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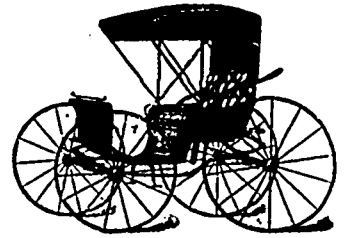
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MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS.

The decision of Judge Cumberland, as reported in The Commercial last week, regarding the assessment of lands in rural municipalities, appears to have the elements of common sense and justice. It has been the custom in many Manitoba municipalities to assess all lands at a flat rate, regardless of their actual value. Thus the owner of the poorest piece of land in the municipality would be assessed as much per acre as those who held the most valuable lands in the district. This made a great injustice to the individual. In another way the custom worked an injury to the municipalities as a whole. According to Manitoba law the assessment levy must not exceed two cents on the dollar. By adopting the level assessment principle, and placing the average value of land at a high rate, the actual levy could be made to greatly exceed two cents on the dollar, at a fair valuation of all the lands of the municipality. In this way the municipal authorities could get around the law and levy a rate which was burdensome to the owners of land in the district. The decision of Judge Cumberland will have a tendency to place a wholesome check upon municipal expenditures in a number of municipalities, such as will in the end prove to the benefit of the municipalities themselves.

MINING SPECULATION.

It is reported from British Columbia that the secretary of one of the numerous mining companies has been arrested, under instructions from the provincial government. It is to be hoped the provincial government will take prompt action to severely punish any fraudulent mining transactions. Considerable harm has already been done legitimate mining in Canada by the extravagant speculative spirit which has developed in British Columbia. The great number of mining companies formed, and the enormous capitalization of these companies, is out of all proportion to the actual development work done in the country. As The Commercial has several times pointed out, the majority of these companies were selling stocks simply on mining claims or prospects, and not on actual mines. It goes without saying that a considerable part of the money invested in these stocks will never return anything to the investors. Stringent laws governing the formation of these companies are necessary, and promoters should be liable to severe punishment for making statements in prospectuses or other literature which were not in accordance with facts.

THE COAL MINERS' STRIKE.

Prices of soft coal of nearly every description have advanced anywhere from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. in the United States, owing to the strike, with prospects of going higher. The strike is among the soft coal miners and does not directly concern the Pennsylvania anthracite trade, but at the same time, if the strike is prolonged, the forcing up of prices of soft coal will increase the demand for anthracite coal, and possibly lead to a further stiffening of the price of the latter article. Anthracite coal is already costing considerably higher than a year ago, the wholesale quotations at Duluth being \$5.85 per ton, compared with \$5.35 per ton a year ago at this date. This means higher prices for Pennsylvania coal next winter in Manitoba, even if the strike should not result in forcing prices up any further.

The strike of soft coal miners seems to have been forced by unreasonable competition among producers, which led to the cutting of prices to unprofitable rates. In order to keep up this competition the wages of the miners were screwed down to the lowest possible point, resulting, as might be expected in a strike. Before the strike Hocking coal was selling as low as \$2 per ton at Duluth, wholesale rates, and at Buffalo at \$1.55 to \$1.65, in car lots, for run of mines—that is,

unscreened coal as it comes from the mines. If consumers had been paying a little more for coal and that little going to the miners, it would no doubt have been better for all concerned. It is not a benefit to the consumer at large to get goods below reasonable prices, as it simply means that some other persons are suffering on account of such sale of goods at unfair prices.

The situation regarding coal in the United States should draw attention in Western Canada to our own vast coal resources. We have ample home supplies of coal throughout the west, and we have all qualities, from a low grade lignite to a good anthracite. Our coal measures are found in districts from the western boundaries of Manitoba to the tide waters of the Pacific and on the islands off our Pacific coast. While a considerable quantity of United States coal is brought to Winnipeg, the consumption of native coal has been gradually increasing. The long railway haul is the greatest barrier in the way of a larger consumption of native coal. Our best qualities of stove coal are found in Western Alberta, which makes a long railway haul necessary. Owing to the advantage of water transportation on the great lakes, Pennsylvania anthracite is laid down in Winnipeg at a less cost, as regards transportation, than some of our western coals. The Crow's Nest agreement did not provide for any reduction in coal freight rates, but a reduction in rates on coal which would give the home market entirely to the home producer, would be of great benefit to the country, by extending an important home industry. Of course if the freight rates were reduced, it would be in order for the coal producers to meet it by a reduction in the price of coal to a basis of a closer margin than they are now working on. The larger production of coal would enable the producers to sell on a closer margin than formerly, and the railways would have more coal to handle. Could not the railway people and western coal producers get together, and by making cuts all around so arrange matters that imported coal could be practically shut out of the west?

THE HORSE TRADE.

The raising of horses is a line which might be followed profitably in Manitoba to a much greater extent than it is. The country is a long way from self-sustaining in the matter of the supply of horses. Carloads of horses are continually being brought in from Eastern Canada, for sale in Manitoba. Many hundreds of eastern horses have been sold in Winnipeg this season. Several carloads have been

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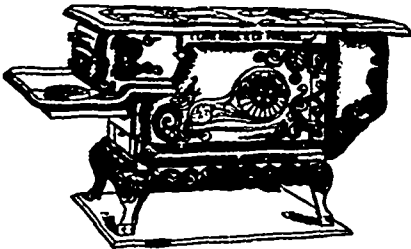
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Freight Rates.

Engagements have been made by the Montreal Transportatoin Co. to carry wheat from Duluth and Fort William to Montreal at 5c per bushel, which is an advance of 1-4c upon previous charters. Corn has been taken from Chicago to Kingston at 21-2 equal to 41-2 Montreal.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: There has been a little more doing in grain with a gradual stiffening in rates, engagements having been made to Liverpool 1s 9d to 1s 10 1-2d, ship agents now asking 2s. To London 1s 3d has been made with 2s now asked, and for September shipment 3d to 6d per quarter more is now asked. The Bristol rate is firm at 2s. There has been a good demand for space for sack flour for London, and engagements have been made at 10s. To Liverpool, business has transpired at 8s 9d and to Glasgow and Bristol 8s 9d to 10s. Provision freights are firmer and higher at 10s Liverpool, 12s 6d London and 15s to 17s 6d Glasgow and Bristol. Considerable engagements are reported of choice at 20s Liverpool and London and 25s Glasgow and Bristol; 10s extra for refrigerator accommodation. Butter freights are 25s Liverpool and London, 30s Glasgow, and 25s Bristol, 10s extra for refrigerator accommodation. Cattle freights are firm at 4s to 50c to Liverpool, and space to this port is said to have been all secured for August and September. To London the rate is 40s, to Bristol 45s and to Glasgow 47s 6d. Eggs have been taken at 15s measurement to Liverpool.

Hides, Wool, etc.

Hides hold firm at Toronto at 81-2c No. 1. Tallow only brings 23-4c. The Toronto Globe says: There has never been a year previous to this when so much of the season's clip was out of the hands of the growers and out of the country. Early in June exporters kept urging the early marketing of the clip so as to get as much of it as possible into the United States before the passage of the new tariff bill. The result has been that the clip was never before so largely sold at this season of the year as it is now. The bulk of the clip has already been sent out of the country. The farmers have received excellent

prices for their wool and the middle men who shipped it, have made handsome profits.

At the London wool sale on July 14, Cape and Natal wools were 5 to 10 per cent. higher than the last series of sales. All through the present series good prices have been realized.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, July 19.—Trade has been fully up to the average in Vancouver and New Westminster this week. At this season the lumbering business is at a standstill, but mining camps are constantly increasing in number and the different mines are being worked, which almost makes up for the trade lost by the absence of lumber ships in port. Preparations for the canning business has also added the wholesalers very materially. As yet the salmon are not running in large quantities but the disquieting rumors, in the main without foundation, have not materially affected this industry and all is quiet on the Fraser, the fishermen accepting 7 and 8 cents per fish without objection. There is no combination among them and there is only the remotest possibility of a strike. Many believe, however, that four big salmon buyers in England, who control the market, have combined to keep down prices, and if this is the case the canners will have to protect themselves by keeping down the prices on the Fraser.

Hay is about all cut, but little if any is in the barn, and at this writing it has been running for forty-eight hours and there is some fear that the hay crop may be affected should the weather not change soon. Oats are in magnificent shape for harvesting and the crop is large. The farmers are hoping for dry weather until oats are in.

The dairy market is about stationary the changes only fractional. Owing to abundance of grass the price of beef is declining. Fruits are abundant and cheap.

WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.

Montreal	156,000
Toronto	87,000
Kingston	40,000
Winnipeg	202,000
Manitoba elevators	1,260,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,913,000
Total July 10	3,658,000

TORONTO PROVISION PRICES.

Long clear is in special demand and local stocks of this class are in danger of being depleted. Prices are firm and slightly higher. Last season's packing is almost sold out and trade is entirely confined to green stuff.

Barrel pork—Heavy mess, \$13; short cut, \$14 to \$15; clear shoulder mess, \$12.50.

Dry salted meats.—Long, clear bacon, car lots, 71-4c, ton lots 71-2c, case lots 73-4c, backs 81-2c, shoulders 61-2c to 7.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 11c; medium, 12c; light, 12c; breakfast bacon, 11c; backs, 11 1-2c; picnic hams, 8c to 9c; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 61-2c; tubs, 63-4c; pails, 7c; compound, 5c.—Globe.

MANITOBA WHEAT MOVEMENT.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ended July 17, aggregated 26,741 bushels, the shipments were 680,768 bushels and the quantity in store was 1,239,105 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 471,971 bushels and shipments 222,784 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 2,357,932 bushels.

Following is a record of the cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the week ended July 20, as reported by Grain Inspector Horn: One hard, 91 cars, two hard, 33; three hard, 5; one spring, 8; two frosted, 1; rejected, 1; no grade, 5. Total, 139 cars.

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

At Brockville, Ontario, on July 15, 8,815 boxes were boarded, of which 2,518 were colored, balance white; 81-16c was the best offer for both white and colored; no sales were made on the board. Salesmen are holding 81-8c.

At Kingston, Ontario, on July 15, at the cheese board 1,500 boxes were offered; sales, 800 at 81-8c.

The Liverpool cheese cable declined 6d on July 14, and again on July 15 a further drop of 6d was reported.

The Montreal Gazette says that Quebec cheese are being shipped to England as "finest Brockville," to fill orders taken for the latter class of goods. As Ontario cheese is held about 3-4c over Quebec goods, this would seem to be considerable of an imposition.

The Dominion government is operating sixteen creameries, ten skimming stations and eighteen cream gathering stations in the Territories this year. These creameries are provided with cold storage and are equipped in the most complete style.



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Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Edmonton Work," will be received until Friday, the 6th of August, inclusively, for the construction of three piers and two abutments for a bridge, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Mr. D. Smith, Clerk of Works, Winnipeg; at the Public Works Office, Post Office, Montreal, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, on and after Thursday, 22nd July.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, for two thousand dollars (\$2,000), must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party declines the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

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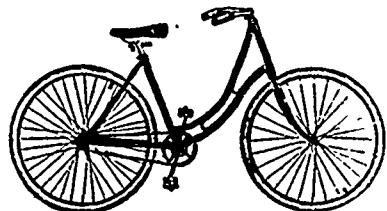
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THE TEA MARKET.

The position of the tea market in Canada at the present time is very interesting, and may become very much more so. Owing to the very general belief that the government would be certain to levy a duty upon tea, every dealer tried to lay in as heavy a stock as he possibly could. The brokers and agents found willing and even anxious buyers in the wholesalers. They, in turn, found equally good customers in the retailers. In fact, so freely did the retailers buy that we hear of some who were persuaded to purchase a stock that will last them for at least the next three years, unless they can persuade their customers to drink more freely. The average retailer, therefore, is not a goods purchaser just at present, and feels just a little touchy at the tea question. The wholesalers, however, were not content with purchasing enough to stock their customers, but purchased enough to stock themselves up heavily. However, when the absence of the expected duty became known, and every one was regretting his heavy purchase, the demand in the States (also because of an expected duty) sprang up, and our wholesalers were unable to unload, brokers who had sold the tea to them now selling the tea for them. Thus, the market as far as the wholesalers is concerned, is very bare, only the poorest grades that could not be shipped to the States remaining. Now the new Japan crop comes on the scene, and, as the crop is light and not of very good quality, the position ought to be strong. Cable advices tell us that there is a likelihood of the 3rd or 4th pickings being passed by, so that values ought to be firmer still. But a curious feature this week is the offering of a line of tea on a sample of last year's standard at 13 1/2c, while the dealers declare that it is impossible to lay down this quality for less than 15c, and this proved by the prices obtained at the public auctions of the tea in Japan. It is asserted, indeed, that the whole thing is a bluff; that the tea as ordered will not be forthcoming, unless indeed the prices are so broken by the game that it will be possible to purchase and deliver so as to fill the orders. Such a course has necessarily a very bad influence in the market, and is to be strongly condemned.—Commercial Gazette.

