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## WINNIPEG, JANUARY 28, 1889.

R. AGUE, blacksmith, Holland, Man., offers to sell out.

W. C. KAAKE, dentist, has opened an office at Portage la Prairie.

F. URQUHART has resumed his blacksmithing business at Neepawa, Man.

It is said a paper will be started at Moose Jaw, Assa., by J. N. Macdonald.

DRAPER & McLAUGHLIN will open a clothing and furnishing store at Portage la Prairie, Man.

THE Grand Pacific hotel, Portage la Prairie, was damaged by fire last week to the extent of \$150.

THE flour mill at Millwood, Man., is kept very busy. Farmers are hauling wheat long distances to the mill, as it is the only one in a large section of country.

CERTAIN lauds in Souris district defined as coal lands six years ago, and since then open for sale at the rate of \$10 per acre, have been withdrawn from sale for the present by the Government.

A. L. SMITH, look-keeper for J. D. Gillies, who was noticed last week as having absconded, has got away safely to the United States. He took with him about \$1,300 of his employer's money.

A. G. MATHEWS, manager of Dun, Wiman & Co's. mercantile agency at Winnipeg, will shortly take charge of one of the firm's agencies in the Eastern States. Mr. Mathews opened the branch in Winnipeg and has been in charge of it ever since. He has many friends who will regret his departure.

THE bailiff is in possession of the stock of D. McFarlane & Co., Minnedosa, Man.

ABOUT \$21,000 was expended in building improvements at Edmonton during 1888.

W. F. DOLL, wholesale jeweller, Winnipeg, went south last week on a business trip.

CONNOR & Co., appraisers, auctioneers, and general commission merchants, have commenced business at Winnipeg.

THE report that T. Headley, of the Grand Pacific, Winnipeg, had disposed of his interest in the hotel, is denied.

CHAS. BOECKH & SONS, the great brush manufacturers, of Toronto, have issued a handsome spring circular to the trade, announcing better value than ever in the brush line.

THERE is an unusually large crop this season of applications for railway charters, for proposed roads in Manitoba and the Territories, many of which, of course, are rather visionary schemes at present.

DIXON BROS., of Maple Creek, general merchants, contemplate the erection of a new store building next summer. The new store will be 100x30 two storeys high, and constructed either of brick or concrete.

MAYOR HAMILTON, of Neepawa, Man., has received a couple of letters respecting the cheese factory proposed to be established there. It is likely Fitzsimmons will be out from Ontario before spring, and if the farmers meet him fairly he will build a factory.

MR. LLOYD, of London, Eng., and C. S. Drummond, of Winnipeg, arrived at Calgary last week. They go north as far north as Edmonton to examine the country with a view of ascertaining the advisability of undertaking the construction of the Alberta and Athabasca railway.

HORACE McDONNALL, of the Great Northwestern Telegraph company, has accepted the management of the business of Dun, Wiman & Co., mercantile agency, Winnipeg. The appointment is one that will be certain to give satisfaction to the business community. Mr. Mathews, the late manager, left for New Haven, Connecticut, on Monday.

THE *Spectator*, Rapid City, Man., says:—Perhaps no better idea of the increase of trade in Rapid City can be given than to compare the amount of business done in the post office with that of last year. The figures given show that the business done in 1888 is about double that of 1887. Stamps sold in 1888, \$1,445.60; do in 1887, \$1,014.01; amount paid in on orders, 1888, \$30,570.18; do, 1887, \$15,723.27; money orders paid out, 1888, \$7,160.89; do, 1887, \$4,089.66.

AN order-in-council has been passed providing that when wheat or grain grown in Canada is taken to the United States to be ground and the produce thereof in flour or meal returned to Canada, such produce may be returned free of customs duty, provided the owner thereof resides near the frontier and more than five miles from any Canadian grist mill at which such wheat or grain could be ground, and that he observes and complies with the rules, which are specified rules provided for the entry outward and inwards. Infringement means forfeiture.

THE Winnipeg city council will rebuild the burned market building, at a cost of \$15,000.

OVER \$3,000 have been subscribed in aid of the erection of a flour mill at Glenboro, Man.

THE grocery stock of Fraser & Co, Winnipeg, which was a matter of contention a short time ago, and which was bought in at sheriff's sale by Thompson, Codville & Co., has been since sold to Wm. Hodder.

SINCE the commencement of the present crop year, the following quantities of grain have been marketed at Carberry, Man.:—Wheat, 323,000 bushels; oats, 108,000 bushels; barley, 22,000 bushels. Total, 453,000 bushels.

W. J. ELLIOTT, of Elliott & Son, implement manufacturers, London, Ont., was in Winnipeg last week. He is on a general visit to Manitoba and the west, principally to see what the outlook for the next season's trade is.

THE residents of Cash City, Red Deer district, north of Calgary, have forwarded a petition to the Postmaster-General praying that a post office be established at Cash City, and that L. M. Sage be appointed postmaster, also that a weekly mail service be established between Calgary and Cash City.

THE first annual banquet of the Montreal board of trade was held at the Windsor, on Wednesday evening. It was a brilliant success. Senator Drummond presided and there were about 700 present. The guests included the Governor-General and many leading politicians from the Premier down.

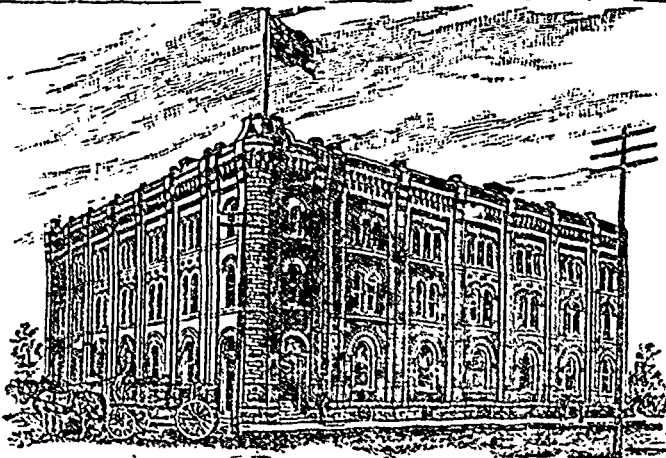
INSURANCE rates at Portage la Prairie, are considered too high by the local merchants. The *Liberal* newspaper of that place says:—The action of the insurance companies doing business in our town of collecting a rate of 4 to 6 and 7 per cent. on buildings and stocks on Saskatchewan avenue is a gross injustice upon our merchants.

THE management of Dr. Barnardo's Home at Russell, Man., contemplate the starting of a creamery to be run upon the most improved of modern systems, manufacturing into butter the milk of their own herd of cows, and if sufficient encouragement is given by the stock raisers of the district, plant capable of handling the product of 300 cows will be purchased.

THERE were 41 new buildings erected at Prince Albert, Sask. territory, last season, at an aggregate cost of \$45,910. Besides this a large amount of money was spent by the Government on the barracks and court house, which would bring the total of improvements up to about \$60,000 for the year. Prince Albert seems to be improving in spite of the distance from a railway.

CAVILL & POWELL, of Toronto, have given notice of their intention to apply to Parliament for an act to incorporate the Saskatchewan Railway and Mining Company, with power to construct railways from Dunmore station, on the Canadian Pacific railway, thence northerly to the crossing of the South Saskatchewan river at Saskatoon, thence in a generally northeasterly direction to Fort a la Corne and a junction with the Hudson's Bay railway, or to a point on Nelson river, with power to vary its line a distance of twenty-five miles to north or south of course indicated.

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So far this winter, 18 feet of snow has fallen at Rogers Pass.

B. L. Wood, tailor, Vancouver, has sold out to D. Campbell.

W. H. Smith, carriages, Kamloops, is reported to have left the country.

W. Van Houten will open a hardware, stoves and tinware store at Nanaimo.

Milligan & O'Brien have obtained a license as wholesale liquor dealers at Donald.

The Ames Holden Co. take possession of W. Heathorn's shoe factory at Victoria on Feb. 1st.

The excitement over the discovery of gold on Texada Island still continues, and licenses are being issued every day. Forty-five mining licenses have been issued already.

E. A. Jenns, barrister, has been admitted a partner in the law firm of Corbould and McColl, of Westminster. The title of the new firm is Corbould, McColl & Jenns.

There is some talk of a sugar refinery being established in the province, the firm of Welsh, Rithel & Co., of Victoria, being mentioned in connection with the proposed enterprise.

It has been rumored that the Northern Pacific Railway Company will purchase the franchise of the proposed road from Westminster to Seattle and Puget Sound, and extend the road to Vancouver. Officials of the proposed road deny the rumors.

The steamship Parthia sailed from Vancouver on Tuesday for Yokohama with seven passengers, twenty-nine Chinese, and a full cargo, consisting of 1,892 tons weight and 2,611 measurement. A large quantity of freight was left behind, the Parthia being unable to carry it.

G. W. Grant, of New Westminster, has prepared plans for the new court house to be erected in that city, which have been approved by the Government. The building, which will be brick and stone, will be two stories besides

basement and attic, and have a frontage on each street of about 80 feet, and will be a substantial and imposing structure,

Donald Truth: Parties now in Donald, in the interest of a French syndicate, are looking over the ground with a view to the erection of a large reduction works here. The French syndicate are the owners of the great Lexington mine and mill at Butte, Montana. The syndicate propose to erect works after the plan of those at Wickes, Montana, so as to be able to cheaply handle all grades of ore.

Sheriff Armstrong has instructed R. W. King, architect, to draw up plans and specifications for a fine brick block which will be erected on Columbia street, Westminster. The building will have a frontage of 46 feet and a depth of 62 feet, and will be two stories high with basement. The cost of the building will be from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Mr. Armstrong has already leased the ground flats of the proposed building.

The Ames Holden Co., operating a shoe factory at Montreal, and branch wholesale stores at Winnipeg and Victoria, has recently purchased the shoe factory at Victoria, owned by W. Heathorn. This is quite a large establishment, giving employment to about 75 men. It is understood the Ames Holden Co. will greatly increase the capacity of the Victoria factory. Mr. Heathorn owns a tannery at Victoria, which he will continue to operate.

Nanaimo Courier: A number of specimens of ore from Texada Island have been forwarded to Dr. Bredemeyer, assayer at Vancouver. The specimens are very rich, one containing free gold, assays \$300 to the ton. Some of the samples also contain rich indications of copper. Quite a number of prospectors left for Texada last night and on Wednesday, and by the time the flowers bloom in the spring, it is supposed that there won't be ground enough left upon which to effect a peaceable landing, much less locate a claim.

Donald Truth: Several practical tests at Golden have shown that the slate from the Walter Hogg quarry is a first-class roofing slate. The men who are expending large sums of money

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in business blocks and residences at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster would add another industry to those of our province if they aided in opening up this quarry. At present, roofing slate has to be brought from Quebec, and is too expensive to be generally used. The quarry is distant but 6½ miles from Golden, and is within a few yards of the C. P. R. track.

Vancouver News: The volume of business during the last week was slightly in excess of that of the previous fortnight, and is slowly but surely picking up again. The fish market continues to be well supplied; about 4,000 pounds daily being received, three quarters of which, on an average, was shipped east. California fruits are becoming more plentiful, but as yet have not decreased in price. Apples have gone up slightly. Fresh eggs are beginning to come in, and are quoted at 40c wholesale. Creamery butter is quoted at 29c.

