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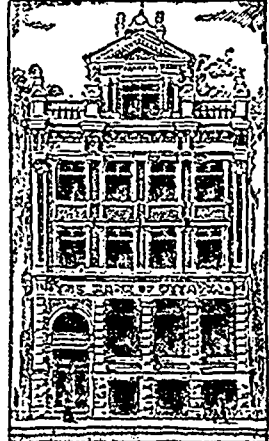
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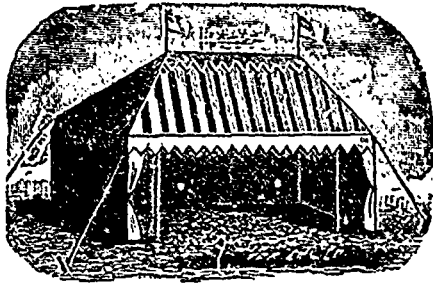
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 9, 1898,

RAT PORTAGE.

THE COMMERCIAL VISITS THE WESTERN
SARATOGA.

It was anticipated that the development of the valuable mining industry of the Lake of the Woods district would have the effect during 1897 of producing a "boom" in property and business in Rat Portage. It did, but the "boom" was not accomplished by any of the objectionable features usually the first thing to be noted during or after the boom time. With Rat Portage the advance of property was strictly in accord with real value. The extension of business was only such as increasing trade would warrant. The amount of building done in the season of 1897, while almost phenomenal, was remarkable for the quality and class. Business blocks of stone and brick, which would grace a metropolis, an up-to-date opera house, private residences fit for the finest, summer cottages on the islands, and at least one new steamer that would compare favorably with any on the great lakes. This is a rough draft of the improvements, the total value of which may have been equalled in amount by some other city in Canada during the same period, but the value, comparing the size of towns, certainly was not anything like equalled elsewhere. The Rat Portage Miner of Nov. 18, fixed the amount expended in building and improvements at three-fourths of a million dollars and gave a partial list of the buildings and works erected.

One of the finest blocks erected was the Robinson & Brydon block, built of stone and most handsomely finished inside and out. Part of it is occupied

by the Imperial Bank and their quarters are probably the best in the west. Another neat little block is that built by the Citizens' Electric and Telephone Co., part of which is occupied by the very complete offices and central agency of the company. The manager is Mr. J. A. McCrossan, a specialist—"crank," some say—in electrical matters.

He has made a great success of the company's business, and Rat Portage and Keewatin have a most efficient light and telephone service. The central telephone exchange and the switch boards of the electric light system are installed in the block. The latter are the very latest type of appliances and the manager has the whole plant under control within reach of his office desk. The power is generated by the old H. B. water-power, near the railway bridge.

Messrs. Bowman & Earngey, publishers of the Miner, who occupy the other half of the new building, are new men in the town, Mr. Bowman being an American journalist of wide reputation and Mr. Earngey being an Ontario man "just out." He was formerly in charge of a printing office under the Ontario government at the Industrial school, Mimico. The largest block erected this past year is the new opera house block, erected at large cost and made as good as the best. The front part of the block is utilized as a hotel. Mr. Louis Hilliard, proprietor of the Hilliard House, is the builder of the opera house and runs his hotel also. He also added considerably to the Hilliard House last year. Shaw's hotel is another large three-story brick block erected near the depot. The Drewry block, Odellfellow's hall, Gardiner block, A. S. Horswill's new block are all new buildings and are only a few of them. The Clougher block was entirely remodeled and improved. Campbell Bros. now have their stock of groceries, etc., in it. Numerous private residences were erected, and almost every business place in the town was improved in some way. Acquaintances at Rat Portage received quite a "boom" through the location of the world's champion oarsman, Jake Gaudaur, there last year. In partnership with John Kennedy, also of Orillia, Ont., they took over the management of the Russell House, a fine hotel with location near the lake.

The Hudson's Bay Co. has a large handsome double store, occupying a fine stone block. John R. Bunn is manager. The Rat Portage Hardware Co., C. E. Neads, manager, has as large a retail hardware stock as one could find in a large city. The requirements of mining, sawmilling, lumbering, shipping, and fishery industries necessitate a most varied and complete assortment. Jas. Shipton is also in the hardware business and though not so long established, is building up a fine trade. Jacob Rose is the oldest hardware merchant. He carries a large stock and has a well-established trade. Campbell Bros., Partington, and J. W. Pickett are the leading grocers. A. S. Horswill has opened a commission house for the handling of produce of all kinds, fruits, etc., in a jobbing trade. Fisher & Co., late of Port Arthur, have been established for some months as wholesale and retail commission agents, handling farm and dairy produce, flour and feed, hay, etc. A. Macdonald, wholesale grocer, Winnipeg, has also a supply warehouse here. The butchers have most elaborate shops for a town of

the size of Rat Portage, and considering that all their goods are imported, the display they make is very creditable. G. A. Kobald is the pioneer of the trade, and has a nice brick store; H. Hellofs is another butcher of more recent establishment; Gibson & Hook are a third firm. They built a fine brick shop last summer and fitted up with plate glass windows, marble counters, etc. J. B. Gardner is a big general merchant, carrying a large stock and outfitting in large quantities for miners and others. Smith & Co. have also a large general stock in two departments. Other dry goods firms are H. E. Hallett, Patton & Young, McKinnon & Co. and B. Shrage. In the furniture trade are Rideout & Davidson and Horne & Taylor, the latter having bought out the K. Furniture Co., of which ex-Mayor Barnes was manager. Some of the hotels have been noted in passing over improvements and building. Besides those mentioned there are the Queen's owned by W. G. Cameron, and Drewry's hotel owned by Mr. George Drewry, who has also a wholesale liquor business. Both these gentlemen are prominent in advancing the interests of the town; they have been here a long time and have considerable interests in mining, the development of which in the district they have each been willing to help along. Mr. Drewry is president of the board of trade, and has been very energetic in bringing forward the merits of Lake of the Woods mining industry.

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The pleasures of living beside and enjoying an outing on the water attract many to Rat Portage yearly who have no serious business other than having a thoroughly good time, and they usually get it. Many westerners have regular summer establishments here, where they and their families spend the holiday season. This summer visitor traffic is growing yearly and is helping Rat Portage in more ways than one. The business done in supplies is an item, and then one cannot come within hailing distance of Rat Portage without falling a victim to the mineral habit—or vice.

The purpose of this letter is not to talk of mines and minerals for the writer is delighted to say he knows nothing of either. Still a reference to Rat Portage is incomplete without a word as to mining. Every one is familiar with the history of John F. Caldwell and the Sultana mine—when I say everyone, I mean everyone who has ever heard of Rat Portage and everyone who knows anything of gold mining. Well the history of Jno. F. Caldwell and the Sultana mine

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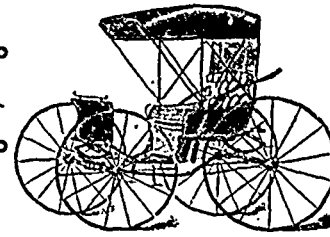
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is the history of the mining industry on the Lake of the Woods up to a very few years ago. The period of rapid development and growth, progress in opening mines and erection of stamp mills and reduction works, has not yet passed into history. It is yet current news, and every one has heard of the Regina mine, the Mikado, the Foley, Olive and other mines with a reputation established as bullion producers, not to mention the countless properties in the development stage, yet of assured value. The future of Rat Portage as a mining camp is bright; capital has begun to move this way and results have been favorable to creating a bigger movement. Among the institutions located at Rat Portage as a result of mining development is the reduction works of the Dominion Gold Mining and Reduction Co. A. M. Hay, chairman of directorate and at present resident manager. The mill is a twenty stamp and during the past year has done a large amount of work on ores from some of the leading mines.

One of the most promising attractions of Rat Portage for the future investment of capital is the almost unlimited water power available in the Winnipeg river. A company called

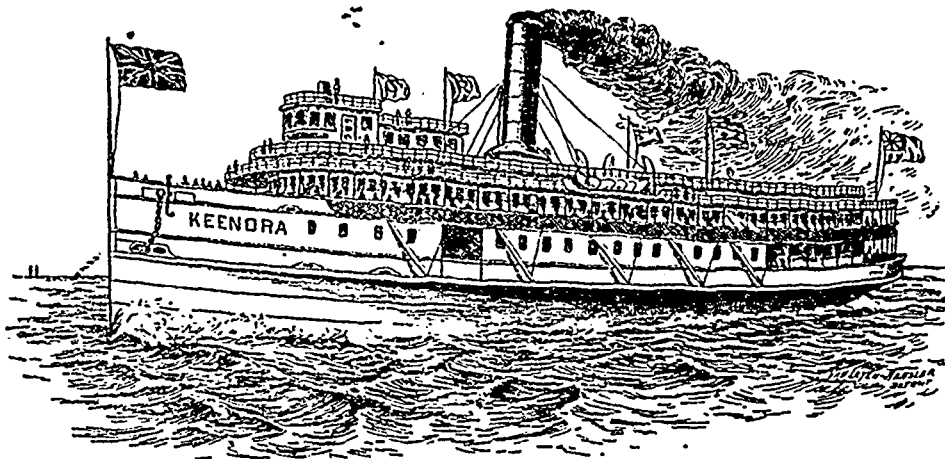
is the Rainy river, a fine navigable stream. The lake is said to contain 13,000 islands. The water is very clear. The lake is perhaps the most romantic on the continent, and with the growth of population of the west, Rat Portage is bound to become the centre of attraction for an ever increasing throng of summer visitors.

