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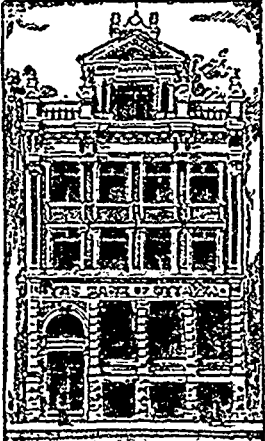
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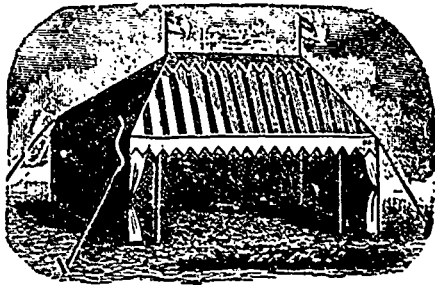
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STIKINE ROUTE CONTRACT

While probably the consensus of public opinion is opposed to the action of the senate in rejecting the Stikine route railway bill, it cannot be denied that the senate's inditement against the bill contains some very strong arguments. The first point is, that an important work of this kind should not have been undertaken until authorized by Parliament. Business men will generally recognize the force of this argument. The excuse of urgency can hardly be presented in view of the fact that the contract was signed a very short time before Parliament met. Another almost invincible argument against the bill, which will readily be endorsed by business men, is the declaration that no contract of such magnitude should be let until tenders have been publicly invited. These are both objections which The Commercial pointed out when the contract was first announced. At the same time it may be urged that these are objections to the manner of giving the contract, and not to the contract itself. The importance of the work and the urgency of the case, however, are such that they might fairly be considered as outweighing the objections on principle. The question is, is the senate justified in maintaining these principles in the face of the great interests at stake in this matter?

A number of other objections were made to the contract itself, in the declaration by the senate against the bill, to the effect that specifications as to gauge, weight of rails, grades, curvatures, etc., were not such as to ensure an efficient road; that the narrow gauge is a mistake; that maximum rate should have been established with power taken to control rates; that no monopoly should be granted; that no preference should be given the company as to royalties, as compared with prospectors, etc.

A greater objection than some of these enumerated by the senate, however, in the estimation of The Commercial, was the land grant policy of the bill. This objection, however, will only have force in the West. It seems to be the settled policy in parliament at Ottawa to oppose cash grants to western roads. The people of the East still seem to hold to the absurd idea that they have already spent too much in building western roads, when as a matter of fact scarcely anything, comparatively speaking, has been spent on railways in the West. While large cash grants have been given to roads in the other provinces, the lands have been taken from the people to aid railways in Manitoba and the Territories. So strong, however is the opposition in the East to spending any money to aid public works in the West that the feature regarded as the most favorable in the Stikine route railway bill was the fact that it did not call for a cash grant to aid the road.

THE POSTAGE RATES

We are to have the two cent letter postage rate at last. Mr. Mulock's bill provides for a reduction from three to two cents per ounce, to come into effect by proclamation, in the discretion of the executive. This announcement is not unconnected with unpleasant features to some. The bill also provides for a postal tax of one-half cent per pound on newspapers, to be enforced one-quarter cent on January 1, 1899, and one-quarter cent on August 1, 1899. Though this feature of the bill hits The Commercial in common with other papers, we are still half inclined to admit that the measure is a reasonable one. Of course there are arguments which can be advanced against the postal tax on newspapers, such as the one that the people who support the expense of government get the benefit of the free carriage of newspapers. At the same time it does not seem unreasonable to make a charge for the carriage of newspapers. Where it will hit the publishers lies in the fact that newspapers are already too cheap and it will hardly be possible to advance prices to cover the cost of postage. The Commercial, for in-

stance is sold considerably below the actual cost of production, and this is the case with many other publications. The advertiser has to make up what the reader does not pay. If the price of The Commercial were based on the cost of producing the paper, the subscription rate would be \$5 or \$6 per year, instead of \$2.

THE OATMEAL DUTY

There is a very reasonable objection to tariff tinkering, as referred to in Mr. Fielding's budget speech, and there is certainly no complaint coming as to the number of tariff changes made this year. It is possible to carry this idea of opposition to tariff changes too far. If it can be shown that any feature of the tariff is wrong and working an injury, there should be no hesitation about remedying the evil. Any mere sentiment of opposition to tariff changes should not stand in the way of making changes where they are actually needed.

In an article dealing with the oatmeal duty, The Commercial some time ago expressed the opinion that "the situation is so palpably unjust that we believe it will only be necessary to bring the matter to the attention of the government to receive redress at the earliest possible moment." This opinion has proved a mistake. The matter was brought to the attention of the government by the Winnipeg Board of Trade, as well as through other agencies, but these efforts seem to have proved futile. Perhaps it is that as it is only a western industry which has suffered severely, the matter is not considered of much importance at Ottawa. In the west, however, where our industries are few, it is a cause of regret that the representations to the government have not borne any fruit.

The Commercial pointed out in a previous number how the home milling industry is being discriminated against. The duty on oats is ten cents per bushel, or say \$6 per ton, while the duty on oatmeal is 20 per cent ad valorem, equal to about \$4 per ton. Here we have an apparent discrimination against home milling of \$2 per ton. But this is not all. It takes two tons of oats to make one ton of oatmeal. This has the effect of doubling the discrimination against the home milling industry, as the duty on a quantity of oats sufficient to make one ton of meal would be \$12, while the manufactured product would pay only \$4 duty. Then there is further a drawback in the freight, against the home miller, who would have to pay freight on two tons of oats to secure material from which to make one ton of meal, so that if both the raw material and the manufactured article were on the free list, there would be a difference in favor

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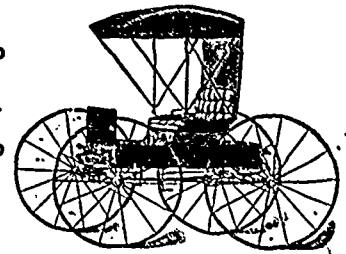
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of the imported meal to the amount of one half the cost of freight on the raw material. The freight from Chicago to Winnipeg for instance, would give about \$3.40 per ton in favor of importing the meal as against the raw material aside from the tariff discrimination. The relative value of the raw material to the manufactured product was evidently taken into account in framing the United States tariff, for there we find that the duty on oatmeal is \$20 per ton, while it is \$9 per ton on oats. This is a fair distribution of tariff according to the relative value of the raw material to the manufactured product.

At present the outlook is very blue for the home milling industry. The market in Manitoba and the Territories is being supplied with imported meal, at prices with which the local mills cannot compete on the present basis of prices of the raw material here. There are six oatmeal mills in Manitoba and the Territories which are now placed in this unenviable position, besides the oatmeal milling industry in British Columbia, which is suffering in the same way. The oatmeal milling industry has been practically killed here for the present, and is liable to suffer the same way in future years, while this discriminating duty remains. A higher tax on raw material than on the manufactured product is certainly a condition which should not be tolerated.

THE CUBAN SITUATION

If our southern neighbors are not forced into war with Spain, it will not be the fault of the more outspoken element in the population of the country. The other day the newspapers contained big headlines announcing that the "Methodists Were for War." The report was to the effect that the New York district conference had adopted a report, by a vote of 163 to 3 demanding the expulsion of the Spaniards from Cuba. We were informed that the conference had framed an indictment of ten points, as reasons why this action should be taken. Some of these so-called points were about as unreasonable and as exaggerated as could well be imagined; but when clericals undertake to discuss matters outside of religion, they can be just about as unreasonable, if not a little more so, than the average educated mortal. When the teachers of the religion of peace and good will vie with the music hall and dance house mob in endeavoring to drive the nation into war, the situation does seem deplorable, and almost without hope.

It is a pity indeed, that religious bodies, social bodies and other influences in the United States are pushing the executive so hard in this matter. War, from whatever aspect it

may be viewed, is deplorable, horrible. If these 163 teachers and leaders of religion, composing almost the unanimous voice of the New York conference, could be formed into a military body and be placed in front of the battle in case of war, they would get about their just deserts.

It is to be hoped, however, that this crisis will be tided over without war. If the hot-heads do not force the matter too fast there is still a possibility of a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. Every day gained is a triumph for peace, and a peaceful settlement will be a thousand times more glorious than all that could be achieved by war.

One deplorable feature of a war between our neighbors and Spain would be the cultivation of the war spirit, which once aroused is not easily suppressed, and the danger of a spreading of its venomous contagion. There is still a great deal of the savage left in even the most refined and civilized men, and the war spirit stirs up the slumbering elements of savagery. If this great calamity does overtake our neighbors, they will have the sympathy of the Canadian people, and indeed of Britishers the world over. We trust they will be spared. The Commercial is for peace.

COARSE FEED SCARCE.

The scarcity of coarse feed for live stock in some districts of Manitoba this spring, again calls attention to the enormous waste through the burning of straw after thrashing every fall. The hay crop was short last year, and in some sections the local supply of hay has not been sufficient to go around. Farmers who are obliged to buy hay find that the prices are double and even triple the usual value in ordinary years. The scarcity of feed may mean that cattle will be turned out in poorer condition this spring than usual, and this may affect the export trade in fat cattle as well as the dairy industry. Cattle that come out in poor condition in the spring, take a long time to recover. A favorable season, however, may make up for poor condition to a considerable extent.

Statistical Position of Wheat

For some time during the winter just closing the prices of wheat at Chicago, and, indeed, at most other American markets, were relatively higher than abroad, and the result was a perceptible check to our export trade in that cereal. The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on January 1, this year, was 54,173,000 bushels; adding the stocks of the Pacific coast of 6,661,000 bushels, a grand total was secured of 60,834,000 bushels available at the opening of the

year, against 77,459,000 bushels the year before, a discrepancy of 16,625,000 bushels. Trade recognition of this apparently serious deficiency in available supplies sought expression in predictions of very high prices for wheat during the balance of the cereal year. The high prices reached in Chicago were merely regarded as a small sample of what would be realized later on, when the producers or holders of the cereal awoke to the advantages they possessed over consumers at home and abroad. Sanguine expectations have, however, not been realized, and there appears to have been enough wheat to go around without any abnormally large advance.

The total stock held in the United States and Canada, east and west of the Rockies, on April 1, this year, was 44,367,000 bushels, against 57,676,000 bushels on April 1 a year ago. It will thus be seen that stock available in this country and Canada decreased during the past three months to the extent of 16,467,000 bushels. A year ago, however, they fell off to the extent of 19,783,000 bushels. The export movement of that period amounted to 51,301,000 bushels, or 20,000,000 bushels more than in the same period a year ago. Details of stock of wheat available in this country and Canada on April 1, compare with those on like dates in preceding years as follows:

	Totals.
April 1, 1898	44,367,000
April 1, 1897	57,676,000
April 1, 1896	92,978,000
April 1, 1895	101,742,000
April 1, 1894	98,367,000
April 1, 1893	113,179,000
April 1, 1892	61,334,000
April 1, 1891	47,636,000
April 1, 1890	45,219,000

The total stock in Europe and afloat therefore on April 1, 1898, was 69,900,000 bushels, against 64,700,000 bushels a year ago, an excess of 5,200,000 bushels. The total quantity of wheat available in the United States and Canada, plus the quantity afloat for Europe from all exporting countries, on April 1, added to available stock in Europe, as reported to Bradstreet's, is as follows:

	Grand totals.
April 1, 1898	114,267,000
April 1, 1897	122,376,000
April 1, 1896	161,978,000
April 1, 1895	181,442,000

The total stock in Europe and afloat therefore on January 1 this year was 71,600,000 bushels, so it will be seen that the European stock has decreased only 1,700,000 bushels in three months. One year ago, between January 1 and April 1, the European stock fell off 14,500,000 bushels.