Vancouver World: The claim recently located on Texada Island, about five miles above Gillis Bay, and which is owned by Easson, Jenkins, Prowse, Tree and Tippett, seems to give promise of being a most valuable find. Very little development work has been done, but already a fine ledge, carrying copper, silver and gold, has been struck. The gold-bearing vein is from 6 to 12 inches in width, and judging from samples, it is of the richest description, fairly bristling with native gold. A shaft has been sunk to the depth of about 25 feet, and a short tunnel has also been run. The work of development will be vigorously prosecuted. The find has created considerable excitement in this city, and already numerous parties are being fitted out, with the purpose of going to the spot and locating claims.

At the last meeting of the Westminster board of trade a resolution was passed instructing the secretary to call the attention of the federal government to the importance of having a United States consular agency established at this city. At present, when goods are exported to the United States it is necessary to send to Vancouver or Victoria in order to procure the necessary papers. This entails considerable delay, and often involves a good

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deal of vexation and expense. The *Columbian* says:—Our exports last year amounted in value to upwards of \$100,000, according to the customs returns; but in consequence of the absence of a consular agency here, a considerable amount of the exports from this city were entered at Vancouver and Victoria. The board also instructed the secretary to lay before the government the need of having a part of the harbor dredged so as to allow vessels of deep draught to reach the wharves.

**Grain and Milling.**

A miller has been writing to citizens of Westminster, B. C., with a view to establishing a roller flour mill there. He wants a bonus. Westminster is one of the best points in the province for a mill.

The Austrian Consul-General in Liverpool estimates the number of mills in England at 7,000, with a total collective capacity of 36,000,000 sacks of 280 lbs. The capacity of individuals mills varies from 100 to 7,000 sacks per week. He observes that although the roller system is making more and more headway, yet a great number of stone mills are left.

The *Calgary Tribune* says:—We have information from private sources to the effect that the terms upon which Mr. Prince's offer to erect a flouring mill in Calgary depend, will be conceded, and that the erection of the mill the coming summer is now a certainty. Our information is that the bulk of the necessary machinery has already been contracted for. It is also stated that a foundry is to be erected in connection with the mill.

The *Port Arthur Sentinel* intimates that Hastings Bros. & Co. have been pitting one municipality against another, in order to secure the largest possible bonus for the flour mill which they intend erecting next spring. This is doing these gentlemen an injustice, as they have not adopted the course charged against them. They have merely intimated in a business way that they would build a large mill, and this has drawn forth a number of unsolicited offers of bonuses from several municipal corporations which were anxious to get the mill.

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## IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

For some years there has been a growing feeling in the United States against the wholesale immigration of foreigners into the country. As the country settles up this feeling increases. A few years ago when the great western states and territories of the Republic were practically uninhabited, immigration was greatly desired, and the people were not so particular as to the quality of their immigrants either. The western railway companies, which owned large grants of land, and were anxious to sell these lands, as well as to get the country settled to provide traffic for their roads, placarded the civilized world with the most alluring descriptions of their respective districts. The great Republic was the el dorado of the world, and all were invited to come and enjoy its advantages.

But now matters have considerably changed. Already in even some of the more recently settled states, population has grown so surprisingly that people are beginning to elbow each other for room. Some of the railways in the west still own considerable land which they wish to dispose of, and they are, of course, anxious to increase settlement, with the object of extending their traffic. On the other hand, however, the idea is gaining ground that the remaining unsettled portion of the public domain should be held in trust for the rising generation of native-born citizens. Although a number of the western and southwestern states are yet very sparsely settled, the dread of overcrowded population in the future is beginning to be felt, and the tendency of the day is to discourage, rather than encourage immigration. This has been shown in various ways, from the platform, in the press, and in legislation.

The opposition to Chinese immigration is long-standing, and the reasons therefor are generally well known. This opposition culminated a few months ago in the passage of the monstrous Chinese exclusion bill, an act most unworthy of a civilized nation. Another form of opposition to immigration has come from the labor organizations. In fact the earliest opposition to immigration came from organized labor, and has been persistently followed up by such societies, with consider-

able effect. The labor organizations protested against the introduction of foreign labor into the country, on the ground that already there was an over-supply at home. This led to the passage of the Contract Labor act, providing that no laborers should be brought into the country on contract. That is, foreigners should not be engaged to come to the United States under contract or agreement to work.

Another reason for the growing feeling against immigration has come from the disturbances of a political and social nature, caused by the foreign element. The foreigner has come to be an institution in United States politics, and the most disreputable and contemptible of party tricks have been designed to catch or influence the foreign vote. The respectable portion of native population are beginning to resent this state of affairs. They reasonably ask:—"Why should this nosy foreign element exert such an influence in our national affairs, and introduce disturbing elements into our social and political life which are entirely foreign to our institutions?"

This is all quite right, and the citizens of the United States should discourage these exhibitions of foreign hatred in their national life. But really is this boisterous foreign element as much to blame for the exhibitions which have been made, as are the politicians who have worked up, pandered and encouraged it? If national questions have been made subservient to foreign prejudices, are not the politicians who seek to profit by such prejudices really the guilty parties? Though this will doubtless be admitted, yet the result has been to foster the growing feeling against immigration generally, which is not to be wondered at.

This growing feeling against immigration has recently found expression at Washington, in a bill introduced to further restrict immigration. The immigration committee has been making investigations during the past year, and as a result has reported a bill "prohibiting the admittance into the United States of idiots, paupers, and those who have been convicted of crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, persons afflicted with a loathsome or contagious disease, or those coming under contract to work in this country, except university professors or ministers of the gospel. The penalty for a person violating this provision or assisting another to violate it is

a fine of \$1,000 dollars on conviction within two years. No vessel is to bring over more than one passenger to every five registered tons, computing two children between one and eight as one person. The penalty for violation of this provision is \$500 fine for each excess passenger. A vessel bringing immigrants is made responsible for the head tax of \$5 which each is required to pay. Intending emigrants are to prove good character three months prior to embarkation before the United States consul, who is to receive no fee for certificate. It is made obligatory on common carriers to notify United States officials before the landing of the number of the aliens on board. The secretary of the treasury is given power to carry out the provisions of the act."

If this bill becomes law, it will show that the feeling in the United States in favor of restricting immigration is becoming very strong. In respect to Anarchists and persons of this class, the committee urges the necessity of their exclusion from the country. The committee regrets that a large number of the immigrants arriving, especially the coal miners and laboring class, are not suited to become citizens of the country. Many are of a very low order of intelligence, and of vicious habits. In the coal regions it is claimed this undesirable foreign element has almost completely driven out native laborers, their mode of life enabling them to exist on lower wages than the more advanced native miners. The report of the committee concludes as follows:

"The committee believe that the time has come when immigration should be more effectively regulated, that persons who immigrate to the United States should at least be composed of those who in good faith desire to become its citizens and are worthy to be such."

This concluding paragraph epitomises the whole question of immigration in a few lines.

The effect upon Canada of the passage of such an act as the one outlined above, by the United States would be considerable. It would likely have the effect of turning quite a tide of undesirable immigration towards this country. Heretofore Canada has had little to complain of in this matter, immigration to this country on the whole being of a superior class in comparison with that going into the United States. Dynamiters, Anarchists, Communists, and the lower classes

of laborers have found a more inviting field in the large cities of the United States than in Canada. Still we have had some undesirable immigration, and there is reason to believe that our laws for keeping out this class are not as strict as they should be. The adoption by the United States of legislation such as that now proposed, would increase the necessity for some more stringent measure regarding immigration into this country.

Another danger to Canada arises from the adoption of the bill now before the House at Ottawa. The United States immigration committee reports that along the Canadian frontier, there is at present no restriction upon immigration. A great many foreigners reach the United States through Canada in the summer season, coming in via the St. Lawrence route. Under this bill, these immigrants would be prevented from passing on into the United States, and they would thus be thrown upon the Canadian public.

In Canada the labor organizations have also for some time been agitating in favor of restrictions upon immigration. The legislative committee of the Trades and Labor council has lately issued a report, declaring that there is an over supply of laborers and mechanics in the country; and that wages are being reduced. The labor committee discusses a Government immigration pamphlet, and declares that the rates of wages prevailing in Canada, are very much lower than the figures given in the pamphlet. An attempt will likely be made at the next session of Parliament to secure legislation restricting immigration into this country, and the result of any such movement will be watched with interest. We have a very "generous" system of protection in this country, and why should not Canadian labor also be protected against foreign competition?

#### THE FLOUR MILL.

It is surprising how little interest seems to be taken here in the proposed establishment of the large flour mill by Hastings Bros. & Co. It is admitted that Winnipeg stands in need of manufacturing industries, if she is to greatly increase her wealth and population. Ordinary lines of trade are as fully represented as the requirements of the district and country will warrant, and important additions to the business institutions of the city must be mainly in the line of manufacturing industries. Notwithstanding that this is generally acknowledged,

the milling enterprise in question is treated with a great deal of indifference, as though it were a matter of little importance whether or not the mill is located here. Messrs. Hastings and McGaw have been offered strong inducements to establish their mill at other points, and they are very likely to accept one of these offers, though they would prefer to remain here. Winnipeg cannot afford to lose such men as Messrs. Hastings & McGaw, and some effort should be made to induce them to stay here. They are not merely bonus-hunters, with a scheme to work out at the expense of the community. They are thoroughly responsible men, of good business capacity, and well known to the people of Winnipeg. Besides, they already have a considerable "stake" in the city, and have been mainly instrumental in working up a large and prosperous business here. Their ability to successfully carry out their present undertaking has therefore been tested, and their record is known to our citizens.

The proposed mill would make the largest industry in the city, with but one exception, and it is therefore worth securing. The building and plant will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and the wages paid out by the firm annually will amount to about 25 per cent. of the cost of the property. This would be quite an item in the course of a year. The establishment of another large mill here would also greatly improve the prospects of the place as the wheat market for Manitoba. Minneapolis owes her greatness as the largest wheat market in the world, solely to the influence of her milling industry, which influence draws the wheat from all parts of the country, regardless of competition at other markets. The milling industry is the only manufacturing line in which at present there is really a wide field for development, in Manitoba. Other industries may be established here, but they have not the field for operation on a large scale, which is open to the flour-milling industry. If Winnipeg can be made the centre of the milling industry, for grinding the hard wheat of Manitoba, its future, as one of the largest wheat centres in the world, is abundantly assured.

It is not necessary to enlarge upon this question. Enough has been already said, from which to draw conclusions. THE COMMERCIAL has heretofore objected to the promiscuous system of bonusing irre-

sponsible parties, with various, schemes, which has prevailed so largely in the West. The arguments previously advanced against promiscuous bonusing, still hold good. Still, under the circumstances, it would seem but reasonable and fair that Hastings Bros. & Co. should be given the same privileges which have been granted to the flour mills now established in Winnipeg. All should be treated alike as nearly as possible. A money bonus has not been mentioned, and so far as is known, such has not been expected by the prospectors of the new mill, who are quite able to finance the undertaking without much aid. It is to be hoped that some arrangement may yet be arrived at which will induce Messrs. Hastings & McGaw to remain in Winnipeg.