C. P. R. Annual Report.

Montreal, April 6. — The annual meeting of the Canadian Pacific Railway company was held to-day. The report was adopted, and the proceedings were unanimous throughout. In submitting his report to the directors for approval the president said in reference to the difficulties with the United States trans-continental lines: For a number of years prior to 1894 the Canadian Pacific company had, by agreement with trans-continental lines, been allowed differential rates on passenger traffic between the eastern States, eastern Canada, and the Pacific coast. The principle of differentials in rates when applied to our case was not new. It was adopted many years ago as a means of adjusting the difference of

had decided no longer to consent to differential rates on Pacific coast traffic, and asked for a meeting concerning the questions. We insisted on the restoration of the rates in the terms of the existing agreement, as a condition precedent to the meeting. They refused. We then, after notice, published open tariffs, making such rates as the provisions of the law and the interests of the Canadian Pacific seemed to require.

The question at issue this time is not whether there shall or shall not be differential rates; that question we are prepared to discuss on its merits when a meeting is held for the purpose of revising the existing agreement. The question now is whether as a condition, precedent to the meeting of the lines interested for the purpose of revising the agreement and rates conditions, ante bellum, shall be restored. We have a right to insist upon this, but in the interest of peace have been willing to leave to disinterested arbitration the question of whether the rates conditions shall be restored in whole, in part, or not at all, pending the meeting. A resolution, providing for such arbitration, was offered at a conference of the lines interested, at New



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the Keewatin Power Co., owns the land and site and have expended a large amount of money in building a dam. It is estimated that from 30,000 to 40,000 horsepower, is available. The prospect is that before long it will all be used to run various factories, which it is possible to operate here to advantage. Much speculation has been indulged in as to the possibility of generating electricity by means of the power, and transmitting it to Winnipeg. This, however, is still an untried project.

We give herewith a cut of the Keenora, one of the Lake of the Woods steamers. This fine craft is owned by the Rainy River Navigation Co., of which Geo. A. Graham is manager and W. Ross general freight and passenger agent. This is a new steel twin screw propeller, built at a cost of \$50,000. She has state room accommodation for 400 passengers, and can carry 600 or 700 passengers on day excursion trips. Steamers of this class will indicate to the stranger that the Lake of the Woods is no mere duck pond. It is in fact quite a large lake, nearly seventy miles long, and its many indentations give it a great coast line. It is said there are about 100 steamers on the lake and its tributary waters, the principal of which

conditions between competing lines; differentials are in use to-day for this purpose in various parts of America, and even between the Atlantic seaboard and Chicago, where they are accorded certain trunk lines, including the Grand Trunk. In 1894 the situation of the Canadian Pacific as regards through passenger traffic had considerably improved and a new agreement was made whereby the Canadian Pacific differentials on trans-continental passenger traffic were reduced and confined in the east to restricted territory. They applied to all points on the Pacific coast. At that time there was not much travel to Alaska; but a few months back it became apparent it would soon reach large proportions, and about the opening of the present year, just as the new stream of travel was setting in, we discovered the agreement was being violated by our competitors. Our agents bought tickets at agencies of the Great Northern, and Northern Pacific companies, not only at our differential rates, but far below. The evidence was unquestionable, and the facts as to broken rates and who broke them was not denied by anybody. We called the offending lines to account for violation of the agreement; they replied they

York three weeks ago. This resolution was supported by the Grand Trunk and all other parties interested, except the United States trans-continental lines, whose representatives asked time, and subsequently voted against it. There can, therefore, be no question where the responsibility lies for a continuance of the disturbance.

The decision of the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington, suspending the "long and short haul" clause of the Interstate Commerce act has been pointed to as showing that we were wrong, and our competitors right. It shows nothing of the kind. It was a decision on ex parte evidence, and clearly stated that the commission was in possession of evidence of cutting rates before our tariff was published, and the decision contains a distinct statement that but for a technical connection with the issue of our tariff, the action of the commission on the application of our competitors would have been different. The words of the decision in that regard were as follows: "If the Canadian Pacific made these rates with the concurrence of its American connections, observing, as it apparently now does, the rule of the fourth sec-

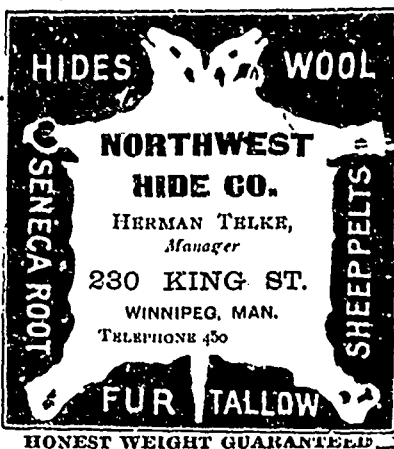
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tion, an entirely different question would be presented."

"While earnestly desirous for peace and willing to go as far as we can towards securing it, the present and future interests of the company must not be overlooked. I am glad to be able to assure the shareholders that up to this time the company's revenues have not suffered through the existing difficulties and may point to the fact that during the month of March over the whole of which the disturbance extended, the increase of earnings was \$541,000.

"I cannot dismiss the subject without referring to the action of the Grand Trunk company, with whom we have so long been at peace, in aiding our American competitors to carry reduced rates into our territory. We believe the cancellation of the North Bay agreement by the Grand Trunk two months ago was the result of an understanding. The American lines intended to place us at a disadvantage in the coming contest and in view of past relations and the loss of revenue that must result to the Grand Trunk their action was inexplicable.

"But now we turn to something more agreeable. We have had a fairly prosperous year and the financial results, after due provision for expenses of working and ample maintenance, have enabled your directors to make a distribution of dividends at the rate of four per cent for the past year and carry forward \$897,083 surplus to the reserve, and so far as we can see our prosperity will continue and increase. We have never entered upon a new year with so cheerful an outlook. An analysis of traffic on the various sections, main line, branch lines and auxiliary services on the sea, lakes and rivers, shows that practically no mistakes have been made in the development of the system so far as we have gone. Some things have had to be done ahead of time in order to protect the future, and we have had to wait for many vacant spaces on the lines to become productive, but nearly all these are now yielding revenue and practically all branch lines are self supporting. We have been forced to make lines which we did not at the time wish to make, but the results have shown that we have nothing to regret in this regard. Our heavy movement of passengers westward is not all towards Klondike by any means. A great many settlers are going to the prairies of the Northwest from the soil of which gold will more surely come, and many more are going to take farms in British Columbia or work in the big mines of Kootenay. Our reports tell us the area of land prepared for seeding in the Northwest is twenty per cent greater than ever before and development and new industries seem to rule everywhere in the vicinity of our lines.

Your directors are asking your authority to expend a considerable amount for improvements of various kinds. These expenditures have in the past brought a very handsome return, as evidenced in part by a reduction in the ratio of working expenses to the gross receipts to 57 per cent, and the expenditure now proposed will be equally profitable. Your directors are also asking authority to provide adequate rolling stock for the further increase of traffic, which we confidently expect, but the money will not be expended unless the need becomes a certainty. The use of extra heavy locomotives, made possible by improvements in the per-

manent way, has had a marked effect on the cost of transportation, and within a short time only the heavier type of locomotives will be used on our principal lines.

The several proposals in the report were approved, the old board were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of directors the old officers were re-elected.

Tariff Changes Few.

Hon. W. S. Fielding delivered his budget speech in parliament at Ottawa on Tuesday. After referring at length to the general business and financial situation, he took up the tariff question. His remarks and the resolution presented therewith, show that the tariff changes this session will be very few and deal principally with the preferential clauses of the tariff.

Mr. Fielding dwelt extensively with the position of the British West India Islands, the imperial concern for their present condition and future welfare, and announced that as an aid to the solution of the imperial problem the government of Canada would extend the preferential tariff to the West Indies, although under the strict limits of the conditions they would not be entitled to come under the preference. The negotiations intimated by Mr. Chamberlain looking towards reciprocity with the West Indies had not gone very far, so far as Canada was concerned, and Mr. Fielding said there was not much to communicate, but without waiting for the completion of these negotiations they proposed to extend the preference to those islands. This announcement was received with cheers.

In a glowing and eloquent peroration Mr. Fielding pictured the peace, harmony and prosperity that existed everywhere in the Dominion. He did not claim that all this was due to the government policy, but if the opposite had been the case the government would have been blamed. Speaking of the acceptance which the government's tariff had met, he quoted the following extract from a dispatch from Mr. Chamberlain. "I desire to add that the action of the Dominion parliament in this matter, though unfortunately its full effect will be temporarily postponed, has been warmly welcomed and appreciated by Her Majesty's government and by the people of this country as a measure which cannot fail to result in material benefit to the mother country and to Canada and weld together still more firmly the ties which now unite them."

Mr. Fielding concluded with the following words: "To-day we enlarge the sphere of that preferential policy, one step more remains to be taken. I believe that step can be taken at no distant day, which shall bring within the operation of the preferential tariff every colony and possession of Her Majesty's empire." (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Fielding spoke for three hours and a half. Hon. G. E. Foster will resume the debate to-morrow.

TARIFF RESOLUTIONS.

That it is expedient to repeal section six of the customs tariff, 1897, and to substitute the following section therefor:

6. The importation into Canada of any goods enumerated, described or referred to in schedule C to this act prohibited; and any such goods im-

ported shall thereby become forfeited to the crown, and may be destroyed or otherwise dealt with as the minister of customs may direct; and any person importing any such prohibited goods, or causing or permitting them to be imported, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding \$200.

FAVORED COUNTRIES.

That it is expedient to provide that section seventeen of the customs tariff, 1897, shall be repealed on and after the first day of August in the present year, 1898, and that the following section shall be substituted therefor.

17. Articles which are the growth, produce or manufacture of any of the following countries may, when imported direct into Canada from any of such countries, be entered for duty or taken out of warehouse for consumption in Canada at the reduced rate of duty provided in the British preferential tariff, set forth in schedule D to this act.

(A) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

(B) The British colony, Bermuda.

