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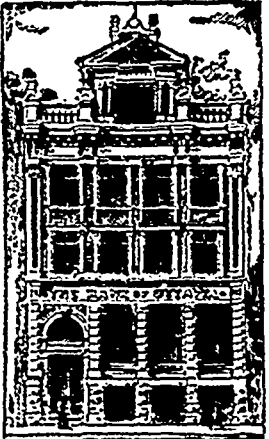
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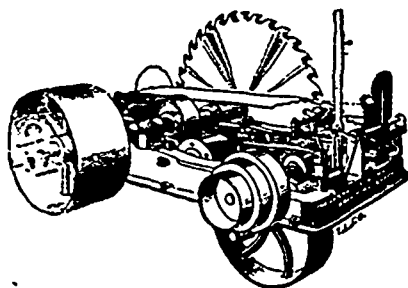
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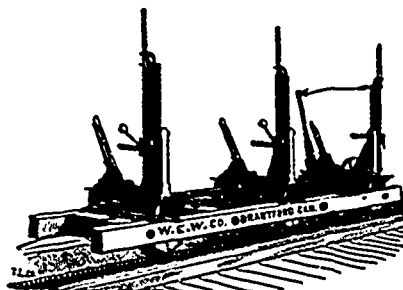
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WINNIPEG, MARCH 18, 1899.

## PRINCE ALBERT BRANCH.

Leaving the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Regina, the traveler in this western country may take the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway, which branches off to the northwest at this point, and journey for a day through some of the most interesting parts of the Northwest Territories, arriving in the evening at Prince Albert in the provisional district of Saskatchewan.

The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway is a comparatively new road built for the purpose of giving the fine country tributary to the Saskatchewan river communication with the outside world. Since its completion settlement in the farming and ranching districts tributary to it has been going on steadily until today some of the better districts are almost as well settled as those along the main line of the C. P. R.

Lumsden is the first important point after leaving Regina, and is distant from there about twenty miles. It is a grain district principally, the farmers devoting themselves largely to wheat growing. The town made some growth last year, both in population and building improvements and promises still larger things this year. There are two large general stores here owned by William Binning and Burrows & Balfour. There are also two lumber yards, one a branch of a Regina concern, and the other owned by H. Brett, two blacksmith shops, hotel, and two grain elevators.

The district north of Lumsden as far as Saskatoon is as yet unsettled and presents no unusual features in the way of business, or agricultural attractions. It is a prairie country, some of which by reason of physical

disabilities is undesirable for farming purposes.

Crak is one of the most promising points along this part of the road. Dundurn is the last point in Assinibola and Grindlay the first in Saskatchewan.

Saskatoon is the point at which the railway crosses the South Saskatchewan River, and is also the railway supply point for the Battleford country, which lies some distance to the west. It is distant from Regina 160 miles, and from Prince Albert 87 miles. One of the Dominion government creameries is located here, besides a fair representation of all the different lines of business suitable to a farming community. It is also a railway divisional point. The business community is somewhat scattered, part being on one side of the river and part on the other. The railway station is on the south side of the river and one or two stores. Here, no doubt, the business community will in time gather. Leslie & Wilson and R. W. Dalmage are leading general merchants, while W. H. Sinclair is a general merchant and cattle dealer. Thos. Copeland carries on a drug and commission business. The Massey-Har-

of the mounted police force were wounded and killed. The country hereabouts is becoming well settled and has been found to be excellently adapted for mixed farming. Wm. Stobart & Co. are the principal storekeepers, while W. J. Pozer also engages in general storekeeping. McIntyre Bros., who have been mentioned as being in the wholesale liquor trade at Saskatoon, carry on a hotel business here. J. Pillvert is doing a small grocery business. The Massey Harris company have an agency at Duck Lake.

Prince Albert is the terminus of this line of railroad and is one of the most northerly towns in Canada. Its distance from Regina is 250 miles. The location is a most beautiful one and there are many historic associations connected with the place. It is the trading centre for an immense stretch of country and annually receives in exchange for the goods which it sends north large quantities of valuable furs which later find their way to the warehouses of New York and London. This is also a cattle market of some importance. Not so much new growth is to be observed at Prince Albert as at some other territorial points, but



PRINCIPAL BUSINESS PORTION OF PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN.

ris Co., have an implement agency at this point.

Rosthern, the next business centre north of Saskatoon, is the centre of a large Mennonite colony and is becoming an important farmers' market. It is 200 miles from Regina and 50 miles south of Prince Albert. The business turnover at this point yearly is quite large, and the town is steadily growing, having had several additions to its places of business last year. Considerable building was done last year both in town and country. There are four general stores at this point, the proprietors of which are, J. J. Boise & Bro., Eus & Caruh, Freisen & Janzen and Isaac P. Freisen & Co., Selmens & Co. and J. J. Fehr, each carry on lumber yards, McIntyre Bros., a wholesale liquor store, W. B. Baschford, a hardware store, and J. Loewen a hotel. Newfeldt & Sons engage in the milling business at this point.

Duck Lake, eleven miles north of Rosthern, is another growing Saskatchewan town. The townsite is near the scene of the first battle with the Indians and Metis in the rebellion of 1885, when a number of volunteers from Prince Albert and members

this is explained when we say that the town being much older than most of the others in this country it long ago attained as large dimensions as the business to be done would warrant and until some new factor enters into the situation it will not increase very much in size. The merchants now on the ground are amply able to handle all the trade. No attempt will be made here to enumerate the various firms doing business at this point. It is sufficient to say that there are several large general stores, a Hudson's Bay company store and trading post, two flour mills, two saw mills, a brewery, a branch of the Imperial bank etc. The saw mill business hitherto carried on by D. L. Shannon is now being operated by H. Keith & Co., who have bought it out. The lumber cut by the two mills here is mostly spruce and is entirely absorbed by the local demand. Prince Albert is looking forward with undiminished hope to the completion of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, or some other road from Winnipeg to this point, which would give direct communication with the east

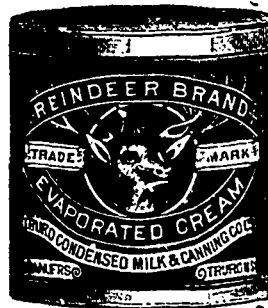
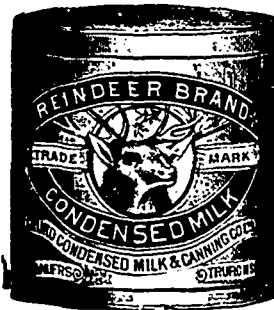
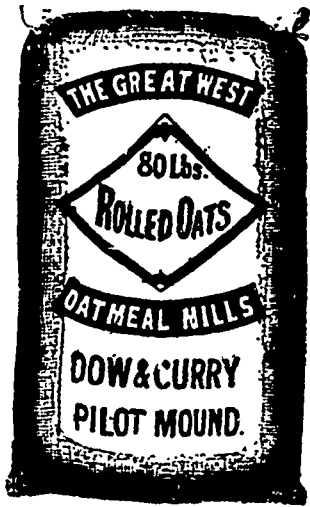
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and would moreover open up the fine cattle and farming country which lies to the east and southeast of the town. In addition to its railway facilities, present and prospective, Prince Albert enjoys the advantage of water communication via the Saskatchewan river with points so distant as Edmonton on the west and Lake Winnipeg on the east.

A photo-engraving of Prince Albert from the latest photograph is given herewith. This was taken from the deck of a steamer on the Saskatchewan river and shows the main business street of the town, which skirts the river bank for a considerable distance.

In a future letter some of the ranching districts of western Assinibola and Alberta will be taken up.

#### Dairy Trade Items.

The annual statement of the creamery at Yorkton shows that it was in operation from May 17th to Sept. 30th. Cream was received from 91 patrons. The quantity of cream received was 38,961 inches. The total quantity of butter made was 35,418 pounds. The average price realized for butter at the creamery was 18.26 cents per lb., which was accounted for to the patrons as follows: Cash 12.26 cents per lb., cost of hauling 2 cents per lb., credited to the Loan Fund 1 cent per lb., total 18.26 cents. The balance on manufacturing account also credited to the association is \$354.87, equal to 1 cent per lb. of butter.

#### United States Wool Market.

The Minneapolis Market Record says Wool market very dull. It is now 1 to 2c lower than last summer, 35,000 lbs. sold this week by one dealer here, this has been held since last summer seeing no prospects of improvement in the near future they let it go preferring to stock up with new clip. This is expected to start out 2c per lb. less than last spring. The cause of the poor wool market is the immense supplies laid in prior to the passage of the tariff. This prevented the advance that should have taken place. No one dreamed so much had been imported it will take one or two years yet no doubt to work of that surplus, when it does it may be expected wool will advance 3 to 5c per lb. over present values.