[NOTE.—Since the above was in type, and just as this form of THE COMMERCIAL was being placed on the press, a telegram from Port Arthur arrived, stating that Hastings Bros. & Co. have concluded an arrangement for the erection of their mill at the Lake Superior town.

#### THE PROVENCHEE ELECTION.

The election in the division of Provenchee, on Thursday last, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Royal to the governorship of the Territories, has resulted in the return of Mr. LaRiviere. Manitoba has almost invariably been very unfortunate in her choice of men to represent the province at Ottawa, and the return of Mr. LaRiviere cannot be looked upon as an exception to the general rule. It really does seem that it is almost impossible to induce thoroughly responsible and representative men to allow themselves to be placed in nomination for Parliament. There are plenty of men in Manitoba who would make worthy representatives of the province at Ottawa, and whose honesty and devotion to the welfare of the province is above suspicion, but such men apparently consider that it would be degrading to them to have anything to do with politics, owing to the class of men who now manipulate political matters. This is greatly to be regretted, in the interests of the province and good government. We hear a great deal of talk about purifying our politics, but when it comes to an election, the case is allowed to go by default. It seems to be the fate of Manitoba to be misrepresented at Ottawa.



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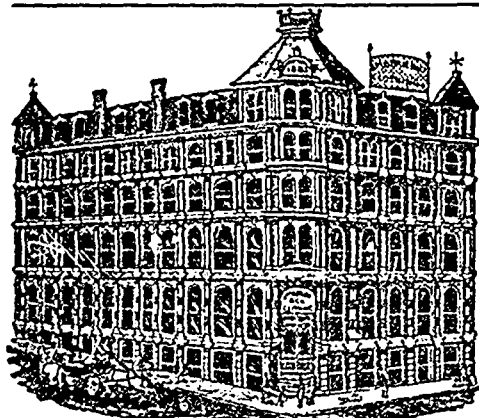
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**WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.**

In city financial circles a sort of lethargy prevails. There is but little call for additional funds for crop movement, though a considerable amount of money is now out on grain security. Still there has not been the same brisk demand from this source as last year. In other respects there is little doing at the banks, outside the ordinary discount business, which is done at the old rates. The call for loans on real estate security is limited at present, but a good demand is expected toward spring. Prospects in this direction are thought to be very much better than a year ago, especially in city loans, as there are indications of more activity in building operations in the spring and next summer. Collections in mercantile lines are not as good as could be looked for at this season of the year.

**WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.**

Business in wholesale trade circles, continued very slow last week, in nearly all branches. There was very little doing in any quarter, so far as present business is concerned, and the week was without any special features of importance. Prices were steady, and in many lines were nearly nominal. Altogether the dull season appears now at its depth, and until the spring movement of goods begins, the situation will be largely devoid of interesting features.

**DRUGS.**

Prices are steady, as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 50 to 55c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$3 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

**DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.**

Travellers are on the road still with spring samples, with fair results so far as heard from. The leading feature in this trade is the steady appreciation in prices at mills and factories, in several classes of goods. In fact, a very firm feeling seems to prevail throughout the trade, as regards prices. From Belfast, news has been received of advances in Irish linens, of about 5 per cent. This advance has not been felt here yet, but if maintained, it will be in time. Prices of jute have risen considerably, the advance being from £12 to £15. 10s. in the Old Country. Wages in this industry have also advanced it is said 15 per cent. so that higher prices must rule. Cottons are also higher at domestic mills. It is said the new list price of the mills average 10 per cent higher on grey cottons. Cottontades are higher, and seersuckers have advanced 12 to 15 per cent. Denims are up 7 to 10 per cent, at some mills, and ginghams 5 to 7½ per cent. Wools have been strong in domestic markets, advancing 1 to 2c per pound. If the firmness in wools is maintained, it will have an influence upon woolen fabrics. Cotton thread manufacturers on the other side have effected an advance in prices, which may in time influence prices here.

**FURS.**

No changes in prices are expected until the London sales take place. In the meantime the following quotations will indicate the range of values for the different grades:—Black bear, \$2.00 to \$18.00; black bear cubs and yearlings, \$1.00 to \$9.00; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$16.00; brown bear cubs and yearlings, 50c to \$7.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$7.00; otter, per skin, \$2.00 to \$9.00; beaver, clean and dry, per lb., \$2.00 to \$3.75; silver fox, as to size and beauty, \$20. to \$75. cross fox per skin, \$2.00 to \$8.00; red fox per skin, 25c to \$1.50; grey fox, 25c to 80c; timber wolf, \$1.50 to \$3.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1.00; wolverine, \$1.00 to \$6.00; Lynx, 50c to \$3.50; wild cat, 25c to 60c; marten, dark, 50c to \$2.50; marten, brown and pale, 25c to \$1.75; skunk, as to stripe, 15c to 90c; raccoon, 25c to 75c; mink, as to color, 10c to 50c; badger, 10c to 75c; muskrat, fall, 3c to 10c.

**FRUITS—GREEN.**

Business is very dull at present in this branch, and few new varieties are offered. Prices are steady as follows:—Apples, \$3.50, for choice to fancy stock; Montreal fameuse, \$4.25 per barrel. British Columbia winter pears are offered in large boxes at \$4 to \$4.25 per box. Messina lemons are quoted at \$6 to \$6.50, Florida oranges, choice, \$6 to \$6.25; russets, \$5.50 to \$6.00 Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$9 to \$11 as to size of keg; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherry, \$10.00; bell and bugle, \$11.50. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

**FRUITS—DRIED.**

Valencia rassins and currants hold firm and are stronger in outside markets, choice raisins being reported scarce. Prices are as follows:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valencias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, ¼ boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7½c; evaporated apples, 9½c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22½c; peeled peaches, 24 to 29c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c. Elme figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; Fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Coconuts, \$10 per 100.

**FISH AND OYSTERS.**

Hold steady in price as follows:—Lake Winnipeg white bring in jobbing lots, 7½ to 8c; pickerel, are worth about 5c; and pike, 2½ to 3c; Lake Superior trout are quoted at 8c. Fresh salt water fish are offered as follows.—Cod, 8c; haddock, 8c; tommy cods, 5c; smelts, 10c per pound; herrings, \$2.60 per 100 fish. Cured fish are quoted:—Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8½c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7½c per lb; Labrador herrings, \$10 per barrel, and \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked finnan haddies, 10 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; Yarmouth bloaters, boxes of 100, \$3.00; St.

John bloaters, \$1.80. Oysters unchanged in price and quoted in bulk at \$1.80 a gallon for Standard and \$2 for Select. Cans are held at 50c to 55c for the same brands.

**GROCERIES.**

Teas are said to be firm in outside markets, and with light advances on some grades. Sugars are easy, both yellows and granulated having declined ¼ to ½c in eastern market. The canned goods situation is weak. Stocks in the east are said to be large, and lower prices are expected for some lines. Tomatoes and corn are weak. Domestic leaf tobaccos are strong with reported rise of 2 to 2½c per pound. Prices here are:—Sugars—yellows 6½ to 7½; granulated 9c; lumps 9½ to 9¾. Coffee—Rio, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c. Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 46½c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Indox d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**

Prices in hides are unchanged. Frozen are bringing 2½ to 3c. By grade, prices are nominal as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Frozen hides, 2½ to 3c all round. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are classed at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality. Tallow, lower at 2½c for rough, and 5c for rendered.

**THE MARKETS.**

**WINNIPEG.**

**WHEAT.**

Last week was rather a disappointing one for bulls in leading American wheat markets, prices on some days being very slumpy, and several heavy drops in value occurred. The week commenced with favorable indications for firm prices. A cold wave throughout the fall wheat belt was reported on Monday, but it had little influence upon prices. The visible supply statement submitted on Monday showed a decrease for the week ended Jan. 19, of 899,348 bushels, but even this large decrease did not keep up prices. The total visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is now 36,599,029 bushels, against 42,361,232 bushels a year ago. For the week ending Jan. 19 exports from Atlantic ports were 114,600 barrels of flour and 42,500 bushels of wheat, against 279,200 barrels of flour and 392,400 bushels of wheat for the corresponding week last year. This steady decrease in the visible supply in the face of these light exports, should prove a strengthening factor in the markets, as it would seem to indicate that supplies are not as plentiful as is supposed. Total exports of wheat and flour from the United States both coasts, from July 1st last to Jan. 19, were equal to 52,495,322 bushels of wheat, of which 21,611,915 bushels went from Pacific ports, and 30,883,407 from Atlan-

the ports. Stocks of wheat at ten principal western points on January 12, 1889, were 21,993,137 bushels, against 30,023,627 bushels at the corresponding date last year, being 8,035,040 bushels less now than a year ago. So far as the statistical situation is concerned on this continent it would seem to be strong. The movement is light and stocks are decreasing. On the other hand the foreign situation is weak. Stocks in Great Britain are fairly large, and the quantity of wheat on passage keeps up to respectable proportions. In Russia and the Danubian provinces, stocks are very large, and as soon as navigation opens there will be a big pile of wheat let loose. Average prices in England were lower recently than average prices a year ago. It must also be taken into consideration that while the statistical position in America is strong, yet this is counterbalanced by the fact that prices are higher on this crop very considerably, than last year. For instance, on Monday, May wheat sold up to \$1.01, and a year ago that day at 81½c. The fact that wheat is now running nearly 20 cents higher than a year ago must be taken into consideration as a very important matter. For the next few months the crop situation will be the most important factor in wheat prices. Should any serious damage occur to winter wheat, prices would be strengthened, but there is as much probability of prices being depressed from good crop prospects. On Wednesday prices fell 5c at Duluth, 4c at Minneapolis, 3c at Chicago, and 2c at New York, the heavier fall in the western markets being due to the fact that these markets are proportionately higher than all other markets of the world.

In the spring wheat region deliveries for the week were light. In Minneapolis 7,700,000 bushels are in store, but it is said only 2,000,000 will grade No. 1 northern or hard, and a very large portion is therefore very poor milling wheat. In country elevators in Minnesota and Dakota about 8,000,000 bushels are in store, probably of about the same quality.

The easier feeling in outside markets does not seem to affect the local situation very much. In Manitoba market prices have held up well, and quotations at provincial points were not materially changed. Prices to farmers in provincial markets continue to average about 85c, the range being from 80 to 90c in the different markets. These prices are by samples, and may mean anything from No. 2 to No. 1 hard, probably averaging nearer the latter grade. Deliveries are light, and the movement eastward in proportion. It was reported from Ontario last week that farmers' deliveries there were increasing, and the demand from millers for shipment of wheat to country points, was consequently falling off. Manitoba dealers, a good many of whom are pretty well loaded up with wheat at the high prices paid, are feeling rather blue, as with present prospects it will be a close shave for them to get out without loss.

#### FLOUR.

Local prices hold very steady and are unchanged as follows:—Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers, \$2.60; XXXX, \$2.00; superfine, \$1.50. Graham flour, \$2.60; middlings, \$2.80.

#### MILLSTUFFS

Prices to the trade are unchanged at \$11 per ton for bran and \$13 for shorts; ground feed, \$20 to \$21 per ton.