(C) The British colonies commonly called the British West Indies, including the following: The Bahamas, Jamaica, Turk's Island, and the Calicos Islands, the Leeward Islands, (Antigua, St. Christopher, Nevis, Dominica, Montserrat, and the Virgin Islands), the Windward Islands, (Grenada, St. Vincent and St. Lucia), Barbadoes, Trinidad, and Tobago, British Guiana.

(D) Any other British colony or possession, the customs tariff of which, on the whole, is as favorable to Canada as the British preferential tariff herein referred to is to such colony or possession; provided, however, that manufactured articles to be admitted under such preferential tariff shall be bona fide manufactures of a country or countries entitled to the benefits of such tariff, and that such benefits shall not extend to the importation of articles into the production of which there has not entered a substantial portion of the labor of such countries. Any question that may arise as to any article being entitled to such benefits shall be decided by the minister of customs, whose decision shall be final.

The minister of customs, with the approval of the governor in council, shall determine what British colonies or possessions shall be entitled to the benefits of the preferential tariff under clause D of this section.

3. The minister of customs may, with the approval of the governor in council, make such regulations as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the intention of this section.

That it is expedient to provide that schedule D to "The Customs Tariff, 1897" shall be repealed on and after the first day of August in the present year, 1898, and that the following schedule shall be substituted therefor.

BRITISH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF.

(D) On articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or of any British colony or possession entitled to the benefits of this preferential tariff under section seventeen, the duties mentioned in schedule A shall be reduced as follows: The reduction shall be one-fourth of duty mentioned in the schedule, and the duty to be levied, collected and paid shall be three-fourths of the duty mentioned in schedule A. Provided, however, that this reduction shall not apply

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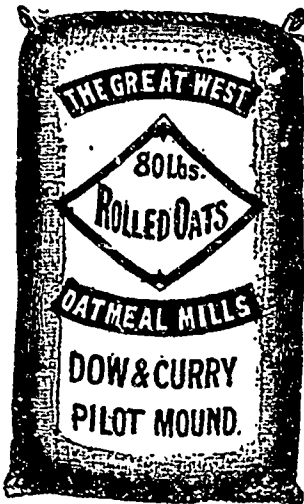
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to any of the following articles, and that such articles shall in cases be subject to the duties mentioned in schedule, viz., wines, multiquors, spirits, spirituous liquors, liquid medicines and articles containing alcohol, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. Provided, further, that the reduction shall only apply to refined sugar when evidence is satisfactory to the minister of customs is furnished that such refined sugar has been manufactured wholly from raw sugar produced in British colonies or possessions.

SUGAR DUTIES.

That it is expedient to repeal items 435 and 436 of schedule A to "The Customs Tariff, 1897" and to substitute the following therefor:

435. All sugar above number sixteen Dutch standard in color, and all refined sugars of whatever kinds, grades or standards, testing not more than eight degrees by the polariscope, \$1.03 per one hundred pounds, and for each additional degree one and one-half cents per hundred pounds. Fractions of five-tenths of a degree, or less, not to be subject to duty, and fractions of more than five-tenths to be dutiable as a degree.

436. Sugar, not above number sixteen, Dutch standard in color, sugar drainings or pumpings drained in transit, Melado or concentrated Melado, tank bottoms and sugar concrete, testing not more than seventy-five degrees by the polariscope, forty cents per one hundred pounds, and for each additional degree one and one-half cents per one hundred pounds. Fractions of five-tenths of a degree or less not to be subject to duty, and fractions of more than five-tenths to be dutiable as a degree. The usual packages in which imported to be free.

TOBACCO.

That it is expedient to provide that items 445 and 446 of schedule A, "The Customs Tariff, 1897," shall be repealed on and after the first day of July in the present year, 1898. That it is expedient to provide that on and after the first day of July, in the present year, 1898, the following items shall be added to schedule B to the customs tariff, 1897.

636. Tobacco, unmanufactured, for excise purposes, under conditions of the inland revenue act.

That it is expedient to provide that on and after the first day of July, in the present year, 1898, in addition to the excise duties at present levied on manufactured tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, there shall be levied and collected the following excise duties, that is to say:

(A) On all foreign raw leaf tobacco, unstemmed, taken out of warehouse for manufacture in any cigar or tobacco manufactory, ten cents per pound.

(B) On all foreign raw leaf tobacco, stemmed, taken out of warehouse for manufacture in any cigar or tobacco manufactory, fourteen cents per pound. Provided that the weight upon which such duty shall be computed shall be with reference to the standard mentioned in paragraph C of section 247 of the inland revenue act.

Mr. Fielding reminded the house that on the fall of the Belgium and German treaties on the 1st of August next, the claim of other nations to receive favored nations treatment will also fall and Canada will then be at liberty to extend her preference to British countries alone, though the reduction of 25 per cent will take effect from July 1st, and for

the one month from July 1st to August 1st, will have to be extended as it is now a number of other nations.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, April 4.—A trip among the wholesalers and leading retailers of Vancouver elicited the fact that the outfitting trade was somewhat slack at present and it was not expected to improve much until the opening of navigation north. The lull is felt most by the flour and feed and the clothing stores. As is noticed by customs returns, the figures are higher than ever before in Vancouver and for the first time in the history of the province, the terminal city, Vancouver, leads Victoria. The customs officials further reported that the large returns were not due directly to the outfitting trade, as outfitting goods figured very little in the returns. The big invoices were for the ordinary legitimate every day trade of the city.

In the wholesale markets there were many changes. In dairy produce California creamery is the only butter in the market, although the coming Australian liner it is expected will bring a large consignment of the Antipodean article. California creamery has advanced from 24 1-2 to 27 cents wholesale. Eggs are also scarce besides a few local eggs the southern hen fruit is the only product in the market. These have advanced from 19 to 20 cents. Ashcroft potatoes have fallen off 50 cents and are now quoted at \$19.50 wholesale. Fruits are all lower and are quoted as follows: California lemons, \$2.75; naval oranges, \$3; seedlings, \$2; bananas, \$2. In cured meats prices are the same, but lard in this is quoted 2 cents higher, namely 10 cents. In fresh meats beef is up half a cent; pork a cent; veal a cent; chickens 5 cents, now 16 cents a pound; turkeys 4 cents, now 19 cents a pound. So that with the exception of fruit the tendency of prices are decidedly upwards. The people of Vancouver and Victoria were bitterly disappointed at the action of the Canadian senate throwing out the Yukon railway bill. All prominent citizens on being interviewed admitted that provided the railway was not built the Pacific coast Canadian outfitting trade would be seriously affected, but they thought that the government was equal to the occasion and would carry on the road as a public undertaking. For the time being politics cut no figure on the Canadian Pacific coast British Columbians all want the road.

It has been ascertained that the government are determined this time to let the duty on fresh salmon stand. Cannermen—that is most of them—make out a plausible case against the imposition of the duty which they strongly object to. They say that the duty was imposed with a view of bestering the condition of the fishermen, who were obliged to compete against the Port Robert traps on the American side. Fish being sent from these traps in vast quantities and sold cheaper than the fishermen could supply them direct to the cannerns. The cannerns say that if the duty is there to stay it will drive them out of the business or drive them over to the States, as with the traps the Americans can put up salmon 50 cents a case cheaper than they can and undersell them in the London market,

consequently the last condition of the fisherman would be worse than the first.

It is now announced that the British Columbia cannerns have sufficiently elaborated their combine to secure a reduction of 25 per cent in the output this season, the salmon pack of 1897 having proved unprofitably large and glutted the chief market, that of England.

The board of directors of the B. C. Fruit Exchange met this week and it was practically arranged that Mr. Hutcherson, the manager of the Exchange make a trip to Manitoba and the Northwest to secure markets and arrange for the shipment east of British Columbia fruit.

Fur Trade Notes.

News has reached Edmonton from Fort Smith, in the north country, that fur and fish have been very scarce during the winter.

A bill has been introduced in the U. S. congress to repeal the law preventing the importation of seal skins under certain conditions.

A silver fox among a collection of furs forwarded by a Winnipeg house, is said to have sold for \$135, or about \$675, at the recent London fur sales.

The next series of sales in London will be held from June 14 to 16 inclusive, by C. M. Lampson & Co. Lampson & Co.'s October sales will be held from Oct. 25 to 27 inclusive, which will complete the regular fur sales for the current year.

Dairy Trade Items.

Sales of cream separators this season by Winnipeg dealers have already been very large. The use of separators is becoming general in Manitoba.

The auction sale at Liverpool of 15,000 boxes of Canadian cheese has resulted much better than had been expected, prices realized being equal to 3s to 40s.

S. M. Barre will start his creamery in Winnipeg in about ten days. Mr. Barre has taken another store in the Robert block, in addition to the two stores in this block previously occupied by him, thus giving him three of the stores in the block in all. One apartment he is now fitting up as a cold storage warehouse.

An Easter Number.

The April Canadian Magazine is an Easter number with a handsome and appropriate cover. The leading article is "Rome During Holy Week." There are Easter stories by Madge Merton, Katharine L. Johnston and A. Hooper. "Mural Decoration," by G. A. Reid, R.C.A., is very instructive, and "The Academy Exhibition," by Norman Patterson, deals with the recent exhibit of pictures made by the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. Current Events, Book Reviews and National Sport receive the usual attention. The next number will open the eleventh volume of this popular magazine.

The Montreal board of trade wants the Teslin Lake railway extended to an ocean port in Canadian territory.

The Montreal board of trade has endorsed the resolution of the British Columbia legislature opposing the granting of a charter to the Kettle River Railway company.

