of this land and to secure settlers for the district. This promises to be a year of considerable progress along this line. As becomes a town of its station in life Regina has some fine business establishments. For floor space these are not excelled by the general stores at any other point in the west. Several of them increased their space last year, an improvement which was rendered necessary by the increase in trade. The Glasgow House, general store, is one concern which enlarged its premises last year, having doubled the floor space. The Regina Trading company finished a new building last year and has now one of the most complete

stores in the Territories. McCarthy & Co., general merchants, also added to the capacity of their premises. Tuning & Gilroy do a large general trading business here. This latter partnership was formed last year and the business reorganized. Regina has four hardware stores, which is to speak plausibly rather more than the present volume of business would warrant. All other lines of business are well represented as well as some of the manufacturing industries. The Bank of Montreal and Union bank each have branches here.

Moose Jaw is the next important point west of Regina. This practically makes the western boundary of the grain belt tributary to the C. P. R. main line. It is an important railway point, and handles in addition the business from the Soo line, the connecting link between the C. P. R. and St. Paul for Pacific coast traffic. While to some extent a farmer's market, the town is mainly sustained by railway business, and the monthly pay roll at this point is seldom less than \$10,000. The town is growing constantly, and experienced quite a building boom last year. The most important recent addition is the new C. P. R. station and hotel, a building which is estimated to have cost complete in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Architecturally it is a handsome building, being built of Moosomin red brick



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and Calgary stone. The inside finishing is very pleasing. The station is most complete in its appointments and contains office room for the divisional officials, train dispatchers, etc. The hotel has accommodation for about 100 guests and is one of the most complete in the Territories. Another large addition to the C. P. R. property here was the new car shed or rather an addition to the old shed. This is 130 by 70 feet in dimension. Moose Jaw experienced some increase in its business community last year and some of the existing concerns were considerably enlarged. Robinson & Hamilton, general merchants, were among those who increased their investment. R. Bogue is a progressive merchant and carries a large stock. E. A. Baker & Co. carry on an extensive hardware and grocery business here and also deals in grain. B. Carey opened a short time ago in dry goods and millinery. M. J. Macleod carries on a fine clothing, boot and shoe store, which is a comparatively new business. E. Simpson & Co. are in the lumber and planing mill business. Another industry worth noticing is the government creamery, which is under the management of E. Moorhouse. This is well patronized

by the farmers and proves to be a great help to the district.

These are a few facts regarding the town and business concerns of this part of Assiniboia as they exist at present. The evidences of material progress are so many and of such variety that it is not possible in the space available here to more than touch on some of them. The traveling public know and see them and the people in the east feel the effects in the increased business which is derived in one way or another from these western towns.

### Free Seed Distribution.

To the Editor,—For the past ten years systematic efforts have been made to increase the average returns and to improve the quality of the cereals and other important farm crops grown in Canada by an annual distribution from the experimental farm at Ottawa, of samples of seed of the best and most promising sorts. These varieties have been first tested at the experimental farms, and only those which have proven to be the very best have been chosen for this distribution. The samples sent out have contained three pounds each, and every precaution has been taken to have the seed in every instance thoroughly clean and true to name, and the packages have been sent free through the mail. Those who have received such samples and grown them with care, have usually had at the end of the second year enough seed to sow a large area and in this manner careful farmers all over the Dominion have been gradually replacing any inferior and less productive sorts which they have been growing in the past with superior varieties, possessing greater vigor.

By instruction of the minister of agriculture, another such distribution is being made this season, consisting of samples of oats, barley, spring wheat, field peas, Indian corn and potatoes. Samples will be sent only to those who apply personally. Lists of names from societies or individuals cannot be considered, and only one sample in all can be sent to each applicant. Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, and may be sent any time before the 15th of March, after which the lists will be closed, so that all samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing will kindly mention the sort or variety they would prefer, and should the available stock of the sort asked for be exhausted, some other good variety will be sent in its place.

WM. SAUNDERS, Director.  
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## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

## SACRIFICING BARB WIRE.

The situation in regard to barb wire is one that deserves the attention of every dealer in that commodity in this country. This is one of the staples in the hardware trade in the west, and is sold in large quantities in every district where settlement has taken place. It might naturally be supposed for this reason, that the trade would be a valuable one to the hardware dealers. As a matter of fact, no other commodity is being sold by them on such narrow margins of profit, and it is actually being sold by some right along at a positive loss. Notwithstanding recent sharp advances in the wholesale prices, which makes it impossible to lay down barb wire at leading country points for less than \$2.80 or thereabouts, some dealers, where such a car lot rate prevails, have been selling wire at as much as 5c less than that figure, and many have been selling it at cost. No better reason is assigned for this piece of business folly than that their competitors are doing the same thing. Reasonable competition is a good thing for trade as a rule, and there are few sensible merchants who allow themselves to feel annoyed when subjected to it; but when it results in such a state of affairs as now exists in many trading centres of this country in regard to barb wire business, it has reached a stage and assumed a form which cannot but be deplored.

It is true that in some of the places where barb wire is now being handled in the manner above described, the hardware trade is somewhat demoralized by too much competition, or in other words, too many stores, but there is no place in this country where the merchants do not hold the situation well within their own keeping, and where they could if they wished secure a fair margin of profit on all that they sell in spite of competition. Too great timidity and sometimes a feeling of false pride restrains them from dealing boldly with the difficulty. There are very few merchants who are not susceptible to reason, especially if the reasoning is backed up by prospective increase in their profits, and we feel satisfied that in regard to the barb wire trade, the hesitancy about dealing boldly with the matter is all that keeps the trade in its present unsatisfactory state. If the other fellow insists on selling at a loss, do not try to match him in his foolish game.

## HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

An advance of fifty cents a ton was made on March 1st in steel billets and Bessemer pig iron at Pittsburg.

Advices from English, German and

Belgian cement manufacturers continue very strong and importers at Montreal state that prices are fully 1c per cask higher than they were this time last year, which is due to the brisk demand for spring shipment, especially from United States importers.

The management of the Pennsylvania Bolt and Nut works at Lebanon, Pa., announce a ten per cent. increase in wages in the puddling and rolling mill department. The Lebanon Rolling mills also gives notice of a similar increase in the wages of employees of that establishment. The employees of Swedic's furnace at Norristown have received a ten per cent. advance. Within the past two days fully 5000 workmen, largely employed in the various mills controlled by the American Steel and Wire company at Cleveland, have been notified of an increase in wages ranging from five to ten per cent.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

Vancouver, March 6.—The Atlin and Klondike outfitting trade is far less in volume than was anticipated both in Victoria and Vancouver. Outfitters naturally blame the allon law for the decrease in the Atlin trade and think the Klondike trade might improve later in the season. It is difficult to discover how Dun's Agency got the impression that business was slack in Vancouver. All the retailers and wholesalers visited report business good but there is a general complaint regarding the advance in rents. In some cases merchants being rent-raised out of business. This has caused a scramble for business sites on other streets, chiefly Hastings street, which is destined to be the Broadway of Vancouver. Some merchants on Cordova street complain that they are now compelled to pay \$125 and \$150 a month rent for a business which should not be expected to stand more than \$60 or \$75 per month. The building boom is still at its height. The demand for private houses is greater than the supply.

The fishing industry is not in a satisfactory condition. Enormous shipments of halibut are going east weekly over the C. P. R., but the industry is being carried on by aliens and the people get little benefit. The salmon canners have received no notification of the suspension of the blighting regulations put in force by the government. As the banks, who supply most of the money for the season's pack, will not advance a dollar unless the regulations are suspended, as the season has already opened, the situation is becoming serious. A fair business is being done in shipping fresh salmon, and fishermen are getting 75 cents each for the spring fish.

That Ludgate will get Dead Man's island for a saw mill is a foregone conclusion, and with the Hastings mill, Ross-McLaren mills, Moodville mill, and the Chicago mills all running, Vancouver will be very much benefited indeed.

The wholesale market shows a tendency to advance all along the line. There is practically no creamery butter in British Columbia and will not be for two weeks, but wholesalers fear to order in any quantity owing to the possibility of the market being flooded with California creamery. Eggs are becoming more plentiful daily, and eastern eggs are out of the

market. Cheese is still provokingly low and altogether out of proportion to eastern prices. Potatoes have made a sharp advance to \$20. Ashcrofts being off the market. An experimental shipment of New Zealand potatoes consigned to Malkin & Co. sold very well at \$20 a ton. They were of a fine quality, but hardly equal to the Ashcrofts. Flour has declined pending the result of negotiations with the C. P. R. to have the old freight tariff remain in force. There is a brisk demand for hay up-country and all but the inferior growths will go before the new crop. This is a lesson to the farmer who grows poor hay. There may be enough oats to go around before the advent of the '99 crop, but the apparent scarcity of the crop has forced the price upwards.

## B. C. BUSINESS NOTES.

F. H. Walley is opening in drugs at Ymir.

Clark & Jardine are opening in drugs at Ashcroft.

F. McCabe, hotel, Wardner, is out of business.

H Ford & Co., produce, Nelson, are giving up business.

O. St. V. Ross, general store, Mission, has assigned.

McDonald & Purris tinmiths, have opened at Cascade City.

Knox & Delaney, jewelers, have opened a branch at Cascade City.

Davis & O'Connell, grocers, Rossland, advertise retiring from business.

Harmon & Manson, hotel, Nelson, dissolved, A. Manson continuing.

Wallace & Miller, clothing, Nelson, have opened a branch at Greenwood.

The new fishing regulations which came into effect on the 1st of January last, are still in force.

Joyce Bros., general store, Fernie, are going out of the general store trade, and will carry men's furnishings and boots and shoes.

The following items are reported from Victoria: A. Wood, Colonist hotel, has opened business, succeeding Ed. Smith. H. E. Munday has opened in boots and shoes at Victoria. F.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: J. J. Owens, grocer, has sold out to J. Lawrence. W. A. Clark, teas, crockery, etc., has sold out to W. A. Lawson. W. E. Grace, liquors, is dead. Hopkirk & Spence, wholesale liquors, etc., have assigned. Hodson & Dempsey, hotel business purchased by Wm. Hodson. J. Waxstock, cigar store and fancy goods, has discontinued cigars. The Parsons Produce Co. is establishing a branch at Greenwood.