Dairy Trade Items.

It is said the Hudson's Bay Co. contemplate establishing a creamery in one of their buildings at Lower Fort Garry, Man.

The Brandon creamery operated last summer by the Whitelaw Trading Co., has been leased for this season to the R. A. Lister Co. Ltd., Mr. Whitelaw will act as agent for the creamery in the west and British Columbia. Dairy butter and farm produce will also be handled.

The Manitoba government dairy school has closed after a very successful session of three months. In the farm dairy course, there were fifteen pupils in attendance. The first of the professional course began on the 1st of Feb. and ended on the 24th. There were twenty-two students in attendance during this course.

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A Manitoba Mennonite Village

We present this week a fine view of the Mennonite village of Rhinefeldt, situated near the little town of Winkler, in southern Manitoba. The term Mennonite is applied in Manitoba to a class of settlers of Dutch and German extraction, but the word more properly belongs to the religion of the people and not to their nationality. The origin of the sect is a matter of some controversy, but it is generally conceded that the name is derived from one of their early and influential leaders—Menno Simon, who in the second quarter of the 16th century taught the doctrines still held by the Mennonite church. Their religious teaching is strongly opposed to war, legal contests, the taking of an oath, etc., and in general they are constrained from mixing up in the affairs of civil government.

Holland appears to have been the birthplace of the sect, but it also gained an early foothold in northern Germany. The people were scattered

abroad by persecution, and several colonies have been founded in America at different periods, both in old Canada and the United States. Their opposition to military service has been the cause of much of the troubles of these people in Europe. Driven out of Holland, and later out of Prussia they finally founded a settlement in southern Russia, under a special agreement whereby they were guaranteed religious liberty, were exempted from military service, and were to be allowed to affirm, instead of being compelled to take an oath. Other favorable terms were also granted them by the Russian government, owing no doubt to the fact that the Mennonites were regarded as skillful agriculturists, and Russia was desirous of securing agricultural settlers to develop newly acquired territory in the region of the Black Sea. For three quarters of a century they remained unmolested in Russia, but since 1870 their privileges have been curtailed, and they have consequently been looking for new homes. Early in the seventies some of their delegates arrived in Canada, after pro-

gressive. They are now adopting the public school system, and are taking an interest in politics, both federal and provincial. Within a few years they will no doubt become thoroughly nationalized in their customs, as the older settlements in the east have become. Their twenty-five years in Manitoba is said to have made a far greater change in the customs of these people than their eighty years in Russia.

The Mennonites, on their arrival, in Manitoba, formed themselves into village communities such as they had done in Russia. These little villages are or were scattered all over the Mennonite districts. The village system, however, is becoming a thing of the past, and will in time disappear, along with some of the other peculiarities of these interesting people.

The few facts regarding the Mennonites here given are taken from an article prepared by Miss E. Cora Hind, of Winnipeg, who has written several articles dealing very fully with the Mennonites in Manitoba, as well as with the past history of the sect.

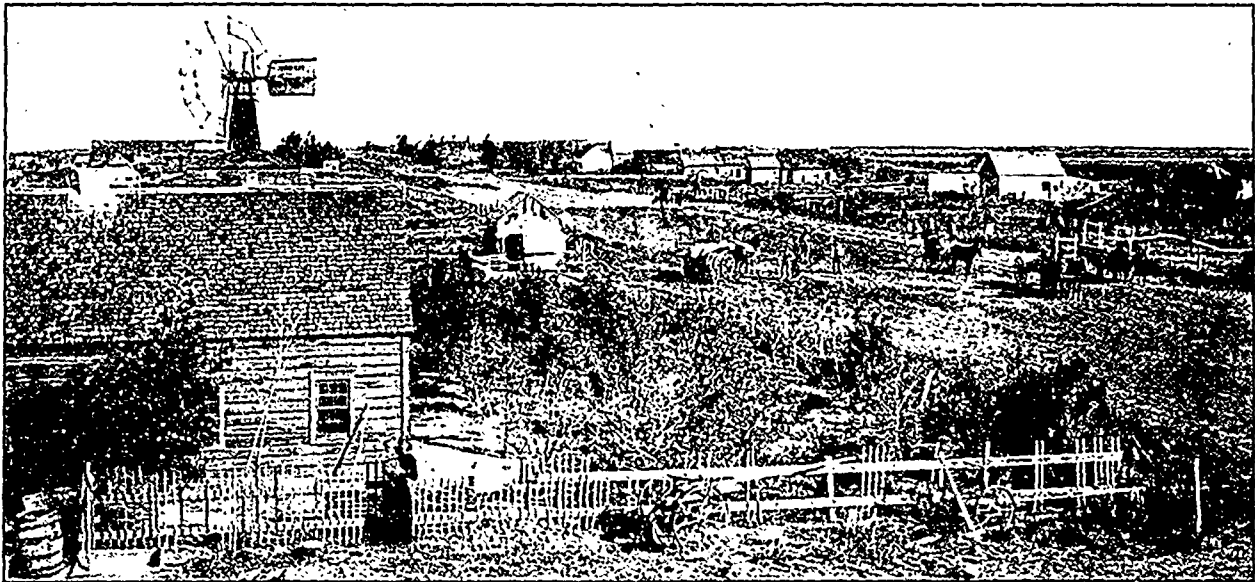
The Lumber Trade.

California redwood lumber has declined \$1 to \$2 at the coast.

Geo. Aske, of the Assiniboine Lumber Co., Brandon, says they have 1,000,000 feet of logs on hand for spring sawing, and 8,000,000 feet to bring down stream this year.

Though the budget speech made no mention of any change in the tariff in lumber, the lumber interest has apparently not given up hope of securing a duty on lumber. At a meeting of the Ontario Lumbermen's association a resolution was again passed favoring the imposition of a duty of \$2 per thousand on lumber imported from United States. The annual fee of the association was reduced from \$5 to \$2. John Bertram, of Toronto, was elected president; James Scott, first vice-president.

Another advance has been made in red cedar shingles by the United States Pacific coast mills, stars now being held at \$1.35 to \$1.40 at the mills. A Seattle report says the high prices are largely due to the high price of



A MENNONITE VILLAGE IN MANITOBA.

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The Waterous Engine Works Co. have recently filled a number of important orders for machinery for western mills, including a carload of machinery for the Rat Portage Lumber Co. This company is putting in one new steam kicker and two steam log rollers. Graham, Horne & Co., of Fort William, have also given the Waterous company an order for a new carriage, and from Hughes, Long and Buckman, of Rainy River, an order for a hand re-saw has been secured. This machinery has all been delivered.

A Toronto report says. The stocks of canned tomatoes here are getting into small compass. Sales among jobbers are reported and some wholesale dealings have been from retailers.

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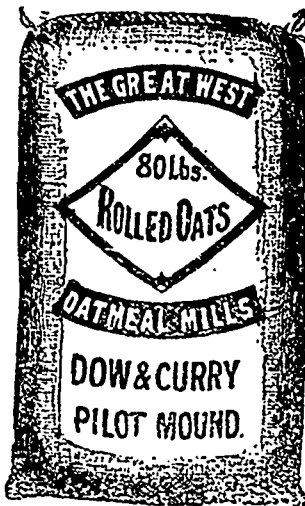
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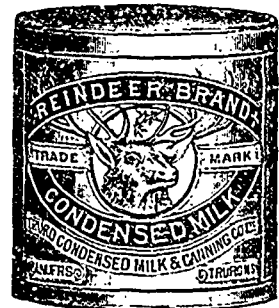
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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

Stocks of Wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	94,000
Toronto	24,000
Kiugstou	
Winnipeg	317,000
Manitoba elevators	2,050,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	910,000
Total April 2	3,390,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on April 2, were 40,901,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 55,946,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on April 1 were 3,466,000 bushels, compared with 1,730,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended April 9, was 30,129,000 bushels, being a decrease of 94,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 37,706,000 bushels, two years ago 59,330,000 bushels, three years ago 70,437,000 bushels, four years ago 69,217,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	5,865,000	bushels
Duluth	3,760,000	"
Minneapolis	11,245,000	"
New York	1,624,000	"
Buffalo	703,000	"

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 12,047,000 bushels, compared with 13,616,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 42,647,000 bushels, compared with 25,318,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on April 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: April 1, 1898, 114,267; April 1, 1897, 122,376,000; April 1, 1896, 161,978,000; April 1, 1895, 181,442,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	62,732,690	49,002,300
Milwaukee	7,530,642	6,278,845
Duluth	35,140,248	36,987,678
Chicago	29,757,070	14,533,143
Total	135,160,650	106,801,996

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United

States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	10,071,896	6,510,862
St. Louis	10,903,956	10,592,827
Detroit	4,426,420	3,029,464
Kansas City	26,486,366	6,431,400
Total	51,888,638	26,564,553

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.01	.10
spring . . . . .	.08	.13
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, 72@73c.
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Bran—Per ton, \$6.
Shorts—Per ton, \$8.
Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 18@21c.
Barley—Feed, 20 @ 23c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.
Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 45@50c per bushel.
Butter—Dairy, dealers' price, 16@18c.
Cheese—Dealers selling at 9@11c.
Eggs—Fresh selling at 12@12½c.
Beef—City dressed, fresh, 5½ @ 6½c.
Mutton—Frozen 8c. Fresh 9½@10c.
Hogs—Dressed, 4½@5c in round lots.
Cattle—3@4½c as to quality.
Hogs—Live, off cars, 4½c for best bacon.
Sheep—4½@4½c off cars here.
Hides—No. 1 green, 7c.
Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.
Poultry—Chickens, 12½c per pound; turkeys, 12@13c per lb.
Potatoes—30@35c per bushel.
Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

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Their motto was "Life Insurance at Cost," and they used this argument to induce people to insure, but my experience shows that it is a very dear insurance compared with other companies I am insured in.

Again, should any member fail to make the payment to the Mutual Reserve punctually the policy would be forfeited, and he would lose all that he had paid on it. We see that the president draws \$75,000 per annum, which would account for the direction in which some of the money goes. On the following page I give you the numbers of my policies and what has been paid on them:

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Toronto, March 18, 1898.

INSURANCE.

Hon. Mr. Cameron has introduced in the Manitoba legislature a bill to amend the insurance act. The object, he said, was to see that friendly societies organized outside of the province and doing business here should be registered, the same as regular life assurance companies; he referred to such societies as the Foresters, etc. Those which were on a sound footing would not object. Before obtaining a license they would be required to show that they had been solvable corporations for five years previously, and did not do business outside of their own membership.

