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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 23, 1891.

Manitoba.

D. G. Rodgers, saddler, Carman, has closed his branch shop at Portage.

A. Raymer, stationer, Portage la Prairie, is selling out, and contemplates going west.

A petition to establish a branch of the Union Bank was circulated at Rapid City recently.

There was not sufficient snow in portions of western Manitoba last week to make sleighing.

Mary Ann Russell, general merchant, Morris, has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Brown & Co., hardware, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved; the business will be continued by D. Brown.

Charles A. Bradford, general merchant, Brandon, has assigned to Henry Bradford. A meeting of creditors will be held on the 17th of March.

W. G. Robinson & Co., of Cartwright, says the *Deloraine Times*, have opened out a stock of goods at this place. A. Laughlin is in charge.

The stock in trade of Weldon Bros. and J. H. Weldon, grocers, Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, by public auction, on February 24.

Joseph Tees & Co., music dealers, Winnipeg, have sold out to R. H. Nunn & Co., in the same line in Winnipeg. A Ried will continue in charge of the business purchased from Tees & Co.

The citizens of Birtle will make an effort to induce the Great Northwest Central railway company to run the line into that town. The town and surrounding municipalities may offer a bonus.

Robt. Rodgers, of Clearwater, says the *Brandon Times*, is making arrangements to go into the mercantile business in Brandon. Rodgers does a general store and grain business at Clearwater.

J. N. Hutchison, who for the past seven years has been connected with the firm of A. Maxwell & Sons, latterly as manager in the Winnipeg offices, will sever his connection with the firm about April 1st.

The Winnipeg city council decided, last Monday evening, to advance the special tax on peddlers, by increasing the license from \$10 to \$25 for foot peddlers, and from \$20 to \$50 for a one horse peddling outfit.

Thos. B. Greening & Co., 1019, etc., of Hamilton, Ontario, contemplate opening a permanent office in Winnipeg, in charge of Robt. Balfour. The Winnipeg business will be under the style of Greening, Balfour & Co.

W. & P. Dickson, general merchants, of Chater, Man. and Balgonie, Assa, have sold out their Balgonie stock and intend to open a store at Alexander, Manitoba. Sperling & Hawkes have purchased the Balgonie business.

A branch of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba was opened at Boissevain on Monday last, under the management of Mr. Cowan, of the late firm of Cowan & Co., bankers of that place. This gives Boissevain two chartered banks.

H. C. Clay, publisher of the *Rapid City Reporter*, has announced his intention of starting a paper in Birtle. The *Reporter* will probably be moved to Birtle, as two papers in Rapid City can barely eek out an existence. It certainly must be a slow case of starvation for two papers in such a small field.

Alberta.

A. F. Tero, jeweler, Regina, is moving to Lethbridge.

H. Kitley & Co. have opened at Calgary as customs tailors, with Y. C. Kitley as manager.

W. Maloney, implement agent, Calgary, has given the contract for a building 24x125, two stories, to be used as an implement warehouse in the summer, and a grain store-room in winter.

A new vertical steam engine and boiler was placed in position in the Lethbridge *News* press room last week. With its semi-weekly issue and other improvements, the *News* is bound to keep well in the van of progress.

The Alberta Hotel Company, Calgary, is applying for incorporation. The applicants are: Thomas Somerville Charters Lee, of Calgary, rancher; William John Lee, of London, England, barrister at law, and Henry B. von Alexander, of Calgary, rancher.

Calgary Herald: Several car loads of dead meat (beef) from the C. A. C. & Co.'s ranch at Dunmore passed through Calgary last night bound for the coast. They were purchased by Hayes & McIntosh, meat dealers, of Vancouver. This firm also bought all the fat sheep that the C. A. C. & Co. had for sale, and they want more.

The *Edmonton Bulletin* says: "Platinum is found in the Saskatchewan in connection with gold, with which it is frequently secured and sometimes adulterated. At present prices it would pay our miners to give more attention to this increasingly valuable metal, not only as a

maltor of present profit, but also with a view to the possibility that although the fountain head of the gold has as yet eluded discovery, the platinum might lead to the source of both these now equally precious metals."

The transfer of the general business of the firm of I. G. Baker & Co. to the Hudson's Bay Company, removes one of the oldest firms in western Canada from the scene of mercantile life. The firm carried on general stores at Macleod, Calgary and Lethbridge, all in Alberta territory, and has been identified with the territory for many years. The transfer of the business is not complete, but has been fully decided upon. The Hudson's Bay Company already has branches at Calgary and Macleod, so that its mercantile establishments will only be increased by the acquisition of the Lethbridge business. Of the retiring firm the *Macleod Gazette* says:—"I. G. Baker & Co. were the pioneer merchants in southern Alberta. Before the police came to the country, they had a trading post at Sheep Creek, which we believe, however, was only temporarily used. In those days the Indians were about the only customers, and it was more a case of the traders going to the customers, rather than the reverse. The trading posts were necessarily shifted from one part of the country to another. When the police came to the country in 1874, I. G. Baker & Co. established post at Macleod and Fort Walsh, and later at Calgary, then the most southern point at which the Hudson's Bay Co. had a post. T. C. Power & Bro. also had stores at Macleod and Fort Walsh. In 1881 or early in 1882, I. G. Baker & Co. and T. C. Power & Bro. entered into an arrangement by which the former gave up business at Fort Walsh and the latter at Macleod. Most of the government contracts have been carried out by I. G. Baker & Co. Their bull teams and cattle herds have given employment to armies of men. Their contracts for beef, grain, etc., have been filled as far as possible with the produce of this country. In these different ways they have circulated immense sums of money, and have laid the foundation of many a man's career who is now prosperous." The *Gazette* also pays a tribute to D. W. Davis, manager of the firm.

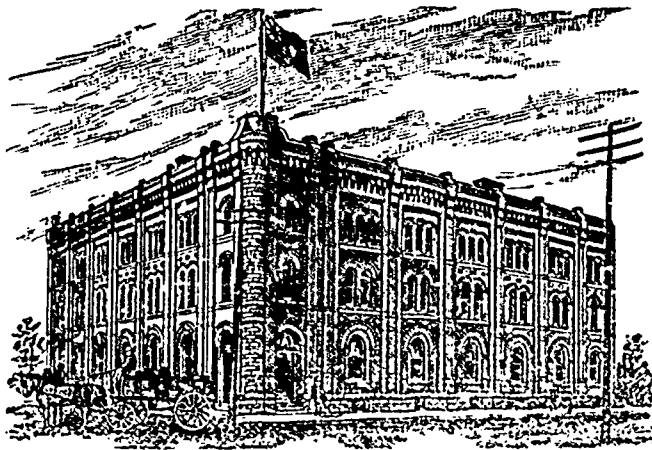
Saskatchewan.

J. E. Young, accountant of the Imperial bank, Brandon, Man., has gone to Prince Albert, where a branch of the Imperial will probably be established.

THE COMMERCIAL has been tendered a vote of thanks, by the Prince Albert town council, for the writup of that place and district recently published in this journal.

Robt. Kerr, of the Canadian Pacific, has written the Prince Albert board of trade to the effect that the railway company has established rates to settlers and settlers' effects going over the Prince Albert branch on the same basis as made to points on the main line equi-distant from Regina as Prince Albert, for instance:—Kincooth station on the main line is 249 miles west from Regina. The rate from Toronto for settlers to Kincooth is \$33.50; and the rate for settlers' effects is \$161 a car. These rates will also apply to Prince Albert, which is 247 miles from Regina.

J. E. Lazon, tailor, has opened business at Victoria.

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It is the duty of a commercial journal to discuss trade questions upon their merit, fearless of opposing interests. It is therefore the duty of THE COMMERCIAL to discuss the trade question involved in the present political contest, and we have endeavored to place the issue before the business men of western Canada without fear or favor. The articles appearing in this and the previous issue of this journal upon commercial union, are in keeping with the course of THE COMMERCIAL all along on this question. Almost every argument now advanced in these articles against commercial union, has been set forth in previous issues of this paper during the last few years. They are now given greater significance because commercial union has recently been taken up by a political party and made a party cry in the present contest. It has been something of a surprise to us that THE COMMERCIAL articles have been sought for so eagerly in political circles. There was a great demand for copies of our last issue, which could not be supplied, as only the regular number were published. In order to stop the stream of correspondence and personal applications for this issue, we will intimate here that copies cannot be supplied.

THE *Northwestern Miller* of Minneapolis says that the reciprocal treaty between the United States and Brazil is the first fruits of the pan-American congress. The *Miller* "sincerely trusts that Canada will soon follow." Canada would be most willing to accept a reciprocity treaty on the same basis as that concluded with Brazil, namely, reciprocity in specified articles. But apparently the United States is not willing to deal with Canada on the same terms as with the South American republic. Commercial union or nothing is the terms to Canada. It is not reciprocity, but commercial union, which implies a tariff compact, which is obnoxious to this country. As for reciprocity on a reasonable basis, there is no opposition in this country. The question may be asked: Why will not the United States consider a reciprocity proposal from Canada on the same lines as with the Spanish Ameri-

can republics? Is commercial union demanded in order that the United States may have an unfair advantage of British manufacturers in this market, or is it believed that commercial union will ultimately lead to an extension of the boundaries of the republic? There is evidently something behind the declaration of Mr. Blaine, that the United States will have complete commercial union or unrestricted reciprocity with Canada or nothing.

The present political situation presents some ridiculous phases to those who are prepared to go to the bottom of the trade question involved. There is a wild clamor for free trade with the United States, even to the extent of raising our tariff against the rest of the world in order to secure it. For the year 1890, Great Britain took about \$8,000,000 worth more of our products than the United States took. Now, Great Britain gives us a standing offer of free trade, and she does not ask us to increase our tariff against any other country. All we have to do to accept this offer and make free trade complete between ourselves and the Mother Country, is to remove our duties from imports from Great Britain, and the thing is accomplished. If free trade with the United States is desirable, even to the extent of forming a high tariff compact with that country, is it not more desirable with Great Britain, to which country the bulk of our surplus agricultural products must go, seeing that the United States also produces a surplus of most of the commodities which we have for export. The acceptance of free trade with Great Britain would not mean any foreign interference with our tariff. Commercial union with the United States means that the latter country will control our tariff, and will use this control to keep British goods out of Canada, while admitting her own manufactures free. Is not this a monstrous proposition. The commercial unionists actually ask us to admit imports free from the United States, and advance the duties on imports from Great Britain to a prohibitory extent, though the latter country is our best customer by about \$8,000,000. How alleged free traders can sup-

port such a proposition, is one of the ridiculous features of the present very badly mixed political situation. Some of our politicians say commercial union does not mean a tariff compact, but it *does* mean this or nothing. It is universally understood in the United States to mean an assimilation of tariffs, and when Mr. Blaine says they will have commercial union or nothing, he means they will have a tariff compact or nothing.

Commercial Union in 1886.

