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WINNIPEG, MAY 16, 1892

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

George Gage, shoes, Hamilton, is dead.
Mrs. W. Wood, hotel, Cobourg, is dead.
John Baird, physician, Paisley, is dead.
J. J. Ball, jeweler, North Bay, has assigned.
Geo. Morrison, wagons, Aylmington, is dead.
J. C. Ray, general store, Cambury, has sold out.
H. Britton, jeweler, Bowmanville, has sold out.
Tatham & Co., hardware, Sarnia, have sold out.
L. A. Brink, hardware, Teeswater, has sold out.
Robert Adair, shoes, Thamesville, has sold out.
Horace Fisher, machinist, Hamilton, has assigned.
H. T. Snider, cigars, etc., Toronto, has assigned.
Robert Phair, grocer, Brantford, has assigned.
Hart & Co., stationers, Toronto, have dissolved.
Miklo & Co., grocers, Belleville, burned out; insured.
Jenkins & Ferrier, spices, etc., London, have sold out.
J. S. Earl & Co., dry goods, Watford, have sold out.
Daniel McCaugherin, general store, Treacastle, has sold out.
Stone & Mathieson, liquors, Collingwood, have assigned.
C. Storry & Co., general store, Goodwood, have sold out.

J. Coughlin, grocer, Peterboro, has sold out.
John Somerville, woollen mill, Teeswater, has sold out.
Foy & Co., dry goods, Port Hope, have moved to Brighton.
Mageau & O'Meara, men's furnishings, Sudbury, are dissolving.
J. C. Hallamore, drugs, Toronto, succeeded by W. Gaynor & Co.
P. Frawley, sr., general store, Sudbury, closed out by creditors.
F. F. Cole, grain, Toronto, elevator at Trenton burned; insured.
Empire Tea Co., (Geo. Mann, manager), Toronto, have assigned.
Smith, Malcolm & Gibson, furniture, etc., Brussels, have assigned.
Sutherland & Graves, fanning mills, Mount Brydges, have dissolved.
John Claxton, general store, Paisley; style now Claxton & Ballachey.
H. Sherris & Co., drugs, Toronto, have dissolved; W. Murchison retires.
Sutcliffe & Sons, dry goods, Brampton, have sold out and moved to Toronto.
Johnston Bros., general store, Walkerton, have opened a branch at Chesley.
A. E. Fish, men's furnishings, Belleville, damaged by smoke to extent of \$300.
J. R. Vanfleet, lumber and planing mill, Brantford, damaged by fire; insured.
Labadie & Co., furniture, Blenheim, have dissolved and R. Kilpatrick continues.
Mrs. S. D. Ross, confectionery and liquors, Sudbury, is going into hotel business.
D. Perkins, dry goods and groceries, Toronto and Greenbank, sold out at Greenbank.
The Rathbun Co., Ltd., general store, mills, etc., Deseronto, damaged by fire; insured.
A. Ross, dry goods, Kingston, stock sold.
J. McClung, Kingston, for 51c in the dollar.
Boyd, Bower & Brumell, wholesale smallwares, Toronto, have filed articles of incorporation.
Bogg & Co., general store, Collingwood and Thornbury, have sold out their Thornbury branch.
Chas. Davidson & Co., wholesale saddlery hardware, Toronto; trust deed executed in favor of Chas. Langley.
The following were damaged by fire at Trenton:—R. M. Mowat & Co, hardware; J. H. Dickey, drugs; P. G. Ireland, grocer.
The following were burnt out at Casselman: S. Benette, blacksmith, etc.; Frank Groulx, jeweler, etc.; T. Amyotte, blacksmith; G. Pierre, general store; J. Perrier, baker.
The following were burned out at Omemees: Samuel Lamb, butcher and livery; D. Minns, harness; W. Miller, tailor; T. M. Everett, watches; T. J. Parsons, grocer; T. Johnston, barber; J. E. Hand, publisher.

QUEBEC.

Joseph Moisan, grocer, Quebec, is dead.
Elzear Aubichon, butcher, Sorel, is dead.
Thos. Yard, furniture, Montreal, burned out.
Trottier & Wattier, brokers, Montreal, have dissolved.
H. & A. Allen, shipping, Montreal, have dissolved.
Magor Bros. & Co., commission, Montreal, have dissolved.
J. A. Dussault, grocer, Montreal; bailiff's sale advertised.
Sicotte & Frere, general store, etc., Boucherville, have dissolved.
Thos. Gamble, blacksmith and carriages, Huntingdon, is dead.
Imbleau, Leroux & Co., hardware, Montreal; bailiff's sale advertised.
Acton Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Co., Acton Vale, burned out.

Daigneault & Co., manufacturers of blacking, Montreal, have dissolved.
David Millor, general store, St. Laurent, succeeded by Millar Bros.
Alain & Castelli, manufacturers of cardboard, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
F. W. Newman & Co., commission, woolens, etc., Montreal, damaged by fire.
P. D. Dods & Co., wholesale paints, etc., Montreal, factory damaged by fire.
M. Moody & Sons, manufacturers of agricultural implements, Torrebbonne, burned out.
Ephraim Trottier, general store and sawmill, Grondines, has sold out the general store business.

NOVA SCOTIA.

R. H. Langille, tailor, Springhill, has assigned.
E. H. Coffin, general store, Barrington, has assigned.
Birrell & Rettie, hardware, etc., Truro, have dissolved.
Baldwin & Co., wholesale and retail crockery, Halifax, have dissolved.
W. F. West, grocer, Liverpool, has compromised at 50 per cent.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

H. B. Trenholm, harness, Moncton, has assigned.
W. L. Cameron, shoes, St. John, has assigned.
Israel Longley, builder, St. John, has assigned.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Chicago Board of Marine Underwriters has adopted the following rates on grain cargoes: Georgian Bay, 40c; Lake Ontario, Ogdensburg and Montreal, 50c. This is a remarkably low rate for Montreal; but it is hoped that the low cut will meet the competition of Canadian companies insuring the grain direct from chippers.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* of May 6 says: "Considerable space has been engaged for grain since our last report, engagements having been made for Liverpool at 2s 6d per quarter, and for Avonmouth at 3s. Glasgow is quoted at 2s 6d and London 2s 6d to 2s 9d. Cork, for orders, 3s 3d, a steamer being offered at that figure. Space for the Continent is offered at 3s 6d. Provision freights for Liverpool, London and Glasgow are 2s 6d lower at 15s; butter and cheese, 20s to 25s. Flour 10s, Liverpool, London and Glasgow; deals, to United Kingdom ports, 42s 6d to 45s; and cattle 60s to 65s. Freights to Newfoundland, 25 to 30c per hbl for flour and provisions. In lake and river freights some large engagements have recently been made, a large quantity of corn being reported taken at 5 1/2c from Chicago to Montreal; wheat from Chicago to Montreal is quoted at 6 to 6 1/2c. Corn has been taken from Chicago to Kingston at 3 1/2c per bushel."

The Chicago *Trade Bulletin* of May 9 says: The business with the eastbound roads was light and the rates were reduced 5c to 20c on flour and grain to New York to take effect on May 9. This was the result of the reduction from St. Louis and Peoria to meet the competition of the lake and rail lines. The rate on provisions remained steady at 30c per 100 lbs. Ocean rates firmer, and through rates to Liverpool advanced slightly. At the close rates on flour were 26 1/2c, on grain 22.95, and on provisions 44 1/2 to 52 1/2c. Through lake and rail rates were weaker and lower at 6 1/2 to 7c for wheat and 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c for corn to New York. Lake freights were in good demand most of the week and rates at the close were weaker and lower at 2c for wheat and 1 1/2c for corn to Buffalo. Georgian Bay rates were weaker with increased offerings of boats at 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c for corn and 1 1/2c for oats.



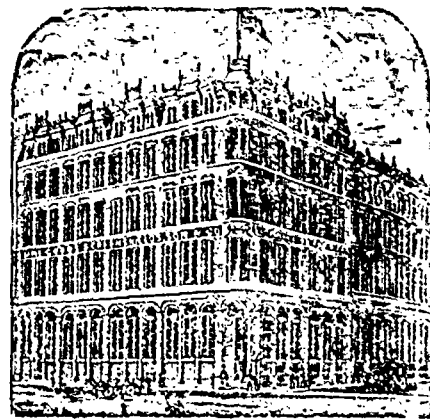
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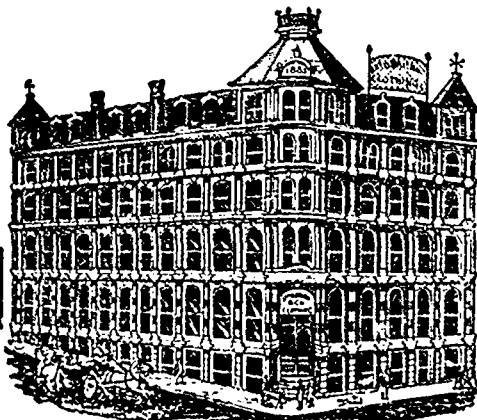
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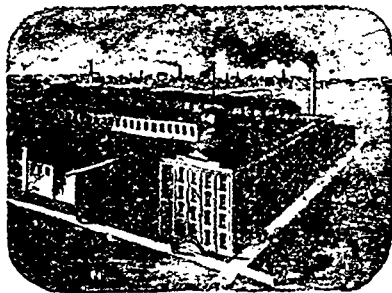
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WINNIPEG, MAY 16, 1892.

THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

Time was when Canada annually sent a large number of people to the United States. From the older settled districts of this country and the United States there is a steady stream of emigration toward the new regions of the west. There are many persons who for one reason or another desire to move. A family of young men grow up in the east, and as each one cannot possess the old homestead at home, there must be a scattering to distant parts, and naturally the face is turned toward the new West. The large number of farmers who operate rented farms in the east also have a longing to come out and possess land of their own in the west. As the older portions of eastern Canada became more closely settled, the stream of emigration began to flow out, and their choice as a rule was the western states. The only new districts at home which they could go up and possess were the heavily wooded and somewhat rugged regions of northern Ontario. To locate in the northern sections of the province named, meant a home in the backwoods, distant from railways. It meant long years of arduous toil in clearing the land and preparing it for cultivation, and it would be a lifetime almost before the country would be opened up and the comforts and conveniences of civilization brought in. Some indeed selected lands in the northern regions of their own province, and gradually the forest region to the north has been encroached upon, but the great majority went to the western states. At this time these states were being opened up to settlement and railways were being extended rapidly throughout the region. The country was prairie or mixed prairie, and to the new settler it presented none of the hardships which must be endured in hewing out a home in the forests of northern Ontario. These western states were at this time being extensively advertised throughout Canada, and nothing too good could be said about the country as a field for settlement. With no new districts at home open for settlement but the backwoods, it is therefore no wonder that thousands of our young men and middle aged men found their way to the great El dorado of the west.

Then followed the opening of what is now Western Canada for settlement, and during the last decade or two the stream of immigration from the old districts of eastern Canada has been turned mainly into this new portion of the Dominion. Still, since the opening of Manitoba and the west to settlement there have been a reduced number of Canadians going to the States, due perhaps to the fact that their friends had gone before them. The last year, however, has witnessed quite a change in the movement of emigration on this continent, and now the very region which a few years ago was drawing so many Canadians from their homes to a foreign land, is sending quite a stream of settlers to Canada. Last season a movement set in which has already resulted in adding considerably to the

population of western Canada. This was nothing less than the settlement here of quite a number of families from the states to the south. Previous to last year a few families had come in, but it was not until last season that the movement began to assume such proportions as to attract attention. Many of these new settlers were persons who had moved from eastern Canada to the western states, before the Canadian west was opened for settlement. They have not found the country to be the land of milk and honey which it was represented to them by the agents of railway corporations and other interested individuals, and now they are again seeking a home in the new Canadian west.

Last year a number of persons from the Dakotas and other states visited Manitoba and the Canadian territories, coming as delegates to spy out the land and report to their friends at home. In every instance these delegates were more than pleased with what they saw here, and their reports have invariably been very eulogistic of our country, describing it as a most desirable field for settlement. These visits of last year have borne fruit in bringing an increased number of settlers to us this spring from the south. Already this spring some parties of delegates have arrived from the States, one party coming from Michigan and another party from the far eastern state of Maine. These delegates have reported favorably, and we may now expect a number of settlers from these states as a result of the visits.

It now seems that the tide has fairly turned, and instead of sending annually a large number of persons to the States, we may look for a considerable inflow of population from the republic to Western Canada. As stated, quite a number of those who have already come, are Canadians who moved to the States years ago, but they are not all Canadians. Canadians will be welcomed back again, but other citizens of the republic who choose to make Canada their home, will also be as freely welcomed. Coming here they will come among a people who speak their own language and whose customs are similar. Here they will enjoy every advantage of free institutions, liberal and enlightened government, education, etc., which it is possible to enjoy in any portion of the great republic. They can make themselves at home at once, and fall in line and be one with us, for they are already educated in our language and civilization.

There is no reason why Western Canada should not share in a portion of the large stream of population which is constantly flowing from the eastern to the western states. A stream of immigration from some of the western states has already been turned in this direction, and an effort should be made to increase it, and also to induce some of those moving from the eastern states to come here. The way matters look now, there would appear to be no more promising field wherein to seek settlers for our broad prairies, than in the United States, both east and west. It is worthy of consideration, if it would not be more profitable to work this field thoroughly, than to spend time and money seeking settlers in some European countries. We can hope for no better

class of settlers than those who would come from the United States, and quality is of vastly more importance than quantity, in this matter of immigration. Those who are not likely to succeed here, we do not want at all. The knowledge which those coming from the States would possess, as to the mode of farming on this continent, would give them an advantage over most European settlers.

EARLY SEEDING.

Something over a year ago, THE COMMERCIAL published the results of experiments carried on at the Dominion Experimental farm, at Ottawa, Ontario, with a view to test the value of early seeding. These experiments went to show that the early sowing of cereals resulted in a much larger yield of grain than when sown later. THE COMMERCIAL commented to some extent on the showing, with a view to emphasizing its importance. At the time one or two of our contemporaries replied to the article somewhat sharply, contending that the conditions at Ottawa were not similar with Manitoba, and that the rules which worked there, would not prove favorable in Manitoba. In fact, these papers claimed that the theory of early seeding was altogether faulty, as applied to Manitoba, and should be denounced, rather than encouraged. Some of these papers have again taken up the same question recently.

THE COMMERCIAL does not pose as an authority upon agricultural topics and we will not therefore feel put about by the criticisms of our contemporaries. Quite probably, the results obtained at Ottawa may be reversed here, in some particulars. Perhaps also it may be a disadvantage to sow grain too early in Manitoba. Observations extended over a number of years, however, lead THE COMMERCIAL to believe, that considerable seeding is done annually in Manitoba at too late a date. Farmers who have a large area in crop, are often too late at the finish, and if some of them would stop with fifty or one hundred acres less of crop, instead of continuing to sow grain after the season is well advanced, the general result would be more satisfactory. Perhaps in some instances grain is sown too early in the season, but we are convinced that there is a great deal more poor crop from too late, than from too early seeding.

We notice that the published accounts of experiments made at the Dominion Experimental farm in Manitoba last year, do not show unfavorably for early seeding. For instance, two plots of red fife wheat sown on April 8, yielded 52 bushels 55 pounds and 45 bushels, 5 pounds, respectively, per acre, and each plot was ripe on August 19. Red fife sown on the same farm, on April 13, returned 29 bushels, 40 pounds, and was ripe on September 2. The yield of the earlier sown plots is thus very much larger, and the length of time taken in ripening was less, the two plots sown on April 8, ripening in 133 days, while that sown five days later was not cut until 142 days after sowing. There may of course have been some local cause of which we are not aware which operated against the later sown wheat, and the less favorable showing may have been due to some other cause than the later date of sowing.

