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WINNIPEG, MARCH 17, 1890.

W. ROBINSON has opened a store at Cartwright, Man.

GEO. ANDREW, jeweler, Winnipeg, the sheriff is in possession.

McARA, WATTS & Co., boots and shoes, Regina, have dissolved.

J. G. WALDOCK offers the cheese factory at Newdale, Man., for sale.

A COMPANY to establish a creamery at Qu'Appelle, Assa., is being formed.

BURK, STONE & Co., general store, Cartwright; estate sold at 50c on the dollar.

A. C. McEOWN, estate of, general store, Boissevain, sold to Thompson, Codville & Co.

BARRETT & Co., grocers, Brandon, have dissolved; A. M. Chauey continues the business.

H. J. CURLKY has opened an office at Calgary as architect and surveyor and real estate agent.

BAILEY, publisher of the Rapid City *Vindicator*, will move to Boissevain, Man., with his paper.

The general stock of C. W. Gauthier, Selkirk, will be offered for sale by the sheriff at auction on March 20.

LYMAN, KNOX & Co., wholesale druggists, Montreal, have opened a branch at Toronto, with Geo. H. Clarkson in charge.

RUBIDGE, KIRKWOOD & Co., commission agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved; Jas. Kirkwood & Co. will continue the business.

At a recent meeting of the Qu'Appelle board of trade a committee was appointed to look after the comfort of immigrants arriving at that point during the coming season, and also a committee to gather statistics of the growth of the municipality. The question of diffusing information of the resources of the district was discussed and action taken.

J. P. DILL, general storekeeper, Wolseley, Assa., has sold out to R. Magee and E. Cooke. The business will be conducted under the firm name of Magee, Cooke & Co.

W. G. WATTS, late McARA & Watts, boots and shoes, Regina, has assigned in trust to Geo. T. Marsh. A meeting of the creditors of the estate will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Winnipeg, on the 26th.

A GOOD many of the local papers in Manitoba are favorable to the proposed exhibition at Winnipeg, and refer to it as likely to do great good to the entire province, as a means of showing what the west can do in the exhibition line.

THE Williams Manufacturing Company, of Winnipeg have commenced to erect machinery in the old city abattoir for the manufacture of bricks and cement. In May the company will build a number of cottages for the use of their employees.

At the convention of retail dealers held recently at Winnipeg, and composed of merchants from nearly all towns in Manitoba, and from several points in the territories, satisfaction was expressed at the action of the Winnipeg board of trade in endeavoring to secure lower fire insurance rates for western towns. A committee was also appointed to co-operate with the board in furthering the movement for lower insurance rates. Will the *Calgary Herald* be so kind as to copy?

THE weekly *Star*, a new journalistic venture, appeared in Winnipeg last week. It is a free trade paper. The following parties, who are responsible for the publication of the paper, are seeking incorporation as The *Star* Publishing Company: Archibald Chisholm, manufacturer; Andrew Dykes, merchant; Alfred Porter, editor; Herbert Iuman, publisher; John P. Buckle, publisher; David Scott, clerk; and Thomas S. P. Buckle, publisher, all of Winnipeg.

THE *MacLeod Gazette*, which is usually the most reliable paper in matters pertaining to the western ranching interest, does not speak very hopefully of the condition of cattle on the ranges. The *Gazette* reports considerable loss among calves in some sections, and in the northern section of the ranching country the situation is described as alarming. The winter has been a very severe one in the west, and the snow fall has been heavy, and has remained long on the ground. Under such conditions as have prevailed it is to be feared that the loss in the ranching country will be very severe.

REPORTS from the east as to payments on the 4th of this month are not very encouraging. "In the boot and shoe trade," says the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, "payments are very bad. A large number of renewals have been granted and too many extensions have been given, without first making full enquiry into the affairs of those asking these favors. One of our largest manufacturers informed us that he never found remittances as bad as they are at present." The same journal says that in the dry goods trade payments were also unsatisfactory.

THE estate of W. D. Ruttan, general dealer, Manitou, will be sold at auction, at the office of the official assignee, Winnipeg, on March 18. The stock of general goods amounts to \$7,203, and book debts to \$5,147. At the same time the following estates will also be offered in the same way: The estate of J. W. Het'rington, boots and shoes, Virden, amounting to \$1,561, with book debts amounting to \$491; the book

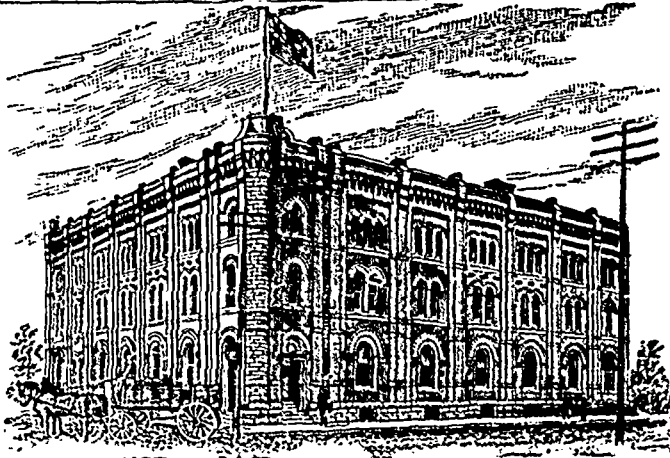
debts of the estate of John T. Wheeler, Glenboro, amounting to \$464; the plant and stock of the estate of Stephen & Farquhar, sash and doors, etc., Winnipeg, amounting to \$1,611.

TOWN TALK is the title of a new illustrated humorous and comic paper to be published in Winnipeg. It will be bright, clean and crisp, the proprietors say, with original cartoons and comic matter by the most original artists and humorous writers. The paper will occupy a realm peculiarly its own and heretofore unoccupied in the West. In general character it will compare favorably with *New York Life*, and in fact many of the writers of *Life*, *Puck* and other similar publications will contribute to *Town Talk*. The contents and cartoons are to be absolutely original, while a considerable amount of local society, athletic, dramatic and other news will add to its interest. The first issue will appear March 22.

THE recent retailers convention at Winnipeg is commented upon favorably as a rule by the press of the province generally. The *Portage Liberal*, in an article upon the convention says: "Many abuses have been imported into the province, or have grown up within the last few years, which must be dealt with at once or their growth cannot be as readily checked in the future. Now is the time to act. To check the extension of the credit system will be in the interest of the merchant and farmer alike. We do not consider that business can yet be placed upon a cash basis, but the nearer the approach to that desirable condition of affairs the better for all concerned. United action on the part of our merchants is the very best means of attaining this end."

THE Qu'Appelle *Progress* says: Mr. Sheppard, manager of the Canadian Colonization Co., of which Lord Brassey is the chief promoter, was in town this week. He is making preparations for the prosecution of the summer's work. Cattle and horses are being purchased in Ontario to stock their lands, and fifty families are expected to arrive from England about May 1st, who will be located thereon. A large amount of breaking will be done this season and made ready for crop next year. The company has about 30,000 acres of land east of this town and in the vicinity of Indian Head. The large brick hotel at Indian Head will be occupied by the company's workmen during the coming summer.

THE early closing movement is again to the fore in Winnipeg. A meeting of the city clerks will be held in Albert Hall to-morrow, (Tuesday) evening to discuss the situation. The clerks are hopeful of succeeding in securing an agreement shortly for the early closing of stores. It is understood that nearly all the leading merchants are favorable to the movement, and there should be no trouble in arriving at an arrangement satisfactory to all concerned. It will certainly be better for the merchants as well as the clerks to have a change made in this direction. There is no good reason why the stores should not be closed at six o'clock in the evening, or not later than seven at least. The purchasing public would very soon become educated to the change, and it would be found that the arrangement would not cause nearly as much inconvenience to the public as is generally supposed. There is talk of introducing a by-law, under the act passed some time ago by the Legislature, to provide for the early closing of stores. We hope the movement will be entirely successful.

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SOME of the city butchers take exception to an article in THE COMMERCIAL of two weeks ago, concerning the meat trade. In regard to the retail price of meat, as compared with wholesale quotations, they claim that their profits are not as large as is apparent. They get good prices for choice cuts they acknowledge, but when these are evened up with the large portion of the animal which is very slow sale, and which is disposed of at low prices, they claim that there is not the margin left which it is popularly supposed there is. They claim that throughout the winter season they hardly pay expenses on an average. In regard to consumers buying meat by the side or quarter from farmers, they state that as a rule they get meat of an inferior quality, such as could hardly be handled by regular retail butchers. Besides, when buying in this way, the consumer is obliged to take the poor cuts along with the choice and thus he purchases a good deal of meat which the dealer can hardly dispose of at any price, and which a great many consumers will not have at all when buying from the butcher. Then the butchers complain that consumers will go on the market and pay cash to a farmer for a side or quarter of beef, and leave accounts standing for a long time with the butchers. The suggestion of THE COMMERCIAL that a canning factory be established to use up portions of the animal, and thus prevent the accumulation of the cheaper cuts upon the hands of the retail butchers, is considered a good idea. The butchers believe that such an industry would be profitable. They would always be ready to take any quantity of choice cuts at good prices, while other portions of the animal could be worked up for canning to good advantage.

