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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 16, 1891.

Manitoba.

Minnie Zickrick, general store, Ninga, has assigned.

D. Laird is erecting a livery and sale stable at Souris.

W. F. Doll, of Winnipeg, arrived from the east last week.

Manitoba Dry Goods Syndicate, Winnipeg; assigned to John Ferguson.

G. H. Rodgers & Co., of Winnipeg, advertises giving up their branch business at Arden.

Boissevain merchants have adopted the early closing system, in which they have done wisely.

H. Hodges & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have sold out their branch business to W. H. Maclean.

Jopling & Johnston, hotel, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, style now Jopling & Romanow.

Edward Drewry, proprietor of the Redwood brewery of Winnipeg, is paying a visit to the Pacific coast.

The Northwestern hotel, Neepawa, has changed hands, Simpson retiring and B. Lyons takes his place.

Gingrow, tailor, recently with Shultz & Hansen, of Morden will open business for himself in St. Boniface.

Frank Boisseau, of the Grand View hotel, Braddon, left recently for New York for treatment with Dr. Koch's lymph.

Parties either in Manitoba or the east, who ship produce to British Columbia markets, should read carefully our British Columbia letter, which appeared in THE COMMERCIAL of Feb. 9.

D. C. McLellan, saddler, of Prince Albert, Sask., and member of the town council, was in Winnipeg last week and gave THE COMMERCIAL a call.

Dr. Stoyte has had men busy for some time getting out stone for the foundation of the new block he intends erecting in the spring at Souris.

T. H. Pentland and W. A. Baldwin, general merchants, Holland, trading under the style of T. H. Pentland & Co., have assigned to Kenneth Mackenzie, of Winnipeg.

The legal gentleman of Winnipeg propose holding a dinner before the meeting of the Legislature. It is proposed to make this dinner an annual re-union of the Winnipeg bar.

R. Smith, a well known hotel keeper, has purchased the Whelan house, Winnipeg. It will hereafter be known as the Manor house. It will now be conducted as a first class house.

The Portage Review says: The various implement firms in the east that are embarrassed have some of their men rustling among the farmers here in order to satisfy the demands of the banks.

Gen. Supt. White of the C. P. R., returned last week from a jaunt through Colorado, California, Washington, and other states. On the way home he visited the cities on Puget Sound and some of the interior cities along the line of the Northern Pacific railway.

J. Gregor, of Gregor Bros, wholesale jewelers, Winnipeg, who went east on a purchasing trip a short time ago, has returned. He visited the principal jewelry centres in the United States, and made purchases of spring stock, a special feature of which is a large line of emblems, goods, in pins, buttons, rings, etc.

The special number of THE COMMERCIAL issued early last week, shortly after our regular issue of Feb. 9, contained the only complete report published of the annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade. The report of the council and the address of the retiring president were given in full. Also a list of the members of the board to date.

Speaker Winram, of the Manitoba legislature, died last week, at his home near Manitou. Mr. Winram has been a long time in public life in Manitoba, and his honest and unassuming manner made him probably the most popular man with both sides of the house, in the legislature. He had not been in good health for some time, and his demise will be a matter of general regret among his large circle of friends in public and private life.

Scott & Leslie, furniture dealers, Winnipeg, recently received a letter from England, from a prospective settler in Manitoba, asking if it were advisable to bring furniture along with them? This is an important question, which may be answered by saying, that as a rule it is not advisable to bring much furniture or other effects of this nature, if they can be disposed of before leaving to advantage. Freight and breakages sometimes amount to more than the difference in the cost of the goods here.

The Union Bank of Canada has given another evidence of its desire and ability to take a prominent place in the commercial interests of the west. The bank has opened a branch at Boissevain, an active little town on the Deloraine branch of the Canadian Pacific. F. W. Crispo has been placed in charge of the new field. This gentleman comes from Ontario,

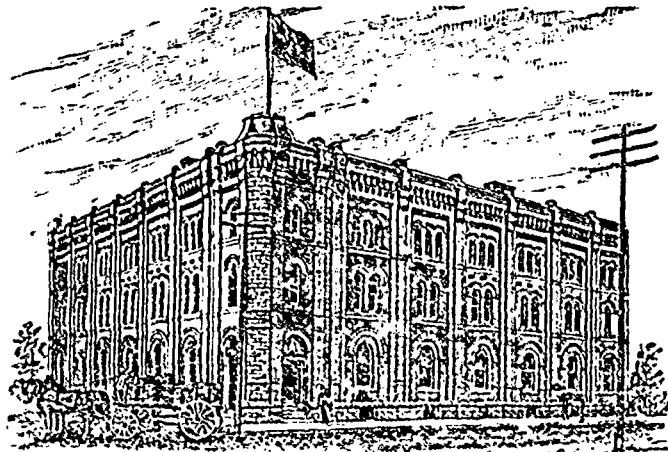
where he has been in the service of the bank as manager of its branch at Alexandria. With this previous experience he will be competent to handle the business of Boissevain and district to the best advantage.

E. S. White & Co., of Carberry, have purchased the general stock of the estate of Geo. McCuaig, Medicine Hat, and will continue the business. They are putting in a new stock.

The question most energetically discussed at the recent annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, was the infamous postal facilities afforded to a large section of Manitoba. The board has taken action on this matter before, and it proposes to follow it up until remedied. The supreme contempt shown for the interests of many important districts in the west, in the matter of affording reasonable mail accommodation, is the greatest grievance the people have at the present time against the Dominion government. THE COMMERCIAL has written as strongly as possible upon the subject on different occasions. The government has certainly acted unwisely in not remedying these grievances before dissolving Parliament, as the situation in central southern Manitoba and at Emerson and other points, in the matter of mail accommodation, is calculated to so exasperate the people as to lead them to overlook other questions and vote against the government.

Notice is given in the last official Manitoba Gazette, that an application will be made at the next session of the legislative assembly, by the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association, for an act to continue and increase the powers of said association; to authorize an increase in the number of directors thereof; to admit to membership without subscription for or payment on the stock, delegates from other societies or corporations organized for the promotion of agriculture, stock raising, dairy, art or other forms of industry; to enable said association to lease purchase or acquire lands for the purposes of the association; to enter into all necessary contracts to make the association exhibitions valuable and attractive; to charge admission fees and fees upon entries for competition; to receive and collect subscriptions to the prize list and the guarantee or other fund established for the prize list or for the purposes of the association; also power to increase the capital stock and for other purposes.

A. Clearihue, of J. & A. Clearihue, wholesale fruits, produce and commission merchants, Victoria, B. C., dropped in on THE COMMERCIAL last week. Mr. Clearihue has been on a visit to his old home in Quebec, and on his return is transacting business at Manitoba points. The firm of which he is a member was the first British Columbia house to advertise in THE COMMERCIAL, and the card has appeared continuously in this journal since. The firm does a large trade in Manitoba produce, and they are well satisfied with the result of their advertisement in this paper which has now been continued for years. Mr. Clearihue reports business brisk in British Columbia. He states that \$2,000,000 were expended in buildings in Victoria last year, and still buildings for rent are scarce. As soon as the foundation is laid for a new building, there are applicants to rent it. Population is increasing fast and a year of general progress is the outlook for 1891. A new sewerage system has been started at Victoria, which alone will cause a large expenditure this year.

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ONTARIO.

C. F. Dickens, grocer, Sarnia, away.
Thos. Wilson, shoes, Milton, has assigned.
D. Secord, druggist, Ingersoll, has sold out.
J. B. Huber, hotel, Orangeville, has sold out.
Walter Kirton, grocer, Sarnia, has sold out.
Robt. Green, tinsmith, Chatsworth, is dead.
James Walker, Chandler, Hamilton, is dead.
David Ward, merchant, Inark, has assigned.
F. Westlake, carriages, Union, has assigned.
F. J. Fralick, clothing, Hamilton has assigned.
I. & P. Green, grocers, Hamilton, have sold out.
J. E. Pedlow, hardware, Bothwell, has sold out.
A. W. McCarthy, hotel, Orangeville, has sold out.
J. C. Stokes, confectioner, Blenheim, has assigned.
Fred. L. pointe, trader, Ottawa, has assigned.
Freres Trudel, confectioner, Ottawa, has dissolved.
Quast & Luesing, shoes, St. Marys, have assigned.
T. O. Johnston, grocer, St. Thomas, has assigned.
Thos. McKenny, shipowner, Thornbury, has assigned.
Mrs. M. C. Bain, millinery, Tilsburg, has assigned.
R. A. Hunt & Co., dry goods, Toronto, has assigned.
T. C. Athurs, general store, Appleton, has sold out.
J. J. Tonkin, hats and caps, Toronto, has assigned.
Emerson & Co., general store, Bothwell have dissolved.
Young & Kerr, stoves etc, Crediton, have dissolved.
Lindsay Stone and Line Co., Lindsay, has assigned.
R. A. Butler, shoemaker, Carleton Place, has assigned.
G. Blair & Co., dry goods, Morrisburg, are in difficulties.
Kingston syndicate, dry goods, Kingston, is in difficulty.

A. Paul & Co., dry goods, Sudbury, are in difficulties.
S. Glaister, gents' furnishings, Stratford, has assigned.
J. G. Pepler, general store, Bloomingdale has assigned.
R. R. Vanstone, jeweler, London, has sold out and left.
Napinee Syndicate, dry goods, Napinee, are in difficulties.
Hertzberg & Steinberg, clothiers, Hamilton, have assigned.
Manley & Co., druggists, Sault Ste. Marie, have dissolved.
A. Meison, grocer, Strathroy, is offering a compromise at 50c.
D. A. Mills, general store, Springfield, style now Mills & Bryce.
P. J. Loughrin, general store, etc., Algoma Mills, has assigned.
Bowby & Campbell, dry goods, Sault Ste. Marie, have dissolved.
E. G. Thomas of the firm of Thomas Organ, Co., Woodstock, is dead.
Thos. Collinson, blacksmith and wagons, Bracebridge, has assigned.
H. Brown, of the firm of H. Brown & Son, millers, Carleton Place, is dead.
Winslow & Webber, hardware, Hamilton, stock damaged by fire; insured.
H. Callahan, gents' furnishings, Brantford, stock damaged by smoke and water.
E. L. Wager, grocer etc., Queensboro, was damaged by fire and water; insured.
Brompton Bros., general store, Lucknow and Exeter, have closed their Exeter branch.
Pollard & McLaughlin, publishers, Napanee, stock, plant, etc., seized under chattel mortgage.
J. W. Armstrong, photographer; R. H. Rounds, grocer; F. Stevenson, tailor, Simcoe, were burned out.
Smith & Fudger, wholesale fancy goods, Toronto, have dissolved; business continued by Harris H. Fudger.
Gast & Acheson, mineral fireproof wood; J. Harris & Co., furs; Miss R. senthal, dress-maker, Toronto, were damaged by fire; insured.

QUEBEC.

Alex Thorn, plumber, Quebec, is dead.
T. J. Murphy, hotel, Montreal, has assigned.

J. A. Germain, dry goods, Sorel, have assigned.
H. Lucas, general store, Hartwell, has assigned.
L. Bruneau, crockery, Quebec, offers to compromise.
Godbout & Bergeron, tailors, Quebec, have assigned.
Gagon & Allay, dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.
David Montgomery, shoes, etc., Cookshire, has assigned.
Bernier Bros., & Co., dry goods, Montreal have assigned.
J. Tigh & Co., auctioneers, &c., Montreal, have assigned.
Leduc & Dore, coal and wool, St. Henri, have dissolved.
The Homo Fascinator Pub. Co., Montreal, have dissolved.
P. Lallier, general store, St. Jerome, offers to compromise.
Freres Lamouroux, brewers, Chambly Canton, has assigned.
W. C. Gaden, dry goods, Montreal & Granby, are in difficulties.
Sorel Boot and Shoe factory, Sorel, meeting of creditors held.
Cochrane & Palmer, general store, Buckingham, have dissolved.
Miss H. Drake, milliner, Montreal, stock partly damaged by smoke.
H. M. Craig, gents' furnishings, Montreal, stock damaged by fire and water.
John Swail & Co., grocers, Montreal, have dissolved their special partnership.
Macfarlane, Austin & Robertson, wholesale paper, stationers, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
J. D. Gilmour, dry goods, etc., Bedford, Frelighsburg & Stanbridge East, has assigned.
Jas. Guest & Co. wholesale wines, Montreal, Wm Kearney has ceased doing business under this style.
A. Jacobs, wholesale woollens; H. Kellert, wholesale clothing; Emile Lucas, photographer; J. W. Nelles & Bro., manufacturers agents; Standard Card Co.; J. Tigh & Co., auctioneers, Montreal, had stock damaged by fire and water.