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Edmonton Board of Trade.

At the recent annual meeting of the Edmonton board of trade, retiring President Cowie, in his address, dwelt at some length on the purposes, constitution and objects of a board of trade, and asked for active co-operation of all its executive instead of leaving the labor to a few. In concluding his address, he said: "Gentlemen, as the commercial custodians of the key to Canada's northern mineral treasures we have before us most splendid opportunities of enriching ourselves, our district, our Dominion, and our empire, by unlocking and making known and accessible to miners and capitalists the resources of the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains where lie dormant minerals, probably as valuable as any in the Klondike. It is necessary that each member should be an active worker on any committee to which he may be assigned, and that permanent committees be appointed on each matter of importance. Before concluding I desire to congratulate the board on the defeat of the Stikine-Teslin lake contract by the senate."

The following officers were elected: President, C. Gallagher; vice-president, W. J. Walker; secretary-treasurer, F. Fraser Sims.

Councillors: Messrs. Bellamy, Kinnaid, Strang, Willmott, Picard, Hourston, Lines, Johnson and Larue.



THE RATE OF INTEREST.

From the standpoint of the business community the reduction of the rate of interest on deposits in the government savings banks to 2 1/2 per cent to take effect on the 1st July next, is a decidedly good move. Up to last year the rate of interest paid by the government on the deposits of the people was 3 1/2 per cent and this was continued long after the government could borrow in the open market for 3 per cent or less. Money being plentiful, the finance minister decided to reduce the rate to 3 per cent, the figure at which most of the banks were receiving time deposits. Yet this reduction of the rate of interest, far from reducing the volume of the deposits in the governments savings banks, failed to keep them from increasing and to-day the government can get more money than it wants either in this way or in the open market at 2 1/2 per cent. Moreover, it must be remembered that the rate of interest is continually declining and, under the circumstances why should the government of Canada, with its credit standing as high as it does at present, be expected to pay more for the use of money than the market rate. As trustee and administrator for the people, it would not be justified in doing so, especially as its needs of funds is not only less now than it was formerly, but will further decrease after the 1st July next, when there will be an important reduction in its bill consequent on the redemption of certain loans. In any case, the government is not a benevolent institution. It is altogether unreasonable to expect that it should pay depositors more for money than it can get it at from others. If it were to do so, it would simply have to make up the extra amount by taxing one portion of the population for the benefit of the other. Moreover, it will save \$222,500 a year alone by the proposed reduction of the rate of interest payable to its savings banks depositors and this is an important consideration for Canadian taxpayers generally. Of course, depositors will lose by the change, but they are not forced to invest their money with the government. If they can get more for it elsewhere, they are perfectly free to put it there. And when it is remembered that there are over \$50,000,000 actually on deposit in the government savings banks, it may be rather beneficial than injurious to the public interests that something should happen to withdraw some of this idle capital and to induce its investment in more active and profitable ways for the benefit of the industry and trade of the country.—Trade Review, Montreal.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Dominion Express company has made a reduction in the rates for the collection of notes, drafts and accounts.

T. Gill has appointed a local manager for the Birbeck Loan and Trust company, at Rat Portage, in the person of Mr. Currie.

The by-law authorizing the Winnipeg school board to raise \$100,000 by

sale of debentures for the erection of school houses was carried on Tuesday by a good majority.

D. Dolg and E. Finlayson, of the Bank of British North America, have left Vancouver for the north in connection with the proposition to establish a branch of the bank in the Yukon.

The Bank of British North America has made inquiries from the government as to conditions under which they might do business in Yukon. They and all other banks were assured of police protection and any facilities the government could afford.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada have opened a branch at Medicine Hat. It was also reported that the Union Bank would open a branch at the Hat, but the latter institution has reconsidered the matter and decided not to do so.

Tenders have been received for the proposed Winnipeg debentures and that of W. W. McMillan for A. McFEE & Co., of London, Eng., for \$50,000 of the ten year four per cent debentures was accepted at 102.15. Offers will be received up to May 5 for the balance of the ten year debentures at the same price, the other issues at relative prices.

Dry Goods Trade.

In the United States the depression in cotton is largely confined to print cloth fabrics, and such are dull and weak. The stock of print cloths is known to be excessive, and prices have worked to a lower point than ever before known for these goods. Medium-fine yarn goods are scarce and firm. Wide prints in the way of percales and crotonnes, are selling freely, and an excellent call for gingham continues. The demand for the latter goods is in excess of the supply, the mills being largely sold ahead.

Coroners in England have been called upon to hold inquests on young children who have been burned to death. In a number of these cases the mischief is alleged to have been greatly increased by the inflammable nature of flannelette night dresses, which the children have been wearing. The Textile Mercury states in this connection, the purest and best flannelette with a newly raised nap is almost the most inflammable article that can be conceived, because every filament of the raised nap presents itself individually to any flame that may be brought against it, and if the fabric be hanging vertically, as in a garment upon a child, it would flash off almost as quickly as gun cotton. The dangerous inflammability of flannelette diminishes however with washing.

Mr. Mortimer, representative of the Winnipeg Tailors' union, was heard by the city council on Monday last in opposition to the recommendation of tender for suits of clothes for the city firemen. He contended that it was not possible for the contractor to put in the material specified for \$12 per suit and pay a fair rate of wages to the employees, and that this was introducing the sweating system. The cloth was \$2 a yard, it would take 3 1/2 yards for a suit, which would be \$7; the trimmings would cost \$3 and this would leave only \$2 for profit to the contractor and the payment of the hands. Ald. Bell replied that every care would be taken to see that the suits were up to the specifications. The council had no right to assume that the offer was anything but a bona fide one.

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Manitoba

James Lamb is opening a grocery and provision store at Minnedosa.

The price of farm land is advancing in many districts quite sharply.

The Canadian Pacific Company contemplate enlarging their depot in Winnipeg.

A. E. Eller, formerly of Stratford, Ont., has opened as merchant tailor at Morden.

Neepawa has been created an out-port of customs under Winnipeg jurisdiction.

F. Cloutier, grocer, etc., Winnipeg, has assigned to W. Georgeson. Creditors will meet on April 21 to consider the estate.

The firm of Crawford & Breaky, general merchants, Glenwood, have dissolved. Mr. Crawford continues the business.

Thos. Harrison has sold his general store stock at Franklin, to Taylor Bros., of Minnedosa, and has returned to Neepawa.

Mrs. Bell, formerly of Portage la Prairie, has opened a general store at Baldur, where she has purchased the Graham estate.

W. Sullivan, of Collingwood, Ont., has formed a partnership with G. H. Irvin, tailor, of Carberry, under the style of Irvin & Sullivan.

Work has been commenced on the big warehouse which will be erected this season on McDermot street, Winnipeg, for Geo. D. Wood & Co.

Thornton & Carmichael, boots and shoes, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership. Thornton will continue the business.

Owing to a temporary local scarcity of brick, Winnipeg contractors have been importing brick this spring from Grand Forks, Dakota.

There are 500 men employed in the Canadian Pacific railway workshops in Winnipeg. The pay roll for last March was over \$30,000.

J. R. Strome, of Brandon, has purchased the stock of Passmore & Co., at Rapid City, and will continue the business as a branch with J. Mutter as manager.

John McLeod, postmaster and pioneer merchant of Elkhorn, Man., is dead. Deceased was a native of Scotland and was for many years in business in Allison, Ont.

P. J. McDermott, general merchant, of Minnedosa, has purchased the store at Franklin, owned by W. Sharpe, and will open a branch store therein, in charge of P. Browne.

Urquhart & Lindsay, blacksmiths, Neepawa, have dissolved partnership. Robt. Lindsay continuing the business Urquhart will open for himself in a new business.

The "Relief of Lucknow" will be the spectacular attraction at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition this year, and it is expected this will prove the greatest drawing card ever presented at the exhibition grounds.

It is announced at Ottawa that the Dauphin railway in Manitoba will be extended this summer beyond the present terminus at Winnipegosis. It is said the Dauphin road now controls the Hudson Bay railway charter, and the proposed extension may be a move toward the bay.

The Melita Enterprise newspaper gives a list of new buildings which will be erected at that place. These include a new stone store by T. D.

Sturgeon, hardware dealer. Dunford, butcher, and Powell, hardware, will erect a stone block. A new office for the Enterprise will also be built.

It is reported that the Manitoba government has decided to aid the Southeastern railway to the extent of guaranteeing bonds to the amount of \$8,000 a mile, for one hundred miles from Lake of the Woods to Winnipeg. This road is proposed to connect with the Ontario and Rainy River railway, thus forming a through line to Lake Superior in Canadian territory.

Operations have commenced at the new cigar factory, which Thos. Lee, late of the firm of Bryan & Lee, is starting in Winnipeg. The large premises known as Fonseca hall, on Main street, have been secured for the factory and quite a number of hands have already started work. Mr. Lee is placing two brands of cigars on the market this week, which will be known as the "P. L." brand and the "Rosa Linda." Other brands will be put on later as soon as a stock can be manufactured.

Several failures have been announced during the past two weeks, but they are all small concerns, with the exception of that of F. Cloutier, of Winnipeg. The latter failure came somewhat unexpectedly, and the immediate cause is said to be due to a change in the management of a local bank which holds a chattel mortgage for \$10,000 against the stock. It is claimed that it was understood the bank was prepared to carry the business at the time the mortgage was given, a few months ago. Cloutier's stock amounts to about \$20,000, and the estate shows a nominal surplus so far as is known. A few years ago, when Cloutier suffered from fire, he showed a surplus of six or seven thousand dollars.

The Richard Co. have opened business at 342 Main street, Winnipeg, in clothing and furnishings, with Eugene Richard as manager. The store is known as the "Fit Reform Wardrobe." This is an entirely new departure in the clothing trade. On entering the store no clothing is seen. One side of the store is filled up with handsome wardrobes, like cabinets, each wardrobe containing a particular line of clothing. The article of furniture on which the clothing is displayed, is drawn out, and it can be replaced again as readily as a door. The goods handled in clothing are the manufactures of the Fit Reform Clothing Co., of Montreal, and suits are made up in the finest goods, and in all styles, even to the full dress suits. Every article has the price attached by the manufacturers, and the retailers who handle these goods are pledged not to sell at any other price than that marked upon them. The manufacturers will sell to only one person in each place where the goods are handled. The class of goods are such as to compete more with tailor made goods than with the ordinary ready made clothing trade.

Assiniboia.

G. Michaels has submitted plans for a new store he proposes building at Regina.

A board of trade has been formed at Indian Head with H. H. Campkin as secretary-treasurer.

The citizens of Moosomin have organized an immigration committee for the purpose of calling attention to

the vacant lands open for settlement in their district. Moosomin is an excellent agricultural section.

Thos. Henley has secured premises at Moose Jaw and will open a store.

W. W. Bole's business at Moose Jaw is to be converted into a limited liability company, under the title of The Moose Jaw Drug and Stationary company. The capital stock is \$10,000, and the provisional directors are W. W. Bole, Dr. Turnbull and Dr. McCulloch.