W. G. Murphy & Co., dry goods, clothing, etc., Carberry, Man., are adding millinery to their business.

## GARDEN, FIELD AND FLOWER

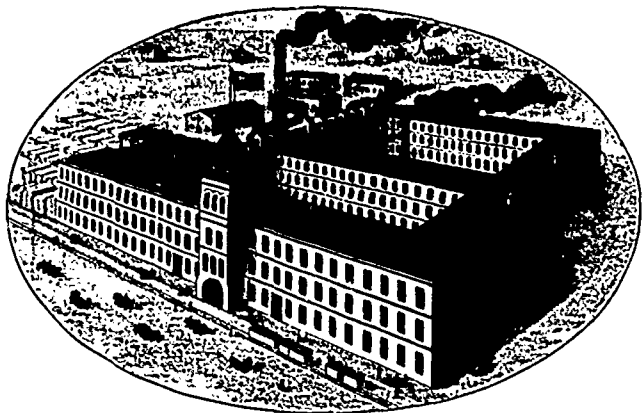
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### GREAT WEST LIFE.

A large number of the readers of *The Commercial* will certainly take an interest in perusing the annual report of the Great West Life Assurance Co., which is published this week, and in doing so they will feel a sense of pride in the great success which has attended this company since its inception. As a home company, the Great West Life will have the sympathies of the people of the West, and there will be a general sense of gratification on account of the prosperous career of the company. At the outset the establishment of a life insurance company having its head office in Winnipeg, was looked upon as an experiment; but the experimental stage was quickly passed, and within a year or two it was recognized that the success of the company was practically assured. Few among the most sanguine, however, fully anticipated the remarkable results which have been attained. The company has prospered wonderfully from the start and the growth of its business has been very rapid. At the end of the sixth year the business in force held by this company amounted to \$8,403,677. This record has been equalled by only one or two Canadian companies, in the history of life insurance in Canada. During the past year the business continued to show rapid increase, the new business for the year amounting to \$2,148,833, while the net gain was larger than that of any other company operating in Canada, showing that a comparatively small percentage of policies in this company were allowed to lapse. The premium income for the year showed an increase of 19 per cent, and the interest income an increase of 55 per cent over the previous year. The general rate of interest earned on investments, aside from debentures, was 7.02 per cent. The success which has attended the Great-West Life, as shown by this statement, may be said to indicate the general prosperity of the west, and as such is a special matter for congratulation.

Particular note should be made of the interest earning power of the company. It is here that this home company has a great advantage over any other company doing business in Canada. Money is more valuable here than in the east, and there is ready employment for funds at better interest earning rates. At the same time the experience of the company has proved that the security of investments here is unsurpassed, as the

company has never yet had occasion to foreclose a mortgage, and at the end of the sixth year there were no arrears of interest. This is certainly a most encouraging record.

Another satisfactory feature is the fact that new business was not secured at a heavy cost, as is too often the case with life insurance of late years, working expenses showing an increase of only 5 per cent, compared with an increase of premium income of about 20 per cent.

### INSURANCE NOTES.

D. H. Cooper, local manager for the Imperial Life, returned the first of the week from a trip to the head office at Toronto, where he was present at the annual meeting.

Geo. J. Maulson, Winnipeg, has been appointed general agent of the American Fire Insurance Co. for Manitoba and the Territories, and as soon as a provincial license has been secured will open an office on Main street.

### Spring Millinery Opening

The D. McCall Co.'s spring millinery opening was one of this week's business features in Winnipeg. This event took place on Monday, the 6th, and was marked by the most complete preparations on the part of the firm's manager here, Mr. McRae, and his staff of assistants. The stock displayed is several times as large as that shown last year and the variety of styles is bewildering to any but experts. The attendance of milliners from all parts of the province during the week has been very large, in fact this annual event has never attracted such numbers before.

As regards the new styles there is nothing strikingly new to be noticed this year. Designers seem to have contented themselves with modifications and improvements of already well-known shapes. The materials also remain about the same, but in regard to trimming more latitude seems to be allowed. A very large range of sailor hats is being shown. Panama straws are shown in a good many sailor shapes and make a pretty and serviceable hat.

Large hat shapes and picture hats are again being shown in a variety of styles, but the changes from last year are mainly in regard to trimming.

### Brooms Advancing

There has been a good sized boom in broom corn, the price having more than doubled inside of two months. The crop which is a very short one, has been bought up by dealers and some large manufacturers who now control the situation. Broom manufacturers in the States have already advanced their prices on an average of 75c per dozen and are to hold a meeting in Chicago on March 7th to size up the situation. It is certain that unless a further advance takes place many broom makers who are not stocked with broom corn will have to shut down. Canadian manufacturers have not advanced prices to the same extent as in the United States, but high prices seem to be well in sight. So far the advance made by the largest Canadian manufacturers is from 25c to 50c per dozen, and as the spring trade will soon be on them a further advance is probable.

## THE GREAT WEST LIFE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of The Great-West Life Assurance Company was held on the 28th February, 1899, at the head office of the company, Winnipeg, and was well attended by leading Winnipeg shareholders and representatives from outside points.

Mr. A. Macdonald, President, took the chair, and after the preliminary proceedings, the Directors' and Auditor's Report for the year was submitted:

### DIRECTORS' REPORT, DEC. 31, 1898.

"Your directors have much pleasure in submitting herewith for your approval the report and statement of accounts for the year 1898, the sixth full calendar year of the company's operations.

During the year, 1826 applications for insurance, amounting to \$2,555,751.00 were received; policies were issued or revived for \$2,399,051.00, and 134 applications for \$185,000 were declined, the balance being in course of completion or under consideration. The insurance in force on the 31st of December was \$8,403,677.00, a gain for the year of \$1,219,143.00.

The total cash income for the year was \$264,511.58, an increase of \$44,645.52 over the previous year; the premium income being \$240,127.80 — an increase of 19 per cent. over the previous year, and the interest income being \$24,383.78 — an increase of 55 per cent. over the previous year.

All the investments of the company (outside of debentures principally deposited with the Dominion government) are on the security of first mortgages on improved and rental-bearing properties in the west, and on the policies of the company. The average rate of interest on these investments in 1898 was 7.02 per cent. The satisfactory manner in which payments of interest due have been met is apparent by the fact that not one dollar remained unpaid on our books at the close of the year.

The net amount of death claims upon policies of the Great-West Life was \$26,099.49, including present value of instalment policies not yet due, and upon the re-insured business of the Dominion Safety Fund the death claims were \$20,312.63, a total of \$46,412.12. Our cheque in every case was mailed within twenty-four hours of receipt of completed proofs.

We were the first Canadian company to put up a four per cent. reserve. Three of the leading companies have since followed us, and we are now one of only four Canadian companies showing a surplus on this stringent basis. The unsurpassed security and liberality of our policies, and our promptness in paying claims are now, so well known: from the Atlantic to the Pacific, that our agents find it easier each year to secure business, and the cost of obtaining new business, — always comparing favorably with any other company — is being steadily lowered.

The valuation of our first distribution of profits on policies of five years' duration has been completed, and the distribution will be made in accordance with the recommendation of our Consulting Actuary. We are pleased to be able to announce that this will be a larger dividend than is being paid by some of the largest companies in America, notwithstanding

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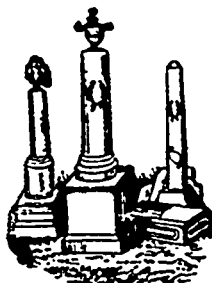
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the fact that our premiums are much lower. Schedules are being prepared, and particulars of dividend in cash bonus addition or reduction of premium will be forwarded to the policy-holders as soon as these are completed by Mr. Stauden.

The question of a dividend to shareholders has received careful consideration, and, while our surplus, even on the stringent basis of valuation adopted, would justify a dividend being paid, it was decided that it would be more in the interests of all concerned, and consistent with the policy we have always carried out of giving first consideration to the security of the policy-holders, not to declare a dividend this year.

The sudden death of Mr. Robert Thomson, of Hamilton, deprived us of the services of a valued member of our Ontario Board of Direction.

Owing to his removal to Montreal, Mr. James Redmond placed his resignation with your Board. Mr. A. M. Nanton was elected to succeed him.

The Directors desire to remind both shareholders and policy-holders that they will be studying their own interests as well as those of the company by bringing its advantages to the notice of their friends.

Summary of Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for the Year 1898.—

INCOME;	
Premium income	\$240,127.80
Less re-insurance premiums	1,806.20
	<u>\$238,321.60</u>
Interest income	24,383.78
	<u>\$262,705.38</u>
EXPENDITURE;	
Paid to policy-holders for death claims, surrenders and annuities	\$ 38,115.99
Commissions and travelling expenses	49,069.09
Taxes and license fees	1,786.81
General expenses	42,692.94
Balance	130,140.55
	<u>\$262,703.38</u>
ASSETS, DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.	
Mortgages on real estate	\$345,907.24
Debentures	62,770.50
Loans on policies	17,253.05
Reversions	2,391.93
Outstanding and Deferred Premiums	59,603.15
Accrued interest (not due)	5,111.09
Use by other Companies for Re-insurance	5,000.00
Cash in banks	35,628.31
Other assets	22,985.47
	<u>\$554,318.72</u>
LIABILITIES.	
4 Per Cent. Basis.	
Reserve	\$428,463.53
Other Liabilities	16,104.98
Surplus to Policy-holders	109,748.19
	<u>\$554,318.73</u>
Dominion Government Basis.	
Reserve	\$379,728.53
Other Liabilities	16,104.98
Surplus to Policy-holders	158,485.19
	<u>\$554,318.72</u>

Winnipeg, Man., 4th February, 1899.  
To the President and Directors of the Great-West Life Assurance Co.,  
Winnipeg, Man.:

Gentlemen,—I beg to report that I have made an audit of the books of the Great-West Life Assurance Company for the year ending 31st December, 1898, have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify that the foregoing financial statement presents a true abstract of the Company's books, and correctly represents its financial standing.

The securities embraced in the assets (with the exception of those lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to \$56,000, for which we found a sufficient receipt from the Government) have been examined and correspond with the schedules in the Company's books.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) E. B. LEMON, Auditor.