ONE OF THE DISSATISFIED.

THE COMMERCIAL has received a couple of clippings from the *Daily Post*, of Liverpool England. The first is a long article written in a sort of a hap-hazard, slangy way, over the slang signature of "Dicky Sam in Canada." It is a harangue against Canada as a field for immigration, and the slangy, reckless style of the writer, is alone sufficient to stamp the letter as altogether unreliable. There is an absence of cool, calm, reasonable argument in the letter, and the writer attempts in a smart Alick, sarcastic sort of way, to denounce the country. Persons who adopt this style of writing, are not the class who should be taken as guides in any matter. As a rule, it may be set down that they are writing with a deliberate object of misrepresenting matters. Occasionally writers of this class may be in earnest, and in this instance "Dicky Sam" may be in earnest, but the ravings of men who adopt this style of argument, should not be taken seriously, for their very style of writing shows that their statements proceed from ill-balanced minds. They are as a rule men who are not capable of forming just conclusions, and who are not capable of weighing evidence carefully, and coming to a deliberate and correct decision. They may fail themselves, perhaps through some blunder of their own, and they forthwith conclude that everything is going to eternal smash, and air their views accordingly in intemperate language.

The second clipping referred to is a letter from A. J. McMillan, agent for the Manitoba government at Liverpool. Mr. McMillan effectively answers the statements of "Dicky Sam," in a cool and reasonable way, which is quite in contrast with the style of the latter. The first letter contains many inaccurate and some foolishly inaccurate statements regarding western Canada. We do not consider the matter of sufficient importance to undertake to answer the letter at length, especially as there are many Canadians in England who are quite competent to refute the statements of such writers as "Dicky Sam." There is just one point, however, which we will comment upon, as it refers to this journal, "Dicky Sam" says:

The number of pamphlets and magazines written apparently for settlers here, and bearing such names as the *Manitoban* and *THE COMMERCIAL*, would lead an outsider to believe that this was the most intellectual commercial country under the sun, and what an enterprising, thrifty, and refined people we must be, to read and support such a number of elegantly written and beautifully printed journals. And so cheap into the bargain. The fact is, sir, that the majority of these journals are written and supported by the government, not to amuse and instruct the settler, but to be spread broadcast over the United Kingdom and America, so as to attract people with money to come, and, in many if not most instances, lose it. And then these people may, like the emigrants in the Brazilian "Island of Flowers," hire themselves to some of the sharp Canadian farmers out west for their board.

This paragraph is amusing, and is in itself enough to show the unreliability of this anonymous scribbler. Out of all the journals of Western Canada (about 75 in number) there is not one that is not a private enterprise, and there is only one which may be said to receive any considerable support from the government.

None are "written" by the government; a few receive some government money, in payment of official advertising, of a miscellaneous nature, but the little received in this way would hardly pay for the salt of the editors' porridge. Most amusing of all is the singling out of *THE COMMERCIAL* as one of the government immigration papers. During the ten years of the existence of this journal, it has never received a dollar from the government, beyond the price of a few copies which go to the libraries and some of the departmental offices. So thoroughly independent of all government or political influence has this journal been kept, that it has always abstained from seeking or accepting government advertisements, or other official or party patronage, though many of the government advertisements, such as those asking for tenders for supplies, or tenders upon contracts, would be perfectly legitimate business for our columns.

The *Manitoban*, the other publication mentioned by "Dicky Sam," is a monthly magazine, and so far as we are aware, is a purely business enterprise. It is a literary and not an immigration journal.

FREEDOM FROM STORMS.

In an editorial article in *THE COMMERCIAL* of last week, under the heading of "Freedom from Storms," it was mentioned that the storm of April 27 was not felt in the lower valley of the North Saskatchewan. It has since been learned that the storm was not felt at Edmonton, which town is located farther west in the upper Saskatchewan country. This would show that the entire North Saskatchewan region escaped this storm, which was the most violent experienced here for many years. Some old settlers say the worst ever experienced. The exemption of the entire North Saskatchewan region from the influence of this storm goes to prove the reliability of the remarks in *THE COMMERCIAL* article of last week. The storm centre is invariably to the south of us. Many storms sweep over the States to the south of us which are not felt in the Canadian prairie region at all. Others are felt in a moderate degree along our southern and western boundary. As we proceed northward, however, the effect of these southern storms is felt in a less degree, until finally we seem to reach a region entirely beyond their influence. It is these violent storms which render the region to the south so undesirable as a place of residence. People who are not acquainted with these peculiarities of the country are liable to hold an opposite opinion. It is difficult to make people believe that the climate improves farther north. But when this exemption from storms is understood, the matter is explained. A low temperature in winter is not unpleasant, when accompanied by a calm, dry atmosphere, while moderately cold weather, with frequent hurricanes and high winds, is almost unbearable.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

The draft of the proposed insolvency act, as submitted by the Montreal board of trade, is not meeting with favor in the west. The Winnipeg board has declared against the proposed act, on several grounds. It is claimed

that it is not suited to Manitoba and the Territories, on account of the sparse population here, greater distances, slower means of communication, expensive nature of proceedings under the proposed act, etc. The simple and inexpensive act which has been in force in Manitoba for some years, is held by the Winnipeg board to be superior to the proposed Dominion act, so far as this part of the country is concerned.

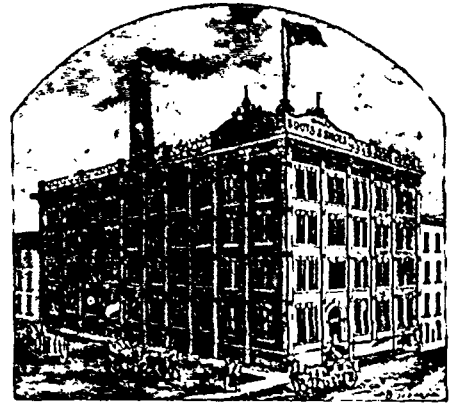
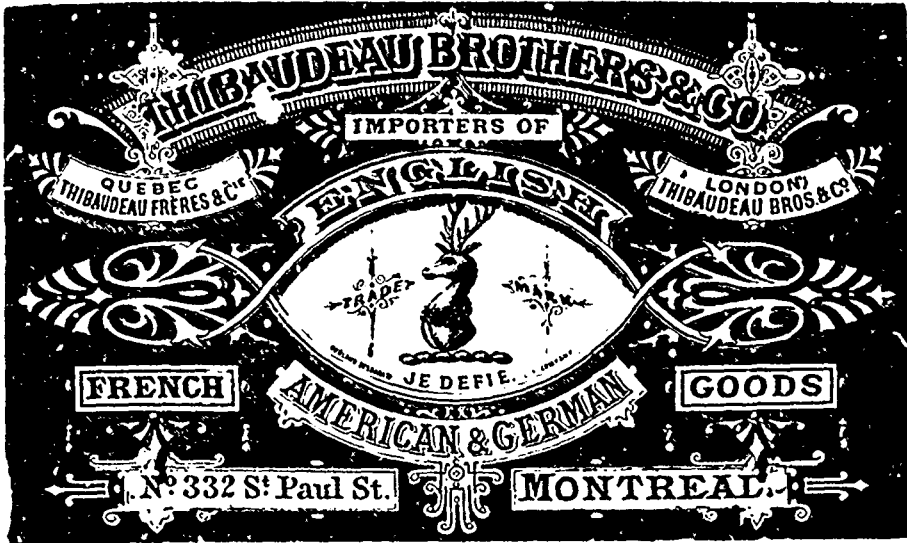
The Vancouver board of trade has also pronounced against the proposed act, as prepared by the Montreal board, for much the same reasons as those given by the Winnipeg board. The act, the Vancouver board says, "would supercede our present inexpensive and very effective method of administering the estates of insolvent debtors," while the expense of administering the proposed act, under the conditions prevailing in British Columbia, "would be so great as to leave but little for the creditors." The only advantages of the proposed act, in the opinion of the Vancouver board, "would be the obtaining of his discharge by an insolvent debtor; the inflictment of punishment upon fraudulent debtors; and compulsory assignment in cases where a debtor refused to make a voluntary assignment." The latter, however, the Vancouver board believes is open to abuse, as it "could be made to operate harshly against deserving debtors who might be temporarily embarrassed."

Shipping Fat Cattle.

There was a bustling scene in the vicinity of Manitou stock yards on Tuesday last owing to the preparations in progress for loading Mr. Ironside's shipment of fat stock to the old country. Quite early in the forenoon droves of fine sleek looking cattle began to put in an appearance and Front street was kept crowded with live stock. The weighing which took place at the elevator, occupied considerable time and it was about nine o'clock in the evening before the animals were all safely loaded. About this time the train of twelve cars of stock sent down from Pilot Mound by Mr. Gordon, arrived, and was connected with the train here, making in all twenty-seven cars of stock and two cars of feed. The large Mogul engine which had been sent specially from Winnipeg was attached to the train and the long line of cars loaded with the finest lot of animals that has ever left the famous stock districts of Pembina Mountain and Rock Lake drew out from the station and started on its journey east. The stock represented a cash outlay of nearly fourteen thousand dollars, which have been distributed among the farmers and stock raisers of the locality. The animals were all in good shape for shipment, but of course some were in better condition than others. A two year old steer owned by Wm. Hazelfield tipped the beam at 1370 lbs. Thos. Briscoe brought in a steer that weighed 2250. And an animal fed by Geo. Nairn weighed 2040. R. Armstrong, R. Waldie, and D. Blakely will accompany the cattle to their destination. We understand that it is the intention to forward another train load of cattle from Manitou on the 11th inst.—*Manitou Mercury*, May 6.

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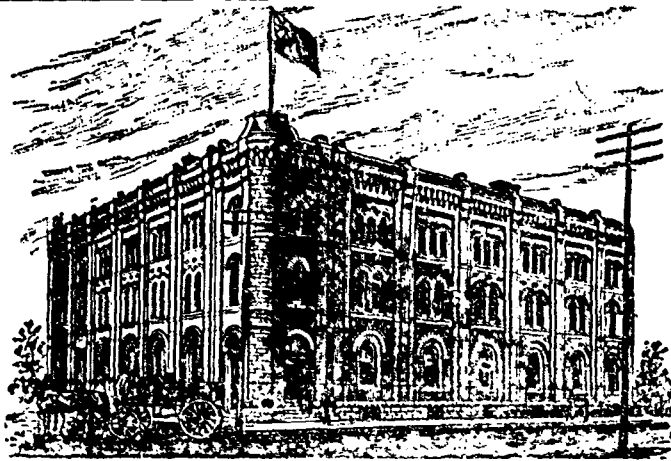
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Northwest Ontario.

A prohibition by-law has been put in force in Keewatin.

A street railway scheme is being worked up at Fort William.

A number of settlers from the Lindsay district of eastern Ontario leave about the 15th of this month to take up lands in the Rainy river district, east of the Lake of the Woods. Arrangements have been made to go by railway from Lindsay to Sarnia or Owen Sound, thence by steamer to Port Arthur, and Canadian Pacific railway to Rat Portage.

The Port Arthur *Herald* says Mayor Rattan informs us that G. H. Macdonald has communicated to him the information that the government has appropriated \$25,000 for dredging the Port Arthur harbor. The government has also signified its willingness to change the location of the government building from the present to the proposed street line of Arthur street.

There is great bustle and activity in and about Graham, Horne & Co.'s saw mill, says the Fort William *Journal* . In a few days the hum of the big saw will again make merry music in that part of the town. The logs in Pine river have all been floated to the lake, and are now ready for towing in. A force of men left yesterday for Sand Lake where they will be employed in loading P. A., D. & W. cars with the logs that the firm have had taken out there during the winter.

Manitoba.

G. R. Lundy, trader, Lundyville, is dead.

J. T. Wilson, grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

Chas. A. Whiteman, general store, Treherne, has assigned in trust.

The formal opening of the new Brandon Hospital has taken place.

Lawyer Conacher, of Gretna, has purchased Curran's law business at Carberry.

John Crawford, implements, Neepawa, has sold out to the new firm of Gill & Peters.

Edgenhall & Bell, of Toronto, contemplate establishing a stained glass factory at Winnipeg.

Thomas Brown, dry goods and clothing, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust to W. S. Rough.

The woolen mill at St. Boniface (The Western Woolen Mill Co.) is offered for sale by tender.

A farmers' elevator will likely be built at Roland, west of Morris, on the Northern Pacific.

J. H. Ashdown, Winnipeg, has been given an order for \$6,700 worth of sewer pipes, for the city.

J. T. Gordon shipped 250 head of cattle from Pilot Mound on Wednesday for the English market.

Jackson & Robinson, sewing machines, Brandon, are dissolving partnership; Jackson continuing.

Chas. P. Knight, general dealer, Emerson, will offer his stock for sale by auction, en bloc, at Winnipeg, on April 17.

T. A. Stevens, of Stevens & Buras, manufacturers of threshers, etc., London, Ont., has returned home from a visit to Manitoba.

D. H. Coates has purchased the cider business of Young & Co., and will put men at work making the needed repairs to put everything in first-class order.

It has been decided by representatives of the farmers and merchants that all butter sold to merchants at Birtle after May 9, must be inspected and graded by G. P. Smith.

P. C. Small, of the firm of Carscaden, Peck & Co., Winnipeg, has left on a visit to the English and German market in the interests of his firm. Mr. Small has charge of the fur department, principally in the interest of which the trip is being made.

F. A. Duncan, formerly a member of Daly municipal council, and lately of the land titles office, Winnipeg, is starting business in Brandon in the loan and insurance lines.

Last week work was commenced on the new building of Miller, Morse & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, Winnipeg. It will be the equal of their present quarters in size and general appearance, and will adjoin the north side of the building. The cost will be \$12,000.

Manager Seach, of the late Princess opera house, Winnipeg, has secured a lease of the Granite rink in the rear of the McIntyre block, and, it is said, will convert that building into a temporary opera house, pending the erection of a new building. With a little remodeling in the interior the Granite building would make an excellent place for entertainments during the summer months.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, during the month of April, 1892, at Winnipeg, compared with the same month, 1891:

Description.	Value 1891.	Value 1892
Exported	\$119,759 00	\$ 41,150 00
Imported, dutiable	133,473 00	206,236 00
" free	45,883 00	100,331 00
Total Imported	184,341 00	306,727 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable	114,633 00	214,445 00
Entered for consumption, free	45,883 00	100,331 00
Total for consumption	107,416 00	313,765 00
Duty collected	\$ 43,442 37	\$ 76,961 20

Assiniboia.

Octavius Field has opened a wholesale liquor store at Moose Jaw.

A partnership has been entered into between Wilson and Timmins, who will do business as general blacksmiths at Moose Jaw.

The C. P. R. is having 800 shade trees planted around their park in Moose Jaw, which adds much to the appearance of the town.

Saskatchewan.

E. J. Cann, stationer and music dealer, Prince Albert, is opening a branch at Battleford, with G. Mercer in charge.

J. L. Johnson, lately in the hardware trade at Prince Albert, has moved to Brandon, Man. where he will go into the hardware trade with his brother Ed., as successors to S. F. Johnson & Co. Mr. Johnson is well known in Manitoba, and carried hardware samples on the road here at one time.

