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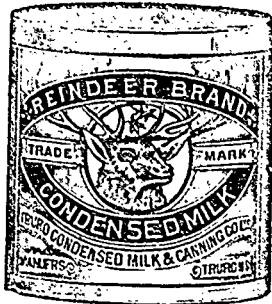
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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 12, 1895.

## Manitoba.

H. V. Morso, hardware dealer, Melita, has taken John Douglas, of Winnipeg, in as partner.

Wilson & Haw, blacksmiths, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Wilson continues the business.

The Arctic Ice Co., of Winnipeg have established a cold storage warehouse in connection with their ice business.

The Selkirk Record is out with a special edition, telling of the advantages and industries of the lower Red river town.

Russell & Ironside, butchers and dealers in live stock, Brandon, has dissolved partnership. Frank Russell continues the business.

S. Copleman, burned out at Methven, has opened for business again. Out of over \$5,500 of stock, he has saved about \$600 worth.

Mr. Bousfield, of Hamiota, is fitting up one half of his creamery as a store, and purposes putting in a stock of groceries and provisions.

Work upon the construction of a new bakery building and store for J. T. Spiers, Winnipeg, opposite the north fire hall, has been started. The bakery will be in the basement and the storehouse, etc., upstairs. It will be built of solid brick and stone foundation, and is to cost \$5,000.

There were no local tenders for the steel superstructure of the Osborne street bridge in Winnipeg, but two eastern firms sought the work. The Dominion Bridge company, of Montreal was successful, its quotation being \$8,749, some \$400 less than that of the Hamilton Bridge company.

The first farm laborers' excursion from Manitoba arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday, in four train loads and nearly 3,000 persons on board. Another special excursion party will arrive about a week later. At this rate there will be an abundant supply of labor for the Manitoba harvest.

S. Copleman, general storekeeper, Methven, was burned out on Saturday night, August 10. Stock valued at \$5,500 wiped out with the exception of a few hundred dollars worth. No insurance. The building belonged to Rev. Mr. Kenner, of Stockton.

The idea of holding a fall fair of roots and grains has been abandoned by the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association, and no exhibition will be held until next summer

again. The financial statement of the association, presented at a meeting on Tuesday last, shows receipts of \$23,867 and expenditure \$23,856. There is still outstanding some \$2,850 due the association. The gate receipts were only \$700 less than last year, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, which no doubt greatly reduced the receipts. About \$2,650 were spent in permanent improvements, and a floating debt of \$2,000 has been paid off.

## Alberta.

The Edmonton Bulletin reports heavy rain on Aug. 8, followed by a cool night and white frost in localities, but not severe enough to do any damage. Harvesting was beginning actively toward the close of the week ended Aug. 17.

At a meeting of the council of the Edmonton board of trade, John Cameron was selected as representative of the board to visit the Kootenay district of British Columbia in the commercial interests of Edmonton and see what were the prospects for shipping Edmonton district products to that section.

Land Commissioner Hamilton, of the Canadian Pacific railway, who has returned from the west, says there is a great deal more irrigation done in Alberta than people outside have any idea of. It has got beyond an experiment now. Since the dispute between the Calgary Irrigation company and the Springbank Irrigation company has been settled in favor of the former, that company has let the contract for a thirty mile ditch to run from the Elbow river through a fine country, giving promise of great fruitfulness in the future. They expect to turn on water this fall. Irrigation, however, was not required so much this year. They had plenty of rain in July, more this season than we had in Manitoba.

## Northwest Ontario.

Fabien Mireault, hotel, Fort William, has been closed out under chattel mortgage.

Perry & Clark, grocers, Fort William have dissolved; Fred C. Perry continues the business.

Alexander Blue, director of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, has left for the Rainy Lake and Seine River gold region on a visit of inspection to the mines there.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

Mr. Stevens has opened a lumber yard at Cypress River, Man.

Christies mill at Brandon has finished its cut of lumber for this season.

A very serious bush fire has been raging in the neighborhood of Canyon Creek, British Columbia, and within the timber limits of the Golden Lumber company.

The Lumber World says: "According to reports from Saginaw and other points in Michigan, the present season will witness the sawing of large amounts of Canadian logs in Michigan mills. The total that will cross Lake Huron from Canada to Michigan this season is set down at 850,000,000 feet of logs.

The strike of employees of the Ontario and Western Lumber company has fizzled out, and the men returned to work on Monday last. It appears that an advance made in the wages of some of the men, had a good deal to do with the strike. On the first of August the wages of the men getting the lowest scale were advanced to \$1.50 per day. Those who were already getting over \$1.50 were not advanced, and they had sufficient influence to bring on a strike, demanding \$1.75 instead of \$1.60. Some of the men it is said also wanted to get away to work in the harvest fields in Manitoba.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of Aug. 9 says There is a firmer feeling in ocean grain freights, Liverpool being quoted firm at 1s to 1s 3d, Bristol at 1s 3d to 1s 6d, and Glasgow 1s 6d to 1s 9d. To the continent 1s 9d to 2s is quoted nominally. There has been considerable business in sack flour at 6s Liverpool, and 7s 6d Glasgow and London, but shipowners are now asking 1s 8d more to Glasgow and London. Engagements of cheese were made yesterday and to-day at 1s to 17s 6d Liverpool, 20s Glasgow, 22s 6d Bristol, and 25s London. Cattle have been taken as low as 25s for London, and at 45s for Liverpool and Bristol. Inland water freights—Some good size jags of wheat at Duluth and corn at Buffalo have been engaged for the St. Lawrence route during the past few days. A round quantity of wheat was engaged at 4c from Duluth to Kingston, an advance of 3c, and a cargo of corn at 2 1/2c from Chicago to Kingston. From Chicago to Buffalo the rate is 1 1/2c wheat and 1 1/2c corn. From Buffalo to New York wheat is quoted at 2c, and corn at 1 1/2c. From Kingston to Montreal 2 1/2c wheat and 2 1/2c corn.

The Duluth Commercial Report of August 12 notes a firmer tendency in lake freights. Considerable wheat has been contracted for September at 3c to Buffalo, and a higher rate is now asked, owing to the advance in ore freight. The current rate to Kingston is 3 1/2c.

## Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William afloat, 59 to 61c  
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.55; Bakers, \$1.45.  
Bran.—Per ton, \$11.  
Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.  
Oats.—Per bushel, 31 to 32c.  
Barley.—Per bushel, 40 to 45c.  
Butter.—Dairy 11 to 14c.  
Cheese.—8 1/2 to 9c.  
Eggs.—Fresh, easier at 10 to 10 1/2c.  
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 5 to 5 1/2c.  
Mutton.—Fresh, 8c.  
Hogs.—Dressed, 5 1/2 to 6c.  
Cattle.—2 to 3c.  
Hogs.—Live, good packing 4c off cars.  
Sheep, average butchers 3 1/2 to 3 1/2c, live weight.  
Seneca Root.—20 to 22c per lb.  
Chickens.—per pair, 45 to 50c.  
Hides.—No. 1, 2 to 2 1/2c.  
Potatoes.—new 30 to 50c per bushel.  
Hay.—\$4.50 to \$5.00 per ton, car lots.  
Wool.—6 to 8c, unwashed fleece.

## Official Crop Report.

A crop report, based on information gathered up to August 10, has been issued by the Manitoba department of agriculture. The report shows an average rainfall of 3.51 inches for June and 3.81 inches for July, with a heavy growth of all vegetation owing to much cool wet weather.

The estimated average yield per acre of the various crops for the province is as follows: Wheat 25.5 bushels, oats 45.3 bushels, barley 35.8 bushels, peas 25 bushels, flax 15 bushels, rye 22 bushels. The total wheat crop, based on this estimate of average yield, would amount to 29,136,815 bushels, oats 21,887,410 bushels, barley 5,507,310 bushels, flax 1,240,020 bushels. Harvesting is expected to be general about August 20 all over the province. A few wheat fields were cut previous to August 10.

About 5,700 extra men were wanted to assist in the harvest at \$25 to \$30 per month, including board free.

The hay crop is reported to be rather light. Potatoes and roots very promising.

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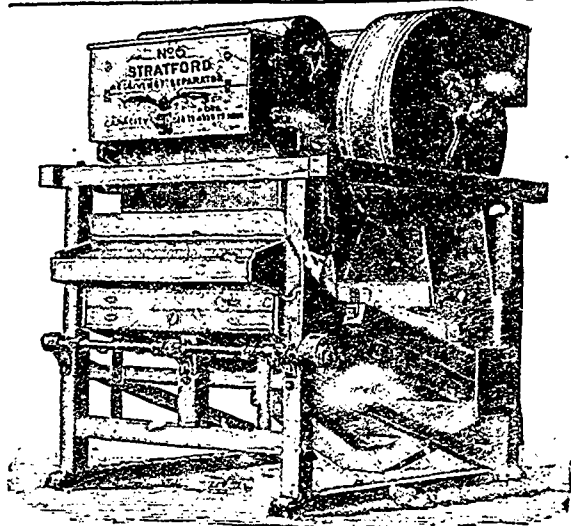
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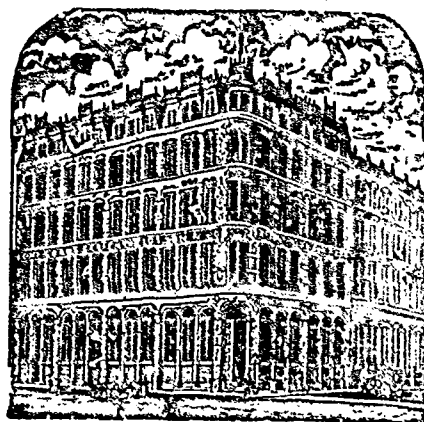
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# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, AUGUST 19, 1895.

## SPREAD OF WEEDS.

The question of endeavoring to prevent the spread of noxious weeds has this season attracted more interest than ever before in Manitoba. The people now appear to be waking up to the vast importance of this matter, and we, therefore, have hopes for the future. The farmers only require to be educated upon this question to take action. Manitoba farmers have been quick to take hold of other matters, and direct their efforts in an intelligent manner, and once they get aroused on the weed question they will soon make a very desirable change in this respect. The Commercial is particularly gratified to see that public opinion is becoming stirred up to the necessity for some strong action to suppress the weed nuisance, as this is a question this paper has hammered away at every season for a number of years back. We have seen this great evil spreading throughout the country, reducing the value of land, greatly increasing the cost of farming and destroying the productiveness of the soil in entire districts, while scarcely an effort was made to stay its progress. Now that public opinion among the farmers is being aroused, we have hopes that the weed evil will be stamped out.