A BROKER ON WHEAT.

C. H. Lewis & Co., Minneapolis, writes as follows regarding wheat:

It is about time to begin smiling on the bull side, and no doubt many are exceedingly well pleased with themselves, especially those who have been faithful to their bull ideas, and ought wheat on breaks. We have had about a five cent advance since we wrote you last, and the movement has just started. Everything looks very favorable to higher prices, principally because foreigners have at last been forced to come to us for their supplies, and they have been good buyers of wheat and flour all week. Values have advanced daily and are very strong, bringing buying orders for both English and French accounts, ready for future delivery. Another bullish feature of the situation, is the exceedingly light receipts of new wheat, the movement thus far being very limited and not amounting to more than one-third of that of a

year ago. This indicates that there is a very heavy interior demand for new wheat, or else that the new crop is being held back in anticipation of higher prices. The crop news continues very favorable as far as this country is concerned, but abroad it is not satisfactory, and if all reports are to be believed, Russia will not be as active a competitor with us the coming crop, because she will not have it to sell. We feel that the situation is growing stronger day by day on a legitimate basis, and believe that this wheat will sell considerably higher than present prices. We point with a degree of satisfaction to our advices on wheat for the past six weeks, and now make the prediction that those who buy this wheat now, even after the advance it has had, will be able to sell it out at five cents a bushel profit within the next four weeks. This is undeniably a bull year, and purchases on any breaks that may take place are the right tactics to pursue.

UNITED STATES RICE CROP.

The rice crop in the States to-day is quite an important factor in this staple line of food, as the crop amounts to nearly 200 million pounds, and the Merchant's Journal of Topeka, Kan., points out that this great industry owes its being to Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was American minister to France, and, while on a visit to Italy, he saw a cargo of the finest Italian rice he had ever come across. As the export of rice from Italy was forbidden, he could not purchase any to send to America, but managed to fill one of his coat pockets and get away without being detected. On getting back to Paris, he sent it to America with warnings to take great care of it as he might not be able to secure any more. From this pocketful of stolen Italian rice comes the great rice culture of the Southern States.

CALIFORNIA LEMON CROP.

The Grocery World says that three years ago the total lemon crop of Southern California did not exceed 250 carloads. It is estimated that the shipments of lemons produced this year in Southern California will not be less than 1,000 carloads. Of this total quantity about 400 carloads have already gone forward, of which 100 carloads have been shipped through the Southern California Fruit Exchange; 100 more have gone forward mixed up with orange shipments, and 200 shipped through the different fruit-shipping firms. This would leave 600 carloads still to be picked and shipped between now and October 31st.

MANITOBA FLOUR.

Montreal, July 20.—Millers are reporting quite a big export demand for Manitoba flour these days. It is being introduced in all the leading markets of the world. On change today a miller stated that he now had eight or nine countries on his export list which off and on have taken the best brands of Manitoba flour. In running them over he mentioned Australia, Ireland, South America, Denmark, England, Scotland, China and South Africa. Of course flour is not selling to these places right along, but this week sales have been made to three of them. Yesterday a round lot was bought for South Africa and

another for China, while in the afternoon a sale of 2,000 sacks was made to London.

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GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

A big trade in sugars is reported from the eastern refineries, the canning and preserving season being now in full swing.

A letter from Messina states that the new crop of fiberts is backward, and that consequently higher prices for the first half of October shipment are expected.

Advices from Sicily state that the new crop of shelled almonds will be light. Prices have advanced to a high figure, especially in Bari, the output of which will be smaller proportionately than that of Sicily.

Barbadoes molasses has advanced 1c at the island to 6c first cost. The Montreal Gazette says: There has been no improvement in the tea market during the past week, the demand being chiefly for small lots, and sales aggregating between 300 and 400 packages of new crop Japan, have been made at prices ranging from 18c to 25c.

THE LIVE STOCK TRADE.

R. Mullins, of Virden, Man., has shipped two cars of hogs west.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel says, Mr. Milliken, representing the Waite-Wiley Co., of Sioux City, Iowa, shipped another herd of stocker cattle Tuesday last. This lot, which is the second, comprised 197 head, 122 of which were secured in the neighborhood of the Mound and the remainder in the vicinity of Crystal City.

G. B. Murphy shipped from Carberry, Man., recently, a carload of fat cattle. In it there were fourteen head, which totalled up to 21,000 lbs. One bull weighed 2,260. The following shipments are reported from Carberry: Two cars of fat cattle, to Winnipeg; three cars of stockers for western ranches at Lacombe, Alta; two cars of hogs to Winnipeg.—Carberry News.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE NOTES

The Economist for July devotes a great deal of space to a write up of the Canada Life Assurance company, which company has this year celebrated its golden jubilee. The Canada Life was organized at Hamilton in August, 1847, and will, therefore, soon have passed its fiftieth birthday. The write-up is profusely illustrated, containing amongst the illustrations a likeness of Mr. A. McR. Campbell, manager of the Winnipeg agency.

The Sun Life Assurance company is preparing to erect a Jubilee Memorial Fountain in Montreal. The memorial will consist of a massive pedestal of New Brunswick granite with a fountain attachment. On the front face of this will be placed a polished granite slab bearing the inscription.

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Lake of the Woods Mines.

Rat Portage, July 22.—It is pretty generally admitted that the Lake of the Woods district must draw largely upon English and United States capital before it can hope to reach a very advanced stage of development, a statement which means nothing more than that the capital which is available for mining purposes must be reached and interested before legitimate mining can be said to have commenced. So far, perhaps, this district as much as it has afforded one instance has been exceptionally fortunate, instance at least wherein faith and enthusiasm have triumphed where experience and calculation might very easily have failed. But it must be remembered that while faith and enthusiasm are necessary to the success of any enterprise, they must be a faith and enthusiasm founded upon reason and common sense, or disaster and utter ruin follow very speedily in their wake. In no industry perhaps is this fact more fully recognized than in gold mining; and although it seems hard to make the average individual understand that mad speculation is not the leading characteristic of the mining man, the fact remains that in no business are less chances taken than in that of gold mining. Mining capital does not rush all over the world on speculation bent. It don't have to gamble on results. It can afford to wait and lie back until legitimate enterprise and judgment write it into an investment where its reward is as palpable and certain as that two and two make four. True it is that the gambling spirit invades and sometimes takes possession of the mining field, even as it does that of sport and the handling of our food supplies, but we all know what the results are there. One can afford to indulge himself in a little gambling now and again for sport, just for the fun of the thing as it were, but if any one were to make a business of it we should soon come to a very decided standstill. The true mining man is not a gambler; he is not a speculator; and the great difficulty in the development of a young country such as this is not that of securing capital, but of inducing it to understand that businesslike method and not wild speculation beckon to it for aid and co-operation. There are speculators who will gamble on mining properties, but they do not represent mining capital. They buy because they know nothing of a mining proposition and are willing to take chances in developing the properties. I could name a few in the Lake of the Woods district which have changed hands on this basis; but the least said is soonest mended. Mining capital does not deal in prospects, it is in for development, for mining, and if it requires one, two, or three millions to open up a property there will be no difficulty in getting the money, provided that the enterprise is a legitimate one and the money is properly invested. And all this is apropos of the price at which prospects are held in this district. I have spoken to three different gentlemen within the past day or two in reference to the best methods to be adopted in order to increase the flow of capital into the district. One of these gentlemen is a Canadian, another an Englishman, and still another an American; and each of them has been looking around for properties in which they could advise the in-

vestment of money which they represent or which their opinion would at least influence. They all spoke in the same strain, and to the effect that it is no use approaching mining capital with a ten or fifteen thousand dollar prospect. It is only waste of time to do so and brings a man into ill repute as a speculator. "Look here," said the Englishman, "I have already expressed my opinion on this matter and have been abused for attempting to depreciate the district. What nonsense! I was simply stating what my experience has taught me is the only way to get capital in. Capital must have a chance and it will not put a lot of money into a property which a week's labor may blow out. Capital and the prospector must go hand in hand and share the chances as well as the results before much progress is made here." "I can tell you," said the American, "if a man has no faith in his own property, he cannot expect other people to have. If a property is worth ten or fifteen thousand, it is worth a great deal more, and there is no reason in the world why the prospector should not get its full value. But until sufficient money has been put in to demonstrate its worth, it is only a prospect, and its value a very uncertain quantity." This is a matter of great importance to the district, and cannot be discussed too freely for our own benefit. Perhaps in a day or two I may run against somebody who will have something to say from the prospector's standpoint.—Correspondence Winnipeg Free Press.

Dun's Review.

Toronto, July 22.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says. "The very favorable weather conditions which have prevailed throughout the Montreal district for the past several weeks, have proved very beneficial to the crops generally. Haying is much later than usual, but is now in full swing and the cutting shows better results in a good many sections than anticipated earlier in the season. Fruits generally will be a short crop.

"The make of cheese is a heavy one and the exports show a very considerable gain upon the figures of last year, large as these latter were.

"The general trade movement shows no specially new feature. The improved demand for sugars noted last week is well maintained.

"In dry goods, owing to continued hot weather, sorting orders for the seasonable fabrics are still pretty numerous, and with some houses shipment of full orders has begun, but as before noted, there is not much buying ahead as usual. Owing to the advance developed in the raw wool market, some stiffening in cashmeres and other lines of dress goods, is not deemed improbable in the near future.

"Orders for fall footwear continue much behind last year, and the demand for leather is of a "hand-to-mouth" character. The prices of hides, reduced locally last week, have been re-established at the old figure. In other lines there is nothing of a noteworthy character.

"The money market remains easy at 3 1/2 to 4 per cent. for call money. The reduction of the interest rate on deposits by the local banks, which we were first to report last week, goes into effect with the larger institutions on August 1st. With others the

rate becomes operative Sept. 1st and will be in full effect by December 1st with all but two of the smaller banks.

The fall wheat crop is being harvested, and as expected the yield will be large and the quality good. Farmers have commenced to cut their barley, which will be a small crop. Demand for wheat has increased and in sympathy with higher prices in Britain and United States, local dealers are paying four to five cents per bushel more than a week ago. White wheat is bringing eight to nine cents more than a year ago, while Manitoba No. 1 hard is twenty cents per bushel higher than a year ago. This is one of the encouraging features of the situation.

The movement of staple dry goods is increasing and the general tone of prices firm.

Sugars are selling well at firm prices and there is some improvement in the demand for teas.

The hardware trade is good and leather is fairly active with some descriptions firmer in prices.

Wool continues firm and hides unchanged. Remittances continue to improve and the demand for money is better.

Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent. Call loans quoted at 3 1/2 to 4 per cent. Bank of England discount rate is unchanged at 2 per cent.

The Toronto stock market has been active the past few days with considerable advances in quotations led by Canadian Pacific.

Failures of the week were 28 as against 29 for the same week of last year.

THE EAST ATLANTIC LINE.

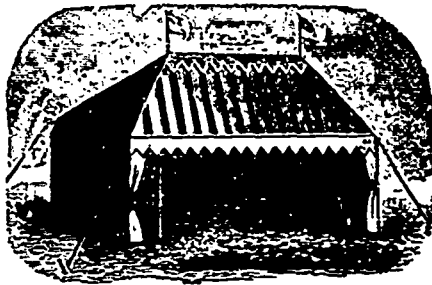
London, July 22.—In the House of Commons, to-day, Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, replying to a question as to the present position of the projected fast mail service to Canada, said by the terms of the contract, the two steamers must be ready to begin the service on or before May 31, 1899, and the other two not later than May 1, 1900. Mr. Chamberlain said also the contractors had agreed to deposit with the Canadian minister of finance within 60 days of the date of signing the contract and notification of their acceptance of its conditions, the sum of £10,000 and guarantee a satisfactory to the minister of finance for an additional £10,000 as security for the performance of the contract. "The sixty day period," he said, "had not expired."

