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WINNIPEG, JUNE 3, 1889.

BRANDON real estate is having a little boom.

VRIDEV and Elkhorn are to have no hotel licenses.

BIRTLE is to have another newspaper this summer.

AN effort to revive the Calgary Board of Trade has failed.

REGINA merchants have adopted the early closing system.

A. J. MURPHY is opening a boot and shoe store at Calgary.

D. BUTCHART, tailor, Rapid City, intends giving up business.

The Kootenay Star will be issued at Revelstoke early in June.

J. C. LEARY has bought out the British Lion hotel at Rat Portage.

THE Ontario Bank will re-open their branch in Winnipeg in the fall.

METAGE & Co., hotelkeepers, Vancouver, B.C., have dissolved partnership.

THE Lake Dauphin district is to be surveyed into townships and subdivisions.

EAGER & SIGMAN, butchers, Portage la Prairie have sold out to Craddock & Co.

C. M. McNAUGHT, jeweller, New Westminster, B.C., is out of business.

DEALY BROS., ranchers, Beaver Dam, have lost by fire \$5,000; no insurance.

A. LEVI is about to open up a tailoring and gents' furnishing store at Brandon.

BEUGZ & BARTON have formed a partnership as carpenters and builders at Virden.

THE new market building is to be completed by September 15th.

BRANDON is desirous to have a branch of the Ottawa Bank located there.

PIPER & MALLICH, harness makers, Virden are opening a branch store at Griswold.

RUTLIDGE BROS., general storekeepers, Fort William, contemplate dissolving partnership.

NZEPAWA has decided to purchase sixteen acres for a town park and recreation grounds.

HENDERSON & BURTON, general storekeepers, Carberry, contemplate dissolving partnership.

THE hotelkeepers at Shoal Lake, M. & N.W., have withdrawn their application for liquor licenses.

G. L. STONE has been appointed postmaster at Rapid City and purchased the business of D. A. Hopper.

\$14,000 has been paid out this season for cattle in Pilot Mound district, and six car loads shipped east recently.

THOMAS SNEED, house furnishings, etc., Winnipeg has sold out to Wm. Pengelly, who takes possession July 1st.

JOHN GILES, butcher, Portage la Prairie has admitted his son into partnership under the style of John Giles & Son.

MESSRS. CRADDOCK & GREGG have formed a partnership and take over the business of Eager & Sigman, of Portage la Prairie.

REA & CURTIS, grain, flour and feed merchants, Brandon, have dissolved partnership; the business will be carried on by A. E. Rea.

THE town council of Port Arthur has decided to submit to the ratepayers a by-law granting a bonus of \$25,000 to the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway.

MOUNTAIN CITY post office has been closed and the office at Catharine station, on the N. P. & M. has been changed to Letellier and Letellier has been changed to St. Joseph.

FORD, who will succeed Samuels as superintendent of the Dominion Express Company, assumed the duties of the office on Saturday last, and Samuels leaves this week for Montreal.

TOWNSHIP 1, range 6 west, south of Morden, was opened for settlement on Saturday last. This is one of the townships which was withdrawn from settlement by the Dominion Government. The land is fairly well wooded and is a desirable location.

THE Monitor says: The Dominion Land office in Manitou is to be removed notwithstanding all that has been done to keep it there. The cause is stated to be declining business, which does not pay. Brandon is also to lose its land office, also for the same cause. The business for each will be done in Winnipeg in future.

THE Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, of New York, is the name of another United States insurance institution which has recently started operations in Canada, and has made its deposit with the Government of \$50,000. The society is now in the Manitoba field and Col. J. E. G. Moore, formerly provincial police magistrate, has been appointed general manager for Manitoba and the Northwest,

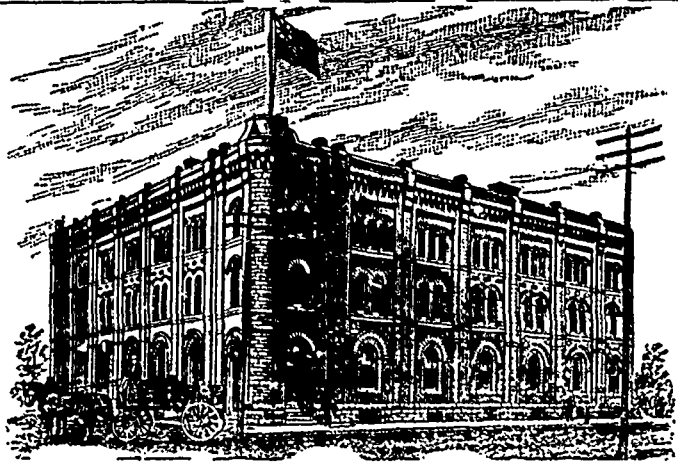
with offices in Winnipeg. The appointment is a wise one, and the Colonel will be congratulated by his many friends on this new sphere into which he has entered.

THE Royal Soap Works at St. Boniface were destroyed by fire May 25th and was a total loss, being placed at \$25,000 with insurance as follows: Imperial, \$2,000; Citizens, \$1,500; other companies \$3,500; total \$7,000. The company were preparing to remove the works to Winnipeg and will now commence operations at the new building at once.

THE Saskatchewan Herald of Battleford says: "The importation of flowers, plants and small fruits has been larger this year than ever before. Under the perfect system of packing which the florists practice there has been no loss to speak of in any of the shipments so far received. It has also been demonstrated that all the flowers and small fruits grown in the Eastern Provinces succeed equally well in these high latitudes." The same may be said in regard to Manitoba, an immense amount of florists and arboriculturists material being distributed through the province. A small fortune must have been distributed among the nurserymen in the East and United States. The excellence of the condition of the goods on arrival is sure to again place orders and the growth of the business will be enormous now that the people realize that importing plants, etc., has passed the experimental stage.

UNDER the heading of "Losses in Manitoba Wheat," the Montreal Trade Bulletin of last week indulged in one of its racy and erratic articles, in which it does not stick quite so close to facts as it does when dealing with grain matters in Montreal. The Bulletin says a good deal of outside capital was invested in Manitoba wheat during the high prices of last fall, a statement which sounds like poking fun at the regular grain men of this country, for these men know too well that they are carrying the burdens and not outsiders. The Bulletin also refers to a saloon keeper's wheat investments, which can be accounted for by the fact that one grain operator here, who did not start into wheat with the late boom, but a year or more before, owns the leading restaurant of Winnipeg, and his losses this year, if he makes any, he can bear without reducing either his stock or quality of whiskey. Where the news of banks closing down on wheat operators comes from, we suppose the Bulletin can explain, for no one here has heard of such a proceeding. Our Manitoba grain dealers have no doubt got a bad breeze this season, and few if any of them will make any money out of the last crop, while most of them may be losers, and some quite heavily. There is however nobody caught who cannot swing his own losses, without dictation from the banks, and the probability is that the load will be carried for months yet before loss will be admitted by those who are holding. Of course some scared eastern bank manager may occasionally be found peddling a stray 5,000 bushel lot, but that will in no way affect the price of last year's crop of Manitoba wheat. The Bulletin should sift its Manitoba news more carefully before it starts in on the sledge movement. It should not forget that "distance lends enchantment to the view."

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British Columbia.

D. McPhaden, grocer, New Westminster, has sold out to J. D. Rae.

E. Derdenger, blacksmith, Nanaimo, has disposed of his business to John Pullnitt.

The Occidental Hotel, Jensen, proprietor, has been damaged by fire to an extent of between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

The fruit crop throughout the Nooksack valley, promises well, and field and garden crops, although a little backward on account of cool weather, will make a good yield.

The Canoe Pass Canning Company, with a capital of \$10,000, has been organized and is applying for incorporation. The principal place of business is designated as Canoe Pass.

The Tide Flat Improvement Company, at Blaine, W. T., is piling in an enormous scope of the water front at Vancouver and it is said will improve the same by erecting a saw mill and a single mill.

Lieut. Cochrane, R. N., who went to England, to float the Coal Creek Mining company has succeeded in his efforts and is now on his way back to Morlay, which he is expected to reach in a few days time.

The S. S. Batavia, carrying mails and general cargo, arrived at Vancouver May 24. Her cargo consisted of 1,055 tons and 15,570 packages, 340 tons of which is for the Pacific coast, 46 tons Canadian points and 670 tons United States.

An English company has applied for 45 miles of the Fraser river to dredge for gold. The limits extend from Boston Bar to the foot of Cornish Bar, five miles below Hope. The company will build a steamer, dredges, scows and other necessary plant, and mine down stream.