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D. R. Cummings, shoes, New Glasgow, has assigned.
B. C. Wilson, general store, etc., Waverly, has sold out.
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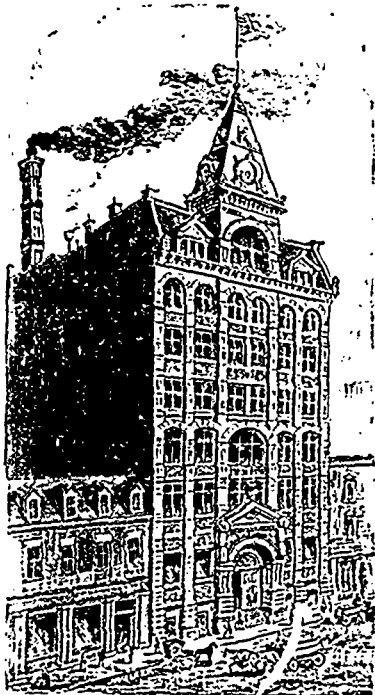


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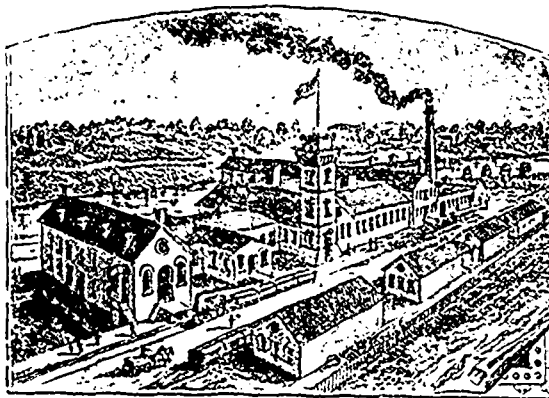
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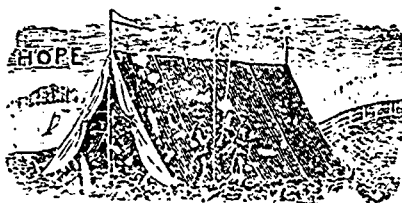


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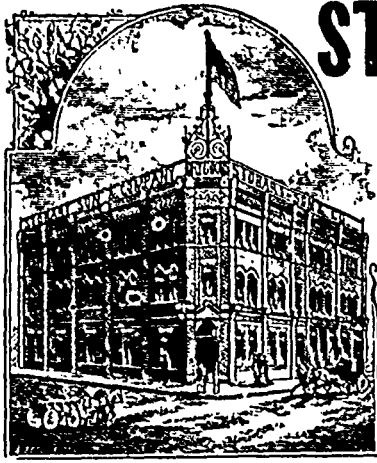
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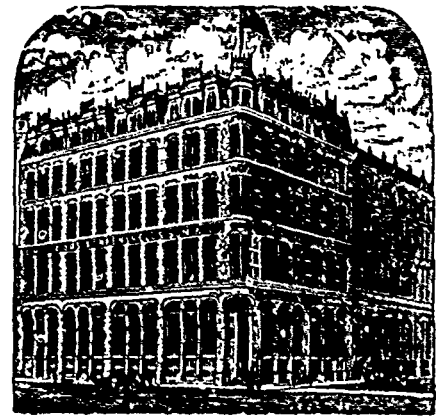
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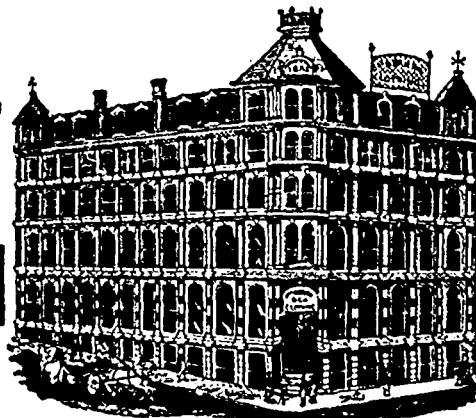
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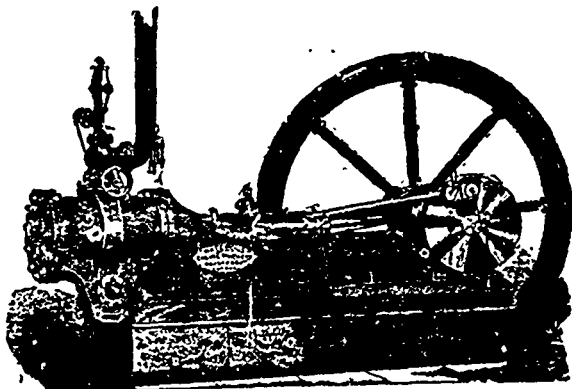
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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Though there have been mutterings of an impending dissolution of Parliament for some time, the people were certainly taken by surprise when the announcement came that the house had been dissolved, and that the elections would take place on March 5. The election campaign will therefore be remarkably short, and no doubt sharp in proportion. From a commercial standpoint this will be regarded favorably, as long political campaigns certainly do not exercise a beneficial influence upon trade. On the contrary the business interests of the country are sure to be more or less neglected during such times.

For other reasons, also of a commercial nature, it is desirable that the contest be short. There are radical differences in the trade policy of the two political parties, and until the result is known there will be great uncertainty in commercial circles. It is very desirable that this uncertainty be terminated as speedily as possible.

Now for the principles at stake. The contest is to be fought out on almost purely commercial grounds. The trade policy of the two parties is really the only question in the present campaign. The Liberal party, which has been toying with the question of commercial union or unrestricted reciprocity (a different name for the same thing, for some time, has at last come out squarely before the people on this platform. The government platform is a continuation of its protective policy, with a plank in favor of reciprocity with United States in natural products, etc. The following offer made by the Dominion to the United States, will define the declared policy of our government toward the Republic:—

1. The renewal of the reciprocity treaty of 1851, with the modifications required by the altered conditions of both countries, and with the extensions deemed by the commission to be in the interests of Canada and the United States.

2. Reconsideration of the treaty of 1888 with respect to the Atlantic fisheries, with the aim of securing the free admission into the United States markets of Canadian fishery products in return for the facilities to be granted to United States fishermen, to buy bait and supplies and to tranship cargoes in Canada, all such privileges to be mutual.

3. Protection of the mackerel and other fisheries on the Atlantic ocean and in British waters also.

4. Relaxation of seaboard coasting laws of the two countries.

5. Relaxation of the coasting laws of the two countries on the inland waters dividing Canada from the United States.

6. Mutual salvage and saving of wrecked vessels.

7. Arrangements for settling the boundary between Canada and Alaska. The treaty would of course be ad referendum.

In their platform of commercial union the Liberals will rely no doubt largely upon the agricultural vote. The Conservatives will hold the protectionist vote, while they also offer the farmer a policy of reciprocity in natural pro-

ducts, which if acceptable to the United States, would open the markets of the latter country for our agricultural exports. True, parties in authority at Washington have declared that the "United States will either have commercial union or no commercial dealings at all with Canada." But then there is a shrewd idea abroad that the present administration at Washington is nearing its end, and that a succeeding government may be willing to deal with Canada on a modified platform. At any rate, the declaration at this critical time that the United States will have commercial union or nothing, looks like an attempt to coerce the electors of this country, and as such is not likely to be favorably received by the more independent minded of our people.

In addition to the protectionists, the government will also have the support of those who for sentimental reasons will oppose commercial union, or who believe that such a policy is incompatible with our relationship to the British empire. This is by no means an insignificant class. There is also another important section who will be forced into supporting the government and its protective policy, many of them much against their will. We refer to those conscientious free traders, who were with the Liberals in their fight against protection, but who are unable to follow that party in its wild leap from a free trade policy to a platform of which commercial union is the principal plank. These conscientious free traders, deserted by the leaders of the Liberal party, may now be represented as occupying a position between the devil and the deep sea, and it looks as though they will be forced to side with the devil (as Sir John has sometimes been pictured by the more violent of his opponents) rather than launch out upon the unexplored sea of commercial union, from the shores of which many ugly looking rocks and shoals can easily be discerned.

The shift of the Liberal party, from a professed policy of free trade to one of commercial union, with all that the latter implies, is certainly a most remarkable development of party politics in Canada. While there are a certain number who are always prepared to follow their party leaders through any lightning changes of shifting policy, there are surely a great many who will not be able to follow the Liberals in the present campaign. Conscientious free traders certainly cannot do so. The respected and thorough free trader Hon. Alex. Mackenzie has already declared against a tariff compact with the United States. The carrying out of these commercial union proposals simply means that Canada must enter into a customs union with the most strongly protectionist country in the world. It means that Canada must adopt the obnoxious McKinley bill, which even the people of the United States repudiated at their first opportunity. Commercial union or unrestricted reciprocity cannot be carried into effect without the unification of the customs tariff of the two countries. As Canada is much the smaller country, it would mean that the Canadian tariff would have to be advanced to correspond with that of the republic. The Hitt resolution introduced in the House at Washington specified that commercial union

meant "a uniform revenue system, uniform internal taxes and uniform duties on imports into either country." Under commercial union our tariff would be higher than it is now, and it would be regulated at Washington instead of at Ottawa, where certainly less regard for the interests of Canada would prevail. Free traders who are free traders in principle, can never accept a tariff combination with the most extravagantly protective country in the world. They will be forced to support our present protective government with its more moderate protective policy, rather than declare in favor of adopting the tariff of the United States, McKinley bill and all, as the customs tariff of Canada.

It is not necessary at this time to discuss the question of commercial union more closely. Long before it was taken up by any political party in Canada, THE COMMERCIAL clearly defined its policy on this question, and to go into the matter more deeply would be but to repeat the arguments advanced in this journal from time to time during the past few years. We want the largest amount of trade freedom with the United States which can possibly be secured, on a fair and honorable basis. But in trading with the republic, we must not bind ourselves not to trade with Great Britain or any other country. A tariff compact which would still further restrict our trade with the world at large, even if it should open a market to the south of us for certain commodities, we must consider as decidedly objectionable from every point of view.

What the outcome will be, we will not attempt to predict. The contest is short and the result will soon be known. The question of direct taxation for Canada, which is implied in the adoption of a commercial union arrangement, will no doubt be presented fully by the Conservatives, and this may frighten many farmers from biting at the Liberal bait. The greatest weakness of the government is thought by some to exist in the province of Quebec, where religious and race questions are being strongly worked in the interest of the Opposition. So far as western Canada is concerned, it is probable that the government will have its usual large majority.

COMMERCIAL UNION.

In conversation with a number of Winnipeg business men last week, a COMMERCIAL representative discovered that really very few of those spoken to understand the distinction between the terms "reciprocity," "unrestricted reciprocity," and "commercial union." As these are the questions of greatest importance in the present political campaign, it is necessary that they should be thoroughly understood. If generally well informed business men do not understand them, it is to be feared the masses will hardly be in a position to give an intelligent vote on March 5.

Reciprocity, such as is offered by the present Dominion Government, means a free exchange of certain specified commodities. A joint commission appointed by Canada and the United States would meet and arrange a treaty of reciprocity, by which certain commodities, principally natural products of the two coun-

tries, would be allowed to pass between each free of duty. The products most likely to be placed on the reciprocal list would be grain, animals and their products, products of the forest, coal, perhaps fish and other specified articles which in the opinion of the commission would be to the advantage of each country, or equivalent to some concession granted by the other country. This form of limited reciprocity would not necessitate any change in our customs duties, with the exception that articles specified in the treaty of reciprocity would be placed on the free list.

