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WINNIPEG, MARCH 4, 1895.

## Manitoba.

Eli Shilson, storekeeper, La Riviere, has given up business.

J. A. Moor, dealer in sash and doors, Brandon, has assigned.

Mr. Gocher is making arrangements for the establishing of a private bank at Souris.

T. J. Cooper, saddler, Ninga, has given up business and taken a position with E. F. Hutchings, of Winnipeg.

J. J. Wood, late with G. Murton, of Portage la Prairie, is locating in Carberry in the gent's furnishings business.

E. J. Dermody has retired as publisher of the Northwest Review, the Catholic church organ, published at Winnipeg.

It is reported that A. W. Ross has been made postmaster at Winnipeg and that Mr. Hargrave will be superannuated.

D. H. Urquhart will give up the practice of law at Pilot Mound. He contemplates going to California to restore his health.

The stock and store buildings of Gould & Elliott, general merchants, of Pierson, are offered for sale by tender up to March 15.

Reid & Gerhardt, general store, Neepawa: stock sold to W. T. Reid for 57c on the dollar, book debts sold for 15½ cents on the dollar.

N. Livingstone, of Portage la Prairie, has been making shipments of pork east and west, having dispatched several car lots recently.

Tenders will be received to March 4, for the purchase of the stock, book debts and fixtures of the hardware business of W. P. Landon, of Ninga.

The Portage Liberal newspaper comes out this week resplendent in a new dress which adds greatly to the appearance of this enterprising journal.

Gordon & Ironsides are purchasing 200 head of cattle at Portage la Prairie to be shipped to England. They are paying three cents per pound live weight.

An interesting article on the Menonites of Manitoba, occupying five pages handsomely illustrated, appears in the March number of the Northwest Magazine.

Manitoba has now a paper devoted to the poultry industry. It is called the Manitoba Poultry Monthly, and is issued at Hartney with J. H. Callander and R. T. Sibbald as editors and F. Woodhull as business manager.

The Winnipeg City Council is asking for an amendment to the act so that taxes may be paid in quarterly instalments, instead of in one lump sum, as at present.

S. A. Ripstein, men's furnishings, Winnipeg, has sold out Big Boston stock to T. Finklestein and the latter party has transferred the stock to M. Finklestein.

John Giles, of Portage la Prairie, who has been doing some pork packing to a limited extent this season, contemplates going into the business more extensively at a later date.

The grocery stock, fixtures and book debts of the estate of the late Septimus Pope, of Melita, is offered for sale by two executrix, by tender, up to March 25th, at a rate on the dollar.

English sparrows are now firmly established in Manitoba. A few of the birds were noticed here a couple of years ago and they have increased fast. They remain throughout the winter.

Letters patent of incorporation have been granted to "The Union Shoe and Leather Company, Limited," whose chief place of business will be in Winnipeg. The capital stock of the company is \$15,000.

Hunter and Moore have closed their Crystal city branch store and will continue to carry on business at Clearwater, Cartwright and Boissevain in Southern Manitoba, making Boissevain their head office.

The Central Dry Goods Company Limited, has been incorporated according to the laws of the province. The capital stock of the company has been placed at \$25,000. Winnipeg will be the chief place of business.

The stock of M. A. Amblard, liquors, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff and is advertised for sale on March 11. The book debts and bills receivable according to advertisement have been assigned by M. A. Amblard to another party.

The second of the annual exhibitions of the Manitoba poultry and pet stock association was opened in Winnipeg on Tuesday evening at Wesley Hall. The exhibition is considered a great success. The number of poultry, dogs, etc., on exhibition is larger than last year.

A Winnipeg firm last week received an order for the entire plant of a new creamery in course of erection at Newdale. The promoters of the enterprise have secured the services of R. H. Herbieson as butter-maker who acted as assistant on the provincial travelling dairy last summer.

The Winnipeg Music Company, Limited, is applying for letters patent of incorporation. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100 each. The applicants are J. S. Patterson, S. L. Barrowclough, Wm. Kirkland, Robt. C. Irving and F. B. Edmond.

Quite a change in the drug business of this town will take place within a few days, says a Portage la Prairie correspondent. John Hill will in all probability take over the east end business of B. M. Canniff by purchase. Joseph Taylor is also negotiating to sell one of his branch drug stores.

What might have been another disastrous fire occurred at Glenboro, on Monday. A lamp exploded in a room over Fumerton & Co's store, occupied by Thomas Brown. The building was badly damaged. The fire was put out with a chemical engine. The stock of Fumerton & Co. was badly damaged, principally by water. The loss is about \$3,000; insurance \$1,000, in the Western, Queen and another company. The insurance on the building, \$500 will cover the loss.

Wilson & Co., wholesale dealers in paints, oils, glass, tinware, etc., Winnipeg, advertise that they are retiring from business and selling off the stock in lots to suit purchasers. The agency of Clare Bros. & Co., stoves fur-

naces holloware, etc., will be continued by H. Wilson and a line of these goods will be kept on hand. Mr. Wilson is also arranging with several eastern firms and manufacturers to represent them here and supply their goods to the western trade direct from the east.

Thomas McMahon arrived the other day in Winnipeg, from Clifton, Washington county, state of Kansas, on his way to locate in the Edmonton district. He is being followed in the course of a week or so by a large party comprising forty to fifty persons who intend settling near him. They are under the guidance of Edward Flynn and are bringing at least six carloads of horses and effects. This is probably the commencement of a large movement of persons from that state to Western Canada.

## Circular re Vacant Lands.

Following is the circular sent out by the committee which is working in the matter of the settlement of vacant lands, and which has been forwarded to the Reeves of the different municipalities:

DEAR SIR.—As you are no doubt aware, a movement is now on foot for the settlement of our vacant lands, and a Committee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, aided by other leading men and citizens generally, is now at work to devise some means for carrying out this very necessary project. Already this committee have numerous applications for lands from intending settlers, and there is every prospect of the movement being a decided success.

Some of the municipalities around Winnipeg have, through their Reeves, expressed a desire to place the lands in their possession at the disposal of the committee, either to be given us free grants, or at nominal prices to actual settlers. The committee are anxious to place all surrounding municipalities on the same footing, showing no favor, and they wish to know if your municipality has any lands available for such purpose. If you have any, be kind enough to get an expression of opinion from your municipal council on the subject, and let the committee know what you are prepared to do, what lands you have, whether as free grants, or at what figures you will place them at the disposal of the committee to be used for actual settlers.

The committee are busy at work on all the details of this subject, and an early reply is necessary so as to enable them to get at the work of locating settlers in time for the opening of spring.

The committee would respectfully ask for a reply on the following points:

What quantity of lands are controlled by your municipality?

Would your council be disposed to offer lands owned by the municipality as free grants to actual settlers?

Would they be disposed to offer any assistance to such settlers by reversion of taxes or otherwise?

In the event of your owning lands which you are not disposed to offer as free grants, at about what price, and on what terms, would you offer them for actual settlement?

The committee would be glad to receive any suggestions bearing on the subject of settlement of these lands.

## Fur Trade News.

Roland Secord, trader, arrived last week in Winnipeg on his way to Montreal with a stock of wood buffalo skins, having come all the way from the Great Slave Lake, a thousand miles north of Edmonton.

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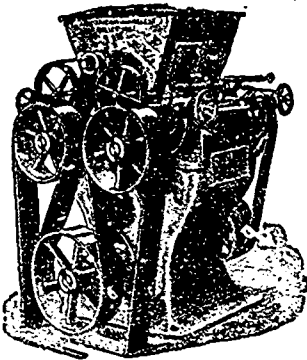
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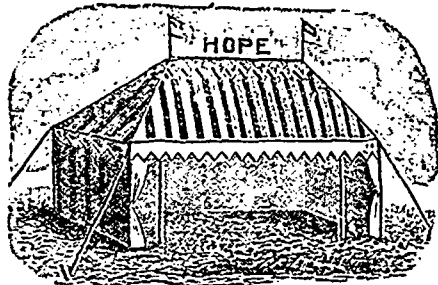
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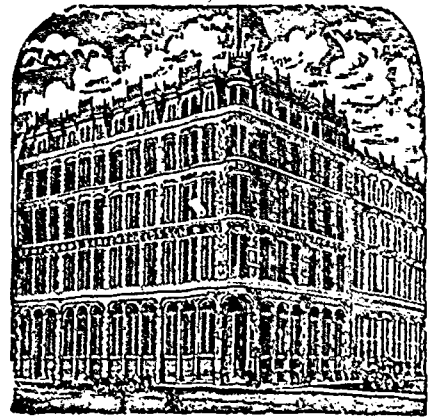


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# The Commercial

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## LIFE INSURANCE.

In our issue of February 25th, we referred to the first essential in life insurance as security. In this article we call attention to the danger of trusting to associations based upon the ridiculous assertion that the mortality among insured lives does not and will not exceed 18 to 14 in 1000, whereas the very statistics they use prove conclusively that the death rate is 23 in 1000—whether the misstatement is through gross ignorance or dishonesty makes little difference to those deceived, as the effect is the same.

Upon reference to the "Proceedings of the 19th Annual Session of the Assessment Life Associations" held in Boston September, 1891, we find the leading authority in America on assessment assurance, L. G. Fouse, reported as saying:—

"There is a point in the natural premium insurance system, that with the increased burden of the insured is an increased stimulation to select against the company. This is common sense: not only common sense, but already the experience of our companies. We are collecting data, and imperfect as it is upon this point, it is sufficient to show us, as I intimated before, a curve which is diverging from the mortality tables, showing that the selection of which I speak is already asserting itself in the older companies, and therefore it behoves the members of this convention to consider the proposition laid down in this paper, and try to cure what may become to them a great evil."

On a previous occasion he said:

"So far as the mortality element is concerned, I say to you frankly, we should adopt one of the standard tables. We (assessment companies), have no immunity from mortality, and the gain through careful selection is only temporary; its effect disappears entirely about the seventh or eighth year. Those companies which have boasted of a phenomenally low death rate they have had during the first years of their existence, will before a great while be confronted with the vengeance of the law of average. If the death rate has been phenomenally low for a term of years, it simply means that it will be phenomenally high for (approximately) a corresponding term of years. To be on the safe side, a company should always collect the tabular rate even if the death rate should be 50 per cent. below it."

Geo. D. Eldridge, now actuary and 3rd vice-president of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association at one of these conventions said:—

"Is there any reason for us to suppose that we can say we are able to furnish life insurance, as life insurance, any cheaper than the experience from old-line standard tables indicates that pure life insurance can be furnished? I see no reason for expecting that anything of the kind will occur. I see no reason for expecting that (as far as pure life insurance is concerned, and for those who have been in the companies 10 years or more), we (assessment companies), can do any better than the experience of the old-line companies shows can be done; and that is what I am getting at. It has been held out by certain parties that we can furnish life insurance cheaper, and this assumption has been based upon the

computations and calculations which have been made upon recently selected lives. Therefore, if I was going to answer this question, I would answer it that our experience shows that the premium rates for pure life insurance, based upon the calculations of mortality statistics of insurance companies, are practically the pure rates upon which we can furnish life insurance."