The president in moving the adoption of the report said: Since our first meeting in August, 1893, it has been my privilege to move the adoption of the directors' report, and my good fortune to be able to congratulate you on the successes of the year's business, but I have never been able to do so more heartily than at this time. What your Directors and all connected with the Company have earnestly wished and worked for has been accomplished, and the Great West Life stands to-day an acknowledged success.

With over \$8,000,000 of business in force, assets of over \$550,000, and a yearly income of over a quarter of a million dollars, we can justly claim that we have done better than any other Canadian Company at the same age.

It is not the wonderful growth of the business alone that has caused such favorable comment from all sides, but principally the solid financial position we occupy. When we decided to value our policy liabilities on a 4 per cent. basis, no other Canadian company was doing so, and now we are one of only four Canadian companies showing a surplus on this stringent basis, I have in my hand a statement showing our position as regards surplus to Policy holders on the Dominion Government Standard of 4 1/2 per cent. basis, which I will read:

Surplus to Policy-Holders on a 4 1/2 per cent. basis.	
Great-West, at the end of 6th full year	\$158,485.19
Confederation, at the end of 6th year	123,020.66
North American, at the end of 6 years	114,895.91
Sun, at the end of 6 years	82,567.22
Dominion, at the end of 6 years	76,419.42
Federal, at the end of 6 years	83,783.25
Temperance and General, at end of 6 years	48,133.38
Manufacturers, at the end of 6 years	64,057.53
Canada	Not published.

Our effort from the start has been to manage the business entrusted to us with economy, care and energy; to give our Policyholders security second to none to treat them with liberality and to pay all claims promptly. Our success in carrying out this plan has been rewarded by a generous support from one end of the Dominion to the other.

The future of this Western portion of the Dominion is very bright and full of hope. Our Province has been blessed with another abundant harvest, stock on the ranches to the West look well, and the prospects of a large immigration were never so bright. Our anticipations in regard to the gold fields of Western Ontario have been fully realized, and the same remarks will apply with even greater force to the Kootenay and Klondike districts. New fields are being opened out in British Columbia quite as promising as those of the Kootenay, so that the outlook for business was never better, and our energetic Managing Director and his well organized and efficient staff can be relied on to look after the interests of the Company so that the result at the end of our next

year will, I am sure, continue to be as satisfactory as the past years have been.

Alon H. J. Macdonald, in seconding the motion, said:

In the Directors' report it is stated that our average rate of interest on the investments of the Company, except the debentures, is 7.02 per cent. The exact amount loaned on the security of first mortgages on improved, rental-bearing real estate is \$345,907.24.

The amount loaned on the security of the Company's policies is \$17,253.05.

It is on these two items that we earn an average of 7.02 per cent. Our average rate of interest on our total invested funds is 6.57 per cent.

As we do not require to increase our deposit with the Dominion Government it is not necessary to make further investments in debentures; consequently, it is the average rate earned in our other investments that affects the ultimate results to our policy-holders.

It is our position in the centre of this great developing country that enables us to invest the premiums of policy-holders to better advantage than our competitors are able to do.

From all the eastern monetary institutions comes the cry that interest earnings are decreasing. Therefore we can properly say to those contemplating insuring their lives, send your premiums to us to be invested here and "grow up with the country."

We claim, and those present here today know that our claim is well founded, that while we earn a higher rate of interest, our investments are as safe or safer than if made elsewhere at lower rates, and this is clearly demonstrated by the fact that after six years we can show a statement without a dollar of interest in arrears or a dollar's worth of mortgaged property foreclosed or for sale.

Our opinion as to the security and value of investing funds here is corroborated by every representative financial institution in the country, as evidenced by the fact that those not now here are arranging to come as soon as practicable.

Our local knowledge of the securities offered and of the borrowers has enabled us to select gilt-edged applications and decline all that were in the slightest degree doubtful.

The effect of interest earning on the cost of life insurance is well-known to all life insurance people, but not to the average insurer. To show its importance, it is only necessary to consult a compound interest table, and it will be seen that in the average time between the placing of the insurance and the payment of the policy a difference of two per cent interest makes a difference of over \$1,500 on each \$100 a year paid for premiums.

This explains why the premiums of the Great-West are so much lower on the same plans than those of other companies, and is a strong reason for placing insurance with this strong and progressive western company.

In supporting the motion Mr. P. C. McIntyre, M. P. P., said: In support of the motion to adopt the Report I may be permitted to say a few words in reference to the Company's business. As a member of the Application Committee, which passes upon all applications for insurance submitted to the Company, I can testify to the care exercised in the selection of lives for insurance; and the exceedingly low death rate we have experienced is not simply a piece of good fortune, but is largely the result of the careful at-

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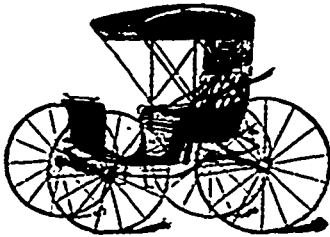
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attention given to this important part of the work.

I have a statement of the business in force of the different companies in Canada at about the same age as we have now attained. From it you will see that in volume of business as well as in the excellent class of business written we hold a leading position.

**BUSINESS IN FORCE.**

Great-West, at the end of 6 years	\$8,405,077
Ontario Mutual, at the end of 10 years	2,165,412
North American, at the end of 6 years	6,974,390
Canada Life, at the end of 8 years	2,349,609
Federal, at the end of 6 years	9,930,987
San, at the end of 6 years	3,390,390
Confederation, at the end of 6 years	3,465,858
Dominion, at the end of 6 years	2,054,514
Manufacturers, at the end of 6 years	8,937,834
Temperance and General, at the end of 6 years	4,472,170

In some quarters we sometimes hear it alleged that a large business can only be secured now-a-days at an expense that is not justified. Upon this point I would recall the statement in our Actuary's letter to the effect that, while our premium income increased about 20 per cent, our working expenses only increased about 5 per cent. So that, whatever may be the objection to other companies in this connection, the Great West is certainly pursuing a safe course. The success achieved by our Company is rather the result of its action in giving to its policy holders a contract that recommends itself to the insuring public.

In comparing the advantages of different plans of insurance much stress is laid upon the guaranteed returns to policy-holders. This is quite right; but in these comparisons an important item is seldom considered, that is the premium that is guaranteed. You will, perhaps, understand me better if I give you by way of illustration, a comparison between the guarantee of the Great-West and one of the large American companies that has been making an announcement in the newspapers as to guaranteed results. I take a 20 payment life policy of \$10,000 in both companies, at age 35 years; the guaranteed reserve in each case is exactly the same, viz: \$5,390,000. The annual premium, however, of the American company is \$110.00, while that of the Great-West Life Company is only \$315.50, making a total saving in 20 years of \$3,684.83, with interest added at 6 per cent. compounded.

Mr. A. M. Nanton, commenting upon the investments of the company, said: I have only been on the Board of Directors for a short time, being assigned to the Finance Committee. I would, however, like to state that I have never been connected with any Company where the Directors took a keener interest in its affairs than they do in the Great-West. Although the Board meetings and Committee meetings are numerous, they are well attended, and the greatest care is taken. The Finance Committee passes as every investment that is made, and the satisfactory statement as to them bears out my remarks that, in the past, great care has been exercised, and I think we can consider the funds of the Company as having been safely and well invested.

The Managing Director read the

report of Mr. W. T. Standen, Consulting Actuary, as follows:

New York, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1899.

To the Board of Directors,  
The Great-West Life Assurance Co.,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Gentlemen,—  
A careful analysis of the items contained in your Balance Sheet as for December 31st, 1898, reveals a very great deal that must be gratifying to you, and very commendable to the officers of the Company.

Starting business as you did, right in the midst of the very keenest competition, at a time when many of the best experts in Life Insurance announced the fact that it was impossible to successfully launch a new company, it is quite remarkable that in so short a time you are able to show a clear working surplus of a satisfactory amount with the valuation of your Policy liabilities made upon such a rigid and severe a basis as that of the Actuaries' Table of Mortality with 4 per cent interest. I think that very few, if any other, Life Insurance Companies ever succeed in so short a space of time in relieving their Capital Stock from impairment and showing a clear working surplus upon so stringent a basis of Policy valuation.

From the vantage ground now safely attained by you, I have no doubt in the world that you will continue to make substantial gains, and show material growth, and increase in strength and business productiveness from year to year; and I feel sure that discriminating Policyholders will recognize the advantages which you will be able to offer them.

In the item of business in force, premium income, and gain in assets, your business is exceedingly favorable; but to me the most noticeable increase is the large gain made in the item "income from interest on investments." I am very pleased to see that the increase in management and working expenses is less than the proportionate increase in income and assets; and it clearly demonstrates the fact that the zeal of your officers for the procurement of new business is wisely tempered by a sound business discrimination. The increase in the working expenses is only about 5 per cent over the expenses of 1897, while the increase in the income is over 20 per cent, and the increase in business in force is very nearly the same percentage.

The valuation recently sent you by me, of your Policy obligations, gave me an excellent opportunity of observing the distribution of your business on the various plans; and I am very glad to see that such a large proportion of your business is on the 20-payment Life Form. This plan is one of the most favorable, alike to the Company and the Policyholder, and it always demonstrates a better persistency than the cheaper forms of insurance do.

Your mortality experience I regard as very favorable; it must be satisfactory to you to know that your medical officers are so carefully guarding your interest in this respect.

The holders of the deferred dividend policies have considerable concern in the interest earnings of a company. Of course, it is essential to them that security shall not for one moment be jeopardized, but at the same time, the greater the rate of interest obtainable on perfectly secure investments, the more favorable will be the returns under their policies. The rate of interest that you earn is very satisfactory indeed, and is full of promise

to the holders of deferred dividend policies.

I beg leave to congratulate you upon the abundant evidence of the careful management of your Company which is deserving of the most unqualified endorsement.

Respectfully yours,  
W. T. STANDEN,  
Consulting Actuary.

Dr. H. H. Chown, in presenting the Report of the Medical Directors, said: Your Medical Board have come to look upon the Annual Meeting as rather a pleasant feature in their lives, because their report has been, from year to year, unusually favorable from the standpoint of the number of deaths—the standpoint that the shareholders necessarily take. Last year the mean number of lives insured by this Company was 2,169. In that number of lives we had only eleven deaths, which is a little less than one-third of one per cent, or 2.54 per 1,000. We have been in the habit, for some years past, of taking the reports of three Canadian Companies that are about on an equal standing as far as amount of business done from year to year, and comparing our mortality with theirs at their corresponding years of existence, using the same Companies from year to year. Now their seventh Annual Reports showed an average mortality of 5.21 per 1,000, so that our average mortality is just one-half of those three Companies at the same period of existence. In commenting upon the causes of death the speaker referred to the fact that only one death was due to chronic lung disease.

