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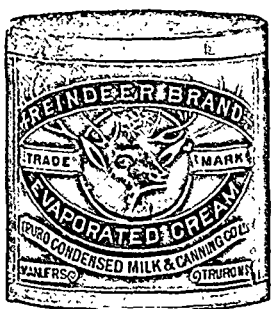
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Manitoba.

Morrison & Co., bankers, Virton, are moving to Whitewood, Assa.

J. S. Patterson, musical instruments, Winnipeg, is advertising stock for sale by auction.

It is stated that buyers will shortly be looking up milking cows in Manitoba for the British Columbia market.

C. H. Yeomans and W. King have bought out the Marquette Reporter newspaper, of Rapid City, from H. C. Clay.

The stock of Joseph A. Rogers & Co., furs, Winnipeg, which was badly damaged by fire recently, has been sold to A. Chevrier.

A change is to take place in the management of the Brandon Mail newspaper the exact nature of which has not been made public.

The promoters of the Manitoba Southeastern railway will again bring the matter of assistance to the road before the provincial government.

W. N. Fisher, manager at Winnipeg for the Western Canada Loan company, has gone to Toronto in connection with the repairing of their burned block in Winnipeg.

A large number of new creameries are proposed to be started in Manitoba this spring. In districts where creameries are likely to be started, the farmers should not forget to put up a supply of ice, as it is necessary to have a supply of ice to obtain desirable results.

The firm of Miller & Burley, stationers, Portage la Prairie, has been dissolved. Mr. Burley is entering the firm of Whitman & Co. general merchants, of the same place. Mr. Miller continues the stationery business.

The stock of T. G. Gagnon, general merchant, of St. Anne, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, at Winnipeg, on February 20. Stock consists of dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries and crockery, \$609; book accounts \$694; live stock and implements, \$317.

In the Dominion Gazette notice of incorporation is given of the Bank of Winnipeg. It is reported that several local men are behind the institution, the chief promoter being Duncan MacArthur, ex-manager of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, now in liquidation.

The legislative committee of the Winnipeg city council recently adopted a clause authorizing the city to pass by-laws regarding a special license fee from commercial travellers taking orders for goods on sample, to be made up manufactured outside of the city. This is chiefly aimed at outside merchant tailors.

The tender for groceries accepted by the Winnipeg city council for city institutions, was that of the Hudson's Bay company, the prices to be: For flour, Hungarian process, \$1.80; strong baker's, \$1.50; leader, \$1.40; xxxx, \$1; Nairn's oatmeal, granulated, \$2.10; standard, \$2; black tea, 17c; sugar, yellow, 8½c; granulated, 4½c; rice 1½c; coffee, 22½c.

The banking business of A. W. Law & Co., of Souris, has been purchased by F. V. Young and A. P. Van Someren. The transfer of the business will take place on April 15. Young & Van Someren intend starting in business at once and will occupy separate quarters until the transfer is completed. Until April 15 A. W. Law & Co.'s business will be carried on as usual.

At the annual meeting of the Virton Board of Trade the election of officers resulted as follows: B. Meek, president; J. F. Frame, vice-president; Geo. H. Healey, secretary-treasurer; W. J. Wilcox, D. Fraser, W. H. Hall, R. Adamson, R. E. Trumbell, B. F. Foster, Donald McIntosh, H. H. Goulter, Jos. A. Merrick, Duncan McDonald, Bunt and W. J. Kennedy, council.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council, on motion of Ald. Sproule it was agreed to recommend that the city solicitor be asked to draft the necessary legislation to enable the city to construct and operate a tramway from the city of Winnipeg to Bird's Hill and Little Stony Mountain, the by-law to be submitted to the people and carried by sixty per cent. of those entitled to vote on a money by-law. The object is to haul gravel and stone for use in the city from the points named.

The largest fire in the history of Neepawa broke out on Feb. 13 in the News printing office, and spread to the Northwestern hotel, a large frame building opposite the railway station. The walls of the hotel fell to the east setting fire to John Armstrong's boarding house. There is no insurance on Armstrong's house or his furniture, neither on the contents of the Northwestern hotel or the News office. The hotel building was built six years ago at a cost of about \$8,000; it was insured for \$1,500.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Veterinarian association was held in Winnipeg on Thursday. A considerable amount of business was transacted, including the election of the officers. The council elected, comprises Messrs Taylor, Thompson, Rutherford, Dunbar, Young, Torrence, and Hinman. Dr. Torrence was elected president. Dr. Young, vice-president, W. J. Hinman, registrar and secretary, Dr. Dunbar, treasurer. At the evening session some six papers were read on subjects of interest to the profession. The association is in a flourishing condition, and there are now over forty members in good standing on the roll. The question of tuberculosis was discussed, and many valuable suggestions relative to the subject were adduced. Messrs. Rutherford, Dunbar and Hinman were appointed an examining board for the year.

A meeting of the medical profession was held at Brandon, on February 7. The object of the meeting was the formation of a medical association for Western Manitoba. The name of the association is to be "The Western Manitoba Medical Association," and it will meet from time to time for the discussion of medical and surgical papers from the members and for the consideration of other such

matters of interest. The following are the officers for the year. President, Dr. Fleming, Brandon; first vice-president, Dr. Young, Souris; second vice-president, Dr. Sproule, Brandon; secretary, Dr. Stuart Fraser, Brandon; treasurer, Dr. McDiarmid, Brandon; members of the executive, Dr. More, Brandon; Dr. Roche, Minnedosa; Dr. Wright, Oak Lake; Dr. McEown, Hartney. The first formal meeting of the association for the reading and discussion of papers will be held early in April in Brandon.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg school board it was decided that the city council be requested to submit a by-law for the raising by way of debentures a sum of \$60,000 dollars for building purposes, purchase of sites, etc., to be for a term of twenty years and to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, also that a by-law be passed by the board for a loan, not exceeding \$97,885.99 at La Banque Nationale to meet the current expenses of the board. The committee recommended the following estimates for 1895 for adoption by the board: Repairs and improvements, \$2,000; new buildings, \$50,000; new foundations, \$5,000; heating apparatus, rents, \$300.

John E. Dingman, agent at Winnipeg for Chas. Bueckh & Sons, manufacturers of brushes, brooms, woodenware, etc., reports that spring orders are coming in nicely, and that, although business at present is quiet, they anticipate a fair season. The travellers for the firm are now on the road taking orders from coast to coast. The firm shipped their first car to Winnipeg last week and expect henceforth to send at least two carloads per month to this point. Mr. Dingman carries a full stock of woodenware here, two lines which will be in special demand soon being butter tubs and the famous Cradle Churn, made solely by this firm.

Assiniboia.

Lejeune, Smith & Co., bankers, Regina, have dissolved.

Wm. Watkins, cigars and confectionery, Medicine Hat, has assigned.

Tenders will be received up to March 4 for the erection of buildings for the Territorial Exhibition at Regina.

The department of agriculture has received a report from the veterinary inspector of Maple Creek, stating that an inspection by him of localities in which the disease of sheep scab was found some months ago has shown that such localities are now entirely free from it, as a result of the vigorous efforts to stamp out the disease.

Reduce Cotton Acreage.


A new Orleans special says the New Orleans Cotton Factors' Association, which includes the leading merchants of that city, has joined hands with southern farmers to reduce the next cotton crop. The factors and merchants have declared that they heartily agree with the farmers, and recommend a reduction of the acreage, and consequently of the cotton crop, as the best means of improving the price of cotton and thus relieving the agricultural depression prevailing in the South.

A telegram from Montreal says: "The Dominion minister of agriculture in an address before the dairyman's convention here this evening said that the Dominion government had decided to assist butter-makers by accepting through the department of agriculture all winter butter at 20 cents a pound and ship it to English markets." This is a very remarkable step for the government, if the report is true. The probability is that there is an error somewhere about it.

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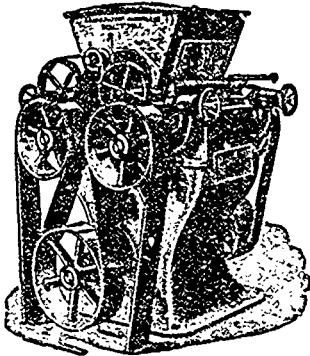
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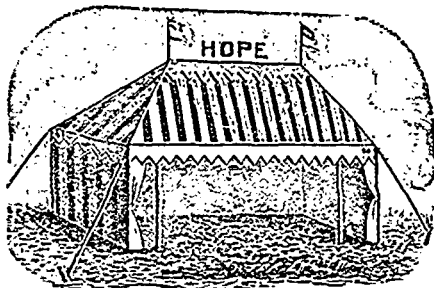


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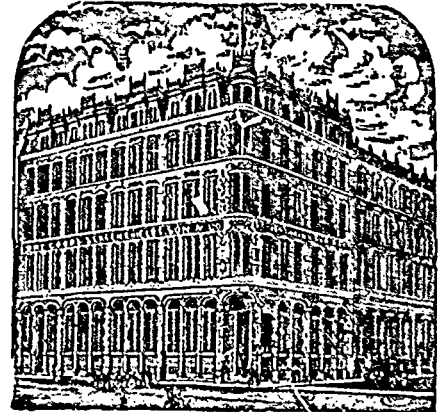


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The Commercial

WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 18, 1895.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

FROM A BRITISH COLUMBIA POINT OF VIEW.

(Written for The Commercial.)

The Canadian-Australian trade has reached the interesting age, in its infancy, it is a vigorous youngster, but if its development is not aided by some sort of policy for the free exchange of natural products between the two British dependencies, it may never arrive at full maturity, or overtaken by reverses barely exist as a pampered offspring of Canadian enterprise.

Schemes to stimulate trade between Canada and Australia have been frequently mooted, but it is with the practical results of the trade as it exists that this article has to deal. As it is a question of the gravest importance and the widest interest, it would be safer not to trust entirely to the judgment of any one, but present a composite opinion, as it were, of a score of authorities, directly or indirectly interested in developing trade between the two countries. To this end many trans-Pacific exporters and importers were interviewed. All agree on one point that the high duties are an almost insurmountable obstacle to the healthy expansion of the trade. To the present time the balance of trade has been with Canada. We seem to have more readily conformed to the demands of the Australian consumers, than Australian exporters have with ours. Whether it is that we are more fastidious or have more markets to choose from, is hard to say. It is the case that many trial importations from Australia have proved partial failures, while almost everything sent from Canada has met with ready sale.

