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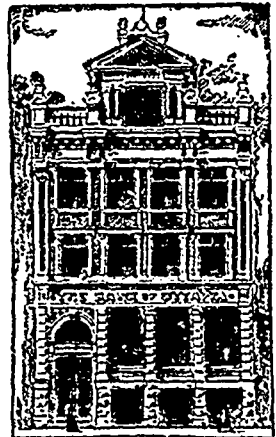
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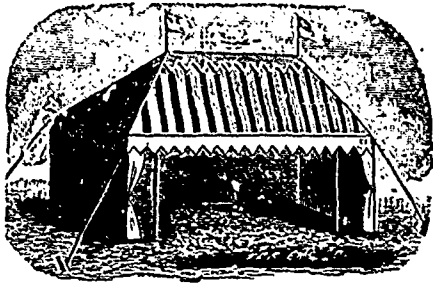
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A TRIP TO SOUTHERN MANITOBA.

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Times have changed for the better decidedly for this little town this year. Not for some years has building been so active as during last fall. No less than fifteen substantial buildings have been erected; some of which are residences, and one, that of Premier Greenway, a particularly handsome building with all the appointments and equipments of a modern city residence. A very fine combined curling and skating rink has been erected. The roof is supported by arches in truss form and the first acetylene gas plant in the town has been installed for lighting the rink. A new store has been built for the accommodation of the large general business of P. A. Young & Co. It is 24x50, two storeys high. The firm name was changed last year from Simpson & Young. Mr. Simpson having gone to Stonewall. New businesses during the year are: McLaren & Co., druggists; J. C. Grimmett, harness; W. Watson, watchmaker and jeweller; E. C. Bush, tailor. J. G. Steaty, secretary of the Creamery company, has a large general store; G. McWilliams and L. Treble are also general merchants. R. Rollus has a hardware store. "Colonel" Williams of the Commercial hotel is an

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the one town of Pilot Mound. This is a centre of considerable importance and of a thriving trade. The merchants are generally prosperous and the town is one of the neat, well-kept places of which the province has now so many. There are several good general stores, among them J. Hebert & Co., J. G. McLean & Co., T. McKay. Recently Mr. Baird of the old pioneer firm Baird Bros., returned and opened out in general business after an absence of some years. R. Needham, formerly with J. Kerr, Manitou, opened a furniture shop this winter. There are two splendid hardware stores. One is owned by D. B. Stewart, who has a fine 2-storey stone building. The other is the well known firm of Chalmers Bros. & Bothune, who also deal largely in grain. The oatmeal mill of Dow



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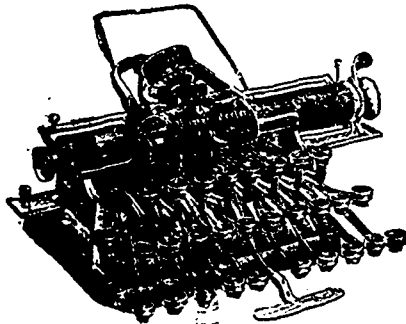
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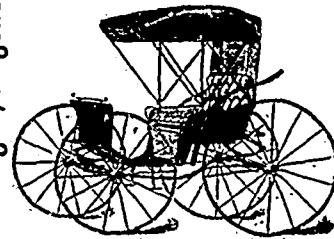
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LaRiviere, the station between Pilot Mound and Manitou, is prettily situated among the hills on the west side of Pembina mountain. An excellent grist mill and two elevators attest the fact that wheat is a staple product and article of commerce there. The nature of part of the surrounding country makes it very suitable for cattle raising and mixed farming.

MANITOU.

On the eastern slopes of the Pembina Mountain, Manitou is situated, with streets inclined sufficiently for good drainage, and making an elegant location for a townsite. It is a well built town, residences and business places alike being of a substantial character, some of the former being really superior structures in appearance and value. Manitou has not experienced much increase in building of business stores this past season, a block 27x10, two stories high built by G. Stevenson, jeweler, and H. N. Ruttan & Co., being the principal addition. An implement warehouse for the Massey-Harris Co., was also erected. Many of the merchants and business men are old timers indeed, having been continuously engaged in trade in Manitou almost from the first. John Wooton, opposite the Ellis house, is one of these. He has a good stock, and has in his long experience built up a good business. D. Gunn, hardware merchant is another old timer. He is thoroughly a practical man, and is doing a good trade. Ruttan & Co., have held the mercantile line down a long time and been pretty successful too. Mr. Ruttan talks some of dropping out, and taking a rest. The firm of Chalmers Bros. & Bethune, dealers in hardware, lumber and grain, have a long and successful experience. They carry a great stock of hardware in their store here. R. McKenzie, implement and carriage dealer, has been a long time in Manitou, and thoroughly contented to stay. This winter he had his warerooms full, an exceedingly handsome display of cutters and sleighs being the chief feature, and some of them were works of art. P. Winram & Co., is the style of the firm, formerly De Pencler, Winram & Co. They have a large and well-kept stock of general merchandise. So has the Farmers' Store Co., Ltd., of which G. W. Robinson is manager. The local paper, the Mercury, owned and published by R. H. Spedding has recently been enlarged and improved and is a very carefully edited and neatly printed sheet. The office is well-equipped with modern presses and printing material and is one of the

tidest in the province. Mr. Spedding, unlike many country editors, shows every sign of prosperity, and in fact, would appear to have made printing pay, which he deserves, if hard work and long years of "staying with it" count.

W. Bradley & Son have a neat grocery and butcher shop on the principal street. H. Toohy has a large livery business and also sells farm machinery. J. Kerr, an old-established furniture man, sold his business to Saunders, Hill & Co., and closed up his furniture business this winter, having decided to devote his time wholly to the undertaking business, which he owns in the city of Winnipeg. Cruthers & Co., private bankers, have sold their business to the Bank of Hamilton, which has established a branch here. Mr. Cruthers expects to remove from Manitou. The hotels of Manitou The Ellis House, R. H. Shore proprietor, and the Cassin House are first-class and well managed places, a credit to the town. Four elevators handle the wheat marketed at this point and not over 200,000 is the estimate put on the total return for 1897. The building of an elevator and extending of bonding privileges at Hannah on the Langdon branch of the G. N. R. only twenty miles away had the effect of drawing away some wheat this year.

Thornhill, six miles west of Morden, has three elevators now and as much as 150,000 bushels of wheat of 1897's crop was expected to be delivered at that point. Being so close to Morden business development is checked. Kilgour & Jordan have a store with a large stock of general goods.

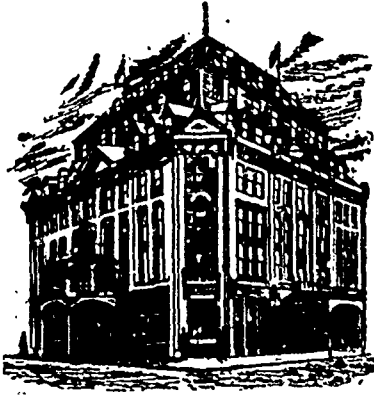
MORDEN.

The town of Morden is the centre of an agricultural district which, it has been predicted, will produce more wealth than any other equal area of farming land on the continent. This may be rather a large order. It is at least safe to say that there is no more prosperous farming community on the continent to-day than that surrounding Morden. The land is practically all in the hands of farmers, resident, and as it is valuable, little land is for sale in the district unless at fancy figures. The acreage under cultivation is increasing every year and the results are such that it is only necessary to state that Morden farmers do not need to go to the Klondike. The yield of wheat in the past season averaged up fully as good as any other part of the province, but the loss from hail in '96 made the beneficial effects seem less. Business in Morden has been good this fall and winter, though. Most of the business houses are old established firms. J. T. Acheson is a new dry goods and clothing merchant who opened out this year. Schultz & Hansen, one of the oldest firms, are no

longer in business, though Mr. Hansen still resides in Morden. Melke & Coppinger still flourish and their handsome store is filled with an A 1 stock. Tobias & Co., and D. Kilgour, are also still in general business, though Mr. Kilgour advertises selling off as he talks of going to the Klondike. In hardware, etc., A. P. Brown and Geo. Ashdown are the principal dealers, each having a very extensive stock. Scott & Rutherford have a large furniture stock. The H. B. Co. has an extensive general business, of which Mr. C. D. T. Bocher is manager. J. A. Hobbs and G. W. McLaren are the druggists; the latter carries books and stationery as well. Mr. J. H. Smith formerly editor of the Morden Monitor, is also in the book and stationery business. He carries a large stock and is prospering. The Chronicle is the only Morden paper now, having absorbed both the Monitor and the Herald. Nell Fox, formerly of the Herald, assists J. F. Galbraith who is editor and manager of the Chronicle. They have just moved into a substantial stone building newly erected specially for the printing office. No local paper in the province now has better quarters. The building is strong and the one floor is used for both press room and composing room. The basement is occupied by a furnace and by the stock room. Many of Morden's principal stores and public buildings are of stone, a few of brick. The Manitoba hotel is a large three storey brick building opposite the depot. J. Kennedy is landlord, and with the excellent management and appointments the house is a favorite with the public. The Union bank, M. Dunsford, manager, is located in a neat stone building. The Masonic hospital is a large brick building well situated and thoroughly equipped. The appointments of the institution are first-class and the management, the best. It is a great benefit to the community.

The Canadian Pacific R'y Co. have just completed a very neat frame depot, which is a big improvement on the box car that has done duty since the old depot was burned. The building is of rather striking style of architecture, but quite attractive. Six tall elevators stand in a row by the tracks at Morden and these with a capacity of some 200,000 bushels handle nearly a million bushels of grain some seasons. This year the yield is not up to the average, however. McMillan & Lane, lumber and fuel, merchants, have their office at the west end of the railway yards, where they have been located many years. Alan M. Stewart is also a large lumber dealer, and besides controls the electric lighting plant, a very complete and up-to-date apparatus. Byron Fraser is the proprietor of the Morden flour mills, capacity 100 barrels. This is a very good mill and

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has a wide patronage, though east of Morden the mills are rather numerous, there being one at Plum Coulee, Winkler, Altona and Gretna. B. N. Fraser manages the Morden Woolen mills, of which Dr. McCormick is now the owner. This institution has been increased in capacity and thoroughly equipped for turning out yarns, flannels, serges, blankets, etc. In the season 18 or 20 hands are employed and ready market is found for all goods manufactured. The mill is rapidly gaining a wide reputation for quality and excellence. T. T. Thompson, formerly of Oxbow, is now located in Morden, and still in the implement business. Adamson & Parker, who have been in implement and grain business, are now members of the Manitoba Grain Co.

Winkler, eight miles from Morden, is equipped for wheat traffic with four elevators and a mill. There are a number of good stores and a good business is done. Plum Coulee is eight miles further, and it has three elevators, also a mill. Several business men are located here too. At Rosenfeldt Junction are two or three stores, an elevator, the lumber yard of D. Stewart. Altona, six miles south, and halfway between Rosenfeldt and Gretna, is also supplied with a mill, owned by Braun & Wiebe, and three elevators. Heppner & Loepkey have a general store, also John Funk. Loewen Bros., of Gretna, and Winkler, had also a store here, but sold to Mr. Funk in October.