#### BARLEY.

There seems to be no change in this cereal. In the city from 30 to 35c is being paid at the breweries for malting samples, and at Southern Manitoba points about the same price is paid to farmers for finest malting samples. At western points, 25 to 30c is about the highest paid. The feeling is generally easier, and 35c is a good price for cars on track.

#### OATS.

In the city prices rule from 26 to 28c paid for loads on the market, choice milling bringing the top price. At outside points from 20 to 24c is the range paid to farmers.

#### OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Prices steady at \$2.50 for standard oatmeal and \$2.05 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, 80 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal was held at \$2.10 but the arrival of several car lots from Minneapolis has reduced prices to \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

#### CHEESE.

Quiet and unchanged at about 11c.

#### BUTTER.

Prices just about hold their own in this market. There is very little demand, and the feeling is dull. Quotations range at from 18 to 22c for medium to choice dairy.

#### EGGS.

The egg market was somewhat demoralized last week, caused by receipts from Ontario, coming into competition with imports from the south. Prices were irregular, and sold as low as 26c per dozen, but this quotation was not likely to hold, and prices may rule anywhere up to 30c in a few days.

#### LARD.

Imported held at \$2.35 to \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails. City packed, \$2.50.

#### CURED MEATS.

Prices show no further change, and are quoted as follows: Dry salt bacon, 11c; smoked breakfast bacon, 14c; rolls, 12½ to 13c; hams, 14½ to 15c.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed hogs were coming in pretty freely last week, and prices were easier, some packers only bidding 7½c for all round lots, while butchers paid as high as 7½c. The latter figure would be for good hogs, in smaller lots. Prices may therefore be quoted at the range of 7½ to 7½c. Packers would not likely pay over 7½c in any instance. Beef holds steady at 5 to 5½c for good to choice country sides. Mutton, 9 to 10c.

#### POULTRY.

Unchanged at 8c for chickens, 13c for turkeys, and 11 to 12c for ducks and geese.

#### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes usually bring about 30c per bushel in quantities. Onions, \$1.50, carrots, 60c, turnips, 25c, parsnips, \$1, beets, 50c, all per bushel. Celery scarce, 40 to 75c per dozen bunches, as to quality. Cabbage average 75c per dozen for good.

### Toronto Markets.

Grain—Prices held fairly steady. No. 1 hard wheat usually held at about \$1.23. No. 2 hard, \$1.18 to \$1.20. No. 2 fall and No. 2 spring, \$1.06 to \$1.07. Barley, No. 1, 65 to 66c; No. 2, 61 to 62c, No. 3, extra, 57 to 58c, No. 3, 53 to 54c. Oats, very dull at 33 to 35c.

Flour—Dull. Patents quoted at \$5.40 to \$6.30; strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5.75; bran, \$15 to \$16 per ton.

Butter—Rolls, fresh, 14 to 18c; dairy, 15 to 18c; store packed, 12 to 16c; selected dairy, 18 to 20c; creamery 23 to 24c.

Cheese—9 to 11½c for medium to choice full cream.

Provisions—Mess pork, per bbl., \$16.75 to \$17.25; bacon, long clear, per lb., 8½ to 9½c; lard, 10½ to 11½c; hams, 11½ to 12½c; bellies, 10½ to 11½c; rolls, 10 to 10½c; tallow, common refined, 6 to 6½c.

Dressed hogs—Steady at \$6.50 to \$7

Hides and skins—Cured hides are offering at 5½c; green at 3, 4 and 5c; skins, firm at \$1.10 to \$1.35c.

Poultry—Turkeys, 9 to 11c for choice, with poor as low as 5c; geese, 7 to 8c; chickens, 45 to 60c per pair; ducks at 60 to 80c per pair.

Eggs—Dull. Fresh, 19c; lined, 17c.

Apples—Small lots sold at 3½ to 4c. Evaporated dull at 6c f.o.b. car and 7 to 8c in small lots. Green apples, \$1.75 to \$2 per bbl.

### Montreal Markets.

Grain—Canada spring wheat, \$1.15; red winter, \$1.18; white, \$1.18; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.20 to \$1.22; No. 2 do, \$1.18 to \$1.20; oats, weak at 33 to 36c; barley, 60 to 65c.

Flour—Patent winter, \$6 to \$6.50; patent spring, \$6 to \$6.15; strong bakers', \$5.25 to \$5.70.

Oatmeal—Standard, per bbl., \$5.70; granulated, per bbl., \$4.50.

Butter—creamery, 22 to 25c; townships, 19 to 22c; western, 16 to 17c.

Cheese—Finest 11 to 12c; fine, 10½ to 11½c; medium, 9½ to 10c.

Groceries—granulated sugar, lower at 7½c; yellows, ½c lower at 5½ to 6c; raw, 6c.

Hides—quoted at 5½ to 6c, for No. 1, green. Dry hides, 11 to 12c.

Furs—The following are the prices for average prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50 to \$3.74 per lb; bear, large, per skin, \$15 to \$18; bear, medium, per skin, \$12 to \$14.50; bear, small, per skin, \$10.00 to \$11.50; bear cubs, per skin, \$6 to \$8; fisher, per skin, \$4 to \$6; fox, red, per skin, \$1 to \$1.30; fox, cross, per skin, \$2.00 to \$3; lynx, per skin, \$2.50 to \$3.50; marten, per skin, 80 to 90c; mink, per skin, 80 to \$1; muskrat, 15c 10c 12c; otter, per skin, \$10 to \$12; raccoon, per skin, 50 to 60c; skunk, per skin, 50 to 75c.

### Farewell.

There are very few people in business circles in Manitoba, who will not have feelings of regret on hearing that A. C. Matthews, Northwestern manager for the mercantile agency of Dun, Wiman & Co., is about to leave this country for New Haven, Connecticut, where he will assume control of another district for the same agency, and a more important district than this. Mr. Matthews has been in our midst since the year 1881, and has consequently went through the days of boom and depression. That he has passed through all these changes in the position of manager for a mercantile agency, and still holds the respect of the commercial community here, is the very strongest proof of the ability with which he has fulfilled his duties. No one here will find fault with the promotion the change brings to Mr. Mathews, but all will regret the loss of a public spirited citizen, and many will lose by his change a kind and trusty friend, and a wise counsellor. THE COMMERCIAL only voices the general wish of this community, when it hopes he will meet with un

qualified success in his new location, and form there as many friendly ties as he has formed here.

**Brandon Board of Trade.**

The annual meeting of the Brandon board of trade was held on Tuesday of last week. The following officers were elected:—President, E. B. Smith; vice-president, F. W. Ferguson; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Flumerfelt; council: J. C. Robinson and J. A. Christie, W. H. Hellyar, Fred. Nation, P. E. Durst, W. J. Lindsay, C. A. Larkin and John Hanbury.

It was decided to push the work of the board vigorously during the coming season, and its composition leaves no doubt that everything it does will be done in the interests of the city. Monthly meetings will be held in future. The following were admitted to membership: J. A. Brock, S. Clement, Beech Trotter, F. Nation, E. Barrett, A. E. Ray and J. W. Curtiss.

Secretary Flumerfelt presented an able report, showing the great work which the board had accomplished in securing settlers for the district. The board took hold of this question in a business like way, with very satisfactory results.

The report further says: "The general business of the city, so far as we can learn, has been in advance of last year, although business in mercantile life has not been up to the average this winter, on account of the mildness of the winter, still we are led to believe that the average has been good.

"It is a noticeable fact, and a very pleasant

one, that we are not in a position to chronicle one single failure among our business men.

"We are pleased to notice several important improvements in our city. Elevators, mills, machinery warehouses, and a large number of fine residences, have been erected, showing conclusively that the people have faith in the future of the city."

C. H. DOUGLAS, publisher of the *Emerson International*, has decided to leave Emerson and will probably locate in Vancouver. Mr. Douglas has been the central figure in the social and political life of Emerson and district for many years. He was a prominent member of the Local Legislature and supporter of the late Norquay Government, but he fell in the general slaughter of Conservatives at the last election. Mr. Douglas has held the fort at Emerson through sunshine and shadow, and when the evil days of decline came upon the town, he still hung on, though it would probably have been to his pecuniary advantage had he pulled up stakes years ago. The genial Charley, the name by which he is so well known, will be greatly missed, not only from Emerson, but from Winnipeg, should he decide to leave the province entirely. In the young and busy city of Vancouver he will find greater scope for his abilities, and should he locate there, he will doubtless soon come to the front.

To a reporter of the *Winnipeg Call*, C. P. R. Superintendent White said recently:—Speaking of the proposed extension of the Regina and Long Lake railway to Saskatoon, Mr. White

said so far as he knew the matter was in abeyance for the time being, and he had no idea when construction operations would begin. As to the extension of the Southwestern branch, he did not think anything would be done this year. In reply to the question as to whether the company intend putting on a local daily passenger train between Winnipeg and Brandon in addition to the through train, Mr. White said it was probable that such a service would be established in the spring, when through traffic became active again. Mr. White also stated that as far as he was aware nothing had developed from the rumored negotiations between the C. P. R. and St. P., M. & M. for the purchase by the latter road of the Emerson branch.

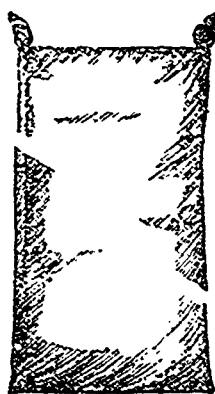
The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, which has its headquarters at Portage la Prairie, Man., held its annual meeting in the court house of that place recently. The auditor's report showed close on one million of risks on hand, while the affairs of the company, it is claimed, are based on good financial standing. The prospects for the ensuing year are good. At the close of the report the election of officers was proceeded with, with the following result: President, Elias Brown; vice-president, Thos. Tidsbury; directors—T. Wallace, C. J. Green, Max. Wilson, Wm. Gossler, and Gardiner Greenlee; secretary-treasurer, A. A. Watson.

A TELEGRAM from Port Arthur last week says Hastings, Bros. & Co., of Winnipeg, have closed an agreement with the town council of that place, to erect their proposed flour mill there. They are to receive a cash bonus of \$15,000 and exemption from taxation for ten years.