The severe storm of April 27, which swept across the country from the Rocky mountains to the Red river valley, did not strike the Saskatchewan country. At Prince Albert the day was chilly but not stormy, and the Maine delegates, who were there at the time, drove all day about the country.

Alberta.

The estate of M. McDonald & Co., Calgary, has been sold at 42c on the dollar.

W. D. Hill, dry goods and mens' furnishings, Lethbridge, has admitted Richard Wallace into partnership, under style of Hill & Wallace.

A rat arrived at Calgary in a car of sugar recently, from the coast. This is the first rat seen there. It is probably not known abroad that Manitoba and the Territories are free from rats. The rodent has not arrived here yet, but will no doubt come in time.

The storm of April 27, which swept over the prairies, was not felt at Edmonton. The entire Saskatchewan valley appears to have escaped, which goes a considerable ways to substantiate the claim that the North Saskatchewan country is never visited by violent storms.

Prof. Selwyn has been investigating in the Crow's Nest pass. He reports large beds of petroleum to exist, and the coal deposits he says, are very valuable. The district he says, will be one of the most valuable coal fields in Canada. It is not true anthracite, but there is good coaking and gas coal.

Yesterday, says the *Calgary Tribune* , Inspector Dick seized a carload of liquor consigned to Velle, Carey & Co. It seems that this firm through a traveller took a number of orders for liquors from the different hotel proprietors, and he shipped the whole up as a carload, consigned to themselves, and had an agent here who was to divide it up among the different customers. The inspector believed this to be an infraction of the liquor ordinance, as the firm mentioned has no license. The case will come up for trial in a day or so. Magistrates Murdoch and Busswell have since delivered judgment in the case of Velle & Carey, of Winnipeg. They held that the defendants were guilty of an infraction of the Territorial License law, and imposed a fine of \$50 and \$30 costs. The carload of liquor belonging to the firm has also been confiscated. The evidence in the case will probably be submitted to Judge Rouleau and his decision taken in the matter.

Fur Trade News.

The London (England) correspondent of the *New York Fur Trade Review* , writing on April 11 says:—"We are very glad to be able to report a decided improvement in business. The result of the March sales, when prices ruled very firm, coupled with a spell of summerlike weather, has given a great impetus to trade; in fact, we have not had such a spring for at least ten or twelve years and the wholesale houses have had quite a harvest with their spring goods—in some instances orders taken on the show day have taken a week to execute. This, of course, has given buyers encouragement to place their orders for the autumn and winter goods. We have it on very good authority that the most popular fur-lined garment this year will be the three-quarter cut cape, lined musquash, squirrel lock and kaluga. The price that musquash linings can be brought out at now has caused it to become popular, while for the commoner articles nothing can beat the kaluga, which has been selling here in large parcels from 5s. 3d. to 5s. 3d. Persiana. —It is rather singular that this article should be cheaper to day, just on the threshold of the season, when large quantities were expected to be sold of the best grades, but yet it is a fact that they can be bought considerable cheaper than in January. Whitecoats are still a drug in this market, and we don't hear of much demand for France or Germany. We should very much like to see a demand spring up on your side, so as to clear us out of some of these goods. Of course it is too early to compute the number of whitecoats in this year's catch of hair seals (say about 200,000 reported), but should the proportion be anything like last year we must look for a big decline on these skins. Sable, as we anticipated, realized higher figures in the last sale, and are now selling pretty freely. The darker grades are being eagerly sought after and are fetching good prices. Australian opossum, natural and dyed, black and brown, are in good request, and will again be wanted very largely as trimmings for fur-lined cloaks. Skunk is in as good favor as ever, and will sell all through the season. Gray furs are also being used for trimmings, and will continue to sell pretty freely. Thibet Crosses and Coats. —Owing to the glut in the market at the late sales, some large parcels of these goods remained unsold, but the fine goods sold readily and are still in very good demand, and we have no doubt that a large quantity of these goods will be sold. Moufflou — The demand is not very good, only for good whites for dyeing, natural colors being neglected.

The Leipzig (Germany) correspondent of the *Fur Trade Review* , writing on April 11, says:

"American furs, which advanced at the London sales, have met with an improved demand here; there have been several requests for gray fox from abroad, principally for silver-dyeing purposes; offerings small; good parcels of raw lynx have been taken for Leipzig and foreign speculators, before and after the H. B. sale, at an advance on last year's prices. Trade in raw and dressed skunk has been quite lively; transactions in mink have been numerous; raccoon shows an improved demand, as dyers have sold various fancy colors and are making new purchases; parcels of raw and dressed skins have also been taken by English dealers; musquash has sold well, good lots being taken for the Berlin trade, wholesale manufacturers and retailers; wolf and cat skins have also sold since the close of the London sales; beaver has sold to a moderate extent. There is still a fair demand for American opossum for skunk imitation; dyed skins sell quickly. Trade in Australian opossum has been satisfactory; some black dyed skins have been taken for Canada; Japanese foxes have been purchased for dyeing. Trade has also improved in Russian and Siberian furs; Persian lambs have sold especially well, prices being moderate; dyed skins preferred. Certain grades of half Persians, broad tails and Astrakhan have been taken for America and Canada; flat Astrakhan remains neglected. Medium grades of black dyed hares have been purchased for the United States; fancy colors, chiefly chinchilla imitations, have also been ordered; the transactions in white hares have consequently been important. Siberian wolverine has been purchased by a London speculator; susliki sacs are also in good demand for London. White moufflons have been purchased for Vienna and London; natural dark skins are neglected. A commission agent representing Paris and New York houses, purchased good supplies of Thibet linings. Mink tails are in good demand for New York; holders ask good prices. European foxes have been sold at from 4.10 to 4.15 marks for Russia; parcels of stone marten have been taken for New York in usual quantity; fitch, small sized, sells fairly to Poland and Galicia; black cats are in fair demand for Germany and France; land otter is offered cheaper than one year ago, but sales are limited."

Montreal Markets.

Flour—During the past few days an improved business was experienced, but it was purely of a local nature. The great question of solution is how to dispose of the large stocks of flour here. The Market for straight rollers is very quiet, with sales reported at \$4.35 to \$4.50 as to quantity and quality. In strong bakers there have been sales here at \$4.70 to \$4.80. In bag flour extra is quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.90, and straight rollers at \$2.05 to \$2.15. Patent, spring, \$4.90 to \$5.10; patent, winter, \$4.85 to \$5.05; straight roller, \$4.35 to \$4.50; extra, \$4.05 to \$4.20; superfine, \$3.70 to \$3.90; fine, \$3.20 to \$3.50; city strong bakers, \$4.75 to \$4.85; Manitoba bakers, \$4.40 to \$4.65; Ontario bags, extra, \$1.80 to \$1.90; straight rollers, \$2.05 to \$2.10.

Oatmeal—In consequence of liberal supplies here they have not been able to establish any material advance. Still the market has a steadier tone, although business is light. We quote car lots of rolled and granulated at \$3.85 to \$3.90 on track, and jobbing lots \$3.95 to \$4.00, and standard at \$3.75 in round lots and \$3.80 to \$3.85 in small quantities. In bags, rolled and granulated are quoted at \$1.90 to \$1.95, and standard at \$1.85 to \$1.90.

Mill Feed—Very little Manitoba bran is coming in, owing to the impossibility of selling it at a profit to shippers, the freight amounting to a great deal more than the bran realizes shippers. Shorts have sold at \$16.00 to \$17.00 and middlings at \$17.50 to \$18.00.

Wheat—Sales of No. 3 Manitoba regular have transpired at 83c, amounting to about 60,000 bushels. No. 2 hard is offered at 92c.

Canada red and white winter wheat is quoted at 90c to 93c.

Oats—A good enquiry has been experienced for export during the week, and those shippers who wanted the oats had to pay full figures, sales being reported of 2,500 bushels of N. 3 at 33½c, and 5,000 bushels do. at 34c in store. Sales of No. 2 white have been made at 35½c per 34 lbs afloat. The sale of 1 car of low grade was made at 33½c, and we quote no grades 32c to 33½c. Considerable quantities of oats have been engaged for the first steamers.

Barley—Sales were made of about 70,000 bushels a short time since for export on pt., but said to be equal to about 50c per bushel. There have been sales of feed barley at 40c to 42½c, but holders now want 43c. Malting grades are quoted at 55c to 58c as to quality, but brewers appear to be pretty well supplied.

Hides—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners are paying ½c more; lambskins, 15c; sheepskins, \$1.00 to \$1.20; calvskins 7c.

Butter—Values are now decidedly easier, sales of Eastern Townships being reported at 19 to 20c, Brockvilles at 18 to 19c, and Western at 16 to 17c. New creamery has been placed at 21 to 22c.

Cheese—Several lots will go forward by this week's steamers, costing about 10½ to 10¾c, but they can be bought cheaper now, sales in the country having transpired at 9¾ to 10c; about 800 boxes being reported sold in the Belleville section at 9¾ to 10c, with sales at 10c in the Brockville district. Considerable cheese has been contracted for first half of May in the Belleville and Kingston sections at 10c. Quite a lot of April cheese has been turned out this season. Latest cable advices report the market in Liverpool again dull and easy, the low price of new cheese having frightened buyers.

Eggs—Better prices have been obtained with free sales at 11 to 11½c, the latter price for single cases. In the West, buyers are paying 9c in the interior which they deliver f.o.b. cars at 10c. Culls are selling at 10 to 10½c.—*Trade Bulletin*, May 6.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express*, of May 9, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: English wheats are in better demand. The prices of fine dry kinds of wheats show an average rise of 6d. Foreign wheats are firmer in London. Holders ask 6d more. At Liverpool a fair business is done but prices are unchanged. California sells at 3 to 6d. The prices of barley are slightly in favor of holders. Corn is firm at 22s 6d to 23s and good round 27 to 28s. Oats are quiet. Linseed is 6d better. At Monday's market English wheat advanced another 6d and there was a good demand at the rise. Foreign wheat was also 6d dearer. Flours were firm. Oats advanced 3d and corn 6d. Barley, beans and peas were quiet.

Wool.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, has the following to say about wool. "The London sales show an advance in price of from ¼d to ½d since they recommenced after the holidays, and the feeling is very firm, the advance since the sales began being about 20 per cent. Stocks everywhere appear to be very light, and there is little chance of any decline before the June sales. Our local market is bare, and stocks in manufacturers' hands are light, while the only direct supplies which are likely to arrive for a good while are a couple of cargoes amounting to 2,200 bales. As the small stocks in New York are high-priced grades, too dear for this market, no wool will be sent here from that country. Naturally, prices are very firm, and Capes are up half-a-cent, but this is not proportionate to the advance in London, and higher values are fully expected shortly. A lot of Chilian merino in Boston has been sold

of which part was for Canada; the price is said to be 14½ there. We quote:—Greasy Cape, 15c to 17c; B.A. scoured, 33c to 38c; Chilian merino, 15c to 16c; Chilian mestysa, 12½c; Nothwest, 15c to 17c."

A Co-operative Flour Mills.

In the February issue of the *Farmer's Advocate* a correspondent introduced for discussion the subject for co operative milling. Since then a Glenlea, Man., correspondent, R. C. Welsh, has written us in favor of farmers establishing flour mills as well as elevators, and at a meeting of the Portage la Prairie Farmers' Institute the President, Thomas Sissons in the chair, Smith Curtis read a paper entitled: "A Co-operative Flour Mill." He looked upon a local mill, where gristing could be done and exchange could be given upon a just basis and where flour could be purchased at a fair price, as a necessity and a benefit to a farming district. Among other things he said:—

"The Manitoban pays the same price as the Torontonian and Montreol for Manitoba flour.

"The price of Strong Bakers in our town is about \$2.60 per bag of 98 lbs.; the retail price in Montreal and Toronto is an average of \$2.65. No. 2 hard wheat will make a straight grade of flour at least equal in value to Strong Bakers. The price of that wheat here is 66 cents; in Montreal or Toronto it is \$1.03 to \$1.04, that is 57½ per cent. more than it is here, yet our flour made from it is as cheap there to the consumer as it is here.

"1 bushel of No. 2 hard wheat will make 44 lbs. of shorts and 10 lbs. of bran, 2 lbs. being allowed for waste.

"We will be safe if we take 2½ bushels wheat to make a bag of flour. As will be shown later on, a good profit can be made by charging 12½ cents per bushel gristing. We can easily see what a bag of flour equal to Strong Bakers should cost the farmer at the mill:—
2½ bushels No. 2 hard @ 66 cents,..... \$1.48½
Gristing at 12½ cents per bushel..... .28

\$1.76½

Then he has 2½ lbs. bran and 9 lbs. shorts, worth ½ cent per lb., or say..... .16½

Making the 98 lbs. flour cost..... \$1.61

"Hence, he now pays 99 cents too much: allowing the retailer a profit of 30 cents per hundred, the townsman, too, is paying 69 cents per cwt. too much.

On the foregoing data, and according to population, he estimated that the town and district of Portage la Prairie was sustaining an annual loss of \$22,000, allowing the retail dealers thirty cents per bag for handling. In the same way, taking the province as a whole, he figured the loss to the farmers to be close on a quarter of a million dollars. The remedy was for farmers and townsmen to co-operate and build an independent mill. He said the average saving to the farmer on his own flour consumption would be \$17 or \$18 per year, almost enough to pay his taxes. The local consumption he estimated, for Portage and district, at about 26,635 bags or 13,317 barrels, enough to keep a 50-barrel mill running day and night for 260 days in the year and would grind 60,000 bushels of wheat. He suggested a 100-barrel mill large enough for double that capacity, proposing a joint stock company with a capital of say \$20,000 in 800 shares of \$25 each. He went at length into the details of building, equipping and running a mill, estimating that a good paying profit could be made by charging 12½ cents per bushel for gristing.

"After a careful discussion, the Institute adopted a resolution on motion of W. C. Graham, seconded by C. Braithwaite, favoring the establishment of a mill in Portage la Prairie on lines similar to those laid down in Mr. Curtis' paper.—*Farmers Advocate*.

Because of the company's refusal to re-instate one of their number discharged for being late all the weavers, numbering between 600 and 700, in Stormont cotton mill, Cornwall, Ont., refused to work. The mill was therefore closed down.

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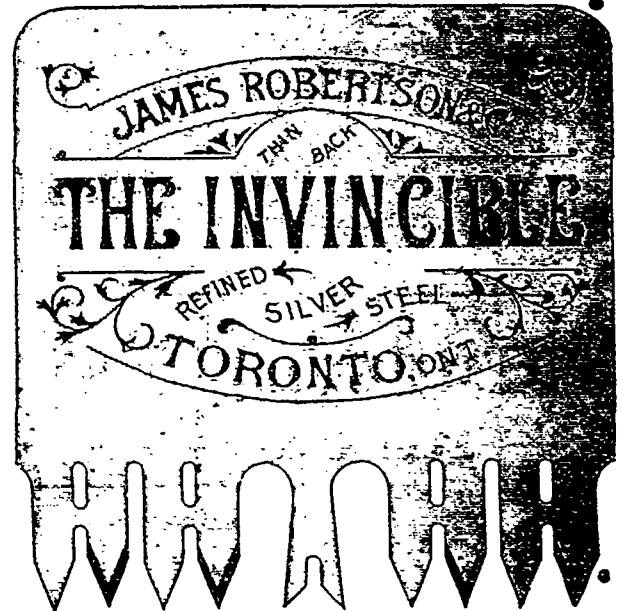
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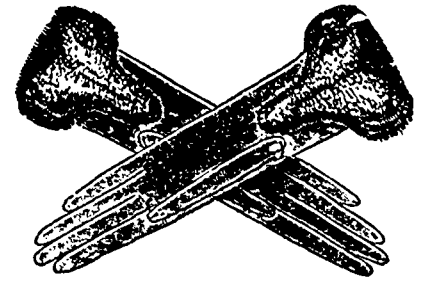
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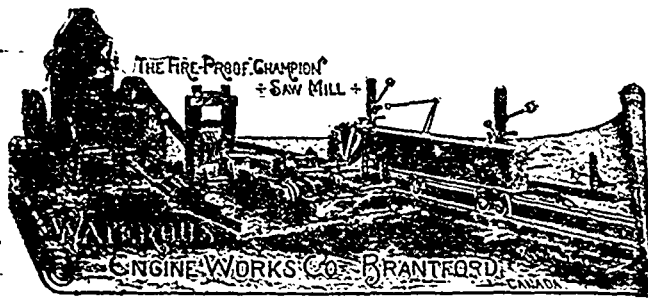
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WINNIPEG MARKETS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 14.