In its recent comments upon commercial union, THE COMMERCIAL is but consistently following the same line of argument it has adopted toward this question from the start. Long before commercial union was squarely taken up by any political party in Canada, it was condemned in these columns. One of the first articles upon this question appeared in this journal on May 13, 1886, about which time some Liberal papers were beginning to toy with the question. We reproduce the following from the article of May, 1886:—

"It is an old saying that converts or perverts are invariably fanatics, and are ever ready to run to extremes. Many people have laughed at Mr. Bernal Osborne's caricature of the Scotchman, who discarded the philobeg for breeches so tight that sneezing or coughing meant certain rupture of those nether garments. A companion picture for this can be found in the attitude of the *Globe* and other Reform journals on the question of commercial union with the United States. For free trade in an unlimited sense, they have substituted free trade with the United States only, which means that Canada is suffering heavily under a protective tariff averaging less than thirty per cent., but would be relieved of its sufferings if buried commercially in the United States, and under a tariff averaging nearly sixty per cent. Truly this doctrine is an eccentric one for a party, which in years gone by has held to free trade as one of the solidest planks in its platform. Of course when pressed the old free trade doctrine can be trotted out and allowed to flicker, and the honest voter and tax-payer can behold the exalted tariff of commercial union and free trade side by side, and hear the Reform politicians exclaim in showman language, "You pays your money and you takes your choice." The opposition party with such an elastic trade policy forcibly reminds us of the excluded negro in that old ditty of, "Who's dat knockin at de door, whose persistent reply to every interrogation was, 'Let me in.'"

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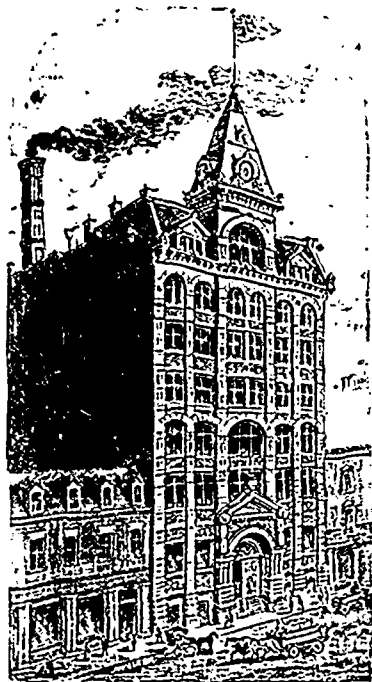
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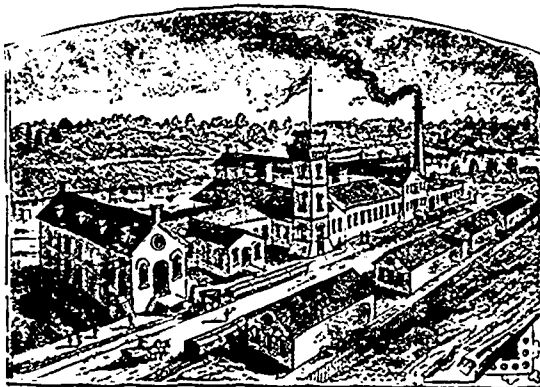
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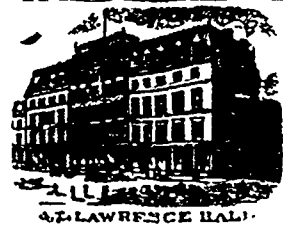
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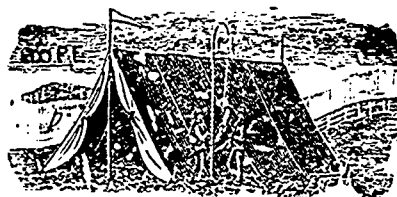
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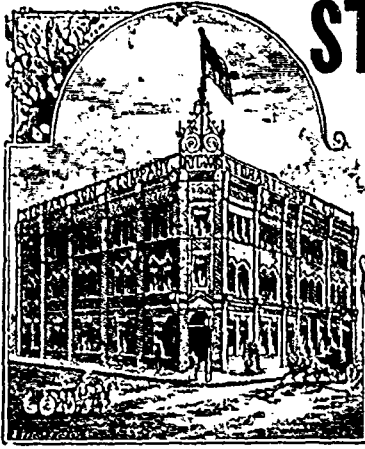
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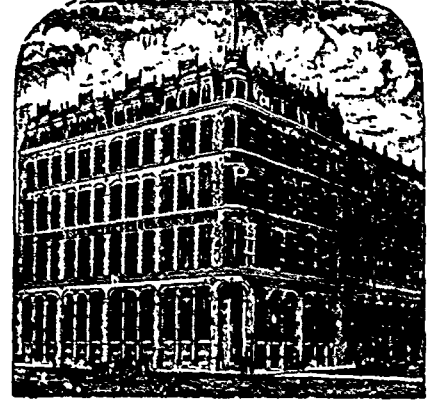
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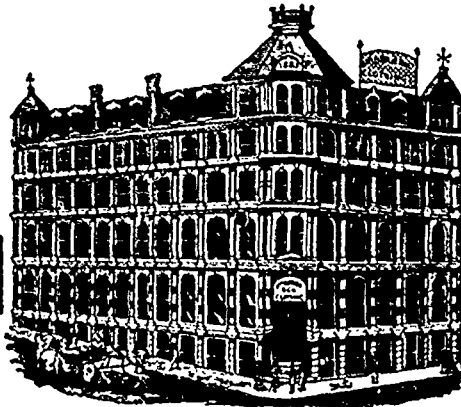
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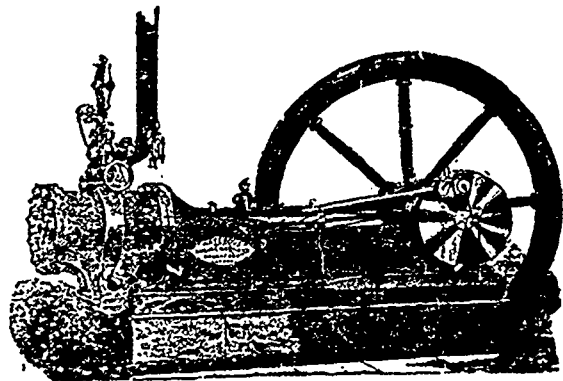
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TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1890.

The official trade statistics of Canada for 1890, which have just been published, will be particularly interesting at this time, in view of the fact that the trade question is the only one of importance in the political contest now going on. The trade figures for the year are satisfactory, in that they show a marked increase over the previous year. The total trade of the country, export and import, amounted to \$218,607,300, against \$204,414,093 in 1889. This total has only been exceeded in two previous years in the history of the Dominion.

Our total export trade for 1890 was \$96,749,149, this also showing a substantial increase over 1889, when our exports were \$89,189,167. Great Britain has again displaced the United States as the largest consumer of our surplus products, and for 1890 the mother country is again our best customer by nearly eight million dollars. For the year Great Britain took \$48,353,694 worth of our exports, while the United States took \$10,522,810. Our exports to the republic decreased \$3,000,000 last year, while exports to Great Britain increased amazingly, being over \$10,000,000 greater than in 1889.

Trade figures between Canada and countries other than Great Britain and the United States are comparatively insignificant, the great bulk of our trade, both export and import, being done with these two. However, the year 1890 shows a gratifying increase in our trade with several other nations. Our export trade to Germany last year was nearly four times greater than in 1889, while our export trade to Spain increased to over five times what it was in 1889.

The most important point shown by these figures is, that our export trade to Great Britain last year was greater than that with the United States by nearly \$3,000,000 dollars. This is something well worth bearing in mind in the present political contest. One of our political parties has adopted a policy of commercial union with the United States. The carrying out of this policy means that we must enter into a high tariff compact with the United States, whereby we will be forced to discriminate against Great Britain. The protective policy of the United States is aimed more against Great Britain than any other country. We are invited to become a party in this policy by forming a tariff compact with the republic. Though Great Britain took \$8,000,000 more of our exports last year than our neighbors to the south, yet we are asked to enter into a high tariff compact with the republic against the mother country. Under this compact we would admit goods from the United States absolutely free of duty, but at the same time we would be obliged to vastly increase the duty upon imports from Great Britain.

We in western Canada have great faith in the Hudson bay route as the natural outlet for our exports, and all look forward to the day when

this route will be opened. This proposed commercial union compact, by cutting off our trade with Great Britain, would take away, very largely from the value of the Hudson bay route. The route should be valuable for imports as well as exports. By it we should receive cheap British manufactures in return for our surplus products. Unless there were trade both ways, the full value of the route could never be realized. An enormous tariff wall to the north, such as is proposed in the commercial union or unrestricted reciprocity programme, would drive trade away from this route. We look forward to an immense trade with Great Britain in the future, via the northern route. The possibilities of this trade are truly wonderful. We have the country here capable of producing vast quantities of agricultural products, and Great Britain offers an unlimited market for such products—in fact we may say she affords the only market for large quantities of the natural products of this country. Our wheat, our cattle and other animals, our butter, our cheese, our eggs, the United States does not want, because they produce a surplus of these. They would take our barley, but Manitoba has never done much in growing barley. In some years they would take our oats, but this would only be in certain seasons of short crops at home, such as the present. Not many years ago oats were selling at ten cents per bushel in Dakota. Our principal exports must go to Great Britain, and we must be prepared to receive some goods in return, to realize the value of our northern route. There is every reason therefore why we should keep ourselves free to trade with the world. The greatest freedom of trade with the United States is desirable, short of entering into any entangling tariff alliance with that country, which would restrict the freedom of our trade with other countries. Here we should draw the line, and adhere to the decision firmly. It has been stated that commercial union would advance the price of wheat in Manitoba. This is one of the most ridiculous assertions yet made, and it can be disposed of in a few words. The two states of Minnesota and Dakota produced last year about 100,000,000 bushels of wheat. The home consumption of these two states would be less than 20,000,000 bushels, leaving a surplus of about 80,000,000 bushels for export. This surplus goes in the shape of wheat and flour to the same markets as does the exportable surplus of Manitoba's wheat crop, and therefore it would be impossible to pay higher for Manitoba wheat under commercial union.

BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

Broad-minded free traders are certainly placed in a painful position in the present political campaign in Canada. If they remain with their old friends—the Liberals—they will be giving their support practically to a movement the consummation of which means a very great advance in our protective tariff, with this difference, that Canada and the United States will be united in a protective policy. If they support the Conservative party, in order to oppose such an iniquitous compact, they are obliged to vote in favor of maintaining our present high-tariff system. Truly in this predicament the

free trader is beset on every side, and he can only think with the gloomy Hamlet, that it is better to "bear those ills we have, than fly to others we know not of."

The broad free trader can certainly never consent to a tariff combination with the most extremely protectionist country on earth. It is against every principle of free trade, and he must contend against it as earnestly as he would contend against an average 20 per cent increase in our tariff, independent of any other country. Even if the tariff of the United States averaged lower than our own, the idea of a tariff compact would still be utterly obnoxious to the liberal minded trader, whose motto is the greatest freedom of commerce. Canada, and western Canada especially, cannot afford to enter into such a compact as that proposed. We should firmly take our stand on the principle of being ready and willing to trade with all corners, with the greatest freedom. We must not have our trade restricted in any direction. If we must double the height of our tariff wall on all other sides, in order to lower it on the south, then we better leave it as it is, until time brings relief in some other direction. In this position thorough free traders will be obliged to support the present protective policy, rather than fly to even a greater extreme of the protectionist idea.

The people of the United States, particularly in the western states, have many evils to suffer from the protective system of the country. Tariff tinkering has been carried in that country to a far greater extreme than in Canada. The financial crisis which has afflicted that country during the past few months, is attributed by the *Bankers' Magazine*, of New York, to this continual tariff tinkering. Under commercial union, the evils growing out of protection in the United States, would be inflicted upon Canada, and it is doubtful if our second state would not be worse than before.