The sealing schooner Kate, has arrived in port with 1,120 skins. The Kate left port in December, 1888, and has met with no accidents since that date. She brought no news of the other sealers out, having spoken nothing since the Lilly, which has arrived. The Favorite is also on her way in with a good catch, and may

be expected in any day. A few outgoing schooners, the Mary Taylor among them, were spoken a few days ago on their way to the northern ocean. The Kate will discharge her cargo and follow them.—*Colonist.*

The trade between Vancouver and Japan during the latter half of last year, according to the Japanese official *Gazette* was as follows: The value of articles imported into and exported from Vancouver were, \$600,029 and \$47,932 respectively. In the former figure \$34,002 of duty free goods is included. Imports and exports over the value of yen 100 during the period were as follows: Imports, \$28,725 tea, \$5,331 curios, \$4,397 porcelian wares, \$1,286 toys, \$2,537 rice, \$4,972 silk goods, \$1,667 wood manufactures, and \$692 sweet oranges; exports, \$40,180 coal, \$6,280 timber, \$672 Chinese and \$572 apples.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Selkirk Lumber Company have purchased some 80,000 feet of lumber from James Drake.

The lumber men in Deloraine report business good and say a building fever has caught the farmers.—*Times.*

The lumber business at Selkirk is beginning to look up. There was some car-loads shipped to the Northwest Territories during the week.

Moore & Macdowall's new machinery for their saw mill at Battleford has arrived. The fly wheel is very large, and weighs about 4,600 pounds.

The new mill of. Ross, Hall & Brown, at Rat Portage, will in all probability be in full running order within a month. The first tow of logs are expected daily and more are following.

Although Minnesota and the northwest generally are supposed to be blessed with the healthiest kind of a climate, there are now three coffin factories in St. Paul and Minneapolis all doing a prosperous trade. Pine enters to some extent into the manufacture of these burial cases, but poplar is used to a considerable extent. It is one of the curious facts

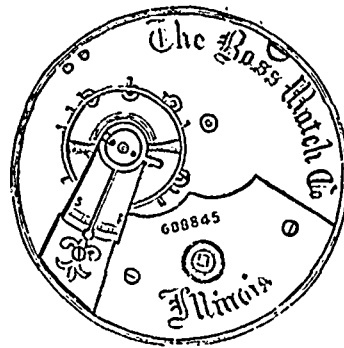
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that Minneapolis ships coffins to Chicago. But the trade is chiefly westward. Washington Territory has a wood in the alder, which grows on the coast to a dimension of 30 inches, which is calculated to be of some service in casket making, and is destined to be more or less used for furniture making. But in Portland under the stress of the large demand for cheap furniture in that new country furniture is being made of fir.—*Northwest Lumberman.*

Not long ago the Canadian Government enacted a \$3 export duty on logs. The American lumbermen retaliated by petitioning Congress, "that when a foreign country imposed an export duty on logs the same duty should be imposed on lumber shipped to the United States." This move on the part of the American lumbermen has had the effect of placing the Canadian Government in the ludicrous position of trying to maintain a bold front while looking for a rear door through which to make a graceful exit. The whole gist of the matter lies in this, that the Canadian officials legislated the \$3 export duty under circumstances which at least leave the suspicion of "ring rule." It was brought about in the interests of a few Canadian lumbermen who would personally be benefitted by such legislation. Now that the intelligent Canadians generally, and their progressive journals, are pointing out the folly and ill effects of such a measure, the Canadian Government are trying to undo its work, if possible, without having to submit to a humiliating backdown.—*Saw Mill Gazette.*

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WINNIPEG, JUNE 3, 1888.

IMMIGRATION FROM THE SOUTH.

It is only during the present year it, begins to leak out, that among the thousands who have lately settled in Manitoba, there are quite a respectable number who have come from under the sheltering wings of the American eagle, and that the eyes of many who are not satisfied with their present lot in the domain of Uncle Samuel, have of late turned inquiringly towards this prairie province. Recently it was stated in one of our Winnipeg papers that the number of settlers from the United States this season already numbered in the neighborhood of one hundred. This figure however, is we believe below what actual facts warrant, and it is not surprising that it should be so, for the carelessness as to a man's nationality is such here, that if he speaks English, he might be a native of the United States, and his nearest neighbors not know it for years, providing he is a thrifty settler and a good neighbor. People located on our prairies are too glad to get good neighbors to trouble themselves much about their national antecedents.

Not only do we now hear of people in overcrowded eastern states inquiring about the advantages of settlement in this province, but from the great fields west of the Mississippi river inquiries are beginning to pour in. Naturally we will have some settlers from Dakota and Minnesota close at hand, who like many others after settling there got themselves tangled financially, and would now like to start afresh with the experience they have gained, but without the burdens that experience has brought. Nor is it at all surprising that the eyes of many in Kansas should be turned this way, or in fact any way in search of new homes. That state is without doubt the most unqualified fraud in all the western ones; and large as it is, it does not contain as much first-class agricultural land as can be found in three counties of Manitoba. But the bulk of its unsettled lands are owned by railway companies, and are better advertized and placed before the eyes of intending settlers in the west, than the lands of any other portion of North America, and of course none of the drawbacks of the state are ever allowed to mix into such advertisement.

But from Nebraska immediately north of Kansas, and a far more attractive State for the farmer, we are also hearing inquiries as to our province for a place of settlement. So that from nearly all the western prairie States we have a chance of drawing settlers for Manitoba in the near future.

There has been a great deal of newspaper and other discussion as to the class of settlers who ought to be encouraged to come to this province, and experience up to this time goes to show, that all the settlers we received were not of a desirable class. Some were more valuable than others, and it has been generally conceded that the farmers of Ontario are the best settlers who have located here. But even the Ontario farmer has to overcome many deep-rooted prejudices, and unlearn much that in the east he has gained from experience, before he is fairly started on his way to success in Manitoba as a prairie farmer. Now in the Northwestern States there are farmers who have had experience in prairie farming; and who, if they could only be persuaded to take advantage of present circumstances here, would start from the day they located here on the highway to prosperity. There are men in such states as Iowa, who are unable to buy for themselves farms there at the prices at which they are held, and who have to rent from others; and with hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars invested in horses, cattle, machinery and such like they have a struggle to make a living. Such men although they cannot buy Iowa farms at \$30 to \$60 an acre, could buy good prairie lands in this province at \$3 to \$7 an acre, and with their practical knowledge of prairie cultivation to aid them, would soon own much better farms than those they are now renting. We want such farmers here, for they are as good settlers as any coming from Ontario, and in some respects better.

There is a great amount of effort being put forth by the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government, the C. P. R. Company and other powers to bring settlers here. There has, however, been no effort made to bring any from the prairie states of the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys, although there is every reason to believe that efforts well directed would bring from there thousands of practical and experienced prairie farmers, who are ready to break the sod of our rich lands without instructions or ex-

perimenting. It might be well if a little of the effort and money launched out for immigration purposes were directed into this channel. It would we believe give heavier returns than any invested in Europe, and quite as good as that spent in Ontario. We suppose some of the ultra loyal people of the east, who like to boss Manitoba affairs from a distance of one to two thousand miles, might object to letting the terrible Yankees get a footing anywhere in this Dominion. The number of such cranks is very limited however, even in the east, and there is not the ghost of one of them in the Northwest. It is very probable that our people here would enjoy this game of reprisal on the Yankee immigration agent, who has never lost an opportunity to do an injury to Manitoba, even when the most outrageous falsehood was necessary to inflict such injury. There is great talk of retaliation in Canada and the United States also, but in this portion of the Dominion a little retaliation in immigration matters is about the only kind of it that the people would relish.

MANITOBA GRAIN STORAGE.

An effort is now being made by parties in this province to organize and secure a charter for a warehousing company, which will devote its efforts entirely to the receiving and storing of grain at points throughout Manitoba and the Northwest. A prospectus has been drawn up, setting forth the aims of the proposed company, and to this prospectus has been attached the names of all the bank managers of Winnipeg in a certificate as to the necessity for and probability of success of such a company if chartered and working.

There can be no doubt but the elevator system thus proposed would prove of great value to the Northwest, and could not fail to be a success financially. It is a pity however, that the scheme stops short with the providing of a system of small elevators throughout the country, and does not make provision for a central system of storage elevators in the province. Assuredly the greater part of the usefulness of the undertaking is lost when this central system is left out.