Northwest Ontario.

Capt. Hooper, of Rat Portage, is establishing a fishing station at Rainy lake.

The Rainy Lake Herald is now published by J. A. Osborne, formerly of Rat Portage.

W. P. Margetson and W. A. F. Jones are opening in the mine brokerage and general commission business at Rat Portage.

The annual meeting of the board of trade of Rainy River was held recently, when the following officers were elected: W. A. Weir, president; W. Margach, vice-president; and Rice, Drewry, Barnes, Hall, Rodgers, Carmichael and Schnarr.

Brady and McVane at Rat Portage, have taken over the Queen's hotel from W. G. Cameron, and the latter gentleman will associate himself with Mr. Heap in the produce business. The two gentlemen who have assumed control of the hotel were conductors on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railroads.

The big mining corporation known as the Ontario Gold Concession, has placed an order with the Waterous Engine Works Co., for a car load of machinery, for prospecting work, etc.

The bakery business of Smith & Walker, Rat Portage, has changed name, and will in future be known by Walker, Ferris & Co., Mr. Smith withdrawing from the business. The members of the new firm are Jno. Walker, John Ferrier of Toronto, and W. Parsons, of Delhi, Ont.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Maple syrup is arriving in the city freely this week from the east.

Stocks of cured fish are practically exhausted in Winnipeg.

It is said the recent tariff changes will not effect the price of tobacco.

Teas & Persse, brokers, Winnipeg, received a wire from California on Wednesday reporting a further advance of 1-1c on apricots. Mail advices received this week say it is now definitely ascertained that the crop has been badly damaged by the late frosts, and one report says the crop will not be more than one-twentieth of that of last year. This applies more particularly to apricots. Other fruits have suffered in less proportion.

Latest advices received by Teas & Persse, Winnipeg, in regard to Japan teas indicates a firm market for new medium teas, though when the market opens in May much will depend upon the demand for the United States. The tendency to shut out low grade teas will, it is expected, lead to a strong demand for teas of a quality just good enough to pass inspection, and these graded are expected to rule 10 to 20 per cent higher.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES		Dried Fruits		Tobacco		DRUGS	
Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.		Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs .. 1 70	Per pound	T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads ..	Per pound	Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.	
Canned Goods		Raisins, Val. Layers, per box 25 .. 2 55		Lily, 55, cads ..	00 63	Alum, lb ..	3 1/2
Apples, 35, 2 doz ..	2 25	Loose Muscatels, 2 crown ..	00 06	Cresant, 55, cads ..	00 60	Alcohol, gal ..	5 50
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz ..	3 25	Loose Muscatels, 3 crown ..	07 7 1/2	T. & B. Black Chewing, 85 or 165	00 64	Bleaching Powder, lb ..	06 08
Apples, gallons (per doz) ..	3 00	Loose Muscatels, 4 crown ..	08 3 1/2	T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 55 or 16	00 61	Bluestone, lb ..	06 07
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz ..	3 25	London Layers, 20 lb Boxes ..	2 00	T. & B. in 1-2 pkgs, cut ..	00 89	Bluestone, barrel lots ..	0 1/2
Blueberries, 25, 2 doz ..	3 00	Apples, Dried ..	07 07	T. & B. in 1-5 tins ..	00 91	Borax ..	65 13
Beans, 25, 2 doz ..	2 10	Evap. Apples, finest quality ..	11 11	T. & B. in 1-5 tins ..	00 99	Bromide Potash ..	65 75
Corn, 25, 2 doz ..	2 10	California Evaporated Fruits		T. & B. in 1-5 tins ..	00 90	Camphor, ounces ..	80 60
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz ..	4 75	Peaches, peeled ..	18 20	T. & B. in 1-5 tins ..	00 87	Carbolic Acid ..	40 65
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz ..	2 25	Peaches, unpeeled ..	11 13	Orinoco, 1-12 pkg ..	00 85	Castor Oil ..	15 17
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz ..	2 25	Pears ..	11 12	Orinoco, 1-5 tins ..	00 91	Chlorate Potash ..	25 30
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz ..	3 50	Apricots, new ..	10 11	Orinoco, 1/2 tins ..	00 80	Citric Acid ..	55 65
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz ..	4 75	Pitted Plums ..	11 12	Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette		Copperas ..	03 1/2
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz ..	5 00	Prunes, 100 to 120 ..	5 1/2	Brier, 75, cads ..	00 85	Cocaine, oz ..	4 50
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz ..	4 50	Prunes, 50 to 100 ..	7 1/2	Derby, 35, cads ..	00 68	Cream Tartar, lb ..	30 35
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz ..	5 00	Prunes, 70 to 80 ..	7 1/2	Derby 75, cads ..	00 68	Cloves ..	20 25
Peaches, 25, 2 doz ..	3 50	Prunes, 60 to 70 ..	5 3/4	P. & W. Chewing, Cads ..	00 66	Epsom Salts ..	03 1/2
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz ..	4 75	Prunes, 40 to 50 ..	10 11	P. & W. Chewing, Butts ..	00 66	Extract Logwood, bulk ..	13 13
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz ..	5 00	Matches		Wooden Ware		Extract Logwood, boxes ..	13 20
Plums, 25, 2 doz ..	3 50	Telegraph ..	\$3 60	Pails, 2 hoop clear ..	1 50	German Quine ..	35 45
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz ..	4 50	Telephone ..	3 40	Pails, wire hoop ..	2 25	Glycerine, lb ..	30 35
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz ..	2 25	Tiger ..	3 25	Pails, Star fibre ..	4 00	Ginger, Jamaica ..	30 35
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz ..	3 25	Nuts		Tubs, No. 0 common ..	9 50	Ginger, African ..	20 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz ..	3 75	Brazils ..	12 1/2	Tubs, No. 1 common ..	8 50	Howard's Quinine, oz ..	45 55
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz ..	3 10	Taragona Almonds ..	13 15	Tubs, No. 2 common ..	6 50	Iodine ..	5 00
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz ..	4 50	Peanuts, roasted ..	13 15	Tubs, No. 3 common ..	5 50	Insect Powder ..	35 40
Salmon, Cohoese talls, 15, 4 doz ..	5 00	Peanuts, green ..	10 12	Tubs, nests (3) ..	1 65	Morphia, sul ..	2 10
Sardines, domestic 1/2s ..	06 08	Grenoble Walnuts ..	15 15	Tubs, wire hoop (3) ..	2 25	Opium ..	4 50
Sardines, imported, 1/2s ..	09 15	French Walnuts ..	13 15	Tubs, fibre, No. 0 ..	16 50	Oil, olive ..	1 25
Sardines, imported, 1/2s ..	15 25	Sicily Filberts ..	11 15	Tubs, fibre, No. 1 ..	14 50	Oil, U.S. Salad ..	1 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless ..	20 35	Shelled Almonds ..	25 30	Tubs, fibre, No. 2 ..	12 50	Oil, lemon, super ..	2 75
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s ..	10 12	Syrup		Tubs, fibre, No. 3 ..	10 50	Oil, peppermint ..	4 00
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz ..	1 50	Extra Bright, per lb ..	3 1/2	Per nest ..	3 20	Oil, cod liver, gal ..	1 50
Imp. Kipperd Herrings, 15, 1 doz ..	1 75	Medium, per lb ..	3 3/4	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2) ..	50 55	Oxalic Acid ..	14 16
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 151 ..	2 00	Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins ..	57 45c	Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3) ..	75 80	Potass Iodide ..	3 75
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 151 ..	2 00	Molasses, per gal ..	35c	Sugar		Paris Green, lb ..	15 20
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 151 ..	2 00	Sugar		Extra Standard Granulated ..	5 1/2	Saltpetre ..	10 12
Canned Meats		German Granulated ..	4 1/2	Extra Ground ..	6 1/2	Sal Rochelle ..	30 35
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz ..	3 00	Powdered ..	6 1/2	Bright Yellow Sugar ..	4 1/2	Shellac ..	35 40
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz ..	2 75	Maple Sugar ..	11c	Salt		Sulphur Flowers ..	3 1/2
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz ..	6 50	Rock Salt ..	1 1/2	Common, fine ..	1 00	Sulphur Roll, keg ..	3 1/2
Lunch Tongue, 25, 1 doz ..	6 25	Common, coarse ..	1 00	Dairy, 100-3 ..	3 25	Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs ..	3 75
Brawn, 25, 1 doz ..	2 50	Dairy, 60-5 ..	3 25	Dairy, 60-5 ..	3 25	Salt Soda ..	2 00
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz ..	6 00	Spices		Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins ..	75 90	Tartaric Acid, lb ..	45 55
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz ..	3 75	Allspice, whole ..	18 20	Syrup		Strychnine, pure crystals, oz ..	5 1 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15		Allspice, pure ground ..	18 20	Long Clear ..	9 1/2		
2 doz ..	5 00	Cassia, whole ..	18 20	Smoked Meats			
Potted Ham		Cassia, pure ground ..	20 25	Haus ..	11 11 1/2		
Develled Ham, 1/2s ..	75	Cassia, compound ..	13 18	Breakfast bacon, bellies ..	11 1/2		
Potted Tongue, 1/2s ..	75	Cloves, whole ..	18 20	Breakfast bacon, backs ..	10 1/2		
Potted Ham, 1/2s ..	1 50	Cloves, pure ground ..	25 30	Spiced rolls ..	8 1/2		
Develled Ham, 1/2s ..	1 50	Pepper, black, whole ..	10 15	Shoulders ..	8 5 1/2		
Potted Tongue, 1/2s ..	1 50	Pepper, black, pure ground ..	13 15	Long Clear ..	9 1/2		
Coffee		Pepper, black, compound ..	10 13	Dry Salt Meats			
Green Rio ..	10 10 1/2	Pepper, white, whole ..	20 25	Long clear bacon ..	5 1/2		
Cereals		Pepper, white, pure ground ..	25 35	Boneless Shoulders ..	5 1/2		
Split Peas, sack 95 ..	2 25	Pepper, white, compound ..	18 20	Backs ..	9 9 1/2		
Pot Barley, sack 95 ..	2 40	Pepper, Cayenne ..	30 35	Imported Short Clear ..	5 1/2		
Pearl Barley, sack 95 ..	4 00	Ginger, whole, Jamaica ..	25 30	Barrel Pork			
Rolled Oats, sack 50 ..	2 00	Ginger, whole Cochin ..	20 25	Heavy mess ..	15 50		
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95 ..	2 10	Ginger, pure ground ..	25 30	Short cut ..	16 50		
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95 ..	2 20	Ginger, compound ..	15 25	Meat Sundries			
Beans (per bushel) ..	1 20	Nutmegs, (per pound) ..	60 1 00	Fresh pork sausage, lb ..	7		
Cornmeal, sack 95 ..	1 45	Mace (per pound) ..	1 00	Bologna sausage, lb ..	6 1/2		
Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac) ..	75 0 80	Teas		Ham, chicken and tongue, doz ..	\$1 20		
Rice		China Blacks—		Pickled hocks, per lb ..	03		
Rice, B ..	4 1/2	Choice ..	35 40	Pickled tongues ..	05		
Rice, Japan ..	5 1/2	Medium ..	25 35	Pickled pigs feet, pail 15 lbs ..	1 40		
Sago ..	4 c	Common ..	13 20	Sausage casings, lb ..	20 25		
Tapioca ..	4 c	Indian and Ceylon—		FRESH FISH,			
Cigarettes		Choice ..	32 40	OYSTERS			
Old Judge ..	\$8 90	Medium ..	25 32	Whitefish, lb ..	4 1/2		
Athlete ..	5 90	Common ..	13 20	Pickrel, lb ..	03 1/2		
Sweet Caporal ..	5 90	Young Hysons—		Trout, lb ..	09		
Sweet Sixteen ..	5 70	Choice ..	35 45	Lake Superior Herrings, doz ..	15		
Derby ..	7 60	Medium ..	25 32	Pike, lb ..	02 1/2		
Cured Fish		Common ..	22 25	Pike, lb ..	02 1/2		
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs ..	6 00	Japan—		Salmon, lb ..	12		
Codfish, boneless per lb ..	04 06	Choice ..	35 45	S. C. halibut, lb ..	12		
Codfish, Pure per lb ..	07 08	Medium ..	25 35	Smelts, lb ..	08		
Herrings, in kegs ..	3 50	Common ..	22 30	Cod, lb ..	08		
Dried Fruits		Teas		Haddock ..	08		
Currants, Prov'l Barrels ..	07 7 1/2	China Blacks—		Findon haddock, lb ..	05 06		
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels ..	07 7 1/2	Choice ..	35 40	Smoked goldeyes, doz ..	30		
Currants, Prov'l Cases ..	07 7 1/2	Medium ..	25 32	Oysters, standards, gal ..	1 70		
Currants, Vostizza Cases ..	07 1/2	Common ..	13 20	Oysters, selects, gal ..	2 00		
Currants, Finlatria, bbls ..	07 1/2	Teas		Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl ..	6 50		
Currants, Finlatria, cases ..	07 1/2	China Blacks—		Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl ..	7 50		
Dates, Cases ..	06 07	Choice ..	35 40				
Figs, Elemc, about to lb box ..	12 1/2	Medium ..	25 30				
Figs, Cooking, Sax ..	05 1/2	Common ..	13 20				
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases ..	08 09	Teas					
Prunes, French, Cases ..	06 07	China Blacks—					
Sultana Raisins ..	10 12	Choice ..	35 40				