Commercial union, or unrestricted reciprocity, are practically one and the same thing. These are the principles contended for by the Liberals, and they imply a vastly different meaning from the limited reciprocity as proposed by the Conservatives. They mean a commercial Zollverein, tariff compact, or customs union, (different terms used for expressing the same thing), between Canada and the United States. Under an arrangement of this nature there would be absolute free trade between Canada and the United States, but it is obvious that the customs duties of the two countries would have to be made the same. That is, goods would pass between the Dominion and the Republic free, but goods coming into either Canada or the United States from a third country, would be subject to the same duty. As goods would pass between the two countries free, manufacturers in each would have to be placed on the same footing as to duties upon raw or other materials imported from other countries by them. As Canada is a much smaller country than the Republic, it is natural to infer that we would be obliged to adopt the United States tariff, as we could not expect that country to adopt our tariff. Our tariff would therefore be regulated at Washington, and Canada would become, commercially, simply a part of the United States. As the tariff of the latter country is much higher on an average than our own, it would mean a still further increase in our duties on commodities coming from countries other than the Republic. Thus, while we would admit goods from the latter country free of all duty, we would be obliged to advance the duties upon commodities coming from Great Britain. We would gain free trade with the United States at the expense of striking a deadly blow at our trade with Great Britain, which is as important as that with the former country, to say nothing of our trade with the other nations of the world. While the greatest possible freedom of trade between the two English-speaking countries of America is very desirable, it hardly seems possible that Canadians are prepared to sacrifice their trade with all the rest of the world, in order to enter into a tariff combination with the most extremely protectionist country on earth. Western Canada must look to Great Britain rather than to the United States for a market for her principal commodities. While greater freedom of trade with the country to the south is to be desired, it can hardly be desirable on a basis of a tariff compact with the Republic, which would cause us to discriminate violently against Great Britain. The motto for western Canada should be to encourage the very freest trade relationship not only with our

neighbor to the south, but with all the world. We do not want our trade restricted by artificial barriers in any direction. If we must adopt the obnoxious tariff of the most highly protected country in the world, including the McKinley bill and all, in order to trade with the United States, then we had better drop the idea at once of extending trade to the south. The question involved in commercial union or unrestricted reciprocity is, the United States against the world. Will we choose to trade with the whole world, or form a compact with the United States against the world?

There is another important point to consider in connection with commercial union. Over \$7,000,000, or about one third of the entire customs revenue of the Dominion, is collected upon goods imported from the United States. Commercial union would mean the loss of this sum to the revenue of the country. It would mean a greater loss of revenue than the sum named, probably by several million dollars, for in the event of absolute free trade with the Republic, a great quantity of goods now imported from other countries would come from the United States, and would consequently be free of duty. The only way open to make up this loss to the revenue would be in direct taxation.

A Great Western Exhibition.

One of the attractions which Winnipeg will offer during 1891 is a great exhibition for Manitoba and Western Canada generally. Heretofore less attention has been given to the matter of home exhibitions than the importance of the subject would warrant. While exhibits have been sent abroad freely to represent the west in the east and in foreign countries, the holding of a fairly representative exhibition at home has been neglected. Perambulating exhibitions under the direction of the provincial government of Manitoba, did not prove a success, and of late years they have been dropped. Winnipeg has now taken up the matter, and a strong effort is being made to establish a permanent exhibition in this city, which will be fairly representative of the great prairie country. The ratepayers of the city have voted the sum of \$35,000 for the acquirement of grounds and the erection of buildings. The grounds for exhibition purposes have been offered by the Dominion government at a nominal price in order to encourage the enterprise. The Manitoba government has voted a liberal sum for the prize list, and this will no doubt be continued each year. The intention is to form a permanent exhibition association, something on the lines of the Toronto Industrial. In fact the association has already been formed, and active steps are being taken to prepare for an exhibition next fall. Encouraging advice has been received from many sections of the country, thus showing that the people are alive to the value of a first class exhibition, and that they appreciate the efforts made by Winnipeg to work up the enterprise. A really good exhibition should be of great value to the country at large, and it is therefore to be hoped that all parts of the country will join in a general effort to make it a success. Winnipeg is the place best suited for a permanent exhibition of

this character, as it is the principal railway centre, as well as the centre of population. It is also the only place in Manitoba at present which could afford to vote a sufficient sum to carry through a first-class show.

Canada.

The government statistician of the Dominion of Canada has just compiled some interesting facts regarding the area and development of Canada during the last two decades. The area of the Dominion of Canada is estimated at 3,370,000 square miles, or, including its water surface, 3,519,000 square miles. It is the largest of all the British possessions, constituting 40 per cent. of the Empire, the total area of which is over 8,000,000 square miles! It is as large as the whole continent of Europe, nearly thirty times as large as Great Britain and Ireland, and 500,000 square miles larger than the United States, exclusive of Alaska. Canada covers more than one-fourteenth of the earth's surface, but contains only 1-236th part of the population of the world. The Dominion extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, a distance of 3,500 miles, and from the United States boundary to the Arctic Ocean, a distance of 1,400 miles, and comprises all the British possessions in North America, excepting Newfoundland, Labrador, and the West Indian Islands.

Some idea of this immense country and of its great waterways may be had when it is considered that its west line on the Atlantic measures 10,000 miles, and over 7,000 miles on the Pacific; that 2,000 miles from the ocean the traveller may lose sight of land, and that with one trans-shipment at Montreal goods can be landed at the head of Superior, in the centre of the continent, 4,600 miles from Liverpool. Entering Canada from the north by Hudson's Bay an ocean ship reaches at Port Nelson the outlet of a river stretching, with few interruptions, to the very backbone of the continent, and draining an interior basin more remote than the St. Lawrence, over 2,000,000 square miles in extent. In the prairie region the Saskatchewan affords 1,500 miles of steamboat navigation. Close upon the north of it commences the MacKenzie River basin, extending over 550,000 square miles. This great stream, with its tributary lakes and rivers, affords, with trifling obstacles, upwards of 2,000 miles of waterway navigable for steamboats. From Port Nelson to Liverpool the distance is 2,966 miles; from New York to Liverpool, 3,040 miles; and from Halifax to Liverpool, 2,463 miles.

In Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia exist the greatest forest regions in the world. In the extreme eastern and western provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia, as also midway between the prairies lie extensive coal fields, while the sea fisheries of the Maritime provinces and the fresh water fisheries of the great lakes and rivers furnish a supply of food vastly in excess of the needs of the country.

While a considerable portion of Canada is unavailable for cultivation, yet, as the north and northwest are opened up gradually, enormous tracts of good land are revealed, so that the area of agricultural and timbered lands is



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now estimated to exceed 2,000,000 square miles, of which over 1,000,000 are adapted to the cultivation of wheat. The northern part of the centre of the Dominion, extending from the Rocky Mountains to Hudson's Bay, is very extensively wooded, and has been generally considered for the most part unfit for settlement and useful only as a preserve for fur-bearing animals. A Parliamentary inquiry, however, has had the effect of dissipating this idea. The area inquired into covers about 1,260,000 square miles, of which, it is estimated, 960,000 are fit for settlement, and the remaining 400,000 useless for cultivation; 656,000 square miles are suitable for potatoes, 407,500 for barley, and 316,000 for wheat. There is a river navigation of 2,750 miles.

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The eighth annual meeting of the Northwest Fire Insurance company took place at the head office of the company in Winnipeg last week. The financial statement was presented and showed a very satisfactory result for the working of the past year. The amount at rest at the end of the year was over \$2,500,000. There were two half yearly dividends paid during the year of four per cent. each. The following shareholders were elected directors for the coming year: D. McArthur, Hon. Jno. Sutherland, W. R. Dick, Ald. Gilroy, W. R. Allan, R. T. Rokeby, Colin Inkster, W. Clougher, J. A. Christie, Brandon; A. W. Rokeby, Carberry; D. S. Curry and G. W. Girdlestone. A meeting of the directors was afterwards held when Duncan McArthur was elected president and Hon. John Sutherland vice-president.

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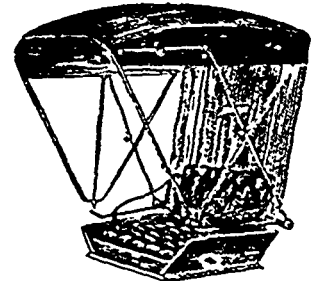
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The monetary situation in Winnipeg seems to change very little. So far as the banks are concerned the policy seems to be to satisfy every call of legitimate trade, so far as the demands of regular customers are concerned, but to discourage any tendency towards inflation of discounts. The policy of commercial customers seems to be much in keeping with that of the banks, so that there is a combined effort being made to curtail as far as possible the volume of paper at discount, without in any way hampering trade. There is no change in discount rates, the range for trade paper being from 7 to 8 per cent. for good to gilt edge, while shady notes usually discounted at a higher figure are with rare exceptions avoided. In real estate mortgage business there is rather a quiet feeling. A steady demand for farm loans at 9 per cent. interest continues, but the volume is not as heavy as might be expected. Borrowers are now in a rather uncertain frame of mind, and are not eager to assume obligations, while loan companies are not pushing business. There is practically no demand for first class loans on city property, and quotations of interest on such are not obtainable. The circulation of money throughout the country is by no means as free as could be wished, and with the present contracting influence at work by banks and their leading customers, it does not look as if the situation was likely to improve very soon.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The wholesale trade of the city during the past week has been in rather a waiting position. The force of winter has gone, and hopes of an early spring are making the lines that are dormant in winter start up a little. Should there be milder weather and a promise of early spring during the last days of February, there may be some activity in the lines dependant upon contracting and out-door work. It is too early, however, to interpret the hopeful feeling in these lines as anything more than a desire to get started for another season. In lines of season goods there is literally nothing doing so far as immediate demands are concerned, and even orders from spring and summer samples come in slowly, and are given with some reluctance by retailers both in the city and country. The feeling about starting spring business is slow altogether, and progress is at least two weeks behind what it was at this date last year. In lines of every day consumption, the movement is still slow and without freedom, and buying from hand to mouth is in order, so much so that a snow block and trains stopped, would in one week bring great inconvenience to any town thus cut off. The cash returns from the country are still light, and not at all encouraging. Wholesalers say the volume flows into the city with some steadiness, but it is far from as heavy as it should be. This fact makes both wholesalers and retailers unwilling to risk any business unless what immediate wants compel, and it is not at all unlikely that things may move in this uncertain and checked up manner all spring.

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC.

The shipping out of spring goods may be said to have commenced, but they are moving out slowly, and with no evident desire on the part of wholesalers to rush matters. Travellers on the road find many of the best retail men very cautious about buying, and their spring and

summer orders are decidedly light. There are those less responsible who would buy more recklessly, but goods are not being crowded on to such men. The cash returns from the country still come in slowly, and not with the freedom that would warrant a vigorous pushing of spring goods. For immediate wants there are literally no demands of any kind, and stocks of winter goods left over are being stowed away for the season.

DRIED FRUITS.

In Mediterranean goods prices have been dropping down since the opening of the year, while in goods from different parts of our own continent there has been a general advance all round except in a very few lines. The following are about the prices current during the past week: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.20 to \$2.30; Valencia layers, \$2.75; currants, 7c; figs, cooking in bags, 6½c, in boxes, 7c; choice, 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 10½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 2½c; peeled peaches, 3½c; pitted plums, 22c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 8½ to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitis, \$5.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Although the variety of fish in the city includes B.C. salmon, fresh Labrador herring, brook trout, sturgeon, sprate, perch, Lake Superior trout and Winnipeg whitefish, only the two last named are to be had in wholesale quantities. Whitefish are quoted at 5½ to 6½c, and lake trout at 10c. Even pickerel are scarce, the catch on our lakes being very light this year. Oysters are quoted at \$2.25 for standards and \$2.50 for selects.

FUEL.

The weather has been more favorable for fuel dealers so far this month than for the former part of the winter, but there has not been much of a rush in the trade. Considerable wood has been hauled in and offered on the market by farmers and others, which has curtailed the sales of regular dealers. In the arrivals by rail there is still a market scarcity of good wood, the bulk being dead and dozy stuff. Prices are still comparatively low, and not likely to be higher soon. Poplar wood is usually offered in car lots on track at about \$2.40 to \$2.50 per cord, and tamarac at about \$4 per cord. The latter may be quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.25 on track, but anything under \$4 is likely to be poor quality. Oak has been offered at \$4. Coal is unchanged. Pennsylvania anthracite retails at \$9.25 delivered in the city, with Galt coal at \$5.50 and \$7.50 delivered in the city retail, for nut and stove qualities respectively.