The *Free Press* of Monday last contains an editorial urging the pushing of a scheme like the one proposed, and refers to the long to be remembered grain block during the winter of 1887-8, as a state of affairs which might be avoided

by the existence of such an elevator system as the one proposed. Referring to a similar system said to be in existence in Dakota and Minnesota, the *Free Press* states as follows:—

"Across the border they have a system in operation which we would find it profitable to adopt here. Everywhere throughout Dakota and Minnesota, at almost every railway station, elevators are provided, affording ample accommodation, and which farmers may use either for immediate shipment or for storage, a warehouse receipt being taken in the latter event which is as good as the cash."

In Manitoba and Dakota circumstances differ, if we are to judge by the above quotation. In this province banks have all along refused to advance money on grain warehouse receipts, when the grain is not graded, so that the warehouse receipts referred to by the *Free Press*, would not be as good as money here. Winnipeg is as yet the only inspection point in the Northwest, although it is very likely that one or two more will be added within the next year or two. But it will be many years before any grain inspectors can possibly be located at the scores of outside points, where grain warehouses would be built by the proposed company, and grain stored there could not be held on a warehouse receipt, which would be negotiable at one of our chartered banks. Of course private banks could handle such paper, but the farmer with a receipt for ungraded grain would be the nicest kind of a chicken to pluck for one of the private banks which handle farmer's business. With his grain graded and warehoused at a central point, he would have possession of a receipt, which any commercial finance institution would handle willingly at a low rate of interest.

Perhaps the term as good as money, used in the *Free Press* means simply that the farmer in Dakota can borrow money on his warehouse receipt; and if that is the case our Manitoba farmers need not envy him his privilege. It is almost impossible for a farmer in that country to borrow money at less than 25% cent per annum, and often double that rate is paid, and the borrower mortgaged body, soul and boots for security. If these are the advantages our farmers are to secure, then they will be much better without them. Therefore to guarantee to the farmer as well as others the full measure of benefit to be derived from an elevator storage system, that system must have storage elevators at a central point, where grain is inspected before it goes into storage.

It is stated with truth, that a system like this would have relieved the grain blockade of 1887-8. But so would a storage capacity at Winnipeg or some other central point of about 2,000,000 bushels. The entire blockade was east of Winnipeg, and had grain been unloaded and stored in this city, instead of at Port Arthur over 400 miles east of here, there would have been but little annoyance to the grain trade of the country during that memorable winter.

It is with pleasure that we note this movement for elevator construction. It is another assertion that we should store our grain in our country, and secure any gain there is by so doing. The men who have the foresight and enterprise to commence the work at the outlying points will soon see the necessity for a central system and provide one, for without it the project will lose many of its possible advantages. It is entitled to the best wishes for its success from all well wishers of Manitoba; and in launching the scheme, its projectors are not only trying to supply a want badly felt in this country, but are organizing what must prove a profitable investment to its shareholders, if its affairs are wisely managed.

EARLY ON THE ROAD.

At one time only the wholesale mercantile houses ordered goods from their manufacturers before they were made, and months before they required them in their premises, but now the wholesalers, as soon as he can secure an outfit of samples of goods to be made for a coming season, has his traveller calling on the retailer and urging him to purchase three or four months before the goods will be shipped to him, and using every imaginable inducement to thus persuade his customer to deal in futures so to speak, or to discount his wants far ahead and perhaps purchase many things he does not want, as he sometimes finds out afterwards.

Without doubt it is necessary in some lines of staple season goods to secure orders far ahead, in order to be sure of proper supplies in good time. But it surely cannot be necessary, and it certainly is not profitable to carry this system to the extreme to which it is now carried, and make it the common practice with every line of season goods, as it has now become in Canada.

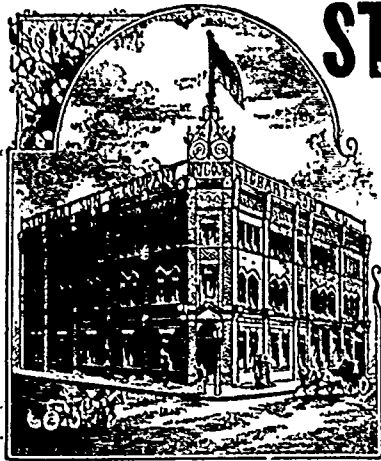
For instance quite a number of dry goods and other travelling representatives started out through the Northwest early

in April, carrying samples of fall and winter goods. They were calling upon retail dealers who had scarcely broken upon their spring and summer stocks, and not a few of them had still unpaid quite a large proportion of their last fall and winter stocks. Most of these retailers are men of quite limited resources, and to press such men to buy fall and winter goods, when their last fall and winter purchases were unpaid, and their spring stocks practically untouched, was in plain English enticing them to a system of recklessness, very unsafe to indulge in. It is safe to state, that in past years a large proportion of the irregularity in payments on the part of retail merchants in this country was due directly to this system of buying by guess, months before the wants of a season could be accurately estimated.

Instead of the evil we now complain of showing signs of abatement, it is actually getting worse so far as wholesalers are concerned. There were men on the road through this country with samples of fall goods earlier than in any previous season, and at the rate the evil is growing, we may expect ere long to hear of samples being shown of a coming winter's goods before the snows of the preceding one have disappeared.

If wholesalers will not learn from past experience, it seems as if many of our retailers in the Northwest have learned, and are trying to teach wholesalers a little. During the past week quite a few travellers returned from the first trip west with fall samples, and the great majority of them complain that they will have to go over the greater part of their ground again in June, as many of their customers flatly refused to buy fall goods, until a better crop prospect estimate could be made. Last winter retailers invariably over bought, and this year they are determined to act with prudence and caution, and they are to be commended for following such a course.

It is high time something was done on the part of wholesalers to second this wise decision of their customers. The unnecessary expense of travelling twice over ground when once would do is a strong argument in favor of such action. Of course one or two isolated houses need not attempt to stem the evil. But we think a combination of leading houses could agree to show no fall samples in this country before June 1st, or spring ones before December 1st, and by a joint circular inform their customers here of their decision. We believe they would find favor with the retailer by this move, and secure from him a consideration he would not extend to the greedy pirate, who would not agree to such a course.



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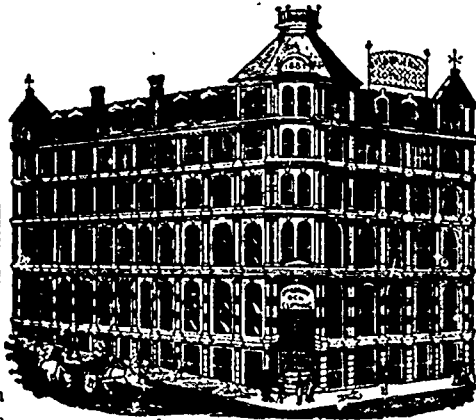
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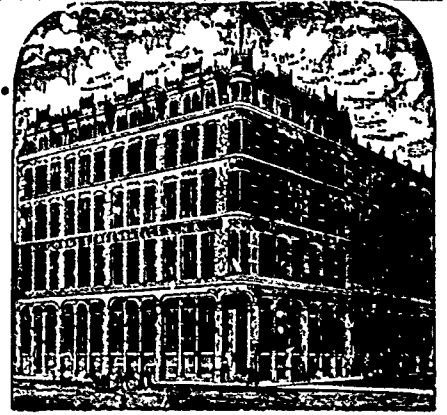
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been no new feature developed in connection with the city's monetary affairs since our last report, except a tightening up in the money circulation, as the month neared a close, as if there was preparation for some special effort at work. At the banks the feeling was quiet, and the volume of trade paper to discount very slender. This week however, will add materially to that volume, as a large share of spring sales will go into paper from the first of June. There is no other circumstance that outlines any fresh calls for funds in the near future, and the little spurt now as June opens is about the last hectic start looked for until harvest comes around. In real estate mortgage loans the situation is unchanged, and the only new business doing is in small farm loans, the stream of which comes steady but not heavy. There has been nothing turned up to call for any change of interest rates, and in commercial discount business the rates are equally steady.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There has been two sides to the state of the city wholesale trade during the past week, and they have stood out in marked contrast to each other. In staple lines of food products, and in season goods a very quiet feeling has reigned, reaching a monotonous slowness in some branches. Sales both for immediate wants and fall requirements have been light, while there has been a very slow, and in some instances a very unsatisfactory feeling regarding cash returns. This makes up the unpleasant side of the week's report, while in heavy lines, and goods required in contracting and building, there has been quite a liberal movement, sales showing quite a respectable aggregate for the week, while collections are reported much improved during the past ten days or so. After averaging from these two sides of the report, there is not much cause for congratulation, as business generally can be booked as quiet, and the very cool weather of the past week, has without doubt checked up materially the inclination manifested two weeks ago, to break away with more activity. As to cash returns, the quiet feeling may be in a great measure of the most temporary nature, and caused greatly by a general preparation for the fourth which comes with its obligations to-morrow.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

There have been practically no sales for immediate wants in these branches during the week, and the sorting trade expected to materialize did not do so. The cold weather proved an effectual choke off for this, and it seems to have had a bad effect also on sales from fall and winter samples. Buyers of these goods seemed to act like barometers of the crop prospect, and as the cool snap did not brighten that they have been hanging down about zero. The report on collections is very little better than that on sales.