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Winnipeg	305,000
Manitoba elevators	2,160,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	851,000

Total March 26 3,438,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on March 26, were 40,827,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 56,288,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 4,424,000 bushels, compared with 1,857,000 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 2, was 30,223,000 bushels, being an increase of 162,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 38,612,000 bushels, two years ago 60,322,000 bushels, three years ago 72,703,000 bushels, four years ago 70,762,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	6,434,000 bushels
Duluth	3,510,000 "
Minneapolis	11,305,000 "
New York	1,584,000 "
Buffalo	678,000 "

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 February 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: February 1, 1898, 129,123,000; February 1, 1897, 128,629,000; February 1, 1896, 160,425,000; February 1, 1895, 181,419,000; February 1, 1894, 183,927,000; February 1, 1893, 178,058,000; February 1, 1892, 155,305,000; February 8, 1891, 105,087,000; February 1, 1890, 105,533,000.

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	6,278,545
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 . . . . .	.04	.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, 66@66½c.
Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2 05@2.10, Bakers, \$1.85@1.90.
Bran—Per ton, \$6.
Shorts—Per ton, \$8.
Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 15@23c.
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, 14@18c.
Cheese—Dealers selling at 9@10c.
Eggs—Fresh selling at 16@17c.
Beef—City dressed, fresh, 5½ @ 6½c.
Mutton—Frozen 7@8c. Fresh 9@9½c.
Hogs—Dressed, 4½@5c in round lots.
Cattle—3½@4½c as to quality.
Hogs—Live, off cars, 4½c for best bacon.
Sheep—4½@4½c off cars here.
Hides—No. 1 green, 7½c.
Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.
Poultry—Chickens, 6@7c per pound, turkeys, 9@10c per lb.
Potatoes—30@35c per bushel.
Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

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Manitoba

Thos. Angus, confectionery, etc., Steekton, has sold out to Robt. Barr.

Robert Little, of Aweme, will open in the butcher business at Treestbank.

T. Durnin, of Neepawa, has opened a general store at Oelke River, Dauphin district.

Rattray & McKinnon, blacksmiths, Pipestone, have sold out to J. Wright, in the same line at the same place.

The incorporation of the Winnipeg Ledgeing and Coffee House association is being applied for. The capital stock is placed at \$15,000.

J. F. Prud'homme, dry goods, St. Boniface, has sold out to J. B. Leveque. Mr. Leveque has been employed by Mr. Prud'homme for the last ten years.

A bill has been introduced in the Manitoba legislature respecting bake-shops. Its object is to secure the carrying out of sanitary regulations, etc.

Atkinson & Co., general merchants, of Hamiota, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, of Winnipeg. The creditors will meet in Winnipeg on April 15 to consider the matter.

The following are burned out at Hamiota: Inman & Co., bankers; Atkinson & Co., general merchants; F. Middleton, printer and publisher; McKellar & Todd, livery.

The following new businesses are being established at Makinak, in the Dauphin district: A butcher shop by Faulkner & Gunne, a hardware store by Mr. Douglas, lately arrived, and a bakery by Geo. Johnstone.

Alberta.

Messrs Cinnamon, of Vermillion ranch, are opening a butcher shop at Athabasca Landing.

Calgary city council will submit a by-law to the electors, offering the Canadian Pacific Railway company a bonus of \$25,000 to locate their repair shops at Calgary. The company guarantee not less than thirty-five men on the pay roll, and agree to make Calgary a divisional point, and district headquarters. This, Mr. Whyte assured the council, would mean a permanent pay roll of \$6,000 per month. Two sites were pointed out by Mr. Whyte as satisfactory to the company. One in the extreme east, between the C. P. R. track and the hospital. The other site comprises the three blocks immediately south of the track, and opposite the coal sheds and flour mill.

Assiniboia.

J. W. Bateman, baker, Yorkton, has sold out to Sharman & Bates.

The harness and saddlery business formerly carried on by Lang & Campbell has again changed hands. Findlay Campbell, who has controlled the business since the retirement of J. M. Lang, has sold out to A. G. Thompson.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The activity in the rice market continues. Foreign advices continue strong, private cables received this week noting a further advance of 1s 6d in Patna.

A Toronto report says. There was an advance of about a cent in Red-path syrup to-day, and 2-lb. tins are now quoted at 10 1-2c.

A Montreal report says the dried apple market has ruled dull lately, and holders, in order to dispose of stocks, have had to accept prices that they would have laughed at a month or so ago. To-day a small lot of five or six barrels was disposed of at 3 1-2c per pound, but the quality was not A 1. For first-class goods, therefore, values may be quoted at 5 to 5 1-2c.

New York Journal of Commerce says: No further business was reported in apricots, the coming crop of which, according to California advices, has been entirely destroyed. The movement noted earlier in the week in this column resulted in the close concentration of available supplies here and in Philadelphia in the hands of two or three parties; and the market consequently is firmer, but there has been no quotable advance in prices.

Regarding the prune situation, the California Fruit Grower says: "This fruit is cleaning up remarkably well. Both large and small sizes are scarce, and buyers are now taking the medium sizes. Prices are low, but the demand continues, and it looks as if the heavy crop of 1897 would go out clean before new fruit comes to hand. Sizes at present run from 60s to 90s, but 70s to 80s are more freely offered. Prices for Santa Clara stock have been above those of other districts from the start, so that close buyers looking for prunes at low prices have picked up nearly all the outside prunes. We learn of a few sales of outside stock on 2c basis, and one car 70s to 90s on 2 1-4 basis, although one party reports sales at 1 7-8c basis for outside stock. The prune trees in the Santa Clara valley were not generally in bloom when the heavy frosts occurred, hence escaped with slight damage thus far.

Grain and Milling News.

The Hudson's Bay company have shipped from their flour mill at Prince Albert since June last, to Edmonton and Vancouver, some 22,000 sacks of flour.

Metcalf & Son, of the Pioneer Oatmeal mills, Portage la Prairie, Man., will build a 10,000 bushel elevator at their mill. They do not expect to run the mill till the new crop of oats come in, owing to the present scarcity of oats.

Application is being made for the incorporation of the Roland Farmers' elevator company, of Roland, Man. The capital stock is placed at \$12,000. The applicants are Robt. Langtry, Geo. Ross, Geo. Lorce, Wm. Reekie, Jas. Phillips, M. Sutton and A. Chater.

At the meeting of shareholders in the Farmers' Elevator Co., of Cypress River, Man., it was decided not to dispose of the elevator at present but to give encouragement to a flour mill by a cash bonus. A public meeting was held later and a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions.

The Lumber Trade.

W. J. Clisholm, formerly of South Edmonton, is opening in the lumber business at Edmonton.

W. R. Ridington, lumber and hardware dealer, Fox Warren, Man., has bought out the lumber business at that place, managed by L. P. Westergard.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: There is a continued strengthening of the market for red cedar shingles. During the week there has been a practical increase in the price in this market and most dealers are now quoting "A" at \$2.25 per thousand. This is 5 cents higher than they were two weeks ago, and the jobbers say that the end is not yet reached. The rapid rise in the prices for red cedars is causing an increased enquiry for pine shingles, and has developed the fact that there is a scarcity of pine shingles. The railroads are calling on the manufacturers of fir lumber for timbers, and the price has raised at the mills as much as \$6 per thousand over what was being asked last year.

The Live Stock Trade.

Sir Roderick W. Cameron, of Alberta, has sent to the department of agriculture at Toronto asking for 2,500 young cattle for his range. Why not have bought up some of the stocker cattle which have been shipped by thousands out of Manitoba to the United States. Our western ranchers seem to be making a mistake in allowing United States buyers to pick up all the young cattle in Manitoba.

Dry Goods Trade.

The cotton mill strike in New England continues. The employees of Ponoman cotton mills, of Norwich, one of the largest concerns of the kind in New England, have gone out on strike because of a 10 per cent reduction in wages. Two thousand hands are employed at the mill and 1,100 workmen in all departments except the carding and spinning rooms went out.

Binder Twine.

Minneapolis Farm Implements says: At two different times during the present month, handlers of binding twine have been notified of further advances in price, the advance being 1-4 of a cent each time. The latest advices affect manila as well as sisal, though the prices of the two grades still remain nearer together than at any previous time in the history of the trade. It is also noticeable that sisal hemp has been travelling upward, and it has travelled faster than the finished product; relatively, therefore, the price of sisal twine is more reasonable than it was a year ago. All present indications point to still further advances before the harvest is over. When the price of raw material and the cost of manufacture are considered, current prices are too low to warrant any expectation that a break may follow.

NOTICE.

The publishers of Price Current, the publication of which was recently suspended, have arranged with the publisher of The Commercial to carry out the subscriptions of the defunct publication. This applies only to persons who were not already subscribers of The Commercial. Such subscribers of Price Current will therefore receive The Commercial to cover full amount due them, based on our regular subscription rate of \$2 per year.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Canned Goods	Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 00
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1 20
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 10
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 75
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	3 10
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50
Salmon, Coloes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	06 08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	09 15
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	18 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, bonless.	20 35
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	10 12

Per doz.	Per case.
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s.	1 50
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 1s.	1 90
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1s.	1 90
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s.	2 00
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s.	2 00

Canned Meats	Per case.
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 50
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.	6 25
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	6 00
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz.	5 00

Potted Ham	Per doz.
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	75
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	1 50
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	1 50
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	1 50

Coronals	Per sack
Split Peas, sack 9s.	2 25
Pot Barley, sack 9s.	2 50
Pearl Barley, sack 9s.	4 00
Rolled Oats, sack 9s.	4 00
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s.	2 10
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s.	2 10
Beans (per bushel)	1 20
Cornmeal, sack 9s.	1 45
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 1/2sac)	0 75

Rice, B.	Per pound
Rice, Japan	4 1/2c
Sago	5 1/2c
Tapioca	4 c

Dried Fruits

Per pound	Per pound
Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs.	1 90
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 55
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	06 6 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 7 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 8 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes.	1 90
Apples, Dried	2 07
Evap. Apples, finest quality	11 12