THE Vancouver World has recently been pointing out the dangers to legitimate trade from excessive speculation in real estate. The World intimates that a large amount of money has been drawn from general trade channels for purposes of land speculation. If this is the case, there is certainly great danger in the situation, and so long as it continues legitimate commerce will be menaced in a very serious manner. There is certainly great temptation for business men to speculate in real estate

under conditions such as have prevailed at Vancouver, but this does not lessen the danger. Real estate "booms" are known to be very fickle in their workings. No matter what the prospects of a place may be, anything approaching a "boom" is certain to have its relapse. It is impossible to inaugurate an era of speculation without producing inflation, and inflation means sooner or later a collapse. Our advice to business men is, to be very careful about withdrawing money from their business for real estate or any other class of speculative investment. In a town where a large amount of money has been drawn from legitimate trade channels for speculative investment, the commerce of the place cannot be considered sound. It must be considered as dangerous. When the era of depression sets in, which is certain to follow all excessive periods of speculation, the business men who have their money locked up in speculative investments will be forced to the wall. What the condition of Vancouver may be, we are not fully aware, but from the statements of the World, evidently great caution is needed. Over speculation seems to be the fate of all now and promising cities, and the better the prospects the more excessive the speculation in real estate. It would not therefore be surprising that in a city like Vancouver, speculation should be carried beyond the danger line.

THE Legislature of British Columbia seems to have taken somewhat peculiar action in regard to the application for a charter to build a railway in that province by the Spokane Falls and Northern company. Instead of granting the charter, the Legislature petitioned the Dominion Parliament to grant the charter under certain restrictions as to limitation of time in building the road. Parliament, however, threw out the bill. By referring the matter to the Dominion House in this way, the Legislature would appear to acknowledge the exclusive control of Parliament in railway legislation of this nature. Thus the British Columbia Legislature tacitly yields to the Dominion the point which Manitoba has so strenuously contended against, and not without success. The proposed road would clash with Canadian Pacific railway interests to some

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extent, as the latter company it is understood, contemplates a road through the same district. It may have been convenient for reasons not given for the Legislature to have referred the Spokane Falls company to Ottawa. There was some opposition in British Columbia to the granting of the charter, on the ground that trade would be drawn from the province by this railway, and on this account the Legislature may have wished to be relieved of direct action in the matter, either by granting or refusing the charter.

IN rejecting, by a large majority, the by law to give a bonus of \$25,000 to aid in the establishment of a saw mill, the people of Victoria, B. C., have done wisely. On general principles this bonusing business may be set down as bad. But whatever excuse there may be for bonusing some industries, there appears to be no good reason for bonusing saw mills in British Columbia. A number of large mills have been established at different points along the coast, without the aid of bonuses, and to bonus so largely such an industry, is simply to give one establishment and unequal advantage over others. It is simply assisting with public money to set up competitors to those who have already invested in lumbering enterprises. Had this bonus been granted, no doubt it would have led to applications for further bonuses to other contemplated enterprises of the same nature. And it would be unfair to bonus one concern and refuse the next applicant under similar conditions. In fact this bonus business is dangerous and erroneous in principle, from almost any point of view. It is to be hoped it will receive its quietus in British Columbia, through the action of the electors of Victoria in dealing with the proposed saw mill bonus, for there have been indications of late of a regular epidemic of bonuses. Bonusing has already been carried too far in one or two of the coast cities, and it is time to cry halt. If bonusing is to be kept up, the provincial legislature would be justified in taking action to restrict or prohibit it entirely. Ontario and Manitoba have been forced to pass legislation restricting bonusing, and from recent indications the British Columbia legislature should do likewise.

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CURTAILING CREDITS.

The merchants of Manitoba are not the only business men in Canada who are moving to curtail the present ridiculous and injurious system of credit business which prevails throughout this country. A similar movement seems to be going on all over Canada. At Vancouver, B. C., the merchants have been endeavoring to curtail credit business. From the two principal wholesale centres of Eastern Canada also come reports of action in the same direction. The dry goods section of the Toronto board of trade at a recent meeting passed the following resolution:—

"That no goods shall be sold on longer terms than four months, and spring goods not dated further ahead than April 1, and autumn goods October 1, provided the leading houses of Montreal and Toronto act with us and that in the event of this being accomplished an agreement be drawn up and signed by all merchants interested. That no goods be delivered before the 1st of January to bear spring dating, and that no goods be delivered before July 1 to bear autumn dating, and all goods shipped April, May, June, October, November, December, be dated 1st following."

This resolution was forwarded to the dry goods section of the Montreal board of trade, and after consideration the latter body passed the following resolution:—

"That while in thorough accord with the wholesale dry goods section of the Toronto board of trade in its effort to procure a shortening of the terms of credit, this association is not prepared to settle the details of any proposed arrangement until assured that the general principle will be concurred in by the wholesale dry goods dealers in other trade centres of the country."

The movement to curtail credit business seems to be well defined, and it is to be hoped it will result in accomplishing something. There certainly is great need of reform, particularly in the dry goods trade. At the same time, it is an almost impossible matter to continue an agreement of this nature in force for any length of time. There are always some houses, usually the weaker concerns, in search of extended trade, who will break through any agreement. In fact some houses will endeavor to make capital out of such an agreement, by privately disregarding its conditions, while at the same time they profess to be carrying out the arrangement. This is the difficulty in the way. If the leading houses would stick to an agreement, regardless of what a few weak concerns might do, they would in the end succeed. But the desire to do business is strong, and the loss of a customer or two is sufficient to cause the agreement to be thrown up. The banks could do a great deal in assisting in the movement to shorten credits, if they would put a little pressure in the right place.

We have previously stated that in order to be thorough, the curtailment of credit business must commence with the consumer, and extend upward to the wholesale trade. If the consumers were educated to purchase for cash or monthly accounts, there would be little trouble in reducing credit business all around. The

retailer who would be unable to meet his payments in reasonable time under a system of cash or nearly so from the consumer, would be a very unsafe party to sell goods on credit.

The desire to restrict credit business seems so general, and the evils of the present system seem so widely acknowledged, that it will be strange if the present movement in eastern wholesale trade circles does not result in some good. The retailers of Manitoba and the Territories are therefore not moving any too soon to endeavor to reform credit business here. If the wholesalers resolve to shorten credits, it will be absolutely necessary for retail dealers to do likewise. Indeed, in order to protect themselves, retailers should be considerably in advance of the wholesale trade in the movement to curtail credit business. The signs of the times therefore indicate that the western merchants are not taking action any too soon to correct the abusive system of doing business, which prevails in this country.

CLOSING THE BOOKS.

Probably the most practical and at the same time the most important resolution introduced at the recent retailers convention, was the one recommending that books should be closed—that is, that all credit business should cease—during a stated portion of the year. This resolution was perfectly reasonable and just, and at the same time very practical. If the merchants will adopt the principle, a long step will have been taken toward correcting the evils of credit business. There is no reason why the farmers should not be compelled to pay cash for their purchases, as soon after harvest as they have begun to market their crop. The merchant has done his full share when he carries the farmer through the summer months, and he can reasonably expect cash from his customers during the fall and winter season. The goods supplied the farmer by the country merchant are the commodities most necessary for the farmer, and they should be the first paid for when the crop is brought to market.

The retailers will no doubt discuss this matter at their meeting next fall. The result of the harvest will be known by that time, and if the season is at all favorable, we would strongly recommend that the principle of doing a cash business after harvest be vigorously followed up. The earlier that a date can be set for closing books the better. One year with another, the best time to market the crops is as soon as possible after they are gathered. A great many farmers, however, are often inclined to hold for higher prices, while at the same time they compel the merchant to do without the money due him, which means that he is out interest every day. Now, if the merchants can agree to stop selling on credit by the time the crop should be coming to market, they will assist in bringing on the crop movement earlier, and trade generally will be benefited thereby. By demanding cash immediately after harvest, the merchant will also get a better share of the money going. Farmers often have a good many liabilities to meet in the fall, and those who are pushing them the hardest will be paid first. So long as the merchant allows the farmer to buy on credit, he will use the proceeds from the sales of his crops to settle other liabilities, until

his crop is all disposed of, his money gone and the merchant is left. The merchant who has supplied the farmer with the necessaries of life through the summer season, on credit, has done all that can be expected of him, and he should be the first, instead of the last, to receive payment. Therefore, we say, by all means enforce the cash system as early as possible after harvest, and at the same time push vigorously for the early payment of back accounts.