FURS, RAW.

Several traders from the west arrived in the city with stocks during the week, and receipts from other sources have been quite liberal. There has been the same keen competition be-

tween buyers, but no material changes in prices have been noted, and the following may still be accepted as the ranges of prices for skins from fair to prime: Beaver, 50c to \$6 per skin; cubs do. 25c to \$1.50; badger, 10c to \$1.50; black bear, \$1.50 to \$22; cubs, do. \$1 to \$5; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$18; grizzly bear, \$1 to \$16; cubs, do. 20 to 70c; timber wolf, 50c to \$2.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1; Wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5, as to color and quality; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 20c to \$1.60; kit fox, 10c to 50c; cross fox, \$1. to \$5; silver and black ox, \$10 to \$60, as to beauty and condition of skin; martin, dark, 50c to \$2.50; martin, yellow or pale, 25c to \$1; mink, 20c to \$1; muskrat, 6c to 15c; otter, \$1.50 to \$7.50; skunk, 10c to 65c. Prices all per skin.

FRUITS—GREEN.

The fruit business has been moving about its usual gait, and satisfaction is the purport of the week's report. Prices of oranges are tending upwards, but no other changes are reported. The variety of these fruit are also getting more limited. Quotations are as follows: Fancy Messina \$6.50; choice Messina, lemons, \$6.00, both 360s; the same 300s, \$6 50 and \$6.00 respectively; oranges, extra fancy Messinas in half cases, \$3.50; California seedlings, 128s to 226s, \$4.50 to \$5.00; new sweets, 128s to 226s, \$5.50; St. Michaels, paper rind, 150s to 250s \$6; Bananas, fancy Port Limon, large bunches, \$3.50; medium sized, \$3.00; Pine apples, fancy Havana, extra large, \$4 per doz; medium sized, \$3.50; Strawberries, per 24 qt crate, \$5 00; evaporated Apricots, fancy California, 19c per lb; peeled peaches, fancy California evaporated 22c per lb; Nectarines, fancy evaporated California, 21c; Figs, extra fancy in 20 lb boxes, 17c per lb; good, in 10 lb boxes, 15c; 1 lb cartoons, \$1.75; Dates, Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, 10c per lb; Fard, in 20 lb boxes, 12c; Nuts, Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Gredoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoa nuts, \$10 per hundred.

GROCERIES.

The little rush for contractor's first outfits is over, and business has dropped down to a very quiet but steady state. There has been no feature worthy of notice during the week, and no changes in prices of staple goods. Quotations stand: Sugars, yellows, 8 to 8½c; granulated, 9½ to 10c; lumps, 10½ to 10¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c: Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 60c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS

From this branch the report for the past week is very encouraging. Sales have been steadily increasing in volume both in heavies and shof goods for the past two weeks. Collections are also reported as improving. Staple

lines are scarcely changed in price, and quotations stand: Cut nails, 10d, and larger \$3.50 to \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6 25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.00 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 25 to 40 per cent, according to size, off list prices; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6½; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c

HIDES AND TALLOW.

The situation is but little changed, a decrease in receipts being about the only feature of note. Prices are unchanged and steady, quotations being as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb.; Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering; Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c rendered 5c.

LUMBER.

There is no let up in demand for lumber from the mills for western points, and the local business has also improved a shade. Mills are pushed to fill orders in good time. Prices are steady and as follows at the Kewatin district mills: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17; dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, coiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding ½ in. x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; No. 3 \$25. Finishing, clear—1½, 1½, and 2, inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; ½ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business moves steadily and with some activity. There are no new features to note, and no changes in prices to report. Quotations are: Turpentine in barrels, 85c per gallon; benzine and gasoline, 59c; linseed oil, 63c raw and 65c boiled; panoxide paints, mixed in barrels, 90c crown white lead, \$7.25 per 100 lbs.; royal charter, \$7; plaster, in barrels, 3.50; cement scarce in the city. Coal oils are unchanged.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

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WHEAT

The situation seems to have changed but little since our last report, and what has taken place has not been in the direction of higher prices. In Chicago little advances occurred in two or three days have been as a rule swept away in an hour or less, and a genuine feeling of depression seems to take hold of eastern markets generally. Duluth has shown no better feeling, and in Eastern Canada, as here, there is a dead-lock between buyers and sellers, with a gulf between them of anywhere between ten to twenty cents to bridge over. European buyers are in no way anxious to get supplies from this continent, and the visible supply of flour there is still heavy. When to this is added the splendid prospect for the growing crop all over this continent, there is little left to cause any anxiety to intending buyers. In the local market there is literally nothing doing, as holders are still keeping a firm grip on their stocks. The rumor of banks forcing sales which emanated from the Montreal *Trade Bulletin* has very little of any foundation, and an end to the strain still seems far off. At outside points stray loads of wheat have been bought from farmers at 70 to 80c, according to quality, but even farmers in possession of wheat will not let it go at these prices, and most of them are financially strong enough to hold it over.

FLOUR.

The western demand is down to almost nothing, and to the east only a stray car comes at intervals of two or three days. Nearly all the small mills in the province are closed down, and the few still running as well as those in the city must soon follow if stocks keep increasing as they have during the last three or four weeks. The local trade has been steady but quiet, so that there is no life anywhere. High grades have dropped a little in price, and quotations now stand:—Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers, \$2.60; XXXX, \$2.00; superfine, \$1.40.

MILLSTUFFS

The demand keeps good for this season of the year, but it is steadily falling off as the season advances. Prices hold up all the same, and bran is quoted at \$9 to \$10 a ton and shorts at \$11 to \$12.

OATMEAL.

The situation has in no way improved, but prices hold steady, quotations being: Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.60; granulated, \$2.75; rolled oats in 50 lb. sacks, \$3.

OATS

The movement has been light, and prices have been a shade easier. Car lots for feed were worth about 25c, and milling lots would not bring more than 30c.

BUTTER.

The market is gradually giving way under the pressure of heavy receipts, and exporting must be commenced soon if a glut is to be avoided. Creamery and first-class dairy find a ready sale, but nobody cares to handle anything that is a little off, and low grades would be unsaleable at any price if offered. Prices have been on the drop, and while some well known creameries can sell in round lots at 20c, the best dairy brought to the city will scarcely bring 18c, while mediums if offered will not bring a bid of over 14c, and are not sought after at that figure.

CHEESE.

No round lot sales reported as yet, and small lots are in light demand at about 10c, which is about the figure for prime makes.

EGGS.

Receipts have been heavier, but prices have fallen very little. Some talk of 13c was heard, but prime lots brought 14c.

LARD.

There has been nothing to cause a change and prices seem fixed at \$2.60 for 20lb pails of local make.

CURED MEATS.

There has been no new feature during the week, and prices have held steady notwithstanding the depressed state of United States markets. Hams are held at 13 to 13½c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11c; dry salt, 10½c; pork sausage, 9c; bologna, 8c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef carcasses have been a little easier the best bringing only 6½c, and poorer only 6c. Dressed hogs sold at 5½ to 5½c and easy at these figures. Veal still holds at 8 to 9c and mutton at 12c.

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs have ranged from 5 to 5½c, and are decidedly easier. Beef cattle have lost the firm feeling noted in our last report, and ranged from 3 to 3½c only, the best butcher stock bringing the latter figure.

Minneapolis Markets.

Closing figures on May 29th, were as follows:—

	May.	June.	On track.
No 1 hard	93	94	93
No. 1 northern	83	83½	84
No 2 "	72	73½	74

The flour market has continued dull with somewhat irregular prices for the week. During the first part of the week prices were depressed and business slow. Later, on firmer and steadier wheat markets, flour did a little better, both in breadth of distribution and in values. The firmness of spring wheat prices has given way somewhat, which tended to reduce the price of flour. The decline has been checked and with steadiness in wheat the prospects seems rather more encouraging for flour, though activity is hardly expected at present.