These four little towns situated so close together and lying between the two larger centres, Morden and Gretna, are the result of the thick settlement in the outlying district, which is the Mennonite reserve. This accounts for the rather unusual closeness of the little towns, which in other parts of the country would be starved out.

The view of the farm residence given with this article is the home of Wm. Hasselfield, of Manitou. The fence about the property, it will be noticed, is different from the barb wire, so largely used in Manitoba. It is the Page Wire Fence, manufactured by the Page Wire Fence company, of Walkerville, Ontario, of which Mr. Hasselfield has built considerable.

Klondike Food Supplies.

The difficulties of transportation not only into but throughout the Yukon gold fields has naturally brought in to prominence two questions of how to procure food supplies in such a form that they will have a minimum in bulk and weight, so as to make transportation as easy as possible. In a country where the prospector may have to start with a month's provisions as well as the necessaries, if he is to be successful and avoid starvation the question of what food can be most easily carried is a vital one, and the

ingenuity that has been brought to bear on this point during the past few months is something amazing, and some of the attempts made might also be classed as amusing. As might be expected many of the preparations are humbugs, and the advertisements regarding them would indicate that a section of a fashionable restaurant could be carried easily in each mining prospectors' kit, from which five courses' dinners could be extracted daily. Intending Yukon explorers will require to use a little wisdom in this way in selecting their "grub outfit," if they wish to avoid disappointment and possibly something worse than disappointment.

Among the numerous firms and companies who are catering in the Klondike ration business, The Bovril Company, of London, England, must be placed as one of the most successful. The company have not started into the business as novices. They have furnished the concentrated food supplies for nearly all of the arctic expeditions undertaken during the past ten years, and they British army in recent African and have furnished similar supplies to the Indian campaigns, where long marching and difficult transportation were the worst troubles to overcome. This company steps into the Klondike food supply business therefore with experience, and the result is they fill the bill much better than inexperienced competitors.

Starting in with their Bovril in this this company furnish in this one article a preparation of beef and extract combined, which as a food cannot but furnish wonderful powers of endurance to those using it. To this they have added their Cartridge Ration, containing a healthy and strengthening combination of animal and vegetable food. Their Red and Blue Rations, each containing one compartment of the same preparation as the Cartridge, with another compartment containing a condensed extract of cocoa. The Bacon Ration in which one pound of bacon is carried in half of its usual bulk, and at half of its proper weight. Dried potatoes, dried potatoes and dried vegetables all retaining their original flavor but reduced amazingly in bulk and weight. Soup Nodules, a condensed beef and vegetable preparation of which a soldier's haversack would hold enough to make a rich soup sufficient for a man to a whole battalion. Lime Juice Nodules, a small button size of which makes a pleasant anti-scorbutic drink. Besides these they have numerous other preparations, all of which are put up in small bulk and in self-opening tins, and all ready for use without the trouble of cooking.

The Bovril company have now their headquarters for this continent in Montreal, and have an agent in Winnipeg, Mr. W. L. McKenzie. At present a special agent, Mr. N. Martin, is on his way westward through British Columbia, and will no doubt meet with great success with the company's goods.

Klondike Goods.

Arthur Congdon, of Winnipeg, wholesale dealer in felt foot wear and other specialties, has returned from an eastern trip, whither he went to arrange for supplies of goods. The rush to the northern gold country has enormously increased the demand for felt shoes, moccasins, snow shoes and other lines handled by Mr. Congdon. At the

Dolge felt factory in New York state, for which goods Mr. Congdon holds the exclusive agency here, he found a remarkably busy scene. The factory is kept running night and day, and with all the pressure that can be put on there will be difficulty in supplying the demand.

Mr. Congdon visited New York, Halifax, Montreal and other eastern trade centres, and made large purchases, in anticipation of a continuance of the large demand for such goods as he handles. Everywhere he found a great pressure to turn out goods for the north country, and such lines as moccasins and snow shoes were scarce, with a tendency to higher prices. The factories in Eastern Canada engaged in the manufacture of goods suitable for the northern trade, were very busy. Regarding the Dolge felt shoes, he reports that prices will remain the same this year as last season, notwithstanding the advance in wool in the United States.

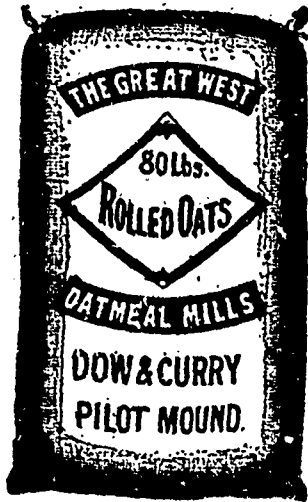
One feature of the business, owing to the Klondike rush, is the demand for goods for immediate shipment in lines which are usually stagnant at this time of year. For instance, Mr. Congdon has now large orders in hand from Victoria and Vancouver, for immediate shipment, one Victoria order recently received calling for 600 pairs of Dolge felt shoes. Orders for immediate shipment have also been booked for Calgary and Edmonton. Mr. Congdon reports a very large demand at Pacific coast points, and he has now established a branch agency at Victoria.

The Dolge felt shoes have taken the lead for the Klondike trade and they are justly held in great esteem, as being an absolute necessity in the north country. Mr. Congdon related the experience of one man who came out of the Klondike this winter. Before leaving Dawson he borrowed a pair of Dolge felt shoes from a party well known in Winnipeg, the lender being Ed. McKeown. McKeown regarded the shoes of such great value that he would not put a price on them to sell, but bound the borrower to bring him back two pairs on his intended return, for the one pair loaned.

Extending Business.

Mr. Driscoll, manager of the Winnipeg business of the McClary Manufacturing Co., who recently returned from a visit to the headquarters of his company at London, Ontario, says that the McClary company have established a manufacturing establishment in Montreal, in addition to their big factory at London. The Montreal factory will be operated for the purpose of supplying their large trade in Quebec and the maritime provinces, thus saving freight on raw material from Montreal to London and back east again on the manufactured goods. Pressed ware and heavy sheet and galvanized iron ware will be manufactured at the Montreal factory. Mr. Driscoll says that their trade in enamelled ware has already assumed very large proportions. This is comparatively a new branch of manufacture in Canada, but the Canadian goods, owing to their superior quality, have practically driven out of the home market the manufactures of this class, formerly brought in from the United States and Germany.

Mr. Driscoll also reports that his company has opened a branch warehouse at Vancouver, and a large stock is now carried at that point.



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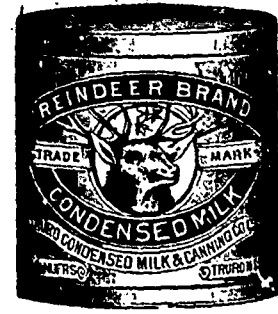
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The Lumbermen Meet.

The annual meeting of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association was held in Albert Hall, Winnipeg, on Wednesday evening, February 9, President T. A. Cuddy, of Minnedosa, was in the chair. A telegram was read from Vice-President J. B. Mather, of Glenboro, that he had been detained in the west, on account of the break in the railway service, and would not be able to reach the city in time to attend the meeting. About seventy-five persons were present, including city and country members of the association. D. C. Cameron, of the Rat Portage Lumber company, Geo. A. Graham, of Graham, Horno & Co., Fort William; R. A. Mather, of the Keewatin Lumber company, and D. Ross, of the Whittemouth Lumber Mills, were also present, representing the wholesale interests, as honorary members of the association.

President Cuddy opened the meeting and read his annual address, which congratulated the members upon the improvement in business during the year past and the favorable prospects ahead. He also referred to some of the difficulties which they had been obliged to contend with during the year.

Secretary John Dick read his financial report, showing that though the expenses had been somewhat heavier than the previous year, there was still a good balance in the bank. The membership in the association was stated to be 164, an increase of four during the year.

Mr. Black started an informal discussion as to the value of the association to the members. With very slight exception, the opinion seemed to be that the association had resulted in advantage to the members, though considerable violation of the rules, to the disadvantage of the association, was admitted. It was agreed that if the rules and by-laws were more rigidly carried out, the value of the association would be greatly increased.

The honorary members present were called upon for speeches, and they all declared their willingness to do all they could to assist the retail association.

Reference was made to the quantity of lumber being brought in from the United States. Nearly all of this lumber, it was said, is the cheapest class of stuff. Much of it simply rubbish, yet it has a considerable sale because it is cheap. It seemed to be the feeling of those present that the home industry should get the preference, as that would be the way to build up the country and help one another by advancing the general prosperity of the home interests. In the discussion it was brought out that lumber is being sold throughout the country on a very small margin, the profit being much smaller than is usually secured in other lines of business.

OFFICERS FOR 1898.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. J. B. Mather, of Glenboro, was elected president by acclamation, and H. Byrnes, of Winnipeg, was elected to the vice-presidency, also without a contest.

A committee was appointed to select a council or executive, and the following were elected on the recommendation of the committee: D. E. Sprague, Winnipeg; R. H. O'Hara, Brandon; D. C. Jackson, Rapid City; D. McMillan, Morden; G. Miller, of Virden, and A. L. Campbell, of Melita.

The question of fire insurance for retail lumbermen was next discussed, at considerable length. It was stated that the Northwestern Retail Lumbermen's association, covering the states to the south of Manitoba, had established an insurance feature, by which they secured safe insurance at half the price formerly charged them. The suggestion to unite with the Northwestern association for insurance purposes, was not received with favor. The feeling, however, seemed to be almost unanimously in favor of some system of insurance for lumbermen, in connection with the home association. This feeling was crystallized into a resolution to the effect that the executive should take immediate action to investigate the matter and formulate a plan of fire insurance for the association, and that the members be notified of the decision arrived at by the executive as early as possible.

It was recommended that the executive should increase the salary of the secretary to enable him to devote his entire time to the affairs of the association.

The Lumber Trade.

L. Ironside, lumber dealer, Miami, Man., has sold out to Mr. Shaw.

L. Anderson, manager of the store at Red Jacket, is adding lumber to the business.

Over 6,000,000 feet of timber will be cut in the Dauphin district of Manitoba this winter, according to a local report.

The red cedar mills at United States Pacific coast points, which were closed for two months, resumed on Feb. 1. St. Paul are quoted at \$2.10 Minneapolis.

The intimation in a speech in parliament at Ottawa that the government might consider the question of re-imposing a duty on lumber, has aroused considerable interest here.

The firm of Marlatt & Housser, lumber dealers, Portage la Prairie, Man., will be dissolved. It is understood that H. Byrnes, formerly in the sash and door trade at Winnipeg, has purchased Mr. Marlatt's interest in the business.

D. Ross, of the Whittemouth saw mills, reports that upon his limits the snow, while sufficient for working purposes, is two feet less than last winter, and he is banking a large cut of logs with much less labor and time than was spent in past years, owing to the good roads in the bush.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The European sugar bounty conference, which was announced to begin on February 15, is indefinitely postponed, France having renewed her objections.

Refined sugars advanced 1-8c at New York on Saturday. A dispatch says the previous estimate of the production in Cuba had been reduced by 60,000 tons.

According to The American Grocer, efforts are being made by Columbia river canners to form the packers on that river into an association. Some ten packers have agreed to come in.

