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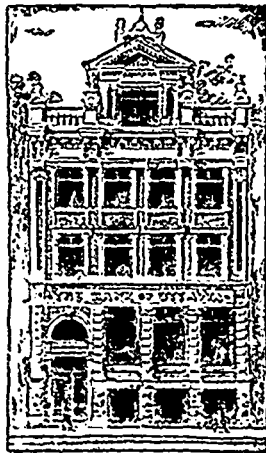
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	ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
	Jan. 1st, 1890	Jan. 1st, 1900.	Jan. 1st, 1890	Jan. 1st, 1900
Quick Assets	\$ 2,432,135.38	\$ 8,274,162.14	Capital paid in	\$ 1,114,300.00
Loans and bills discounted.	5,903,094.20	11,270,924.09	Reserve undivided profits..	572,973.81
Other assets	44,956.41	74,669.61	Notes in circulation	1,325,270.68
Bank premises	94,975.77	18,640.59	Other liabilities	194,238.36
	\$ 8,475,161.76	\$ 19,638,396.43	Deposits	5,268,378.91
				13,815,358.40
				\$ 8,475,161.76
				\$ 19,638,396.43

* Nominal value.

Winnipeg Branch: C. A. KENNEDY, Manager

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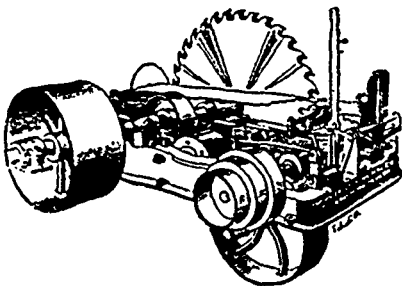
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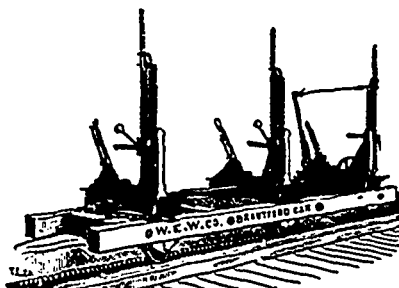
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 21, 1900.

Manitoba Fisheries.

It has been announced from Ottawa that the Dominion government has decided to prohibit the exportation of fish caught in the Manitoba lakes, with the exception of Lake Winnipeg. This does not seem to be a reasonable proposition, when given a little investigation. Lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis are quite large bodies of water, and under reasonable restriction, there should be no more danger of depleting these lakes than there would be of depleting the larger lake Winnipeg. The proper plan would seem to be to restrict fishing to a reasonable extent in all the lakes, and not practically prohibit it in some. It is very unfair to the fishermen of these lakes to have their business taken away from them in this way. The large Manitoba fishing monopoly operates only on Lake Winnipeg, and this large concern is not interfered with. On the other hand, small resident fishermen, who make a living at the business, operate on the other lakes. The effect of the new order will be to throw these people out of employment, while leaving the large company which operates on Lake Winnipeg to control the market alone. The local demand for fish is very small, and will not give the smaller lake fishermen much business, even if they were to be freed from competition with Lake Winnipeg fish. The prohibition of export from the smaller lakes will practically shut these lakes up completely. Another feature of the case is, that any fish caught in the smaller lakes must be sold for the local market, as they cannot be exported. It is a well known fact that the Lake Manitoba and Winnipegosis fish are not as good quality as the Lake Winnipeg article. Thus the people of Manitoba will be supplied with these fish of poorer quality, while the fine Lake Winnipeg fish will be shipped away to the States. Altogether the proposal seems very unfair and unreasonable. If greater restriction is necessary to prevent the depletion of our lakes let a commencement be made by restricting the large fishing monopoly, and

not of depriving the working fishermen of a livelihood, and at the same time destroying the little investment they have in fishing plant. It looks as though this latest order will increase the fishing monopoly in the province of Manitoba, though it is true this company buys fish taken by the fishermen on the smaller lakes. A large quantity of pike and pickerel are taken in the smaller lakes, the export of which should not be interfered with.

Inspection of Apples.

The Winnipeg Fruit and Produce exchange is making an effort to secure the inspection of apples shipped from Eastern Canada to this and other western points. With this object in view negotiations have been opened with the Dominion government. If the exchange can succeed in this undertaking, it will be a great advantage to handlers of fruit throughout the West. It is a well known fact to those familiar with the trade, that there was an enormous loss on apples last fall and winter. Every one who handled apples to any extent lost money thereby. This was largely owing to the poor quality of apples shipped here. Some of the eastern shippers seem to think that anything is good enough for this market, when the fact is that in the fruit line at least, the very best is required. Freight and cost of handling, which is a large portion of the cost of fruits laid down here, is as great on poor stuff as on the best qualities. The best keeping sound and choice fruit is what is wanted here, and profitable sale can only be secured for this class. The people are willing to pay for a good article, while inferior stuff must invariably be sacrificed.

The Dominion government has considered the inspection of fruits for export, with a view to securing a profitable market abroad for Canadian fruits. We insist that Canadian fruit growers can find a more profitable market at home, right here in the West, than they can secure across the Atlantic. Eastern fruit growers and shippers, speaking generally, have not yet solved the question of placing their products on this market in good condition. There is a market here. Let them cultivate this before looking across the ocean. It is just as necessary that fruit should be subject to inspection for this market, as it is to inspect fruit designed for Europe. We say a better market exists here than can be found across the water. It is therefore in the interest of the fruit industry of the East that every pains should be taken to cultivate this home market.

New Mercantile Agency.

The Mutual Mercantile Agency of Canada, Limited, has just issued its prospectus setting forth the leading features of this promising concern and soliciting subscriptions for a limited amount of preferred stock. The company is organized under a Dominion charter with an authorized capital of \$100,000. Its president is Henry Miles, a well-known Montreal business man; vice-president, R. O. McCulloch, of the Goldie & McCulloch Co., Galt, Ont.; secretary-treasurer, A. E. Osler, of A. E. Osler & Co., financial brokers, Toronto, and directors, J. E. E. Dickson and A. C. Matthews, Montreal. Offices have been opened at Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. That at Winnipeg is in charge of J. A. Green, who was for many years manager here

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Loan Companies Amalgamate.

The announcement was made on Saturday last of the completion of arrangements for the amalgamation of The Western Canada, Canada Permanent, Freehold and the London and Ontario Loan and Savings Companies. Meetings of the shareholders of each company were held in Toronto on Friday, whereat the agreement was finally ratified. The new concern will be known as The Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation. Its executive officers will be George Gooderham, president; J. Herbert Mason, first vice-president and chairman of executive committee, and W. H. Denty, second vice-president. Walter S. Lee, formerly managing-director of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company, is the general manager of the new corporation. The new board of directors contains some of the strongest financial and administrative names in Canada. W. M. Fisher has been appointed manager of the new company for Manitoba and the Territories. His headquarters will be in Winnipeg. The corporation will also have the benefit in Manitoba and the Territories of the experienced inspectors, valuers and appraisers of the four companies, under the supervision of Colin Fraser, chief inspector. The capital stock will be \$22,500,000, about 1-3 of which will be invested in the west. The company will operate all the territory heretofore covered by the four separate concerns and will perpetuate in every way the progressive policies which actuated them. Its business will extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts.

Geo. F. R. Harris, who has been for many years the general agent of the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, goes to Toronto as assistant manager of the Toronto office of the new corporation, where his intimate knowledge of the territory extending from Rat Portage in the east to Calgary and Edmonton in the west, will be of great service.

John Russell, manager of the Freehold Loan and Savings Co. here, is leaving the service of the company, and will return to the practice of law which he gave up some years ago to assume the management of the Freehold Company. It is satisfactory to know that Mr. Russell remains in Winnipeg, as his business ability and kindly disposition have made him popular here.

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A Trip Over the Calgary and Edmonton Line.

The Calgary and Edmonton railway, now operated as a branch of the C. P. R., extends from Calgary to Edmonton, a distance of 191 miles. For the first 40 or 50 miles the country is rolling prairie and is a purely ranching district, but north of that it becomes more wooded and a change is also noticeable in the climate, as here we are beyond the reach of the chinook winds and the winters are more like those of Manitoba and Eastern Assinboia, though possibly not quite so cold. This is known as being one of the best farming districts of western Canada and of late years it has received large additions to its population. It has all the requirements necessary to make up a good mixed farming locality, namely, an abundance of wood, good water and a rich soil. In some portions wheat growing has not proved very satisfactory, but fuller acquaintance with the soil and climatic conditions may overcome this. Oats on the other hand have turned out very satisfactory and the raising of cattle has also proved to be a profitable undertaking.

As a consequence of the large immigration to these parts we find a number of good towns springing up and others growing in size very rapidly.

The first town north of Calgary is Olds, at which point a number of business changes have taken place during the past year. O. S. Moore last April started a general store, W. M. Craig recently took over the general store business of J. Hallenbeck; R. W. Logan, auctioneer, has started a lumber yard and the general business of P. L. Grass was bought by the Farmers Exchange last June. I. Kent, harness maker, is building a new store, and D. McLean erected a grain warehouse last year. J. H. Walker, hardware merchant, is one of the old timers here, and Hainstock & Dean, who have had a general store here for some years, have recently completed the transfer of their business to W. J. Brumpton, and will devote their attention in future to the cattle business. E. Gilmore is the local butcher. Olds is a prairie town, but it is unique in one respect at least, as from it at certain times of the day a very fine view is to be had of the Rocky Mountains, which are distant about 65 miles.

Innisfail is the next town and is one of the best business points between Calgary and Edmonton. It has three general stores, owned by S. J. Curry, McCallum & Douglas and the Ranchers' Supply Co. F. & D. Bettor handle dry goods, etc., Archer & Simpson deal in grain, lumber and implements, and P. J. Boucher handles lumber, implements and harness. There is also a good hardware, butcher shop, drug store, etc. This town, as well as most of the other towns on this line, has received a lot of business from the new settlers, many of whom came with a fair supply of money, which was soon spent in the purchase of implements, etc.

The general merchants doing business at Red Deer are R. C. Brumpton, Burch

& Co., Postill & Wright and Smith & Gaetz, all of whom carry good stocks. Last summer Smith & Gaetz built a brick addition 62x10 feet to their premises and added a stock of hardware to their other lines. They also built an implement warehouse at the rear of this new block. The English church congregation are erecting a stone church building. Postill & Wright succeeded Elper & Co., general merchants and have remodelled and improved their premises. A new hotel, the Arlington, was built last year, and another story was added to the Alberta Hotel, making it a three story building. There is a brick yard and

a lumber yard and handles agricultural implements. M. J. McLeod last year erected a two story frame building, 41x100 feet, which he is now occupying with a full stock of general merchandise. W. F. Luffer, lumber dealer and butcher, built new premises for himself last year, and W. L. Elliott, harness maker, is also in a new stand, while I. N. Bardiek started a furniture business.

Wetaskiwin is an Indian name, meaning "Peace," and was first applied to some hills near here where a treaty was made between the Blackfeet and Cree tribes. This is a flourishing business town, having five general stores, a hardware, two furniture stores, two butchers, drug store, jeweler, two lumber yards, harness shop, etc. J. West, A. R. Dickson and N. W. Gould have been here for some years and have large general stores. C. E. Compton & Co., started a general store last fall and Wm. Macdonnell last year erected a block 38x70 feet, in which he opened a general store. J. West built a new store and added a stock



Catholic Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta.

stone quarry here, the stone being gray sandstone similar to that found at Calgary. G. A. Love has a saw mill, which has a capacity of 10,000 feet per day. There are four general stores, harness shop, drug store, bakery, blacksmith shops, etc. W. Springbett, blacksmith, also handles farm implements.

Lacombe has four general stores, owned by C. M. Glass, M. J. McLeod, C. T. Daykin and the Lacombe Co-operative Association, Ltd., a hardware owned by Morris & Taylor, drug store, harness shop, three lumber yards, a grist and chop mill, also a sawmill owned by D. C. Gourlay, who also has

of furniture to his other lines. The Wetaskiwin Milling Company, of which R. Fairbairn and Wm. Ritchie are the principals, erected last year a 65-barrel flour mill having also a storage capacity of 5,000 bushels of grain. They have had the latest improved machinery put in including swing sifters for bolting and a Corliss engine. The mill was started running on the 17th January last, and is proving a boon to the neighborhood. Last year nearly 1,700 head of cattle were shipped from here, and a large amount of grain, principally oats, marketed at the two elevators.

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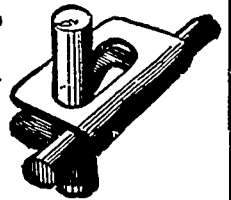
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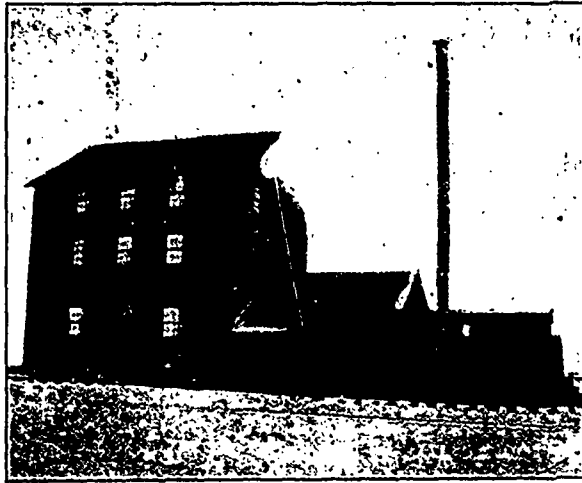
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Leduc experienced quite a boom last year and has now become an important business point. It has three general stores, hardware, implement ware houses, etc., also a flour mill which commenced running about the first of this year, and will, no doubt, help con-

block 50x80 feet, all of which they occupy, and they may find it necessary to enlarge their premises next year. Irvine & Heard are also general merchants carrying a heavy stock of goods. The Hudson's Bay Co., in addition to their retail store, still

W. Richardson being manager of the former and J. W. Kelly of the latter. An industry just started is the Gallagher-Hull Meat and Packing Co., Ltd. This company will do a general pork packing and fresh meat business, both wholesale and retail. George Gilmer started in business here in December, 1898, dealing in bran shorts, grain and feed and is working up a good shipping business. An important addition to this place was the erection last summer of a large flour mill by the Dowling Flour Mill Co. Caspar Neher is starting an aerated water factory. A number of new businesses were started since our last visit, some of which might be mentioned as showing the growth that is going on here: T. Mullett, drugs; F. J. Mooney, bakery, etc.; Clossan & Wood, dry goods; Carl Interman, groceries, etc., W. B. Timms, shoe store; W. H. Martin & Co., harness; H. Carreau, butcher, etc.; also two newspapers, the Post and the Advertiser. There were also a large number of buildings erected, including a two storey frame store by Strang & Stovel. D. R. Fraser built a frame block, which is occupied by H. Astley, general merchant. D. Reimer, jeweller, is now located in a new two-storey frame building. Chas. Sanderson erected a large two-storey block, which is occupied by Morris & Co., general merchants. H. Silver, confectioner, and Diedrich, the tailor are in new stands. We show cuts in this issue of the general hospital, which is a three and a half storey brick building, and of Larue & Picard's two storey frame store building, which were loaned by the Edmonton Bulletin. Edmonton has electric light and telephone systems and an almost inexhaustible supply of coal is found right under the town.