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Alum, lb ..	3 1/2
Alcohol, gal ..	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb ..	06 08
Bluestone, lb ..	06 07
Bluestone, barrel lots ..	0 1/2
Borax ..	65 13
Bromide Potash ..	65 75
Camphor, ounces ..	80 60
Carbolic Acid ..	40 65
Castor Oil ..	15 17
Chlorate Potash ..	25 30
Citric Acid ..	55 65
Copperas ..	03 1/2
Cocaine, oz ..	4 50
Cream Tartar, lb ..	30 35
Cloves ..	20 25
Epsom Salts ..	03 1/2
Extract Logwood, bulk ..	13 13
Extract Logwood, boxes ..	13 20
German Quine ..	35 45
Glycerine, lb ..	30 35
Ginger, Jamaica ..	30 35
Ginger, African ..	20 25
Howard's Quinine, oz ..	45 55
Iodine ..	5 00
Insect Powder ..	35 40
Morphia, sul ..	2 10
Opium ..	4 50
Oil, olive ..	1 25
Oil, U.S. Salad ..	1 25
Oil, lemon, super ..	2 75
Oil, peppermint ..	4 00
Oil, cod liver, gal ..	1 50
Oxalic Acid ..	14 16
Potass Iodide ..	3 75
Paris Green, lb ..	15 20
Saltpetre ..	10 12
Sal Rochelle ..	30 35
Shellac ..	35 40
Sulphur Flowers ..	3 1/2
Sulphur Roll, keg ..	3 1/2
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs ..	3 75
Salt Soda ..	2 00
Tartaric Acid, lb ..	45 55
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz ..	5 1 00

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Lard, pure, 20 lb pails ..	\$1 90
Lard, pure, 50 lb pails ..	4 05
Lard, pure, in 3.5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs ..	6 00
Lard, Tierces, per lb ..	5 1/2
Smoked Meats	
Haus ..	11 11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies ..	11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs ..	10 1/2
Spiced rolls ..	8 1/2
Shoulders ..	8 5 1/2
Long Clear ..	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon ..	5 1/2
Boneless Shoulders ..	5 1/2
Backs ..	9 9 1/2
Imported Short Clear ..	5 1/2
Barrel Pork	
Heavy mess ..	15 50
Short cut ..	16 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb ..	7
Bologna sausage, lb ..	6 1/2
Ham, chicken and tongue, doz ..	\$1 20
Pickled hocks, per lb ..	03
Pickled tongues ..	05
Pickled pigs feet, pail 15 lbs ..	1 40
Sausage casings, lb ..	20 25

LEATHER

Harness, oak ..	Per pound
Harness, union oak No. 1 ..	33
Harness, union oak No. 1 R ..	35
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand ..	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand ..	33
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 ..	32
Do., No. 1 R ..	31
Black collar leather ..	36
Sole, union oak ..	32
Listowell, sole ..	27 30
Penning, sole ..	27 30
B. F. French calf ..	25 1 30
B. F. French kip ..	95 1 15
Canada calf ..	65 80
Canada Calf, Horseshoe ..	90 90
Horseshoe Brand Kip ..	80 80
Karn Kip ..	85 85
Wax upper ..	42 46
Grain upper ..	42 46
Kangaroo, per foot ..	25 50
Dolgoia, per foot ..	25 40

FUEL

These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	Per ton
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump ..	10 00
Pea size ..	7 50
Western anthracite, stove ..	9 50
Western anthracite, nut ..	7 25
Leithbridge bituminous ..	7 50
Hocking ..	7 50
Souris Lignite ..	4 50
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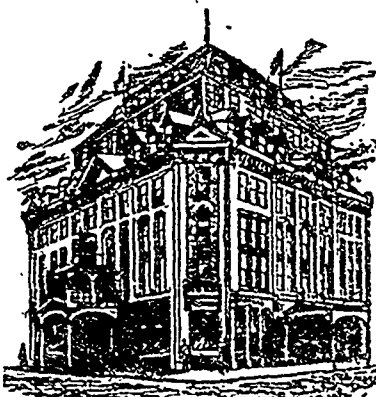
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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, April, 16, 1898.

Green fruits have advanced about 25c per box all around, fresh meats are $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c higher.

Butter—California creamery, 26@27c; Oregon, 20c.

Eggs—Local, 20c; California and Oregon, 20c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ @12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @13c; short clear 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; short rolls 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; frozen salmon 6c lb; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 9c; kippered herring 8c; Columbia river oolochaus 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 7c; frozen white fish, 10c lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes 13@15 per ton asherofts \$19.50; local onions, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; California onions 5c lb; cabbage 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons 2.75@3.00 box; apples, 1.25@2 box; Navel oranges, 2.75 @ 3.25; seedling oranges, 2@2.25; bananas, bunch 2.75 @3.00

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound sacks \$3.00; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.00; strong bakers \$5.70; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, \$28.00 per ton; wheat \$25@26 per ton; barley, \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$18 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8@9c; mutton 11c@12; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 8@9; veal 9@10c; Pemican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, 4 50 @ \$5.00 per 100 lbs; sheep, 5.50@5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$6.00 @ 6.50 per 100 lbs; cows, 4.00@4.50 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, 15@16c lb; turkeys; 19c, lb.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ @9c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; walnut, 13c lb.

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

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; good 13c; choice 20c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, April, 15.

Pig Iron—\$15@15.50.
Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.50@1.60; hoop and band iron, \$1.85 for Canadian and \$2 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 18@24, \$3.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 26, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 28 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@4.

Lead—Pig, imported, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@4; domestic, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c @ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; sheet, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb; shot, can., dis. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain— $\frac{1}{2}$ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; $\frac{3}{4}$ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; $\frac{1}{2}$ in., \$3.10; $\frac{3}{8}$ in., \$2.80; $\frac{1}{4}$ in., \$2.75.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.

Antimony—8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@9; solder, 11c@12.

Ingot Copper—12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@17.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tinplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20x28; charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch., \$1.70@1.87 $\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2}$ inch., \$2.10@2.20; $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, \$2.55@2.65; 1 inch, \$3.45@3.65; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$4.65@4.75; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$5.80@6.20; 2 inch, 8.00@8.63. Galvanized, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$3.50; $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, \$4.25; 1 inch, \$3.50; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$8.10; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$10.00; 2 inch, 14.00.

Barb Wire—\$2, terms 30 days or 2 per cent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent.; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.90 for delivery in Toronto, Montreal and London; terms, four months or 3 per cent off for cash 30 days.

Cut Nails—\$1.80@1.85 base price Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25@3.40 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 10; round head bright, 80 and 10; flat head brass, 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 10; round head brass, 75 and 10 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, 70 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 70; machine bolts, 60 and 10; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 50 and 10; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; hexagon, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Rivets—Iron, 65 per cent, all sizes; copper rivets, 50 and 5.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.45, and in 100-foot boxes, \$2.75; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 45 and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Harvest Tools—Discounts 60, 10 and 5 per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 7c; $\frac{3}{4}$ in., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@7 $\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5-16 in., 8c@8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 8c; $\frac{3}{4}$, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5-16, 9c.

Binder Twine—Pure Manila, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, April, 15.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 2 granulated, 4 5-10c; Dutch granulated, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; yellows, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 32c@38c; special bright, 40c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 28c@30; for medium and 35c@50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c; fines, 30@35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oolong, 25c@65c; Ceylons, 17@45c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ @12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Mocha, 26c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.30; peas, 90@91; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 75@80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Canned Salmon, 95c@91; sock-eyes, \$1.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ @1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@5c; fine, off-stalk, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; selected, 6c@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; layers, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@7c; Provincial, currants, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Filiatras, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@7c; Patras, 7c@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Vostizzas, 8c@8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 10c@11c; 50's to 60's, 8c@8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 60's to 70's, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 80's to 90's, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c@7c; 90's to 100's, 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Bosnia prunes, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Sultanas, 10c@12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallowee dates, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.50@1.65 per box; black baskets, \$2.25; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.50; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 55c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Nuts—Marbets, 10@11c; filberts, Sicily, 9@11c, Grenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4c; do Patna, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; do Japan, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochin, 15@20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@18c; Amboy, 18@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@51; cream tartar, pure, 28c, 22 @25c for compound.

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Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, ton and case lots, 8c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11@11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; hams, large 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 10c and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ @11c for small; picnic hams, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ @9c; rolls, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; tubs 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; pails, 7c.