#### Raw Furs.

The next London sale of raw furs take place in June. As a general thing prices are lower at that sale than in the January and March sales, owing to the fact that buyers and manufacturers have supplied their wants. Another thing that affects the fur trade from this on is that coon, mink, skunk, wolf and martin begin to fade and get reddish brown or pale. The quality of the fur deteriorates, even though the flesh side may look strictly prime. Skunk are beginning also to lose their luster by their guard hairs coming out or being rubbed off. This is more or less the case with all land animals. Water animals are now at their best. This refers to the skins of animals recently caught and those that will be caught this and next month; of course those that were caught earlier will remain prime if properly handled.

The Le Roi mine has commenced shipping ore again; 825 tons were sent to Northport last week.

## MINING NOTES

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Bannockburn group of mineral claims, Kaslo district, B. C., has changed hands for \$20,000 cash.

It is reported that the Alice mine on the Crow's Nest road has been sold to G. Alexander and others for \$80,000 cash.

The Green Mountain group of mines Kamloops district, is about to be floated in London by a company of English capitalists.

The Swansea claim at Windermere, was recently sold for \$30,000, an advance of \$24,000 on the price at which it was taken up on the original bond by Mullholland. The new owners are the Darby Co.

Quesnelle Forks is to have another working mine this summer. The name of the new company is the Gold Point Hydraulic Mining company. They have a car of machinery now at Ashcroft, awaiting furtherance to the mine.

The Le Roi mine, Rossland, which has been shut down for four weeks for repairs and reconstruction of the shaft, started up again on March 2.

The announcement is made by the managing director of the British American Corporation of Rossland, the company formed to take over the Le Roi mine, that the difficulty with a faction of the original owners which has delayed the completion of the deal, has been settled to the satisfaction of all parties.

Last year the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company employed some 350 men and over 100 head of horses. During the summer a canal ten miles in length by more than seven feet wide and three feet deep, was constructed, and a dam 485 feet long and 50 feet high was built across the outlet of Morehead lake for the purpose of securing a storage reservoir for some 300,000,000 feet of water. The company has now 33 miles of canals and 3 reservoirs, having a total area of 2,184 acres and an immense water storage capacity. During the progress of the work rich ground was encountered which prospected from 25 cents to \$3 per pan, and several fine nuggets were found, one of which is valued at \$115.

#### NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

The mine known as A.D. 2, Seine River, has changed hands.

It is anticipated that there will be considerable prospecting for gold in eastern Manitoba this year. Prospectors should remember that the regulations for Manitoba are different to those in force in Ontario.

Two hundred tons of machinery and six car loads of supplies are being delivered to the Hammond Gold Reef Mining company and the last of a new 30-stamp mill recently purchased is under contract to be delivered at Bonheur not later than March 20.

With the advent of more favorable weather there is renewed activity in moving supplies of various kinds and machinery into the upper Seine River country and the chain of lakes south of Bonheur station. This district in summer is only accessible by canoe

and consequently most of the heavy supplies are taken in in winter.

Theodore Breidenbach, who has been the manager of the Mikado mine ever since the present owners, an English company, took hold of it, has severed his connection with the concern and will assume the position of superintendent of the Sirdar mine, another promising Lake of the Woods property. The Sirdar is owned and operated by a local syndicate.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The annual report of the Canadian geological survey just issued, shows that in 1898 there was an increase of over \$9,000,000, or nearly 32 per cent in the production of minerals in Canada, as compared with 1897. This is a still larger proportional increase than that of 1897 over 1896, which amounted to nearly 27 per cent. Compared with 1886, the first year for which statistics were issued, there was an increase in the value of minerals in thirteen years of nearly 270 per cent. In the more important mineral products the increases were as follows: Gold, \$7,630,000; coal, \$422,000; copper, \$658,000; nickel, \$422,000.

The discovery of the presence of platinum and gold in the black sand found at the confluence of the Hootalinqua and Lewis rivers is very important and valuable, since it opens up a new mining industry. Black sand is found pretty much in all these and has been hitherto been considered of no value. The sand has been assayed and found to consist of about 75 per cent of iron and 25 per cent of copper, tin, silver, gold and platinum. The assay showed that each ton of this black sand held about \$800 in platinum and over \$200 in gold. One thousand dollars to the ton of what has thus far been considered useless is a surprise, even to the Yukon mineralogists of several years' experience. This black sand is bulked with a large proportion of gravel. But the assay shows that it will be well worth working. The industry is as yet quite undeveloped.



#### TENDERS

Sealed Tenders, marked "For Mounted Police Provisions and Light Supplies, Yukon Territory," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to noon on Wednesday, 5th April.

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### Trade Mark Seizure.

Messrs. Waldron, Drouin & Co., the well known wholesale furriers and hat-makers, 507 St. Paul street, Montreal, lodged a complaint in the police court Tuesday morning and had a search warrant issued against Messrs. J. Bourdeau & Sons, wholesale hat-makers, of 56 St. Peter street, who are accused of having infringed on the business trade mark of the firm Waldron, Drouin & Co. The trade mark in question is acknowledged by the name "Buckley & Sons, 108 Sackville street, London, England." In the information Messrs. Waldron, Drouin & Co. state that the firm of J. Bourdeau & Sons have used the said trade mark in a number of felt hats of inferior quality, to the great detriment of the complainants. Deputy High Constable Blissonnette executed the search warrant, and seized all hats in the warehouse of Messrs. Bourdeau & Sons bearing the trade mark "Buckley & Sons." Besides the large seizure made there, others were made at several of the latter's customers. No action will be taken against these, as Messrs. Waldron, Drouin & Co. believe that their purchases from the firm of Bourdeau & Sons were made in good faith.

### Monthly Trade Returns.

The inland revenue collected in the Winnipeg district during the month of February was as follows: Spirits, \$18,330.75; malt, ex-factory, \$67.20; malt, ex-W. H., \$1,756.36; tobacco, \$11,814.25; tobacco, raw leaf, \$575.40; cigars, ex-factory, \$547.65; cigars, ex-W. H., \$1,012.80; myth. spirits, \$106.52; licenses, \$10; petroleum, \$258.90; fines, seizures, etc., \$21.50; other receipts, \$2.60; making a total of \$34,503.93.

The monthly customs statement for February shows the exports from Winnipeg district to have been \$76,085, as against \$228,016 in the same month last year. The great falling off in the figures is explained by the fact that during February this year a very small amount of grain passed through the city, as compared with last year. Of goods entered for consumption there were \$364,950 worth, as compared with \$381,352 for the same period last year. The amount was divided as follows: Dutiable, \$277,612, and free \$87,338. The amount of dutiable goods last year was \$231,639, and of free goods, \$99,713. The amount of duty collected was \$79,552, as against \$67,951 last year.

### March Cosmopolitan.

The March Cosmopolitan illustrates one of the things that have been made possible by its large circulation. Dividing the cost of the most expensive articles and illustrations by hundreds of thousands reduces these items to a comparatively small fraction for each magazine. For this reason expenditures may be almost unlimited to secure the best. Nine of the most noted illustrators are represented in the March Cosmopolitan. The cost of a single series—the History of Mohammed, of which six drawings appear in this number—for illustrations and plates, will exceed four thousand dollars; and there are in this one issue of the Cosmopolitan no less than one hundred and thirty-three illustrations all told. It is believed that no single magazine, even of the thirty-five cent variety, ever presented in such numbers illustrations of so high a quality.



### REPLY BY ACTUARY ELDRIDGE, OF THE MUTUAL RESERVE, TO THE COMMERCIAL.

The Commercial is, probably, to be commended for not making out a worse case against the Mutual Reserve, since to have done so would have required simply a further misstatement of figures and facts, and while it was engaged in making misstatements, it need not have stopped short of wiping out the association.

Misstatement No. 1.—As to assets: The association has not reported its total assets as of December 31, 1898, at \$3,391,042. The statement that it has is an unqualified falsehood. It has reported that its net assets, after deducting all items of due premiums, agents' balances, furniture, premiums in course of collection and losses paid in advance of due, amount to \$3,391,042.

These items, reported on December 31, 1897, and excluded, voluntarily, from the statement of December 31, 1898, amounted at the former date to \$1,707,724.26. Yet The Commercial compares the net assets reported December 31, 1898, with the total assets reported December 31, 1897, and say that they are one and the same thing and that there has been a decrease in the assets. The man who does not know the difference between total and net assets has not the capacity to write for ordinarily intelligent people. The man who does know the difference and still conceals the truth, is wanting in integrity.

