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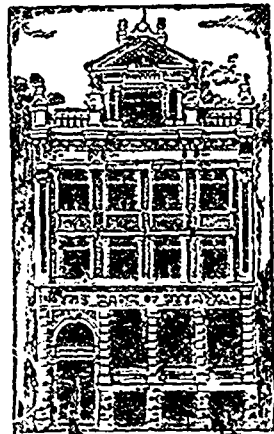
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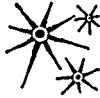
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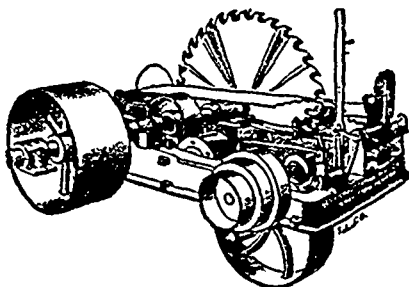
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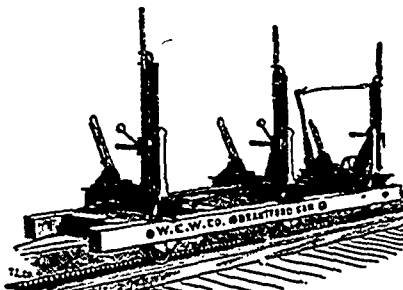
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WINNIPEG, MAY 6, 1899.

Calgary Milling Company.

We have much pleasure in presenting herewith engravings of the premises of this enterprising western milling concern. Some readers of The Commercial may not be aware that there is in Calgary such an up-to-date mill and elevator plant as this and that Calgary can be made by push and enterprise a good milling point for coast trade.

The mill shown herewith was originally built for D. McLean in the summer of 1892. It was operated by Mr. McLean for some time and subsequently passed into the hands of the Manitoba Grain Company who immediately instituted a complete remodelling of the mill and sent Wm. Carson, one of the present owners, from Manitoba to take charge of this work. Before the mill was ready to run the present company made an offer for it which was accepted and the plant became the property of the Calgary Milling Company which is composed of W. Carson, D. McLean and T. G. Wanless. The former gentleman looks after the milling. Mr. Wanless is the business manager and Mr. McLean superintends the sales department, taking one route, Alberta and East Kootenay, himself. Thos. H. Ingram represents the company in West Kootenay and the Boundary Creek district and W. G. Thompson, of Vancouver, has charge of the coast trade.

Last year this mill was completely remodelled by the Nordyke Marmon Company of Indianapolis. The ma-

chinery installed is the most improved which this company has to offer and is identically the same as is in use in many of the largest and best flour mills in the United States. In fact, some of the improvements are so new that we understand they have not yet been introduced into any other mill in Canada. The capacity of the mill is now 175 barrels. A first class miller from Minneapolis has been placed in charge of the plant. As show-

for mixing and grading wheat. Facilities are also provided for moving cars, and with the apparatus for unloading a car can be emptied in ten minutes. A covered addition gives shelter to the cars while being unloaded. The elevator is operated by a 28 horse power gasoline engine, located in a separate engine room 20 feet from the elevator and connected by a steel shaft. Storage for the finished products is provided in a warehouse



ELEVATOR AND WAREHOUSE OF THE CALGARY MILLING CO. AT CALGARY.

ing the perfection of this plant it may be stated that it is habitually run night and day from Monday morning until Saturday night without a stop. The machinery is fitted with the makers' latest devices for collecting dust. These do their work so well that a visitor with recollections of the ordinary flour mill would be astonished at the cleanliness of the mill. With devices of this kind become universally in use, as they must in time, the children's play song,

adjoining the elevator which has just been erected.

The supplies of wheat to feed the hoppers of this mill are drawn from various points on the Calgary and Edmonton railroad and from some of the most famous wheat growing districts of Assiniboia.

It is needless to say that with such excellent facilities at its command for turning out a first-class product the Calgary Milling Company is rapidly making a name for itself in the dis-



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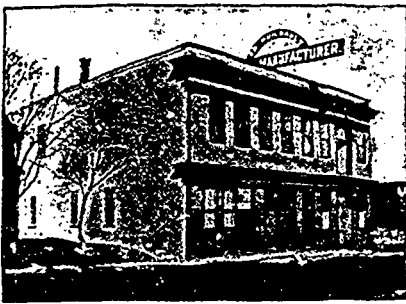
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Winnipeg Tin Box Factory.

The establishment of the tin box factory of E. Guilbault in Winnipeg adds another to the list of manufacturing concerns which are helping to build up the capital city and to make it the centre of industrial life in the west. This factory was originally located in St. Boniface, but the growing demand for its products and the superior advantages of Winnipeg have led to its removal to this side of the river, and the factory is now housed in the building on Lombard street which was for years the premises of the Winnipeg Barb Wire Works.

The new occupant improved the building considerably and adapted it to his use. An extensive machinery plant for making all kind of boxes, etc., has been installed and a corner of the building has been fitted up into an attractive suite of offices and sample room.

It would be useless for a casual observer to attempt to describe the machinery plant which has been put into this factory the machines are so complicated and the variety so great. While you wait massive presses can be seen taking in flat pieces of tin and turning them out pressed into various kinds of dishes, lids, etc., while others are running seams on cans, kitchen utensils, and an endless variety



TIN BOX FACTORY O. GUILBAULT,
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of other articles. These processes are all confined to the first floor, where also is located machinery for making the dies for use in the stamping machines. On this floor is also located the stock rooms where the tin, copper, etc., which constitute the raw materials of the factory, are kept. On the second floor the finishing processes are carried on. Cans are put together, soldered, painted, baked and made ready for shipment on this floor, and a portion of it is reserved for storage of surplus stock. Almost every kind of manufactured tinware can be seen in this stock room, such as dairying and kitchen utensils, watering cans, coal oil cans, measures of all sizes, grocers scoops, spice boxes etc., and other articles of every day use. Besides these regular lines the factory finds a large trade in making up boxes and cans for special purposes. Contracts are at present being executed for the Manitoba Health Food Company, and the Ovo manufacturing company. Copperware is another extensive product of this factory. At present about thirty-five hands are employed in the various departments, but the growing demand for its products will no doubt greatly increase the number in a short time.

Mr. Guilbault proposes converting his business into a joint stock company in the near future.

Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition

Manager F. W. Heubach, of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association, returned on Sunday from his trip to several of the most important American and eastern cities to arrange for the attractions for the summer fair. To a Free Press reporter, Mr. Heubach said that without doubt he had been fortunate in making arrangements for the fair attractions, as his list would outshine anything attempted in previous years. Although definite arrangements had not been made with him it was likely Prof. Leonadas, with the greatest aggregation of trained dogs and cats that have ever been seen in America would give his performances here. His wife, Mme. Ornotos also performs with him, and the two give a strong man and clown act, which promises to be very good. The professor has given his performance with his trained animals in Toronto and other eastern cities in individual entertainments with great success. Two Russian dancers from Irkutsk, Siberia, have been booked. They are young and pretty and their dancing is of a high order, neat and artistic. One of the greatest hits of the fair attractions, says Mr. Heubach, will be the Royal Troupe of Japanese performers, men, women and children, to the number of ten, who will give an exhibition of acrobatic feats. One of the features of their act is a flying descent by one of the women from a rope line attached to the highest point above the grounds. This troupe first performed at the Omaha exposition. Mademoiselle Diana, a French dancer, in her beautiful creation, the mirror dance, the "Danse du Diable," fire dance and lily dance, has also been booked. This is to be essentially an evening performance, and with the aid of mirror and calcium light the effect is said to be marvellously beautiful. It appears as if there were fifty girls dancing. She also dances in a prismatic fountain of real water, which by the aid of the mirrors appears to be a deluge. The three Merkill sisters, acrobatic performers, and all said to be graceful and exceedingly clever in their art will also probably appear. The MacCarb sisters, three young women who give acrobatic performances on a slack wire were also seen by Mr. Heubach and will appear if the board engage them. Henri French, a comic juggler and trick bicycle rider, who comes from the Olympia, Paris, is also on the list. He gives a very clever series of trick riding on all sorts of wheels and in all sorts of ways. A good performance on a bounding wire will be given by Calcedo, a Spanish performer. He is up to date and does some novel and entertaining feats on the wire. The three Polos brothers will possibly also be booked. They give an aerial three bar act. The six Senets will give a comedy performance entitled "Before the Monkey house at the Zoo," a very laughable act. A balloon ascension will also be arranged for, a lady to make a daily ascent and descent on a bicycle. There will also be a guideless pacer if one can be secured or a chariot race, or lady bareback riders. The 13th band of Hamilton may be engaged and the Colored Band Concert company of Richmond, Virginia. These latter will give a concert composed of cake-walk singing and other entertaining features. The pyrotechnic display will take the form of a bombardment and battle scene, but on account of the

special feature that is being made of racing no expense of scenery will be used to obstruct the view of the track and the moving boats, etc., will be worked by machinery.

BRITISH COLUMBIA EXHIBITS.

"For the past two years," said Mr. Heubach, "the board have endeavored to have a comprehensive exhibit of British Columbia industries at our fair, especially for the benefit of our American visitors. While I was in Ottawa Mr. Bostock and myself interviewed Mr. Sifton on the matter and showed him the necessity of the case. Mr. Sifton promised that the government would be willing to pay for the cost of the erection of a building for these exhibits. It is possible that the C. P. R. will carry the lumber from British Columbia at a very nominal charge and the British Columbia men are willing to supply the lumber necessary for the building free of charge. After leaving Mr. Sifton I had an opportunity of speaking to Mr. Morrison, M. P., and Mr. John MacRae, two prominent British Columbia lumber men, who happened to be in Ottawa, and they both agreed that the idea of having British Columbia exhibits at the fair was an excellent one and fully accorded with it so far as their firms were concerned. The details of the scheme are to be arranged with Messrs. Campbell and Phillips of Winnipeg, representing western interests in this matter.

"Mr. Sifton said that he would endeavor to arrange with Prof. Dawson, who is now making a collection of British Columbia minerals for the Paris fair, to send a portion of her collection here. He also offered to bring the matter before Hon. Mr. Fisher of having a comprehensive exhibit from the experimental farms of Canada sent to Winnipeg. The C. P. R. company agreed to carry the Ontario members as far as Rat Portage, and further on at a nominal expense.

"I also arranged while in the south for a renewal of all railway privileges. Sleepers will be at the disposal of excursionists to the fair for two days, while on the track in Winnipeg.

"A matter that shows to what importance our fair has attained was manifested while I was in the States by the American Hackney Horse society offering to award two silver medals for the best hackney or gelding stallion, any age, one in harness, the other in saddle, the mare to be the get of a registered stallion hackney and a registered or an unregistered mare. The affiliation with the Canadian Kennel club will make the bench show a particularly attractive one. It is likely that some good horses from Ontario will be sent up by Ontario owners, as all through the east horse racing is being made the feature of the fairs."

The attractions proposed by Mr. Heubach have to be submitted for the board's consideration.

One Hundred Dollars in Gold.

The Northwest Magazine, of St. Paul, Minn., is offering \$100 in gold for the five largest lists of new subscribers between this time and July 15th. The prizes range from \$30 to \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10, and the rules governing the contest are such that even those who do not win one of the prizes will still be well paid for his or for her trouble.

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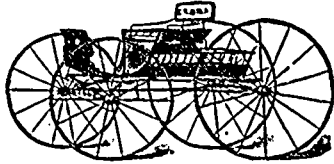
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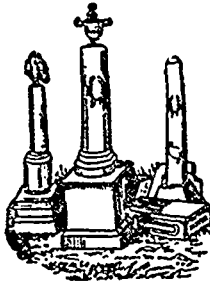
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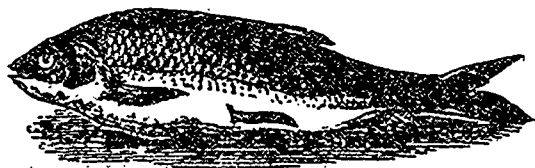
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Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard afloat Fort William, \$1.30.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$3.20; best bakers', \$3.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$12 per ton, shorts, \$14 in large lots.

Oatmeal—Dealers selling to trade at \$2.25 per sack of rolled in small lots. Ontario meal, \$1.85 nominally.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 43 to 44c.

Corn—No business done. Nominal value 45c per bushel of 56 pounds.

Barley—45 to 50c per bushel of 48 pounds.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 20c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 9 3/4 to 10 cents.

Eggs—9 to 10c per dozen on a commission basis.

Hides—No. 1 green hides 61-2c.

Wool—8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

Hay—Baled, on track here \$12 per ton.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 9c per lb; dressed turkeys, 15c; live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 61-2 to 63-4c; mutton, 8c for frozen; 9 to 10c for fresh; hogs, 7 to 7 1/4c; veal, 7 to 9c.

Live Stock—Cattle, butchers' 31-2 to 4c; yearling stockers, \$10 to \$13; hogs, off cars, \$5.18 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, 4 1/2-2c; lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.50 each.

Fencing the Prairie.

The question of fencing our broad prairies is a very important matter for western farmers. While barb wire is largely used, it is not a popular fence, and many progressive farmers are looking about for something to take its place. In this respect the Page wire fence is becoming quite popular here and is very highly spoken of. It is not affected by extremes of weather, owing to the coil spring attachment, which provides admirably for expansion and contraction. It is also claimed that this fence will maintain a firm position without sagging. For sheep or small animals it makes a perfect fence, and it is even claimed that it will keep out coyotes. The Page is undoubtedly a fine fence. Now that the price of barb wire has advanced sharply it will have a tendency to turn attention to other kinds of fencing, of which the Page leads.

Winter Hides.

As usual, some country shippers have lost by shipping green hides after mild weather had set in. Every spring there is considerable loss on this account. Parties will hold frozen hides until the weather is soft, or ship unfrozen green hides in the spring, resulting in the arrival here of hair-slipped and decomposing stock.

Dealers complain that frozen hides received during the past season have been poor quality, owing to careless take-off. One dealer said that the hides were worse than ever before, being badly cut and scored. One car of frozen hides showed freight paid on 700 pounds of feet that had been rolled up with the hides. Dealers have complained a great deal about the custom of rolling up refuse in frozen hides, as well as the careless manner of the take-off. The basis on which business is done here, however, has been such as to encourage carelessness in take-

off as well as cheating in rolling up refuse in frozen hides. Buying hides on a flat rate of one price for all grades is no doubt the cause of the careless handling of hides in the winter.

Dominion Estimates.

The Dominion estimates for the financial year 1899-1900 ask for \$46,286,550, against \$47,900,487 last year, a decrease of \$1,613,936.41. The leading items are as follows:

Public works	1898-99.	1899-00.
Decrease \$100.	\$2,312,765	\$2,302,675
Militia ..	1,026,741	1,095,520
Increase \$70,728.		
Civil government ...	1,481,991	1,215,400
Increase \$19,485.		
Administration of justice ...	101,501	93,755
Decrease \$7,746.		
Penitentiaries... ..	417,500	416,000
Decrease \$900.		
Dominion police	23,000	23,000
Legislation	619,629	369,675
Decrease \$249,954.		
Agriculture and statistics	324,200	310,100
Decrease \$32,100.		
Quarantine	119,000	129,000
Increase \$10,000.		
Immigration	258,500	358,500
Increase \$100,000.		
Railways and canals	196,347	291,424
Increase \$95,077.		
Mail subsidies	628,333	426,666
Decrease \$155,666.		
Subsidies to provinces	4,237,500	4,251,500
Increase \$14,000.		
Indians	1,008,899	980,217
Decrease \$28,682.		
Mounted police	353,750	353,750
Yukon Prov. dist....	548,950	814,500
Increase \$270,550.		
Customs	972,280	999,090
Increase \$26,810.		
Excise	451,776	462,095
Increase \$10,318.		
Railways and canals, col. of revenue	4,710,200	4,741,100
Increase \$30,900.		
Trade and commerce	24,100	24,100

Land Sales.

Sales of farm lands continue active. Canadian Pacific railway land sales for the month of April amounted to 36,630 acres of land, which realized \$117,000. For the same month last year, 43,135 acres were sold for \$140,000.

The land sales of the Canada Northwest Land company for the month of April, 1899, amounting to \$40,000 for 7,000 acres of land. For April '98, 4,200 acres were sold for \$24,000.

May Canadian Magazine.

The Canadian Magazine keeps up the value of its contents and the excellence of its appearance. Among the contributors to the May number are John Charlton, M. P., Robert Barr, John A. Ewan, Henry J. Morgan, Joanna E. Wood, Beckles Willson and W. A. Fraser. The illustrated article on the Prince of Wales will be read with interest, especially as his famous Canadian trip is fully described. The article on the dairy industry of Canada, with its numerous pictures of cheese and butter factories from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is one which should interest every active Canadian mind. The whole number is beautifully printed.

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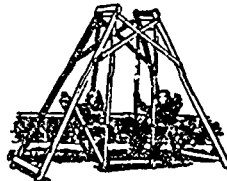
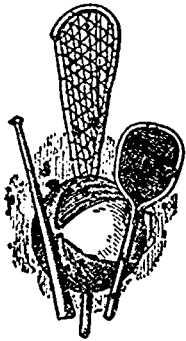
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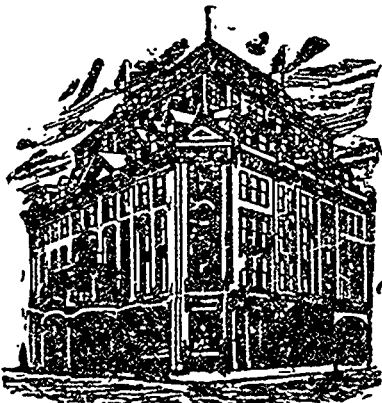
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BIG DROP IN SOAP.