Conditions have been favorable for the spread of weeds in Manitoba, and on this account some very bad weeds have gained a strong foothold in some districts in a very short time. One cause for the quick spread of weeds is the open nature of the country, there being few obstructions, such as hedges, forests, fences, etc., to prevent weeds from being carried all over the country by the strong prairie winds. Another cause which assisted in the spread of weeds is found in the freedom allowed to cattle and grazing animals generally to roam about at will. Still another great cause of land becoming weedy is because hay and clover crops are not cultivated to any extent here, the farmers depending upon the wild prairie grasses for their supply of winter fodder. The growing of hay crops assists greatly in keeping land clear, and if Manitoba farmers would go more into cultivating their fodder crops, it would be an advantage in this respect. Besides this we believe that in many cases cultivated hay crops could be grown more cheaply than going long distances to secure the native prairie hay, as has frequently to be done in light crop years.

In some districts many farmers have got into the custom of allowing land to lie idle. They will have say 100 acres in cropland year, and only 75 acres the next year, the remaining 25 acres being left idle, and it will always produce a crop of weeds, to be scattered throughout the neighborhood. This custom has been the ruin of some sections, by the encouragement it gives to the spread of

weeds. All idle land should either be summer-fallowed, or seeded down to grass. As regards the cultivation of hay crops, we have seen some splendid fields of timothy this year, which would pay far better in the saving of labor than to depend on the wild prairie hay crop.

The native ash-leaved maple makes a good hedge or wind-break when planted close together, and a fine wind-break can be grown from the seed in three years. It would also serve as a fine check to the spread of weeds, if cultivated along the boundary of farms.

The Commercial has already said a good deal as to the inefficient way in which the work of subduing weeds has been carried on in many districts even this year, though some improvement has been noticeable over past years in most sections. It is now too late to do much more this year, as most of the weeds have gone to seed. In a drive a few days ago we saw several patches of thistles which were beginning to throw off their ripe seed. If some plan could be devised of burning over weedy ground in the fall it would be a grand means of disposing of weeds. A practical demonstration of this is given in a district infested with tumbling mustard. Where a prairie fire ran across the field, the ground was clean, while all around grew a mass of weeds. The course of the fire across the field could be plainly traced. Here is a lesson which might be turned to great good by the invention of some machine to burn over weedy land. It would be far ahead of the ordinary plan of mowing weeds on uncultivated land, as usually they are not mowed close and lots of weeds are left to go to seed, or the mowing is done after a quantity of the seeds had matured sufficiently to grow. Stubble land could also be burnt over if some machine were available for the purpose, and this would kill the seeds that had fallen before the crop was cut. Some of the worst weeds, such as French or stink-weed and mustard, mature their seed before the grain is cut, and much of the seed is shelled out on the ground, to come up in the next crop. Burning the land over would kill these seeds.

The pathmaster system has been the worst feature in connection with the spread of weeds in Manitoba. The Commercial has every season for several years back shown the absurdity of expecting local resident pathmasters or weed inspectors to do their duty in the matter of destroying weeds. In many districts the destruction of weeds, so far as the local pathmaster or inspector has been an incentive thereto, has been simply a farce, and much of the work performed on non-resident lands, by these pathmasters, has been simply a useless charge against the owners of the land, owing to the improper manner in which it has been performed. In this connection we are again pleased to see that the farmers themselves have denounced the pathmaster system. We refer to the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute, held at Brandon recently.

Mr. Louis Gabriel, a farmer in the Winnipeg district, recently addressed a thoughtful

letter to a city paper, upon the weed question, in which he advocated several plans for the destruction of weeds. We will mention two of them. One was that a system be inaugurated of giving prizes in each municipality for the cleanest farm. A great deal more might be accomplished in this way than would appear at first thought. The principal effect would be to encourage a rivalry among farmers to keep their farms clear of weeds, and the educative influence of such a system would certainly be very considerable. The other point was that the government should procure a supply of grass and clover seed, to sell to the farmers at a low price, presumably at cost, to encourage the cultivation of hay crops. The expense of procuring grass and clover seed is considerable, and it would certainly be an encouragement to grow hay crops were the price of the seed reduced. There is good reason in both these arguments. Beside this, Mr. Gabriel would have an enactment against allowing land to be idle, to produce a crop of weeds, after having been once cropped, and would compel the owners to summer fallow, or seed such land to grass.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is announced that the Dominion government will send an expedition to Hudson Bay next year to look into the question of navigation of the bay, and also investigate the fishing and other interests.

THE Ontario government wants to lease its Central Prison twine factory and hire out its prison labor to the party or parties taking the same. The manufacture of binder twine, which was engaged in to supply Ontario farmers with cheap government-made twine, will therefore pass practically out of the hands of the government. The manufacture of twine as an official experiment has probably not been a success. In fact it was shown last year that the regular commercial concerns could manufacture twine cheaper than the government could do it with prison labor. The commercial factories set the prices and the government twine was sold at relatively the same prices.

ONE of the difficulties of establishing butter and cheese factories in Manitoba is the sparcity of population in many districts. A factory must have a sufficient supply of raw material to make it a success, and where the population is small and scattered, the cost of gathering the milk or cream is too great to permit of a profit. A butter factory on a new plan has been established in Ontario, and a similar system might be made to work well here. The plan is to have a creamery at a central point, with skimming stations located at various points in the surrounding territory. The farmers bring their milk to the skimming stations and take their skimmed milk back again. The cream is shipped to the central creamery. A creamery has been established at Renfrew, Ontario, on this plan. Seven skimming stations have been



established. The creamery is the largest in Canada. One man can run each skimming station, and 150 cows will pay for such a station. This plan should work well in Manitoba, as one creamery could be made to serve a large district.

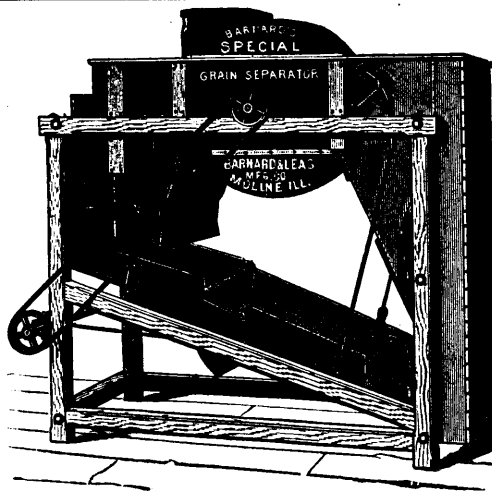
THE Edmonton Bulletin has taken exception to some quotations in the Commercial regarding prices quoted at Vancouver, particularly in the matter of oats. We have made inquiry and find that the prices quoted for Manitoba oats at Vancouver were approximately correct, though at the same time they may have been quite misleading for lack of explanation. The quotations were for prices at which Manitoba shippers offered to lay down oats at Vancouver, and did not represent actual sales, as oats from other points could be procured much cheaper. Manitoba shippers simply offered to sell at the prices quoted, and it would perhaps have been better if this explanation had been given along with the quotations. Quotations in trade papers are often misleading or misunderstood on account of lack of knowledge concerning local conditions governing sales, though the quotations may be strictly correct in themselves. To explain clearly all these points is one of the difficult features of trade journalism. There are trade discounts, tares, handling charges, difference in prices for varying quantities, buying or selling price, etc., which have to be allowed for. It is not infrequent that charges are made about quotations being wrong, when the real trouble is that the exact application of the quotation was not understood, or some local market condition was not taken into account.

**Brandon.**

Brandon is fast becoming the model town of Manitoba, with its fine system of water-works, street improvements, sewers, etc. A few years ago Brandon had every appearance of a new western town, with its residences dropped down here and there on the prairie, and without a tree, walk, fence or other improvement about them. Now it is all different. The business portion of the town is built up compactly, with a remarkably fine class of buildings for a town of the size, while the residential portion has been wonderfully beautified and improved within a few years. A representative of The Commercial who paid a flying visit to the place recently, noticed a wonderful improvement in this respect.

There are many comfortable and some even handsome residences. The lawns have been sodded, trees planted and gardens laid out, giving the place a home-like appearance and indicating that the people have come to stay. This gives Brandon a charm not possessed by the ordinary western prairie town. A fine city hall and market building is one of the noticeable features, and market days are held each week. The principal school building is a splendid structure.

Commercially Brandon is a go-ahead place, with its flour, oatmeal, saw and planing mills, machine shops, etc. Christie's saw mill is a regular hive of industry, employing about 50 men. Alexander, Kelly & Co.'s fine new flour mill is kept busy. This firm are starting to build another elevator at their mill,



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which will bring the number of elevators in Brandon up to no less than ten in all.

In public improvements Brandon has been reaching out for the best. It is ahead of Winnipeg in the matter of water-works. The town owns its own system of water-works, and the water mains are extended all over the business and residential portions, with numerous hydrants for fire protective purposes. A number of paid firemen are on duty all the time. There is a good sewage system and electric light service. In fact, Brandon is putting on city airs generally, and is in advance of many old towns of much larger population in the matter of public improvement and the general appearance of both its business and residence sections.

The representative of The Commercial has visited Brandon many times since its earliest days, but even with this previous acquaintance we could not but wonder at the changes brought about in a few years. We could not but recall the fact that as late as in the early spring of 1881, not a single building had been erected where the busy little city now stands, and the country around, now settled with prosperous farmers, was as solitary as the wastes of Sahara, so far as the presence of man was concerned. Now we have a busy little city, whose people enjoy all the conveniences and improvements of an old settled country. Brandon is a striking example of progress and development in Manitoba, since the beginning of the railway era.