Misstatement No. 2.—As to liabilities. The association has not reported that its liabilities at the close of 1897 amounted to \$1,644,988, and at the close of 1898 to \$2,007,366. On the contrary, it reported its liabilities at the close of 1897 at \$2,330,237.04, and those at the close of 1898 at \$2,007,366.34. Thus these false figures are designed to show an increase in liabilities; while the true figures show a decrease.

Misstatement No. 3.—As to surplus: The Association has not reported that its surplus on the basis of total assets is now \$1,383,176, as against \$3,072,450.59 one year ago. It has reported that, over and above all liabilities, including every dollar of death-losses and claims made, it has in cash assets \$1,383,176.38. One year ago, it reported a surplus of \$3,072,450.59 in gross assets, thus including the items which it has voluntarily excluded this year.

Misstatement No. 4.—Report of examination: The report of the examination made by the Superintendent of Insurance of New York, did not state that "the assets had been overstated and the liabilities omitted from the same statement." On the contrary, that report declares:

"The examination shows that the company's last annual statement was substantially correct. The variations in certain of the figures, as between those contained in the report and those shown by the examination, are so trivial as not to warrant a refer-

once to these differences in this report."

With the approval of the management of the Mutual Reserve, the examiner made up a statement showing the relation of net assets to gross liabilities and it is upon this showing that The Commercial's misstatement is based, although the writer knew that he was falsifying this record.

Misstatement No. 5.—As to business: The decrease in business written in 1898 was in accord with the policy adopted by the management not to crowd for new business during the year, and was not due to the causes alleged.

Moreover, such decrease is not peculiar to companies operating on this plan, but is an incident of the fluctuation of all business. Take the case of the largest old-line company in the world. In 1873 it wrote \$56,560,598 of new business. The next year it wrote \$13,400,000 less; the next \$1,900,000 less than the preceding year, or \$28,400,000 less than in 1873.

Again, in 1894, it wrote \$211,551,837 of new business, while in 1896, it wrote but \$135,679,834, or a decrease of \$75,872,053.

Again, when it reached \$305,000,000 of business in force, it began to show a decrease and it was not until five years after that it again showed as much business in force as \$305,000,000.

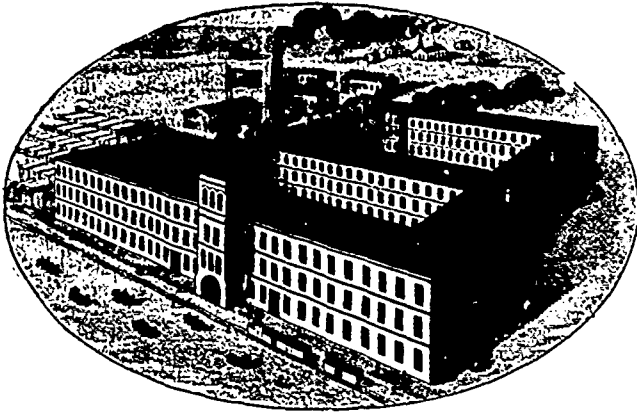
Misstatement No. 6.—Loss of surplus: The association does not admit a loss of surplus of \$2,000,000 or any other sum. As explained above, it showed a year ago a surplus of \$3,072,451—total assets over total liabilities—and this year it shows a surplus of net assets over liabilities of \$1,383,176, the net assets being arrived at by excluding from total assets over \$1,700,000 of items included one year ago. The writer of the article in The Commercial knew this and wilfully withheld the facts.

Misstatement No. 7.—That healthy lives are withdrawing: The lives that have withdrawn have decreased the average age of the membership and the average death loss. The statement that the death-loss is increasing is false, the death-loss of 1898 having been over \$100,000 less than that of 1897.

The Mutual Reserve made a statement to its members this year on a new basis, and showed that it could, without a dollar of additional income, meet every claim made and liability outstanding, and still have \$1,400,000 of cash left. It might have added to the resources thus shown good assets that would have more than doubled this surplus, for every dollar so added would have increased the surplus, since the statement had included every dollar of possible liability.

It made the statement in this manner, so as to show the absolute soundness of the Institution under any and every possible and impossible contingency. The excluded items are coming in in cash daily and the members have the benefit of their value as added security. The form of statement made has received the commendation of members, insurance officials and the reputable press. It has remained for one publication, by the distortion of facts and the falsification of figures, to attempt to turn that which is an evidence of strength into an apparent indication of weakness. An intelligent and decent public, when the truth is once placed before it, will have little patience with such methods.





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THE LUMBER TRADE.

LUMBER ADVANCING.

As has been expected for some time, the wholesale prices of lumber at the mills will be somewhat higher this year, though the advance is not as great as was expected, amounting only to about 50c per thousand higher on some lines of pine lumber, while in Minnesota the price of lumber has been advanced about \$1.50 per thousand feet. The principal changes in the price of flat Portage lumber, are as follows: No. 1 and 2 red pine 50c higher, No. 3 finishing 50c higher, 1-1-4, 1-1-2 and 2-inch red pine selects, 50c higher. No. 1 and 2 clear white pine, \$3.50 higher, No. 3 clear 50c higher. Lath 5c lower. The classification of boards has been changed so that 10 to 18 feet are now quoted at the same price all through, the price being the same as last year. The Lake of the Woods mills are quoting delivered prices this year. These changes apply to the Winnipeg list.

There have also been some changes in British Columbia lumber. British Columbia siding, ceiling and flooring was advanced \$1 recently, which is the second advance this year of a like amount on flooring, making flooring \$2 higher than last fall. British Columbia red cedar shingles are quoted at \$2.25 for No. 1, which is the same price as previously. Some Pacific coast states shingles are being offered in Manitoba at \$2.10, but they are said to be very little if any better quality than British Columbia No. 2, which are quoted at \$2.

THE CITY LUMBER TRADE.

The lumber trade in Winnipeg has been in bad shape for the past year. A year ago a new list for the season was prepared, but this list was never closely followed, and heavy cutting in prices was the rule all last season. The result of this was that business was carried on at an actual loss by some of the city dealers, and the most favorably situated did little better than pay expenses. It is estimated that the city dealers threw away, by severe cutting in prices last season, at least \$30,000, which they would have received had business been carried on on a fair basis as to margin of profit. As much as ten per cent reduction was given freely from the list price, and when it is understood that the margin of profit on lumber is under 20 per cent, it will be seen what a cut of 10 per cent means.

The dealers have now realized the folly of the course pursued last year, and they will try to do business this season on a more business-like basis. A new list has been prepared this week, which shows some moderate advances in prices on the list of a year ago, though when the advance in wholesale prices at the mills is considered, the new list does not yield a materially greater margin of profit than the old list. While the margin of profit as shown by the list, is not materially higher than last year, the dealers expect to make a better profit this year by adhering to the list prices, instead of cutting list prices as they did last season. Following are the changes in the new list, as compared with the list of last season. Dimension generally 50c higher, with some changes in classification; cull plank \$1 higher; No. 1 cull boards \$1 higher; stock boards \$1.50 extra, instead of \$1 extra as per old list; No. 2 box boards \$1 lower; red pine

1st and 2nd siding, flooring and ceiling, \$1 higher; 4th siding, etc., \$1 higher; British Columbia No. 1 and 2 edge grain flooring \$3 higher; No. 3 edge and No 1 and 2 flat flooring \$1 higher; No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling 1 inch, \$2 higher, No 3 \$1 higher; No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling 5-8 inch, \$1 higher; No. 1 and 2 6 inch \$2 higher; No. 3, 6 inch \$1 higher; cedar ceiling, 5-8 inch, \$2 lower, 1-2 inch \$2 lower; spruce siding, flooring and ceiling \$1 higher; shiplap 6 inch pine 50c higher; 1-1-4 to 2 inch white pine finishing, 1st and 2nd clear, \$5 lower, selects \$3 lower, shops \$2 lower; cedar finishing, \$2 lower; fir stepping, edge grain No. 1 \$3 higher, No. 2 \$2 higher, No. 1 flat \$5 higher, No. 2 \$3.50 higher; fir finishing up to 12 inches 50c higher, over 12 inches \$1.50 higher; 1 inch fir finishing, \$1 higher for 1st and 2nd white pine, No. 3 clear \$3 lower; B selects \$3 lower; clear cedar \$1 lower, fir finishing up to 12 inches 50c higher, over 12 inches \$1.50 higher; pine lath No. 1 25c lower, No. 2 10c lower; A discount of 2 per cent on cash small purchases and 5 per cent on \$1,000 purchases will be allowed off list prices. Following is the new list.