In spite of duty and freight rates, comparatively large shipments of machinery manufactured in Canada have gone to the land of the kangaroo, and by almost every steamer prominent Canadian manufacturers are among the passengers, travelling to Australia to introduce our famous goods in the trans-Pacific market. A number of cars of agricultural implements have also been shipped from Ontario, and sold in the Australian markets. It seems probable that this branch of our trade will become important and be a question of interest to all Canadian manufacturers. Perhaps the best feature of the trade at the present time from a British Columbia standpoint is the rapidly growing demand for our salmon in Australia; it is only a question of educating the taste of the Antipodeans before our shipments of salmon will treble and quadruple present exports. British Columbia is the only supply market for salmon for Australia. This branch of trade, however, will never reach the enormous dimensions prophesied until the commodity is admitted free.

Among other articles of export are boxes in shooks, ready to put together, for packing fruit, these are sent to Honolulu as well as

Australia. In 1891 shipments of this box wood from Vancouver, B. C., in the aggregate amounted to quite a respectable industry in itself. Australian firms who handle these shooks claim they come too high but they continue to order them. Pickets, laths and lumber are also going forward in sample lots by each steamer. This branch of the trade however has not reached any dimensions yet.

It is interesting to note that while a considerable fleet of vessels are carrying lumber from Westminster to the Sound and San Francisco, there are ten cargoes of lumber to go forward from Puget Sound to Australia to one going forward from this province to Australia. There are several reasons given for this. The United States vessels are owned by the shippers and are built especially for the trade, which reduces the carrying charges below what can be quoted in British Columbia. Another reason is that the United States firms have live agents throughout Australia continually canvassing the buyers and checking possible competition. It is very certain that lumber cannot be produced any cheaper than in this province and the Puget Sound article is notoriously known to be inferior to that shipped from British Columbia.

Large shipments of grain, flour and feed go forward from Puget Sound via the Canadian-Australian line to Honolulu. But these commodities cannot be shipped directly from here to Honolulu with profit owing to the preferential trade relations existing between Hawaii and the United States as against Canada. As a diversion of trade, however, the shipment of the United States article is of great assistance to the Australian line and of indirect benefit to Canada. On nearly every trip the Canadian-Australian steamers take as much flour, feed and grain to Honolulu as can be conveniently handled.

Australians are large hop buyers and an experimental shipment of B. C. hops met with great favor among the Australian purchasers and brought a fair price. It is possible that this province may develop a large trade with Australia in hops for we grow as good an article in this line as any country in the world; but our export hop trade is in its incipient stage and can only be spoken of problematically.

Last year there was a dearth of potatoes and onions in Australia and consignments shipped from here were eagerly bought up, but these shipments would only be profitable in bad seasons. Large consignments of paper are also being sent to Australia by the Canadian route from the Everett, Washington, mills. The business of the Everett mill with Australia is constantly increasing. In this connection it is expected that at some future date the Alberni, B. C. mills will be able to give satisfactory quotations to Australian buyers for good quality paper. In fact, it is understood that the company are at present figuring on exporting large lots of paper across the Pacific. These lines comprise our chief exports. In return we get large consignments of tropical fruits from Honolulu, which previous to the inauguration of the present

Canadian-Australian line came by way of San Francisco. Besides this, heavy shipments of wool and other articles of merchandise, previously shipped via San Francisco, now come by the Canadian route and are shipped over the Canadian railroad to Boston, New York and other United States points. This very considerable diversion of trade from the States is to the present time the most important feature of the trade this way. For articles shipped directly to British Columbia there will not be a great demand until the population increases very much, and heavy freight charges for long hauls exclude them from eastern Canada and the States. A better idea can be gained by distinctly mentioning some of the articles imported and their fate in the British Columbia markets. Australian canned meats have been an entire success in British Columbia and what is more gratifying they have shut out the United States article which previously entirely supplied the market. The Australian meats are not put up so neatly as those imported from the States, but are equally good in quality and can be sold more cheaply to the consumer. Another advantage is, the prices are uniform the year around. On the other hand, Australian butter has not been a success. It comes in boxes for immediate use and cannot be kept any length of time. Some of the consignments have been good, others of indifferent quality; about a carload altogether has been shipped.

Manitoba is the natural supply of British Columbia for dairy produce and it is doubtful if Australia will ever be able to compete in quality or price with the Winnipeg shippers. Even if the high duty were removed from the Australian butter it would be an even race and all things being equal buyers would prefer dealing with Winnipeg. In March, April and May, however, when Manitoba butter is not shipped to British Columbia, the best Australian butter reaches this market and if it can be bought at the right price is a great boon to this province.

The price of Australian butter is regulated by what it will bring in the London market. If it bring 18 cents in London the British Columbia buyer must add two cents for freight and four cents for duty to arrive at what it will cost him to lay it down in Vancouver. Butter is not always as low as 18 cents in the London market, so that the duty in this instance is a great drawback to the Australian butter trade in this province. A consignment recently laid down in Vancouver for 24 cents could not be sold for 25 cents because a better article was procurable in Winnipeg at the same figure.

It is very doubtful if the frozen mutton trade will prove a success. It was popular at first, although the local butchers set their faces against the innovation. Everyone wanted to try it and there was not enough to go around, but the novelty of the thing has worn off and hard times has compelled the ranchers in the United States to sell their sheep and wool at almost anything they will bring. As a consequence, Australian mutton is not meeting with such a ready sale, as butchers

are obliged to dispose of it at a higher price than the Oregon mutton which is sold almost exclusively in our markets. The Oregon sheep come in here alive at 20 per cent duty and can be sold as mutton at 7 to 7½ cents. Should we have a bad winter, however, in America, trans-Pacific mutton may be more welcome than it is at present, though the price can never be made suitable unless the duty is entirely removed. The Canadian Government oblige those shipping frozen carcasses to pay duty on the sack that the mutton is wrapped in, as well as duty on the frozen mutton itself.

Australian wines have been adjudged of excellent quality. It is possible that in bad seasons Australian grain may be shipped to America, but at present this looks like a remote contingency. All Australian fruits find a good sale as they come at a season of the year when they cannot be obtained from the States. Fiji limes though a delicious fruit do not meet with a ready sale in British Columbia. Australian pineapples have previously been picked too green and did not arrive in prime condition. Since the recent improvements in the cold storage departments of the steamers, however, they are brought over in much better condition and are the best pineapples that are sold in British Columbia. The same may be said of Australian oranges and Tasmania apples, which are particularly fine and quickly bought up on arrival, while Australian lemons have been pronounced a success from the start. Canned fruits also promise to turn out well, but as Canada has abundance of canned fruit of her own it is thought that the sale will not be large.

The passenger list has increased both ways since the inauguration of the Canadian-Australian line, but the passenger travel to Australia is as yet far in excess of the passenger travel this way.

In recapitulating it will be seen that Canada's trade with Australia is already comparatively large and that Canada has reason to rejoice at the partial success of her last plucky venture in the extension of her trade. On the other hand, Australia's trade with Canada is scarcely out of the experimental stage; it is all possibilities. However, it has been sufficiently demonstrated that with some wise reciprocity arrangement between Australia and Canada the present line of steamers would not be able to accommodate the trade. This will come to pass. The signs of the times show that the barriers of protection are slowly breaking down between the colonies. In Australasia federation will follow; then, as surely as the sun shines, Britain's dependencies on either side of the Pacific will become commercially united. Another great gateway of commerce at the port of Vancouver will be kept wide open to admit the constant stream of traffic flowing increasingly between far Australia and our own Dominion of Canada.

The provincial government will supply tuberculin for testing the cows in the Winnipeg dairies, in order to wipe out cases of tuberculosis in the herds.

Live Stock Breeders' Convention.

The first annual Live Stock Breeders' Convention, of Manitoba and the territories, to be held under the auspices of the Pure Bred Cattle Breeders' and the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations, will be held in the City Hall, Winnipeg, on Thursday, February 21st, 1895. Following is the programme: 9.30 a. m.—Business session of Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association. The report of the provisional directors. Presentation of a Constitution and By-laws (to be adopted). Election of officers. Election of representatives to Fair boards. New business—when the work to be undertaken for the present year will come up for discussion. The session will adjourn at 12.00, noon.

1.30 p. m.—Business session of the Pure Bred Cattle Breeders' Association: Report of officers and new business.

3.30 p. m.—Joint meeting of the Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders, when the following addresses will be delivered, (the meeting will be open for discussion at the close of each paper): James Eelder, Virden—Subject: "The Care and Management of Breeding Swine." Subject: "The Feeding and Management of Pigs from Birth to Market." J. Y. Griffin—Subject: "Pork Packing." Donald Fraser, Emerson—Subject: "Sheep Industry in Manitoba." Walter Lynch, Westbourne—Subject: "The Founding of a Herd." Subject—The feeding and management of dairy cows for profit. Adjournment at 6 o'clock.

7.30 p. m.—Hon. Thomas Greenway, Minister of Agriculture, will address the meeting. Angus McKay, Superintendent, Experimental Farm, Indian Head—Subject: "Stock Feeding for Profit in the West." Dr. Rutherford, M.P.P., Portage la Prairie—Subject: "Abortion in Cattle." S. A. Bedford, Superintendent, Experimental Farm, Brandon. Subject: "Roots vs. Ensilage."

Farmers, whether members of the Association or not, are invited to attend. Cattle, sheep and swine breeders from all sections of the country are particularly requested to be present. Breeders, who are not members of the Associations for 1894 and 1895 are urged to at once send me their annual subscription. \$1 is the membership fee to each Association. Any farmer may become a member of either of these Associations by paying the annual fee. Each member will receive a free copy of all publications issued by the Associations. It is proposed to publish a complete report of the proceedings of this convention, including the papers read and discussions relating thereto.

A complete list is kept of all members. The name and address of each, together with the breed of cattle, sheep or swine bred by him, will be published in the annual report. A great number of these reports will be distributed to interested parties living throughout Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The advertising thus obtained is worth many times the annual membership fee. Every breeder should avail himself of so cheap and efficient a means of advertising. The same amount, if bought in the regular way, would cost \$10 to \$15, according to the channel adopted to obtain it.

The reports will be carefully sent where they will do most good, not only to the breeders, but also the members of other organizations.