FIRE INSURANCE IS PROFITABLE.

That fire insurance can be made to pay, and pay well, at the present rates charged by companies, has been demonstrated by returns of the Millers' and Manufacturers' Insurance Company. This company has done a profitable business at rates very much lower than those charged by the regular fire insurance companies. This company was organized several years ago, as a mutual fire insurance company. At a recent meeting of the company, it was shown that the total losses and expenses were only a little over 54 per cent. of the total income, since the company was organized. The total income since the company was established, is placed at \$144,845; and total losses and expenses at \$78,375. This is a wonderful showing in the face of all the complaining coming from fire insurance companies as to the unprofitable nature of their business. The inference is plain, that where fire insurance is conducted with ordinary business precaution, it is not only a profitable, but an exceedingly profitable business. The Millers' and Manufacturers' Company shows profits of nearly 50 per cent. over all losses and working expenses, while its risks have been taken at rates very much lower than the regular stock companies. This result has been attained by due care in taking risks, the maintenance of fire appliances and precautions against fire by the insured, the inspection of property insured, etc. This mutual company has done business with a class of risks which are considered especially dangerous by the regular companies, and with the most gratifying results. If the regular companies will undertake to reduce their losses by thoroughly inspecting property insured, refusing risky applicants, requiring due care in providing protection against fire, avoiding over-insuring of property, and appointing only competent and trustworthy agents, they will find their business very profitable. If proper precaution were used by the insurance companies, they would certainly be able to do a profitable business at very much lower rates than are now charged for business, a great deal of which is unprofitable.

There is a lesson for the merchants of Manitoba and the West in the showing of this mutual company. If the manufacturers can combine in a mutual insurance company and secure to themselves all the advantages of fire insurance at a fraction of the cost of insurance in the regular way, why cannot western merchants do the same thing? Western merchants are taxed 50 per cent. or more than the rates charged in the east, in order that the companies can make up for their heavy losses through reckless business. Why should western merchants submit to this? Why not form a mutual company as the manufacturers have

done, and insure themselves? If such a company were formed, providing that members should take every precaution against fire, and with due care in accepting risks, it is probable that the cost of insurance would be reduced to about one-quarter of its present cost.

OVER BUYING.

One of the features noted in connection with the recent convention of retailers, was the fact that although the city was full of country merchants, scarcely any buying was done by them. The presence of all these retailers in the city was not felt in wholesale trade circles, and business went on just about the same as usual. Of course it was too early in the season to look for much business from the visitors. Spring orders had all been placed some time ago, and as stocks have only recently been sent out, they have not been broken to any extent yet. Any considerable business from the visiting retailers was therefore not expected. Still, under ordinary circumstances, more or less buying would have been done at a time when so many dealers were in the city. It is therefore evident that very great caution is being exercised at the present time in regard to buying. In the interests of the country generally it is to be hoped this inference is true. Care in buying is especially necessary at the present time. The country experienced a poor crop last year, and the financial situation is close. Too much care cannot therefore be exercised in regard to buying. If another poor crop should follow, those carrying heavy stocks would certainly suffer severely. As a rule the disposition in the past has been to buy too much. Over buying has led to many disasters. In fact it is one of the principal causes of difficulties in store business. In the general store line especially, where a large variety of goods is carried in stock, there is great danger of buying too much. It leads to filling up the premises with dead stock, which must be paid for whether or not it is sold. The careful buyer is as a rule the successful merchant, and other things being equal he will succeed where the reckless, heavy buyer will be brought down every time. There is a great temptation, it is true, to carry a large stock but it is a temptation which should be carefully guarded against, whenever there is a disposition to go to excess. In this country where so much depends upon the crops, great care is necessary in buying. Everything may look favorable up to the last minute, when disaster may come, and then the merchant who is loaded up with goods, must suffer. It is beginning to be recognized as a safe business principle to buy little and often. It is certainly the safe principle to go upon. If the stock proves to light, it can be quickly replenished, and nothing is lost, while the risk is altogether in carrying large stocks, the frequent results of which is stores full of dead stock, upon which interest must be paid, for it must be borne in mind that it costs money to carry goods in stock. This is a point which is often overlooked by the heavy buyer. Then if insolvency does not directly result, slaughter sales frequently do, and one is almost as good as the other. Now days, with railroads all over the country and wholesale centres within easy reach, there is no necessity for overloading.

The safe plan is to buy considerably under, rather than in excess of expected requirements, and replenish later, if necessary. This is sound business principle, especially for dealers working on limited capital, and if generally followed there would be fewer notes to renew and fewer merchants in close quarters financially.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES.

One of the most important questions discussed at the recent retailers' convention at Winnipeg was fire insurance. This was a very proper matter for the convention to deal with. The value of fire insurance and the necessity of taking full advantage of the protection afforded thereby, seemed to be fully recognized. At the same time, a determined stand was taken against the excessive rates charged by the insurance companies all over the west, as compared with the rates of the same companies in the east. It is not a few points which are charged high rates, as some seem to imagine, but all western towns are apparently served alike in the matter of insurance rates. As a rule it is claimed that the risk in western towns is not greater than in towns of the same size in the east, and there seems to be no reason why western merchants should be charged about double the rates levied under similar conditions in the east.

The Winnipeg board of trade has frequently agitated this insurance question, and by special request, a number of the members of the board were present and took part in the discussion of the matter at the retailers' convention. Several wholesale dealers as well as some of the retailers spoke strongly against the insurance companies, and the local board of underwriters in particular. The advisability of forming local insurance companies or devising a plan of co-operative insurance for merchants was discussed, and unless the companies undertake to remove the discrimination in rates against the west, it is not unlikely that the merchants may take some action to this end.

It does seem very unfair that fire insurance rates in the west should be so excessive, as compared with rates east. Winnipeg has been very free from serious fires for many years, and the city compares favorably with any place of the same size in Canada in the matter of insurance risk. The same is true of many other towns and villages throughout the west. Why then should the rates be proportionately so much greater here? There is no justification for the additional tax of 50 per cent. or more on insurance business in the west, as compared with eastern towns of the same class. This is a matter in which western merchants must stand together until the companies are forced to do them justice.

The fire insurance companies claim that they are not making money. But the heavy rates charged in the west make it appear that they are trying to make up for losses east by levying an additional tax in the west. Let them treat all alike. If the companies are not making money, let them go about their business in the proper way, by trying to reduce their losses. So long as the companies do so much of their business in such an unbusinesslike way, their losses will be heavy, and their returns unsatisfactory.

factory. To make up for bad business by taxing one man who happens to live in the west from 50 to 100 per cent. more than another man under similar conditions who lives in the east, is very unfair. Western merchants should firmly resolve not to put up with this kind of thing any longer.

Gross carelessness is the cause of unprofitable fire insurance business in many instances. Unscrupulous agents and brokers are employed, who accept risks on the basis that the larger the insurance the greater will be their commission. If there was no such a thing as fire insurance, there would not be nearly as many fires. By accepting many risks, the companies encourage incendiarism, and lead to the destruction of much valuable property other than that covered by the policy which led to the fire. The returns of fires in Montreal during 1889, show that in a large number of cases where fires occurred, the property was insured greatly in excess of its value. In one instance, property valued at \$200, was insured for \$1,400. In a number of cases the insurance amounted to five times the value of the property and so on downward. On eleven policies, upon which the total aggregate insurance was \$30,300, the total aggregate value of the property insured was only \$9,100. Such villainous business as this is the cause of many fires, and makes fire insurance a menace to others who have property contiguous to such risks. In fact experience with such cases as these would suggest that the time has arrived when stringent legislation is necessary to curb the recklessness of fire insurance companies in the interest of those whose property is menaced thereby. The man who fires a building to secure the insurance thereon, cares little what loss he may occasion to others. Why should not the insurance company along with the incendiary be held criminally responsible for such fires, when it is shown that the company has been guilty of gross carelessness in accepting the risk?

ANTI-CHINESE SENTIMENT.