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for five days only ending August 14, were \$753,533 balances, \$186,625. For the previous week clearings were \$923,910. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$845,289. For the month of July clearings were \$4,038,846, as compared with \$3,695,874 for July last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Aug. 8.	Aug. 1.
Montreal..	\$11,927,913	\$9,262,179
Toronto...	5,963,428	5,596,331
Halifax...	1,460,005	1,152,831
Winnipeg.	923,910	917,357
Hamilton.	658,927.	604,209
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,934,183</b>	<b>\$17,532,907</b>

**Wheat Stocks.**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Aug. 10, 1895, shows a decrease of 678,000 bushels, against an increase of 2,370,000 for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 2,174,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first week in each month on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,581,000	80,228,000	81,228,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,390,000	43,181,000
Mar. 4...	78,785,000	75,569,000	79,068,000	41,556,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,654,000	41,036,000
" 8...	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,294,000	41,177,000
" 15...	70,487,000	69,217,000	74,066,000	42,056,000
" 22...	68,626,000	68,425,000	74,369,000	39,149,000
" 29...	65,776,000	66,593,000	75,027,000	37,936,000
May, 6...	62,186,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
" 13...	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,882,000	35,190,000
" 20...	56,424,000	62,044,000	71,592,000	30,607,000
" 27...	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000	29,522,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
" 10...	49,759,000	58,211,000	69,662,000	26,950,000
" 17...	47,717,000	57,005,000	68,875,000	24,006,000
" 24...	46,126,000	55,832,000	68,091,000	24,561,000
July 1...	44,581,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,262,000
" 8...	43,350,000	54,114,000	61,819,000	23,130,000
" 13...	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,323,000	22,439,000
" 20...	40,437,000	53,771,000	58,901,000	23,068,000
" 27...	39,233,000	57,144,000	59,349,000	23,992,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	60,001,000	59,424,000	26,079,000
" 10...	37,839,000	62,321,000	58,869,000	23,253,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on Aug. 5 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	54,000
Toronto.....	19,000
Kingston.....	18,000
Winnipeg.....	168,000
Manitoba elevators.....	730,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	515,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on Aug. 5, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	46,767,000
Pacific coast stocks.....	4,762,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
East of the Mountains.....	69,766,000
Pacific coast.....	8,579,000

A convention of maritime province boards of trade met at Halifax, N.S. on August 18 to promote trade in the lower provinces. In the course of a formal welcome from the Halifax board of trade, the address stated that the influence of the various boards of trade throughout the Dominion in shaping legislation affecting commerce and navigation is being recognized more fully year by year, and it has long been felt that complete fusion of business interests in these provinces by the sea can hardly fail to ensure an advancement in many points of importance to us all. An interprovincial board was formed, with the following officers: Mayor Robertson, St. John, president; Geo. Troop, Halifax and Patrick Blake, ex-M.P., Charlottetown, vice-presidents; and Ira Cornwall, St. John, secretary and treasurer.

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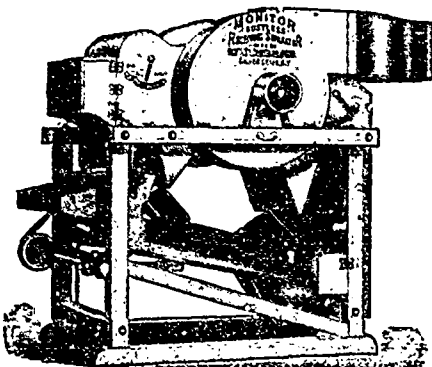
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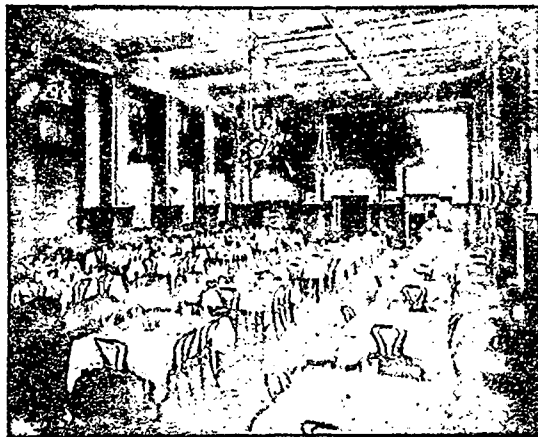
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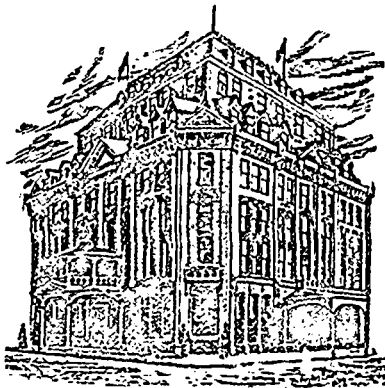
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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, August 17.

Wholesale trade is quiet, and will remain slow until harvest is well secured. Bank clearings were less this week than a year ago, but this week represented only five days, against a full week last year. The strike in the lumber district was declared off on Monday. The Canadian Pacific Railway shops in Winnipeg, the principal industrial concern in the city, will begin running full time on Monday August 19. The first harvest laborers' excursion from the east brought in 2,850 persons, a few, however, of whom were women looking for positions as domestics, and also a few who availed themselves of the cheap rate simply to visit the country. Nearly 2,500, however, were supposed to have come to work in the harvest. Another batch will arrive next week, so that with these large arrivals there will be plenty of harvest help. These men, it must be remembered, are not navvies or ordinary laborers. Many of them are sons of prosperous eastern farmers, who come with the object of seeing this western country and gaining some practical knowledge in farm work here by working through the harvest. The introduction of so many of this class will no doubt have a good effect, as it may be expected that many will become permanent settlers, or will return to take up land here. The feeling in land has already improved, in view of the fine harvest prospect, and if no accident happens to the harvest now being gathered, a great improvement may be expected in immigration and land sales.

There were 29 business failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week. Last week the total was 31, in the week a year ago it was 40, and in the year before that 26.

In the United States, Bradstreets' report says business is brisk for the season. Iron and steel are still strong. Cotton has advanced on poor crop report. Print cloths are higher again. Flour, oats, pork, sugar and copper are unchanged. Lard and corn are lower, the latter on account of improved crop conditions.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 17.

[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.]

**CEMENT AND SEWER PIPE.**—At the meeting this week of the Winnipeg board of works, four tenders were received for the supply of sewer pipe; from the Ontario Sewer Pipe company, W. F. Lee, Evans & Howard and J. H. Ashdown. The latter was recommended for acceptance, at \$1,895.95. The figure of Evans & Howard was lower by a few dollars, but the junction pipes of Mr. Ashdown being six inches longer, the offer of the latter was considered the best. For cement offers were received from J. H. Ashdown, the Building supply company and Miller, Morso & company. The tender of the latter was recommended at \$3.75 per barrel, delivered at the works.

**DRY GOODS.**—Some of the eastern woolen mills are said to regret booking orders ahead as freely as they did, owing to the advance in wool of late, and as a result those who have

to buy wool at the advance, will find their profits very small. Woollens generally are very firm. Other manufacturers have followed the lead of the mill mentioned last week in advancing the price of cottons, cottonades and shirtings. A comparatively new and very attractive feature in Canadian manufactured goods, says a Toronto report, is an Alaska or Red River robe, an imitation of a buffalo robe, in brown, gray, black and white. It is manufactured by the Waterloo Woollen Mills Company. They are windproof and waterproof.

**GROCERIES.**—Now dried fruits are beginning to attract attention, as advance quotations are now being made on some lines. Austrian prunes are said to be 1 to 1½ higher than first offers last year. Now California prunes are also offering for future shipment. The Valencia rasin crop, according to advices from Denia, is a short one. The first shipments of new raisins were made about Aug. 10, to London, which is much earlier than usual. The unexpected heavy run of salmon on the Fraser river, reported the first of this week, will make the canned salmon market easier perhaps. Our special wire to-day from Vancouver says that the total British Columbia pack up to date is 400,000 cases. The price paid the fishermen men dropped from 80c to 8c per fish on Tuesday, in consequence of the big run, and the cannors had more fish than they could handle. The pack will therefore be larger than expected, the idea being that it would be very short this year. Other canned goods are firm. Eastern cannors are said to be offering corn and tomatoes at 75c for future delivery, per dozen, though some quote 8½c and 85c for peas. New peas have arrived in the local market. Sugars are unchanged at Canadian refineries, but firmer abroad.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—Blueberries are having a very large sale and are being shipped to points south in the United States. California peaches and plums are more abundant, but prices are much out the same, and it is doubtful if they will be materially lower this season than this week. California grapes are now coming. The tokays are not in very good condition and hardly fit to re-ship to the country. The muscats are in a little better shape. Apples are a little lower, and pears are down considerably. Grapes are also lower. Quotations are as follows: California oranges, Mediterranean sweet and late Valencias \$1 to \$1.50 per box as to size; Messina lemons, \$6.50 to \$7 per box; bananas, \$2.25 to \$3 per bunch as to size; California peaches \$1.25 to \$1.40 per box; California plums, \$1.50 to \$1.60 per box; California bartlett pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box; southern apples, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per barrel; southern concord grapes, 65c per 8 lb basket; California grapes, tokays \$3.50 per crate; do. muscats, \$9.25; tomatoes, \$1.75 to \$2.00 per crate of 4 baskets; Watermelons, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per dozen; Blueberries, 5c per lb; Layer figs, 10 lb boxes, 15c per pound, do., 14 ounce boxes, \$1.50 per dozen. Dates, 7 to 7½c a lb. Maple sugar, 8 to 10c lb, maple syrup, 90c to \$1.10 per gallon. Some native fruits are offering on the street market, mostly wild varieties of currants, raspberries, plums, cranberries, blueberries, etc.

**HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.**—Cordage is the strongest thing on the list at present, owing to the advance in hemp. We quoted an advance at the factory of ½c last week, and further advances are expected. Rope is exceedingly low at present, and it seems that an advance is quite in order. Cement is firm for the imported article, owing to higher ocean freights.

**LUMBER.**—The strike at Rat Portage is off, and while it lasted it did not affect trade materially. Locally business is quiet. There is said to be some cutting in prices here, notwithstanding the association agreement. The

large discount of 10 per cent for cash, given this season, is said to have made a great difference in cash business, and all the best buyers tend to take advantage of the favorable cash terms. British Columbia lumber has sold delivered here for some time back at prices which must have been ruinous to the producers, steep cuts being made to secure business. Recently, owing to the revival in the lumber trade at the coast, manufacturers there have not been pushing business here at such heavy cuts, and on lines which were out the lowest they are asking advances. Cedar shingles, which were being sold, delivered here c.i.f., at as low as \$2, are now held at \$2.25 delivered here. No recent changes have been made in local selling prices here in any line, notwithstanding advances at the mills in some lines of British Columbia stuff.

**WHEAT.**—Wheat has averaged 1 to 2c lower this week, and the markets have been dull and lacking support. The total United States crop is estimated at about 460,000,000 to 475,000,000 bushels. The crop of the three states of Minnesota and the Dakotas is estimated at 181,000,000. Exports have been very light, but the visible supply still shows a weekly decrease, notwithstanding the movement of new wheat. European stocks are large. Beer'sohm makes the world's wheat crop 1,818,000,000 against 2,072,000,000 last year, a falling off of 221 millions. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States amount to 1,842,000 bushels this week, against 1,550,000 bushels last week, 2,975,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 6,129,000 bushels in the second week of August, 1893, 8,750,000 bushels in 1892, and 5,731,000 bushels in the corresponding week in 1891. Exports of wheat and flour during seven weeks of the new cereal year, amount in round numbers, to 12,000,000 bushels. In the like period one year ago, the total exported was 19,000,000 bushels, two years ago it was 31,000,000; in 1892 it was 21,000,000 bushels; and in 1891, 25,000,000 according to Bradstreets.