A big drop in the price of the famous Sunlight soap was announced in The Commercial last week. The price to the trade has been reduced to \$1 per box, in five box lots. At this price the soap will be delivered free to all points in Manitoba, and an advance of 25 cents per box will be allowed on freight for territorial points. The old price here for Sunlight soap was \$1.50 per box, with 15 cents off in five box lots, and a similar freight allowance, except that formerly the freight allowance did not cover free delivery to all Manitoba points. The reduction is, therefore, a very liberal one. With the well known excellent quality of this soap, it should have a tremendous sale at the low prices now announced. Sunlight soap is of such a remarkably high quality that Canadian manufacturers even objected to the admission of this soap at the rate of duty levied on laundry soap, claiming that it should be charged the higher rate of duty levied against toilet soaps. Indeed, many people use Sunlight soap for toilet as well as laundry purposes.

Dees & Perse, Winnipeg, who represent Lever Bros. Ltd., manufacturers of this soap, inform The Commercial that the company propose building a large factory in Canada, to employ 500 hands. Negotiations are now going on to acquire a large area of land at Toronto, for the purpose of erecting a mammoth factory for the manufacture of the soap in that city. Mr. Lever, senior member of the company, and five directors, were recently in Toronto in connection with the new factory. The buildings will cost \$150,000.

THE CULTIVATION OF PEACHES IN CANADA.

The Canadian Trade Review recently published the following on peach culture in Canada which in view of the damage to Ontario orchards by winter frosts will be of general interest:

"Twenty-five years ago the Canadian peach, from a commercial standpoint, was a comparatively unknown product. It was grown only in the Niagara district, had only a local market, and Canadian wants were supplied principally from the peach orchards of Delaware peninsula. Since then the peach-growing industry has shown remarkable development in southern Ontario, and Canada now practically controls her own market.

"Peaches are grown to a greater or lesser extent in three provinces of the Dominion, viz., British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia. It is not likely that the industry will expand to any degree of commercial importance in British Columbia. The coast climate is too humid, with nights too cool, to produce good peaches. There are, however, undoubtedly some districts where this fruit may be grown with some degree of success. It is the same with even the most favorable portions of the Annapolis valley. There, as on the Pacific coast, the difficulty in growing peaches is due not so much to low winter temperature as to the low mean temperature which prevents the fruit from ripening.

"The oldest peach-growing section of Canada is that of the South Lake Ontario region and the Essex penin-

sula on the north shore of Lake Erie. Leamington may be said to represent the centre of the peach-growing area. Here the largest orchards are situated, a considerable number ranging between 10 and 20 acres in extent, a few 20 to 50 acres, and at least one covering an area of 100 acres, comprising about 16,000 trees.

"In the Niagara district peach culture follows the shore of Lake Ontario from Hamilton to Niagara on the lake. In early days, before convenient and speedy systems of transportation traversed the country, local markets were easily glutted, and even moderate crops were unprofitable. This stage was followed by the construction of railways and improved shipping facilities. At the present time it would appear that sufficient orchards are set to supply peaches in abundance to all Canadian consumers. The aim at the present time is to lessen the cost of production.

"In Nova Scotia peach-growing is limited solely to the warmer portions of the Annapolis and Cornwallis valleys. At present planting is largely restricted to the section between Komptville and Wolfville. The even coolness of the summer temperatures is unfavorable to the maturing of the fruit of the later varieties, so that only the earliest kinds are considered a sure crop."

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

The stock of currants in London on April 1 was 7,552 tons, against 8,607 tons at the same date last year, and 10,697 tons in 1897.

The Montreal Gazette says the demand for refined sugar is not what it ought to be for the season. Raw sugar is in better demand.

The corner in broom corn in the United States is said not to be affecting the price of brooms in Canada, as manufacturers on this side of the line are well stocked up with corn.

A peanut trust is being talked of in the south. Growers in both North Carolina and Virginia, where the bulk of the United States crop is grown, are said to be anxious to go into the scheme.

Canned corn has been in good demand at Montreal, and has changed hands at 87 1-2c for large lots. Small quantities are held at 90c to 95c. Canned tomatoes are easier and have declined 2 1-2c per doz. to 32 1-2 to 35c.

A beet sugar factory will be established at Aylmer, Ont., by a company of its citizens. Farmers in the neighborhood are planting beets extensively this spring in anticipation of finding a market for them at the factory.

Cables from Sicily report an easier feeling in shelled almonds there, the damage to the crop having not been so great as previous advices made it appear. The crop of France, however, will prove to be almost an entire failure, according to latest advices.

Prices of tea are steadily advancing at Montreal, and some lines are becoming exhausted. Japans are the only exceptions to this rule. A private cable from Japan announces that new crops have commenced to arrive and is found to be of good quality. Prices opened 10 per cent lower than last season.

Cable advices from Barbadoes last week reported another advance of

1 1-4c per gallon in the price of molasses, sales being made at 18 1-2c, which is equal to 31c laid down at Montreal. The stock at Montreal outside of the wholesale grocers is estimated at 1,200 puncheons, all held by one concern. High prices are predicted for the present season.

It is said that the United States sugar trust has two agents abroad canvassing the sugar refiners of Europe, and particularly of Germany, in regard to a plan to arrange a territorial agreement such as the Standard Oil has with the Noote Bros., of Russia. The idea is said to be to form an agreement to pool profits, which can be assured if European refined sugar is kept out of the American market.

Montreal Gazette, April 28: "General prices on 1899 pack of Columbia river salmon were put out to-day, and were as follows: Chinooks, tails, \$1 25 to \$1.30, flats \$1.40 to \$1.45; 1-2 lbs., 80c to 85c. The outside prices were for key attachment. For steel heads the quotations for 1899 pack are \$1 for tails, \$1.15 for flats and 70c for 1-2 pounds, 5c additional being charged for key opening cans. It was authoritatively stated that the packers had positively decided to sell no unlabelled goods this year. It was said to-day that while the packers had agreed to pay 5c per lb. for raw fish many of them have their own nets, and will thus be able to supply half of the quantity they need at a cost considerably less than this figure; otherwise it would be absolutely impossible for the packers to sell at the prices named without a big loss."

Grain and Milling News.

Exemption from taxation for fifteen years has been granted for a flour mill at Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa.

It is rumored that a large grain firm will be established at Port Arthur, through the influence of local people there, who fear that the recent change in transferring the grain inspection headquarters to Winnipeg will be detrimental to the business interests of the former place.

C. N. Bell, of Winnipeg, secretary of the board of trade and grain exchange has returned from Ottawa, where he and other Manitoba delegates have been pressing for reforms in connection with the handling and inspection of the western grain crops. The delegation have been very successful in their mission, and have succeeded in making out a very strong case for the contentions of the Winnipeg exchange.

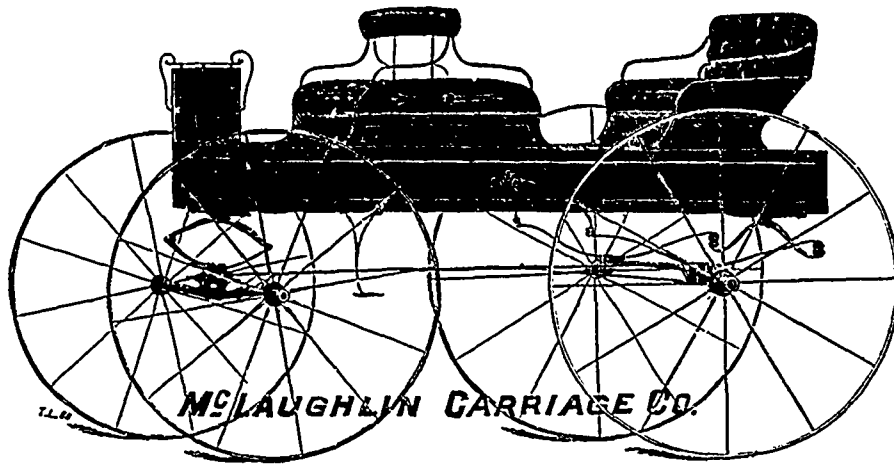
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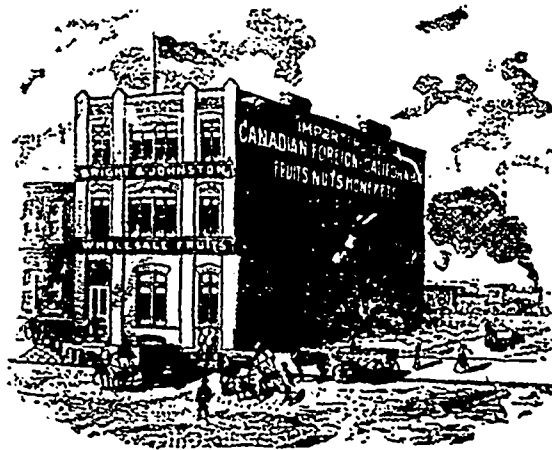
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A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

As was stated in an article concerning high prices, last week, the true basis of price for current saleable merchandise is not what it cost, but what it will cost to replace it. This is a point the implement and vehicle retailers should keep constantly in view in these days of advanced and advancing prices. When the cost price of an article declines the dealer almost invariably finds himself compelled to reduce his selling price notwithstanding his stock was purchased prior to the decline. If the wholesale price of a certain cultivator is \$15 one year and is \$14 the next the dealer who carries over some of them is almost sure to be asked to make a lower price because a competitor in another town is selling them at \$1 less.

It is a new thing in the implement and vehicle trade to find prices advancing. The contrary has been the rule for many years, and so firmly had the expectation of constantly lowering prices fixed itself upon the trade that failure upon the part of the manufacturer to name a less price, elicited much surprise. "That was the price last year, it must be lower now," the travelling salesmen were told. The dealers cannot realize that a change has occurred and prices are tending in the other direction. This is especially true of those who are well stocked with goods bought prior to the advances. To these is presented an opportunity that has never before been afforded, the opportunity to sell goods at regular market prices and realize better than normal profits. The good judgment or good luck that is responsible for early purchases should be regarded, in this case, as an asset to be realized upon to the fullest extent possible.

The temptation to advertise the old prices and tell the farmers that one's stock was purchased before the advance in materials will be almost irresistible to many dealers. We have already seen one advertisement of this kind relating to binder twine. As a matter of policy and a trade catcher, perhaps there is some excuse for an advertisement of this kind, but it is certainly not consistent with good business methods. If the advertisers do what they say they will, money is literally thrown away; if not, the misrepresentation will redound to their disadvantage.

The farmers know that prices of raw material are advancing. They may attribute it to combinations of manufacturing interests and feel resentful, but they know that the dealer will be asked to pay higher prices for his stock. They cannot deny that an advance in the retail price is at least legitimate, whatever they may think of the others. Some will object to higher prices on the ground that their dealer purchased his stock before any advance had occurred. This may be silenced by asking if they continue to sell corn at 30 cents when the market is 35 cents. It costs no more. If the retail implement trade is to partake of the prosperity that now prevails, it must take advantage of its opportunity. Let all the dealers put prices on the plane the present situation warrants, and refrain from cutting.—Farm Implement News.

THE TWINE MARKET.

There is but little, if any, change to report in the conditions of the twine market. The prices remain at previous figures and prospects of an advance have temporarily vanished. Fiber continues easy, another decline of 1-5 cent having been recorded since last week. No sales are being made, however, and the weakness is looked upon by many as a bait to catch buyers. Eastern manufacturers are said to be somewhat suspicious of the present hemp market and it is a fact that some who are short on fiber are borrowing from those who are stocked, a condition that indicates a belief that prices will not be higher.

The conviction is growing that winter wheat has been extensively damaged. Manufacturers are receiving countermands from sections that present the worst outlook and twine already considered sold will again be on the market. In view of this many of the manufacturers are cutting off night runs and in some cases the day forces have been reduced. In this way it is expected that overproduction will be prevented.

As has been stated in former reports the leading concerns are determined that no decline shall occur. If there should be a bad break in hemp available for the coming harvest the worst they anticipate is lower prices by mills now idle, affecting the market to whatever extent they can supply lower priced goods. Few expect even this turn of affairs, however, and express great confidence in the present price holding until the end.

Under conditions that contain so much of the element of uncertainty, it would seem advisable for the dealers to force the sale of purchased stocks to the greatest possible extent, for while it does not appear at all probable that other than fractional reductions, if any, will occur, under any circumstances, it is nevertheless a more comfortable position to have no twine to worry over when the change comes, if it comes at all. There never was a season when the final outcome was so problematical, but the consensus of opinion among conservative and reliable twine men is that the market will remain steady. Their opinions for the most part are based upon the fact that nearly all twine to be used this year has already been sold, and a reduction in price would be productive of no business for the cutters while it might affect a few guaranteed contracts.

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IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Alex. Miller is opening in implements at Regina, Assa.

C. R. Boutbee has been appointed agent for the Deering Harvester Company at Broadview and will open a warehouse at once.

It is reported from Ottawa that there will be no reduction in coal oil duty, but that the regulations governing importation will be modified somewhat, in the interest of importers.

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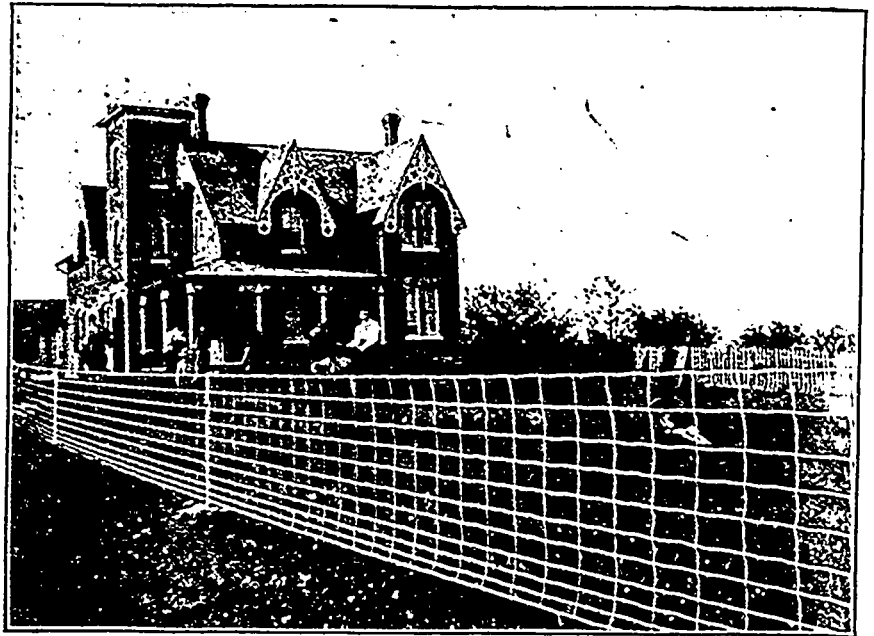
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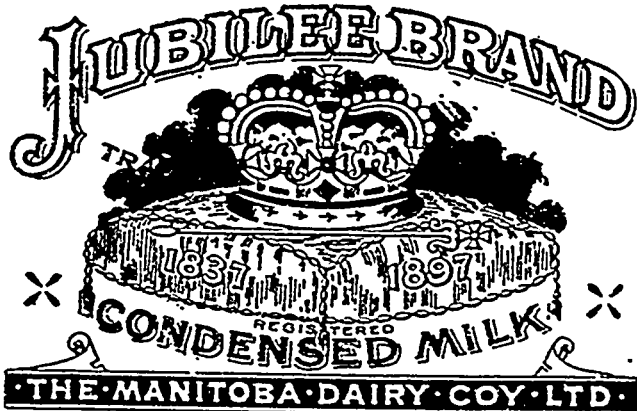
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No Tariff Changes.

Finance Minister Filding made his budget speech at Ottawa on May 2. With regard to the tariff, the minister announced that there would be no changes. Regarding the coal oil duties, he said that the cost was increased by the duty and by the regulations and pointed out that some of the speakers had calculated that the selling price of oil was twice as large as the duty would ordinarily make it. It was apparent the regulations increased the price. The great problem concerning the cheapening of commodities was the question of transportation and in this connection the government proposed to abolish all the regulations not necessary to ensure the safety of the public. They would not bother whether oil was sold in barrels, tank cars, tank vessels, or tin pans. They also propose to abolish the inspection fee. All oil found that did not come up to the standard would be confiscated.

The statement regarding coal oil will not be satisfactory to the west, as the feeling here is strongly in favor of lower duties on this and other commodities.

Dairy Trade Items.

The village of St. Adolphe, Manitoba, is in want of a cheese factory.

Canada's receipts from the export of cheese for the year ending April 30 amounted to the handsome sum of between fourteen and fifteen million dollars. Butter exports netted \$4,500,000.

C. C. Macdonald, provincial dairy commissioner, has been at Hochstadt, Man., where he held for two weeks a school of instruction for cheese makers. Mr. Macdonald intends going out on a tour of all the cheese factories which have so far expressed their intention of opening this season. The number is thirty-three. One of Mr. Macdonald's endeavors will be to have the factories pay more attention to the curing of their products.

It is reported that the C. P. R. is going on with the work of double tracking between Winnipeg and Fort William this summer.

The initial number of The West, a new Territorial publication, issued from Regina, by The West Company, Limited, has appeared. It is to be a weekly newspaper.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	26,000
Toronto	50,000
Kingston	330,000
Winnipeg	443,000
Manitoba elevators	5,525,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin	3,865,000

Total, April 22	10,239,000
Total a year ago	3,530,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States as reported by Bradstreet's on April 22, were 49,189,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 35,045,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on April 1, were 4,321,000 bushels, compared with 3,466,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 29, was 28,144,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,035,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 23,263,000 bushels, two years ago 34,412,000 bushels, three years ago 53,519,000 bushels, and four years ago 62,196,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago	5,022,000
Duluth	11,003,000
Minneapolis	8,147,000
New York	917,000
Buffalo and afloat	23,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 9,513,000 bushels, compared with 11,218,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 25,811,000 bushels, compared with 27,044,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on April 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1899	123,659,000
1898	114,267,000
1897	122,376,000
1896	161,978,000
1895	181,442,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	74,532,766	64,995,160
Milwaukee	11,341,806	7,876,178
Duluth	64,711,600	36,088,214
Chicago	30,614,871	31,229,291

Total ... 181,100,503 140,188,843

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 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	12,000,699	10,540,382
St. Louis	13,229,806	11,157,594
Detroit	4,632,484	4,500,765
Kansas City	24,200,443	27,291,566

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Sowing the Seed.