Breeders who are now members are respectfully requested to induce others to become members. Obtain the fees and forward to me and I will issue certificates. Send me the names and addresses of farmers interested in cattle, sheep and swine breeding, and I will send such parties copies of our report.

Each member of these Associations is expected to be present at the meetings, and to come prepared to add to interest of the

sessions. Each member is requested to induce another person to join one or both of our Associations.

The Manitoba Dairymen's Convention will be held on February 20th, the day previous to our Convention, at which interesting papers will be read. Try and attend both meetings.

N. B.—When purchasing your railroad tickets obtain a standard certificate from the agent, which will be supplied free to all persons desirous of attending the Conventions. This certificate will entitle the holder to reduced return fare upon being signed by the Secretary.

Leslie Smith, Wawanesa, President. Pure Bred Cattle Breeders' Association, and Chairman (provisionally) of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association.

H. O. Ayearst, Middlechurch. Vice-President, P. B. C. B. Association.

George H. Greig, Secretary.

Situation in Newfoundland.

There has been very little change in the commercial atmosphere since last issue. That quite a number of local firms are gone to smash is a foregone conclusion, but the delay necessarily entailed in getting exact statements into the condition of these firms, prevents the public from getting at the true state of affairs. The business people of St. John's at present might be divided into three classes, viz:—Those who have defied the shock and stand; those who will come out all right if not too closely pressed, and those who are hopelessly wrecked. As far as can be ascertained, the second mentioned class is the largest, and if they are dealt reasonably with, the most of them will weather the storm. Amongst the firms that have assigned are Messrs. Job Bros. & Co., Baine, Johnston & Co., A. Goodridge & Sons, and John Steer. A number of creditors have signed a compromise for Messrs. Job, Goodridge and Steer, but the controlling vote has not yet signed, and the feeling prevails that the compromise will not be accepted, nor the firms allowed to go on again. This is how the matter stands at present writing, but there is no knowing what a day may bring forth.—St. John's Trade Review.

What the Brooklyn Strike Cost

The Brooklyn Eagle, of Monday, estimated the net gains and losses due to the railroad strike in that city for the past two weeks as follows:

	Losses.	Gains.
Brooklyn Heights Railroad.....	\$105,000	
Atlantic Avenue Railroad.....	14,350	
Brooklyn, Queens County & Suburban.....	9,800	
Brooklyn C. & N. (three days).....	2,625	
Brooklyn Heights Employees.....	107,662	
Atlantic Avenue Employees.....	19,250	
Brooklyn, Queens County & Suburban employees.....	14,700	
Brooklyn City and Newton employees (three days).....	2,199	
* Wholesale and retail business.....	1,500,000	
Cost of militia to county.....	120,000	
Claims against city for damages.....	200,000	
Total.....	\$2,090,000	
Brooklyn Elevated.....	840,000	
Kings County Elevated.....	14,000	
Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad.....	5,600	
Brooklyn City and Newton (eleven days).....	3,800	
Salaries.....	7,000	
Total.....	\$89,900	
Net loss, two weeks.....	\$2,020,680	

* This item must be the result of pure conjecture.

The Evening Sun, January 30, says: "The strike has cost Brooklyn about \$1,002,500. This sum, however, does not include the small losses which have been sustained by the various shopkeepers, so that the total amount of loss up to date, putting it at a low estimate, will probably prove to be not less than \$1,500,000."

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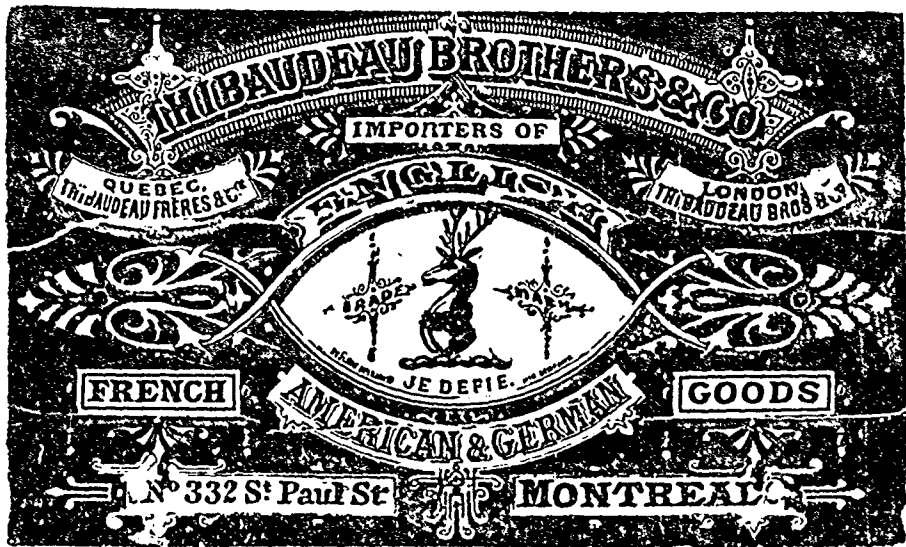
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, Feb. 16.

There has been some improvement in wholesale business, aided perhaps by a week of comparatively mild weather. Some orders were received in various branches of trade which by their nature indicated that they were the advance orders of spring business, which from this time forward will gradually improve. Retailers are avoiding the usual custom this year of stocking up heavily in the spring, and will buy in smaller lots as often as actual requirements demand. This is undoubtedly a wise policy, especially in a season like the present, when, owing to low prices of farm products, the purchasing power of the farmers may be considerably curtailed. Stocks can always be sorted up in this market to good advantage, and it is much more satisfactory to have to replenish stocks, than to be compelled to carry over goods or push them off at sacrifice prices. There are several railway rumors afloat, which, if they materialize, will make the summer season much more lively than it would otherwise be, from a business point of view. Several building projects have been announced in the city, to begin as soon as the weather will permit, and a fair amount of building may be done this year. The last week or ten days has been a bad one for fires in provincial towns, and some heavy losses have been made. No important failures have been made this week, though there are a number of country firms whose affairs are in an unsettled state. The Winnipeg jobbers have taken steps to prevent the slaughter of any bankrupt stocks that they may have control of. Some stocks, however, are controlled by Eastern Canada jobbers, and it is therefore not within the power of Winnipeg jobbers to deal with all bankrupt estates as they would wish. It is hoped that Eastern jobbers will follow a similar policy in handling any estates here which may fall into their hands. Bank clearings are a little less than a year ago, for recent weeks.

Winnipeg Markets.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 16.

[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.]

GROCERIES.—A couple of cars of canned goods have been taken here lately, but there is not much demand in any line just now. The packers send in very strong reports as to prices. They claim that all the packers outside of the association have cleaned out their stocks, and that the association holds about everything outside of jobbers' hands. Some brands that were listed at a percentage off maximum prices, by the association, have been advanced to maximum prices, but there has been no general advance in maximum prices, though association reports are bullish. In sugars there is no further change. A considerable quantity of German granulated sugar is held here, and is selling fairly well, especially as it is low in price. It has been used for confectionery work here with satisfactory results. The German granulated can be sold at 4½¢ to retailers here, which is about as low as jobbers can lay down the domestic article here in large quantities, thus giving the German sugar a decided advantage in prices. The German sugar being shipped in bags, makes a considerable saving in freight, to the amount of the weight of the barrels, about 20 pounds. Raw sugars are offering here at 3½¢ to 3¾¢. Eastern refiners quote standard granulated at 3½¢ at the refineries, and 4½¢ c.i.f. Winnipeg, and 2½¢ to 3¢ for yellows at the refineries. Advances on prunes are strong, stocks abroad being reported

light. At Montreal Barbadoes molasses has been advanced ¼¢ to 32½¢, and Maracabo coffee has been advanced 1¢ to 23¢.

FISH.—The extremely cold weather in the east and south interfered very seriously with the oyster industry, so much so, that reports from Baltimore stated the supply had been cut off, in some cases the boats being frozen in the ice. Prices were advanced by the oyster dealers in consequence. Local dealers have not changed their prices as the interruption to supplies will be only temporary. There is a good supply of fresh sea and other fish. Haddies are ¼¢ lower and native fish are mostly lower. We quote: British Columbia salmon, 14¢ lb; British Columbia halibut, 14¢. Fresh mackerel, 12½¢ lb.; cod, 7¢; haddock, 8¢; smelts, 12½¢; sea herring, 35¢ dozen; Lake Superior herring, 25¢ doz.; Lake Superior trout, 9¢; whitefish, 5¢; pickerel 3¢; pike, 2¢; perch, 2¢; Smoked whitefish, 8¢ lb; smoked goldeyes, 30 to 35¢ dozen; red herring 20¢ box; finen haddies, 6½¢ lb; Oysters, \$2 for standards and \$2.25 for selects, per gallon. Shell oysters, \$7.50 per barrel; cans, selects, 48¢; cans, standards, 45¢ each; dry cod, 7¢ lb; boneless cod, 7 to 7½¢; boneless fish, 6¢.

GREEN FRUITS.—Fruit business has been quiet. No California oranges have been received here yet, though they have been offering to ship for some weeks. Some are now on the way to this market. Local dealers did not care to buy earlier, fearing the fruit would not be properly matured, so there has been a tendency to ship before they were really fit to go into consumption. Good packed apples bring \$1 to \$5 per barrel, as to quality. Prices are as follows: Florida oranges \$5.00 to \$6.00 per box; Mexican oranges \$5 to \$6.00 per box as to sizes; Japanese oranges, \$1.25 per box of about six dozen; Messina lemons, \$5 to 5.50 per box, apples, \$2 to \$5 per barrel as to quality and condition; California winter pears, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per box, bananas, when obtainable \$3 to \$1.50 per bunch; Malaga grapes, \$11.50 per large keg, cranberries, \$13 per barrel for fancy Jerseys, Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate of 50 lbs. New layer figs, 15 to 18¢ per pound as to quality and size of boxes. Sweet potatoes \$5.50 per barrel. White comb honey, 22¢ lb; new dates, 7 to 8¢ lb.

COAL.—Prices delivered to consumers in Winnipeg are as follows: Imported anthracite, \$9 per ton for egg, stove and nut sizes; western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton for stove and furnace size, Lethbridge bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; Souris lignite, \$1.25 delivered or \$3.75 on cars here, and \$1.50 to 1.75 on cars at the mines.