WINNIPEG LUMBER PRICES.

These prices are quotations at Winnipeg yards, and are subject to a cash discount of 2 per cent for small orders. For \$1,000 orders or upward, a cash discount of 5 per cent is allowed.

Dimensions and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14, and 16 ft, \$19, 18 ft \$20, 20 ft \$21, 22 ft \$22; 24 ft \$23, 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x8, 6x6 to 6x8, 12, 14, and 16 ft \$20.50, 18 ft \$21.50, 20 ft \$22.50, 22 ft \$23.50, 24 ft \$24.50; 8x8, 4x12 to 6x12, 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft \$22.50; 18 ft \$23.50, 20 ft \$24.50, 22 ft \$25.50, 24 ft \$26.50; 2x4, 10 ft \$21; 2x6, 10 ft \$19; 2x8 to 2x12, \$20. No. 2 dimensions \$2 less than No. 1. Dimensions 26, 28 and 30 ft \$26. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft \$28. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches in depth and width. Tamarac dimensions same price as pine. Spruce dimensions at \$2 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths, at \$13 per M. B. O. fir—dimensions up to 32 ft at \$28 per M, 33 to 40 ft \$30, 41 to 60 ft \$36. \$1 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25, 2nd common, red and white pine, \$18.50, 3rd common, red and white pine \$16.50; No. 1 cull, pine or spruce, \$14, No. 2 cull \$9; spruce boards, \$16.50, \$1.50 per M extra for stock boards \$2 per M less for 6 to 8 feet and under. No. 1 box, 1 1/2 inch and up, \$30, No. 2 box boards, 1 1/2 in. and up, \$22. Extra dressing \$2 per M.

Siding, flooring and ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$31; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch red and white, \$21; cull siding, red and white, \$16; B. O. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$35. B. O. No. 3 flat and edge mixed, 4 and 6 inches, \$26; B. O. No. 1 and 2 flat grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inches, \$26; 1-1-4, 1-1-2 and 2 inch, \$1 per M more than 1 inch. B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$30; B. O. No. 3 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$26; B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 5-8 inch, \$25; B. O. No. 3 fir ceiling, 5-8 in. \$21; B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir siding, 6 inch, \$30; No. 3 fir siding, 6 inch, \$26; B. O. spruce No. 1 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$36; B. O. spruce No. 2 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$30; B. O. cedar siding, No. 1 10 to 16 ft \$39; B. O. cedar siding, No. 1, 6 to 9 ft \$34; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 10 to 16 ft, \$42; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 6 to 9 ft \$35; B. O. cedar ceiling No. 1, 5-8 in. 10 to 16 ft, \$33; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 1-2 inch, 10 to 16 ft, \$30; 4, 5 and 6 inch native spruce, \$21; cull spruce,

\$16. \$2 per M advance for dressing on both sides.

Bevel siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26; No. 2 red and white, \$23.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.50, 8 and 10 inch, \$20; spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19, 6 inch, \$18; pine and spruce cull shiplap 8 and 10 inch, \$17, do., 6 inch, \$14.

Shingles—B. O. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B. O. cedar dimension shingles, \$1; B. O. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.40.

Finishings—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$40, 3rd clear, \$35, selects, \$42, shops, \$34, red pine, clear, \$40, selects, \$32, B. O. cedar clear, up to 12 inches, \$48; do., over 12 inches, \$53; B. O. fir edge grain No. 1 stapling, \$48; No. 2, \$42; B. O. fir flat grain, No. 1 \$42; No. 2 do. \$36; B. O. fir finishing up to 12 inch, \$48; do. over 12 inch, \$44; \$5 per M advance on 2 1-4 inch and thicker One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$56, 3rd clear, \$45, selects, B \$35, rejects 0 \$30, red pine clear \$40, selects \$30; B. O. cedar clear \$46. B. O. fir finishing, up to 12 inches \$38; do. over 12 inches \$44.

Oak—Red and White—1-4 sawed, \$85; 1st and 2nd, \$60 to \$65, common \$40.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1-2x1-2, 100 feet lineal, No. 1 75c; No. 2, 50c; 1-2x1 3-4, 100 feet lineal, 86c; window and door stop, 1 1-2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1-4 round and 7-8 cove, 75c; 1 1-2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1-2 inch mould, \$2; 3 inch mould, \$2 1-2; 1-2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1-2 inch mould, \$3; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4; 5 inch window stool, 1 1-4 \$4.60; 6 inch window stool 1 1-2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5; 12 inch base, \$7; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1-4 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Mouldings made from 1-1-4 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1-2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

Magee & Thompson have bought out the lumber yard of R. W. Gibson at Sinituluta.

J. D. McArthur's men have finished the cut of logs on the Bird Tail Creek limit to the north of Birtle and are now clearing up around the camp preparatory to starting on the drive as soon as spring opens up. The logs will be all cut at the mill in Birtle.

The large business done last year in importing lumber from the United States, is causing Minnesota lumber concerns to look this way for business. Formerly only one Minnesota concern worked this field, but this season three companies have representatives here—The Pine Tree Lumber Co., the Crookston and St. Hilaire Lumber Co., and the Exalnerd Lumber Co.

Cheaper Wheels.

There may be said to be three distinct grades of cycle makers. The manufacturer who strives for the utmost mechanical perfection, almost regardless of factory cost, and who claims the right to put a special price on the wheel in which this perfection is presumably embodied. The maker who merely claims to give the "best value for the money." And the maker whose efforts are limited to producing the best looking wheel for the least money. These three classes represent the higher, the medium and the poorer wheels, and are recognized as such in the trade.—Exchange.

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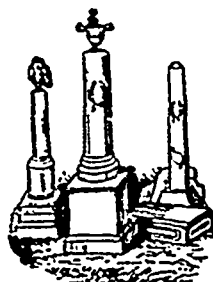
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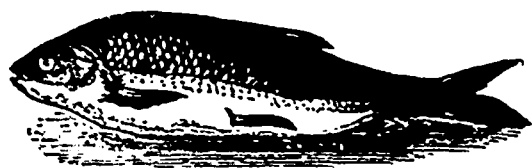
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## THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

## BINDER TWINE FIRM.

The outlook for binder twine continues very firm, the continued trouble in the Philippines, where the Manila hemp is procured, being the principal cause of strength. So long as the war goes on, there is not likely to be much production of the raw material. Sisal is firm in sympathy with Manila. Prices of binder twine were advanced 1-1c recently. Twine is quoted here about 3 to 3 1/2c higher than opening prices for last season, and if present indications continue it is more likely to advance than to decline. Quotations for car lots here are 9 1/2-2c for sisal and standard, 10 1/4-1c for Manila and 1 1/2c for pure Manila, with 1-1c advance on these prices for smaller lots.

## BINDER TWINE SITUATION.

The binder twine situation always bears a different aspect when viewed from the standpoint of the manufacturer, than when looked at from the retailers' point of view. For this reason, as well as for the reason that the information comes from so reliable a source, the following from Mr. Chas. E. Borden, vice-president and general manager of the Union Selling company, distributors of the product of the cordage mills of the Standard Rope and Twine company, with offices at 257 Broadway, New York, will prove of more than ordinary interest to the trade. Mr. Borden has so long been connected with the selling department in the binder twine business, that his deductions, based on a knowledge of present conditions and future prospects, will be regarded as especially reliable. The following is in reply to a request for information made by the Farm Implements Journal, of Minneapolis:

"You asked me for such information as I can give you regarding twine prices, supply, etc., and in reply would say it is more difficult to give you a substantial answer than your request might indicate. The current prices seem to be about 9 cents for sisal and standard, 9 1/2-1 cent for manilla, 10 1/4 cent for Pure manilla, f.o.b. Chicago or Minneapolis, with a slight concession for carloads, and a slight advance for small quantities. It is a little early in the campaign to state just how stable these prices are when considering all manufacturers as a whole. There is one thing, however, that is pretty clearly demonstrated to the satisfaction of all makers, and that is, that they will scarcely allow them a legitimate profit.

"Good grades of manilla hemp are scarce while a large preponderance of the hemp now offering is of inferior marks and the price of all qualities during the past two or three days has advanced about 1-2 cent per pound. The available supply for the year will, in all probability, be limited to considerably under that of recent years. This ought to have a tendency to advance the price of fibre rather than reduce it. Binder twine is an article that should not be made of poor material.

"Sisal fibre seems to be held by strong hands, who could probably advance it at will without trouble. What the situation will be at the end of the year, of course, is somewhat problematical. The situation to-day on fibre is held by many as bullish in its nature.