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Business has been rather of a dragging nature, owing partly to unfavorable weather condition. Mercantile collections continue close. It was hoped that by this time the grain which stood in stack over winter would be passing into money, and that collections would accordingly be improved. The grain, however, is still in stack, and so much damp weather has probably further reduced the quality. It is questionable if much of it will turn out of passable milling quality, and with the dulness and low prices for wheat, low grade stuff would hardly pay for threshing and marketing. It does not look as though the wheat held back will go far toward making money flush. There is a good deal of wheat in store by farmers, in farmers' elevators, etc., but money has probably been borrowed on the most of this, so that its final sale will not give the producer cash to pay up his miscellaneous debts, or to buy new goods. Discount and mortgage loan rates are steady at 7 to 8 per cent. The most hopeful feature is the large immigration. The stream of new settlers coming in keeps up well, and the increase in population must soon be felt in business circles. There is considerable building enterprises going on in the city and at country towns, which call for supplies of building material. Railway, agricultural and other work keeps labor well employed, though the supply of labor, owing to the large immigration, has been greater than expected. There is still a scarcity of domestic servants and boys for farms, but men for farms and other work are to be had usually without difficulty.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION—United States markets were firmer on Monday. Chicago was 1½c higher than Saturday's close, but declined and closed only ¾c higher per bushel. Wet weather in the northwest spring wheat states, and reports of seeding being late, were the main cause of farmers. The sharp advance in corn also helped wheat. Cables irregular but mostly lower. The visible supply statement of stocks in United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, showed a decrease of 1,746,000 for the week, making the total 36,190,000 bushels, and a year ago it was 20,853,205 bushels. On Tuesday United States markets were considerably lower, Chicago losing 1c for the day, due to realizing sales. A small acreage of wheat in the northwest states is considered probable on account of so much wet weather. Cables were irregular and mostly higher. Wheat and flour on ocean passage was reported to have increased 240,000 bushels for the week. Prices continued downward in the United States markets on Wednesday. The special crop report of the United States, for May, was published, making the condition of winter wheat 84, a gain of 28, since the April report. The report was very bullish regarding spring wheat, however, plowing being reported very backward, on account of almost continual rain and snow. Cables continued irregular. On Thursday United States markets were mostly irregular, and unimportant. Chicago was stronger,

on expected cold weather. On Friday wheat was firmer in United States markets on predictions of more rain in spring wheat states, where seeding is already greatly delayed.

LOCAL WHEAT.—The week has been fairly favorable to seeding, and the weather to-day is fine and warm. The week started on Monday with threatening weather, and there was much fuming and fretting that everything was going to be ruined from wet, but in the Winnipeg district there was only a very light rain, and though there was threatening weather on other days, there was no rain. The week has therefore been more favorable for getting in seed on land that was previously too wet. The Red river valley district was the most in need of dry weather, and except on very low land, work could be gone on with during the week. Wheat seeding may be considered practically completed in districts where the lay of the land and the nature of the soil are such as to minimize the effect of over moisture. In flat districts, with heavy soil, probably less than half the crop has been sown, but with some exceptions, the late districts are not so largely devoted to wheat. Over three-fourths or more of the principal wheat sections may be considered through with seeding. With all the fretting about the backward spring, we venture the statement that it has been a favorable season for the country, with the exception of some flat sections. It is well known from the experience of the past ten years, that the crops have most to fear in the spring from drought, high winds and night frosts. The country has not suffered from any of these causes, and is not likely to now. Wheat in the ground has a good start, and will stand considerable dry weather. The rains have packed down the ground, made a good seed-bed, and minimized the danger of damage from winds. Night frosts have been lighter than if the weather had been dry, and after this date, crops are not likely to suffer from this cause. Of course there has been delay in flat districts, as the ground has been too wet to work, but as stated, these districts are not so great in area, and wheat is not made such a leading crop. The Winnipeg district for instance, is devoted mostly to garden truck, oats and barley, etc., and these crops will come out all right. On the whole we consider this season one of the most favorable for the country at large, which we have had in the last ten years.

The condition of wheat in stack from last fall is still unknown as very little has been done with it yet. The spring has been anything but favorable for the unthreshed grain, and not much hope can be held out for the stuff in stack.

The grain trade has been somewhat influenced by rumors of irregularities in connection with the shipment out of wheat from Fort William elevators. The matter is in the hands of a committee for investigation.

There has been little trading in wheat. There is some movement forward all the time from country elevators to Lake Superior points. The movement out by water has not been heavy yet. Quite a quantity of the wheat in store at Manitoba country points, and also some at Lake Superior points, is held by farmers. A number of farmers' elevators in different parts of the country are full of wheat, which represents a loss to the farmers of 20 to

30 cents per bushel, in comparison with prices they could have received last fall. Besides, most of the farmers are paying heavy interest on money borrowed on their wheat.

DRIED FRUITS—Dried apples, 6 to 6½c; evaporated, 8½ to 9c; figs, layers, 11 to 15c; figs, cooking, 4½ to 6c; dates, 6 to 8c. Valencia raisins, \$1.75 to 1.90 per box. Currants, 6½ to 7; prunes, 6 to 10c. Evaporated fruits are quoted; apricots, 11 to 13c; peeled peaches, 17½ to 18c; unpeeled peaches, 12 to 13c; pitted plums, 11 to 11½c; cherries, 13 to 13½c; pears, 12½ to 13c; nectarines, 11½ to 12c; raspberries, 19 to 20c.

FISH—Whitefish are out of the market, the supply of winter caught fish being exhausted. Fishing has not opened on Lake Winnipeg yet, but fish from the lake are expected next week. The local varieties of river fish will be in the market next week, as the close season ends on Monday. Prices are: Pickerel, 6c; trout, 9c; B. C. salmon, 15c; cod and haddock, 10c, these being fresh. Smoked white, 10c; finnan haddies, 9c, smoked goldeyes, 35c per dozen.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples were about out of the market, old stocks being about cleaned out. Small lots from the States will be arriving occasionally. Florida Oranges will probably be out of the market next week, the season being about over. California oranges are firm, stocks in California being light, owing to the crop having been damaged by frost. Strawberries are now offering freely. Apples are held at \$6.00 to \$7.00 per barrel. Florida russet oranges, \$5 to \$5.50 per box, California seedling oranges, \$4 to \$4.25 for good stock, with some qualities offering lower. Navel oranges, \$4.50 to \$5.25. Messina lemons, \$5 to \$5.50. Bananas, \$3 to \$4 per bunch. Florida tomatoes, \$5 to \$5.25 per 40 pound case. Strawberries, \$5.50 to \$6 per crate of 24 boxes.

NUTS—Fancy stock is quoted: Taragona almonds per pound, 18 to 19c; Grenoble walnuts, per pound, 17 to 18c; polished pecans, 20c; Sicily filberts, large, 14 to 15c; Brazil, 15c; chestnuts, 15c; peanuts, green, 14 to 15c; peanuts, roasted, 16 to 17c. Some stock may be had at 3 to 5c per pound under these quotations. Coconuts, \$9 per 100.

RAW FURS—There have not been many large lots offered lately here. The New York *Fur Trade Review* says: Owing to local causes the manufacturing season has not yet begun; the prospects, however, are good and marked activity is confidently expected. There is a good inquiry for natural light colored furs, and American furs are certain to meet with great favor. We are very greatly pleased to note this fact, as the American articles are in every respect superior, and should take the lead at home where the best furs are desired. We look for an unusually busy season and a prosperous year.

FLOUR—Flour is locally quiet and prices nominally unchanged, but some sales have been reported on local account at considerably cut prices. Business is slack in the east and prices unprofitable, and country mills have been pushing sales in this market. Prices are quoted by city mills as follows to the local trade in broken lots per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.40; strong bakers', \$2.20; second, do \$1.80 to \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.20 to \$1.30; superfine, \$1.10 to \$1.15. Less than 100 pound sacks 5c extra per hundred. These prices are cut by outside mills.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices are easier, and we reduce the top range of quotations \$1 per ton on bran and shorts, making prices to the local trade at \$10 for bran and shorts at \$12 per ton. These are prices delivered to retail dealers in the city. The demand is good. Eastern shipping business has not been profitable.

GROUND FEED—Mixed feed has been offering very low, and a range of from \$8.50 to \$13.00 per ton may be quoted. The quality of course varies as widely as the difference in price, the

cheaper stuff being composed of damaged wheat and perhaps mill cleanings.

OATS—There is something of a firmer feeling in oats. There has been some export movement from Montreal since the opening of navigation at that port, and the lake route now being open will admit of a little better prices here. We quote selling from store in the city at 20 to 22c as to quality, for feed, per 34 pounds. Car lots on track country points, 17 to 18c.

BARLEY—No movement reported to speak of. Quotations at 18 to 20c per bushel on track, country points.

MEAL, OIL CAKE, BEANS, ETC.—Oatmeal still sells at the last reported decline, and the bottom has evidently been reached. Eastern advices report rather a better feeling. Jobbers are selling at \$2.20 for rolled, \$2.15 for granulated and \$2.10 for standard oatmeal, per 100 lbs. Oil cake meal, \$25 to \$26 per ton; cornmeal is held at \$1.60 to 1.70 per 100 lbs. Split peas, \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$1.65 to \$1.75 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.65 to \$2.70 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$1.25 to \$1.30.

BUTTER—Receipts have continued to be on the light side, but they are quite large enough to meet local demand, and the quality of butter coming in at this season is not desirable for shipping. Therefore anything in excess of local requirements would not be desirable. Fresh rolls continue to be taken at 16 to 18c, solely for local trade. The season is getting late for roll butter and country dealers will require to exercise care in handling rolls, as it would not require much to cause a glut here, and warm weather would decrease the demand. Fair to good dairy, 15 to 18c.

CHEESE—Jobbing at 11 to 11½c.

Eggs—Receipts have continued very light, being hardly equal to local requirements from day to day. The price is high for this time of year. Dealers are getting 15c for small lots, from the city trade. A large increase in receipts and lower prices is looked for, as present prices are very high for the time of year.

CURED MEATS—Prices are firm but quotations being as follows:—Dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10 to 10½c; spiced rolls, 10 to 10½c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c; smoked hams, 11½ to 12c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per bbl. Sausage quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna sausage, 9c per pound; German sausage, 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb.

LARD—Compound held at \$1.75 to \$1.80 per pail. Pure at \$2.20 per 20-lb. pail.

POULTRY—Continues very scarce. Choice chickens will bring \$1 per pair, and we quote 75 to \$1 per pair for good to choice. Turkeys 12½ per pound live weight. Even higher prices have been paid.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is perhaps a trifle easier, though this is perhaps due to offerings of medium quality. We quote beef, city dressed, at 6 to 7½c per lb., as to quality. Mutton is firm. Some very skinny-looking stuff has sold at 14c, and up to 16c for choice. Pork is quoted at 7 to 8c, the top price being an outside quotation. Country dressed pork, 7 to 7½c. Veal has been rather scarce, due to bad roads. Quoted at 8 to 10c, but expected to be more plentiful and lower.

LIVE STOCK—Export cattle business has opened up briskly. Another shipment of 400 head from southern Manitoba, (the second of the season), came forward during the week. Cable advices of the cattle market at Liverpool were very unsatisfactory and prices were lower, owing to large supplies from the United States. A few spring lambs have been sold here at \$6 per head and small at that.

VEGETABLES—Street market prices are: Potatoes 40 to 50c per bushel; carrots, 50 to 60c; beets, 40c per bushel; parsnips 2 to 3c per pound;

turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; onions 4c per pound; horseradish, 8c per pound. Dealers are selling new California cabbage at 6c, and pie plant at \$2.00 per box. Lettuce, radishes and green onions selling at 40c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—Farmers country hides as they run averaging poor quality and worth about 2½c. We quote: No 1 cows, 3½c; No 2, 2½c; No. 3, 2c; No. 1 steers, 4½c. Real veal, 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c lb. Kips about same as hides. Sheep skins range in value from 50c to \$1 each, for fresh take off. One good job brought 96c each. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2½c rough.

HAY—Baled hay has continued very scarce, and has sold retail by the single bale at \$1 to \$1.25 per bale. A number of car lots were on the way, and the market is likely to be well supplied hereafter, as the country is dry; up, so that the stacks can be got at. Car lots here been held at \$10 to \$12 per ton for baled.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

(Quotations below are per bushel for regular No 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade, mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.)

Wheat was strong and higher on Monday. The opening was ½ to ¾c higher than Saturday's close, and prices advanced ¾c more, then declined 1c, and closed ¾c higher than Saturday. Corn was strong and closed 2c higher. Closing prices were:

	May	June	July
Wheat	83½	83½	83½
Corn	40½	44½	44
Oats	30½	30½	30½
Pork	9.82½	—	9.90
Lard	6.25	—	6.37½
Short Ribs	5.90	—	5.92½

On Tuesday prices opened slightly lower, declined ¾c from the opening, advanced ¾c and again declined ¾c, closing 1c lower than Monday. Corn, oats and provisions lower. Closing prices were:

	May	June	July
Wheat	82½	82½	82½
Corn	46½	44½	42½
Oats	29½	29½	29½
Pork	9.65	—	9.72½
Lard	6.22½	—	6.32½
Short Ribs	5.82½	—	5.85

On Wednesday wheat opened about ¾c higher, lost the advance, then again advanced ¾c, followed by a decline of 1½c, closing ¾c lower than Tuesday. Closing prices were:

	May	June	July
Wheat	81½	81½	81½
Corn	47	43½	43½
Oats	29½	29½	29½
Pork	9.67½	—	9.77½
Lard	6.22½	—	6.32½
Short Ribs	5.85	—	5.87½

On Thursday wheat was firm on talk of another period of cold weather for the Northwest. Closing prices were:

	May	June	July
Wheat	82½	81½	81½
Corn	46½	44	43½
Oats	29½	29½	29½
Pork	9.70	—	9.80
Lard	6.22½	—	6.35
Short Ribs	5.82½	—	5.85

On Friday the wheat market was weak and lower, but advanced on prediction of more rain, and closed ½ to 1c higher. Closing prices were:

	May	June	July
Wheat	83½	82½	82½
Corn	46½	44½	44½
Oats	30½	30½	30½
Pork	9.82½	—	9.87½
Lard	6.27½	—	6.37½
Ribs	6.90	—	6.80

On Saturday, May 14, wheat at Chicago closed at 82½c for May and 81½c for July.