GREEN FRUIT.

Stocks of apples are not large, and are mostly imported fruits. Fancy cold storage are held at \$8. per barrel, with less desirable stock selling at \$7.50 and even \$7, as to quality. Florida oranges are in good supply, and quoted at \$5 per box in 128 size, and \$6 in 150 to 200 size. Lemons are quotable at \$6 to \$6.50 per box for choice, though sales were made as low as \$5 for not choice. Good choice cranberries held at \$11 to \$11.50 per barrel with some poor stock offering lower. Malaga grapes, in 55 lbs kegs at \$13 per keg.

GROCERIES.

The movement is slow in this staple branch, and there is no anxiety to push business, while buyers are working from hand to mouth. There are no startling changes in prices of goods to record, a slight advance in sugars being about the only one. Prices current are: Sugars—Yellow, 6 to 6½c; Granulated, 7½c; Coffees, green,—Rios, from 24 to 25c, Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47½c; Honey-suckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, 40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby, \$36; Sports, \$30. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

LIQUORS.

Prices are: Whiskies—Canadian rye in barrels, \$1.85 per gallon; do five year old, \$2.40; do seven year old, \$2.80; Club in cases, \$9; Mackie's pure Scotch whiskies, Islay Blend, in cases of 12 bottles, \$9.50; do Rare Old Special, \$11; do Pure Lagavulin, 10 years old, \$11.50. Brandies—Cognac in bull., \$4 per gallon; in cases, \$9; do Martel and Hennessy, in cases, \$14; do V. O. \$20. Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$12 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7 per case; Tom gin, \$9 to \$10.

NUTS.

Pecans are costing higher for good stock. Prices are: Taragona almonds, per lb. 20c; Grenoble walnuts, 19c; Sicily filberts, large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginias, green, per lb. 15c; do., roasted, 17c; pecans, large, polished, per lb. 20c; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$9 to \$10.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business is very quiet yet throughout Manitoba, as the trade has not awakened from its winter quiet. In western territorial points and in British Columbia there is more movement, and orders are coming in from that quarter. There are a few changes made in the list of prices current here, as given below. Glass is strong abroad, with advances in manufacturing markets. Winnipeg prices are: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 79c; boiled, 82c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxido paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in blks., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.50; Railroad, \$6.25; Red Star, \$5.50; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1, do., \$6.25; Bullhead do., \$3.75; Calsomine, \$6

per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

RAW FURS.

The following is a revised list of prices, in which bear, badger, fox, lynx, marten, mink, otter, rat are quoted higher, owing to higher prices realized at the recent London sales. The following quotations represent a fair range of values in the Winnipeg market for the skins named, the range being from poor to prime skins: Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, 50c to \$28; do brown, 50c to \$25; do grizzly, \$1 to \$15; beaver, 50c to \$8.25; castor, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1c to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$7.00; fox, cross, 75c to \$6; fox, kit, 10c to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.70; fox, silver, \$5 to \$65; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$2.00; mink 5c to 90c; musquash, 3c to 12½c; otter, \$1.50 to \$9.00; raccoon, 50c to 85; skunk, 5c to 85c; wolf, large, \$1.50 to \$2.25; wolf, small, 25c to 80c; wolverines, \$2 to \$4.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Since the slump in prices of Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7, in United States markets, wheat has not shown great strength at any time. This week the situation has not materially changed. On some days there were advances in prices, and on others prices tended downward, and up to this (Saturday) morning prices are just about where they were a week ago. On Monday heavy receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth, amounting to 413 cars, against 231 cars a year ago, was a weakening feature. The visible supply statement on Monday showed a decrease of 466,514 bushels during the week. For the corresponding week last year the decrease was 735,000 bushels. The total stocks at all points enumerated in the statement aggregate 23,135,680 bushels against 30,752,886 bushels last year. Cold weather in the north, and moving southward created some strength later in the week, as likely to injure winter wheat. *Braintree's* report published on Wednesday, of available supply, showed a decrease of 492,000 bushels east of the Rocky Mountains last week, and an increase of 472,000 bushels on the Pacific coast for the same time. A year ago *Braintree's* showed a decrease east of the Rocky Mountains of 2,177,000 bushels, and a decrease on both coasts of 1,800,010 bushels. Northwestern receipts continued large, Minneapolis and Duluth getting 261 cars on Wednesday, against 124 cars a year ago.

In Manitoba deliveries of wheat at country points have been somewhat larger, though there has not been any very marked increase. Some country markets, however made a very good showing, principally at points where local competition or other causes had led to higher prices. Prices in Manitoba country markets, to farmers, have been more irregular, and show a much wider range, 70 to 73c having been paid at some points, for best samples, equal to about No. 2 hard, while at other points 65 to 67c per bushel was paid for best samples. At one point up to 75c was paid per bushel. The average prices to farmers in all markets would be about 66 to 68c per bushel for best samples offering, grading about No. 2 hard. Cars for shipment have been obtained fairly freely, and the move-

ment eastward is about equal to receipts, so that stocks in store at country points are not increasing much. Shippers are pushing to get out all damaged or poor wheat as fast as marketed, while better qualities are generally held in store at point of marketing, where there is storage room. Stocks in store at Fort William the first of the week were 502,346, showing an increase for the week of 27,362 bushels. The market for damaged wheat will continue to tend easier from this time forward, as with the experience which shippers have had in former years, they will not care to touch this class of grain after a date which there would be risk in getting it out of the country before the weather turns warm. Holders of damaged grain have therefore but a short time left in which to market it, if they wish to find buyers willing to take it.

FLOUR.

Prices here hold very steady. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade, per 100 pounds are as follows: Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; 2nd bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.35; superfine, \$1.15; middlings, \$2.30; graham flour, \$2.30; cracked wheat, \$2.30; buckwheat flour, \$3.75.

MILLSTUFFS.

In millstuffs prices appear to be unchangeable. The old figures still hold, with the local supply not pressing, in consequence of the good eastern demand. The price is firm and unchanged, at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts per ton.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Oatmeal is firm in consequence of the steady advance in oats, but so far there has been no change in prices. Prices are:—Oil cake in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, \$26.50; in car lots f. o. b. \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.85 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

GROUND FEED.

Good qualities of feed are held at \$15 to \$16 per ton for barley and oat chop. Mixed cheap wheat is obtainable lower, and the full range in prices is from \$13 to \$16 per ton.

OATS.

The upward tendency in oats continues. City dealers were buying street offerings at 30 to 32c, and 33c per bushel of 34 pounds was occasionally paid by dealers, while consumers paid even higher prices. Offerings were scarce on some days, and light most of the time. It was reported that a lot held in store was turned over to another dealer at 35c per bushel. In Manitoba country markets prices were also higher, 27 to 30c per bushel being quoted at a number of points, and one leading country market quoted 35c. At some country points the old quotation of about 25c still held, but at most places there was a higher tendency. The belief prevails that the oat crop has been well cleaned up, and that there will be very few more available for shipment eastward. In fact prices are above a shipping basis in a number of Manitoba markets. Some dealers are even of the opinion that the shipping business has been overdone in oats, and that the quantity left will hardly be equal for local requirements for the balance of the season. However, there is still some eastward movement, though it has fallen off largely. Prices are higher in eastern markets.

BARLEY

From 25 to 28c is paid for feed samples in this market. There is still a small quantity of matting barley wanted by city breweries at 30 to 35c per bushel. In the country 25c is the usual price per bushel, mostly feed quality being offered.

BUTTER.

There is no change to note. Good butter is held very firm as a rule, and stocks of really

good are by no means large. Dealers are holding selected dairy at 20c per pound, in small lots, though sales of very good quality were learned of at 18c. Some creamery is held at 25c in small lots, but not much of this class offering. A larger quantity than usual of fresh fodder butter is looked for this season, there being three points favorable to this, namely: a mild winter, abundance of cheap feed, and high prices. These prices will no doubt have a tendency to induce farmers to make what butter they can. It is too early for this class of butter yet, but it will not be long before it will begin to appear in the market.

EGGS.

Prices continue easy, and are again quoted lower, sales of country fresh having been made at 18c per dozen, and quotable at 18 to 20c. Prices are rather irregular. Country eggs have been coming in all winter with unusual freedom, due to the mild weather. Prices are too high to induce a large consumption, and consequently the market has at times been overstocked. With mild weather to further increase the supply, prices would likely drop to 15c very quickly. The quality of receipts is only medium to fair, but as good as could be expected at this season.

CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, ETC.

Prices are easy and irregular, but quotable about as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9 to 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 12c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½ to 14c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ¼-lb. packet.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at \$2.20 per 20 pound pail, with compound lard at \$2 per pail.

HIDES.

Round lots of frozen hides quoted at 3½ to 4c per pound here. Inspected cows quoted: No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Sheepskins are quoted at 50 to 75 cents each as to quality. Eastern markets have a lower tendency.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are lower and quotable at 25c per bushel on the market. Other vegetables are advancing. Some sorts are becoming scarce, especially onions, carrots and parsnips. Some eastern onions are offered. Prices are: Potatoes, 25c per bushel; Turnips, 25c to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, 75c per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; cabbage, 40 to 60c per dozen, as to quality; onions, 3 to 4c per pound; Spanish do., \$1.50 per crate of 30 net.; celery, 35 to 60c doz. heads. The latter is also scarce.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Wholesale stocks of frozen poultry are about exhausted, but retailers are still supplied with considerable turkey, for which the demand is very slow. Chickens are very scarce and in better demand at higher prices. We quote turkeys at 12 to 13c; chickens 10 to 11c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed hogs continue to rule easy, and are quoted at the decline to 6½ to 7½c per pound. Country frozen beef is still offered to a considerable extent on the market, and is quotable at 2 to 4c per pound, and slow sale. City dressed beef, 5 to 6c, the top for fresh unfrozen. Mutton 9 to 10c per pound.

HAY.

Hay is offering freely on the market at \$4 to \$6 per ton.

Saskatchewan.

The business men of Prince Albert have sent a petition to the directors of the Imperial Bank asking them to establish a branch of the bank in that town.

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is the nominee of the creditors and his appointment has been ratified by the judge.

J. B. Mercer, druggist, says the *Battleford Herald*, has bought all the drugs and patent medicines carried in stock by the different drug stores in town. The whole of the drug business of the town will henceforth be done by Mr. Mercer, as the merchants will not now keep that kind of goods on hand.

The business of J. M. Campbell, general merchant, Prince Albert, is being wound up. Mr. Campbell has been placed in temporary close quarters, through carrying too large a line of credit. His assets are largely in excess of liabilities, and the estate will pay creditors in full. He will now give his attention to his ranching industry, which he has carried on for many years.

British Grain Trade

Mark Lane Express of Feb. 9, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says:—"English wheats are firm despite large increased supplies; the prices of foreign wheats are supported; Russian is 6d higher; Cala is very firm; barley is up 6s; oats are 3d dearer; corn is steady. At to-days market foreign wheats, except white sorts, dropped 6d under abundant shipments. Flour was weak, both English and American 6d cheaper; barley was firm, Russian grinding sorts fetched 3d more; oats were strong and 6d higher; the prices of corn was sustained, round was 3d-dearer."

Well's & Crossly, boot and shoe, manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned; liabilities \$40,030.

Montreal Stock Market

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, February 14, 1891:--

Banks	Sellers.	Buyer.
Bank of Montreal	225	223 1/2
Ontario	116	11 1/2
Molson's	160	156
Toronto	225	210
Merchants	143	141 1/2
Union	—	—
Commerce	128	126 1/2
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	102	101 1/2
Rich. & Ont. Nav	56	62
City Pass. Ry	192	187 1/2
Montreal Gas	230	208 1/2
Canada N. W. Land Co.	77	76
C. P. R. (Montreal)	74 1/2	74 1/2
C. P. R. (London)	—	—
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On Call	6	—
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Posted Rate ..	480 1/2	—
“ Demand “ “ “ ..	480	—
“ 60 Days Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	9-5-6 9 1/2
“ Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	9 13-16 9-11-16
“ New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	1-16 par.