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**EASTERN MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO**

On Monday, Jan 21, May wheat opened at \$1.00½, and ranged during the day from \$1.00½ to \$1.01½. The large decrease in the visible supply, with heavy buying, firmed up prices, which closed as follows:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	98½	98½	—	100½
Corn	34	34½	32½	30½
Oats	24½	25½	—	27½
Pork	12.30	12.30	12.40	12.57½
Lard	0.85	0.85	0.87½	0.97½
Short Ribs	0.40	0.40	0.47½	0.57½

On Tuesday, May wheat opened at \$1.00½ and ranged from 99½c to 1.00½. Prices were weak on dull cables, reports of large stocks of wheat held in southern Europe, and a large quantity of wheat on passage. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	95	95½	—	99½
Corn	34	34½	35½	30½
Oats	24½	25	—	27½
Pork	12.20	12.20	12.32½	12.52½
Lard	0.92½	0.95	0.95	1.05
Short Ribs	0.40	0.40	0.47½	0.57½

On Wednesday there was a big drop in wheat under heavy selling. May wheat opened at 98½, and sold down to 96½. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	92½	92½	—	96½
Corn	34½	34½	35½	30½
Oats	24½	24½	—	27½
Pork	12.00	12.00	12.12½	12.37½
Lard	0.90	0.90	0.92½	1.02½
Short Ribs	0.30	0.30	0.35	0.45

On Thursday wheat was active and unsettled. May wheat opened at 97c, and ranged from 95½c to 97½. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	95½	93½	—	97½
Corn	35	35½	35½	30½
Oats	24½	24½	—	27½
Pork	11.70	11.70	11.85	12.10
Lard	0.85	0.85	0.87½	0.95
Short Ribs	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.37½

On Friday wheat was active and fluctuated considerably. May wheat opened at 97½c, and ranged from 96½ to 98½c. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	94	94½	—	98½
Corn	34½	35	35½	30½
Oats	24½	25½	—	27½
Pork	11.47½	11.47½	11.60	11.87½
Lard	0.82½	0.82½	0.85	0.92½
Short Ribs	0.07½	0.07½	0.12½	0.25

Closing prices for wheat on Saturday were: Jan. 95½c; Feb. 95½c; May, 99½c; June, 96½c; July, 90½c.

**DULUTH.**

There was considerable weakness in the wheat market last week. No. 1 northern was quoted at 91 to 92c on Thursday, though it sold at \$1 to \$1.02 on Monday. No. 2 northern was down to 87 to 88 on Thursday.

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash.	Jan.	May	June.
Monday	1.15	1.15	1.21	1.21
Tuesday	1.13	1.14	1.20	1.21
Wednesday	1.10	1.10	1.16	1.16
Thursday	1.10	1.10	1.17	1.16½
Friday	1.11	1.11	1.17½	1.17½

Closing prices on Saturday were as follows: Cash, \$1.13; Jan. \$1.13½; May, \$1.20; June, \$1.20.

**MINNEAPOLIS**

Closing quotations on Friday for wheat were from two to five cents lower than a week ago, as follows:—

	Jan.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard	1.14	1.18½	1.16
No. 1 northern	1.02	1.04½	1.04-05
No. 2 "	92	95	90-5

Closing quotations for flour were: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.10 to \$6.20; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$5.90 to \$6.00; in barrels, \$6.05 to \$6.15. Delivered at New England points, \$6.80 to \$6.95; bakers, here, \$4.10 to \$5.10; superfine, \$2.50 to \$4.10; red dog, sacks, \$1.50 to \$1.65; red dog, barrels, 1.79 to \$1.85.

Barley—The barley market was mostly nominal, with sample offerings at about 40 to 55c.

**MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.**

The following quotations on Jan. 25 as compared with prices on Jan. 18, will indicate the course of the stock market:

	Jan. 18.		Jan. 25.	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal	226½	225½	220	216
Ontario	126	125½	126½	126
Toronto	—	212	—	213½
Merchants	137	133	137½	136½
Commerce	118	117½	118½	117½
Molson's	105	105	105	105½
Union	97	93	97	98
N. W. Land Co.	64	62½	65	62
C. P. R.	52½	52½	52½	52½

**CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.**

The Canadian Gazette of Jan. 10, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Canada 3½ per cents.	104	1	—
Ditto 4 per cents., 1885	109	2	—
Ditto 3 per cents.	93½	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.	111	1	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.	112	1½	—
Quebec 5 per cents., 1874 and 1876.	110	1	—
Ditto 4½ per cents.	104	—	—
Ditto 5 per cents., 1885	111	½	—
Ditto 4 per cents.	103	1	—
Montreal 5 per cents., 1870.	108	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents.	103	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.	109	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register)	53½	—	½
Ditto shares (London register)	52½	—	½
Ditto first mortgage bonds.	104½	½	—
Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds	95½	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock.	10½	—	½
Ditto first preference.	65½	—	½
Manitoba and Northwestern bonds	104	—	—
Manitoba Southwestern bonds.	103	—	—
Bank of British Columbia	35	½	—
Bank of E. N. A.	74	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid.	6	—	—
Ditto £3 paid.	2½	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage.	—	—	—
British American Land	29	½	—
Canada North-West Land	3½	—	—
Hudson's Bay	18½	½	—
Land Corporation of Canada	3	—	—
Vancouver Coal.	0½	—	—

**Chicago Barley Market.**

The feeling was one of continued dullness. Trading was confined to samples, with No. 3 quotable at 40 to 55c for poor to fair and 60 to 70c for good to extra, with No. 4 at 32 to 62c, according to condition.—Daily Business, Jan. 25.

W. H. HOOPER, grocer, Brandon, advertises clearing sale, and retiring from business.

J. M. COOMBS, dealer in clothing, Winnipeg, is giving up business

J. J. PHILP, of Philp & Co., wholesale fruits, Winnipeg, returned from a trip south last week.

RIFSTEIN, general merchant, Deloraine, Manitoba, is selling out by auction.

ABOUT 450,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed to date, at Brandon, from this crop.

BROWN, SMELLIE & Co. have bought the bankrupt stock of O. D. Inman, general merchant, of Binscarth, Man.

J. & E. BROWN, who purchased the general store business at Portage la Prairie, Man., of George Craig & Co., a short time ago, have now entered into possession.

R. B. HILL, carriage maker, Portage la Prairie, has retired from the business in favor of his son. He will follow the insurance line, and will also open an employment bureau.

THE BRANDON SUN has celebrated its seventh birthday. The course of the Sun has been one of steady advancement, and it is now a journal of which Brandon need not be ashamed.

F. NATION & Co., general merchants, Brandon, have purchased 40 feet frontage on Rosser Avenue, near 8th street, and will build in the spring, covering the entire property with a large store.

It is claimed that 2,000 horses were imported and sold at Brandon alone last year. A great many horses were also imported and sold at other points in Manitoba. This looks as though farmers are prospering.

GEO. H. ROGERS & Co., merchants, Winnipeg, have purchased the bankrupt stock of Fleury & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg. The stock, valued at \$12,000, was sold by auction, and brought 60c in the dollar.

W. M. RONALD, of Porter & Ronald, wholesale crockery, etc., Winnipeg, is away on a purchasing trip to Europe. He will visit New York, Paris, London, Glasgow and other points where supplies in his line are purchased. Mr. Ronald will be away about three months.

PRICES to farmers at Brandon, Man., last week were: Wheat 85 to 90c, Oats 23c, barley 25c. Cattle firm, 2½ to 2¾c; beef 5 to 5½c. Sheep, firm 4½c; mutton 10c; dressed hogs 7c; hides 2½ to 3c; eggs 20c; butter 16 to 17; potatoes 50c; chickens 8 to 9c; ducks 10; turkeys 11 to 12c; geese 10 to 12½c.

R. T. RILEY, manager of the W. E. Sanford Co.'s wholesale clothing business at Winnipeg, delivered a very interesting lecture on "Business Failures," in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, last week. The lecture is well worthy of perusal by business people all over the country, and we may find room for it in some future issue of THE COMMERCIAL.

JESSE CORNELL AND SPERA, of the firm of Cornell, Spera & Co., late Campbell, Spera & Co., wholesale smallwares, furnishings, etc., Winnipeg, went east last week. Mr. Cornell takes the place of Mr. Jos. Campbell, who withdrew from active membership in the firm some time ago, to accept a lucrative position in Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Geo. Stott, a well known commercial man, in the west, has recently joined the firm.

**Lake Superior District.**

The General Algor and Hecker party have bought out Peter's interests in the Beaver mine.

The movement to build the Duluth & Winnipeg railway, is regarded at Port Arthur with serious apprehension. It is looked upon as a menace to the interests of that place.

The Port Arthur people are very anxious to secure assistance from the Ontario Government for the proposed Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway. The road would be of great advantage to the mining and lumber interests of the district. There is also some agitation in favor of a provincial grant in aid of a smelter for Port Arthur.

Baling timothy hay, says the *Sentinel*, is one of the new industries in the township of Oliver. So far, since the close of fall plowing, upwards of 125 tons have been pressed and baled the color being superior to that formerly imported from eastern Ontario, and a ready market for this staple article is found right here and at the mines, prices ranging from \$20 to \$23 per ton, according to where delivered.

The *Sentinel* says: "A private dispatch from Thomas Marks states that he has seen Mr. Van Horné who has assured him that the light freight and passenger traffic would be retained at Port Arthur if the town would exempt the C. P. R.'s improvements from taxation." This evidently means that the C. P. R. monopoly means to force Port Arthur to pay for any benefit which it receives from the company.

**Toronto's Board of Trade.**

The Toronto board of trade, says the *Mail* of that city, was organized in 1844 and incorporated in 1845. The annual reports of the organization contain in a condensed form the practical commercial history of Canada from that time on. As early as 1852 the question of reciprocity with the United States was agitated. Like all such bodies, the active work of the board was conducted by a few working members, and until the organization was thirty-five years old this state of affairs was general. From 1880 onward the board has made great strides forward in identifying itself with the life and progress of the city. In 1883 the Corn Exchange and the board were amalgamated. The first annual banquet of the board was held December 30, 1887. The second was held January 4, 1888. The board in 1887 placed itself on record as being in favor of the fullest freedom of intercourse between Canada and the United States compatible with the furthering of the interests of Canada and the British empire. In 1888 the board took strong ground against the "bucket shops," and through its efforts legislation was enacted which has curtailed the operations of those institutions. A gratuity fund system was inaugurated in 1885. The formation of various "trade sections," each one to look after their respective interests, was begun in 1886. So far eight sections have been formed. These are the bankers, contractors, hardware and metal, grain, malt and hops, dry goods, lumber, coal and millers and flour merchants sections. The leading officers of the board for 1888 are as follows: President, W. D. Matthews, Jr.; treasurer, J. L. Davidson; secretary, Geo. Maclean Rose.

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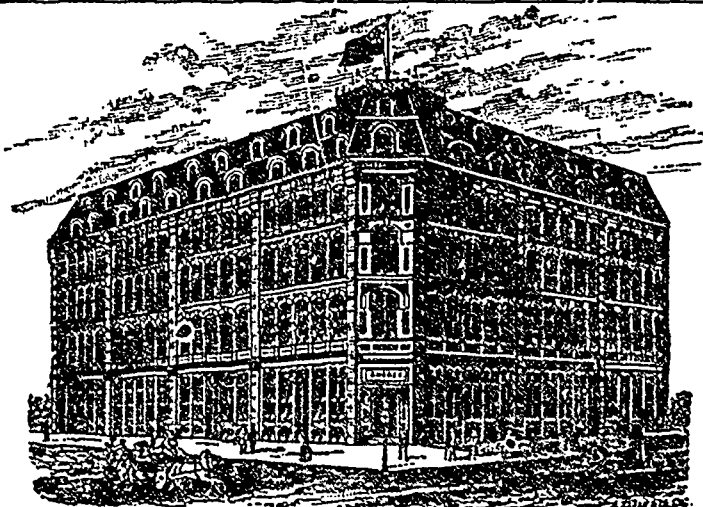
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The American hotel, Medicine Hat, Assa., has been leased by Cowles & Yerex, of Maple Creek, who have for the past year conducted the Commercial hotel at the latter place.