"As to the supply of twine it is too early to advise intelligently. This point is rarely ever determinable until comparatively close to the end of the season. Many situations enter into it: the little or no profit in the manufactured article; the advance in fibre, and the unfortunate position of the manufacturer in not having secured his requirements at a low figure; unknown acreage of small grain; a tremendous yield, or the lack of a normal yield due to destruction by the elements and other causes, etc., etc. "So far as The Union Selling company is concerned, it will be the distributor of a large product, and fortunately its manufacturers, the Standard Rope and Twine company, are provided with the best grades of manilla hemp, and its product will be of the best."

## IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

E. A. Holmes is opening an implement warehouse at Hargrave.

The state of North Dakota has voted \$150,000 to put in a twine plant at the state prison.

A proposed bicycle trust, with a capital of \$50,000,000, is reported from New York as in process of formation.

There has been a largely increased sale of hay presses during the past fall and winter in Manitoba. J. Stevens, of the Stevens Manufacturing Co., reports liberal sales in this line.

Disc drills and disc plows are being pushed to some extent in Manitoba this season. They are a comparatively new thing here and have yet to stand the test of popular opinion.

There are said to be no radical changes in the make of binders this year. While some minor improvements are noticeable, they are along the same lines as formerly followed.

The Cockshutt Plow Co., of Brantford, Ont., have advanced wages at their factory 10 per cent. Large additions were made to the factory recently, which is now working with greatly increased capacity.

A. C. McKee, dealer in carriages and implements, has arranged to handle the Raecycle bicycle in Winnipeg. This is a high grade wheel and is acknowledged to be one of the very best wheels on the market.

The manufacturers had their supplies for this season's trade mostly purchased before the recent sharp advances in prices of metals, consequently the cost of manufactured goods for the spring and summer trade will not be materially increased on this account. The recent advances in wages at the factories, however, will add very materially to the cost of some lines for the summer and fall trade, though it is not expected that any advances will be made in prices this year, as prices have been announced on all lines for the season.

The implement houses have been very busy receiving and shipping supplies of spring implements, carriages, etc., to country agencies and dealers. Prices of implements are about the same as last year. Wagons are somewhat cheaper, some lines of wagons being about \$2 to \$2.50 lower. Plows are also rather lower this season, compared with last year, gang and sulky plows being about \$2 lower for several makes. From present indications, however, there will be a sharp advance in implements for the fall trade. A comparison of prices of metals will

show a big advance in prices compared with the past year or two, all through the list. This will add greatly to the cost of implements, particularly such lines as are composed largely of metal, and will necessitate an advance in prices. It should be noted that wages are also higher now than for the past year or two, there having been a general tendency of late to advance wages. This will further add to the cost of implements for next season.

## The Commercial Men.

A. T. and I a Montreal grocery traveler, left for the east this week.

T. L. Waldon, of Clare Bros., Winnipeg, started out on his spring trip this week.

D. K. Book, of Donald Fraser & Co., arrived in Winnipeg from a trip over M. & N. W. railway this week.

A. H. Winger, representing John Northway & Son, mantles, Toronto, was in the city recently on his way west.

G. M. Scott, representing R. Parker & Co., dyers and cleaners, Toronto, is in Winnipeg and has opened an agency here.

Mr. Porter, of Porter & Co., wholesale crockery, etc., Winnipeg, has returned from his annual purchasing trip to Europe.

Geo. Lennox, representative of the wholesale boot and shoe firm of Harvey & Van Norman, Toronto, is on his way to the Pacific coast.

Alex. McAllister, of the W. E. Sanford Co., who was to have left for Montreal this week to take a position with the company there, will remain in the city for some months longer.

W. G. Rickert, western representative of James Coristine & Co., Montreal, is now on the road with his fall and winter samples of fur goods.

J. J. Doran, of Skelton Bros. & Co., Montreal, arrived from the east this week on his semi-annual trip to the coast and is a guest at the Clarendon.

Commercial men report a great scarcity of sample rooms in the city at present, which will hardly be relieved until the new McIntyre block is ready.

Mr. Peter, of Scott, Peter & Co., brokers, Winnipeg, returned recently from a trip to Great Britain and Europe. He says that times are good in the Old Country, and there is a growing tendency to ask for Canadian goods among consumers there, which is due to the good impression created by our preferential tariff.

## Tenders.

Tenders are being called for for the printing and binding of the Consolidated by-laws of the city of Winnipeg.

Tenders are being called for by the city clerk of Winnipeg, for the supply of from 300 to 500 cords of firewood.

The Bank of Commerce is calling for tenders for the construction of the new buildings which it proposes to erect on Main street, Winnipeg.

Tenders are being called for the erection of a frame store building at Glenella Station, on the Dauphin railway, by E. Chandler, Orange Ridge, Man.

Tenders will be received till the 31st of March for the construction of a ferry, and the placing of the same on the Assiniboine river at Clark's Crossing, Saskatchewan. R. H. Ferguson, receiver, has charge of the plans.

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### Manitoba

Dr. Shoultz is opening a livery stable at Gladstone.

W. Williams has opened in flour and feed at Carberry.

W. J. McLeod, blacksmith, has opened at Hargrave.

A general store is being opened at Bahmorat by — Dean.

H. Gibson has opened a boot and shoe store at Beausejour.

Geo. S. Dickinson has bought out L. Mills' livery business, at Selkirk.

Miss Hiscocks is opening a millinery and fancy goods store at Dauphin.

David Dalgleish, harness dealer Hilton, is moving to Marquette.

R. M. Mason, baker and confectionery. Killarney has been burned out.

Jeffrey & Doran, have opened as painters, paper hangers, etc., at Treherne.

S. W. Johns has bought out Broderick's confectionery business at Carberry.

W. B. Nicholson is opening in ready-made clothing and gents' furnishings at Dauphin.

Bell & McCaul have bought out the general store business of Agnew & Co. at Dominion City.

K. R. Gillies, jeweller, of Douglas, will open in this line in Carberry about the 1st of April.

A blacksmith shop is to be opened at Minto by Robt. Robertson, previously of Boissevain.

The bakery and confectionery store of A. Bonham at Baldur, was destroyed by fire on March 10.

Charles A. Madden, butcher and flour and feed, Beausejour, is adding boots and shoes to his business.

D. F. Reid has acquired full control of the business of the Selkirk Trading company at West Selkirk.

Forbes Bros., general merchants, Bathwell, have dissolved partnership. A. Forbes will continue the business.

Cross & Carson, general store, Killarney, have dissolved; W. J. Carson has sold his interest to A. McQueen, Jr.

It is expected that the offices in the new McIntyre block, Winnipeg, will be ready for occupation about the end of March.

Thomas Rutherford, who was formerly in the lumber business at LaRiviere, has opened up business as a general merchant.

The Lyons Shoe Co., of Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation under the provincial joint stock company act. The capital stock is placed at \$10,000.

H. A. Smiley has been admitted to the firm of Hemenway & Lawson, general merchants, Carman. The style now is Hemenway, Lawson & Smiley. A branch store will be opened at Fates, where they have purchased the business of Ira Fates.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Retail association held on Thursday evening, the question of electric lighting by the city was taken up, and the opinion prevailed that it would be in the city's interests to own and conduct this public service.

May & Malcolm have opened business in Winnipeg as manufacturers of tents, awnings, mattresses, etc., at 184 James street. Both the partners in the new enterprise have been residents of Winnipeg for many years.

A meeting of the creditors of H. J.

Clare, general merchant, Solsgrith, who recently assigned to A. E. Scott, of Scott, Peter & Co., Winnipeg, will be held in the office of that firm on March 25.

Austin Francis, druggist, of Notre Dame avenue, Winnipeg, will enlarge his store building this year, making it fifty feet square, and two storeys high. This will give three stores on Notre Dame avenue.

The ratepayers of Winnipeg will vote on a by-law on April 6th to authorize the raising of \$60,000 for the construction of an electric lighting plant. The annual interest and sinking fund charge will be \$3,000.

D. Reddaway, merchant, Russell, who was mentioned in these columns as having sold out to D. Harris, has assigned to A. J. Crighton, of Portage la Prairie. A meeting of the creditors will be held in Winnipeg on the 23rd inst. at Andrews & Pitblado's office.

The city of Winnipeg gives notice that it will when spring is sufficiently advanced to permit work construct asphalt pavement on Main street from Graham avenue to the Assiniboine bridge, macadamized pavement on St. Mary's avenue and Kennedy street, and sidewalks on several outlying streets.

Paulin & Co., biscuit and confectionery manufacturers, Winnipeg, are taking out a charter and changing their style to The Paulin-Chambers Co., Ltd. The capital stock of the new concern is \$150,000. A new factory is to be erected this year on premises adjoining the present factory at a cost of \$25,000. Another \$10,000 will be spent on modern machinery.