Lipton's teas have been on draft, so to speak, in Winnipeg lately. A lady expert at tea infusing, has devoted one week each at several city stores, for the purpose of serving customers with a cup of this fine tea. D. W.

McLean, Hargrave & Co., Hardy & Buchanan's and Jerry Robinson's were the stores selected. Mackenzie & Mills who have recently secured the agency for these teas, report already a good demand for them.

Dairy Trade Items.

R. A. Lister & Co., Winnipeg, manufacturers of cream separators and dealers in dairy supplies, have issued a large catalogue, giving particulars regarding the great variety of dairy supplies handled by them, with testimonials from users of their dairy goods.

The Manitoba Dairy association will hold its annual convention at Winnipeg on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 15th, in the city council chamber and will continue all day Wednesday with a grand joint meeting of dairy, cattle, sheep and swine breeders' associations on Wednesday evening.

The annual meeting of the Turtle Mountain Butter and Cheese company was held recently at Ningo, Man. The past season was not as satisfactory a one as usual, owing to the farmers not patronizing it as they should. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. Brown, Pilkington, Sage, Edwards, Wade, Durston and Scott.

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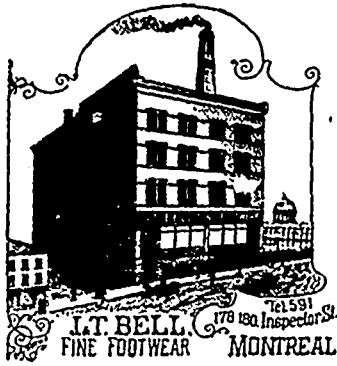
The feature of the hide market of late, says the Montreal Gazette, is in the fact that United States buyers have been taking all the best hides at country points obtainable in their green state, and shipping them to different points in the United States. They can do this profitably, as the duty on hides in their green state is only about half of what it is on the same trimmed and cured. No. 1 are quoted at 9c to 9 1/2c per lb., at Montreal.

London wool sales closed February 2, with the market strong at 12 to 15 per cent above previous auction sales. Purchases for the United States were about 10,000 bales. About 30,000 bales were withdrawn out of about 180,000 bales offered. The wools bought in London will cost about 75c, scoured, laid down in New York, and this is causing offerings to be held higher at Boston. Territory wools hold firm on the scoured basis of 70c for fine medium and fine, with medium at 45c. Some unwashed fleeces are being taken at about 28c for three-eighth bloods.

Binder Twine.

Winnipeg is not the only point which has received an influx of twine recently, for fear that a duty would be put on the article during the present session of parliament. The Montreal Gazette says:

"In expectation of the duty being replaced on cordage by the Dominion government, United States manufacturers have lost no time in making shipments to this market, and during the past few days some large lots of their surplus stock manufactured last season have arrived, and been put into store. It is not being offered on the market for the present, and local manufacturers state that they do not think it is the intention to cut prices later on when the demand sets in but that it will sell at the market price. Local factory prices for sisal to-day are 6 1/4-4; manilla, 7 1/4-4c; and smaller prices 4-2 to 1c higher."



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London Fur Sales

The New York Fur Trade Review gives the following report of the recent sales of raw furs in London, which is somewhat more extended than the cable report given two weeks ago in *The Commercial*:

Results at the Hudson's Bay Company's sale: Beaver, 71-2 per cent. lower than January, '97.

Muskrat, spring, 15 per cent. lower than January, '97.

Muskrat, winter, same as January, '97.

Rabbit, 5 per cent. higher than January, '97.

Salted fur seal skins, N. W. C., same as at Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale on December 9; 5,700 skins were withdrawn.

Results at Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale:

Beaver, same as January, '97.

Muskrat, spring, 20 per cent. lower than January, '97.

Muskrat, fall, 20 per cent. higher than January, '97.

Muskrat, winter, same as January, '97.

Black muskrat, 15 per cent. higher than January, '97.

Raccoon, Northern, same as March, '97.

Raccoon, western, 10 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Raccoon, southwestern, and all thirds and fourths, 25 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Skunk, 121-2 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Opossum, same as March, '97.

Mink, last year's, same as March, '97.

Mink, fresh, 20 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Marten, 10 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Russian sable, Yakustsky, same as March, '97.

Russian sable, Nikolalewsky, same as March, '97.

Russian sable, Amorsky, 10 per cent. lower than March, '97.

Red fox, 121-2 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Gray fox, 15 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Kitt fox, same as March, '97.

White fox, 15 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Black bear, 25 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Brown bear, 5 per cent. lower than March, '97.

Grizzly bear, same as March, '97.

White bear, same as March, '97.

Russian grizzly bear, 10 per cent. lower than March, '97.

Lynx, same as March, '97.

Otter, 10 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Otter, Labrador, same as March, '97.

Wolf, 70 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Wolverine, 10 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Wild cat, 40 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Badger, 40 per cent. higher than March, '97.

Grebe, 20 per cent. lower than October, '97.

Real chinchilla, 10 per cent. lower than October, '97.

Bastard chinchilla, 30 per cent. higher than October, '97.

Tibet lamb, same as October, '97.

Australian opossum, 71-2 per cent. higher than October, '97.

Wallaby, 15 per cent. higher than October, '97.

Wombat, 25 per cent. higher than October, '97.

The next sale will commence on March 14, and the latest date for shipping furs from New York will be Friday, February 25, for cross, silver and blue fox, sea otter, beaver, fisher, otter lynx, wolverine, squirrel, musk-ox and dry fur seal. The latest date shipping other articles is Tuesday, March 1.

Literary Notes.

The Klondike seems to be the leading theme in the February "Canadian Magazine." J. Gordon Smith contributes a general article on the region; there are some quotations from Mr. Ogilvie's forthcoming book; and Thos. S. Scott, one of the engineers who assisted Major Walsh across the mountains, writes humorously of his "Experiences in the Chilkoot Pass." Some twenty valuable illustrations and maps accompany the articles. There are several other very interesting papers in the number.

An interesting pamphlet has been prepared by Mr. C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario, under direction of the minister of agriculture for the province. The pamphlet gives a description of the country, its resources and development, system of government, system of education, attractions for tourists and sportsmen, minerals, railways, canals and navigable waters, agricultural interests, timber resources, etc. In fact the book is a regular fund of information about the province, in condensed form. Considerable space is devoted to the northwestern mining districts. There are many illustrations, showing comfortable farm scenes, scenery of rock and stream, etc.

The latest winter styles are elaborately illustrated and accurately described in the current number of the *Delinicator*. Prominent among the literary features is Emma Churchman Hewitt's article on household expenses, "Social Life in English Provincial Cities," by Florence Fenwick Miller, is a pleasing analysis of certain interesting environments. Dr. Grace Peckham Murray contributes a paper on "The Common Ills of Life." Mrs. Alice Meynell continues her series of child studies. "Mardi Gras in New Orleans" is described by Frances Courtney Baylor. Those who have followed the fortunes of Olive Raynor by Martin Orde will find a new thrill in his latest adventure—a diamond robbery. In "The Care of Belongings" are many suggestions which will prove of material value to housekeepers. Blue-Print Photography is continued by Sharlot M. Hall, and numerous other interesting papers. The *Delinicator* Publishing Co., 33 Richmond street, Toronto.

This well-known quarterly review of the history of our own times, formerly published in Buffalo, N. Y., is now issued by the New England Publishing Co., of Boston, Mass., there being no change in the editorial management. Owing to the transfer, the present number is late in its appearance, but more than makes up for this in the literary and typographical excellence of its contents, in the breadth of its field, which covers all countries and all interests, and in the assurance it gives that the long-recognized high standard of this invaluable publication for accuracy, clearness, conciseness, and impartiality of statement, and for comprehensiveness of grasp of affairs, will be more than fully maintained. It contains more portraits than usual; and maps are more abun-

dant, adding much to the value of the record. No newspaper notice can do justice to the table of contents, which makes the present number, like its predecessors, a complete handbook of the world's history during the quarter. Such a systematic register of passing events has never before been published. It puts the reader in close touch with the progress of the great world around him, widening his view of the incidents and movements that are making history, and deepening his perception of their significance. Specially noteworthy among the articles in this number are those reviewing the Great Coal Strike; the discovery of and rush to the Klondike Gold Fields; the adjustment of the Greco-Turkish question; the Cuban Revolt; the European Alliances; the Tariff, Currency, Behring Sea, and Hawaiian Questions, Etc."

California Raisins.

The New York *Commercial Bulletin* says: "After a long period of depression, the market for California loose raisins is beginning to show signs of improvement. Liberal consignments to Eastern markets by coast packers have shut off the outlet of the New York receivers to a considerable extent and the resulting competition between sellers here and at out-of-town points has resulted, it is reported, in a demoralized condition, out of which has come no benefit to any one concerned.

The wants of consumption in the east it is reported, have gradually absorbed the supplies of good fruit, but have left a comparative large supply of rain-damaged or otherwise inferior fruits, efforts to sell which have had a depressing influence upon market values heretofore. As the bulk of the good raisins have gone into consumption and the demand for that class of goods is reported to be increasing, a firmer feeling has been developed, though no actual increase in prices is to be reported.

It is reported that there were orders in this market for considerable quantities for immediate delivery, but as buyers and sellers were apart in their view little business resulted. Advances by mail from San Francisco state that there has been some revival of demand, but that prices are unchanged and more or less flexible, owing to the large quantity of low-grade, rain-damaged stock on hand there. Orders from eastern points were reported to be few, but from nearer points the demand seemed to be increasing. There is a movement on foot in California to inaugurate a system of state inspection, which will prevent shipments of the trash which in the past has caused such demoralization of consuming markets."

The department of customs has decided that cards, portfolios, paste-board boxes or other coverings containing cut samples of cloth, edgings, textile fabrics, buttons of various patterns, and other articles being representatives of goods and obviously intended for use only as samples to sell by, and having no commercial value, may be admitted free of duty. The term "no commercial value" does not apply to portfolios, boxes or other coverings, used in displaying samples which are susceptible of being adapted to other use. Samples, such as are carried by commercial travelers, together with trunks and other "packages" containing them, are dutiable, excepting such as are of no commercial value.

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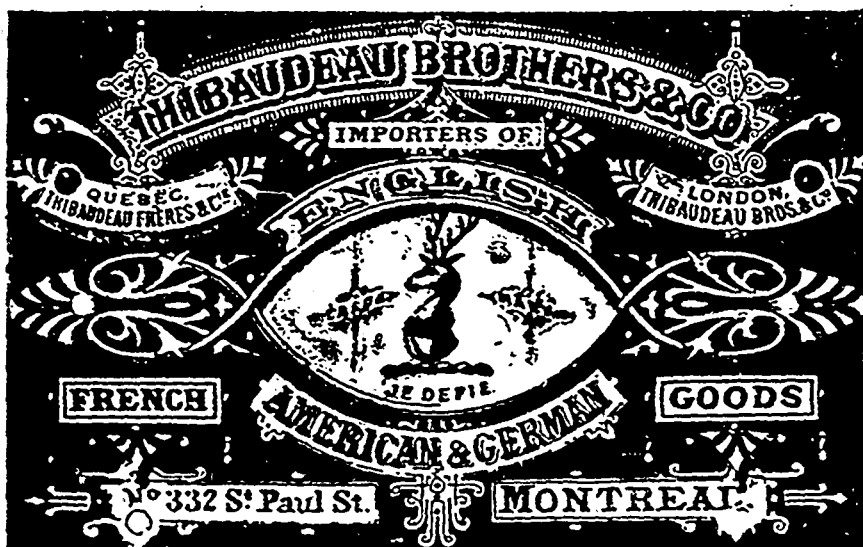
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Manitoba

Dr. Thompson, of Brandon, leaves shortly for Yukon.