New York Wheat Market.

On Saturday, May 14th, wheat at New York closed at 90c for May and 91½c for July. A week ago the close was at 91½c for May and 91½c for July wheat.

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, May 12:—

	May	June	July	On track
No. 1 hard	—	—	—	83
No 1 northern	80½	—	81½	82
No. 2 northern	—	—	—	73-80

Flour—Quoted at \$4.10 to \$4.40 for first patents; \$3.85 to \$4.10 for second patents; \$3.20 to \$3.40 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.20 to \$2.15 for low grades, in bags, including red dog

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at \$9.25 to \$9.50 for bran, \$9.25 to \$9.50 for shorts, and \$10.00 to \$10.50 for middlings. Millstuf was pretty steady, with buyers holding off, excepting for present use unless at a small reduction from quotations.

Oats—Quoted at 29½ to 30c for No. 2 white, 29½ to 29¾ No. 3 white, and 27½ to 29½ for No 2 and 3.

Barley—Held at 40 to 50c for No. 3. No 4 at 35 to 42c.

Feed—Millers held at \$16.00 to \$16.50; less than car lot \$16.50 to \$17.00 with corn meal at \$15.00 to 15.50. Bolted meal \$16.00 to \$16.50; granulated \$17.00 to \$17.50.

Eggs—Quoted at 13½ to 14c, including cases

Potatoes—Car lots held at 18 to 23c per bushel, as to quality.

Butter—Creameries, 14 to 20c, dairies, 14 to 19c, rolls, 8 to 9c, common and packing stock, 7 to 13c.

Hides—Green, 1c, green, salted, 5 to 5½c, steers, green, 5½ to 6½c, do. green salted, 6½c, calf, 5 to 7c.

Wool—Coarse unwashed, 15 to 16c, medium and fine, 15 to 18c.—Summarized from *Market Record*, May 12.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Cash, 83c; May, 84½c.
Tuesday—Cash, 82½c; July, 83½c.
Wednesday—Cash, 81½c; July, 83c.
Thursday—Cash, 82c; July, 83½c.
Friday—Cash, 82½c; July, 84c.
Saturday—Cash, 81½c; July, 83c.

A week ago cash closed at 82½c and July, at 84c.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, May 14, 1892:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyer
Bank of Montreal	227½	227½
Ontario	—	—
Molson's	—	—
Toronto	—	—
Mercantiles	—	—
Union	—	—
Commerce	134	134
	157½	157½

Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	140½	140
Rich. & Ont. Nav	75	74½
City Pass Ry	205	198
Montreal Gas	215	212
Can. N. W. Land	—	—
C. P. R. (Montreal)	90	89½
C. P. R. (London)	—	92½
Money—Time	4½	—
—On Call	4½	—
Sterling 60 days, N. Y. Posted rate	457	—
Demand "	483	—
" 60 days Montreal rate between banks	92	91½
Demand Montreal rate between banks	92	91
New York Exchange Montreal between banks	111½	110½

A British Columbia Mill.

Geo. Cassady & Co., Vancouver, have made a new departure in their lumber mill on False Creek, by the introduction of one of Kendall's patent hand mills, which was manufactured especially by the British Columbia Iron Works. It is used exclusively for the sawing of cedar, for use in the factory and for sale. This is the second hand-mill in use in the Province, and

the only one adapted to this purpose. It is a great economy in treating cedar, which is not by any means as plentiful as fir and pine, and enables cheaply the manufacture of lumber in smaller sizes. Cedar is mainly used as a finishing wood, and is in great demand. Cassady & Co. now make a specialty of rift sawn cedar, by which means the lumber is more easily worked, makes a better finish, and the beautiful shades and grains, found in British Columbia woods, are best brought out. The average capacity of the hand-mill in use by this firm, is between 10,000 and 25,000 feet per day.

The Dominion Illustrated Monthly for May, 1892.

The May number of this bright and attractive magazine has reached us, and an examination of its contents shows that the high standard of literary excellence with which it set out is fully maintained. Timely tribute is given—in a scholarly paper by Dr. George Stewart of Quebec—to the late Dr. John Gilmory Shea, one of the two great Americans who have devoted themselves to the history of French Canada. Another subject of great interest which receives ample attention is "Women's Work in McGill University," written by Miss Reid, a member of the first graduating class. Many details of the undergraduate life of the fair "Donalds" are given, and the illustrations are vivid and plentiful. Professor Roberts concludes his powerful Acadian story, "The Raid from Beausejour," and also furnishes some excellent food for thought in this month's instalment of "Modern Instances." The best sporting story we have seen for time is "The River of Geese," by E. W. Sandys, the known sportsman and writer; it relates to goose-shooting in Manitoba, and the passages are unusually brilliant. "Odds and Ends about Edinburgh" is a very interesting and well illustrated paper on old life in that peerless Scottish city, by Miss A. M. McLeod, whose charming work on similar subjects is already well known to readers of the *Illustrated*. The growth, present position, and prospectus of our national game in the Maritime Provinces is fully discussed by H. H. Allingham, hon. sec.-treas. of the Union L. C. of St. John; portraits are given of the leading players of the game, with concise sketches of their athletic and sporting life. We trust that this paper will awaken fresh interest down by the sea in lacrosse—a game infinitely superior in every way to the foreign and professional amusement of baseball.

J. M. LeMoine continues his charming series of historical notes on the St. Lawrence river,—devoting especial attention to Murry Bay and the adjacent country. Altogether the number is an excellent one, and compares most favourably with foreign publications of a similar nature. It certainly should be in every Canadian home, and the price (\$1.50 per annum) is amazingly low. It is published by The Sabiston Litho. & Publishing Company, Montreal and Toronto.

The Stock Markets.

The cattle market at Liverpool on May 9, says a cable dispatch, was glutted with United States cattle and prices much lower, 5½d being the top for States. The prospects for Canadians are bad, and freights will have to be taken at a low rate.

The Montreal *Gazette* of May 10 says: "The welcome news was received by cable to-day that the British markets were free from disease and that all the scheduled districts had been declared open. This will certainly have a good effect here, as Canadian cattle will now enjoy that privilege, extended only to them, of going through the country on the hoof. The markets on the other side are in very bad condition, the effect of an over supply of States cattle. The local market is in very good shape. There were not too many offered yesterday. The ex-

porters picked up the best on the market for shipment, paying about 4½c and the butchers took the remainder at steady prices. Hogs were easier under heavier receipts. The Montreal Stock Yards company report business for the week ended May 7 at their stock yards as follows:—"Business for the week in export stock was fairly active and receipts medium, some three or four loads changing hands. Trade for butchers' cattle was fair, mostly everything being bought up. Owing to the continued heavy supply, there was a falling off in the price of hogs, the ruling price being 5½c per pound. Good sheep and calves find ready sales. We quote the following as being fair values:—Cattle export, 4½ to 4¾c; cattle, butchers' good, 3½ to 4½c; cattle, butchers' culls, 2 to 3c; sheep, 3½ to 4c; hogs, 5½c; calves, \$2.00 to \$5.00. There was a big run of cattle at the Grand Trunk yards on Monday, about 300 head being received since Saturday. A few heads were taken for export, and speculators bought freely of butchers' stock. The meat company took three or four loads, paying from 3½ to 4½c. Owing to the heavy run of hogs prices were easier, \$5.25 being about the range. A number of the 450 on offer were unsold at a late hour. At the East End Abattoir there were 300 cattle, 500 calves and 150 sheep and lambs offered. There was a good attendance of butchers, but prices were rather high for them and they bought only enough for immediate requirements. Shippers picked up a few head at 4½ to 5c. Choice butchers cattle brought 4½ to 4¾c, and fair to good 3½ to 4½c. There was a large supply of milkmen's strippers, which sold at about 3½c. Inferior lambs were plentiful and sold at \$2 to \$3.50, but as high as \$7 was paid for good stock. Sheep and lambs were scarce and all offerings brought good prices, the former selling at 4 to 4½c per pound and the latter at \$2.25 to \$4.30 each."

Sending out Trees.

Packages of seedling evergreen trees and shrubs are being sent out from the experimental farm at Ottawa, to parties in the west. Packages of Russian poplar and Willow cuttings are also being sent out. The latter are hardy and grow rapidly, and should be just the thing for Manitoba. With care, a fine grove can be had of these trees, as a shelter about buildings, etc., as in two or three years cuttings can be taken from the young trees, and thus the number can be increased at pleasure. Packages of hardy trees of a miscellaneous nature are also being sent out from the Manitoba experimental farm, by Mr. Bedford. Thus a great encouragement is being given to the people of our prairies to plant trees, and if these efforts are seconded by the people, the country will in a few years be dotted with beautiful groves of trees, which will improve the climate, provide shelter from storms, and add greatly to the appearance and value of the country generally. Great care should be taken in planting these trees. If properly planted and cared for, nearly all will grow, while if carelessly stuck in the ground, they will all certainly die.

Cotton No Longer King.

So much has been said and written concerning the financial status of the planter and storekeeper in the cotton country, even in the absence of anything like an adequate investigation, that *Bradstreet's*, with its unrivaled facilities for a work of that kind, has undertaken something in the nature of a census of existing business conditions throughout the south, as bearing upon the agriculturist, merchant and manufacturer.

The mass of data received from 2,378 correspondents in 826 counties in ten states is so large that only the barest summary of it can be attempted within the dozen or more columns of space given over to it. There were, on the average, 14 questions replied to by each correspondent, so that what follows is based upon replies received to more than 33,000 inquiries.

Taking the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee together, a reference to the accompanying tabular exhibit shows, according to nearly two-thirds of the replies, that planters are worse off financially than one year ago, while only a few in excess of one-half say the same for the storekeepers. As the status of the latter financially depends upon the planter's ability to consume and to pay for goods, there appears to be a discrepancy here which may be accounted for by a greater ability on the part of merchants to resist the prevalent depression, to the fact that they have not yet been obliged to respond fully to conditions prevalent among planters, or to their having experienced the worst in many instances and having proceeded toward recovery. But, it should be added they are very few data in our reports pointing to the truth of the last theory.

The uniformity (about 90 per cent.) with which correspondents, scattered from Wilmington N.C., to Brownsville, Tex., state that factors, brokers, storekeepers and others have cut down advances of money or supplies to planters from 25 to 45 per cent., is striking, and points conclusively to the fact that the cotton crop of 1892 will be made more cheaply, for reasons beyond the control of the growers, than for many years past.

In all cotton states where fertilizers have been largely employed they will be used much more sparingly than heretofore. On the Atlantic coast there are 12 replies to each 1 to the contrary, which state this, and in the gulf states 7 to every 1. One company selling fertilizers extensively in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and the Carolinas writes that its sales this spring have fallen off 30 per cent. Other manufacturers and dealers report in some instances a decrease of as much as from 35 to 50 per cent.

Eight correspondents say the acreage planted with cotton this year will be smaller than in 1891, for every 1 reporting that the acreage will be the same as last year, and 7 to every 1 stating that the acreage will be either the same or larger than in 1891. But it should not be overlooked that it is not yet late for some planters to change their minds on this point if their circumstances permit, particularly if the impression is widespread that restricted cotton acreage will be the rule.

The falling off in area to be planted with cotton this year, as reported, is from 20 to 25 per cent.

The south has evidently learned the importance of diversified crops, as 1,811 reports are that a larger acreage will be planted than ever before to "corn and oats" and other cereals, potatoes, peas, rice and tobacco, and that hog and cattle raising will receive more attention. Only 122 state that the acreage to crops other than cotton will be the same or smaller than one year ago.

Manufacturing industries, with the exception of cotton mills, cotton-seed oil mills, and in some states lumber mills, have been generally unfavorably affected by prevailing conditions at the south. Labor leaving plantations because of reduced wages, together with the low price of cotton, helped the southern cotton-mill industry. Mercantile collections throughout the leading cotton states, as might be expected, have not been generally prompt, and do not appear likely to become so in the near future.

It is plainly brought out in voluminous reports at hand that raising one crop, cotton, enforced in part by contracts to pay rent and for supplies with cotton, raising it on credit year after year at high rates of interest, with a rapid shrinkage in prices, has forced the cotton planter into full view of the necessity for rigid economy, reduced buying on credit, "diversified crops," and will ultimately bring him to a position of self sustenance and shorter credits or cash payments.

There are counties in all the cotton states where the entire dependent is not upon that staple, counties where stock raising, corn planting, rice and sugar cultivation, etc., are carried on, and, as may be learned by reference to appended de-

tails, from those quarters the word comes of relatively less depression. Successive drouths have intensified the depression in portions of Texas, and it is declared money is scarcer there owing to the alien land law. Complaints of unsteadiness of negro labor come from Alabama and Arkansas. Truck farming seems likely to be developed in the Carolinas and Florida. The southern iron industry is not depressed so much from southern trade conditions as from the general overproduction of iron. Louisiana sugar planters did not get as large a crop as expected, and complain loudly at delay in paying the Government bounty for sugar. The reported depression among planters in some of the states is drawn in quite gloomy colors, and the like is true as to small storekeepers in some sections. But when all this has been told it remains true that the remedy is at work, and that when the south shall have finally revised its views as to how to grant credits—when planters and storekeepers shall have paid what they owe, with more food and fodder raised at home and cotton surplus crop, one not raised on borrowed money, then will the stringency and the depression of 1890-91 not have been entirely without benefit.—*Bradstreet's*, April 30.

Grain and Milling.

Stock is being subscribed for a 50 barrel flour mill and an elevator with a capacity of 20,000 bushels at Belgoine, Assa.

There is a movement on foot to purchase the Morton elevator at Boissevain, Man., by a syndicate of local farmers, and make it a farmers' elevator.

The big elevator to be built at Boston this year, under the direction of Mr. Jamieson, superintendent of elevators for the Canadian Pacific railway, will place that seaport in better shape to handle Canadian wheat exports next winter. The capacity will be 1,400,000 bushels.

The by-law to bonus a flour mill at Lauder, submitted to the ratepayers in townships 4, 5

and 6 in range 24, and townships 5 and 6 in range 25, Manitoba, on May 2, was carried by a big majority.

A correspondent writes that T. E. Dunsford proposes establishing a 300 barrel mill at Glenboro, Man. A farmers' elevator with a capacity of fifty thousand bushels, will also be erected at Glenboro.

The by-law voted upon at Balder, Man., for a flour mill bonus on the 6th inst., was carried in favor of the same and tenderers have been telegraphed for to meet the council, when matters will be decided upon.

About 500,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed at Carman, Man., since last harvest, and the Carman *Standard* says that 150,000 bushels of last season's crop remains in the hands of the farmers. 35,000 bushels are stored in the Farmer's elevator.

J. and R. Ritchie, of Wemyss, Ont., have made arrangements with the proprietors of the town site at Edmonton (south side) to erect a roller process flour mill at the station at once. The mill will have a capacity of 100 barrels per day, and will be fitted with the best machinery.

The Melita Milling Company, Melita, Man., have an offer from a capitalist, says the *Enterprise*, to furnish the requisite amount of money to erect a 200 barrel mill to be in operation early in September, providing the municipality will grant a bonus of \$2,500 to defray the expense of laying pipes to bring the water from the river to some point near the station grounds.

Bradstreet's closes a statistical review of the wheat situation with the following words:—"If there is any consolation to be found for the bulls it must come, apparently, from bad weather or insect damage in the summer surplus producing countries in the near future for, evidently, no merely speculative twist upward, in view of the situation, is likely to be of permanent influence."

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British Columbia Business Review.

May 10, 1892.