THE U. S. TARIFF.

Washington, July 22.—The treasury officials have made preparations to put the tariff act into operation upon its receiving the signature of the president. Copies of the bill have been sent to customs officers throughout the country. In anticipation of its passage, and it is expected that all will have reached their destination by the time the bill becomes a law. Collectors have also been instructed to make the change from the old law to the new, upon the receipt of trustworthy information, official or otherwise, that the bill has received the president's approval. Officials who have given the pending bill careful scrutiny state that it is exceptionally free from ambiguities and inconsistencies, and little trouble is anticipated in formulating regulations governing its administration.

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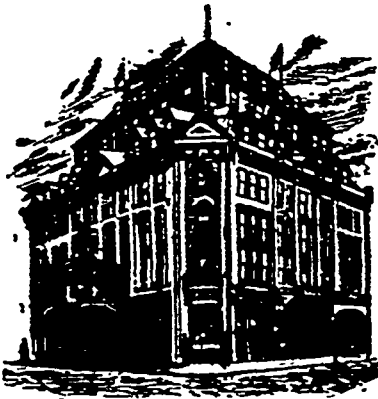
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The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association seems to be very unfortunate in the matter of weather. No matter how fine the exhibit or how interesting the attractions, a thoroughly successful exhibition cannot be held without at least fairly good weather. During the few years since the exhibition was first inaugurated, the success of the fair has several times been impaired by bad weather. This year unfavorable weather again prevailed, and detracted much from what was in many respects the most successful exhibition ever held in Manitoba. It is unusual to have more than a thunder storm in July, and the remark was frequently made that only the holding of the Winnipeg Industrial could induce an incessant downpour of rain for two or three days in July. At any rate one of the heaviest and most prolonged rains of the season set in just as the exhibition was getting nicely under way.

As usual the live stock exhibit is the most important feature of the exhibition, from an agricultural point of view, and our breeders and feeders certainly make a grand display for a city as young as Manitoba. Horses and cattle are shown in great numbers, shorthorns leading in the latter class. The dairy exhibit is also good, showing improvement over last year. Poultry fill a large space. Though early in the season quite a display of roots and vegetables is also made.

In the main building there is the usual varied display of manufactured goods and wares.

A new feature of the exhibition this year is a splendid mineral exhibit from Northwest Ontario, British Columbia and other districts. This attracted a great deal of attention, and would do well to advertise the districts represented.

The display of agricultural machinery, carriages, etc., was fully as large and not larger than in any previous year. This we consider one of the valuable features of the fair. Improvements are constantly being made in farm machinery, and the intelligent and progressive agriculturist will endeavor to keep informed in regard to these improvements. At the fair the former has the opportunity of inspecting all the latest machinery, and comparing one machine with another, while the agents are glad to explain the workings of the various machines, tools and appliances of value to the farmer. The chance of inspecting such a variety of farm implements, etc., would alone repay many farmers for the trouble of visiting the fair. The best kind of farming, for instance, is a question of importance in this country. Several new kinds of farm fencing were on exhibition at the fair, which should be interesting to farmers.

The attractions provided were of a high order and the best procurable. It is a pity that the weather interfered so much with the carrying out of the programme of sports and amusements. Some have argued that the fair should be made a purely agricultural exhibition. When the exhibition association was first being form-

ed, The Commercial strongly advocated the making of exhibition week a time of general celebration and amusement. Amusement and recreation is necessary for physical and mental health and development. Without some amusement and recreation the human family would degenerate. The brightest intellect would become dull and blunted without a little of the "spice of life." Our large agricultural population seldom have an opportunity of enjoying a round of amusements of a high order, and in this respect the Winnipeg Industrial supplies exactly what is required. The board of management is certainly to be complimented in having supplied such an excellent and high-class entertainment. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, is a literally true statement.

The grain shown was of course from last year's crop, but it proved nevertheless quite attractive. S. J. Thompson, V. S., of Carberry, carried off the prize for the best 25 bushels Red Fyfe wheat, \$100 given by the Union bank. He also takes \$15 as first for 5 bushels, and \$8 for two bushels of the same wheat. Second place in the same three sections goes to J. E. Casselman, Lauder. The money value of Mr. Casselman's prizes is \$66. Third place for 5 and 2 bushels, goes to John Green, McGregor. Wm. Saunderson, Souris, takes fourth in the 5 and 2 bushels lists.

For 5 bushels White Fyfe John Gorrell, Carberry, takes first; Wm. Clements, Fairmead, second; W. Saunderson, third.

For E. L. Drewry's special prize of \$25, for 5 bushels of two-rowed barley, Fred. Froom, Carberry, took the prize, and for two bushels of the same he also takes the society's first prize of \$8; W. Stephen, Virden, comes second; W. Clements, Fairmead, Assa, third. For 5 bushels six-rowed, D. W. McIvor, Kildonan, takes E. L. Drewry's \$25 special prize, and he is also second for the two bushels of the same variety. John Ralston, Rapid City, takes first for two bushels six-rowed, and Mrs. Scott Stuart, Oak Bank, third.

In the dairy class twenty-four creameries have exhibits of three packages, 56 lbs. each, put up with a view to export, and twelve have assorted packages, while fifteen show pound prints. Farm dairies are well represented. In cheese the display is more limited, only a few of the factories having exhibits at the fair.

The Crops.

Since our last report Manitoba has received the heaviest rain of the season. The rain was needed over a large section of the province, but it was not required in the Red River valley—at least not such a prolonged and heavy rain. Some fear was expressed that heavy crops might go down, but we have not heard any complaints from the country of this nature. The rain would do a great deal of good throughout the province, and will now ensure the filling out of the crops to the best advantage, if no blight of any kind is developed between now and harvest. It came too late, however, to make a heavy crop in those districts which have suffered more or less from drouth.

The straw, as a rule, not being heavy this year there is not much danger of damage from the grain lodging, as sometimes follows from a very heavy rain late in the season. On some flat lands damage may possibly be done from standing water, though we do not apprehend any serious trouble on this account unless further rains should come soon. On the whole the crop outlook has been greatly improved. While sufficient rain at this late date cannot make a heavy crop, it will make the best possible outturn from the crop as already developed. While the straw will be rather short and light in many districts, the prospect is for a well filled head and a fair average crop, which can be handled in many cases with a better net profit, owing to saving of labor in harvesting, than a very heavy straw crop.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat—The offerings are only fair and the market is a little easier, at 68c for red and white and 68 1/2c north and west. Manitoba wheat is firm; No. 1 hard is held at 81c Goderich and No. 2 hard at 79c.

Flour—There is a good demand and the market is firm, with sales of straight roller at \$3.20 in buyers' bags middle freights. This is equal to \$3.45 in barrels and about represents the market.

Millfeed—Is quiet and unchanged at \$10 and \$11 for shorts and \$8 for bran west.

Barley—Steady at 26c for No. 2 and 22c to 23c for feed outside.

Oats—Are rather easier at 23c to 24c for No. 2 white west.

Butter—There is a very poor demand. Prices are about steady as follows: Good dairy tub, 11c. to 11 1/2c; rolls, 12c to 13c; creamery, 16 1/2c to 18c.

Eggs—The market is quiet and new laid are generally sold at about 9 1/2c. Globe, July 19.

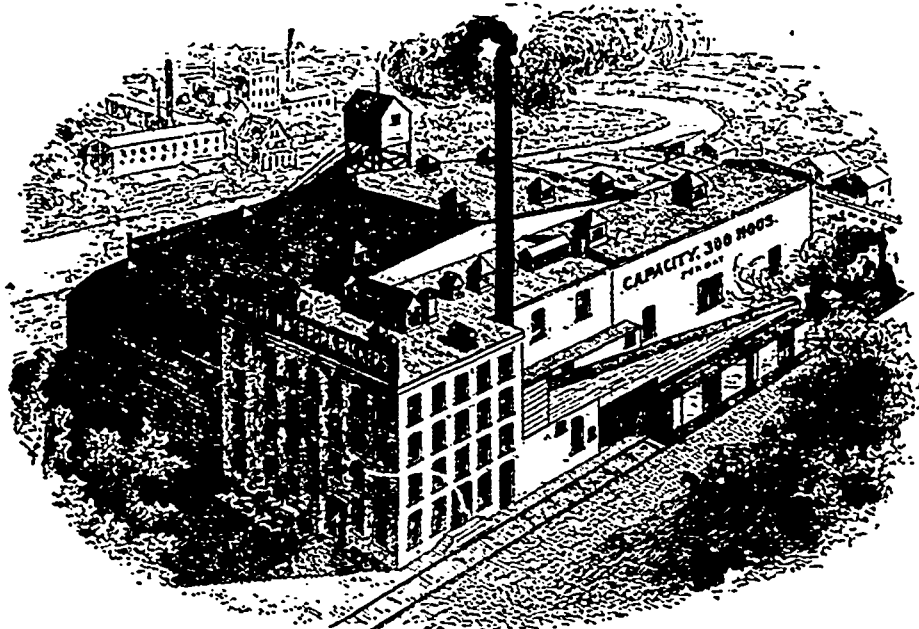
EDMONTON FUR SALES.

The fur sales since last issue are the largest on record. The following is a complete list: D. Cadrow to J. S. Segers, \$401.10; A. Green to J. S. Segers, \$64.50; Robt. Logan to A. N. Rose for Ullman & Co., \$80; Brick Bros. to R. Secord, \$10,888.88; Collin Fraser to R. Secord, \$13,777. Total sales for the three days since last issue, \$25,211.48. Total sales for the last ten days, \$34,028. The different bids on Collin Fraser's lot were as follows: \$13,777, \$13,567.75, \$12,638.28, \$12,563.63, \$12,300.05. This practically winds up the fur business for this season as all of the large lots are in and the traders are returning with their goods and preparing for another winter's trade.—Edmonton Bulletin.

The creditors of the John Eaton company, department store, Toronto, have appointed an inspector who will report after a thorough investigation. The affairs of the company do not look favorable for the creditors.

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The Northwest Central.

Mr. F. H. Phippen yesterday morning received a cablegram from Mr. Stewart Tupper stating that the judicial committee of the privy council were of the opinion that the contract between Charlebois and the Great North West Central Railway company was ultra vires of the powers of the company, and that the judgment obtained by Charlebois against the company for \$622,000 should be set aside.

The facts are that some years ago Charlebois entered into a contract with the Great North West Central Railway company for the construction of 100 miles of the railway. After 50 miles had been built, he sought to obtain a judgment against the company for the balance he alleged to be then due to him for construction. At this time a considerable amount was due by Charlebois to the sub-contractors. These sub-contractors were then in actual possession of the company's line, holding it until they were paid. An agreement was come to between Charlebois, the company and the sub-contractors, by which the latter should give up possession to the company and allow their claims to be included in the judgment which Charlebois was, by consent, to obtain against the company; this judgment too declaring that the first monies realized thereunder should be used in payment of the contractor's claims. This was carried out and judgment rendered by Charlebois in the high court of justice for Ontario, against the company for the above amount.

Shortly thereafter James Bog's Delap, an English gentleman, who had invested a very large amount of money in the shares and bonds of the company brought an action against Charlebois and the others interested in the judgment alleging that the contract between Charlebois and the company was fraudulent, illegal and ultra vires of the company; that the judgment against the company had been obtained by collusion, and that an account should be taken of what, if anything, was due by the company to Charlebois on the work and the judgment of her to be null and void or reduced to this amount. This action was carried from one court to another in Ontario until finally the supreme court of Canada upheld the original decision which was in Charlebois' favor.

The various creditors, amongst whom the Commercial Bank of Manitoba is the largest (the amount due to the bank being in the neighborhood of \$40,000), contended that even if the contract and judgment were illegal, they, the creditors, having given up the road with the consent of the company, and having acted in good faith should be protected, and that the company was estopped from saying that it were indebted to Charlebois in an amount sufficient to, at least satisfy the amount due to these creditors.

The cablegram from Mr. Tupper, who is representing the creditors before the judicial committee, states that the judicial committee is of the opinion that the creditors should be protected, and in this purpose the court had suggested a settlement. Pending an arrangement under the direction of the court the argument on this point is unconcluded. The probabilities would, therefore, appear to be that while Charlebois' judgment is set aside, the creditors will be all right.