Flour—Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$5.00 to \$5.25; straights, \$4.50 to \$4.75; first bakers', \$3.00 to \$3.70; best low grades, \$1.15 to \$1.35 in bags; red dog, \$1.25 to \$1.40 in bags. — *Northwestern Miller.*

Duluth Wheat Market.

Closing prices for each day of the week were as follows:—

	Cash.	May	June.	July.
Monday	91	95½	95½	96
Tuesday	93	95½	96	96
Wednesday	95	95½	95½	—
Thursday	—	—	—	—
Friday	93	94½	94½	—
Saturday	91½	91½	91½	—

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The most important factor in the wheat market is the weather. The glowing description of the growing crops has had a depressing effect on prices and with the week closing May 25th values were steadily decreasing, the bear element bringing every effort to dishearten the advocates of higher prices. The session opened Monday with a little firmness and the bulls were getting courageous but it was a short battle and closed with the bears on top. Pork products suffered in the decline, the only buying being done by shorts and were at an advanced figure. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July	Aug.
Wheat	81½	79	76½	73½
Corn	35½	33½	33½	34½
Oats	21½	21½	22½	—
Pork	11.85	—	11.95	12.00
Lard	6.72½	—	6.77½	6.82½-5
Short Ribs	5.70-5	—	—	—

Tuesday was a busier day on change for a long time. Reports of damage done by the cold wave commenced to come in early and caused quite a flurry in wheat circles and the market started off quite firm. This brought out large offerings of May and June and caused a break but afterwards recovered. Trading in corn was active and prices were advanced. Pork products suffered a decline under a large run of hogs. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	79½	79	78	74½
Corn	33½	—	34½	34½
Oats	21½	22	22½	22½
Pork	11.70	—	11.80	—
Lard	6.67½	6.72½	6.82½	6.77½
Short Ribs	5.67½	—	5.77½	5.82½

The opening on Wednesday was at about yesterday's close but during the day the market ruled easier and prices declined. A fair business was transacted on the decline. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July	Aug.
Wheat	—	78	76½	74½
Corn	—	35½	34	34½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	11.75	11.85	11.92½
Lard	—	—	6.72	6.80
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Thursday being Decoration Day no session of the board was held.

Friday the business transaction on the board was very limited; the opening was fair but the latter part of the day was uninteresting. The closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	—	79½	76½	74½
Corn	—	34	34½	34½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	11.82½	11.87½	11.95
Lard	—	6.67½	6.75	6.80
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

The Keewatin Mill will be reopened next week, the new management having succeeded in putting things into running order for the opening of business. W. A. Hastings will reside at Keewatin and Messrs. G. V. Hastings and G. A. McGaw at Winnipeg, where an office will be opened in a few days.

The land grant of the Northwest Central will be arranged in the course of a few days and the N. P. & M. Ry. deal with that road will then be settled.]

Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of May 16th, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market :

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
Canada 3 1/2 per cents.....	106	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents.....	116	1	—
Ditto 3 per cents.....	97	1/2	—
British Columbia 4 per cents.....	116	2	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.....	115	—	—
Quebec 4 per cents.....	104	—	—
Montreal 3 per cents.....	83 1/2	1/2	—
Toronto 4 per cents.....	106	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.....	169	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register)	58 1/2	1 1/2	—
Ditto shares (London register).....	67 1/2	1	—
Ditto first mortgage bonds.....	106	1 1/2	—
Ditto 3 1/2 per cent. land grant bonds	98 1/2	—	1/2
Grand Trunk ordinary stock.....	10 1/2	—	1/2
Ditto first preference.....	67 1/2	—	1/2
Manitoba and Northwestern bond	111	1	—
Manitoba Southwestern bonds.....	—	—	—
Bank of British Columbia.....	37 1/2	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.....	80	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid... 5 1/2	5 1/2	—	—
Ditto £3 paid.....	3 1/2	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage.....	1/2	—	—
British American Land.....	29	—	—
Canada North-West Land.....	3 1/2	—	—
Hudson's Bay.....	2 1/2	1/2	—
Land Corporation of Canada.....	1	—	—
Vancouver Coal.....	—	—	—

A New Binding Twine.

The high price of Manitoba binding twine is quite a serious question to grain raisers at present, and the production of a cheaper article to take its place will be welcomed by them. This the Dartmouth Rope Work company have claimed to supply in what they call their silver

composite twine, a sample of which has been sent to our office by Messrs. Henderson & Bull, the company's Northwestern agents. The twine seems strong enough for anything, and it is claimed that in other respects it is as good, and works as well as Manila, although it can be sold for about twenty-five per cent less. It is unfortunate that the manufacturers are limited with their supply this season, but it is to be hoped that next year it will be available in abundance. If, as is claimed, it works equal to Manila, then assuredly it will sell freely in this market at the reduced figure at which it can be sold.

American Crop Reports.

Corn and oats have done very well during the week except in the northwest, where low temperature, culminating in frost, has been unfavorable.

In Dakota and Minnesota the young plants were nipped by the frost, but though development has been retarded, it is not thought that permanent injury has been inflicted, and that with favorable weather growth will be speedily resumed.

From the spring wheat territory the news is not unfavorable. The frost which occurred in the northwest during the week did not damage wheat to any extent, according to the most reliable reports, but the weather has been cold for the season, and not much progress has been made, though few correspondents speak of it as unfavorable.—Daily Business.

"It is undoubtedly true," remarks the Toledo Market Record, "as stated in various directions,

that the heads of wheat so far exhibited are shorter than the average, and this is an important feature in the yield."

In the southern part of Minnesota, and in South Dakota, there are generally good reports of the growing wheat and other small grain. It is unquestionably true, however, that wheat is thin, and does not appear to be sending out new shoots from the root as prolific as is to be desired. In northern Dakota and in northern Minnesota, there has not been rain enough to cure the evils of early drouth. The stand is thin in many places, and while looking fairly well from a distance, it does not on close inspection. Similar conditions exist from Milbank, South Dakota, all the way to Aberdeen. There have been fresh troubles with frost too, which are proving very destructive to small fruits and gardens and that set back corn and potatoes.—Market Record.

CAPITALISTS in England are striving hard to control the beer trade of the American continent. The first break in Canada is made on the Davis Toronto Brewery, which will now go under the name of the Dominion Brewery Company with a capital of £80,000. Several members of the English House of Parliament are among the stockholders.

A combination of glass fruit jars and fruit jar cap manufacturers is reported from Pittsburg. In 500 gross lots the quotations are \$9.50 for quarts and \$12.50 for half gallons, and a further advance of from 50 cents to \$1 is talked of.

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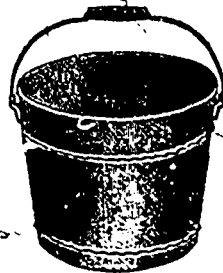
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A New Political Party.

The following platform for a new Canadian political party we take from an exchange. The national, moral and intellectual standard therein is high, but the enthusiasts who framed it evidently forgot that a commercial plank or two was necessary. It was probably framed at a meeting of a few parsons, a stray phil-anthropist or two, and a few tectotal lecturers. There was certainly no business element present when it was born.

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5. Retrenchment and Economy in Public Expenditure, with a view of reducing our enormous National Debt.
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7. The extension of the Franchise to Women.
8. An Elective Senate.
9. Civil Service Reform.

The hand saw has had its experimental season in the white pine states, and now is about to pass through a like period in the Puget Sound district. It is to the credit of the lumbermen in that district that thus early in the history of



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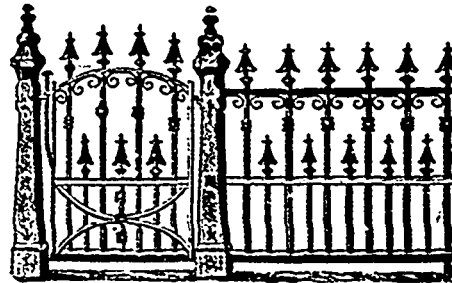
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their operations they are alive to the fact that the band saw saves timber and, under favorable circumstances, turns out superior sawed lumber. It took the operators in the white pine region a great while to learn this. Valuable timber, the supply of which was gradually decreasing, was given to the circular, and this, too, after the worth of the band had been absolutely proven in the hardwood districts. These white pine manufacturers can now see how they threw fortunes over their shoulders. There may possibly be difficulties to overcome in working the band on the timber of the Puget Sound district, but the faith of any thinking man in the ability of our machinists to overcome those difficulties should not waver. There are men on the Pacific Slope who argue that, as timber is plentiful, the necessity of the band is not clearly established. They should bear in mind, however, that the tendency all the time in that region is to over produce; therefore, the object should not be the manufacture of the greatest possible amount of lumber, but that the output may be well manufactured. It would also be well to consider that, having been to the expense of getting logs to the mill, it is business

and economy to get the most money possible out of them. When it comes to this test, in fine timber, the band will see the circular and go it one better any day.—Northwestern Lumberman.