The weather has gone back on us again. It seems the tail end of the Northwest blizzard has come this way and chilled the atmosphere again just as it was budding into summer heat. The wind for some weeks has prevailed from the northeast and early frosts, which are almost unknown at this season, have been quite frequent of late. The extent of damage to small fruits will be better known later on, but the opinion is that strawberries will be largely a failure as a consequence.

Business shows signs of general improvement, but the backwardness of spring and the lateness of the opening of the interior, have been drawbacks to trade. However, as summer must soon come anyway, unless the planet earth has shifted its axes, we expect to see it full blast.

This is the season for fish and the most promising feature of business is the fish industry. The spring run of salmon has been gradually improving, but the Fraser is beginning to rise and we may expect the run to be over in a few days. During the season, however, Port & Winch have succeeded in shipping three cars of fresh salmon to New York and are preparing to ship a fourth. The spring run of sockeyes is on, but these are the canning variety of salmon and are not in favor as an exporting fish, or table fish. The oolochan is running in large numbers and the price has dropped. This will also be over in a day or two. William Vianen, better known as "Dutch Bill," had an exciting experience on the Fraser while fishing for oolochan. He captured a 900 pound sturgeon, 14 feet long. It was a monstrous catch but an unprofitable because \$25 dollars worth of sturgeon destroyed \$300 worth of nets. A. Fader, Vancouver, handled last week about 2000 lbs of cod. T. W. Carter, of Victoria, caught about a ton and a half of halibut off the west coast. T. W. Clark, of the B. C. Fishing & Trading Company, has gone to St. Paul to see if he cannot handle our B. C. halibut there and in the western cities generally. The steamer Iona is expected back from the north daily with another cargo of halibut, and the local demand is not sufficient to exhaust so much.

The British Columbia sealing claims have been presented, aggregating about \$650,000,

which it is supposed will be subjected to considerable paring. There is a whole fleet of American "war" vessels hovering around in Puget sound waiting for instructions to proceed to Behring sea (It is spelled in THE COMMERCIAL with an "h" in deference to an old-fashioned custom, but just now the anglo-phobia sentiment of our neighbors wants to cut the "h" out and make it "Bereng," the aspirant being too decidedly a mark of the English you know.) There are the Yorktown, Mohican, Adams, Thetis, Ranger, Albatross, Corwin, Rush and Bear. According to the instructions to be issued to these all vessels found in Behring sea whether with or without warning are to be seized. The members of the Sealing Association upon ascertaining this met and sent the following despatch to the minister of marine: "Referring to the American instructions to the Behring sea squadron, published in this morning's papers, please insist in warning previous to seizure of British vessels. Act before the ratification of the treaty in London to-morrow." It will be seen how essential to justice that is. Most of the sealers left long before anything definite was known about a *modus vivendi* and therefore, are ignorant of the subsequent proceedings, proclamations, etc. To be suddenly confronted with an American "war" ship in Behring sea without a chance of even "asking your pardon" and seizure would be a hardship that should not be permitted.

The announcement that the Dominion Government will not introduce an Insolvency Bill this session of Parliament is disappointing to merchants and the business community generally. Practically there is no law governing insolvency in this province. When a man fails there is a rush of his creditors each to be made the assignee of the estate and while creditors are supposed to be treated pro-rata in the majority of cases it is hardly worth the expense and trouble in law to contest the preferential basis upon which assignments are usually made. There is no law apparently to make assignees account for the proceeds. Of course, if the creditors are not satisfied they can appoint another assignee, but that is often like locking the doors after the horse is stolen. These and other features of the present system of dealing with insolvents. There is, however, the other danger to be guarded against that of a cumbersome and too exacting law which eats up the assets by expensive proceedings and hangs a millstone around the neck of the insolvent. The question has been considered by the various boards of trade but without unanimous action.

The remarks of THE COMMERCIAL last week about the necessity of the Northwest dealers paying more attention to the requirements of this market has been generally appreciated here. As a proof that minds of men, both great and small, run in one groove we have been permitted to copy a letter written to a merchant in Manitoba regarding a shipment of butter. It was as follows: "Yours of the 9th inst. to hand. Butter arrived in very bad con-

dition. It was all over dirt and the tubs have been broken in many instances. You have made a great mistake in sending such butter to this market as well as in packing it in old, poor tubs. The stock is simply on the verge of rotting, being full of buttermilk and badly made generally. We will do the best we can with it, but may remark that we do not like handling a poor article. It gives customers a bad impression and hurts trade generally." You people of the Northwest Territories have the best possible chance of supplying this market with produce owing to your favorable situation, but so much poor material is shipped here from there that we have to look elsewhere for better stock and pay higher prices, in other words to have to do a trade which is legitimately and properly ours. It is a great pity the farmers cannot be convinced of this and it lies in your (the storekeeper's hands) to make him realize how important it is that he should turn out only a good keeping article.

B. C. Market Quotations.

Flour and feed, etc. Low prices for and large stocks of wheat in the market has affected the price of flour here as well as elsewhere. Manitoba Hungarian has dropped fifteen cents, and American flour will come down as well. Further deliveries will be quoted at reduced rates. Hay has risen \$2 a ton owing to local scarcity and dealers are going to the American side for a supply. Manitoba Patents is quoted \$5.85 strong bakers, \$5.60; ladies choice, \$5.85; prairie Lilly, \$5.75; Oregon, \$6.00; Spokane, \$5.65; Enderby mills, Premier, \$6.00; three star, \$5.75; two star, \$5.40. Oatmeal, eastern, \$3.40; California, \$4; National mills, Victoria \$3.65; rolled oats, eastern, \$3.40; California, \$3.75; National mills, \$3.75; cornmeal, \$3.10; split peas, \$3.50; pearl barley, \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale: Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; China rice, do, \$70; rice, flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal, do, \$17.50; chopped feed, \$32 per ton; bran, \$24; shorts, \$25; oats, \$30 to 32; wheat \$31 to \$35; oil cake, \$40; California chop, \$33. Wheat is quoted in car lots \$25 to \$28; oats, \$23½ to \$26; chop barley, \$27; hay, \$20. California rolled oats have been reduced to \$3.75 to meet local consumption.

Dairy—No change. Eastern creamery is firm at 28c and California creamery 25½ to 26c. Cheese, American and Canadian, 14c; Swiss cheese, 22c.

Eggs.—Eastern eggs are quoted 17 to 18c and selling rapidly. They may go still lower as there is a plentiful supply on the way. Local ranche eggs sell from 20 to 25c.

Meats—Arogetting firmer. Prices are: Hams, 13½ to 14c; bacon, 13½ to 14c; rolls, 11½c; backs, 13½ to 14c; dry salt clear, 10½c; in case lots, 10½c; lard kegs, 13c; do pails, 13½c; do, kettlerendered, 12½ to 13½c; do steam rendered, 11 to 11½c; do compound, 10½ to 11; Bologna sausage, 11c; whole Wiltshire sides 15c smoked.

Fresh meats, live stock, etc.—The meat supply is plentiful and the quality of present importations A1. Hogs and sheep are scarce. There is expected to be a drop in mutton in a few days after shearing which occurs about this time of year. Prices are: Hogs, live, 8c; dressed, 12½c; lambs, \$5 a piece; dressed, \$1.75 hindquarters, \$1 to \$1.25 front; sheep, 7 to 7½c live; dressed, 13c to 14c; steers, 5½c; dressed, 9c. Wholesale butchers claim they don't make a cent on the present prices.

Fruits, nuts, etc.—Oranges, seedlings, \$3 to \$3.25; navels, \$5; cocoanuts, \$1 per doz; bananas, \$3.75 to \$4; Sicily lemons, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Turkish figs, 16c; almonds, 18c; walnuts, 15 cents; filberts, 15 cents; brazil, 15c; pine, 20c; peanuts, 10c; evaporated apples, 11c; evaporated peaches, 11c; evaporated apricots, 11c; evaporated prunes, 11c. California pitted plums, 11c; Str'd honey, 13c; raisins, \$2 to \$2.75.

Iowa Apples, \$7 a barrel. There are a few early strawberries on the market, and California strawberries have made their appearance in small quantities.

Sugars—Wholesale quotations for B.C. refinery are: Cube, 53c; extra c., granulated, 53c; fancy yellow, 5c; yellow, 44c; golden c., 44c. Syrup—Maple sugar, 12c; maple syrup, 6 lb. tins, 75c; 8 lb. tins, 95c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes have taken a rise, the local supply having all at once given notice of petering out. Up to this point, all through winter, they have been a drug on the market. The shortage, therefore, has occurred rather through the tubers rotting, than lack of natural supply. These are quoted from \$16 to \$22 a ton. New potatoes are selling at \$1.60 per cwt.; cabbage is 2c; cauliflower, \$1.50 per dozen; rhubarb, 6c; beets, 1c; carrots and turnips, 60c cwt.; onions, like potatoes, have unexpectedly risen and are quoted all round from 3c to 3½c, the latter being imported Portland stock.

Fish—Fish are very plentiful and cheap. Following are quotations: oolachans, 5c; salmon, 7 to 8c; dressed, 9c; sturgeon, 3 to 4c; cod, dressed, 5 to 6c; halibut, 6 to 7c; flounders, 4 to 5c; smelts, scarce, 5 to 6c.

Lumber, shingles, etc.—Shingles for fifty cents points delivered is \$2.85, with varying prices according to freight rates for different points. Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes for foreign shipment for lumber in cargo lots, in lengths to 40c feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets \$9, laths, 4 feet, \$2. Lumber freights from British Columbia or Puget Sound are steady, with the exception of rates to the United Kingdom which show a slight decline. Quotations are:—Sidney, 32s 6d; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 37s 6d to 40s, west coast South America, 35s to direct port; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 57s 6d to 60s; Shanghai, 47s 6d; and Yokohama, 47s 6d, both nominal. It is difficult to quote lumber for the reason that there is no harmony among dealers who sell to suit their own and their customers circumstances, and quotations vary greatly.

Canned goods are steady at former quotations.

San Juan lime is quoted wholesale at \$1.25 per bbl.

Brief Business Notes.

George Shaw, blacksmith, has opened at North Arm.

Mr. Lebar will shortly open a general store at Northfield.

G. Clements, sawmill Salmon Arm, is moving mill to Shuswap.

Richard Frayne, livery, Landsdowne, is offering business for sale.

E. Lipsett has opened out as sail and tent maker in Vancouver.

Parry's brick yard, Port Haney, is in the hands of the sheriff.

Over \$5,000 is to be expended in boaring for natural gas at Stephen.

A McCormick proposes opening a general store at Duncan's Station.

R. Lambert has sold out the Stewart House, Vancouver, to Irwin & King.

Frank Marwood, blacksmith, Enderby, has sold out to Wm. Hutcheson.

The Steamer Sunleary is to be put on between Westminster and Vancouver.

Numper & Black, proprietors of the Mirror hotel, Victoria, have dissolved.

The Government sale of town lots at Nelson, aggregated \$31,140 for 59 lots.

Schmidt & Moller, grocers, Nanaimo, are opening a bakery in connection.

The Texas Lake Ice Co. will erect a cold storage warehouse in Vancouver.

E. S. Scoullar & Co., hardware, etc., Vancouver, are disposing of their business.

H. H. Spicer, Vancouver, has about nine million shingles to ship to the Northwest.

Samuel Hague, estate proprietor Dow Drop hotel, Nanaimo, will close out next month.

Mr. Gordon has closed his cigar store at Vancouver and is opening a machine shop.

Ferguson has purchased John Haggaman's dairy, New Westminster. He will keep Jersey cattle.

W. J. Meakin, of the Merchants Exchange, Vancouver, is building a summer hotel at Sechelt.

Mowat & Turner, real estate agents, Westminster, have dissolved. F. G. Turner & Co. continue.

Emma Cornelia Booth, "tropical fruit store" Nanaimo, has assigned to S. Oppenheimer, Vancouver.

The World estimates the building and improvements going on in Vancouver at about \$2,000,000.

Alexander Matheson, late of the Cosmopolitan, has bought out the saloon of L. F. Bonson, Westminster.

The Nelson Miner has been sold to Messrs. Bogie & Whalley, real estate agents, for the sum of \$3,500.

The Buse Milling Co. have taken over the sawmill at Hastings Station, Burrard Inlet, from Ernest Buse.

W. A. McIntosh, butcher, Vancouver, and the Douglas Lake Cattle company contemplate an amalgamation.

Berryman & Andrews, proprietors of the Occidental hotel, Victoria, have dissolved. Berryman continues.

The total customs returns for Vancouver for April amounted to \$33,938.11 against 43,532.41 same month last year.

Bailey Bros., Vancouver, have leased the adjoining store, and will occupy that and their present premises.

A company has been formed to prospect the find of coal on the North Thompson River in the Kamloops district.

A. C. Mouat has withdrawn from the firm of W. S. Santo & Co., Nanaimo, to take charge of a business in Victoria.

T. Haughton & Co., dry goods, Victoria, are said to be clearing off their stock with the object of retiring from business.

W. R. Megaw, general merchant, Vernon, has sold out his entire stock of millinery and fancy goods to Mrs. Drummond.

Geo. Mitchell and Chas. Lewis, of Winnipeg, contemplate opening in the jewellery and photograph business in Kamloops.

It is understood that Geo. Hayes, late of the firm of Hayes & McIntosh, Vancouver, will open up again in the butchery line.

At the port of Victoria the returns for April were: \$97,614.89 duties; value of imports, \$362,564; value of exports, \$83,984.

J. B. McDonald and H. Symcock have entered into partnership to run the Cosmopolitan hotel, Westminster. A Matheson retires.

The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association are making arrangements to exhibit British Columbia fruits at the World's Fair.

Wm. McPherson and Wm. Smith, two extensive loggers, have become interested with Mr. Rowling in the Burnaby Lake sawmill.

A force of men has started to clear the tow site for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Nakusp Creek, on the Upper Arrow Lake.

Eldorado, a town site is being laid out at the mouth of Carpenter creek. The town site of Sproat's landing has been changed to Columbia.

Two new Nova Scotia schooners have arrived to engage in the sealing business, the Lilly, 153 days out, and the Willie McGowan, 150 days.

The U. S. cutters are loading with Nanaimo coal, notwithstanding the declaration of the war department that it would not be. It is the only coal on the coast suitable.

Knowles & Macaulay, Vancouver, have been appointed British Columbia agents for Ganong Bros' goods, of St. Stephen, N.B. Creams and Lily chocolates are their principal brands.

C. S. McConnell, wholesale hats, caps and men's furnishings, Vancouver, has admitted Harold Bushby, of London, Eng., into partnership.

A sale of Government lands by auction will take place, May 21st at Westminster. The land is at the head of Lulu Island, within the city limits.

H. C. Beeton, agent-general for British Columbia, leaves with Mrs. Beeton and family this week for England, where they will in future reside.

Henry M. Coursier, manager for R. E. Lemon, general merchant, at Revelstoke, proposes buying out the business and running it on his own account.

The coal shipments for April were: New Vancouver Coal company, 19,023 tons; Wellington, 13,157; East Wellington, 966; Union, 10,590.

Total imports, Westminster port, for April were \$40,618, of which \$21,162 were free. Duties collected amounted to \$7,270.83. Exports for month \$48,321.

Two hundred and sixty shares in the National Electric Light & Tramway Company, Victoria, have been purchased at \$12 75 per share. The par value is \$10 per share.

James Macoua, geological survey, Ottawa, has been appointed British agent for the Behring Sea Commission, and has started for the sealing grounds to obtain supplementary information.