The following are reports received by the Canadian Pacific railway up to the first of this week:

MAIN LINE.

Poplar Point—About six per cent. of the wheat has been sown. There will likely be four thousand acres sown with wheat this year.

High Bluff—Only 25 per cent. of seeding done. The acreage will depend largely on the weather the next two weeks.

Portage in Prairie—With favorable weather the acreage should be the same as last year.

Burnside—Seeding just started. The land is in good condition.

McGregor—About 15 per cent. of the wheat is sown. No increase of acreage is expected.

Sidney—About 25 per cent. of the wheat is sown. Acreage the same as last year.

Sewell—About 20 per cent. of the seeding is done.

Chater—Seeding is about half completed. About 10 per cent. increase expected in acreage.

Brandon—Weather during the past week favorable for seeding. It is estimated 40 per cent. of wheat in this district has been sown. There will be 10 per cent. increase in acreage.

Kemnay—About 50 per cent. of seeding done. The acreage will be about the same as last year.

Alexander—About half of the wheat sown. Acreage about same as last year.

Griswold—About 25 per cent. of wheat sown. Acreage about same as last year.

Elkhorn—Wheat seeding is progressing favorably. Should be completed by the end of the week. Land in fair condition. Acreage will be increased about 15 per cent.

Fleming—About 30 per cent. of wheat is sown. Acreage increased this year about 5 per cent.

Moosomin—Seeding progressing favorably. About 35 per cent. of wheat sown. Acreage will be increased about 15 per cent.

Wapella—About 30 per cent. of wheat sown. If weather favorable all wheat will be sown this week. Acreage under crop fully 20 per cent. in excess of last year.

Waltwood—All farmers in this district seeding. There is about 10 per cent. increase in acreage.

Broadview—Seeding well under way and likely to be completed this week. Acreage about the same as last year.

Greenfell—Seeding is pretty well advanced; about one quarter now seeded. About 15 per cent. increase in acreage.

Wolsley—Wheat seeding in this vicinity is now in full blast, and the ground is in fair condition. If weather be favorable, seeding will be completed this week. At least 40 per cent. increase in acreage is expected.

Sintuluta—Seeding general throughout this district to-day. Acreage about 20 per cent. greater than last year.

Indian Head—Weather for past week, with the exception of two days, very favorable for seeding. Seeding progressing rapidly and should be completed by the 12th or 15th. Acreage will be increased about 50 per cent.

Balgonic—Seeding progressing favorably. Acreage this year will exceed last by fully 50 per cent.

Pense—Seeding operations delayed during past week by unsettled weather. Acreage about the same as 1898.

Pasqua—Seeding just commenced here. Acreage will be increased about 25 per cent.

PEMBINA SECTION.

La Salle—With favorable weather there will be an increased acreage of 10 per cent.

Morris—Seeding will be in full swing in a day or two. About same acreage as last year.

Rosenfeld—Several farmers completed seeding last week. Acreage will be larger than last year.

Plum Coulee—Only about 20 per cent. of seeding done. If the weather con-

tinues favorable there will be an increase in acreage of 10 per cent.

Winkler—About 25 or 30 per cent. of seeding done. Increase in acreage will be very small.

Morden—Most of the farmers have started seeding.

Thornhill—About 5 per cent. of seeding done. Acreage will be the same as last year.

Manitou—Twenty per cent. of wheat sown. Acreage will be the same as last year.

La Riviere—Wheat seeding about half over. Acreage will be 5 per cent. greater than last year.

Pilot Mound—About 20 per cent. of the wheat crop is now in. Estimated increase of 12 per cent. in acreage.

Crystal City—About 40 or 50 per cent. of wheat sown. With favorable weather the acreage will be increased 15 per cent.

Clearwater—About 40 or 50 per cent. of wheat sown. There will be an increase in acreage of about 15 or 20 per cent.

Cartwright—About 75 per cent. of the wheat seeding done. Acreage increased by about 10 per cent.

Killarney—About 40 per cent. of wheat seeding done. Acreage 10 per cent. in excess of last year.

Ninga—About 40 per cent. of wheat already sown. Acreage will be increased about 10 per cent.

Boissevain—Thirty per cent. of wheat sown. With favorable weather seeding should be completed by the 10th. Acreage increased 10 per cent. Oats will be sown by the 24th if the weather continues favorable.

Deloraine—Fifteen per cent. of seeding now completed.

Napinka—About 50 per cent. of seeding finished. Acreage about 15 per cent. greater than last year.

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Starbuck—Ground damp. There will be about one-third more land under crop than last year.

Elm Creek—Twenty-five per cent. of the seeding done. Acreage will be 50 per cent. greater than last year.

Carman—About 25 per cent. of wheat seeding is done. Acreage will be increased by about 5 per cent. over last year.

Treherne—About 40 per cent. of seeding done. Very little increase in acreage.

Holland—One quarter of wheat has been sown. Same acreage as last year.

Cypress River—Forty per cent. of seeding done. Little or no increase in acreage.

Stockton—About one-third of wheat sown. Acreage the same as last year.

Methven—Wheat seeding is about half completed. Acreage will be about same as last year.

Nesbitt—About 50 per cent. of wheat seeding finished. The balance will be finished this week. Acreage about the same as last year.

Carroll—About 50 acres of wheat seeding done. Acreage under crop this year will be about 25 per cent. greater than last year.

SOURIS SECTION.

Souris—Seeding is being rapidly pushed forward. About 50 per cent. of wheat is sown. Acreage about the same as last year.

Melita—About 25 per cent. of seeding done. With fine weather seeding will be completed in a week. There will be an increase of 15 per cent. in acreage.

Elva—About 40 per cent. of wheat seeding completed. Acreage will be 20 per cent. greater than last year.

Pierson—Seeding is about half completed. Acreage increased about 25 per cent.

Gainsboro—About 30 per cent. of seeding finished. Twenty-five per cent. greater acreage.

Carievale—Seeding progressing rapidly. Fifty per cent. of wheat already sown. Acreage will be fully 30 per cent. greater than last year.

Quindulf—Seeding progressing favorably; about one-third sown. Acreage increased 25 per cent.

Oxbow—Ground in fine shape, and the

seedling well advanced. Weather favorably.

Alameda—Seeding progressing favorably. Acreage will be increased 25 per cent.

EMERSON SECTION.

Otterburne—Acreage averages 20 per cent. more than last year.

PIPESTONE SECTION.

Pipestone—Seeding about half completed. Acreage will be about 50 per cent. in excess of last year.

Reston—About 50 per cent. of seeding done. Fully 30 per cent. increase in acreage.

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Lumsden—Seeding becoming general. Acreage will be increased about 20 per cent.

Saskatoon—Seeding progressing slowly on account of cold weather last week. There will be an increase of 50 per cent. over last year.

EDMONTON SECTION.

Olds—About 2,000 acres seeded.

Innisfail—Very little seeding done so far.

Red Deer—Seeding operations commenced last week. It is expected there will be an increase in acreage of about 25 per cent. over last year.

Wetaskiwin—All the wheat in. Acreage increased about 25 per cent.

Leduc—Acreage about double that of last year.

Alberta.

The name of the town hitherto known as South Edmonton is to be changed to Strathcona.

The by-law voted on by the citizens of Calgary to authorize the raising of \$90,000 for waterworks purposes carried by a large majority.

The Edmonton board of trade is still working on the bridge question and refuses to compromise or modify its demands with the Dominion department of public works.

Mail advices from Edmonton say that the ice began to move in the Saskatchewan on the 25th. Opinions varied as to the resisting powers of the new bridge piers, and of the breakwater. The ice did not in any way shake either the piers or breakwater.

The Western Stock Growers' association annual meeting at Macleod on April 19th, a partial report of which was given last week, proved to be a most interesting gathering. The reports presented show that the association is growing in membership and influence. The increase in membership for the year was seventeen. The number of stock on which the association's revenue assessment was levied was 115,631 head, or 106,456 cattle and 9,157 horses, a total increase over the previous year of 10,494 head. The revenue for the year, amounting to \$4,250.57, was found to be ample for all requirements. Records regarding wolf bounty payments kept by the association show a total of 825 wolves killed upon which bounty was paid. The number of head of cattle shipped last year from the district over which the association has jurisdiction, was 19,365. This district embraces all the country south of the C. P. R. main line in Alberta and Assiniboia as far east as Swift Current. These cattle shipments classified as follows: Steers 35,129; heifers and dry cows, 4,194; bulls and stags, 45 head. Other features of interest were dealt with in last week's Commercial.

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Paul & Jackson have opened a butcher shop at Elgin.

W. T. Patterson, of Paisley, Ont., has opened a tailor shop at Holland.

J. J. Manley, harness maker, Dauphin, has assigned.

E. R. Cornell will open a fruit and confectionery store at Glenboro.

The Winnipeg city council will advertise for the supplying of sewer pipe.

McIntyre Bros., printers, Winnipeg, have been awarded the city contract for printing.

The Northern Pacific railway company's offices at Winnipeg are to be rebuilt on the old plans.

James Ballard and A. R. Hoover have purchased the blacksmith shop of Croft at Portage la Prairie.

It is likely that the Northern Pacific Railway company will rebuild its hotel at Winnipeg.

A train bearing nine carloads of raw silk from China passed through Winnipeg bound for New York this week.

Geo. H. Rogers & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, who contemplates retiring from business here, is advertising a clearing sale.

A survey party left Winnipeg last Friday for Deloraine where it is said they will lay out the line for a branch of the C. P. R. through the Waskada district.

The Carman rink company has been granted incorporation, and the Dominion Life Insurance Co. has been granted a license to do business in Manitoba.

J. H. Haslem, of Winnipeg, and Andrew Wright, of St. Eustache, have formed a partnership under the style of Haslem & Wright, to handle farm lands.

M. Boyce, carriage and wagon maker, Winnipeg, has the contract for making the fenders for the cars of the Winnipeg Street Railway company.

A recount is being asked for of the votes cast on the Winnipeg electric lighting by-law. The majority for the by-law was so small that some citizens think it did not carry at all, hence the present action.

The plans for the extension of the Hudson's Bay stores at Winnipeg, are completed and tenders are being called for. There will be an extension of 55 feet frontage and 120 feet depth on the south of the present building.

The partnership between Paul & Taylor, agents, at Winnipeg, for the Canadian anthracite coal, has been dissolved. The business in future will be carried on by P. R. Taylor & Sons under the name of Taylor & Sons.

Jos. A. Richardson, the absconding partner of the firm of A. McCutcheon & Co., the dealers, Winnipeg, has been arrested in St. Paul, Minnesota, charged with appropriating funds belonging to the firm, to the amount of \$5,000.

The McCready Evaporating Company, Winnipeg, propose to evaporate a large number of eggs per day this season. The eggs are evaporated, then ground to powder and sealed in cans like baking powder. This product is called ovo.

Mr. A. E. McLea, who has severed his connection with the Canadian Pacific railway to accept the position of manager of the Manitoba Anchor Wire Fence Co., Ltd., has been presented with a handsome solid gold chain and locket by the members of the staff.

W. Robinson, Winnipeg; J. Clark, Gockrich, Ont.; F. A. Drummond, Winnipeg; T. McCaffrey, Winnipeg and A. E. Richards are applying for incorporation as the Dominion Fish Co. The capital stock is placed at \$200,000, and the chief place of business will be Winnipeg.

Northwest Ontario.

Snelgrove Bros. have opened in boots and shoes at Fort William.

Rat Portage has carried a by-law to complete its waterworks at a cost of \$75,000 additional.

Five hundred men are employed on the Ontario and Rainy River railway building from Stanley, parallel with the C. P. R. for thirty miles, after which the road will run south-westerly in the direction of Mine Centre.

The first steamer over the lakes leaves Owen Sound for Fort William to-day, and will leave Fort William on the return trip Tuesday. Passengers from Winnipeg wishing to make connection with latter will leave on Monday at 4 o'clock. Thereafter steamers will leave Fort William Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The North Shore Navigation Company, of Ontario, and the Great Northern Transit Company, have been consolidated and acquired by the Northern Navigation Company, of Ontario, which will operate the combined fleets of the two former companies, which consists of seven steamers. They will call at all ports on the Georgian bay east of and including Sault Ste. Marie; also at points on Lake Superior. An eighth steamer is now under construction.

Assinibola.

W. M. Wright, of Bradford, Ont., has opened a drug store at Sintaluta.

A new hotel is to be erected at Yarkton by S. Tye. The building will be of brick.

D. Peterson has succeeded to the management of the Palmer house at Regina, W. McIvor retires.

Fraser & Chalmers, of Indian Head, have received a contract to build a Methodist church at Sintaluta. The contract price is \$2,397.

The stock in trade and book debts of McAra, Barnes & Co., of Craven, is advertised to be sold on May 10th. Sealed tenders for the same will be received by the sheriff at Regina until May 8th.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

COAL OIL REGULATIONS.

The full text of the changes in the regulations governing the importation and sale of refined petroleum have not yet come to hand. So far as The Commercial is able to learn, from the telegraphic reports of Finance Minister Fielding's budget speech, the new regulations would seem to be mainly in the interest of the oil monopoly. We are told that there is not to be any reduction in the duty on coal oil, but that the inspection fee will be abolished, and the restrictions as to the kind of package in which oil is sold, will also be dropped. Now, we may consider how these changes will work out. The inspection fee, as charged in the past, is a matter of only ten cents per barrel, or about one-fifth of a cent per gallon, so that

the abandonment of this fee will do nothing to reduce the price to the consumer. On the other hand, there is always more or less loss from leakage in handling oil in barrels, and while the inspection regulations were in force, importers paid duty only on the actual amount of oil in the barrel when it was inspected, thus saving the payment of duty on the loss from leakage. Now that the inspection is to be dropped, it is presumed that importers will be obliged to pay duty on the full invoice quantity, regardless of leakage, which will have the effect of actually increasing the duty to those who import in barrels.

Again, small dealers will be obliged to import in barrels, as they will not have the extensive plant necessary to handle oil in tanks. Thus, while the oil monopoly will be in a position to handle the oil in tanks and take advantage of the permission to sell in any kind of vessel, the small dealer will have to continue to import in barrels. This is the view The Commercial would take from the summarized report of the new regulations. When the full text is received, however, it may give a different aspect to the case.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Copper closed at London on April 27th at £77; futures, £76 17s 6d.

Cables report a strong glass market abroad and prices have advanced.

Cement is held very firm in the east. The market is quiet and without important features.

Since the 1st of April horseshoes have advanced at Canadian factories nearly 50c per keg.

The copper mines of America produce annually 475 million pounds of metal. They are valued at \$400,000,000.

An advance is predicted in the price of galvanized range boilers as present prices are below cost of importation.

Bennett & Williamson, hardware merchants, Medicine Hat, Assa., have dissolved; Williamson succeeds to the business.

Fence staples have advanced sharply at Montreal, bright being 15c higher at \$2.90, and galvanized 35c higher at \$3.50.

The base price for smooth steel wire at Montreal, is now \$2.80 for Nos. 6 to 9 I. O. B., which is 30c higher than the old list.

Manila and sisal rope is very firm at Canadian manufacturing points and prices advanced 1-2c last week. Increased cost of raw material is the cause.

The advance in the price of brass last week, Toronto, shows as follows: Roll and sheet, 14 to 30 gauge, 5 to 7 1-2 per cent; sheets, hard rolled, 2x4, 24 to 25c, per lb; tubing, 25c base.

It is said that although tin still maintains its high value in London and New York the market is getting weaker and it is becoming more difficult to maintain the high values.

The demand for mixed paints at factories is heavy and there is some talk of advancing prices owing to increased cost of raw material. White lead is very firm.

Brass and copper wire has advanced at Toronto, 1 1/2 per cent, on the list of January 1st. The new list shows 3 wire 10 gauge wire, 46c per pound; copper, 56c; other gauges in proportion. The discounts on brass

THE TREND OF TRADE

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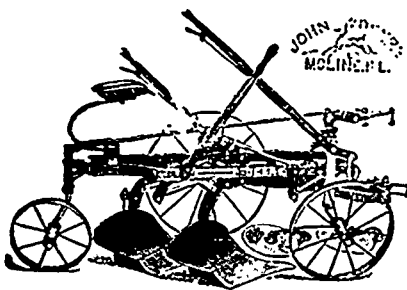
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wire are 50 and 2 1-2 per cent and on copper 45 and 10 per cent.

An advance on scales is considered likely. While about all metal and metal products have advanced, scales have so far not changed in price. The increased cost of raw material, it is expected, will have the effect of advancing scales sooner or later.

The demand for petroleum in eastern Canada is improving, and is said to be very good for the season. A new oil known as Crown Acme, from Sarnia, is in the market at 15 1-2c at Montreal, and is giving great satisfaction.

Stove dealers would not be surprised to learn any time of a further advance in stoves. Two advances of 5 per cent have previously been reported in stoves this season, and since then the tendency to advance wages has been so marked that a further advance is looked for.

Rumors which have been in circulation of an immense combine of United States steel interests are practically confirmed by John W. Gates, president of the American Steel Wire company. He says the combine includes practically all the big concerns of the country, with a capital of between \$700,000,000 and \$800,000,000.

The new horseshoe list at Montreal gives iron shoes of light and medium pattern, No. 1 and smaller, at \$3.65; No. 2 and larger, \$3.40, as against \$3.50 and \$3.25, old list. Steel shoes No. 1 and smaller are now worth \$3.50, and No. 2 and larger \$3.65, as against \$3.75 and \$3.50, old list. Toronto, Hamilton, London and Guelph prices are 10c per 100 pounds higher.

The advance in iron pipe noted in our Toronto telegrams last week applied to all eastern centres. Follows the new list as it applies to Toronto and other Ontario points: 1-8 to 1-2 inch, \$3.10; 3-4 inch, \$3.40, 1 inch, \$4.85; 1 1-4 inch, \$6.50; 1 1-2 inch, \$8; 2 inch, \$11; 2 1-2 to 6 inch, discount 60 and 40 per cent. Galvanized pipe: 1-4, 3-8, and 1-2 inch, \$5.60; 3-4 inch, \$6.10; 1 inch, \$8.70; 1 1-4 inch, \$12; 1 1-2 inch, \$14.75; 2 inch, \$19.75.