Flour Mill of the Wetaskiwin Milling Co., Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

siderably to draw the trade of the district to that point.

Strathcona, until recently known as South Edmonton, is the last station on this line of railway, as the track does not as yet cross the Saskatchewan river to Edmonton. It is, therefore, the shipping point for the Edmonton district and the north country. It is well supplied with stores and has five grain elevators and three mills. Crackman & Ker Milling Co., have an oatmeal mill of 150-barrels capacity here, and the Edmonton Milling Co., a flour mill also of 150-barrels capacity. Both mills do a shipping business and the Edmonton Milling Co., are also grain exporters. Walter & Humberston have a saw mill of a capacity of about 30,000 feet. During the summer months they employ upwards of thirty men. The new businesses started during the last year include a general store by Moreauit & Boudreau, also a general store by Douglas Bros., both being in new stands erected last year. W. G. Richardson opened out with a stock of clothing and men's furnishings. J. J. Duggan, lumber and implement dealer, built a new warehouse.

Edmonton, which is a town of 2,300 inhabitants, is situated on the north bank of the Saskatchewan river overlooking a very beautiful valley scene. It is the centre and market town for a large mixed farming district extending about 35 miles north and 50 miles west and 100 miles east and is also the supply depot for the vast region to the north from which great quantities of raw furs are received each year. Large settlements of Germans and Galicians are scattered throughout this district and are reported as doing well. There are also a large number of French Canadian and English settlers, who farm more or less extensively. The estimated grain crop for this district for 1899 was 2,125,000 bushels, and in addition large numbers of cattle and other stock were raised.

The stores here are both numerous and large. McDougall & Secord, general merchants, have a three storey

use the old fort for trading purposes. Gariepy & Chénier, general merchants, have changed to Gariepy & Brosseau. Last year this firm erected a large three storey brick block, which they are now occupying. Ross Bros. carry a stock of hardware and groceries amounting to nearly \$90,000, and Strang & Stovel also carry a large

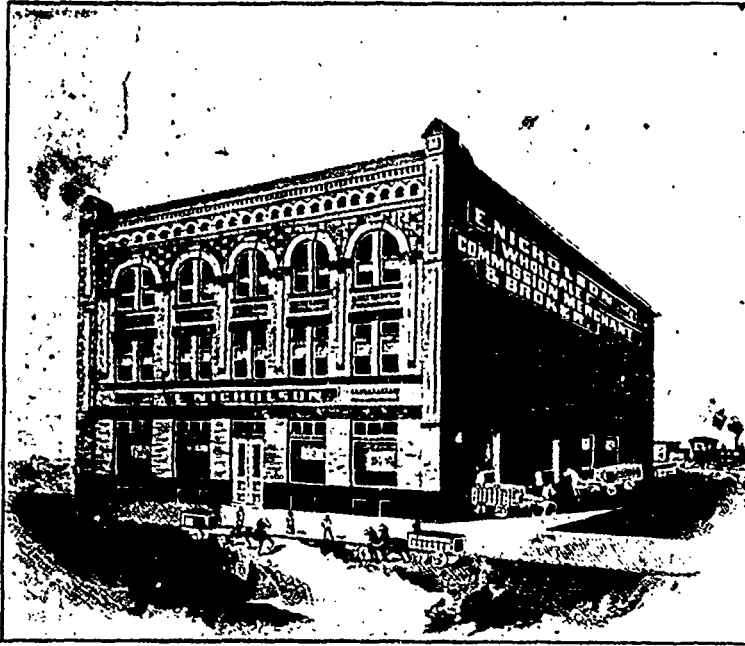


Store of Larue & Picard, Edmonton, Alberta.

stock of hardware. These firms handle the bulk of the northern trade, and the stocks they carry give them more the appearance of wholesale than retail establishments. G. F. & J. Galt and K. McKenzie & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have branches here,

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The fall and winter trade at the different points along this line of railway



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has been far from satisfactory. On account of the low price offered for wheat only a small portion of last year's crop has yet been sold, the farmers holding off in the hope that prices will be better. This in itself would make business dull, and along with it there was a marked falling off in the sale of winter goods, caused by the mild weather. It is hoped however, that with the opening up of spring, grain will commence moving more freely, and that this will result in the spring and summer trade being much better than ordinary.

It is noticeable that at a great many points the farmers are going in for mixed farming which will no doubt result in improving the conditions of the country at large as in the event of a crop failure they have their stock to fall back on. There is always a good market in this country for hogs and poultry, especially as up to the present time there has been nothing like sufficient of these raised to supply the local demand.

Early Closing.

A spectacle which attracted much attention Monday evening was that of the great procession of the retail clerks of the city and their friends, as they marched down Main street from the Market square, headed by the Citizens' band, under the leadership of Mr. Barrowelough, and displaying numerous flags and banners of the various labor unions, the members of which turned out in large numbers.

Sekirk hall was filled, so that many had to be satisfied with standing room only. The walls at the back of the platform and at the rear of the hall were decorated with flags, banners and devices of the Retail Clerks' union.

The chair was occupied by Rev. W. A. Vrooman, and with him were seated on the platform Mayor Wilson, Messrs. J. T. Mortimer, president of the Trades & Labor council; Wm. Scott, president, of the Labor party; L. H. Fournier, president of the Retail Clerks union; Ald. Barclay, ex-Mayor Andrews, B. C. Fairay, R. Chevrier and H. Hamilton.

The proceedings were opened with the singing of the national anthem, the band leading.

Rev. W. A. Vrooman, as chairman, introduced the object of the meeting; saying that it was in the interests of that always courteous and long-suffering class, the retail clerks, a class which adds very little part of our sorrows and troubles, and a very large part of our comforts and expenses. It was not the purpose to adjust strife between employers and employees, but to educate ourselves to better habits of buying. The meeting was in the interests of an early closing movement, a movement for doing business in business hours and getting home earlier. If he were going to make a speech he would take a text from Kipling, to the effect that the toad beneath the harrow knows exactly where each tooth point goes, while the butterfly preaches contentment to that toad.

Mr. Fournier, president of the Retail association, outlined, in an able address, the reasons for asking that stores close at 6 p. m. every day except Saturdays. He said that in no city of the Dominion were the relations of employers and clerks more harmonious than in Winnipeg. The early closing movement had the approbation of public opinion. Closing stores at 6 o'clock was found in other cities to

work no hardship. The large-hearted and prosperous merchants, who were up to the times, were in favor of early closing. Mr. Fournier closed with an expression of thanks to the citizens who had attended in so large numbers; to the reverend gentlemen who had helped the movement from their pulpits; to the city fathers; the labor organizations; the press of the city, and the chairman.

Mayor Wilson congratulated the retail clerks on the large assembly, saying that it was one of the biggest he had ever had the pleasure of addressing. It must be encouraging to them to think that they had the support of so many citizens. He heartily endorsed all the retail clerks were asking for, except possibly closing at 10 o'clock on Saturday nights, all the year round. He did not think the ladies needed education to do their shopping in the afternoon, but that the merchants required to be educated that they could do as much business in nine hours as in 14. He had worked in factories where they had worked 13 hours a day; but more was done by the same number of hands per day when the hours were reduced to 10. He thought 9 o'clock a little too early for closing on Saturday night in the summer. He did not see why business could not be done before six in the severe winter months, but he thought people should have opportunities of making purchases when returning from walks in summer. He held that early closing should be made general. A few merchants close at six; all others should be made to close at the same hour. (Cheers). Auctioneers, he held, do more to demoralize business, by selling bankrupt stocks, etc., than anything else. He favored legislation covering all business; it could be enforced more easily than if it covered only a few lines. He heartily wished the retail clerks all success.

A song was at this stage sung by Mr. Brodie, the title of the selection being "Fiddle and I." In response to a hearty encore he gave "Life on the Rolling Sea."

The chairman threw out the suggestion that along with the early closing of stores, should be considered the early closing of barrooms.

Mr. Mortimer, president of the Trades and Labor council, was the next speaker. He moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Wm. Scott: "That this mass meeting of the citizens of Winnipeg does hereby heartily endorse the petition of the merchants and retail clerks of Winnipeg for legislation ensuring the closing of shops in the city at 6 p. m. on ordinary evenings and 10 p. m. on Saturday evenings, before holidays, and does most earnestly and respectfully urge upon the legislative assembly of Manitoba the speedy passing of the necessary statutory enactments to carry out this object, and does also respectfully request from the city council and police commissioners the due enforcement of such legislation when passed, and the citizens here present do pledge their fullest aid and support to the petition until their prayer as expressed in their petition be fully carried out."

Mr. Mortimer spoke as an advocate of the eight hour movement. The early-closing movement was a step in the right direction in the line of industrial reform. He had been informed that the retail clerks worked 14 hours a day; this was monstrous, there was no necessity for it. The ideal to which organized labor, and even unorganized, was aspiring was an

eight hour day, and shorter if necessary. He congratulated the clerks on the movement adopted, which was on the line of the newer trades unionism. Strikes, boycotts and other attempts to force employers had in many cases proved inefficient, and good employers were handicapped. The clerks were on the right lines in seeking legislation which would operate upon all, both the scrupulous and the unscrupulous. He himself could do all the spending he found necessary in one hour a week, and no doubt 75 per cent. of the audience could say the same. He was aware that many took pleasure in going shopping; but members of organized labor bodies did not want that pleasure at the expense of their brothers, the retail clerks. That there was so much drunkenness, vice and crime was the direct result of bad social conditions. The strain of working long hours leads men to seek relief in saloons and gambling dens. He considered 10 o'clock too late a closing hour. In the summer time the clerks wanted to get out in the open air as much as any other citizens.

Mr. Wm. Scott, in seconding the motion, noticed the profusion of Easter bonnets, and from this proceeded to give the original meaning of the words, lady and lord, the latter signifying "loaf-holder," or "bread-keeper," and the former "loaf-giver" or "bread-distributor." He spoke in the interest of the bread-winners, illustrating the small proportion received by the producer of the profits from his labor, amounting to only \$17 out of \$100. Only 55 cents, he said, was paid to the miner in Pennsylvania for a ton of coal, for which we pay \$10. He claimed for the laborer a more just share of the advantages. Referring to early closing of stores, he said they had closed in Brandon for a long time at 6 p. m. In New Zealand young women under 18 were not allowed to work more than 52 hours a week; and all shops were required to be closed one afternoon of a working day each week. Mr. Scott contended for a more rational system of taxation than that which requires a man to pay more taxes every time he makes an improvement of his premises. If early closing were adopted, the ministers, who were a somewhat expensive staff of public teachers, would not have to address so many empty benches on Sunday mornings, as they must do, to a greater or less extent, under present conditions.

The resolution was put and enthusiastically carried.

Mrs. Thorne then favored the audience with a piano solo.

Ald. Barclay gave a short address, expressing sympathy with the movement.

Letters of regret on account of an avoidable absence were stated by the chairman to have been received from Rev. Messrs. S. Cleaver, C. W. Gordon, H. Wigle, Ven. O. Fortin, and Messrs. Geo. F. Carruthers and W. G. Bell.

A duct, mouth organ and autoharp was played by Walter Belknap and Fred. Marples, and they were compelled to respond to a hearty encore.

Ex-Mayor A. J. Andrews suggested that the retail clerks had probably begun to realize that as they would be a long time dead, they might as well have a little fun when they were alive. He saw a fitness in the holding of this meeting on Easter Monday. The Lord, whose resurrection was being celebrated, was not above administering to the material welfare of the poor,

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Rev. Alfred Andrews referred to the movement as another grand stride in the line of modern civilization. He expressed, in a harmonious strain, his approval, as a minister, of early closing, on the ground that it would encourage matrimony. His own experience confirmed what had been said about late Saturday night working keeping people from Sunday morning services; he had found this fact. Some who were absent from church on Sunday morning had been getting steak, etc. ready for the minister's dinner. He wished the retail clerks well, and if it were in his power he would be glad to assist them. That housekeepers should send in orders at late hours in the evening was a shame.

A comic song was sung by Mr. Evans, who also gave another in response to a vigorous encore; and Mr. Eyc, president of the Bakers' union, made a few closing remarks, urging all customers of bakers and boarders at hotels and boarding houses to require the union label to be placed on all bread furnished them.

The chairman then wished the audience good-night, and the meeting dispersed.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	51,000
Toronto	50,000
Kingston	55,000
Coteau, Que.	164,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	292,000
Winnipeg	420,000
Manitoba elevators	4,675,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	4,010,000

Total April 7... 9,717,000
Total a year ago... 10,206,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's April 7, were 77,113,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,747,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 7,814,000 bushels, compared with 5,928,000 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 14, was 55,274,000 bushels, being a decrease of 139,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 30,502,000 bushels, two years ago 29,154,000 bushels, three years ago 36,979,000 bushels, and four years ago 58,183,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,541,000 bushels, compared with 11,050,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 24,798,000 bushels, compared with 29,708,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe March 1, in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1900	150,681,000
1899	124,389,000
1898	118,543,000
1897	133,721,000
1896	172,194,000
1895	193,746,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	67,699,210	71,806,336
Milwaukee	8,882,992	11,055,706
Duluth	44,423,757	61,543,787
Chicago	20,720,028	29,527,372

Total ... 141,725,987 173,933,131

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, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,598,052	11,881,041
St. Louis	8,254,489	13,082,042
Detroit	3,390,000	4,494,674
Kansas City	13,131,790	23,910,053

Total ... 35,374,331 53,367,789

Grain and Milling Notes.

California's grain crop prospects have been greatly improved by a liberal rainfall.

The farmers' elevator at Cartwright closed for the season on the 5th inst. About 950,000 bushels of wheat have passed through this elevator since the harvest of last year.