Toombs & Kirkpatrick, general merchants, Carman, have dissolved.

Dunwoody, Steen & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

O. E. Woods, upholsterer and carriage dealer, Winnipeg, is burned out.

Shaw and Bannor, butchers from Fort William, Ontario, intend to start business at Hartney.

Dr. Jas. Cowan will erect a large block in Portage la Prairie, to be occupied by J. & E. Brown.

Chas. Vogel has sold his bakery and confectionery business at Ninga to Wm. Spier, of Bolssevain.

Mr. Lynfoot, of Brandon, has purchased the tailoring business of S. Clemens, of Wawanesa.

Redditt & Lamb have re-sold the livery and feed stable at Morden, to S. J. Pickel, the former owner.

J. J. McLean, resident partner of the firm of J. L. Melkie & Co., has returned from a trip to territorial points.

Drummond & Spratt, general merchants, Minnedosa, are in trouble with the sheriff, an attachment, having been made against their stock.

Brown & Mitchell, hardware merchants, Brandon, are moving into new premises lately vacated by Johnson & Co.

Wright & Co., Minnedosa, have effected a compromise settlement with their creditors, and will continue business.

John McKinnon is selling out his stock at Bellafoyle, Dauphin district, and will open a general store at East Bay in the spring.

The general store and dwelling of John Parr, at Bradwardine, was destroyed by fire on Feb. 8. Very little was saved. Insurance small.

A. Hollday is closing his branch store at Ninga. The store occupied by him has been re-let to another party, who intends starting a general store.

W. H. Bingham, hardware merchant, Dauphin, has sold out to Sutherland & Stelck, two local men. Mr. Bingham will move to Vancouver, B. C.

Jones & Boardman, bakers, Roland, have dissolved. The business will be continued by C. R. Boardman. D. Jones has purchased the livery stable business of Jos. Craddock, at the same place.

There has been quite a scramble among the commercial travellers to secure sample rooms since the burning of the McIntyre block in Winnipeg, as this block was the headquarters for travellers representing eastern houses.

The Rapid City Spectator-Reporter has issued an illustrated edition descriptive of Rapid City and district. The number is a most creditable one for a provincial publication from a small town.

The wholesale liquor license held by Ripstien, of Winnipeg, has been transferred to David Cleland. An application to transfer the license of the Clarendon hotel, Cypress River, from J. A. Herron to F. Wagstaff, was not entertained by the commissioners.

The Winnipeg city council and the board of trade will send a joint deputation to Ottawa to impress upon the government the necessity of opening an all Canadian, interior route to the northern gold regions, via the North Saskatchewan. The question of the improvement of Red river navigation will also be brought up.

M. W. Rublee, of the Rublee Fruit company, returned on Thursday from a trip south.

Wm. Hargreaves, of G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale paints, Winnipeg, came into the city from the west to hold attend to customers during the bonspiel rush. He has been for some time in British Columbia and reports business good in that region.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Feb. 7.

The business community is feeling the effects of the Klondike trade in every branch and in some cases prices are advancing. In the produce market creamery butter has commenced to arrive from Ontario and a particularly fine lot reached here by the last Australian boat. Eggs are becoming cheaper, a splendid quality of Portland, Oregon, eggs selling for 26 cents. Cured meats have not yet advanced as a result of the Klondike demand, but it is expected they will do so. In the fish market, frozen white fish is the feature; the Manitoba article is bringing 10 cents a pound. Potatoes are becoming higher in price, wheat hay and oats are directly feeling the effects of the Klondike rush. Pem can from Manitoba is finding a ready sale to the Klondike trade at 40 cents a pound.

British Columbia Lumber Trade.

Mr. Sissons, manager at Winnipeg for the British Columbia mills, Timber and Trading Co., returned this week from a visit to the coast. He reports business active in lumber for the local trade at the coast, though the export trade is not brisk, owing to high grain freights, which makes the grain carrying trade more profitable for shipping. There will be more building, he says, in Vancouver this year, than has been done for several years past. The Canadian Pacific railway recently placed an order at one time for over 1,000,000 feet of timber for their wharf extensions at Vancouver, and they will also build a fine depot building. Evans, Coleman & Evans are also extending their wharves. Molson's bank is building a big block, and several English syndicates are reported to be contemplating the erection of blocks at Vancouver. Many other residences and business premises are in course of erection or in contemplation.

The British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company, he reports, will spend a lot of money this year extending the various mills owned by the company. At the Westminster mills, \$20,000 will be expended in putting in new boilers, a new machine shop to replace the one burned some time ago, and adding plant to the sash and door factory. At Vancouver a new dry kiln will be built at the False Creek mill, four new boilers will be put in and a new engine and a big six ton plater will be added to the plant, besides other machinery for the sash and door factory. The factory building will also be enlarged, all involving an expenditure of \$25,000. The Hastings mill at Vancouver will also not be overlooked. A big shed to hold 1,500,000 feet of dry lumber will be erected; also a new dry kiln will be built and the wharves will be extended very largely. New planers and other machinery will be put in in-

volving an outlay of \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. Sissons says logs are scarce and costing somewhat higher, as owing to the low price of logs lately, a good many have gone out of the business, and some of the loggers have gone to the Klondike. His company have sent several loads of lumber to the northern ports recently. Lumber prices are very firm. Rough lumber is now selling at the coast mills to the local trade at \$9 per thousand, whereas last spring the price was as low as \$6. Shingles are now held at \$1.50 at the mills, equal to \$2.25 in car lots here. The feeling is firm in all classes of lumber at the coast.

British Columbia Items.

T. Rabbitt, Granite Creek, has assigned.

Chapple & Edwards, plumbers, Trail, have dissolved.

T. Hardy, general store, has sold out to Hutchinson Bros.

Russell & Haley, butchers, Rossland, have dissolved.

S. Clark is opening in opening in drugs at Ashcroft.

The Colonial Canning Co. is advertised for sale by tender.

R. Strathern, jeweller, Kaslo, is succeeded by O. Strathern.

C. W. White, tailor, Kamloops, has sold out to D. C. McKenzie.

J. Edwards, of Golden, has taken over the Victoria Hotel at Revelstone.

Ingram & Whigham, feed and produce, Trail, have dissolved, J. Whigham continues.

M. J. O'Hearn & Co., tailors and furnishers, Rossland, have suffered loss by fire. Insured.

J. Ferguson, baker and confectionery, has sold out and leaving for Klondike.

G. W. Averill & Co., general store, Grand Forks, have sold out to W. B. Davoy.

L. McCarthy, hay and grain, Rossland, is out of business and away to Klondike.

Hutchinson Bros., general store, Vernon, are succeeded by Thos. Hardy at their Armstrong branch.

The following items are reported from Victoria: J. L. McKenzie & Co., electric supplies, have dissolved. Thos. Watson continues; J. T. Pearce, saloon, has sold out; R. Jamieson, stationery, has sold out to Thos. Earle.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: D. Panbianco, grocer, sheriff in possession; J. Kelman, grocer, has sold out; J. J. Woods & Co., bicycles, have assigned; The B. C. Oil Co., Ltd., has been incorporated; A. Fraser, contractor, has left for Klondike; T. McWhinney, Columbia hotel, has left for Klondike.

M. Gagiletto, general merchant, Kamloops, whose creditors seized upon his effects during his temporary absence, has written a long letter in which he claims that he has been very badly used. He blames his troubles upon the Bank of British Columbia, which, he says, during his absence issued a garnishee summons for an overdraft of three days standing, for the amount of \$256. This and other actions compelled him to assign, he says, though he claims to be solvent.

About 1,500 men are being brought from Newfoundland to work on the Crow's Nest railway construction.

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British Columbia Mining Notes

The companies that are working free milling propositions this winter find that the cold weather has seriously affected the run and in some instances they are stamping very leisurely or not at all, as the frost prevents the proper working of the silver and the cold water carries off the flour gold. Three months grace at least should, therefore, be given to all mills that have started up this winter.

The Tin Horn mill, at Camp Fairview, has never stopped, but is now running slow time as the mill in its exposed condition cannot work successfully against the frost. In the meantime air compressor drills are being put in the Tin Horn as well as the Winchester and in May at the latest both these companies claim that they will be able to pay big dividends.

At this camp the Joe Dandy company are building a mill that will be ready for crushing in a month and the Consolidated Fairview people are putting up another 50 stamps on the river bank. The Smuggler company and the Oro Fluo company are also erecting a mill so that in another year Fairview camp will be the scene of great activity.

The Golden Cache vein, seems to have snapped off the upper end cropping out near the surface. The main vein has now been found and the superintendent reports that it is \$90 ore. The report has stiffened the price up very materially. The location of the Golden Cache ore might be described or illustrated by holding a biscuit straight up before one's flat side on, and bending over the top of the biscuit until it snaps off. This part that snaps off and is held in position is the part the company have been working on (a blanket vein) and the other part still held upright in the hand is the part that has been located by drifting.

The Ferr mine and camp McKinny, Cariboo, have both been paying dividends and it is a foregone conclusion that all the free milling properties which have mills will soon do the same, but some require more time than others to get to dividend paying stage. Word is expected any day that the Fire Mountain mill has started up on Tepella Mountain, Harrison Lake. Much interest is manifested in the result as the property is said to be by far the highest grade of its kind in the province. Several tons having gone over \$100 to the ton in tests; while every blast in the tunnel and winze shows free gold.

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LIFE INSURANCE RECORD.

The Insurance and Financial Chronicle has prepared a statement from advance figures, showing the business of the companies in Canada for 1897, compared with previous years. Following shows the assurance issued and taken by Canadian companies for two years:

	1896.	1897.
Canada Life	3,437,627	3,627,652
Confederation	3,014,145	3,132,072
Dominion	574,700	593,700
Federal	2,000,500	2,003,850
Great West	1,742,200	2,208,300
Imperial		1,185,725
London Life	1,288,172	1,500,724
Manufacturers	2,306,117	2,286,688
N. American	3,437,400	3,426,524
Northern		360,500
Ont. Mutual	2,415,350	3,031,900
Royal Victoria		242,500
Sun Life	4,113,619	4,317,292
Temperance	1,782,000	1,790,650

Total .. 26,171,830 29,712,077
The three British companies doing business in Canada had a total of \$2,701,900 in 1897, compared with \$2,743,388 in 1896. This was divided as follows: British Empire \$304,150 in 1897, and \$434,100 in 1896; London and Lancashire, \$829,000 in 1897 and \$875,738 in 1896; Standard \$1,568,750 in 1897 and \$1,453,550 in 1896.

The business of United States companies in Canada for the two years is shown as follows:

	1896.	1897.
Aetna	194,700	708,761
Equitable	1,431,102	1,704,688
Metropolitan	5,386,528	6,800,000
Mutual	1,861,658	1,880,850
New York	2,474,392	2,681,050
Provident	876,250	910,762
Travelers	419,563	625,650
Union Mutual	511,208	641,718
United States	124,650	239,260

Totals .. 13,610,651 16,204,734
GRAND TOTALS.