This suit has probably been the costliest piece of litigation ever carried on in Canada. The evidence was very voluminous, and the interests of the parties of such magnitude, that the case has been most persistently fought every point. Sister litigation was commenced in Manitoba, but was stayed by an order of the court of Queen's Bench for this province pending the ultimate decision of the Ontario suit.

Rossland Stock Exchange.

Rossland, B. C., July 10. —The heavy rains of the past six weeks—quite exceptional at this season of the year—have done much to retard business. Prospectors have been forced to leave the hills, and those who had preparations made to go out had to defer operations. To-day, however, things are looking brighter, with every indication that the wet spell is over. A good deal of development work is being done, and ere the season closes there will no doubt be many shipping mines and dividend-payers added to the list. Several of the properties which have been boomed so much in the past have been closed down for want of funds with which to continue the work, and I am not surprised that the deluded investors are calling for vengeance. In too many instances the cause of failure is attributable to the fact that the promoters of these companies disposed of their own stock first and left the treasury stock to look after itself. In not a few instances was the former stock disposed of at a lower figure than that at which the latter was quoted; under such circumstances failure was but a natural result.

But the camp is young, and I fear that investors expected too much for their money, and more immediate returns than it was reasonable to hope for. From the crookedness or incompetency of certain company promoters the camp generally is now suffering. If these concerns and those who have unfortunately been taken in by them were the only sufferers it would be bad enough, but when it is realized that many deserving, honest companies have also been brought into the vortex, it makes matters worse. Just at present it is so hard to sell mining stock in Rossland as non-existent potato patches on our mountain peaks.

Our local stock exchange having fled, or rather suicided, an enterprising auctioneer has taken the matter in hand, and has a daily "call." Gift of tongue and expert of hammer, he manages to knock down occasional blocks of stock at prices which would surprise original purchasers—in some instances 50 per cent lower than they paid. This, of course, must have the effect of injuring properties and creating suspicion in the mind of the public as to the bona fides of mining transactions. The only practical way, it appears to me, to get over the difficulty is for promoters to pool their stock until sufficient work has been done to demonstrate the worth of the properties they handle. Otherwise, investors would do well to investigate before parting with their money.

Coming to Manitoba.

Father Corbell, who has been commissioned by Mgr. Langevin to act as immigration and repatriation agent, arrived here yesterday with a party of French-Canadian delegates from Northern New York. Speaking to a reporter, Abbe Corbell gave some interesting particulars about his work. After leaving Winnipeg he first visited Houghton, Marquette Mich., and Toledo, O. There, as indeed was the case at every place he visited, he found a majority of the French Canadians anxious to return to Canada. But, in the majority of cases they were too poor, and could not raise the money necessary for the transfer. Many of those who were in a fair financial position, were quite won over by his arguments in favor of Manitoba, but they were prevented from leaving at once, owing to their inability to find a purchaser for their real estate.

From Michigan and Ohio Father Corbell went to Montreal, and proceeded to Corgan, Carthage, Castorlandt and Ogdensburg and other

places in northern New York. There, too, he found the strongest possible desire on the part of "les Canadiens errants" to return to their fatherland. The advantages set forth by him were most tempting to these victims of misfortune in a foreign land.

Father Corbell is authorized by Archbishop Langevin to make the most liberal offers to French Canadians who desire to settle in Manitoba. There is surrounding St. Boniface a large tract of land known as the Seigneurie, which was given by Lord Selkirk to Bishop Provencher of Manitoba years ago. The predecessors of the present archbishop allowed this land to remain in a virgin condition without any attempt at settlement. But Mgr. Langevin, realizing that the future of the French race in Manitoba depends upon the influx of fresh blood, has determined to throw it open to settlement upon conditions just as favorable to the settler and as easy of accomplishment as those upon which the Dominion government grants homesteads.

So attractive were these offers proved to those visited by him that Abbe Corbell succeeded in persuading thirty delegates to join him in a visit to Manitoba and they arrived with him yesterday. There is no fear of the new settlers becoming a burden upon the public, for it is a sine qua non that each family must have at least \$700 or \$800 with which to start afresh in the western land.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

The following are the returns for week ending July 22nd, 1897:

	Clearings	Balance
Total for week ending July 22, 1897	\$ 1,330,430	\$27,981
Total for week ending July 22, 1896	1,077,378	193,632
Total for week ending July 22, 1895	928,617	171,919

TRADE WITH JAPAN.

Mr. Geo. Anderson, of Toronto, formerly connected with the Imperial Oil company who has been appointed as commissioner to Japan, arrived from the east yesterday afternoon. He will remain in the city till this evening, and to-day will confer with President Cole, of the board of trade; Secretary Bell, of the grain exchange; F. W. Thompson, local manager of the Ogilvie Milling company, and G. V. Hastings, of the Lake of the Woods Milling company. Mr. Anderson's mission to the Flowery kingdom is with a view of developing trade between Japan and Canada, and is hopeful that his visit will be of benefit to the commercial and industrial interests of the Dominion. He is accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, and were entertained by Mr. H. E. Sharp last night. They will spend a day at Banff before proceeding to Vancouver, Victoria, and will sail on the steamer Empress of Japan on its next trip.

ONTARIO EXCURSIONISTS.

The third and last party of home-seekers from Ontario reached the city last evening on a special train. There were over 300 on the train, and were in charge of Mr. W. D. Scott, Manitoba's representative in Toronto. The larger number of the new arrivals proceeded to western points, a special train being dispatched from here about 8:30 o'clock, and others go out to points on the branch lines to-day.

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The Live Stock Trade.

At London on July 19 there was a decidedly weak feeling in the market, owing to heavy supplies and hot weather, and prices declined 3-4c to 1c per lb., with trade very bad. Choice States cattle sold at 10 1-4c, choice Canadian at 9 3-4c, and Argentine at 8 1-2c. The market for sheep was evidently demoralized, as prices broke 1-2c to 2c, choice Canadians selling at 9c and Argentine at 9 3-4c.

At Liverpool on July 19, the market was also weaker for U. S. cattle, and prices were 1-4c lower at 10c for choice, while choice Canadian were unchanged at 10c and medium at 9 1-2c. Canadian sheep were weaker, and quoted 1-4c lower at 9 1-2c.

The Montreal Gazette of July 19 says. The feature in local export live stock circles during the past few days has been the renewed strength in the ocean freight market, and in spite of the deplorable state of the market abroad a sharp advance in rates of 5s per head has taken place to Liverpool and London. This is due chiefly to the fact that the demand for space to the former port has been active from both Canadian and U. S. shippers, and all the space available has been engaged at 47s 6d to 50s, and the latter figure was refused today for a lot of 250. Considerable business has also been done in London space at 35s to 40s. The market on the whole is strong and the general impression is that still higher rates will rule in the near future. In regard to the state of the cattle markets abroad, values are, probably, as low to-day as they have been at any time previous this season, but the trade must not forget the fact that in July last year Canadian cattle sold at 8c to 8 1-2c, and the shipments up to date in 1896 were fully 10,000 head less than what have gone forward this season so far, consequently it would not be surprising to see a 4d market yet this month with the present state of affairs. In spite of the above facts prices in this market are being maintained and shippers continue to buy freely, and because they won't advance in their views for choice grass cattle farmers are holding them back, which is the whole cause of the present scarcity of such stock and the large shipments of U. S. stock by way of this port. Out of 4,697 head shipped last week 1,393 head were United States. The sheep trade is also in a very unsatisfactory state abroad, prices being very low. On the whole shippers are no doubt losing lots of money, and it is to be hoped the markets will take a turn for the better in the near future.

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on July 19, the supply of cattle was larger than it has been lately, especially of common and inferior stock, and there was an easier feeling for poor stuff. On the other hand, good to choice heaves continue to be scarce and values are well maintained considering there is very little demand from exporters at present. Trade on the whole was active and a clearance was made of the bulk of the heaves. Choice heaves sold at 4c to 4 1-4c, good at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c, fair at 2 3-4c to 3 1-4c, common at 2 1-4c to 2 1-2c and inferior at 2c to 2 1-8c per lb. There was a weaker feeling in the market for sheep, on account of the low prices ruling abroad, and values were fully 1-4c per lb. lower. Choice sheep, suitable for shipment, sold

at 3 1-4c, and sales for local account were made at 2 1-2c to 3c per lb., live weight.

At the Point St. Charles market, Montreal, on July 19, there was a fair demand for cattle, and a few loads changed hands at 2 1-2 to 3 1-4c per lb. Owing to the small receipts of hogs the tone of the market was stronger, and prices advanced 1-4c per lb., sales of heavy being made at 5c, and light at 5 1-2c per lb.

Grain and Milling News.

The Montreal Gazette, of July 19, quotes an advance of 50c. on bran and shorts.

Two elevators will be built at Wapella, Assa., one by a Winnipeg grain firm, and the other by Knowles & Nixon, of Wapella.

The Gazette of Tuesday last says. There was a decided improvement in the demand for hard wheat flour today, especially from the local and maritime province buyers, and quite an active business with sales reported of 36 car loads on the latter account and 20 car loads and 4,000 bags on the former. There was also a good enquiry from abroad for Manitoba grades, and sales were made of 2,000 sacks on London account. The stock of Manitoba flour has been pretty much disposed of. The tone of the market is firm. We quote: Winter wheat patents at \$4 to \$4.52; straight rollers, \$3.65 to \$3.80 and in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.85. Manitoba strong bakers', choice, \$3.95; outside brands, \$3.55 to \$3.65, and spring wheat patents \$1.15.

Manitoba.

The Brandon Sun has undertaken the publication of a daily edition.

The C. P. R. station at Morden was struck by lightning and burned on July 17.

Jas. Waite, watchmaker, has opened business at Dauphin.

Alex. McLean of the Grand Vuev hotel, Dauphin, has sold out to his son.

The Winnipeg Business college some time ago adopted a system of practical teaching by written correspondence. This is proving very successful. The pupils gain a knowledge of ordinary business correspondence at the same time that they are acquiring information upon other subjects.

Joseph Higginbotham, of Brandon has purchased the jewelry store from the estate of the late Mr. Crisp, of Portage la Prairie, and will continue the business.

G.W. McLaren, of Morden, has opened a drug store at Crystal City.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

The Assiniboine Lumber company of Brandon, expects their drive of logs down the Assiniboine by Monday, when the saw mill will be started and kept running day and night till the river freezes up, and some will likely be carried over for spring cutting.

The Golden Lumber company are rushing out ties and other railroad timber for the Crow's Nest road. One day recently they shipped 5,000 ties, making twenty-one carloads.

The Montreal Gazette of Tuesday reports an advance of 3d to 6d in ocean grain rates.

HARDWARE AND PAINT TRADE.

Linseed oil has declined 1c at Montreal to 40 to 41c for raw and 43 to 44c for boiled, as to quantity, owing to large supplies.

Turpentine has declined 1c per gallon at Montreal to 40 to 41c.

White lead was reported very firm at Montreal, with a probability of an immediate advance.

CROPS IN THE BIG WHEAT STATES

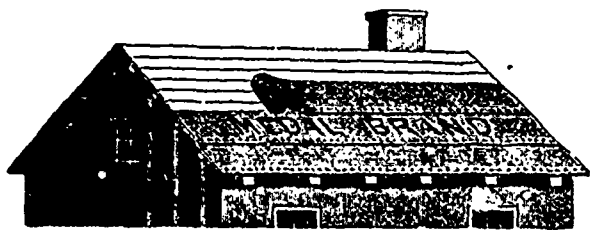
The Minneapolis Market Record has the following on the crops of Minnesota and North and South Dakota:

The heavy rains in the last three days, which have been more general than any before since seeding, have done considerable damage in low grounds in some of the important grain sections. This is very noticeable in the Red River valley where much of the flat land was covered with standing water. This condition is so unusual at this time of the year that it is not easy to estimate the full extent of the injury to the grain growing in such land. There are places where the grain is benefited by the rain in the middle and western portions of North and South Dakota. Leaving out of the consideration the Red River valley, the benefits may nearly offset the damages, provided the rains do not continue. While the yield promises large in some quarters that promise is not so general as it was before. Dry cool weather for a few weeks would do much to repair the conditions, by filling out the heads with plump and sound grain, but the heavy general yield cannot be looked for that was indicated at one time this season. But with the large acreage there is still reason to feel confident of fairly good results and perhaps a large outturn for the total of the three states of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

G. H. Bowen, president of the Thousand Islands Carriage company, of Gananoque, Ont., was in Winnipeg last week taking in the Industrial Exhibition. The company is making a considerable display at the exhibition. A C. McTear handles these well known carriages in Winnipeg.