The Directors' Report was adopted unanimously.

Mr. F. L. Eaton, referring to the appointment of an auditor for the current year, emphasized the necessity of having a man of high character and integrity, and one thoroughly capable of performing the duties of the office. He nominated Mr. E. B. Lemon for the position, seconded by W. H. Culver. Mr. Lemon was duly elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Provincial Boards, the President and Directors, and the Officers, Medical Board, Agents and their staff, also to the Consulting Actuary of the Company.

In presenting these motions, complimentary remarks were made by Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, Mr. J. A. Girvin, Mr. W. H. Culver, Mr. G. W. Allan, Mr. Andrew Kelly and Mr. C. A. Baskerville.

On motion of Mr. A. Wickson, seconded by Mr. J. A. Logan, Messrs. J. R. Scott and W. McQuaker were appointed scrutineers, and the balloting for Directors was proceeded with, resulting in the following being declared elected, viz:

J. H. Ashdown, E. Crow Baker, S. A. D. Bertrand, J. H. Brock, G. R. Crowe, William Garland, G. F. Galt, A. Kelly, P. C. McIntyre, J. Herbert Mason, A. Macdonald, Hugh J. Macdonald, Hon. D. H. McMillan, A. M. Nanton, R. T. Jilley.

A meeting of the newly elected board was held immediately after the shareholders meeting at which the following officers were re-elected:

President—Alex. Macdonald.  
Vice-presidents.—J. Herbert Mason, Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald, Geo. F. Galt.

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## Manitoba

The Great-West Life is opening an office at Brandon.

E. A. Dugard has opened a hardware store at Beausjour.

A boot and shoe store is being opened at Elgin by Featherly.

J. L. Barge, builder, Birtle, Man., is opening a livery business.

Jas. D. Fulford, livery, Mather, Man., has sold out to Samuel Moore.

H. Hobson, second-hand goods, Winnipeg, has sold out to William C. Cole.

The Queen's hotel, Minnedosa, has been sold to Cassidy, of Strathclair.

There is an opening for a good blacksmith and general repairer at Burnside.

Frank Hazelwood has purchased A. Cadmore's butcher shop at Crystal City, Man.

J. F. Boyd, hardware dealer, Minnedosa, has sold out to W. H. Sparling & Co.

Gould & Elliott, general merchants, Pierson, are advertising their business for sale.

D. Harris has purchased the fruit and confectionery business of David Ridaway at Russell.

Hunter & Weldon, grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved; Weldon & Co. continue the business.

The time for receiving private bills by the local legislature expires on March 30th.

Ira G. Majerson, of Maxville, Ont., will start business as a watchmaker and jeweller at Roland.

A bakery has been opened at Elgin, Man., by Wm. Speer as a branch of his Boissevain business.

J. R. McLennan & Co., general merchants, Minnedosa, intend moving their stock to Treherne.

Webb Bros., butchers, Dauphin, will establish a branch at Swan River with J. L. Turner in charge.

Beautiful Plains Agricultural Society will hold a summer fair at Neepawa on August 8th, 9th and 10th.

Edward Stanley has opened an office at Roland, Man., where the News and Herald is now published.

Dauphin has another newspaper, published by Nix & Odger. The initial number is neatly printed and newsy.

J. Cobb, of Melita, has leased the 'Lelan' hotel, Napinka, from Hallonquist and takes possession on the 1st of April.

H. Robinson has rented S. W. Kirkwood's blacksmith shop at Macleod and will take possession of it immediately.

J. McKinnon and F. Davis have purchased the grocery and bakery business at Dauphin lately carried on by J. Cruise.

D. Dalgleish, of Hilton, has moved his stock of groceries to Margret, Man. He will carry a full line of groceries hardware and lumber.

Fire occurred in the drug store of Walter Pufford, Winnipeg, on Thursday, but was extinguished before very much damage was done.

Lilly & Carter, general merchants, Dauphin, had a milliner in Winnipeg purchasing a stock for their new millinery department which is to be opened shortly.

A customs sale of unclaimed goods and seizures will be held at the examining warehouse, Winnipeg, on Thursday, March 16th. Attention of

druggists and merchants is called to a seizure of perfumes, etc., that will be sold.

Belding, Paul & Co., silk manufacturers, Montreal, have opened a branch in Winnipeg, in the new Trust and Loan Co.'s building on Portage avenue. J. R. Galbraith, of Montreal, is manager. A stock of the manufactures of the house will be carried in Winnipeg.

C. A. Baskerville, hardware merchant, Winnipeg, will erect a new building this year for the accommodation of his business. The building will be two storeys and basement, of stone and brick. Work will commence as early in the spring as possible with the hopes of having it ready for occupation by Sept. 1.

Application is to be made to the Manitoba government for a charter for "The Winnipeg Trunk & Box Co., Ltd." This company has been formed for the purpose of manufacturing trunks, valises, boxes, packages, etc. The capital stock has been placed at \$75,000, divided into 7,500 shares. The applicants for incorporation are: E. F. Hutchings, Jos. Harris, Walter Jordan, W. D. Pettigrew, Geo. Leary, Jos. Greenfield and Wm. Scott, all of this city.

The Hoover Manufacturing Co. is the name of a new industrial enterprise which is being established in Winnipeg for the manufacture of overalls, etc. The company has leased the top flat of Maw & Co.'s, on William street. Union labor will be employed and the company propose to divide annually ten per cent of their net profits on a pro rata basis among the employees according to the length of time of employment.

Karl K. Albert, Winnipeg, who handles the Victor safes and other lines, has formed a partnership with John R. Watt, and the business will be continued under the firm name of Watt & Albert. The principal lines handled will be the manufactures of the Victor Safe & Lock Co., and the Toronto Scale Works, the latter line including computing scales, which are coming into use largely of late.

The new building which will be erected by the McClary Manufacturing Co. in Winnipeg this year, will have a frontage of 50 feet on Kamatyn street, east, and will run back 135 feet to the transfer railway track in the rear where a platform will be built for loading or unloading directly from the warehouse, to or from cars. The building will be four storeys and basement, giving five floors in all. The plans, now with Mr. Driscoll, manager for the company here, show that the building will be a handsome and substantial structure.

## Alberta.

Clark Bros., printers have started business at Macleod.

W. H. Martin, late manager for the Edmonton Saddlery Co., has made arrangements to open up shortly in the harness and saddlery business at Edmonton.

Furs have been coming in freely in small lots at Edmonton, according to recent reports, but very few sales at competition have been made. A lot from Lesser Slave Lake was purchased for \$415.

A rough estimate of the new building investment at Macleod last year shows \$18,850 expended in substantial structures. Unfinished buildings will raise the total to nearly \$22,000.

This total includes a business block by R. Whitney, costing \$1,200; an addition to the store of A. F. Grady costing \$150, and an addition to the store owned by the London and Liverpool company costing \$500.

The Calgary Board of Trade at a recent special meeting for that purpose endorsed the proposition of the Northwest assembly to establish an experimental irrigation farm in Alberta. The board intends approaching the Dominion government with a view to securing its co-operation.

A correspondent sends the following from the rising southern Alberta town of Macleod: Inquiries at the office of Coun. Nixon, town site agent, are brisker than ever before. There is every probability of marked building activity as soon as spring opens. Mayor Cowdry and council are agitating for the prompt installation of an electric railway and lighting plant. A telephone exchange is now being put in. There are 53 subscribers already on the list, with every prospect of an early increase.

## Assinibota.

Geo. Hunt has sold his butcher shop at Sintulata.

The West Co., publishers, Regina, is applying for incorporation.

O. Field, wholesale liquors, Moose Jaw, has sold out to W. J. Cosgrove.

W. J. Benson, of Markdale, Ont., will open a general store at Sintulata as soon as a building can be erected.

J. S. Lamonte, general merchant, Whitewood, is about to open a hardware store at Churchbridge.

S. Toye is about to take possession of the Markham livery stable at Yorkton, and will hereafter conduct the same.

J. McEwen's blacksmith shop at Qu'Appelle, and a frame dwelling were destroyed by fire on March 5. McEwen held \$300 insurance.

R. W. McLeod, who opened in business as a general merchant at Indian Head about three months ago, has assigned to C. A. Macmillan.

James Douglas has purchased the McDonald stock of stationery, at Medicine Hat, at a rate of 51 cents on the dollar and will continue the business.

The town auditor of Regina reports that the total assessment of the town is \$904,082, of which \$35,120 is on account of income. The total taxation at 22 mills is \$19,803.86. The total income of the town from all sources \$21,810.76; and the expenditure \$20,621.62, including \$3,541.67 to the sinking fund, leaving a balance in the bank of \$1,189.14. A by-law has been passed authorizing the borrowing of \$10,000 (or as much thereof as may be necessary), at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

## Live Stock News.

Several settlers from the east are looking for ranch locations at Medicine Hat.

It is estimated that there will be about 2,000 head of cattle shipped from the Territories to the coast during March, April and May.

A chinook wind at Medicine Hat on March 7th has cleared off a lot of snow from the prairie and in consequence the ranchers are feeling good. The past winter has been a very favorable one and cattle are in splendid condition.



**Territorial Stock Regulations.**

An important change in the regulations relating to the cattle industry in the Territories is contemplated by the Northwest government. Some dissatisfaction has existed among the ranchers and dealers regarding the system of inspecting the brands of animals being shipped out of the country and also with the system of hide inspection. It is now proposed as a result of a recent conference between Premier Haultain and the cattlemen to remedy this in the following manner: For the inspection of all animals one inspector is to be appointed for a specified territory who shall be held responsible for the proper performance of this duty with power to appoint deputies as they may be required. This inspector shall, at the end of each month, make a record of all animals shipped, with a description of brands, and transmit a copy to the stock association. The association will then see that each of its members receives a copy. Each ranchman will thus be able to ascertain if any of his stock has been shipped off. Another very pertinent suggestion is that any person shipping stock shall be required to produce to the inspector a bill of sale or authority to sell, every animal he purposes shipping, this provision to apply not only to shipments beyond, but also to those wholly within the Territories.