WOOD FUEL.—The efforts to advance the price of cordwood, reported last week, does not seem to have borne fruit yet. While in some cases quotations have been advanced, yet in other cases actual sales are made at old prices. In one case a city dealer advertises at prices 25¢ higher per cord, offering to deliver tamarac at \$1.50, pine at \$1, and best poplar at \$3 per cord to consumers in the city. In car lots we have learned of sales of car lots on track here at \$3.40 to \$3.60 per cord for good tamarac, which does not show an advance. On the other hand a number of shippers are holding higher and expect an advance soon when stocks are reduced. In poplar we hear of car lot sales at \$2 and \$2.25 for green cut. The tender for 500 cords of tamarac for the city council was let at \$3.44 per cord, delivered, which, allowing 25¢ per cord for hauling, would be equal to only \$3.19 per cord on track here, and 25¢ per cord is considered too low to cover the cost of delivering. The city contract for poplar was awarded to T. D. Robinson, for \$2.70 per cord, delivered, for dry, green cut wood. The following tenders were received by the city council for cedar block paving wood: Doidge & Co., 2,000 cords at \$3.45. Ontario and Western Lum-

ber company, per D. A. Cameron, 2,000 cords, \$3.90. Thos D. Robinson, 1,000 cords at \$3.50. John Sinnott, 500 cords, \$7.90. Robinson & Co., 2,000 cords, \$9.75. John King, Fort William, 1,000 cords, \$11. F. D. McDougall, 500 cords, \$8 with bark, \$9 for peeled. J. C. Cox, 400 cords, \$5 free on board cars at DaLuth. Kelly Bros. & Co., 2,000 cords, \$10.15. J. G. Hargrave, 2,000 cords, \$10.2 1-2 with bark; \$7.12 1-2 peeled. The tender of J. G. Hargrave, for 2,000 cords, peeled, at \$7.12½ was recommended for acceptance.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Local houses are doing some shipping of spring goods, though they are not sending out very heavy orders as a rule. Some orders for spring goods are only now being booked. The volume of spring business has not been heavy. Retailers in this as in most other lines are buying very carefully and stocking up lightly. This leads dealers to hope that they will have a good sorting up trade, and that as retailers are buying lightly they will find it necessary to come back for frequent repeat orders. The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "There is an active business doing by manufacturers, who are making up and shipping their spring goods pretty heavily. Although the price of leather is higher than at this time last year, there is no change in the price of boots and shoes. Remittances are fair for the season."

DRY GOODS.—Spring orders are going out all the time, but not in as heavy volume as usual at this season, and a good many orders remain to ship yet. Salesmen from the United States are reported to have been in Eastern Canada looking for orders for cotton goods, and offering at cut slaughter prices. An Eastern papersays that "the cotton hosiery business is irrepairably dill because the German manufacturers are putting on the Canadian market a cheaper and at the same time a better article."

RAW FURS.—Martin and Mink stand well, on account of the advance in these furs at the late London sales. Furs shipped right away will be in time for the London March sales, but later collections will have to be held. Beaver is not in favor at the moment, not being in fashion, but mink, which in point of beauty and durability is one of the very best furs, seems to be growing in popularity. It seems time that the value of this elegant fur should be recognized.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.—There is no change here. At Montreal linseed oil has declined 1¢ to 59 to 60¢ for boiled and 56 to 57¢ for raw. Turpentine has made a further advance in the same market of 1¢ per gallon, to 41¢ for large lots and 45¢ for smaller lots. Quotations for spring shipments of cement from England are said to be 6¢ higher than prices at the opening of last season.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Local houses report that some business is doing and there are signs of the spring movement setting in. The curtailment of purchasing by consumers which was a feature of business throughout the country the past year, has been felt a good deal by retail hardware dealers, and it is leading them to buy carefully. Instead of placing heavy spring orders, it is believed they will follow the plan of buying frequently in the local market as they require the goods, and will not undertake to anticipate the requirements by placing heavy advance orders. It is expected the price of barb wire will be much the same as last year, though prices have not been fully determined on. The low prices for barb wire in Ontario is owing to competition from the States, as the goods can be shipped in cheaply by water to lake ports, but freights would prevent the application of as comparatively low prices to Manitoba.

The price of nails is proportionately lower here than at Montreal. The price in Montreal is \$2.10, less 5c rebate in car lots, which is comparatively higher than the \$2.75 base price here, freights considered. There is talk of a likelihood of an advance in iron pipe east soon, as prices have been cut pretty low of late to compete with the States, but prices there are now stiffening up. Quotations here are:

TIN. Lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 25 to 26c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.75 to \$5; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$9.50 to 9.75; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$11.50 to 11.75.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$9.50 to 9.75.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs., base price, \$2.50 to \$2.75; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.25; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast tool steel, per 11, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to 3.25.

IRON PIPE.—50 to 55 per cent. off list.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5½c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5¾c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5¾c.

CHAIN.—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb., 7 to 7½c; ¼ inch, per lb., 6¼ to 6¾c; 5-16 inch, per lb., 6 to 6¾c; ¾ inch, per lb., 5¾ to 6c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c; ¾ inch, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 6c lb., broken lots, 6¾c.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4½c.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5¾c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6¾c.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 8½c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 11½c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch at 1 larger, 16c lb.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$2.75; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch \$2.85 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$3.27 keg; 2½ inch, \$3.50 keg; 2 inch, \$3.70 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

HORSE SHOES.—Per keg, \$1.50 to \$1.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$1.75 to \$5.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—Wheat markets have been mostly dull and uneventful this week, with only very moderate changes in prices. The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada east of the Mountains, for the week ended Saturday, February 9, shows a decrease of 1,051,000 bushels, against a decrease of 333,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 597,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago. The total visible supply is now 82,332,000

bushels. A year ago it was 79,550,000 bushels. Two Years ago 83,973,000 bushels and three years ago, 41,801,000 bushels. Wheat on ocean passage increased 720,000 bushels. The Liverpool Corn Trade News reports that the supplies of breadstuffs in Europe increased 5,600,000 bushels during January, indicating that merchants abroad are buying quite freely but exports from this continent are not large, thus showing that Europe is buying elsewhere largely. Exports of wheat—flour included as wheat—from both coasts of the United States for the week ended Feb. 14, amount to only 2,572,000 bushels. This total, while 552,000 larger than in the week before, is rather below the weekly average in previous months. One year ago the corresponding total was only 2,005,000 bushels, two years ago it was 3,080,000 bushels, and in the second week of February 1892, it was 4,012,000 bushels.

Local Wheat.—The situation continues very dull in Manitoba owing to the very small quantity of wheat being marketed by farmers. The little coming in at country markets usually brings 50c per bushel, though as high as 55c has been paid to farmers at some points. There has been next to nothing doing in this market, with the idea for May wheat at about 65 to 66 cents. Stocks of wheat in store at Fort William on February 9 were 399,238 bushels and a year ago they were 1,991,948 bushels. Receipts for last week at Fort William were 21,357 bushels and shipments were 8,901 bushels. The corresponding week a year ago stocks increased 89,602 bushels.

FLOUR.—An improved demand for Manitoba flour was reported from the East this week, and export sales were also reported, a sale of 1,000 sacks for London, by the Lake of the Woods Co. being reported on Monday. Car lots of Manitoba country mills have sold here at about 20c under quotations. A tender for flour for the city corporation this week was awarded to the Hudson's Bay Co. at \$1.80 per cent. \$1.50 bakers and \$1 for XXX. Sales by local millers are still made at \$1.85 patents and \$1.65 bakers delivered to city dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLSTUFFS.—Prices remain the same. The quotation is \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$14 to \$15 per ton for mixed wheat feed, up to \$16 to \$18 for pure oat and barley chop, and \$18 to \$19 for rolled oats.

OATMEAL.—Feeling firmer on account of the advance in oats. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack in broken lots, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per 100 lbs. for best grades. A city tender was awarded to the Hudson's Bay Co., for Naren's oatmeal at \$2.10 granulated and \$2 for standard meal.

OATS.—Oats are firm. Marketings by farmers here have been very light, and prices paid to farmers have ranged from 28 to 30c for feed, and 31c for milling. Most feed has been taken at 29 to 30c. Car lots have been held higher, holders now asking 28 to 29c on track here.

BARLEY.—No business doing in this grain. Some was reported offered at 32 to 33c here.

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

BUTTER.—The market is still very flat for butter. There is very little sale, and 13 to 15c is accepted for small quantities of best dairy, when it can be sold at all. Anything secondary in quality is unmovable. Eastern markets are in about the same state. A letter received the other day from one of the largest Montreal dealers in butter, said that 8c was offered for dairy there and it could be sold at that price, though the

best might bring 10c. This would no doubt refer to last summer and fall butter. The agitation in Eastern Canada for government assistance to the dairying industry, appears to be bearing fruit. At a meeting of the exporters at Montreal on Feb. 12, Mr. Angers, minister of agriculture, stated that the Dominion Government was fully alive to the interests of the dairies. He announced that the Government, through the department of agriculture, would be willing to purchase all the winter butter manufactured between January and April, and that it would be shipped to England and disposed of through the department agents. As to the summer season the government had the assurance of the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk Railways that they would provide refrigerator cars. The government was now negotiating to have cold storage accommodations provided at Bristol, Liverpool and Glasgow.

CHEESE.—Dealers are selling at 11c per lb. **EGGS.**—We quote good fresh at 18c and down to 10c for held stock. New pickled are selling at 12 to 15c as to quality. The demand is slow and large stocks of lined are held.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 10½; do backs 10c; picnic hams, 9c; short spiced rolls, 8c; long rolls, 8½c; shoulders, 8½c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7½c; shoulders, 7½c; backs, 8½c; barrel pork, mess pork, \$14.00; fancy mess, \$14.50, rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c.

LARD.—We quote: Pure, \$1.80 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3 and 5 pound tins, \$6 per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c lb.

POULTRY.—Offering are abundant, the demand is dull and prices are irregular. Chickens are usually offered at 5c, ducks at 6c, geese at 7 to 8c and turkeys at 8c. Some choice Eastern turkeys are held at 12½ to 13c.

GAME.—Rabbits are plentiful and bring 5c each. Jack rabbits 8½c each.