	1896.	1897.
Canadian	26,172,030	29,712,077
British	2,743,388	2,701,900
United States	13,610,651	16,204,734

Totals .. 44,525,869 48,618,711
The total insurance in force held by Canadian companies in home business is as follows:

	1896.	1897.
Canada Life	65,013,688	66,389,377
Confederation	27,177,326	28,072,922
Dominion	2,381,977	2,654,573
Federal	10,337,482	10,950,087
Great West	5,633,204	7,198,034
Imperial		1,185,725
London	4,289,577	4,737,501
Manufacturers	10,060,536	11,179,136
N. American	16,020,814	18,719,963
Northern		354,000
Ont. Mutual	19,973,159	21,487,181
Royal Victoria		242,500
Sun Life	26,808,067	28,075,789
Temperance	6,687,212	7,200,780

Total .. 195,303,034 208,507,574
BRITISH COMPANIES.

	1896.	1897.
British Emp.	5,802,317	5,820,154
London & Lan.	7,169,705	7,302,960
Standard	15,752,464	16,825,711

Totals .. 28,724,486 29,458,825
UNITED STATES COMPANIES.

	1896.	1897.
Aetna	15,531,000	15,099,861
Equitable	18,885,614	19,073,136
Metropolitan	5,237,797	6,900,000
Mutual	17,801,671	18,129,913

New York	21,782,848	22,925,289
Provident	3,734,866	4,123,010
Travelers	5,234,108	6,215,994
Union Mutual	4,622,384	4,775,974
United States	1,427,080	1,490,940

Total .. 94,257,974 99,731,116
GRAND TOTALS.

	1896.	1897.
Canadian	195,303,034	208,507,574
British	28,724,486	29,458,825
United States	94,257,974	99,731,116

Total .. 318,285,502 327,697,514

It will be pleasing to note from the above comparisons that our local company, the Great West Life, heads the list among all the companies doing business in Canada, in the actual percentage of increase in business. This will be gratifying to the community at large as well as to those more directly interested in the company.

THE NORTH AMERICAN LIFE.

The annual report of this well known company makes a satisfactory showing. Following are some of the important features of the report: New policies issued, \$3,556,024; cash income, \$699,550.49; total assets, \$2,773,177.22; net surplus after providing for all liabilities, \$427,121.33; the reserve fund stands at, \$2,245,920; total insurance in force is \$18,945,878. The assets of the company are in good shape, indicated by the increase in cash income from interest, etc., showing an increase of \$15,092, while the interest and rents due and accrued at the end of the year show a decrease. While \$271,000 was paid to policy holders during the year, the company is still able to show an addition of more than a quarter of a million to reserve. The annuity and reserve funds now amount to the large sum of \$2,245,920.

Speaking of this company a well known insurance journal says: The North American Life has in various respects made an enviable name for itself. As a progressive, carefully managed and sound company, it is entitled to rank high, and this year it is able to show a noteworthy share of the aggregate increase of business by Canadian companies."

This company does a good business in Manitoba, the business being in charge of Mr. Wm. McBride, who has his headquarters in Winnipeg.

THE HARTFORD FIRE.

The eighth annual statement of the Hartford Fire presents a splendid record. With its assets of over \$10,800,000, a sum sufficient, it is said, to meet a loss equaling the great Chicago fire without exhausting half of its surplus. The Hartford presents well on to a century of continuous success. The last annual statement was the eighty-eighth one of the kind. During the year just closed it has made a very handsome gain in assets, and a still larger gain in net surplus. The total assets are \$10,819,629.29, the gain for the twelve months being \$514,931.74. The net surplus is \$4,249,796.11, showing a gain of \$985,403.96. Losses paid since organization, \$56,000,000.

LIFE INSURANCE.

A source of satisfaction is the record of life insurance during the hard times which has severely tested it as other lines of business. The result was a wonderful vindication of the theory

and practice of life insurance. Not only have there been no failures, but the progress of the business in general has not been materially hindered. The companies, instead of being obliged to retrench and withdraw benefits from policy-holders, have been moved to an unexampled liberality in the shape of loans, cash-surrendered values, and extension of insurance. Thus, life insurance has tended to level up the uneven path of business. Moreover, especially within the last year, the appreciation of life insurance has been enhanced by comparison and in contrast with the record of other depositories for trust funds. Banks of deposits have failed, as have savings banks and private banks, building and loan associations and assessment societies. Life insurance alone, like Caesar's wife, remains above suspicion. —Fred B. Mason in the Inter-Ocean.

MUTUAL RESERVE FUND LIFE ASSOCIATION.

From the "Spectator" of New York of February 7, we get a report of the result of the business of the above Assessment association for the year 1897.

As the article appears to be inspired and to contain the most favorable comment that can be made on the showing of this association for the year, we have compared it with the statements made last year through the same medium, and find as follows:

Business written 1896	\$ 73,026,330
Business written, 1897	56,234,785

Decrease	\$16,791,545
Business in force 1896	\$325,026,061
Business in force 1897	301,567,100

Loss	\$28,458,961
Claimed surplus 1896	\$4,029,980
Claimed surplus 1897	3,072,463

Deficit	\$957,479
Unpaid death claims, 1897	\$1,742,886
Unpaid death claims, 1896	927,326

Increase	\$815,559
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To cover loss on securities ... \$216,353

The report goes on to show that the late president, E. B. Harper's views have been proved by experience to be "erroneous," and to express a hope that the policy holders who accepted the "Fifteen Year Certificates," will see their way to exchange for the new ones called "Five Year Combination Option Policies," and adds that the association has announced that the rates on the old certificates have been advanced to the rates at the present age of the insured.

We have examined the Five Year Combination Option Policy, and find the change is purely imaginary as the certificate holder is still liable to be called upon for assessment, as provided for in the following words in provision No. V.

"The amount named on page one hereof shall, upon the dates there stated be due the association for premiums in each year, during the continuance of this policy (save as the same shall be modified by the application of surplus) together with any further amounts determined by the executive committee as necessary to the payment of all policies at their maximum face value apportioned at a rate not exceeding that for attained age as fixed by the American Experience Table of Mortality."

It does not appear, therefore, to make any difference whether the change is made or not as the same liability exists in either case.



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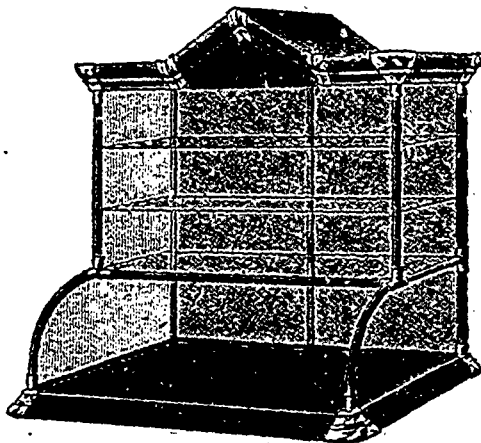
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If the certificate-holders in this assessment concern realize the meaning of a falling off of over sixteen millions in new business; a loss of over twenty-three millions in business in force; a reduction of one-fourth of the so-called surplus in one year; of unpaid death claims of a million and three-quarters, (an increase of more than eight hundred thousand over the amount due at the same date last year); and an admission of having had to write off over a fifth of a million dollars on account of investment losses, they will be in a better position to discern what their future action should be.

Many of those insured in this association were fully convinced that the statement of its agents justified them in believing that the rates would never require to be advanced, and many even accepted the extraordinary statement that they would not be called on to pay premiums for more than fifteen years.

To all such the great increase in the calls will be a rude shock, and this will be aggravated in the case of those prominent in law, finance or commercial affairs, who have to a more or less extent endorsed the agents who were wily enough to word letters so as to draw out replies that appeared to express confidence in the position of the society as represented by the agent.

Though the report in The Spectator is made to appear in as favorable a light as possible, it is in itself a very strong condemnation of the system of insurance adopted by the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association. The admission is made that "experience has demonstrated that the old plan of attempting to carry policies to maturity at the same price as was charged when the holders originally became members, was erroneous." This admits of the collapse of the system under which the association first attempted to do business.

Local members, in the fifteen-year class, of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, have received a circular which states very plainly the position of the association toward such members. They are told in a surprisingly straightforward manner that they must now meet the increasing cost of insurance with increasing age, as there is no fund to meet this increasing liability. The circular is as follows:

To Members, Fifteen-Year Class, Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association:—

The call herewith issued is to meet your proportionate share of the mortality of the entire association, and is determined in accordance with the terms of your contract and in virtue of the power reserved to and duty resting upon the association.

The cost of life insurance is necessarily an increasing cost, since increasing age carries increasing liability to death; but the payments by which that cost is to be met may be upon either a level basis or one following the natural increase of cost. In the former case, there must be very considerable accumulation in the earlier years, which will be employed to meet the excess of cost in later years, thus maintaining uniformity of payment. This method was not in use in this association at the time your contract was issued.

The only legitimate modification of the increasing rate of payment presented by the alternate method, under which the association operated exclusively at the time when the fifteen-

year certificates were issued, is through the application of any specially provided accumulation or by savings in death-cost.

The amount provided in the earlier years of this class in the way of accumulation has been employed, under direction of its membership, in maintaining rates below the contract basis and so much below those of current age as to allow no margin of accumulation in the later years, but instead to require the gradual absorption of the earlier accumulations, until all available sums have been so employed, and now this class must depend to pay its proportionate share of the mortality of the association upon the current payments of its members, which must be made large enough to cover that share. There exists no other source from which to meet it.

The members of the fifteen-year class have had the following in return for their payments:

1. Insurance at the actual cost required to pay their share of the mortality based on the experience of the entire association, which has been much less than the mortality in their said class.

2. The entire benefit of their own over-payments.

3. Credit for their full proportionate share of the receipts from interest and other sources.

4. The application, as they have matured, of their bonds at face-value in payment of future dues and assessments.

In the future, as in the past, a member of this class will be charged on account of current death-cost only the same amount as every other member who is of the same age and on whose life the association carries the same risk.

In the future, as in the past, the members of this class will enjoy the full benefit of all payments over cost, if any, that they may make.

In the future, as in the past, not one dollar of their payments over and above the current cost of insurance, calculated on the same basis for all members of the association, will be diverted to make good any deficiencies in the payments of other classes of members.

In the future, as in the past, they will be required to meet their share of the current cost in accordance with the terms of their contracts, as the members of the other classes are and will be required to meet their share.

It is the duty of the management to require full payment from every member for benefits enjoyed. It is the only way in which the duty of the management can be fulfilled and all of its outstanding contracts, exceeding \$300,000,000, be kept absolutely secure. It is upon the basis of duty to every member, and the basis of the principles upon which alone sound and permanent insurance can be given, that the re-apportionment which goes into effect with this call is made.

GEO. D. ELDRIDGE,
Actuary.

INSURANCE NOTES.

W. W. Scribner, manager for the Hartford Fire Insurance company, at Winnipeg, recently returned from a trip to Chicago, where he went to attend a meeting of insurance men.