Locally there is no business doing. Practically no sales are being made, and there is no real basis of values. We can only give a random quotation of about 70 to 75c afloat Fort William. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended August 10 were 17,471 bushels, and shipments were 20,212 bushels, in store, 232,525 bushels. In store a year ago, 1,090,000 bushels, and two years ago, stocks were 1,856,151 bushels. This week last year, wheat cutting was nearly finished in the early districts of Manitoba, and the official estimate of yield was 15.6 per acre, as compared with an official estimate of 25.5 for this year.

**FLOUR.**—There is no further change in prices to report here, but eastern advices reported cutting in some brands of Manitoba flour, and the market is easy. Production is still very low, as many of the Manitoba mills are closed down. Sales by millers here are made at \$2.05 for patents and \$1.85 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs, delivered to city retail dealers. Second bakers, \$1.60 to \$1.65, XXXX about \$1.35 to \$1.40 per sack, according to brand. These are net cash prices, the nominal quotation being 5c higher.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—Millstuffs are scarce. There is practically no shorts to be obtained in the city. Prices are relatively higher in the east for millstuffs than here, and millers have kept sold up close. The quotation to the local trade is \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices range from \$19 to \$21 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

**OATMEAL.**—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged. We quote \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in

broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades. In the east oatmeal has declined 5 to 10c per barrel.

**OATS.**—The feeling is easier, and prices are declining in the country. We quote 1c lower this week at 31 to 32c for cars here, per bushel of 34 pounds for feed grade. There is no business doing to amount to anything, however, at these prices. A car or two of new oats have been offered, to ship here from a country point at 28c. without takers. Eastern Canada markets have declined sharply, under free offerings of new oats.

**Barley.**—The first load of new barley was brought in by a farmer from down the Red river on August 10. It was plump, but dark colored, as the bulk of the barley is likely to be this year, or at least that portion of the crop cut early. It sold at 35c. One car of old crop feed grade sold at 38c per bushel of 48 pounds.

**FLAX SEED.**—Dull at about \$1.50 per bushel in a retail way.

**OIL CAKE.**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

**FEED WHEAT.**—Feed wheat brings 65 to 70c per bushel, and 70c is being paid at city mills for chice wheat.

**BUTTER.**—There is considerable shipping movement in butter, and lots are being shipped to eastern Canada markets, both of creamery and dairy grades. Outside markets have not been as firm as they promised to be a couple of weeks ago, and later the tone has been easier. Our advices from British Columbia urge strongly against continuing such heavy shipments in that direction. Manitoba dairy is positively not wanted at all in the coast markets, and receipts of creamery have been altogether too heavy, and the market is becoming glutted with creamery also. Shippers should remember that the coast cities only offer a limited market and the markets there become quickly overstocked with free shipments. Once butter is sent there there is no other outlet for it if it is not wanted. Shippers will have to cultivate the eastern markets more and put up their goods to suit the trade there, in 50 and 75 pound tubs, lined with parchment paper. There has been considerable complaint about some lots of Manitoba creamery sent east, the complaint being that it has been held too long, is off flavor, irregular quality, etc. Eastern dealers will not, it is said, advance more than 10c per pound on our western creamery, and will not quote prices at all till they see the goods. If the cream gathering plan could be dropped by our factories, it would greatly improve the quality of our creamery butter. Prices are the same here. We quote creamery at 13 to 15c as to quality, and round lots of dairy, average quality, at 8c.

**CHEESE.**—Shipments of Manitoba cheese are going forward occasionally to Eastern Canada dealers, and some further through shipments direct to England are reported. Considerable complaint has been made about Manitoba cheese received at Montreal, as to quality, the complaints mentioning the following features: Off flavor, sour and curdy, too ripe, pasty and soft, light and irregular in color, too buttery, too sweet, too open and loose. Of course it was to be expected that the Eastern dealers would criticise the first shipments of our cheese very closely, and find all the fault they could with it, and this will be especially true on account of the unsatisfactory condition of the markets, as cheese would be passed over when the markets are strong, which would be rejected when they are low and weak. At the same time our cheese makers no doubt, have need to exercise every possible care to make the finest goods, if

we are to build up a satisfactory export trade, and every complaint should be considered, with the object of avoiding similar complaints in future. As to prices, the situation in cheese continues very unsatisfactory. At the weekly cheese markets in Ontario this week prices were again lower, the range of bids being from 7½ to 7¾c, which is ½ to ¾c lower than a week ago. The highest price paid was 7¾c at Ingersoll, and at Belleville, Madoc and Campbellford sales were made at 7½ to 7¾c. Recent rains have improved the pastures in Ontario, with the prospect of an increase in the dairy output. Here we quote 5½ to 5¾c for Manitoba cheese, and it would take something extra good to bring 6c.

**EGGS.**—The tendency is easier. Some buyers have dropped the price 1c to 11c, others were paying 12c but will likely drop to 11c on Monday. Case lots are selling at 12½ to 13c for candled stock.

**LARD.**—Prices are the same. We quote Pure, \$1.90 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

**CURED MEATS.**—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs: 1½c; picnic hams, 9c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7¾c; shoulders, 8c; smoked long clear, 10c smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb; shoulders, 7c; backs, 9c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ¾c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess \$16.00; short cut, \$18.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**VEGETABLES.**—Prices are: Potatoes, new, 25 to 30c per bushel; green stuff, including all roots, onions, etc., per doz. bunches is quoted at 5 to 8c all around; cabbage 15 to 25c per dozen; cucumbers 20 to 25c per dozen; cauliflower 20 to 40c per dozen, as to size; green peas, in pod, 30c per bushel; celery 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; green beans 1 to 1½c per lb.; rhubarb 10 to 12½c per dozen bunches; onions, per bushel 1½ to 2c per pound; turnips 20c per bushel. A few ripe native tomatoes are offering at 7 to 8c per lb.

**POULTRY.**—Prices are the same. Chickens 35 to 40c per pair; spring chickens, 25 to 35c per pair; turkeys 8 to 9c per lb. live weight. No ducks or geese selling.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Prices are about the same. We quote beef at 4 to 5c, as to quality. Good beef is selling at 5c; mutton, 7c is the general price this week; lamb 7c also, with mutton and lamb in some cases selling at 6c; pork 5½ to 6c; veal, 4 to 6c.

**HIDES.**—There is no change in prices here for hides. We have heard of relatively higher prices paid in the country than prices here, but this would be for cured stock which is worth more than for green hides, if the selection is good. Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green, 7½c for No. 1 cows, 6½ for No. 2, and 5½c for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 7½c, No. 2 Steers, 6½c; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calif, 8 to 15 lbskins, 6 to 8c per lb. Deacons, 25 to 40c each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, recent kill, 30c. Lambskins, 30c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL.**—We quote 10 to 11½c as to quality for Manitoba fleece. The market is quiet.

**SENECA ROOT.**—About 18c is the usual price for small lots of dry root, but in special cases 19 and 20c has been paid.

**HAY.**—Loose hay on the street market is selling at \$3 to \$4 per ton. We quote new baled prairie at \$5 on track here. There has

been talk of shipping Manitoba hay east, but at present prices east it cannot be done and pay freight. Some have also talked about shipping our straw east, but the freight alone would amount to considerably more than the straw is worth in Toronto, so shipping it is out of the question.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—This has been quite an active week in cattle exports. The number of cattle in was so large, that the new stock-yards being built here, had to be used to some extent to accommodate the stock. Gordon & Ironside as usual were the heaviest shippers, sending six train loads east for export, consisting of about 1,500 head in all. Three of these trains were range cattle and they were a fine lot, one bunch being about the finest lot of cattle ever seen in the yards here. Of the other three trains one came from the Prince Albert branch railway, these being domestic cattle. John Wake shipped fifteen cars eastward from the Manitoba Northwestern country, which would bring the total shipments for the week up to nearly 1,800 head. As to prices, the markets have been better this week, as will be seen by reference to another column. We quote prices here at 2 to 2½c for butchers, for the local trade and up to 3 to 3½c for export cattle. A new feature in the cattle trade is to be reported this week. This is nothing less than the exportation of cattle from the interior of British Columbia, via Winnipeg and Montreal. The first train load of fifteen cars were brought as far as Brandon, Manitoba, this week, where they were unloaded and will be rested for a few days. The haul is a long one, and the experiment will be watched with interest. Burchill & Howey, of Brandon, are handling these cattle.

**HOGS.**—Two cars were shipped west to Calgary. No eastern shipments. Prices steady at 4 to 4½c off cars here.

**SHEEP.**—Two cars came in for Kobold, of Winnipeg, one from Whitewood, and the other from the Sarnia ranche, south of Walch, Assa. They are understood to have cost 3c, weighed off cars here. They would shrink heavily, the haul being long. There are a good many sheep out on the ranges, and the trouble is they are mostly too small for export. The local trade will take only a very limited number, as there are about enough offering by farmers to supply the demand.

**HORSES.**—A car of western horses and ponies were sold here by auction this week. The ponies sold at \$18 to \$30, and the highest price reached by any one was \$86, for a fairly good horse of about 1,400 pounds weight.

At the half weekly market at Toronto on August 13, cattle were in improved demand. Best export offered, which were not very good, sold at 4½c, and others sold from 3½ up to 4½c. The run was poor quality. Butchers' cattle ranged from 2½ to 4c per lb, and the bulk were poor stuff. Best hogs sold at \$1.40 to \$1.60 per 100 lbs, stores slow at \$1.20 to \$1.40, stags and rough, 2 to 2½c. Lambs sold at 4c lb, and export sheep at 3½ to 4c and 3c for bucks.

At Toronto on Aug. 16, prices were easier. Butchers' cattle sold at from 2½c to 3½c per lb. Sheep and lambs were lower, under heavy offerings. Lambs \$1.50 to \$3 per head; shipping sheep, 3c to 3½c per pound. Hogs, best bacon, long lean, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds.

At Chicago on Aug. 16, cattle were firm. The highest price reported was \$5.10 per 100 pounds for a car of Montana steers. Hogs were 5c higher, at \$1.15 to \$1.70 for heavy, \$1.40 to \$1.90 for light. Sheep and lambs were 10 to 25c lower. Sheep sold mostly at \$2.75 to \$3.40 and lambs \$3 to \$5.25. Good export sheep were in demand and scarce.