Further particulars regarding the amalgamation of copper companies are given as follows in a dispatch from New York under date of April 28: The Amalgamated Copper company, a combination of a number of the principal copper concerns in the country, effected an organization in Jersey City yesterday. The capitalization is \$75,000,000. The following officers were elected: Marcus Daly, president, Henry H. Rogers, vice-president; Wm. Rockefeller, secretary and treasurer.

Seeding.

We publish this week on another page a report furnished by Canadian Pacific Railway station agents the first of the week, regarding seeding. The report is more favorable than would have been supposed, considering the prevalence of wet weather. Since the Canadian Pacific railway report came in, further prolonged, general rains have occurred, which will again delay seeding. In the heavy soil districts the work is very backward, and we still believe that in such districts, particularly where the land is flat the area in crop this year will be materially curtailed.

The straits of Mackinac opened last week, thus giving Chicago communication with the Buffalo and St. Lawrence routes.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended May 4, 1899	\$1,745,537
Corresponding week, 1898	1,410,537
1897	1,314,561

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for four years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,617,000	9,851,000	4,052,000
March ...	5,908,000	4,289,000	4,289,000
April ...	6,240,113	4,161,962	4,032,000
May ...	8,683,864	6,014,786	4,216,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,288	5,618,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,680,708
Oct. ...	9,247,692	12,291,870	7,585,472
Nov. ...	11,638,669	18,550,761	8,895,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945

Year ..90,672,798 83,435,121 64,143,935

	1899.
Jan. ...	\$7,688,052
Feb. ...	6,209,471
March ...	6,756,094
April ...	6,916,431

THE MONEY MARKET.

The prevailing bank discount rate is 7 per cent, with a range of 6 to 8 per cent as to name.

Mortgage loans range mostly at 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property, with special large loans on most valuable properties ranging 1 to 1 1-2 per cent less. While the loan companies are holding for 8 per cent on ordinary farm property loans, an increasing number of loans are going through at 7 per cent.

BANK DIVIDENDS.

Dividends for the current half-yearly period, have been declared by the Canadian banks as follow, at the yearly rate indicated:

	p.c.
Bank of Montreal ...	10
Canadian Bank of Commerce ...	7
Merchants' Bank of Canada ...	7
Quebec Bank ...	6
Ontario Bank ...	5
Bank of Toronto ...	10
Bank of Hamilton ...	8
*Imperial Bank ...	8
Bank of Hochelaga ...	7
Standard Bank ...	8
**Dominion Bank ...	12

*And a bonus of 1 per cent.
**Quarterly dividends of 3 per cent.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Finance Minister Fielding says the national surplus this year will be \$4,600,000.

The Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia is having plans prepared for a new and modern front for its office.

A by-law to raise the sum of \$75,000 to complete the waterworks system of the town was voted on at Rat Portage, Ontario, on Saturday last and carried.

B. A. Waters, Inspector of the Equitable Savings and Loan company, Toronto, has returned east after a prolonged tour of inspection of the company's branches in the west.

By the recent rise in the stock of

the Anaconda copper mine, due to the amalgamation of copper interests, Montreal parties who had been speculating in the stock made \$2,500,000.

The transactions of the Winnipeg Government Savings bank for the month ending April 30th were: Deposits, 17,791; withdrawals, \$19,536.57, the withdrawals exceeding deposits by \$1,745.57.

A telegram from Toronto dated May 3, said negotiations for the amalgamation of the Canada Landed and National Investment company, the London and Canada Loan and Agency company and the Building and Loan association had fallen through.

The council of the Canadian Bankers association disapproves of the scheme to establish a mint in Canada, mainly on the ground that metal money is not wanted in Canada. The council thinks that the introduction of gold coin would disturb the present admirable currency system.

One of the outside firms which tendered on a large Winnipeg city contract recently and accompanied the tender with the usual marked cheque is likely to get into trouble over the transaction as it transpires that the marking of the cheque had been done by the company's cashier and not by the bank on which the cheque was drawn.

Excavation for the foundation of the new Dominion bank building on the corner of Main street and McDermot avenue, Winnipeg, has been commenced. The old buildings which have occupied that corner so long have entirely disappeared. One log building torn down is said to have been built in 1860. The logs were of oak and came out of the walls as sound as the day they were put in.

At the last regular meeting of the Brandon city council a letter was read from City Solicitor Henderson recommending the council not to fight the case against the London and Lancashire Insurance company vs. Brandon. It was decided to consent to a verdict against the city when the case comes up on May 16. The company is suing the city for the balance of the unpaid coupons on the bonds. A by-law was passed hypothecating the taxes of the city to the Imperial bank in return for moneys advanced to carry on the affairs of the city.

The Commercial Men.

R. L. Patterson, of Toronto, representing Miller & Richards, type foundry, is in Winnipeg.

G. M. Robinson, representing the Eckart Casket Co., Toronto, was in the city this week on a western trip.

W. C. Cooper, representative of Parke, Davis & Co., and other eastern firms, left Winnipeg Tuesday on a business trip throughout southern Manitoba.

The following commercial men registered at the Leland house, Winnipeg, this week: Chas. Thompson, Toronto; J. H. Glass and J. H. Glass, Jr., London, Ont.; W. R. Roseburgh, Toronto; Ben Stout, Rochester, N.Y.; P. G. Reynolds, St. Louis; W. A. Aivis, Boston; H. Tomkins, Rock Island; T. M. Davis, London; Fred. A. Pierce, Duluth; L. O. Grothe, Montreal; Frank Matthews, Montreal; Geo. Astel, Montreal.

The proposed fast summer time table on the C. P. R. will go into force June 15th.

INSURANCE

CALCULATING THE RESERVE.

The bill introduced at Ottawa to change the rate of interest used in calculating life insurance reserves, will make a very material difference in the estimated cost of carrying a policy. The present basis of calculation is 4-1-2 per cent. It is proposed to reduce this to 3-1-2 per cent. On a straight life policy, at the age of 30 years, the premium would require to be increased \$1.85 per \$1,000 of insurance, to carry the policy through on a 3-1-2 per cent basis, as compared with the 4-1-2 per cent basis. This is the net increase, exclusive of expenses, based on the American Experience table. At the age of 50 years, the net increase in the premium on the 3-1-2 per cent basis would be \$2.50 per \$1,000 of insurance. On a twenty payment life the increase would be \$3.33 net, at the age of 30 years. Of course it does not follow that the insurance companies will increase their premium rates in adopting the lower interest basis. Some companies already calculate on a 3-1-2 or 4 per cent basis. The lower basis of calculation does not of course affect the actual interest earning power of the investments of a company, but it will reduce the surplus showing of the companies. The interest rate is simply the basis on which the companies will calculate the liability of the policies.

INSURANCE NOTES.

President Henry B. Hyde, of the Equitable Life, is dead.

The Manufacturers' Life and the Ontario Mutual Life have each taken handsome quarters in the New McIntyre block.

Application is being made to the Manitoba legislature for the incorporation of a company to carry on a hall insurance business.

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W. W. Buchanan, a well known Canadian journalist, and public man, at one time leader writer on the Winnipeg Sun, has returned to this city and connected himself with the Great West Life Assurance company. He has been placed in charge of the city agency and as the general offices of the company are crowded he has located temporary office quarters in the Free Press building.

The E. B. Eddy Co., of Hull, has commenced the manufacture of brushes for house, outdoor and stable use.

A combination of New York city brewers is said to be in process of formation. The capital will be \$125,000,000.

The first direct fruit steamer to arrive at Montreal this season reached that port on Friday, April 28. The shipments were the heaviest on record exceeding last year by 50,000 boxes. Some extra fine November cut lemons were included in the lot and the quality of all the fruit was excellent.

A dispatch from Ottawa says: "Shaughnessy and Angus, representing the C. P. R., have purchased the Northwest Central charter from Delap for \$550,000, Delap to settle all outstanding claims. The application hooked by the C. P. R. for an extension of time in which to build the line or any portion of it, will be pressed upon the government this session.

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NEW RUBBER COMPANY.

Among the new companies opening business in Winnipeg recently is the Boston Rubber Company, of Montreal. This a very strong company, composed of a few well-known capitalists, with Robert Mackay as president, and Charles Cassils, vice-president. The Winnipeg business of the company will be in the hands of Arthur Congdon, who has received the appointment of sole selling agent for this western territory. Mr. Congdon informs us that the plant is a very extensive one and will be devoted exclusively to the manufacture of rubber boots and shoes of the highest grade. A large stock of these goods will be carried in Winnipeg, so that customers may be supplied on shortest notice. The present capacity of Mr. Congdon's premises will not meet the demands of this additional business, and warehouse arrangements for the future have not yet been decided upon. It is likely, however, that the present building will be remodelled and a commodious basement added.

SHOE STYLES.

The tendency towards the sensible shapes in all footwear, which was such a prominent feature of the newest spring goods is even more pronounced in the fall shapes. Broad toes, broad soles and all the general outlines are in conformity with the prescribed lines of nature and fashion has positively decreed that the foot shall be comfortable. There is very little fluctuation in styles this season, and the day of extreme and uncomfortable shapes appears to have gone. This may not be so good for the last makers, but it most certainly is better for the wearer and also for the retail dealer and manufacturers. For both men and women manufacturers are settling down to the production of a more common-sense shoe than the styles that have prevailed for the past few years. The razor toe, which was the most recent monstrosity will be remembered by thousands whose feet have become distorted and misshapen by having the toes compressed in these shoes. Men's shoes for women are increasing in popularity, and this fall we may expect to find women not only masquerading with men's shirts, vests, etc., but also donning the boots belonging to their brothers. Some concerns are turning out shoes that are such exact counterparts of the men's goods that they cannot be distinguished. While we may be tempted to ridicule this mannish fad in women in general, in this particular instance the fashion has the advantage of common-sense, and the freedom enjoyed by the feet will be much appreciated. Another commendable feature of the latest shoes is that they are more evenly balanced in regard to the different parts. It was customary to see an exceedingly light upper attached to a thick heavy sole or a very flexible sole with the thinnest of uppers, but these have all gone and in their place we have well proportioned goods. Taken on the whole the vogue in styles is such as to make every sensible man and woman hope there will be no change for some time to come.—Shoe and Leather Journal.

The total number of failures in Canada last week was 23, as compared with 16 in 1898.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

Hemlock lumber has advanced another 50c per thousand in Pennsylvania.

A. L. Ashdown, Portage la Prairie, has opened a lumber yard at Swan River, Man.

Culms & Stacey have bought out the lumber business of Rogers Bros. at McGregor, Man.

The Canadian Lumberman predicts an advance in lumber freight rates throughout Canada.

The Rathbun Co., of Desoronto, Ont., has made extensive improvements in some of its mills this spring.

Half of the season's output of hardwood lumber in Wisconsin is said to have already been contracted for.

Cowan, of Brandon, has succeeded to the lumber and saw mill business of H. Keith & Co. at Prince Albert, Sask.

Brown & Rutherford, wood working factory, at Winnipeg, is shut down pending the installation of a new 80 ton boiler.

Jobbers of red cedar shingles in the Northwestern States are taking steps to steady the market which has been very shaky.

G. B. Housser & Co., of Portage la Prairie, Man., are opening branch yards at Bugot, on the Canadian Pacific railway main line, and Willow Range, on the Northern Pacific Portage branch.

It is reported that a company has been formed by John Mather, of Ottawa, to erect pulp and paper mills on Tunnel Island, near Rat Portage, Ont.

50,542 acres of virgin forests of Oregon, pine, cedar and spruce limits in British Columbia are offered for sale by tender by the secretary of the MacLaren-Ross Lumber Co.

The timber inspector for British Columbia gives the following statement of timber and cordwood cut during the eleven months ended November 30th, 1898,—not including that from Dominion lands, nor from the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway lands: On crown lands, 70,755,866 feet; on timber leasehold, 42,181,173 feet; on private property, 11,598,614 feet; total, 124,546,658 feet.

Prices of doors and sash in the United States were advanced on May 1. No. 1 and 2 doors are now subject to discounts of 60 and 5 off for less than car lots, and No. 3 doors of 60 and 10 off. Open sash are quoted in the new list at 70 and 5 off, and glazed sash at 70 and 10 off. Blinds are 65 and 5 off, white pine mouldings 65, yellow pine and basswood mouldings 70, and blocks 65. These discounts are based on Chicago delivery.

The American Lumberman thus speaks of the lumber situation in Manitoba from a southern point of view: "Minnesota manufacturers who do business in Manitoba report not to exceed 25 per cent of the business done in American lumber there this spring that was done last spring. Manitoba has violent ups and downs in lumber as in other things. Last spring the price of wheat made prospects and wheat acreage very large, but the long rains last fall damaged not less than 60 per cent, it is said, of the small grain crop. This spring the retailers who had expected to sell out during the fall and winter have yet the lumber in stock that they had last fall. The spring has been late and building has started out very slowly. However, hope springs eternal in Manitoba as it does in South Dakota, and the inhabitants and the retailers are looking for a good year's business."

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WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Canned Goods

Table listing various canned goods such as Apples, Beans, Corn, Peas, Pineapple, and various fruits with their respective prices per case.

Canned Meats

Table listing various canned meats including Corn Beef, Lunch Beef, and Roast Beef with prices per case.

Coffee

Table listing different grades of coffee like Green Rio and Inferior grades with prices per pound.

Cereals

Table listing various cereals such as Split Peas, Pot Barley, and Rolled Oatmeal with prices per sack.

Rice

Table listing different types of rice like Rice, B., and Rice, Japan with prices per pound.

Cigarettes

Table listing various cigarette brands like Old Judge and Sweet Sixteen with prices per M.

Cured Fish

Table listing cured fish products such as Boneless Hake and Codfish with prices per lb.

Dried Fruits

Table listing various dried fruits including Currants, Raisins, and Prunes with prices per pound.

Dried Fruits

Table listing various dried fruits like Raisins, Loose Muscatels, and London Layers with prices per pound.

California Evaporated Fruits

Table listing California evaporated fruits such as Peaches, Apples, and Nectarines with prices per pound.

Matches

Table listing different types of matches like Telephone and Tiger with prices per case.

Nuts

Table listing various nuts including Brazils, Taragona Almonds, and Shelled Almonds with prices per pound.

Syrup

Table listing different grades of syrup like Extra Bright and Medium with prices per lb.

Sugar

Table listing various types of sugar such as Extra Standard Gran., German Granulated, and Maple Sugar with prices per pound.

Salt

Table listing different grades of salt like Rock Salt and Common, fine with prices per barrel.

Dairy

Table listing dairy products such as Dairy, white duck sack and Common, fine jute sack with prices per sack.

Spices

Table listing various spices including Assorted Herbs, Allspice, and Cloves with prices per pound.

Teas

Table listing different types of tea like China Blacks, Indian and Ceylon, and Young Hysons with prices per pound.

Tobacco

Table listing various tobacco products such as T. & B., Lilly, and Crescent with prices per pound.

Wooden Ware

Table listing wooden ware items like Paits, wire hoop, and Tubs with prices per doz.

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Table listing cured meats and lard products including Lard, Smoked Meats, and Barrel Pork with prices per lb.

Meat Sundries

Table listing meat sundries like Fresh pork sausage and Bologna sausage with prices per lb.

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Table listing fresh fish and oysters including Whitefish, Pickerel, and various oyster types with prices per lb.

DRUGS

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

Table listing various drugs such as Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, and many others with prices per unit.

LEATHER

Table listing different types of leather like Harness, Hemlock, and Sole with prices per pound.

FUEL

Table listing various fuels including Coal, Pennsylvania anthracite, and Cordwood with prices per ton.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary quantities, subject to usual reductions for large quantities or for cash transactions are as follows:

TIN—Lamb and Flagg, 36 and 28 lb: ingots, per lb. 29c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 1/4, 12x12 and 14x20, \$4.50 to \$4.75; 1X, same size box, \$5.75 to \$6; 10, charcoal 20x28, 11 1/2 sheets to box, \$8.50 to \$9; 1X, box, 20x28, 11 1/2 sheets, \$10.50 to \$11.

TERNE PLATES—10, 20x28, \$8.50.

IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.30; band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.35 to \$2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$3; sleigh shoe steel \$3; tire steel \$3.25; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb. 12 to 13c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$3; 3-8 inch and thicker, \$2.75.

ROLLER TUBES—2 inch, 1 1/2c per foot; 2 1/2 inch, 15 1-2c; 3 inch, 17c per foot.

SHEET IRON—10 to 12 gauge, \$3; 14 to 26, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES—Garth and Blatna, \$3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON—American, 16 gauge, \$4; 18 to 22 gauge, \$4.25; 24 gauge, \$4.50; 26 gauge, \$4.75; 28 gauge, \$5 per 100 lbs.

IRON PIPE—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-1/4 inch, \$3.40; 3-8 inch, \$3.40; 1-2 inch, \$4.20; 3-4 inch, \$4.60; 1 inch, \$6.60; 1 1-4 inch, \$8.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$10.80; 2 inch, \$14.40.

GALVANIZED PIPE—1-4 inch, \$6.40; 3-8 inch, \$6.40; 1-2 inch, \$6.80; 3-4 inch, \$7.60; 1 inch, \$10.40; 1 1-4 inch, \$14.40; 1 1-2 inch, \$17.60; 2 inch, \$23.80.

CHALK—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$9; do. 1-4 in. \$8; do. 5-16 in. \$4.75; do. 3-8 in. \$4.25; do. 7-16 in. \$4; do. 1-2 in. \$3.85; do. 5-8 in. \$3.75; trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50; jack chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c; jack chain, double, per doz. yards, 25 cents.

COPPER—tinned copper sheets, 28c.; finished 3c; boiler and T K pits, plain tinned per lb. 29c; spun 33c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 4 1-2 to 5c.

SHEET ZINC—in casks, \$8 per 100 lbs.; broken lots \$8.50.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb. 18c.

SHOT—Soft, 6 1-2c per lb; chilled 7c; buckshot, 7 1-2c.

AMMUNITION—Cartridges—R. F. pistol, American discount 37 1-2 to 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, not list; centre fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1-2 per cent; centre fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to \$7.50.