In the face of the above admissions, the bombastic claim of some of the assessment societies, no yet fifteen years old, in their advertising literature that they insure at about half the rates of the old line or level premium companies, should not be taken seriously by intending insurers, and it seems to us that it would not be out of the way for the government to make them withdraw their dishonest or ignorant claims, as so many otherwise careful people even among our educated business and professional men—accept their strong representations, and are ashamed afterwards to admit how cruelly they are deceived.

In a further issue we will show the practical work of the assessment companies by a comparison of the data referred to by Mr. Frouse, showing how the selection against the assessment or natural premium companies increases the cost of insurance in those associations.

## SUPPORT HOME MANUFACTURES.

SOME people who talk loudly about the "loyal" policy of protecting home industries, are disloyal enough to give the preference to imported goods when it comes to the personal matter of purchasing their own requirements. If some of the loyalty which finds vent in protective tariffs were exercised in following the principle of selecting home-manufactured goods in making purchases, it would be better in the end for some of our industries. The Commercial has always been loyal enough to advocate the cause of home-manufactures, with the purchasing public, and we do not object to give a little free advertising in the interest of home goods.

A good many persons seem to have imbibed the belief that to get a first-class article they must purchase imported wares or commodities. This idea is carried to the extent of a hobby with many. We have seen people call for imported lines of goods when they could get immeasurably better values in Canadian goods of a similar class. Much of the popular preference for imported goods in certain branches of trade is founded on an entirely wrong belief. In point of actual value for the money, the domestic manufactures as a rule are superior to the imported goods.

We heard a Winnipeg citizen state recently that he would only have one brand of ham or bacon in his house, mentioning a well-known Chicago brand of these goods. Now, we have manufactured right here in Winnipeg hams and bacon which it would be difficult to surpass in quality anywhere, and which will not yield honors to even some of the crack imported stuff. The Red Cross brand of hams and bacon, packed by J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, will certainly compare with the finest goods put up anywhere.

This is a line of manufacture which Manitoba can compete in, and when the supply of hogs increases, as it will within a few years, we will find that Manitoba bacon will hold its own in British and other export markets, with all comers. In the meantime, if those at home who outertain this foolish preference for imported goods, will give the home make a fair trial, we think they will realize the error of their past way.

We have only mentioned one line of goods, but there are other manufactures prepared right here in Winnipeg which are fully equal to the imported in quality, though sold at lower prices in most cases than is demanded for the imported wares or commodities. We might mention the Royal Crown Soap company's goods, in laundry and toilet soaps, which rank high when compared with the finest foreign manufactures in their class. In ales and beers we have Drowry's justly celebrated goods. In biscuits and confectionery, cigars, and other lines of manufactures, we have local concerns which are ably competing in quality and price with all comers.

In some special cases it is necessary to purchase imported goods to meet requirements, but as a general rule we believe Canadian goods are better value than imported wares. The heavy duty on imported goods increase the cost of the latter in many cases to a figure much beyond the regular price of domestic wares. In some classes of goods which are manufactured to good advantage at home, there are special lines of imported goods which may suit the tastes of particular persons, but in point of value for the money in the staple lines, there is usually quite a difference in favor of the home makes.

## THE EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.

THE debate in the Manitoba legislature indicated that the majority of the country members are quite favorably disposed toward the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition. Mr. Rutherford of Portage la Prairie, who is one of the most level headed members of the legislature, and one who from his profession as a veterinary surgeon is well qualified to speak on this particular subject, declared that the exhibition had been the means of greatly improving the quality of the herds and flocks of Manitoba. The government would evidently have been supported by the legislature in naming a much larger sum in the grant to the exhibition. The statement has been advocated that it would be a good plan to change the name to the "Manitoba Industrial," or the "Provincial Industrial," instead of the Winnipeg Industrial. If it would extend the usefulness of the exhibition, we see no strong objection to the change. Still, as the exhibition has drawn its principal support from Winnipeg, the city seems entitled to the honor of having its name associated with that of the exhibition. If the province is prepared to put up a reasonable share of the expense of carrying on the association, there would then be good ground for demanding a change in the name.

While referring to the exhibition it is very pleasing to note that the Canadian Pacific railway company has decided to extend the



same favors to the exhibition in the matter of transportation, that has been so generously granted in previous years. This action of the railways ensures the success of the exhibition for 1895.

### THE QUARANTINE KEEPS OUT SETTLERS.

THE question of the quarantine regulations for live stock entering Canada was discussed at a meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade held on Tuesday last. The question was referred to the council of the board of trade by the committee which is now working in the interest of the settlement of the vacant lands in the organized municipalities of Manitoba. This matter of the quarantine regulations is a most vital one in connection with immigration from the United States. Under the present regulations there is a quarantine of ninety days against live stock brought in from the United States by incoming settlers. These regulations are undoubtedly keeping out hundreds and thousands of good settlers who would otherwise move here from the western states and bring their stock and effects along with them. At present a large movement of people is going on from the drought-stricken regions of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota and other parts of the western states. The farmers who are leaving these districts find it almost impossible to dispose of their stock, owing to the very low prices which prevail there. Many of them would like to come to Canada and bring their live stock along with them but the ninety-days quarantine at the boundary practically paralyzes the movement in this direction. Every day letters are received in Winnipeg from parties in the States, stating that the only thing that prevents them from coming here is the quarantine regulations, and asking if some modification cannot be made in their behalf. In fact the situation is just this, that we cannot derive anything like the advantage we should reap from the present movement from the western states, under the present quarantine regulations. These western states at the present time afford by far the most promising field wherein to seek settlers for our broad prairies and park lands, were it not for the quarantine regulations. Immigrants from Europe are not affected by the quarantine regulations because they do not bring live stock along with them. In the case of these western states' farmers, they cannot afford to sacrifice their live stock in order to come to Canada, neither can they stand the expense of the quarantine if they came with their stock. They are thus compelled to remain where they are, or seek homes in more favored localities in their own country.

This is the view of the case which The Commercial can present from the standpoint of the immigration question. On the other hand, there is the very important consideration of protection to our live stock interests at home. At the present time Canadian cattle do not enjoy any advantage in British markets over cattle from the United States. Our authorities, however, hope to obtain the

admission of Canadian cattle into British markets on more favorable terms than is now accorded the cattle of either country. This is the principal reason for the strict quarantine kept up. If it can be shown that Canadian cattle are free from disease, and a strict quarantine is maintained to prevent the admission of diseased cattle into the country from abroad, it is hoped that this will influence the British government in time to remove the disabilities now placed upon Canadian cattle in British ports. However, the British government has for the past two seasons stoutly refused to make any changes in favor of the importers of Canadian cattle, and there does not appear to be any hope at the present time that our cattle will be accorded any more favorable treatment in British ports. This being the case, it is worth while considering whether it is advisable to deprive ourselves of thousands of excellent settlers who are anxious to come to the country in the vain endeavor to induce the British authorities to grant us more favorable treatment of our cattle in their markets. It would, of course, be necessary to have a close inspection of live stock brought into the country, with the object of preventing the introduction of disease, in the interests of our farmers, quite aside from the export trade interests. A long quarantine, however, would hardly be necessary for this purpose. A simple inspection of the animals on entering, and the detention of any suspicious cases would seem to fill such requirements. If our cattle are to be subject to the same regulation as cattle from the United States, on arrival at British ports, these quarantine regulations, which are keeping out so many valuable settlers, might as well be very materially modified in the interests of immigration from the western states.

### SETTLING OUR VACANT LANDS.

In obtaining settlers for vacant lands in organized districts, the great necessity is land at merely nominal prices, if not absolutely free. The idea of free land is very strong in the minds of nearly all immigrants who come here. They prefer going to remote districts where they can get free government land, in preference to paying even a very low price in the organized districts. All the arguments to show the advantage of locating in a settled district, near markets, railroads, schools, churches, etc., weigh but little with the average newcomer, when it means paying a few dollars per acre for the land in the settled districts, as against the free land to be obtained by going to more distant parts of the country. As The Commercial pointed out in an article on this question last week, the first thing necessary is, therefore, to offer our lands on a basis which will attract settlers. There are plenty of good settlers obtainable if the lands can be secured on the right basis. If the municipalities and other bodies and persons holding land in the organized municipalities are not prepared to come forward and offer them for settlement on such a basis, the present movement to secure settler might as well be dropped at once. It is, therefore, greatly to be desired in the interest of the

movement, that municipalities especially should at once come to the decision to make their lands available for settlement on specially favorable terms.

Next to securing the lands on the right basis, the question of drainage is of most importance as regards settlement in a number of districts in the eastern portion of Manitoba. There is no richer land to be found anywhere, but a thorough system of drainage must be carried out to render large areas of these lands really valuable for settlement. This matter of drainage has not been given the attention which it should have received in past years. The members of the government, however, appear to be alive at present to the importance of drainage, and doubtless better progress will be made in the immediate future in this matter.

### THE MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT.

UNDER the head of "Preferences," in an article in The Commercial of last week, we mentioned the marriage settlement as one very objectionable feature or form of preferred claim. More might be said upon this subject than could be presented in a general article. It seems only reasonable to contend that marriage settlements should be registered within a reasonable time, in order to maintain their validity. We have had some shameful exhibitions in Manitoba, of a wife suddenly stopping in and selling out her husband, under a marriage settlement claim, leaving other creditors without any means of enforcing payment of their just claims. The marriage settlement had been kept secret for years, and jobbers went on freely selling to the parties, in entire ignorance of the existence of a secret claim of the wife against her husband.

There is every reason to believe that these marriage settlements are made use of to defraud, knowing that the claim of the wife can be kept secret and from the knowledge of the creditors. It can then be made use of by a thoroughly unprincipled person, to perpetrate a most villainous system of robbery of his creditors, in a manner which would put an ordinary highway robber to shame.

Legalized stealing in this manner should be guarded against by providing for the compulsory registration of such claims. Even aside from the opportunity of planning a robbery of creditors, the wife has a special knowledge of her husband's affairs and it is not fair that she should be entitled to hold a secret claim against him of this nature, as it gives her an undue advantage over the other creditors. If it were compulsory to register claims of this nature, then the ordinary creditors of a trader would know where they stood and they could govern themselves accordingly. It is the secrecy of the thing which is most objectionable. There are a number of ways in which the dishonest trader can play into the hands of his wife, his sister or cousin or aunt, or some other relative, to the disadvantage of his ordinary creditors, without providing special ways for doing dirty work of this nature.