Notice is given that application will be made by the Pharmaceutical Association of Manitoba for an Act to amend "The Pharmaceutical Association Act of 1878," and amending Acts in the following amongst other particulars: To give the council full powers over the subjects and course of studies and practice of apprentices and certified clerks. To regulate the fees to be paid by all and any members of the Association and by certified clerks, apprentices and others. Providing means to compel payment of fees and penalties for illegal and unauthorized practice, and for other purposes.

A LONDON telegram of Thursday says:—"The recent agitation among shareholders of the Hudson's Bay Company is named as one of the indirect causes of to-day's changes on the board. Eden Colville has retired from the governorship on account of ill-health. Sir Donald Smith has been elected to succeed him, Lord Anson becoming deputy governor. Sir Donald Smith is recognized here as the most progressive member of the board and Anson has also shown himself keenly alive to the present needs of the company." This change in the management of the company is expected to be followed by some changes in the working of the company. It is expected an effort will be made to conform the policy of the company to the altered circumstances which it is now obliged to contend with.

### The Pembina Mountain Branch.

(Continued from last week.)

We left off last week at Whitewater, the last station but one on the Pembina branch of the C. P. R. Another move westward of ten miles brings us to Deloraine, the present terminus of the road, and the end of our journey. The fact that Deloraine is the terminus of the road, combined with other advantages, has already made it one of the most important towns on the line, though the last to receive railway communication. The railway was extended from Boissevain to Deloraine in the fall of 1896. To recapitulate, the first 102 miles of the road, from Winnipeg to Manitou, were built in 1882. In the summer of 1885 the road was extended westward, 80 miles to Boissevain, but this portion was not opened for regular traffic until January, 1886. In the fall of 1886, twenty miles more were added to the road, bringing it to Deloraine, in all making 202 miles, which is the distance of Deloraine from Winnipeg.

Up to the completion of the road to its present terminus, there was no sign of a town on the open prairie where Deloraine now stands. Between four and five miles southeast of the present town, however, there was a little place which bore the name of Deloraine. The place was established in 1882. A post office, Dominion Land office, and registry office, the latter in charge of A. P. Stuart, was established here, and this led to the formation of a little town, which grew up around the Government offices. When the railway was completed into the district, the business people moved over to the station, and formed the nucleus of the present thriving town of Deloraine.

At present, Deloraine has the advantage of having a very large section of country to draw from. It has all the country northward to the main line of the C. P. R., a distance of 40 to 50 miles, and westward as far as the settlement extends. Northward between Brandon and Deloraine the country is about as well settled as any part of Manitoba. Westward the country is fairly well settled for a distance of fully 100 miles, and this vast district of fine agricultural land, equal to any part of Manitoba, is yet without railway communication. The settlers in this region went in mostly about the year 1882. They expected that they would only be a year or two without railway communication, as according to the charter, the railway should have been built through the district years ago. But the Government has allowed the railway company to take its own time to build the road, and has extended the time for building the road, whenever application was made to that end. This has been a great injustice to the settlers, who have been struggling hard to make a living, and who have been obliged to put up with very great hardships, owing to the distance which they were from market. Those most remote from the railway have been obliged to haul grain from 80 to 100 miles, to Deloraine. This of course was very expensive and sometimes cost these pioneers more than they could get for their loads of grain. Driving these great distances in cold weather is also a very great hardship. The company should have been compelled to build

the road according to the terms of the original charter, or forfeit its very valuable land grant. The value of the land grant which the company received may be imagined when it is known that these lands are now held at from three to seven dollars per acre, and sell readily at these figures.

It is not known what the C. P. R. company intend doing this year but it is very likely that the road will be extended westward some distance. The Manitoba and Northern Pacific Railway Company is likely to extend its Morris-Brandon branch into this region, and this will likely have the effect of spurring the C. P. R. Co. up to extend the road.

West of Deloraine about 80 miles, a little town is growing up on the Souris river, at a point where it is expected the railway will cross the river. This place is called Melita. The extension of the railway westward 50 to 100 miles from Deloraine, would have the effect of greatly increasing the wheat production of Manitoba, as the region is already well settled, but owing to the distance from market, little grain is now grown in proportion to what there would be were markets for the sale of grain more convenient.

Deloraine has within a few weeks suffered severely from a visitation of fire, but with commendable energy the merchants burned out have nearly all re-established themselves. The fire occurred on December 27th last, and destroyed property to the value of about \$40,000. A dozen or so business places were cleaned out, but in mostly every instance temporary buildings have been erected already, and the merchants are again ready for business. There were no means at hand of subduing the fire, the town being without any fire protective appliances, consequently the fire had full sway. One drawback in providing fire protection has been the difficulty of obtaining water. Several deep wells have been put down, but though water has been obtained, it has always been of a salty nature, consequently it has not been utilized. The water now used in the town is hauled from wells a few miles away. With commendable enterprise, the citizens formed a committee last fall, with the intention of sinking a deep well in the hopes of obtaining water. It was decided to purchase a steam well-boring outfit. A man was sent to the oil region at Petrolia, Ont., to purchase such an outfit for the town. This was procured, and an experienced driller was brought along, and work is now going on, on the test well. It is to be hoped the efforts of the citizens will result successfully, as the town has gone to great expense already in the endeavor to obtain good water. The prospects of the place would be greatly improved, should a plentiful supply of good water be obtained.

As already noted, the country around Deloraine is fairly well settled. The quality of the soil here is equal to the best in Manitoba, and the district is famous for the quantity of wheat grown. From the crop of 1887 the immense amount of about 800,000 bushels of wheat were marketed at Deloraine. This made Deloraine the largest wheat market on the line, and indeed the second largest primary market in Manitoba, being exceeded only by Brandon. The frosts of last fall played havoc in a portion of the country tributary to Deloraine, with the

result that the amount of wheat marketed from the crop of 1887 will be very much less than from the previous crop. Local grain dealers estimate that for the present crop year they will not receive over 200,000 bushels. Some of the farmers who have good wheat are selling it to farmers who had their crops destroyed last fall, and consequently are obliged to purchase wheat for seed next spring.

One of the peculiarities of the Deloraine market is the number of ox teams to be seen. This is owing to the great distance from which farmers come to this market. The settlers at a distance west of Deloraine generally use oxen for hauling in their produce, as for long drives with loads, it is found the oxen do better than horses. The farmers from the more remote settlements usually come in small parties. The drive to market and back takes from two to three days each way, and on this account the farmers form a party and a number come in together, thus keeping each other company on the way, and rendering any mutual assistance which may be needed. They bring supplies of food for themselves and animals for the trip with them, and sometimes even they bring tents along and camp out along the road. The farmers cannot afford to put up at hotels along the road, as the expense would amount to more than the profit on their grain.

Last year Deloraine had not sufficient accommodation to handle the grain as fast as it was received, and the prairie was piled up with bags of wheat waiting to be shipped. Matters are greatly improved in this respect this year, owing to the extension of the grain handling and storage facilities of the place. There are now three steam grain elevators, owned by the Ogilvie Company, C. A. Young and Woodworth & Co. Ogilvie's elevator was built in 1887. The other two were erected last summer and fall. C. A. Young's elevator was the last completed. Mr. Young handles grain, in which line he does a good trade. Mr. Jos. Woodworth, a well known gentleman throughout Manitoba, is the principal in the firm of Woodworth & Co. The new elevator of this firm has a capacity of 40,000 bushels, and is a solid crib building, furnished with a fifteen horse power engine, built expressly for the purpose, and capable of cleaning and elevating 5,000 bushels of wheat in a day. Mr. Woodworth also built a nice dwelling house in Deloraine last season. In addition to the three elevators, there are usually three or four other grain buyers on the market, who ship through the elevators named. McBean Bros. and Roblin & Atkinson, of Winnipeg, have grain buyers on the market.

With such a fine grain market as Deloraine has, and such a large farmers' trade, it is a surprise that the town is without a flour mill. There is no mill (now process) in a wide range of country around, the nearest mill being at Souris, or Plum Creek, as it is sometimes called, nearly thirty miles north of Deloraine. Here then is one of the best openings for a good flour mill in Manitoba.

The business institutions of Deloraine number about fifty all told and include about all the branches usually found in Manitoba towns of the size. H. L. Montgomery & Co. carry a large stock of general merchandice, including



dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes; also tailoring, millinery and dressmaking departments. The business gives employment to about sixteen hands. This firm luckily escaped the recent fire. Extensive premises are required to accommodate the large stock carried by the firm. The business has been established two years. The Hudson's Bay Co. opened a general store here in the fall of 1887, and carry a large stock of general merchandises. Alex Mackay is the local manager for the company. This store also escaped the fire. O. C. Smith and R. Balkwell carried on business previous to the fire in one store. Mr. Smith had a stock of dry goods, boots and shoes, etc., on one side of the store, and Mr. Balkwell carried groceries, provisions, etc., on the opposite side. The store was destroyed in the fire, but both parties are now doing business in separate buildings. Smith and Balkwell started the first store in the new town of Deloraine. W. E. Cowan, dealer in drugs, stationery, fancy goods, &c., is one of the enterprising men of the town, and is usually a leader in local improvements. He also was burned out, but has a new store erected on the site of his old premises, and has opened out with a new stock.

Previous to the fire there were two hardware stores, conducted by A. J. Falconer and R. P. Butchart & Bro. Both these stores were burned out. Mr Falconer at once made preparations to resume business and he has bought out the balance of the stock of Butchart & Bro., saved from the fire. He will put in a full stock of hardware, stoves, tinware, etc. A. M. Heron, dealer in fancy goods, fruits, stationery, musical instruments, etc., was also burned out, but has rebuilt, and is again ready for business. In flour and feed, Henry Perrin commenced business in May last. He handles the product of the Plum Creek mills, and grain locally. P. McConnell also handles flour and feed, fruits, vegetables, etc., and buys furs and hides. He also owns a feed and sale stable.

The financial interests of the town are looked after by A. P. & F. T. Stuart, private bankers, insurance and general brokers, etc. This firm represents the Canada Life assurance Co., the London & Canada Loan Co., and other leading corporations in these lines. F. T. Stewart is a solicitor. These gentlemen were among the founders of the old town of Deloraine, where A. P. Stuart located as register, which position he still holds.

The lumber line is represented by three dealers in lumber and building supplies, namely, John Boyd, W. T. Woodman and W. J. Mathers. The latter gentleman is successor to Wade & Mathers, the firm having been dissolved on Dec. 1st last. Mr. Mathers also represents the Confederation Life Association, Citizens' Insurance Co., and the Canada Permanent Loan Co. He erected a new office and storage building last fall, was burned out in the recent fire, but at once put up new buildings.

A. E. Thompson carried on the butchering business of the town, but he recently sold out to Graham & Harden, who will do the local meat trade. Mr. Thompson will now give his attention to dealing wholesale in live stock, dressed meats, poultry, produce, etc., considerable quantities of which are shipped from Deloraine.