The municipality of Lorne, Man., is asking the provincial government for power to build a flour mill.

Settlers in Carleton district, Alberta, have supplied themselves with Manitoba grown seed wheat for sowing this spring.

N. Bawlf, grain dealer, Winnipeg, is able to be at his office again after an illness extending over nearly three months.

D. McLean and E. Gunderon have decided to go on with the erection of the proposed new flour mill at Moose Jaw, Assa., for which they have been promised a bonus of \$6,000 cash. The mill will be of 250 barrels capacity.

Montreal dealers and western Ontario millers have been indulging in a fight over the price of rolled oats in Montreal. Millers have peddled goods around the streets at low prices and the dealers have been obliged to meet the cuts in order to protect their trade.

The Stuart-Arbutnot Machinery Company, of Winnipeg, have just concluded a contract for the supply of a complete flour milling plant of 100 barrels capacity to John J. Smith, who will establish a mill at Yorkton, Assa. The building is to be of brick and stone, and when completed the plant will be one of the best in the country.

Efforts are being made to have Nome, Alaska, made a sub-port of entry by the United States government so that Canadian traders may participate in the trade of the new goldfields.

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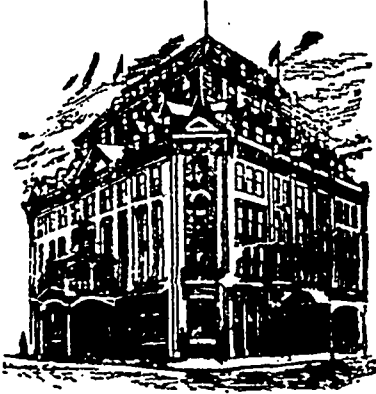
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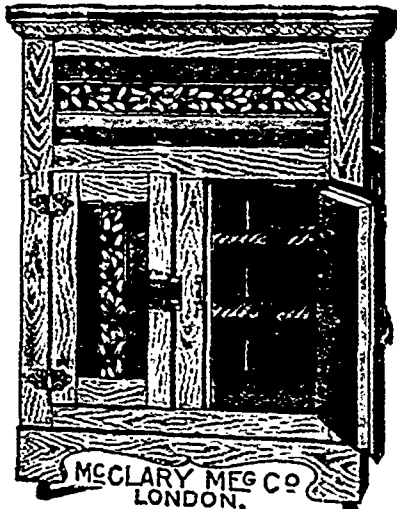
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Railroads centering in Chicago are again suffering from a car famine. It is estimated that if they had 100,000 additional cars every one of them could be kept busy for months to come.

It is expected that there will be a lively demand for ocean freight space, especially cattle space, at Montreal when navigation opens on the St. Lawrence. At present cattle space is worth 60s per head from Boston to London, May.

The Toronto board of trade and other commercial bodies, have objected to the rule recently put into force by railways by which 50 per cent advance on the freight is to be collected on all freight not shipped at owner's risk.

The demand for ocean grain freight has been fairly good during the past week and about an average amount of business has been done; in consequence the market is active and firm, in fact, rates to some ports show an advance of 11-2d to 3d, while others are firmly held. The May space is now all engaged and a good part of June and some business has been done for July. Rates are quoted as follows: Liverpool, 2s 6d paid; London, 2s 10 1-2d asked; Glasgow, 2s 6d; Avonmouth, 3s; Manchester, 2s 6d; Hamburg, 3s; Antwerp, 2s 3d; Leith, 3s 3d; Dublin, 3s; Belfast, 2s 9d; Aberdeen, 3s 6d; and Cardiff, 3s.—Montreal Gazette.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending April 14 there were 300 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 176; 2 hard 39; 1 northern, 7; 2 northern, 0; 3 hard, 25; 1 frosted, 9; 2 frosted, 0; 1 reject of 1; 2 rejected, 8; no grade, 15; 1 white fye, 2; 3 northern, 2 cars.

Oats—2 white, 5; 2 mixed, 2; feed, 3 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 1; feed, 2 cars.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There was 3,824,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 14. Receipts for the week were 150,000 bushels and shipments were 37,000 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 3,441,000 bushels; \$36,000 bushels two years ago; 3,514,000 bushels three years ago; 3,893,000 bushels four years ago; 930,000 bushels five years ago; 2,335,000 bushels six years ago. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg, and interior country points were estimated, approximately at 9,105,000 bushels, compared with 10,000,000 bushels a year ago, 3,200,000 bushels two years ago, 6,000,000 bushels three years ago, 8,000,000 bushels four years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels five years ago.

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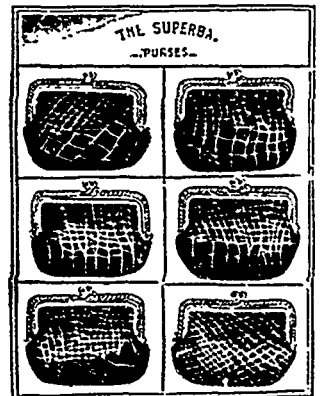
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JAPAN TEAS.

Mail advices from Japan, under date of March 23rd, say: "The time of opening the new crop Japan tea season depends upon frost, and the frosty season is now coming on. The weather is fine and the season will probably open about the middle of April. In regard to the quality, more manure has been given the plant this winter; in consequence, the growth of the same is good, and it is about safe to say the quality will be as good as last year, and the price will depend upon the quantity. The cost of labor is higher than last year, for which the reason is that both men and women go to the silk market, as they prefer to pick mulberry leaves for better wages, so tea growers have to pay higher wages to get sufficient men, and the cost of charcoal is also higher; consequently the idea is that prices for tea all round will be about 10 per cent higher, especially for grades under good medium."

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Almonds have advanced 2c per pound at New York.

Canned meats are 10 per cent. higher at Ontario factories.

Eastern trade papers are talking of a famine in Valencia raisins before the new crop is available for consumption.

It is reported that everything points to an unusually heavy crop of prunes in California this year.

The British market for canned salmon is decidedly firm and half flats have advanced 1s over the opening prices.

Eastern authorities say that everything points to higher prices for sugar in the near future. There is a strong tone in the market for raw and speculators are buying up sugar stocks in Europe and storing them against the rise.

Canadian apples have been meeting with a ready sale at good prices in England lately, thus compensating shippers to some extent for previous losses on last year's crop. As high as \$1 per barrel at point of shipment has been realized.

The Northwest Irrigation Company contemplates the erection of a beet sugar factory at Cardston. They are distributing sample packets of sugar beet seed to the settlers this spring so as to be sure of a supply of beets when they are ready to begin operations.

Canned goods are selling slowly in the east to jobbers according to some reports of last week. Even one or two suggestions of cuts have not been effective in drawing out business. It is surmised that the jobbers expect to do better later on with independent canners who are now putting up factories.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Dress muslins are in active demand this season.

There is marked strength for such linen goods as handkerchiefs. An agent in Montreal for leading makers says he is daily getting advices of further advances.

There is a good demand for silks for blouses; the prices of silks are steady to firm. The outlook is for steady prices. There was some weakness some time ago in the silk market, but it appears

to have disappeared and there is no disposition now to cut prices in the foreign markets. Printed liberty satins are selling quite freely.—Globe.

Hardware Trade Notes.

There is a good demand for harvest and garden tools in Eastern Canada and dealers report a very satisfactory trade doing. The demand for these lines in Manitoba is also good and will improve after the grain seeding season is over.

A wire from Pittsburg on Wednesday stated that the Bar Mill Association had decided to cut the price of steel bars from 2 1/4 to 2c per pound, or equal to \$5 a ton. A cable from Glasgow of the same date said that pig iron had slumped 1s 6d there.

Implement Trade Notes.

A. D. Elliott returned to the city yesterday from a two months' visit to Western Ontario points.

The output of twine from the Central prison binder twine factory last year amounted to 335,760 pounds and of rope 1,136,000 pounds.

The plant of the Walter A. Wood Harvester Company, at St. Paul, will be sold by the receivers on May 2 to the highest bidder.

Twine manufacturers in the United States find the volume of twine orders increasing considerably and many dealers who have been holding off have lately closed their contracts.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The demand for doors and mill work at Minneapolis has improved considerably this month. Screens are beginning to meet with some demand.

Fraser & Co. and Walter & Hamberstone have bought the timber lands of Moore & McDowell, fifty miles up the Saskatchewan river from Edmonton.

Yellow pine lumber prices in the United States have been reduced from \$1 to \$2 per thousand feet. This is owing to light demand and accumulation of stocks at mills.

Alex. Brown, of Brown & Rutherford, Winnipeg, has gone east to purchase machinery for a planing mill and wood working establishment, to replace their factory which was burned last week.

A large pulp mill will be established at Webbwood, on the Sault line of the Canadian Pacific railway in North western Ontario, by the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Co. The company has secured valuable concessions from the Ontario government.

J. D. McArthur, who has extensive timber limits in the Riding Mountains on the upper waters of the Bird Tail creek, which empties into the Assiniboine river below Birtle, states that his drive of logs for his saw mill at Birtle has been started and is as far down the creek as Rosshurn. The drive is much larger than in former years.

Work has been in progress for several days on the new planing mill and sash and door factory of G. W. Murray at Winnipeg. The factory will be located at the foot of Market street on the transfer track. It will be 50x100 feet in dimension, two storeys and basement. The walls will be of brick on stone foundation. The building will be as nearly fireproof as it can be made and will be modern in every respect. A fine drying kiln will

be one of the features. The material and machinery plant is already bought and will be delivered as rapidly as needed. It is expected that the factory will be running by July 1. The premises when completed will have cost about \$20,000.

The Winnipeg board of works has recommended the tender of D. E. Sprague for the supply of lumber for the ensuing year to the council for acceptance. The tender of W. F. Lee for sewer pipe is also recommended, and that of Gillbault & Cote for firewood for the city quarry. The council will pass upon these tenders on Monday evening next.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The new cheese factory at Steinback is now in operation.

The cheese factory at Blumenort commenced operations on the 9th inst.

The R. A. Lister Company have sold out their Brandon creamery to White-law & Race.

Fur Trade News.

The highest price paid for a single skin at the recent London fur sales was £350 for a silver fox. This skin was offered by C. M. Lamson & Company. These skins are in great demand at present for making ladies' collars. They are not, however, considered good value by fur men as they soon fade and become unfit for wear. A change in fashion is likely at any time to throw them out of favor.

Live Stock News.

A wire from Bottineau, N. D. on April 18, said: A train load of cattle the property of the Stephen's Cattle company, was brought across the line from Manitoba yesterday, and will graze during the summer on their Mouse River ranch.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal says: To-day was the highwater mark of the season for both sheep and lambs. Western sheep in fleece sold at \$6.50, which is the highest price since May, 1892. Shorn sheep reached \$5.90, which is a very exceptional figure. There were 3,452 Colorado lambs sold at \$7.50, and 754 head at \$7.55, which is the highest of the year, and equals the record established in April, 1893.

Navigation opened at Toronto on the 5th inst.

Ocean freight rates at the Pacific coast are very firm and for Australian ports grain and lumber rates have advanced.

Lake freight rates from Buffalo to Chicago for anthracite coal have opened at 75c as against 80 cents last spring. The rate to Duluth is 50 cents.

A strike has been declared by 5,000 cigarmakers of New York city. These had been locked out by their employers and now they declare that they will not return to work until an advance of from \$2 to \$3 per week in their wages is granted them.

The total number of business failures in Canada during the first quarter of this year was 389 as against 399 last year. Of these failures 24 occurred in Manitoba, as against 11 a year ago, 5 in the Northwest Territories as against 4 a year ago, and 25 in British Columbia as against 19 a year ago.

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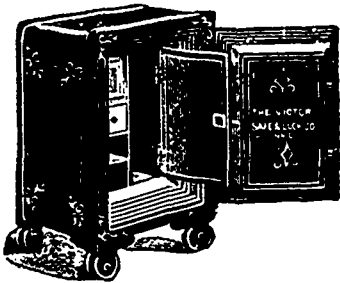
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Implement Men Meet.

A meeting of the Western Retail Implement Dealers' association was held in the city council chamber, Brandon, on Thursday, April 19. President A. B. McLeod, of Brandon, occupied the chair. There was also present Secretary F. Chapin, Hartney; John Inglis, Brandon; W. Henderson, Wawanesa; G. Lawrence, Killarney; D. Thompson, Elva; R. Rutledge, Lauder; D. Sherriff, Brandon; I. C. Nelson, Brandon; J. Graham, Brandon; J. Cook, Souris; D. Hay, Belmont; Burland and Stirling, Souris, and others.

The president in opening the meeting said: "We are met to-night to formulate and adopt a constitution and by-laws to govern our association. This will not be a difficult task, our interests being common. We will, no doubt, agree as to the evils existing, and have no difficulty in prescribing a remedy therefor. I further judge that an open, free and full discussion of the subject is the best way to overcome the difficulty. We should first overcome ourselves, for many of the difficulties are caused by ourselves. We should be fair with ourselves or we will not be fair with our competitors."

Our coming together, therefore, means more or should mean more than merely adopting by-laws. To adopt by-laws is important, but adapting ourselves to keep them is more important. It seems to me that a confessional meeting should be the first on the programme. Some agents cannot sleep until they have upset a sale made by their neighbors, and they call it a smart thing. Others try to make out to the farmer that he has been done up in his deal with the other fellow. Others will trespass on their neighbor's territory and offer goods at cut prices to secure a sale. Now none of these evils can be punished by this organization. We have no power to do so. We could exclude such a member but that may not and in all probability would not be a punishment. Neither can this organization regulate prices by by-law. A monopoly of prices would be an injury to all concerned and the results would be evil. We need competition, legitimate competition, but not so many "Slick Acks's," "Farmers' Friends," etc. There is a difference between a legitimate competitor and a business imposter. The latter is not only a fool but dishonest, for his wife and family are rightful heirs to his earnings and whoever gives his customers his profits on goods takes just so much from his family. This robbing Peter to pay Paul is neither charity nor business, and the man who continues that policy will fail sooner or later and get no thanks from anybody. The fool and his money soon part, but unfortunately for the legitimate dealer a fresh supply is on the way and they are not all dead yet. We must put up with this class; this organization has no authority to say that they shall not be. Our motto should be to do legitimate business ourselves and the result will be a survival of the fittest. I trust that at this meeting there will be a full and free discussion and that our people may be brought closer together and thereby make it possible for dealers in each town to meet and confer with one another regarding prices and other matters. If this association can bring about such a feeling it will have justified its existence, but we hope to do more. It will be the aim of the directors and officers to apply themselves to outside evils

that exist or may exist, confidently relying on each member to do his share towards making the association a success."