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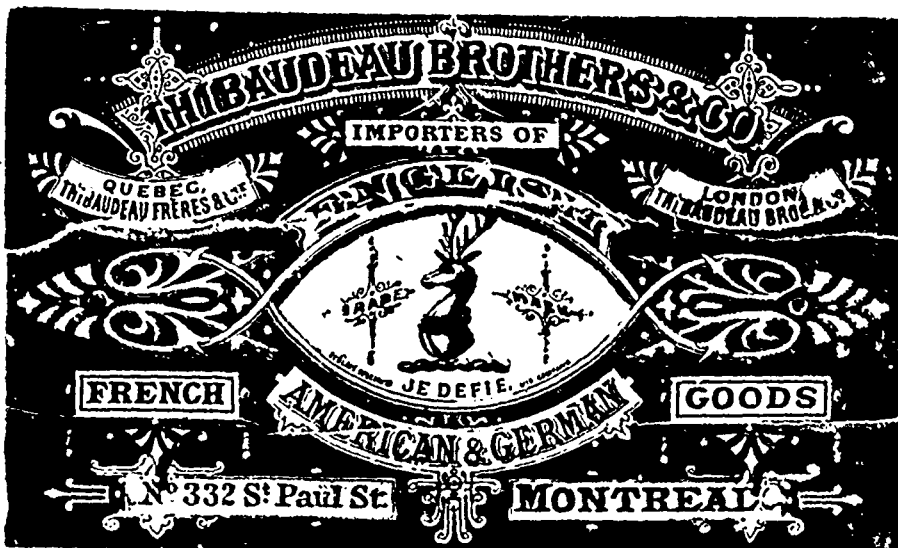
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**THE BUSINESS SITUATION.**

WINNIPEG, Saturday, March 9.

The weather has been about reasonable. Labor is rather better employed, a good many men having been engaged to go to the woods to get out tie, cordwood, cedar blocks, etc. There are rumors of railway work to go on in the spring, in connection with the Hudson Bay and Duluth and Winnipeg roads, all more or less indefinite. The immigration season has set in. Arrivals of new settlers were considerably augmented this week. A party of British and Eastern Canada immigrants arrived one day this week, numbering about 150 persons. Immigration prospects are not considered very good for this year. Mercantile payments were not as good on the 4th of March as they were a month ago. The general report is poor. A feature of the week was the opening of the export season for cattle. A train load of Manitoba cattle went forward this week for export via Halifax. Another new trade feature was the shipment of a car of Manitoba dairy butter to England, with the object of testing the market there for this class of butter.

**WINNIPEG MARKETS.**

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Mar. 9.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

**GROCERIES.**—A week ago we quoted 8½c for granulated sugar at the refineries, and 8½c for second grade of granulated. Though each succeeding drop in prices has been spoken of as reaching the lowest possible basis, it is said that even the quotations of a week ago have since been shaded by Canadian refiners. Large lots of granulated are said to have been booked at 8 5-16c, though 8½c was asked for smaller quantities of No. 1 grade. Yellows sold at 2½ to 3c at the refineries, and even 1-16c lower. Though Canadian refiners were lower, New York was reported firmer at 3 13-16c for granulated. In canned goods the maximum prices quoted by the associated canners' are the same, the only recent change being the advancing of some brands which were quoted at a discount from other brands. The association canners' reports are all very strong and they claim to have a firm grip on the situation for the balance of the present season at least, there being little or no goods outside of the association. Whether the association will hold for another year is still a debatable question. One cannery has recently been dropped from the association on the alleged reason that the goods packed by the factory in question were inferior in quality and were giving the association a good deal of trouble in consequence. Whether the reason given is the real one, it is a fact that the brands of one concern have been dropped from the association lists. There are about 25 canning factories altogether, about ten of which are outside of the association, but a movement is now on foot to get a number of these into the association for the next season. A good many of the jobbers are hostile to the canned goods association, but others admit that the steadier prices which have ruled as a result of the association methods has been a benefit to the jobbers. In dried fruits currants are very firm, this fruit having tended steadily upward since the new crop came on the market. Primary currant markets have almost doubled in price quotations. Instead of an advance in salt as a result of the recent meetings of Ontario man-

ufacturers, prices have taken a further drop. The Ontario salt industry is said to be in very bad shape, owing to prices being below a profitable basis.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—Choice apples are very scarce. Really choice stock is hard to get, and as high as \$6 per barrel has been asked. Fair to good bring \$1 to \$5 per barrel. California oranges are selling well. Prices are as follows: California oranges, seedlings, \$1 per box; California Navel oranges, \$1.50 per box, Messina lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 per box; apples \$1 to \$6 per barrel as to quality and condition California Easter Beurro pears \$1.50 per box; bananas, when obtainable, \$3 to 4.50 per bunch; Malaga grapes, \$11.50 per large keg, Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate of 50 lbs. Layer figs, 10 lb boxes, 15c per pound. Sweet potatoes, \$5.50 per barrel. White comb honey, 22c a lb; new dates, 7 to 7½c a lb.

**FISH.**—There is a good supply of fresh sea and fresh water fish. We quote: British Columbia salmon, 1½ lb; British Columbia halibut, 1½c; Fresh mackerel, 12½c lb.; cod, 7c; haddock, 8c; smelts, 12½c; sea herring, 8½c dozen; Lake Superior herring, 25c doz; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, round (not gutted) 4c; whitefish slit, 5c; pickerel, 2½ to 3c; pike 1½ to 2c; perch, 2c; smoked whitefish, 8c lb; smoked goldeyes, 30 to 35c dozen; red herring 20c box; finen haddies, 6½c lb; Oysters, \$2 for standards and \$2.25 for selects, per gallon. Shell oysters, \$7.50 per barrel; cans, selects, 48c; cans, standards, 45c each; dry cod, 7c lb; boneless cod, 7 to 7½c; boneless fish 6c.

**NUTS.**—Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 15 to 16c, wainuts, 17 to 18c, filberts, 12 to 18c. New Chestnuts, 12½ to 15c lb; Figs, new layers, 15 to 22c; Cooking figs, 8 to 9c, dates, 8 to 10c. Cocoanuts \$1 to \$1.20 per dozen.

**CANNED MEATS:—**

Corned beef	2 lb tins, per case of 1 dozen	\$2 65
Roast Beef	2 " " " 1 " "	2 75
Brawn	2 " " " 1 " "	2 65
Figs Feet	2 " " " 1 " "	2 25
Wrench Tr	2 " " " 1 " "	7 65
Wrench Tr	2 " " " 2 " "	7 50
Ox Tongue	1 " " " 1 " "	6 70
Chipped Dried Beef	" " " 2 " "	5 25
Compressed Ham	1 " " " 2 " "	4 60

**FLUID BEEF, ETC.**—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2, 4oz., \$1.50, No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88. No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$21.30. Staminial—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55, do, 4oz., \$5.10; do, 8 oz., \$7.65; do, 16oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$4.25.

**DRY GOODS.**—The recent spring millinery openings took a few representatives of western houses East. Spring goods are going out slowly. An eastern report says: "Prices are generally firm, especially in woollens. Higher prices for all lines of coarse Canadian woollens for next season are regarded as a certainty. The stocks of Canadian fleece wool are reduced to a minimum, and prices are decidedly firmer than they were at the beginning of the year."

**WOOD FUEL.**—Prices for cordwood remain much about the same. Some of the larger shippers refuse to accept present prices and are holding higher, but they are not selling anything. Plenty of tamarac is to be had at \$3.25 to \$3.60 per cord on track here, as to quality, and pine about \$3.00 per cord. Oak brings about the same as tamarac, and extra good oak goes a little better sometimes. Poplar ranges about \$2 to \$2.25 per cord on track here.

**COAL.**—Prices delivered to consumers in Winnipeg are as follows. Imported anthracite, \$9 per ton for egg, stove and nut sizes, western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton for stove and furnace size, and \$6.50 for small nut; Leth-

bridge bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; Souris lignite, \$1.25 delivered or \$3.75 on cars here, and \$1.50 to \$1.75 on cars at the mines.

**LEATHER.**—The Winnipeg dealers have not published their new spring list yet. The changes in prices at which the new season will open, however, were foreshadowed in our report of last week, and there have been no new developments since then.

**RAW FURS.**—Now that the Manitoba legislature is in session, it might be a good time to pass some legislation to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals out of season. There is a very heavy loss to the country every year on furs killed out of season. These fur-bearing animals are a source of wealth to the country, and it would be wisdom to protect them. The loss in Manitoba from the destruction of fur-bearing animals out of season is probably not less than \$100,000 every year, and more likely it is nearly double this sum. Of course in passing such a law, destructive animals such as the coyote could be left off the protected list, but we think bear should be protected, as it is very rarely indeed that we hear of them doing any harm to man or to domestic animals. The next fur sales in London begin on March 18, when the Henson's Bay Co. and C. M. Lampson & Co. have sales extending over several days. C. M. Lampson & Co. will offer at the March sale the following number of skins in the classes named. Dry fur seal, 700; Red fox, 65,000; Blue fox, 3,600; Silver fox, 1,400; Cross fox, 5,000; Russian sable, 8,000; Sea Otter, 1,200; Wolverine, 600; Fisher, 3,000; Lynx, 5,000; Otter, 6,000; Marton, 50,000; Beaver, 6,000; Bear, 7,500.

**HARDWARE PAINTS, ETC.**—There is no change in the local market, owing to the fact that business is light and no new importations are coming in. Turpentine is very firm, but this market has not yet followed the sharp advances made in other markets. Another advance of 8c was reported from Montreal this week, making 8c advance there altogether. Stocks at both Toronto and Montreal are said to be light and they cannot be replenished at present except at much higher cost, prices having advanced about 7c in the States. In oils, castor oil is easier, but cod and seal oil have been strong at higher prices. "At this period in years gone by," says a Montreal paper, "there used to be large sales of Scotch and English Pig iron for spring importation covering thousands of tons; but that time is passed, and in its place business is transacted more on a spot basis, either in the Canadian or American product. The only sale we heard of during the week was a lot of Canadian pig iron at \$16.50.

**DRUGS.**—We referred last week to the big advance in cod liver oil, owing to the short Norwegian supply, the oil having about doubled in price within a brief period. It is held at \$1 75 to \$2 per gallon in Montreal, for Norwegian, or about \$50 per barrel. In 1893 Norwegian oil reached the big price of \$100 per barrel, and it is said the supply is shorter now than at any time since that date. Latest advices from New York reported a slightly easier feeling there, holders being inclined to realize the big profits on lots bought at the low prices ruling a short time ago. Cables were received at New York from Norway offering slightly lower. Wood alcohol manufacturers in the United States have advanced prices 20 cents per gallon. This is simply a restoration of a drop in prices made a year ago, when it was feared alcohol would be made free of duty. This fear having passed away, the prices have been restored. Cream of tartar and camphor are firmer. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Alum, per pound, 3½ to 4½c, alcohol, \$4.75; bleaching powder, per pound, 6 to 8c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 18c;

bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor, ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c; copernic, 3 1/2 to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$7.50 to \$8.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; opium salts, 3 1/2 to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 30 to 40c; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 85 to 15c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to 2.25. Opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; oil, olivo, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, U.S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to 1.50; oxallic acid, 18 to 16c; potash iodide, \$1.25 to \$1.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg 3 1/2 to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg 4.12 pounds, \$3.75 to \$1.25; sal soda, \$2.00 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb, 45 to 55.

#### PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

**WHITE LEADS.**—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, \$6 per 100-lb kegs; white lead, No. 1, per 100 lbs., \$5.50; white lead, No. 2, \$5.00, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 10c.