The Montreal Gazette of July 19, says. The cheese market is as difficult to understand as ever. The public cable came unchanged to-day and private advices did not warrant higher prices, yet the fact remains that, in addition to the full figures paid in the country on Saturday, higher prices were realized at the wharf this morning on Quebec cheeses than a week ago. Values ranged from 7 1-2c to 7 3-4c. The outside, however was only made on a small quantity, and a fair ruling price was 7 5-8c. Judging generally from the way prices on this side are holding up, it would seem as though the short interest extended into July make. It is difficult to explain the firmness in any other way.

Mail reports state that the run of salmon on the Columbia river still continues very short. This fact, the writers say, coupled with the strike has cut down the 1897 pack very heavily. Up to the date of July, it was stated only about 50 per cent of the quantity turned out to that time last year had been packed. Some of the larger packers, it is reported, have already withdrawn from the market at any price.



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Manitoba's Wheat Crop.

Following is the Manitoba & North-western Railway company's for the two weeks ending 21st July:

Westbourne—Wheat, oats and barley are doing fine, and a good average crop is expected. About one week earlier than this date last year. After the recent rains hay is filling up well and a good crop is expected.

Gladstone—Crops in this vicinity are looking splendid. Wheat is all headed out. Oats and barley are greatly improved by the recent rains. No damage by hail or frost.

Arden—The crops are doing remarkably well. Wheat is well headed out, and should be ready in about three weeks if weather turns warmer. The yield will be a large increase over last year. Oats and barley are doing very well. Oats are about the same as last year; barley will be lighter.

Neepawa—Wheat still improving very rapidly. The yield per acre will not average quite so high as last year on account of early drought but the crop is, on the whole, better advanced than at this time last year, and is mostly all headed out. No damage by hail reported. Barley acreage about same as last year, and at present this crop looks very promising. Oats will not be as heavy on the average as last year; the acreage is about one-fifth larger, and the crop at present looks very well.

Minnedosa—Crops are coming on splendidly. Wheat is headed out and is a week earlier than last year. Oats are fully as far ahead as at same time last year and are heading rapidly. The crop altogether is excellent and will no doubt give a large yield of good grain.

Rapid City—Crops of all kinds still continue to look well. Wheat is all headed out and in most cases compares favorably with corresponding date last year. Oats and barley promise an excellent crop.

Newdale—The last two weeks' warm weather and frequent rains have caused all kinds of grain to grow very rapidly. Wheat is all headed out. Oats and barley heading out fast. As compared with last year wheat is from eight to ten days ahead. Oats and barley about the same as last year. Hay and root crop will be as good as last year.

Strathclair—Crops steadily improving with the favorable weather of the past few weeks. Barley and wheat nearly all headed out, and a good yield of all varieties of grain is assured if weather remains favorable till harvest time. No damage from hail or frost.

Stoal Lake—Wheat is fully headed out in a great many places and is looking well. Growth is in advance of last season. Straw will be short. A very fair crop is expected. Oats and barley doing well and as far ahead as at this time last year. Crop will be light in some places.

Belle—Crops of all kinds are coming on fairly well but more rain is needed badly in this vicinity. Wheat is fully headed out. Straw will be short in most places. Crop about as far advanced as last year at this time. Oats are about a week behind last year and promise rather a light crop.

Research—Crops of all kinds are growing rapidly and doing well. Farmers expect harvest to start about second week in August which is about a week ahead of last year.

Russell—All crops looking fine and getting to be a good length. More rain is needed in this vicinity. Reports say crop is fully ahead of last year. Barley doing well.

Langenburg—Oat crop doing very well since last rains, much improved since last report, mostly headed out, and growing nicely. Wheat is all headed and looking very well, probably 7 to 10 days further advanced than this time last year and growing fast. Potatoes and other roots growing fast and will be a good crop. Hay crop much improved since the last rain.

Saltcoats—The wheat crop in this district has advanced rapidly the past two weeks and is now well headed out and about seven days in advance of last year. Oats doing well and well headed. No further advanced than last year at this time, but all crops have grown rapidly lately. Roots looking well and hay improving, but will not be as plentiful as last year.

Yorkton—Wheat crop has made rapid progress during the past two weeks. The straw is not quite so heavy as last year, but well headed. Some farmers report that wheat compared with that of last year is filled about two weeks ahead. A good shower is now needed to finish filling up the wheat heads. Oats here have done much better than wheat since last report. As there is fully seventy per cent more oats sown than wheat a very large crop is expected if present prospects continue. Harvest will be about the same time as last year.

NORTHERN PACIFIC REPORT.

The Northern Pacific crop report for the week ending July 22nd, is as follows:

Brandon—Have had fine rain during the past week; crops looking very well, being benefitted much by the rain.

Rounthwaite—Crops looking well, wheat well headed out. Oats and other grains coming on rapidly. We have had a very heavy rain for the last thirty-six hours and the ground is thoroughly soaked. Weather since last report mostly cloudy and hot.

Wawanesa—Weather during the past week changeable, clear and hot with warm winds. A steady rain fell for the last twenty-four hours. Crops are all headed out and looking splendid. Every indication of a fine yield. No damage by hail.

Milton—The good soaking rain of the last twenty-four hours was very welcome and has done an immense amount of good. Farmers report that wheat was not properly filling out owing to the late extremely hot weather and the draught, but the rain has put a different face on this and farmers are in consequence more hopeful and satisfied.

Belmont—Conditions still remain very favorable for the coming crop. Have had abundance of rain. Wheat is all in head and looking fine. Prospects are certainly very good for an extra good crop, the only danger at this time is hail, which no one expects. Oats and barley doing as well as wheat. Other farm products in fine condition.

Baldur—Crops doing fairly well. Heavy rains during the week, raining steadily during the last thirty-six hours.

Somerses—Had very heavy rain Saturday night and steady rain from Tuesday morning until Wednesday

evening. Crops are doing well. Haying will commence as soon as it dries up enough; there will be a heavy hay crop this year. No damage reported from the heavy rains. No more moisture will be needed for crops this season. Wheat heading out nicely and an average yield is insured.

Miami—Weather for the past week has been very hot with exception of last twenty-four hours, which has been cool with heavy showers of rain. Crops are looking well.

Rosebank—The weather since my last report was fine till Monday when a light rain set in and has continued to fall since. Grain is heading and filling well. Some fields of grain are weedy, but in all is considered a good crop.

Roland—All grain doing well. Weather since previous report mostly cool and with a heavy rain which has been falling steadily now for forty-eight hours, which may be the means of delaying the harvest some days. Dry warm weather is what we now require in this locality as the grain has already had sufficient rain to bring it through in good shape.

Morris—Crops were progressing very favorably until the heavy rains of yesterday and to-day, and it is feared that a lot of the heavy grain will be beaten down by the wind and rain, also that rust to the oat crop may result from it, but it is too early to say just what the damage will be. Weather still cloudy and unsettled looking.

St. Jean—Saturday night, July 17, light rain. Sunday morning, 18th inst., hard rain; Monday night, 19th inst., hard rain; Tuesday, all day, 20th inst., hard and light rain; Tuesday night, hard and light rain; Wednesday, all day, 21st inst., hard and light rain; Wednesday night some light rains. This morning cloudy but no rains. Too much rain for the crop.

Lefeliter—The weather during the past week has not been quite so favorable for the growing crop as the two or three weeks previous. We had heavy rain all day Tuesday and Wednesday, but no damage to grain reported. We have had no hail this season. The recent rain will do a great deal of good and there has been no report of grain falling on account of it. To-day the rain has ceased to fall and the sky looks as though the weather would clear up. Grain all headed out and in splendid condition. Garden products looking well. Haying will be general after the exhibition.

Emerson—Heavy rain for nearly 48 hours since last report. Grain thoroughly soaked and now in condition to stand a siege of dry weather until harvest. Wheat filling out nicely and promises a large yield. No rust yet discernible.

Portage la Prairie—Since last report we have had nearly 48 hours steady rain, which is expected to very materially assist the filling of the backward late sown wheat and also improve the wild hay crop. It is too soon to know just what the improvement will be. In general the crops are coming on well, and a fair yield is looked for.

Portland, Ore., July 23.—Advices from every wheat growing count in Oregon show the wheat crop to be the largest in the history of the state. The total crop will amount to about 18,000,000 bushels. Wheat appears to be of excellent quality.

Protecting Canadian Trade.

Ottawa, July 23.—An important conference took place this afternoon in the office of the minister of the interior on the all absorbing subject of the Yukon. Those present besides Hon. Clifford Sifton, Senator Scott, secretary of state, Hon. William Patterson minister of customs, and Captain Deville, the surveyor-general.

For some days negotiations had been in progress with the treasury department at Washington in regard to securing a port on the disputed Alaska coast, where goods might be landed in bond destined for the Canadian gold-fields of the interior. A favorable reply was received to-day. The president, under the provisions of the treaty of Washington, naming the port of Dyea, which is situated on the Lynn canal, at the head of navigation, on the Pacific coast of Alaska. From thence to the head waters of the Yukon, two principal passes are utilized, the Chilkoot and White Pass. These trails converge near Tagish Lake in undisputed Canadian territory, and there probably, the Dominion authorities will establish a custom house and possibly a post of Northwest Mounted Police. Goods landed at Dyea and destined for the Canadian Yukon will be accompanied across United States territory to the frontier, by an official of the United States customs. In this way the United States revenues will be protected against smuggling and the Dominion government will be able to collect duty at the border upon all United States and other foreign goods taken into the British Yukon. The arrangement is regarded as a satisfactory one all round. It will protect the Dominion revenues and give advantage to the merchants of Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., over those of the United States in supplying the growing camps of the Yukon district. There is an Indian village at Tagish.

While the ministers and deputies were in conference upon the foregoing scheme a telegram was handed Hon. Mr. Sifton announcing that a special session of the British Columbia legislature would probably be summoned to deal with the subject of better transportation facilities into the Yukon. The ministers expressed gratification at the news.

Duty upon goods for the Canadian Yukon, via the long, all steamer route is collected at Cudahy. The collector there is D. W. Davis. So far he has sent only \$2,800 to the department and this in the form of a cheque. He feared to send a large sum in gold dust. The amount transmitted represents the collection on a single cargo which Mr. Davis followed to Dawson City before the close of navigation last fall. It is expected collections at Fort Cudahy will amount to over \$10,000. In his brief letter to the customs department, dated June 21st, being only four weeks en route, Mr. Davis says: "This is a hard country to do business in at present."

The department of the interior has issued in pamphlet form the reports of Mr. Wm. Ogilvie, illustrated with sketch maps of the Klondike district and half tone engravings of Yukon scenery. "The object is not to induce anyone to go to that country at the present stage until better means of communication is established," says Capt. Deville, in introduc-

tion. This appears to be the policy of the department, throughout, for in an interview furnished to the press to-day Mr. Sifton says there is likely to be starvation in the Yukon district this winter, and he wishes it clearly understood now that the government will not bear any responsibility for getting food into the country to relieve distress.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, July 24.
Cattle—Export 41-4c to 41 2c; cattle, butchers, 31-2 to 41-4c.
Sheep, 3 to 31-4. Easier at a decline of 1-4c from the top range of a week ago.
Hogs 5 to 51-2c. Good demand. These prices show an advance of 1-4c.
Exports this week were as follows:
Cattle, 5,520; sheep, 5,432.
Horses—Brisk trade.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, July 24.
Wheat—No. 1 hard, nominally higher.
Oats—No. 2 white in store, 281-4 to 281-2. These prices show an easier market.
Flour—Manitoba strong bankers, \$3.80 to \$4; Manitoba patents, \$4.20 to \$4.40. Good demand and 10c higher than last reported.
Millfeed—Strong market. Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$18 per ton; Manitoba shorts \$14. Good demand.
Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.60 to \$1.70 per bag. Prices strong and 15 cents higher than a week ago.
Hides—Firm and 1-2c higher at 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2.
Eggs—Fresh, 91-2 to 11c. The top price for candled stock.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, July 24.
Prices unchanged this week in staples. Fair jobbing trade. Sugars steady. 4 to 41-8c; yellows, 31-4 to 35-8c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING PRICES.