As regards the inspection of hides it is felt that the present system under which the winter killed hides are inspected while in a frozen condition is not the best that can be devised. It is now proposed that the butchers shall make a monthly return of all hides passing through their hands.

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The Town Council of Moosomin, N. W. T., is desirous to see a mill erected at Moosomin, catering particularly to the gristing requirements of the farmers in the district; with this in view the council will be pleased to communicate with practical millers, giving all information respecting district, possibilities, etc., to any parties looking for a good district to locate.

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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	20,000
Toronto	90,000
Klugston	210,000
Winnipeg	475,000
Manitoba elevators	5,575,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,694,000

Total Feb 25 ... .. 9,070,000

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on Feb. 25, were 52,335,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 46,532,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Pacific coast wheat stocks on Feb. 1 were 5,039,000 bushels, compared with 5,318,000 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 March 4, was 29,477,000 bushels, being a decrease of 448,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 33,012,000 bushels two years ago 42,768,000 bushels, three years ago 62,596,000 bushels, and four years ago 77,717,000 bushels.

**WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.**

Chicago	4,359,000
Duluth	7,876,000
Minneapolis	7,310,000
New York	3,100,000
Buffalo and afloat	1,667,000

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 10,923,000 bushels, compared with 13,163,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 33,332,000 bushels, compared with 41,471,000 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 Feb. 1, for a series of years were as follows. Bradstreet's report: Feb. 1, 1899, 118,787,000 bushels; Feb. 1, 1898, 127,723,000; Feb. 1, 1897, 148,597,000; Feb. 1, 1896, 176,981,000; Feb. 1, 1895, 204,135,000; Feb. 1, 1894, 213,695,000; Feb. 1, 1893, 203,362,000; Feb. 1, 1892, 167,587,000 bushels.

**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 movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	63,343,756	57,807,050
Milwaukee	10,106,595	6,913,272
Duluth	60,838,513	33,760,852
Chicago	27,880,783	27,436,964

Total ... .. 162,169,647 125,934,168

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	31,497,380	9,656,502
St. Louis	12,689,881	10,543,956
Detroit	4,157,171	4,234,761
Kansas City	22,841,993	25,731,766

Total ... .. 51,186,425 50,166,985

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Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 29c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9.00; IX, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11

Terne Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$8.50.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$6.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12½c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.10 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 and 22 guage, \$4.25; 24 guage, \$4.50; 26 guage, \$4.75; 28 guage, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: ½ inch, \$2.75; ¾ inch, \$3.00; 1 inch, \$3.25; 1½ inch, \$4.25; 2 inch, \$5.25; 2½ inch, \$7.25; 3 inch, \$9.50; 4 inch, \$12.50.

Lead—Fig, per lb., 4½ to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$8.00 lb., broken lots \$8.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 18@19c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 37½@40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12½ per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 7c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; ¼ kegs, 4½ lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12½ lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12½ lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12½ lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12½ lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12½ lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12½ lbs, \$22.00, 6½ lbs, \$11.25, 3½ lbs, \$5.75, ½ canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain twist, \$3.00 per 100 lbs.; staples, \$3.50.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.40 for 30 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4½@6 inch, \$3.00 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horse shoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$4.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 10c base; manilla, lb., 11c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

### Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.75 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.75.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6½c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½c; less quantities 4c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12½c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2½c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2½c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass.—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 57c; boiled, gal., 60c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 78c; less than barrels, gallon, 83c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20½c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2½c for eocene and 2½c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

There has been an agreement among all the British and American steamship lines to reduce the minimum passenger rate by ten to fifteen per cent, which makes a difference in the cabin rates of \$5 to \$10. This is the explanation of the so called rate war among the Atlantic steamship lines.

The American Fire Insurance Company gives notice that it has obtained a license for the Manitoba government to carry on its business within the province of Manitoba, and that it has appointed G. J. Maulson, of Winnipeg, its agent and manager.

### British Columbia Markets.

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

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, March 11.

The market was bare of creamery butter, but fresh supplies of California creamery were expected to-day, to sell at 27c. Some car lots of Ontario creamery are on the way which it is expected will sell at 26c. Local new laid eggs are 5c lower at 25c per dozen. Fresh Washington eggs 1c lower. Lemons are up 50c per box, and apples are 25c per box higher. Oranges are 25c per box higher.

Butter—Choice dairy, jobbers price, 18 @19c; off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 25c; Washington fresh, 23c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18@19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12½c, jobbers price

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; bloaters, 7c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$20.00 per ton, California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$3.25 @ \$3.50 box; apples, \$1.25@1.50 per 50 lb. box; navel oranges, \$3.00@3.25 box; seedlings, \$2.00@2.25 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.70; strong bakers \$4.30; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50. Grain—Oats, \$20.00 per ton; wheat, \$23.00@25.00 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7½@8c; mutton 12½c; pork 8@9c; veal 10@11c;

Live Stock—Steers, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 lbs; cows, \$4.00@4.50; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$6.50@7.00 per 100 lb.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon and India: Fair, 20c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

### PLEASE NOTIFY

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WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Table listing various grocery items such as Apples, Beans, Corn, Peas, and Canned Goods with their respective prices per case or per pound.

Dried Fruits

Table listing dried fruit items like Raisins, Peaches, Apples, and Nuts with prices per pound.

Tobacco

Table listing various tobacco products including T. & B. Cigs, Lilly Cigs, and other brands with prices per pound.

Wooden Ware

Table listing wooden ware items such as Pails, Tubs, and Butter Tubs with prices per dozen.

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Table listing cured meats and lard products like Hams, Smoked Meats, and Barrel Pork with prices per pound or per barrel.

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Table listing fresh fish and oyster products such as Whitefish, Pickerel, and Shell Oysters with prices per pound.

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Table listing various drug items like Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, and other chemicals with prices per pound or per box.

LEATHER

Table listing leather goods such as Harness, Black collar leather, and American Oak Sole with prices per pound.

FUEL

Table listing fuel items like Coal, Pennsylvania anthracite, and Stove, nut or lump with prices per ton.

**The Implement Trade**

Nel Gilchrist is opening a carriage shop at Russell, Man.

A. B. Cook has taken over the W. Henderson Co. implement business at Souris, Man.

The Boyce Carriage Works, Winnipeg, are very busy turning out wheel and rigs for the spring trade.

C. Wahn has opened business in implements at Gretna, Man. He will handle Moline plows, Case threshers, etc.

Bull & Dunlop have bought the implement business of H. J. Langstaff at Yorkton and will combine it with their own.

W. Henderson, formerly interested in the implement trade at Brandon and Souris, is opening business in the same line at Wawanesa, Man.

J. D. Balfour, of the Balfour Implement company, Winnipeg, returned on Monday from a flying trip to Eastern Canada.

The John Watson Manufacturing Co. are putting something new in the disc harrow line on the market this year. It is fitted with ball bearings and has steel frame.

John Blakeman has opened up an implement agency at Virden, and will handle Frost & Wood binders, Moline plows, Rain wagons and the implements of several other firms.

D. B. McLeod, of the J. I. Case Thresher Co., returned last week from a trip to the headquarters of the company at Racine, Wisconsin. Mr. McLeod reports that they have a number of important improvements on their threshers this year, including an entirely new system of bagging.

Implement dealers are being advised to make it a part of their duty to prepare customers for the advance in prices of machinery, which will inevitably take place with the beginning of another season. should the present commercial and financial conditions continue. All kinds of raw material have increased in price, and an advance in the finished product is sure to follow.

The Balfour Implement Co., recently organized in Winnipeg, has opened an office and wareroom at 138 and 140 Princess street, corner of William. J. D. Balfour, who has been connected with the implement trade here for some years, is manager of the new company. A general stock of implements and vehicles will be carried. The company has secured the agencies for a number of well known Canadian and United States manufacturing concerns in the implement and vehicle trade.

**The Lumber Trade.**

W. B. Fairbairn has disposed of his lumber business at Emerson to J. A. Badgley.

G. B. Housser & Co., lumber dealers of Portage la Prairie, are opening a branch at Macdonald.

T. Burrows will rebuild his saw mill at Pine River. The new mill will be larger than the one recently destroyed.

A Leitch of Leitch Bros., flour millers, Oak Lake, was in Winnipeg this week purchasing machinery for a saw mill at Cranbrook, B. C., of which he is also the owner. The original mill was recently destroyed by fire, but a new one is to be added at once.

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J. D. McArthur, who has purchased the lumbering business of H. B. Mitchell, at Selkirk, Man., will operate the plant on an active scale this year. The purchase includes the mill at Selkirk, extensive timber limits on Lake Winnipeg, lumber on hand and tug boat used for towing logs, etc. The mill is one of the best in Manitoba. Mr. McArthur also owns the saw mill at Birtle.

J. A. Christie, the well known lumber merchant of Brandon, was in Winnipeg this week on his way to his logging camps at Shell River and on the McLaren-Shields limit which he recently purchased. About 150 men are engaged in each of these camps. He states that the winter weather has been severe, but the quantity of logs that will be taken out and sawn at the Brandon mill this season will be very large.

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# FINANCIAL

## WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended March 9, 1899	.....	\$1,803,757
Corresponding week, 1898	.....	1,426,793
.....	1897	879,729

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ....	\$3,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,077,200
Feb. ....	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March ....	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April ....	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May ....	8,683,864	5,014,786	4,248,201
June ....	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ....	6,316,238	5,616,803	4,961,277
Aug. ....	6,180,365	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ....	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,680,706
Oct. ....	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ....	11,558,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec. ....	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945
<b>Year</b> ....	<b>90,672,798</b>	<b>83,485,121</b>	<b>64,143,935</b>

	1899.
Jan. ....	\$ 7,683,052
Feb. ....	6,209,471

### FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch at Midland, Ontario.

The Bank of Commerce, Winnipeg, is changing its premises this (Saturday) afternoon to the temporary premises which it will occupy until its new block is ready.

Mayor Andrews, of Winnipeg, was in Montreal this week signing the \$500,000 Winnipeg waterworks 3 1-2 per cent bonds which were sold some time ago at 97 1-2 cents to ex-Mayor R. Wilson Smith of Montreal.