It appears from a proclamation just issued by the President that an agreement has been reached with Brazil for reciprocity between the United States and that country.

The prices of matches have been advanced, and are now quoted wholesale in the east as follows: in single cases, French, \$3.75. Eddy's Telephone, \$4.15; do. Telegraph, \$4.40. In five case lots 10c less is charged.

In the house of congress at Washington, on Saturday, two resolutions were presented from

the Duluth chamber of commerce, one in favor of reciprocity between the United States and Canada and the other earnestly protesting against the free coinage of silver.

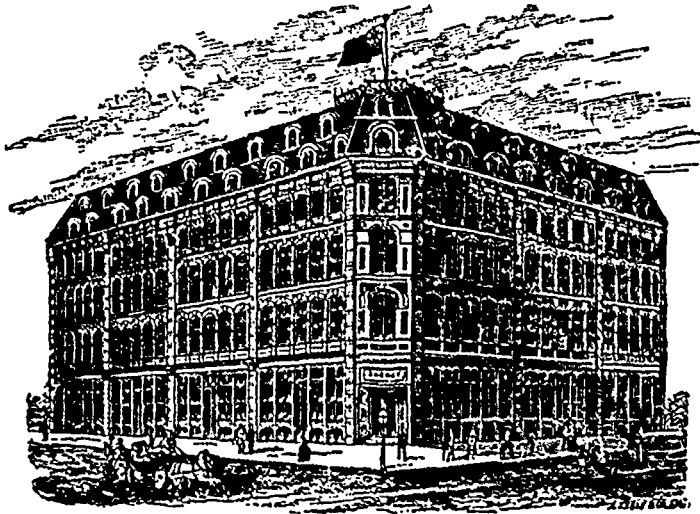
For the year 1890, it appears that the number of failures given by Dun, Wiman & Co. for Canada was put at 1,728, and liabilities at \$17,838,017, while *Bradstreet's* for the same period places them at \$1,620, and liabilities at \$12,341,000, a difference of five millions.

Boyd Bros., wholesale dry goods merchants, Toronto, have made an assignment. The liabilities are put at considerably over \$100,000 but their financial position is not yet clear. Most of the creditors are English, French and German, not much money being owed in Canada save to the banks.

Our Homes is the name of another new monthly magazine which has recently been established at Brockville, Ont. It is illustrated and devoted to home literature, house building, home decoration, etc. The first number, the receipt of which is acknowledged, is very neatly printed, and in size and form resembles THE COMMERCIAL.

L. Suckling & Sons, Toronto, have issued a new music publication, which should be popular in Canada. It is a compilation of Canadian national and patriotic songs, and is probably the first thing of the kind ever published. There is a list of fifteen or twenty songs, with words and music complete. Those who take an interest in music, should always be prepared to offer a patriotic song, as occasions frequently arise when such are called for. This list is therefore just the thing required.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Feb. 9, wheat opened at about the low closing prices of Saturday. The market was weak, with dull cables and large north-western receipts. May sold down 12., but recovered on reports of crop damage. Closing prices were 3c higher than Saturday, as follows:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	94½	—	97½	93½
Corn.....	50½	51½	53½	52½
Oats.....	44	—	45½	42½
Pork.....	9.43½	9.52½	9.80	—
Lard.....	5.57½	5.67½	5.87½	—
Short Ribs.....	4.55	4.62½	4.92½	—

On Tuesday there was some gain in wheat prices, which were 2 to 3 higher at the close, as follows:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	94½	—	98½	93½
Corn.....	50½	51½	52½	52½
Oats.....	44½	—	45½	42½
Pork.....	9.53	9.65	9.95	—
Lard.....	5.60	5.70	5.90	6.10
Short Ribs.....	4.55	4.65	4.95	5.25

On Wednesday, wheat opened lower, and after slight fluctuations closed at the lowest point of the day. Provisions were lower all around. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	94	—	97½	93
Corn.....	50½	51½	52½	52½
Oats.....	44½	—	45½	42½
Pork.....	9.30	9.40	9.67½	10.02½
Lard.....	5.52½	5.60	5.82½	6.02½
Short Ribs.....	4.50	4.60	4.82½	5.12½

On Thursday wheat closed 3c. higher. Closing prices:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	94½	—	97½	93½
Corn.....	50½	—	52½	52½
Oats.....	—	—	45½	42½
Pork.....	9.25	9.35	9.65	9.95
Lard.....	5.57	5.57½	5.80	6.00
Short Ribs.....	4.47½	4.52½	4.82½	—

Wheat closed 3c. higher on Friday on firm cables and reports of export movement. Closing prices:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	95½	—	98½	93½
Corn.....	51½	—	53½	52½
Oats.....	—	—	46	43
Pork.....	9.35	9.45	9.75	10.05
Lard.....	5.55	5.67½	5.85	6.05
Short Ribs.....	4.52½	4.57½	4.87½-90	—

Duluth Wheat Market.

Duluth has ruled fairly steady for the week. The highest price reached during the week was on Saturday, February 14, when May touched \$1.00½ but declined and closed 1c lower. On Saturday, Feb. 14, May wheat opened at \$1.00½ and closed at 99½c. February closed at 94½c, and cash at 94c per bushel, for No. 1 hard. The closing prices was the same as a week ago for May option, and 3c lower for February.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis on Saturday, February 14, wheat closed at 94½c to 94¾c per bushel for No. 1 northern, May option. February option closed at 92¾c and July at 96c per bushel. These prices were the same as a week ago for May and July, but February 1c higher than a week ago.

Manitoba Country Markets.

Following were prices to farmers at some of the principal Manitoba country markets last week:—

Brandon—Wheat, 40 to 70c; oats, 27 to 30c; barley, 25c; bran, \$10; shorts, \$12; potatoes, 25 to 30c; beef, 4½ to 5c; mutton, 10c; hogs,

6c; butter, 20 to 25c; eggs, 20c; poultry, 10 to 12½c.

Portage la Prairie—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 68c; barley, 28c; oats, 30 to 35c; shorts, \$11; bran, \$12; potatoes, 40 to 50c; eggs, 30c; cutter, 20 to 25c.

Morden—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 63c; eggs, 20c; butter, 17c; potatoes, 30c; flax, \$1.

Deloraine—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 68c.

Viriden—Wheat, 67c, oats, 29c, barley, 25c, butter 20c, eggs, 20c.

Carberry—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 70c, No. 2 northern, 65c, No. 3 hard 40c, oats 30c, butter 20c, eggs 20c.

Carman—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 67c, oats 25c, barley 25c.

Minnedosa—Wheat, best, 70c, barley, 22 to 30c, oats 27c, butter 20c, eggs 20c.

Note.—These quotations show that butter and eggs are too high at country points, eggs especially being above values in the Winnipeg market wholesale.

Grain and Milling.

Rose has fitted up the old flour mill at Westbourne, Manitoba, for custom work.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the week ended Feb. 7th was 399.

Hamilton's old mill at Neepawa, Manitoba, has been fitted up and will be run by Whithall & Todd.

Two different schemes are under consideration at Calgary, for the establishment of a flour mill at that point.

Chas. Henry, near Rapid City, Man., threshed this season from 20 acres of oats, 1,800 bushels, or an average of 90 bushels per acre.

Neepawa, Man., is moving for a farmers' elevator, a meeting having been held for that purpose, which decided in the affirmative.

The Manitoba Milling and Baking Co.—Carberry mill—gives notice of application to reduce its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

J. Bobier, who has been buying on the Moosomin wheat market for S. P. Clark & Co., has resigned his position and been succeeded by J. Clark, of Glenboro.

Leitch Bros., millers, Oak Lake, Man., have added a receiving separator to their plant, which is giving good satisfaction. The mill is one of the finest in Manitoba.

Another meeting in connection with the farmers' elevator scheme was held at Neepawa recently. It was decided to form a company of farmers to erect an elevator.

J. W. Harrison, of Melnesford, Regina district, has purchased a small grist mill plant from the Waterloo Engine Works' company of Winnipeg and Brantford, and has erected a mill on his farm, for custom gristing.

A meeting of farmers of the Carman, Man., district was held recently to discuss the farmers' elevator scheme. All present were favorable to the project and half of the stock was subscribed before the meeting adjourned.

During the three weeks ending January 17th, 1,696 cars of wheat were inspected by the Winnipeg grain inspector. This represents over a million bushels of wheat, and does not include the quantity shipped through without inspection.

Owing to the very light deliveries of grain, Dines & Cleveland have decided to close up

their warehouse at Niverville, Man., for a short time. There is a large quantity of wheat to be marketed here yet, but farmers are holding for higher prices.

At a meeting of farmers held at Cartwright, Manitoba, recently, the abolition of the "grain exchange monopoly" was demanded, and it was decided that "middlemen must be totally exterminated." To this end a farmers' alliance organization was formed.

There is a movement among the farmers of Springfield municipality, just east of Winnipeg, to have a farmers' flour mill established at Winnipeg. They want the other municipalities around the city to join them in raising funds to establish such an industry.

The Neepawa Register, of Feb. 6, says: "The wheat market is booming, the deliveries amounting to about 8,000 bushels per day. Good samples of No. 2 hard have been bringing 72 and 68c, and 70c are common. Of course this is away above regular prices, and is owing to competition among the buyers."

A correspondent writes from Boissevain, Man.: The town of Boissevain is in a most thriving shape—wheat not coming in as rapidly as it did but still enough to keep the little town busy. Very little of the grain gets away from it as Preston & McKay have their flour mill running full time and consume all the grain in sight.

In quoting an article from THE COMMERCIAL on "Manitoba Oats," the Millers Review of Philadelphia says. It is to be regretted that the duty on oats from Manitoba to this country should operate towards keeping from our people a part of the abundant yield of that grain this year, as this crop has been a most excellent one in the province mentioned."

Minnedosa, Man., Tribune: "Minnedosa seldom boasts of being a grain centre, its farmers not making a specialty of grain raising. At the same time it can make a good showing in that respect, as grain is coming to town at the rate of three thousand bushels per day or about three times the quantity marketed daily in the best previous years."

D. Johnson's new catmeal mill at Portage la Prairie, to replace the one burned, is now assuming shape. The mill will have a capacity of 200 bags per day and will be run by a 40 horse-power engine. The capacity is just double the old mill. It will be fitted out with the latest appliances, and it is expected to be running by the 15th of March next.

The Monitor, of Morden, has the following to say about the Canadian Pacific Railway grain warehouse recently erected at that place: "A few weeks ago the people of Morden felt inclined to rejoice and throw up their hats over the extremely sudden arrival of a gang of carpenters, who ran up a grain warehouse on the south side of the track in an incredible short space of time. Now, however, we feel rather mean over this building. There it stands; but what it is to be used for, or when will its doors be thrown open, no one knoweth. All kinds of enquiries have been made to all kinds of people, but nothing has resulted beyond ominous shaking of the heads. There are ill-natured people around who aver that the erection of the said warehouse was a part of a little game of bluff going on between the C. P. R. and the millers, but be that as it may, the citizens of Morden are anxiously looking forward to the time when the said edifice will be put to some practical use; as an ornament it is voted to be a failure."

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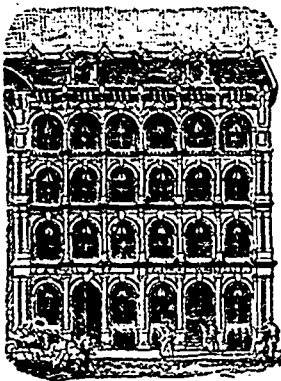
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Two Weeks on the M. & N. W. Ry.

(Concluded.)

After leaving Shoal Lake, which point was touched on the week before last, we pass two small towns before arriving at Minnedosa. The first of these, Strathclair, has every prospect of being at no very distant day a nice sized town. Already it has three general stores, a hotel, a harness shop, grist and sawmill and an elevator. This is also a good grain market as is evidenced by the number of buyers located there. Newdale, the second, is not as large as Strathclair, it only having a population of about 40, and one store, that of J. L. Cook.

MINNEDOSA.