California Evaporated Fruits	Per pound
Peaches, peeled	18 20
Peaches, unpeeled	11 13
Pears	11 12
Apricots, new	10 11
Pitted Plums	11 12
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2 6
Prunes, 90 to 100	6 1/2 6 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	7 7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2 8
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 1/2 8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11

Matches	Per case
Telegraph	\$3 60
Telephone	3 40
Tiger	3 25

Nuts	Per pound
Brazils	12 1/2 15
Taragona Almonds	13 15
Peanuts, roasted	13 15
Peanuts, green	10 12
Grenoble Walnuts	15 18
French Walnuts	13 15
Sicily Filberts	11 15
Shelled Almonds	25 30

Syrup	Per lb.
Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2c
Medium, per lb.	3c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	\$7 00
Molasses, per gal.	35c

Sugar	Per pound
Extra Standard Granulated.	5 1/2c
German Granulated	4 1/2c
Extra Ground	6 c
Powdered	6 c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c
Maple Sugar	12 1/2c

Salt	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2c
Common, fine	1 90
Common, coarse	1 90
Dai 7, 100-3	3 25
Dai 7, 100-5	3 15
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine jute sack	00 45

Spices	Per doz.
Assorted H. with Cas.	75 90
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 20
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	18 25
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	10 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	13 15
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	20 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	25 35
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	30 35
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochian	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	25 30
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	60 1 00
Mace (per pound)	1 00 1 25

Teas	Per pound
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	15 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	22 28
Young Hysons—	
Choice	35 45
Medium	33 35
Common	22 30
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Common	15 20

Tobacco

Per pound	Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads.	00 76
Lily, 5s, cads.	00 63
Cresant, 5s, cads.	00 60
T. & B. Black Chewing, 5s or 16s	00 64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 5s or 16	00 64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00 89
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00 91
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00 91
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 99
T. & B. in 1s tins	00 90
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00 85
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 91
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 80
Tucketts Chegab Cigarette 1-12	00 87
Brier, 7s, cads	00 65
Derby, 3s, cads	00 68
Derby, 7s, cads	00 68
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 66
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 66

Wooden Ware	Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50
Pails, wire hoop	2 25
Pails, Star fibre	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50
Tubs, nests (3)	1 65
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	50 55
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80

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Lard	Per pound
Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 90
Lard, pure, 5 lb pails	4 65
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	6 00
Lard, Tierces, per lb	5 1/2 5 1/2

Smoked Meats	per lb.
Hams	11 11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2 12
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 1/2 11
Spiced rolls	8 1/2 9
Shoulders	8 8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2 9 1/2

Dry Salt Meats	per lb.
Long clear bacon	8 1/2 9
Boneless Shoulders	8 1/2 9 1/2
Backs	9 9 1/2
Imported Short Clear	8 1/2 9 1/2

Barrel Pork	Per barrel
Heavy mess	15 50
Short cut	16 50

Meat Sundries	per lb.
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

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Whitefish, lb	per lb.
Pickel, lb.	03 1/2
Trout, lb.	09
Lake Superior Herrings, doz.	15
Pike, lb.	02 1/2
Salmou, lb.	15
B.C. halibut, lb.	12
Smelts, lb.	09
Cod, lb.	08
Haddock	08
Findon haddock, lb.	05 06
Smoked goldeyes, doz.	30 36
Oysters, standards, gal	1 70
Oysters, select, gal.	1 80
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl.	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl.	7 50

DRUGS

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

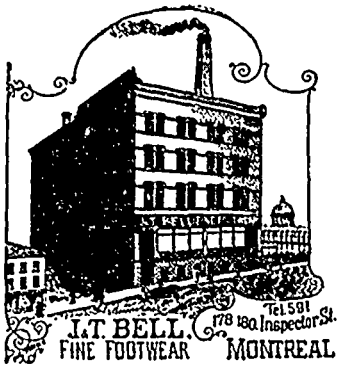
Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb.	06 08
Bluestone, lb.	06 07
Bluestone, barrel lots	01 1/2 05
Borax	11 13
Bromide Potash	65 75
Camphor	65 75
Carbor, ounces	80 90
Carbolic Acid	40 65
Castor Oil	15 17
Chlorate Potash	25 30
Citric Acid	55 65
Coppers	03 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz.	4 50
Cream Tartar, lb	30 35
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 1/2 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
German Quinine	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	25 30
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25
Oil, lemon, super	2 75
Oil, peppermint	4 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	50 2 00
Oxalic Acid	14 16
Potass Iodide	3 75
Paris Green, lb	18 20
Salt Petre	10 12
Sal Rochelle	30 35
Shellac	35 40
Sulphur Flowers	35 40
Sulphur Roll, keg.	3 1/2 05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75
Sul Soda	20 30
Tartaric Acid, lb.	45 55
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	35 1 00

LEATHER

Per pound	Per pound
Harness, oak	33
Harness, union oak No. 1	33
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	33
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R. anchor brand	32
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	34
Do., No. 1 R.	31
Black collar leather	36
Sole, union oak	32
Listowell, sole	27 30
Penatang, sole	27 30
B. F. French calf	25 30
B. F. French kip	95 1 15
Canada calf	65 80
Canada Calf, Horseshoe	90
Horseshoe Brand Kip	80
Karn Kip	80 85
Wax upper	42 48
Grain upper	42 46
Kangaroo, per foot	25 50
Dolgonna, per foot	25 40

FUEL

Coal	Per ton
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.	
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	10 00
Pea size	7 50
Western anthracite, stove	9 50
Western anthracite, put	7 25
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Hocking	7 50
Souris Lignite	4 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Blossburg smiting	9 50
These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.	
Tamarac, good, last winter's cut.	4 25
Pine, green cut, dry	3 75
Pine, dead cut	3 50
Spruce	2 75
Poplar, green cut dry	2 50
Poplar, dead cut	2 25
Oak, green cut dry body	4 50
Oak, dead cut	4 00



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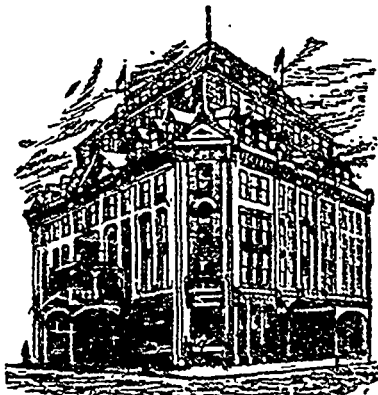
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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@ \$11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50@9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.75; 22 and 24 guage, \$4; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/2 inch, \$7; 2 inch, \$8.50; 2 1/2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6@7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFg, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFg, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$12, Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.45 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 5 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$4.15; steel hoese, \$4.40; Snow shoe, \$4.40 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 7 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 9c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/2 inch, and larger, 16c lb.

Binder Twine—Sisal 6 1/2c; Manilla 7 1/2c, Pure Manilla 8c per lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2c; less quantities 4c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2.05 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 5 1/2c; boiled, gal., 5 7/8c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 60c; less than barrels, gallon, 65c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 20c; oleophene, 20 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for eocene and 2 1/2c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2 x 6 to 2 x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimen-

sion, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41, to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00; B.C. No. 3 fir, mixed \$25.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

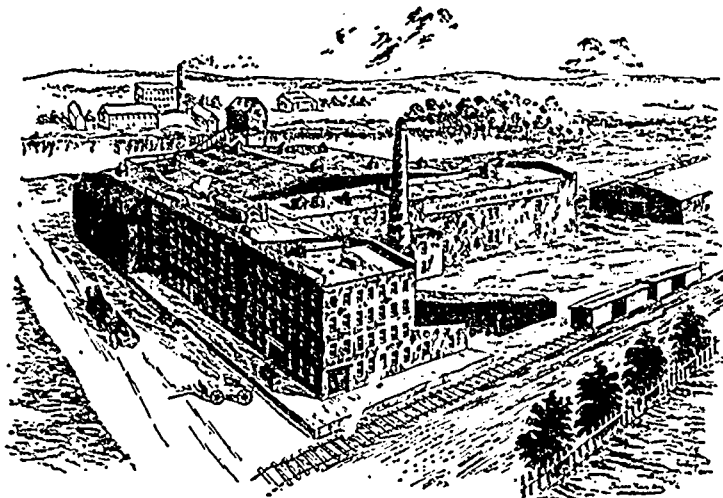
Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00. No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B.C. fir clears and stepping, edge grain No. 1, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.50; No. 2 do., \$32.50. \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$35.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 and 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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

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

Cheese—Manitoba 11½@12½c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½c; breakfast bacon 13c, backs 12½@13c; short clear 9½c; short rolls 10½c; 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 oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 7c; frozen white fish, 10c lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes 13@15 per ton ashcroft \$19.50; local onions, 3½c; California onions 5c lb; cabbage 2½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons 2.50@2.75 box; apples, 1@1.75 box; Navel oranges, 2.75 @ \$3.00; seedling oranges, 1.75@2; bananas, bunch 2.75.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 22½ 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@8½c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 8@8½; veal 9@10c; Pemmican 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 7½@9c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tin, \$4.25 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, April, 8.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$1.00 basis per, refined, \$1.90; Swedes inch and over, \$3.25 @ \$4.25; Lowmoor, 5½c@6c; hoops, coopers, \$2.25 basis; boiler rivets, best, \$1.60; sheet 10 and 12 gauge, \$2.20 and 2.50; 22 to 24 do, 2½c @ 2½c. 26 do, 2½c; 28 do, \$2.75; Russian sheet, per lb 10c @12c.

Iron Pipe—½ to ¾ inch, 65 per cent. off; 1 to 2 inch, 67½c @ 70½c and 10 off.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 28 to 56 lb. ingots, 16½c per lb.