THAT the Chinese must go, is evidently still the determination of the people of British Columbia, or at least a considerable portion of them. Anti-Chinese demonstrations have broken out afresh, and the opposition to poor John has recently been demonstrated in a most acute form. Recently a deputation waited on the Victoria city council and requested that an anti-Chinese clause be inserted in all bonus by-laws, the object being to prevent industrial establishments from employing Mongolians as workmen. More recently a public meeting was held at New Westminster, at which a resolution was passed asking the provincial legislature to insert an anti-Chinese clause in a bill then before the house for the incorporation of the New Westminster Street Railway Co., in order that Chinamen might not be employed in connection with the enterprise. An effort was actually made in the legislature to incorporate such a clause in the bill, but it was very properly rejected by a large majority. This is certainly carrying the anti-Chinese sentiment to extremes. Evidently the strong dislike of Chinese has not subsided to any extent in British Columbia. On the other hand, it has perhaps been increased in some quarters by the belief that the Dominion Government contemplated an amelioration of the Chinese restriction laws.



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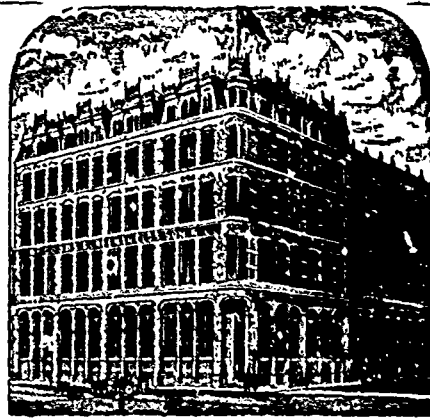
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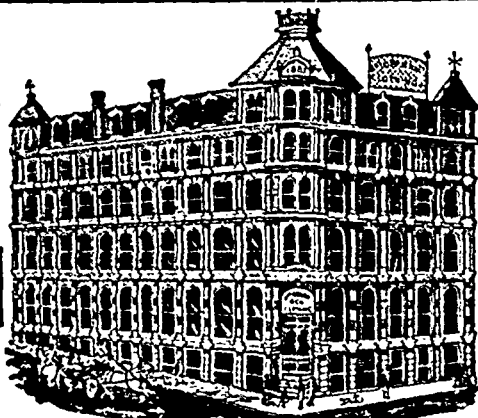
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary matters have settled down into the same rut, and since the 4th of March there has been nothing to add now features to the situation. Of course the feeling is not becoming any easier, and a good deal of paper is being renewed from time to time. The disposition seems to be to carry matters along as easily as possible until the stringent financial condition of the country is relieved.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Business is still very slow in wholesale trade circles all around. Continued cold weather has a quieting influence upon trade. The few warm days early last week caused a little better movement in some lines, such as fruits, but this was soon checked by the sharp spell which followed. The close financial condition of the country is also unfavorable to an early movement, and even with warm weather, a brisk trade is hardly looked for. The general expectation is that the spring trade will be rather light this year, the disposition to economise in buying seeming to be widely spread.

DRUGS.

Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4.25; \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75. English camphor, 75 to 80c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$7 to \$9; bicarb soda, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

There was a livelier movement during the early days of last week, induced by the warmer weather, but this was soon checked by a change in the temperature. There is nothing new in the market in the line of variety, except new maple syrup and sugar. Apples are firm, and choice varieties in good condition are quoted higher. Prices are: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6.00; 300 count, \$6.50 per box. Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75; California seedling oranges, \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$6.00 per box; Valencia oranges, large cases, \$3.50 case. Choice southern apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00, choice eastern Canada apples, \$6.00 per barrel; California pears, \$4.00 per box; Almeria grapes, \$11.00 to \$12.50 per large keg for choice; Spanish onions, \$1 to \$1.25 crate; comb honey 22c per pound. Maple syrup, 1/2 gallon cans, 75c each; maple sugar, 14 to 15c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; bulfo, 17 to 21c a foo.; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

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Prices unchanged and quotations are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 80c per gal; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 72c; boiled 75c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 5/4c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Chart, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.25 to 2.30.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

Prices in this branch are given as follows:—Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Rohin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Deboncho & Co., \$4.50; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1890; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$10.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.50.

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WHEAT

There was a little more stir in leading wheat markets last week, and prices showed more variation, one of the leading features being the publication of the official report of the United States Government relating to wheat held in farmers' hands. This was the principal feature of interest in the markets on Monday and Tuesday. The Government report had a weakening effect when it appeared, and prices declined on Tuesday about one cent. It makes the proportion of the corn crop in the hands of growers 45.9 per cent., or 970,000,000 bushels, and of the wheat crop 31.9 per cent., or 156,000,000 bushels. The stock of corn on hand is the largest ever reported in March. The wheat crop of 1889 was exceeded by the crops of 1880, 1882 and 1894. The average remainder in the hands of growers on the 1st of March for ten years has been 130,000,000 bushels. The average crop during this period is 450,000,000 bushels.

This report had a flattening influence upon the markets, but only for a brief time. By Wednesday the official figures were apparently forgotten, and little attention was paid to them. It was generally agreed that the report was so unreliable as to be unworthy of notice. The visible supply on Monday showed a decrease of 682,224 bushels, against 225,690 bushels a year ago, and 885,000 bushels two years ago. The total stocks now in sight amount to 28,314,149 bushels, against 31,774,385 bushels a year ago, and 36,660,966 bushels two years ago.

Crop damage reports came in from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Bradstreet's report says: Wheat stocks have declined quite regularly east as well as west of the Rocky mountains, likewise in Europe and afloat therefor. Thus, in round numbers, the

decrease in American wheat stocks east of the Rocky mountains during January, 1890, was 4,536,000 bushels, and in February 6,329,000 bushels. West of the Rockies the decrease in January was 1,451,000 bushels, and in February it was 1,031,000 bushels; and in Europe available stocks, together with stocks afloat therefor, decreased 3,572,000 bushels in Jan. and 3,323,000 in Feb. The total monthly decrease in European and American stocks and supplies afloat for Europe since Jan. 1 has been about 10,000,000 bushels, with aggregate stocks of from 13,500,000 to 15,000,000 bushels less than were reported one year ago. During the first two months of 1889, with heavier aggregate European and American stocks, the decreases during January and February, as in the case this year, amounted to about 10,000,000 bushels each. Bradstreet's makes stocks of wheat in America and Europe on March first, as follows:—

U. S. and Canada east of Rocky mountains....	Mar. 1.	Feb. 1.	Jan. 1.
U. S. Pacific coast	44,562,885	49,091,316	54,227,000
U. K. and Cont and afloat for Europe (Beer-bohm).....	2,670,600	6,114,066	7,665,000
Totals, 1890.	95,311,902	105,633,415	115,092,000
Totals, 1889...	109,724,000	119,469,000	130,760,000

Locally the situation continues dull as ever.

There is nothing doing in the city, and very little wheat coming into country markets. The following were prices paid last week at the Manitoba country markets mentioned to farmers, for best samples. Carberry Regina, Moose Jaw, 65c; Neuga, 67c; Glenboro, Greta, Manitou, 68c; Oak Lake, 69c; Cartwright, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, 70c. Some dealers claim that there is considerable wheat held in the country, by farmers who have been holding for higher prices. Toronto reported sales of Manitoba No. 1 hard at \$1.04 to \$1.05 per bushel, and Montreal at \$1.03 to \$1.04.

Seeding is now being speculated upon. At this time last year quite a quantity of wheat had been sown in Manitoba, while this year the land is still covered with a depth of a foot or more of snow, and the thermometer is going away below zero daily. At present there is not much prospect that seeding will commence inside of some weeks.

FLOUR.

Steady and unchanged. Quotations are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers, \$2.35 second; bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.25; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, 2.35; middlings, \$2.60 per 100 pounds.

MILISTUFFS AND FEED.

Bran and shorts were scarce commodities last week, the demand being almost in excess of the supply. Prices, however, were not advanced, being already high. Bran is quoted at \$13 and shorts at \$14 per ton. Ground feed is unchanged at \$20 per ton for ground corn and oats, at which price small lots are selling to the trade. Round lots on track could probably be figured down to \$18 per ton.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Quiet and unchanged. Prices are now quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.30; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.50 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.40. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

The local movement was rather light, and few sales reported, ground feed still being call-

ed for instead of oats. A good many cars of oats were on track during last week. Prices hold about the same, cars of feed oats being quoted at about 41 to 42c, with choice seed oats at 43 to 45c. Small lots of feed oats are still held at 45c.

BUTTER.

There is nothing further to be said about butter, and to consider the commodity at length, would simply mean a repetition of previous reports. No further movement is reported, beyond the light, local jobbing trade, and no shipping movement is reported. About 16c is the top price obtainable in small jobbing lots, and some are offering best dairy at 14 to 15c, with other qualities ranging at 10 and 12c.