This town is at the junction of what is known as the Saskatchewan & Western branch and the main line of the M. & N. W. Through the centre of the town, which is very prettily situated, the Little Saskatchewan river runs, the high banks of its valley making a splendid shelter and background. The town has always been a somewhat scattered one, which gave the visitor an idea that it was very large when in fact it is smaller than it looks. This defect is gradually being remedied however, fine buildings are springing up on the vacant lots and the place is assuming a much more compact appearance. During the past year \$20,000 was expended in new buildings, some of which are very handsome and creditable structures. This will seem a very small sum to a resident of some of the large cities, and indeed it is in comparison to the amount that is annually expended in new buildings in a city, but \$20,000 worth of new buildings each year to a town like Minnedosa adds wonderfully to its appearance. The most important of these new ones is the Masonic Hall, a two storey stone building, the ground floor of which is occupied by J. K. Patton's drug store, and the upper storey by the Masons as a lodge room. The Agricultural hall is another 1890 building which cost considerable money. It is situated a short distance out of the town on the exhibition grounds. The dwelling houses which have been erected during the past year are also of a very substantial character and betoken a determination on the part of the owners to make permanent homes for themselves.

In dealing with the business history of the town for the past year, we will content ourselves with mentioning the most important events. A list of the most prominent men in the different lines of trade would comprise: P. J. McDermott, general store; Gillies & Co., general store; A. H. McIntyre, jewelry; J. K. Patton, drugs and stationery; S. Fairbairn, furniture; R. McLenaghan, general store; J. Cookman, general store; Wright & Co., groceries and crockery; J. F. Boyd, hardware; W. Bagshaw, hardware; Geo. Perry, fruits and confectionery; Taylor Bros., butchers; Sewell & Burgess, butchers; G. A. Hogarth, general store; R. Murdock, hotel; John McLennan, hotel; and C. R. B. Scobell, hotel. This latter, the Brunswick house, is an exceptionally well furnished and managed hotel. It has been in the hands of Mr. Scobell for over two years.

The business of C. R. Ranson is also worthy of being classed among the foremost in the town. Besides being agent for an implement manufacturing firm, Mr. Ranson does an extensive carriage building and blacksmith business.

A branch of the Commercial Bank of Mani-

toba was opened here last February and C. F. Grant appointed manager. The volume of business done since that time has far exceeded expectations and the present offices are not nearly large enough to accommodate it. A site has therefore been secured and plans are already out for a new building which will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. It is the intention to make this a handsome and substantial building.

The flour mill of F. & E. Pearson is the only one located here at present. This mill has been fully described in these columns before, so it will be sufficient to say that it has a capacity of 75 barrels per day and is fitted up with all modern improvements. It has only been in the hands of the present owners about a year, previous to that it was the property of James Jermy.

Judging from the reports of all classes of business men (the year 1890) was a very satisfactory one for Minnedosa. The depression which has existed in the business community ever since the great "boom" has well nigh disappeared and a healthy and energetic feeling prevails in every line of trade.

The wheat around Minnedosa turned out a very good crop last year. The average yield to the acre was not far from 30 bushels. The quality varied greatly according to the locality from which it came.

Enough has been said to give the reader an idea what kind of a place Minnedosa is and we will now run down the Saskatchewan & Western branch to

RAPID CITY.

This town is situated fifteen miles from Minnedosa in a southwesterly direction. It is at present the terminus of the above mentioned branch line and is like Minnedosa in the valley of the Little Saskatchewan river. In all there are about 40 stores and places of business in the town; the majority of these are old established houses and have been described in previous articles in THE COMMERCIAL, so we will content ourselves with mentioning some of the new ones. The general store of Leflar & Macdonald was opened in December 1890, since that time a large trade has been worked up and the proprietors are very well satisfied with their prospects.

Stone & Co. are also general store keepers, they bought out the stock of H. C. Ross a few months ago and have been carrying on the business since that time. W. M. Vaughan, who was for three years in the butcher business, opened out a stock of groceries and provisions in September last. He will deal exclusively in these lines in the future. The Windson hotel is now under a different management to what it was when last we wrote up the town. J. T. Cable is now controlling it, he having rented it from the former proprietor Basler. J. C. Gibbard opened out in the boot and shoe line in October last, he has already worked up a good trade. It is now over a year and a half since D. A. Hopper opened his private bank, and the amount of business done during that time has induced him to go more extensively into it. He is now preparing plans for a bank building to be erected in the spring. When this is completed it will enable him to handle a great deal larger amount of business than he could in the old office.

The flour and woolen mill of Geo. McCulloch & Co. is the most important industry of the

town. A lengthy description of these mills was published in these columns some 18 months ago. Since that time however, the manufacture of blankets and sheeting has been added to the products of the woolen mill. This is one of the few mills in Manitoba which can be run by water. The power is obtained from the Saskatchewan river which at this point is a wide and powerful stream. The mill also has an excellent boiler and engine, which makes it independent of the water, entirely. The lumber business of T. Houlding although it does not come under the heading of new ventures to which we intended to confine ourselves is still deserving of mention, and will serve to illustrate the progress made by the town during the past year. Over 1,000,000 feet of lumber was disposed of by him in that time. He supplied the lumber for between 20 to 25 new buildings right in the town besides what was sold to the farmers. Two weekly newspapers, the Reporter and the Indicator are published here, these papers have both been in existence for some years, one of them under a different name.

Rapid City is the centre of an extensive area of good wheat land and has a widely extended trade. Its central situation; its proximity to the main line of the C. P. R.; and the fact that the Northwest Central railway runs within a mile of the town are all points in its favor which will not be overlooked by intending settlers. After returning to Minnedosa and changing cars there we run east again for about nine miles and come to

FRANKLIN

or Bridge Creek. This place was, until about the middle of December, called by the latter name, but it was then raised to the dignity of a post office and given a new name. The only store at this point is that of A. Anderson's. He conducts his business in a new stone building, which was erected in the summer of 1890. E. J. Sinett carries on a lumber and grain trade. He has a grain warehouse, with a capacity of 7,000 bushels.

NEEPAWA.

The run from Franklin to Neepawa is a short one, and it would, if the road was on a bee-line, be very much shorter, but in order to overcome some obstacle which the surface of the land presented, the line is laid very much in the shape of the letter S. The run, however, is soon made and we now come to what at first sight appears to be a small and uninteresting village, mainly composed of elevators and grain warehouses. But this impression is quickly dispelled by a sight of the body of the town which lies about half a mile to the south of the railway station. Neepawa is rather curiously laid out, the lines of business which do the most shipping being located near the railway, and the mercantile and residential portion, as was said before, nearly a half a mile from it. This cannot be said to be an advantage as it is not only very inconvenient for those residing in the town, but also for travelling men who have business to transact with the merchants. Such a division as this, also, almost invariably brings sectional jealousy, and Neepawa has found no exception to the rule, but this, we believe, will gradually die out as the inhabitants begin to see the folly of it.

A road was opened last year by the provincial Government from Neepawa to Lake Dauphin, about forty miles north. This will tend to increase the trade of the town, as the Lake

Dauphin district is in spite of its being up t. the time the road was built not very accessible, a well settled and influential section of country.

Neepawa is well supplied with stores, almost every line of goods being represented. It has three lumber yards, two of which were opened during the year 1890.

A business which is especially worthy of mention is that of R. C. Finis, miller and grain dealer. A new mill was erected by him last year and started running in November. This mill was fitted up with the view of turning out the very finest flour, and is equipped with a complete set of rolls and all necessary machinery.

The 1890 crop was, taking it all round, a satisfactory one in regard to both quality and quantity. The average yield of wheat to the acre was not far from 30 bushels, oats 45 and barley 35. The quality of course varied a great deal, according to the districts from which the grain came.

The next station to the east of Neepawa is ARDEN.

This is properly speaking a new town and although there has been one or two houses and a store here for some years, it is only recently that a disposition has been shown to forge ahead. The past year was a remarkably active one in this respect and the growth shown during that time is very creditable.

The oldest establishment in the place is that of M. E. Boughton, general storekeeper. This was opened in 1884. G. H. Rogers, of Winnipeg, is also in the general store business here, his store was opened in May last, with A. Atkinson in charge. In the latter part of December, 1890 J. Hockin opened his fruit and green grocery store. A new building was erected to carry on the business in. George Wade, formerly of Neepawa, is looking after the lumber trade of the town. His is a comparatively new business, having only been opened last year. Since that time he has supplied the lumber for over ten new buildings in the town besides what went into the surrounding country. He will add agricultural implements to his other business during the present year.

Burlington & McGiffin, contractors, are another 1890 addition to the business men of the town. A livery stable has been opened by A. McDougall. A Christie, of Shoal Lake, has opened and implement agency at this point, his first consignment of machines was received in December. In the hardware line there is W. Renwick; this is also a new venture, although Mr. Renwick is an old resident and at one time kept a general store here.

By far the most important addition to the industries of the town is Moore & McFarlane's flour mill, which was built last fall and started running in November. The capacity of this mill is 125 barrels per day. It is fitted out with ten double set of rolls, stones for middlings and a complete outfit of boulting machinery.

A joint stock company has been formed and a charter secured for the purpose of starting a cheese factory here.

Taking the eastward-bound train again we soon reach the old town of

GLADSTONE.

This is one of the oldest towns on the line. It is regularly incorporated and is well supplied with mail and telegraph facilities. It is distant from Portage la Prairie about 35 miles. There

is a grist mill and a grain elevator located at it. The total number of stores and places of business is about 29, which comprises 4 general stores, one hardware and stationery store, a butcher shop, a boot, shoe and confectionery store, and a hotel. Another lumber yard and probably another grist mill will be started soon.

This is the last town of any importance to be touched, we now, after passing Woodside, Westbourne and McDonald, arrive at Portage la Prairie again.

British Columbia Trade Letter.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10.—Business has had no exciting features during the past week. Everything goes on its quiet but progressive way. The fine weather continues and has had a very beneficial effect on all lines. The steamship Parthia arrived last evening with a full cargo from China and the Formosa is unloading a consignment of British goods. Real estate continues brisk, the demand being principally in acre property between Vancouver and Westminster and in the new municipality of North Vancouver, where a suburban town site has been laid out. The British Columbia sugar refinery product is now in the market and well liked, the price being slightly under the imported article as follows: Granulated 7½ and yellow 6½.

Parliament is jogging along in good style and promises to be productive of a great deal of useful legislation. The Independents have proved themselves in the main to be a practical, business lot of men, while the government has been all that could be desired so far as the session has gone and its record has been most satisfactory. A feature of the legislation asked for is the number of bills providing for the incorporation of various industrial enterprises. An effort has been made by the Opposition to insert a Chinese restrictive clause in all these private bills, and it is just possible that it will be done before they are finally passed. The crop of railway charters is very large, new ones cropping up every day and if one-half of them materialize the province will be a network before many years. Yesterday the first train passed over the Mission bridge and the event was duly celebrated. Several important industries are under consideration and will be announced shortly. An effort is being made to encourage and promote the poultry and dairy businesses, so that the province will no longer be dependent on outside sources. Hops will also be regularly cultivated this year for the first time. Potatoes have not advanced as expected owing to the continued fine weather. Hay is \$18 a ton and oats \$35. Game and poultry are no more seen in the market and fish is still scarce. Apples are very scarce and dear, and stocks in best creamery butter are running low.

Current prices are as follows: Meats—Dry salt, 10½ cents; breakfast bacon, 12½ cents; roll bacon, 10½ cents. Lard, in pails, 12 cents; in tins, 12½ cents; Chicago lard, compound, 12 cents. New Japanese rice is firm at 5½c per pound, while new China rice fetches \$75 a ton. Salmon, salt, \$9 per 210 lbs. barrel and canned, \$4 50 to \$5.50 per case. Shorts, \$26 per ton; chopped feed, \$32 to \$36; bran, \$25; wheat, \$35 to \$40. Flour: Manitoba Patents, \$5.75 to \$6; Manitoba Bakers, \$5 50 to \$5.75; Oregon

flour, \$5 to \$5.25; Rolled oats \$3 50 per sack, oatmeal, \$3 to \$3.50; cornmeal, \$2.50. Potatoes, \$20 00 to \$22 50 per ton; turnips and carrots, \$10 to \$12 per ton for common, and \$15 per ton for table use; onions, natives, \$5 per 100 pounds, and Spanish \$2.25 per 50 lbs. box. Best oil cake, \$40 per ton. Butter—Dairy, 15 to 23 cents per pound; cooking, 10 to 15c; creamery, 25 to 28 cents. Cheese, 12½ cents per lb.; best Ontario pickled eggs, 20 to 24c per dozen and 35 to 40c for fresh eggs

Alberta.