Mr. Durcan, Mehta, said the object of meeting was not only for the purpose of adopting by-laws but would result in dealers becoming acquainted with one another. Their organization was not a combine nor a trust, but one to produce wholesome and legitimate competition, to fight against price cutting for the purpose of spoiling a competitor's sale, and methods of business sure to result disastrously to all concerned.

F. Chapin of Hartney, had received very little help in outlining a set of by-laws from copies of by-laws, etc., from United States associations. The troubles seemed to be peculiarly their own. Overstocking was unprofitable, increasing insurance, cost of storage and finally the machines would be sold at reduced prices to get rid of the stock. It also leads to buyers waiting until the last moment in hopes of

ly helpful and approved by all, would not remove all the dealer's troubles. It would, however, be of great assistance. The association could not hope to prevent overstocking as Mr. Chapin has suggested that was a matter for the dealer himself. He thought a heavy penalty should be placed against a dealer who would ignore an order given by the customer elsewhere. The organization would no doubt be of great mutual benefit.

The business of drafting a constitution and by-laws was then proceeded with. In brief the constitution provides: That the name of the association be, "The Western Retail Implement Dealers' Association," and officers shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and board of five directors, holding office for one year, these officers forming an official board. The annual meeting will be held in Winnipeg during bonspiel week. All regular retail dealers are eligible for membership provided he carries a stock worth \$1,000. Officers of the board are to be allowed \$2 per day and railway fare. Any wholesaler selling direct to a consumer shall be asked to pay 15 per cent of such sale to secretary, who shall divide the sum equally between the dealers at the point where such sale was made who are members of the association. The same rule applies to a local dealer who sells in the territory of another local dealer, both being members of the association. This of course does not refer to wholesale firms having retail establishments.

The question of taking old machinery as part payment was discussed, and a resolution that the practice of trading old machinery should be discontinued as much as possible was passed. John Inglis was appointed to look after the interests of the implement dealers in connection with the Brandon fair.

Trade Sale of Clothing, Etc.

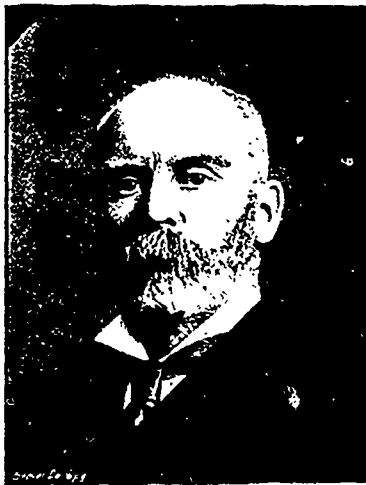
Donald Fraser & Co. held a trade sale of clothing and gent's furnishings in their warerooms on Princess Street, Winnipeg, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The sale was largely attended, especially by city buyers and was very successful, the entire catalogue being disposed of at good prices. The Hudson's Bay Company bought largely. Mr. Fraser states that it is not the intention of his firm, as some have erroneously supposed, to withdraw from Winnipeg, the object of the present sale being to clean out the surplus stock on hand here. He says they have a lease of the present premises for some years and intend to make full use of it. The staff at Winnipeg is not being reduced.

Additional Tenders.

Tenders, whole or separate, for all works in the erection of Brandon college, Brandon, Man. will be received up to Monday, April 30. Plans with H. McGowan, architect, Winnipeg.

Proposals addressed to W. N. Adsit, town clerk, Medicine Hat, Assa., will be received up to 1st June next, for the construction of a system of water works for the town of Medicine Hat, and for furnishing material and supplies therefor. Plans with W. N. Adsit and also with H. N. Ruttan, city hall, Winnipeg.

It seems likely that the eight hour law, applied to coal mines in the territories will be repealed. An amendment, which practically kills the act, has been introduced and passed second reading.



A. B. McLeod

Of McLeod & Hanley, Brandon.

President Western Retail Implement Dealers Ass'n

getting a snap bargain, which was unfair to the early buyer. Cutting prices was an evil which might be remedied by a recognition of territory.

Mr. Lawrence, Killarney, said he had been eighteen years in the business. In 1885 an organization had been talked of, but the scheme failed owing to the small number of local dealers in comparison with the manufacturers' agents. The benefits would be many. Better terms might be secured from railways and advantages obtained in buying. Taking old machines was an evil, because in many cases an old machine represents the profits and commissions on several new machines and being unsaleable it finally rotted down and became a dead loss. Something should be done in the way of a universal price list which would be a benefit not only to dealers, but to consumers. The association might be of great service by enabling the dealers to buy to better advantage, for instance taking the whole output of a certain factory instead of buying half a carload here and a carload there. He believed the present organization would be looked upon with favor by the wholesalers and manufacturers.

John Inglis, Brandon, was of the opinion that organization while great.

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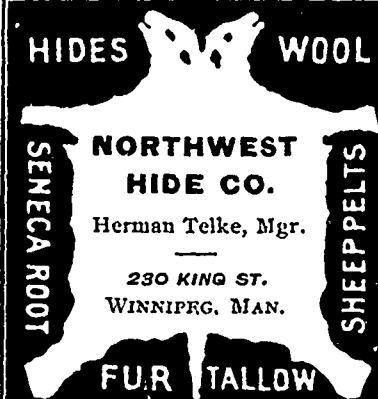
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Manitoba.

T. Birley has started a butcher shop at Alexander.

Geo. Munroe, general merchant, Res-ton, is opening a branch at Antler.

Jos. Hanna has sold out his lumber business at Crandell to T. Hamilton.

W. P. Swales, general merchant and postmaster, La Riviere, died on the 18th inst.

Rowe & Hunter, hotel keepers, Sin-tuluta, have dissolved partnership. Hunter retires.

A. M. Wright, jeweller, Melita, is selling out with the intention of moving to Medicine Hat.

Geo. Murton, merchant tailor and clothier, Portage la Prairie, will build a new store building this summer.

A. E. Chandler, general merchant, Plumus, who was burned out in February, has re-opened at the same place.

Robt. Fairley, formerly of Carberry, has bought out the grocery business of Capell & Co., Winnipeg, and will continue the same.

Smith & Tolton, butchers, Emerson, have dissolved, R. Smith retiring. The business will be carried on under the name of D. Tolton & Co.

Preparations are being rapidly pushed forward for the immediate resumption of work on the C. P. R. extension from MacGregor to Rapid City.

The stock of Oliver & Byron, general merchants, Selkirk, was sold on Tuesday to Ernest Rayner, of Winnipeg, for 70 1-2 cents on the dollar.

F. Babb and George Kirkland have purchased the hardware business of A. L. Ashdown at Portage la Prairie, and will assume control in the near future.

The Dominion government has appointed Dr. Patterson, of Winnipeg, to inspect all immigrants coming west with a view to preventing the introduction of disease.

Charles and William Plaxton, who withdrew a short time ago from the firm of Plaxton Bros., plumbers, Winnipeg, intend opening a new business in this line here.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating "The Blackwood's, Limited," for the purpose of taking over the business of Blackwood Bros. aerated waters, etc., Winnipeg.

The Manitoba Cream Separator Company, Limited, Winnipeg, has been incorporated for the purpose of dealing in produce, and dairy machinery and supplies. The capital stock is placed at \$75,000.

Merrick, Anderson & Co. have opened a retail bicycle department at 479 Main street, Winnipeg, where they will carry a stock of bicycles and a full line of bicycle accessories. A livery will also be run in connection.

The contract for a new grand stand at the Winnipeg exhibition grounds has been let to S. B. Ritchie, and the contract for new stables to Jas. Neale. The aggregate cost of this new work will be in the neighborhood of \$17,000.

Brown & Mitchell, hardware merchants, Brandon, have purchased the store and stock of M. G. McEwen, hardware, Griswold. The same firm have bought the stock of A. Speers at Griswold and will add it to the McEwen stock.

Smith & Burton, groceries, Brandon, have secured part of the Macdonald block in that city, and will shortly commence extensive changes in the building which will make it one of the

largest and best grocery stores in the province.

A customs office has been established at Melita.

Arbor day in Manitoba has been fixed by the local government for Friday, May 4.

Callendar & Alsip, brick manufacturers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, William Alsip carries on the business.

Rogers Bros. & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, advertise that they will sell the balance of their stock by public auction in retail lots.

The contractor for lowering the water in Lake Manitoba is now on the ground there and will push the work as fast as possible.

James Ferguson, head of the firm James Ferguson & Co., tents, awnings, etc., Brandon, died in the public hospital in that city on Monday morning.

Clark Bros., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, have taken part of the new Gault Bros. Co.'s building, and will move to this fine block as soon as the interior finishing is completed.

At Portage la Prairie 7,227 letters were posted last week as against 6,118 in the same week a year ago. The number of post cards was 1,142 as compared with 649 in 1899.

The Manitoba Union Mining Company which was incorporated about a year ago for the purpose of manufacturing cement in this province, is now taking steps to secure the necessary machinery so that operations may be commenced.

The Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation is applying to the legislature of Manitoba for an act to confirm the transfer to the said corporation of the properties, assets, etc., of the different companies of which it is composed.

The premises of The Winnipeg Trunk and Box Factory Company at Winnipeg, were seriously damaged by fire on Wednesday night. The damage is covered by insurance. This is the second time within a year that these premises have been damaged by fire.

The Winnipeg Produce Co. is the name of a new concern which is embarking in the trade here. The proprietors are A. Walley and W. H. Cook with W. Walley as manager. Premises have been secured at the corner of McDermot and Albert streets, Winnipeg.

Brandon is to have an active building year. The most important buildings projected are a new college, a new store for W. Bertrand & Co., a sash and door factory for W. Hanbury and probably a new Presbyterian church. Besides these a number of fine residences are already projected.

The contract for building a new Y. M. C. A. building at Winnipeg has been let to P. Barnett for the sum of \$60,513. The plumbing and heating contract will be let separately. The building will be situated on the corner of Portage avenue and Smith street. It will contain four stores on the ground floor.

Assinibola.

Walker & Co., of Souris, Man., are opening a hardware store at Alameda.

W. H. Hunt and A. H. Smith, proprietors of the Moosomin Spectator, have dissolved partnership, Hunt retiring. He will move to Rat Portage, Ont.

S. R. Edwards has bought the livery and sale stable of J. Booth at Indian Head, and will continue the same.

M. G. McEwen has bought the hardware business of Wm. Johnston, of Qu'Appelle, and will continue the same.

W. H. Hunter has purchased the business of the Qu'Appelle Drug and Stationery Co., Qu'Appelle Station, at 48 cents on the dollar.

S. R. Johnston, formerly of Malakoff, Ontario, is opening a general store at Rouleau, which is situated on the Soo line in Assinibola.

Saskatchewan.

G. R. Russell & Brother have purchased the general merchandise business of W. R. Fish at Prince Albert.

Alberta.

E. Green has opened in the butcher business at Innisfail.

McCallum & Douglas, general merchants, Innisfail, have dissolved partnership, McCallum retiring.

Jas. E. Fawcroy has purchased from T. A. Hatfield, of Calgary, his branch general store business at Innisfail, carried on under the name The Ranchers' Supply Company.

The town of Edmonton advertises that it will borrow \$3,900 for the purpose of acquiring a market site if the ratepayers express themselves favorably in a vote to be taken on May 11.

Northwest Ontario.

The stock in trade of Jas. Dodds, Norman, Ont., general dealer, will be sold by tender on the 30th inst.

T. S. Smith takes charge of the Hotel Kaminiistiquia, May 1, the present proprietor, R. Smith, retiring.

The steamer Keenora of the Rainy River Navigation Company has been greatly improved and will afford better accommodation than ever this year.

Building operations promise to be brisk in Port Arthur this summer. Five brick stores, a general hospital and two hotels, besides about thirty residences, are to be built.

Navigation is expected to open on the Lake of the Woods and tributary waters earlier than usual this spring owing to the open weather. A great impetus to mining operations is expected when boats commence running.

The Keewatin Power Company has been approached with a view to an arrangement for supplying power to the various mines in that locality. It is understood that a meeting of mine owners will shortly be held to consider this project.

The agreement between the corporation of Fort William and the late W. W. Ogilvie, whereby the latter was to have received a large bonus for the erection of a flour mill, and also that between Fort William and the Mattawan Iron & Mining Company for a bonus received the ratification of the Ontario legislature last week.

John Mather, of Ottawa, has intimated to the Rat Portage town council that an English concern wants to establish a large pulp plant at the power dam of the Keewatin Power Company if certain concessions with regard to timber can be obtained from the provincial government. The request is that the government prohibit exportation of pulp wood for thirty years. The council will petition the government to grant this concession.

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New York Wheat.

New York, April 16.—Wheat, May opened 73 3-4c, closed 74 1-8c b. July opened 73 5-8c b, closed 74c b.

New York, April 17.—Wheat, May opened 74c b, closed 73 5-8c. July opened 73 7-8c closed 73 1-2c.

New York, April 18.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-2c, closed 73 3-8c b. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 73 1-2c.

New York, Sept. 19.—Wheat, May opened 73c, closed 73c a. July opened 73c, closed 73c b.

New York, April 20.—Wheat, May opened 72 5-8c, closed 72 5-8c. July opened 72 5-8c, closed 72 3-4c.

New York, April 21.—May wheat closed to-day at 72 3-4c. July closed 72 7-8c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, April 16.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-4c, closed 66 3-4c b. July opened 67 5-8c, closed 68 1-8c a. Sept. opened 68 3-8c, closed 68 3-4c n. Corn, May opened 39 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 39 5-8c b. July opened 40 1-2 to 1-4c, closed 40 3-8c b. Sept. opened 41 1-8c, closed 41c b. Oats, May opened 24c, closed 23 5-8c. July opened 24c, closed 22 5-8c. Pork, May opened \$12.60, closed \$12.97 1-2. Lard, May opened at \$7.22 1-2, closed \$7.32 1-2. July opened \$7.30 to \$7.35, closed \$7.40. Ribs, May opened \$7.15, closed \$7.22 1-2c a. July opened \$7.17 1-2, closed \$7.22 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.73. May \$1.72 b. Sept. \$1.19 a. Oct. \$1.13 1-2 b.