The following report from the Experimental Farm at Brandon is about the gist of the report regarding crops through the province since the low temperature of last week: "The different grains have escaped practically without injury. While a few low spots in the barley show some discoloring, it is only the outer leaves that are affected, the stalks being uninjured. The oats are not injured in the slightest. Of the ten varieties of peas sown, nine are coming along nicely, while the tenth, "McLean's Little Gem," a garden variety, is badly injured. This pea was sown among the field peas, being a variety short and strong in the straw. The five wheats (red and white) are uninjured, and all the Russian varieties are looking as well as ever. In regards to frozen wheat as seed there is noted a great difference, it making a poor growth and shows lack of body."

Packing salmon is a profitable business in Alaska. One cannery in Alaska, situated on Kodiak Island, paid a dividend on last year's operations of 88 per cent. and had a surplus of \$13,000 besides. The Karkuk Company recently declared a dividend of \$125,000, which was at the rate of about \$1 per case of the pack.

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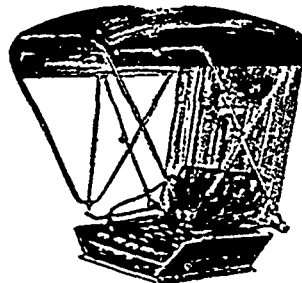
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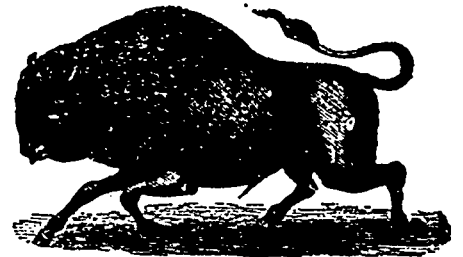
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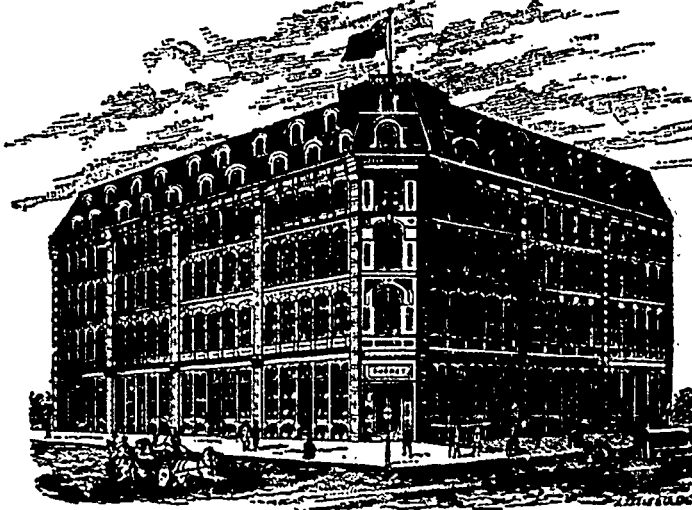
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J. C. Malboeuf, marble dealer, West Shefford, is dead.

Joseph Fortin, dealer in shoes, St. Henri, has assigned.

Octave Bernard, contractor, Hyacinthe, has assigned.

P. J. Jacob, general storekeeper, Cambord, has assigned.

Geo. Guay, general storekeeper, Yamachiche, has assigned.

Gratton & Co., dealers in grain, Montreal, have dissolved.

Hetu & Chartrand, carpenters, Montreal, have dissolved.

Murray & Wickens, haberdashers, Montreal, have assigned.

Beaulieu & Co., dealers in provisions, Montreal, have dissolved.

Gadoua, Dubois & Co., confectioners, Montreal, have dissolved.

Richard Sbardon, shoe manufacturer, Three Rivers, asking an extension.

Wm. J. Mackenzie, general storekeeper, Buckingham, has assigned.

M. Lebourveau & Co., general storekeepers, Eaton, are offering to compromise.

Francis Giroux, manufacturing agent, Montreal, demand of assignment made.

W. G. O'Hara, grocer and florist, Montreal, has sold out his grocery to E. O'Connor.

Wilson, Mason & Asselin, dealers in coal and wood, Montreal, have dissolved; Mason & Asselin continue.

E. N. Heney & Co., wholesale saddlery and hardware, Montreal have admitted W. F. Heney as partner under same style.

Gardner & Reynolds, general storekeepers, Stanbridge, sold out dry goods and shoes and continue in groceries and feed.

J. A. Valois & Co., manufacturers of soda water, Montreal, have admitted A. G. Lusignan under style Valois, Lusignan & Co.

Desaulniers Freres & Co., dealers in church ornaments, Montreal, have dissolved partnership, J. A. L. & J. E. L. Desaulniers continue under same style.

ONTARIO.

Jno. Seoon, druggist, Parkhill, is dead.

Thos. Arthur, grocer, Hamilton, has assigned.

G. S. Copeland, ropemaker, Hamilton, is dead.

Chas. W. King, merchant, Madoc, has assigned.

John A. Scott, brickmaker, Meaford, has assigned.

J. B. Webster, dealer in shoes, Dresden, has sold out.

John Youngson, blacksmith, Hamilton, has assigned.

Jacob Beedle, hotelkeeper, Highgate, has sold out.

Williams & Averill, builders, Toronto, have dissolved.

A. Doherty, grocer, West Flamboro, was burned out.

Thos. Rea, general storekeeper, Wroxeter, has sold out.

Ed Adams & Co., wholesale grocers, London, have admitted Samuel Screaton, jr. into partnership under same style.

J. E. Eyers, general storekeeper, Burnt River, has assigned.

T. P. Harkin & Co., dealer in shoes, Ottawa, has assigned.

Hugh Muirk, cigar manufacturer, Peterboro, has assigned.

E. E. Lyne, general storekeeper, Clarksburg, has assigned.

McCullough & Campbell, grocers, Toronto, have dissolved.

Chambers & Moon, general storekeepers, Madoc, have dissolved.

W. H. Garrold, general storekeeper, North Pelham, was burnt out.

C. C. McPhee, dealer in books and stationery, St. Marys, has sold out.

Shaver & McPhee, dealers books and stationery, Stratford, have dissolved.

Mahar & Church, builders, Ottawa, have dissolved; W. J. Church continues.

May & Co., druggists, West Flamboro, W. H. May sole owner, died 18th inst.

James McGoldrick, liquor dealer, Chatham, style now McGoldrick & Merrette.

Hanrahan Bros., butchers, Ottawa, have dissolved; business continued by the Hanrahan Meat Co.

Lake Superior Region.

Sault St. Marie is to have a \$200,000 paper mill.

Several mining properties in the district of Silver Mountain are changing hands at greatly increased prices.

Sault Ste. Marie wants a new post office, customs house, and public offices and the school board want \$12,000 for school purposes.

The Fort William Mining Company has been organized for the purpose of refining, smelting, manufacturing and mining iron, gold, copper, silver, lead and zinc ores. The capital stock is \$500,000.

The whole of the plant for the electric light at Port Arthur has arrived. The poles are now being erected, and in about three weeks Port Arthur will be illuminated by the Heisler incandescent system.

From all sections of the mining country loud complaints about the impassable state of the roads are heard. From the Half Way House to Whitefish Lake it is accomplishing a feat to get along with an empty wagon to say nothing about hauling a load. Not a mining man is heard from who does not call earnestly for the railway and loud are the murmurs of disappointment and dissatisfaction which come from all quarters of the mineral region owing to the apathy of the council and the people of Port Arthur towards the road. But the mines are all right. There has not been a report during the past week that has not been of the most favorable and encouraging nature. No where in the district is stopping being done, but yet the prospecting work is turning out exceedingly rich ore, and that in abundance.—*Sentinel*.

The Chicago Board of Marine Underwriters has reduced the insurance rate on grain to Buffalo and Georgian Bay from 50 to 30 cents per \$100 the lowest rate ever made by the Board. It will compel the non-Board companies to go down to 18 or 20 cents if they are to

secure any business. Other rates were fixed as follows: To ports on Lake Michigan, 25 cents, on Lake Superior, 35 cents, Huron, Sarnia and Detroit River, 25 cents, on Lake Ontario 45 cents, Ogdensburg, 50 cents, Montreal 75 cents. The low rate will be an advantage to vessels in the lower grades, which are charged 50 and 100 per cent higher on the grain they carry than the ordinary basis, and are compelled to rebate to the shipper the premiums required on account of their rating. On the Georgian Bay cargo low grade vessels will thus save some \$25 to \$50 a trip.—*Sentinel*

Grocers' Pointers.