After struggling for a year against the ruling of a despotic commissioner, the Mutual Life of New York will rid itself of McNall's bulldozing tactics and quit the state of Kansas. Its attorney, in notifying McNall of the withdrawal of the company, on De-

ember 31st, states that it cannot spend valuable time fighting for a right to do business in Kansas.

The tender of A. C. Archibald, agent at Winnipeg for the Ocean Accident Guarantee corporation, limited, has been accepted by the Winnipeg Firemen's Benevolent association for the accident insurance of its members for the ensuing year, amounting to \$30,000.

Western Business Items.

B. Craig will open a dry goods store at Newdale, Man.

F. Savage, saddlery, Poplar Point, is giving up business.

E. McDonald will return to Wawanessa, Man., and open a jewelry business.

E. Sharpe has sold out his boot and shoe business at Neepawa, Man.

Taylor and Fraser have opened an implement agency at Beulah, Man.

Mahon & Ross, general storekeepers, Douglas, Man., advertise their business for sale.

A meeting of the creditors of Geo. Craig & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, is called for February 21.

The firm of J. & E. Brown, Portage la Prairie, are said to be admitting A. Brown as a partner.

The grain and produce firm of Henry, Forde & Co., of Roseland and Edmonton, will open a branch at Nelson, B. C.

Phillips & Peters, butchers, Elkhorn, are succeeded by A. R. McLeod. J. M. Baldwin, banker, has opened business at Killarney.

In the advertisement of Arthur Congdon, in this issue, read "300 pairs of overshoes," instead of 300 pairs of overshoes.

Bryan & Leo, cigar manufacturers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Mr. Bryan, under the style of G. F. Bryan & Co.

The trade sale of groceries of the stock of Turner, Mackeand & Co. offered this week by Thompson, Codville & Co. Winnipeg, was well attended, and there was a fair amount of buying, though many of the purchases were for small amounts.

A meeting of the executive of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association was held on the day following the annual meeting. John Dick, of Winnipeg, was again chosen for secretary, and his salary was increased from \$600 to \$1,000 per annum.

The Canadian Produce and Packing company, a new local concern recently incorporated, will open business at 128 Princess street next week. Mr. Jos. Carman, who has been the chief mover in the organization of the company, will leave shortly for British Columbia to form western connections for the new company.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 12.

The event of the week has been the annual bazaar, inaugurated a number of years ago, and held in February of each year. The month of February has now come to be considered almost a general holiday season in the country, or at least a convenient time for country people to visit the city. Special cut railway rates are given during the bazaar season, which are taken advantage of by country people to visit the city. In addition to the winter sporting events, February is the month of conventions, and a very large number of conventions and annual meetings of various societies are now held in the city during February of each year. Unlike the summer exhibition, when women and young people come to the city in large numbers, the February visitors are nearly all men, and largely business men. City jobbers have been busy all the week attending to the wants of the visitors, and a very considerable amount of purchasing has been done—decidedly more than was done in past years on similar occasions. The weather has been very mild and business is opening up favorably for the season. Passenger traffic on the railways is very heavy for this season of the year, the number of through passengers being large, due to the Klondike excitement largely. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week were almost one-third larger than for the corresponding week last year, and considerably over one-third larger than for the like week two years ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 12

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

The branch is beginning to open up. Seed drills are the main article in demand.

BICYCLES.

The evidence of the coming season's trade in bicycles are becoming manifest. Consumers are not buying yet, but dealers are beginning to show new season goods quite freely.

FUEL.

There is no change in coal here. The recent advance of 10c on Pennsylvania anthracite coal at headquarters in the United States does not affect western markets at present. The mild weather has greatly reduced the volume of business. In wood fuel the feature is the large quantity of jack pine offering. There is more of this class of wood than of all other varieties, and in fact more than is wanted, consequently the tendency of prices is easier. There is not too much tamarac, however. The latter variety of wood has been well cut in the more convenient districts and has to be brought longer distances than formerly.

GROCERIES.

This has been quite a busy week with the jobbers, in looking after the wants of customers who were in the

city from outside points. The trade sale of a wholesale stock of groceries was a feature of the week. Some lines sold above market values at the sale, while other lines were much below current values. Advices from California are very firm on dried fruits all along the line. Imported cured meats and lard are costing higher. Oatmeal costs 5c higher to lay down here, but jobbers' prices are the same. Canned tomatoes are still obtainable at \$2.75, though they would cost \$3.10 to lay down here.

GREEN FRUITS.

Business is moving a little brisker, and heated bars are being sent out along the railways to distribute goods to the country trade. Oranges and lemons are improving in value as the season advances. Choice sound apples bring full prices, but there is a lot of off quality or spotted stuff which sell at low prices, as low as \$2.50 per barrel being quoted for spotted goods. California celery, very large bunches, is offering. Prices here are unchanged, as follows: Mexican oranges, \$4 to \$4.50; navel oranges, \$4.50; bananas per bunch, \$3 to \$3.50; California lemons, \$4.50 to \$5 per box; apples, Ontario stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for good to choice, southern apples, \$4 per bbl.; Cape Cod cranberries, \$7.50 to \$8 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 per barrel; Malaga grapes, \$7.50 per keg for medium, and \$8 for heavy weights; Ontario black walnuts, 8c lb; coconuts, \$1 per doz; Sicily liberts, large, 11c to 12c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 13c; figs, fancy clones, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 10 lb. box, 30 lb boxes, 16c; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; dates 7-1-2 per pound; imported celery, 75c per doz.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

Local houses have been busy with country customers this week, who have been in the city in large numbers, and considerable buying has been done. Business is opening up well for the season. Prices are steady. The recent advances in refined petroleum oil has not affected this market.

LEATHER.

Prices hold firm at the advance reported last week.

RAW FURS.

Offerings have been moderate so far this season. There is the usual keen competition and good prices are realized for lots offered in this market. The advance in prices at the recent London sales was fully anticipated here some time ago. In fact furs have been bought for some time on a basis of expected higher prices, and the advance was not up to expectations, taken all around. See quotations on another page.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has held rather firmer this week. Yesterday outside markets were strong, advancing 1-2 to 1c, and cash wheat again touched the \$1 mark at Chicago. The visible supply statement shows a weekly decrease. Bradstreet's report shows stocks in the United States and Canada about 30,000,000 bushels less than a year ago. Exports from Atlantic ports last week were smaller being 3,430,000 bushels. Cables from India yesterday said that sufficient rain had fallen in northern and central India to ensure good crops.

Locally the markets have been quiet. Manitoba farmers have been selling very little wheat, but deliveries will

no doubt soon increase, as the farmers will want to sell any surplus still held before the roads break up. Prices for No. 1 hard have ranged from 93c on Monday, up to 95c yesterday, afloat basis, Fort William. Some all rail business is doing with Ontario buyers, on a basis of about \$1.07, North Bay.

FLOUR—The market is steadier, more regular at 5c higher per sack. We quote: Patent, \$2.45; best bakers, \$2.25; second bakers, \$1.85; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 98 lbs.

MILLFEED—Prices are more uniform and higher, both bran and shorts being quoted \$1 per ton higher and all the mills are quoting about the same prices. We quote bran at \$11 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

OATMEAL—There has been another advance of 5c on imported meal a sack, making an advance of 10c within a short time. Imported rolled meal is now selling in large lots to jobbers at 1.70 per sack. Some very inferior meal is offering, including meal mixed with ground wheat.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for oats and barley, the outside price for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is quoted at \$16 to \$17 per ton. Oil cake \$22 per ton.

OATS—There is very little doing. Buyers are holding off and bidding lower, and try to get car lots at \$4 to 35c as to quality. Holders however, do not like to let go, as their stocks have cost them too high to sell at these prices, and they ask 36c usually for a good oat. The advance in eastern and southern markets does not affect the situation here, as the market is purely local in its character.

BARLEY—Feed barley is quoted at about 35 to 36. Malting samples, 38 to 43c as to quality, and 1 to 2c higher for fancy samples.

CORN—Car lots cost higher to lay down here owing to the advance south. We quote 38-1-2 to 39c per bushel of 56 lbs., for cars on track here.

Butter—There is no local trade doing in creamery and no stocks held here.

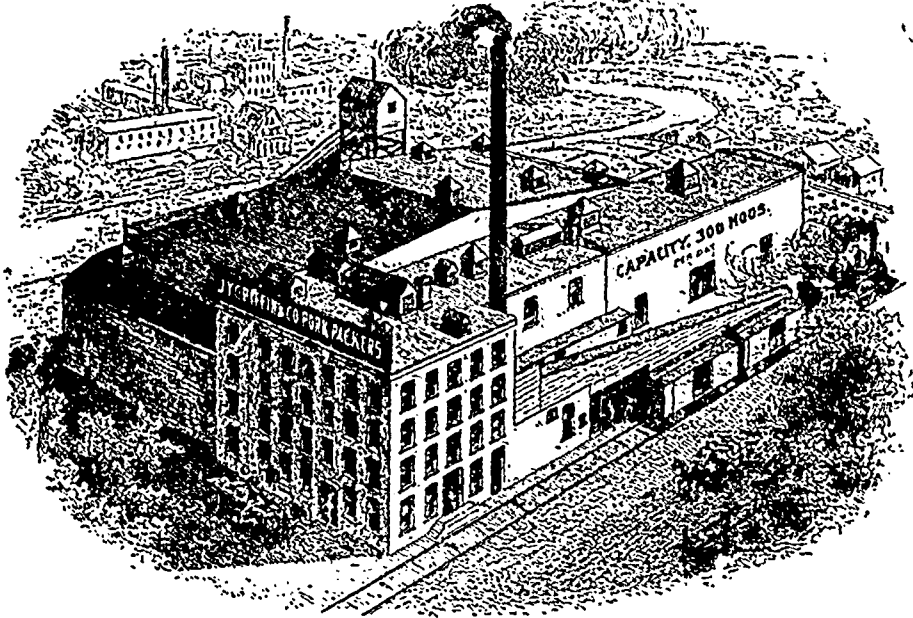
BUTTER—Dairy—Quote selling price at 16 to 18c for fresh tub and rolls, the outside price for selected packages in small quantities. Ten per cent commission off these prices to country shippers. The tendency is easier particularly for rolls, which are sometimes held 1c under tubs.

CHEESE—Dealers are selling at 10 1-2 to 11c in small lots.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens will bring 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c. From 10 to 11c would be paid for Manitoba turkeys. Geese are scarce and wanted and 9 to 10c would be paid for them. Ducks would bring about 8c. Eastern turkeys sell at 13 to 14c.

DRESSED MEATS—A large quantity of frozen beef is held, which is very slow sale. This is owing to the decreased demand this year for shipment to the lumber camps of Ontario, and also to larger stocks having been laid in during the early part of the winter. The firm tone for dressed hogs continues 6 1-4 to 6 1-2c being paid for choice lots of desirable weights. Heavy hogs are 5 1-2 to 6c as to quality. Frozen beef is dull and quoted at 4 to 5c as to quality, and fresh unfrozen at 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c as to quality, for sides. Mutton 5 to 7c, as to quality.