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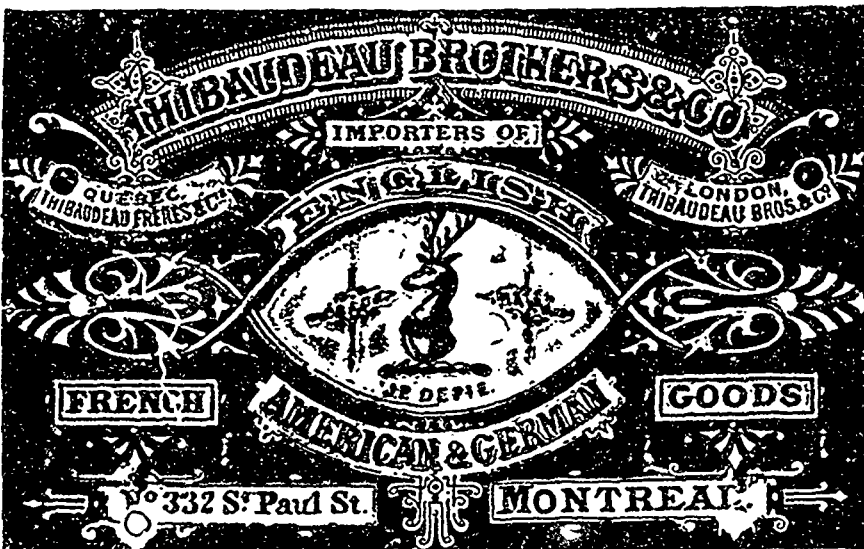
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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, April 12.

The markets are barren of interest this week, there being no change in prices. The outfitting trade has revived after a period of comparative dullness and merchants say that it is quite brisk at present. It is stated, however, that perhaps the bulk of the trade comes from United States citizens, Canadians to a considerable extent doing their outfitting in eastern Canada before getting here. A great many strangers mostly young men, are in town looking for employment, which at present is almost impossible to secure. Probably the cheap rates have been the means of bringing these people from the east, who seem possessed with a vague idea on their arrival that they merely had to ask for employment to their own liking and they would get it. In the mechanic class in numerous cases public charity has had to be extended while those who sought positions of clerks and office hands in many cases have been obliged to return. Some of these have only stopped over one train, content with having made a cheap trip and having visited the coast. Although the question of numerous idle hands in the city is a serious one, Vancouver is very prosperous nevertheless. A great deal of public work is going on. A very large number of houses are being built and it is somewhat difficult to secure houses to rent, even in the suburbs of the city, while all rents have advanced. Money is easy and business in all lines is good.

The Live Stock Trade.

H. J. Burton, of Carman, Man., has purchased 400 horses in Montana for the Manitoba market.

A train load of stockers went south from Winnipeg on Wednesday to St. Paul. They were purchased in the province by Mr. Blatowsky.

There is much objection in some quarters to the shipment of so many stocker cattle out of Manitoba, but with the high prices being paid for stockers and the poor outlook for fat cattle, it is questionable if the farmers are not getting the best of it by selling their young cattle.

Dan Mills, of Carman, Man., is shipping 100 fat oxen to Dawson City, via Vancouver and Dyea. He is also feeding 200 head of cattle for the British Columbia market, which will be shipped early in May. He has 1,000 head of stockers now bought up, at Carman.

New York Wheat.

New York, April 11.—Wheat — Receipts 115,625 bushels, exports 176,641 bushels, sales 2,030,000 bushels, 68,000 bushels spot. Spot steady. No 2 red \$1.04 3-4; No. 1 northern Duluth \$1.10 1-4; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.10 3-4; No. 2 northern Duluth \$1.04 3-4. Options were weak most of the session, under large world's shipments, bearish news and disappointing visible supply reduction. Towards the close moderate coverings brought a rally. Final prices only 1-2c to 3-4c lower. No. 2 red May \$1.00 7-8 to \$1.01 3-4, closed \$1.01 3-4; July 57 13-16c to 88 3-4c, closed 89 1-4c; Sept. 80 7-16c to 81 1-4c, closed 80 7-8; Dec. 80 3-4c to 81 1-4c, closed 81 1-4c.

New York, April 12.—Wheat—Receipts 51,800 bushels, exports 195,664. Options opened weak under disappointing cables, but speedily developed strength which they held all day, closing 7-8c to 11-4c net higher. The southwest and shorts were the best buyers; later on heavy export business and firmer late cables. No. 2 red May \$1.01 3-4 to \$1.03, closed \$1.03; July 87 5-8c to 89 1-4c, closed 89 1-4c; September 80 3-4c to 81 3-4c, closed 81 3-4c; December 91c to 82 1-8c, closed 82 1-8c.

New York, April 13.—Wheat receipts, 61,975 bushels; sales, 4,515,000 bushels. Options were strong all day, attended most of the time by active covering, based on strong cables, war news and a big export demand, realizing produced a slight closing reaction, but final prices were 1 3-8c to 2 5-8c net higher. No. 2 red, May, \$1.03 7-8 to \$1.05 1-2, closed \$1.05 1-2; July, 89 3-4c to 92 1-4c, closed 91 7-8c; Sept. 82 1-2c to 84c, closed 83 1-2c; December, 82 7-8c to 83 7-8c, closed 83 1-2c.

New York, April 14.—Wheat — Receipts 169,275 bushels; exports 162,949 bushels. Options opened strong and active on bullish cables and war talk. The advance was made by heavy realizing, which continued most of the day, demoralizing prices on distant options. Just at the close there was a quick rally on reported recall of the Spanish ministers. Final prices were 3-8c to 1 1-2c higher on near, and 1-8 lower on far options. No. 2 red, May \$1.06 1-2; to \$1.08, closed \$1.07; July, 91-16 to 93 3-4c, closed 92 1-4; Sept. 82 7-8 to 84 5-8, closed 83 3-8c; December 83 3-8c to 84 5-8, closed 83 3-8c.

New York, April 15.—Wheat — Receipts 89,725 bushels; exports 15,997 bushels; sales 3,415,000 bushels futures; 192,000 bushels spot. Spot weak; No. 2 red \$1.07 f.o.b. afloat spot; No. 1 Northern Duluth \$1.12 1-2 f.o.b. afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.13 f.o.b. afloat to arrive; No. 2 Northern Duluth \$1.07 f.o.b. afloat spot. Options opened easier, and with few exceptions was very weak all day. Liquidation was a feature particularly near the close, when May went to pieces, and closed 3c net lower, against 1 3-8 to 2 3-8c loss in other months. Additional bear factors were lower cables, less warlike news and better crop prospects in California. May opened \$1.04 to \$1.06 3-8, closed \$1.04; July opened 89 7-8 to 92 3-8, closed 89 7-8; Sept. opened 82 to 82 3-8, closed 82; Dec. opened 81 3-4 to 83, closed 81 3-4.

On Saturday, April 16, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.06 3-4 for May option, and 92 3-8c July, and 84 3-8c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at \$1.01 5-8c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, April 11.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—April \$1.04 1-2; May \$1.06; July 83 7-8; Sept. 77c; Dec. 77 3-8c.

Corn—May 29 2-5c to 29 3-4c; July 30 3-8c; Sept. 32c.

Oats—May 25 5-8c; July 23 to 23 1-8c.

Mess pork—May \$9.80; July \$9.82.

Lard—May \$5.17 1-2; July \$5.25.

Short ribs — May \$5.17 1-2; July \$5.25.

Chicago, April 12.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 77 7-8c, April \$1.05 1-2, May \$1.07, July 85 1-2 to 85 5-8c, Sept. 77 1-2c.

Corn—May 29 3-4c, July 30 7-8c to 31c, Sept. 32 1-8c.

Oats—May 25 5-8c to 25 3-4c, July 23c to 23 1-8c.

Mess pork—May \$9.75, July \$9.85.

Lard—May \$5.17 1-2, July \$5.25.

Short ribs—May \$5.15, July \$5.22 1-2.

Chicago, April 13.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, Dec. 79 1-2c; May, \$1.08 1-4; July, 87 3-8c; Sept., 79 3-8c.

Corn, May, 30 1-8c; July, 31 3-8c; Sept., 32 1-2c.

Oats, May, 26 1-4c; July, 23 1-4c.

Mess pork, May, \$9.92 1-2; July, \$10.02 1-2.

Lard, May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25.

Short ribs, May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25.

Chicago, April 14.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.11 1-2; July \$7 7-8; Sept. 79; Dec. 79 1-4.

Corn—May 30 1-4 to 3-8; July 31 1-2; Sept. 32 5-8.

Oats—May 26 1-4; July 23 1-4.

Mess pork — May \$9.77 1-2; July \$9.90.

Lard—May \$5.12 1-2; July \$5.20.

Short ribs — May \$5.12 1-2; July \$5.20.

Chicago, April 15.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.09; July 84 3-4 to 84 7-8; Sept. 77 3-8; Dec. 77 5-8.

Corn—May 29 3-4; to 29 7-8; July 30 7-8 to 31; Sept. 32 1-8.

Oats—May 25 5-8 to 25 3-4; July 23.

Mess pork — May \$9.80; July \$9.92 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.15; July \$5.22 1-2; Sept. \$5.30.

Short ribs — May \$5.35; July \$5.22 1-2; Sept. \$5.30.

On Saturday, April 16, July wheat ranged from 85 1-2 to 87 1-2c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May, \$1.09; July, 86 7-8c; Sept., 79c.

Corn—May, 30 1-2c; July, 31 3-4c.

Oats—May, 25 7-8c; July, 23 1-4c.

Pork—May, \$9.77 1-2; July, \$9.90.

Lard—May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25.

Ribs—May, \$5.12 1-2; July, \$5.20.

Flax seed—Cash, \$1.23 1-2; May, \$1.24; Sept., \$1.12.

A week ago May option closed at \$1.06. A year ago May wheat closed at 73 3-4c, two years ago at 65 7-8c; three years ago at 59 7-8, and four years ago at 62c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, April 16, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 99 7-8 for May option, 98 3-8c for July, and 77 5-8c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 96 5-8c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat locally has not responded to the speculative boom in United States markets to-day, and closes for the week at \$1.03 to \$1.03 1-2 for No. 1 hard, afloat May, Fort William.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour is 10 to 15c higher; oats 1c higher; corn 11-4c higher; flax seed 4c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$5.10 to \$5.30; second patents, \$4.90 to \$5.10.

Millfeed — Shorts in bulk, \$3.25 to \$3.50; bran in bulk, \$3.25 to \$3.50; corn feed, \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 29c for No. 3. Oats—Held at 26 5-8c for No. 3 White.

Barley—Feed quoted at 31 to 32c. Flax seed—\$1.22 per bushel.

Eggs—81-2c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 5c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 9 1-2c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 20c; seconds, 16 to 17c; dairy, 16 to 19c for good to choice; seconds, 14 to 15c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 4 1-2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1-4c; for heavy and 4 3-4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 30 to 33c; choice native varieties, 35c to 48c.

Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 10c; old fowls 4 to 9c; turkeys 8 to 12; ducks 8 to 9 1-2c; geese 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c.

Hides—Green hides, 7 1-4c for No. 1, 6 1-4 for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 to 6 3-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 18 to 22c.

Hay—\$5.50 to \$8 per ton.