The British bark Ariadne arrived at Victoria last week with 2,300 tons of cargo, including 150 tons of naval stores and the plant for the British Columbia Paper Company's mill at Barclay Sound.

Among the shipments on the Empress of Japan was a consignment of six thoroughbred cows, a calf and a bull by A. C. Wells' Chilliwhack, to a purchaser in Japan. The cattle were sold at good prices.

The Hot Springs News, of Ainsworth speaks confidently of mining prospects about that town, and adds that W. H. Lynch, who is now in Montreal, there expects to raise enough capital to set at least three companies to work.

The following gentlemen have been admitted to practice medicine in the province:—Yale, Dr. Lambert; Kootenay, Dr. Labeau; Vancouver, Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Gordon; of the Empress of India; Victoria, Dr. Sproule and Dr. Duncan.

The co-partnership existing between J. D. Hall and Skene Lowe, carrying on business in Victoria as Hall & Lowe, and in Vancouver as the Vancouver Photograph Co., is dissolved. Mr. Lowe continues in Victoria, and Mr. Hall in Vancouver.

A new mining townsite, to be known as Eldorado, is now being mapped out at the mouth of Carpenter Creek, Kootenay Lake. There some 300 prospectors and mine workers are now located, pro tem. or otherwise, as neighboring results may determine.

Dr. Selwyn reports that there are 144 square miles of coal fields in the Crow's Nest between the eastern summit and Elk river. The estimates are that there are 25,000,000 tons available on each mile. He says it is destined to be the most valuable productive field in the Dominion.

The proposition has been made to establish a floating dry dock at Vancouver, and the proposition says a company is in course of formation with that object in view. The dimensions would be about 75 feet by 225 feet. The proposed plan is made after that of the Merchant's dock at San Francisco.

At a special meeting of the Slokan-Kaslo Railway Company, Victoria, the stock books of the company were opened and \$300,000 subscribed by local capitalists. Messrs. John Hendry, D. J. Munn, Alex. Ewen, of New Westminster, and Robert Irving, sr., were elected provincial directors, Mr. Hendry being elected chairman and Mr. Munn, secretary.

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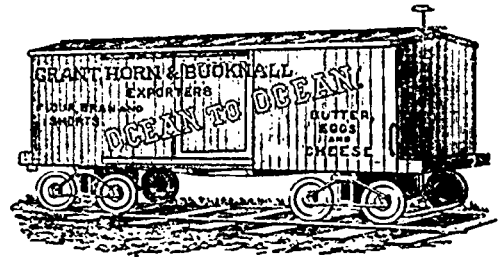
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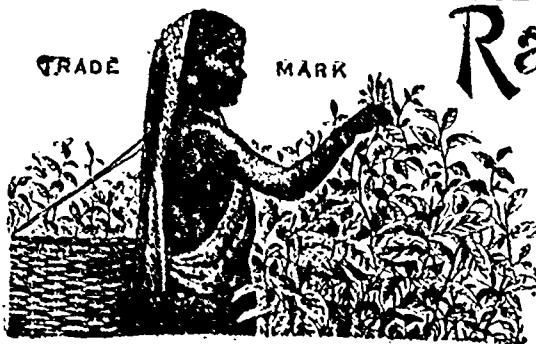
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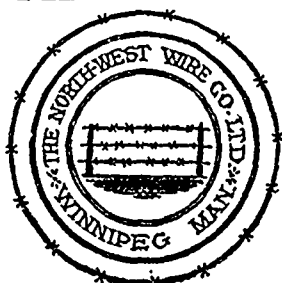
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Otter.—Yorkfort firsts, large, 48. Moose River, 52.3; Canada, 40.3; Northwest, 39 shillings. Seconds, large do., 37, 42.3, 39.3 and 32.

Thirds, large do., 24, 26, 25 and 22 shillings. Cross Fox—No. 1 Yorkforts, 105, No. 2, 57.6; pale, 30; seconds, 38.6; thirds, 30, fourths, 7.9 shillings. M. R. No. 1, 120; seconds, 44.9, and thirds, 36 shillings. E. B. No. 1, 125; No. 2, 92.6; seconds, 50; thirds, 49.6 shillings. Canada No. 2, 44; seconds, 30.9; thirds, 25 shillings.

Northwest No. 1, 55; second, 37, and thirds, 17 shillings.

Fisher.—Canada No. 1, large, 47, small, 46; pale, 26; seconds, 23; thirds, 20 shillings. M. R. No. 1, large, 48.6; small, 47; pale, 27; seconds, 30; thirds, 24 shillings. Y. F. No. 1, large, 33.6, small, 30; pale, 22; seconds, 25.6; thirds, 20 shillings.

Mink.—Yorkfort 1, large, 10.9, small, 7.3; seconds, 7.3; thirds, 2.7 shillings. E. B. 1, large, 19.6; small, 11; seconds, 8.6; thirds, 2.1 shillings. M. R. 1, large, 12.9; small, 9.9; seconds, 6.6; thirds, 2.8 shillings. Canada 1, large, 12.3; small, 8.6; seconds, 6.10; thirds, 2.7 shillings. Northwest 1, large, 8.9; seconds, 5.9; thirds, 2.10 shillings.

Red Fox.—Yorkfort 1, dark, 12; pale, 11.9; seconds, 9.3; thirds, 7; fourths, 4. M. R. 1, dark, 17.3; pale, 13.9; seconds, 11; thirds, 8.3. Canada 1, dark, 13.03; pale, 9.9; seconds, 7.6; thirds, 6.3. E. B. 1, dark, 17.3; pale, 12.6; seconds, 11.3; thirds, 9; fourths, 3.6 shillings.

White Fox.—Yorkfort No. 1, 10.9; No. 2, 7.6; 1 greasy, 10.9; seconds, 8; thirds, 6.6; E. B. No. 1, 12.9; No. 2, 9.3; 1 greasy, 11.3; seconds, 9.3; thirds, 5.9 shillings.

Blue Fox.—Yorkfort, large, 145, small, 120; small pale, 55; seconds, 12 shillings.

Silver Fox.—Yorkfort 1, dark, 43; middling, 18; pale, 14; seconds, 14.10£. M. R. do. do., 80, 22, 14, 15£. Canada do. do., 39, 17, 12, 12£. Northwest do. do., 31, 12, 8, 10£. E. B. do. do., 107, 21£.

Kitt Fox.—Yorkfort, 3.1 shillings.

Marten.—Yorkfort 1, large, 17.6; small, 11; pale, 10.3; small pale, 6.3; seconds, 10; thirds, 6.9. M. R. do. do., 16.9, 12.6, 8.6, 6.6, 8, 7.3. E. B. do. do., 40, 21.6, 12.3, 8.9, 16.9, 9.9. E. B., 44.6, 25, 12.6, 7.9, 16.9, 8.3. Northwest do. do., 18, 13.3, 8.3, 6.6, 9.3, 6.3. Canada do. do., 10.6, 8.3, 6.9, 5.6, 6.3, 5.3. MacKenzie River do. do., 14.6, 10, 8.0, 6.9, 8, 6.3 shillings.

Hair Seals.—L. W. R., 2.10; small, 2.3. E. B., large, 4.1 shillings.

Lynx.—Yorkfort, large, 36.3; middling, 19.9; small, 16.3; large fine, 36; middling fine, 20; large low, 27; middling low, 19.3; small low, 16 open, 16.9; seconds, large, 23.6; seconds, middling, 17.9; seconds, small, 14.6; thirds, 12.6 fourths, 2.6. Canada do, do, 30, 20, 17.3, 31, 22.6, 25.6, 21.6, 18, 22.6, 17.3, 15, 12.9, 2.3 shillings.

Wolf.—Yorkfort 1, large, 23; 2, large, 7.3; do, small, 4.9. Northwest, large, 9; small, 5, Yorkfort, 1, white, 67; do, 1, black, 90 shillings.

Badger.—Yorkfort firsts, 16.9 shillings; thirds, 11 pence.

Beaver.—Canada 2, large, 30.6, small, 18.9, thirds, large, 20.3; small, 12.3; Northwest 2, large, 26, small, 12.3; thirds, large, 13.9, small, 11 shillings.

Skunk.—Yorkfort 1, cased, 5.6; open, 5; seconds, cased, 3.4; open, 2.9; Canada 1, cased, 3.9; 2 cased, 2.6 shillings.

Musk Ox.—Yorkfort firsts, 89; do, small, 38.3; seconds, 63.6; do, small, 26; thirds, 47; fourths, 20.3 shillings.

Wolverine.—Yorkfort, open, 23.6; cased, 17; seconds, open, 15; do, cased, 12; E. B. cased, 20, open, 15.6; Northwest open, 24; cased, 22; seconds, open, 17; do, cased 11.3 shillings.

Black Bear.—Yorkfort 1, rough, 190; 1 low, 160; 2 low, 110; 1 woolly, 165; 2 woolly, 115.9;

2 rough, 113; thirds, 21.6; fourths, 2.3; small, 1 woolly, 67.6; small, 2 woolly, 50.3; small, rough and low, 33; thirds, 13, fourth, 2. M. R. and Canada, do, do, 195, 160, 135, 145, 101.9, 110, 31.6, 5, 70, 47.6, 49, 11, 4. N. W. do, do, 215, 175, 120, 167, 112, 115, 27, 3, 50, 33, 9.6, 2 shillings.

Gray Bear.—Yorkfort and Northwest, 1 rough and low, 140; 1 woolly, 120; 2 woolly, 97.6, 2 rough and low, 70, thirds, 13, fourths, 3, small, 1 and 2, 30, do, thirds and fourths, 2 shillings.

White Bear.—L. W. R. and E. B. 1 and 2, rough and low, 100, 1 woolly, 170, 2 woolly, 90; small 1 and 2, 115; small thirds and fourths, 20 shillings.

Brown Bear.—Yorkfort firsts, 285; seconds, 148; thirds, 21; and fourths, 2 shillings.

Musk Ox.—Yorkfort firsts, 90; small, 40; seconds, 63.6, do, small, 26, thirds, 17.3, and fourths, 20.4 shillings.

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Silver Fox—No. 1, 15 to 47; No. 2, 5 to 21; No. 3, 1.10 to 6£.

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Gray Fox.—Western No. 1, cased, 5.3 to 6; No. 2, 4.6 to 5; No. 3, 1.3 to 3.6; No. 1, open, 4.3 to 5; No. 2, open, 3.6; to 4. Southern do, do, 5.6, 4.3 to 4.6, 1.6 to 1.9, 4.3, 3.9 shillings.

Raccoon.—N. W. and Ill. No. 1, 5.3 to 6; No. 2, 2.3 to 4.3; No. 1, middling and small, 4.3; large dark, 19 to 19.6; small dark, 6 to 9; seconds, dark, 7 to 18. N. W. & W. No. 1, 4 to 4.9; No. 2, 4; No. 3, 2.1; No. 4, 1.5; No. 1, middling and small, 2.9 to 3.3; large dark, 6 to 13.6; small dark, 5; seconds, dark, 4.6 to 10.6. N. M. No. 1, 3 to 3.3; No. 2, 2.3; No. 1, pale 2.7; No. 1, middling and small, 2.2 to 2.4; middling and small pale, 1.9 to 2.1; large and small dark, 4.6; seconds, dark, 4. S. W. and Ky. No. 1, 2 to 2.11; No. 2, 1.7 to 2.2; No. 3, 1.1 to 1.8; No. 1, pale, 1.6 to 2.3; No. 2, pale, 1.5 to 1.8; No. 1, middling and small, 1.11 to 2.11; large dark, 3.6 to 6; small dark, 4; seconds, dark, 3.6 shillings.

Blue Fox, Alaskas.—Good colors No. 1, 104 to 140; No. 2, 80 to 105; No. 2, low, 65; No. 3, low, 40; No. 1, small, 85; No. 2, small, 70; brown do. do., 80 to 100, 60 to 75, 55; pale do. do., 55 to 70, 60, 47.6 to 50 shillings.

Fisher.—W. and N. W. No. 1, 32.6 to 40; No. 2, 24 to 26; No. 3, 11 to 14; No. 1 pale, 21 to 23; No. 2 pale, 13 to 20. N. do. do., 40 to 47.6, 29 to 35, 12 to 14, 24 to 27, 19 to 20. Southern do. do., 47.6 to 50, 32.6 to 40, 13 to 19, 24 to 32.6, 19 to 24 shillings.

Skunk.—Good cased No. 1 dark, 7.9 to 10.9; No. 2, 5.3 to 7.3; No. 3, 1.10 to 2.2; small dark, 5.9; N. 1 little stripe, 6.3 to 9.6; No. 2, 4.9 to 6.9, small, 5.6 to 6.3; No. 1 large strip, 4.3 to 5.9; No. 2, 3.3 to 4.6; No. 1 white, 1.9 to 3.3; No. 2, 1.5 to 2.7. Southwestern No. 1 dark, 4.9 to 7.9; No. 2, 3.3 to 5.3; No. 3, 1.6 to 1.11; No. 1 little stripe, 4.6 to 7; No. 2, 3.3 to 5.3; No. 1 large stripe, 3.6 to 5.3; No. 2, 2.6 to 3.6; No. 1 white, 1.5 to 2.2; No. 2, 1 to 1.6 shillings.

Black Bear.—1 army rough, 150 to 210; No. 2, 95 to 165; No. 3, 27.6 to 65; No. 1 rough, middling and small, 120 to 175; No. 2, 80 to 130; No. 3, 8 to 12; No. 1 cubs, 60 to 150; No. 2, 42.6 to 90; No. 3, 17.6 to 30 shillings.

Brown Bear.—No. 1 army rough, 125 to 195; No. 2, 60 to 100; No. 3, 7 to 20; cubs, No. 1, 70 to 110; No. 2, 25 to 35; No. 3, 7 to 14 shillings.

White Bear.—No. 1, 115 to 170, No. 2, 70 to 115, No. 3, 22.6 to 30, cubs, No. 1, 50; No. 2, 27.6 shillings.

Red Fox.—Alaskas No. 1, good color, 13.6 to 14.6; No. 2, 10.6 to 12.6; No. 3, 7 to 7.9; 1

pale, 12 to 13.6; No. 2, 10.6 to 11.6; No. 3, 6.6; Halifax and Labrador No. 1, 12 to 13; No. 2, 10.6 to 12, No. 3, 6.9 to 7.6, 1 pale, 10.6 to 12.6; No. 2, 8.9 to 10.6; No. 3, 5.6 to 6.6. United States, good, No. 1, 8.6 to 10.6; No. 2, 7.6 to 8.6, No. 3, 4.9 to 6.9, 1 pale, 7.6 to 9; No. 2, 6.3 to 8; No. 3, 4.6 to 5.9. Canada No. 1, 10.6 to 13, No. 2, 5 to 11.6, No. 3, 5.6 to 6.3; 1 pale, 9.3 to 11.6, No. 2, 8 to 10. Russian No. 1, 10 to 12, No. 2, 8 to 11, No. 3, 5.6 to 7.6, 1 pale, 10.6, No. 2, 8 shillings.

Civet Cat.—Cased No. 1, 1.11 to 2.1; No. 2, 1.4 to 1.5 shillings.

Wild Cat.—Canada, No. 1 cased 11.9 to 12.9, No. 2, 7.6 to 8; Southern do, do, 10.3, 5.6 shillings.