LOADED SHELLS—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft \$1.50; chilled \$1.65; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2.00; chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, \$1.90; chilled, \$2.05; No. 10 gauge, soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb; thin card wads, in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauge, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

ANVILS—Per lb. 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.

AUGER BITS—American, 65 to 70 per cent; Jennings's Excelsior, 50 per cent; best pole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.

AXES—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$5.50 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.

BELTING—Extra, 50 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 65 to 60 per cent.

BOLTS—Carriage, 1-4 and 5-16, 52 1-2 per cent; 3-8 and up, 47 1-2c; tire dis. 60 per cent; stove, dis. 60 per cent; machine discount 55 per cent; coach screws, dis. 65 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.

BUTTS—Loose ply cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose ply, dis. 65 per cent; Berlin bronze, dis. 45 per cent; gen. bronze,

ed per pair 35 to 85,
HINGES—Light T and strap, 65 per cent; heavy, per lb 5 to 6c; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in., 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 1c, spring screen door, \$1 to \$2.25 doz.

HOES—Garden, mortar, etc., dis. 60 and 10 per cent.

ROPE—Sisal, lb. 11c base; manila, lb. 12c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 in. and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 18 1-2c; lath yarn 10c.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor brand plain 45c; do. tarred, 60c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred 73c.

HOSE NAILS—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 per box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices, 40 per cent.

HOSE SHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.25; 2 and larger, \$1. Less than regular, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$4.55; 2 and larger, \$4.30; snow shoe, \$3.15; 3 in. \$3.20; 2 1-2 in. \$3.25; 2 in. \$3.40; 1 1-2 in. \$3.50; 1 1-4 in. \$3.75; 1 in. \$4.10.

NAILS—Wire—1 1-2 in. up, \$3.10; 4 in. \$3.15; 3 in. \$3.20; 2 1-2 in. \$3.25; 2 in. \$3.40; 1 1-2 in. \$3.50; 1 1-4 in. \$3.75; 1 in. \$4.10.

NAILS—Cut—2d, \$3.55; 3d, \$3.20; 4d, \$2.95; 6d, \$2.85; 8d, \$2.70; 10d, \$2.65; 20d, \$2.60; 30d up, \$2.55.

SCREWS—Wood, F.H., iron and steel dis. 80 and 5; wood, R.H. iron, dis. 70 and 10; wood, F. H., brass, dis. 70 and 10; wood, R. H., brass, dis. 65 per cent.

BENCH, wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$1.00 per 100 lbs.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 19 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3 to \$3.50.

WIRE FENCING—Galvanized 4 barb. regular, \$3.50; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.50.

WIRE CLOTH—Painted screen, per 100 sq. ft. \$1.50.

RIVETS AND BURRETS—Carriage, section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 45 per cent; black M rivets, 45 per cent; black and tinned rivets, 45 per cent; copper rivets and burrets, 32 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

WHITE LEAD—Purc, \$6.75 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$5.75.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6 1-4c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels 3 1-2c; American, vermilion, 15 cents; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Paris green, 18 to 20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2 1-2c; less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c; less quantities 4c lb.

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

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20 to 25c.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

AXLE GREASE—Imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, case, \$2.25.

COAL TAR—Per barrel, \$5.

PINE PITCH—\$4 per barrel.

CEMENT—Portland cement, barrel, \$4 to \$4.25.

PLASTER AND HAIR—Plaster, barrel, \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c half.

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2 lb; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 pkgs. \$6.50 to \$7.50 as to color.

WINDOW GLASS—Single glass, flat break, 16 to 25 unrolled inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 foot boxes; 41 to 50, \$3.30; 51 to 60, \$3.80; 61 to 70, \$4.30 per 100 foot boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal. 59c; boiled, gal. 62 in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, 75c; less than barrels, gal. 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oils, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; as to quality, castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 83c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20 1-2c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1-2c for coceno and 2 1-2 for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

The following prices cover the range as to size and color for prime skins. Very small and pale skins bring the lowest price, and very large the top range. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.25	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings ...	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings...	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly	4.50	20.00
Beaver, large	5.00	7.00
Beaver, medium	3.00	5.00
Beaver, small	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cubs ... ..	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	0.00	8.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large ...	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt ... ..	.25	.75
Fox, red	1.00	2.25
Fox, silver dark	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.50
Lynx, medium	1.00	1.75
Lynx, small ... ..	.50	1.00
Marten, dark	3.00	6.00
Marten, pale or brown...	2.50	5.00
Marten, light pale	1.00	3.25
Mink, dark ... ..	.75	2.25
Mink, pale ... ..	.75	1.50
Musquash, spring ... ..	.04	.12
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk25	.90
Wolf, timber	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie40	1.00
Wolverine, dark	3.00	4.00
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Tenders

Tenders are wanted for a softening plant by the city of Winnipeg for the waterworks, to be in by Monday, June 5.

Wm. Harvey is calling for tenders for the purchase of two frame buildings on the corner of Princess and McDermot streets, Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg committee of works is advertising for tenders for the supply of coal, dynamite, cement, oils and fuse, to be in by May 10.

The town of Lethbridge, Alberta, is advertising for tenders for \$30,000 of irrigation debentures. The interest rate is 5 per cent. Bids must be in by June 5th.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of a frame school building in Montefort school district to be completed by July 1. Tenders are to be in by May 15. Wm. Somerville, of Beloraine, is secretary-treasurer.

The council of the town of Rat Portage are prepared to receive tenders for the privilege and use of Sandy Beach on Coney Island for the season of 1899. Tenders must be delivered on or before the 15th of May, to J. K. Brydon, town clerk.

Movements of Business Men

J. T. Gordon left Winnipeg this week for Calgary and other points in the west.

J. Griffin, accompanied by Mrs. Griffin and family, who spent the winter in Winnipeg, have left for their home at St. Thomas, Ont.

F. W. Sprado, who was manager of the Manitoba hotel, Winnipeg, until the fire of last February, has accepted a position as manager of a leading Duluth hotel.

Carpenter's Strike.

The carpenters strike in Winnipeg this week has caused a great deal of inconvenience in the city. The men, it is said, have been called off by the union, even in cases where they were getting the full rate of wages demanded by the union. Thus those who were willing to pay the wages demanded, have been obliged to suffer the stoppage of their work, in common with those who refused to accede to the demands of the men. The object apparently is to stop all work until all or most of the contractors have agreed to the terms demanded by the men. It certainly seems arbitrary on the part of the union to refuse to allow the men to work in cases where the full rate of wages is being paid.

The C. P. R. hotel at Banff will be opened for the regular season on May 15th.

The Waterous Engine Co., Winnipeg agents for the Buffalo Pitts Company, makers of engines and threshers, are distributing a very handsome catalogue of that company's machines.

There has been a marked improvement in the demand for ocean grain freights at Montreal. All the space for May has been engaged and some contracts have been made for June. Liverpool space has been let at 1s 1 1/2d.

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MINING NOTES

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

One of the most recently incorporated mining companies in the Lake of the Woods district is the "Lightning Chance Gold Mining Company, Limited," of Mine Centre, Ontario. The capital stock is \$1,000,000.

The Alice A mine in the Seine river district, will be equipped with a complete outfit of machinery and a stamping mill by English capitalists who are interested in the property. A plant for treating concentrates is part of the scheme.

At a meeting of the owners of the Golden Star mine, in the Seine River, Ont., district, held in Duluth on April 24, the gold properties were sold to Toronto people. The headquarters of the company will be removed to Toronto.

The Large Gold Mining and Exploration Company of Ontario, capital \$1,000,000; the Headlight Gold Mining and Exploration Company of Ontario, capital, \$1,000,000; and the Lucky Coon Gold Mining Company of Mine Centre, capital \$1,000,000, are all seeking incorporation from the Ontario government.

Speaking of mining in the Seine river district Col. Hillyer says that several new plants had been installed during the past few months and that large quantities of machinery for several new camps would go in by the first boats from Rat Portage. While Duluth and Superior capitalists were the first to recognize the great richness of the Seine river district, Chicago, New York, Boston and Minneapolis people are now showing an active interest in the country.

The Burley mine, which has always been a subject of interest, because of its being located in the middle of the lake and because it was a problem as to whether it would strike pay ore or not, seems at last to give indications as to the success of the enterprise. On the 180 foot level about 60 feet of cross-cut drifting has been done, resulting in cutting several small lenses showing considerable free gold besides cutting one lens or vein eight feet wide that shows good values.—Rat Portage Miner.

MISSCELLANEOUS

There is a brisk movement to mining stocks on both the Toronto and Montreal exchanges.

The test of Crow's Nest Pass coal by the vessels of the British navy at Esquimaux has been pronounced satisfactory.

Another estimate of the gold production of the Canadian Yukon country for this season places it at \$40,000,000.

The value of the asbestos production of Quebec last year was \$496,310. This heads the list of the mineral productions of that province in point of value. Low grade copper ore comes next in value with \$143,851. Quebec also produced pig iron to the value of \$116,151, bog ore, \$37,927, chrome iron \$25,000; mica, thumb trimmed, \$6,500. The chrome iron ore found in Quebec averages over 50 per cent of metal. The total mineral production of Quebec for the year, including lime and bricks, last year reached \$1,673,337.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, May 1.

Butter is in good supply in the British Columbia market at this writing, and prices are weakening. Eggs are also in abundant supply and are selling much cheaper. Potatoes are easier, all the old crop is being rushed to market. Oats are still advancing owing to their scarcity. Other changes are unimportant. Business is much easier this week and the Klondike trade is not so brisk, although up to date \$1,000,000 worth of supplies have been booked at Vancouver for the White Pass railway.

The feature of the week in labor circles has been the amalgamation of all branches of labor into unions, and the determined stand of the striking tailors. There are now 23 tailors holding out, and 33 at work. Each side claims that the other is about to give in. The striking tailors are being given a sum enabling them to live comfortably by the tailors' union, while the trades and labor council has guaranteed to financially assist when called upon to do so.

The question still absorbing the attention of citizens of Vancouver is the Deadman's Island affair. On Monday, April 23rd, Ludgate with a gang of workmen landed on the island to clear ground for the mill. They were met by Mayor Gordon and a posse of police, who arrested them for trespassing on city property. Ludgate showed his lease from the Dominion government entitling him to establish a mill on the island. The mayor informed him that the island belonged to the city, not the government. Attorney-General Martin, acting for Ludgate, offered to put up bonds to employ no Orientals at the mill and to do everything in reason thought necessary to safeguard the city's interests. City Solicitor Hamersley advised that the city could not make Ludgate liable on his personal bonds, as he was not the company, who would operate the mill. All attempts to come to an understanding failed. In the meantime the citizens, or a great majority of them, are impatient at the delay. They are anxious to have the mill erected and are willing to take Ludgate's word for it regarding the employment of Chinese and Japs, etc.

The mayor, however, believes he has a duty to perform and is performing it as guardian of the city's interests. The citizens called a mass meeting and after censuring the mayor and council called upon them to resign and asked the government to repress anyone who acted in violation of their direction hereafter. The mayor is now trying to settle the matter by inducing the government to transfer Ludgate's lease to them with the understanding that they will at once transfer it to Ludgate and that they will then hold Ludgate or his successors by the lease. The Dominion government in giving Ludgate the lease of the island for twenty-five years charged him the very nominal sum of \$500 a year. It is very evident that when Stanley Park was ceded to the city by the government Deadman's Island was included, and the government therefore cannot lease it to another party, but our citizens in their anxiety to get the industry established here overlook this fact. Two out of the three Vancouver newspapers are standing by the mayor.

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Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, May 6.

ANTIMONY—11 to 11-1-2c per lb. for Cooks'.

BARBED WIRE—f.o.b. Toronto. \$3 per 100 lbs. Terms 2 per cent off 10 days.

BAR IRON—\$1.70 from stock and \$1.05 from factory.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge at \$2.85.

BOLTS—Common carriage bolts. 5-10 inch, 60 per cent. do 3-8 and larger, 55 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 60 per cent; coach screws, 75 per cent; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 75 per cent; stove bolts, 65 and 10 per cent.

NUTS, square, all sizes, 4-1-2c. hexagon, 5c tapping nuts, 70 per cent.

BRASS—Roll and sheet, 14 to 16 gauge, 5 to 7-1-2 per cent; sheets, hard rolled 2x4, 24 to 25c per lb; tubing 25c base.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarred lining, 40c; according to quality; tarred roofing felt, \$1.45 per 100 lbs.

CANADA PLATES—All dull at \$2.50 per 100 lbs; half polished \$2.60 and all bright \$3.10 per 100 lbs.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.65 to \$2.90; English do, \$2.90 to \$3.10; German do, \$3.10; Belgian do, \$2.70; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.00 to \$1.10 calcined plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per bl.

COIL CHAIN—1-4 in., \$6.90; 5-16 in., \$4.40; 3-8 in., \$4; 7-16 in., \$3.80; 1-2 in., \$2.75; 5-8 in., \$3.55; 3-4 in., \$3.45.

COPPER—Ingot copper, at 19 to 19 1-2c per lb; sheet copper, 24c; brasses, 23 to 25c, according to weight.

CUT NAILS—\$2.05 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London, with 5c per keg rebate.

FENCE WIRE—Discount 25 per cent factory.

FINE STEEL WIRE—Discount 25 per cent f.o.b. factory point. We quote for 100 lb. lots—No. 17, \$5; No. 18, \$5.50; No. 19, \$6; No. 20, \$6.65; No. 21, \$7; No. 22, \$7.30; No. 23, \$7.65; No. 24, \$8; No. 25, \$9; No. 26, \$9.50; No. 27, \$10; No. 28, \$11; No. 29, \$12; No. 30, \$13; No. 31, \$14; No. 32, \$15; No. 33, \$16; No. 34, \$17. Extras net. Tinned wire—Nos. 17-25, \$2; Nos. 26-31, \$4; Nos. 32-34, \$6. Coppered, 75c; oiling, 10c; in 25 lb. bundles, 15c; in 5 and 10 lb. bundles, 25c; in 1 lb. hanks, 50c; in 1-2 lb. hanks, 75c; in 1-4 lb. hanks, \$1; packed in casks or cases, 15c; bagging or papering 10c.

GALVANIZED IRON—Queen's Head, 28-gauge, \$4.75 per 100 lbs; American make, 28 gauge, \$4.50 per 100 lbs; Gordon crown, 28 gauge, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

GLASS—Star, first break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.80, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50 double diamond under 25 united inches, \$5.50; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$1.20 per 100 square feet.

HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia counter sunk head, 50 and 20 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.75 f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton, London and Guelph.

IRON PIPE—1-8 to 1-2 in. \$3.10; 3-4 in. \$3.40; 1 in. \$4.85; 1-1-4 in. \$6.50; 1-1-2 in. \$8; 2 in. \$11; 2-1-2 in. to 6 in. discount 60 to 10 per cent. Galvanized pipe—1-4, 3-8 and 1-2 in. \$5.60; 3-4 in. \$6.10; 1 in. \$8.70; 1-1-4 in. \$12; 1-1-2 in. \$14.75; 2 in. \$19.75.

LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste 7 1-2c discounts, 17 1-2 per cent.

PIC IRON—American \$16.50, and southern \$17.65 in bond.

PIG IRON—Imported at 1-4 to 4 1-2c per lb.

PIG TIN—28 1-2 to 29c for Strait and 29 1-2 to 30c for Lamb and Hagg.

POULTRY NETTING—Discount of 50 and 5 per cent.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 60 per cent off the list; do. Norway iron, 55 per cent; black M rivets, steel, 60 per cent; do. Norway iron, 55 per cent; iron burrs, 50 and 5 per cent; copper rivets 25 per cent; bifurcated, with box \$1.25; coppered iron rivets and burrs, in 5-lb. carton boxes, 30c per lb.

ROPE—Signal, 7-16 in. and larger, 10 1-2c; 3-8 in. 11c; 1-4 and 5-16 in. 11 1-2c; Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 10 1-2c;

3-8 in. 11c; 1-4 to 5-16 in. 11 1-2c; deep sea line, 13 1-2c for water laid and 14 1-2c for machine made. hemp, 7 to 9c; lath yarn, 8 3-4c. Clothesline, 48 feet, 90c; 60 feet, \$1.20; 72 feet, \$1.50; 100 feet, \$2.

SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 82 1-2 and 5 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 and 5 per cent; flat head brass, 75 and 5 per cent; round head brass, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1-2 and 5 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—8 1-4 to 8 1-2c for cask lots.

SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—The base is \$2.80 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.

SPELTER—7 1-2 to 7 3-4c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 17 3-4 to 18 1-4c; reamed, 17 1-4 to 17 3-4c; wiping, 16 to 16 1-2c.

SLEIGH SHOE AND FIRE STEEL—\$2.50.

TINNED IRON—50x72, 24 gauge, 6 1-4 to 6 3-4c.

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$2.55 Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

GASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 9c per lb. and 10c for single tins.

GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 22c.

LINSEED OIL—Prices delivered at Western Ontario points are—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 53c; 4 boiled, 1 to 4 barrels, 56c. Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c per gallon less.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1 per gallon; No. 1 quality, 90c per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—90c.

PLASTER PARIS—Ordinary, \$1.75 per barrel; New Brunswick, \$2 per barrel.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 500 lbs, \$4.90 to \$5; do. in kegs of 100 lbs, \$5.15 to \$5.50; No. 1, in casks of 500 lbs, \$4.75; do. kegs of 100 lbs, \$5.

SEAL OIL—59 to 60c per gallon, and yellow seal at 49 to 50c.

TURPENTINE—Price delivered at Western Ontario points are as follows: 1 to 4 barrels, 60c; in less quantities than barrels, 5c per gallon extra will be added and package charged for. Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c less than the above. Terms, net 30 days.

WHITING—60c per 100 lbs; gliders' whitening, 85c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6; No. 1, \$5.62 1-2; No. 2, \$5.25; No. 3, \$4.87 1-2; No. 4, \$4.50; dry white lead in casks, \$5.10.