Some politicians pretend to believe that commercial union or unrestricted reciprocity does not imply a tariff compact. No possible way of carrying the policy of the Liberal party into effect can be imagined, short of a unification of the tariff of the two countries. This is clearly understood in the United States, and in that country unrestricted reciprocity is always spoken of as a tariff compact. The Hitt resolution, as discussed by congress at Washington, clearly defines the meaning of commercial union, or unrestricted reciprocity as follows:—

That whenever it shall be duly certified to the President of the United States that the Government of the Dominion of Canada has declared a desire to establish commercial union with the United States, having a uniform revenue system, like internal taxes to be collected and like import duties to be imposed on articles brought into either country from other nations, with no duties upon trade between the United States and Canada; he shall appoint three commissioners to meet those who may be likewise designated to represent the government of Canada to prepare a plan for the assimilation of the import duties and international revenue taxes of the two countries, and an equitable division of receipts in a commercial union, and said commissioners shall report to the President, who shall lay the report before Congress.

This says there must be a "uniform revenue system, uniform internal or excise taxes, and uniform duties upon articles bought into either.

country," except of course articles passing between the two countries in the compact, when no duties whatever would be charged. This is plain enough, and moreover it is the only possible way of carrying out the policy. In Canada as little as possible is said about a unification of the duties, by the advocates of commercial union. Here the great advantages of free trade with the United States are presented, and a great deal that is said in this direction is perfectly true. Freedom of trade with our neighbors to the south is certainly desirable, but not on the basis of the adoption by ourselves of an extremely high tariff against all other countries with whom we desire to trade. The latter aspect of the case is carefully left in the background by the Canadian advocates of commercial union. It is one of the peculiarities of the situation in Canada, that while the advocates of commercial union dwell upon the beauties of free trade with the republic, they do not give any practical suggestions as to how this can be accomplished through their commercial union programme. The statement that it can be secured by mutual tariff concessions is too absurd to be entertained. Mutual tariff concessions would mean, we suppose, that Canada would advance her duties on some commodities to correspond with the United States tariff, while the latter country would reduce its duties on other articles to correspond with our tariff. There is no probability whatever that the United States would do anything of the kind, but even if it would, the spirit of a high tariff combination must remain objectionable to those who believe that our trade should be free from artificial restrictions in any direction. Canadian electors must therefore accept the definition as understood in the United States, or otherwise they will simply declare for a pig in a poke by supporting the Liberal policy. If commercial union is not a tariff compact with the republic, then what is it to be? To this no answer has nor can be given. Mr. Blaine has declared that the United States will have nothing short of complete commercial union. Commercial union in the United States means a unification of the tariff of the two countries, whatever it may mean in Canada. Therefore the Liberal party is either working for a tariff compact with the republic, or it is working for something short of that which will not be accepted by the present Washington administration. We must therefore believe, until the principle is distinctly repudiated by the party, that the movement in Canada is for a tariff compact.

After struggling against protection through three different federal election contests, this is a peculiar position we find the Liberal party in to-day. Having shaken off its old allegiance to free trade principles, it now outbids the Conservative party its policy of high tariff and trade exclusiveness. Whether Liberals succeed in this policy will depend as much upon the gullibility of the people as was the case in the past elections when free trade versus protection was the issue.

RAISE POULTRY.

Now that Manitoba has a poultry association it is to be hoped this body will have sufficient

influence to induce the farmers to go more extensively into poultry. Manitoba should produce a surplus of poultry, instead of being obliged to import to make up the deficiency in the local supply. Several car loads of poultry, consisting of turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens, have been brought in from the east this winter. In fact the bulk of the poultry offered in this market, with perhaps the exception of chickens, was brought in from the east. Towns west of Winnipeg have also been obliged to draw from the east to make up their requirements, and thus car lots of poultry from the east have been distributed all along the railway as far as Pacific coast points. This shows that there is a large market in the west to be supplied in advance of the present production of the country. Nothing about the farm should pay better than poultry. The birds will rustle their living in the summer, feeding upon grasshoppers and other insects, and in the fall they will fatten ready for market on the stubble fields. They are little or no expense, and they turn to account the grain that otherwise would go to waste on the ground. A little damaged grain or cleanings will keep the breeding birds over the winter. The cash realized from the sale of poultry is therefore just so much clear gain, and when such prices can be obtained as have ruled in the Winnipeg market this winter, there should be a quick fortune in raising poultry. With turkeys at 12 to 14 cents per pound, geese and ducks 10 to 12 cents, and chickens at 9 to 12 cents wholesale, raising poultry should prove a bonanza. In the Winnipeg market during the summer season much higher prices than those mentioned are realized, from 15 to 20 cents per pound covering the usual range of values.

Editorial Notes.

THE Chilean revolution has been progressing energetically. A number of conflicts have occurred between the government forces and the rebels, and the latter have been generally unsuccessful. Late reports indicate that the revolutionists have the country well in hand. A vast amount of property has been destroyed, and the commerce of the country is badly demoralized. Chile, heretofore the most progressive and stable of the South American republics, will be left a total wreck unless peace is speedily secured between the opposing factions. At best the country has been put back many years.

The act passed by the Manitoba legislature to provide for the early closing of stores, has turned out to be as useful as many other measures which have been adopted as a result of a popular agitation. At the time this act was originated, there was quite an agitation in Winnipeg and some other places for it, but interest in the matter seemed to have ceased with the passage of the measure. Little has since been done to bring it into operation. It is reported that a movement is being made at Portage la Prairie, by the Early Closing Association, to have the act, which is local option in its nature, brought into force in that town.

One of the industries for which there is ample room for development in our prairie country is raising sheep. THE COMMERCIAL has published

items from time to time showing how profitable this industry is. In Manitoba, as well as in our western territories, sheep thrive, and prove very profitable. The *Times*, of Victoria, B.C., recently noted the arrival of five cars of sheep in that city, via steamer from the state of Washington. These importations of sheep, and also of hogs, are continually being made. There is no reason why the prairie country should not supply British Columbia with all the mutton and pork required there over home production. There is great profit in both sheep and hogs, especially the former, and the home market calls for a larger supply.

ADVICES from Chicago regarding the attempt to blow up the whiskey distilleries, read like plots of the dark ages. Religious and political feuds gave birth in former times to such dastardly outrages, but it is a new thing to have such villainous undertakings connected with commercial enterprises. The whiskey men wanted to form a trust which would control all the distilleries, but some manufacturers objected to enter the combination. This led to the forming of one of the most abominable plots in the modern history of the world, by which apparently the distilleries out of the combine were to be blown up, regardless of the destruction of life and property. This is certainly a terrible state of things to exist in the "most advanced and highly civilized country in the world."

It is certainly a sign of confidence in the future of the country to observe the action of the chartered banks in opening branches at country towns. For a number of years the banks did little or nothing in the direction of extending their business throughout Manitoba. On the contrary there was a disposition to withdraw their agencies and contract their business as much as possible. During the last year or two there has been a marked change in this policy, with several of the leading financial institutions. The Commercial Bank, as a home institution, has perhaps taken the lead in opening branches through the country, but some of the eastern banks, especially the Union and the Imperial, have not been far behind. The Merchants, the bank of Montreal, and the Bank of British North America are also well represented, having branches at outside points, as well as their Winnipeg agencies. The Union Bank now has five branches in Manitoba and the territories, and the Imperial has four.

WINNIPEG business men have felt the need of a cold storage warehouse very seriously in past years, where they could store perishable goods for a consideration. Every spring especially, the need of such an institution is apparent. On account of our cold, steady winters, considerable quantities of various commodities are allowed to become frozen, as they can be kept more conveniently in this shape during the winter. In the spring, especially if warm weather sets in earlier than usual, there are usually large quantities of frozen commodities which are in danger of becoming spoiled. In the hurry to get them into consumption, prices are depressed and serious loss to holders frequently results. During a mild spell in the winter there is always more or less anxiety among holders of frozen commodities, and this



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WINNIPEG business men object with good reason to the taxation of their stocks, while professional men with sometimes larger incomes go free. Toronto business men are objecting to the same tax which is levied upon them. The civic rulers of that city were recently waited upon by a deputation of the business men of the city, consisting of Paul R. Campbell, W. R. Brock, J. S. McMaster, W. Hamilton, J. K. Macdonald, Warring Kennedy, Stapelton Caldecott, Fred. Wyld and John Sloan, asking the substitution of a business tax for the income tax now in operation, so far, at least, as concerns commercial institutions. Paul Campbell urged that the change was essential to the business men of Toronto, as they were compelled to compete not only with British merchants but also with those of other Canadian cities, who were not subject to like heavy taxes imposed upon the business men of this city. W. R. Brock clearly and cogently supported the proposed change, claiming the present system to be unjust and dishonest, and charging many of the recent failures largely to this cause. J. S. McMaster stated that unless business men were able to secure some redress in this direction they would be forced either to leave the city or suffer great financial loss. Stapelton Caldecott showed that the burden of taxation generally would not be appreciably increased, but that the change would place the merchants upon a fairer basis than at present, failing this they would be driven to do business upon borrowed capital that they might escape the tax. The matter was referred to a committee.

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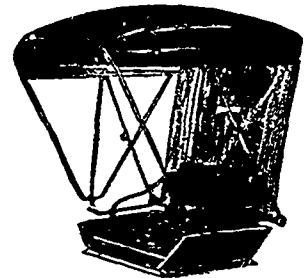
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is very little change to note in connection with city monetary affairs, and any little that has taken place is in the direction of an easier feeling. The circulation of money in country trade circles grows gradually if slowly freer, and during the past two weeks supplementary payments towards obligations of the 4th instant have been quite numerous, making the results of that days payments look much more encouraging than they did in the first week of February. Banks have no difficulty in meeting all trade demands for funds, and these have lightened up quite a little since the beginning of the month. The grain movement makes its steady demands, but they are by no means as heavy as could be wished, and it seems as if an early spring would send farmers to seeding with several millions of bushels of grain still unmarketed from last year's crop. If such should be the case the present stringency of circulation may continue into the summer. Anyhow there is an abundance of funds for all trade wants at present, and should new enterprises in spring demand more, there is no prospect of any scarcity. Discount rates seem almost fixed at 7 to 8 per cent., the latter figure being as a rule for good one name paper. In real estate mortgages new business is not plentiful, but renewals of farm loans have been more numerous of late. The steady rate of interest for such is 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Business has not apparently assumed any greater appearance of the coming spring movement. The steady weather of the week makes the spring trade appear about as far off as a week ago. In hardware, paints, and such like lines, business is still at a low ebb. In textiles there is also a decidedly dragging tendency, and orders have not been up to expectations. In this respect more than the usual caution has been shown, and the trade appears determined to make early spring purchases as light as possible. If the business is to be done, however, later orders will make up for present shortages; if it is not to be done, country merchants will have the advantage of not being over loaded with dead stock. The political contest was beginning to make its influence apparent in business circles, though the week was really the first one since the excitement commenced. One favorable feature about this is, that the date between the dissolution of Parliament and the elections is so short, that the agony will very soon be over.

DRIED FRUITS.