Cattle—Sales: 2 heifers, av. 645, \$3.50; 9 av 542, \$2.40; 5 heifers, av 474, \$3.50; 1 av 472, \$3; 3 stockers, av 496, \$1.35; 23 stockers, av 334 \$4.50; 7 steers, av 1,097, \$4.25.

Hogs—Sales: 15 hogs av 244 lbs. \$3.75; 33 hogs av 199 lbs, \$3.75; 10 av 203, \$3.85.

Sheep—Sales: 7 muttons av 92 lbs., \$4; 2 av 175, lbs., \$4.50.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May \$1.00 1-2; July 97c.

Tuesday—May \$1.01 3-8c; July 98c.

Wednesday—May \$1.03; July 98 1-2c.

Thursday—May, \$1.03 1-2; July, 99 1-2c.

Friday—May \$1.02 1-2; July, 98c; Sept., 77 3-4c.

Saturday—May \$1.03 1-2, July 99 1-4c, Sept. 80c.

Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.05 and cash No. 1 northern at \$1.04.

Last week May options closed at \$1. A year ago May options closed at 74 5-8c, and two years ago at 64 5-8c; three years ago May options closed at 64 3-4c; four years ago at 62c, and five years ago at 66 1-2c.

J. H. Ashdown has returned from a western trip.

Thos. Gilroy, of the Sun Life, returned Thursday from the east.

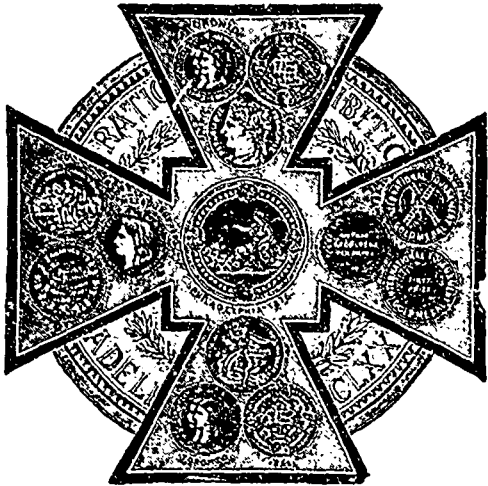
D. Kilgour will take the road next week with fall samples for the Kilgour, Rimer Co., Winnipeg.

A. S. Binns left Saturday evening last for the west, in the interests of R. J. Whitla & Co., Winnipeg.

Jas. Dowler, representing the Eby, Blain Co., of Toronto, who has been in the city for some days, went west this week.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 16.

The building season is opening up quite actively in Winnipeg. A number of new buildings and building improvements in business premises have been started, and in buildings of this class the season will be the most active for several years. In the country seeding operations have progressed rapidly, with favorable weather, though rain would be welcome in some districts, particularly southwest. Land sales are large. The number of new settlers arriving from the south shows an increase. Business is generally satisfactory for the season.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 16

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Deliveries of spring implements are now about over. All the dealers report a good business in seeders and harrows. Plows will be selling for some time yet. Wheeled rigs have sold freely this season. Dealers appear highly satisfied with the season's trade all round. The main difficulty has been in getting in supplies fast enough. There is still trouble about supplies, which are short in some lines. Bicycles have been moving nicely.

DRUGS.

It is said that Norwegian cod liver oil will be scarce and high this season, owing to the partial failure of the fisheries. Quinine bark declined at the recent sales at Amsterdam, in consequence of which the market is easier.

GREEN FRUITS.

It is reported that British Columbia fruit growers will make a push for business in Manitoba and the territories this year. If they can deliver the fruit in good condition they will find buyers ready to deal with them, but they will have to make a great improvement in handling their fruit, compared with last year. Business locally is improving with the advent of warmer weather. Oranges and lemons are 25c per box higher, as cars now arriving have to be iced, which increases the cost to this extent. Choice apples are scarce. A few barrels of well kept Spies have brought \$5.50, and sound apples of other varieties \$4 to \$4.50. Pine apples are arriving. The demand for bananas is good, but the outlook indicates a strong market, owing to the revolutionary troubles in Central America and the Cuban trouble. There may be a scarcity of bananas this season. New maple sugar and syrup is now offering. Prices are: Navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4; California seedling oranges, \$3 to \$3.25; bananas, per bunch, \$2.25 to \$3.50, as to size; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4 per box; apples, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for good to choice; off quality, \$2 to \$3.50 per bbl. as to condition; pineapples, \$6 dozen; coconuts, \$1 per doz.; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, elemes, 10 lb. box \$1.25 to \$1.40, as to quality; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; Dates, 6 1-2 to 7c per lb.; Tarragona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 9c; peanuts, roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c per lb. maple sugar, 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen 1-2 gallon tins, \$7; apple cider,

35c gallon in barrels and half barrels.

GROCERIES.

Business is moving in good volume. Sugar is one point higher here in sympathy with the firmer markets east. Rice is very firm. Japan rice has again advanced and is now quoted at 5 3-4c to 6c. The outlook is for a strong market on rice for some time, as supplies in all markets are light. Canned goods continue very firm. There is a local scarcity of baked beans and prices are higher. Prunes in small sizes are about 1-4c higher, with supplies of these sizes light. The market is practically bare of cod-fish.

HARDWARE PAINTS, ETC.

Business continues good in this branch. Prices are steady in metals and hardware. Turpentine is quoted 2c lower this week. The demand for builders' hardware is increasing.

RAW FURS.

Spring rat are now beginning to come in, and as the fur is now at its best, higher prices will be paid than for fall or winter rat.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat was strong this week up to yesterday, when prices declined 1-2 to 1c. In the local market No 1 hard, May delivery afloat Fort William sold at \$1 on Monday, at \$1.01 1-2 on Tuesday, at \$1.03 on Wednesday, and \$1.04 on Thursday. Yesterday prices were \$1.03 to \$1.03 1-2. Cash wheat was nominally 1-2 to 1c under May. There was some speculative business doing during the week. Eastern millers are not buying now for all rail shipment, as it is too near the opening of navigation for all rail business, and eastern buyers were not operating in May. The business was of a local speculative nature. Receipts at Fort William last week were 37,000 bushels, shipments 10,000 bushels and in store 787,000 bushels.

FLOUR—A good export business is reported at 2s advance for export sack over last week's prices. The market is firmer. The Ogilvie company quoted 20c per barrel higher at \$2.60 for patent; \$2.40 for Glenora, \$2 for second bakers and \$1.50 for XXX. Lake of the Woods were quoting old prices as follows. Patent, \$2.50; best bakers \$2.30; second bakers \$1.90; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 95 lbs, with discount of 5c net cash.

MILLFEED—Prices are firm, the demand is large, and the supply scarce. We quote bran at \$12 and shorts \$14 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is higher and now quoted at \$17 to \$18 per ton. Oil cake scarce at \$22 per ton.

OATMEAL—The market is firm. Dealers are selling to the trade at \$2 for sacks of rolled.

BARLEY—Some business doing in feed grades at about 40c. Seed barley nominal at 45 to 50c.

OATS—Prices are firm. Feed oats are held stiff at about 40 to 42c per bushel for car lots on track, Winnipeg, equal to 35 to 36c in the country for good samples. Several cars sold early at 40c, but later No. 2 white sold at 42c.

CORN—We quote 40 to 41c per bushel of 56 pounds for cars on track here.

BUTTER, creamery—A little fall creamery is still held, which is selling at 23 to 23 1-2c.

BUTTER—Dairy—Good butter is still scarce. Good butter is selling on a commission basis at 17 to 18c and for really choice fresh butter, 19 to 20c can be had in a small way, but of course there is very little which will come up to the mark.

CHEESE—Dealers are selling at 10 to 10 1-2c. Stocks limited.

EGGS—Supplies have not increased as expected since Easter, and 15c has been obtained this week on a commission basis. Dealers have offered 12c net cash. Any considerable increase in supplies would, however, speedily caused a drop.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is scarce and prices firm. Good chickens will bring 9c dressed, or 60 to 75c per pair live, and turkeys 11c per lb. live weight.

DRESSED MEATS—We quote hogs 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c, and choice at 7c. Beef 6 to 6 1-2 for city dressed. Mutton is firm at 7c to 8c for cold storage stock and 10c for fresh dressed. Veal 7 to 9c, as to quality.

CURED MEATS AND LARD—See quotations on another page.

HIDES—Hides are weak No. 1 green dropped to 6 1-2c this week, as foreshadowed in our report last week. Some lots of frozen hides were reported to be on the way, but they will likely be spoiled on account of the warm weather. No one should attempt to ship frozen hides now. They should be salted at once. We quote green hides, No. 1 6 1-2c; kip 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 7 to 9c lb; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts nominal at 75c each for fresh skins; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleeces.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 16c.

VEGETABLES—Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel, as to quality and variety; carrots, \$1.00 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb. imported, 3c; to 4c, as to quality; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 11-2 to 2c. Green stuffs in onions, lettuce, radishes, etc., is offering at 25c dozen bunches; rhubarb, 8c pound.

HAY—Baled is held at \$8 to \$8.50 per ton on track at point of shipment, or \$10 to \$12 on cars here.

LIVE STOCK.

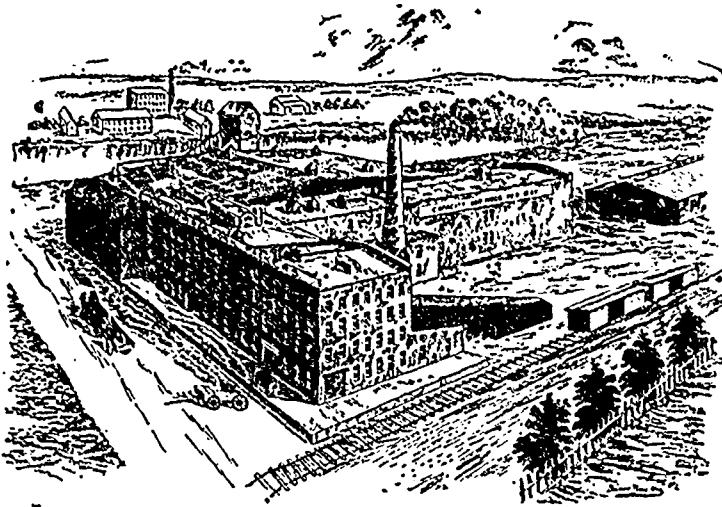
CATTLE—The outlook for export cattle has not improved. British markets were lower again this week. Shippers are much discouraged over the outlook, and some of them say they will not attempt to do anything this season. The only shipping business is in stocker cattle which are still in demand to ship south, at \$19 to \$22 for yearlings and \$17 to \$22 for two years old cattle. We quote the local market for butchers' cattle at 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c for fair to good fat stock.

SHEEP—The market is firm at about 4 to 4 1-2c.

HOGS—The market is steady at 5c for best bacon hogs. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

HORSES—There is a good demand for horses at firm prices. The usual range is \$225 to \$250 for fair to good farm teams.

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Toronto, April 16.