Chicago, April 17.—Wheat, May opened 66 5-8c, closed 66 1-8c b. July opened 67 7-8c, closed 67 1-2c. Sept. opened 68 5-8c n, closed 68 3-8c a. Corn, May opened 39 5-8c, closed 38 5-8c a. July opened 40 1-2c, closed 39 3-8c a. Sept. opened 40 3-4c, closed 40c b. Oats, May opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 1-4c b. July opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 1-8c a. Sept. opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$12.85 to \$12.95, closed \$13. July opened \$13 to \$13.05, closed \$13.15. Lard, May opened \$7.35 to \$7.40, closed \$7.30 a. July opened \$7.45, closed \$7.37 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$7.25, closed \$7.22 1-2. July opened \$7.30, closed \$7.20. Flax, cash \$1.73. May \$1.73. Sept. \$1.16 1-4 b. Oct. \$1.12 1-2.

Chicago, April 18.—Wheat, May opened 65 7-8c, closed 66c. July opened 67 1-4c, closed 67 3-8c b. Sept. opened 68 3-8c a, closed 68 1-8c. Corn, May opened 38 1-2, closed 39 1-8c. July opened 39 3-8c, closed 40 7-8c b. Sept. opened 40c, closed 40 7-8c a. Oats, May opened 23 1-8c, closed 23 1-2c. July opened 21 1-8c, closed 23 3-8c. Sept. opened 22 3-8c, closed 22 1-2c. Pork, May opened \$12.92 1-2, closed \$12.92 1-2. July opened \$13.10, closed \$13.10 b. Lard, May opened \$7.30 a, closed \$7.25. July opened \$7.50, closed \$7.35. Ribs, May opened \$7.17 1-2c, closed \$7.15. July opened \$7.15, closed \$7.15.

Chicago, April 19.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 65 1-2c b. July opened 68 1-8 to 3-4c, closed 66 3-4c b. Sept. opened 67 3-4c, closed 67 5-8c. Corn, May opened 38 7-8 to 3-4, closed 38 1-2c b. July opened 39 3-4, closed 39 1-2c a. Sept. opened 22 1-4, closed 22 3-8c a. Pork, May opened at \$12.95, closed \$13. July opened \$13.15, closed \$13.15 a. Ribs, May opened at \$7.15, closed \$7.15. Flax, cash \$1.73. May \$1.72 b. Sept. \$1.20. Oct. \$1.14 b.

Chicago, April 20.—Wheat, May opened 65c, closed 65 1-4c. July opened 66 3-8c, closed 66 3-4c a. Sept. opened 67 1-4c, closed 67 1-2c b. Corn, May opened 38 1-8c, closed 38 3-8c b. July opened 39 1-8c, closed 39 1-4c b. Sept. opened 39 5-8c, closed 40c b. Oats, May opened 23 1-4c, closed 23c. July opened 23c, closed 23c. Sept. opened 22 3-8 a, closed 22 1-8c. Pork, May opened \$12.90, closed \$12.90. July opened at \$13.05, closed \$13. Lard, May opened \$7.17 1-2, closed \$7.10. July opened at \$7.27 1-2, closed \$7.17 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$7.15, closed \$7.05 a. July opened \$7.10, closed \$7.05 b. Flax, cash \$1.73. May opened \$1.73. Sept. opened \$1.23. Oct. \$1.18 a.

Chicago, April 21.—May wheat opened at 65 1-4c, and ranged from the opening price to 65 3-4c. Closing prices:

Wheat—May, 65 1-4—3-8c; July, 66 3-4—7-8c.

Corn—May, 38 1-4c, July, 39 1-4c.

Oats—May, 22 5-8c, July, 23c.

Pork—May, \$12.72 1-2.

Lard—May, \$6.32 1-2.

Ribs—May, \$6.99.

A week ago May option closed at 66 1-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 72 1-4c; two years ago at \$1.14; three years ago at 77c; four years ago at 63 1-2c; five years ago at 68c, and six years ago at 58 1-4c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, April 21.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.73 for cash and \$1.72 for May.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 66 3-4c; July, 68 1-8c.

Tuesday—May, 66 1-8c; July, 67 1-2c.

Wednesday—May, 66c; July, 67 3-8c.

Thursday—May, 65 1-2c, July, 66 7-8c.

Friday—May, 65 1-4c; July, 66 3-4c.

Saturday—May, 66 1-8c; July, 67 1-4c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 68 1-8c, and cash 1 northern at 66 1-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 67c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 3-4c, two years ago at \$1.10 7-8; three years ago at 78 1-4c; four years ago at 63 1-8c, five years ago at 67 5-8c, and six years ago at 63 3-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, April 21.—Wheat closed at 63 5-8c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 66 1-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 64 3-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market dull. No. 1 hard closed unchanged at 67c cash. May 67 3-4c Fort William.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, April 20—4 p.m. closing. Consols for money 100 15-16; do for account 101 1-8; Canadian Pacific 99 5-8; Erie 14; REE first preferred 42 3-4; Illinois Central 118 1-2; U. P. preferred 77 3-4; St. Paul common 124 5-8; N. Y. C. 148 1-2; Pennsylvania 74 1-4; Reading 93-4; N. P. preferred 78 3-8; Atchison 27 5-8; Louisville 86 7-8; Rand mines 36 1-2; G. T. 81-4; Anaconda 10 1-4; Bar silver 27 3-8 per ounce, quiet; money 3 3-4 to 4 1/2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4 to 1-8 per cent; do. for three months bills 4 to 1-8 per cent.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 20.—Wheat, spot No. 1 northern spring dull at 58 11 1-2d. St. Louis wheat spot dull; No. 1 California 6s 4 1-2d to 6s 5d; No. 1 northern spring 5s 11 1-2d. Futures quiet; April nominal. May 5s 9d; July 5s 8 1-2d.

Liverpool, April 21.—Wheat closed unchanged.

Western Business Items.

L. Earle has opened in hardware at Oids, Alberta.

J. Mathers has opened a harness shop at Grenfell, Assa.

Ogilvie's mill at Winnipeg started running again on Friday.

McPhail & Co. have purchased the butcher business of Almack & McLennan at Schreiber.

T. P. McHugh has purchased the Palace hotel property at Helchen, Alberta, from Arka.

R. A. Rodgers, manager of the Parsons Produce Company, is expected home from a trip to the Yukon next week.

The Central Canada Fire Insurance Co is to be absorbed by the Manitoba Assurance Co. Both are local concerns.

H. E. Gill & Co., Moosomin, Assa., have sold out to Andrew Whyte, of Brandon, who will carry on the business as Whyte & Co.

Bush fires are reported adjacent to the Northwestern railway, southeast of Winnpeg. It is feared a large quantity of cordwood will be destroyed.

Sewell & Burgess, butchers and flour and feed, Minnedosa, Man., have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by Joseph Burgess in the same premises.

Still another new produce concern is reported for Winnipeg. Locke Bros. & Co. have opened up in the wholesale produce and commission business at 128 Princess street. The members of the firm are Thos. H., W. G. and A. S. Locke, all of whom were formerly employed with a Winnipeg wholesale grocery house.

Insurance Notes.

J. R. Grant, manager of the Federal Life Insurance Company at Winnipeg, left last Saturday for Europe. After taking a trip over the continent he will visit the Paris exposition. He will be away for about three months.

The total fire loss in the United States and Canada for March, as compiled by The New York Journal of Commerce, was \$13,349,200, against \$15,427,000 for February, \$11,493,000 for March last year, and \$7,645,200 for March, 1898. The total fire loss for the first three months this year is \$40,531,500, against \$40,680,000 last year and \$29,747,000 in 1898.

David Burke, general manager of the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Co., spent several days in Winnipeg last week looking over the company's interests here. Mr. Burke expressed himself as well pleased with what had been done toward establishing the company here, and also spoke favorably as to future prospects. While Mr. Burke was here, a meeting of the local board was held. The local directors of the company are J. T. Gordon, W. J. Christie and R. P. Roblin.

Ordinarily 55 per cent. of the premiums received by fire insurance companies go for losses and 35 per cent. for expenses, thus leaving a margin of 10 per cent. for profit. Just how far this estimate was out of consequence of the deplorable condition of the business in 1899 can be seen when it is stated that the loss rate last year was very little short of 93 per cent. True, the ratio of expense (33.3 per cent.) last year was below the average. Still the total cost of doing business exceeded 126 per cent. Out of 165 companies doing business in New York state the net excess of loss and expenses over premiums exceeded \$5,000,000.—Bradstreet's.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has decided that it has no objection to the proposed increase in the tariff preference to British goods by the Canadian government.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, April 21.

Trade is becoming more active since the Easter holidays are past and is beginning to take on a more summerlike character. Light goods of all kinds for summer wear are moving freely. So also are building materials, green fruits, etc. Travellers in all lines are meeting with fair success on the road. Prices have been steadier than for some time and we have very few changes to report. The grain, cattle and produce movements are light owing to farmers being busy with spring work. Seeding is now well advanced all over the country. One prominent authority says that 85 per cent of wheat seeding will be finished by to-night. The acreage is largely increased. Navigation is expected to open at Fort William next week which will stimulate business. Bank clearings at Winnipeg were smaller than a year ago owing to Easter holidays occurring in this week whereas a year ago the week was a full one. Interest rates are unchanged at 6 to 8 per cent at banks and for mortgage loans. The weather is now dry and warm, but was quite cool early in the week and in some parts of the west there were snowstorms on Monday.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, April 21.

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

BUILDING MATERIAL.

Stone and lime are in active demand at the following prices: Stonewall rubble \$3.50 per cord; Stonewall fonting, \$3.50 per cord; Stony Mountain rubble, \$4 per cord. White lime is worth 2^c per bushel, and grey lime 1^c per bushel.

DRUGS.

The drug market is steady and business moving freely. The only change in prices is an advance of 2^c per ounce on cocaine.

DRY GOODS.

Local houses find business fairly active. Travellers are picking up quite a lot of business, but the market is not as active as it has been. There is a good demand for fancy goods and novelties, particularly patriotic ribbons, flags, badges, etc. The scarcity of money and large stocks of winter goods held over is affecting the demand.

FUEL.

Stocks of wood in the city are large and prices continue firm at the winter scale. Coal is subject to a greatly reduced demand owing to warm weather. Business is practically over for the season as far as demand for heating purposes is concerned.

GREEN FRUITS.

Warm weather has greatly improved the demand and jobbers have been quite busy this week. California navel oranges have advanced another 2^c per case making the price \$1.75 for fancy stock. The season for navel

is about over. Bananas are arriving freely in car lots and show fine quality at 3 to \$3.50 per bunch. Pineapples are offering at \$5 per dozen. First shipments of strawberries came in this week from Texas and sell at \$8 per case. New maple sugar is expected in a few days. The regulations governing payment of accounts adopted by the new local exchange are working well and there has been very little friction. We quote prices as follows: California navel oranges, \$1.75 per case for regular sizes. California seedlings, \$3.50. Fancy Med sweets, \$4.00. California lemons, per box, \$4.75; bananas, \$3.00 to \$3.50; pineapples per dozen, \$5.00. Apples, winter, \$1.00 to \$5.00 per barrel; coconuts, per dozen, 80c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; pecan nuts, green, 9c, roasted 12c; pecan nuts 15c per pound; maple sugar, per pound 11c, apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 30c; California layer figs in 1¹/₂ pound boxes, \$1.10; new Smyrna in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10 lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box; dates, 7c per lb. in 1 lb cartons, 10c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; American red onions, 3c per lb.; lettuce, radish, onions and parsley per dozen bunches, 50c; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$7; California celery, 90c per dozen bunches; new California cabbage 5c per lb.; rhubarb 12c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Trade has been fairly active this week and prices remain firm. Jobbers still find collections poor. Canned goods for future delivery are strong at prices named by packers some weeks ago. For immediate delivery prices are if anything a little higher. Glucose syrup has advanced 1-2c per pound in sympathy with the recent advance east.

HARDWARE.

Hardware trade is moving freely. Crow bars advanced 50c per 100 pounds this week and harvest tools have also been advanced, by the withdrawal of the 5 per cent discount making the quotation now 55 per cent off list instead of 55 and 5 per cent. Otherwise the market is steady.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Linseed oil has advanced another 2c per gallon, making the price now 78c for raw and 81c for boiled. Turpentine is firmly held. Prepared paint lists have been revised this week and prices readjusted on some lines, but the general average of prices remains at from \$1.40 to \$1.90 per gallon as to shade and color.

PAPER AND STATIONERY.

Paper and bag prices hold firm at the recent advance. Winnipeg jobbing houses have made an agreement whereby they are able to offer bags to the western trade at slightly better prices than can be obtained further east, which is having the effect of stimulating the demand here.

RAW FURS.

Winter caught furs are coming in in moderate quantities and there is a ready sale for all offerings. Prices are firm as quoted throughout winter. It is said that receipts have been lessened by the action of provincial authorities in seizing a consignment of beaver skins some time ago as traders have since been afraid to ship to this market. Though they may only have a very few beavers they withhold all their furs on that account and sell to travelling buyers who are willing to take the risk.

SCRAP.

We quote prices here as follows: Quotations f.o.b. Winnipeg are: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton, No. 2, \$7 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 per ton; heavy copper, 101-2c per pound; red brass, 8 to 81-2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 71-2c per pound; light brass, 41-2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 21-2c per pound; zinc scrap 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c. Rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound; white ledger paper 1c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat situation has become weaker, and the markets have been dull and declining all the week. It began with European markets closed on account of Easter holidays, and it was expected that when they reopened on Tuesday they would show a renewal of strength. The reverse was the case, and a decline in prices was started which has resulted in a further daily loss in value, until the difference on the week is about 11-2c per bushel. It has been a proper bear market day after day, and had not prices at the start been at a moderate level, the decline in value might easily have been several cents. There has been nothing to infuse courage into buyers and speculators. The demand for wheat and flour is lighter than it has been and the weather conditions on the American continent have been favorable for the growing winter wheat crop and for the seeding of the spring wheat crop. The primary receipts of wheat in the States continue to overrun to a moderate extent those for same days a year ago but the primary shipments are about in proportion. The American visible supply decreased 139,000 bushels, compared to an increase of 1,208,000 bushels previous week and an increase of 89,000 bushels same week a year ago. The world's shipments last week were 6,944,000 bushels against 6,317,000 bushels previous week and 6,609,000 bushels last year. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's decreased 2,373,000 bushels compared to a decrease previous week of 474,000 bushels and a decrease last year of 686,000 bushels. The Argentine shipments are this week very large, 3,760,000 bushels against 2,776,000 bushels last week. The reports of European crops are not too favorable. Weather in England and western Europe has been backward and spring work on the farm is late. It is believed considerable damage has been done to the winter wheat crop in France, and latest advices do not speak favorably of the wheat crop in Russia, but still not a great deal is definitely known yet as to what the prospect may turn out.