OUR 1898 PLANS



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HIDES—Hides are stronger in the United States. Locally there is scarcely anything doing, offerings being very light. 61-2c is the general price for frozen hides, with 5 lbs. tare. We quote: Butcher hides, 7 to 7 1-4c. Green frozen hides, 61-2c; bulls, oxen, stags and brands, 5c to 6c; kip hides, 6 to 7c; calf, 3 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 10 to 75c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

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

TALLOW—Quoted at 31-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—The market is weak. About 16c is now offered.

VEGETABLES—Prices as follows. Potatoes, 35c to 40c per bushel; carrots, 90c to \$1 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; imported, 3c; celery, 60 to 75c per doz. bunches; cabbage, \$4 to \$5 per 100; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c.

HAY—\$6 per ton is the usual price for baled hay l.o.b. country points.

LIVE STOCK.

Butchers cattle are quiet at 3c for cows and heifers and 31-4 to 31-2c for choice well fed steers. Very few wanted. Sheep nominal at about 3c. There is some inquiry for stocker cattle to ship to the States, but very few are being shipped.

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

Business at Toronto

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Business here is particularly good. The heavy snow-falls last week made good sleighing, a condition that has not prevailed so generally throughout the eastern part of Canada this winter as it does now. All departments of business are benefitted by the change. The payments due last week were accompanied by a considerable number of failures, and apparently the wholesale trade have peremptorily refused renewals, as a few insolvencies continued to come straggling along this week. The outlook for the spring trade was never better. It is confidently expected here that vast sums of money will be brought to the country for investment this year, and it will not be all in the direction of mining.

A leading wholesale grocer here told your correspondent to-day that Klondike parties could get their supplies relatively cheaper in the Northwest than in Toronto. It was not, he said, in his interest to make this statement, but it was nevertheless true. One reason for this is the fact that wholesale dealers in the Northwest can get better transportation from the railways than individuals. Manitoba merchants should profit by this.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour is 5c lower per barrel. Mill-feed 50c per ton higher. Corn 1-2c higher. Oats 1 1-4c higher. Eggs 2c lower. Butter 1-2 to 1c higher. Dressed hogs 1-2c higher. Hides firm and higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$4.85 to \$4.95; second patents, \$4.70 to \$4.80.

Mill-feed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.50 to \$9.75; bran in bulk, \$9.75 to \$10; corn feed, \$10.25 to \$11.25 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted 25 3-4 to 26c for No. 4; 26 1-4c for No. 3; 26 1-2c for No. 3 yellow per bushel of 56 pounds.

Oats—Held at 24 3-4 to 24 7-8c for 3 white, and 24 3-4c for No. 3 per bushel of 32 pounds.

Barley—Feed quoted at 27 1-4 to 27 1-2c.

Flax seed—\$1.23 1-2 for No. 1 per bushel.

Eggs—10 1-2 to 10 3-4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2 to 10c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 17 c. 1c 1-2c; seconds, 13 to 15c, dairy, 10 1-2 to 17c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6c; lamb, 5 to 8c; hogs, 4 1-4c for heavy, and 5c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 36 to 38c; choice, named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chicken, 6 to 8c, old fowls, 4 to 7c; turkeys, 7 to 10c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 7 to 8c.

Hides—Green, frozen hides, 7 to 8c; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1-2 to 7c; sheepskins, 10 to 70c each.

Live stock—Hogs, \$3.25 to \$3.80; sheep, 3 1-2 to 4c; lambs, 4 1-2 to 5c. Some cattle sales were: 13 stockers, a 770, \$3.80; 10 cows, av 1,034, \$3.30; 15 heifers, av 834, \$3.30; 24 steers, av 1,088, \$4.20, 3 calves, av 154, \$5; 5 stockers, av 720 lbs, \$3.80; 6 steers, av 1,045 lbs, \$3.00; 12 cows, av 993 lbs, \$3.45; 2 cows, av 982 lbs, \$3.50; 3 calves, av 104 lbs, \$5.00.

Cornell, Spera & Co., jobbers in men's furnishings, Winnipeg, have assigned. No statement of the liabilities, etc., of the firm can be given at present.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 12.
All sugars have been advanced 1-10c at the refineries. Rio coffee is 1-2 to 1c lower. Canned corn advanced 10c. Teas and canned goods are firm. Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 25-16c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated 4c; yellows, 29-16c to 31-16c; imported beet granulated, 4 cents. Molasses 28 to 29c. Syrups 13-1 to 21-2 as to quality. Valencia raisins from 43-1 to 51-2c. Valencia layers 61-2c. Currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand. Coffee, Rio, 81-2 to 10; Mocha and Java 20 to 24c.
Canned goods.—Tomatoes, \$1.20 to \$1.25; corn, 90 to \$1.00; peas, 30c to \$1.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 12.
Oats continue to advance and the market is very strong. Flour practically unchanged. Fair demand. Oatmeal firm and unchanged. Dairy products are dull and easy, but without change in prices this week. Choice creamery is not so plentiful, but fresh western dairy is offering freely. There is a lot of hold creamery in the market. Eggs, are 1 to 3c lower. Dressed hogs are easy, but beef is up 1-2c and mutton and lamb are 1c higher.
Oats—Strong at 31 to 31-2c per bushel for No. 2 white.
Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.90; Manitoba patents, \$5.35.
Millfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton. Shorts, \$15.50, including sacks.
Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bag.
Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.
Eggs—Candled, 17 to 18c per dozen, new laid, in small lots, 21 to 22c.
Butter—Dairy, 15 to 16c.
Butter—Creamery, 18 to 19c.
Cheese—8 to 8 1-2c.
Dressed hogs—\$6.25 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds.
Dressed beef—Front quarters, 31-2 to 41-2c; hinds, 51-2 to 71-2c.
Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 12.
Linsced oil has advanced 1c for both boiled and raw. Bar iron has been advanced 5c. Other lines are unchanged. Prices are generally firm.
White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 43-4, linsced oil raw, 45 to 46c; boiled 4c to 49c, turpentine, 50 to 51c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 41-1 to 43-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80c; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 8.
At the semi-weekly market yesterday, prices were firm and steady for cattle. Choice cattle were scarce, offerings being mostly of the medium class. At the East End abattoir choice cattle sold at 41-2c; good at 4 to 41-1c; fair at 31-1c to 33-4c; common at 23-4c to 3c, and inferior at 21-1c to 21-2c per lb. Lambs were scarce, there being none on the market. The few sheep offered sold at 31-2c. The receipts of live hogs

were small, there being only eighty offered. Sales were made at \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 11.
At yesterday's market prices were about the same as at Monday's market. Cattle were firm and in good demand.
Cattle—Choice, 41-1 to 41-2c; fair to good, 3 to 4c.
Sheep—5 to 31-2c per lb.; lambs, 41-2 to 5c.
Hogs—5 to 51-4c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Tuesday, Feb. 8.
Offerings to-day were 32 cars of stock, including 800 hogs and 20 sheep and lambs. Export buying was slow, and offerings of this class was light. Prices ranged at 33-1 to 41-1. Fancy butchers' cattle touched 1c. The general run sold at 31-2 to 33-4c for good and 23-1 to 3c for common. There was a limited amount of buying of stockers for Buffalo at 23-1 to 31-1c for light stockers, and 31-1c to 31-2c for feeders. Sheep sold at a shade higher, at 3 to 35-8c. Lambs firm at 47-8 to 51-8c. Bucks 21-2 to 3c. Hogs unchanged at 5c for best bacon, light 43-1, thick fat 41-2, stores 41-2c, sows 3 to 31-1c, stags 2 to 21-1c.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 11.
Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 46 carloads. There was a good demand and more active buying for Buffalo. Prices were about the same all around:
Cattle—Export cattle, 33-1 to 41-4, butchers' cattle 3 to 33-4c; fat bulls 3 to 31-2c, stockers 23-1 to 31-1c; feeders 31-1 to 31-2c.
Sheep—Export sheep, 3 to 35-8c per lb; bucks, 21-2c; lambs, 43-1 to 51-8c.
Hogs.—Hogs, best bacon, \$5; thick fat, \$4.45 to \$4.50, and light fat, \$4.70 to \$4.75, weighed off cars per 100 lbs.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 12.
Dry goods—Business is active, and trade broadening. Increased business in dry goods and millinery. Cotton and woollens are in active demand and the former are firm. Increase in dry goods imports. Imports last month were two hundred thousand. United States cottons and printed cottons are offering freely here at low prices.
Groceries—More active. Sugars are firm at 1-16c advance. Refined at New York is 1-16 higher again today. Canadian refineries will likely advance again next week. Canned goods are active and strong, holders refusing to shade on round lots of vegetables. Lard is 1-4c lower.
Hardware—Hardware and metals are active and firm.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Feb. 7.—Supplies of United States and Argentine cattle were larger and the market declined 1-4c to 1-2c. Values for Canadian cattle were maintained. Choice States sold at 111-2c; choice Canadians at 11c; and choice Argentine at 10c. The market for sheep was steady, choice Canadians selling at 11c, and Argentine at 111-2c to 12c.
Liverpool, Feb. 7.—Choice States cattle sold at 111-4c, Canadians at 103-4c, and sheep at 121-2c.

R. J. Whittle started for Montreal this morning.

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New York, Feb. 7.—Wheat receipts 74,000; exports, 55,872 bushels; sales 1,715,000 bushels futures, 200,000 bushels spot. Spot steady, No. 1 red, \$1.03 1-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive; No. 1 northern, Duluth, \$1.07 7-8; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, \$1.07 f.o.b. afloat; spot No. 1 hard, Duluth, \$1.08 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options were dull and easier at first under big northwestern receipts, lower cables and rains in California. Foreign houses were moderate buyers at the decline, and later helped by export rumors and a liberal English visible supply decrease, prices partly recovered, closing 1-8 to 1 cent net lower, but steady. No. 2 red, Feb., closed \$1.01 3-8; March, \$1.01 5-8 to \$1.01 7-8, closed \$1.01 7-8; May, 95 5-16 to 96 5-16, closed 95 7-8; July, 88 to 88 3-4, closed 88 5-8.

New York, Feb. 8.—Wheat receipts, 51,800 bushels; exports, 96,836 bushels; sales, 2,575,000 bushels futures; 400,000 spot and out ports. Spot firm. No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1.09 3-4; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, \$1.08 1-2 f.o.b. afloat spot; No. 1 hard, Duluth, \$1.10 1-4 f. o. b. afloat. Options were firm all day, developing particular strength near the close on export sales of 50 loads, all ports. Trade quiet but included English buying of futures, early cables were irregular and without much effect. Near months influenced by deliveries in f.o.b. Contracts closed partly 5-8 cents lower, but late positions were 1-8 to 1 3-8 cents net higher. No. 2 red, Feb. \$1.00 5-8c, closed \$1.01 1-4c; March, \$1.00 5-8 to \$1.00 3-8, closed \$1.01 1-8; May, 95 3-4c to 97 1-4c, closed 97 1-4c; July, 88 1-2c to 89 3-4c, closed 89 3-4c.