Previous to the fire there were three licensed hotels, but the Royal hotel, kept by S. Hungerford, was destroyed by fire. The Röver house, kept by W. Williams, is a large frame building, very comfortably furnished throughout, and with good accommodation for commercial men in the line of sample rooms, etc. This house was considerably enlarged in size last summer, and since Mr. Williams took charge it has been carpeted and fitted with new furniture. Mr. Williams is well known in southern Manitoba, and was formerly sheriff at Emerson. The Queen's hotel is kept by Wm. Saults, a well known hotel man. He opened a hotel at Nelson in 1879, then moved to Manitou, where he opened a house, and later built the Röver house at Deloraine, which he sold out some time ago. It is likely that a new hotel will be put up to replace the one burned. Previous to the fire, the town was short of hotel accommodation, and it was not an unusual thing to find men sleeping on tables in the sample rooms, in cots and shakedown, and wherever they could be stowed away. Now matters are even worse. There are a number of temperance hotels or boarding houses, in addition to the two licensed hotels.

In the industrial line the principal institution is the carriage and blacksmith shop of Jas. B. Steel, who lately succeeded to the business of Manuel & Steel. This business gives employment to quite a number of mechanics, in blacksmithing, woodworkers, painters, etc. New work in the line of cutters, sleighs, carriages, etc., are turned out, and Mr. Steel, who is an enterprising young man, is making arrangements to extend his business.

Deloraine is not without its local paper. The Deloraine Times is published by W. H. Danbury. The Times is published entirely at home, and makes local and district news its chief aim, which is really the true field for the local paper. We found the editor in bed with a lame leg, but even in this condition he was writing away at a table drawn up alongside his bed. Few people understand the trials and tribulations of the average country publisher. We have been there, and could therefore sympathize with Bro. Danbury. If there is one class more than another whom St. Peter should take compassion upon and overlook any little shortcomings, it is the country editor, for the earthly reward of all his toil of body and mind is usually small indeed. Remember the editor, ye people of Deloraine, and see that he does not wear himself out in the service of a thankless community.

There are quite a number of business places at Deloraine, in addition to those particularized. These include the agencies of all the leading agricultural implement manufactories, in which line a very large business is done; harness shop, three general stores, in addition to the two previously mentioned; photographers, dealers in live stock and produce, livery and feed stables, jeweller, tailor, blacksmiths, agents, etc. The professions are represented by doctors, lawyers, veterinary surgeon, etc. Altogether, though one of the very youngest towns in Manitoba, Deloraine is already one of the best known places in the province, and as a business centre it is one of the most important of our provincial towns.

### Manitoba Wheat Grown in England.

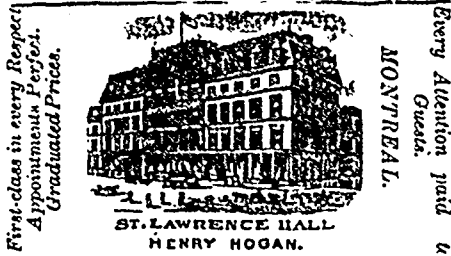
We have been favored through the courtesy of Mr. Jeremiah Stannard, the well known miller, of Nayland, near Colchester, with two particularly fine samples of Manitoba wheat, the one red and the other white. Both these samples were grown in Mr. Stannard's garden during the season of 1886-87, and were the direct descendants of seed which came direct from Manitoba rather more than five years ago. Mr. Stannard reports that although he got an increase, yet in the first years a certain degeneration was visible, after which the wheat recovered itself and came back to its primitive quality. There is certainly no sign of degeneration about the samples before us, which in deed, as far as appearance counts, could hardly be surpassed by produce direct from Manitoba. We believe that the early degeneration and subsequent recovery are by no means infrequent in the case of wheats transplanted from a cold to a comparatively mild climate. To proceed with our narrative, the two samples in question won the unqualified approval of more than one expert on Mark Lane market, and one of the best judges of English and other wheat to be found in that exchange, remarked that if he were a farmer he should most certainly try and grow both wheats, if anything like an increase was to be obtained from them. On all hands it was admitted that both samples would fetch the best price to be given for their respective varieties. As the roller system seems to be ever winning fresh adherents among British millers, the supply of hard wheats becomes a more and more urgent problem, and farmers might well devote their attention to the culture of such wheats as are grown in the Northwestern States and Manitoba. Theiss wheat, the backbone as it has been termed of the Hungarian mills, has a close affinity to the hard wheats of Northwestern America, and would probably bear transplantation to this country. At any rate the experiment appears to be worth trying, and if we mistake not, a certain amount of Theiss seed is just now procurable in Mark Lane.—London Miller.

### Canada's Trade in 1888.

The total foreign trade of Canada in the fiscal year 1888 was valued at \$201,097,000, against \$202,408,630 in 1887. The decline noted was due to the smaller import trade in 1888, which was less by about \$2,000,000 than in 1887. The exports, on the other hand, showed an increase of nearly \$700,000 over 1887. The total imports in 1888 were valued at \$110,894,630 and the exports at \$90,203,000. The increase in the export trade was general in every line but that of agricultural products, which fell off nearly \$300,000. Details of the import trade are not yet available, but a large increase is noted in the imports of free-of-duty goods, which are nearly all raw materials for manufacture.

The firm of Lafferty & Smith, private bankers, is to be dissolved, and the banking houses conducted by the firm at Regina, Calgary, Edmonton and Moosomin, in the territories of Assiniboia and Alberta, will be continued by a new firm known as Le Jeune, Smith & Co.

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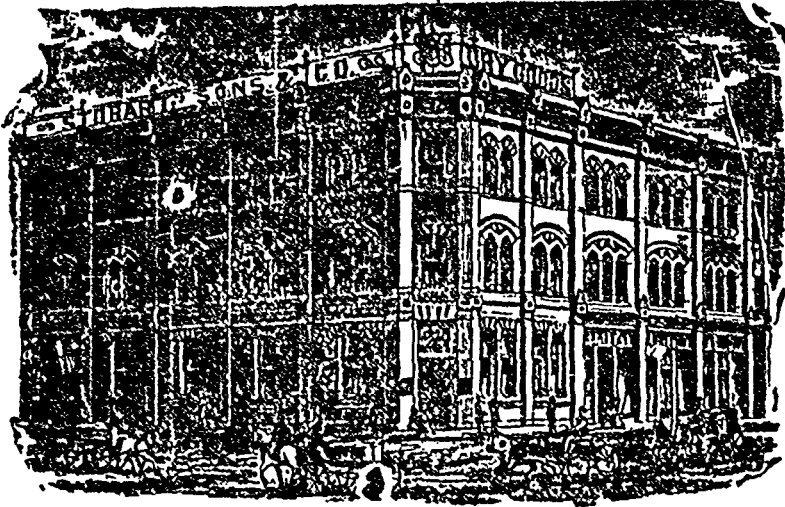
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**Business East.**  
ONTARIO.

T. Fisher, harness, Dundalk, is dead.  
Anthony Tshann, pork, Hamilton, is dead.  
The Ontario Oil Co., Toronto, has sold out.  
Jeremiah Jacklin, tailor, Porth, has assigned.  
W. R. McRae, grocer, Belleville, has assigned.  
C. D. Carpenter, blacksmith, Jarvis, has sold out.  
Abraham Morris, clothing, London, has sold out.  
Z. Sales, wagons, Merlin, has moved to Stewart.  
F. Crapper, stationer, etc, Toronto, has sold out.  
Benj. Synder, grocer, Hamilton, has sold out.  
F. W. Ratcliffe, jobber, Toronto, has sold out.  
H. E. Hughes, hotel, etc., Toronto, has sold out.  
W. McLaren, dry goods, Hamilton, has left.  
Jas. Carpenter, baker, Cornwall, has assigned.  
Francis Ramsay, baker, Toronto, has assigned.  
B. Silver, general store, Merrickville, has assigned.  
James A. Todd, jeweler, Fenelon Falls, has assigned.  
Andrew Eddy, cheese, Tp. Townsend, has assigned.  
James Bryan, hotelkeeper, Orangeville, has assigned.  
— Henderson, hotel, &c. Belleville, has assigned.  
J. O. Peck, general store, Essex Centre, has sold out.  
E. F. Walker, general store, Schomberg, has sold out.  
Jos. Barrett, house furnishings, Toronto, has sold out.  
Hull Bros., tanners and shoes, Sarnia, have dissolved.  
May & Bros, millers, St. Thomas, were burned out.  
M. H. Walsh & Co., millinery, Kingston have failed.

D. E. Fraser, confectionery, etc., Carleton, has sold out.  
G. A. Watson, stationery, etc., St. Thomas, has assigned.  
John Gray, general storekeeper, Kagawong, has assigned.  
J. G. Strong, dry goods, Stratford, has made an assignment.  
Perkins & Hall, general store, Shelburne, have dissolved.  
Jas. Laurie & Co., crockery, Hamilton, are giving up business.  
George J. Cox, general storekeeper, Gravenhurst, has assigned.  
I. J. Cooper, dealer in gents' furnishings, Toronto, has sold out.  
Oaklands Jersey Dairy Co., Hamilton and Toronto, has assigned.  
W. J. Wallis, general store, Shedden, now styled Walls & Cairns.  
Wm. Dockings, implement manufacturer, Ancaster, has assigned.  
Edward Murphy, fruit dealer, Toronto has the bailiff in possession.  
Damer & Sen, wholesale shoes, Toronto, have had a meeting of creditors.  
Warnock & Co., edge tools, Galt, were burned—loss covered by insurance.  
Abbott & Watson, builders and planing mill, Toronto, are asking for an extension.  
Lindsay & Sheehan, dealers in dry goods, Dunville, are about dissolving partnership.  
George Stethem, hardware, Peterboro, is offering a compromise of 40c in the dollar.  
Thos. McAdam, grocer, etc., Orangeville, is offering to compromise at 50c in the dollar.  
F. X. Cousineau & Co., dry goods, Toronto, have had their stock partially destroyed by fire.  
F. P. Brazil & Co, grocers and liquor dealers, Toronto, have disposed of their grocery business.  
Reid, Birely & Co., wholesale tobacco and cigars, Hamilton, have had a meeting of creditors.  
W. L. Dossett has retired from the Eagle Manufacturing Co., Toronto, and Gaines is now the sole proprietor.

The following parties were burned out at

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Millbrook : C. Byers, general store ; J. Buyers, photographer, and W. Lang, grocer.

James Goodall & Son, grocers, Ottawa, have dissolved—business is continued by M. & E. L. Goodall, under the firm name of Goodall Bros.

**QUÉBEC.**

S. C. Jones, baker, St. Johns, is closed up.  
Chas. McKiernan, saloon, Montreal, is dead.

Dorval & Samsol, furriers, Levis, have assigned.

Mrs. F. X. Dulude, grocery, St. Johns, has assigned.

C. & N. Vallee, restaurant, Montreal have assigned.

M. E. Bessette, tins, etc., Roxton Falls, has assigned.

Dechone & Laberge, vermicelli, Quebec, have assigned.

Michael Bourdon, contractor, Montreal, has assigned.

W. H. Latour & Co., grocers, Montreal, have assigned.

Hermengilde Maille, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

O. Lefebvre, dry goods, etc., St. Johns, has assigned.

Damiens & Frere, grocers, etc., Fraserville, have assigned.