It is announced that another loan company amalgamation is on foot in Toronto. The institutions embraced are the Canada Landed & National, the London & Canadian Loan company, and the Building & Loan Association. The combined assets of the three companies is \$10,638,445, and the liabilities \$7,393,220. Application is to be made at the next session of the Dominion house for an act of amalgamation.

### Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 20c per barrel lower, corn 5-8c lower, butter 1-2 to 1c lower, dressed hogs 1-2c higher, hides and calfskins 1-4c lower, potatoes 10c higher, apples 25c per barrel higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.45 to \$3.55; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.35.

Milled — Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11; bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11; corn feed, \$12.50 to \$15.50 per ton, as to quality.

Oats — No. 3 white, 28c; No. 3, 27 7-8c.

Corn—Quoted at 31 1-8c for No. 3 yellow, and 30 3-4c for No. 3.

Barley—35 to 42c.

Flax seed—\$1.13 3-4 per bushel.

Eggs—14 to 14 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 12c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 13c; fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 to 17c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 14c; dairy, 13 to 15 1-2c; for choice to fancy; seconds, 12c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-4c for No. 1; 73-4c for No. 2; green salted steers, 8 1-4 and 9 1-4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 8c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c each; veal, calf, 9 1-2 to 11c; tal- low, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c; seneeca root, 21 to 24c.

Applies—Good winter stock, \$5.25 to \$5.75 per barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 11 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$7 to \$8 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

### Tenders.

Separate and bulk tenders will be received for the erection of a brick warehouse on Bannatyne avenue, for J. H. Ashdown, up to March 17th inst. Plans at the office of J. H. G. Russell.

Tenders are being called by the public works department for carrying out a system of drainage, embracing parts of townships 1 and 2, ranges 3 and 4 east, in Franklin municipality. The amount to be drained is about 40,000 acres. The work is not large enough for dredges, and will have to be done by scrapers.

Tenders for labor only for fencing along the right-of-way of the Canadian Northern railway will be received up to and including 15th March next. The railway company provides all material and gives free transportation from point to point to the men engaged on the work. Tenders to be addressed to G. H. Ward, roadmaster, Dauphin, Man.

Tenders are being called by the clerk of the municipality of Macdonald to be in by March 14th, for the building of three bridges across the river La Salle No. 1 near Starbuck; No. 2 between Sec. 35 and 36, township 8, range 1 west; No. 3 between Sec. 13, 8, 1 E., and Sec. 18, 8, 2 E.

The Dominion government is asking for tenders, up to April 5, for provisions and supplies for the mounted police for the Yukon territory. Forms of tender and information from Police Superintendent A. B. Perry, Vancouver, or comptroller N.W. M. Police, Ottawa.



### TENDERS

Sealed Tenders, marked "For Mounted Police Provisions and Light Supplies, Yukon Territory," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to noon on Wednesday, 5th April.

Printed forms of tender containing full information as to the articles and quantities required, may be had on application to Superintendent A. B. Perry, N. W. Mounted Police, Vancouver, B. C., or at the office of the undersigned.

No tender will be received unless made on such printed forms.

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FRED. WHITE,  
Comptroller, N.W.M. Police,  
Ottawa, 21st February, 1899.

### Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There were 2,426,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 4. Increase for the week 92,000 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 727,000 bushels; receipts for the week 27,000 bushels, and shipments, 23,500 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 2,834,000 bushels; three years ago, 3,893,000 bushels; four years ago, 910,000 bushels; five years ago, 2,115,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,750,000 bushels, compared with about 4,400,000 bushels a year ago, and 7,000,000 bushels two years ago.

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## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 11.

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

## FISH.

Manitoba whitefish are practically out of the market as stocks in freezers have been pretty nearly all shipped out of the country. Some small lots are still being offered on the city market by traders but these do not appear in a wholesale way. The quotation for this fish now is 51-2 to 6c, which is an advance of 1-2c per pound. Smoked goldeyes have advanced to 40c per dozen, which is 10c higher than recent quotations.

## FUEL.

Business in fuel is getting quieter as the season advances and dealers are now less active in the pursuit of trade. A few more weeks will bring the end of the season for heating fuels. Prices are in about the same position as a week ago. Some dealers are trying to get \$8.50 for United States anthracite coal, but the prevailing price is still \$8.00. At this price there is a loss on every ton of coal sold, on a basis of wholesale prices given at sources of supply.

## GROCERIES.

There is very little change in the grocery situation this week locally. Oatmeal has been advanced 10c per sack. This commodity is commented upon under our grain and produce market. Bosula prunes in cases are reduced from the price of 8 to 9c given last week to 51-2 to 8c. Fine, off stalk Valencia raisins are quoted now at \$1.45 inside price. The outside quotation remains unchanged. Pitted plums are down to 91-2 to 10c. Teas are firm. Molasses is unsettled. Beans are firmer, as also split peas and pot barley. Cured meats are firm, with slight advances on several lines. Dried apricots and peaches are held higher in California. As high as 13c is asked for apricots, which would be equal to 171-2 to 18c laid down here, freight and duty paid.

## HARDWARE.

Locally there have been several changes this week. Tin, ingots, is up to 29c. Tern plates are now quoted at \$8.50 as against quotation of \$8 to \$8.50 last week. Galvanized iron is up 25c all round and so is iron pipe. Barb wire has advanced to \$3 per 100 lbs, as against our quotation of \$2.75 last week. Wire staples are now worth \$3.50. Common steel wire nails 41-2 to 6 inch have been raised to \$5.00. Bluestone is not any longer obtainable in large lots here, stocks being practically sold out. Producers in Omaha and other centers are said to be very much oversold and will not undertake to lay down new supplies here before the summer, which would be too late for this year's farm trade. As present producers' prices bluestone could not be laid down here for less than \$6.50 to \$6.75 per cwt., which is almost a prohibitive price.

The sharp advances in metals which have been taking place from time to time recently, have necessitated higher prices for many lines of manufactured goods. Almost everything in the stove and tinware trade is higher. Our special telegraphic reports from the east recently announced an advance made on stoves by stove man-

ufacturers. The advances on copper, galvanized iron and tin and tern plates has necessitated higher prices for tinware, galvanized ironware, etc. The advances is more marked on copperware and tinware with copper bottoms, owing to the big advance in the price of copper.

## GREEN FRUITS.

Local dealers predict another advance in California oranges, which went up 50c last week. Celery is very scarce and hard to get. Onions are also getting scarce and stocks will soon become exhausted unless fresh supplies are obtained. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4 as to quality; Mexican oranges, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box, bananas, per bunch, large, \$2.50 to \$3, medium, \$2.25 to \$2.50, Messina lemons, \$1 to \$4.25, as to quality. California lemons, \$1 to \$4.50 per box. Apples, spies, \$5.50 to \$6 barrel. Other varieties obtainable \$1 to \$5 as to quality. Aimeria grapes, nominal, frozen cranberries, \$6.00 per barrel, cranberries, unrozen, \$5 barrel, coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 14 to 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c, pecan nuts, 12c lb.; shelled walnuts, 241-2 to 26c per pound, comb honey, \$2.00 to \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, 81-2c to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels, California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 71-2c per pound; celery, California, \$1.00 per dozen bunches.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—With the exception of an excited spurt in the United States market on Thursday, the week has been one of dullness and decline in the wheat trade, and prices have lost fully 2c per bushel on the week. There was a drop of about 11-2c in the American markets on Wednesday, and the advance on Thursday was caused by the shorts running to cover, on rumors published in the New York papers of political complications in Europe which they seem to have very greatly exaggerated, as Friday brought no confirmation of such, and in the wheat markets all of the previous days' advance was thrown away again. European markets reflected nothing of this scare, as cable advices from Liverpool and Paris have reported steady declines there every day of the week. No serious damage to growing winter wheat crops is yet reported. The receipts of wheat at primary points in the United States are daily running about 50 per cent larger than for the same time last year. The shipping demand is slow, and the clearances from American seaboard this week are moderate. There is nothing in sight to encourage the hope of advance in prices except that the unexpected may happen. The American visible supply decreased last week 443,000 bushels, but the world's shipments were very large, amounting to 9,200,000 bushels, and the world's visible supply increased 3,250,000 bushels. Argentine shipments for the past week are reported 2,032,000 bushels against 1,416,000 bushels last week, and 856,000 bushels for the same week last year. An item of interest looked forward to by the trade for weeks, is the government estimate of the quantity of wheat in farmers' hands in the United States, as at the first of March. This was given out

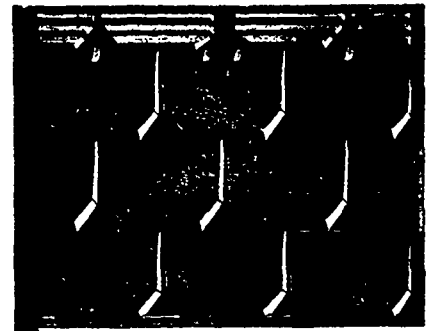
from Washington yesterday afternoon as 198,000,000 bushels. The largest quantity estimated to be in farmers' hands on 1st March for some years previously was 171,000,000 bushels in 1892. For the last eight years the quantities on that date are as follows: 1893, 198,000,000 bushels; 1898, 121,000,000 bushels; 1897, 88,000,000 bushels, 1896, 123,000,000 bushels; 1895, 75,000,000 bushels; 1894, 114,000,000 bushels; 1893, 185,000,000 bushels, 1892, 171,000,000 bushels.

The local market has been very dull during the week. There is comparatively little wheat being offered for sale, and the demand is also extremely light. It is well known that large quantities of wheat are held at country points, both by dealers and farmers, but much of it is held in hope that something may advance prices before the time comes when it must be let go. The movement from country elevators to Fort William is also much less than it would otherwise be, owing to scarcity of cars. Grievous complaints are becoming rife on this point, and it is hoped that the railway companies may soon be able to supply the cars required. During the week the ruling price for 1 hard Fort William, has been 69c to 69 1-2c per bushel. Yesterday, however, after the close of the market, there was a good deal being offered at 69c, but buyers fought shy of it at over 68 1-2c. Two hard and 1 northern sell at 3c per bushel less than 1 hard; 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring run about 62 1-2c per bushel in store Fort William spot. Dried 2 northern is in moderate request at 60 1-2c to 61c in store Fort William. For dried 2 hard there is no demand, it is offered at 63 1-2c without finding buyers. Tough 2 hard and 1 northern in store Fort William has been sold at 58c and tough 2 northern at 55c. These figures for tough wheat are

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for the gross outturn, and realize more to the shipper, than selling the same wheat after being dried, but the market for such wheat is very limited.