Copper—Ingot, 12½c; sheet, 17c @ 28c. Lead—Bar, 4½c @ 5c; pig, 4½c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75@5.25; shot, can., dis., 12½ @12c.

Steel—Cast, 12c@14c; boiler plate, 1-inch, \$1.90; 5-16 do, ¾ do, sleigh shoe, \$2.15.

Canada Plates—Half bright, \$2.50, all bright, \$3.

Tin Plate—IC coke, \$3.10, IC charcoal, \$3.75@4; I ½ charcoal, \$4.75 @ 5; IXX charcoal, \$5.75@6; DC charcoal, \$3.75@4.

Zinc—Sheet, 5½c@5½c; zinc, spelter, 4½c; domestic, imported, 5½c; solder, hf. and hf., 13c@14c.

Brass—Sheet, 21c@28c.

Galvanized Iron—18 to 21 gauge, 4½c; 26 do. 4½c; 28 do. 25c.

Horseshoes—Per keg \$3.25.

Wire—Barb Wire—2c 30 days, or 2 per cent Toronto f.o.b.; galvanized fence, 30 per cent 4 months or 3 per cent; annealed 35 per cent.

Coiled chain—1-inch, \$1.65; ¾-inch, \$3.25; ½-inch, \$3.10; ¼-inch, \$2.80; 1/8-inch, \$2.75.

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Binder Twine—Pure sisal, 5c@5½c; mixed, 5½c@6½c. Paints and Oils—Turpentine, 58c delivered at western Ontario points. Linseed oil, raw 49c, boiled 52c delivered.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, April, 8.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 11-16c; No. 2 granulated, 4½c; Dutch granulated, 4½c; yellows, 3 13-16@4 3-16.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 32c@33c; special bright, 40c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, bris, 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; Oolongs, 25c@65c; Ceylons, 17@15c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@12½c; Mocha, 26c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.30; peas, 95@1; 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. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@1; sock-eyes, \$1.17½@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.49@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4½c@5c; fine, off-stalk, 5½c@5½c; selected, 6c@6½c; layers, 6½c@7c; Provincial, currants, 6½c; Filiatras, 6½c@7c; Patras, 7c@7½c; Vostizzas, 8c@8½c; 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@8½c; 60's to 70's, 7½c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7½c; 80's to 90's, 6½c@7c; 90's to 100's, 6@6½c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 10c@12½c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallowee dates, 5½@6½c. 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, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3½@4c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7½c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12½c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4½c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

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

Rice—Rice, bags, 5½@4c; do Patna, 5½ @5½c; do Japan, 5½@6½c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochin, 15@20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@18c; Amboy, 18@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@1; cream tartar, pure, 28c, 22 @25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16 for Canada mess; short cut, \$16.50@17.00; clear mess, \$14.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7½@8c, ton and case lots, 8c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11@11½c; hams, large 9½ @ 10c and 10½@11c for small; picnic hams, 8½@9c; rolls, 8½ to 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

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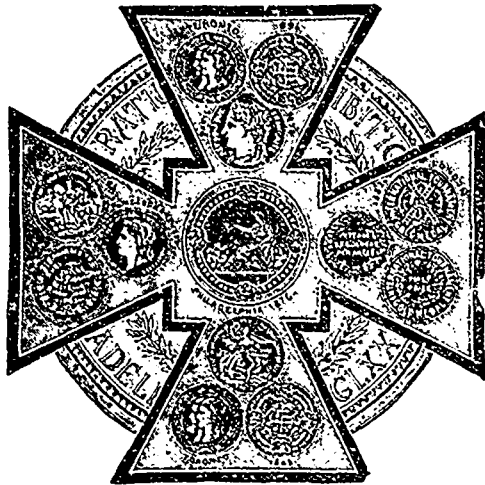
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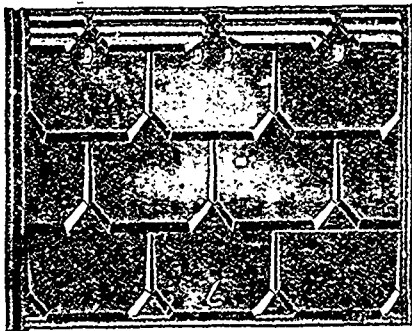
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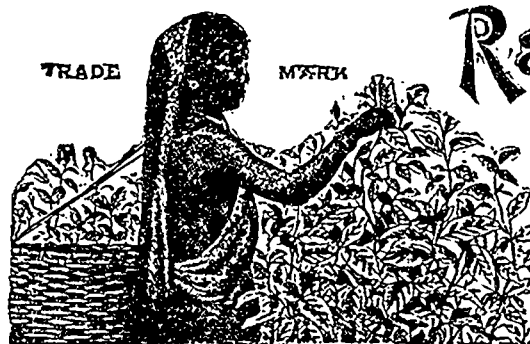
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 9.

Spring weather has at last set in, and the usual activity following the advent of spring will begin at once. Toward the end of the week reports came in that a commencement was being made at seeding in some districts. There is a very large area of land ready for crop this spring, last fall having been favorable for preparing the land, and with a few weeks of favorable weather an area of land probably not far from 20 per cent. in excess of any previous year, will be sown in Manitoba. No doubt this increase will be mainly given to wheat, owing to favorable prices realized from the last crop, and the better prospect of securing a good crop of wheat in this climate than of any other grain.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 9
DRY GOODS.

Dealers have had a good spring trade and orders are now about all out. Samples are now being made up and travellers are going out with fall samples. The spring sorting trade has been delayed by cold weather.

FISH.

Fresh fish are tending higher, as usual at this time of year, except in the case of some frozen stock which it is desirable to work off. Haddies are lower, being offered as low as 5c to clear out some stock. Salmon and halibut are higher.

FUEL.

Cordwood is offering freely and prices are easy. Large stocks are now held in the city and dealers are not buying freely.

GROCERIES.

The effect of the new tariff on sugars, announced at Ottawa this week, will likely be to advance prices 1-2c as the tariff is advanced 15 1-2c per 100 pounds on raw sugars. The increase on refined sugar varies from 10 to 25c per 100 pounds, the lower increase being on yellows, and 25c on granulated. This will give refiners an additional protection of 1-8c on granulated. Sugar coming from the British West Indies, however, will come in under the preferential tariff, which provides for a reduction of 25 per cent in the duty after August 1 next. Considerable interest is being taken in the situation regarding California dried fruits, owing to the many alarmist reports coming from the coast regarding the damage done by the late frosts in California. One report received here says the apricot crop is completely knocked out. Owing to lack of sufficient rain in the grape districts, it is also claimed that the raisin crop will be short. While no doubt considerable damage has been done by the frost, it will perhaps be found at the end of the season that the crop is not so badly demoralized as reports would indicate. No doubt damage reports have been somewhat over drawn in order to boom prices of old stock still held. Eastern advices on canned goods are firm. Some Ontario packers are quoting \$1.25 for

tomatoes and 95c for corn per dozen, but jobbers are selling at this price in the east.

GREEN FRUITS.

Oranges and lemons are unchanged. Stocks of southern red apples are about used up. Southern apples have kept rather better than eastern stock this season. Apples are selling all the way from \$1.50 to \$1.50 per barrel as to condition and quality, and good fruit is scarce. Bananas are arriving more freely and will soon be coming in car lots. The banana season will soon be at its height. Fresh California celery, probably the last of the season, has arrived. Prices are. Mexican oranges, \$3 to \$3.50; navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4.00 California seedling oranges, \$3.25; bitter oranges, \$6 per case, bananas, per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3.50; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per box; apples, Ontario stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for good to choice; southern apples \$4 per bbl.; off quality, \$2.00 to \$3.50 per bbl. as to condition; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8.50 to \$9 per bbl.; sweet potatoes, \$5 per barrel; Malaga grapes \$7 to \$10 per keg; Ontario black walnuts, 8c lb.; cocoanuts, \$1 per doz.; Snelly filberts, large, 11 to 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, fancy elemes, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 10 lb. box, 30 lb. boxes, 16c; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; dates, 7c per lb.; shelled walnuts, 25 to 27c per lb.; imported celery, 50 to 60 per doz.; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

Blind twine is firm. Sales have been large. Turpentine is easier in sympathy with the decline in outside markets, but as stocks here are not large it is not expected prices will decline materially before the opening of navigation. Castor oil is selling at a comparatively high price here, and will be lower when new stock arrives, after the opening of navigation, as stocks bought for later arrival are costing 2c lower. Lubricating oils have been reduced for clear machine and cylinder.

LUMBER.

The revised list of Winnipeg prices published this week showing the change as previously noted. No. 2 and 3 common board, are advanced 50c, and cul boards \$1. In British Columbia lumber the classification has been changed considerably.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.

WHEAT—Wheat has been quiet and comparatively steady this week. In country market, nothing is now doing. In this market, cash wheat ranged at 97 to 98c during the week, and May at 98 to 99 1-2c for No. 1 hard. Receipts of wheat at Fort William last week were 31,000 bushels, shipment; 29,000 bushels and in store last Saturday 760,000 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 3,381,000 bushels, two years ago 3,862,000, three years ago 930,000, and four years ago 2,338,000 bushels. A year ago stocks of wheat at lake and interior points were estimated at 6,000,000 bushels, compared with 8,000,000 two years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels three years ago. This year stocks are now estimated at 3,400,000 bushels.

FLOUR—The market is steady and prices unchanged. We quote: Patent, \$2.50; best bakers \$2.30; second bakers \$1.90; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 98 lbs, with discount of 5c net.

MILLFEED—Prices are firm, the demand is very large, and the supply scarce. There was practically no bran to be had part of the time this week. 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 \$22 per ton.

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

BARLEY—Nominal in the absence of business, at about 40c for feed and 45 to 50c for seed samples.