WHITE ZINC—Genuine French, V.M., in casks, \$7 to \$7.25; Lebigh, in casks, \$6.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, May 6.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto \$1.78; yellow, \$4.18 to \$4.58.

SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 36c to 42c.

MOLASSES—West India, barrels, 32 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium and 35 to 47c for bright.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 7 1-2 to 14c. Mocha, 23 to 28c; Java, 30 to 32c.

TEAS—Japan, low grade, 16 to 20c per lb; Young Hyson, seconds, 16 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 45c; Indian, 18 to 50c; Congou, low grades, 10 to 15c; mediums, 22 to 25c; and fine 40 to 55c; Ceylons, 17 to 25c; Formosa oolong, 25 to 65c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 85 to 90c; peas, 80 to \$1.00; sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; corn, 95c to \$1; beans, 80 to 90c; nutmegs, 70 to 75c; strawberries, 2's \$1.30 to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55 to \$1.65; 3's, \$2.65 to \$2.75; apples, 3's, 85c; gala, \$2.20 to \$2.40. Salmon, Cohos, prime dark pink fish, \$1.15 to \$1.20; sock-eyes, red fish, \$1.35 to \$1.60; lobsters, halves \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.90; flats, \$3.10.

RICES—Rice bags, 35-8 to 4c; Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Patna, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 to 18c; Amboyna, 16 to 25c; Penang, 28 to 30c; all-epice, 20c; nutmegs, 50 to \$1; cream tartar, pure, 25 to 28c; compound, 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 16c; Penang, 15c; compound, 8 to 12c; pepper, pure white, 26 to 28c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, fine off-stalk, 4 7-8 to 5 1-8c; selected, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; layers, 6 to 6 1-2c; figs, layers, 10's and 28's, 18 to 20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18 to 19c; provincial currants, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; Filiatras, 4 3-4 to 5 1-4c; Patras, 6c; Vostizas, 4 1-2 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 17 to 20c; pears, 9 to 10c; prunes, 70's and 80's, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 5 3-4 to 6c. Bosnia prunes, 5 to 6 1-2c; Sultanias, 11 to 13c. Halloween dates, 6 1-4c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.75 to \$1.90 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c. Black baskets, quarter flats, 75c. and blue baskets, quarter flats, 85c. Dehesia, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 26 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 45c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 26 to 28c; Greenobles, 12 1-2 to 13c; Sicily filberts, 9 to 10c.

PEEL—Orange, 12 to 13c. Lemon, 10 1-2 to 13c; citron, 17 to 20c.

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Canada mess, \$14 short cut, \$15; clear shoulder mess, \$12.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 7c; ton and case lots, 7 1-4c; brentana bacon, 11 to 11 1-2c; hams, large, 13-4c; medium 10 1-4c; rolls 8 1-4c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

LARD—Tubs, 9 1-2 to 9 3-4c.

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Winnipeg Board of Trade

A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, when a deputation from the general grain committee of the board waited on the council and preferred a request that a special general meeting of the board be held to consider the provisions of the "Act to regulate the trade in grain in Manitoba and the North-west Territories" introduced in parliament by Dr. Douglas, M. P., at Ottawa and now before a committee of the house. The council acceded to the request, and a special general meeting will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the board room.

A communication was received from Mr. L. C. Taylor, of Mine Centre, asking the board to assist the residents of that district in securing a Canadian tri-weekly service via Rat Portage. Mr. Taylor made the assertion that at present there is not one letter in 500 that goes by Canadian mail, but they pay \$150 a month for a special carrier to connect with the American mail service and in consequence only United States postage stamps are used to the loss of Canadian revenue. Mr. Taylor was present in person and gave information on the subject. The matter was referred to the standing committee on postal matters for action.

The secretary made the following report on matters which received his attention recently at Ottawa:

Winnipeg, 2nd May, 1899.

To the President and Council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade.

Gentlemen,—Having received instructions from you to take up certain matters with the departments and ministers at Ottawa, I beg to report as follows:

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

Accompanied by R. L. Richardson, M. P., I had an interview with Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, and presented to him the views of the Winnipeg board of trade re insolvency legislation, as expressed at different times on the reports of committees inquiring into various bills presented to parliament. Having, with Mr. Bole, last year presented the same views to the minister, I had only to repeat our arguments then presented. As the result of our conversation I learned that except in Ontario and Quebec, few of the members of parliament, to any extent favored insolvency legislation as it has been presented to them and especially the members representing rural constituencies, seem to be very much opposed to insolvency legislation. Mr. Mills assured us that in any case, full opportunity would be given our board to appear before any committee of the house to which an insolvency bill would be presented, and plenty of time would be given before any final action was taken. I also had an interview with Hon. Mr. Sifton and members of parliament from different parts of the Dominion, with the result that I am satisfied that there is no chance for the "Fortin" bill now before the house, to be passed at this present session.

QUARANTINE.

I had an interview with the Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture; W. B. Scarth, deputy minister of agriculture; Dr. Montizambert, general superintendent of quarantines; Hon. Mr. Sifton and his deputy Hon. James A. Smart, on the subject of quaran-

tine protection to Manitoba and the Territories. The Hon. Mr. Fisher informed me that they were doing everything possible to make the quarantine station and equipment at Halifax in every way up to date, and that when the improvements now under way were completed, that an expenditure of \$10,000 would have been made since this board took up the matter with him last year. I represented to the minister, and also to Mr. Sifton, that there was a strong feeling in the west that some form of check quarantine should be established to deal with foreign immigrants arriving in Manitoba, to be distributed from here. While the minister of agriculture adheres to the policy which has been adopted by the late government, that the quarantine authorities' duties begin and end at seaport towns—and in exceptional cases, along inland international boundary lines—that he was most anxious to assist so far as the law would allow him, in protecting the people of the west, and would do all in his power to that end. The Hon. Mr. Sifton will endeavor to place some disinfecting apparatus at Selkirk, where it may be utilized if occasion should require, to disinfect the persons and baggage of immigrants afflicted with contagious diseases that might from any cause have escaped the notice of the coast quarantine authorities, or which may occur amongst immigrants placed at Selkirk.

Unfortunately, Dr. Montizambert, after my first interview with him, had to leave Ottawa for the Grosse Isle quarantine, but Deputy Minister Smart will confer with him immediately after his return, and I have strong hopes that disinfecting appliances, to meet the necessities of the situation will be placed at Selkirk.

The Hon. Mr. Fisher personally requested me to assure the board that he will be glad to consider any suggestions they may have to make regarding the work at the various quarantine stations, and that he valued most highly the representations made to him by the board last year in connection with the Halifax quarantine, as to the requirements of Manitoba and the Territories.

POST OFFICE.

As instructed by you, I had a meeting with the Hon. Mr. Mulock, Postmaster-General, and the Minister of Public Works on the subject of the changes in the internal arrangements of the Winnipeg post office, designed to afford greater accommodation to the general public. These changes had been promised us last year, but have not yet been made. As the result of my interview, I was afterwards informed by the Deputy Minister of Public Works, to whom I was referred by Mr. Tarte, that funds were available, and instructions had been sent some days before to the Superintendent of Works in Winnipeg, to go on with the work.

ILLUSTRATION FARMS.

Having learned while in Ottawa that the estimates would include an amount to cover the cost of working some "Illustration Farms," I had an interview with Prof. Robertson, of the Agricultural Department, and afterwards with the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, and requested on behalf of this board that one of these farms should be situated in close proximity to this city. The object of these farms is not to experiment, as in the case of regular experimental farms, but they are designed

to show as an object lesson what good farming can do in the way of properly cultivating the soil, and obtaining the best results therefrom. Each farm will consist of, say ten acres, and will be farmed under the directions of a competent man, and will thus serve as an object lesson to farmers.

Mr. Fisher informed me that the exact location had not yet been determined on, but that he would place Winnipeg on the list as a proper point at which one of these farms should be situated.

DAUPHIN RAILWAY EXTENSION.

As directed by the council, I interviewed Mr. T. O. Davis, M.P., and other gentlemen interested in connection with the proposed extension of the Canadian Northern railway through the Red Deer country to Prince Albert, and on to Edmonton. Mr. Davis informed me that they are applying for an extension of their charter to include building as mentioned above, and that the promoters have no doubt that they will secure this as well as the ordinary and usual land grant. They then proposed to ask for an annual grant of \$80,000 per year for the term of twenty years on exactly the same basis and terms under which they secured a like subsidy for that portion of the road extending from Gladstone through the Dauphin country to Winnipegosis and the Red Deer, except that in this case and for this extension, the government will retain control over rates and running powers. Mr. Davis, as stated in his letters to the board, is anxious that this board should endorse the application for the subsidy mentioned.

ST. ANDREWS RAPIDS IMPROVEMENTS.

Owing to the fact that during my stay in Ottawa my time was so fully occupied in attending to matters in connection with the proposed changes in the grain standard system, I had but slight opportunity to make any inquiries in regard to the position in which the offer of the city of Winnipeg to take electric power from the government, on their constructing the necessary locks and canals in the St. Andrews Rapids, now stands. However, I had arranged with the Hon. Mr. Sifton to talk over the matter with him, but he had to leave the city unexpectedly two days before we left, and as we were advised that he would not return for some four days I did not think it necessary to remain at Ottawa especially for the purpose of again meeting him. In conversations that I had with members of parliament, I could not learn that any action was being taken by the government to provide a sum in the supplementary estimates. The original estimates do not provide any sum for the work.

PURE BRED SWINE.

I had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, on the subject of the providing by his department, of pure bred swine to improve the stock in Manitoba. He informed me that he had already considered the matter, and found it impossible to accede to the request, but that he was arranging that one of his staff should endeavor to act as an intermediary between would-be purchasers and sellers of pure bred stock of all kinds with the object that such persons might be brought together without delay or expense to themselves.

I gathered from his remarks that his idea was in a sense to establish a

bureau of information relating to pure bred stock.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. N. BELL, Sec.

The matters dealt with were referred to the standing committees, having jurisdiction over the same.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Correspondence with Mr. T. O. Davis, M. P., in connection with the extension of the Canadian Northern railway to Prince Albert, was read and referred to a special committee.

A request from the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, asking the Winnipeg board to accept permanent membership on its international advisory board, was considered, and the president and secretary were named to represent at the Winnipeg association. This entails no financial obligations.

A letter from the Clerks' and Salesmen's union of Rosland was received, asking for information regarding the early closing by-laws, and was referred to the Retail association, with a request to reply.

The council endorsed the application that has been made to the minister of militia, that volunteers who served in the Kenan raid in Manitoba in 1871 be granted a medal similar to that granted volunteers to the raids of '66 and '70.

A communication was received from the Northwestern Grass Twine Co., of St. Paul, asking for some specific information as to the character of the grass growing on any marsh lands situated near Winnipeg, and asking the probable acreage, providing a sedge like the sample sent. It was decided that this was important, and was referred to the minister of agriculture of Manitoba to afford information.

Strikes at Winnipeg.

At the close of last week the differences in regard to wages and working hours which have existed between the master builders and carpenters of Winnipeg for some months past reached an acute stage and as no agreement could be arrived at a strike was inaugurated on Monday morning May 1st. On the same day the city plumbers, who have also been having trouble with their employers, struck. Two important lines of work have in consequence been practically at a standstill this week.

There has been a feeling among the carpenters of the city for several seasons now that this branch of the building trades has been underpaid. This opinion has also been held by a number of the contractors, but no concerted movement to advance the wages has been made. Contractors claimed each season that their tenders for work were based on the prevailing rates of wages and that to make advances after the season had opened would render much of the work unprofitable. To meet this argument notice was given by the carpenters union last December to the contractors that this spring a higher rate of wages would be demanded. The nine hour day is also a concession over which there has been more or less disputing. Last week the union decided to enforce its demands and accordingly the contractors were notified that after May 1 the rate of wages for union workmen would be 30c per hour and upwards according to the ability of the men, and that nine hours would constitute a day's work. The old rates of wages

averaged about 25 to 30c per hour and the day was ten hours. To this demand eleven out of the thirty contractors in the city gave notice of their willingness to comply, although the opinion was general that in this country where the season is so short a ten hour day would be found short enough. The majority of the contractors, however, would not agree to the union's demand, and on this account it was decided on Saturday evening to declare a general strike. Accordingly Monday witnessed a stoppage of work wherever union men were employed. Some non-union men continued to work. Owing to the backward season the difficulty was not so great as it might otherwise have been as very few new jobs have been started yet.

The end of the week has brought no new features in the strike and the men are still out. One or two more of the contractors have signified their willingness to comply with the demands of the men, but they want a majority of all the big contractors. This seems to be the most unreasonable feature of the strike, as contractors who are willing to unionize their work and who have work ready to go on, are being made to suffer for no fault of their own. Work on which union wages would readily be paid is at a standstill to the great inconvenience of those for whom it is being done.

The plumbers are striking for 40c an hour, and a number of the shops seem willing to grant the demand, but others are not, so the strike has been made general. No serious inconvenience has yet resulted from this strike except in the case of one or two jobs. There are nine shops in the city employing 33 union men. Practically all the journeymen plumbers in the city are members of the union. A number of the bosses are practical men, and can therefore take care of the most urgent work themselves.

Monthly Trade Returns.

The customs returns at the Winnipeg office for the month of April are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
Exported...	\$196,690	\$151,423
Entered for consumption—		
Dutiable	338,323	252,685
Free	163,528	158,212
Total	\$501,851	\$410,897
Duty collected	\$89,882	\$71,620

The inland revenue collections in the Winnipeg district during the month of April were as follows:

Spirits	\$22,017.67
Malt, ex-factory	33.86
Malt, ex-warehouse	2,731.53
Tobacco	14,977.13
Raw leaf tobacco	665.20
Cigars, ex-factory	590.25
Cigars, ex-warehouse	1,860.90
Methylated spirits	166.52
Licenses	47.50
Petroleum	140.50
Fines, seizures, etc.	300.00
Other receipts ... ..	.30
Total	\$43,531.30

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago millfeed is \$1 per ton lower, oats 1-4c higher, flax seed \$1-2c lower, cheese 1-2 to 1c lower, potatoes 5c lower, hogs 20c lower, sheep 25 to 50c lower, good steers 20c higher and stockers 20c lower. Prices are as follows:

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.60 to \$3.70, second patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25, bran in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$18.75 to \$16.00 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 6 white 27 1-2c. Corn—Quota at 31 1-2 for No. 3 yellow 31 1-4 for No. 3, and 29 to 31c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 39c. Flax seed—\$1.05 per bushel. Eggs—11c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 8c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 13c; fair to good, 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 14 1-2 to 16 1-2c for choice to extras, seconds 11 to 11 1-2c, dairy 11 to 15c for choice to fancy; seconds, 10 to 11c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 8 1-2c for No. 1, 7 1-2c for No. 2, steers over 60 lbs. 8 and 9c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c, sheep; skins 25 to 70c each, veal, calf, 9 1-2 to 11c; tallow, 3 to 4c, seneca root, 22 to 25c.

Apples—No. 1 stock, \$5.50 to \$6 per barrel, boxes, \$1.75 to \$2.25.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 8c; lamb, 5 to 10c, veal, 6 to 9c; hogs, light, 4 1-2c, medium, 4 1-2c; heavy, 4 to 4 1-4c.

Poultry—Chickens, 10 to 12c; turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c; ducks and geese, 8 to 9c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 36 to 50c; mixed white, 30 to 35c, mixed red, 25 to 33c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$8.50 to \$9 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$5.50.

Live stock—Hogs, \$3.50 to \$3.65; sheep, \$4.25 to \$5; cattle, butchers', choice cows, \$4.25, good steers, \$4.70; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.80.

Preliminary operations on the enlargement of the outlet of Lake Manitoba have begun.

Edward Stanley, who recently sold out the Roland News, will continue to publish the Morris Herald.

The Dominion government has announced its intention of putting the Winnipeg postoffice building through a thorough course of repairs.

The April output of cheese in Canada has been estimated at 10,000 boxes. In the Belleville district, Ontario, producers sold their April output ahead at 9 1-2 to 10c. Last year the early output of cheese was purchased at 7 1-2 to 8c per pound.

The strike of grain and freight handlers at Buffalo is causing great inconvenience to the grain trade. Several millions of bushels of grain are in the harbor, waiting to be unloaded, while ocean vessels are waiting for cargoes which cannot be forwarded on account of the strike.

The Ogilvie Milling company are distributing to their friends and patrons a very handsome hanger, advertising their flour, the subject of which is an adaptation of the well known picture "What we have we'll hold." In this case it is entitled, "What we have we'll use." The lithographing is by Bullman Bros., Winnipeg.

Commencing Monday the time of the St. newall branch train from Winnipeg will be as follows: Leave Winnipeg Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11.20, arrive at Stonewall at 12.50, leave Stonewall at 13.30, arriving at Teulon at 15 o'clock. Leaves Teulon on return same days at 16 o'clock, arriving at Stonewall at 19 o'clock, reaching Winnipeg at 20.80.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 6.

A prolonged general rain this week further delayed the already backward seeding operations, and it seems probable that the expected wheat area will be considerably curtailed in some districts, where the land is flat and heavy. On this account it is doubtful if the large increase in the wheat area, confidently expected this year, will materialize. There will doubtless be a considerable increase in the area of other grains, which can be sown with safety at a later date than wheat. Business with the country has been quiet, owing to the bad state of the roads. The grain trade is waiting for the opening of navigation. Lake Superior harbors are expected to be free of ice almost any day. Jobbers have large lines of goods to come in as soon as navigation opens. The carpenters' strike in the city has caused much annoyance to those who were anxious to get ahead with their buildings, but the real busy season has not set in yet in the building trade, and the strike is not felt as badly now as it would be a little later on.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, May 6.

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DRUGS.

Locally there is but little to note. Business is good and prices steady. Opium is said to be a little excited east, but this has not affected Winnipeg. Quinine is easier in primary markets, but has not been changed here. The Norwegian fisheries have been making favorable returns, consequently cod liver oil is lower.

FUEL.

The quotation given last week for anthracite coal at lake ports seems to be only a temporary one applying to May business. The circular specifically announces that, and it remains to be seen whether the rates given will be continued. Broken is quoted at \$4.75 per ton, and egg, stove and nut sizes at \$5.00 per ton. Local quotations for coal and wood will be found on our "prices current" page.