The town of Morris will seek legislation at the coming session of the Manitoba legislature to ratify a settlement between the town and its creditors, and to enable the council to carry out the arrangement. Authority will also be asked for to issue debentures for the purpose of raising the money necessary to complete this deal.

### Assinibola.

Medicine Hat is agitating for an abattoir.

R. Newby, blacksmith, is starting at Cannington Manor.

Paul & George are opening in implements at Moose Jaw.

J. A. Warner, general store, Fletwode, is reported to have sold out.

W. N. Mitchell, tailor, Moose Jaw, is said to contemplate admitting Walter Hembroff into partnership and adding men's furnishings.

Joe De Langlo has taken over the stock and business of Duquette & Co., at Whitewood, which he recently bought from that firm.

J. S. Pearce & Co., of London, Ontario, are opening a branch of their business at Moose Jaw, under the management of B. L. Moorhouse. The firm deals in seeds, garden tools, poultry, dairy supplies, etc. A general trading business with other points in the Territories will be done.

### Alberta.

E. T. Stiles, grocer, is starting at Innesfall.

James Elliott, of South Edmonton, has formed a partnership with C. W. Sheppard, to carry on a hardware business at Leduc.

H. G. Cathcart, confectionery and cigars, is opening at Calgary.

W. Trunnelle has purchased the interest of J. Veilat in the Commercial hotel, at South Edmonton.

### Saskatchewan.

Fus & Unruh, general store, Rosthern, are reported to be selling out to McIntyre Bros.

McIntyre Bros., hotel and liquors, Duck Lake, are offering their hotel business for sale.

### Iron Prices Rising.

The advancing tendency in all iron values is unchecked, the most important feature lately being the remarkable strength in steel billets at Pittsburg. A week ago these were quoted at \$17.75, on Monday they had advanced to \$22, and to-day another advance of 50c a ton was made, both in steel billets and Bessemer iron. As steel billets constitute the basic raw material for various kinds of wire, wire nails, etc., their strength has an important bearing on local values. In fact, there has already been a rise of 25c to 30c per 100 lbs. in barbed wire, galvanized staples, plain wire, and wire nails, and this latest rise in billets may lead to still further gains in the above finished articles. The base price for barbed wire is now \$2.55 here, for staples \$2.90, for plain wire \$2.00, and for wire nails \$2.30, f.o.b. here.

Pig iron is also strong in tone, and no Scotch iron is now obtainable here, ex yard under \$21 for round lots. Bar iron is firm, and so are all other leading lines of iron. In Canada sellers, while asking the same inside figure for round lots, are trying to obtain \$2.25 for small quantities, and are also asking 10c advance for coke tinsplate, which they quote at \$3 to \$3.15. Importers who tried to place orders for ternes plates this week were asked an advance of 9d on previous quotations, and ternes are held firm here at \$6.25. The metals such as tin, copper, spelter, etc., rule steady.

Screws of all sorts have been advanced 5 per cent. on the entire list, and United States makers of coil chain have withdrawn prices. As a result of this news prices here on all sizes are 50c per 100 pounds higher than they were a week ago.—Montreal Gazette.

### Live Stock News.

A partnership has been formed by W. H. Bigham and W. D. Nix, at Dauphin, for the purpose of buying and selling cattle.

A western correspondent writes as follows: "Notwithstanding the prolonged cold snap, cattle are coming through the winter in good shape. Here and there a farmer is buying feed, but as a whole the supply is ample. In the ranching district of Moose Mountain there is hay and to spare. Horses have done well on the open prairie; the snow fall having been comparatively light, and the snow not crusted."

The Dominion government hopes to have the new telegraph line to Dawson City completed and in operation by the 15th of November.

"I see villainy in your face, said a judge to a prisoner.

"May it please your honor," said the latter, "that is a personal reflection."

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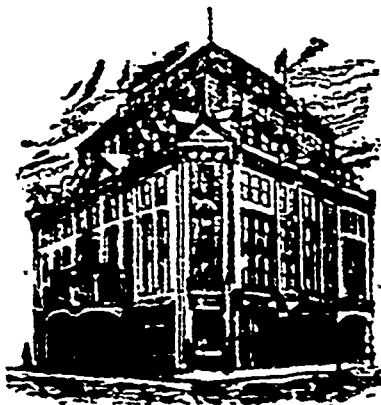
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**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 96 to 98 1-2c.  
 Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.50; bakers, \$2.30.  
 Millstuffs—Bran, \$11 per ton; shorts, \$13, in large lots.  
 Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 39 to 41c.  
 Barley—38 to 40c for feed.  
 Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1-2c.  
 Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 to 10 1-2c.  
 Eggs—Dealers selling at 14 to 15c for fresh.  
 Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef city dressed, 6 to 6 1-2c; country frozen 3 to 4 1-2c. mutton, 6 to 7c; hogs, 6 1-4 to 6 1-2c.  
 Live stock—Cattle, butchers' 3 1-4 to 4 1-2c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, none offered.  
 Hides—Frozen hides, 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c.  
 Hay—Baled, on track, at country points, \$9 to \$8.50.  
 Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.  
 Poultry—Chickens, 9c per lb.; turkeys, 12 1-2c; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8c; live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair.

A shipment of Crow's Nest Pass coal has been tried by some of the vessels of the navy stationed at Esquimalt.

The Dominion government has decided to construct a telegraph line between Quesnelle, B. C., and Dawson City which will give the Yukon country communication with the outside world as there is already a government service to the former point. It is said that the surveyors are to enter upon the work of laying out the route at once and that it will be pushed to completion without unnecessary delay. A line to the Yukon should be a very serviceable one, and the government policy of building and operating it as a part of the public service will commend itself to all interested persons.

**RE FLOUR MILL**

The Town Council of Moosomin, N. W. T., is desirous to see a mill erected at Moosomin, catering particularly to the existing requirements of the farmers in the district; with this in view the council will be pleased to communicate with practical millers, giving all information respecting district, possibilities, etc., to any parties looking for a good district to locate.

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**Statistical Wheat Reports.**

**WHEAT IN CANADA.**

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

Montreal	23,000
Toronto	75,000
Kingston	210,000
Winnipeg	158,000
Manitoba elevators	5,050,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,676,000

Total, March 4, ... 9,092,000

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on March 4, were 51,085,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 45,021 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 5,104,000 bushels, compared with 4,424,000 bushels a year ago.

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended March 11, was 29,799,000 bushels, being an increase of 322,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 32,415,000 bushels, two years ago 41,449,000 bushels, three years ago 62,123,000 bushels, and four years ago 70,873,000 bushels.

**WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.**

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,632,000
Duluth	8,958,000
Minneapolis	7,454,000
New York	3,103,000
Buffalo and afloat	1,339,000

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 10,613,000 bushels, compared with 12,854,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 34,033,000 bushels, compared with 42,614,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

**WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.**

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe March 1, for a series of years were as follows: Bradstreet's report: March 1, 1899, 124,589,000 bushels; March 1, 1898, 118,545,000; March 1, 1897, 133,721,000; March 1, 1896, 172,100,000; March 1, 1895, 193,746,000; March 1, 1894, 206,863,000; March 1, 1893, 196,693,000; March 1, 1892, 156,007,000 bushels.

**CROP MOVEMENT.**

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	64,097,608	58,965,480
Milwaukee	10,301,826	7,101,142
Duluth	61,609,860	38,952,826
Chicago	28,187,233	27,707,070

Total ... 164,776,225 127,786,524

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	11,564,448	9,759,766
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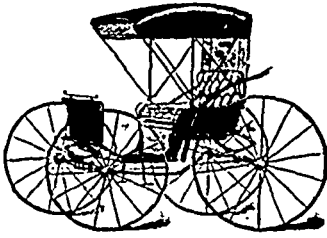
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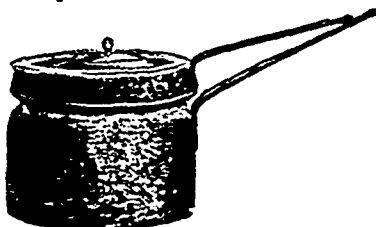
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Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.15 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$6.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12½c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.10 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 16 guage, \$4.00; 18 to 22 guage, \$4.25; 24 guage, \$4.50; 26 guage, \$4.75; 28 guage, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: ½ inch, \$2.75; ¾ inch, \$3.00; 1 inch, \$3.75; 1½ inch, \$4.25; 2 inch, \$5.75; 2½ inch, \$7.75; 3 inch, \$9.50; 4 inch, \$12.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4½ to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$8.00 lb., broken lots \$8.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 15@19c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 37½@40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12½ per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6@7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 7c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; ½ kegs, 4½ lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12½ lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12½ lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12½ lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12½ lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$9.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12½ lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12½ lbs, \$22.00; 6½ lbs, \$11.25, 3½ lbs, \$5.75, ½ canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain twist, \$5.25 per 100 lbs.; staples, \$3.75.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.40 for 30 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4½@6 inch, \$3.00 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$8.75 box; No. 7, \$8 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$1.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 10c base; manilla, lb., 11c base; cotton, ½ to ¾ inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

**Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.**

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$8.75 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.75.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6½c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½c; less quantities 4c lb.