John Gurn has opened a restaurant at Lethbridge.

E. H. Taaffe, clothier, formerly of Winnipeg, will open out in his old line at Lethbridge.

Carson & Shore, saddlers, Calgary, have bought out the saddlery business of J. P. Ford at Macleod.

The Hudson's Bay Company have arranged for the immediate transfer to them of the Calgary business of I. G. Baker & Co.

An old resident of Victoria settlement, Edmonton district, named Harry Howse, dropped dead recently. He was about 100 years of age, and a native of Manitoba.

Robinson, a merchant of Portage la Prairie, says the Calgary *Tribune*, is in town looking for some place to settle, and Calgary, he says, is just the place he has been looking for.

The present fine weather, says the Calgary *Tribune*, of Jan. 4, has induced a number of farmers to try sowing grain, and several have sown an acre or two just by way of experiment.

The Edmonton *Bulletin* says: "Tie making is progressing favorably and the whole of the ties required for the Calgary & Edmonton railway, from Red Deer to Edmonton, will be distributed along the right of way before spring.

Assiniboia.

A creamery association has been started at Yorkton.

A movement is on foot to establish a territorial exhibition at Regina.

R. Routh has left for the old country having disposed of his business at Grenfell.

Wright & Fisher, of Salcoats, contemplate moving to Yorkton, writes a correspondent.

A car of sheep and a car of cattle has been shipped from Swift Current to the Pacific coast.

Sherlock, Freeman & Co., general merchants, have sold out their Grenfell business to Ormund Skrine, of that place. The business will be carried on under the management of W. F. Malkin.

Northwest Ontario.

J. T. Campbell has opened a blacksmith shop at Fort William.

Mr. Dickinson, formerly night editor of the *Globe*, has purchased a half interest in the Port Arthur *Sentinel*.

Bricklayers from Winnipeg have arrived, says the Fort William *Journal*, and commenced work on the C. P. R. Hotel. The brick work will proceed rapidly and be finished in a few weeks, if the mild weather which has been characteristic of the whole winter so far, continues. Lathing and shingling have commenced, and the opening of navigation will see this elegant structure completed and ready for the reception of guests.



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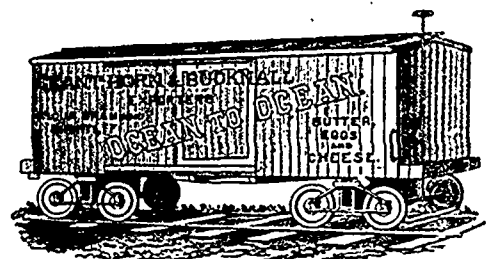
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Kamloops, B.C., has gained quite a provincial reputation as a health resort, and no doubt justly so. Its dry, bracing, equitable climate should be very beneficial, especially as a change for persons residing in a damp coast climate. On this point the *Kamloops Sentinel* says:—

A fair idea of salubrity of a place may be formed from its death rate and, no doubt, principally from that of children, for they are particularly susceptible to the influence of severity of climate or of bad sanitary conditions. The statistics for Kamloops for the past three years, according to our Government record are: 41 births, 5 deaths of children from all causes, including, at least, one accident. This is certainly a low death rate when compared with that of other places. And equally remarkable is the fact, that during the same period of time there was no case here of any infectious disease, except two cases of scarlet fever, both imported, and, according to the hospital report, only one case of typhoid fever, also imported. These facts, picked up at random, speak volumes for the salubrity of our fair town. But apart from these general considerations, Kamloops enjoys many climatic advantages which make it a desirable resort for sufferers from various diseases. And here we cite the statement of a medical man, Dr. McLean, of Riverside, Cal., who was unfortunately forced to seek the advantage of a change of climate for himself. He says: "I consider the climate of Kamloops and vicinity unsurpassed for healthfulness. It is free from all the miasmatic disorders which we so often encounter in the southern health resorts. Situated between mountain ranges which condense most of the moisture from the air, we have a dry, bracing atmosphere, free from the depressing influences found in the semi-tropics. I can especially recommend it for throat and bronchial affections, as we have the air of the desert and the invigorating influence of a northern latitude. In my own case, I have received more benefit from my few weeks residence in Kamloops and Nicola, than from any of the places I have visited between here and the Mexican frontier."

There are many others who can testify to these facts from personal experience. Nor is this to be wondered at, for the air is remarkably pure—indeed it has often been remarked, not by us who take such things as matters of course, but by people from abroad, that the sky is clearer and the stars brighter here than anywhere else. The temperature is equable, the changes from hot to cold are neither sudden nor great. Everybody knows that sudden changes of temperature are not conducive to health, whilst an equable climate in addition affords people the opportunity of keeping for many hours daily in the open air. The air, too, is dry. An umbrella is better known as a curiosity brought from the coast than as a useful personal article. The soil is dry and sandy, and sand and gravel form the best natural drainage, so that malaria is practically unknown around Kamloops. The water supplied by the waterworks is slightly alkaline, but is wonderfully free from impurities. It is pumped in from the middle of the great stream, which has natural filter in the large Shuswap Lake.

We take the liberty of publishing a letter from Mr. Berry, Analytical Chemist, from University College, London, England, who is out here for his health. He says:—

"It is not possible to form a correct opinion of the climate of a place in three weeks only, but Kamloops, in our opinion, is incomparably superior to all the other places at which we stopped when travelling lately across Canada from Quebec.

I spent four months in the early part of this autumn in Northern Italy, and the brightness and coloring here greatly resemble that part of Europe.

The amount of rain has been very slight, and owing to the strong but warm wind which we have had almost constantly, the ground was dry again almost as soon as the rain stopped. The wind here is most pleasant, being so dry and bracing.

The difference in the temperature here in the daytime and in the evening is very slight in comparison with the Riviera, where, as soon as the sun sets, the air at once becomes very chilly, and renders people very liable to catch cold.

Fur Robes and Rugs.

Fur robes of the better sort are popular, and always meet with a ready demand for fashionable consumption. Black bear is one of the leading articles, and always gives entire satisfaction. Fine robes are also made of grizzly and Polar bear skins. Wolverine robes, composed of from four to six skins are attractive, the shades of brown being contrasted with good effect. Warm and handsome robes are made of natural beaver, which is exceptionally durable; some examples in high cost robes are shown in the skins of the musk ox; the number, however, is limited.

Carriage robes that are remarkably handsome and delicate are made of white fox fur, twelve to eighteen skins being used, the tails serving as a trimming for the border; robes of this description are also employed as bed coverings. A robe for similar purposes is composed of the small skins of the ermine, lined with quilted satin. Other robes for carriage or bedroom service are of white Mandarin lamb.

Sleigh robes are shown in Hudson's Bay wolf, which is very serviceable; others are of sealskin, lynx, wild cat, gray and red fox, raccoon, black genet, Alaska marten, Hungarian lamb, and gray skimmer. These robes are all elegantly lined and are finished in excellent taste.

Stylish rugs are shown for the parlor, hallways, library and other rooms; these are made of whole skins, finished with borders of contrasting fur or trimming, so as to perfectly show the entire form of the skin used. Superb rugs for large rooms are of the whole Bengal tiger skins, finished with full mounted heads; selected leopard skins are prepared in the same way, and are very desirable. Cosily rugs are displayed in full sized Polar bear skins; these are prepared with mounted heads set at different elevations. Rugs are also used thrown over the sofa, lounge, or divan; some of the large bear rugs, with mounted heads, may be thus employed with gratifying effect, as they

always appear in good taste in association with the other decorations of the room.

Stylish rugs are also shown in Isabella bear, Siberian wolf, Axis deer, Hudson's Bay wolf, tiger cat, Iceland sheep, Canada lynx and other suitable pelts, made up with contrasting fur borders that enhance their natural attractiveness.—*New York Fur Trade Review*.

We have received from Howard, Bartles & Co., 28 Sherman street, Chicago, a copy of their grain and provision reference book. This publication contains a vast amount of statistical and other information, in handy reference form, relating to these trades. A good deal of space is given to Chicago market and crop statistics, but foreign countries are also well represented.

WAHORN'S GUIDE for February is issued. Of chief importance among the many changes it records is the boundaries and officials of the new municipalities for the current year. In railway matters it will be noticed that the train service has been extended on the Canadian Pacific railway Glenboro branch to Stockton and Methren, 21 miles west of Glenboro, and on the Souris branch trains now run as far as Hartney.

The Trade and Mining Review, published at Chicago, has been purchased by P. E. Bissell, who makes the following announcement. "The new management propose to make the *Review* thoroughly reliable. Hereafter no advertising space will be sold to any one whose business standing is doubted. Editorial favor cannot be purchased at any price." This is the proper basis for any journal, but it is one which is violated by a great many papers, and perhaps particularly by mining journals, which pursue the "write-up" system at so much a line, and "boom" properties and prospects on a financial basis, hence the unreliable nature of so much mining "information."

At the annual meeting of the Toronto board of trade President Davidson delivered his annual address. He stated that the business of the past year had not been as good as some of the more sanguine had anticipated, but the yield of the province was a good average, and the farmers had paid off their mortgages and other debts more readily than for some years past. Speaking of the extension of Canadian trade, Mr. Davidson expressed himself in favor of the intentions to extend it with England rather than in other quarters, especially in view of the McKinley bill. He spoke favorably of the objects of the Imperial institute. After referring to the mineral wealth of the country he urged the establishment of refining works in the city.

J. B. CARLILE, the veteran insurance man, has organized a new company which will be known as the Cosmopolitan Life Association. It will be a mutual company, with head office at Toronto. The company is to be conducted upon the Sheppard Homans system. "The mortality premiums, i. e., the cost of carrying the risk, should be regulated according to, and gradually increase with, the age of the insured; or if the premium is to remain uniform, then the amount of insurance at risk must decrease as the age of the insured increases." The payments of premium are to be made every two months, which will issue risks on women, also by joint policy on business partners or on husband and wife.

British Columbia.

W. D. Deeble, butcher, Nanaimo, has sold out.

J. P. Chilberg, grocer, Vancouver, has assigned.

A. York, fruits, etc., Vancouver, has assigned.

Mowat & Turner have opened in real estate at Westminster.

John Cameron, hotel, Shawnigan, has succeeded C. Morton.

A. & J. Struthers, produce, etc., Vancouver, have given up business.

The owners of the steamer Eton, have libelled the steamer City Pueblo, for \$20,000.

G. S. McConnell, jobbing dry goods, etc., Vancouver, contemplates admitting a partner.

John McCallum, tailor, Victoria, has admitted a partner under style of McCallum & Wood.

Richardson & Heathorn, Victoria, will build a tug boat to be used for towing their coal and lumber scows.

Thos. Carter & Co. will start a dog fish oil works shortly, with stations on some of the islands in the straits.

Captain Morgan, of the sealing schooner Pathfinder, is dead. The deceased came from Nova Scotia three years ago.

An agitation against the Chinese, and in favor of an eight hour law, has been worked up in Victoria and Vancouver.

Clarko, of the Union shipyard, Victoria, will shortly commence the building of a new sealing schooner, of which he will be principal owner.

Hog cholera has been discovered in the province, and hereafter hogs entering from the States will be liable to quarantine for twenty-one days.

A hundred cases of pressed brick, says the *Victoria Times*, arrived from San Francisco on the Umatilla last evening to be used in R. T. Williams' new block.

The magnificent new opera house constructed for the city of Vancouver by the Canadian Pacific Railway company and costing over \$200,000 was formally opened Feb. 9.

Thos. McLaughlin will begin business in Victoria as carriage manufacturer. He intends erecting a factory to be equipped with modern machinery for the purpose named.

The ship Villard will take away the largest cargo that has ever left any port in British Columbia. Her cargo is valued at \$350,000 and is made up of 65,000 cases of canned salmon.