**OATMEAL**—Jobbers advanced the price of rolled meal this week 10c per sack to \$1.90. Several car lots of United States meal were placed here this week, at \$1.75 to \$1.80 laid down here. Owing to the great scarcity of good milling oats, Manitoba millers have been unable to meet the demand.

**FLOUR**—Prices to the retail trade have declined 10c this week and are now quoted as follows: Patents, \$1.85; strong bakers, \$1.65; XXXX, 95c to \$1.05 per sack of 35 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack.

**MILLEED**—Prices are quoted this week at \$1 above those given last week which showed a temporary reduction of that amount. Stocks in the city are very low at present and prices are firm at figures given. Bran is quoted at \$10, and shorts at \$12 per ton, but some holders ask \$1 higher, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

**GROUND FEED**—Best corn feed is \$20 per ton, and a range of \$18 to \$20 is given for this feed. Best oat chop is worth \$20 per ton. Mixed barley and oats are worth \$16 to \$18 per ton. Lower grades of feed range from \$10 to \$14 per ton. Oil-cake is quoted at \$4 per ton.

**OATS**—Oats are scarce and prices remain firm at figures given last week. Feed oats are quoted at 30 to 33c on track Winnipeg. Milling oats are very scarce.

**BARLEY**—Very little barley is offering. We quote 28 to 32c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here. Feed grades, and 30 to 32c for malting samples.

**FLAX SEED**—Nominal. This article is scarce and in a small way will bring 70 to 80c here, from retail dealers.

**CORN**—There is not much corn coming in yet to the local market. As the supply of oats is running short it may be expected that imports of corn will steadily swell until another crop of oats is available. From 42 to 43c per bushel is the ruling quotation.

**WHEAT**—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 50 to 55c for best grades of wheat. Damp wheat is worth from 35 to 50c.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—17c is now about the outside figure selling basis for best tubs and rolls, while 14 to 16c represents the average price, the top figure of 17c being only quoted for fancy grades. There appears to be little or no demand for cheaper grades at present.

**CHEESE**—The market is firmer and 10c is now the regular quotation for large and 10 1/2c for small cheeses.

**EGGS**—Eggs are coming forward more freely and will probably sell much lower next week. Old stock is pretty well worked off now and will not find much sale with fresh eggs in the market. Strictly fresh eggs are worth 20c this week, inferior stock about 2c less and limed about 14 to 16c.

**POULTRY**—Live chickens will bring 60 to 70c, but are scarce. Buyers are offering 10 to 12c per lb. for good mixed lots of chickens, as to qual-

ity. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality, geese, 8 to 9c; ducks, 10c.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes have been in good demand at 10c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/4c per pound; carrots, 35 to 40c, beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; native celery, 50 to 75c per dozen; cabbage, 1 1/2c to 2c per pound onions, 3c per pound.

**SENNA ROOT**—Nominal at 21c.

**WOOL**—Nominal at 8 to 8 1/2c per pound.

**HIDES**—Prices are unchanged. Frozen hides are quoted at 6 to 6 1/2c, less 5 lbs. tare. Inspected hides are quoted as follows: No. 1, 7c, No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 6 1/2c; calf 8c; weacon, skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

**HAY**—Baled is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on track here and loose on the street market at \$6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Frozen beef is almost out of the market. Fresh killed beef is worth 6 1/2 to 7c which is 1-2c higher than our quotation of last week. Range beef is quoted at 6 1/2c, and choice stall fed at 7c. A car of Ontario dressed hogs was sold for shipment to Winnipeg this week at \$4.70, equal to \$5.50 laid down here. Fresh killed beef 6 1/2 to 7c. Mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c, veal, 6 to 7 1/2c. Hogs, country lots, 5 3/4 to 6c, as to quality.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**LIVE STOCK**—There is no movement of cattle to speak of, the only business doing being on local butchers' account. Good stall-fed domestic cattle are worth 3 3/4 to 4c. Buyers are out in some parts of the country after stockers.

**SHEEP**—None offering. Nominal at say 4c per pound.

**HOGS**—Quoted nominally at 13-14c off cars. Winnipeg, for selected weights.

**MILCH COWS**—No business doing. Quoted at \$25 to \$40 per head.

**HORSES**—There is a good demand for horses for spring work and a fairly adequate supply. Domesticated horses are selling at from \$100 to \$150 apiece and some have even brought as high as \$175 each. Bronchos, rough and unhandled, are worth \$22 apiece. Bronchos, halter broke, from 1200 pounds upwards, are worth from \$50 to \$80 each.

#### Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

**Wheat**—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 97c.

**Flour**—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.50; bakers, \$2.30.

**Millstuffs**—Bran, \$11 per ton; shorts, \$13, in large lots.

**Oats**—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 39 to 41c. Barley—40c for feed.

**Butter**—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1/2c.

**Cheese**—Jobbers selling at 10 to 10 1/2c.

**Eggs**—Dealers selling at 16 to 18c for fresh.

**Dressed meats**—Fresh killed beef city dressed, 6 to 6 1/2c; country, 3 to 4 1/4c; mutton, 6 to 7c; hogs, 6 1/4 to 6 1/2c.

**Live stock**—Cattle, butchers' 3 1/2 to 4c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, none offered.

**Hides**—Frozen hides, 6 3/4 to 7c.

**Hay**—Baled, on track, at country points, \$6 to \$6.50.

**Potatoes**—35 to 40c per bushel.

**Poultry**—Chickens, 9c per lb.; turkeys, 12 1/2c; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8c.

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**New York Wheat**

New York, March 6.—Wheat — Receipts, 179,200 bushels; exports, 96,920 bushels. Options opened weak and declined under bearish weekly foreign statistics. Traders oversold, however, and in the afternoon, when confronted by export rumors and talk of Argentine crop damage by excessive rain, they hastened to cover, with an attendant sharp rally. The close was steady at unchanged prices, to 3-8c net decline.

New York, March 7. — Wheat: Receipts 296,000 bushels; sales 1,395,000 bushels. Options opened firmer and were sustained until the heavy increase in the world's stocks, according to Bradstreets, and liberal interior receipts caused active unloading by early purchasers. The afternoon market was, therefore, weak and heavy, with Chicago selling here. Closed weak at 3-8c to 5-8c net decline.

New York, March 8.—Wheat — Receipts 32,800 bushels, exports 119,000 bushels. Options opened easier and continued weak all of the session under heavy selling for both accounts. Cables were lower, crop news favorable, seaboard clearances small and the interior movement liberal. Near the close liquidation became pronounced and final prices were 7-8c to 1c net lower with the tone weak.

New York, March 9. — Wheat. Receipts 112,000; exports 109,101. Options steady at opening, but eased off under short selling. Then crop damage, war and export news developed and shorts, becoming alarmed, covered actively. Prices jumped a cent a bushel in the afternoon and closed strong at 5-8 to 11-8c net advance.

New York, March 10.—Wheat, March opened 82 1-8c, closed 81 3-8c. May opened 75 5-8c, closed 75c. July opened 74 1-4c, closed 73 3-4c.

New York, March 11.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 80 1-8c; May, 74 1-8c; July, 72 3-4c.

**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 of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, March 6.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 72 1-4c. July opened 70 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 70 7-8c. Corn, May opened 36 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 35 5-8c. July opened 36 1-2c, closed 36c. Sept. opened 37 1-8c, closed 36 5-8c. Oats, May opened 28 to 27 7-8c, closed 27 5-8c. July opened 28c, closed 25 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.35, closed \$9.25. July opened \$9.35, closed \$9.42 1-2.

Chicago, March 7.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-2c, closed 71 5-8 to 3-4c. July opened 71c, closed 70 3-8c. Corn, May opened 35 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 35 5-8c. b. July opened 36 1-8c, closed 36 to 1-4c. Sept. opened 36 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 36 5-8c. Oats, May opened 27 3-4c, closed 27 3-8c. July opened 25 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 25 1-2 to 5-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.35, closed \$9.25. b. July opened \$9.50, closed \$9.42 1-2.

Chicago, March 8.—Wheat, May opened 71 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 70 1-4c. July opened 70 1-8 to 7-8c, closed 69 1-4c. Corn, May opened 35 3-4 to 1-2c, closed 35 3-8c. b. July opened 36 1-8 to 3-8c, closed 36c. Oats, May opened 27 3-8c, closed 27 1-4c. July opened 25 1-4c, closed 25 1-2c. Pork, May opened \$9.25, closed \$9.27 1-2c. July closed \$9.44

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Chicago, March 11.—Wheat opened at about 69 1-4c for May, and ranged from 69 to 69 5-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May 69 1-4c, July 68 1-4c.  
Corn—May 34 7-8c, July 35 1-2c.  
Oats—May 26c, July 24 5-8c.  
Pork—May \$9.10; July \$9.30.  
Lard—May \$5.37 1-2, July \$5.50.  
Ribs—May \$1.72 1-2, July \$4.85.  
A week ago May option closed at 72 5-8c. a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.04 1-8 two years ago at 73 1-4c; three years ago at 63 1-8c, four years ago at 56 5-8c.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—May, 71 3-8c; July, 71 1-3c.  
Tuesday—May, 70 7-8c.  
Wednesday—May, 69 5-8c; July, 70 1-8c.  
Thursday—May, 70 1-2c.  
Friday—Cash, 67 3-4c; May, 69 1-2c, July, 70c.  
Saturday—May, 68 5-8c; July, 69 1-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 68 7-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 66 7-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 71 5-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 96 7-8c; two years ago May option closed at 76 1-8c; three years ago at 61 1-4c; four years ago at 62 1-8c, and five years ago at 60 3-4c.