The local market has been marked by the tenacity of holders to hold on to their wheat in the face of daily declining markets. Very little wheat has changed hands and the price is only 3-2c lower than a week ago. For 1 hard spot Fort William 67 1-2c has been the prevailing figure until the last two days the price sank to 67 1-4c, then 67c, the latter being closing price yesterday, although some buyers would not bid more than 66 3-4c. One hard for May delivery has sold from 68 1-2c down to 68c, but yesterday 67 3-4c was all that was bid, with no sales at that. Two hard and 1 northern are 21-2c under 1 hard, and 3 hard 5c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—Demand is moderately active and prices steady. We quote: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.95; Glenora patent, \$1.75; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.45; XXXX, \$1.10, Lake of the Woods' Five Roses, \$1.45; Strong Bakers, \$1.65. Mc'ora, \$1.40. XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 98 pounds, delivered in Winnipeg.

MILFEED—Shorts advanced \$1 per ton this week, under an active demand and short supply. Prices are Bran, \$14.50 per ton, shorts, \$16.50.

GROUND FLED—Corn chop has advanced \$1 to \$19 per ton, due to higher price of corn. We quote now: Oat chop, \$23 per ton, barley chop, \$17, mixed feed of barley and oats, \$20, corn chop, \$19; oil cake, \$27.

OATS—The demand for oats is not very large and consequently the market is quiet. Some fine oats have been offering from Northwestern Manitoba at about 32c per bushel on track here and as high as 32 1/2c has been paid for an extra good lot. We quote: No. 2 white oats in earlots on track Winnipeg, 31 to 32c per bushel; No. 2 mixed, 30 to 31c.

BARLEY—The movement is very light. Farmers' offerings at country points are reduced to almost nothing. We quote: Carlots on track here 33 to 36c per bushel, according to quality.

CORN—The market is easier owing to decline in primary markets and falling off in demand. No. 3 corn is now worth 45 to 46c per bushel in earlots on track here.

WHEAT—The wheat market in the country is very quiet. Buyers quote from 52 to 54c per bushel to farmers according to freight rate.

FLAXSEED—No movement. The market is now only nominal. Farmers have been trying to buy flax for seed purposes, but are not able to secure enough. As high as \$1.50 per bushel has been offered for seed.

GRAIN MEAL—Manitoba meal is being offered at \$1.65 per 50 lb. sack to the retail trade by millers.

HAY—The market is very dull. Fresh baled hay is worth \$3 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, \$3 to \$4.

BUTTER—Creamery - None offering yet from country points. Some enquiries have been received for quotations. The local factory is offering limited quantities at 24c per pound to the retail trade.

BUTTER - Dairy - Receipts of low grade stuff are increasing but choice qualities are in very limited supply. Dealers are handling now mostly on commission. Separator rolls bring as high as 22c per pound, less freight and commission. Dairy tubs, choice, are worth from 16 to 20c, second grades 10 to 14c per pound commission basis.

CHEESE—Stocks are low and the market firm. Small sizes are worth 14 to 14 1/2c per pound and large 14c. Jobbers prices.

EGGS—Receipts have increased largely and prices are consequently lower. Dealers are selling to the retail trade at 12c, or 2c under the price of a week ago. At country points eggs are worth about 10 1/2c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are plentiful at last week's prices. Carlot business is at a standstill owing to large farmers deliveries. Held cabbage are out of the market. We quote: Potatoes 40 to 45c per bushel; turnips, 25 to 30c; carrots, 55 to 60c; beets 40 to 50c; parsnips, 1 1/2c per lb.; onions, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel; California cabbage 5c per lb; celery, 90c per dozen bunches; lettuce and parsley, 10c per

dozen bunches, green onions, 20c per dozen; spinach, 10c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Butchers have plenty of fresh meats. Beef is quoted at 7 to 7 1/2c choice city dressed, veal, 8 to 9c; fresh mutton, 10c, frozen mutton, 8 to 9c, hogs, 6 1/2 to 7c for choice wrights.

POULTRY AND GAME—Turkeys are worth about 11c per lb.; ducks, 10c, geese, 9c, and chickens, 11c. Live chickens are worth about 65c per pair, very few offering. Wild geese are offering at 75c apiece retail. Dealers are paying 50 to 60c apiece for them.

HIDES—Hides are moving very slowly. No. 1 inspected hides are worth 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3, kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 8 1/2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—We quote prices here 8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

SENICA ROOT—Market nominal at about 55c per lb.

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 3 1/2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 2 1/2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—What we said a week ago still applies. Stockers are moving freely both west and south. No export shipments can be made until present old country market conditions are high freight last. Butchers have been paying from 3 to 4c per pound at country points according to quality. Yearling stockers are worth from \$12 to \$18 each and two year olds \$12 to \$26.

SHEEP—There is no movement of sheep, excepting to the abattoir and other Winnipeg slaughter houses. Butchers are offering 13 1/4c off cars here for choice sheep and lambs.

HOGS—Choice hogs are worth \$4.75 to \$5 per 100 pounds off cars here. Second grades \$4.00 to \$4.50.

MILCH COWS—Very few offering. Quotations range from \$50 to \$15 each.

HORSES—Horses are in fair demand for spring work. Good work horses weighing about 1,300 lbs. are worth here from \$150 to \$175 each, roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of lighter weight run from \$100 to \$140 each, when halter broken.

Seeding.

The weather has continued favorable for seeding throughout the week and the wheat crop is now practically in the ground. There will be a large increase in the area. The land has been in fine condition, exceptionally so for the Red River valley. Rain is now needed to start growth and prevent soil from drifting in case of high winds.

Must Be Slaughtered.

The British board of agriculture has issued an order requiring the slaughter of animals from Argentina or Uruguay within 36 hours after landing at the Deptford foreign animals wharf, also the slaughter of animals of any other country within five days after landing at such wharf, exclusive of the day of landing.

Trinidad has made a commercial treaty with the United States in preference to considering Canada's proposals for reciprocity.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, April 9.

The customs returns for the port of Vancouver for March, 1900, were \$91,536.24, as compared with \$50,764.79 for March, 1899, or over 80 per cent increase. The inland revenue returns for March, 1900, were \$32,217.93, as against \$22,124.42 for March, 1899, while the bank clearings for the past five weeks show an increase over the corresponding period of last year of nearly 50 per cent. The customs and inland revenue departments and the clearing house claim that these figures indicate progress and prosperity in the business world of Vancouver; the wholesalers claim that the figures indicate that spring goods are arriving altogether with a rush owing to continued fine weather, and that increase in customs and bank clearing figures are not always an indication of progress and good times. Although they may indicate the volume of business done, wholesale provision merchants claim that owing to competition business is dull, money tight and collections poor. Although the actual volume of business has increased immensely in the past 12 months, there are more firms in business in comparison to the population than there were before. Consequently times are not so good. In spite of this state of affairs new firms are constantly starting up in lines already overcrowded, and old firms are starting departmental stores to further glut the market with goods. As a consequence sacrifice sales are becoming frequent of late. The rapid increase in population continues and in spite of the great number of dwelling houses being erected agents with houses to rent are besieged with applicants.

The threatened general strike of the trades unions in Vancouver has been averted. Each year the unions have been in the habit of making their demands on the building contractors and every succeeding year the demands being greater than the previous year, so that on this occasion the building contractors said it was time to call a halt. After mature consideration, however, they submitted as usual, and the unions once more had their way. By the new arrangement bricklayers and stonemasons work 8 hours instead of 9 hours a day, wages being \$4.50. Carpenters have a half holiday on Saturday, still getting \$3.00 a day. Painters have an increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day. As far as the other unions are concerned the demands have been trifling.

Vancouver, April 16.

Vancouver and Victoria wholesale merchants still declare that business is dull, competition is many cases ruinous and money tight. This, they say, is not owing to the volume of business done, which is much larger than former years, but from the fact that there are too many people in business for the size of the population.

There are no changes in the market this week to note. The weather has been warm and dry for the past few days and as a consequence local butter and eggs are very plentiful. Easter eggs are still almost a glut on the market.

Building operations are not active at present owing to the strike of the bricklayers and stonemasons' unions who are asking \$5 a day for a day of eight hours.

Very active preparations are being made for the salmon season and as the spring run has been quite heavy, it is expected that the year will be a good one, provided labor and capital do not clash too severely.

Saw mill managers declare that the lumber business is improving very much.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial

Vancouver, April 21.

Butter is lower, for both creamery and dairy. Local eggs have sold as low as 18c, and are held at 18 to 20c. California cheese is offering. Flour has advanced 30c per barrel.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c. California creamery, 25 1-2 to 26c. Fresh dairy, 24 1-2 to 25c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 18 to 20c; eastern case eggs, 10 to 15c, as to quality. Oregon eggs, 20c per dozen.

CHEESE—California cheese, 14c. **GREEN FRUIT**—Oranges, n. r., \$2.50 to \$3.00; seedlings, \$2.00; California lemons, \$2.00 to \$3.50; bananas, \$2.75.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50, two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs., \$3.25; in 50 lb. sacks, \$3.00 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.30; strong bakers', \$4.60; Oregon, \$4.55 per barrel.

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

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14 to 14 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 1-2c; backs, 12 1-2c; long clear, 10c; rolls, 12 to 12 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1-2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c; bladders, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock, \$15.00 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 to \$22 ton; cabbage 21-2c lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 11-2c per lb.; silver-skins 21-2c.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton, bran, \$20; shorts, \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$10.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 7 1-2 to 8c; mutton, 11c; pork, 8 1-2 to 9c; veal, 10c.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.75 to \$4.00 per 100 lbs.; lambs, \$1.50 each; cows, \$5.25 per 100 lbs.; sheep, \$4.00 to \$6.00 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$6.00 per 100 lbs.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17 to 18c; peaches, 10 to 11c; pitted plums, 12 1-2 to 15 1-2c; prunes, French, 5 1-2 to 8c; London Layer raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 8c; 3 crown, 8 1-2c; 4 crown, 9c; dates, 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box, \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2 to 13c; nectarines, 14c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; Sultaninas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 1-2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil 12 1-2c; walnuts, 12c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, 1c and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump, 61-4c; granulated, 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c; fancy yellows, 4 1-2c; yellow, 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—40 gallon barrels, 21-4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs, 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

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

HARDWARE—Bar iron — Base, \$3.50.

Horae shoe nails, discount, 10 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5 25. Wire nails — Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c; kolloed oil, 85c. White lead, \$8 70. Putty, \$1.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, April 21.

The business situation in the Kootenay is improving, and the outlook is now much more hopeful than it was a short time ago. Ontario creamery butter is offering to arrive, at 26c. First ranch eggs from the Territories are offering quite freely, and prices are 1c lower at 18c. Potatoes have dropped to \$20 per ton. Butter Creamery, 26c; choice dairy, 24c.

Cheese—Large, 15 1-2c, small sizes, 16c per lb.

Eggs—Fresh ranch eggs, 18c.

Oats—Per ton, \$26.

Milffoesi—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.80.

Hay—Per ton, \$26.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$20.

British Columbia Notes.

J. McRae is opening in drugs at Van Anda.

Rickers Bros. are opening in groceries at Moyle.

The Nelson Shippers' Association is being formed at Nelson.

A. B. S. Smith, Delmonico hotel, Vancouver, has sold out to C. W. Hilmar.

Wm. Thurston & Sons, leather and findings, Vancouver, have assigned.

W. A. Woods has sold out his bakery business at Vernon, to Chas. Gordon.

J. and C. A. Haynes, grocers and provision merchants, Victoria, have assigned.

The Kootenay Cigar Mfg. Co., Nelson, have applied for incorporation, capital \$50,000.

Johnston Bros. have bought out the hotel business of G. Campbell and A. T. Clark at Moyle.

Joyce Bros. have sold their lease of the Commercial hotel at Fernie to T. Wellman and Julius Hurel.

J. J. Murphy, & Co., general merchants, Moyle, have dissolved partnership. J. J. Murphy continues the business.

D. R. Pottinger, provision merchant, Victoria, has assigned to A. Branchley. Meeting of creditors on the 18th inst.

I. N. Thomas and A. W. Smith, feed merchants, Kessland, have dissolved partnership. Thomas continues the business.

Tenders are asked for the purchase of the general stock of M. J. Walker, insolvent, at Phoenix. Bids to be in by 25th inst.

The total imports at the port of Grand Forks for the month of March were valued at \$46,054, on which a duty of \$7,802 was collected.

Thos. Jalland has bought an interest in Bell's produce business in the Okanagan. L. McPhee has succeeded to Jalland's interest in the firm of Jalland Bros. at Sandon.

S. G. Fladgate, who bought out the McKay saddlery and harness business at Ashcroft recently, has also bought the business of G. Stuart in the same line and will amalgamate the two.

M. McEwald, who is now representing the Kootenay Cigar Manufacturing Co., of Nelson, is at Vancouver looking over the ground with a view to establishing a warehouse, where a

stock of their cigars will be kept on hand.

R. A. Dickson and P. T. McCallum are applying for the incorporation of the Boundary Rapid Transit Company, for building a tramway from Cascade City along the Kettle river valley to Grand Forks, thence up the north fork of the Kettle river 50 miles to Carson City, with spurs to Phoenix, Greenwood and Midway.

The following new companies have been incorporated under provincial law: McKenzie Brothers, of Vancouver, capital \$30,000, the Methodist Reorder Printing & Publishing Company, of Victoria, capital \$10,000; the North Fork Lumber Company, of Greenwood, capital \$100,000; the Silverton Water Company, of Silverton, capital \$30,000.

The following companies have been incorporated under the companies act: The Ship Lord Templeton Company, Ltd., capital \$700,400, headquarters at Victoria. Anderson Lake Mining & Milling Company, Ltd., capital, \$225,000; headquarters at Ashcroft. Hinton Electric Co., Ltd. capital \$50,000; headquarters at Victoria. Cariboo Deeps, Ltd., capital \$150,000; headquarters at Barkerville.

R. P. Ritchie & Co., of Victoria, estimate the salmon pack of British Columbia last year to have been 732,437 cases, including 30,000 volumes. In 1898 the pack was 481,161 cases, in 1897, 1,015,477 cases; in 1896, 601,570 cases; in 1895, 566,395 cases, and in 1894, 494,371 cases. The pack of last year was composed of 88,133 cases of half-flats, 289,266 cases of flats, 330,995 cases of talls besides 24,043 cases of other sizes. Considered by districts the pack shows as follows: Fraser River, 510,383 cases; Skeena River, 108,026 cases; Rivers Inlet, 71,079 cases, Naas River, 19,443, Lowe Inlet, 10,142 cases; Alert Bay, 3,470 cases; West Coast of Vancouver Island, 2,691 cases, and Namu Har or, 7,200 cases. Market for this salmon was found as follows: Shipped to England, 547,682 cases, to Eastern Canada, 114,736 cases; to Australasia, 41,518 cases; other destinations, 4,216 cases, local sales, 11,945 cases; stock on hand, 12,079 cases; lost 231 cases.