DRESSED MEATS.—Mutton is firmer and 1 to 2c higher for good, fresh killed. Good, fresh killed, (unfrozen) beef is worth about 5½ to 6c, frozen country beef 3 to 4c. Mutton 7 to 8c a lb. Hogs \$1 to \$1.10 per 100 lbs. Further shipment of dressed hogs eastward are reported. There is not as much demand for beef to ship, as the lumber camps are now supplied. Some beef is being bought to ship to British Columbia. Good country beef will bring 3½ to 4c but the rougher stuff is slow sale.

HIDES.—There is very little stuff coming in and prices are very irregular. If there were a considerable quantity coming, prices would probably be easier, as they are regarded as too high by dealers. Green salted hides are lower in the States. It would probably be advisable to market up hides closely, as the market is more likely to decline than advance, and winter hides being long haired are not as desirable as prime summer stock. We quote, Winnipeg inspection 3¼c for No. 1 cows, 2¾c for No. 2, and 1¾c for No. 3, and 3¾c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 2¾c for No. 2 steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Green frozen hides as they run 3c to 3½c. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 4 to 5c per lb. Kips 2½ to 3c. Sheep and lamb skins, 10 to 15c for fresh, large skins. Tallow, 4½ to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

SENECA ROOT.—Dull and nominal at 15 to 20c.

FLAX.—Cash flax was quoted at \$1.35; to \$1.41 at Chicago on Thursday. A decline of 1 to 2½c in the week.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 40 to 45c per bushel. Onions, 3c per lb; cabbage, 50c to \$1.00 per dozen; celery, 25 to 40c per dozen. Carrots, 50c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips; 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.

HAY. Loose hay is selling on the street at about \$3 per ton, and baled has sold as low as \$1 delivered here, though held nominally at about that figure on track at point of shipment.

Live Stock.—There is a little better demand for live stock, but the quantity required is not large, butchers still having considerable stocks of frozen beef on hand. A few loads of cattle have been taken at a cost of about 3c laid down here. A couple of lots of sheep have been purchased by local butchers, stocks of frozen mutton having run low. The exact price did not transpire, but it was probably close to 3½c. A few more sheep are wanted. Hogs are steady, good packing hogs being taken at 3½c for loads. The report in a daily paper that a Manitoba shipper, Mr Ironside, was making his first season's shipment of hogs was an error. It should have stated that the shipment was dressed hogs, whereas the item made it appear that live hogs were to be shipped. There is some demand for milch cows; and some lots may be shipped to British Columbia.

At Toronto on Tuesday 3½c was offered for really good cattle, but most offered were rather poor and sold at 3c and down as low as 2c for common stock. Export bulls brought 3c. Fancy lambs were saleable at 3½ to 4c and ordinary 3 to 3½c. Export sheep 3½c; butchers' sheep \$2.50 to \$3.50 per head. For hogs \$1.20 was the top price for choice bacon hogs, of desirable weights. Liverpool cables were about the same this week, but London was ½c higher per lb. Finest steers were quoted at 11c Liverpool, and 12c London.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was quiet on Monday and there was but slight variation in prices. Cash wheat was unchanged. Prices closed about the same to a shade under Saturday in futures. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May.	July.
Wheat	50½	53½	51½
Corn	42½	41½	41½-41¾
Oats	27½	28½	28½-28¾
Mess Pork	—	10 15	—
Lard	—	6 62½	—
Short Ribs	—	5 27½	—

There was no market on Tuesday, being Lincoln's birthday, which is observed as a holiday. On Wednesday wheat was firmer in sympathy with corn, but the firmness was of a transitory character. May wheat ranged between 53½ and 53¾, closing ¾c lower than Monday at near the bottom for the day. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May.	July.
Wheat	50½	53½	51½-51¾
Corn	42½	41½-45	41½
Oats	27½	29	28¾
Mess Pork	—	10 25	—
Lard	—	6 65	—
Short Ribs	—	5 32½	—

Wheat was strengthened some on Thursday by the advance in corn, though the opening was weak at 53½c for May option. The range for May wheat was between 53½ and 53¾c. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May.	July.
Wheat ..	50½	53½	51½-51¾
Corn	43	45½-45¾	41½
Oats	27½	29½	29
Mess Pork ..	—	10 15	—
Lard	—	6 62½	—
Short Ribs ..	—	5 27½	—

On Friday wheat was dull and prices easy. May wheat ranged between 53½ and 53¾c. Corn and provisions were easy. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	50½	53½	—	51½	—
Corn	41½	45	—	41½	41¾
Oats	—	29	29	27¾	—
Mess Pork ..	10 07	10 22½	—	—	—
Lard	6 45	6 30	—	—	—
Short Ribs ..	5 10	5 30	—	—	—

On Saturday Feb. 16, prices closed as follows:

	Feb.	May.	July.
Wheat	49¾	52¾	53¾
Corn	42½	41½	41½
Oats	27½	28½	27½
Mess Pork ..	9 01	10 12½	—
Lard	—	—	—
Short Ribs ..	—	—	—

A week ago February wheat closed at 50½c and May at 53¾c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Feb. 50½; May 58½; July, 50.
Tuesday—Holiday.
Wednesday—Feb. —; May, 58½; July, 51.
Thursday—Feb. 50½; May, 58½; July, 50.
Friday—Feb. 50½; May, 58½; July, 51.
Saturday—Feb. 50½; May, 58½; July, 51c.

A week ago prices closed at 56¾c for February and 59¾c for May. A year ago May wheat closed at 59½ and two years ago at 71½c. No. 1 hard is quoted at 1½c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern 3c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 57½c for February delivery, May at 55¾c, and July at 56½c. A week ago February wheat closed at 55¾c, and May at 55¾c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, February 16, May wheat closed at 57¾c and July at 58¾c. A week ago wheat closed at 59¾c for May and 59¾c for July.

The Jobbers Union.

The Winnipeg Jobbers' Union has opened a warehouse in the Gerrie Block, Princess street, for the disposal of bankrupt stocks. The object is to prevent the slaughter of bankrupt stocks in country towns, thus greatly injuring the business of retail dealers. Bankrupt stocks will be brought to the warehouse in Winnipeg where they will be disposed of in lots to suit the trade. It is the intention to begin holding trade sales about the first of April. Two or three small stocks have already been received. The trade will certainly appreciate this effort of the jobbers to prevent the slaughter of bankrupt stocks.

The annual report of President Bole, of the Jobbers' Union, will be found in the special supplementary number of The Commercial, issued this week.

Manitoba Legislature.

The provincial legislature was opened on Thursday at Winnipeg. Speaker Jackson having resigned, Finlay Young was elected speaker. The speech from the throne referred to the bountiful harvest of last year, the large exports of live stock from Manitoba, the increased subsidy to the province recently obtained from the Dominion Government, the freight rates commission, to the determination of the department of

agriculture to introduce a course of instruction in agriculture in the public schools. The address dealt with the school question stating as follows: "It is not the intention of my government in any way to recede from its determination to uphold the present public school system, which, if left to its own operation, would in all probability soon become universal throughout the province."

Hardware Trade Notes.

Plate glass is higher. The advance began in England. It spread to Belgium, and now Toronto has caught the fever. The advance in England is said to be considerable. The cause of the advance there was due to a scarcity, which in turn was largely due to the closing down of one large concern in that country. Discounts on the Toronto market, which were 85 per cent., have been reduced to 25 per cent. Retailers are more anxious to place orders than they were a short time ago.

Prices on import orders for window glass are being deeply cut just now on the Toronto market. At the opening of the season the ruling figure was \$1.90 for first break in 100 foot boxes. Some of the wholesalers claimed that this figure was too low. First one house and then another began to cut under this figure, until to-day the ruling price is 15c lower than at the opening of the season, namely \$1.75, and some orders have even been taken below this figure.

There was some expectation in Montreal last week of another advance in the price of leads and colors, as we noted in our regular market letter, the anticipated rise being 25 cents. Expectations have not been verified, however, for at a meeting of makers and importers, it was decided, in view of the condition of affairs elsewhere, to let prices remain as they were for the present, viz., \$1.75 for standard. It was decided, however, at the meeting to advance the price on round lots of turpentine 1 cent, and the range now is 41 to 45 cents, while a reduction of 1 cent on linseed oil was decided upon, making the price 59 to 60 cents for boiled and 55 to 57 cents for raw. Norwegian cod liver oil has been advanced to \$10 per barrel.—Hardware Merchant.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending February 14 were \$512,410, balances, \$109,923. For the previous week clearings were \$730,637. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$681,650.

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

	Clearings.	
	Feb. 7th.	Jan. 31st.
Montreal	\$10,657,160	\$10,620,314
Toronto	8,360,870	4,332,910
Halifax	1,233,261	911,311
Winnipeg	730,637	611,951
Hamilton	677,532	474,206
Total	\$21,669,510	\$17,013,785

Silver.

Silver has been steady, with slight changes in quotations. The India treasury is apparently able to obtain satisfactory prices for its offerings of Council bills. Silver prices on Feb. 8, were: London, 27½d, New York, 60½c.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association have fixed upon Monday, July 15, as the date of opening the annual fair, continuing during the week to Friday. This settles the question against holding the exhibition in the fall, for this year at least.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Another twist seems to have been given to the screw of financial stringency, and business very dull with little hope of improvement until the spring. Wholesale firms, however, are very hopeful, and all of them prophesy a prosperous summer trade, as rock bottom has been reached and trade must take a turn. In provisions the quotations have little changed this week. In groceries, sugars have declined one quarter of a cent. In flour and feed, fruits and vegetables quotations are about the same. Fresh meats are fluctuating chiefly owing to the rough weather in the cattle countries. Oregon sheep have had to be fed for some time now and as the B. C. market is being supplied from Oregon and Oregon prices are governed by Chicago, B.C. prices have advanced. This cannot be said of pork, however, hogs have been coming in in quantities from Manitoba and for some time the market has been see-sawing between 5 and 8c.