The demand is rather slack for dried fruits all around. Valencia raisins are reported easier from the east. Quotations here are: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.20 to \$2.30; Valencia layers, \$2.75; currants, 7c; figs, cooking in bags, 6½c, in boxes, 7c; choice, 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Elemo figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 10½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 24c; peeled peaches, 35c; pitted plums, 22c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, \$3 to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitis, \$5.

DRUGS.

Camphor is declining, and values are irregular. The price of this drug was advanced, owing to the demand for it in the manufacture of smokeless gunpowder, but prices are now coming down. Glycerine is lower. Bluestone is quoted considerably lower, dealers selling at 7½ to 8½c. Business is fairly brisk. Quotations are: Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65; English camphor, 75 to 80; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Fish is not plentiful as to variety, and this has been a characteristic of the season all through. Finnan haddock are hardly obtainable in wholesale quantities, and outside of retail importations there is nothing obtainable in fresh sea fish. Lake Winnipeg white are quoted at 5½ to 6½c, and Lake Superior trout at 9 to 10c. On the street market a few mixed loads of jackfish, pickerel, perch, etc., have been offered. Oysters are quoted at \$2.25 for standards and \$2.50 for selects.

FUEL.

For wood the demand has continued unsatisfactory to dealers. Large offerings on the street market has continued to reduce sales of city dealers. Good tamarac has usually sold retail at about \$4.50 per cord, delivered, and can be quoted on track in car lots at \$3.75 to \$4 as to quality. Poplar on track about \$2.40 to \$2.50. Coal unchanged.

GREEN FRUIT.

Trade still remains very slack, with the variety of fruit in the market about the same as last report. Fancy apples are held at \$8 per barrel, with less desirable stock selling at \$7.50 and even \$7, as to quality. Florida oranges are in good supply, and quoted at \$5 per box in 125 size, and \$6 in 150 to 200 size. California oranges are looked for shortly. Lemons are quotable at \$6 to \$6.50 per box for choice, though sales were made as low as \$5 for not choice. Good choice cranberries held at \$11 to \$11.50 per barrel with some poor stock offering lower. Malaga grapes, in 55 lbs kegs at \$13 per keg.

GROCERIES.

Sugars are strong on all sides. There have been fractional advances on all grades at the refineries in eastern Canada. United States and British markets were also higher. The jobbing price in eastern markets on granulated was 6½ to 7c., the latter price on less than 15 barrel lots. The situation was considered very strong and another advance was said to be likely. The general tenor of advices in teas from outside markets is decidedly strong. A circular issued by a Winnipeg house spoke as follows on teas: "You cannot make a mistake in buying a few packages of tea just now. The market can only go one way and that is upwards. England is short of stock. America has barely enough, and Australia, which is a large consumer of medium and cheap black teas, is in actual want of supplies. Under these circumstances we feel warranted in recommending you not to delay purchasing any teas that you will require during the next few months." Prices here are:

Sugars—Yellow, 6 to 6½c; Granulated, 7½c; Coffees, green, — Rios, from 24 to 25c, Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 45c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47½c; Honoy-suckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$12.50; Soudan Whips, 40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby, \$36; Sports, \$30. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.00; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

There is very little sign of life yet in this branch. Business is dull, and there has been scarcely a change of any kind in quotations for a number of weeks. With the light trade doing, there is no disposition to alter prices. The following quotations are in a great measure nominal: Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.10 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to 5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, 13½c; 2 inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6c net.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

There has not been much movement yet, though business is slowly improving. Prices are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 55c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 per doz.; long straw, \$33 per doz.; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston team (thong), \$25.00 per doz.; do., wool face, \$27.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business is quiet. Prices are: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linsced oil in barrels, raw 79c; boiled, 82c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in blis., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt; Elephant genuine white lead, \$7.25; Elephant, No. 1, do, \$6.40; Bull's Head, do, \$6.00; Royal Crown, do, \$5.00; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.50; Railroad, \$6.25; Red Star, \$5.50; Calcimine, in cases of 20 five-pound

packages, \$6, per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

RAW FURS.

The outlook for firm prices at the coming March sales in London, England, is considered favorable. Transactions since the January sales are said to have been made at full prices. The very cold weather experienced this winter all over Europe has evidently been very favorable to the fur trade. The following quotations represent a very fair range of values in the Winnipeg, per skin, the wide range given covering values for poor to prime skins: Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, 50c to \$28; do brown, 50c to \$25; do grizzly, \$1; to \$15; beaver, 50c to \$8.25; castorom, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1c to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$7.00; fox, cross, 75c to \$6; fox, kit, 10c to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.70; fox, silver, \$5 to \$65; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$2.00; mink 5c to 90c; musquash, 3c to 12½c; otter, \$1.50 to \$9.00; raccoon, 50c to 95; skunk, 5c to 35c; wolf, large, \$1.50 to \$2.25; wolf, small, 25c to 80c wolverines, \$2 to \$4.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Up to this morning, (Saturday, Feb. 21), there has been very little change in the wheat situation in leading United States markets. The week has been a dull one, with an easier tendency in prices on most days, but the decline for the week has not been sharp, fluctuations in values having been narrow. On Monday cables were ¼ higher on futures, but this was offset by receipts of over 400 cars of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth against 230 cars a year ago. The visible supply statement showed the small decrease of 215,000 bushels against a decrease of 680,000 bushels the same week a year ago. Duluth stocks increased 92,000 bushels during the week, and Minneapolis decreased slightly. The total stocks at all points enumerated in the statement aggregate 22,910,591 bushels against 30,073,236 bushels last year at this date. On Tuesday Minneapolis and Duluth received 242 cars, against 150 a year ago. The amount on ocean passage, as per statement on Tuesday, showed an increase of 1,072,000 bushels making the available supply 47,022,591 bushels against 51,937,230 bushels for the corresponding date last year, 54,435,181 bushels two years ago, 52,205,687 bushels three years ago, 82,680,370 bushels in 1887, 70,691,787 bushels in 1886, and 73,371,276 in 1885. The amount on ocean passage increased 1,554,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. Exports of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports on Monday were equal to 79,034 bushels: on Tuesday 219,939 bushels, and on Wednesday 142,699 bushels. On Wednesday *Bradstreet's* report showed a decrease in stocks on both coasts of 1,142,000 bushels last week, 67,000 bushels being the decrease east of the Rocky mountains. For the first three days of the week aggregate receipts at Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee and Chicago were 1,130 cars against 788 cars the same time a year ago. These continued large receipts are knocking out the lower crop estimates. *Bradstreet's*

statement showed the following stocks in store at the points named, on Feb. 7: Winnipeg, 330,000 bushels; Manitoba country elevators, 1,400,000; Keewatin, Port Arthur and Fort William, 1,024,984; Toronto, 121,108; Montreal 346,637; Kingston, 30,000 bushels.

The Miller, of London, England, gives the following forecast of British breadstuffs for February:—"February has come in with no great change in expectations from those prevailing on New Year's Day. We are, however, 31 days nearer spring, and the promise of a good wheat yield in India is more imminent than the fear of a short return in the Pacific United States. Shipments from Australia to the extent of nearly 300,000 qrs. witness to the desire to secure the British market, but it is probable that France will take a fair proportion of these cargoes. American flour at the present rate of arrivals appears to be required; it is absorbed with very little effort and rather aids the English miller's mixtures than competes with his sales. Steady trade during February seems to be likely in both wheat and flour, and prices should be very little changed."

In Manitoba deliveries of wheat at country points keep up very steady. This has been the characteristic of the season all through. There has not been as great a rush at any time as was expected, but a steady movement of fair proportion has continued throughout the season. This has been an advantage to shippers and the railways, particularly the latter, as they have had about all the wheat they could move, while any considerable increase in deliveries would have made a block, on account of the exceptional conditions on this crop which forced shipments direct to the seaboard, instead of a considerable portion going into store as in former years. Stocks increase slowly at Lake Superior elevators, Fort William and Port Arthur stocks being 535,536 bus., showing an increase of 33,240 bushels for the week. Manitoba country elevator stocks do not vary much, shipments being about equal to deliveries. Inspection at Winnipeg of cars passing through amounts to about 350 to 400 cars per week, but a considerable portion of shipments is not inspected at this point. Prices at Manitoba country markets have been held rather firm, and advances have been made at some country markets, in spite of the weak tendency in outside markets. The price to farmers at a number of country points was fully equal to 70c per bushel for No. 2 hard, and at some points up to 75c was paid, while at some points prices were from 65c up for best samples, and one or two markets quoted under 65c.

FLOUR.

Quotations which have held steady for some time, were advanced 10c on patent and bakers. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade, per 100 pounds are now: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers, \$2.40; 2nd bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.35; superfine, \$1.15; middlings, \$2.50; graham flour, \$2.30; cracked wheat, \$2.30; buckwheat flour, \$3.75.

MILLSTUFFS.

The price is firm in sympathy with the strength in feed grains, but the already high quotations preclude the probability of an early advance. Quoted: Bran, \$12; shorts, \$14 per ton.

NEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Oatmeal is very strong and must advance if the upward tendency in oats continues. Price,

aro:—Oil cake, in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, \$20.50; in car lots f. o. b., \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.85 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

GROUND FEED.

There has been a sharp advance in chop feed, in sympathy with the steady upward tendency in oats. Good barley and oat feed is now held at \$18 to \$20 per ton, with mixed wheat feed at \$14 upward.

OATS.

Still the upward tendency in oats continues, and prices reached 35c per bushel for street offerings in the city. In fact this price was quite freely paid on some days, and we quote 33 to 35c per 34 pounds, as the price ruling for loads offered on the street. At outside Manitoba points there was also an upward tendency in prices, quotations in country markets to farmers ranging generally from 27 to 30c per bushel, and at one or two points prices were as high as in the city. This would indicate that shipping business in oats is about over on this crop.

BARLEY

The steady advance in oats has increased the value of barley some for feed purposes; and feed samples may now be quoted at 23 to 30c per bushel of 48 pounds.

BUTTER.

There is considerable talk of a scarcity of good butter, and there is no doubt but that stocks of really choice are low. The bulk of the stuff offering for choice dairy is by no means what it is claimed to be. Prices are firm for fair to choice qualities, best dairy bringing 20c per pound, and downward to 12 or 14c for poor. Retail dealers are paying farmer customers 25c per pound for fresh butter.

EGGS.

Prices are unsettled and weak. Considerable quantities of indifferent quality have been offered, and there are also some limed in the market. Fairly good lots of fresh bring about 20c per dozen in case lots, but indifferent quality have been offered lower, reported as low as 15c per dozen.

CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, ETC.

Prices are easy and irregular, but quotable about as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9 to 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10½c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 12c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½ to 14c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

LARD.

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

HIDES.

Prices in the east are reported irregular and easier. Here round lots of frozen hides are quoted at 3½ to 4c per pound. Inspected cows quoted: No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Sheepskins are quoted at 50 to 75 cents each as to quality. Eastern markets have a lower tendency.

VEGETABLES.

There has been some enquiry for potatoes for shipment to the States, but no transaction have been learned of yet. Considerable business of this nature will likely be done as soon as the weather is mild enough to make it safe handling. Potatoes are quotable at 25c per bushel on the market. Other vegetables are firm. Prices are: Potatoes, 25c per bushel; turnips, 25c to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrot, 75c per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel. cabbage, 40 to 60c per dozen, as to quality. onions, 3 to 4c per pound; Spanish do., \$1.50 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 35 to 60c do. heads. The latter is also scarce.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Retailers still hold some frozen turkeys, but there are no wholesale stocks to

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speaking of. Chickens are very scarce and in better demand at higher prices. We quote turkeys at 12 to 13c; chickens 10 to 11c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS.