The position of raisins is certainly improving, and the indications now point to a higher market for good quality of fruit during the remainder of the season.

A nice well-fitted up and convenient store building is not all that is required to increase and hold trade; a well-selected stock of goods is the most important matter.

Asparagus season is at hand; to keep it bright and crisp every grocery should provide himself with shallow trays holding about an inch of water, and stand the asparagus in it.

It is now quite certain that the crop of nutmegs and mace in Banda is almost an entire failure, and as this growth furnishes almost three-fourths of the world's product, future supplies are likely to be scarce.—*Bulletin*.

The wholesale grocers according to a resolution adopted by the guild in March last which we published at the time, will decline to compromise in future with creditors whose failure is due to lack of insurance, further declaring that the insurance must be at least thirty-six per cent of the value of the stocks. The effect of this resolution will be to relieve merchants of serious loss, and in the long run be a decided benefit to the retailers who are often so singularly blind to their own best interests by neglecting to take the precaution of insuring against fire. It is likely that the wholesaler's dry goods trade will follow the example of the grocers.—*Montreal Trade Review*.

In estimating profits the grocer often fools himself. He does not, as a rule, make allowances for shrinkage, over weight and measure as much as he should. He buys a tub of butter and figures at so much a pound profit he will make so much money. How astonished he would be if he kept an accurate account of the sale of every pound, one half and quarter pound sold by him out of the tub, to find that he had not made as much as he supposed. We know that he would then put his brain tank to work to find out why he did not make the profit he figured out. They say "figures don't lie," but sometimes they shy off a little and leave a grocer in doubt. I would rather sell a tub of butter at three cents a pound advance over cost than to ladle it out at an advance of five cents a pound. I am satisfied that I would make more money by the sale of a full tub. Clerks are not careful enough in weighing out quarters and half pounds, especially if they are in a hurry. A little experimenting in this line, finding out just what the returns are from the sale of goods, would sharpen the ideas of some grocers. The same holds true with many other goods sold as with butter. The supposed profit is delusive. Do not forget to make ample allowance for shrinkage, overweight and measure.—*Retail Grocers' Advocate*.

Music Hath Charms.

A good story, in point, is told of Ole Bull and Ericsson, the inventor. In early life they were friends, but drifted apart, and did not meet again until each had become famous. Bull had charmed the ear of thousands all over the civilized world, while the part the great mechanic, John Ericsson, played in naval warfare during the war roused the North to enthusiasm, and well nigh startled the world.

When taking his leave, Bull invited Ericsson to attend his concert that night. Ericsson, however, declined, saying he had no time to waste on music.

Bull took no offence at the remark, but continued to call on his friend whenever visiting New York, and usually when taking his leave would ask Ericsson to attend his concert; but Ericsson always declined the invitation.

Upon one occasion Bull pushed him urgently, and he said:—

"If you do not come to my concert I shall bring my violin here on a play in your shop."

"If you bring the thing here I shall smash it," was Ericsson's reply.

Here were two men in many respects the opposite to each other—Bull, an impulsive romantic dreamer; Ericsson, a stern, thoughtful, practical man, who felt he must improve every moment with mathematical precision.

Bull's curiosity was aroused to know what effect music would have upon such a grim, matter-of-fact man of squares and circles. Taking his violin with him, he went, one day, to Ericsson's shop. He did not begin the interlude with tuning up the violin. Indeed he had removed the strings, screws and apron. Noticing a displeased expression on Ericsson's face, Bull called his attention to certain mechanical defects in the instrument, and, speaking of its construction, asked Ericsson about the scientific and acoustic properties involved in the grain of certain woods. From this he passed on to a discussion of sound waves, semitones, etc. Apparently by way of illustrating the scientific principles they had been speaking of, Bull quietly replaced the strings and screws and improvised a few cords, and then easily drifted into a rich melody.

The workmen were charmed; they dropped their tools and stood in silent wonder. Bull played on and on; and when finally he ceased, Ericsson raised his bowed head, and with moist eyes said:—

"Do not stop, my old friend. Go on. Go on! I never knew until now what there was lacking in my life."—*Ex.*

Edison's \$40,000.

The other day a smooth faced man, wearing handsome clothes and displaying a soiled collar and a necktie all awry, and shoes that never experienced the skilful manipulations of a boot-black, and finger-nails that never met a manicure, leaned his elbow on a Washington counter and conversed in the jolliest way with a circle of newspaper friends. He looked like a tramp, but he really is one of the most famous men in the world and his name is known in every part of the globe. During a little luncheon Edison told in his quaint way the story of his first acquaintance with any large sum of money. It

was in the days when he was struggling along with his earlier inventions, and didn't have a big capital to back him. In fact, he didn't have any bank account himself, and hardly knew what one was.

Edison had finally sold his patent on the gold and stock indicator to the Western Union Telegraph for \$40,000, and was coming over to New York to get the money.

He had heard of Wall street and its bulls and bears, and had been told that it was full of "sharks" who could fleece a man very quick. So he made up his mind that Wall street was a very dangerous place, and that if ever he had occasion to go there he would be lucky if he got away without losing his overcoat and umbrella.

At that time Gen. Lefferts was president of the Western Union. One morning Edison came into the company's office to close up the sale of his patent. After a few preliminaries he was given a check for \$40,000.

He looked at it curiously for a moment or two and appeared to be puzzled what to do with it. He knew that he had sold a patent to the Western Union company for \$40,000, but he did not see any money. Observing his perplexity Gen. Lefferts told him that if he would go to the Bank of America in Wall street he could get the check cashed. "So I started," said Edison, "after carefully folding up the check, and went toward Wall street. So uncertain was I in regard to that way of doing business that I thought while on the way if any man should come up to me and offer me two crisp \$1,000 bills for that piece of paper that I should give him up the check very quick."

On arriving at the Bank of America he hesitated about entering, fearing still that something might be wrong. At last, however, he mustered up courage and determined to try it. He knew that Gen. Lefferts had told him that he would get his money here, so he braced ahead and half tremblingly shoved his check out to the cashier.

The latter scrutinized it closely, gave Edison a piercing glance, and said something which Edison could not understand, as he was hard of hearing.

That was enough. He was now more than ever convinced that his "check" wasn't worth \$40,000, and again he thought as he rushed out of the bank with it that any man who would give him \$2,000 could walk away with the check.

He hurried back to the Western Union and said he couldn't get any money. Gen. Lefferts then sent a man with him to identify him. He said: "This man is Thomas A. Edison, to whose order the check is drawn."

"Why certainly, Mr. Edison," said the cashier, very obsequiously, "how would you like your \$40,000—in what shape?"

"Oh, any way to suit the bank. It doesn't make any difference to me so long as I get my money."

Edison was given \$40,000 in large bills. After dividing the roll into two wads of \$20,000 each, he stuffed one into each trousers pocket, buttoned up his coat as tightly as possible, and made a break to get out of Wall street as quick as he could. The next day Edison began work on his first laboratory in New York.—*Washington letter to Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.*

Works Both Ways.

The rapidly decreasing cotton cloth trade with China is eliciting general comment. The Springfield, Mass., *Union* says: "The trade of the United States is feeling the effects of the system of arbitrary exclusion of Chinese. During the first eight months of the present fiscal year the United States exported to China \$323,808 worth of cotton cloth, while during the corresponding months of the previous year the export of cotton cloth to China amounted to \$2,098,347, showing a loss in eight months of \$1,272,539. This is the more marked in that American cottons have become popular in China because of their superior quality, and the falling off cannot be accounted for on any theory but that of Chinese resentment for their exclusion. China can inflict severe injury upon our eastern trade, and we cannot help ourselves except by fair and honest treatment of the Chinese."

TREITHARDT is opening a photograph gallery at Portage la Prairie.

THE Portage la Prairie *Review* is responsible for the following extraordinary announcement: "It is currently reported that Attorney-General Martin intends to resign his seat in the Greenway Government to accept the solicitorship of the N. P. & M. railway at a salary of \$8,000 a year."

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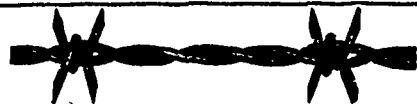
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Grain and Milling.

Wheat is coming to market at Moosomin liberally and brought 70c.

Moosejaw is making inducements to have a flour mill built at that place.