Mink.—Eastern No. 1, 18 to 26; No. 2, 8 to 15; No. 3, 3; No. 1, pale, 7.9 to 11; No. 2, 5 to 7. Halifax do, do, 18 to 21, 11 to 14.6, 3.3 to 4, 9.3 to 9.6, 6 to 7. Southwestern do, do, 4.3 to 4.6, 2.9 to 3, 1.11 to 2.8, 3.3 to 4, 2.5 to 3. Red River, do, do, 8.6, 5.3 to 6, 2.4, 6.9 to 7, 5 to 7. Michigan and Western do, do, 6.3 to 8.3, 4.3 to 5.9, 1.11 to 2.8, 4.6 to 6.3, 3.6 to 4.9 shillings.

Lynx.—Canada No. 1, 28; No. 2, 19, No. 3, 10. Northwest do, do, 26, 19, 7 shillings.

Otter.—Alaskas No. 1, good, 37 to 38; No. 2, 23 to 26; No. 3, 16 to 17; No. 1, brown and pale, 34 to 37; No. 2, 21 to 24; No. 1 small, 21 to 26; No. 2, 14 to 20. Halifax, Labrador and N. S. do, do, 80 to 95, 55 to 60, 16 to 18, 43 to 51, 27 to 30, 60, 41 to 45. West and Southwestern do, do, 33, 21, 8, 27, 27, 16. Columbia do, do, 35 to 38, 27 to 29, 13 to 17, 33, 22, 27, 18 to 20 shillings.

Wolves.—No. 1, large, '8 to 27; No. 1 gray and small, 5.3 to 5.6; No. 2, 3.3; No. 3, 1.6 to 2.3 shillings.

Badger.—Good and middling, 10 to 14; inferior, 2.6 shillings.

Marten.—Labrador and E. C. No. 1, 24 to 34; No. 2, 15.6 to 16; No. 3, 6.9 to 7; small, 16 to 19.6; No. 1 pale, 11.6 to 14.6, No. 2, 7 to 10.

Beaver.—Canada No. 1 large, 44; No. 2, 37, No. 3, 14; 1 small, 20; No. 2, 14; S. W., etc., No. 1, 33; No. 2, 29; No. 3, 14 to 19; small, 11. Southern No. 1, 35; No. 2, 26; No. 3, 19; No. 1, small, 27; No. 2, 9 shillings.

Hair Seals.—Large and middling, 2.6 to 3.3; small, 2 to 4.3 shillings.

White Fox.—No. 1, 12; No. 2, 7.6; No. 3, 1 shilling.

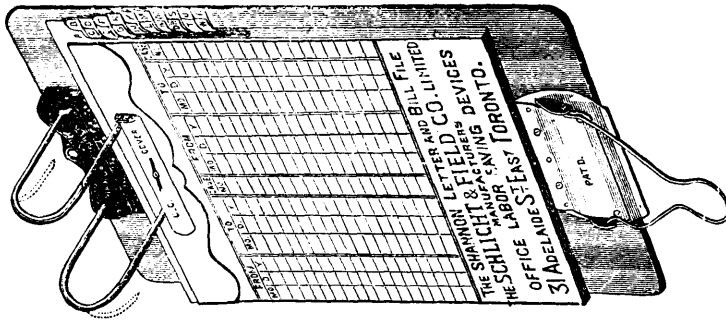
Chinchilla.—Real, large, 110 to 120; bastards, large, 11 to 15; pale, 4.6 to 5.9; small, 6 to 7.9; pale, small, 2.9 to 3.6 shillings.

Cross Fox.—Halifa. Nova Scotia and Labrador No. 1, 62 to 75; No. 2, 50 to 55; No. 3, 17.6 to 25; No. 1 pale 32.6; No. 3 pale 27.6 to 32.6. Sitka and Kamtschatka do, do, 32.6 to 40; 7 to 12.6; 27.6 to 37.6; 25 to 30.6. Alaska do, do, 50 to 65; 40 to 55; 12.6 to 23; 30 to 37½; 25 to 30; N. W., 40 to 52.6; 32.6; 15 to 17.6; 30; 25. Russian, 12 to 17.6; 11 to 15; 5; 20; 15 shillings.

Sea Otter.—Dark and silvery, large, 90 to 165; little silvery, 60 to 100; no silver, 40 to 65; pale, silvery, 55 to 85; pale, little silvery, 42 to 47; no silver, 25 to 37. Middling do, do, 55 to 80; 40 to 50; 35 to 40; 65 to 80; 35 to 40; 27 to 30, 22. Small do, do, 37 to 42; 30 to 37½; 22; 25 to 35; 15 to 27; 9 to 13. Yellowish, silvery, 40 to 75; do, little silvery, 35 to 46; do, no silver, 25. Cuba, 1 to 7½.

Russian Sable.—Kamtschatka, dark 1 large, 95 to 135; No. 2 do, 47.6 to 85; No. 1 good brown, 60 to 85; brown, 40 to 47.6; pale brown, 27.6 to 35; pale brown, No. 2, 27.6 to 30; silvery, dark, 95 to 135; good brown, 50 to 90; pale brown, 25 to 47.6; Okhotsk, No. 1 large, 205; do, 2, 95; No. 1 good brown, 85; do, 2, 42.6; silvery, dark, 85 to 175; silvery, good brown, 40 to 90, pale brown, 20. Amoor, No. 1 large, 30 to 47.6, small, 15 to 37.6; good brown, 1, 23.6 to 25; do, 2, 15 to 20; silvery, No. 1, 26 to 22.6. No. 2, 17.6. Jakulsk, No. 1 large, 145 to 403; No. 2, 90 to 210; good brown, No. 1, 60 to 260; No. 2, 42 to 160; brown, No. 1, 100 to 130; pale brown, No. 1, 90; No. 2, 47.6; silvery dark, 65 to 400; silvery brown, 50 to 135 shillings.—*Fur Trade Review.*

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Fussy Business Men.

Who has not met the fussy man, who is apparently always in a hurry—whose business (in his mind) is driving him? He makes a great fuss like the old rooster, crows often and loud, but never lays an egg. He does a great deal of fuming, but not much work and rarely accomplishes much. Such men have a higher opinion of themselves than the public have of them. They claim a larger quantum of brains than the Lord ever blessed them with. We often see fussy women. They, however, appear to an advantage some times but a fussy man never does. There is so much chaff in his composition and ways that the germs of wheat are lost or blown away before they are formed into grains. —British Columbia Commercial Journal.

Wheat Prices to Farmers

Anent the editorial article recently published by the St. Paul Pioneer Press, attempting to show that the farmers of the northwest are receiving about 10c per bushel less than they should for their wheat, as based upon co-existent prices at primary markets and in Liverpool, R. S. Munger, of Duluth, writes to that paper as follows:—

We will take your own tabular statement of cost of transportation of wheat from Duluth to Liverpool and revise it a little, adding expenses which must necessarily occur. You did not attempt to show cost of transportation via Chicago—only from Duluth to Liverpool. During the years of 1889 and 1890 there was no wheat worth mentioning shipped from Duluth to either New York or Liverpool, as the price in Liverpool was not great enough over Duluth prices to pay freight and charges, consequently it could not be shipped to Liverpool except at a loss. Practically, it was all wanted by the millers before it reached New York. Thus the comparative prices in Duluth and Liverpool during those years cut no figure in the problem

to be solved. Now, we will take the month of September, 1891, for the reason that that month shows a greater margin of difference between Duluth and Liverpool prices than in any other month. Your statement shows the price of Duluth No. 1 hard for that month to have been 94.51c which, reduced to No. 1 northern, 1.5 actual difference, makes it 93c per bushel and Liverpool \$1.284, or about 35c per bushel higher than the Duluth price. Now let us see what becomes of this 35c.

If you buy a cargo of wheat in Duluth in September, or any other month, you must pay elevator charge of 1c insurance from time of purchase until shipped out, weighing and inspection out and commission.

	cents per bu.
Total charges in Duluth, about	2
Lake charges (your figures) for September	37
Insurance on lake passage	1
Total charges in Buffalo	1
Canal freight (your figures it can not reach canal sooner than October)	47
Total charges in New York, including commission	24
Ocean charges in October	11
Terminal charges, Liverpool	5
Price in Liverpool, 2c lower than in September	24
Interest and exchange on same (two months is the average time consumed in shipping a cargo to Liverpool)	1
Total Expense	337

Showing a net profit of only 1c. Starting with Duluth, the charges are as low as at Chicago or Milwaukee or any other lake port of like service—lake freight for September. I have taken from your figures of charges in Buffalo 1c canal freight for October, as it can not reach the canal sooner than that. I figure the total terminal charges in New York at 2c, which includes receiving, shipping, insurance and commission. The New York charge may seem to be excessive, but how to avoid it is the question. The ocean charge is for October, which is 2c higher than in September, but September wheat in Duluth can not reach New York until October. The terminal charges in

Liverpool are 5c, which seems excessive, but as I said before, can not be avoided. The differences between your figures and mine occur as follows: First, the charge of 2c in Duluth; second, the excess of 2c for October over September, and, lastly, the price of wheat in Liverpool for November, which is 2c lower than it was in September. These three items absorb nearly all the margin unaccounted for in your statement. The way to avoid these excessive charges is to help us to get deep water to the seaboard. We will then ship our wheat to Liverpool without transfer.

Delegates From Maine.

The delegation of Maine farmers, who in charge of T. W. Child, the Dominion Government immigration agent, have been inspecting land in the territories, returned to Winnipeg last week. After leaving Winnipeg they went to Red Deer on the C. & E. railway, and were particularly taken with this attractive district. They drove fifty miles as far as the coal fields, returning to Calgary, Regina and thence to Prince Albert. At this latter place they hired a team and went eighty miles into the Carrot river and Stony Creek country, where the delegates saw stock on farms which had been wintered in the open fields. On Friday they went east to Shell river, finding it splendidly adapted to mixed farming. On Monday they returned east. Two of the party, C. and E. Murphy, formerly of Prince Edward Island, and lately of Maine, remained behind in the Prince Albert district.

A. H. Price, of North Fryeling and F. A. Russell, of Andover, Maine, returned home and will settle up their affairs at once and immediately return to settle in the Saskatchewan valley. The report which they are taking back to their friends speak of the fact that men can get a living in the districts visited by one-tenth of the amount of labor required to farm in Maine, Vermont or New Hampshire. It mentions in the highest terms the appearance of the land and climate. As few persons in New England know of this country and its advantages, the report of the delegates is awaited with interest.

A press telegram from Birmingham, Ala., says that the news is given out there from Bessemer and other points of northern Alabama of the consolidation of the immense iron industries of that section, which is expected to have an important bearing on the iron industry to the south, and indirectly on that of the whole country. Several monster companies, controlling 1,000,000 acres of mineral lands, with a daily output of 30,000 tons, 5,000 coke ovens and 25 furnaces, and representing a capital of \$30,000,000, have, it is said, formed a combination for the purpose of affecting prices, rates of transportation, economy of manufacture, etc.

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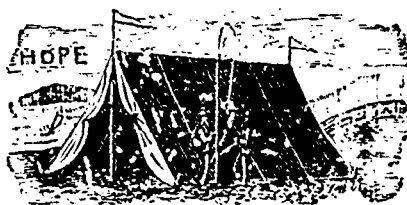
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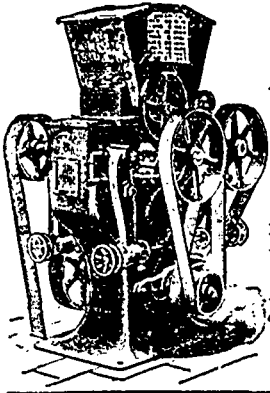
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Mixed No. 5		Daily, except Sunday.	Mixed No. 6	
7 30a	Ar	Great Falls	5 02p	
6 45		Vaughan	5 40	
6 00		Steel	6 15	
4 15		Collins	7 45	
2 30		Poudera	9 30	
1 00		Conrad	10 45	
12 05p		Shelby Junc.	12 05a	
10 50		Rocky Springs	12 55	
10 00		Kevin	1 45	
9 10	De	Sweet Grass (Internat'l bound.)	2 35	
8 10	Ar	Coutts	3 20	
7 20	De	Milk River	4 10	
6 30		Brunton	5 00	
4 50		Sterling	6 40	
3 30	De	Lethbridge	8 00	

Going West.		STATIONS.	Going East.	
Mixed No. 2 Daily			Freight No. 3 D. ex. Sun.	Mixed No. 1 Daily
7 00p	De	Dunmore	8 55a	10 40p
10 30	De	Grassy Lake	12 45p	2 00a
2 00a	Ar	Lethbridge	4 45p	5 40a

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Brandon Ex. Tues., Th. & Sat.	St. Paul Ex. Tues. & Sat.	Miles from Winnipeg.		St. Paul Ex. Tues., Th. & Sat.	Brandon Ex. Tues., Th. & Sat.	
2.20p	4.25p	0	Winnipeg	11.10a	1.10p	
2.10p	4.13p	3.0	Portage Junction	11.18a	1.20p	
1.57p	3.53p	9.3	St. Norbert	11.23a	1.26p	
1.45p	3.45p	15.3	Cartier	11.47a	1.49p	
1.28p	3.26p	23.5	St. Agathe	12.06p	2.08p	
1.20p	3.17p	27.4	Union Point	12.14p	2.17p	
1.0p	3.05p	32.5	Silver Plains	12.26p	2.28p	
12.50p	2.48p	40.4	Morris	14.45p	2.45p	
	2.33p	46.8	St. Jean		1.00p	
	2.13p	56.0	Letellier		1.24p	
	1.50p	65.0	Emerson		1.50p	
	1.35p	68.1	Pembina		2.00p	
	9.45a	168	Grand Forks		5.50p	
	9.35a	223	Winnipeg Junction		9.50p	
	8.35p	470	Minneapolis		6.30a	
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	9.00p	833	Chicago		9.35a	

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12.20p	2.20p		Winnipeg	1.10p	3.00a	
7.00p	12.40p		Morris	2.56p	8.45a	
6.10p	12.15p		Lowe Farm	3.18p	9.30a	
5.14p	11.48	10 0	Myrtle	3.43p	10.19a	
4.45p	11.37a	21 2	Roland	3.53p	10.39a	
4.00p	11.18a	25 9	Rosebank	4.05p	11.13a	
3.30p	11.03a	33 6	Miami	4.25p	11.50a	
2.45p	10.40a	39 6	Deerwood	4.48p	12.88p	
2.20p	10.28a	49 0	Altamont	5.01p	1.05p	
1.40p	10.08a	54 1	Somerset	5.21p	1.45p	
1.18p	9.53a	62 1	Swan Lake	5.37p	2.17p	
12.43p	9.37a	68 4	Indian Springs	5.52p	2.48p	
12.19p	9.26a	74 6	Maricapolis	6.08p	3.12p	
11.46a	9.10a	79 4	Greenway	6.20p	3.45p	
11.15a	8.53a	86 1	Balder	6.35p	4.18p	
10.23a	8.30a	92 3	Belmont	7.00p	5.07p	
9.52a	8.12a	103 0	Hilton	7.36p	5.45p	
9.16a	7.57a	109 7	Ashdown	7.53p	6.25p	
9.02a	7.47a	120 0	Wawanesa	8.06p	6.38p	
8.15a	7.24a	129 5	Rounthwaite	8.28p	7.27p	
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10.49a	11.5		St. Charles	5.18p		
10.41a	14.7		Headingley	5.20p		
10.17a	21.0		White Plains	5.45p		
9.20a	35.2		Eustace	6.33p		
9.06a	42.1		Oakville	6.60p		
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