OATS—Prices are very firm. Feed oats are held stiff at 39 to 40c and choice at 41 to 43c per bushel for car lots on track, Winnipeg, equal to 35 to 38c in the country for good samples.

CORN—We quote 40 to 40 1-2c 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 very scarce, even poor stuff is bringing 13 to 15c per lb. and so-called good 16 to 18c. For really good 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—Prices have been firm this week owing to cold weather during the two previous weeks. The milder weather which set in this week of course has not had time to affect the market yet. The demand was also large, being Easter week. Prices opened on Monday at 13 to 14c and advanced to 15c on Wednesday. City retail dealers usually buy the bulk of their supplies at the beginning of the week, and the demand was large from the opening of the week. With Easter over and milder weather prevailing, prices are expected to drop fast next week. Country merchants should begin at once to buy on the basis of a 10c market here, to be on the safe side, as the advance this week will no doubt be only temporary.

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. Some frozen turkeys were brought in from the south this week which cost 17c laid down here. Only one or two firms in the city have any turkeys, and they are holding them for their own retail trade.

DRESSED MEATS — We quote hogs 61-2 to 63-4c, and a few fancy may bring 7c in a small way. Beef 6 to 6 1-2c for city dressed. Frozen beef is now about used up and at the end of the season there was a better demand than earlier. Mutton is firmer, owing to demand to ship to British Columbia, which has taken considerable stock from here, and what remains is in fewer hands. Prices of frozen mutton have been advanced 1c to 7c to 8c. Fresh mutton will be in this week, but not in any large quantity. Veal 7 to 9c, as to quality.

CURED MEATS and LARD—Prices have been advanced 1-4c for dry salt bacon and lard is 1-2c higher for palls. See quotations on another page.

HIDES—Hides are weak. No. 1 green have been taken at 7c this week, but a drop to 6 1-2c is expected soon, and may go into effect on Monday. Frozen

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

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—Potatoes are easier. Some lots were bought at 33c this week for mixed lots. The top price is paid for fancy white varieties. Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 33 to 40c 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; celery, 60 to 75c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c.

HAY—Baled is held at \$8 to \$8.50 per ton on track at point of shipment, or \$10 to \$12 on cars here. Hay is very scarce, owing to break-up in the roads, which hinders shipment, as well as owing to short crop. The farmers in some sections are short and are buyers, but it is difficult to get cars loaded to ship.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Cable reports on cattle were bad this week, and notwithstanding the Easter demand. Prices declined in the London market. With this decline in the Easter market the outlook is not encouraging. There is still buying of stockers to ship to the United States, but nothing is being done here in fat cattle for export and shippers are much discouraged by the outlook. Some local shippers, it is said, will not attempt to export any fat cattle at all this spring. Those who fed cattle expecting a high market this spring, are greatly disappointed. Owing to the higher cost of feed, the expense of feeding has been much greater, while prices are lower. The highest realized for cattle here has been 4c, and that for only a few, and 3 3/4c is now about the outside price. We quote the local market at 3 1-2 to 3 3/4c for fair to good fat stock. Some buying of oxen for the Klondike is going on in the country.

SHEEP—The market has developed a firm tendency, owing to the shipment of frozen mutton held in stock here to British Columbia. Some sheep have been bought to arrive here at

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about 4 1-2c, and it is said one bunch was secured at 4c. The number of sheep being fed for the spring market is said to be limited.

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, \$8.25 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.

A. McRae & Co., general store, Elva, Man., have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of creditors is called for April 13 at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

The weekly report of the Winnipeg clearing house is as follows:

Week ending April 7,		
1897	\$1,517,511	\$206,828
Corresponding week,		
1897	990,246	169,042
Corresponding week,		
1896	980,088	147,710

Personals.

D. W. Bole left for the east on Tuesday.

John W. Peck has returned from a trip to Montreal.

R. R. Gallagher, western representative of S. Greenshields, Son & Co., has returned from a short visit to Montreal.

New York Wheat.

New York, April 4.—Wheat receipts, 234,025 bushels; exports, 98,762 bus. Options opened steadier on better news from the stock market, and developed pronounced strength on bullish late cables and export developments. A reaction followed, however, with general realizing, a feature, particularly in late months, which closed 3-4c to 1 1-4c net lower, against 3-8c advance in near months. No. 2 red, May, \$1.00 3-8 to \$1.01 1-4, closed \$1.00 3-4; July, 87 1-2c to 88 3-8c, closed 88 1-8c; Sept., 81c to 82c, closed 81c; Dec., 81 3-8a to 83c, closed 81 3-8c.

New York, April 5.—Wheat — Receipts 231,250 bushels, exports 168,195 bushels. Exports opened fractionally easier owing to Liverpool weakness, but speedily recovered and was strong all day on local covering, rumored reduction of French duty and active buying for outside account. Near months closed 1c to 1 1-4c net higher, but distant options, being in demand, were 1-8c to 3-8c net lower. No. 2 red May 1-8 to 1-8 to \$1.01 1-4, closed \$1.01 1-4, July 87 3-4c to 89 3-8c, closed 88 7-8c; Sept. 80 3-1c to 81 3-1c, closed 80 7-8c, Dec. 81c to 81 5-8c, closed 81c.

New York, April 6.—Wheat — Receipts 157,775 bush.; sales 4,645,000 bush. Options, after a firmer opening on higher cables, were adversely affected by liquidation, brought on by unfavorable Washington news. Near months were chiefly influenced. A late rumor that the president's message would be delayed, caused some rally, but near deliveries, nevertheless, closed 1-2 to 3-4c lower, against 1-8 to 1-2c rise in late months. No. 2 red May opened \$1.00 3-8 to \$1.01 7-8, closed \$1.00 1-2; July opened 87 13-16 to 89 3-4, closed 89 3-4; Sept. opened 80 1-2 to 81 5-8, closed 81; Dec. opened 91 to 81 7-8, closed 81 1-2.

New York, April 7.—Wheat: Receipts 160,000, exports 39,518; sales 2,855,000, futures 80,000; spot. Spot firm; No. 1 northern Duluth \$1.09 1-4 fob afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.09 3-4. Options were weak and heavy all day in response to lower cables, inspired crop news and free liquidation. The export demand that developed later in the day affected chiefly by the May option, which closed 1-4 cent net higher. All other months closed about the lowest and 3-1 to 1 cent below yesterday. July 87 1-4 to 88, closed 87 5-8; Sept. 50 1-4 to 81, closed 80 1-4; Dec. 80 1-2 to 81 1-8, closed 80 1-2.

New York, April 8.—Wheat receipts, 111,000 bushels; exports, 162,814 bushels, sales, 775,000 bushels futures, 40,000 bushels spot. Spot firm, but a good export trade reported. No. 2 red, \$1.04 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.10 1-2 f.o.b. afloat to arrive. Options were strong, but rather quiet from start to finish to-day. Shorts were the buyers alarmed over the extraordinary export demand for all grain unfavorable California crop news and the big jump in corn; prices closed at top and at 3-4 to 1 cent over last night. No. 2 red, May, \$1.01 1-2; closed \$1.01 1-2; July, 87 to 88 1-16, closed 87 1-2; Sept., 80 1-4 to 81 1-2; closed 81 1-2; Dec. closed 81 7-8.

On Saturday, April 9, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.01 5-8 for May option, and 88 7-8c July, and 81 5-8c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at \$1.00 3-8.

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 4.—The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—Dec., 77 1-2c; May, \$1.05 3-4; July, 85 1-4c to 85 3-8c; Sept., 77 3-8c.
Corn—May, 29 5-8c; July, 30 7-8c to 31c; Sept., 32c.
Oats—May, 25 1-2c; July, 23 3-8c.
Mess pork—May, \$9.87 1-2; July, \$9.90 1-2.
Lard—May, \$5.32 1-2; July, \$5.40.
Short ribs—May, \$5.25; July, \$5.35.

Chicago, April 5.—Local holiday.

Chicago, April 6.—The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—May \$1.05 1-4; July 84 7-8 to 85; Sept. 77 1-8; Dec. 77 1-2.
Corn—May 29 5-8; July 30 7-8 to 31; Sept. 32 to 32 1-8.
Oats—May 25 1-2; July 23 3-8.
Mess pork — May \$9.90; July \$9.97 1-2.
Lard—May \$5.25; July \$5.32 1-2.
Short ribs — May \$5.20; July \$5.27 1-2.

Chicago, April 7.—The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—May \$1.05 1-4; July 83 7-8; Sept. 76 3-8; Dec. 76 3-4.
Corn—No. 2 May, 29 1-8; July 30 1-2; Sept. 31 1-2.
Oats—May 25 3-8; July 23.
Mess pork—May \$9.82 1-2; July \$9.90.
Lard—\$5.17 1-2; July \$5.25.
Short ribs—May \$5.15; July \$5.22 1-2.

Chicago, April 8. — The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat — Sept., 77 5-8 to 77 3-4; April, \$1.03 1-2; May, \$1.05; July, 84 3-4; Dec., 78.
Corn—May, 30; July 31 1-4; Sept., 32 1-4 to 32 3-8.
Oats — May, 25 3-4; July, 31 1-4; Sept., 32 1-4 to 32 3-8.
Mess pork—May, \$9.82 1-2; July, \$9.92 1-2.
Lard—May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25.
Short ribs — May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25.

On Saturday, April 9, July wheat ranged from 84 1-2 to 85. Closing prices were:
Wheat—May \$1.06, July 84 3-4c, Sept. 77 3-4c.
Corn—May 29 7-8c; July 31 1-8c.
Oats—May 25 5-8c; July 23 1-4c.
Pork—May \$9.87 1-2; July \$9.97 1-2c.
Lard—May \$5.20; July \$5.27 1-2c.
Ribs—May \$5.20; July \$5.27 1-2.
Flax seed—Cash \$1.22; May \$1.22 3-4 Sept. \$1.10 1-2.
A week ago May option closed at \$1.05. A year ago May wheat closed at 66c, two years ago at 64 5-8c; three years ago at 55c, and four years ago at 61 3-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, April 9, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 96 5-8c for May option, 95 1-4 for July, and 75 3-4c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 95 1-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat was somewhat firmer to-day. Cash is quoted at 98 1-2c to 99 c and May at 99 1-2c to \$1.