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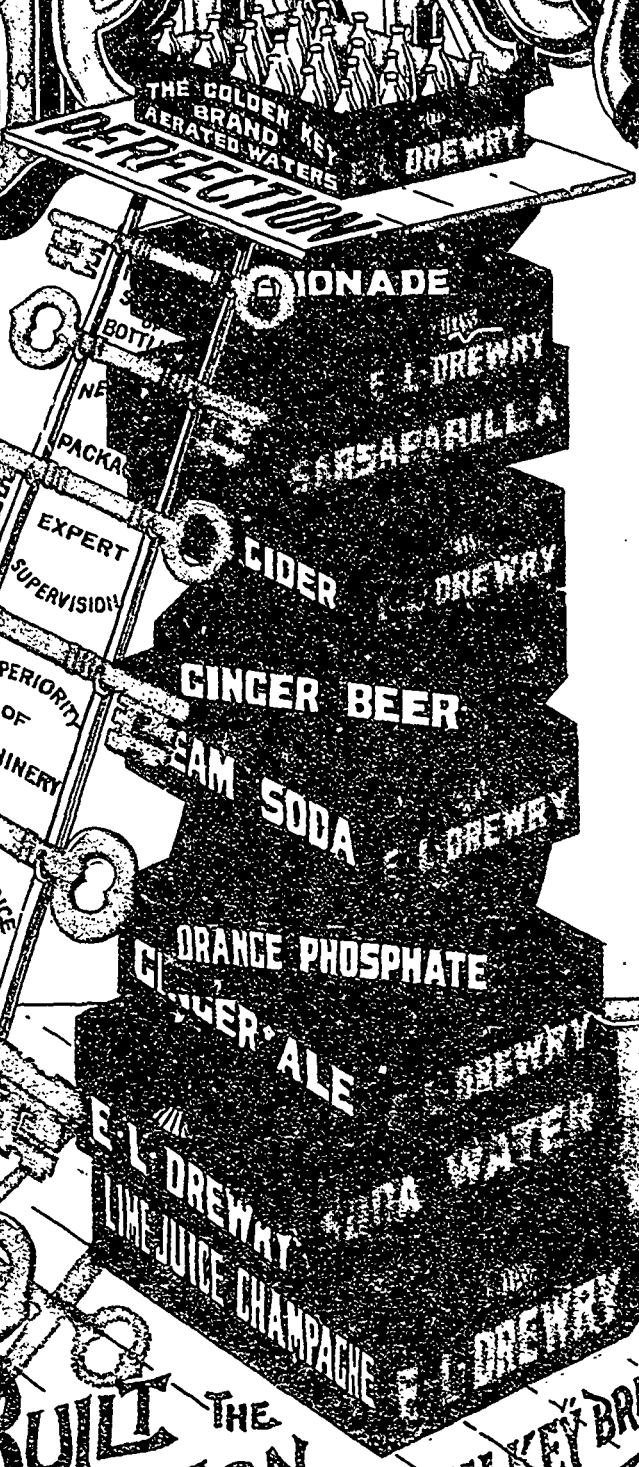
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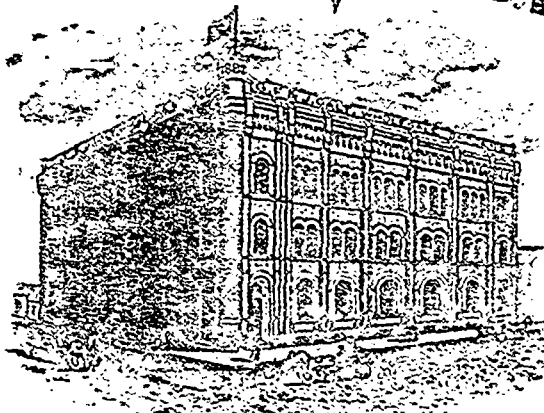
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**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat was very weak on Monday, losing 1 3/4c to 2c as compared with Saturday's closing price. The market lacked support, and followed the decline in corn. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	65	65 3/4	68 1/4
Corn.....	36 1/2	36 1/2	31 1/2
Oats.....	19	19 1/4	—
Pork.....	—	9 65	—
Lard.....	—	6 07 1/2	—
Short Ribs...	—	5 77 1/2	—

Some improvement in export buying and firmer foreign markets, induced by unfavorable harvest weather in Europe, helped wheat prices on Tuesday and prices made a gain of 1c. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	66 1/2	66 3/4	69 1/4
Corn.....	38	36	31 1/2
Oats.....	19 1/2	19 1/4	—
Mess Pork...	—	9 52 1/2	—
Lard.....	—	6 02 1/2	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 65	—

Wheat closed with a net loss of 1/2 to 3/4c on Wednesday, compared with Tuesday's close. Foreign advices less favorable to the bulls was the principal feature.

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	65 1/4	66 1/2	68 3/4
Corn.....	37 1/2	37 1/2	31 1/2
Oats.....	19 1/2	19 1/4	—
Mess Pork..	—	9 30	—
Lard.....	—	6 00	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 55	—

Prices for wheat were higher on Thursday. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat....	66	66 5/8	69 1/4
Corn.....	38 3/4	37 3/4	31 3/4
Oats.....	20 1/2	20 1/2	23 3/4
Mess Pork.	—	—	—
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs.	—	—	—

The Market was quiet and prices lower, under easy cables, and limited export business on Friday. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	65 7/8	66 3/4	68 3/4
Corn.....	38 3/4	37 3/4	31 1/2
Oats.....	20 3/8	20 1/2	—
Pork.....	—	9 90	—
Lard.....	—	6 12 1/2	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 87 1/2	—

On Saturday, Aug. 17, closing price were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	66 3/4	66 1/2	68 3/4
Corn.....	39 3/8	38 1/2	32 1/2
Oats.....	21	20 3/8	23 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	—	—
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 67 3/4c.

A year ago Sept. wheat closed at 51 1/2c.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—Aug. — c, Sept. — c, Dec. — c. Holiday.
Tuesday—Aug. — c, Sept. 65 1/2c, Dec. 67c.
Wednesday—Aug. — c, Sept. 64 1/2c, Dec. 66 1/2c.
Thursday—Aug. — c, Sept. 65 1/2c, Dec. 66 1/2c.
Friday—Aug. — c, Sept. 64 1/2c, Dec. 66 1/2c.
Saturday—Aug. — c, Sept. 64 1/2c, Dec. 66c.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 66 1/2c for September, and 67 1/2c for December. A year ago September wheat closed at 51 1/2c, and two years ago at 56 1/2c. No. 1 hard is quoted at about 1/2 to 1c over No 1 northern, No. 2 northern 8 to 3 1/2c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at —c for August, September delivery at 62 3/4c, and December at 68 3/4c. A week ago September wheat closed at 61 1/2c.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, Aug. 17, September wheat closed at 71 1/2c and December delivery at 72 3/4c. A week ago wheat closed at 72 3/4c for September and 74 1/2c for December.

**The Weather and Crops**

The weather has averaged moderately warm with cool nights. Tuesday and Thursday were quite warm days at Winnipeg. A wind and rain storm travelled over a considerable area of Manitoba, east of Brandon to Winnipeg, on Tuesday, with heavy rain for a short time, but no serious damage reported, though crops were laid down in some sections.

In the eastern districts of Manitoba harvesting has made considerable progress. From Winnipeg south to the boundary and west to Morden and Carman a large part of the crop is cut, particularly in the district about Gretna, Morden and Plum Coulee. In this southeastern corner fully 50 per cent. of the crop has been cut to the end of this week. The eastern districts however, are fully a week ahead of most other parts of the country. East of Burnside to Poplar Point considerable cutting has been done, but not as much as in the district south and south-west from Winnipeg spoken of above. West of Portage la Prairie, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and west of Morden on the Deloraine branch, the crops are later, and with the exception of some limited districts here and there, very little wheat cutting has been done. About Brandon, Wawanesa, Oak Lake and some other sections in the west, harvesting was becoming general. Competent authorities estimate 10 to 15 per cent. of all crops cut to the end of this week. Harvesting will be active over a wide area by Monday, Aug. 19, and with favorable weather an immense amount of crop will be cut next week, though there are some districts where harvesting will not be general for a week yet.

It is learned that the hail storm last week, between Melita and Estevan, destroyed about 5,000 acres of crop. The most of the damage was done about Carnduff and Carievale, in Assiniboia territory, by the storm. This storm, with the one north of Indian Head, Assa., three weeks ago, where 2,000 to 4,000 acres were damaged or destroyed, make the only bad hail storms experienced this season.

**The Live Stock Trade.**

British markets have continued firm since the last report. The advance reported on August 5 has been maintained and at the weekly market in Liverpool on August 12 prices advanced 1/4c more on Canadian and United States cattle, best Canadian being quoted at 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c. Sheep were lower, the 1/4c advance of a week ago having been lost.

Cattle freights were higher at Montreal on Monday, at 45 to Liverpool and Glasgow and 35 to 40s to London.

At the Canadian Pacific Stockyards, at Montreal, on August 12, Mullins & Wilson arrived with 650 Manitoba hogs and 111 head of cattle. The hogs were sold to the Laing Packing Co. at 5 1/2c per lb., live weight, off cars, says the Gazette, and the cattle are for shipment abroad.

At the Point St. Charles market, Montreal, on August 12, values showed no change from a week ago. The demand for cattle was better. Sales of butchers' stock were made at 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c per lb. as to quality, and some ex-

port cattle changed hands at 4 to 4 1/2c per lb. live weight. Sheep met with a good demand from shippers at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c per lb. live weight. There were 400 hogs offered for which the demand was fair, sales being made at 4 1/2c for heavy weight and 5c for light.

**The Hudson's Bay Company.**

That great and venerable institution the Hudson's Bay Co., which on account of its age and the vast extent of its interests makes it the most important trading concern in Western Canada, is keeping pace with the march of modern progress. A large four-story solid brick and stone warehouse is being built in Winnipeg as an addition to the large block owned by the company here.

At Portage la Prairie, the wooden building that for many years has done duty as the company's store, is being replaced by a stone and brick building, two stories in height, with plate glass fronts, measuring 70x50.

At Calgary an addition is being made to their store. The present store is being duplicated. This means the construction of a stone building of 50 feet frontage on Stephens avenue.

Further west at Kamloops, British Columbia, they have just completed a brick and stone store, two stories high.

The company is also improving and extending its milling property, which is referred to in our grain and milling news.

At Rat Portage another new building was recently completed, in extension to the existing store.