FISH.

No fresh fish have appeared in the market this week and things are quiet in consequence. Whitefish are confidently looked for next week, and trout will probably be in also.

GREEN FRUITS.

Oranges continue firm and prices are unchanged. A few spy apples are yet obtainable and Washington apples in boxes are also to be had in limited quantities. The quality of these latter is said to be excellent and the spies are also of good quality. Strawberries are becoming more plentiful and prices are lower at \$6.00 to \$6.50 per case of 24 quarts. Bananas are coming in freely. Cherries are now on the market at \$2.75 per box. We quote prices as follows.

Navel oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50; seedlings \$3.25 to \$3.75, as to quality, per box; Mediterranean sweets, \$3.75 per case; bloods, \$5 per box; bananas per bunch \$2 to \$2.25, as to size and quality; Messina lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00; California lemons, \$4 a box; grape fruit, per case, \$1.50 to \$5.00; apples, spies, \$6.50 per barrel; Washington box apples, \$2 box of 50 pounds; strawberries, per case, twenty-four one quart boxes, \$6.00 to \$6.50; cherries, \$2.75 per box; cranberries, \$3 per barrel; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$15.50; coconuts in sacks of 100, \$5; Sicily filberts, large, 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; new shelled walnuts, 25c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 11 2c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c per lb.; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections; strained honey, 8 1-2 to 9c per pound; orange marmalade in 7 lb. pails, 60c; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in cans of 1-2 gallon, 60c; in gallon cans, \$1; apple elder, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit elder, put up in 10, 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$1.90 per box; in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.40 per dozen; dates 7c per pound; native lettuce, radish, water cress, etc., per dozen bunches, 35c; California cabbage, 7c per pound; pieplant in 50 pound boxes, \$2.25 to \$2.40, onions, 3 1-2c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Canadian refineries have again advanced prices for sugar. Advice to this effect reached Winnipeg on Wednesday and local quotations are now on the basis of increased prices at refineries. Instead of sugars taking a drop on the opening of navigation they are higher and predictions are freely made that they will be higher still. The advance of this week amounts to 1c on standard granulated at Winnipeg. Bright yellow sugar is also 1-2c higher at a range of 4 5-8c to 4 3-4c. Dried apples are slightly higher here, the inside quotation being now 7 3-4c as against 7 1-2c last week. Nectarines are almost out of the market. For quotations see market page. A big cut in laundry soap is one of the features of the week, to meet the cut first made by the Sunlight soap people.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

The only change to note in prices is an advance of 1-2c on sisal and manila rope, these being now quoted at 11 and 12c respectively. The opening of navigation will bring heavy shipments of hardware west. The situation in paints, oils and glass is one of great strength. Latest advices indicate that several lines are developing such strength that further advances here must result. White lead will in all probability go up another 1-4c. Linseed oil is very strong and may advance. Turpentine has advanced 2c in southern and eastern markets. Advices on this change last week were contradictory, some reports giving it as a decline. The change is really an upward one of 2c. Window glass maintains its phenomenal strength and further advances of fully 25 per cent have been made in England since the first of the year. This makes a total advance within fifteen months of 65 per cent. Winnipeg prices for glass will be seen to compare most favorably with other wholesale centres as full advantage has not been taken of these changes. St. Paul prices for glass are fully 25 per cent higher proportionately than

Winnipeg. The price list here remains unchanged as given on another page.

SCRAP MARKET.

We quote prices f. o. b. Winnipeg as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton; No. 2, do., \$1 per ton. wrought iron scrap, \$1 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$1 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire 9c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound, yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1-2c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber, boots and shoes free from articles and rivets, 3c per pound.

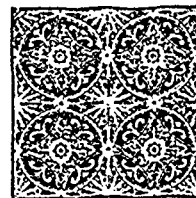
GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat—The wheat markets have this week gradually subsided into a quieter attitude, and at the close values in the leading centres show a decline on the week of 1c per bushel. Crop damage reports have almost disappeared, and the consumptive demand for wheat and flour continues generally so inactive that there is a very evident want of something to stimulate speculative enterprise. In the absence of speculative buying, and on the other hand the presence of ample supplies seen on passage for European markets, which supplies are daily being replenished by the exporting countries, the trade in actual wheat keeps dull, and continues altogether on a hand to month basis. There seems little prospect of any advance in value in the near future, unless the "something unexpected" happens, which would decide the mind of the trade to generally espouse the buying side. It is frequent matter of remark, that it was never more difficult than at the present time to decide what line of action a dealer should follow on the wheat market. The crop damage reports, and the lateness and continued backwardness of the season, have without doubt been the cause which has kept the prices up to present and recent

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limits. On the other hand the usual export supply for Europe, being largely augmented from the heavy crops of Argentina and Australia, together with the excellent prospect and enlarged acreage of growing wheat crops in Europe, have caused European buyers to maintain an attitude of indifference to the crop situation reported to them from this side, thus causing a lack of demand for wheat, and this has as surely had the effect of checking the upward movement in prices which would no doubt have resulted had these counteracting circumstances been on a smaller scale and of less import. As the situation of crops and stocks, supply and demand stands at the present time, it seems reasonable to expect that with a fairly favorable crop season from this out, for the wheat crops of Europe and America, they will produce such a yield, which taken along with the surplus from last year's abundant yields, will result in moderately lower prices in the not distant future. At the same time any important lowering of present expectations of this season's crops, might easily result in higher values. The season is moving round we are fairly into the month of May, and navigation is opening this week on the great lakes. In six weeks or so new wheat will be under the harvester's hands in the southern States, and southern Europe. The crops in Europe continue to show good prospects, especially in Italy, Spain, Hungary, France and England. Argentina continues to prove her large crop by heavy exports, her shipments this week are 2,800,000 bushels. The world's shipments last week were 8,740,000 bushels. American visible supply decreased 1,035,000 bushels and the world's visible supply decreased 3,351,000, only about half as much as it decreased for same week a year ago.

The local market has been dull and uninteresting. There has been a little more wheat changing hands than previously, probably in view of the opening of navigation. A noticeable feature developed this week is the preference buyers are showing for straight 1 hard, and the spread between 1 hard and 2 hard and 1 northern has widened to 31-2c per bushel. The price of Manitoba wheat has advanced about 1c on the week, as high as 73c spot Fort William being paid on Wednesday and Thursday for 1 hard. The rest of the week 72-1-2c has been the prevailing figure. Three hard, 2 northern and 1 spring range 61-2c for 1 hard. Several sales of dried wheat have been made at about 65 1-2c for dried 2 hard, and 61c to 61 1-2c for 2 northern.

WHEAT—The various grades are.—Ogiva—Hungarian patent, \$1.80; Glenora, \$1.60; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.50. Lake of the Woods—Patent, \$1.50, strong bakers, \$1.60; second bakers, \$1.25; XXXX, 90c to \$1 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to dealers.

MILLS—Bran and shorts is more plentiful, owing to lessened country demand. We quote prices \$1 lower as follows: Bran \$10; shorts \$12, with \$1 off large orders.

GROUND FEED—Best corn feed this week is worth \$20 per ton, inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$21 for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$18 to \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Oilcake, \$24 per ton, and very scarce.

MILK—Rolled oats are quoted

by Manitoba millers at \$1.85 in 80 pound sacks to the retail trade. Granulated and standard \$2.35. No Ontario oatmeal is coming in this spring, prices being too high. It would cost \$2.40 to lay down Ontario meal at present quotations east. United States meal is coming in slowly. About \$1.70 represents the value laid down at Winnipeg in round lots from the United States for rolled. Corn meal is firmer and costing a little higher to import.

OATS—Choice qualities are scarce and there is practically no No. 1 quality. No. 1 white, 38c; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 2 mixed, 36c; on track Winnipeg. Street oats are worth 35c. Seed oats are quoted in a retail way 43 to 45c.

BARLEY—The demand continues good. Brewers are buying to some extent. For good malting barley 37c is being bid, and for feed 35 to 36c on track here.

CORN—In good demand at 41 to 43c per bushel of 56 pounds for car lots.

FLAX—For small lots \$1 per bushel is asked, cleaned for seed purposes; for contract seed 80c per bushel.

WHEAT—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 52 to 55c for best grades of wheat. Movement nominal.

HAY—Winter baled hay has about disappeared. Country holders are afraid to ship for fear of spoiling. Fresh baled hay on track, Winnipeg, is worth \$7 to \$7.50 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—Now that the time for fresh make is approaching, there is a better inquiry for creamery butter. On a basis of eastern prices, one-pound bricks are worth here about 18 to 20c f. o. b. factories.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is a good demand for fresh made butter. Off grade or held stock is not wanted. Fresh made tubs and rolls will sell readily at 14 to 15c; bricks at 16 to 17c commission basis.

CHEESE—The movement is very light and stocks in the city are much reduced. We quote 10 to 10 1-2c per pound according to size, although some dealers are selling at lower figures.

EGGS—Receipts continue to increase, and the price asked by commission dealers has held around 12c, although less than this has been quoted by some houses, sales having been made as low as 11c. Dealers are offering, 10 1-2c net for strictly new laid eggs, Winnipeg.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are very scarce and 5c higher. Holders are not anxious to sell. We quote prices as follows: Potatoes, choice white, 75c per bushel; red, 65c; turnips, 25c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per pound; carrots, 50c; beets, 40c per bushel; onions, 31-2c per pound; rhubarb, \$2 per box; radish, 30c; parsley and lettuce, 25c per dozen bunches; green onions, 25c per dozen bunches.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 17c per pound.

HIDES—Very little movement. We quote inspected hides No. 1, 61-2c, No. 2, 51-2c; No. 3, 41-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3, kip 6c to 61-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 25 to 35c each, sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c, as to length of wool, horsehides, 50 to 75c each. Shearings, 10c each.

POULTRY—Live chickens are worth 75 to 80c pair; dressed chickens, 15c turkeys, best Smith's Falls, 16c, Manitoba, none offering.

DRESSED MEATS—The easy feeling in beef continues, and the market is

rather quiet. Country trade is practically at a standstill. Deliveries of country dressed meats are light in consequence of the bad roads. Prices are: Beef, extra choice, 7 1-2 to 8c per pound; fresh killed mutton, 9 to 10c; frozen stuff is about out, but quoted at 7 to 8c; veal, very scarce at 7 to 8c; pork, 6 to 6 1-2c per pound, the top price for city dressed; spring lamb, \$1.00 to \$5.00 each, as to size and quality.

WOOL—None offering. Value about 7c.

TALLOW—No. 1 tallow is worth 3 1-2c per pound; No. 2, 2 1-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There is a distinctly easier feeling in regard to beef cattle. Stall fed beef is found to be more plentiful than it was thought it would be a few weeks ago. The stocker business has been the centre of interest lately. Reports from all parts indicate a liberal movement, mostly to the States. We quote choice beef cattle 4 1-2c per lb.; common 4c; yearling stockers \$12 to \$16, two-year-olds, \$18 to \$22.

HOGS—The movement is very light. About 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c represents the value.

SHEEP—Receipts are light. Quoted at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per pound.

MILCH COWS—From \$30 to \$40 is the ruling price for good dairy cows.

HORSES—A good work horse is worth in the city to-day from \$100 to \$175, and a heavy draft horse from \$125 upwards. Southern horses are coming in freely. Untoward weather has curtailed the demand.

British Cattle Markets.

London, May 1.—The supplies of cattle were large and a number were left over unsold. The tone of the market was weak, and prices showed a decline of over 1c since this day week. Choice States sold at 11 3-4c, Canadians at 10 to 11c; Argentines at 10c. Although the supply of sheep was large, some were left over, and prices closed 1-2c higher than a week ago. Argentines sold at 11 1-2; Canadian lambs at 14 to 14 1-2c.

Montreal, May 2.—Considerable activity prevailed in the local live stock export circles, and much business has been done, owing to the fact that the shippers have been making arrangements for first shipments, which go forward this week. The season is not opening up very bright for exporters, but probably before direct shipments are landed the markets may improve. Cables were discouraging especially London, where Canadian cattle sold lower than for some time past, the range being from 10 to 11c. There has been a good demand for ocean freight. Engagements to Liverpool have been made at 25 to 37s 6d; to London at 27s 6d to 30s, and to Glasgow at 32s 6d for May.

The council of the Montreal board of trade has adopted the following resolution: "That the council of the Montreal board of trade, believing that the commercial communities of this country are agreed with it in earnestly desiring without further delay the passage of legislation by the Dominion parliament, providing for the equitable distribution of the assets of insolvent traders, has given consideration to the bill respecting insolvency, introduced last session by Mr. Thomas Fortin, M. P., and generally approves of the provisions thereof, but is prepared to favorably consider the changes suggested by the Bankers' Association to articles 46 and 48, of said bill; That the council is most anxious that the long sought for and much needed insolvency legislation may be passed during the present session of the Dominion parliament."

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKETS

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial
Vancouver, May 6.

Ontario creamery butter is now about monopolizing the market, to the exclusion of California and Washington creamery. The price is 1c lower this week. Eggs are 1c lower at 22c all round. There is much cutting in prices of cured meats, between local and eastern goods. Potatoes are down \$1 per ton. Rolled oatmeal has been reduced 10c per sack. Millfeed has advanced \$2 per ton.

BUTTER—California dairy, 3c. California creamery, 24c. Ontario creamery, 23c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 22c; Washington eggs, 22c. California eggs, 22c per doz.

CHEESE—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c per lb., jobbers' price.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 11 1-2 to 12c, breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1-2c; backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 11 to 12 1-2c; Lard, 9 to 9 1-2c per lb., in pails and tubs 9c.

FISH—Flounders 3c; smelts 3c, sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 3c, smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 8c; bladders 7c; cod 6c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$24 to \$25 per ton; new California potatoes, 4c lb., California silver skin onions, 1 1-2c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box.

GREEN FRUIT—California lemons, \$1.25 to \$1.75 box; naval oranges, \$3.50 to \$4 box; seedlings \$2.50 to \$2.75 box.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.70; 3 45 pound sacks, \$2.80; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3; 10 7 lb. sacks \$2.40; oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.15; 2 5's, \$2.90.

FLOUR—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50, strong bakers, \$4.20; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton wheat, \$24 to \$25 per ton.

GROUND FEED—National mills cho., \$25 per ton; shorts, \$24 ton; bran, \$22; oil cake meal \$35 ton, l.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—\$8 to \$10 per ton.
DRESSED MEATS—Beef 8 to 8 1-2c. mutton 13c; pork 8 to 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; cows \$4 to \$4.50; sheep, \$5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, 75c.
EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apricots 10 1-2c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9 to 10c, prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 12c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and Lar, 6 1-2c; Paris lump 6 1-8c; granulated 5 cts; extra C. 4 3-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-4 cts; yellow 4 1-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb. 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c. 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1 7/2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 35c lb.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., May 6.

Ontario fresh eggs are more plentiful and are now selling 1c lower than a week ago at 19c. The supply of good held dairy butter has been exhausted. Creamery butter has a lower tendency, though prices at the moment is unchanged. Shall cheese is scarce. Oats have declined \$1 per

ton. Potatoes are up again \$1 per ton.

Following are jobbers prices here:
Creamery held—20c.
Creamery, fresh eastern—23c
California bricks—25c.
Cheese, large—11c.
Cheese, small—13 to 12 1-2c.
Eggs—Ontario fresh, 19c.
Oats, per ton—\$28.
Flour, Manitoba patent, per barrel \$4.90.
Potatoes, per ton—\$36 to \$38.

British Columbia Items.

Klinton Bros., hotel, Atholmer, B. C., are commencing.

E. Appleton & Co., general store, are opening at Revelstoke.

Morgan & Kinder, painters, Ashcroft, B. C., have commenced business.

Lawson & Rowcliffe are opening a general store at Kelowna, B. C.

G. H. Grant & Co., crockery, New Westminster, B. C., are about selling out.

H. A. Huntley & Co., grocers, Grand Forks, B. C., have sold out to James E. Rice.

A. Macdonald & Co., wholesale grocers, Revelstoke, B. C., are closing out this branch.

John Tobin & Co., tea merchants of Halifax, N. S., have opened a branch at Vancouver.

The Grady Hardware Co., of Macleod N. W. T., are opening a branch at Cranbrook, B. C.

Frank Rodgers, brother of Geo. H. Rodgers Winnipeg, is opening in clothing and men's furnishings at Greenwood.

Ross Bros., painters, paper hangers, etc., Victoria, B. C., are to be succeeded by Ross & Ottaway; F. H. Ross retiring.

At the annual general meeting of the British Columbia Salmon Cannery Association held recently at Vancouver, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, R. J. Ker, Victoria; vice-presidents, H. Bell-Irving, Vancouver, G. I. Wilson, Vancouver; committees: Victoria, H. J. Kirk, J. H. Todd and M. T. Johnson; Vancouver, F. Burnett, E. E. Evans and E. A. Wadhams, New Westminster, Alex. Ewen, W. A. Duncan and J. S. Talbot, secretary-treasurer, W. D. Burdick, re-elected. The canners strongly protested against the government regulations regarding the canning industry.

Western Business Items.

Mr. Amos, of Winnipeg, has opened a harness shop at Clare, Assa.

J. C. Lowrie is opening a lumber yard at Bagot Man.

W. W. Hemming has opened a drug store at Swan River, Man.

Wm. Quirk, general store, Dryden, Ont.; sheriff in possession.

S. Greenwood has opened a machine shop at Douglas, Man., and will also carry implements.

The Rainy River Navigation Co. Ltd. of Rat Portage, Ont., is applying for incorporation.

The oatmeal mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., has closed for the summer on account of the scarcity of milling oats.

Thos. Oliver, of Carberry, Man., shipped a carload of fat cattle to Winnipeg last Tuesday. G. B. Murphy, of the same place, shipped 400 head of

stocker cattle recently to the western ranges.

Wm. Gordon has opened in the tin smithing business at Crystal City Man.

W. J. Kernaghan, hardware and tin, Prince Albert, Sask., has taken in J. T. Brightmore as partner. The firm name will be W. J. Kernaghan & Co.