WHEAT—The market is firmer this morning, and sales of No. 1 hard have been made at 78c afloat Fort William, compared with 76 1-2 to 77c yesterday afternoon.

FLOUR—The market is firm, and a further advance of 5c is quoted on some brands, at \$2.15 for patent, but owing to local competition, prices are irregular and uncertain.

CLOSING NEW YORK WHEAT.

On Saturday, July 24, wheat closed at 83 5-8c for July option, 78 1-8c for September and 78 2-4c for December. A week ago July wheat closed at 82 3-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, July 24, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 78 3-4c for July and 69 3-4c for September, and 70 1-4c for December. A week ago July wheat closed at 76 3-8c.

A. Young, druggs, Neepawa, has sold out to W. Young, of Winnipeg.

Scott & Co., butchers, Qu'Appelle, have sold out to R. Johnston.

Montreal, July 23.—Cheese—Market unchanged; Quebecs 71-2 to 7 7-8c; Ontarios, 8 to 83-8c.

Butter—Creamery quiet, 17 to 17 1-2c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Chicago, July 19.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 July, 75; Sept., 71 1-8; Dec., 72 3-8.
Corn, No. 2 July, 26 3-8; Sept., 26 7-8; Dec., 27 5-8 to 28.
Oats, No. 2 July, 17 1-2; Sept., 17 7-8; May, 20 1-2.
Mess Pork, July, \$7.57 1-2; Sept., \$7.65.
Lard, Sep^r, \$4.17 1-2; Oct., \$4.20
Short Ribs, Sept., \$4.47 1-2; Oct., \$4.50.

Chicago, July 20.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 July 76 3-4. Sept. 72 3-4; Dec., new, 73 7-8 to 74.
Corn—No. 2, Sept. 26 5-8 to 3-1c Dec. 27 3-4c.
Oats—No. 2, July 17 1-8c; Sept. 17 3-4c; May 20 1-2c.
Mess pork—July, \$7.67; Sept., \$7.75.
Lard—Sept., \$4.25; Oct., \$4.27.
Short ribs—Sept. \$4.57; Oct. \$4.60.

Chicago, July 21.—July wheat opened 76 1-2c, closed 78 3-8 to 1-2c. Sept. opened 71 3-4c, closed 74 1-4. Dec. opened 73 1-4c, closed 75 1-4c. Corn, Sept. opened 26 3-8c, closed 26 3-4c. Dec. 27 1-2c. Oats, Sept. opened 17 5-8c, closed 17 5-8 to 3-4c. May oats opened 20 1-4c, closed 20 1-4 to 3-8c. Pork, Sept. opened \$7.75, closed \$7.72. Lard, Sept. opened \$4.22, closed \$4.15.

No market on Thursday. Local holiday.

Chicago, July 23.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 July, 75 1-4; Sept., 71 1-4 to 3-8; Dec., new, 72 1-2
Corn No. 2 July, 26 1-4; Sept., 26 5-8; Dec., 27 3-4.
Corn, No. 2 July 17; Sept., 17 1-2 to 5-8; May, 20 1-4.
Mess Pork, July, \$7.57 1-2; Sept., \$7.72.

Lard, Sept., \$4.10; Oct., \$4.15.
Short Ribs, Sept., \$4.50; Oct., \$4.55.

On Saturday, July 24, wheat opened at 71 1-2c for Sept. mber option and ranging from 71 1-4 to 73. Closing prices were:

Wheat—July . 76 3-4; Sept. 72 3-4; Dec. 73 3-4.
Corn—July 29 1-4; Sept. 29 1-2.
Oats—July, 17 1-4; Sept. 17 7-8.
Pork—July, \$7.70; Sept. \$7.75.
Lard—July \$4.12 1-2; Sept. \$4.17 1-2.
Ribs—July, \$4.55; Sept. \$4.60.
Flax seed—Cash 83; Sept. 82 1-2; Dec. 84 1-4.

A week ago July wheat closed at 75c. A year ago July wheat closed at 58 5-8c. Two years ago at 70 5-8c, and three years ago at 50 7-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—July 78 1-4c, Sept. 71 1-8; Dec. 71 3-8c.
Tuesday—July 79 1-8c, Sept. 72 3-4.
Wednesday—July 82c, Sept. 74 3-8c.
Thursday—July 81 1-2c, Sept. 73c.
Friday—July 79 1-2c, Sept. 71 1-8; Dec. 71 3-4.
Saturday—July 80 1-4c, Sept. 72 7-8; Dec. 73 1-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 80 3-4c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 80 1-4c.

Last week September delivery closed at 70c.

A year ago September option closed at 57 7-8c, and two years ago at 51 1-8c.

New York Wheat.

New York, July 19.—Wheat—Receipts 169,275 bushels; exports 187,100 bushels; sales 8,065,000 bushels...

New York, July 20.—Wheat receipts, 38,525 bushels; exports, 33,192 bushels; sales, 10,950,000 bushels...

New York, July 20.—Wheat—Receipts 28,675 bushels; exports 102,729 bushels; sales 9,125,000 bushels...

New York, July 22.—Wheat—Receipts 25,900 bushels; exports 101,946 bushels; sales 3,500,000 bushels...

New York, July 23.—Wheat—Receipts 210,625 bushels; exports 31,970 bushels; sales 5,905,000 bushels...

on an advance at Liverpool, but turned weak and declined all day under liquidation larger new wheat receipts...

The Druggists.

The annual convention of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical association was held yesterday afternoon and was attended by a fair representation of the members.

In the evening the Messrs. Martin, Bole & Wynne Co. entertained the members to a banquet at the Clarendon hotel.

A recherche menu was served, and after it had received due justice, the following toasts were moved and responded to.

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York, July 19.—The visible supply of grain in the U. S. and Canada of the Rockies, at the date mentioned below, and the changes for the week were as follows:

The amount of wheat and flour now in transit to Europe with the visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada is equivalent to 28,044,000 bushels against 68,103,000 bushels a year ago...

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, July 23.—4 p.m. closing—Consols for money 112 13-16; consols for the account 112 7-8; Canadian Pacific 70 3-4.

New York, July 23.—A searching examination of the books of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, whose officers are soon to be made defendants in an action charging fraud...

state. The examination was begun the early part of the month, at the earnest request of President Edward W. Scott, as a reply to the charges of fraud and insolvency made by the plaintiffs...

LONDON STOCKS.

New York, July 22.—The Evening Post's London dispatch says: Business is improving slightly in stock markets here. Interest centred to-day in Canada Pacific and in Americans.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, July 23.—Bank clearings of eighty-seven cities for the week ended July 22, 1897, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's, totals for the United States \$1,098,616,291, an increase of 10.7 per cent.

Returns for the Dominion of Canada are: Montreal, \$12,084,921, increase 10.0 per cent; Toronto, \$7,462,631, increase 9.2 per cent; Winnipeg, \$1,339,990, increase 22.0 per cent; Halifax, \$1,224,860, increase 3.3 per cent; Hamilton, \$559,036, increase 25.9 per cent; St John \$693,925.

Totals—\$22,670,880; increase 10.2 per cent.

DROP IN SILVER.

New York, July 22.—Another drop in silver was recorded in the home market to-day, the price quoted being 59 5-8 cents an ounce. The value of the silver in a silver dollar according to to-day's price, is a fraction more than 46 cents.

BAR SILVER.

New York, July 22.—The Herald says: "Bar silver declined to the lowest price for two years, and private dispatches from abroad received at Wall street are to the effect that holders of the white metal have weakened."

Other brokers are of the opinion the holdings of the pool had been liquidated some time ago, and that the lessened demand for silver in the east was through the adoption of the gold standard by Japan.

Advice received this week from Belgium state that window glass has gone up four points at primary markets. No change in spot values has taken place, but the market is firm in consequence of these advices.

A Montreal report says there is a decided scarcity of tin and terne plate in that market and brokers who have orders to fill complain that they have great difficulty in executing them.

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United States Trade Reports.

New York, July 23.—Dun's review tomorrow will say: The end of uncertainty regarding duties on imports gives greater confidence alike to those who have opposed and those who have favored the change.

The wheat market is the sensation of the month. Since July 2 the price has risen twelve cents by Wednesday, when a reduction of four cents was not surprising, but the close was 5-8c higher for the week.

Both because of the season and because of pending action on the tariff, industrial operations are waiting, and yet with an improvement which, under such circumstances, is significant. The half yearly production of pig iron exceeds that of last half of 1896 by 750,585 tons, but outside the great steel companies there is little activity at this time, though they are increasing their output. The Illinois company has sold basic steel for export to Germany; a New York sale of hoops for export to Manchester is announced; and additional orders for Pennsylvania iron bars to England. The textile industries have lost no ground as the curtailment of production in cotton for a time is really a gain.

Failures for the week have been 227 in the United States, against 231 last year; and 23 in Canada, against 29 last year.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

New York, July 23.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The widespread confidence that there will be a marked revival in general trade in the fall, continues to grow and with it material evidence that it is well founded. Chicago jobbers in clothing, dry goods and shoes, and manufacturers there and elsewhere of pianos, organs, wagons and farm implements, report that fall business has begun, which is much earlier than usual. The distribution of general merchandise from St. Louis is a little less active, although trade there is favorable. Like reports are received from Pittsburg, notwithstanding the dullness in iron and steel. Omaha, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, and St. Paul where merchants are feeling the influence of a prospective large crop of wheat, and from Galveston and other points in Texas on the favorable crop outlook and confidence in an increased movement of merchandise next fall.

Exports of wheat—flour included as wheat—from both coasts of the Un-

ited States and from Montreal this week amount to 1,978,828 bushels. The corresponding total in the like week last year was 3,073,000 bushels. In the week two years ago 1,265,000 bushels, three years ago 3,888,000 bushels, and in the corresponding period in 1893 it was 4,303,000 bushels.

Business in Canada.

New York, July 23.—Dun's review tomorrow will say, concerning the state of Canadian trade. No important change appears in the course of business in Canada, although at important points business continues to improve, and the crop outlook is generally encouraging, while the money markets are undisturbed. At St. John business continues quiet especially at retail. Quebec notes the usual midsummer dullness, but reports that growing crops in the surrounding district are promising, and that collections are reported as a little better in some quarters. Money is abundant and easy at 3 1/2 to 4 per cent., on call. The improvement was at Toronto, and a large autumn and winter trade is looked forward to, as the crop outlook is encouraging. Remittances are improving.

New York, July 23. — Bradstreet's review of Canadian trade tomorrow will say. Fall orders for general merchandise are coming in well at Toronto, where the promise for exports of live stock and dairy products are excellent.

Crop prospects are improving in the province of Quebec also, where the indications favor a good fall trade.

Canadian railway earnings are being increased through heavy shipments of lumber to the United States. The lobster and cod fishing business along the Newfoundland coast this season is a failure. St. John, N. B. reports large shipments of lumber to foreign points.

Bank clearings, reported from Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax amount to \$228,671,000 this week, shortly more than last week, and 12 per cent. more than in the corresponding week one year ago.

There were 21 business failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week, against 38 last week and 31 in the week a year ago and 25 two years ago.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, July 23.—Com. Cable in Montreal, 175 1-2; Can. Pac. in London, 70 1-2.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flag, 56 and 23 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.15@2.25; band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6, sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$4; 22 and 24 guage, \$4.25; 26 guage, \$4.50; 28 guage, \$4.75 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1 inch, \$2.50; 3-8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 3/4 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$5.75 lb., broken lots \$6.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition — Cartridges — Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$9@7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/4 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 80c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.65@2.85 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.35@2.50.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2@6 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 7 1/2@8c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 1/2c, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7 50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices 5 per cent.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as per quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$5.75 100 lbs.

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

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; white ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian purple oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than

barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

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

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, 1b 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @29c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 50c; boiled, gal., 53c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 58c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 22 1/2c; oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for eocene and 24c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store at Fort William 60 @ 60 1/2c.

Flour—Local price, per sack: Patent, \$1.75 @ 1.80; bakers', \$1.55 @ 1.60.

Bran—Per ton, \$8.