New York, Feb. 9.—Wheat—Receipts 58,275 bushels; sales 2,275,000 bushels futures; 43,000 bushels spot. Spot unsettled. No. 2 red \$1.03 1-4 f. o. b. afloat spot; No. 1 Northern Duluth \$1.09 1-4; No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.08 1-2 do.; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.10 1-4 f.o.b. afloat to arrive. Options opened firm at a partial 1-8 cent rise, and advanced on better cables and foreign buying. Later they were nervous, and alternately strong and weak on scalping operations, finally collapsing under a raid prompted by disappointing export developments, closed 3-8c up on near months, which had shown relative strength on a squeeze of shorts, and partly 1-8 cent off on other positions. No. 2 Feb. closed \$1.01 5-8; March opened \$1.01 5-8 to \$1.02 5-8, closed \$1.01 1-8; May closed 97 1-4; July opened 97 1-2 to 90 3-16, closed 89 1-2.

New York, Feb. 10.—Wheat—Receipts 56,425 bushels; exports 56,277 bushels; sales 2,395,000 bushels futures; 56,000 bushels spot. Spot steady; No. 2 red \$1.03 3-8 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth \$1.09 5-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.08 7-8 do.; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.10 5-8 do. to arrive. Options firm at 1-8 to 1-4 cents advance on better cables, and was further influenced by fair clearances. At noon prices declined under bear attacks, but recovered later on export rumors and strength in southern markets, closing with a slight drop from the top under realizing, but steady at 1-4 to 3-8c net advance. No. 2 red Feb. opened \$1.01 15-16 to \$1.02 1-8, closed \$1.02; March opened \$1.01 7-8 to \$1.02 5-16, closed \$1.02; May opened 97 3-16 to 97 18-16, closed 97 5-8; July closed 89 3-8 to 89 15-16.

New York, Feb. 11.—Wheat, receipts 70,800, exports, 64,586. Options opened strong at 7-8, an advance on higher Liverpool cables. After a subsequent irregular advance on foreign buying they finally yielded a little under realizing and closed unsettled but fairly firm at 5-8 to 7-8 cents net advance on scalpers, who were somewhat bear-

ish. No. 2 red Feb. closed \$1.02 7-8; March \$1.02 11-16 to \$1.03 1-8, closed \$1.02 7-8; May 98 1-4 to 95 15-16, closed 98 1-2; July 90 3-4 to 91, closed 90 3-8.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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

Chicago, Feb. 7.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—July, 84 1-8; Feb., 98; May, 94 7-8.

Corn—Feb., 27 1-4; May, 29 1-8; July, 30 1-4.

Oats—May, 24 3-4; July, 23 1-8.

Mess pork—May, \$10.40; July, \$10.47 1-2.

Lard—May, \$5.92 1-2; July, \$5.10.

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

Chicago, Feb. 8.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, Feb., 98c; May, 96 1-4c; July, 85 1-8c.

Corn, Feb., 27 1-2c; May, 29 1-4c; July, 30 3-8c.

Oats, May, 24 7-8c; July, 23 1-4c.

Mess pork, May, \$10.42 1-2; July, \$10.50.

Lard, May, \$5.05; July, \$5.10.

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

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Feb. 98; May 95 7-8 to 96; July 84 3-4.

Corn—Feb. 27 5-8; May 29 1-4 to 3-8; July 30 1-2 to 5-8.

Oats—May 24 3-4 to 7-8; July 23 1-4 to 3-8.

Mess pork—May \$10.60; July \$10.65.

Lard—May \$5.10; July \$5.20.

Short ribs—May \$5.20; July \$5.25.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Feb. 98; May 96 7-8; July 85 1-8 to 1-4.

Corn—Feb. 28; May 29 1-2 to 5-8; July 30 3-4.

Oats—May 25 1-4; July 23 3-8; to 23 1-2.

Mess pork—May \$10.62 1-2; July \$10.67 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.07 1-2; July \$5.17 1-2.

Short ribs—May \$5.17 1-2; July \$5.22 1-2.

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

Wheat—Feb. \$1, May 97 3-4 to 97 7-8; July \$5 3-4.

Corn—Feb. 28 1-2; May 30 to 30 3-8, July 31 1-8 to 31 1-4.

Oats—May 25 7-8 to 26; July 23 5-8.

Mess pork—May \$10.70; July \$10.72 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.10, July \$5.20.

Short ribs—May \$5.20; July \$5.25.

A week ago May option closed at 95c. A year ago May wheat closed at 73 3-4c, two years ago at 66 1-4c, and three years ago at 55c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 93 3-8c, July 91 7-8c.

Tuesday—May 94 3-8c, July 92 7-8c.

Wednesday—May 94 1-4c; July 92 3-8.

Thursday—May 94 5-8, July 93 1-8c.

Friday—May 95 1-2c, July 94c, Sept. 78c.

Last week May options closed at 93 1-2c.

A year ago May option closed at 73 3-4c, and two years ago at 62 3-4c, three years ago May option closed at 61 7-2c, and four years ago closed at 67c.

A HOLIDAY.

Saturday being a holiday in the United States, there are no quotations for to-day, the grain markets being closed.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 12.

The grain trade is more active. Wheat is higher. Ontario flour has advanced 10c. Manitoba flour firm and unchanged. Oats 1-2c higher. Oatmeal has advanced 15c per barrel. Lard is 1-4c lower. Dressed hogs are 20c per 100 lbs lower. Eggs have declined 3c, owing to large offerings of fresh stock. Wool is firm. One lot of washed fleece sold at 22c to a mill.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40; bakers, \$1.90; Ontario straight roller, \$4 to \$4.20.

Wheat—Ontario wheat 87 to 88c; Manitoba No. 1 hard, \$1.07 North Bay.

Oats—No. 2 white, 27 to 28c.

Barley—Quiet, at 38c for No. 2; 33c for No. 3 extra and 29 to 30c for feed.

Mill feed—Shorts \$11.50 to \$12.50 per ton; bran, \$8.50 to \$9 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.55 per barrel, for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 17c; fresh 14 to 16c; hmed, 13 to 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice, 15 to 16c; medium, 12 1-2 to 14c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 9 1-2 to 10c, the latter for steers; cured 9 3-4 to 10 1-4c; sheepskins, \$1.10 to \$1.27 1-2 for fresh killed; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Firm at 5 to 5 1-2c; evaporated, 8 to 8 1-2c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk.

Beans—75 to 80c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$6.20 per 100 pounds for choice.

Wool—Fleece 20 1-2 to 21c. Pulled super 21 to 22c, extras, 19 1-2 to 21c.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

W. H. ... watermaker, Sandon, has sold out.

Carno Bros., fruit, etc., are opening business at Kaslo.

M. J. O'Hearn & Co., tailors, Rossland, have assigned.

W. McBride is opening a store and hotel at Port Guichon.

Crawford & McMillan, general store, Sandon, have assigned.

Hutchison & Co., grocers, Vernon, advertise giving up business.

The B. C. Smelting and Refining Co., Ltd., of Trail, have sold out.

Pitts Bros clothing, shoes, etc., Three Forks, have assigned.

Sherman & Hinfelke, store and hotel, Port Guichon, have sold out.

Hebden & Hebden, of Vancouver, tins and plumbers, starting business at Nelson.

A. N. Smith, grocer and baker, Revelstoke, is reported to have admitted W. Hyland as partner.

Sinclair & Co., boots and shoes, New Westminster, have opened a branch at Vancouver under the style of the Vancouver Shoe Co.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: W. A. Griffiths & Co., druggs, are admitting a partner.

H. Plimpen, grocer, has sold out; Hewke & White, auctioneers, are opening business.

Wm. Sharp, boot and shoe dealer, of Neepawa, Man., has disposed of his stock to P. J. McDiarmid, of Minnedosa, who will move the stock to the latter place. Mr. Sharp intends opening a planing mill and sash and door factory at Minnedosa.

Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

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

Montreal	110,000
Toronto	54,000
Winnipeg	438,000
Manitoba elevators	3,243,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,172,000

Total January 29. 5,017,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Jan. 29, were 51,105,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 68,092,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on February 1 were 5,318,000 bushels, compared with 3,005,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended Feb. 5, was 36,022,000 bushels, being a decrease of 550,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 47,885,000 bushels, two years ago 66,199,000 bushels, three years ago 82,322,000 bushels, four years ago 79,560,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	9,728,000 bushels
Duluth	2,335,000 "
Minneapolis	12,940,000 "
New York	2,237,000 "
Buffalo	1,160,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 14,766,000 bushels, compared with 13,324,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 39,503,000 bushels, compared with 23,332,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on February 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: February 1, 1898, 129,123,000; February 1, 1897, 128,529,000; February 1, 1896, 160,425,000; February 1, 1895, 181,419,000; February 1, 1894, 183,927,000; February 1, 1893, 178,058,000; February 1, 1892, 155,308,000; February 8, 1891, 105,087,000; February 1, 1890, 105,533,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	54,092,930	42,806,090
Milwaukee	6,306,972	5,746,114
Duluth	33,006,836	32,355,354
Chicago	26,329,218	13,656,949
Total	119,742,956	94,594,507

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

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

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	9,230,462	6,209,029
St. Louis	10,208,648	9,797,433
Detroit	3,949,130	2,814,945
Kansas City	24,016,366	5,752,800
Total	47,434,606	24,575,107

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

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

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
" fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" fall . . . . .	.04	.07
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, 73c.
Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.20@2.25; Bakers, \$2.00@2.05.
Bran—Per ton, \$6.
Shorts—Per ton, \$8.
Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 20@26c.
Barley—Feed, 20 @ 24c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.
Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 45@50c per bushel.
Butter—Dairy, dealers' price, 12@16c.
Cheese—Dealers selling at \$@10c.
Eggs—Dealers were paying 20c net for fresh.
Beef—City dressed, fresh, 5@6c; country beef, 3@4c.
Mutton—5@6c.
Hogs—Dressed, 4@4 1/2c.
Cattle—Butchers nominal 2 1/2@3 1/2c.
Hogs—Live, off cars, 3 1/2c for best bacon.
Sheep—Nominal at 3@3 1/2c.
Hides—Green frozen, 5 1/2@6c.
Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.
Poultry—Chickens, 6@7c per pound; turkeys, 9@10c per lb.
Potatoes—30c per bushel.
Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

British Columbia Markets.

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

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, February 12, 1898.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 19@20c; Manitoba creamery 22 1/2@23 1/2c per lb; Australian creamery 23c; Ontario creamery 25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 18c per dozen. Local, 35c; Oregon eggs, 26c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11 1/2@12 1/2c per lb.

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

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; frozen salmon 6c lb; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 16c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 9c; kippered herring 8c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 7c; frozen white fish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$12@14 per ton ashcroft's \$20; California onions 2 1/2c lb; cabbage 1 1/2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$3.50; apples, 75c@\$1.25; Navel oranges, \$3.25@3.50; seedling oranges \$2.50@2.75.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 1/2 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 10 7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.25; strong bakers \$6.00; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, \$23.00 per ton; wheat, \$25@26 per ton; barley, \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$25 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$18 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef \$5.75 @ \$6.25; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 9c; pork 6 1/2@7 1/2c; veal 7@9c; Penmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass feed \$3.25 @3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$5.25@5.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50@6.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75@3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, 8c lb; ducks, 10c lb; turkeys, 15c lb.

Game—Venison, 4c lb; grouse, 60c brace; mallard, 30c brace.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots, 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 12; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnut, 13c lb.

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

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

Teas—Congo Fair, 11 1/2c; good 13c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.