EGGS.

Easier, and hold last week at 20c per dozen for fresh.

CHEESE.

Steady and slow at 14c per pound in jobbing lots.

LARD.

Lard is unchanged and is still held in 20 lb. pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are quoted as follows: Long clear dry salt bacon, 8½c; spiced rolls, 10 to 10½c; break-fast bacon, 11½ to 12c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 12½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Poultry is scarce and firmer. Chickens are worth from 10 to 12c, turkeys at 14 to 15c, and ducks and geese about 12½c.

VEGETABLES.

There was a considerably easier feeling in potatoes. The mild weather which lasted a portion of last week brought out a number of farmers with loads of potatoes which sold on the market at 60 to 70c. Several car lots were on track and were offering at lower prices and were slow sale. Parties holding cars were asking 55 to 70c per bushel. One car was reported sold at 60c, and later offerings were made at 55c. Quotations here are as follows: Carrots, \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions 4c per pound, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred pounds; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate; southern red, do, \$1 per 100 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS.

The supply of mutton is not large, and good prices are offering, mutton being quoted at 8½ to 9c. Dressed hogs also hold firm, and bring 6 to 6½c for butchers' use. Considerable young veal is offering, good bringing 8 to 10c per pound. In beef there is nothing doing, and hardly any offering. Butchers are well stocked with frozen beef, sufficient to last for some time yet, and consequently they are not purchasing fresh killed beef. The price of beef is nominal at about 5c for good frozen, and fresh killed at 6 to 6½c.

HAY.

Offerings of hay on track last week were large, and prices continued to decline. The recent reduction in freight rates also had an easier tendency upon prices. Car lots of pressed on track were quoted at \$11 to \$11.50 per ton.

Lumber Cuttings.

The bonus by-law to give \$25,000 to aid a proposed saw mill at Esquimalt, near Victoria, B.C., has been defeated.

Johnston, Walker & Flett, of the Queen City Planing Mills, Victoria, B.C., have ordered an engine, 100 horse power, also a new set of sawmill machinery.

B. Springer, for some years manager of the Moodyville Sawmill, Burrard Inlet, B.C., has

resigned, and will be succeeded by Mr. Ramsdale. It is thought Mr. Springer will accept the position of manager of the business of Welch, Rithet & Co., Victoria.

The Hastings Saw Mill, Vancouver, B.C., has closed down and will now undergo the extensive remodelling contemplated for some time. Nearly all the present machinery will be taken out and replaced by new machinery, which is now on the way and some of which has already been received. The capacity will be increased to about 150,000 feet per day.

Following are quotations at Vancouver and New Westminster, B.C., for lumber in car lots: Bridge and wharf plank and timber—10 to 40 ft. long, per M. net, \$11; do. 41 to 70 ft., \$12 to \$15; rough lumber, building material, \$11; do. sized, \$12.50; do. fir, clear, \$17.50; do. cedar, bench or selects, \$25; do. do., D.D., \$30; 1 in, 1½ 1½x6 in.—T. & G. edge, grain and dry, \$27.50; do. green, \$25; No. 1 dry, \$22.50; No. 1 green, \$20; No. 2 dry, \$20; No. 2 green, \$17.50; cut to length, extra per M., \$2.50; D. Dressed, \$2.50; 1 in, 1½ 1½x4 in.—Edge grain, dry, \$27.50; do. green, \$25; T. & G. edge grain, dry, \$25; No. 1, dry, \$25; No. 1, green, \$22.50; No. 2, dry, \$20; No. 2, green, \$17.50; S. S. planks for scows, \$17.50; D. D. cedar, verandah cover, any length, \$45; do., cut to length, \$50; shingles, \$2.50; lath, \$2.25; D. D. clear cedar, \$40 to \$60; pickets, rough, \$11. Five per cent. off above prices for cash with the order.

Fur Trade Notes.

Owing to the unfavorable weather for retail trade in the east, considerable stocks will be carried over."

Fine skunk and beaver are in demand for local use; mink will be popular at the reduced rates; muskrats are meeting with a slow sale.

Secretary Windom, of the United States has directed that a lease be made with the North American Commercial Company, Isaac Liebes, president, for the exclusive privilege of taking fur seals upon the islands of St. Paul and St. George, Alaska, for a period of twenty years from May 1, 1890.

C. M. Lampson & Co's London fur sales take place as follows: Australian furs, 17th March; fox, silver, 18th March; fox, cross, 19th March; marten, otter, fox blue, fisher, dry fur seal, 20th March; sea otter, 21st March; Russian sable, bear, 24th March; fox, red, white, Japanese, 25th March; lynx, beaver, op. sam, 26th March, skunk, mink, 26th March; raccoon, wolf, wolverin, dry hair seal, 27th March; muskrat, fox grey, badger, cat etc., 28th March; fur seal, salted, 31st March.

The *New York Fur Trade Review* for March has the following to say on the state of the fur trade:—"Raw furs have engrossed the attention of the trade of late. The market presents a contrast with the status of last season, when nearly all articles experienced a continuous boom; mink, marten and lynx which were eagerly purchased at high prices in 1889, are almost neglected now. This present conservative state of the market is no doubt due to recollections of the past years' folly in pursuing the opposite course. Shippers to London January sales find very little encouragement in the net results; and there is no noticeable improvement in the prospects for the sales to be held in March. Supplies of raw furs have to be shipped

abroad every year, as this country cannot consume the entire production; but the amounts cannot readily be determined, and the profits to be realized by shippers consequently remain an uncertain quantity until the sales are completed; through prices are comparatively low this season, they are still too high to leave any margin for the shipper.

Two creameries are being talked of for Rapid City, Man.

Strutt, merchant, Vancouver, and Smith, of Welland, propose establishing a tannery at Vancouver B. C.

CHICAGO Daily Business says: Grain tonnage to load and store grain until opening of navigation is in fair request. Charters are being made on the basis of 3c for corn to Buffalo and 5c for corn to Kingston.

The *Sol Kirk Herald* says: "G. Gunderson has been in town in the interests of a Denver, Colorado, fish firm, who we understand are making arrangements to launch out into the fish business at Rat Portage.

The Northern Hotel Company of Port Arthur, has leased the Northern hotel to Geo. M. Francis, formerly proprietor of other hotels at the Port. The hotel will be opened April 1st, and in future kept open during the winter.

The finance committee of Vancouver, B. C., subject to the approval of the council, has accepted the tender of Hanson Bros., Montreal, for the purchase of \$10,000 worth of city 5 per cent. debentures, extending over 40 years. Their offer was 103.10.

VANCOUVER, B.C., *News* says: Conversation with a number of citizens interested has elicited the gratifying information that the prospects for a good building year are even better now than they were at the same season last year, and 1889 was one of the best seasons so far in the history of Vancouver.

A report from Crystal Springs, Mississippi, says a sudden fall in the temperature to below the freezing point will cause great damage to the extensive fruit and vegetable growing interests in this section, as strawberries were beginning to ripen, and the plants will now lose all fruit and blooms that had formed. Peaches have partially bloomed out. Peas are in blossom, and some with partially developed pods, both being ruined. Part of the bean crop was also up and will be killed. It is altogether probable that many tomato plants will also be lost. This is the second time that fig trees have had new foliage killed off this season.