Brilliant warm weather is stimulating trade. Country dry goods men complain bitterly of injury to business through customers taking advantage of cut railway rates which induces them to come to Toronto to shop. They are consequently ordering more conservatively. Good many orders in for Canadian fall lines of dry goods. Demands from west are active. Values very firm. Groceries are more active. Medium Japan teas are 1-2c higher. Lowest Japan tea is now 15c. Rice is stronger. Sugars firm. Ontario wheat in active export demand and very little offering. Prices 2 cents higher.

Hardware trade is brisk. There have been large sales of harvest tools for Manitoba. Iron pipe is firmer; scrap brass 1-4c higher. Turpentine four cents lower at 46c.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Toronto, April 16.

There has been a good export demand for wheat, but offerings are light. Ontario flour is 10c higher. Butter is 2c lower for dairy rolls, and and creamery tubs 1c lower. Hides weak and wool easy. Sheepskins 10c higher. Barley 1c lower. Oats 1c higher.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40; bakers, \$4.90; Ontario straight roller, \$4.10 to \$4.20 in barrels.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, 90c; No. 1 hard Owen Sound, \$1.07 1-2.

Oats—White, 30c to 31c for cars, at country points.

Barley—Quiet at 38c for No. 2; 36c for No. 3 extra, and 30 to 33c feed. Millfeed—Shorts, \$12.50 per ton; bran, \$10.50 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.85 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—9 1-2c.

Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 15 to 17c; creamery, tubs, 19c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 7 1-2c; cured 8c; sheepskins \$1.20 to \$1.40 for fresh killed; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 to 4c; 9 to 9 1-2c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—70 to 90c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$5.60 to \$5.70 per 100 lbs.

Wool—Unwashed fleeco 12c. Pulled supers, 22 to 23c; extras, 19 to 21c. Seed—Timothy, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100 lbs. Red clover \$5.50 to \$6.50 per 100 lbs.

Maple syrup—65c per wine gallon.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 12.

Offerings to-day were 52 carloads including 152 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 hogs.

Export cattle—Several loads were bought at 4c to 4 1-4c per lb. for good stock and a little better for choice.

Butchers' cattle—For good fair cattle, averaging 1,000 lbs. each, from \$3.25 to \$3.40 was paid. For some choice lots \$3.50 to \$3.85 was paid.

Stockers and feeders—The market is easy at \$3.25 to \$3.40 for light stockers and \$3.60 to \$3.75 for heavy feeders.

Stockers and lambs—Spring lambs brought from \$3 to \$5 each, and sheep 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c for ewes and 3c to 3 1-4c for bucks per lb.

Hogs—Choice, \$4.62 1-2 per cwt.;

and thin, \$4.37 1-2; sows, \$2.25; stags, \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, April 15.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 57 carloads, including 2,000 hogs. Export cattle were 1c higher but stockers were 10c lower, per 100 lbs. One hundred head of stock were bought to go to abstract farmers. Sheep were 1-4c lower. Choice bacon hogs 10c higher per 100 lbs. Prices were: Export cattle, 4 to 4 1-2c; butchers' cattle, 3 to 3 7-8c lb. Light stockers, 3 to 3 1-4c per lb. Choice bacon hogs \$4.70 to \$4.75 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 16.

Wheat has been active and excited, but was easier yesterday. Oats are strong and prices 1c higher than a week ago. Flour unchanged. Some good export sales of Manitoba flour continue to be made. Millfeed has made a further decline of 50c per ton. Eggs 1-2 lower. Dairy butter 1-2c lower. Creamery 1 to 1-2c lower. 10,000 boxes of cheese have sold at 7 1-2 to 8c.

Oats—3 1-2 to 35c per bushel for No. 2 white spot, and 35 1-2 to 35 3-4c for May delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90; Manitoba patents, \$5.30.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton; shorts, \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.90 to \$1.95 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 9c; calfskins, 11c, sheepskins, \$1.00 to \$1.10; tallow, 3 1-2 to 3 1-4c.

Eggs—Fresh, 9 to 9 1-2c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy, 17 to 18 1-2c; Butter—Creamery, 20 to 20 1-2c.

Cheese—7 1-2 to 8c.

Dressed hogs—\$6.00 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters 4 to 5c, hinds, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 11c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

Maple syrup—Tins, 45 to 50c; in wood, 4 1-2 to 5c lb. Sugar, 6 1-2c to 7c, old sugar, 3 to 4c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 16.

Sugars have been advanced again 1-16c on all grades, at the refineries. Molasses is 1c lower. Rice is very firm. Teas have been active and Japanese are firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 7-16c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 1-8c; yellows, 3 9-16 to 4c. Molasses 27 to 28 syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c. Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 35 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Montreal, April 16.

The only change this week is a drop of 1c in turpentine. Other lines steady.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; lustered oil raw, 46 to 47c; boiled, 49 to 50c; turpentine, 50 to 51c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to

\$2.15, torn plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$8.75 to \$9; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.30; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 12.

Receipts at the East End abattoir yesterday were 150 cattle and 100 lambs and calves were off. 100 cattle were left unsold. The few cattle sold were good in quality, and brought 4c per lb. There was practically scarcely any market, owing to the large supply laid in before Easter.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 15.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday cattle were about steady. Sheep declined heavily and hogs were 15 to 25c per 100 lbs lower.

Cattle—Choice, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; fair to good, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—3 1-2 to 5c, the top for choice yearlings. Spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$4.50 each.

Hogs—\$4.60 to \$4.75 per 100 lbs.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, April 11.—The market to-day was of an Easter holiday character and prices were unchanged, except for Argentine cattle, which declined 3-4c since this day week. Choice States cattle sold at 10 1-2c and Argentine at 8 1-4c. Argentine sheep brought 9c, and the offerings were far in excess of the demand.

Liverpool, April 11.—The cattle trade was dull and weak and the prospects are bad. Prices declined 1-1 to 1-2c since this day week, chiefly United States and Canadian coming at 10c.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

W. G. Cameron, hotel, Rat Portage, has sold out.

The McGregor creamery will start operations next week.

Grandy & Grandy, general store, Oxbow, Assa., have sold out.

W. J. Parker, hotel, Treherne, Man., is succeeded by John Ainslie.

T. D. Cavanaugh has given up his butcher business at Elkhorn, Man.

A. G. Munroe, general store, Stockton, Man., has assigned to F. G. Crawford.

F. L. Patton, Winnipeg, manager of the Dominion bank, has returned from an eastern trip.

Mr. Mitchell, blacksmith, Oak Lake, Man., has sold out to J. Baker, who arrived recently from Ontario.

Wm. J. Hanbury, lumber merchant of Brandon, has purchased the lumber and hardware business of W. G. Wyatt, of Warden, Man.

H. Hurdman, grocer and men's furnishings, McGregor, Man., has sold out and contemplates moving to the Peace river country.

R. W. Gibson, banker, Wolseley, Assa., will add lumber to his business.

J. Saunders, flour miller, Whitewood, has leased the mill at Wapella, Assa.

ALBERTA.

The Canadian Pacific Railway hotel at Banff is being overhauled for the opening, which will likely be about the 1st of May.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have decided to open their new dining hall at Calgary. The hall is a handsome and commodious one.

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British Columbia Items.

The stock of J. Campbell, stationer, Ymir, is damaged by fire.

A. Gerrard & Co., watchmakers, have started business at Ashcroft.

Chas. A. Ingram, late of Hobson & Ingram, is opening in groceries at Vancouver.

R. A. Anderson, real estate and mining agent, succeeded by Anderson & Archer.

R. McLause, general store, Soda Creek, is dead.

John Proffitt, tax, etc., Trail, is out of business.

Dr. J. G. Calder, drugs, Slocan City, has assigned.

Argignon Bros., hotel, New Denver, have assigned.

J. G. Robertson, tinsmith, Trail, has given up business.

D. Barrett, has opened a general store at Salmo.

H. Windebank, butcher, Mission, has moved to Glenora.

Hall Bros., general store, Valdez Island, are succeeded by Pidcock Bros.

R. Howson & Co., furniture, Revelstoke, have dissolved. R. Howson continues.

McLeod Bros., blacksmiths, Sandon, have dissolved. Frank McLeod continues.

D. M. Crowley, of New Denver and Nelson furniture, has sold his stock at Nelson to A. W. Purdy & Co.

Ehrlich & Gady, cigar manufacturers, Nelson, have dissolved. Style now Ehrlich & Neeland.

McPherson & Hickey, salmon canners, Vancouver, have dissolved. Hickey & Walker continue.

Anderson, Harvey & Co., packers, Silvertown, have dissolved, and are succeeded by Anderson & Brady.

R. W. Bapom, hardware, is starting business at Ymir.

Hall Bros., general store, Valdez Island, have sold out.

The Ideal Furniture Co. is starting at Revelstoke.

The stock of J. Campbell, clothing, New Westminster, has been sold to R. L. Debeck at 65 cents on the dollar.

Madden & Carvey, hotel, and Goodenough & King, hotel, of Alnsworth, have dissolved. Grant King continues the latter and A. Madden the former business.

The editor of the Kamloops Sentinel has published a leaflet in favor of a route via Klondike to the Yukon country which gives some strong arguments in favor of this route, one of which is that it traverses the gold belt all the way.

The following items are reported from Victoria. Brown & Cooper, fish, poultry, etc., have opened business. J. Earsman & Co., pork packers, are admitting L. H. Hardie as partner, under the style of Earsman & Hardie. J. Wilson & Co., feed, etc., are dissolving partnership. H. H. Wright, hotel, has sold out. Geo. E. Munro, grocer, has sold out to J. Townley.

The following items are reported from Vancouver. A. R. McCallum, tailor, has opened business. Miss Charman, of Nanaimo, has opened business in dry goods. The Ramsay Bros. Co., wholesale confectionery, are adding biscuit manufacturing. Morgan & Stitt, tailors, are starting business. J. R. Dalton & Co., flour and feed, are giving up business. The plant of the Vancouver Biscuit Co. has been purchased by M. R. Smith & Co.

Business at Toronto

Toronto, April 18.—Most of all the big distributing houses here report that their turnover for March was the largest for several years, and they consider the prospects for the balance of the spring and the summer trade very promising. The early spring has greatly helped the state of trade in Ontario and the east generally. The retail spring trade throughout the country has been very active and cash remittances the past month has been much more satisfactory than generally experienced in March. The failures for the first quarter of the year have, generally speaking, been neither very large nor numerous, and the future in this respect promises to be even more satisfactory as the wholesalers are scrutinizing credits more strictly than for many years.

There is an active demand for stockers for the western ranches, but it is doubtful if this province will be able to supply all that are wanted.

A few travellers have been out with samples for the fall trade, but most of the wholesale dry goods houses are opposed to relying the sales of fall lines before the stocks of summer goods get somewhat reduced.

The supply of money here is abundant for all legitimate mercantile requirements but some of the banks have lately deemed it prudent to call in loans on stock collateral, fearing that margins might, in the event of war between Spain and the United States be wiped out.

The Bank of British North America will open a branch at Dawson City. J. Cran, who has represented the bank in Slocan, will be the manager.