Notwithstanding strong opposition from boards of trade and other sources, the Kettle Valley railway bill has received its second reading in parliament at Ottawa.

Minneapolis Markets.

Principal price changes compared with a week ago are: Flour 10c higher. Corn 1-2c higher. Oats 1-2c higher. Flax seed 3c higher. Eggs shade higher. Butter 2c higher. Hides 1-1c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$5.05 to \$5.15; second patents, \$4.85 to \$4.95.

Millfeed — Shorts in bulk, \$3.25 to \$3.50; bran in bulk, \$4.25 to \$8.50; corn feed, \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 27 3-4c for No. 3. Oats—Held at 25 1-2c for No. 3 White.

Barley—Feed quoted at 31 to 32c. Flax seed—1.18 per bushel.

Eggs.—8c 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, 18 to 17c; dairy, 16 to 19c for good to choice; seconds, 14 to 15c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 8 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 named varieties, 35 to 45c.

Poultry—Chicken, 7 to 10c; old fowls, 4 to 9c; turkeys, 9c; ducks 8c; geese, 7c.

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—Some of sales were: 4 cows, 880, \$2.75; 3 cows av. 926, \$3.20, 2 heifers, av 605, \$3.00, 21 steers, av 1,320, \$4.50; 17 av 1,070, \$4.20.

Hogs—Ranged at \$3.40 for light to \$3.87 1-2 per 100 for heavy.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 99 3-4c; July 95 5-8c.
Tuesday—May \$1; July 96.
Wednesday—May 99 1-4c; July 95-5-8c.
Thursday—May —; July 95 1-2c.
Friday—Holiday.
Saturday — May \$1. July 96 1-4c, Sept. 77 1-2c.

Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.00 1-2; and cash No. 1 northern at 99 1-2c.

Last week May options closed at 98 3-4c.

A year ago May option closed at 66 7-8c and two years ago at 63 3-8c; three years ago May option closed at 60 1-4c; four years ago at 61 1-2c, and five years ago at 67c.

Fresh mutton is in the market to-day and is selling at 10c.

Sir Richard Cartwright has announced that the government will not take up the insolvency bill this session.

Sir Richard Cartwright has announced in the house that negotiations have been in progress for some time between Canada and the British West Indies for reciprocal trade arrangements.

It was reported at New York this week that the market for Columbia river salmon was much unsettled owing to competition produced by a lack of unanimity between packers and commission merchants here. Prices were easier.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, April 8.
Money—Market firmer, some banks are calling in loans. Better demand for money is reported.

Dry goods—With weather warmer the movement of summer dry goods is larger. Swiss silks and satins are firmer.

Hardware—In this branch there is a good demand. Manitoba and western orders are large. Values are firm and metals generally firm at the recent advances. Pig iron is \$1 lower, with more selling.

Groceries—Groceries are more active. Sugars all grades 1-16 higher, and will likely advance more. Rio coffee excited and 1-4c higher. Japan rice, firmer. Low grade Japan teas scarce.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, April 5.
Offerings to-day were 51 carloads, including 284 sheep and lambs, and 1,700 hogs.

Cattle—Export slightly more active at 4 to 4 1-4c, and a few choice touched 4 1-2c. Butchers 10c lower, at 3 to 3 3-4c. Stockers quieter at 3 1-8 to 3 1-2c, feeders 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c. Export bulls 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.

Sheep—Lambs, 5 1-4 to 5 7-8. Sheep 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c, bucks 3 to 3 1-4c.

Hogs—There was a drop of 1-8c in hogs. Prices ranged from 4 1-2 to 4 5-8c per lb, weighed off the cars for choice bacon. Thick fat and light hogs sold for 4 3-8c per lb, sows 3 to 3 1-4c and stags 2c.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, April 5.
Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 30 carloads, including 1,500 hogs and 50 sheep and lambs. There was a better export demand and butchers cattle were 1-4c higher. Hogs were firmer. Prices were as follows: Export, 4 to 4 1-2c, butchers 3 to 4c. Sheep 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c. Yearlings 3 to 3 3-4c. Hogs, \$4.60 to \$4.65 per 100 pounds.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, April 9.
Grain more active. Improved export demand for wheat. Ontario wheat 1c higher. Butter is easier. Hides 1-2c lower. Dried apples 1-1c lower. Dressed hogs 15c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40; bakers, \$4.90, Ontario straight roller, \$4.05 to \$4.10 in barrels.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, 86 to 87c; No. 1 hard Owen Sound, \$1.06.

Oats—White, 29 to 29 1-2c for cars white at country points.

Barley—Quiet at 39c for No. 2; 37 for No. 3 extra, and 30 to 33c feed.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$12.50 per ton; bran, \$10.50 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.65 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—9 1-2c.
Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 18c, creamery, tubs, 20c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 7 1-2c; cured 8c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.30 for fresh killed; tallow, 23-1 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 1-2c to 4c; evaporated, 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—Fleeco 20. Pulled supors, 22 to 23c; extras, 19 to 21c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.20 per bushel, red clover, \$3 to \$3.75.

Maple syrup—65c per wine gallon.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, April 9.

Business is active and prices steady this week. Sugars are firmer and will likely advance, but no actual advance has been announced yet.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 3-8c at the refineries; Canadian-Gorman granulated, 4 1-16; yellows, 3 1-2 to 3 7-8c. Molasses 28 to 29c; 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; Mbcha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25, corn, 85 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Montreal, April 9.
Business is good in hardware, paints, oils, etc. Prices are steady this week.

Wholesale, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c. No. 1, \$5, dry white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 46 to 47c, boiled, 49 to 50c, turpentine, 52c, 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, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; 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 5.
Receipts at the East End abattoir market were 1,200 cattle and 75 sheep and lambs and 400 calves. The supply of cattle was excessive and shippers were somewhat disappointed in the prices offered, as in many cases they paid as much for the stock in the country as could be realized here. Two hundred were unsold. Extra choice heaves brought 4 3-4c to 5; choice, 4 1-2c; good, 4 to 4 1-4c, and fair, 3c to 3 1-2c. The market for sheep was stronger and prices were 1-4c per lb. higher, sales being made at 4c to 4 3-4c, and yearlings at 5c to 5 1-2c. Spring lambs \$2 to \$4.50 each.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards receipts were 600 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 50 calves and 200 hogs. The market for the hogs was stronger and prices advance 1-4c per lb. with sales made freely at 4 3-4c to 5c.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 8.
At yesterday's market cattle were about 1-4c lower, but sheep very strong and higher, owing to light offerings. Prices were as follows. Cattle—Choice, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Sheep—4 1-2 to 6c, the top for choice yearlings. Spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$5 each.

Hogs—\$4.75 to \$5 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, April 9.

Oats are firmer. May oats 1-4 to 1-2c higher. Flour steady. Some good export sales of Manitoba flour have been made. Millfeed 50c to \$1 lower per ton. Cheese dull and nominal. Butter firm, dairy 1-2c higher, creamery 1-2c higher. All receipts being absorbed promptly.

Oats—83 1-2 to 34c per bushel for No. 2 white spot, and 3 1-2 to 35 for May delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.90. Manitoba patents, \$5.30.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.00 to \$14.50 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$16.50, including sacks.

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

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 9c; calf-skins, 11c; sheepskins, \$1.10 to \$1.20; tallow, 3 1-2 to 3 1-4c.

Eggs—Fresh, 10c per dozen.

Butter—Dairy 17 1-2 to 19c.

Butter—Creamery, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—7 1-4 to 7 3-4c.

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

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

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.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, April 4.—Owing to heavy supplies the market was weak. Prices on cattle declined 1-4c to 1-2c, and sheep 2c, with 4,000 left on the Deptford market unsold at the close. Choice States cattle sold at 10 1-2c, choice Canadians at 10c, Argentine at 9c, and Argentine sheep at 9c.

Liverpool, April 4.—Market for cattle steady at 10 1-2c for United States and 10 1-4c for Canadians.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

Matz & Miller are opening a hotel at Edmonton.

J. B. Smith is opening a general store at Reston, Man.

A. Barnes, hotel, East Selkirk, Man., is leaving for the Klondike.

Howard & Co., fruits, etc., Rat Portage, have sold out to F. Hemmings.

C. E. Linco, general store, Griswold, Man., has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

W. F. Thompson, of the Trail Creek, B. C., News, has disposed of his interest in the Miner to J. W. Jowett.

Charles Fulljames is erecting a two story brick building at Rat Portage to be used as a flour and feed store.

J. Burdett, hardware, Emerson, has suffered loss by fire. Building badly damaged. Stock damaged by removal.

A. H. Correll, manager of the Equitable Life, has returned from a western trip, during which he spent considerable time at Calgary, which he considers is a very progressive place.

The Manitoba Liberal of Portage la Prairie, has published a very creditable illustrated number. The work is well executed and the matter is the right kind, abounding in plain facts as to the advantages of the district and Manitoba in general, for settlement.

A. M. Nanton, president of the Winnipeg board of trade, John Russell, chairman, and C. N. Bell secretary of the committee on the manufacture of best root sugar, met at agricultural committee of the provincial legislature and urged that the department procure seed and distribute the same to farmers throughout the Red River Valley, so that these districts may be fully tested as to their suitability for growing sugar beets.

A. W. Cudmore, lumber, Crystal City, Man., has sold out.

One of the most attractive Easter windows in Winnipeg this year was that of D. W. McLean & Co.