**PREPARED PAINTS.**—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.25 to \$1.35.

**DRY COLORS.**—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre, 2 1/2c; golden ochre, 5c; Venetian, red, French, 3 1/2c; Venetian, red, English, 3 1/2c; English purple oxides, 4 1/2c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. 1c per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c; English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 90c per lb.; less than bags, per lb., \$1.

**VARNISHES.**—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35, pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

**SUNDRIES.**—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12 1/2 to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$3.50; benzine, per case, \$3.50; benzol and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.50; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.25; plaster, per barrel, \$3.00; plasterer's hair, \$1.10 per bale; putty, in barrels, per lb., 9c; less than barrels,

**WINDOW GLASS.**—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet.

**LINSEED OIL.**—Raw, per gal. 65c; boiled, per gal., 68c in barrels.

**TURPENTINE.**—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 65c; less than barrels, per gallon, 70c.

**OILS.**—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 30 to 40c; cylinder oil, 45 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.25; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

**REFINED PETROLEUM.**—Quotations in Winnipeg, delivered from tanks, are as follows: Silver star, 16c; crescent, 20c; oleophene, 22c. In barrels for shipment to country points, add 2 1/2c per gallon for silver star and 1 1/2c per gallon for other grades to above prices. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 28c for eocene and 21c for sunlight.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT.**—Wheat has held fairly steady this week in leading markets. The visible

supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains for the week ended Saturday, March 2, shows a decrease of 715,000 bus. against a decrease of 1,688,000 bus. for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 175,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago. The total supply is now 78,761,000 bushels, and a year ago was 75,569,000 bushels. Breadstuffs on ocean passage increased 800,000 bushels. Last week the English visible supply decreased 500,000 bushels. Exports from Russia and other Eastern European ports were only 1,600,000 bus. last week, while American exports last week increased to 2,689,000 bus. Bradstreet reports a decrease during February of nearly 9,500,000 bushels in United States and Canadian wheat stocks. Exports of wheat, from both coasts of the United States, this week, have again increased sharply, aggregating 3,272,000 bushels, against 2,689,000 bushels last week, 2,851,000 bushels in the week a year ago, about the same quantity in the week two years ago and as compared with 3,751,000 bushels in the first week of March, 1892.

**LOCAL WHEAT.**—The local situation remains very dull. As the bulk of the wheat held has cost more than buyers will now pay, there is next to nothing doing, holders preferring to carry the stuff in the hope of making a profit later. At the same time, the quantity of wheat held by others than millers is not large. The limited quantity of wheat which has been marketing in the country for a number of weeks back has been about all taken by the millers. Stocks at lake ports (Fort William) are less than half what they were a year ago, being only \$92,490 bushels, and over 2,000,000 a year ago. Stocks at lake ports and all interior points are estimated at about 3,250,000 bushels. Estimates are that 1,500,000 bus. of No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat are left unsold at New York, Boston and Buffalo, of which about 800,000 to 1,000,000 are put down for New York, 200,000 for Boston and 250,000 bus. at Buffalo, with considerable more sold and not yet shipped. Values here are about the same. We quote May No. 1 hard, Fort William delivery, at 65 to 66c. Cash wheat about 52c on track country points.

**FLOUR.**—Prices are steady and unchanged. Sales by millers are made at \$1.25 for patents and \$1.65 for strong bakers per sack of 94 lbs., delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash in 30 days. Sales of country mills have been made at about 10c under these quotations on track here.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—Prices are steady. The quotation is \$12 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices are firm. Prices range from \$18 to \$20 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

**OATMEAL.**—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades. Oatmeal has been advancing in Ontario lately, in sympathy with the higher price for oats there. Rolled oats have sold there at \$1.90 to \$2 per bag.

**OATS.**—For ordinary feed oats prices are about the same. The bulk of farmers loads here are taken at 29c per bushel of 41 pounds, for feed grade and about 30c for milling quality. There is some demand for choice clean samples for seed. Car lots are held at 29c on track here for feed grade and up to 30c for milling oats. We heard of one car of choice selling at 30c, and for a car of fancy Banner oats 32c per bushel was paid for seed purposes.

**BARLEY.**—Barley is very firm, in consequence of a demand for seed purposes and

light offerings, and feed barley is also firm. Loads of pretty poor feed quality have sold at 37c per bushel of 48 pounds, and car lots of feed are held at 37 to 38c here. For a nice clean sample suitable for seed 40c per bushel would be asked, and even a little better might be got for a fancy sample.

**OIL CAKE.**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

**BUTTER.**—Dealers still report that it is practically impossible to sell anything locally, as city retail dealers are supplied direct from farmers. The quantity of butter which has been offered by farmers and truck traders this winter is remarkable. We quote 10 to 14c per lb. for fall and summer dairy, as to quality, but this price is simply nominal, as there is scarcely any sale. To show how low Eastern Canada markets are, Toronto quotes 9 to 10c for held dairy, and only 14 to 15c for fresh made dairy. A feature of the local market this week is the shipment of a car of Manitoba held dairy to England. As a means of getting rid of a commodity which cannot be sold here, the export is all right, as the stuff might as well be sold somewhere for what it will bring, regardless of loss; and it will relieve the overloaded local market some. As an experiment to find a profitable market for Manitoba dairy butter, it is hardly possible that any good can result from this export shipment to England. With British markets stocked with an abundant supply of the finest fresh butter the world can produce, it is a forlorn hope to think of working up a market there for the irregular quality of held Manitoba dairy.

**CHEESE.**—Jobbing price quoted at 10c.

**EGGS.**—Stocks of lined are getting low. Holders of such have been pushing them off as fast as they could for some time, and a good many have been sent to British Columbia markets. The season has been an unprofitable one for packers of eggs. Prices have ruled too low to make any money for packers. Owing to the mild weather and a larger supply than usual of fresh, holders of lined pushed them off at low prices. Fresh are held at 17 to 18c, and lined at 10 to 15c, as to quality.

**CURED MEATS.**—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10 1/2c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 10 1/2c; do backs 10c; picnic hams, 9c; short spiced rolls, 8c; long rolls, 8 1/2c; shoulders, 8 1/2c; smoked jowls, 5c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7 1/2c; shoulders, 7 1/2c; backs, 8 1/2c; barrel pork, mess pork, \$14.00; fancy mess, \$14.50; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c.

**LARD.**—We quote: Pure, \$1.90 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3 and 5 pound tins, \$6 per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8 1/2c lb.

**POULTRY.**—Chickens are usually offered at 5 to 6c ducks at 8c, geese 8c and turkeys at 10. Demand dull.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—There is not much change in meats. Mutton is rather easier, the demand being very dull, and it is hard to sell held frozen mutton. Most of the butchers have a little frozen mutton on hand, and some have more than will last them until warmer weather weather sets in. We quote mutton at 7c to 8c as to quality, nicely dressed fresh killed will bring 8c per pound. Hogs are rather a little firmer, owing to local buying to ship east. One firm are making up three or four car lots to go east next week, some of which will be shipped through from Manitoba country points and some made up here. We quote \$1.30 to \$1.40 per 100 pounds for dressed hogs. Two cars of Manitoba hogs were reported sold in Toronto this week for

\$5.50, and the market there was firm, \$5.60 having been paid on Tuesday. Beef is quiet. Choice frozen beef will bring 4 to 4½c per lb. for sides, with a limited demand, but poorer qualities are hard to sell now, the shipping demand for the lumber woods, etc., being over for the season. One lot of rough beef was offered at 8c per lb, sides, without a buyer.

HIDES—There is very little doing. It is said that some butchers send their No. 1 hides to their regular dealer and sell them on grade, and their No. 2 and branded hides they roll up, and after freezing them, send them on the street market to sell as farmer hides at a flat rate. By this process they get about 1c more per lb for their No. 2 hides than if they were sold on grade. While there is some talk of this, it is not likely that much of it is done, as a matter of fact the number of butcher hides in the winter is small. If they wished to do so, butchers could freeze their hides and sell them openly at a flat rate. We quote: Winnipeg inspection 8½c for No. 1 cows, 2½c for No. 2, and 1½c for No. 3, and 4½c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 3½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Green frozen hides as they run 9c to 9½c. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 4 to 5c per lb. Kips 2½ to 3c. Sheep and lamb skins, 40 to 45c for fresh, large skins. Tallow, 4½ to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

SENECA ROOT.—Dull and nominal at 18 to 20c.

FLAX.—Cash flax was quoted at \$1.40 at in Chicago on Thursday. An advance of ½c in the week.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 40c to 45c per bushel. Onions, 8c per lb; cabbage, 3c per lb. for good to 2c for poor stock. celery, 25 to 50c per dozen as to quality, which varies widely. Carrots, 50c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips; 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.

HAY.—Loose hay is selling on the street at about \$3 to \$3.50 per ton. Baled is held at about \$1 per ton on track at point of shipment. Quotations have several times been asked from local dealers to ship timothy hay to eastern points. It should be understood that our quotations are for wild prairie hay. The native prairie hay is so abundant and can be had simply for the cutting so that farmers here do not cultivate hay crops to any extent but rely on the wild grasses. There is no cultivated hay available for shipment.

LIVE STOCK.—The feature of the live stock situation has been the shipment of a train load of Manitoba cattle for export. A lot of 300 cattle and 500 or 600 hogs were shipped eastward in the early part of the week by Gordon & Ironsides. The cattle are destined for England, via Halifax. The hogs for the Montreal market. This is not the first shipment of cattle and hogs ever made from Manitoba in the winter, as the daily papers have put it. Several small lots of cattle and hogs have gone east this winter for Eastern Canada markets. It is however, the first direct export shipment of cattle over made from Manitoba in the winter season. The animals were shipped in combination cars, or box cars with small windows, instead of the open box cars which are used in the summer season. The result of this winter export shipment will be awaited with interest. The price paid for the cattle was 3c per lb in the country to the farmers. We quote local prices off cars here at 3c per lb for best heaves, and 2½c for medium; hogs steady at 3½c per lb. Sheep have been offered to ship here, at 4c in the country and refused. The demand is slower for sheep, as some lots of country mutton have come

forward, and the consumption of mutton is small. We quote sheep at 3½ to 4c off cars here, live weight.

The Toronto market on the regular market day on Tuesday was a little better for cattle, but there is lots of room for improvement yet. Sheep were weak owing to large supply. Hogs firmer all round. The following was the range of prices at Toronto: Cattle, picked, \$3 to \$3.25; choice, \$2.75 to \$3.00; medium, \$2.50 to \$3.00; bulls and mixed, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt. Sheep and lambs, butchers' sheep, per pound, 3 to 3½c; lambs, choice, per pound, 4 to 4½c. Hogs, long lean, per cwt. (off cars) \$1.30 to \$1.35; thick fat, \$1.15 to \$1.20; stores, \$1. stags, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—March, 59½; May 59½; July, 60½.  
 Tuesday—March, 59½; May 59½; July 60½.  
 Wednesday—March, 59; May, 59½; July, 60½.  
 Thursday—March, 59½; May, 59½; July, 60½.  
 Friday—March, 59½; May, 59½; July, 60½.  
 Saturday—March, 59½; May, 59½; July, 60½.