Shorts—Per ton, \$10.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 15 @ 16c. Car lots at country points, 9 1/2 @ 10 1/2c.

Barley—Car lots at country points worth 12 @ 13c. Nominal.

Butter—Dairy, good to choice, jobbing at 7 to 9c as to quality and quantity; creamery, 14 @ 14 1/2c.

Cheese—From 5 1/2 to 5 7/8c has been paid to factories to ship west.

Eggs—Dealers were paying 10c net.

Beef—City dressed, 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Mutton—8c; lamb, 11c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Cattle—Easier at 2 1/2@3c for butchers' stock.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 3 1/2c for best bacon.

Sheep—Lower, 2 1/2 @ 3c off cars.

Hides—No. 1 green, salted, 5c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 12 to 15c.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 @ 50c per pair; turkeys, 10c per lb. live weight.

Potatoes—15c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

Wool—Lower at 4 @ 8c as to quality; fine, heavy wools selling at the lower prices.

British Columbia Markets.

[All quotations unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]
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Butter—Manitoba dairy 15@16c; Manitoba creamery, 19@20c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 16c.

Cheese—Manitoba 12c.

Cured Meats — Hams 13c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 10c; long clear 9 1/2c; short rolls 9 1/2 @ 10c; smoked sides 10c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9 1/2c per lb, in pails and tubs 8 1/2@9c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 6c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$22.00 per ton; onions 1 1/2c lb; cabbage 1 1/2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$3.50; bananas \$2.75 per bunch; cherries, 8 lb box \$1.10; oranges, California Mediteranean, \$4.00; California Valencia \$4 box; asparagus, 20 lb box \$1.50; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; peas, 30 lb crate \$1.70; apricots \$1.00; Pineapples, doz. \$2.00; plums, 20 lb boxes, \$1.00; peaches, \$1.00; Grapes, \$1.75 box; Melons, \$1.00 per dozen.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2-45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.50; strong bakers, \$5.20; Oregon, \$5 80.

Grain—Local wheat \$30.00 @ \$35.00. Oats \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$17.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef 8@8 1/2c; mutton 8@10c; Australian mutton, 5c; pork, 7 1/2@8 1/2c; veal 8@9c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$2.50 @ 3.00, per 100 lbs; sheep \$3.75 @ 4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.00@6.75 per 100 lbs.

Poultry—Chickens \$5.50@6.00 a doz.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; Loudon layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

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

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

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

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, July 24.

This has been a busy week for jobbers in one way, the feature of the week being the large number of merchants in the city from outside points drawn hither by the holding of the Winnipeg summer fair. More or less buying has been done by some of the visitors, but many of them come for pleasure rather than business purposes, and the amount of buying has not been as large as might be supposed. The heavy rains and disagreeable weather was not favorable to business, though the crops have been benefitted much by the rains. In the eastern part of Manitoba there was no great need of rain, but throughout the central and western portion the rain was need, and needed quite urgently in some sections. The fruit trade suffered the most from the unfavorable weather, large stocks having been brought in for exhibition week, which did not meet with as large a sale as expected. The lumber trade is having a very busy season. With the large number of elevators building throughout the country is an important factor in the lumber trade, it is also evident that farmers are doing more building this year. This is no doubt due to the growth of the dairy industry and the growing live stock industry. Farmers are going more extensively into these lines, and they require more buildings on their farms. The commencement of work on the Crow's Nest railway has been felt in several lines of trade. There have been large purchases of horses, contractors' outfits, such as scrapers, provisions, oats, etc. The price of oats and butter has been advanced by this demand. There has been also been a good demand for labor. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show, as usual, a large increase over previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, July 24
GROCERIES.

No new season goods are in yet, but early shipments will soon begin to arrive. New California apricots are now being shipped and may be here very soon. Domestic canned peas and strawberries are also being shipped. New canned salmon, which have been offering at very low prices this year, offers at the coast being \$1 per case lower than a year ago, have now taken a firmer tone, owing to the light run of fish. If the fish do not come in larger number than they have been doing, the pack will be light. It is reported that some packers on the United States side have withdrawn quotation on account of the light run of fish in the Columbia river. California raisins are being offered for future shipment. A report regarding

California raisins says: Early offers for October shipment were rather higher than those for the corresponding period last year, but later offers for the earliest shipment were fully 1-2c below those prevailing last year, viz. 21-4c, 23-4c and 31-4c for 2, 3 and 4 Crown fruit Co's, Fresno. Now an advance of 1-4c is asked, still leaving them 1-4c below last sea on.

DRUGS.

Prices are the same as last reported. The advance in cream of tartar abroad, noted in a previous week has been maintained, and 76s to 76s are the lowest figures makers will accept. The feeling in tartaric and citric acids is very firm at the recent advance.
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FISH.

There was a dearth of fresh fish part of the week, owing to the washout on the railways south, which kept back supplies coming via the Northern Pacific. There is no change in prices this week. Jobbing prices are as follows: White 51-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, haddock 8c, salmon 121-2 to 15c lb., kippered goldeyes, 30c doz. Oysters are quoted at 70c for selects in cans.

GREEN FRUITS.

The unfavorable weather this week has been quite a disappointment to both the jobbing and retail fruit trade. Jobbers had heavy stocks on hand for this week, expecting a big trade on account of the exhibition in the city this week, but the cool rainy weather vastly reduced sales to what they would have been, had the weather been bright and warm. On bananas considerable loss was occasioned by the unfavorable conditions, as the large stock of ripe fruit could not be disposed of as rapidly as was necessary. Southern apples are coming, but the quality is not much improved yet. Some Washington state apples arrived this week in boxes, and though fairly good for the city trade, they were rather soft for re-shipment. The cool weather has slackened the demand for lemons and prices are unchanged. California lemons are now offering, and they are very choice quality. Several cars of fruit in transit, particularly California fruit, were delayed several days on account of the washout on the Northern Pacific in Minnesota, caused by the heavy rains which covered Manitoba and the regions to the south. The delayed cars are expected to-day, but unless the cars were kept well iced the fruit will likely be in poor condition. Pineapples were scarce, being out of the market yesterday, but more will be in. Apricots are now out of season, and few if any more will be brought in. Peaches and plums are easier. Native currants are selling on the street at 75 cents per pall. Prices are: California into Valencia oranges \$6 to \$6.50 box; Messina lemons \$6 to \$6.50; bananas, \$2 to \$2.75 per bunch; pineapples, \$2.50 to \$3 dozen; California lemons, \$6 to \$6.50 a box; pea plants, 11-2 cents per pound; tomatoes, \$1.75 per crate of 4 baskets; California plums, \$1.75 to \$2; per box; California peaches, \$1.75 to \$2; California pears, \$3.50 to \$4 per box; onions, \$4 per 100 lbs; water-melons, \$5.50 per doz.

HARDWARE.

There is no change to report this week in prices. The local jobbing trade

is satisfactory. See quotations in another column.

LUMBER.

The mills report an unusually good demand. While in the city building is not particularly brisk this year, there is considerably more building than usual throughout the country. Elevators building throughout the country also take a considerable quantity of lumber. The mills are kept busy filling orders, and in many cases have all they can handle. If the demand keeps up, this will be the best season in the lumber trade for some years.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

Prices are steady and without change this week. See quotations in another column.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has had an irregular and exciting week. Prices at leading markets advanced sharply on Monday and Tuesday, and made a further big gain on Wednesday. Then there was a sudden drop on Thursday and a more rapid decline on Friday, so that at the close yesterday prices were only a fraction higher than at the close on Monday. Talk of light crops in Europe is the strong card. Later advices would also indicate that the spring wheat crop in the United States will not be as large as earlier reports indicated. Here the market has been influenced by the news from other points and quite a strong influence prevailed. The advance was followed here up to 80c, sales having been made at this figure on Wednesday, and one point above 80 was said to have been realized. This showed an advance of 4c on the week, making an advance of 9c per bushel in two weeks. Yesterday morning sales were put through at 78 for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, a drop of 2c, but at the close yesterday buyers were offering about 76 1-2c for No. 1 hard.

FLOUR.—The flour market is irregular, there being a wide range in quotations. Some leading brands were quoted 5c higher again this week, making an advance in two weeks of 15c, but other brands were held at old prices. A good demand for Manitoba flour is reported from the east, the recent bulge in wheat having no doubt started active buying. Prices here are quoted as follows: Patent, \$1.95 to \$2.10; bakery, \$1.75 to \$1.90; second best, \$1.50 to \$1.65; XXX, \$1 to \$1.10 per sack of 35 pounds, to the local trade, delivered in the city.

MILLFEED—Another upward movement in bran and shorts has occurred this week, and from the lowest prices on record in this market, as a matter of short time ago, prices have rapidly run up to very profitable figures for the millers. The demand for shipment is good. Bran is now quoted at \$8.50 to \$9 per ton and shorts at \$10.50 to \$11 per ton, with large lots shaded about 50c per ton.

BARLEY—Nominal at 23 to 24c for feed grade, and very little demand of any kind.

Oats—Prices have held at about the values reported last week, the feeling being firm. At Manitoba country points 20c is being bid freely for good feed oats. In this market we quote 23 to 23 1-2c for good feed grades and 25 to 26c for fancy white oats.

CREALS.—The market is decidedly firmer for oatmeal. Stocks held

The mills both of oats and meal are light, and with the recent advance in oats an advance in meal is expected. Rolled oatmeal, 80 lb. sacks, \$1.50 per sack; granulated, 98 lbs., \$1.75; standard, 98 lbs., \$1.75. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs., \$1.75 sack; pot barley, 98 lbs., \$1.75; pearl barley, 98 lbs., \$3.25 sack.

GROUND FEED—A sharp advance in ground feed is reported. Rolled oats are held at \$16 per ton, ordinary mill chop, per ton, \$14 to \$15.

BUTTER—Creamery. The market is firm. Buyers are paying 14 3/4 to 15c to factories.

BUTTER—Dairy. The market for dairy butter has been firm owing to the demand to ship west for railway construction. Buyers are paying 10 to 11c for round lots of dairy here. Jobbing sales have been made at 11 to 11 1/2c. There is less tendency to discriminate closely as to quality, but this will be only temporary.

CHEESE—The market is steady. Deals have been made at 6 1/2 to factories, which is the same prices as was paid last week.

EGGS—Buyers are now paying 11c net, which shows an advance of 1c, and selling candled stock at 18c. Receipts are moderate and all are wanted.

POULTRY—A few spring chickens have come in, and brought 80c per pair. Chickens are rather firmer. Chickens, live, 50c to 55c pair, or 10c lb. dressed. Turkeys, 9 1/2c to 10c lb. live weight, ducks, 50 to 60c pair.

LARD—Prices are: Pure \$1.70 to \$1.75 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4.25 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.00 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8 to 8 1/4c.

CURED MEATS—There is a decidedly firm feeling in hog products. Prices are: Hams, asorted sizes, 11 to 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11 to 11 1/2c; do., backs, 9 1/2 to 10c; short sliced rolls, 7 1/2 to 8c; shoulders 6 to 6 1/2c; smoked long clear, 8 1/2 to 9c; fancy clear, 8 to 8 1/2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 to 7 1/2c per lb.; shoulders, 5 1/4 to 5 3/4c; boneless shoulders, 6 1/2 to 7c; backs, 7 3/4 to 8 1/4c; extra charge of 1/2c for canvassed meats; barrel pork, clear mess, \$18.00 to \$19.50, short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$18 to \$18.50; per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7 1/2c; hologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 8c; pickled hangers, 6c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb. Pickled pigs' feet, \$1.50 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—Lard is again easier and is selling at 5 to 6c, as to quality, and as low as 4 1/2c has been reported for some qualities. Mutton is easy, ranging from 5 1/2 to 7c as to quality. Dressed hogs bring 5 1/2 to 6c, mostly 5 1/2c. Veal 4 to 6c as to quality.

HIDES—There is no change. Up to 7c has been paid for good take off in city hides, and the usual price for country stock is 6 1/2c, and 6c for farmer hides, all for No. 1 grade. We quote 6 1/2c to 7c for No. 1 hides here. Calfskins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 4 to 6c per lb.; deskins 10 to 20c each; 5 to 7c; sheepskins range from 5c each to 9c according to quality; 10 to 20c; lambskins, 10 to 20c; 75c to \$1.25.