British Columbia Markets

February 11, 1895.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 11 to 20c; Manitoba creamery, 21 to 26c; Eastern creamery, 21c to 26c; Canadian cheese, 13 to 14c. Manitoba cheese 13.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12c; breakfast bacon, 12c; backs, 12c; long clear, 9c, short rolls, 10c, smoked sides, 10½c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins 11½c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Salmon, 7 to 8c; Flounders, 4c; smelt, 6c; pike, 9c; pickerel, 9c; scabass, 4 to 5c; Cod, 5c; halibut, 6c; smoked salmon, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c, sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; prawns, 25c; sunan haddie, 8½c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Game.—Duck, per brace, 50c, grouse, brace, 55c; prairie chicken, 75c; teal, 20c; pintail, 30c; wild geese, 75c each. Rabbits, Manitoba \$2.00 dozen.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$11 to \$16, Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 to \$24, onions silver skins, 1½ to 2c; cabbage, 1½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ½ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh local, 25c. eastern 15 to 18c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$3.75 to \$1.00 native apples, \$1.00; California oranges, naval, \$3.50 to \$1.00; seedlings, 2.25 to \$2.75.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb, sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 50-lb sacks, \$2.90.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$26.00; Edmonton district oats \$21.00, local oats \$23, Washington State wheat, \$22.00 do, oats \$25.00, f.o.b. Vancouver duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton, chop barley, \$25, United States, chop, \$21 ton; ground wheat, \$22.50 ton; ground barley, \$22.50 ton; shorts, \$19 ton; bran \$17 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

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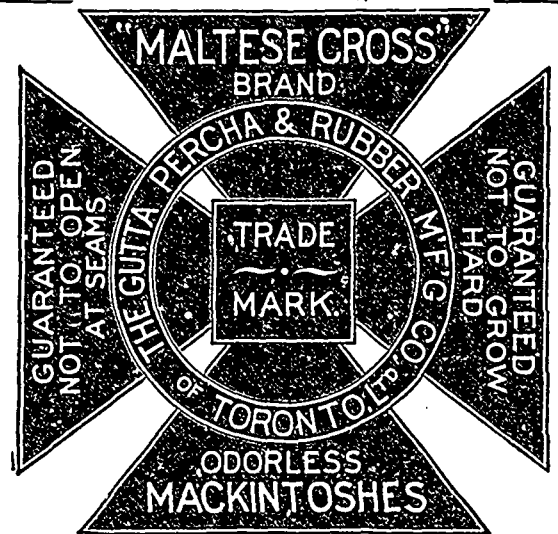
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Live Stock.—Calves, 7 to 8c; steers, 3½c; sheep, 3½ to 4c; hogs, 6 to 8c.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 5½c; Paris lui. p, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellows 3½c; yellow, 3½c; golden C, 3½c.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1.25 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

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

Business Notes

Campbell & Anderson, hardware. New Westminster, have dissolved; R. F. Anderson continues.

Cunningham Hardware Co., Ltd., New Westminster; stock advertised for sale by tender.

H. B. Shadwell & Co., dry goods, New Westminster, have assigned.

Marshall, McCrae & Co., wholesale stationers, Vancouver, stock sold by assignee.

Mason & Peterson, jewellers, Vancouver; stock advertised for sale by auction.

J. A. Mohr, baker, Vernon, has sold out to M. C. Davidson.

E. R. Matthews, second hand furniture, etc., Victoria; advertises to sell out.

L. White & Co. wholesale produce, Victoria. Wm. H. Hayward admitted.

Lumber Trade News

A telegram from St. Paul, Minnesota, says: A. J. Hughes, one of the wealthy lumbermen of Rat Portage, Ont., has just purchased a large tract of white pine timber in Itasca county, this state. The sale was made by the Manitoba and Northern Railway company, and the timber on the land is estimated at about 10,000,000 feet. It will be floated into the Lake of the Woods where the logs will be made up into rafts and towed across the lake into Rat Portage.

The annual meeting of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association was held Wednesday evening in Winnipeg. About sixty members of the association from all parts of the province were in attendance, and the following officers were elected: President, J. L. Campbell, Melita. Vice-president, Alex Black, Winnipeg. Directors: D. N. McMillan, Morden; R. H. O'Hara, Brandon; T. A. Cuddy, Minnedosa; J. M. Taylor,

Portage la Prairie; J. B. Mathers, Glanboro; John Dick, Winnipeg. Several hours were spent discussing subjects of interest to retail lumbermen, it being about one o'clock in the morning before the meeting adjourned.

Alberta.

McComb & Waugh, contractors, Calgary, have assigned.

F. G. Topp, butcher, Calgary, has assigned.

A large public meeting assembled at Calgary, recently, to discuss the most feasible method of procuring direct railway communication between Calgary and some of the transcontinental lines south of the border.

Fire broke out at Lethbridge, on Feb. 11, in the millinery and fancy goods store of John B. Smith. The fire was confined to the building in which it originated. Considerable damage was done to the contents. The loss is covered by insurance.

A notice has been posted by the Alberta Railway & Coal Co. at Lethbridge, to the effect that after the 15th inst. No. 3 shaft would be closed down and passes to the Great Falls would be issued up to the end of the month to all miners and their families wishing to leave town. This will throw quite a number of men out of employment. The slow sale of coal is the cause of this action.

D. McFadyen, who owned a saw mill in the mountain twelve miles north of Minnedosa, Man., died in Glasgow, Scotland, recently, whither he had gone on a trip for the benefit of his health.

At Brandon, Man., on Friday morning fire broke out in the basement of the Royal hotel. The west end of the house was badly burnt. The damage is estimated at \$1,500, fully insured.

The dry goods stock of Haley & Sutton, of Brandon, Man., recently badly damaged by fire, has been sold to J. R. Strom and Whyte Bros., merchants, of the same place.

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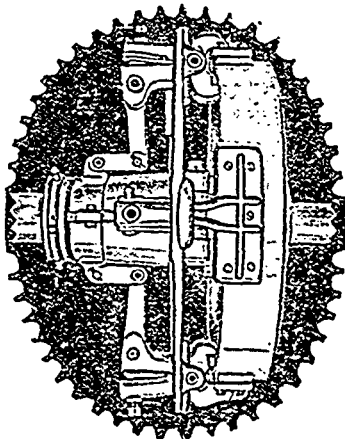
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Winnipeg Fire Department.

At a recent meeting of the City Council Chief Codo, of the Winnipeg Fire Department, submitted his sixth annual report, containing roll of members of the fire brigade, list of apparatus in use, a record of fires, and their cause, loss and insurance, and other information with a view of increasing the efficiency of the department. The brigade at present consists of thirty officers and men. The buildings of stations 2 and 3 during the past year have been greatly improved by ceiling and wainscoting, and new floor in Main hall, which, the report says, makes them as good fire stations as will be found in any city in the Dominion. The brigade has answered 206 calls during the year, 111 of which were fires, and at which chemicals or steamers were used. The brigade had to lay 60,100 feet of 2½ inches and 12,300 feet of chemical hose; and worked 416 hours in extinguishing the same. They have, as in the past answered all calls promptly, and have for a record that only in one case, and that when they were engaged in fighting another fire, with disabled engines, did a fire spread outside of the building in which it originated, during the year. The brigade has also worked 325½ hours in improving and repairing halls, apparatus and hose. This is outside of the regular routine duties. The conduct of the members has been good during the year. Only three cases of breach of discipline have occurred, which were promptly dealt with by the committee. There have been 5 accidents to members of the department during the past year, none of which were of a serious nature. The following is the amount of insurance, and loss which has occurred during the year, as near as could be ascertained. Value of buildings, \$610,895; insurance on buildings, \$108,650; loss on buildings, \$59,667.58; value of contents, \$542,057; insurance on contents, \$284,285; loss on contents, \$126,510.65; total insurance \$692,935; total loss, \$185,178.23, total value of property at risk, \$1,152,952; this includes all the loss by the memorable fire of November 16th.

The various causes of the alarms were: burning chimneys, 50; boiling tar, 1; children and matches, 11; cigar butts 6; carelessness with lights, 1; coal oil stove, 1. clothes too near pipes, 3; drill, 9; defective furnace, 7; drying wood, 1; defective safe, 6; drying kiln, 1; defective chimney, 2; defective stove, 1; escaping steam, 1; electric wires, 1; electric motor, 1; unknown, 3; false alarms, 11; fire-crackers, 3, fire from frate, 1; hot ashes, 4; lighting fire with coal oil, 1; lime slacking, 1; lamp explosion, 4; overheated stove pipes, 21; overheated stove, 2, pipes too near wood, 1, range on floor, 1; rubbish burning, 3; sparks, 20; spontaneous combustion, 5; supposed incendiary, 2, same fire, 3; tramps smoking, 1, total 206.

The department has been improved during the past year by extending our fire alarm service, adding six new boxes, also by constructing five new fire tanks, and will be further improved by the addition of a new steam fire engine and an aerial hook and ladder truck, which has been ordered and is expected every day. The work of the brigade has been steadily increasing year by year; the present force is not sufficient for the requirements of the city. The extra appliances which have been ordered will necessitate the increasing of the brigade by at least six men and one team of horses.

The report further described the locations of the seventy-two fire alarm boxes and fifty-four fire tanks. The fire alarm service has given entire satisfaction, and in every case prompt alarms, both by box and by telephone have been given, which reflects credit on the manager, F. G. Walsh, and his assistants. The chief recommended that the wires be placed on the top arm of the poles, where

they would be clear of all other wires. The chief found in the charter of the waterworks company that the company were compelled to erect and maintain hydrants on every street where they have mains, at 500 feet apart.

The Morden Fire.

Last week we noted briefly the fire then burning in Morden, Man. Additional details report as follows:

The fire started about 8 o'clock in the evening in the Wilson block and spread with rapidity. The chemical engine was quickly got out, but the buildings being all frame structures the fire spread quickly and it was soon seen that all the buildings from Hansen's block to the Commercial hotel were doomed. The brick fire wall erected by Schultz & Hansen on the east side of their building stood the test well and with willing workers with water, the Hansen block was saved. The following are the losers:

H. B. Brown, Morden house, \$8,000 insurance, \$1,500. G. W. McLaren, drugs, \$10,000; insurance, \$1,000. Kilgour, dry goods, \$10,000; insurance, \$3,000. Lemon, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000. Wilson & Co., estate, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000. Messer, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000. W. F. Doll, \$2,000; insurance unknown. Heiman & Co., liquors, \$14,000; insurance, \$5,400. Kennedy, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000. A number of smaller losses occurred. It is expected the whole will be rebuilt in the spring.

The offices of our three legal firms were also destroyed. Herchmer and Black saved all their papers. Lemon lost everything, also J. B. McLaren, except what was in the safe. The contents in all the safes came through all right. James Andrews, jeweler, loses about \$150, and Major Forrest about \$50.