The Canadian Shoe and Leather Directory for 1890 is one of the latest additions to trade directories. In addition to being a gazetteer of the shoe and leather trades of the Dominion, it contains a fund of information bearing upon the particular branches of trade it represents, giving statistics of the foreign trade of the Dominion in leather and leather goods, customs tariff in shoes and shoe materials, standard last measurements, and other general and technical knowledge. It is printed on fine paper, demy 8vo., 328 pp., cloth, gilt, price \$1 per copy. Issued by the *Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal*, 33 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Canada.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened a shade firmer on Monday, March 10, and the general tendency of prices was upward. May wheat opened at 78½c, and ranged from 78½ to 79c. Corn, oats and provisions were also firm, and all made moderate advances. Closing prices for futures were:—

	March	May	June	July
Wheat.....	78	78½	78½	76½
Corn.....	28	29½	30½	31
Oats.....	20½	21½	20½	20½
Pork.....	9.95	10.12½	10.15	10.20
Lard.....	6.00	6.07½	6.12½	6.15
Short Ribs.....	4.80	4.95	5.00	5.05

Wheat opened ½ to ¾c lower on Tuesday. The cause of the sharp tumble was the publication of the official report of wheat in farmers' hands. The market was nervous, closing as follows:—

	March	May	June	July
Wheat.....	77½	78½	77½	76
Corn.....	28	29½	29½	30½
Oats.....	20½	21½	20½	20½
Pork.....	9.97½	10.15	10.20	10.25
Lard.....	6.02½	6.10	6.10	6.15
Short Ribs.....	4.95	4.97½	5.02½	5.07½

On Wednesday wheat steadied up again, but had a very narrow range, May opening at 78½c, and ranging from 78½ to 78¾c. The excitement created by the Government report of Tuesday has already subsided, and to-day little attention was given to the official figures. The market closed nominally ½c higher for lots of No. 2 spring wheat in store in sympathy with the firmer feeling in the speculative futures. Spring wheat by sample was rather quiet, but prices were unchanged. Free on board and switched lots sold, as follows. No. 3 at 67 to 73c for fair to choice. No. 4 white 55c for ordinary, 62 to 65c for choice to fancy. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Mar.	May	June	July
Wheat.....	77½	78½	77½	76½
Corn.....	28½	29½	29½	30½
Oats.....	20½	21½	20½	20½
Pork.....	10.02½	10.27½	10.27½	10.32½
Lard.....	6.03	6.10	6.12½	6.15
Short Ribs.....	4.95	4.97½	5.02½	5.07½

Closing prices for wheat on Thursday were:— March, 78½c; May, 79½c; June, 79c; July, 77½c.

Closing prices for wheat on Friday were:— March, 79½c; May, 79½ to ¾c; June 79½c; July, 77½c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were the closing wheat quotations on Thursday, March 13.

	Mar.	April	May	On track
No. 1 hard.....	77	77½	79	78
No. 1 northern.....	75½	76	78	76½-77
No. 2 northern.....	73½	74	76	74-75½

These prices were 1½c under a week ago.

FLOUR.

Patents, sacks, to local dealers.....	\$4.40 to \$4.60
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots.....	4.15 to 4.40
In barrels.....	4.25 to 4.50
Delivered at New England points.....	4.50 to 5.25
New York points.....	4.80 to 5.10
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore..	4.75 to 5.10
Bakers here.....	2.80 to 3.20
Superfine.....	1.70 to 2.25
Red dog, sacks.....	1.00 to 1.20
Red dog, barrels.....	1.25 to 1.50

Bran and shorts—The markets were firm and local production was quite well absorbed. Bran was quoted at \$8 to \$25 and some parties asked \$8.50; shorts were figured at \$7.75 to 9.25 mostly, with some held at \$9.50.

Corn—The movement was light and with offered on track prices were firm, with ordinary qualities of No. 3 held at about 25½c spot, and to arrive. Choice No. 2 yellow higher and

scarce Cars f. o. b held from ½ to 1c above on track lots

Oats Offered freely at 20 to 22 with most sales of samples at 20½ to 21½c. Seed oats held at 25 to 25 for fine white.

Barley—Market quiet and nominal at 23 to 35c for ordinary samples.

Feed—Quoted at \$10 to 10.50 on track \$10.50 to 11 f. o. b and switched.

Hay—Farmers were still furnishing much of the supplies. Rail receipts small but prices dull and demand moderate, with holders asking \$4.50 to \$7 for wild, the outside for fine upland.

Dressed Meats—Easy. Quoted: Hogs, light choice, per lb. 4½ to 4¾c; hogs, fair to good, per lb. 4½ to 4¾c; veal, fair to choice, per lb. 4½ to 5c; veal, common, per lb. 2 to 4; mutton common to extra, per lb. 7 to 7½c; lambs, good to choice, per lb. 7½ to 8c; beef, choice, per lb. 3 to 4c; beef, good to choice, per lb. 2 to 2½c.

Apples—Firm. Good stock bring full prices, and some holding choice for higher markets. The injury to fruits from frost in the south gives all fruit a firm tone. Apples held at \$3 to \$4.50 per barrel. Car lots \$3 to \$3.75.

Eggs—Steady and fairly firm. Nothing fresh less than 12c, and some holding for a fraction more.

Potatoes—Choice firm. Plenty of poor sorts offered, and dull for such. Car lots nominal at 30 to 35c per bushel.

Live stock—Cattle are strong on everything but poor stock. Quoted: Native corn or still-fed steers, \$2.75 to \$3.60; Dakota grass fed steers, \$2.40 to \$3.00; stockers, \$2.00 to \$2.75; feeders, \$2.50 to \$3; cows, \$1.60 to \$2.65; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Hogs market strong at previous quotations. We quote: Heavy, \$3.75 to \$3.95; mixed and medium, \$2.70 to \$3.90; light, \$2.70 to \$3.90. The sheep market is unchanged. Quotations: Mutton, \$1.75 to \$5.50; feeders, \$4 to \$4.50; lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Duluth Wheat Market.

On Thursday at Duluth No. 1 hard wheat, May option, ranged from 80½ to 81½c.

Montreal Stock Market.

Following were quotations of leading stocks at Montreal on Friday:

Banks	Sellers	Buyers
Bank of Montreal.....	227½	223
Ontario.....	122½	116
Molson's.....	160	158
Toronto.....	217	210
Merchants.....	142	141
Union.....	96	92½
Commerce.....	124½	124½
Miscellaneous		
Montreal Tel.....	95	94½
Rich. & Ont. Nav.....	61½	60
City Pass. Ry.....	199	195
Montreal Gas.....	210½	210½
Canada N. W. Land Co	83	81½
C. P. R. (Montreal).....	72½	72½
C. P. R. (London).....	—	75
Money—Time.....	7	—
Money—On call.....	6	—

The Agricultural Department figures out the hog population of the United States at 51,602,780, an increase of 1,301,188 during the year. The number of cattle in the United States Jan. 1 is reported at 52,801,907 head, against 50,331,642 head in 1889 and 49,234,777 head in 1888. The number of sheep in the United States Jan. 1 is reported at 44,336,672 head, against 42,599,079 head in 1889 and 43,544,755 head in 1888.



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British Columbia.

Johnson & Tyn, clothiers, Vancouver, are closing out.
A. Derby, blacksmith, Nicola, has removed to Kamloops.
G. J. Jones, Vancouver, dealer in boots and shoes, has sold out.
Fee & Jones, contractors, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.
Hastie & Lockhart, furniture, Victoria; style now J. Hastie & Co.
Sprenger & Gaerdes, saloonkeepers, Victoria; style now J. H. Gaerdes.
Frank Sehl, proprietor of the Teutonia restaurant, Victoria, is dead.
Schneider & Monro, hotelkeepers, Vancouver; style now Monro & Robinson.
R. Cunningham & Co., general storekeepers, Steens; now Cunningham & Son.
H. T. Read & Co, hardware merchants, New Westminster. Hoy, of this firm, retires.
Richardson & Church, manufacturing agents, Victoria; style now Richardson, Heathorn & Co.
The jewellery stock of Stoddart Bros., Vancouver, was sold to Ellis & Co. at public auction by the sheriff.
The Victoria city council has agreed to purchase 10,000 copies of a special edition of the *Victoria Times*, to be issued shortly.
Stirtan & Co, dealers in gents' furnishings, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by G. S. Stirtan.
The British Columbia Steam Bakery, Victoria, has been sold at auction sale. The estab-

lishment was knocked down to R. P. Brown, for \$3,600, a very small percentage of the original cost.

Two out of the four by-laws voted upon in Victoria recently were defeated. That of \$12,000 for cemetery improvements, and \$35,000 for the enlargement of the city hall were carried. The \$25,000 for park purposes and \$25,000 bonus for a saw mill at Esquimalt were defeated.

Houston, Ink & Allen will shortly begin the publication of a weekly paper at the town of Nelson, which will be called the *Kootenay Miner*. The paper will be devoted to the mining interests of British Columbia, particularly in the Kootenay district, which promises to become one of the greatest mining regions of the continent. The district is likely to be opened to railway communication this year by the C. P.R. and perhaps another company.

The following are the inland revenue collections at Victoria for February, 1890.

Spirits	\$5,699 00
Malt	965 28
Tobacco	662 40
Cigars	895 65
Petroleum inspection	410 80

Total \$8,633 13
For February, 1889 7,496 91

One of the bills laid before Parliament recently was a bill to incorporate the Canadian Pacific Fire Insurance Company. The names of the persons mentioned in the bill are Thos. Galpin, Thos. Allsop, Cuyler H. Holland, Robert Arthur, Lawrence Kirk and Wm. Walter, all of London, England, and Henry S.