I. A. Beauvais, clothing, Montreal, has made an assignment.

Horman Caplan, jeweler, Montreal, has made an assignment.

A. Courtemanche, jun., auctioneer, Montreal, has assigned.

Beauchamp & Fetournay, dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

D. Allaire, general storekeeper, North Stanbridge, has assigned.

Mrs. A. E. Connolly, milliner, Montreal, is offering to compromise.

Robt. Logie, manufactures, paints, etc., Montreal, has dissolved.

F. McElderry, & Co., manufacturers' agents, Montreal, have dissolved.

McFarlane, Austin & Robertson, wholesale stationery, Montreal—David McFarlane, jun., is dead.

C. C. Snowdon & Co., wholesale hardware, Montreal, are giving up business and have advertised their stock for sale by auction.

NOVA SCOTIA.

James Cochrane, Cornwallis, has assigned.  
 E. M. Freeman, lively, Parrington, has sold out.  
 J. E. Clarke, lumber, Parraboro, has assigned.  
 Corkum & Steele, Scott's Bay, have dissolved.  
 J. C. McDougall, physician, Oxford, has assigned.  
 McFayden & Co., lobster packers, Mabou, have assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Yerxa & Yerxa, grocers, Fredericton, have assigned.  
 Watson & Nickerson, jewelers, Moncton, have assigned.

Lumber Cuttings.

W. C. Wells, the sawmill man at Fallisier, B.C., has 2,000,000 feet of logs on the skids.

An Ottawa telegram says a change has been made in the recent order-in-council which increased the export duty on logs from \$2 to \$3 per 1,000 feet, providing that the logs cut and ready for shipment at the date of the passage of the order may be shipped at the old rate of \$2.

The *Colonist*, of Victoria, B. C., says: Probably the largest private transfer of property which has ever been made in the province was effected yesterday afternoon. For some time past Hon. Mr. Dausmuir has been endeavoring to induce capitalists to invest in Island timber lands in order that the lumber industry might be fostered. He has been successful, and yesterday completed the sale of the Chemainus saw mill and timber limits, owned by Croft & Angus, and has agreed as soon as surveys are completed to sell one hundred thousand acres of timber lands within the railway belt. The whole transaction will exceed \$600,000 in value. The gentlemen who have purchased the property are Messrs. Humbird, Glover and Phipps, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Macauley, who has recently taken up his residence in Victoria and will this year erect a \$25,000 residence. All these gentlemen are men of wealth, and have an extensive experience in the manufacture of lumber. It is their intention to immediately begin the remodeling of the Chemainus saw mill, and its cut will be increased to a capacity of 150,000 feet daily. Possession will be taken on the 1st of March. Two other mills will be erected at convenient points on the east coast of the Island as soon as arrangements can be made for that purpose. The terms of payment for the various properties have been arranged on a liberal basis and every possible inducement held out to the purchasers to enter into the work in large way. The sale means the introduction of a large amount of capital in the development of the lumber industry, and will necessitate the employment of a large army of men. This will naturally increase the trade of the Island, the railway and of Victoria, and will hasten the cultivation of vacant farming lands. It is also an indication of the prosperous era that is before us.

The hotel at LaRiviere, Man., has changed hands, S. H. McCallum is the new proprietor.

The Travelling Man.

THE DRUMMER'S CHOICE.

She was a clerk in a big hotel,  
 A family one, it is true,  
 He was a drummer with seventeen trunks,  
 And he was her lover, too.

"Shall I call you a cab," she naively said,  
 When the drummer began his adieu,  
 As even a drummer—a drummer in love—  
 Sooner or later must do

a think," he replied, as he looked at her lips,  
 And thought of a chance of a fuss;  
 "I think, as there's nobody here but ourselves  
 I'd rather you'd call it a buss."

—*Minn. Tribune.*

THE TALKATIVE DRUMMER.

How dear to the ear of the drummer it soundeth,  
 "We've goods enough left for six months to come."

But still he hangs on; with hope he aboundeth  
 To scoop in an order, or talk the man dumb.  
 He knows that his customer hard is to tackle,  
 That he "buys very cheap," is a tough one to sell,  
 And that, as he listens, he'll inwardly cackle  
 At the nerve of the Drummer who hangs on so well.

CHO.—The much-abused Drummer,  
 The persistent Drummer,  
 The talkative Drummer,  
 Who hangs on so well.

Einstein's "taking stock;" (what could be more grating?)

"When your 'round again, call in," says Grimes;

Smith's buyer is "out," and 'tis "quite useless waiting;"  
 And Jones will not purchase these "very dull times."

But still, whether cheerless or bright be the weather,  
 No matter how cold or how wet is the spell,  
 He goes on his way with a heart like a feather, (?)

The determined Drummer who hangs on so well.

CHO.—The much-abused Drummer etc.  
 —*Exchange.*

W. S. Alley, traveller for the Safford Manufacturing Company, of Winnipeg and Hamilton, left for the east last week. He will be one of the principals in a matrimonial event at Syracuse, N. Y., next week.

Editor's Table.

*School Work and Play*, the new children's paper, published by the Grip Publishing Co. of Toronto, has made its appearance. It is really an excellent paper of its kind, and is profusely illustrated with comical and serious sketches. The illustrations give evidence of that genius which characterizes the *Grip* publication. Children should have it.

The *Chicago Journal of Commerce* has issued a special "jubilee" number, in holiday attire, in commemoration of the triumph, as it says, "of the friends of Protection over the advocates of a fallacious 'tariff reform,' engineered in the interest of free trade, and in the au-

spicious opening of a new year of manufactures, trade and commerce under a change of National administration that promises well for the prosperity of the whole country."

The first issue of *The Canadian Baker and Confectioner* has reached the Table. The new journal hail's from Toronto, and the prospectus states that it will be published monthly, by Jas. Acton, at the subscription rate of \$2 per year. The journal is devoted to the baking, confectionery and kindred industries. It is a handsomely printed journal, containing quite an amount of reading matter.

"The Battle of the Swash and the Capture of Canada" is the somewhat sensational title of a volume from the pen of Samuel Barton of New York. A Canadian edition of this work has just been issued by T. Theo. Robinson, publisher, of Montreal. The Canadian edition also contains the now famous speech of Dr. Geo. W. Beers, of Montreal, in reply to a toast on "Professional Annexation," delivered recently at Syracuse, N. Y. "The Battle of the Swash" is a clover satire in its way, something after the style of "The Battle of Dorking." It is supposed to have been written in 1890, and describes the incidents which led to the declaration of war by Canada and Great Britain against the United States, followed by the bombardment of New York, and the forced sale of Canada to the United States, by the British Government. The book furnishes a few hours of interesting reading, as it is said to be meeting with a large sale in the United States and Canada.

MACDONALD & TUPPER, of Winnipeg, give notice of application for an act authorizing the construction of a railway from a point at or near Moose Jaw, in a northwesterly direction via Battleford to Edmonton, thence to Peace River country, with power to build a branch railway from a point where said railway crosses the South Saskatchewan river to Prince Albert.

J. A. PYKE, boot and shoe dealer, Emerson, Man., returned from Vancouver, B. C., last week. He is delighted with the Pacific metropolis, and intends to remove his stock of boots and shoes there in about three weeks and open business. He was fortunate enough to secure a store in a good location, but states that buildings to rent in the business portion of the city are difficult to get. Vancouver has a population of about 11,000 and is growing rapidly. The Emerson "colony" there, which is large, is doing well.—*Emerson International.*

A PETITION to the Dominion Government is being circulated throughout the Territories, asking that the prices of pre-emption lands be reduced, especially in districts distant from railways, as follows:—For lands within 20 miles of an operated railway \$2 an acre, and for lands at a greater distance from an operated railway, \$1 an acre. Objection is also taken to the timber dues, and it is asked that no charge be made for dry wood used by homesteaders for fuel purposes—as by using up the dead timber fires are kept from spreading and the growing timber protected—and that each homesteader be allowed free the timber required by him for fencing and building on his homestead and pre-emption.

**In a State of Doubt.**

Policeman—"Come along, now. Are you going home?"

Jehkins—"Goin' home? T'ash jus what I'd like to know. Everythin' goin' roun' so fas' I can't tell."—Grip.

**"Sempir Paratus!"**

"But, George," said she to the handsome young Grenadier, "what would you really do if there was a sudden cry, "to arms, to arms!"

"Well," said George, "it would depend. If the cry issued from your lips I think I should come."—Grip.

**PETTIT & MCKINNELL**, agents, e.c., Calgary, have dissolved partnership. A. McKinnell retires. F. W. Pettit has formed a partnership with A. J. Ellis, under the style of Pettit & Ellis.

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4 04 "	St. Jean	11 23 "	
3 39 "	Catharino	11 45 a.m.	
3 05 p.m.	West Lorne	12 29 p.m.	
6 05 a.m.	Winnipeg Junction	8 60 a.m.	
8 35 p.m.	Minneapolis	8 35 a.m.	
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9 40 "	Helena	4 00 p.m.	
9 40 "	Garrison	6 15 "	
8 00 p.m.	Spokane	6 45 a.m.	
7 40 "	Portland	6 34 "	
4 30 "	Tacoma	3 50 "	
	"Via Cascade"	6 40 "	

P.M.	A.M.	STATIONS	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
2:30	8:40	St. Paul	7:30	8:00	7:35
10:30	9:30	Chicago	9:00	3:10	8:10
6:45	6:00	Detroit	7:15	10:4	6:40
	9:10	Toronto	9:10		9:05
	7:50	New York	7:30	8:50	8:50
	8:30	Boston	9:35	10:50	10:50
	9:00	Montreal	8:15		8:15

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**TIME TABLE**

Read Down, GOING EAST, No. 1 Daily.	STATIONS.	Read Up, GOING WEST, No. 2 Daily.
14 00 Do	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
15 55 "	Woodpecker	23 35
18 50 "	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 Do	Cherry Coulee	20 55
18 50 "	Winnifred	De 20 00
20 00 "	Seven Persons	Ar 19 55
20 55 "	Dunnore	18 45
22 10 Ar		De 17 30

† Meals. J. E. GALT, Manager, Lethbridge. J. BAILEY, Supt., Lethbridge.

**Manitoba and Northwestern Ry.**

**CHANGE OF TIME.**

Taking Effect November 24th, 1888.

PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Friday
LEAVE 16 00		Portage la Prairie	ARRIVE 18 30
17 45	35	Gladstone	12 05
18 45	61	Nepawa	10 33
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 75
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Suez Lake	8 00
22 30	138	Birtle	7 00
23 30	155	Binscarth	5 55
24 10	160	Russell	5 15
24 40	180	Lauenburg	7 15
1 15	206	Saltcoats	3 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

† Meals. \*Trains for Binscarth leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 22 50; returning leave Binscarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 5 55. For Russell leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 22 50, returning leave Birtle Wednesdays only at 5 15. For Lauenburg and Saltcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 22 50, returning leave Saltcoats Mondays only at 3 40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays at 20 00; returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 30. Above trains connect at Portage la Prairie with trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway to and from Winnipeg. For information as to Freight or Passenger Rates apply to A. Macdonald, Assistant Freight and Passenger Agent, Portage la Prairie, or to W. R. BAKER, General Superintendent.

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