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

HAY.

Hay is offering freely on the market at \$4 to \$5 per ton, with pressed on track worth \$6 to \$7 per ton.

Fur Prices at Montreal.

The market is very quiet, and there is no change of any kind to note, prices being the same all round. Quotations are:—

Beaver, per pound, \$4 to \$1.50; bear, large, per skin, \$10 to \$15; bear, cubs, per skin, \$5 to \$8; fisher, \$3 to \$5; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.35; fox, cross, \$2.50 to \$5; lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.50; marten, per skin, 60 to 80c; mink, per skin, \$1.25 to \$1.75; muskrat, fall, 12 to 15c; muskrat, kits, 10c; otter, per skin, \$8 to \$10; raccoon per skin, 50 to 60c; skunk, per skin, 25c to \$1.—Gazette.

R. Tyler, Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have assigned with liabilities of \$107,000.

Prince Albert will shortly vote on a debenture by-law to raise money for public improvements, including a town hall.

Mr. French, who is well known in the west as the representative of Lucas, Park & Co.,

wholesale grocers, of Hamilton, Ont., arrived in the city last week and left later for the west.

Some concessions have been made by the government and Canadian Pacific by which Count de Roffignac's company will be enabled to proceed with their sugar refinery enterprise at Whitehead.

Joseph Tasse, of Tasse, Wood & Co., cigar manufacturers of Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg last week, from a trip to the coast, and later left for Montreal. He reported doing a good business west.

Samples of grain sent to the Dominion Experimental farm, from any part of Canada, will be tested free of charge. Any farmer who is not sure of the value of his grain for seed purposes, should send an ounce or two to the Central Experimental farm, Ottawa, and it will be tested and the result made known to him. Such samples will be carried free of postage.

Another addition has been made to the rapidly increasing list of Canadian trade publications. This time it is the *Canadian Dry Goods Review*, volume one, number one of which has just been issued at Toronto, by the Dry Goods Review Company. Chas Morrison is the editor of the now publication. It is a handsome journal, elegantly printed and illustrated, and the articles are well written. It will be published monthly.

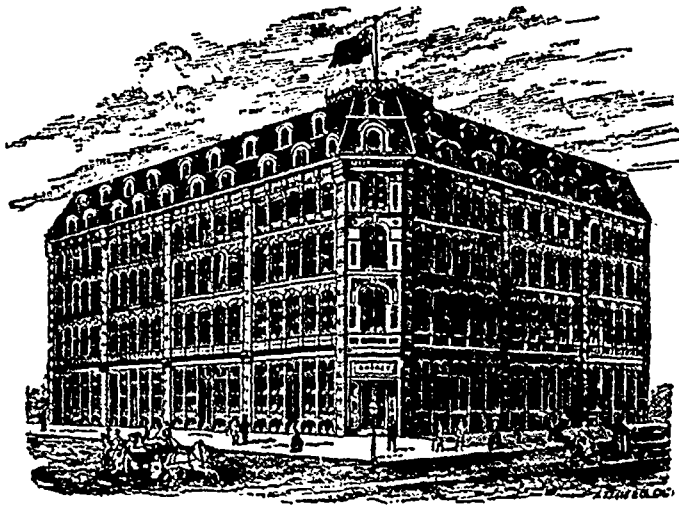
The loss of their two old leaders will be felt by the Liberal party in the present campaign. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie has declared that he can never consent to a tariff compact, while the Hon. Edward Blake has declined to permit

himself to be nominated again as a candidate. The two staunch old leaders are evidently not in sympathy with the commercial union, tariff compact policy of the party.

At the recent annual meeting of the Prince Albert board of trade the following gentlemen were appointed officers for the current year:—President, Thos. O. Davis; vice president, J. F. Betts; treasurer, E. J. Cann; secretary, A. S. Stewart; council, A. A. Sproat, Geo. C. McLeod, F. C. Baker, J. McArthur, J. L. Johnson, J. D. Maveety, Robert Jardine, R. P. Way, H. J. Montgomery, John R. McPhail, S. McLeod and John Stewart. It was resolved, that the council be instructed to proceed with the consideration of the revision of the by-laws. Also, that the president, ex-president and secretary be a committee to wait upon the town council to solicit a small grant for current expenses.

The old reliable *Vick's Floral Guide* for 1891 is at hand, published by the veteran seedsman, Jas. Vick, of Rochester, N. Y. The name of Vick is inseparably associated with flowers and seeds, and his *Floral Guide* is known all over the continent to everybody who takes an interest in flowers. The *Guide* for 1891 is a gem as usual, profusely illustrated with plain and colored plates of flowers and vegetables, and containing full instructions for planting and cultivating. It is in all a book of one hundred pages, and will be sent for ten cents to any address. A number of new plants and vegetables are mentioned, including "Vick's Perfection" potato, which is recommended very highly. A number of prizes will be given for vegetables grown from Vick's seeds this year.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Feb. 16, wheat opened at 94½c for February and 97½c for May, these being the same as Saturday's closing prices. There was not much activity in prices, which closed as follows:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	94½	—	97½	93½
Corn	60½	59½	62½	62½
Oats	—	—	45½	42½
Pork	9.37	9.32½	9.62½	9.92½
Lard	5.55	5.03½	5.82½	6.12½
Short Ribs	4.47½	4.52½	4.92½	5.12½

Wheat prices opened steady on Tuesday and had a slightly higher range, closing as follows:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	95	—	93	93½
Corn	61½	51½	62½	53
Oats	—	—	46	43
Pork	9.27½	9.35	9.62½	9.92½
Lard	5.52½	5.67	5.82½	6.02½
Short Ribs	4.47½	4.69	4.92½	5.10

On Wednesday wheat prices opened a shade higher, and had a slight range upward, but later declined and closed at the bottom. All other commodities were very steady. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	91	—	97½	93½
Corn	61½	51½	63½	52½
Oats	—	—	46	42½
Pork	9.27½	9.32½	9.60	9.90
Lard	5.52½	5.57½	5.80	6.00
Short Ribs	4.47½	4.52½	4.80	—

Wheat opened weaker on Thursday and declined over 1c in early trading on easier cables and bearish reports regarding winter wheat. During the last few minutes of trading there was a quick recovery of all but half a cent in sympathy with the excitement in corn and oats. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	93½	—	96½-97	—
Corn	63½	—	55½	54
Oats	—	—	46½-47	43
Pork	9.45	9.50	9.00-9.02½	10.12½
Lard	—	5.65	5.87½	6.10
Short Ribs	4.60	4.62½	4.92½	5.20

Wheat was dull on Friday, but closed ¾c higher on a scare of low temperature to follow the rain storm of yesterday:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	94½	—	97½	93½-94
Corn	63½	—	55½	53½
Oats	—	—	46½	43
Pork	—	—	9.95	10.27½
Lard	—	—	5.95	6.17½
Short Ribs	—	—	4.97½	5.25

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, February 19th:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May	On track
No. 1 hard	94	—	—	94½
No. 1 northern	92	91	91½	93
No. 2 northern	90	—	—	90½-91½

July wheat closed at 95½c.

Flour.—Very quiet and stocks accumulating. Quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.90 for first patents; \$4.35 to \$4.50 for second patent; \$3.60 to \$4.25 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.80 to \$2.20 for low grades in bags, including red dog.

Bran and shorts—Quoted at \$15 to \$15.25 for bran, \$14.50 to \$15.25 for shorts, and \$15.75 to \$16.25 for middlings.

Oats—Quoted at 42 to 44½c by sample. Barley—Quoted at 55 to 67c for good fine samples of No. 3. A few cars of choice were held at above 65c, few being good enough to bring that much.

Feed—Millers held at at \$20 to \$20.50, with corn meal at \$19 to \$19.50.

Eggs—Quoted at 17 to 18c, with large lots at 17 to 17½c.

Potatoes—Light demand, with receipts in proportion, and quoted at 70 to 85c per bushel in car lots.

Vegetables—Beets, 40 to 50c; carrots, 35 to 40c; collery, 30 to 40c per dozen; onions, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Meats—Dressed hogs, \$3.50 to \$4; mutton, 6c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, \$4 to \$6 per barrel; cranberries, \$9 to \$12 per barrel.

Poultry—Chickens, 4 to 10; turkeys, 9 to 12c; geese, 8 to 9c per pound.

Hides—green, salted, 4½ to 5c per pound; sheepskins 65 to 75c each.—Summerized from *Market Record*.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis on Saturday, February 21, wheat closed at 94½c per bushel for No. 1 northern, May option. February option closed at 92c and July at 95½c per bushel. These prices were ½ to ¾c lower than a week ago.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Duluth has ruled very steady for the week. Fluctuations in prices have been narrow, and a general lack of spirit has characterized the market. May option ranged between 99c and \$1.00 per bushel all the week, the highest closing price on any day being 99½c for May, No. 1 hard. Closing prices for No. 1 hard on Saturday, February 21, were as follows: Cash, 94½c; May, 99½c. These prices show cash ½ higher and May ¾c lower than the closing prices a week ago.

Montreal Stock Market

Reported by Osler, Hinckel & Nanton, February 21, 1891:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyer.
Bank of Montreal	225	223½
Ontario	117½	114
Molson's	160	148
Toronto	225	212
Merchants	113	141½
Union	—	85
Commerce	123	126½
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	102½	102½
Rich. & Ont. Nav	55	63
City Pass. Ry	192	187
Montreal Gas	212	211½
Canada N. W. Land Co.	76	74½
C. P. R. (Montreal)	76	74½
C. P. R. (London)	—	77½
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On Call	6	—
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Posted Rate ..	486	—
“ Demand “ “ “ ..	—	—
“ 60 Days Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	—
“ Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	—
“ New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	—

British Grain Trade

The *Mark Lane Express* of Feb. 16, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: English wheats are firm. The average value is 33s. Finest whites sell at 33s. The prices for the finest foreign whites have hardened. California is strong. The prices of flour are in favor of holders. Finest old American sells at

27s 3d. New crop brings 26s. At today's market English wheats were in request. Good whites advanced 6d. Foreign wheats were in fair demand. Californian and Australian were up 6d. There was a fractional rise in American flours.

Sugar.

Montreal Gazette: There has been a general advance made in sugars by the local refiners, all grades of refined being marked up ½c to-day. No yellows can now be had under 5½c, while the brightest are held at 6c, granulated being now 6½. The cause of this advance is the very strong position of raw sugars, and the excited state of affairs in New York, where granulated is quoted at 6½c. The United States sugar market is strong at advancing prices. Of refined sugar, cubes granulated, confectioners and standard A's are 3 16c higher. All other grades are 1-16c higher. The London market is also advancing. Cane is decidedly dearer at 15s, 3d, up 3d. Beet is active at the advance. March, 13; 7½d up 3d. Fair refining, 13s 9d, up 3d.

W. Boulter & Sons, Picton, have sold 1,000 cases gallon apples for export to Germany. This is a new market for the product of the Canadian canned goods industry.

The Montreal market was somewhat easier for Valencia raisins, and sales of very good brands were reported at 6c, with a few lots of ordinary brands selling at 5½c. In prime qualities the sale was made of a lot of 250 boxes in the West at 6½c. Currants were firm at 5½c to 6½c per lb.