MOVEMENTS OF BUSINESS MEN.

R. A. Mather, manager of the Keewatin Lumber Company, Keewatin, Ont., was in Winnipeg last week on business.

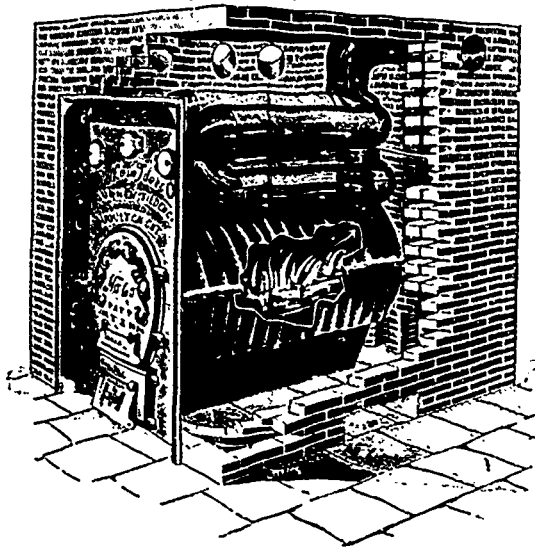
N. Rawlf, grain merchant, Winnipeg, who is recovering from a severe illness, left on Wednesday for Arkansas for treatment at the hot springs.

D. W. Loie left Winnipeg last week for a trip to the coast. Mr. Loie has not been in good health, but hopes that this outing will make him all right again.

M. F. St. John, fur buyer, Winnipeg, returned this week from a trip to Skagway, Alaska. While away he purchased a number of large lots of furs.

J. H. Tilden, president of the Garney Stove Company, of Hamilton, Ont., returned home on Monday afternoon, having paid his annual visit to the company's Winnipeg branch.

Hugo Dolge, of the Berlin Felt Boot Co., Berlin, Ont., passed through the city last week, en route to Du'Appelle, where his family have been residing. Mr. Dolge will move his family to Berlin, where they will in future reside.



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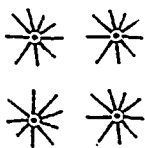
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THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

A NEW TRAVELLER.

Chas. J. Packham, whose portrait we show herewith, is now representing Arthur Congdon, wholesale footwear dealer, Winnipeg, on the ground formerly covered by Chas. Holden. Mr. Packham is an expert shoe man, though a new man to the road, hav-



Chas. J. Packham.

ing gained his experience in Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and California. He was for a number of years a member of the retail staff of the Hudson's Bay Co. here, and for two years had charge of the shoe department in this company's handsome Vancouver store. Mr. Packham comes to Winnipeg from an excellent position in California, and with his thorough knowledge of the shoe trade will doubtless take high rank among our knights of the grip.

The portrait given above shows Mr. Packham to be a modest young man, but this of course is a well known characteristic of the commercial traveller, and as he already apparently possesses a liberal quantity of this commodity he will not be under the necessity of specially cultivating this virtue in order to qualify for the new work which he has undertaken.

ON THE ROAD.

S. D. R. Fernie left this week on a western trip.

Ira Kallmeyer, of Toronto, was in Winnipeg, this week.

Alex. Fraser, of London, Ont., was at the Leland this week.

F. C. Shorey, of Montreal, was at the Leland House this week.

A. Dignall, who represents Glasgow houses, was in the city this week.

Geo. H. Middleton started this week on a trip through northwestern Manitoba.

W. H. McGuire, representing the James Smart Mfg. Co., Brockville, Ont., was in the city this week.

Geo. Harrison, formerly with Jerry Robinson, retail dry goods, Winnipeg, has taken the road with samples for Gault Bros. Co., Winnipeg.

Wm. Dunlop, for many years with the Sanford Manufacturing Company, but recently with Clark Bros. & Co., has returned to take a position as traveller with the former house.

H. E. Walker, for a number of years employed with Rogers Bros., Winnipeg, has decided to become a knight of the grip, and will go on the road for Gault Bros. Co.

S. C. Matthews and C. Henderson, representing Matthews, Towers & Co., wholesale men's furnishings, Montreal, arrived in the city this week. Mr. Henderson is a new man so far as the west is concerned, though he has been with the firm for some time in the east. He will work Manitoba and part of the Territories, while Mr. Matthews will do Winnipeg and also the far western portion of the Territories and British Columbia. Mr. Matthews handled the western trip alone last year, but the growth of his firm's business in this quarter has made it necessary that he should have the assistance of another traveller.

Tenders.

The Winnipeg city clerk received tenders this week for the city's supply of stationery, book binding, printing and lithographing.

Sealed tenders will be received by K. McLeod, Loughburn, Man., up to Tuesday, May 1st, for the erection of a frame church at Loughburn.

Tenders are wanted for the purchase of the stock in trade of Jas. Dodds, of Norman, Ont., general dealer. Tenders to be in by the 30th inst. Harold Harvey, assignee, Rat Portage.

Tenders addressed to the chairman committee on works, Winnipeg, for the delivery of from 100 to 200 tons of asphalt for street paving, will be received up to Wednesday, May 2.

The postmaster general is calling for tenders for the conveyance of mails from the street letter boxes in Winnipeg to the postoffice. The contract is to cover four years. Tenders to be in by May 25.

Portage la Prairie Board of Trade.

A meeting of the Portage la Prairie board of trade was held on April 10, when a constitution and by laws were adopted. As it is alleged that the M. & N. W. R. is discriminating in favor of Winnipeg in the matter of freight rates. This matter will be fully investigated, and the board will take action to do away with any discrimination. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the post office authorities and endeavor to have letter boxes placed at the stations and in the east and west end of the town. A committee was appointed to consult with the rural council re opening up new roads. Eight new members were enrolled.

FINANCIAL.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending April 19, show as follows:

Week ending April 19, 1900	\$1,543,406
Corresponding week, 1899	1,626,662
Corresponding week, 1898	1,626,636

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Bank of England rate remains unchanged at 4 per cent.

The Imperial Bank of Canada will open a branch at Ottawa in a few weeks.

Legislation is asked for by the city of Brandon, giving it power to hypothecate certain lands held by the city to the Imperial Bank as security for

a sum of money to be used to pay arrears of interest on debentures.

A branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is being opened at Seattle, Wash., and another at Clouseleigh, Yukon Territory. This town is near the White Horse Pass, and is the terminus of the White Horse Railway, and at the head of lower river navigation.

It is now predicted that navigation will open at Fort William, next week.

A movement is on foot in Winnipeg to place a special tax on bicycles, for the purpose of raising a fund to construct bicycle paths. While bicyclists may urge with considerable force that it would be just as reasonable to tax vehicles for the purpose of building roads, still the majority of bicycle riders will no doubt willingly pay the tax, in the interest of securing good bicycle paths.

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I will call on the trade on C. P. R. in Manitoba, also in N. W. T., and B. C., and branch lines in good time for fall trade. Mr. D. Cameron will do the branch lines in Manitoba.

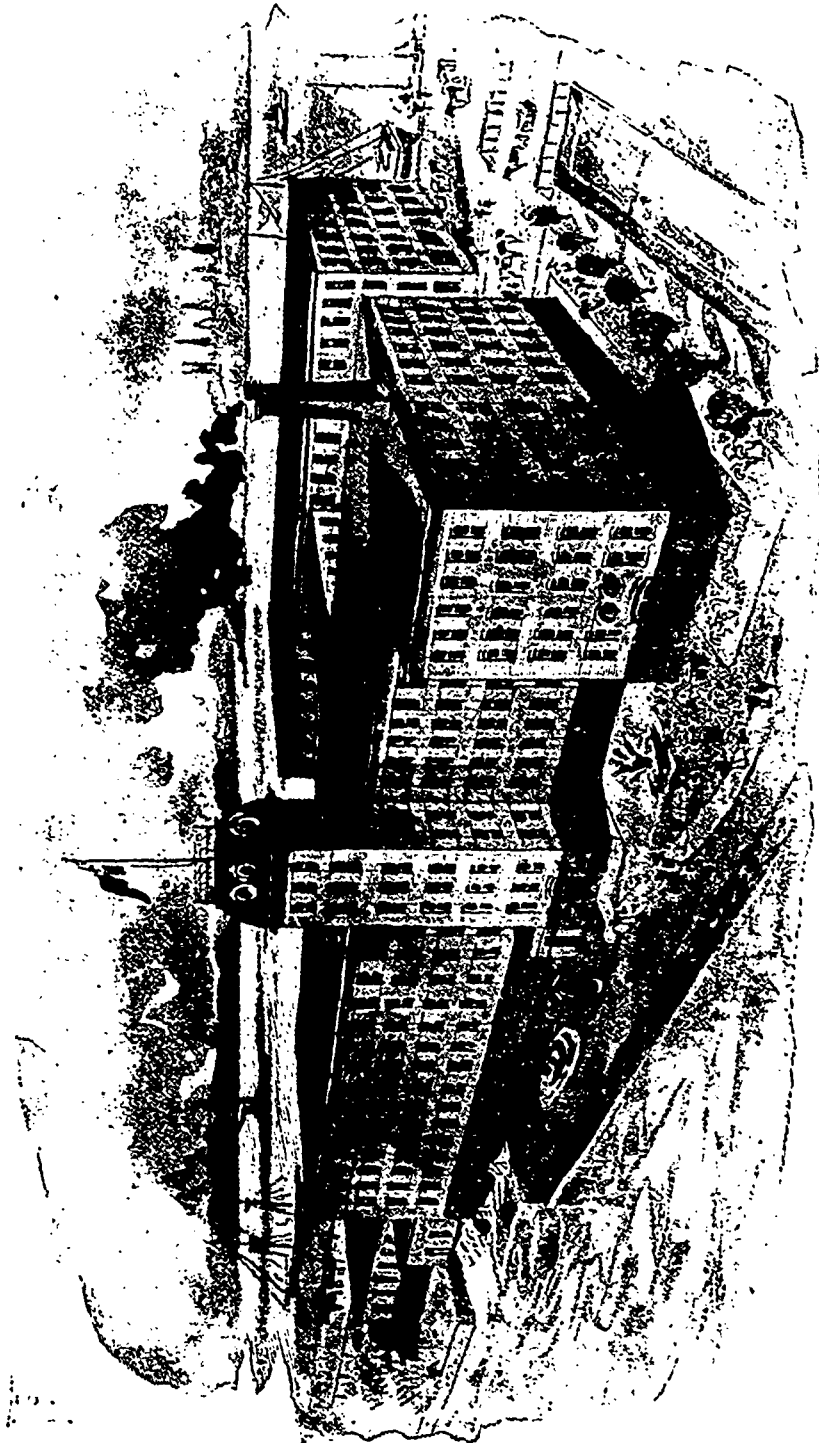
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WESTERN AGENTS

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 21.
Dry goods—Trade is improving. Values are firm and country remittances better. Mills have advanced prices for packing cases 25 to 50 cents each. They formerly charged nothing for balling, but now make charge.

Hardware—Trade is tending to increase in activity. Prices are firm. Pike poles are slightly higher. Plate glass is 15 to 20 per cent dearer. Pig tin is scarce here, and firm. Dry white lead is firmer. Carpet felt paper has advanced \$5 per ton, now \$45. Lined oil is scarce and firm. Jobbers have withdrawn quotations for lots over ten barrels. Coil chain has advanced \$2 per ton in the States, and is firmer here, but not advanced (cement is 5 to 10c per barrel dearer. Fire brick are \$1 per thousand dearer. Turpentine is lower; single barrels here 72c

Groceries—Business is fair and prices generally steady. Little weaker feeling in canned goods. Most noticeable in three-pound apples which are 5 to 10 cents lower than a short time ago. Corn is jobbing at \$1.05 to \$1.10, tomatoes, 30 to 35c, peas, 75c up. Low grade Ceylon teas are cabled from Liverpool slightly dearer. Short cut and barrel pork and smoked rolls are firmer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 21.
Grain deliveries are light and the demand improving. Ontario wheat is easier. Exporters only bid 65c and mills 66c. Eggs are steadier. Butter is weaker on large receipts. Wool is lower, owing partly no doubt to the near opening of a new wool season.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.00 to \$4.10, Manitoba bakers, \$3.70, carlots, Ontario patent, \$2.55 to \$2.75 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65 to 65 1/2c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 65 to 66c at eastern Ontario points; No. 1 hard, 80c, North Bay.

Oats—27 to 28 1/2c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights.

Barley—No. 2, 42 1/2 to 43c country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$18 per ton; bran, \$17 per ton for cars at country mills. Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.50 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 10 3/4c per dozen.

Butter—Large dairy rolls, 13 to 14c; creamery, tubs, 18 to 19c; prints, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—11 1/2 to 12c for now fodder goods for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—\$3.4c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1/4c; country hides 1 1/2c under these prices; sheepskins and lambskins, \$1.25 to \$1.40; calfskins, 10c for No. 1; and 9c for No. 2; tallow, 5 3/4 to 6c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 16 to 17c; unwashed, 11c.

Beans—\$1.75 to \$1.85 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—5 to 5 1/2c for round lots; evaporated, 7 to 7 1/2c.

Honey—Held at 9 to 10c in bulk.

Maple Syrup—Few shipments now have arrived. Steady at \$1 for 10 lb. tins wine gallons, and \$1.00 per imperial gallon.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 85c per pair; turkeys, 12 to 14c per lb.; geese, 7 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 90c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 37 to 38c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$7 to \$7.25 per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.40 to \$1.80 per 100 lbs.; red clover, \$5 to \$6; alsike, \$1.86 to \$7.20.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 18.
Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,400 cattle, 90 sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

Export Cattle—Offerings large, demand slow and prices weak at \$4.60 to \$4.80 per cwt for heavy stock and \$4.40 to \$4.60 for lighter grades.

Butchers' Cattle—Few choice sold as high as \$4.25. Good cattle sold at \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt; medium to poor, \$2.25 up. Too many of the latter.