A week ago prices closed at 59c for March and 59½c for May. A year ago May wheat closed at 61½c, and two years ago at 67c. No. 1 hard is quoted at 1c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern 3c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened firm on Monday and had a fairly strong day throughout. May wheat started at 51½ to 51¾c and ranged upward to 55½c. Cash wheat was about ½c higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat .....	52½	51¾	55½
Corn .....	43	44½	44½
Oats .....	—	29½	27½
Mess Pork ..	—	10 52½	—
Lard .....	—	6 57½	6 70
Short Ribs .	—	5 27½	5 52½

On Tuesday the opening was weak, influenced by lower cables and large domestic receipts. May wheat started at 51½c and ranged between 51½c and 51¾c, closing at the bottom. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat .....	52½	51¾	55½
Corn .....	43	44½	44½
Oats .....	—	29½	27½
Mess Pork ..	—	10 45	—
Lard .....	—	6 55	6 67½
Short Ribs..	—	5 37½	5 50

On Wednesday wheat was weak. May wheat opened at about 51½c and the range during the day was from 51½c to 51¾c. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat ..	51¾	53¾	51¾
Corn ....	42¾	44¾	44¾
Oats .....	—	28¾-29	27¾
Mess Pork ..	—	10 62½	—
Lard .....	—	6 55	6 67½
Short Ribs	—	5 42½	5 57½

Wheat was rather irregular on Thursday and bearish sentiment predominated. May wheat ranged from 53½c to 51¾c. Hog products made a sharp advance. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May	June	July.
Wheat ...	51¾	53¾	—	51¾
Corn .....	42¾	44¾	—	44¾
Oats .....	—	29	28¾	27¾
Mess Pork ..	—	10 85	—	—
Lard .....	—	6 62½	—	6 75
Short Ribs..	—	5 60	—	5 72½

Wheat opened strong on Friday, influenced by higher Liverpool cables. May wheat touched 51¾c, but the bull gain was not held. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July.	Sept
Wheat ...	52	51¾	—	55½	—
Corn .....	43½	45½	—	45	—
Oats .....	—	29½	29	27½	—
Mess Pork	—	11 00	—	—	—
Lard .....	—	6 65	—	6 77½	—
Short Ribs	—	5 62½	—	5 75	—

On Saturday, March 9, closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat ....	52¾	55	55
Corn .....	44	45½	45½
Oats .....	28½	29½	27½
Mess Pork ..	10 75	10 95	—
Lard .....	—	—	—
Short Ribs .	—	—	—

A week ago May wheat closed at 51¾c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 54½c for March delivery, May at 58½c, and July at 59½c. A week ago March wheat closed at 58c, and May at 57½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, March 9, May wheat closed at 59½c and July at 60c. A week ago wheat closed at 59½c for May and 59½c for July.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express, of March 1, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheats have been sixpence dearer. Since the beginning of March foreign wheats have rallied. American red winter cargoes fetching 2½s 3d per quarter, and California 4s 11d per central. To-day English wheats are firm.

Live Stock Markets.

British cables on Monday, March 4 were as follows: The receipts of cattle at London were fair. The feeling was firmer and prices advanced ½c. per lb., finest steers selling at 12c. In Liverpool there was no change in cattle or sheep.

	Liverpool.	London.
Finest steers .....	11c.	12c.
Good to choice .....	10½c.	11½c.
Poor to medium .....	9½c.	10½c.
Inferior and bulls .....	7 to 8½c.	5½ to 9½c.
Best sheep .....	13c.	13c.
Secondary .....	11 to 12c.	11 to 12c.
Merinoes .....	10½ to 11½c.	10½ to 11½c.
Inferior and rams .....	8 to 9½c.	8 to 9½c.

At Montreal on March, 4, at the east end abattoir the drovers, as well as the cattle, seemed to feel the effects of the severe weather, and things looked rather blue in the way of business. A few head of the best heaves were sold at 3½ to 3¾c per lb., but most of the sales of fair conditioned animals were made at 3½c., while pretty good beasts sold at 2½ to 3c. Several good large bulls were bought by a Quebec dealer at 3 to 3½c per lb. A large number of cattle were not sold. There were no good lambs on the market, and mixed lots sold at 4c to 4½c per lb., and old sheep at 3½c do.

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### Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the weeks of ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 hard.....	25	16	43	26	44
No. 2 hard.....	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern.....	2	1	1	2	1
No. 2 Northern.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white type.....	0	2	0	0	0
No. 2 white type.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	0	1	0	0	0
No. 1 R-fected.....	0	4	0	4	6
No. 2 R-fected.....	3	4	6	2	2
No Grade.....	0	0	1	0	0
Total.....	30	30	51	34	54
Same week last year.	45	49	58	35	42

\*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

### Leather Prices at Montreal.

The leather market is quiet as usual at the end of the month; but manufacturers find they have to pay full prices whenever they are compelled to replenish stocks. A few lots of sole and black descriptions have been placed at steady values, and as there is no prospect of any immediate decline in hides, there is no doubt that tanners will be able to demand a further advance in prices later on. A few lots of slaughter sole sold at 19½c to 20c for No. 1, and a good sized lot of Ontario splits brought 16½c. English advices are still encouraging, Canadian splits being in good demand there; but we have none to send them. We quote prices here as follows:—No. 1 manufacturers sole 18c to 20c; No. 2 do 16½c to 18c; inferior 14c to 15c; Jobbers' sole 19c to 21c; slaughter sole 18c to 20c; waxed upper 20c to 25c; grain 10c to 12c; buff 8c to 12c; splits 12 to 18c for Ontario, and 10c to 12c for Quebec; pebble 9c to 10½c; glove 9c to 10c.—Trade Bulletin.

### Sod Houses in Western Kansas.

The sod houses in which many of the farmers of western Kansas brave the blizzards are admirably adapted to the purpose. It should also be said that they are the coolest of dwellings during the heated term. The manner of construction is as follows. The farmer cuts the slabs of sod for building purposes just as sod is cut for transplanting grass. The buffalo-grass indigenous to the western Kansas country grows like a thick mat of tough herbage. The slabs of this sod, about 15x24 inches and four inches thick, held together with the consistency of felt. They are laid in courses like building stone, and pressed closely together, and the roof is made of timbers and frequently thatched. The inside is then smoothed with the native lime, which makes an excellent plaster. This coat of lime is sometimes applied outside also, but usually these sod houses present a natural dun color like the winter prairie. In some cases the floor is made by excavating a few feet and tramping the ground solid with horses; otherwise a regular wood floor is laid. The window and door frames are fitted as in building stone houses. The sod house contains frequently only one room, but some have two and even three rooms. The sod house lasts about five years.

The business of Reid & Gerhardt, Neepawa, Man., will be continued under the style of Reid & Co.

### How Cheap Nails are.

William Garret, the inventor of the famous rod mill, in a lecture at Joliet, Mich., the other day, gave a striking illustration of the low cost of manufactures of iron and steel. He said that "wire nails are sold so cheaply in the United States that it is estimated that if a carpenter drops a nail it is cheaper to let it be than to consume the carpenter's time to lift and use it, and it is claimed by good authority that one keg out of five is never used but goes to waste."

We have had the curiosity, says Stoves and Hardware Reporter, to do some figuring on the proposition made. Assuming that it takes a carpenter ten seconds to pick up a nail which he has dropped, and that his time is worth thirty cents an hour, the recovery of the nail would cost 0.083 cent. There are 200 sixpenny nails in a pound, which is worth, at ninety-cents base and sixty-five cent average per keg, 1.55 cents per pound. This would make the money value of the individual nail 0.0077 cent. Or, in other words, it would not pay to pick up ten nails if it took ten seconds of time worth thirty cents an hour to do it in.

### Northwest Ontario.

The Savanne Lumber Co. has obtained a charter of incorporation.

Alex. Snelgrove has entered into partnership with R. F. Sproule of Fort William in the flour and feed business.

The first number of the Fort Francis News published in the Rainy River district is out. U. M. Thomas is the publisher.

Brydges' livery stable at Rat Portage caught fire on March 5, and was completely consumed. The loss is \$1,500; insured in the Eastern for \$800. Hicks' residence, next door, was injured to the extent of \$200.

Capt. Ed. Brydges of Rat Portage is having built a new boat to take the place of the Highland Maid which was wrecked on the Rainy river rapids last fall. The new boat will be 75 feet keel, 22 feet beam, and 6 feet in the hold. Her model is calculated to draw one foot less water than the old Highland Maid.

### Bicycles

Hardware merchants who purpose handling bicycles this season should not be in a hurry to place their orders. They have nothing to lose, but they may gain a good deal by waiting. In both England and the United States there is an over-production of wheels, and a large over-production it is too. Prices cannot consequently go any higher; the prospects are they will go lower.

Obviously, in the face of this, it behooves dealers to pursue a sort of hand-to-mouth policy, while the duty of those who have wheels in stock is to rush them off as fast as they can.—Hardware Merchant.

### Love's Young Dream.

Father—"Now see hear! If you marry that young pauper, how on earth are you going to live?"

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### Financial and Insurance Notes.

John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, according to his own story to a reporter, presented a few years ago a \$1,000 policy, paid up for one year, to every insurable head of a family in his employ. Many of the men who received them not only kept these policies, but added to them, and Mr. W. says, "in not a few cases these policies have been the means of saving worthy families from want."

What about the propriety of life insurance for men with small means or young men on salary? Can they afford it? They ought to afford it, and deny themselves something in order to do it. Most young men spend more for cigars during the year than the annual cost of a \$2,500 policy in a good company. "If they must have cigars," says a very shrewd person, "they might divide between cigars and life insurance, and carry at least a \$1,000 policy. Every young man, before he is married, ought to try to get at least \$1,000."

Molson's Bank has declared a four per cent dividend for the current half year.

Alex. McDonald, a Winnipeg jobber, shipped a car lot of Manitoba dairy butter to England last week.

The price of whiskey was quoted at \$1.25 on 'Change, at Cincinnati, an advance of ½c. The combination of the receivers of the whisky trust and the outside distillers raised the price. A further advance is expected Monday.

It is reported from Cleveland, Ohio, that three of the most prominent sewing machine companies have entered into the proposed sowing machine combination, and are now prepared to buy out absolutely the plant of a fourth company. It is understood that the Singer, Domestic and Davis are the companies which have already joined issues, and are now negotiating to buy out the White Company, of Cleveland for \$1,200,000, in cash.

A recent feature of the Toronto grocery trade was the arrival of a carload of California dried fruits at the warehouse of a wholesale firm. This is said to be the first shipment of the kind to arrive in Toronto for several years. The consignment consists of apricots, cherries, grapes, plums, peaches, pears, nectarines, etc. The arrival of this car of fruit is indicative of the increased demand for high class goods, and if the Canadian packers would hold their own they must look to themselves. The prices of these imported goods compare favorable with the domestic pack prices.