The *Times*, of Emerson, Man., says:—Owing to the failure of Alexander & Co., of Winnipeg, and a large eastern firm who compose the Toronto Bankrupt Stock Syndicate, Mr. Fleury, who represented the syndicate here, closed the Emerson branch on Friday and all the goods were shipped to Winnipeg. When it was learned that the syndicate were not going to continue on business here the town took proceedings against Mr. Fleury for an infringement of the by-law relating to transient traders. He was fined \$20.

The *Montreal Gazette* says: “The tea market continues very strong. There are no Japans to be had here now under 16c, and low grade blacks are stronger than ever. One of the large English houses represented in this city is reported to have sold 15,000 half chests short and are now covering, which fact is responsible for some of the advance. Teas are also being shipped to London from New York which is a pretty sure sign that the London market is bare.”

Total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up as follows: Minneapolis, 34,814,526 bushels; Duluth, 11,261,265 bu; Chicago 10,759,093 bushels; Milwaukee 4,714, 116 bushels, making a total of 61,573,998 bushels against 67,213,387 bushels during the same time last year and 43,893,042 bushels in 1889. The total receipts at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit, and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 21,593,841 bushels against 23,736,592 bushels in 1890 and 25,861,281 bushels in 1889.

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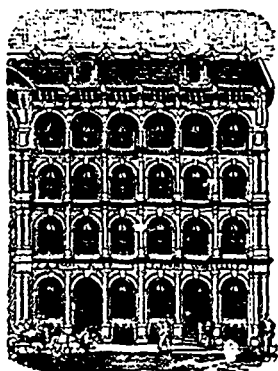
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Eastern Business Changes.
ONTARIO.

M. J. McNamara, dry goods, is dead.
Henry Powell, hotel, London, is dead.
J. S. Reid, tins, Cobden, has assigned.
D. Gillen, grocer, Madoc, has sold out.
Geo. Taylor, grocer, Bobcaygeon, is dead.
John Madill, physician, Alliston, is dead.
W. J. Eby, tailor, Toronto, has assigned.
Wm. Weir, tailor, Windsor, has assigned.
G. G. Steele, grocer, Aylmer, has sold out.
D. W. Atkins, saloon, Prescott, has assigned.
W. H. Ireland, grocer, Trenton, has assigned.
A. K. Clarke, merchant, Albion, has assigned.
Jas. Lyons, grocer, Woodstock, has assigned.
Thos. McKay, grocer, Alvinston, has sold out.
F. A. Ashbaugh, liquors, Aylmer, has sold out.
C. E. Graber, tobacconist, Guelph, has sold out.
M. Leach, grocer, etc., Tilsonburg, has sold out.
A. F. Nash, tinsmith, Aultsville, was burned out.
Thos. Maker, livery, London, is out of business.
J. J. Zealand, hardware, Milton, has assigned.
Geo. Ashfield, merchant, Ottawa, has assigned.
Jas. Gordian, manufacturer, Ottawa, has assigned.
Phillip O'Reilly, clothier, Ottawa, has assigned.
Robt. Sinclair, plumber, Ottawa, has assigned.
C. W. Marlatt, baker, Shelburne, has assigned.
Geo. Edmonson, butcher, Hamilton, has assigned.
Automatic Refrigerator Co., Ottawa, has assigned.
Grass Meredith, grocer, Ridgetown, has assigned.
J. W. Hollister, harness, Wyeb.idge, has assigned.
A. J. Trolley, shoemaker, Alvinston, has assigned.
John Hunt, general store, Aurora, has assigned.
P. P. Pettet, confectioner, Frankford, has assigned.
Evans & Allan, bakers, Kingsville, have assigned.
Lassaline & Son, furniture, Sandwich, factory burned.
Scott & Graham, harness, Bradford, have sold out.
John Hopkins, oysters, etc., St. Thomas, has sold out.
J. J. McCallum, general store, Dunaford, has sold out.
E. & J. Barrett, agents, Belleville, have assigned.
Dick Bros., clothing, etc., Brantford, have assigned.
D. S. Wright, hardware, Newmarket, has assigned.
A. N. Reid & Co., dry goods, Bel'oville, has assigned.
W. L. Schmidt, general store, Berlin, has assigned.
G. H. Crane, general store, Consecun, has assigned.

Thos. Bird, hotel, East Luther Township, has assigned.
F. J. McPhalen, merchant Fort William, has assigned.
Amos Vaughn, lumber, Port Arthur, has assigned.
Chas. McGilvray, sr., shoes, Port Dover, has assigned.
G. A. Morrow, general store, Russell, has assigned.
F. B. Knowles, merchant, Peterboro, has assigned.
Purse & Gordon, dry goods, Welland, have assigned.
G. E. Ashley, tailor, etc., Brockville, has assigned.
Heiter & Jenkins, shoes, Aylmer, stock sold at auction.
W. A. McKim, dry goods, Burrie, is moving to Guelph.
Mrs. Nisbet Matthews, millner, Hamilton, has sold out.
S. H. Dickson, general store, Parkenham, has sold out.
Wm. Rankin, merchant, Mayo Township, has assigned.
H. B. Herrington, photographer, Colborne, has assigned.
Anna L. Cheeseman, fancy goods, Toronto, has assigned.
Jas. Brown, merchant, Sullivan Township, has assigned.
W. H. Burris, woolen manufacturer, Lyon, has assigned.
Emeline D. Fair, dry goods & grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
Clayton Slater, manufacturer winceys, Brantford, is dead.
Jas. Calhoun & Son, general store, Dundalk, have assigned.
Harris & Ballard, dry goods, etc., Kingsville, have assigned.
Hamilton Industrial Works Co., Hamilton, have assigned.
Bannerman & Powers, boilermakers, Ottawa, have assigned.
J. A. Laurie, baker and confectioner, Brockville, has assigned.
Male & Garrett, clothing, Toronto, stock damaged by water.
R. Scates, general store, Highgate, is retiring from business here.
M. E. Griffin & Co., general store, Dunnville, offering compromise.
E. Pedlar, general store, Gravenhurst, stock to be sold at auction.
J. H. Braddon, stoves, Mt. Brydges, sold out and going away.
Jas. Saunders & Co., stoves, tins, etc., Goderich, have dissolved.
S. J. Reid, tailor, Wingham, selling off and going out of business.
Stevenson & Giddens, second hand machinery, Petrolia, have assigned.
Boyd Bros. & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, have assigned.
Francis Labourin, groceries and provisions, Alexandria, has assigned.
Sarah E. Kilbourn, dry goods, Chesley, closed under chattel mortgage.
Grimshaw, furniture, Brampton, stock damaged by fire and water; insured.
T. H. Marsh, wholesale saddlery and hardware, London, have sold out.
John Casey, grocer, cor. Dalhousie and Clarence Sts., Ottawa, is closed up.

The stock of the estate of J. C. Stokes, confectioner, Blenheim, has been sold.
Meaford Building & Manufacturing Co., Meaford, were burned out; insured \$2000.

Lavoie & LeBell, wholesale small wares, Ottawa, have dissolved; style now J. N. Lavoie.
McMaster & Bingham, dry goods, Aylmer, have dissolved, and McMaster continues alone.
J. E. Walmsley & Co., wholesale and retail grocers, Belleville, have sold out retail business.
Hooper & Doxsee, dry goods, etc., Napanee, have dissolved, and Doxsee has effected a compromise.

W. & D. McDiarmid, clothing, etc., Carleton Place, have dissolved; Duncan McDiarmid continues.

The following have been burned out at Strathroy: W. H. Jay, tobacco, insured \$1,500; S. H. Ry, photos, insured \$2,100; C. W. Smith, furniture, loss by removal, etc.

QUEBEC.

Audet & Co., Montreal, have dissolved.
Wm. Paquet, grocer, Quebec, has assigned.
J. T. Monast, trader, Montreal, has assigned.
Jos. Menard, carriages, St. Pie, has assigned.
Louis Depeças, carriage maker, St. Henri, is dead.
G. B. Houston, banker, Three Rivers, is dead.

Hormidas Boucher, shoes, St. Johns, has assigned.

Chas. Caron, tins, etc., Isle Verte, has assigned.

W. C. Gaden, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Henri Millette, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

L. A. Provost, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Damase Larche, shoes, etc., Athelstan, has assigned.

Peter Harkness, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Hamel & Theriault, grocers, Montreal, have assigned.

Levi Bros., dry goods, etc., St. Johns, have assigned.

T. A. Christin, general store, St. Jovite, has assigned.

David Gagon, trader, Baskatong Bridge, has assigned.

Pettler & Roy, general store, Fraserville, has assigned.

H. E. Masson & Co., shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.

Sorel Boot & Shoe Factory, Sorel, liquidators appointed.

N. H. Dubois, general store, Actonvale, burned out.

Amedee Fontaine, crockery, etc., Montreal, has assigned.

Wilfrid Beauchamp, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Arthur Robidoux, general store, Pike River, has assigned.

David Pettegrew, general store, Isle Verte, has assigned.

Taylor, Son & Co., millers agents, Montreal, have assigned.

Lesperance & Savariat, shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.

Olivier Desmarais, general store, St. Francois du Lac, has assigned.

Parker & Popham, wholesale clothing, Montreal, have assigned.

Francois Goubout jr., threshing machines, St. Aimo, has assigned.

Wilson & McGinnis, general store, etc., Athelstan, has assigned.

R Jollyman & Co., manufacturers paper boxes, Montreal have dissolved.

Laciere, Pelletier & Brosseau, tins, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

J. Girard, general store, Lacolle, selling off and removing to Montreal.

Blanchet & Moquin, gents' furnishings, Montreal, have dissolved.

Caverhill Hughes & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

A. Lanthier, dry goods, etc., Waterloo, demand of assignment made.

Boas Feodor & Co., commission, dry goods, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Mrs. Dolphis Rheault, general store, St. Albert de Warwick, has assigned.

McGinnis Bros., cheese box manufacturers, Athelstan and Parkhill, have assigned.

Weinrobe & Blackson, jewelers, Montreal, have dissolved; S. Blackson continues.

Bolt & Co., manufacturing jewelers, Montreal, have changed style to the Dominion Rolled Plate Co.

Thos. Pringle, millwright, Montreal, has admitted D. A. Pringle under style of Thos. Pringle & Son.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Wm. Long, Maccan, has assigned.

Jacob Stannage, physician, Lunenburg, is dead.

Weeks Bros., harness, Sydney, have dissolved.

Leor J. LeBlanc, grocer, Moncton, has assigned.

Geo. Hills, mens' furnishings, Oxford, has assigned.

Mrs. Annie McDonald, liquors, etc., Pictou, has assigned.

Ryer & Bower, mill, Shelburne, burned out; no insurance.

J. H. Nickerson & Co., jewelers, Moncton have dissolved.

John Snow, undertaker, Halifax, style now J. Snow & Son.

W. H. Guild, general store, etc., Shubenacadie, has sold out.

J. W. Wentzell, baker, Liverpool, advertises business for sale.

Neil Chisholm, groceries and liquors, Pt. Hastings, is dead.

H. A. Coudreau, grocer, Moncton, sold out and left the county.

Reuben Harlow, general store, Liverpool, is moving to Shubenacadie.

Bates & Roue, manufacturers of Leatherine, etc., Halifax, have dissolved.