**A Fine Structure.**

The Masonic temple, to be erected on the corner of Elice and Donald streets, Winnipeg, will be one of the attractive buildings of the city. The corner-stone was laid on Thursday last, with great ceremony. The building will be 65x75 feet in size within the walls. The foundation is being put down in a most substantial manner, being equal in massiveness to the largest buildings in the city. Steam heating, gas, electric lighting and all modern improvements will be put in. The basement will have a 14 feet ceiling and will be built of native stone, extending 10 feet above the street level. The first floor above will have a 16 feet ceiling, and will be used for lodge rooms by all the Masonic bodies in the city. The second floor will be used by the Scottish Rite, who will also utilize a large part of the attic. The basement will contain the supper room, offices, library and reading room, and other apartments.

The building above the basement wall will be brick, with native stone facings, with brick pediments representing columns, surmounted by cut stone caps. The building will cost \$20,000 at the present low rate contracts are being taken at, which would mean about \$30,000 a few years ago at least. The entire building will be used by the Masons of the city, who have already subscribed over \$11,000 to the building fund.

Sutherland & Campbell, Winnipeg, shipped to London, Eng., on Tuesday, a carload of Manitoba cheese for Thomas Lipton, the great tea man.

The Commercial correspondent in British Columbia visited twenty canneries along the Fraser river to get accurate information of the immense run of fish of Sunday night, Aug. 11. The big run is about over. It is attributed to the hatcheries and was entirely unexpected. At twenty canneries 440,000 fish were purchased in twenty-four hours, at 8 and 10 cents each. The pack to date of the Fraser is 225,000 cases. Estimated pack over 300,000. At twenty canneries it was exactly 196,000 cases, and the total was 280,000.



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**BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW**

Vancouver, Aug. 13, 1895.

The volume of trade for the past week was fully up to the average, while money if anything is a little easier. The feature of the market is the drop in potatoes. The lumber trade is very brisk, three more vessels arriving to load lumber this week. The free entry of dressed lumber being still under dispute, somewhat checks the export lumber trade to San Francisco. From indications meats will be stiffer on receipt of next quotations.

**British Columbia Markets.**

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, August 17, 1895.

The total salmon pack to the end of this week is placed at 400,000 cases. Flour has declined 20c per barrel this week. Oats from Washington state are \$2 per ton lower again. Meats are easy.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, old 8 to 8c, new 10 to 12c; Manitoba creamery, 17 to 18c, do. off grade 15 to 16c per lb., Manitoba cheese 8 to 10c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 12c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 10c; smoked sides, 11½c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 11c per pound; in pails and tubs, 10½c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 3c, smelt, 5c, sea bass, 4; black cod, 6c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 7c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 12½c; salmon 7c; smoked halibut, 10c, bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 6c; trout 10c per lb.; salt salmon, \$6 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$10 to \$12 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, 1½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ½ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 25c; Eastern 17c per dozen.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$6.50 per box; California plums, \$1.00, apricots \$1.50; peaches, \$1.10 per box; oranges, Mediterranean sweets, \$2.75; St. Michael's \$3.00 per box; raspberries \$2 crate; apples \$1.75 per box; tomatoes \$1.50; pears \$2.50 box.

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Nuts.—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 15c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba Patent, per bbl., \$4.70; strong bakers, \$1.50; Oregon, \$3.80.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb, sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.50.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25, do. oats \$25 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$25.00 ton; ground wheat, \$27.50 ton; ground barley, \$22.00 ton; shorts, \$19.00 ton; bran \$17.00 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton, F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6½ to 7c; mutton, 7½ to 8c; pork, 8½ to 9c; veal, 8 to 9c per lb.

Hay—Weak at \$8 per ton.

Live Stock.—Calves, 6c, steers, 8 to 8½ lb, cows 2½ to 3c; sheep, \$3 to \$3.25; hogs, 5½ to 6c; lamb, per head, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow, 3½c per lb.

Syrups—50 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$4.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 25c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

**British Columbia Business Notes.**

The British Columbia board of trade are jointly urging the government at Ottawa to hasten the work of making improvements to the channel of the Fraser river.

At present, salmon nets are admitted free, and the lines used in manufacturing them are subject to duty. The board of trade of British Columbia are jointly urging the Dominion government to remove the duty on salmon net lines.

Westminster is considering the advisability of subsidising the ocean going vessels to call at the port of Westminster, in connection with their transcontinental passage.

Birchall & Howie, of Manitoba, are making trial export shipments of Chilcotan cattle from Ashcroft. The shipment will comprise 300 head of cattle. The result of the venture will be watched with great interest by ranchers here. Three hundred head of cattle per month are now being sent from the upper country to the Kootenay district. The big boom in mining all through Kootenay will increase the population very much and cattle men in Kamloops and the surrounding country are hopeful that there will be good times for them very shortly.

In the valley haying is over and grain cutting has commenced. The crops are the best ever seen in the province. Oats, peas and wheat look extremely well. Oats will yield from 80 to 90 bushels to the acre.

If the new Delta creamery is a sample of what can be done in dairying in this province British Columbia is going to be a great dairying country. From the time that the first pound of butter was turned out the demand has been far in excess of the capacity and unfilled orders are getting more numerous every day.

The stormy weather experienced in the gulf at the mouth of the Fraser river, interfered very much with the fishing this week, but the catch nevertheless has been a good average one and the pack for the season promises to be larger than at first expected. There are now over two thousand fishermen fishing for salmon and many of them are making a large amount of money, at times over \$100 at one take. As they are principally Japs, Italians and Indians—all spenders—the money is being constantly circulated to the great benefit of Westminster and Vancouver.

Gideon Robertson, who has just returned from Rossland, the Eldorado of British Columbia, says that Winnipeg is getting a footing in Trail Creek district, and in spite of the long haul and Spokane as keen competitor Winnipeg is even now doing a large business at Rossland. Mr. Robertson says that Winnipeg seems to have an advantage in freight rates over the wholesalers on the Canadian coast. The immense development at Trail Creek has overshadowed for the time being every other mining locality. In a short time there will be 25 mines shipping ore instead of only three as at present. There are now 97 square miles of claims staked out in the district.

There will be 1,200 classes in which competition is invited in the coming agricultural show in Westminster. The exhibition will be larger and better than ever before. The Governor-General has promised to formally open the exhibition.

**Manitoba Wheat Grades.**

It was understood for some time back that changes would be made in the act governing the grading of wheat grown in Manitoba and the territories, to come into effect in time for the beginning of the movement of the new crop. These changes have now been announced and they are as follows:

Manitoba wheat grades are the same as before, except that the wording is changed to read that Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat shall be composed entirely of wheat grown in Manitoba and the territories of Canada, shall be sound, clean, and weighing not less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and shall consist of at least two thirds hard red fife wheat. The former reading was open to the construction that if containing two-thirds hard red fife grown in Manitoba the other one-third might be grown elsewhere. A clause will be added to the act to provide that no wheat which has been scoured or brushed for the removal of smut, burnt, or any other fungoid growth, shall in any case be mixed with No. 1 hard.

It will be remembered that last winter quite a hubbub was stirred up about the alleged mixing of scoured wheat with the regular grades. Eastern millers and grain men took an active part in this agitation and made charges against Manitoba shippers in this connection, and they sent deputations to Ottawa asking for changes in the act. The regulations relating to the inspection of grain we may here say come under the control of the department of inland revenue. Last spring the comptroller of inland revenue visited Winnipeg, where he had a conference with the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, and the changes now made in the act are very much in line with the resolutions passed by the Winnipeg exchange. No eastern grown wheat can now be mixed with the Manitoba grades.

The clause preventing the mixing of scoured wheat with the No. 1 hard grade will not prove any disadvantage to western grain shippers, and in fact they recommended that very action by resolution of the local grain exchange. The Manitoba Farmers' Institute at its last meeting, also passed a resolution against the mixing of scoured wheat with regular grades, so that for once the farmers and grain men are in the same boat, a rather exceptional circumstance. At the same time it is very difficult to see how the farmers are going to gain anything by this prohibition, and we rather think they will lose, if any difference at all is made by the change.

The date of meeting to select standards for this crop has not yet been fixed. C. N. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, has received authority from Ottawa to call the meeting, and it will be held some time in September in Winnipeg. The following persons are named as members of the grain standards board for Manitoba and the Territories: S. Spink, chairman, J. D. Mitchell, S. A. McGaw, Jos. Harris, Winnipeg; C. B. Watts, C. A. Chapman, Toronto; T. A. Crane, Jas. Carruthers, Montreal, W. R. Bell, Angus McKay, Indian Head; Jas. Elder, Virdeu; Wm. Postlewaite, Brandon; T. B. Baker, Moose Jaw; Charles Braithwaite, Portage la Prairie; E. E. Gibbs and D. Horn, inspectors.

The opinion of The Commercial is that this board is altogether too cumbersome. One half this number, or even one-quarter the number would give just as good satisfaction.

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**Dairy Trade News.**

A Mr. Wilson, of Montreal, who has been looking over some sections of Manitoba, has purchased a carload of butter from J. & E. Brown, of Portage la Prairie, Man.

Mr. Scott, of the Shoal Lake creamery, has postponed his proposed trip to Japan and China, in the interest of the Manitoba export butter trade. He expects to start about December 1.

There has been heavy loss in old cheese held over from last season. Advices from England report sales of cheese at 27s. which last fall cost 49s c.f.i., and which show a loss of 5c to 7c per pound, including carrying charges.

The Manitoba department of agriculture has issued a dairy bulletin by C. C. Macdonald, dairy instructor, which contains many valuable suggestions for the use of farmers and dairymen. The pamphlet deals with the importance of feed, water, salt, milking, aeration, cooling, protection, care of milk cans, etc. It can be secured on application to the department.

All farmers are not honest, though we believe the great majority of them are, and sometimes one here and there will try to get the start of the factories by giving partly skimmed milk. The provincial dairy instructor tells some amusing incidents regarding the testing of milk, etc. He tells of one farmer whose milk had been several times rejected on account of its want of freshness, who became so enraged that he took his milk cans outside in a bunch and jumped on them. His wife joined him and together they danced on the cans and kicked them into various shapes. A few day's reflection, however, changed their opinions, and the same farmer turned up one morning at the factory with his old battered cans pretty well straightened up. He has since been more careful about the quality of milk he sends to the factory, and has had none rejected lately.

Mr. McDonald, provincial dairy instructor for Manitoba, says: "It should be one great aim of every cheese and butter-maker to first keep himself looking tidy and have the proper appliances for doing so, second, he should keep his factory clean and wholesome, for in so doing he would not have to appear in any way inconsistent in the sight of his patrons. He should exercise pride in cleanliness. Very often bad flavored cheese and butter is caused by dirt in the factories. Nothing can be wholesome without cleanliness is practiced. Clean every thing up and then insist upon your patrons sending clean milk. Get a good supply of aprons to wear at your work; have everything about you in perfect order and you will have less trouble in getting good quality."