Mason, of the city of Victoria, B.C., barrister. The capital of the company will be five hundred thousand dollars provided always that the company may increase the capital to one million at a general meeting. The object of the company is to carry on a general fire insurance business. The head office of the company will be in Victoria, B.C., but branches may be established anywhere in the province.

At the port of Victoria, B.C., for the month ending February 28th, 1890, were :

Duties	\$42,355 47
Chinese revenue	355 00
Petroleum Ins	160 80
Sick M. Fund	55 14
Copyright duty	10 99
Storage	7 00
Sheep Insp	3 80

Total \$42,948 20
Duties for corresponding month last year \$36,093 13

Following are the customs and inland revenue receipts at Vancouver for February :

Duty collected February, 1890	\$ 9,011 36
Other revenue	2,274 02

Total \$11,515 38
Total revenue February, 1889 10,226 49

The inland revenue receipts for February, 1890, at Vancouver were :

Spirits	\$ 587 57
Cigars	142 05
Malt	201 95
Petroleum inspection	250 00

Total \$1,181 57

Vancouver Board of Trade.

At the recent annual meeting of the board of trade of Vancouver, B. C., a lengthy report from the secretary was read. It is summarized by the *News* as follows:—

The secretary's report, which was prepared and read by Mr. Macgowan, is an exhaustive document, and leaves very few points untouched of practical interest to the province, and includes information, both statistical and otherwise, of an exceedingly instructive character.

It starts out by congratulating the board upon the successful realization of many of the matters of a practical nature which have come before it, and of the anticipations of steady progress in development and wealth entertained at the outset of the year. Then follows an elaborate review of the work performed during the year, dealing with the sale of public lands to speculators, trade with Australia, trade license by law, the death of the late president, communication with the North Arm from the Granville street bridge, the fortification of the city, daily communication by mail and steamship with Nanaimo, dredging of False Creek, the enforcing of the order-in-council respecting the carrying of bonded goods in Canadian bottoms, the establishment of industries in Vancouver, land grants to railways, trade with Japan, fishery bounties, the handling of anthracite coal, interview with Mr Van Horne, the free importation of mining machinery, increased mail service in Cariboo, the provincial court house in this city, and many other matters.

A list to the additions of the library during the year is given. An important suggestion is made regarding the arbitration clause of the board of trade charter, which, it is recommended should be utilized to a far greater extent than it is to adjust business differences between members.

Here follows statistics and information regarding the city assessment, now about \$9,500,000, the grading and improving of streets, the fire department, schools, water supply, health supervision, athletic sport, meteorological conditions, customs, inland revenue and post office returns, the running of C. P. R. trains, of which out of over 600 out and in only 39 were not on time. Of the freight handled by the C. P. R. during 1889, 101,546,000 pounds were inward and 27,947,000 pounds outward. Disbursements by the C. P. R. for the same period in this city were \$670,640.58.

There were 18 arrivals of the China steamers, bringing 34,427 tons of freight and carrying away 21,808 tons. Reference is made to the establishment of the Union Steamship Company in this place, and to the rapidly increasing freight and passenger traffic to and from the city. The report includes statistics of the shipments from the Moodyville and Hastings saw mills, and also a list of the industries started during the year. The industries in contemplation include a sugar refinery, wood-ware furniture and canning factories, and an other large saw mill. A cotton factory, cordage and blast works, woollen and roller mills are under consideration.

A very important portion of the work is that dealing with the trade of British Columbia as a whole, and includes statements of the value of exports and imports in the aggregate and detail, the exports amounted to \$4,334,306 and the imports to \$3,763,127.

The statistics of the number of vessels employed in the coasting trade, tonnage, etc., are given, also the tonnage and crews of vessels employed in the foreign trade. The total number of vessels in 1889 in the coasting trade was 198, and their tonnage 26,000. The total British and foreign vessels were 553, and their tonnage 556,281.

The most valuable of the information contained is that regarding the importation of articles capable of being to a great measure produced in British Columbia. Of animals there is about \$160,000 worth; breadstuffs, \$200,000; green fruit, \$49,227; dried fruits, \$40,846; hops, \$2,428; lime, \$2,701; malt, \$34,577; provisions, such as cheese, butter, etc., \$231,800; sugar and syrups, \$178,034; fruit trees, \$3,570; grain seeds, \$4,208; tobacco, \$31,875; eggs, \$34,106; vegetables of all kinds, \$31,106. Added to these are importations from Eastern Canada, Manitoba flour, \$93,500; butter, \$40,000; cheese, \$11,000; egg, \$37,500; making a grand total of \$1,229,217 worth of imports under this head. There are also four or five million pounds of sugar brought in from Eastern Canada.

The proportions reached by a trade in which we should and no doubt will participate in the near future, are shown as follows:—

Exports from San Francisco to Australia, cereals—\$321,556; building materials, \$408,636; fruit, \$137,854; fish, \$35,996; hops, \$15,405; salmon, \$228,711; woodenware, \$5,930; total, \$1,154,088. With the Hawaiian Island, in similar exports, \$572,000.

The secretary has devoted himself particularly to the farming interests of British Columbia and deals at considerable length with its resources in this respect. Returns are given of farm products from all parts of the Province, special attention having been given to the rich districts of the Fraser Valley, the Delta and the Okanagan and Spallumcheen valleys. Some astonishing returns are shown in all the cereals and vegetables grown. Particulars are also given as to cost of land, character of the soil, expense of clearing, etc. In the Okanagan and Spallumcheen valleys 20 tons of binding twine were sold last year and five steam threshers kept busy. Considerable is said concerning the wants of the farming districts for development. In answer to replies received by the secretary, hops, it appears, sugar beet and flax can be grown in nearly every district, and the possibilities in regard to crops are shown by what has been achieved in Washington Territory. The remarks on farming are concluded by a condemnation of the selling of lands by the Government to speculators, who hold it unimproved and to the detriment of practical farmers, who would develop it and create from them a great and important fruit and farming industry.

The fruit, lumber, fishing and mining industries are treated at length, and very complete statistics regarding them for the year given, all of which would occupy too much space to be reproduced here.

The report concludes as follows: "Had I commenced this report with the idea of making it a literary document, the resources at hand would certainly have inspired me forward to an effort that would be grand. That our Province is rich almost beyond imagination, that the markets of the islands of the Pacific and of the Orient beyond, and the great plains to the east in our own Dominion being open to us, are all subjects worthy of a most elaborate paper. I

have, however, contented myself with giving plain facts and figures, which, though dry, I trust may prove suggestive. Let me close with making a note of the belief that no one here present will have to live long to witness marked strides of advancement in the development of our agricultural, horticultural, lumbering, mineral and piscial wealth, leading our Province on to becoming the home of hundreds of thousands of the most contented people on the face of the earth."

R. H. Alexander was elected president. H. T. Ceperley was elected unanimously as vice-president. A. H. B. Macgowan was re-elected secretary. A council was elected as follows: J. C. Keith, F. C. Cotton, W. Skene, F. Cope, D. Whetham, E. White, J. W. McFarland, G. Berteaux. A board of arbitration consisting of the members of the council and Messrs. H. McDowell, W. F. Salisbury, J. S. Clute, J. C. McLagan.

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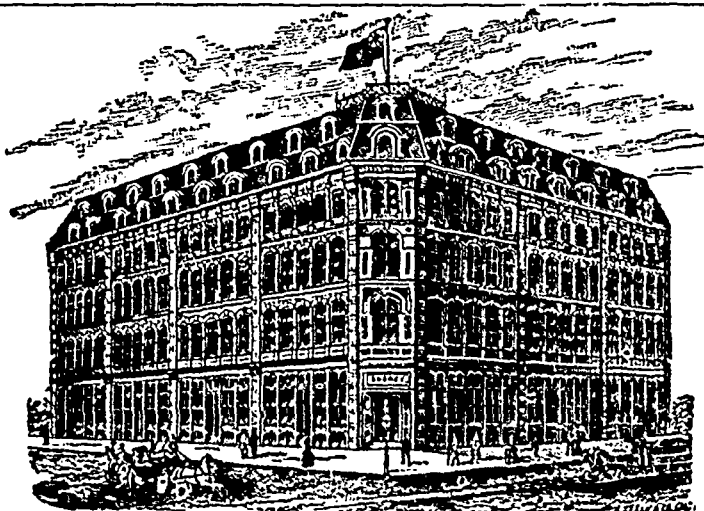
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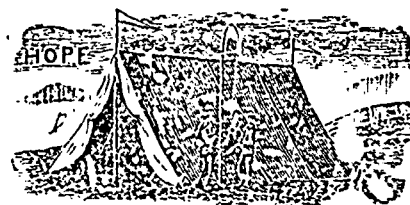
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E. H. Sachs, furniture, Toronto, has assigned.
Wm. Spence, coal and wood, Toronto, is dead.
James Steele, tailor, Toronto, has assigned.
C. J. Reading, grocer, Wingham, has sold out.
T. C. Ryley, druggist, St. Marys, has sold out.
J. N. Portelance, dry goods, Ottawa, has assigned.
John Fox, shoes and clothing, Orillia, has assigned.
Alex. McIntyre, general store, Lucknow, has assigned.
T. P. Sadler, general store, Myrtle, is out of business.
James Muir & Co., dry goods, Paris, have assigned.
T. J. Barrett, general store, Tilsonburg, has assigned.
R. H. Reycraft, general store, Highgate, has sold out.
McLean & Adam, grocers, St. Marys, have dissolved.
J. H. Methot, general store, Dalhousie Mills, has assigned.
J. W. Jenkins, house furnishings, Toronto, has assigned.
T. Rosser, general store, Appin, has sold out to J. S. Rosser.
Burt Bros., dry goods, Listowel, is offering 70c on the dollar.
Dopper & Winter, boots and shoes, Owen Sound, have assigned.
Roy & Co. general store, Minden, is compromising at 65c in the dollar.
F. J. Gribbin, general store, Parry Sound and North Bay, have assigned.