T. W. Clark who some time ago sold his produce business at Vancouver to Struthers & Co. has taken it over again and will continue his trade as formerly, under the style of Clark & Co. J. Coupland is associated with him in the business.

Victoria Times: The Bank of Montreal has rented the premises formerly occupied by the Bank of British Columbia, corner of Government and Bastion streets, and will open an agency in Victoria as soon as the necessary repairs can be effected to the building.

The new wharf and warehouse erected at Lulu Island by W. H. London last summer, fell in recently. In the warehouse at the time was a quantity of hay, potatoes and grain, most of which it is thought can be saved. The loss will probably be not far short of \$1,000.

It is given out officially, says the *Free Press*, that Mr. Pinder, the engineer of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railroad, is engaged in organizing a gang of men for the purpose of starting out on a locatory survey which will be commenced at Wellington and pushed through to Comox as fast as possible, so that the practical work of extension of the railway may be commenced in the spring.

Victoria Times: Elford & Smith have secured the contract for the erection of a new 4-storey brick factory for John Weiler, furniture manufacturer, Victoria, on Humboldt street, alongside the present factory. The contract price is \$10,000, and work will be commenced immediately, and rushed for the summer trade, as Mr. Weiler finds he will have to increase his present plant considerably, the factory not being near large enough.

John Weiler, the large furniture dealer and manufacturer, of Victoria, is retiring from business, and will be succeeded by his four sons. Mr. Weiler commenced in Victoria about thirty years ago, and from a small beginning he has built up one of the most important industries in the province. The continued success of the business is assured, as the sons are all practical men, and each one will continue in charge of a department of the industry.

The New Year's supplement of the *Victoria Colonist* only came to hand last week, but we are pleased to have it nevertheless. It is an excellent publication, profusely illustrated with views of Victoria, and the engravings of new buildings given show that the city has made wonderful progress during the year 1890. The list of new buildings, as summed up by the *Colonist*, shows an expenditure in this direction during 1890 of nearly \$2,000,000, and the journal says that this year will show even greater activity in building. The issue contains a great deal of other interesting and valuable information about the city and province.

The total number of fishing licenses for salmon fishing on the Fraser river, says the *Ledger*, is limited to 500, and of this number 350 are allotted among the canneries in operation on the Fraser in the season of 1890, the allotment to be based in the case of old canneries upon their average respective packs during the last three seasons; and in the case of new canneries upon the estimate of their reasonable working capacity by the inspector. For all licenses up to twenty, inclusive, a fee of \$20 each is charged, and in excess of twenty which any cannery may receive, a fee of \$50. The remaining 150 licenses will be issued to the proprietors of freezers on the river and to fishermen, none of the latter to receive more than one license.

It is reported that a trade paper is to be established at Vancouver. There is nothing remarkable about this; but it has been currently reported through the *British Columbia Press*, that this journal was in some way associated with the Vancouver venture. It has been asserted that the founder of *THE COMMERCIAL* was interested in the proposed Vancouver paper. There is no truth whatever in these statements. No person at any time connected with this journal, so far as we are aware, and certainly not the founder who is still the publisher, has anything to do with the *British Columbia* paper. We will be pleased to have our *British Columbia* exchanges note this fact.

THE COMMERCIAL has no ill wishes for the new journal. We claim no monopoly of the field, and it is open for as many more trade journals as there are parties willing to embark in such enterprises. We do, however, assert that the parties undertaking the publication of a trade paper in Vancouver, have acted dishonorably in attaching a name to their proposed paper which conflicts with the name of this journal. *THE COMMERCIAL* has a large patronage in British Columbia, and has worked that field for years, and it would have been more honorable had the Vancouver parties selected a name which does not conflict with this journal. We think we say nothing but what is fair and just. The field is open for all, but the name of this journal should have been respected.

The following are customs returns at Vancouver during the month of January:—

Imports free	\$14,217
" dutiable	33,430
Total	\$52,658
Exports	33,544
Duties collected	\$20,795 00
Other revenue	4,657 00

Total \$24,853 00

The following are the customs collections for the port of Nanaimo for the month of January:

Customs Collections	\$4,919 21
Sick Mariners' Dues	410 00
Petroleum Inspection	15 00
Miscellaneous	1 75

Total \$5,374 96

Raw Fur Prices Abroad.

The *New York Fur Trade Review* quotes the following prices current there for No. 1 skins. Prices per skin except beaver, which is quoted by the pound,—Black bear, northern Canada, \$12 to \$25; cubs and yearlings, \$5 to \$12; brown bear, \$10 to \$14; cubs, \$3 to \$6; Grizzly, \$10 to \$15; cubs and yearlings, \$3 to \$8; fisher, northern Canada, \$4 to \$7; Otter, northern, \$6.50 to \$10; beaver, Canada and eastern, \$4 to \$4.50 per pound; beaver castor, \$4 to \$6 per pound; silver fox, \$20 to \$100; cross fox, \$3.50 to \$9; red fox, \$1.50 to \$1.65; grey fox, 60 to 75c; marten, 70c to \$2.50; mink, 70c to \$1.75; skunk, black, \$1.25 to \$1.30; skunk, half stripe, 70 to 80c; skunk, full stripe, 35 to 40c; skunk, white, 15 to 20c; raccoon, 60 to 85c; muskrat, fall, 13 to 14; muskrat, winter, 17 to 18c; lynx, \$3 to \$3 50; wild cat, 40 to 60c; prime badger, \$1 to \$1.75; rabbit, 1 to 2c; timber wolf, \$1 50 to \$2 75; prairie wolf, 70 to 85; wolverine, \$3 50 to \$5; deer skins, 22 to 32c per pound; antelope, 10 to 25c per pound; elk, 10 to 20c per pound; buckskin, 70c to \$1 per pound.

Several changes are announced in the management of the Dunn, Wyman mercantile agencies. Horace McDougall retires from the management of the Winnipeg agency, and will be succeeded by E. W. Matthews, now in charge of the agency at Victoria, B. C. F. Cockburn, of the Winnipeg office has been appointed to the management of the company's business in British Columbia. In the latter province an office will also be opened at Vancouver. These changes take effect about March first. Mr. Cockburn, who will start for the coast toward the end of February, has been five years connected with the Winnipeg office. During this time he has become acquainted with the business community here, and enjoys the confidence of those with whom he has been associated, either in a business or social way. *THE COMMERCIAL* can commend him to the business men of British Columbia, with whom he will in future be intimately associated.

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LEAVE			ARRIVE
11 00	0	Winnipeg	17 20
ar 12 50	56	Portage la Prairie	15 30 do
do 13 00			15 20 ar
14 45	91	Gladstone	13 55
15 50	117	Nepawa	12 28
16 45	135	Minnedosa	11 45
ar 17 45	150	Rapid City	10 10 de
18 24	171	Snod Lake	9 57
10 45	194	North Battleford	8 55 de
20 25	211	Binscarth	7 55
21 55			
ar 21 05	223	A Russell B.	7 15 de
21 32			
23 02	236	Langenburg D.	6 48
24 30			
24 00	262	Salcoats D.	5 50 de
ARRIVE			LEAVE

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 Central or 90th Meridian Time.)

North Bound				South Bound			
Freight	No. 118	Passenger	1st Class	Freight	No. 118	Passenger	1st Class
Miles from Winnipeg.				Miles from Winnipeg.			
11.20a	4 10p	0	0	11.30a	3.60a	0	0
11.05a	4.02p	3.0	0	11.27a	3.18a	0	0
10.45a	3.10p	9.3	0	11.51a	3.47a	0	0
10.25a	3.36p	15.3	0	12.05p	4.15a	0	0
9.55a	3.20p	23.5	0	12.22p	4.55a	0	0
9.40a	3.12p	27.4	0	12.30p	5.15a	0	0
9.20a	3.00p	32.6	0	12.41p	5.45a	0	0
8.55a	2.43p	40.4	0	12.57p	6.25a	0	0
8.30a	2.20p	46.8	0	1.12p	6.57a	0	0
7.55a	2.10p	56.0	0	1.30p	7.55a	0	0
7.20a	1.45p	65.0	0	1.50p	8.50a	0	0
6.30a	1.55p	68.1	0	2.05p	9.05a	0	0
	9.42a	161		6.50p			
	6.30a	256		9.55p			
	1.30a	343		2.00a			
	8.00p	453		7.00a			
	8.00p	481		7.05a			
	8.25p	470		8.35a			
	9.30p			11.15a			

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Mixed	No. 147	Miles	2nd Cl.	STATIONS.	Mixed	No. 149	2nd Cl.
11.50a	0			Winnipeg	4.30p		
11.37a	3			Portage Junction	4.42p		
11.10a	11			St. Charles	5.10p		
11.03a	13			Headingley	5.18p		
10.40a	21			White Plains	5.41p		
10.15a	29			Gravel Pit	6.00p		
9.55a	35			Eustace	6.27p		
9.33a	42			Oakville	6.49p		
9.05a	50			Assiniboine Bridge	7.15p		
8.50a	55			Portage la Prairie	7.30p		

MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.

Freight	No. 140	Pass'gr	No. 138	Miles	STATIONS.	Pass'gr	No. 137	Freight	No. 140
6.30p	12.50p	0	0		Morris	2.50p	9.00a		
5.15p	12.27p	10	0		Low's	3.12p	9.45a		
5.00p	12.01p	21	2		Myrtle	3.37p	10.32a		
4.40p	11.51a	25	9		Roland	3.49p	10.52a		
4.05p	11.3a	33	5		Rosebank	4.05p	11.25a		
3.25p	11.20a	39	0		Miami	4.19p	12.05p		
2.40p	11.00a	49	0		Deerwood	4.40p	12.55p		
2.27p	10.48a	54	1		Atta	4.51p	1.20p		
1.53p	10.3a	62	4		Somers	5.05p	1.57p		
1.20p	10.16a	68	4		Swan Lake	5.23p	2.25p		
21.00p	10.03a	74	0		Indian Springs	5.35p	2.49p		
12.40p	9.53a	79	4		Maricapolis	5.45p	3.14p		
12.12p	9.39a	86	1		Greenway	6.00p	3.43p		
11.45a	9.25a	92	3		Balder	6.16p	4.12p		
11.05a	9.04a	102			Belmont	6.35p	4.55p		
10.30a	8.45a	109	7		Hilton	6.52p	5.28p		
9.25a	8.25a	120			Wawanesa	7.15p	6.15p		
8.35a	8.02a	129	5		Routhwest	7.32p	7.00p		
8.02a	7.44a	137	3		Martinville	7.57p	7.37p		
7.25a	7.25a	145	1		Brandon	8.15p	8.15p		

† Meals.
 Nos. 117 and 118 run daily.
 Nos. 119 and 120 will run daily except Sunday.
 Nos. 147 and 148 run daily except Sunday.
 Nos. 140 and 137 will run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
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In Effect November 30th, 1890.

Going South.		STATION.	Going North.	
Mixed	No. 5	Daily, except Sunday.	Mixed	No. 6
7.00a	De.	Lethbridge	Ar	11.15p
11.45	Ar.	Coutts	De	6.30
		(Intern'l bound.)		
12.30p	De.	Sweet Grass	Ar	5.30
3.00		Shelby Junction		3.00
3.50		Conrad		2.00
5.25		Piccan		12.50p
7.00		Colling		10.45
9.05		Steel		8.55
9.45		Vaughan		8.15
10.30	Ar.	Great Falls	De	7.30a

Going West.		STATIONS.	Going East.	
Mixed	No. 2	Daily	Freight	No. 3
No. 2	Daily		U. ex. No. 1	Sun. Daily
6.20p	De.	Dunmore	Ar	4.45p
17.05	De.	Grassy Lake	Ar	12.45
1.25a	Ar.	Lethbridge	De	9.55a

CONNECTIONS.
 Canadian Pacific Railway at Dunmore Junction: East bound train (Atlantic Express) leaves Dunmore at 10.17 a.m.; West bound train (Pacific Express) leaves Dunmore at 5.43 p.m.
 Great Northern Railway at Great Falls. South bound train to Helena, Cutte, &c., leaves Great Falls at 10.25 a.m.; East bound train to St. Paul, &c., leaves Great Falls at 2.55 p.m.
 Macleod and Fincher Creek Stage leaves Lethbridge Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. Return from Macleod Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
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