Fowler & Co., tailors, etc., Amherst, stock, etc., advertised for sale by tender.

Moncton Cotton Mills, Ltd., Moncton, sold out to the Dominion Cotton Co., Ltd.

Freeman, Stewart & Co., general store and lumber, Indian River; S. Freeman dead.

Balcom & Parker, Nictaux, co-partnership registered—W. J. H. Balcom & J. H. Parker.

D. & M. McNeil, general store, etc., Margaree, have dissolved; style now McNeil & Lawrence.

Leydon & McIntosh, tailors, Halifax, co-partnership registered—Thos. Leydon & Jas. McIntosh.

A. W. Redden, shoes, Halifax, has admitted J. N. Scott as a partner; style now A. W. Redden & Co.

Wm. Knight, stoves, etc., Amherst, has admitted J. A. Black as a partner; style now Knight & Black.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

H. Cochran, shoes, St. John, has sold out.

F. C. Coldwell, grocer, St. John, has sold out.

Henry Dickson, general store, Sackville, has assigned.

Brewster & McLeod, manufacturers carriages, Albert, have dissolved.

J. R. Woodburn & Co., wholesale confectioners, St. John, have sold out.

Arch. McKinnon, hotelkeeper, Salisbury, was burned out; insured for \$700.

Stevens & Robinson, lumber, etc., Salmon River, Victoria Co., have dissolved.

The Political Contest.

How the contest at the polls on the 5th of March will result in the eastern provinces it is impossible to in any way foreshadow, so conflicting are opinions of the eastern press. In fact the press seems to only intensify the haze around the probable result, and only the work of the returning officers will clear that away.

In Manitoba there is much less uncertainty about results, although no absolutely reliable calculations can be made about some constituencies. In Provencher Mr. LaRiviere's return is almost a certainty, and he is a staunch supporter of Sir John's Government. In Lisgar, Mr. Ross is almost equally certain of re-election, and while there may be doubts as to his political color, he can be counted on as a firm opponent of unrestricted reciprocity, and most likely a supporter of Sir John generally. In the city of Winnipeg the prospect is rather in the opposite direction. The uncertainty about Sir Donald A. Smith taking his seat for Winnipeg, even if elected, and the fact that he has not entered personally into the contest here, have both worked heavily against him, and correspondingly assisted Mr. Isaac Campbell and his friends. In fact the election of that gentleman is pretty certain, unless Sir Donald's friends can immediately trot out their candidate personally, and work in a way that indicates business more clearly, than does the present pointless canvass they are now conducting. In Marquette the opposition of Mr. Boyd to Mr. Watson does not seriously endanger the latter's chances of re-election. Even for moderate Tories Mr. Boyd is too much of a party echo, so that Mr. Watson may be considered safe.

In the most westerly constituency where the two party war horses, Mr. Daly and Mr. Martin, are fighting, the contest is determined and bitter. Mr. Daly finds a foeman worthy of his steel in the Provincial Attorney General, and one wary enough to baffle his most skilled cuts and thrusts, and at the same time keep his opponent ever on the watch. The contest is to some extent uncertain, but the chances are in favor of Mr. Martin, for Mr. Daly will not receive the unflinching support of all of his own party.

Summing up the contest, there is almost certainty for Sir John's supporters in Lisgar and Provencher, but in the other three constituencies the chances are against them. In fact Marquette may be considered certain for

the opposition; the city of Winnipeg very probably the same, with the chances against the Government candidate in Selkirk. That Sir John will have one less supporter from this province in the new House is almost certain, and that he will lose another is not at all improbable.

The question of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States is the bone of contention in this contest, but it is astonishing how few of the voters of the province have any clear ideas on this question. Indeed it is questionable if it is understood by some of the candidates in the field. The drift in favor of the Reform party cannot be said to have its source in that question, but is due almost entirely to a desire for a change from under the control of a party which in the past mixed and muddled north-western affairs in an unpardonable manner, and kept a pressure of the most unjust character on this province. These remembrances are not all gone with the abolition of railway monopoly, and the feeling they have left furnishes food for the desire for change; even if the results of the change are indefinite and not tangible. Any losses the Government may therefore sustain in Manitoba, cannot be attributed to a desire for commercial union with the United States, but to the bitter dregs still unforgotten, of a long term of years of mismanagement and oppression.

British Columbia Trade Letter.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 17.—There is nothing especially to report this week. Prices remain stationary in almost every instance. Good imported eggs are scarce; fish is getting more plentiful, black and red cod salmon and other fish being in the market. Oranges and lemons are about the only fruit to be had. Poultry is out of the question, but game is occasionally to be had. Everything in business is about the same as last week.

Current prices are as follows: Meats—Dry salt, 10¢ cents; breakfast bacon, 12½ cents; roll bacon, 10½ cents. Lard, in pails, 12 cents; in tins, 12½ cents; Chicago lard, compound, 12c; Sugar—Granulated, 7½c per lb.; and yellow 6½c per lb. B. C. Refinery sugar: Granulated, 7½ cents, and yellow 6½ cents. New Japanese rice 5½c per pound, New Chinese rice \$75 a ton. Salmon, salt, \$9 per 200 lbs. barrel and canned, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per case. Shorts, \$26 per ton; chopped feed, \$32 to \$36; bran, \$25; wheat, \$35 to \$40. Flour: Manitoba Patents, \$5.75 to \$6; Manitoba Bakers, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Oregon flour, \$5 to \$5.25; Rolled oats \$3.50 per sack; oatmeal, \$3 to \$3.50; cornmeal, \$2.50. Oil cake, \$10 per ton. Potatoes, \$2 to \$2.50 per ton; oats \$35 per ton, hay \$18 per ton. Turnips and carrots, \$10 to \$12 per ton for common, and \$15 per ton for table use; onions, natives, \$4 to \$5. Some discolored eggs are being sold at as low a figure as 17c per doz. Best pickled eggs, 22c, Eastern fresh eggs 27, fresh ranch eggs 30 to 40c. Butter—Dairy, 15 to 23 cents per lb.; creamery, 25 to 28 cents. Cheese, 12½ cents. Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$3 to \$3.25 per box. Washington navels are quoted at \$4.75 and \$5 per box, and California seedlings at from \$2.75 to \$3.25 per box. Island apples are worth \$1.50 per box, and Oregon apples \$1.75 to \$2. Lemons, \$8 per box for Sicilian and \$5 for Californian.

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Furs.

The Leipzig correspondent of the New York *Fur Trade Review*, writes as follows to that journal:— The temperature has been favorable for business since the middle of November last, and in consequence furriers generally have had a good business. There has been considerable speculation in Leipzig during the past few weeks, diminishing stocks in first hands to some extent. Russia had good winter weather in November and December, but not as much snow as usual, and therefore retailers are not quite satisfied with their sales; the wholesale houses have had a good business, and have purchased American furs here to some extent. Furs have become popular in England. France has had a favorable fur season, sealskin, Persian and Astrakan leading. Musquash has been freely purchased here from Russia, lower and medium sorts being most in request; better grades have been taken for seal colored articles; the seal colored musquash, however, is no longer fashionable for fine trade, because of the extensive production in cheap grades. Some parcels of musquash have been bartered for white hares. Skunk has met an improved demand, especially black and short stripe skins, for England; some parcels have also been recalled, for America; our German furriers so far take only small quantities. Other grades of skunk sell slowly. Raccoon, best sorts, has met with a very fair demand for Russia; lower grades sell slowly; there is also some request for black dyed skins; beaver and sea otter imitations also sell well. Men's coats, mink lined, have been in good demand; the moderate prices of mink have aided in making the article popular for this purpose. Marten is only in limited request for Germany. Parcels of red fox have been purchased by Greek speculators; the article will have good prospects if the low grades, which have been proportionately high in price, become reasonably cheap. Views are fair for otter and sea otter, but prices should not rule higher. Very little has been done in lynx. American opossum has only a limited use. Australian opossum has not sold very freely. The fresh supplies of nutria have turned out satisfactorily and sales have been quite brisk. There has been a fair sale of European black lambs; the new spring collection is expected to be high in price. Different buyers have paid rather high prices for European foxes. Fitch has sold slowly, and ought to be cheaper. German and Balkan badger has been in good demand for France, for brush manufacture. Cats may sell at little better than one year ago. Squirrel linings sell much better, and are taken both for England and France. High prices have been paid in Russia for raw Kasan sorts. Some important transactions have been noted in white hares, the buyers being Leipzig and French firms; black dyed skins have been taken for America and Bohemia. Mouflons continue in good request; a new shade is ivory color. Black dyed Astrakan is in request for England, America, France and Germany; large transactions in raw skins have been effected in Russia; prices are high. Black dyed persians have been largely purchased for France. American orders are smaller than formerly.

The *Canadian Gazette*, of London, England, says: "The advance obtained for the Hudson's Bay Company's furs has been more than maintained in subsequent transactions, and the out-

look for the Hudson's Bay Company's March sales is very good."

A Big British Columbia Bridge.

The opening of the new railway bridge across the Fraser river at Mission, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific, east of Vancouver, was made the occasion of a general celebration. A large number of leading men were present from the coast cities and other points, and congratulatory speeches were made. Harry Abbott, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., officiated at the first swinging of the bridge. Now that the bridge is completed, the railway will be pushed southward to the boundary of the state of Washington, which will be reached within about two months. At the boundary connection will be made with the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern, and a regular train service will shortly be established between Mission and Puget Sound cities. The *Westminster Morning Ledger* published the following description of the bridge:

Upon the completion of this most important work, a short description of the Mission bridge may not be out of place. The bridge is a little more than 3,000 feet in length, the level being 70 feet above the river bed at a distance of about 90 feet from its foundations. The swing truss is 240 feet in length, affording a space of 100 feet upon either side of the centre pillars for the passage of steamers and other craft. There is 1,400 feet of trestle approach with eight spans of 150 feet, and one of 100 feet in length. The piers to be level of the tide water are constructed solidly of piles enclosed in cribbing in which is placed stone, thereby giving a solid base for the great work. From tide water upwards they are of square timber framed together. The bridge, for which Donald McGillivray is the contractor, was commenced in March 1889; its completion was somewhat delayed by temporary suspension of work, and has been fourteen months under actual construction. As instances of the magnificent timber which can be furnished in British Columbia, 50 of the sticks in the swing span are from 78 to 97 feet in length, and many of the piles used were 85 feet in length. The river at this point is 60 feet deep during summer; now it is about 43 feet in depth, with a tide of about six feet.

Advertising the Country.

The Canadian Pacific railway company is again to the fore in its endeavors to make known to the world the great attractions of Western Canada. From the quantity of immigration literature being issued by the company, it is evident that an extra effort is being put forward this year to bring settlers into the country. A series of five pamphlets has just been issued by the company, which make up the most valuable collection of immigration literature ever published concerning Western Canada. The pamphlets are all neatly printed and illustrated, and combined give all the possible information which could be desired about the Dominion west of the lakes. Following are the titles of the various publications referred to: "Dairy Farming and Ranching," "100 Farmers Testify," "The Canadian Northwest," "A Scotch Farmer's Success," and "British Columbia." A folder, with maps and illustrations, and containing a lot of condensed information about

Manitoba and the territories, has also been issued. Altogether this batch of literature is just the thing needed, and will accomplish much good no doubt. Copies will be mailed free to any address upon application to any agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

How Regarded in the States.