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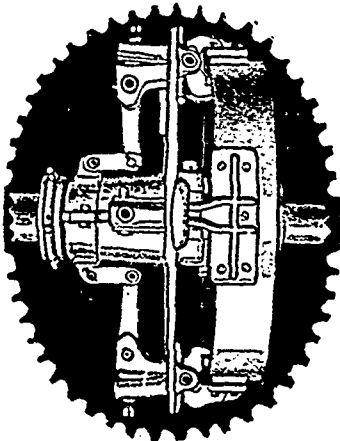
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**BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW**

Vancouver, March 5, 1895.

Trade in British Columbia during the months of January and February was flat. A revival of trade is shortly expected, for spring is already here, the weather is balmy and flowers in bloom throughout the city. Collections are still very slow but it is expected money will be much easier as soon as the outside work is fairly started. The lumber trade has revived. The lumber mills have all been busy for some time and have numbers of charters ahead. As every ship leaves considerable money in the cities the revival of the lumber trade means a great deal to British Columbia. The most important dredging and mining companies are also starting to work, while the report has reached Vancouver that in certain parts of the Fraser Valley Indians are making from \$3 to \$15 a day rooking for gold. Among the market quotations there are changes in grain. Manitoba and Edmonton oats advancing and ground wheat and barley declining. There has also been a sudden advance in meats; pork might be quoted anywhere from seven to ten cents as such quantities of frozen pork are coming in from Manitoba that the market is hysterical.

**British Columbia Markets**

March 2, 1895.

**Butter.**—Manitoba dairy butter, 14 to 18c; Manitoba creamery, 22 to 25c; Eastern creamery, 23c to 25; Canadian cheese, 18; Manitoba cheese 13.

**Cured Meats.**—Hams 12c; breakfast bacon, 12c; backs, 10½c; long clear, 8½c; short rolls, 10c; smoked sides, 10c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 11½c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11c; mess pork, \$17, short cut, \$18.00.

**Fish.**—Prices are: Flounders, 8c; smelt, 6c; seabass, 4 to 5c; black cod, 5c; rock cod, 6c; herring, 4c; halibut, 6c; smoked salmon, 12c; pike, 10c; pickerel, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c; blotters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; finnan haddie, 8½c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

**Game.**—Duck, per brace, 50c; teal, 20c; pintail, 30c. Rabbits, Manitoba \$2.00 dozen.

**Vegetables.**—Potatoes, \$14 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20; onions silver skins, 1½ to 2c; cabbage, 2c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.

**Eggs.**—Fresh local, 23c; eastern 10 to 15.

**Fruits.**—Lemons, California, \$3.75 to \$4.00 native apples, \$1.00; California oranges, naval, \$9.25 to \$3.75; seedlings, 2.25 to \$2.50; eastern apples, \$1.00 to \$1.40.

**Nuts.**—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 13c; walnuts, 15c.

**Flour.**—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per bbl., \$1.40; strong bakers, \$1.20; Oregon, \$3.75; Oak Lake patent, \$1.15; strong bakers, \$1.00.

**Meal.**—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb, sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.90.

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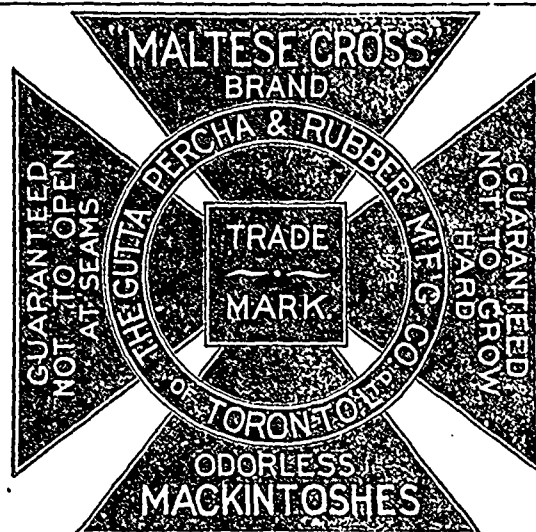
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**Ground Feed.**—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$21 ton; ground wheat, \$20.00 ton; ground barley, \$20.00 ton; shorts, \$19 ton; bran \$17 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

**Dressed Meats.**—Beef, 8c; mutton, 8½c; pork, 8 to 9c; veal, 8 to 10c.

**Live Stock.**—Calves, 6 to 7c; steers, 3½ to 4c; sheep, 3½ to 4c; hogs, 6 to 7½c.

**Wool.**—Powdered and icing, 5½c, Paris (tu), 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellows 3½c; yellow, 3½c.

**Syrups.**—30 gallon barrels, 2½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1.25 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

**Teas.**—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice 25c. Ceylons: fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c.

**British Columbia Business Notes.**

Wm. Sharp, hotel, Courtney, has assigned.

J. T. Howard, hotel, Esquimalt, is dead.

R. J. Wenborn, machinist, Nanaimo, has sold out to John Shaw.

R. P. Freeman & Co., dry goods, New Westminster, have assigned.

J. C. Brocklehurst, men's furnishings, Victoria, is out of business.

Alex. Hutcheson, boots and shoes, Victoria, has sold out to J. J. Bland.

Hunter Bros., builders, Vancouver; Sam Hunter of this firm is dead.

The Sehl Hastie Erskine Furniture Co., Ltd., Victoria, is in difficulties.

W. A. Ensley, soap manufacturer, Vancouver, has admitted W. M. Cameron as partner.

Russell McDonald & Co., general store, Victoria, are offering to compromise at 50c on the dollar.

Twenty-five licences to fish for salmon have been issued by the inspector, and about a score of fishermen are already at work. The season has fully commenced.

The Heaps furniture factory, Vancouver, owned by the Edmunds and Webster estate, was totally destroyed by fire on March 7. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, insurance small.

A telegram from Vancouver says: The lumber trade shows signs of revival there, the Hastings mill having export orders amounting to fifteen million feet. Four

vessels are now loading at Olive Bank one monster vessel to carry 2,600 tons.

The Columbia river steamer Columbia, which was burned last year, is to be replaced by a steamer to be built at Revelstoke. The lumber is to be shipped from the Brunette sawmills at New Westminster. The vessel will be 170 feet in length and 32 in beam.

For the month of February the customs returns are as follows: Vancouver, Collections, \$15,555.00; Westminster, \$13,521.00; Vancouver exports, \$18,625.00; Westminster, \$92,064.00. Imports: Vancouver, \$46,607; Westminster, \$41,005.00. Inland revenue: Vancouver, \$5,717.00.

The ancient "trade scrip" scheme is being worked for the first time in the cities of British Columbia. The agent strikes a town and asks the merchant \$10.00 for the privilege of joining the ring of merchants who are to take advantage of his scheme. Only one of each trade is admitted and scrip is printed calling for so much cash in trade but only good at the stores that are members of the combination. The scheme is advertised on the back of the scrip by mentioning the advantages gained by dealing at the stores that have adopted the method. Many of the most reputable firms in B. C. are issuing scrip. Some of the newspapers speak of it as an admirable means of advertising and encouraging cash trade, others adversely criticise it as illegal etc. etc.

The different cities of British Columbia are just now considering the problem of how to provide work for their unemployed working men. In Victoria the Salvation Army is being helped by the council in their shelter home scheme. At Victoria's shelter home any person willing to work for his living will not be turned away, no money is given but they are provided with bed and board. In Vancouver \$1,000 has been appropriated for each of the five wards, to be spent in improving streets, all those badly in need of work will be given their turn in the ward in which they live of from five to ten days each at a wage of \$1.50 a day until this relay money is gone. The offer of the Salvation army to establish a shelter home, provided the city aid them, was declined by the Vancouver council on the ground that the business carried on by the home would interfere with established trades in the city. Up to quite recently there were a good many of the vagrant class in the cities, a product of the Puget Sound ports, but lately they have been making themselves scarce, for the councils have been systematically running them in, making them wash themselves and putting them to work. This they would not stand and as soon as they gained their freedom they emigrated to other parts.

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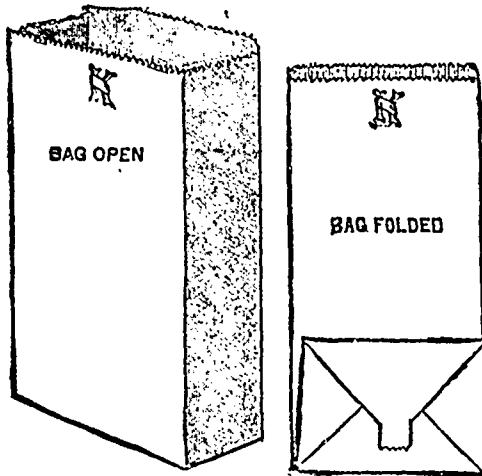
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## Toronto Grain and Produce Market

Wheat. Millers located within 30 miles of Toronto are paying 60c at the mills for winter wheat. At outside western points on the G. T. R. 58c is bid for red and white, and on the U. P. R. 59c is bid. Goose is quiet at 57c west. Manitoba is quiet, and about steady; No. 1 hard, North Bay, is quoted at 81c; and grinding in transit, via Sarnia, at 82c; car lots offer west at 79c, with 78½c bid.

Flour. Quiet and steady. Straight roller, Toronto freights, is quoted at \$2.60 to \$2.70.

Milled. Bran is strong and higher. A sale was made equal to \$17, Toronto. City mills are quoting \$17 for ton lots of bran, and \$18 for ton lots of shorts.

Oatmeal. Firm. Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track, are quoted at \$3.75.

Oats. Continue firm. Car lots of white west were in demand to-day at 33c. Cars on track here were wanted at 35½c and held at 3½c.

Barley. Unchanged. Feed and No. 1 are very scarce. One load offered sold on the street to-day at 45c. Car lots outside are in den and at 41 to 42c.

Eggs. The local market was quite bare of stock to-day. Lined and strictly fresh were the only kinds offered. Held fresh and cold storage stock seems to be all cleaned up. Lined sold again at 16c, and in a few instances rather more was got; now-laid sold at 23c.

Potatoes. There is a firm feeling in potatoes. Enquiries from across the line are numerous, and in all probability there will be a fair export movement during the next few weeks. Car lots of choice on track here are quoted at 55c.

Cheese. September make, delivered here, 10 to 10½c; summer makes, 8 to 9c, according to quality; small lots of full cream, September, job at 10½ to 10¾c.

Butter. In creamery tub butter a rather easy tone is noted in this line. Commission houses report it very difficult to get 2c for fresh made tubs, and some are willing to sell at 19½c. Large dairy rolls are in good demand at from 12 to 15c; dairy tub butter slow. Quotations are: Large rolls, in bbls. and boxes, 13 to 14c; do. in baskets, 14 to 15c; small dairy rolls, 15 to 17c; dairy tubs, choice, fresh, 14 to 15c; do. held, 9 to 10c; creamery pounds, 21 to 23c; creamery tubs, fresh, 19½ to 20c; and summer make, cold storage, 14 to 16c.

Poultry. Turkeys sold at 10 to 11c. Geese at 7 to 8c, and chickens at 40 to 6c. Ducks are nominal at 50 to 60c.