The provincial dairy instructor is visiting the cheese and butter factories along the line of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway. He writes concerning this trip: "At Robt. Scott's creamery at Shoal Lake, the butter was found to be of excellent quality, being very uniform in every respect. The creamery is kept faultlessly clean. A good lesson could be learned by some butter-makers along the lines of cleanliness by visiting the Shoal Lake creamery. The daily output is 1,000 pounds per day. At Strathclair cheese factory, 10,000 pounds of milk is being received daily, making twelve large cheese, the quality of which is first-class. Here again is a well kept factory, the cheese-maker, George Stevenson, is very thorough in his work and understands his business perfectly."

Mr. Macdonald, who was a short time ago appointed to the position of superintendent of dairy work in Manitoba, has already done a great deal of effective work in the province. He has visited many of the factories and states that the quality of goods being turned

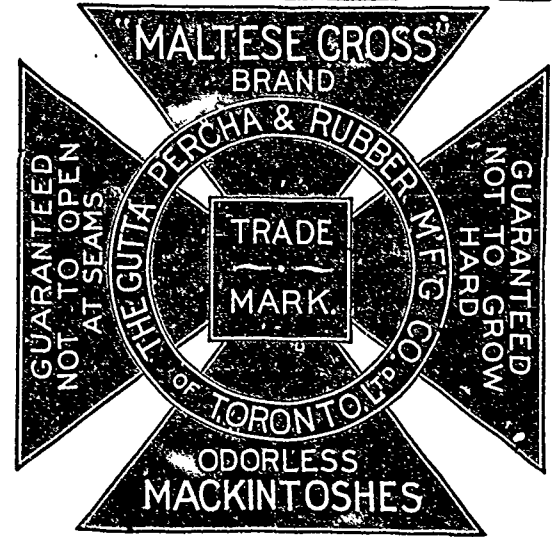
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out is better than he had expected to find. Nearly all the creameries now employ competent men or are in charge of first-class men. The plan generally in use here is the cream-gathering system, which, however, is not the ideal system. Still a fair class of butter is made, but it should be shipped at once, while fresh, as butter made on this plan has hardly as fine keeping quality as when made by the separator process. Mr. Macdonald finds that some of the creameries are rather too close together, and he thinks that it would be better in some cases if some districts were served by simply having a creaming or skimming station, instead of having separate factories. Mr. Macdonald says he has received several letters from dealers in British Columbia asking him to try and stop the shipment of butter there from Manitoba. There is no sale for dairy butter at all and the market is overstocked with creamery, present shipments being altogether in excess of requirements. He says creameries should at once stop putting up butter in small packages as these small packages are not wanted for the eastern trade, and there are altogether too many small packages being put up for the British Columbia trade, which is the one market which takes small packages of butter. The eastern market wants packages of 50 and 75 pounds each, and in every case the packages should be lined with parchment paper.

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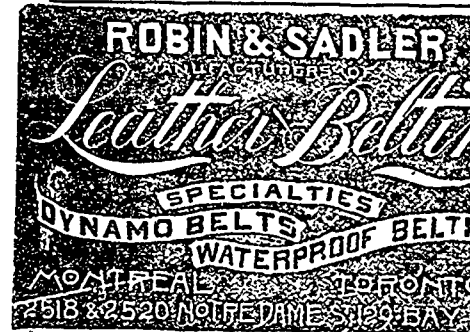
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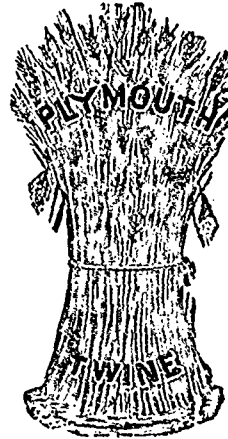
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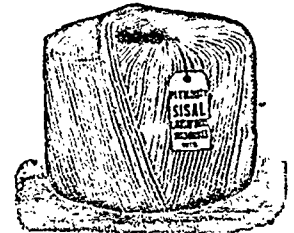
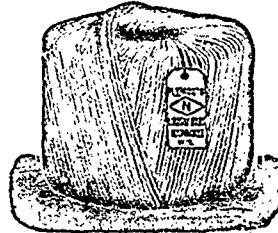
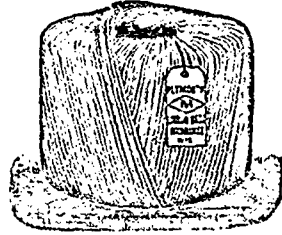
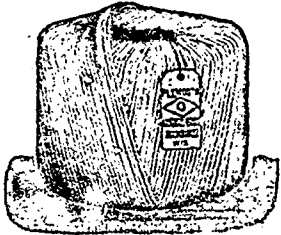
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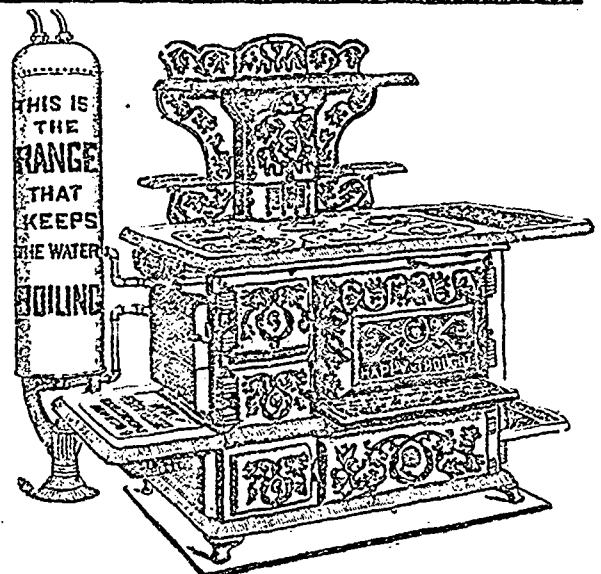
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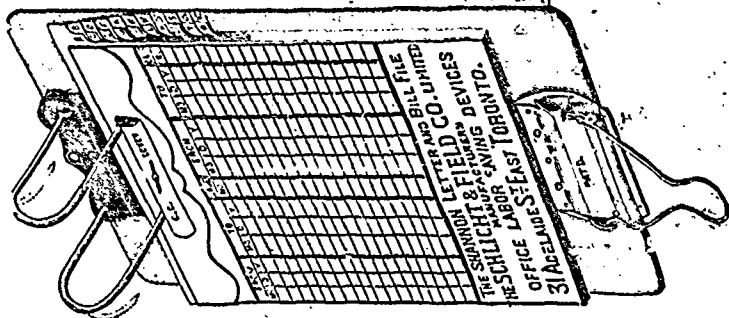
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## Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

**Flour.**—The absence of demand for Ontario straight rollers has caused millers to make concessions, good brands having been offered car lots on track here at \$4.00, and we quote \$4.00 to \$4.05, and at \$4.10 to \$4.20 for smaller lots delivered. A car lot of straight roller in bags was sold at \$2.00 laid down here, and this figure has been shaded. A lot of 1,000 bbls. of a well-known brand of straight roller flour is reported as having been placed for St. John, N. B. account at \$3.60 f.o.b. point of shipment. This is a low figure and is doubted by some. A fair business is reported in strong bakers for local account, and a fair trade has been done for eastern shipment. The export trade is quiet. Spring patent \$4.35 to \$4.50; winter patent \$4.50; straight roller \$4.00 to \$4.20; city strong bakers \$4.35; Manitoba bakers \$4.25 to \$4.35; Ontario bags—extra \$1.90 to \$2.00; straight rollers, bags, \$2.05 to \$2.10.

**Oatmeal.**—The market is quiet and decidedly easier, sales having been made of rolled and granulated in a jobbing way at \$3.95 to \$4.00. This lowering of prices was due to the importation of a carload of United States meal as reported a few weeks ago. We quote: Rolled and granulated \$4.00 to \$4.05; standard \$3.90 and \$4.00. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.95 to \$2.00 and standard at \$1.90 to \$1.95. Pot barley \$1.25 in bbls. and \$2.00 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

**Bran, etc.**—The market remains firm with Ontario meal at \$17.25, and we quote \$16.75 to \$17.25. Shorts are firm at \$19 to \$20.50 as to grade.

**Wheat.**—A few small lots of wheat have been sold on this market for chicken feed at 92½ to 93c. Advices from points west of Toronto report sales of old winter wheat at 78c and new at 74 and 75c.

**Oats.**—New oats have been received in this market and sold at 40c per 34 lbs., and 3 cars old No. 2 white sold at 40½c, also another car at the same figure. Sales have since been made at 39½c for No. 2 and 38½c for No. 3.

**Barley.**—The only sales reported is 2 cars of feed at 52½c on track, and we quote 52 to 53c and 56 to 58c for malting grades.

**Provisions.**—The local market is easier on hog products in sympathy with the decided drop in Chicago where prices have declined \$1.00 per bbl. for mess pork during the past two weeks, and \$1.00 since May last. Chicago mess pork can be laid down here at \$15.50. In lard the feeling is also in favor of buyers, sales of round lots of compound being reported at \$1.32½ to \$1.35 per pail of 20 lbs. up to \$1.40 to \$1.45 for smaller lots. Canada short out pork, per bbl, \$16.50 to \$17.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl, \$15 to

\$15.50; hams, per lb, 10 to 11c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 8½ to 9½c; lard compound, in pails, per lb, 6½ to 7c; bacon, per lb, 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb, 8½c.

**Butter.**—There is a lull in the market as far as the export trade is concerned, owing, it is said, to easier cables from the other side. The demand for the local trade, however, keeps values fairly steady. Although 17½c has been paid for the first half of July, it is said that 18c is wanted for later makes, and some refuse to offer at that figure. Eastern Township dairy has sold in moderate sized lots at 15 to 15½c with better figures made for singles packages. Western is not in great demand, the only sale reported to us being a lot of about 50 tubs of selected at \$13½c.

**Cheese.**—Sales of finest Ontario cheese have been reported 7½c for this week's steamers, eastern townships finest have changed hands at 7½ to 7¾c and under grades have sold all the way from 6½c to 7½c.

**Eggs.**—The sale of a lot of 50 cases of choice candled stock was reported at 11½c, while last week 11½c could have been obtained for the same class and quantity. A few scattered lots are going forward to the English market, mostly by western firms. We quote 11½ to 12c for choice candled and 10 to 11c for fair.

**Maple Products.**—The market is unchanged. Sugar 6½ to 7½c, and old 5 to 6c. Syrup 4½ to 5c per lb. in wood and at 50 to 60c in tins.