Stockers and Feeders—Good demand at steady prices. Stockers sold at \$3.25 to \$3.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Good demand at \$3.25 to \$4.25 for export ewes and \$3 to \$5 each for butchers' sheep. Lambs, \$4.75 to \$6.25 as to quality.

Hogs—Declined 12 1/2c per cwt to \$6.12 1/2 per cwt for selections of 160 to 200 pounds natural weight, \$5.62 1/2 for fats and \$5.37 1/2 for lights; sows, \$3; stags, \$2.25.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, April 21.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 41 carloads cattle, 200 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 hogs.

Export cattle sold easier at \$4.25 to \$4.65. Butchers' cattle weak at \$2.50 to \$4.15. Feeders are in light supply at \$3.70 to \$4.20, the latter figure being for short keep. Stockers are firmer at \$3.25 to \$3.80. Sheep weak. Lambs steady. Hogs unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 21.
Oats are 1/4c dearer. Receipts of eggs are increasing. Butter is easier and lower, creamery having declined 2 1/2c per pound. Other prices unchanged.

Oats—32 1/4 to 32 1/2c in store, 33 1/4 to 33 1/2c afloat, May.

Barley—No. 1, afloat, May, 51 to 52c
Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00.

Millfeed—Bran, \$18 per ton; shorts \$19, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats \$3.30 to \$3.35 per barrel on track and \$1.60 to \$1.62 1/2 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c. No. 1 buffs, 9 1/2 to 10c. calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c. lambskins, 10 to 15c; tallow, 4 to 4 1/2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 11 1/2 to 12c.
Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 15 to 17c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 18 to 19 1/2c per lb.

Cheese—Finest old, 12 3/4c fodder cheese, 11c per lb.

Maple syrup—New syrup, 70 to 75c per imperial gallon; 6 1/2 to 7c per pound.

Honey—White clover in comb 7 1/4 to 15c per lb.; white extracted in large tins 9 to 9 1/2c.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.85 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bag on track.

Dressed Hogs—\$7.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs.

Cured Meats—Heavy Canadian short cut mess pork, \$16.50 to \$17.00; long cut, \$15.50 to \$16.00; pure Canadian lard, 8 1/4 to 9 1/4c per lb.; compound refined, 6 3/4 to 7 3/4c; hams, 11 to 13c; bacon, 11 1/2 to 13c per lb.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 17.
Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 56 cattle and 20 sheep and lambs.

Trade is always quiet until the second week after Easter. The demand for cattle was slow. Only a few sales were made. Quality was good and holders demanded high prices. Sales were made at a trifle over 5c for some, and others sold at from 4c to 4 3/4c per pound, live weight. The demand for spring lambs was fair and all the offerings sold at \$3 each. Sheep were not wanted.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles the supply of live hogs was small; in consequence, the tone of the market was firmer and sales were made at 6 1/2c per pound, weighed off cars.

The ocean freight market is firm. Agents ask 60s for London and Manchester. Glasgow space taken at 50s some time ago is now re-letting at 50s to 55s. It is stated that at present prices for Canadian cattle in Liverpool with a 60s rate of freight shippers would lose \$8 per head.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, April 20.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 250 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

Trade was slow and values lower. Prime steers brought 13 1/4 to 5c per pound; fair to good, 3 3/4 to 4 1/2c, and other grades, 2 3/4 to 3 1/4c. Sheep sold at 4c. Yearling lambs, 5c. Hogs lower at 5 3/4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE AND PAINT PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 21.
Turpentine declined 3c per gallon this week, which is the only change to report.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
London, April 20.
Beet, lower; April, 10s 6c; May, 10s 6d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, April 20.
Cheese is now quoted at 59s for white, and 63s for colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, April 20.
The cattle market is quiet at 10 3/4 to 11 1/2c per pound, estimated dressed weight. Sheep, 1 1/4c.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

Liverpool, April 16.—The market for Canadian cattle is steady at 11 1/2c.

James Baxter, ex-banker, who has just been sentenced to five years in penitentiary for helping to wreck La Banque Ville Marie, has made an assignment of his estate for the benefit of his creditors. The estate is valued at \$400,000 practically all in property.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Canned Goods		Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 15	2 25
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 20	3 50
Black or Lawton berries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 10
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 40	2 40
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 85	1 00
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 50
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50	1 75
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 00	6 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	4 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	6 25	6 50
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	2 75	3 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	4 50
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 35	2 40
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	2 75	6 00
Salmon, Colchoe talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5 25	5 00
Per tin.		
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	0 15	0 05
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	0 25	0 15
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	15	25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless.	20	33
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/4s.	10	12
Per doz.		
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s.	1 40	1 50
Imp-Kippered Herrings, 1s.	1 75	1 85
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 1s.	1 00	1 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s.	1 00	1 00
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s.	2 00	2 00
Canned Meats		
Per case.		
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 20	3 25
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 85	3 00
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 90	3 00
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 00	6 25
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz.	6 75	6 75
Lunch Tongue, Can. 2s, 1 doz.	6 00	6 00
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	2 50	2 90
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 85	3 00
Per doz.		
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz.	5 00	6 00
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	65	70
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	65	70
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	65	70
Potted Ham, 1/4s.	1 30	1 40
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	1 30	1 40
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	1 30	1 40
Coffee		
Per pound.		
Green Rio.	11 1/2	11 1/2
Inferior grades	10 1/2	11
Cereals		
Per sack.		
Split Peas, sack 9s	2 50	2 50
Pot Barley, sack 9s	3 30	4 40
Pearl Barley, sack 9s	3 75	4 00
Roll'd Oatmeal, sack 8s	1 75	1 75
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 25	2 25
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 25	2 25
Beans (per bushel)	2 10	2 15
Cornmeal, sack 9s	1 25	1 25
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 1/2sac)	0 05	0 05
Rice		
Per pound.		
Rice, B	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Pattia	5 1/2c	5 1/2c
Rice, Japan	5 1/2c	5 1/2c
Sago	4 1/2c	5c
Tapioca	5 1/2c	5 1/2c
Cigarettes		
Per M		
Old Judge	5 50	5 50
Athlete	5 50	5 50
Sweet Caporal	5 50	5 50
Sweet Sixteen	5 50	5 50
Derby	6 30	6 30
T. & B.	8 20	8 20
Cured Fish		
Per lb.		
Boneless Hake, per lb.	05	05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 50	6 50
Codfish, Pure per lb.	7 1/2	7 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels.	4 00	4 00
Digby chicks	16	16
Dried Fruits.		
Per pound.		
Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls.	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels.	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, bbls	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, cases	05 1/2	6
Currants, cleaned, cases	07 1/2	7 1/2
Dates, Cases	07 1/2	08
Figs, Melem, about 10 lb box.	20	22
Figs, Glove Box, per doz.	50	2 00
Figs, Cooking, 5s	06 1/2	07
Figs, boxes	07 1/2	08
Figs, Tapnets	05	5 1/2
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	06 1/2	07
Sultana Raisins	10 1/2	11

Dried Fruits

	Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	2 10
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	2 30
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 45
Clusters, 3 Crown.	2 75
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	8 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	9
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	9 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes.	1 90
Apples, Dried	07 1/2
Prvap Apples, finest quality	08 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	17 1/2
Peaches, unpeeled	11 12
Pears	12 1/2
Appricots	17 1/2
Pitted Plums	11 11 1/2
Nectarines	13 11 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	6 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	5 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	5 1/2
Matches	
Telegraph	34 15
Telephone	4 00
Tiger	3 90
Parlor Matches, Eagle	1 75
Nuts	
Per pound	
Brazils	17 12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	15 5 1/2
Peanuts, roasted	11 11 1/2
Peanuts, green	9 10
Greenoble Walnuts	14 1/2
French Walnuts	13 13
Sicily Filberts	13 11
Shelled Almonds	30 35
Syrup	
Extra Bright, per lb.	30 34c
Medium, per lb.	34c 30c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	6 75 7 00
Glucose, brls	3 1/2
half-brls.	3 1/2
Molasses, per gal. (New Ori.)	34c 35c
" Porto Rico	40 40
" Barbadoes	45 50
Sugar	
Extra Standard Gran.	5 25
German Granulated	5 10
Extra Ground	7c
Powdered	6 1/2c
Lumps	6 1/2c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 50
American	4 1/2c
Maple Sugar	13 1/2 15c
Salt	
Per pound	
Rock Salt	1 1/2c 1 1/2c
Per barrel	
Common, fine	2 00
Common, coarse	2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25 3 30
Dairy, 60 5	3 15 3 50
Per Sack	
Dairy, white duck sack	00 45
Common, fine jute sack	00 43
Spices	
Per doz.	
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins.	75 90
Per pound	
Allspice, whole	15 20
Allspice, pure ground	15 22
Allspice, compound	15 15
Cassia, whole	15 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 15
Cloves, whole	17 20
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	15 20
Pepper, black, whole	16 17
Pepper, black, pure ground	15 20
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	23 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	23 30
Pepper, white, compound	15 20
Pepper, Cayenne	25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochin.	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	23 25
Ginger, compound	15 20
Nutmegs, (per pound)	15 20
Mace (per pound)	75 80
Teas	
Per pound	
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	13 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	16 22
Young Hysons—	
Choice	35 45
Medium	25 35
Common	22 30
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Pine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Common	15 20

Tobacco

	Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads.	00 70
Lily, 8s, cads.	00 61
Crecent, 8s, cads.	00 58
T. & B. Black Chewing, Sorl6s	00 61 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 8s or 16.	00 61 1/2
T. & B. 1 1/2 pkgs, cut	00 85
T. & B. 1-5 pkgs, cut.	00 85
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00 86
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 86
T. & B. in 1/4 tins	00 81
Orinoco, 1 1/2 pkgs	00 81
Orinoco, 1 1/4 tins	00 80
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette 1 1/2	00 85
Brier, 3s, cads	00 61
Derby, 3s and 4s, cads.	00 61
Derby, 8s, cads	00 61
P. & W. Chewing, Cais	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 65
Touka, 1/2 tins	00 90
Touka, 1 1/2 pkgs	00 85
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21
Lower grades	12 1/2 15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.	
BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.	
Pomumery, 3 1/2 s.	72
Smiax, 3 1/2 lb. Bars	62
Holly, 3 s.	55
Holly, 8 s.	58
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.	
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars	40
Black Bass, Navy, 4 s	42
Black Bass, Navy, 8 s	43
Black Bass, Navy, 12 s	43
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.	
Virgin Gold, 4 s.	72
Marigold, 8 s.	55
Monarch, 3 1/2 s.	59
Clover, Double Thick, 8 s.	54
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List	
SMOKING.	
Empire, 3s @ 4 1/2	37
Golden Plug, 3s	55
Royal Oak, 8s	53
Something Good, 7s	54
CHEWING.	
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2s.	40
Currency, 6s	40
Free Trade, 8s	45
Snowshoe, Bars, 12s	45
Wooden Ware	
Per doz.	
Pails, 2 hoop clear.	1 95 2 00
Pails, wire hoop.	2 20 2 25
Pails, Star fibre	3 50
Tubs, No. 0 common	11 50 12 00
Tubs, No. 1 common	10 00 10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	8 00 8 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 75 7 25
Per nest.	
Tubs, nests (3)	1 95 2 00
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25 2 40
Per doz.	
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Per nest	
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	57
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	90
Washboards, Globe, per doz.	2 00
" Perfection, per doz.	2 20 3 25
CURED MEATS, ETC.	
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	\$ 1 90
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, per case of 60 lbs	6 00
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	9
Lard, 50lb tins	9 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	9 1/2
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 60 lbs	9 1/2
Smoked Meats	
per lb.	
Hams	13
Breakfast bacon, bellies	12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 11
Spiced rolls	9 1/2
Shoulders	8 1/2
Pic-nic Hams	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	9
Shoulders	8
Short Clear	8 1/2
Backs	9
Barrel Pork	
Per barrel	
Heavy mess	18 00
Short cut	18 00
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	8
Bologna sausage, lb.	8
Pickled pigs feet, kits.	\$ 1 40
Sausage casings, lb.	30

DRUGS

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

Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 25 5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb.	05 07
Bluestone, lb.	09 10
Borax	09 10
Bromide Potash	75 80
Camphor	70 75
Camphor, ounces	75 80
Carbolic Acid	50 60
Castor Oil	13 20
Chlorate Potash	18 20
Citric Acid	60 65
Copperas	03 04
Cocaine, oz	65 70 00
Cream Tartar, lb	25 32
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	12 10
Extract Logwood, boxes	17 24
Formalin, per lb	40 45
German Quinine	50 55
Glycerine, lb.	22 25
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	15 20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	60 65
Iodine.	4 75 5 00
Insect Powder	30 35
Morphia, sul.	2 00 2 25
Opium	4 50 5 00
Oil, olive, Pure	2 10 2 75
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 10 1 25
Oil, lemon, super	1 60 1 80
Oil, peppermint	1 80 2 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25 1 75
Oxalic Acid, keg	14 16
Potass Iodide	3 75 4 00
Paris Green, lb.	28 30
Saltpetre	08 10
Sal Rochelle	28 32
Shellac	28 32
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 04
Sulphur Roll, keg.	3 1/2 04
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	2 75 3 75
Sal Soda	2 00 3 20
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40 45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00
LEATHER	
Per pound	
Harness, oak	45
Harness, union oak No. 1	35
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	36
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	36
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R anchor brand	35
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R	34
Russet collar leather, per foot	20
American Oak Sole	40
Sole, union oak	40
Listowell, sole	28 30
Penetang, sole	29 30
Acton Sole	28 30
B. F. French calf	25 1 30
B. F. French kip	95 1 15
Canada calf	65 80
Canada Calf, Niagara	80 90
Niagara Brand Kip	65 75
Wax upper	42 46
Grain upper per foot	0
Kangaroo, per foot	30 40
Dolgora, per foot	25 40
Dolgora, bright	30
Bag sheepskins, per doz.	5 00
FUEL.	
Coal	
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	
Per ton	
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	10 00
Pea size	8 00
Canadian anthracite, stove	9 50
Canadian anthracite, nut	7 50
Lethbridge bituminous	6 00
Crow's Nest bituminous	6 25
U. S. bituminous	7 50 8 00
Souris Lignite	4 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Hosburg Smthing	0 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track	
Winnipeg.	
Per cord	
Tamarac	4 25 4 25
Pine	4 00 4 25
Spruce	3 00 1 50
Poplar, green or dead, cut	2 60 3 00
Manitoba Oak	4 25 4 50
Birch	4 25 4 50
Minnesota Hard Maple	4 25 4 50
Minnesota Oak	4 25 4 50
Slabs	2 85 3 00