Honey and Syrup. There is some demand for extracted honey at 6½c. Jobbing prices of honey here are: Ten-lb tins 7c, and 6-lb tins 6½c. Sections are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.70, according to size. Maple syrup is selling at 90c to \$1 per gallon.

Beans. Dealers pay \$1.15 to \$1.20 for round lots of medium hand-picked at country points, and job out small quantities here at \$1.30 to \$1.35.

Apples. Quotations are: Dried, round lots, outside, 5½c; and small lots to the trade here, 6 to 6½c; evaporated, round lots, outside, 6c for prime. Local dealers are paying 6½c for small lots of fancy stock outside, and are selling here at 7c.

Hops. Round lots of 1891 growth are available at 8 to 9c.

## Toronto Live Stock Markets.

It has been lately a common remark to say that the market at these yards was the worst of the season; it was justifiable to go further to-day, and call the market this morning the worst for many years. A large quantity of poor stuff is continually sent here that crowds the yards, and not only sells for low figures, but weakens the values of the better grades.

Cattle. A small trade in shipping cattle is going on, but it is of little consequence as yet; for a little good stuff, averaging around 1,100 pounds, from 4 to 4½c was paid; export bulls brought from 2½ to 3½c per pound. Butchers' cattle were slow of sale, and except for a few heads of picked stuff, the best price was 3c per pound, down to 2½c, and even 2 cents per pound.

Lambs and Sheep. Lambs sold at 4 to 4½c, and for very choice around 4½c per pound; we had enough here. There was no export sheep in to-day, but about 3½c would be the figure for the best; butchers' sheep sold pretty well, as lambs were scarce, and 3½c was paid occasionally. Rams quoted at 3c per pound.

Milkers. The quotable range may be called from \$3 to \$10 each, and scarcely any enquiry.

Hogs. Prices were not changed for choice hogs, weighed off cars, the best price was \$1.30 per cwt; thin fat did not bring more than \$1.10, and stores sold at from \$3.90 to \$1 per cwt. These it must be remembered are all top figures. Mail-Empire, March 1.

The Wine and Spirit Gazette, of London, England, just to hand, has a fine portrait of Peter J. Mackie, senior member of the firm of Mackie & Co., of Glasgow, whose celebrated Scotch whiskies are so popular in Winnipeg and elsewhere.

## Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

Flour. In strong bakers we hear of sales covering several thousand barrels for Quebec and Lower Province account and the sale of a round quantity of Ontario straight roller is reported for St. John, N. B., on a through rate direct from the mill, west of Toronto, on the basis of a shade below \$2.85 here. Manitoba patents have sold at \$3.00 both for the local trade and for the east. A miller's agent stated on Change, that if the recent advance in wheat continued, and a general demand set in for flour, with stock in this city 12,000 bbls. less than those of a year ago, prices would advance. Patent spring, \$3.65 to \$3.90; Winter Patent, \$3.15 to \$3.50; Straight roller, \$2.85 to \$3.00; Extra, \$2.60 to \$2.70; Superfine, \$2.35 to \$2.40; City Strong Bakers \$3.65 to \$3.75; Manitoba Bakers, \$3.40 to \$3.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.30 to \$1.35; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Oatmeal. Prices are higher, sales being reported of rolled and granulated at \$3.85 to \$4.00 in car and broken lots. Rolled and granulated \$3.90 to \$4.05; standard \$3.80 to \$3.95. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.90 to \$2.00, and standard \$1.85 to \$1.90. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to 3.60.

Bran. The market is almost bare of bran, and holders are asking \$19.00 for Manitoba. We quote prices firm at \$18.50 to \$19.00. Shorts \$18.00 to \$19.00 and moullie \$20.50 to \$22.00 as to grade.

Wheat. The only feature in this market is the sale of Manitoba hard wheat referred to last week, amounting to about 50,000 bushels on p.t. on account of an Ontario mill; but the price is supposed to be about 73c f.o.b. here. The wheat would not grade No. 1 hard.

Oats. The market is firm, with sales of car lots at 39½c for No. 2 white, and 28½c for No. 3. A car of No. 1 sold at 40½c. These figures show an advance of fully 1c over those of a week ago.

Barley. The market is steady for malting barley at 57c to 60c for No. 1 and at 50c for feed barley.

Provisions. Lard is unchanged, car loads of compound being still obtainable at \$1.32½, and we quote \$1.32½ to \$1.40 as to quantity and quality. In smoked there is a better demand for hams, but at very low prices, a round lot of mixed weights being reported at 8½c to 9c. A few lots of bacon continue to go forward on English account. Canada short cut pork, per bbl \$15.00 to \$15.50; Canada short cut thin, per bbl, \$13.50 to \$14.50; Extra

plate beef per bbl. \$10.50 to \$11; Hams, per lb. 9 to 10c.; Lard pure in pails, per lb. 8½ to 9c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb. 6½ to 7c; Bacon, per lb. 10 to 11c; Shoulders, per lb. 8 to 8½c.

Dressed Hogs.—The few lots of light butchers' hogs that have been received have sold at \$5.60 to \$5.65 in car lots; but the season is practically over as far as packers are concerned.

Butter.—There is a good local jobbing demand for fresh, winter-made creamery, at 20½c to 21c; in fact, 20½c was bid for a lot of choice late-made winter creamery, without getting it. For single tub selections the above figures have been exceeded. Outside the market for finest fresh made creamery, the situation is demoralised, and there is no reliable list of quotations. We quote Creamery finest winter, 20½ to 21c per lb.; creamery fall made, 18 to 19c per lb.; eastern township dairy, 14 to 16½c per lb.; western, 10 to 14c per lb. Roll Butter.—Receipts of fresh rolls move off readily at 14c to 14½c, finest bringing 15c.

Cheese.—Fully 12,000 boxes have been sold on this market at prices ranging from 8½ to 9½c, most of the business being done at 9½c to 9¾c the latter price for finest.

Eggs.—There has been quite a boom in the egg market, and prices have advanced 4c to 5c per dozen since our last report, sales of Montreal lined having been made at 19c to 20c, while strictly new laid have moved up to 30c and over.

Apples.—The demand for apples this week has been a good deal lighter, although stocks are light, sales have been made at \$3 to \$4 per barrel. There is very little dried apples in the country districts, and stocks in this market are small and under a limited demand, prices are firm at 5c to 5½c per lb. Evaporated apples.—The demand is weaker under more liberal offerings at 6½c to 7c per lb.

Hides.—Everything in the shape of light hides is absorbed by tanners at 6c for No. 1, and we hear that as high as 6½c has been paid in one or two instances. Dealers are still paying 5c for No. 1. We hear great complaints of the number of grubby hides that are coming in, on which there is a reduction of 1c per lb. The receipts of calfskins are increasing and dealers are still paying 5c. Sheepskins are quiet. Dealers are paying 60c to 65c. We quote prices as follows.—Light hides, 5c for No. 1, 4c for No. 2, and 3c for No. 3; to tanners 6c for No. 1. Heavy hides are quoted at 5½ to 6½c; calfskins 5c; lambskins 65c.—Trade Bulletin, March, 1.

### Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending February 28 were \$659,395, balances, \$125,059. For the previous week clearings were \$688,505. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$551,673. For the month of February clearings were \$2,721,028, as compared with \$3,132,537 last year.

Clearings at Winnipeg for the week ended March 7 were \$762,026, as compared with \$905,893 for the corresponding week of last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	
	Feb. 21.	Feb. 28.
Montreal .....	\$9,189,991	\$8,818,378
Toronto .....	4,917,002	4,661,180
Halifax .....	967,686	963,559
Winnipeg .....	688,505	659,396
Hamilton .....	683,749	474,136
Total .....	\$16,776,333	\$15,579,579

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Manitoba legislature has voted by a large majority in favor of cutting off the expenditure on government house. It seems to be the belief of the members that if it is necessary to have a provincial governor at all, he should maintain himself entirely upon the direct salary, received from the Dominion. The various perquisites to the position, which have heretofore been paid by the local government, are to be cut off after this year.

THE Winnipeg city council has decided to ask for power from the legislature to raise money by issue of debentures, to the extent of not more than \$100,000 towards assisting the improvement of St. Andrews rapids on the Red river. While the improvement of the Red river in the direction proposed is greatly to be desired, this is a matter which should be carried out by the Dominion government alone. It is too much to ask the city to subscribe such a large sum toward a purely Dominion work. Of course, the by-law would have to be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers before the debentures could be issued, which is an additional safeguard should the legislature grant the permission asked for.

THERE has been a great deal of talk about economy in the Manitoba legislature this session, but the most sensible and practical proposal in the direction of economy comes from a member who thinks that the number of persons composing the legislature as well as the executive could be reduced materially. He proposes a reduction of the members from forty to twenty-five, and he would further reduce the executive from five to three. There is no doubt but that a house composed of twenty-five members would serve the purpose just as well as the forty members now do. If it is business and not talk that we want from the legislature, we believe twenty-five good men would fully meet the requirements of the case. However, as a reduction of the membership would be equal to voting themselves out of office, in some cases at least, it is not likely that any proposal for economy in this direction will find favor with our legislators.

### Cheap Sugars.

According to Willet & Gray, New York, the retail price of granulated sugar in the United Kingdom is now 1½d per lb. (2,54c), while the same sugar sells in Germany at 2d (6,09c), in Russia at 4½d (9,18c), in France and Belgium at 5½d (11,07c), and in Italy at 6d (12,18c), and in the United States at 3,71c per lb. If there was no duty the price would be 2½c per lb. for home granulated and 2½c for foreign granulated in the United States, or quite as low as in the United Kingdom. All the other countries tax the consumers of sugar very heavily and pay the bounties on the exports out of the money so raised.

There has been a great "boom" in eggs in eastern Canada markets. Owing to the recent advance in prices in the United States the surplus stocks of Canadian eggs found their way across the line and prices have taken a big jump, as home stocks have been left short of requirements.

### Winnipeg Board of Trade.

At a meeting of the council of the board of trade, held on Tuesday, the question of quarantine regulations was discussed, but was left over for further consideration.

Notice of motion was given by a member that at the next meeting he would move that the council consider the advisability of sending a representative to England to arrange with first class fire insurance companies to establish agencies in Manitoba, who would not enter into any agreement with regard to the iniquitous, so-called, provincial license tax. It was the general opinion of the members of the council that such agencies, on being established here, would receive practically the whole insurance business of the city. The question will be discussed at length at the next meeting.