The insurance on the burned and scorched buildings, so far as can be learned, is as follows:

Commercial hotel (Commercial Union),	\$1,000
McLaren's drug store (Commercial Union)	1,000
Kennedy & Co. (Royal)	1,000
Heiman & Co. (Royal)	400
Heiman & Co. (Atlas)	1,500
D. Kilgour (Atlas)	1,000
" (Guardian)	1,500
" (Western)	2,000
" (Queen's)	1,000
Morden house (Guardian)	200
" (British American)	1,000
Sparling & Co. (Phoenix, of Brooklyn)	1,000
Lemon (Atlas)	300
Herchmer & Black (Guardian)	350

Artificial Butter Ahead.

At the twenty-first annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Dairymen's association, held recently, premiums were offered on one and five pound packages of dairy butter. Editor Palm, of the Meadville Messenger who has been fighting the present oleomargarine law, secured the entry, in butter, of a one and a five pound package of Chicago oleo. The former took second premium, scoring 92.10 points, and the latter third premium, scoring 91 points, one higher than the best butter in the entire twenty-four entries. The judges were: Prof. H. J. Watres, dairy department of the state college; A. L. Wales, a prominent Erie county creamery man, and John C. McClintock, a dairyman of Crawford county. In their report the judges said they had exercised great care in inspecting the various samples, finding "all the samples ranging high, some of them being a trifle off in flavor." Secretary Thomas J. Edgo, of the state board of agriculture, telegraphed to know if the report was correct and was given the above facts.

A Crowded Butter Market.

The Grocer has interviewed a number of the leading produce dealers in Toronto with a view of ascertaining their opinion regarding the situation in the bitter trade.

Andrew Park, of Park, Blackwell & Co., said that until recently there had been large stocks held throughout the country, but that these were being gradually cleaned out, and that the situation was more encouraging than it was a month ago. There was at present a little more enquiry, and a little more shipping was being done. During the next six weeks, he thought, these stocks would be nicely cleared out. He did not look for much improvement in prices, but hoped to see the old stocks cleared out in time to leave the market ready for spring butter.

White & Co. thought the outlook was growing a little better. Dairy butter was now coming in slowly, partly because of the bad state of the roads, and partly because of the low prices -hippers are getting. A little better demand was noticeable for first class stock, which was bringing a price from 1 to 1½c better than a week ago.

Graham, McLean & Co. said that big stocks were being held throughout the country. More butter was being made in Ontario than ever before. Rolls were coming in fast, and adverse opinion in England was keeping Canadian tub butter out of that country. He knew of one county in Ontario where in three general stores three carloads of dairy tub butter were held, which the holder would, if he could, sell at 11 to 12c a pound. In the spring, he thought, the market would be in the same state as it was three years ago, when there was lots of butter offered at 5 and 6c.

John Hawley said that large rolls of fresh country butter were scarce in Toronto, owing to the small prices being offered. There appeared to be no opening for the large quantity of butter in the country. The situation was just as bad in Montreal, where dealers are holding large quantities of the tub article.

According to Andrew Gunn, of D. Gunn, Flavelle & Co. a good deal of summer butter is being held by the country merchants throughout Ontario but very few dealers in Toronto are holding large quantities. "The country merchants, with a few exceptions," said Mr. Gunn, "taking knowledge from their experience last summer, are now shipping out current receipts as fast as they come in."

Wm. Ryan, when seen, exclaimed: "The market is sick. There is no outlet. A large quantity of butter is being held in cold storage all over the country, and I don't see what is to be done with it at any price. Only fresh, sweet creamery makes are of any use whatever, and June, July, August and September creamery is practically unsaleable."

James E. Bailey remarked: "The prospects are blue. There is no export demand. Butter has been held too long. The only solution of the difficulty seems to be the marketing of the butter while it is fresh."—Canadian Grocer.

Cheapest Soft Coal Known.

Chicago is paying only \$2 per ton for soft coal, the lowest price ever reached in Chicago, due to a war of railroad carrying rates from western coal fields to Chicago. Newspaper comment has it that one "result of the bitter fight is that it is practically driving eastern roads, such as the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Michigan Central, and, in fact, all roads handling coal from the fields of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and particularly West Virginia, out of the Chicago market.

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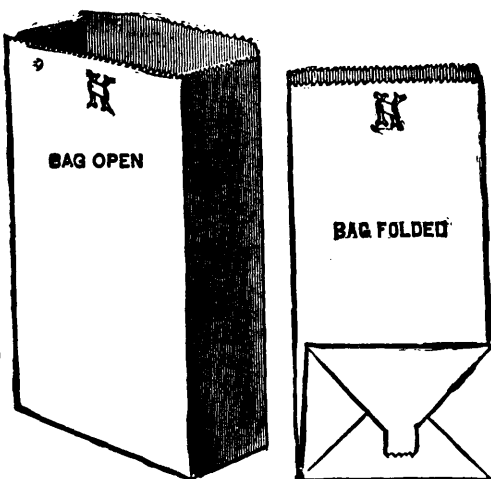
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Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

Flour.—The local market is quiet, as buyers restrict their purchases to as small lots as possible, consistent with consumptive requirements. The sale of three car loads of Ontario straight rollers is reported at \$2.95, although it is said this figure has been shaded. Manitoba flour is steady. We quote: Patent spring, \$3.50 to \$3.65; Winter Patent, \$3.50 to \$3.65; Manitoba Patents, \$3.85 to \$3.90; Straight roller, \$2.95 to \$3.05; Extra, \$2.60 to \$2.70; Superfine, \$2.35 to \$2.40; City Strong Bakers, \$3.65 to \$3.75; Manitoba Bakers, \$3.40 to \$3.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.80 to \$1.85; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Oatmeal.—Rolled and granulated \$3.85 to \$3.95; standard, \$3.60 to \$3.75. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.85, and standard at \$1.60 to \$1.75. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—The market for bran is firm under an increasing demand, with sales of Manitoba at \$15.50, while some holders now ask \$16. Ontario bran is hard to get, and quoted at \$16.50 to \$17. Shorts are firm at \$17 to \$18. Moullie is steady at \$21 to \$22.

Oats.—Sales have been made of round quantities for delivery between now and April 1st at 36 to 36½c per, 34 pounds; but car lots in store have sold at 36½ to 36¾c for No. 2, although it is said they have been laid down here at 35½c.

Barley.—There is a firm feeling, and brewers are taking a few cars at a time at 52 to 55c for good malting grades, but choice, pale brilliant qualities are held at 58 to 60c.

Pork, Lard, &c.—Lard is on the easy side of the market, and car lots of compound have sold at \$1.32½ to \$1.35 up to \$1.40. There has been a little more inquiry for smoked meats, chiefly bacon and hams; but prices do not seem to improve. A few lots continue to go forward to the English market: Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$14.50 to \$15.50; Canada short cut thin, per bbl, \$13.50 to \$14.00; extra plate beef, per bbl, \$10.50 to \$11.00; hams, per lb, 9 to 10c; lard pure, in pails, per lb, 8½ to 9c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb, 6½ to 7c; bacon, per lb, 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb, 8 to 8½c.

Dressed Hogs.—The receipts have been a little more liberal during the week, amounting to about eleven or twelve car lots which have sold at from \$5.25 to \$5.30. There is a steadier feeling and higher prices are looked for.

Butter.—The market is as dull and easy as ever, the demand being confined chiefly to

small jobbing lots of finest winter made and fall creamery, the former selling to the trade in a retail way at 20 to 20½c, with 21c occasionally obtained on a single package of fancy. The market is in that apparently demoralized condition that to force sales means the acceptance of slaughter prices. Early made creamery has sold in jobbing lots of ten to 25 tubs at 15 to 16c, with finest fall made selling at 17 to 18½c. Eastern Townships dairy has sold at 16½ to 18c as to quality and Western all the way from 12 to 14c.

Cheese.—Since the close of navigation, nearly 200,000 boxes of cheese have been shipped from this port, and still they nibble for more from the other side. The Liverpool public cable has declined 1s to 47s white and 48s 6d colored.

Eggs.—The market remains firm, with sales of Montreal limed to grocers at 14c for one and two cases, while a buyer who wanted two cars would have to pay more money. Strictly fresh eggs are very scarce and are quoted at 21c to 26c.

Apples.—There is a much better feeling in apples this week. The demand having increased considerably, stocks on hand are very limited, and prices have advanced 50c to \$1.50 per barrel, and we quote \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Dried Apples.—There is a better demand for dried apples at 5c at 5½c per lb. and inquiries from the United States have made a stronger feeling in this market.

Evaporated Apples.—Are meeting with ready sales; several United States firms are around looking for evaporated apples at 6½ to 6¾c per lb.

HIDES, ETC.—The market has undergone no change during the week, the supply of light hides still being small and the demand good, further sales being reported in car lots at 6c per pound for No. 1. Butchers are being paid 5c for No. 1, with the usual reduction for grubby hides. A few calfskins are coming in and selling at 5c. We quote prices here as follows:—Light hides, 5c for No. 1, 4c for No. 2, and 3c for No. 3; to tanners 6c for No. 1. Heavy hides are quoted at 5½ to 6½c; calfskins 5c to 8c; lambskins 60c to 70c.—Trade Bulletin, Feb. 8.

A woman in a western Ontario town purchased a new-fangled kettle from a pedlar. In the evening she showed it to her husband, a hardware dealer, who told her he had the same thing in his store for half the price she paid. "Well," she said, "why don't you advertise? Nobody knows what you have for sale."

Teas.

The London, England, Grocers' Gazette says of teas:

China Tea.—A fair amount of trade has been done, chiefly in common to medium grades. Soomoo and Panyong's round about 6d per pound are still showing remarkable good value, even at the harder rates lately held out for. Business in Monings has been small and chiefly confined to the grades between 5½c and 6d per pound. New makes have lately been excellent value, and some wonderful cheap lines were going this week at 6d per lb. Scenteds are in larger supply than is required, and prices rule easier for lower grades of Caper.

Indian Tea.—The advance in quotations becomes more pronounced with every sale, and tea for price was this week more awkward than ever. Very ordinary common Sylhet Pekoe Souchongs were making 7½d per lb., while only rubbish could be had at 7½d per lb., and very little at that. Commonest tea shows another ½d per lb. advance, even from last week's sales. Lower grades Pekoes, though, of course, dearer than they were, are still fairly good value, and from 8d per lb. up are relatively a good deal cheaper than teas just under them. Better kinds from 10d per pound and onwards have been coming back for a long time past, and though at the moment comparatively neglected, these teas must be wanted later on, when, with many of the gardens closing up and red-leaved kinds general, anything with style is bound sooner or later to find a market. There is still over six months' trading to be done before the new arrivals, and it certainly looks as though there would not be too much tea to go round. Broken Pekoes, too, over 1s per lb. are—or have been, for they show some little improvement lately—selling at knockout prices, teas a blaze of tip selling at 1s 4d per lb., and as tea all round is considerably over the average in quality this season, values are the more remarkable. Finest lines are now coming forward very sparingly, and over 1s per lb. Prices are very strong.