The *Buffalo News*, one of the very best posted papers in the United States on Canadian affairs, has the following to say on the election contest in Canada, which agrees with the general tone of the United States press on the questions at issue:—

"There are many Canadians now in the Liberal party who favor freer trade relations, but are not prepared to go so far as to support unrestricted reciprocity, because they regard it as the first step towards annexation, for which they are not prepared. Their opinion on this matter cannot be successfully combated. Commercial union would compel Canada to adopt our tariff policy and the loss of fiscal independence would pave the way for the loss of political independence. Besides, under such conditions, there would be a discrimination against England in favor of the United States and that would about snap the loose tie that now binds Canada to the mother country."

THE Canadian Pacific tourist sleeping car service between Boston and Vancouver will shortly be resumed.

THE Canadian Pacific railway, it is said, last year, carried nine million eight hundred thousand tons of merchandise. It gave work to ten thousand persons.

WILLIAM HESSON, biscuit and confectionery manufacturer, Toronto, has failed. The liabilities are expected to reach \$30,000, and the assets not more than \$10,000. Hesson was one of the oldest manufacturers in his line.

The London *Bullionist* says that "the Hudson's Bay fur sales have gone fairly well, but not nearly so well as had been expected. Moreover less quantities than last year were the general rule, so that the advance prices over nineteen is without much justification. Great hopes are expressed as to the chief sales of the company which take place in March next, but they will have to show better results than those just over if the dividend is to be increased, or even maintained."

CARRIER, LANE & CO, worsted factory, Quebec, where an explosion occurred recently, doing great damage, have taken upon themselves to defray the funeral expenses of all the dead victims, who were in their employ. They have also notified the relatives of the injured to spare no expense in their attention to the wants and requirements of cases as they will be responsible for the disbursements, and that they will continue payment of their wages until they are able to return to work again.

On the recommendation of the Dominion Minister of Finance it has been decided to raise the amount to be deposited in the savings bank for any one year to \$1,000. It is now \$300. The maximum amount allowed to be deposited has been raised from \$1,000 to \$3,000. It has been found that there is a call for securities bearing a comparatively low rate of interest for investment of trust funds, and to meet this demand an issue of 3½ per cent stock in sums of \$100 and multiples thereof has been authorized. This stock is not redeemable for five years and depositors in saving banks can transfer at any time their deposits to this stock.

British Columbia.

Dr. Chipp, of Nicola, has permanently located at Vernon.

Mrs. S. J. Green, fancy goods, etc., Victoria, desires to sell.

Wm. Hammond, C.E., died at the Victoria hospital recently.

Gordon & Raab will open a furniture store at New Westminster.

W. C. Anderson, late proprietor of the Clarence hotel, Victoria, is dead.

T. W. Carter brewer, Victoria, admits W. F. Tolmie, under style of Carter & Tolmie.

Lee & Co., commission, etc., Victoria. G. W. R. Lee of this firm is reported to have left.

James Daley, of Victoria, has bought the Quamichan hotel, Duncan's Station, from Price & Jaynes.

Customs collections for the month of January at Victoria were \$58,750. Inland revenue returns were \$4,512.

J. B. Simpson has bought a half interest in the Boulder hotel, Vancouver, and with J. E. Davis will conduct the house.

Tatlow & Spinks, real estate and insurance, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. M. Spinks will continue the business.

During his visit to England, says the *Ledger*, Bell Irving arranged a syndicate to purchase six of the Fraser river canneries.

D. W. Morrow & Co. have been appointed agents at Victoria for the London and Liverpool and Globe Fire Insurance Company.

Times: The contract for the five sisters block, Victoria, for the Douglas estate, at the corner of Government and Fort sts., was awarded to G. C. Mescher. The contract price is nearly \$100,000.

Davies & Berridge, clothiers, Nanaimo, have dissolved partnership, after having been in business for about two years. T. Davis will continue the business.

W. E. Rushnell, president of the Union Ice Co., of Tacoma and Seattle, arrived at Vancouver recently. This company intends to start a branch manufactory in Vancouver.

The first number of the *Steveston Enterprise* has made its appearance, a neat paper which will no doubt fill "the long felt want" in that enterprising townsite on the river.

The Glasgow hotel, Vancouver, has changed hands, W. Williams having purchased the interest of A. Robertson. The hotel is now conducted under the firm of Williams & Lee.

Edward McCoskrie, Victoria, calls for tenders for the erection of a three storey and basement hotel building to be built on Dallas road for Wm. Jensen, of the Occidental hotel, Victoria.

Work on the Shuswap & Okanagan railway is progressing, the grading being almost completed to Enderby. The cut through the rock about twelve miles from Sicamous is the principal work unfinished.

Victoria Times: "It is understood that while the city council have the consideration of the commercial travellers' tax in hand, the passing drummer escapes. A meeting of the board of trade is to be called to reconsider the matter, and it will be again brought forward at the council meeting to-morrow night.

The total pack of salmon for the province last season is placed by a Victoria house at

409,461 cases, of which 265,082 cases were shipped to the United Kingdom, 29,162 cases to Australia, 60 cases to the United States, and 78,566 cases went to Canadian dealers. The balance of 36,604 cases remain on hand.

The following are the shipments of coal to foreign ports from Nanaimo for the month of January:—

	Tons.
New Vancouver Coal Company....	36,748
Wellington Mines.....	13,790
East Wellington Mines.....	4,060
	54,598

The *Revelstoke Star* says: Bourne Bros., general dealers, have the foundation laid for their fine new store, and the work of building will be carried on to completion as soon as possible. The building will be 30x80 feet, two stories high, and will make quite an imposing structure. The first flat will be used as a store, and the second as a public hall, which will be fitted up with a stage and necessary appliances.

Vancouver News: The vessel with 1,100 tons of tramway rails for the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway left England on the 26th January and will arrive about the middle of June. The work of grading the track, and fixing the overhead wire will be carried out, so that it will only remain to lay down the rails, and if the ship meets with favorable weather the line will probably be completed by July.

In the last official Gazette, J. J. Blake gives notice of application for a charter for the Vancouver and Northern Railway & Navigation Co., the line to extend to Alaska; McPhillips & Williams apply for an act to incorporate the Burrard Inlet & Ferry Co.; Blake & Magee for a charter for the Vancouver & Lulu Island Electric railway. Application is made for the incorporation of the Burrard Inlet Sealing and Trading company, \$150,000 capital, in \$1,000 shares, by C. D. Rand, G. A. Fraser, A. St. G. Hamersley, H. T. Ceperley, A. H. B. Macgowan, J. H. Hallett and Andrew Linton.

The formal ceremony of driving the last spike in the New Westminster Southern railway which connects at the boundary with the Fair haven and Southern railway, was celebrated on Saturday Feb. 14, and was witnessed by nearly one thousand people from British Columbia and Washington. The ceremony was participated in by Gov. Laughton, of Washington, and Lieut. Gov. Nelson, of British Columbia, members of the legislature of British Columbia and members of the legislature of the state of Washington. One end of the last tie put in was on United States soil and the other on Canadian. When the tie was placed in position, Governor Nelson drove the last spike on the Canadian side, and Gov. Laughton did the same thing on the United States side.

A serious fire occurred at New Westminster, Sunday, Feb. 15. The fire started in the building occupied by F. Stirsky, on Columbia st., near the centre of the town, and spread rapidly among the frame buildings adjoining. The fine Masonic block was also destroyed. Following are the losses: D. Lyall & Co., books and stationery stock, \$20,000, insurance, \$11,500; H. L. Read & Co., hardware, loss \$22,000, insurance \$9,000; T. J. Trapp & Co., hardware, \$22,000, insurance unknown; H. Morr & Co., books, \$7,500, insurance, \$2,000;

W. E. Fales, furniture, \$8,000, no insurance; Murray & Groig, paints, \$3,000, insurance, \$3,000; Telephone company, \$1,500, insurance, light if any; Campbell & Co., dry goods, \$22,000, insurance, \$17,000; A. Marhing, druggist, stock, \$25,000, insurance, \$10,000; Rousseau & Co., boots and shoes, \$8,000, insurance unknown; J. E. Phillips, clothing, \$18,000, insurance, \$11,550; Ferin & Morrison, lawyers, \$2,000, insurance, \$500; Masonic and Oddfellows block, \$33,500, insurance, \$25,000; F. Stirsky, stock, \$9,000, insurance, \$4,000; A. F. & A. M., \$1,500, no insurance; I. O. O. F., \$2,000, insurance, \$1,000; Sons of England, \$5,000, no insurance; Knights of Pythias, \$500, insurance \$500; A. O. U. W., \$300, no insurance; I. O. F., \$250, no insurance; Armstrong Scoullar block and stocks in same, \$1,600, fully insured. Turnbull & Co., contractors, \$200, no insurance; Southern Railway Co., \$200, no insurance; L. F. Bonson, liquors, \$500, no insurance; Board of Trade, \$330, no insurance; damage to other property is estimated at \$2,000, the value of the wooden building could not be ascertained; Bouchier, Croft & Mallettes, real estate, \$2,000, no insurance.

Assiniboia.

A branch of the Dominion post office saving bank will be opened at Regina shortly.

W. & P. Dickson, general merchants, Balgonie, have sold out to Shereling & Hawkes.

W. Cruikshanks & Co., general merchants, Regina, have assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

McPherson & Shellington, blacksmith, Regina, have dissolved partnership. Shellington will continue the business.

The early closing system has adopted at Regina. It is pleasing to see that many points are going in for early closing. Let the good work go on.

E. T. White of Medicine Hat was summoned before the court recently for selling goods by auction in his own store and fined \$10 and costs. He has appealed the case.

Fort Qu'Appelle l'edette: At the recent annual meeting of the Qu'Appelle board of trade the council presented their report, which related to a number of matters of importance to this district such as immigration, prairie fires, fishery inspector, establishment of a fish hatchery, expropriation of old trails, and improvement of trails into the valley at different points. In the matter of the fish hatchery and fishery inspector, with the last letter received from Mr. Dowdney on these subjects was inclosed a letter from Hon. C. H. Tupper, Minister of Fisheries, which says, "I would personally be glad to have a hatchery in the territories and in Manitoba, and shall bring the matter again before the council. The report also sets forth that the volume of trade in the town for the past year reached the amount of \$475,000, which includes the post office orders that were issued for something like \$6,000 and the revenue received for stamps for the same period which amounted to \$1,300. The following officers, were elected for the current year: President, F. S. Proctor; vice-president, J. Nixon; secretary, D. H. McDonald; council W. Sutherland, H. B. Joyner, J. Zinkan, S. C. Elkington, A. E. Iredale, J. Benson, C. E. Poulin, and H. Noble.

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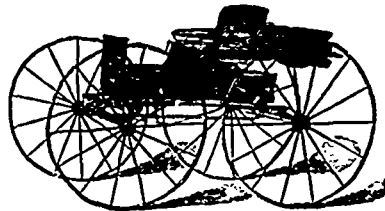
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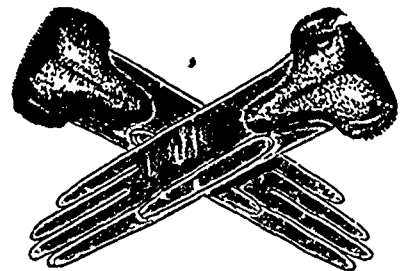
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