**Hides.**—Sales of two cars of tanners are reported at 9½ to 10c respectively. In lambskins there were sales to dealers at 35c, a few clips bringing the same figure. We quote prices as follows. Light hides 8½c for No. 1, 7½c for No. 2, and 6½c for No. 3; to tanners 9½ to 10c for No. 1, heavy hides 8½ to 9½c, calfskins 8c, lambskins 30 to 25c, clips 35c.—Trade Bulletin, August 10.

## Toronto Grain and Produce Prices.

**Wheat.**—The offerings are getting more liberal, the demand is slow and the market is steady at 73 to 74c for new red and white west, and cars of old red and white north and west are quoted at 78c. Manitoba wheat is dull and difficult to sell at 90c for cars of No. 1 hard west.

**Flour.**—Cars of straight roller are quoted at \$3.60 Toronto freights. Manitoba flour is quiet. Cars of patents are quoted at \$4.50 and strong bakers at \$4.25 here.

**Millfeed.**—Is in good demand and firm. Cars of shorts here are quoted at \$18 and \$18.50 and bran at \$16.

**Barley.**—Cars of feed are quoted at 40c outside.

**Oats.**—Are quiet and easy. New are offering to arrive at 30½ to 31c. Old white are quoted at 31½ to 32c west,

**Butter.**—The receipts of fine dairy tub are small, there is a good demand for the local trade here and the market is firm at 14 to 15c for the best and 10c for low grade stuff. Dairy pound rolls are selling at 16c. Cream is in fair demand and firm at 19c for rolls and 18c for tubs.

**Eggs.**—Steady at 10½ to 11c.

**Baled Hay.**—The demand is slow and the market is easier at \$12.50 for cars on the track here for No. timothy.

**Baled Straw.**—Cars on the track here are quoted at \$6 to \$6.50.

**Wool.**—Fleeces—A few small lots have changed hands, but the bulk of the clip is now out of first hands and there is less offering. A few lots have sold at 23½ to 24c outside. There is nothing being done for export.

**Hides.**—There is a good demand for all offering, and they meet with a good sale at firm prices. Local dealers quote 8c for green and cars of cured are quoted a 9 to 9½c. Lambskins and pelts at 10c. Calfskins nominal at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.—Globe, August 10

## Fur Trade News.

The season for land furs in British Columbia, writes the representative of the Commercial at Vancouver, is practically closed, only stray furs coming in. The season will open again in October. The furriers have very small stocks on hand, as a brisk demand during the past season has almost entirely cleaned them out. Since the June sales the fur market has not been strong, and there is a desire on the part of the fur traders not to quote prices. They all expect a good market, however, later in the season. The furs at the June sale were not of an extra good quality, which caused prices to drop a little. It is predicted here that bears will rule lower from this out. Bruin has commanded fancy prices for three years, and his fur will now for some time to come be sold at much lower prices, until fashion pronounces bear must again be worn. Traders have been advised by eastern houses to buy bear cautiously. On the other hand it is expected that sable and mink will hold up well. It is said that there is a grand field for expert trappers in British Columbia, there are very few experts here, and those who are here are making money. The actual number of trappers in this province has not increased in ten years, though lots of green-horns have come in and given it up as a bad job, whilst the old-timers that have trapped in British Columbia for the last decade claim that business is always good.

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He had just finished the addition of fourteen columns of tantalizing figures, and was brain weary, when a friend and customer entered his private room. There was temper plain upon the intruders face, for he was a man easily irritated, though generous to a fault. There was a misunderstanding, and he came not to clear it up, but to mix it up worse in a loud and useless wrangle. Ere he had finished his first burst of temper in loud words, his friend handed out the box containing "Reliance Rosebuds." The visitor grasped one bit the end off savagely, and wasted three matches ere he got it lighted. This act interrupted for a little his voluble irritation, but his first puffs were nervous and quick in succession. Before he was well seated and prepared for more loud talk, his friend had got in a few calm sentences, and as the misunderstanding was simple, the explanation was short and lucid. Few men have the blunt moral courage to acknowledge their mistake the moment after it is made, but as the smoke curled up from that cigar, the visitor saw clearly and acknowledged his, and a few minutes later left the room with expressions of perfect satisfaction, and avowals of continued friendship. This is but one of a hundred such instances. Cigars made from a coarse rank tobacco only increase the ill-temper of an irritated man, but the "Reliance Rosebud" contains the finest Havana tobacco, and smoking it never fails to soothe the nerves, and calm the temper. Try one when you are bothered and annoyed, and all doubt upon the matter will quickly vanish. This cigar is manufactured only by TASSE, Wood & Co., RELIANCE CIGAR FACTORY, MONTREAL.

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**Grain and Milling Matters.**

W. W. Ogilvie is making his annual tour of inspection through Manitoba.

The big chimney of the Ogilvie mill in Winnipeg has been completed and the old one removed.

The Mark Lane Express estimates that the English wheat crop will reach about twenty-seven bushels to the acre.

The grain warehouse at Binscarth, Man., belonging to the Binscarth Grain Warehousing Co., is offered for rent.

The flour mill at Whitewood, Assa., was sold on July 27, by public auction, to J. G. Grey, of Toronto, Ont., for \$4,825.

The work on the Brackman & Kor elevator at South Edmonton, Alberta, is about completed, and the walls are being covered with sheet iron.

Phillips & Richardson, grain dealers, are building a small elevator, with a capacity of about 10,000 bushels, on the N.P.R. at Portage la Prairie.

Alexander, Kelly & Co. will erect another elevator at Brandon, to be located adjoining the mill and directly in rear of the elevator built last year. It will have a capacity of 40,000 bushels.

The Lake of the Woods Milling company's elevator at Ninga, Man., was burned down on Aug. 12. It contained only about five thousand bushels of wheat. Origin of the fire not known. The elevator had a capacity of 25,000 bushels. It will be replaced at once by a larger one.

The consolidation of the largest milling industries in western Ontario is almost accomplished, says a telegram. The mills interested are Kent mills, Chatham. St. Thomas mills, Aylmer mills, and Blenheim mills. The deal involves property to the values of \$250,000, and contemplates an investment of capital stock to the amount of \$500,000.

The Wolseley Milling Co. is giving its mill a thorough overhauling. A petition has been circulated asking the municipal council to grant this company a loan of \$4,000 for a period of eight years, on condition that the company agrees to grind wheat for ratepayers during that period at the rate of twelve cents per bushel, or its equivalent value in wheat.

The Fort Garry flour mills at Winnipeg, owned by the Hudson's Bay Company, have been greatly improved to meet the requirements of modern milling. The building has been placed upon a stone foundation, and much of the machinery has been changed for later and improved makes. The company's new mill at Prince Albert, to replace the one burned a short time ago, will be a brick building on stone foundation, fitted with the latest and best machinery, lighted by electricity and heated by steam. It is here most of the flour for the northern inland posts is made.

**Silver.**

Apart from a fractional advance at the close of last week, and a correspondingly diminutive decline at the end of the present one, the silver market has been utterly without features. There seems to be nothing in the current situation to stimulate silver speculation, and the supply is apparently equal to the restricted demand. Silver prices on August 9 were. London 90½d, New York 66½c.

At a meeting of the Canadian board of directors, at Montreal on August 12, a dividend at the rate of four per cent per annum on the preference stock of the company was declared, for the half year ending June 30th, last, payable October 1st.

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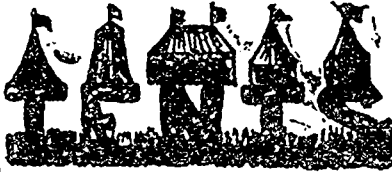
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**World's Supply of Breadstuffs.**

According to a special cablegram from the Corn Trade News, Liverpool, to the Daily Trade Bulletin, the aggregate supplies of breadstuffs in store in the principal countries in Europe and afloat therefor on August 1, 1895, was 1,600,000 bu. smaller than one month previous, but 1,860,000 bu. smaller than on August 1, 1891. The decrease in the quantity afloat was 1,500,000 bu., of which reduction 1,500,000 bu. was credited to the United Kingdom and 5,100,000 bu. to the continent, while the quantity "for orders" was enlarged 100,000 bu. The aggregate quantity afloat was 2,000,000 bu. larger than reported one year ago. During July, 1891, the decrease was 4,000,000 bu. The aggregate quantity of breadstuffs in store in the principal cities of Europe increased 4,900,000 bu. in July, and is stated at 50,500,000 bu. Of this increase 8,500,000 bu. was credited to the United Kingdom, 200,000 bu. to France, 1,400,000 bu. to Belgium, Germany and Holland, while in Russia supplies were decreased only 200,000 bu. The aggregate quantity in store was 2,860,000 bu. more than on August 1, 1891. Compared with one year ago, stocks are 1,060,000 bu. larger in the United Kingdom, 5,400,000 bu. less in France, 7,200,000 bu. larger in Belgium, Germany and Holland, while in Russia they are the same.

The aggregate supplies of flour and wheat in the United States and Canada on August 1 was 687,700 bu. less than reported on July 1, against a decrease of 13,788,200 bu. during June, and an increase of 6,637,700 bu. during July, 1891. The aggregate supplies of flour and wheat on hand are 21,808,000 bu. less than one year ago, and the aggregate supplies of wheat alone 21,710,600 bu. less.

During July the supplies of wheat in the United States and Canada, at the points reported, decreased 950,500 bu., against a decrease of 13,981,700 bu. during June, and an increase of 6,637,700 bu. during July, 1891.

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The aggregate supplies of breadstuffs in Europe and afloat therefor, and in the United States and Canada, at the points reported to the Daily Trade Bulletin on August 1, 1895, were equal 158,043,000 bu., against 160,831,000 bu. on July 1, 1895, and 174,492,000 bu. on August 1, 1891. The decrease during July was equal 2,283,000 bu., against 11,838,000 bu. in June, and an increase of 1,480,000 bu. during July, 1891. During the past seven months the decrease in the aggregate supply was equal 7,932,000 bu., against 57,172,000 bu. for the corresponding time in 1891.

**Big Apple Crop.**

At the annual meeting of the National Apple Shippers' Association of the United States, at Chicago, with delegates representing all apple-growing states from Maine to Colorado, it was announced that the July report of the department of agriculture indicating a short apple crop is entirely incorrect and misleading. Information in their possession shows that in New England the crop is one of reasonable proportions, and in New York, while light in some districts, the aggregate exceeds last year both in quantity and quality. West of the Allegheny Mountains the crop is declared the largest grown in any recent year, and much larger and of better quality than that of last year, the only exception being in limited districts in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The steamship *Warramoo*, of the Canada-Australian line was badly damaged by striking on the reef at Bonilla Point, Vancouver Island. It will cost many thousand dollars to repair her.

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