SENeca ROOT—The price generally quoted is 15c per lb. for good root.

Wool—A few lots of Manitoba fleece are coming in and being taken at 8 1/2 to 9 1/2c, and occasionally a fraction higher has been paid. The market, however, is quiet, as the great bulk of the clip has been handled. The range wool has been about all bought up and shipped out of the country, netting the growers about 10 to 10 1/2c. The buyers are now off the road. The new United States tariff has not yet gone into force, but it is not a matter of so much moment to dealers now, as they have handled the clip and are not now endeavoring to push forward further export shipments.

TALLOW—Quiet and easy at 3 1/2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1/2c for other grades, as to quality.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes are now down to \$1 per bushel and are becoming abundant. The market is well supplied with new vegetables and green stuff. Beets, turnips, carrots, and rhubarb are quoted at 15c per dozen bunches; lettuce, radishes and onions, 8c to 10c per dozen bunches; peas in pod, 2c per lb; cauliflower, 10 to 60c per dozen; cabbage, 40c per dozen; celery, 30 to 40c.

HAY—The demand is very limited. We quote \$4.50 to \$5 per ton for cars on track here as to quality; loose, \$3 to \$4 per ton.

WOOD—Tamarac, \$4.50 to \$4.75; pine, \$4.25 to \$4.40; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord. The poplar offering is either dry cut or green wood of last winter's cut.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The tendency continues downward for cattle, though really good local grass cattle are not very readily obtained yet. We quote butchers' stock at 2 1/2 to 3c. Range cattle are going forward freely for export, and about all the available space from Montreal has been taken for our range cattle, in consequence of which ocean rates have advanced sharply. Several train loads went forward this week, shipped by Gordon & Ironside.

SHEEP—The local market is quiet and easy. We quote 2 3/4 to 3c off cars here, with an easier tendency.

HOGS—There is no change in the local market for hogs. Choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 pounds, have brought \$4.60 per 100 pounds. Heavy, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c.

COWS—Slow demand at \$25 to \$30 per head for good to choice milkers. Inferior animals from \$18 per head upwards, as to quality.

HORSELS—There has been a brisk demand for horses in this market, for railway construction work west and several carloads were quickly disposed of. The class of horses wanted have brought about \$125 each for good animals, weighing about 1,400 pounds. Small range stock are slow sale at low prices.

THE CHEESE MARKET.

Ingersoll, Ont., July 20.—Cheese offerings to-day were 3,057 boxes. No sales; 7 3/4c bid; salesmen holding for 8 cents.

Belleville, Ont., July 20.—At the cheese board to-day 29 factories offered 1,485 boxes white and 170 colored. The following are the sales: 470 white at 8 1/2-16c; 190 white at 8c; 155 white and 95 colored at 7 1/2-16c; 180 white at 7 1/2-16c. The prices averaged about 3-16c higher than a week ago.

MONTRÉAL DAIRY MARKET.
Holson Bros & Co., wire The Commercial this (Saturday) morning as follows.

Montreal, July 21.

Cheese—Finest Ontario, white, 8 1/4c. Finest colored, 8 3/8 to 8 1/2c. Finest Quebecs 7 3/4c to 8c. Market easier.

Butter—Creamery, finest, 17 1/4c to 17 1/2c. Finest western dairy, 12 to 12 1/4c. Demand slow.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following report of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, July 23rd.

Toronto, July 24.

Seventy-eight loads in, including 1,181 hogs and 856 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Exporters paid 3 3/4 to 4 1/4c. Butchers' cattle sold at 2 3/4 to 3 1/4c. Export bulls, 3 to 3 1/4c. These prices show a decline of 1/2c for export and 1/2 to 3/4c for best butchers' cattle, over a week ago. Stockers, 2 1/2 to 3c, feeders, 3 to 3 1/2c.

Sheep—Export sheep brought 3 to 3 1/4c, a decline of 1/4c, since a week ago; bucks 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c, lambs higher at 4 1/2 to 5c.

Hogs—Hogs, singers, \$5 87 1/2 per 100 lbs.; thick fat and light fat, \$5.10 per 100 lbs. weighed off cars. These prices show a slight advance over a week ago for best bacon hogs.

Steamer Baltimore City wrecked with 460 head of cattle. Expected total loss. Ship ers, Mullins, Crack and Dean.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour—15 to 20c higher. First patents \$4.35 to \$4.45; second do., \$4.15 to \$4.25.

Milled—Again 50c higher. Bran in bulk \$5.75 to \$6; shorts, bulk, \$6.75 to \$7.

Corn—20 to 23c, as to grade.

Oats—19 to 20c for No. 3, as to quality.

Barley—Feed held at 23 to 27c.

Flax seed—5 1/4c higher at 80 1/4c per bushel.

Eggs—7 to 7 3/4c for strictly fresh, candled.

Butter—Creamery, 10 to 13 3/4c; dairy, 8 1/2 to 12 1/2c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 4 to 7 1/2c.

Dressed meats—Mutton 6 to 6 1/2c; yearlings, do, 7c; lamb, 6 to 9 1/2c.

Dressed hogs, 3 3/4 to 4c for heavy; choice, 4 1/4 to 4 1/2c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

At Toronto on Tuesday, July 20, export cattle were slow at \$3.90 to \$4.50 per 100 pounds, and a few extra choice brought 10c more. Butchers' cattle sold mostly at a range of 3 1/4 to 3 3/4c. A few choice brought 4c, while poor stuff sold down to 2 1/2 to 3c. Stockers for Buffalo sold at 2 3/4 to 3 1/4c. Sheep were weak at 3c per lb for export stock, and \$2 to \$3 each for butchers. The receipts of hogs were lighter, the demand was good and the market was firmer at \$5.55 for choice bacon hogs weighed off cars. Thick fat, \$4.75 to \$4.80; light fat, \$5 to \$5.10; sows, \$3 to \$3.50; stags, \$2 to \$2.25 per 100 pounds.

A Toronto report of July 21 says: Oats are firmer and a good many holders are asking a cent more for white at 24c to 25c for car lots at country points.

Winnipeg Grocery Prices.

Canned Goods		Cereals		Nuts		Teas	
	Per case		Per sack		Per pound		Per pound
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	25 2 50	Split Peas, sack 95	2 25 2 50	Brazils	13 1/2 15	China Blacks—	
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 25 3 50	Pot Barley, sack 95	1 50 2 00	Taragon Almonds	13 15	Choice	35
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 25 3 50	Pearl Barley, sack 95	4 00 4 50	Peanuts, roasted	13 15	Medium	25
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25 3 50	Roiled Oats, sack 80	1 50 1 60	Peanuts, green	10 12	Common	13
Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50 3 75	Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	1 90 2 00	Greenoble Walnuts	15 18	Indian and Ceylon—	
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	1 80 2 00	Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	1 90 2 00	French Walnuts	13 15	Choice	32
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	1 50 1 75	Beans (per bushel)	1 10 1 25	Sicily Filberts	12 1/2 15	Medium	25
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	4 75 5 00	Cornmeal, sack 95	1 35 1 50	Shelled Almonds	25 30	Common	22
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 80 2 00	Cornmeal, 3/4 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 70 0 75			Young Hysons—	
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	3 00 3 25			Syrup		Choice	35
Peas, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 50 3 75			Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2 c 4 c	Medium	25
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75 5 00	Rice, B.	4 1/2 c 4 3/4 c	Medium, per lb.	3 1/2 c 3 c	Common	22
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 50 6 00	Rice, Japan	4 1/2 c 5 c	Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	57 00		
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50 5 00	Sago	4 c	Molasses, per gal.	35 c 45 c	Japan—	
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 50 6 00	Tapioca	4 c			Finest May Picking	35
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 50 4 00			Sugar		Choice	35
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75 5 00			Extra Standard Granulated	4 1/2 c 5 c	Fine	35
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	5 50 6 00			German Granulated	4 1/2 c 4 3/4 c	Good Medium	20
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 50 4 00			Extra Ground	6 c 6 1/2 c	Common	15
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50 4 75			Powdered	6 c 6 1/2 c		
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	3 25 3 50			Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2 c 4 3/4 c		
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25 3 50			Maple Sugar	12 1/2 c 15 c		
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	4 00 4 25					Tobacco	Per ca
Tomatoes, 25, 2 doz.	2 15 2 25			Salt		T. & B., 35, Cads.	\$13
Tomatoes, 15, 4 doz.	5 50 6 00			Rock Salt	1 1/2 c 1 1/2 c	T. & B., 35, Cads.	12
Salmon, Cohoes falls, 15, 4 doz.	5 50 6 00						
	Per tin.						
Sardines, domestic 1/2 s.	06 08						
Sardines, imported, 1/2 s.	09 15						
Sardines, imported, 3/4 s.	18 25						
Sardines, imp. 1/2 s, boneless	20 35						
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2 s.	10 12						
	Per doz.						
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 50 1 75						
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 50 2 00						
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	2 00 2 00						
Imp. Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 50 2 00						
Imp. Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 50 2 00						
	Per case.						
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 00 3 25						
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 50 2 75						
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	5 50 6 00						
Lunch Tongue, 25, 1 doz.	6 50 7 00						
Brawn, 25, 1 doz.	2 50 2 75						
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	5 50 6 00						
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 50 2 75						
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15	2 doz 50 5 00						
	Per doz.						
Potted Ham, 1/2 s.	75						
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s.	75						
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s.	75						
Potted Ham, 3/4 s.	1 50						
Devilled Ham, 3/4 s.	1 50						
Potted Tongue, 3/4 s.	1 50						
	Per pound.						
Green Rio	15 17						

British Columbia Items.

John Campbell, a prominent lawyer of Vancouver, is dead.

D. M. Carley has established a weekly paper at Nelson to be called "The Economist." It will be devoted principally to mining.

J. C. B. Bell, of Calgary, contemplates starting business as saddler and harness maker at Golden.

Vancouver now has a weekly journal printed in Japanese.

J. M. Morris is opening a general store at Arrowhead.

Turnbull & Campbell, bakers, Comox, have sold out.

Galver & Anderson, Grand Forks, have dissolved.

Hamilton & Duford, hotel, Grand Forks, have dissolved and sold out.

Mrs. W. J. Unwin, hotel, Kamloops, has sold out.

B. Weberfrutz is opening an hotel at Kamloops.

The following are starting business at Kaslo, S. D. Landecker, of San Francisco, cigars and optical goods; Neeland & Gibbons, of Regina, dry goods; R. L. Wells, of Spokane, watchmaker.

The Oriental Tea Co., H. H. Welch, proprietor, Nanaimo, is succeeded by Robert Booth.

J. S. Stannard & Co., dry goods, Nanaimo, advertises closing out sale.

F. H. Linde, furniture, has opened business at Roseland.

Thomas Wilson, & Co., general store, Roseland, advertise a clearing sale.

Benane & Riordan, Thistle hotel, Sandon, have dissolved, Riordan continuing alone.

H. Gigerich, general store, Sandon, has sold out this branch to D. W. French.

W. L. Miller is opening in lumber at Slocan City.

R. E. Henderson, grocer and fruits, is opening business at Steveston.

Clark, Binns & Co., furniture, Trail, have dissolved.

Assiniboia.

John Brass, Moose Jaw, writes The Commercial to contradict the report which had gained currency that he was giving up business. He is still carrying on business as before.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

The bankrupt stock of Labby & Co., Rat Portage, has been purchased by the firm of Rogers & Ray, of the same place.

D. Cudney, has opened a hotel at Wabigoon.

Montreal, July 22.—Cheese—Market quiet; Quebees 7 1-2 to 7 7-8; Ontarios, 8 to 8 2-8.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

Lewis & Son, formerly of Aiken are opening a butcher shop in the market at Brandon.

Bossevain Trading Co., Ltd., Bosvain, Man., has been incorporated. The following new businesses have been established at Dauphin, Jas. Waite, watchmaker; Web Hood, butchers; Dauphin Lumber Eagle Bros., blacksmiths; L. Fox, and feed; A. A. Moore, flour feed; McLean, livery; Smith & Co., hat.

W. J. Sreenson, confectionary, A son & Co., lumber, Delronine, have dissolved partnership.

R. E. Humphrey, grocer, is opening business at Minnedosa.

The Colonist Printing and Publishing Co., Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

The Manitoba Grain Co., Ltd., nipeg, has been incorporated.

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