### Merchants Still Cautious.

Caution is still a predominant feature with a number of our mercantile firms who are known to occupy a strong position financially, but who do not see their way clear to launch out as extensively as they did a few years ago, and consequently firms who used to run discount lines of from \$200,000 to \$100,000 have reduced them to \$20,000 to \$10,000; and one house whose line of discount was seldom under \$250,000 is now content with a line of \$15,000. The above are firms which have not been compelled to curtail their discounts through reverses by any means, but are among some of the strongest of our mercantile houses. This information has been confirmed by bankers, and it furnishes an illustration of the cautious policy observed by some of our wealthy merchants.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

The Delineator for April is called the spring announcement number, and is an excellent specimen of this most popular woman's magazine. Supplementary to the regular issue of patterns there is a timely article on bicycling, with illustrations of costumes, that will interest all lovers of the wheel. The papers on the Voice, which were interrupted by the illness of the author, are resumed and there is began a most practical series on Preservation and Renovation, the first instalment treating of the Putting Away and Care of Furs. Mrs. Roger A. Pryor writes very entertainingly on the Etiquette of First Calls and Introductions, giving the accepted usages and formulas, and the second paper on the Experiences of a Training School Life increases the interest already felt in the subject. The Dean of Barnard College contributes a charmingly written article on A Girl's Life and Work at the University of Chicago, of which she was a Fellow, 1883-84. Belle Pierson Springer writes forcibly of Typetting as an Employment for Women; and Sara Miller Kirby gives further instruction in Kindergarten Teaching. How to Make Dolls' Houses is shown in Crepe and Tissue Paper, new and exceedingly pretty designs are given in Venetian Iron Work, Knitting Tatting, Netting and Crocheting, and the papers on Burnt Leather Work gives illustrations and information of the necessary tools and implements and advice to beginners. The Cookery article gives receipts for some new dishes. There is a paper on the Serving of Pineapples and Grape Fruit, one on Table Decoration and the usual contribution on Floral Culture. Around the Tea-Table is bright and entertaining. Mother and Son is earnest and instructive, and a novel Salma gundi Party suggests a delightful evening's amusement. There is also a review of the Newest Books, some Instrumental Music and an Easter Carol.

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### Hudson's Bay Co's Fur Sale

Following are the London fur prices obtained at the Hudson's Bay Company's sale in January. Beaver, Yorkfort: Firsts large, 31.3 to 36.8; firsts small, 15; seconds large, 24.6 to 28.6; seconds small, 10 to 11.9; thirds large, 17.6 to 17.9; thirds small, 5.9 to 6; cubs, 3.3 shillings. Mackenzie River: Firsts large, 29 to 32; firsts small, 11 to 11.6; seconds large, 24.6 to 27.6; seconds small, 9 to 10.9; thirds large, 11 to 16.9; thirds small, 5 to 6.9; cubs, 3.3 shillings. Moose River and East Main: Firsts large, 35 to 40; firsts small, 16.9 to 19; seconds large, 30 to 32.3; seconds small, 13.9 to 14.3; thirds large, 18.3 to 19.3; thirds small, 8.9; cubs, 4 shillings. Bursamas, etc.: Firsts, 36.6; firsts small, 16.3 to 18.3; seconds large, 26 to 29.9; seconds small, 12.9; thirds large, 19.6 to 20; thirds small, 8.3; cubs, 3.9 shillings. Canada: Firsts large, 32.6 to 36; firsts small, 17; seconds large, 24 to 26.6; seconds small, 11.6 to 12.3; thirds large, 19.6; thirds small, 6 to 7.6; cubs, 4 shillings. North West: Firsts large, 29 to 32.9; firsts small, 10.6 to 11.6; seconds large, 24.9 to 25.9; seconds small, 8.6 to 10.9; thirds large, 14 to 17.9; thirds small, 5.3 to 7.6; cubs, 4 shillings.

Musquash, Yorkfort: Firsts, 9 1-5; small firsts, 4 4-5; seconds, 4 3-5; thirds, 3 1-4; fourths, 2 1-4 pence. Mackenzie River: Firsts, 4 1-2; small firsts, 3 1-4; seconds, 3 2-3; thirds, 2 3-4; fourths, 1 3-4 pence. Moose River: Firsts, 9 3-4; small firsts, 6 1-4; seconds, 4 3-4; thirds, 3 3-8; fourths, 2 1-4 pence. E. M., etc.: Firsts, 12 1-2; small firsts, 8; seconds, 7; thirds, 3 3-4; fourths 2 1-2 pence. Northwest: Firsts, 6 1-2; seconds, 5; thirds, 3 3-5; fourths, 2 1-4 pence. Kitts range from 1 to 1 1-2 pence.

### London Fur Sales

Phillips, Politzer & Co. report as follows on C. M. Lamson & Co.'s London fur sale in January.

Under the influence of a very large attendance of buyers, and also better reports about weather and trade in January, the tendency of prices was very firm throughout.

Compared with last October, we have to record, with one or two exception, a general advance in prices, in many instances where least expected; the cause being obviously the growing international character of these sales, and the frequent unexpected support of prices from one quarter against the passive attitude of another.

The results are as follows;

Marten, 29,786 skins (last year 36,000). Continue in brisk demand for England and France, and a further advance of 15 per cent was established in October.

Russian sables, 1,581 skins (last year 2,647). A small and poor collection sold 15 per cent higher.

Bear, black, 5,650 skins (last year 4,800). Were 10 per cent lower, although it is still expected to form an important article of the home trade next season.

Bear, brown, 550 skins (last year, 250). Were 10 per cent lower, although it is expected to form an important article of the home trade next season.

Bear, grizzly, 1,350 skins (last year 1,500). Have advanced 10 per cent; the sales last year having proved good to the end.

Beaver 9,800 skins (last year 14,600). Notwithstanding unsatisfactory results and some stocks held over, October prices were fully maintained.

Fox, white, 3,040 skins (last year 7,100). As anticipated, met with very animated bidding, and the current prices are double to those of last year. The demand is more particularly for England.

Lynx, 4,619 skins (last year 4,300). Neglected, without much change in prices.

Fox, Japanese, 7,905 skins (last year 16,500). A small supply and good demand resulted in an advance of 20 per cent.

Fox, red, 16,810 skins (last year 12,500). Are ten per cent higher.

Opossum, Australian, 448,000 skins (last year 550,000). Notwithstanding a large accumulation of old stocks and the present full supply, last October prices were well maintained, and in the absence of actual requirements the article was bought on account of cheapness.

Wombat, 55,095 skins (last year 24,000). A very indifferent collection, met with better inquiry and advanced 10 per cent.

Wallaby, 42,946 skins (last year 71,896). Continue in fair request, but prices are 7½ per cent to 10 per cent under last October.

Chinchilla, bastard, 11,662 skins (last year 1,498). Have been largely used in France and the United States, more moderately in England, and met with good competition.

The dark skins brought last sale prices, the pale 25 per cent. more.

Thibet, 5,948 skins, 318 coats (last year 4,463 skins, 32 coats, 122 crosses). Sold very freely during last season and continue in good demand at improved prices; the advance being now quite 20 per cent.

Opossum, American, 121,000 skins (last year 120,000). In fair request at last sale prices.

Wolf, 24,000 skins (last year 3,100). Although the supply is excessive, there is no material change in values.

Cat, common, 10,000 skins (last year 1,700.) Unaltered.

Cat, house, 18,000 (last year 7,100) The black are 20 per cent. higher, other sorts unaltered.

Musquash, 1,286,000 skins (last year 1,528,000). There was a good demand for the best large skins for dyeing purposes, also for small seconds, and prices ruled 15 per cent. over last October.

Musquash, black, 22,500 skins (last year 2,000). Advanced 15 per cent.

Mink, 129,000 skins (last year 150,000). The sale of this article has considerably improved quite lately, and partly through American orders, the high price of martens, and in general sympathy with the favorable course of the sales, the present large supply was quickly disposed of at an advance of 15 per cent.; the enquiry being in particular for large skins which are now quite 30 per cent. higher.

Fox, gray, 13,000 skins (last year 5,300) Advanced 10 per cent.

Raccoon, 288,000 skins (last year 224,000). Continue to recede in the absence of any demand, and the decline compared with October is 12½ per cent.

Skunks, 182,000 skins (last year 209,000). Sold contrary to general expectations, 15 to 20 per cent higher than last October; the prices being now as near as possible the same as in January last year. The striped and white skins are again in most demand and very high in price.

Hair seals, dry, 3,110 skins (last year 3,100). Unaltered.

#### HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S SALE.

Hudson's Bay Company sold beaver (43,245, last year 46,412); Messrs. C. M. Lamson & Co. sell on Tuesday (9,773, last year 13,256). Although the supply of the world is gradually, but steadily decreasing, the fashion for this fur has been poor and prices were decreased on average 12½ per cent. The prime and second large pale skins maintained last year's prices, but all dark skins, which were very high last year, and small skins declined 15 per cent.; thirds and cubs were 20 per cent lower.

Musquash (686,996, last year 648,687). Messrs. Lamson & Co. selling on Thursday

(1,286,000, last year 1,528,525). The Hudson's Bay Company's skins averaged a decline of rather over 10 per cent, chiefly on the common skins, the prime skins remaining nearly exactly last January prices. At Messrs. Lamson & Co.'s sale the demand for good skins was much improved on last October and June sales and show a full 10 per cent advance, excepting for the small and poor skins; they now range nearly up to last January prices—were largely purchased for Germany, and many fine skins taken for France.

Musquash, black (22,957, last year 1,723), a large and good collection, improved 15 per cent in value—many purchased for Russia.

Salted fur seals (5,695, last year 29,092) consisting of 3,985 Northwest Coast, 78 Australian and 1,631 Lobos skins. The latter realized exactly last November prices; the former, allowing for quality, do not show any appreciable variation. Some of them did not appear in very desirable condition.

### Interesting Legal Decision

RAILWAY TICKET NOT GOOD AFTER DATE OF ISSUE.—Mr. Justice Burbridge gave judgment at Ottawa last week in the case of Henry F. Coombs vs. the Queen. The suppliant on Good Friday went to a ticket office of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton, N. B., and asked for an excursion ticket to Chatham Junction and having paid the fair was given a ticket on the face of which (on the "going half") printed in capitals, were the words "Good on date of issue only" and immediately thereunder in heavy type "No stop-over allowed." He knew there was printing on the ticket but did not read it. The train by which he purposed to make the journey left Moncton on that evening between eight and nine o'clock and by it he travelled as far as Harcourt station, which is about half-way between Moncton and Chatham Junction. Here he stopped for the night as he was not feeling well and had business to do there.

The next day, having finished his business, he proceeded on his journey by a regular passenger train. Being asked by the conductor of this train for his ticket he produced the one on which he had travelled the night before. The conductor told him that this ticket was good for a continuous passage on the day of issue only. He demanded payment of the prescribed fare and the suppliant persistently refusing to pay it, the conductor removed him from the train at a proper place, using no unnecessary force. The judge held that (1) that the suppliant had sufficient notice of the condition printed upon the face of the ticket under which he was to be carried and that if under the circumstances he saw fit to put the ticket in his pocket without reading it, he had only his own carelessness or indifference to blame for it. (2) That apart from "No stop over" condition printed on the face of the ticket the contract to carry in such a case is for one continuous journey. Petition dismissed with costs.

Representatives from the Canadian match factories met at Montreal recently to consider an advance in prices. Cutting has been reported in prices and the production is very much in excess of the demand. It was reported that some of the smaller concerns loaded Quebec city jobbers at one dollar a case, though well-known brands were bringing from \$3.30 to \$3.50. No action was decided upon, in consequence of the large stocks on hand.

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