R. C. Abbott, who comes from British Columbia, has opened a fruit store at Brandon, and will give special attention to British Columbia fruit in season.

Hugo Dolge, of Dolgevill, N. Y., an expert in the manufacture of wool felt and felt boots, has arrived at Qu'Appelle, Assa., where he will take charge of the factory of the Qu'Appelle Felt and Boot Co. Mr. Dolge was connected with the famous Dolge felt factory. E. Cook, of Gananoque, Ont., it is understood, has also taken an interest in the Qu'Appelle company. The intention is to add machinery for the manufacture of yarns, flannels and blankets. This should make a very important industry at Qu'Appelle.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There were 3,290,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 29. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 553,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,250,000 bushels, three years ago 3,612,000 bushels; four years ago, 589,000 bushels; five years ago, 1,543,000, and six years ago 3,353,000.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Kewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 10,000,000 bushels, compared with about 3,300,000 bushels a year ago, 6,328,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels four years ago.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns for last week reported 194 cars of wheat inspected — compared with 176 cars the previous week — which graded as follows: 1 hard, 77 cars; 2 hard, 11; 3 hard, 2; 1 northern, 33; 2 northern, 2; 3 northern, 12; 1 spring, 5; rejected, 6; no grade, 46 cars. The average quality showed a decided improvement compared with recent previous weeks, in the falling off of the quantity of no grade or damp wheat moving.

Navigation opened at Montreal the latter part of last week. The Dominion line steamer Dominion was the first to arrive in port.

Liverpool grain freights have advanced from 9d to 1s and 1s 3d, at Montreal, and ship agents are now asking 2s for London.

G. B. Thompson, manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg, has received the agency here for Geo. A. Bailey, of St. Louis, manufacturer of high grade condiments, relishes, etc.

Lumber prices are advancing at Chicago. Common and cull boards have been raised 50c per thousand and a great scarcity is reported in all grades below No. 2.

"What is raised mostly in damp climates?" asked the teacher.
"Umbrellas," replied Johnny.

New York Wheat

New York, May 1.—Wheat—Receipts 1,925 bushels, exports 117,373 bushels. Options opened firm on dry weather talk and better cables. Subsequently the market moved irregularly on small trade. Absence of outside support disappointed the bull traders and led to several periods of unloading in the afternoon. Berlin cables were higher, reporting drouth in Russia.

New York, May 2.—Wheat—Receipts 7,400 bushels, exports 187,713 bushels. Options opened weak under bearish English cables, and a further decline because of reported rains in the southwest. They rallied later on a big reduction in Bradstreets visible, but again weakened near the close under liquidation, and were finally weak at 1-2c to 3-4c net decline.

New York, May 3.—Wheat, May opened 78 1-8c, closed 78 1-4c. July opened 77 1-8c, closed 77 1-8c.

New York, May 4.—Wheat, May opened 78 5-8c, closed 78 1-4c. July opened 77 3-8c, closed 76 7-8c.

New York, May 5.—Wheat, May opened 78 1-4c, closed 78 1-8c a. July opened 76 7-8c b, closed 76 3-8c b.

New York, May 6.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: May, 78 5- c. July 77 1-8c. Sept. 76c.

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 of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, May 1.—Wheat, May opened 71 5-8 to 7-8c, closed 71 1-2c. July opened 73 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 73 1-2c. Sept. opened 73 to 1-4c, closed 73 1-8c. Corn, May opened 34c, closed 33 3-4c a. July opened 35 1-8 to 3-5c, closed 34 7-8c a. Sept. opened 36c, closed 35 1-2c a. Oats, May opened 26 1-2c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 24 3-8c, closed 24 1-8c. Sept. opened 22 3-8c, closed 22 1-8c. Pork, May opened \$8.92, closed \$8.77 1-2c. July opened \$9.15, closed \$9.02. Lard, May opened \$5.12, closed \$5.12. July opened \$5.17 1-2c, closed \$5.25. Ribs, May opened \$4.62, closed \$4.60. July opened \$4.82, closed \$4.80. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.17 1-2; S. W. \$1.14 1-2; May \$1.5

Chicago, May 2.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-4c, closed 71 1-4c. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 72 3-4c. Sept. opened 72 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 72 1-8c. Corn, May opened 33 3-4c, closed 33 5-8c. July opened 34 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 34 1-2c. Sept. opened 35 1-2c, closed 35 1-8c. Oats, May opened 26 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 26 5-8c. July opened 24 1-8c, closed 23 7-8c. Sept. opened 22 1-8c, closed 22c. Pork, May opened \$8.86, closed \$8.75. July opened \$9.02 1-2, closed \$8.97. Lard, May opened \$5.12, closed \$5.12. July opened \$5.22, closed \$5.22 b. Ribs, May opened \$4.57, closed \$4.65. July opened \$4.80, closed \$4.65. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.17; S. W. \$1.13 1-2 b. May \$1.13 1-2 b.

Chicago, May 3.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-2c, closed 71 1-2c. July opened 73 1-2 to 7-8c, closed 72 7-8c. Sept. opened 72 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 72 1-8c b. Corn, May opened 33 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 33 5-8c a. July opened 34 5-8c, closed 34 3-8c b. Sept. opened 26 3-4 to 27c, closed 27 1-8c. July opened 24 to 1-8c, closed 24 1-8c. Sept. opened 22 1-8c, closed 22c. Pork, May opened \$8.75, closed \$8.50. July opened \$8.97, closed \$8.70. Lard, May opened \$5.10 b, closed \$5.07 1-2c. July opened \$5.22, closed \$5.15. Ribs, May opened \$4.55, closed \$4.52. July opened \$4.75 b, closed \$4.70. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.15 1-2. S. W. \$1.12 1-2. May \$1.14 a.

Chicago, May 4.—Wheat, May opened 72 to 1-8c, closed 71 1-2c. July opened 73 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 72 1-2 to 5-8c. Sept. opened 72 1-2c, closed 71 7-8 to 72c. Corn, May opened 33 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 33 3-8c. July opened 34 1-2 to

5-8c, closed 34 1-8 to 1-4c. Sept. opened 35 1-8c, closed 34 3-4c. Oats, May opened 27 1-4c, closed 27 to 1-8c. July opened 24 1-4c, closed 24 to 1-8c. Sept. opened 22 1-8c, closed 22c. Pork, May opened \$8.52 1-2c, closed \$8.42 1-2c. July opened \$8.70, closed \$8.62 1-2c. Lard, May opened \$5.07 1-2c, closed \$5.07 1-2c. July opened \$5.15, closed \$5.12 1-2c. Ribs, May opened \$4.55, closed \$4.52 1-2. July opened \$4.70, closed \$4.67 1-2. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.17 1-2c; S. W. \$1.10. May \$1.10.

Chicago, May 5.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-2c a, closed 70 5-8c. July opened 72 1-2c a, closed 71 3-4c. Sept. opened 71 7-8c, closed 71c. Corn, May opened 33 3-8c a, closed 33c b. July opened 34 1-8c a, closed 33 3-4c b. Sept. opened 34 3-4c, closed 34 3-8c b. Oats, May opened 27c, closed 26 3-4c, July opened 24c, closed 23 7-8c. Sept. opened 22c, closed 21 5-8c b. Pork, July opened \$8.62, closed \$8.62. Sept. opened \$8.80 a, closed \$8.80 a. Lard, July opened \$5.12, closed \$5.12. Sept. opened \$5.30, closed \$5.25. Ribs, July opened \$4.67 1-2c, closed \$4.67 1-2c b. July opened \$4.67 1-2, closed \$4.67 1-2c b. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.10; S. W. \$1.07. May \$1.08.

Chicago, May 6.—Wheat opened at 72c for July and ranged from 71 5-8 to 72 3-2c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May 71c, July 72 1-4c, Sept. 7d 3-4c.

Corn—May 32 3-4c, July 33 3-4c. Oats—May 26 5-8c, July 23 3-4c. Pork—July \$8.70; Sept. \$8.87 1-2. Lard—July \$5.17. Ribs—July \$4.75.

A week ago May option closed at 71 5-8c; a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.67; two years ago at 72 1-4c; three years ago at 63 3-4c; four years ago at 64 1-4c, and five years ago at 58 1-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, May 6.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.10 for cash and May \$1.08 1-2, which is a drop of 9c on the week.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 72 1-8c; July, 73 1-4c. Tuesday—May, 71 7-8c; July, 72 5-8c. Wednesday—May, 72 1-4c, July, 72 7-8c.

Thursday—May, 72 1-4c; July, 72 3-4c.

Friday—May, 71 7-8c, July, 72 1-8c, Sept., 70 5-8c.

Saturday—May, 72 5-8c; July, 72 3-4c; Sept., 71 1-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 75 5-8c and cash No. 1 northern at 72 5-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 72 3-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at \$1.57 1-2; two years ago May option closed at 74 1-4c; three years ago at 63 5-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, May 6.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70 1-8c for May, and 71 3-8c for July; cash, No. 1 northern, 71 1-8c; cash No. 2 northern, 69 5-8c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, May 6.—Wheat closed, unchanged to-day.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, May 2.—At the auctions of colonial wools which opened to-day buyers were numerous from all quarters and competition brisk. Prices for cross-breeds were 7 to 10 per cent and for merinos fully 15 per cent higher than at the close of the last auction.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat was very quiet to-day. Buyers are reluctant to operate while the blockade continues at Buffalo No 1 hard was quoted at 72 1-2 to 72 3-4c.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The committee on banking and commerce at Ottawa passed a bill respecting the Home Life Association of Canada. The company is now an assessment company, but warned by the failure of the Massachusetts and other assessment companies, it desires to be made a straight life company. The bill makes provision for this. Mr. Osler called attention to the danger of life insurance companies failing under the control of any one person. He held that it was absolutely necessary for the protection of the insured that provision should be made to prevent any individual from getting control of the whole funds of a company and said a clause could easily be framed to effect this. No notice was taken with respect to this suggestion. A party who has paid money into the company during its existence as an assessment company is to be repaid the amount of money he has so paid in or shall receive shares of the capital stock equal to the amounts so paid in by him so that for each \$20 paid in such party shall be entitled to one share upon which 20 per cent shall be paid up.

CATTLE STEALING.

Complaints have been numerous for some time past of depredations by cattle thieves from the southern side of the international boundary, among the herds of Canadian ranchmen in the Territories, more especially in eastern Assinboia. Recently 270 electors of southeastern Assinboia forwarded a petition to the members for their constituency praying that the matter be dealt with by the Dominion government and some system of protection provided. The petition asks that the police patrol which has been taken off the boundary in those parts be re-established. This is one of the most acute phases of the cattle stealing business as the boundary without the police patrol affords free scope for the operations of those bands of lawless characters which seem to be so numerous in the western states. The stealing is not, however, by any means all confined to the unprotected parts of the boundary, but is more or less common even in the best policed districts. The police are doing their best to keep down the thieving and some clever work has been done at times by men of the force in running down thieves, but their facilities for dealing with the practice are not the most complete and they only succeed in actually catching a guilty party once in a while. The ranching industry is one which is naturally subject to heavy losses at times by the destruction or straying of cattle, but when to these sources of loss is added the more preventable one of systematic stealing the ranchers must find it very difficult to make the business a profitable one. No effort should be spared by the government to remove all cause for such complaint as has recently been made. If it is necessary to restore the police patrol along the boundary it should be done and every other reasonable precaution taken to minimize the losses of this important industry in this way.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
 Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 6.

Dry Goods—The best week for spring trade yet experienced, sorting orders are numerous; the hot weather has stimulated the demand for light dress goods. Remittances are much improved. Values are firm. Bradford makers have withdrawn prices for serges, repeats for many lines of fall dress goods would cost 10 to 20 per cent more than first orders.

Hardware—Active. Large shipments west this week. Values continue to advance. Lameled ware and tinners' trimmings are 10 per cent higher. Fire pans, stovepipes, sheet iron pans, fire shovels, frying pans, steel spiders are all dearer. Glass is firmer and likely to advance. Green wire cloth is firmer, and there is difficulty in getting tng supplies. There is a great scarcity of harvest and garden tools, particularly rakes, hoes and certain brands of forks. Various lines of steel goods are dearer. Sleigh shoe and tire steel is now \$2.50. Pig tin is higher at 29 1-2 to 30c. Plain sheet copper has advanced to 24c. Hot water heaters have advanced, the discount now being 30 per cent. Antiracite coal is 25c lower. White lead is likely to advance.

Groceries—The feature of the week is an advance of 10c per 100 pounds on all refined sugars. Standard granulated is now \$4.78, Toronto, against \$4.53 a month ago. Canned vegetables, fruits and prunes are selling better. Peaches in threes are 15c dearer. Tomatoes are steadier at 85c to 90c. Canada barrel salt is 5c lower. Cocoanuts are 50c dearer. Long clear bacon, hams and rolls are 1-4c firmer, breakfast bacon and Canada heavy mess 1-2c firmer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
 Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 6.

Deliveries of grain are light. Dress-cloth hogs are 10c dearer. Straight roller flour is slightly easier. No. 1 hard wheat is 1-2c lower. Barley is firmer at 41 to 42c. Creamery butter is 1-2c lower. Cheese is easier at 10 to 11c. The market for washed fleece wool is expected to open at 13 to 14c. New unwashed is beginning to arrive. Prices are:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4. Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80. Ontario straight roller, \$3.10 to \$3.15 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freight rates.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 68c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard 85c, grinding in transit, and 83c North Bay.

Oats—White, 32c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 41 to 42c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton, bran, \$12 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.80 in bags per barrel, and \$3.90 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 11 to 11 1-2c.

Butter—Dairy, fresh, large roll, 10 to 11c creamery, tubs, 17 to 17 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice, 10 to 11c.

Hides—Green 81-4c for No. 1, and 7 1-4c for No. 2. Cured hides, 83-4c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 4 1-2c.

Wool—The market for washed fleece is expected to open at 13 to 14c. New unwashed is beginning to arrive and

dealers are paying 8 to 8 1-2c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5.35 to \$5.60 per 100 pounds.

Dried apples—4 1-2 to 5c for round lots; evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Maple syrup—90 to \$1 per gallon in tins, imperial measure.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c in bulk; tins, 6 to 7 1-2c, sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 1-3c, chickens, 10 to 70c a pair.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.25; alsike, \$3 to \$4; timothy, \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel, cleaned seeds (x-warehouse), 50c advance on these prices.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 2.

Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day were 65 carloads of all kinds, including 1,400 hogs and 50 sheep and lambs.

Export cattle—Heavy exporters sold at \$4.70 to \$4.85, light \$4 to \$4.50. Heavy bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.

Butchers' cattle—The movement was very lively. Choice stock was in moderate supply and easily sold at prices ranging from \$4.40 to \$4.65 per cwt. Medium and common grades in heavy supply at lower prices or \$3 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers—Prices were firmer, choice being quoted 25c per cwt higher at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Stock bulls, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Sheep and lambs—Prices steady. Gram-fed yearlings, \$3 to \$5.60. Spring lambs \$2 to \$5 each.

Hogs—Market steady. Choice sections \$4.50 per cwt. Light fetched \$4 per cwt and thick fat were steady at \$3.75 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 5.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 60 carloads, including 700 hogs.

Export cattle were dull, owing to the difficulty of securing ocean freight space. Choice exporters' were dearer at 4 1-2 to 5c. Hogs firm. Light 1-8c dearer at \$4.12 1-2. Thick fat \$4.10. Sheep unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 6.

Oats are firmer. Flour quiet and export demand light. Feed is weaker and prices 50c lower. Eggs in active demand. Butter quiet and export inquiry light. Creamery 1-2c lower. Potatoes are offering more liberally. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 36 3-4 to 37c afloat.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.80, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.10.

Bran, \$16 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2 7 1-2c; No. 3, 6 1-2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins and clips, 10c, tallow, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 10 1-2 to 11c per dozen.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c. Butter—Creamery, tubs, 16 to 16 1-2c.

Cheese—Old, 10 3-4 to 11c; fodder cheese, 9 1-2 to 9 3-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 70c on track.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 6.

Groceries steady. Sugars are strong and prices advanced 10c at the refineries. Prices are:

Gram hotel sugar quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.65 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, 54-00 to \$1.40 molasses, 31 to 32c, syrups, 13-4 to 2 1-4c, as to quality. Valencia raisins, 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c, currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c. Rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c, standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c; canned corn, 90 to 95c; peas, 75 to 80c; tomatoes, 82 1-2 to 85c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 6.

Hardware paints and oils are all active and firm. Prices unchanged from last week.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 2.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 400 cattle, 50 sheep and lambs.

The demand for cattle was good, and the market firm. Choice cattle sold at 5c to 5 1-4c, good at 4 1-4c to 4 3-4c; fair at 3 1-2c to 4c, and lower grades at 2 1-2c to 3 1-4c per lb., live weight. Sheep dull at 4c and yearlings 4 3-4c to 5 1-2c per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 5.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 400 head.

The cattle market was slow but steady. Prices were the same all around as on Monday. Very few sheep and lambs were offered.

SUGAR.

London, May 5.—Beet weaker, May is quoted at 11s. 4 1-2d and June 11s. 5 1-4d, which is 5 1-4d higher than a week ago.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 5.—Cattle 1-2c higher than the day before. Canadian steers, 11 to 11 3-4c per lb. Sheep 1-2c dearer at 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, May 5.—Cheese is quoted at 5 1-8 6d for both white and colored, which is the same as a week ago. There was a drop of 6d during the week, which was recovered later.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, May 5.—Wheat, spot firm. Spot, No. 2 red western winter firm at 6s 11 1-2d.

The Philadelphia Commercial Museum announces that there will be held next autumn in Philadelphia under its auspices an international commercial congress in connection with the National Exposition of American Manufacturers. Delegates are expected to be in attendance from all parts of the world to discuss international trade questions.

Jobbers are complaining of delays in receiving goods owing to a scarcity of cars in the east. One manufacturer, who has orders for ten cars of goods for Winnipeg, has written his agent here to the effect that he was unable to ship goods owing to scarcity of cars. He said that on the day he wrote they were fully twenty-five cars short of their requirements.