One hundred and twenty-eight thousand barrels of flour are in store at Duluth.

The quantity of wheat in the Fort William elevator May 25th was 828,152 bushels. The shipments for the week ending that date amounted to 40,396 bushels.

The excavation work on the site for the new roller mill at Birtle is being gone on with. The Bird Tail will be damned until a head of twenty-five feet is obtained, which will run the machinery of the hundred barrel mill.

According to President Van Horne's annual report which was presented at the recent meeting of the shareholders in Montreal, the third elevator, with a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels, commenced at Fort William last year, is to be completed in time to meet the requirements of the coming season's crop.—*Herald*.

Governor Francis of Missouri, has signed the grain option bill, which virtually prohibits all dealing in grain options unless the parties dealing in such options actually own the grain. The statute is so worded that the issue cannot be dodged, and grain dealers are wrought up, and claim that the law will drive them to East St. Louis.

During the week ending May 25th the visible supply of wheat decreased 1,058,000 bushels; corn increased 1,363,000 and oats decreased 408,000 bushels. For the same week last year wheat decreased 1,359,480 bushels; corn increased 1,329,828 and oats increased 483,783. A year ago the visible supply contained 27,662,465 bushels wheat, 8,269,360 of corn and 5,002,811 of oats.

To perfect the arrangements the millers of Ontario have in view for securing relief from their present disabilities, it is urged that there should be a meeting of the whole flour manufacturing interests of the province in Toronto. The convention should discuss the whole situation, and having settled the definite line of action to be taken let them work unitedly to obtain their object.—*Trade Review*.

Between the popular demand for suppression of bucket shops, legislation making trading in options a misdemeanor, and a determination at Chicago to withhold its quotations of a speculative character from the general public, there is likely to be an enforced process of purification, the limits of which will not be confined to those who are interested in bucket swops. Let the good work go on.—*Cincinnati Price Current*.

Ontario Millers to Combine.

The *World* of Toronto says that since it has been decided that the millers of Ontario will get no relief from the Government in the way of increased duty on American flour or lower duty on American wheat, they have evolved a plan to help themselves. According to this journal it is proposed to soon call a mass meeting of the 2,700 millers of Ontario, of which association will be formed with the avowed purpose of keeping down the prices of wheat.

It is believed that this course will at once raise a storm of reprobation from the farmers, and will incline the latter to join strength with the millers to such an extent that the Government will come to time at once as a matter of political policy. It is proposed that each miller coming into the combine shall pay an entrance fee of from \$10 to \$50, according to the size and capacity of the mill, and shall also deposit with the secretary or treasurer a proportionate sum as a guarantee of good faith, which deposit is made forfeitable to the association in case of default or non-compliance with the rules.

In the proposed constitution it is enacted that no member shall pay a higher price for wheat than that the association shall fix upon, except in cases specified. At any point where a mill is not in the combine the association is to have a buyer who shall buy in all wheat offering, at 1 to 2c per bushel higher than the price the miller not in the combine is able or willing to pay for it. As the number of these points cannot be very great, or the supplies of wheat at any one point of them very large, the high priced wheat bought in is to be taken charge of by the association and sold at cost to members.

The secretary of the association is to be a paid officer, devoting his whole time to the organization, and will personally visit every miller in the province and explain the association's methods, so that by this means it is thought that all, or a great portion of the millers, will be brought to work in harmony with the organization. The greatest opposition is anticipated from the large millers, who may fear difficulty in getting wheat enough under the association's methods to keep their mills running. But it is represented that as soon as wheat is reduced to an exporting price, American flour will cease coming into the Canadian market, and the demand for flour in the lower provinces, together with the increased facilities for effecting sales consequent upon the stoppage of American supplies, will of itself be sufficient compensation.

A circular letter embodying these plans has been issued, and it is stated by the *World* that many millers already favor them and will join in the effort to put them in practice. David Plewes, of Brantford, who has for years been prominent in the effort to shut out American flour, is understood to be the originator of this scheme, and he is mentioned as being the most eligible party for the secretaryship of the association.

Insurance Briefs.

The *Standard's* present estimate of the fire losses for 1889 is \$125,813,455.

The *Argus* tells of some enterprising fellows in Chicago whose scheme was to insure good horses and carriages, spirit them away, substitute old "plugs" and inferior vehicles, suffer a fire, collect their claim, and then, in a new locality and under different names, repeat the "deal."

Insurance money comes handy. Very rich men are often heavily in debt, although the amounts they owe are, of course, much less

than the sum total of their possessions. Mr. E. P. Allis, who recently died at Milwaukee, was a case in point. His fortune was estimated at something over \$3,000,000, out of which had to be deducted an indebtedness of about \$250,000. But he had shrewdly prepared against any annoyance to his heirs on this account by taking out over \$500,000 life insurance. The ready money thus at hand for the estate is, it is said, to be partly used in at once paying the debts, leaving the remainder of the insurance fund and the handsome estate intact for the heirs.—*Chicago Evening Journal*.

Our faith in the efficiency of private watchmen as guards against the occurrence of fires has always been very weak. The Standard Oil Company has introduced a new style of watchman which we think will be efficient. The company has suffered a good deal by tramps and loafers getting too near their tanks and smoking, and thus setting fire to the gas generated by the oil, which ignites easily; and it has now given an order to a dog fanciers' association for two hundred bull dogs, to range in age from six months to a year, the price to be fifteen dollars each. The dogs are to be placed where the company has distributing stations, and used in the field to guard the large iron tanks that are full of oil. The bull dog watchman has this merit over the average biped private watchman, that he neither smokes, drinks nor goes to sleep on watch.—*Cincinnati Price Current*.

General Notes.

A Venetian glass manufacturer is said to be making and selling bouquets by the thousand. The glass cloth of which they are made has the same shimmer and brilliancy of color as silk, and is impervious to water.

The steamship "City of Paris" the fleetest of the "ocean greyhounds," is largely owned by citizens of the United States, but is a British vessel, and can be pressed into the British service, in case of war, as a cruiser. In the meantime she flies an English flag, draws mail subsidies from England, and collects fares from American travellers while she successfully competes with American vessels for the transportation of our commerce. The policy of our government is suicidal when it comes to maritime affairs.—*Journal of Commerce*.

The people who propose that the United States Government shall collect a duty upon all Canadian railway cars passing through this country do not seem to reflect that this is a foolish sort of a game which two can play at. The present Government of Canada is quite as Protectionist in spirit as our own, and would not hesitate to make reprisals should a tariff warfare like this be begun. In the close geographical relations of the United States and Canada perfect commercial freedom is the only sensible rule. In a tariff war both would be losers, but the great loss would inevitably fall upon the country with the largest commercial and manufacturing interests. The people who want a tariff conflict between the United States and Canada must have motives of interest that are hostile to the true interest of both countries.—*Philadelphia Record*.

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	8.00 a.m.	Portland	7:00 a.m.	
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2 30	8:00	St. Paul	7:30	3:00	7:35
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10 30	7 00	Chicago	9:00	3:10	8:10
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6 45	10 15	Detroit	7:15	10:45	6:10
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9 10	9:05	Toronto	9:10	9:05	
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7 00	7:50	New York	7:30	8:50	8:50
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8 30	3:00	Boston	9:35	10:50	7:50
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16 50	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 Do	Cherry Coulee	20 55
18 50	Winnifred	Do 20 00
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18 45	61	Necipawa	10 33
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 35
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Shoal Lake	8 00
22 30	138	Birtle	7 00
23 30	155	Bincarth	6 55
24 10	160	Russell	5 15
24 40	180	Langenburg	7 15
1 45	200	Salcoats	3 40
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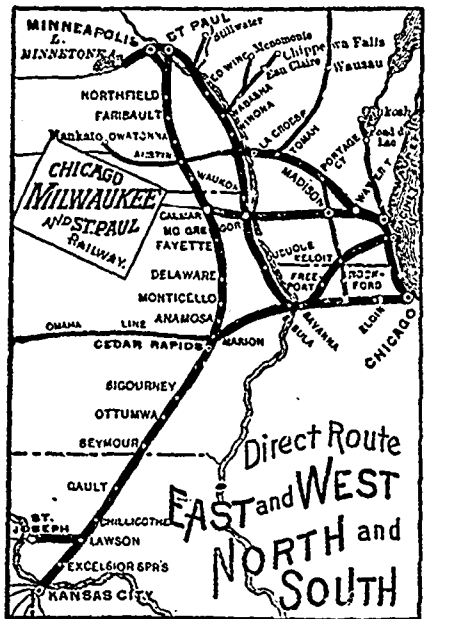
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