QUEBEC.

E. Bolduc, dry goods, Joliette, has assigned.
J. London & Co., clothing, Montreal, have assigned.

A. Moussette, hats and furs, Montreal, has assigned.

J. Henault & Co., hardware, Montreal, have assigned.

N. E. Morrisette, dry goods, Three Rivers, has assigned.

Joseph A Leduc, general store, St. Timothe, has assigned.

Dumaresq & Morison, commission, Montreal, have dissolved.

Joseph Gagne, general store, St. George Beauce, has assigned.

Schoolcraft & Son, grocers, Cowansville, have sold out to J. E. Loud.

T. J. Claxton & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.

Earl Bros., wholesale stationers, Montreal, meeting of creditors called.

Ransom, Forbes & Regan, wholesale grocers, Montreal, have dissolved; the business will be continued by Ransom, Forbes & Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Henry Hunter, dry goods, Springhill, has sold out.

A. G. Purdy, general store, Springhill, has assigned.

J. S. Hubly, groceries, etc., Halifax, has sold out.

M. F. Eagar, wholesale drugs, Halifax, is offering a compromise of 50 per cent.

Chase, Campbell & Co., dry goods and boots and shoes, Port Williams, have dissolved.

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Hunter Hamilton & McKay, dry goods, St. John, have dissolved.

G. A. Cutter, agent, Chatham, is offering compromise at 40 per cent.

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The Norquay grist mill, old style, has been moved to Manitou, Man., where it will be fitted up and some improved roller machinery will be added.

The Morden Monitor gives the quantity of grain marketed at that place and other points in the district as follows. Morden, 325,000; Gretna, 275,000; Miami, 110,000; Thornhill, 100,000; Plum Coulee, 120,000; Roland, 70,000 bushels.

The output of the Portage plains during the past season was as follows: 1,166,000 bushels of wheat, and 125,000 bushels more expected. Of this quantity 610,000 bushels were marketed at Portage la Prairie and the balance at other points in the district.

Neepawa, Man., has voted exemption from taxation for a proposed new flour mill at the place, for which bonuses are being asked from the rural municipalities of the district. J. J. Hamilton, proprietor of the Neepawa grist mill, has also been voted exemption from taxation.

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A meeting was held at Douglas, Man., the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a joint stock company to build a flour mill. A letter signed by Mr. Plewis, of Bradford, Ont., was read, offering to take a 50c interest in the mill providing the company could raise another \$5,000. The majority were unwilling to take any stock in a company. A number of farmers expressed their willingness to give a reasonable quantity of wheat per year for two or three years, gratis, to some competent man who would build a mill at his own expense.

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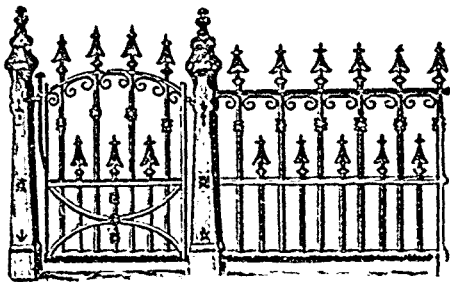
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Time Table taking effect Sept. 1, 1889.

North Bound			South Bound		
Daily except Sunday.	Daily Passenger	Miles from Winnipeg.	STATIONS.		Passenger
No. 53	No. 55		Central Standard Time		No. 54
1:30p	4:15p	0 A	Winnipeg	D	10:50a
1:25p	4:11p	1.0	Kennedy Avenue	D	10:53a
1:15p	4:07p	3.0	Portage Junction	D	10:57a
12:47p	3:54p	8.3	St. Norbert	D	11:11a
12:20p	3:43p	15.3	St. Carleton	D	11:24a
11:32a	3:24p	23.6	St. Armand	D	11:42a
11:15a	3:10p	27.4	Union Point	D	12:02p
10:47a	3:00p	32.6	Silver Plains	D	12:20p
10:17a	2:45p	40.4	Morris	D	12:37p
9:42a	2:33p	46.8	St. Jean	D	1:00p
8:58a	2:13p	56.0	Letellier	D	1:25p
8:15a	1:53p	65.0	W. Lyano	D	1:50p
7:15a	1:48p	65.0	Pembina	D	2:15p
7:00a	1:40p	68.1	Grand Forks	D	2:37p
	10:10a	268	Winnipeg Junction	D	3:00p
	5:25a		Minneapolis	D	3:35a
	8:00p		St. Paul	D	7:05a
Westward			Eastward		
	10:20a		Bismarck	D	12:35a
	10:11p		Miles City	D	11:06a
	2:50p		Helena	D	7:20p
	10:50a		Spokane Falls	D	12:40a
	5:40p		Pasco Junction	D	6:10p
	6:40a		Portland	D	7:00a
	6:45a		(via R. O. & N.)	D	6:45a
	3:15p		Tacoma	D	6:45a
			via Cascade div.	D	10:00p
			Portland	D	10:00p
			(via Cascade div.)	D	10:00p

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Daily ex Su	STATIONS.	Daily ex Su
11:10a	Winnipeg	4:20p
	Kennedy Avenue	4:32p
10:57a	Portage Junction	4:32p
10:24a	Headingley	5:06p
10:00a	Horse Plains	5:30p
9:35a	Gravel Pit Spur	5:55p
9:15a	Mustache	6:17p
8:52a	Oak Hill	6:38p
8:25a	Assiniboine Bridge	7:15p
8:10a	Portage la Prairie	7:20p

MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH

Mixed Monday Thurs.	Miles from Morris.	STATIONS.	Mixed Tuesday Friday
2:35p	0	Morris	2:30p
3:03p	10.0	Iowa	1:52p
3:30p	21.2	Myrtle	1:13p
4:20p	25.9	Roland	12:55p
5:00p	33.5	Rosebank	12:28p
5:20p	39.0	Miami	12:05p
5:53p	49.0	Deerwood	11:45a
6:19p	49.0	Deerwood	11:10a
6:44p	(54.1)	Alta	10:52a
7:30p	62.1	Somerses	10:25a
	65.4	Swan Lake	10:02a
	74.0	Indian Springs	9:41a
	79.1	Maricapolis	9:24a
	92.3	Greenway	9:00a
	102.0	Balder	
	107.0	Belmont	8:04a
	107.7	Hilton	7:36a
	120.0	Wawanesa	7:00a

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Read Down. GOING EAST. No. 1 Daily.	STATIONS.	Read Up. GOING WEST. No. 2 Daily.
14:00 Do	Lethbridge	Ar 1:30
16:55	Woodpecker	25:35
18:50	Purple Springs	22:40
17:45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21:45
18:00 Do	Cherry Coulee	20:55
20:00	Winifred	Do 20:00
20:55	Seven Persons	Ar 19:55
22:10 Ar	Dunmore	Do 18:45

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CHANGE OF TIME.

PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Fridays
LEAVE			ARRIVE
16 15		Portage la Prairie	14 16
18 00	35	Gladstone	12 50
19 00	61	Neebawa	11 23
20 00	79	Minnedosa	10 40
21 09	94	Rapid City	9 15
21 40	115	Snoal Lake	8 45
23 00	139	Birtle	7 45
23 53	155	Binscarth	6 47
24 15	160	*Russell	6 10
24 45	180	*Langenburg	5 40
1 45	200	*Saltcoats	4 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

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