**Want Flax Seed.**

D. S. Johnston, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Rubber Co., informed The Commercial this week that there will be a greatly increased demand for Manitoba flax seed this season. The Dominion Oil Cloth Co., of Montreal, which is owned by the same persons who compose the Canadian Rubber Co., is establishing a linseed oil mill in Montreal, and they propose looking to Manitoba for their supply of flax seed. The Dominion Oil Cloth Co. is a large consumer of linseed oil. Heretofore much of the oil used by the company has been imported, and is subject to a duty of 25 per cent. The managers have concluded that this product should be produced at home, and they have decided to encourage the industry to the best of their ability. With this object in view, a linseed oil mill is being established at Montreal, and the company is open to contract with Manitoba farmers for 1,000,000 bushels of flax seed. It is proposed to endeavor to interest Manitoba farmers in the cultivation of flax, with the object of securing the quantity of seed required. Flax is a crop which succeeds well in Manitoba, and which no doubt could be grown much more extensively than it has in the past, greatly to the benefit of our farmers.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

The market closed to-day (Saturday) dull and nominal and very weak and lower at about 68c for No. 1 hard, Fort William.

A telegram was received to-day from Mr. King, of the Port Arthur elevator, to the effect that after March 15, the price for drying damp and wet wheat would be advanced 1c per bushel. Tough wheat, presumably, will remain at the old price. Grain men are much excited over this news.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, March 11.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.20 1-4 for cash and May \$1.18.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Saturday, March 11.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 67 1-4c for March and 67 3-8c for May; cash No. 1 northern, 66 3-4c, cash No. 2 northern, 64 3-4c.

**Rubber Still Very High.**

D. S. Johnston, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Rubber company, returned this week from a trip to headquarters at Montreal. Mr. Johnston says that the cost of crude rubber is still very high, the constantly advancing tendency which has been noticeable in this product of late years, has not yet come to a stop. While he was east prices advanced 5c per pound. The finest Para rubber is now worth \$1.05 per pound at New York, which is the highest price reached for twenty years.

The very high price of crude rubber has been a hard problem for the manufacturers of rubber goods, as they find it very difficult to secure prices for their manufactures in keeping with the increased cost of the raw material. Prices for the rubber shoe trade for fall business have not yet been decided upon, though the continued advance in crude rubber would indicate firm prices for rubber shoes. The new lists will be issued about April 1. Mr. Johnston said that they were very busy at the factory completing late spring orders and goods for the sorting trade.

**NEW YORK STOCKS.**

New York, March 10.—The bearish feeling was in the ascendant at the stock exchange this morning and fractional gains were made in the prominent shares, with internationals influenced by the sharp decline in the London market, where some concern was manifest over the aspect of the Chinese situation. Metropolitan Street Railway was a conspicuous exception, rising to rumors of impending favorable developments to stockholders. The opening prices were: Atchafson 21 5-8; Burlington 138 3-4; General Electric 118 1-2; Manhattan 110 1-8; Brooklyn Transit 95 3-4; Northern Pacific 51 5-8; Southern preferred 48; Tobacco 194; Union Pacific 45 3-4; no. preferred 78; Federal Steel 51 7-8; do. preferred 88; Western Union 93 7-8.

**BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

London, March 6.—A weaker feeling has developed in the market for both cattle and sheep. Prices for the former show a decline of 1-2c, and for the latter 1 1-2c since this day week. There were no States cattle on the market. Choice Argentines sold for 12c; sheep, clipped, 10 1-2c, and woolled at 11 1-2c. Liverpool, March 7.—This market was also weaker for cattle, and prices are 1-2 lower, but sheep show no change. Choice States cattle sold at 12c; choice Canadians at 11 1-2c; Argentines at 11c and sheep at 13c.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, March 11.—Wheat closed 7-8d lower.



### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 11.

**Dry Goods**—More active. The week's business equals exhibition week. Many buyers are here. Swiss spot muslin and Swiss lace curtains have advanced 25 per cent. Cottons are firmer.

**Hardware**—Brisker and more buyers are in the market. Western orders are larger. Halter, dog and trace chains are 25 per cent higher and eave troughs 15 per cent dearer. Bicycle sundries are firm and there is some likelihood of an advance on account of dearer raw materials. Loaded shills have been advanced 10 per cent by Canadian makers. The discounts on milk can trimmings have been changed to 25 and 10. Bolts and iron pipe are dearer. Scrap copper is 1 to 2c dearer, lead 1-4c dearer, zinc 1-2c dearer, rubber 1c dearer, and hog rings are up 25 per cent. Linseed oil and turpentine are each 1c up.

**Groceries**—United States sugars are still underselling. The domestic market is easy and less active. New York and Chicago have been large purchasers of teas here, thus reducing stocks. Many grades here are 2c dearer than a week ago. There is a better demand for canned fruits on account of the expectation of late arrival of southern fruits owing to frost. Corn is 5c dearer at 95c to \$1.00.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 7.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 50 carloads, including 300 sheep and lambs, and 700 hogs. The feature of the market was the small supply of common grades, which met with a good demand. The supply of export cattle was about equal to the demand and prices steady. Heavy exporters quoted at \$1.50 to 55 per cwt. There was an active trade in butcher's cattle, the demand being good. Prices were a little firmer, choice being quoted 15c per cwt. higher at \$3.75 to \$4.25 and \$1.35 per cwt. for selections. Common, \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. Offerings of Canadian stockers for Buffalo were a little heavier and prices unchanged, heavy stockers being quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt and feeders \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Choice lambs fetched \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. Sheep for export and butchers' use brought \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt. Prices for choice hogs were firmer, being quoted at \$1.37 1-2 per cwt.

### FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 10.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 50 carloads of all kinds, including 150 sheep and lambs and 600 hogs.

Choice butchers' cattle are firmer at \$1.50, which is the top price. Hogs were firm at Tuesday's prices. Other lines unchanged.

### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 11.

Flour is easy. Wheat is about 1c lower, oats 1-2 to 1c higher, barley 1 to 2c higher. Millfeed is up \$1 per ton, and oatmeal is 10c per sack higher. Cheese is 1-2c higher. Dairy butter, 1-2c lower. Receipts of fresh eggs are now liberal and prices have

made a big drop of 8c per dozen on new laid. Beans are higher.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$1.20. Manitoba bakers, \$3.75 to \$4; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per bbl. Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 68 1-2 for cars at country points. No. 1 hard 79c, Midland, and 83 to 81c, North Bay.

Oats—White, 31 to 32c. for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 47 to 48c, and 44c for No. 2 at country points for car lots. Millfeed—Shorts, \$15.50 to \$17 per ton; bran, \$14 to \$15 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.60 in bags per barrel, and \$3.70 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 13 1-2c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 11 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Hides—Cows, green, 81-2c; green steers, 9c; cured hides, 9 1-4c; sheepskins and lambskins, 50c to \$1; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 4 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 1-2c.

Beans—\$1.10 to \$1.25 per bushel for hand pick.

Dressed hogs—\$1.85 to \$1.95 per 100 lbs. for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1-2c for round lots, evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6c in bulk; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Poultry—Turkeys, 9c to 12c for frozen; chickens, 25 to 40c a pair; geese, 6 to 7c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3.50 to \$3.75; alsike, \$3.50 to \$4.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 11.

No changes in prices of staples. Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.30 per 100 pounds at refineries yellows, \$3.75 to \$4.15. molasses, 31c in car lots syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c as to quality; Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 9 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c; standard B, 33-4 to 4c.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 7.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 300 head, and 100 sheep and lambs.

The supply of cattle was small for the season. Some buying for export account was done at 43-4 to 5c per lb. Good cattle sold at 41-4c to 41-2c, fair at 31-2 to 4c, and lower grades at from 21-2 to 31-4c per lb. live weight. Sheep brought 31-4 to 31-2c, and lambs 41-2 to 5c per lb. live weight. The demand for live hogs was fair at 41-4 to 41-2c per lb. weighed off cars.

### THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 10.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 400 head, sheep and lambs, 40. Best cattle ruled on Thursday at 41-2 to 5c; fair to good, 31-2 to 41-4c; other grades, 21-2 to 3c. Sheep ruled at 31-4 to 33-4c and lambs 41-2 to 5c. Hogs ranged at 4.20 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 11.

Oats are very strong at an advance of 1c. Flour is quiet. Feed firmer at an advance of 50c on bran and \$1 on shorts. Hides are 1-2c lower. Receipts of eggs are increasing and prices

dropping daily. Cheese is 1-4c higher on better expert enquiry. Receipts of potatoes are heavier. Poultry is dull and lower. Dressed meats are about 1c higher all round, except dressed hogs. Oatmeal is 5c per sack higher.

Oats—No. 2 white 34 1-2 to 35c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.50, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton, shorts, \$16.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.80 to \$1.5 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8 to 10c, sheepskins 60 to 70c; lambskins, 70 to 75c, tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh 14 to 15c per dozen as to quality.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 to 14 1-2c, rolls, 14 to 16c; held stock, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 to 20 1-4c, tubs, 19 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice western, 10 1-4 to 10 1-2; eastern, 11 to 10 21-4c.

Beans—55c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 53 to 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10c; ducks, 6 to 8c; geese, 3 to 4c; chickens 6 to 8c.

Dressed meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 8c; fores, 3 to 5c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$5.75, country dressed, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 7 to 8c.

### MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 11.

The market is very strong and prices are continually tending upward. While lead, government standard, is now quoted at \$5.57 1-2 and No. 1 \$5.50.

### WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week report 29 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: Extra hard, 1 car; 1 hard, 75 cars; 2 hard, 8; 3 hard, 2; 1 northern, 62; 2 northern, 16; 3 northern, 1; 1 spring, 6; 1 white fye, 4; 2 white fye, 1; 1 Ladoga, 4; rejected, 8, no grade, 111 cars.

### LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 10. Cattle 1-4c lower. Quoted at 11 1-2 to 12 1-4c, estimated dressed weight.

### SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, March 10.—Market dull. Beet, firm; March option, 9s, 11 1-4d April, 9s, 11 1-4d.

### LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 10.—Cheese is quoted at 51s for both white and colored, an advance of 2s this week.

### DAMP AND TOUGH WHEAT.

Reports from Fort William this week say that it is now expected that the damp and tough wheat will be dried in time to be saved, before so weather sets in. The amount of damp wheat going forward, however, continues large. Grain dealers are greatly depressed on account of the large quantity of wheat which was bought from farmers for sound grain, which has been classed "no grade" by the inspectors, thereby meaning that it is too damp to be taken into store. The loss to the trade on this account will be very heavy.