"The absorbing question of the hour is, of course, what common tea is going to do, and many think that there is nothing to prevent its touching 9d per lb. It has done so in other seasons and with considerable less reason than now. A very strong point is that no one holds any stock of low-priced leaf, and the longer they keep out of buying, the more money, as things go at present, they will have to pay. Some operators are even getting very cross about the market, and in one or two quarters it is quite dangerous even to allude to common tea. However, they all

have to buy a little, and with the limited quantity available from week to week, a very small all round enquiry suffices to keep prices booming.

Relations between buying and selling brokers have been unusually strained this week, the former by their extreme rudeness and vulgarity, which traits appear in one or two directions to become more pronounced with every fresh discussion, going far to turn even their own friends against them. Things cannot go on as they are doing at present, and the conduct of the auctions, which is largely due to the license allowed to the younger members of the trade, would disgrace Barnet fair at its worst."

Montreal Drug Prices.

The strong tone to Norwegian cod liver oil already noted continues and prices show a further advance this week of 25s to 80s per barrel, makers abroad now asking 120s to 125s per barrel f.o.b. Berlin. The above has had a decided effect on this market and values here have ruled strong and show a rise of \$5 to 10 per barrel, holders here now asking \$95 to \$10. Cream of tartar is steady at last week's decline, makers still asking 59s per 100 lbs. We quote: Bleaching powder, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Bicarb soda, \$2.25 to \$2.95; sal soda, 70c to 75c; carbolic acid, 1 pound bottles, 25c to 80; caustic soda, 60 per cent, \$2.15 to \$2.75; do 70 per cent, \$2.40 to \$2.50; chlorate of potash, 17½c to 20c; alum, \$1.40 to \$1.50; copperas, 75 to 80c; sulphur flour, \$1.75 to \$2.00; do roll, \$2.00 to \$2.10; sulphate of copper, \$1.50 to \$5.00; white sugar of lead, 7½ to 8½c; bich. potash, 10c to 12c; sumac Sicily, per ton, \$75 to \$80; soda ash, 48 to 50 per cent, \$1.15 to \$1.50; chip log-wood, \$2.00 to \$2.10; castor oil, 6½c to 7c, and Norwegian cod liver oil, \$95 to 40.

Montreal Grocery Market.

The feeling in the sugar market during the past week has been steady and values are fairly well maintained. The demand is good from both local and country buyers and refiners report a fairly active business doing for this season of the year. We quote standard granulated at 3½c, and No. 2 at 3¼ to 3 5-16c, and yellows at 2½c to 3½c, as to quality, at the factory. In New York granulated is unchanged at 3 18-16c. A private cable from London to-day quoted beet at 9s 3d for February and March, which shows a decline of 1½d since this day last week.

There has been a better demand for syrups and a more active trade is reported. The market is steady and sales have been made at 1½c to 2½c per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

The tone of the market for molasses is firm and prices show no change. The volume of business transacted of late has been small and we do not hear of any large sales being made. We quote: Barbadoes at 31½c to 32c, Porto Rice at 28c, and Trinidad at 27c. At a recent meeting of the Grocers' guild they decided to advance the price of Barbadoes to 32½c for small lots.

A fair business is passing in rice and the market is steady, with no change in prices to note. We quote: Japan standard, \$1.25 to \$1.40; crystal Japan, \$1.75 to \$5; standard B, \$3.45; English style, \$3.80; Patna, \$1.25 \$5, and Carolina at \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Owing to the continued cold weather the demand for spices has been good and the market rules active with no change in prices to note. We quote: Penang black pepper, 6c to 7½c; white pepper, 10c to 12½c; cloves, 7½c to 9c; Cassia, 8½c to 9½c; nutmegs, 60c to 90c, and Jamaica ginger, 15½c to 18½c.

The feature of the coffee market during the past week has been the advance of 1c per lb. in Maracaibo, some recent sales having

taken place at 28c. The above is due to the good enquiry and the scarcity of this article at present. In other grades a fair business is doing at steady prices. We quote Maracaibo, 28c, Rio, 18½c to 20c. Java, 25c to 26c; Jamaica, 18c to 19c, and Mocha, 26c to 28c.

A fair business has been transacted in teas during the past week, there being a good demand for small lots of most grades, and the market, on the whole, is fairly active and steady. Low grade Japans continue scarce and are all well enquired for.

The canned goods market continues to rule very quiet, the demand from grocers being only for small lots to fill actual requirements, consequently the volume of business doing is small and of a jobbing character. It is reported that round lots of tomatoes can be bought at 77½c, and small lots at 8½c per dozen. Corn has also been sold in a jobbing way at 90c per dozen, and marrow-fat peas at 90c. We quote: Lobsters at \$5 to \$6.50 per case; sardines at \$8.50 to \$9.50; salmon at \$1.10 to \$1.40 per dozen; tomatoes at 85c to 90c per dozen; peaches at \$2 to 2.10 per dozen; corn at 95c to \$1 per dozen and marrow-fat peas at 85c to 90c per dozen.—Gazette, Feb. 8.

Winnipeg Parks.

E. L. Drowry sent in the annual report of the public parks board at the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council. It asked the re-appointment of Messrs Nairn and Westbrook, whose terms as members of the board now expire. Since the time of the last report two parks, the St. James and the Dufferin, had been acquired, the latter partially so, there are three lots upon which buildings are erected, still to be obtained. The work so far has practically been confined to five of the parks—Assiniboine, St. John's, Central, Victoria and Selkirk. The largest expenditure was made upon Assiniboine park, the others following in the order named. Over 2,400 square yards of cedar walks have been laid; based on an average width of five feet. The amount already laid would represent over four-fifths of a mile in length. The total number of trees and shrubs planted was 2,789, 248 of these were fall planted. The loss on spring planting is found to be 10 per cent; this per cent is largely due to the entire failure of the cut leaf birch, usually a safe transplant and a hardy and beautiful tree when growing, also to heavy loss on the young maples donated by the exhibition association. The growth of these trees was too far advanced when transplanted. Deducting these two items the loss is reduced to five per cent. The expenditure for labor during the past season, including superintendence and clerical assistance was \$1,747.80, representing about \$3,000 days work, or employment of say twenty men for six months. As the board made a point of employing men with families, it would readily be seen that the needs of many were thus provided for. The outlay in connection with the obtaining of sites was \$82,147.23; interest and sinking fund, \$6,251; improvements to properties—walks, drains, fencing, water pipes, etc., \$1,783.96; trees, shrubbery, etc., \$562.60. In addition to these many trees and shrubs planted had been obtained by the board's employees, the cost of which would be included in the labor account; labor pay list, \$1,747.60; moveable property, tools, etc., \$1,147.76; sundry expenses, \$318.02; total expenditure since organization of the board, \$95,911.17; balance as per statement, Dec. 31, '93, \$45,379.35; tax levy, 1894, \$11,000; refund Strevell's account, \$93.90; expenditure for 1891, \$52,965.42; balance, Dec. 31, '91, \$3,447.83; accrued interest on debenture money due from city, say \$500. The correctness of the financial statement was certified by D. S. Curry, city comptroller.

Fur Trade News.

The Leipzig (Germany) correspondent of the New York Fur Trade Review writes as follows on January 16:

Since the Christmas holidays we have had the first snow of the winter, but, of course it comes too late to prove of real benefit to business. The hope remains, however, that cold weather from this time on will result in a large quantity of furs being completely consumed, preparing the market for new supplies next season. The fashion for neck scarfs has been of advantage to the trade, and owing to the demand, the prospects for marten and mink are regarded as good; large skins are preferred for scarfs, and the difference in the prices of large and small skins will be noticed this year at the London fur sales. The trade in skunk has been more quiet during the past four weeks, but moderate prices prevail; we think this article will remain in favor, the striped sorts, which have been extremely high for some time past, will be much lower in value. Musquash has held its own, owing to the moderate figures; inferior skins, suitable for linings, are cheap, and linings have met with a good demand; spring skins, which are used for seal imitation, have met with the regular request. Very few transactions have been noted in raccoon, and American opossum has also been quiet; the article in skunk imitation, however, has met with a limited sale; spring prices for raw skins ought to be moderate. As usual at this time, there has been no request for red foxes, but it is believed that the spring supply will find a ready market, providing prices are moderate; the sale of fox linings in Russia has been very limited up to date. Otter has been quiet, only a few dark skins selling; beaver is nearly neglected; nutria sells a little better than of late, and some fresh importations have met with a good demand, and dressed small skins have been in good request; wallaby, black and brown dyed, has found a ready market. In Russian furs several large parcels of raw squirrel skins have been purchased by Leipzig speculators; the article is really cheap now; the squirrel tail and boa trade has had its regular winter business, but not more; prices for tails are firm, and the supply is limited.

Dyed Persians have met with less demand than in former years; parcels of raw Persians have found buyers; broad-tails are also more quiet than formerly; there have been some transactions in dyed astrakhan on speculation. American and Austrian dealers being the buyers; raw skins are very dear in Russia, and owners are very conservative. Flat moun- remain scarce and high in price. Business in white hares shows a little improvement. French and German dealers having taken several good-sized parcels, white fox has been extremely scarce of late, all good skins having been used for the black or Alaska colors which have been in such favor; parcels of fresh raw skins recently received from Siberia are held at very high prices, grey Krimmer is firm in price and scarce at present; fresh goods will not arrive before May; there has been a continual demand for black dyed thibet; ermine sells slowly, mousflons, white and natural blue, are in little request; in white Russian marmot, raw skins, prices are firm, as the supply in Russia is said to be limited. European furs are quiet; reports from Russia are to the effect that sales in foxes and stone marten have not been satisfactory and views for both articles are unfavorable; fitch will again be in good demand; land otter will undoubtedly bring former values; black cats have sold to the full extent during the past autumn, but there is no tendency towards higher prices.

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