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

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12½c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2½c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2½c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 50c; boiled, gal., 62c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 78c; less than barrels, gallon, 83c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20½c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2½c for eocene and 21½c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

**British Columbia Markets.**

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, March 18.

Fresh lots of Ontario creamery butter are now arriving and the quality is good. Manitoba dairy butter is firmer. Potatoes are very scarce. They have advanced \$5 per ton this week to \$25. Oats are becoming scarce and are held \$1 to \$2 per ton higher. Beef and mutton has advanced ½c. Prices are as follows:

Butter—Ontario creamery, 26@27c; Manitoba dairy, 18@20c.

Eggs—Local, 25c; Washington fresh, 23c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12½c, jobbers price. Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; bloaters, 7c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$25.00 per ton, California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$3.25 @ \$3.50 box; apples, \$1.25@1.50 per 50 lb. box; navel oranges, \$3.00@3.25 box; seedlings, \$2.00@2.25 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.70; strong bakers \$4.30; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, \$21.00@22.00 per ton; wheat, \$23.00@25.00 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton. Dressed Meats—Beef, 8@8½c; mutton 13c; pork 8@9c; veal 10@11c.

Live Stock—Steers, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 lbs; cows, \$4.00@4.50; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$6.50@7.00 per 100 lb.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

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

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon and India: Fair, 20c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

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## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, March 18.

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## BLUESTONE.

Stocks of bluestone are practically exhausted. As pointed out in The Commercial some time ago, new supplies could not be laid down in less than about 6 1-2 to 6 3-4 in car lots. In fact it is difficult to obtain it at any price, as manufacturers are sold away ahead now.

## DRY GOODS.

The feature of the dry goods market is the strength in cottons. In the United States cotton fabrics are very firm. The mills are sold ahead on grey goods and orders for near delivery cannot be placed. Some of the mills will not quote prices at all for future delivery. Prices for finished goods are steadily advancing. Dress goods are firm. Swiss spot muslins are 25 per cent higher in primary markets, and may advance in domestic markets later. Velvetens are 1 to 2c higher, per yard. Organdis muslins are tending upward. Repeat orders cost 10 per cent higher. Wool is weak and manufactures thereof are consequently not as firm as cotton. A worsted trust has been formed in the United States, and another combination of woolen manufacturers is proposed, which operates to unsettle the market.

## DRUGS.

Business in wholesale circles is picking up and orders have increased in volume considerably. The only complaint being made is regarding collections. Dealers are not at all satisfied with these. The principal change this week in prices has been a sharp advance in the price of quinine. German being now quoted at 45 to 50c and Howard's 55 to 60c, which is 10c above previous prices. Druggists have also put up the price of bluestone in their lists to the extent of about 2 to 2 1-2c per pound, but as this is only to maintain a parity with quotations of other handlers of this commodity and as the price is largely a nominal one anyway, there being practically no bluestone in this market, the advance does not mean very much to the trade.

## FISH.

The Lenten season always brings a renewal of activity in the fish trade and dealers report a good demand this year. Whitefish have become very scarce in the market, other lines remain in fair supply. The price of smoked goldeyes has been advanced again this week and they are now quoted at 45c per dozen. The reason assigned for this is the unusual size of the fish which are said to be the largest ever offered in this market. Dealers claim that they really contain more meat for the money than the smaller sized fish offered in previous years. Advances at the fisheries have also been partly responsible for the increased price. There has been a good export demand for Manitoba whitefish, which is the cause of the local scarcity, shippers having sold everything for export.

## FUEL.

The market for coal and wood is quiet. Stocks of anthracite coal in the city are low and dealers are not

anxious to replenish them at present. The demand has fallen off considerably owing to the milder weather and approach of spring. Stocks of hard coal at Duluth and Superior, whence Manitoba supplies are drawn, have never been so low at this season as they are now. Probably they would not aggregate 15,000 tons at the present time.

## GROCERIES.

The continued cold weather is certainly retarding business more or less in this line, and no very great activity is looked for until more spring-like weather is experienced. Dealers however, report sales in advance of the same period of previous years. The only material change in prices are in oatmeal, dried apples and apricots. Oatmeal has been advanced another 5c. There is considerable imported stuff in the market due to the difficulty found by local millers in getting supplies of oats. Dried apples have declined 1-2c this week, which is the result of a desire on the part of those who have held the stocks of these to let go. Apricots are up 1-2c in price owing to their great scarcity in the market. Evaporated apples remain firm. Black and white pepper, allspice and cloves have all advanced in the east and this will have to be reflected here sooner or later. Our telegraphic reports quote granulated sugar 5c higher at the refineries. Wooden ware has been advanced by eastern manufacturers. Teas are called 1c higher. See telegraphic reports. For quotations see "Prices Current" page.

## GREEN FRUITS.

Business among the wholesale fruit dealers is fair for the season. There is a strong undertone to the market for several leading lines and prospects are for an enhancement of prices on these. California oranges are strong at the recent advance and some are quoting another 25c rise. This is due to short stocks. California lemons are very firm locally in sympathy with firmness at producing points where an advance of 25 to 50c has been recorded. Stocks in the city are low. Cheap lines of navel oranges are selling at about \$3.50, while really fancy stock is worth \$4.00. A car of Washington apples arrived this week and are being jobbed out at \$2 per box for fancy lots. Minnesota and North Dakota onions are in the market at 3 1-2c per lb. New maple syrup to arrive next week is quoted at 60c for half-gallon cans and \$1 for gallon tins. New maple sugar 11c per lb. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$3.50 to \$1. as to quality; Mexican oranges, \$2.50 per box; bitter oranges, \$5.50 to \$6 per box; bananas, per bunch, large, \$2.50 to \$3; Messina lemons, \$1; California lemons, \$1 per box; apples, spies, \$5.50 to \$6 barrel; other varieties obtainable \$1 to \$5 as to quality; frozen cranberries, \$5.50 to \$6 per barrel; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8 per barrel; Bataan coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 14 to 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c, pecan nuts, 12c per lb; new shelled walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c per lb; comb honey, \$2.00 to \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, 8 1-2c to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 7c

per pound; celery, California, \$1.00 per dozen bunches; imported lettuce per dozen, 60c; California cabbage, 7c per lb; California plantain, 10c per lb.

## HARDWARE.

Another advance of 25c on barbed wire is the feature of interest in the hardware market this week. Wire staples have also advanced 25c. Business is fair for the season and the prospect for a heavy demand of builders' hardware in the near future is good. See our telegraphic reports for numerous sharp advances in eastern markets.

## LEATHER.

Owing to the high prices for hides there is an upward tendency in the prices of harness and shoe leathers, and there is every prospect of increases in the cost. Saddlery hardware is also feeling the advance in cost of raw materials and manufacturers are making corresponding advances in their prices to dealers. These advances are in turn reflecting themselves in the prices to country trade.

## PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

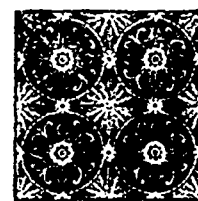
Spring trade is opening up in this line and dealers here have had a very busy week. The volume of trade even now is in excess of previous similar periods, and prospects are bright for the future. The only change in quotations is an advance of 2c on kerosene oil, which continues very firm both here and in the east. For quotations see market page.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The past week has seen the hopes of the most sanguine bulls in the wheat market carried away under the flood tide of bearish influences. World's shipments for last week were 7,335,000 bushels, which is more than ample to meet the weekly requirement of importing countries. The American visible supply increased 322,000 bushels for the week, and that at a time when there is usually a decrease; for the same week last year it decreased 517,000 bushels. The world's visible supply increased 317,

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600 bushels, against a large decrease for same week last year. Crop reports, which so far as they concerned the winter wheat in the States and California, have been either unfavorable or mediocre, have this week come into the sunshine of more or less favorable circumstances. The California crop after some weeks of rather severe drought, has been invigorated by copious rains, and the growing crop east of the mountains is by most reports emerging from winter quarters in a much better shape than might have been expected, after coming through the severe weather it has experienced. Moderately rainy weather with the increasing warmth of approaching spring, has been favorable to remedying any damage done by the severe cold of February, and at the present date the trend of opinion among those professing to know, favors the idea that not any more than moderate damage has been done. As the acreage under winter wheat in the States given by government figures as 4,000,000 acres more than were harvested last July, there is ample room for some damage, and still leave a very large acreage for present season's crop. While the crop in California may have suffered something from recent drought, it has not advanced so far but that the ample rains reported this week, may, with suitable weather later, be the means of making it a bumper crop; the acreage under wheat in California is reported increased by 15 per cent over last year. While American crops have been undergoing the experience of an unusually severe winter, the winter wheat crops in Europe have thriven finely under the influence of an unusually mild winter, tempered more recently by welcome frosty weather, which has come in good time to curb the forwardness of winter growth. At the present time the prospect for the winter wheat crop in Europe is reported to be unusually promising, and as in every country the acreage is much increased over recent years, there is present promise of an abundant yield at harvest time. The heavy shipments of wheat from Argentine and Australia to Europe, augmenting the fairly liberal supplies from other countries, contribute to sustain the indifference manifested by European buyers as to future supplies, and the combined developments of the week have resulted in a heavy decline in values amounting to 4c per bushel from previous week's prices.

The local market has suffered a serious lapse in common with outside markets, but the volume of business is very small. All winter, prices here have been kept above the line of export value, with the consequence that comparatively little wheat has been taken off the market, and the holdings of dealers and shippers, and the quantity still in farmer's hands are unusually large for the time of year. On Monday the value of No. 1 hard spot Fort William was 69c. With harder markets on Tuesday sellers asked 69 1-2c, and buyers bid 69c. Wednesday experienced a decline in outside markets and 68 1-2c became the best price for spot 1 hard. Thursday witnessed a big tumble in prices, and while in the morning sales of 1 hard in store Fort William were made at 68 1-2c, in the afternoon there were no buyers even at 67c. Yesterday in spite of further weakness, sales were made early at 67c, but later 66 1-2c was the best buyers would offer, and there was a general indisposition to do business, hold-

ers hoping for some revival in price, and buyers fearful of taking hold lest the bottom of the decline be not yet reached. 2 hard and 1 northern sell for 3c less than 1 hard, and 3 hard, 2 northern, and 1 spring at about 7c less than 1 hard. Some ears of tough wheat sold in the early part of the week on track Fort William at 62c for tough 1 hard, 58c tough 2 hard, and 55c tough 2 northern. By yesterday these prices were reduced to 59c 1 hard, 55c 2 hard, and 52c 2 northern. Dried 2 hard is now worth 61c in store Fort William, and dried 2 northern 59c, but there is a very slim demand for either dried or tough wheat.

**FLOUR**—Prices to the retail trade are unchanged this week as follows. Patents, \$1.85; strong bakers, \$1.65; XXXX 95c to \$1.05 per sack of 38 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack.

**MILLFEED**—Stocks of millfeed in this city are very light, in fact only a hand-to-mouth business is being done. Prices have been advanced \$1 and are now quoted at \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts.

**GROUND FEED**—Best corn feed is \$20 per ton, and a range of \$18 to \$20 is given for this feed. Best oat chop is worth \$20 per ton. Mixed barley and oats are worth \$16 to \$18 per ton. Lower grades of feed range from \$16 to \$14 per ton. Oil-cake is quoted at \$24 per ton.

**OATS**—Receipts of oats in this city have been very light. They are scarce and hard to get. Some fears are entertained that stocks stored at country points will become spoiled through heating. It is stated that this has actually taken place already in some cases and, of course as the season advances the danger will increase. About 30 to 33 cents represents the market value for feed oats here now. Milling grades are not obtainable in any quantity.

**BARLEY**—Some barley changed hands this week at a price of 25c for feed and 30c for malting at country points. In the city 2b to 32c is quoted for car lots on track.

**OATMEAL**—The price of oatmeal was advanced this week 5c per sack to \$1.95 for rolled meal. Owing to the scarcity of oats fit for milling purposes, the Manitoba mills have not been able to supply the local demand, and car lots are coming in from the States. For such meal car lots are quoted here at \$1.75 to \$1.80, cost including freight. Some of the Manitoba mills are closed down entirely.

**FLAX SEED**—Quoted nominally at 70 to 80c.

**CORN**—There is not much corn coming in yet to the local market. From 41 to 43c per bushel is the ruling quotation.

**WHEAT**—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 50 to 52c for best grades of wheat.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—The quotation for dairy butter is gradually working down. The top price this week is 16c which is 1c less than we quoted a week ago and 2c less than our quotation of two weeks ago. The average price given is 14 to 15c, at which price dealers are selling.

**CHEESE**—Prices are firm at 10c for large and 10 1-2c for small cheeses.

**EGGS**—Fresh eggs are selling at 20c yet to the retail trade, and jobbers are allowing 19c to shippers.

With warmer weather eggs will rule lower. Old stocks are pretty well worked out. Lined are worth about 14c this week.

**POULTRY**—Live chickens will bring 60 to 70c, but are scarce. Buyers are offering 10 to 12c per lb. for good mixed lots of chickens, as to quality. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality. geese, 8 to 9c; ducks, 10c.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes have been in good demand at 40c per bushel, turnips, 25c per bushel; parsnips 11-2c per pound; carrots 15c; beets, 10c per bushel; native celery 50 to 75c per dozen; cabbage, 2c per lb.; onions 3c per lb.

**SENECA ROOT**—Nominal at 21c.

**HIDES**—Prices are unchanged. The Chicago market has been off 1-2c this week and very dull. The feeling in local circles is that the price here should come down at least 1-2c, but in the absence of any movement to put this view into effect we quote prices the same as last week. Receipts are very light. Prices are. Frozen hides, 6 to 6 1-2c less 5 pounds tare. Inspected hides, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Brand-ed hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon, skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each. Hides were 1-4c lower at Toronto this week. See Toronto telegrams.

**HAY**—Baled is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on track here and loose on the street market at \$3 to \$7.50 as to quality.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Fresh killed beef is plentiful, although the demand is expanding steadily. The top price now is 7c, and the range is from 6c up. There has been no spring lamb to speak of in the market yet. Mutton is steady at 7c to 8c. Veal is a little easier at 6c to 7c. Butchers have been paying 53-1c for selected lots of hogs and 51-2 is about the regular price for ordinary lots.

**WOOL**—The local market is nominal, but the outlook continues weak, and indications at present point to low prices for the new clip, though, of course, there may be an improvement before the clip comes to market. A series of wool sales in London opened on March 7, with merino wools steady and low crossbreds about 7 to 10 per cent lower than close of previous sale. In the United States wool markets are weak. The formation of trusts to control the manufacture of woolen goods has added to the weak feeling. Wool declined in the eastern markets 1c this week to 8c for Ontario unwashed fleece.

#### LIVESTOCK.

**CATTLE**—There is but little doing in this line, a few are being brought in by butchers for local consumption. The cattle on the ranges have wintered splendidly and the indications are that prices will be easier than dealers have been anticipating. We quote 3 1 2 to 4c as the prevailing price for good to choice butchers' cattle. Stockers are quoted: Yearlings, \$10 to \$15; two years-olds, \$13 to \$22.

**SHEEP**—None are offering, 4 1-2 to 5c represents the nominal value. There is plenty of frozen mutton held yet. There are enough sheep feeding at the elevator at Emerson to supply the early shipping market.

**HOGS**—Some live hogs have been in the market this week. Prices remain at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per lb.

**MILCH COWS**—Very scarce at prices ranging from \$25 to \$40 per head.

**HORSES**—The demand for horses for spring work continues. Domesticated

horses are selling at from \$100 to \$150 apiece and as high as \$175 can be realized. Bronchos, rough and unhandled, are worth \$22 apiece. Bronchos, halter broke, from 1200 pounds upwards, are worth from \$50 to \$80 each.

### Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c lower, corn 1c lower, oats 1-1/2c lower, flax seed 3c higher, barley 2c lower, poultry higher, eggs 2 1/2c lower, hay 50c higher, potatoes higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.35 to \$3.45; second patents, \$3.15 to \$3.25.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11; bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11; corn feed, \$12.50 to \$15.00 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 26 3/4c. No. 3, 26 1/2c.

Corn—Quoted at 30 1/4c for No. 3 yellow, 30c for No. 3, and 27 to 29c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.16 1/2 per bushel.

Eggs—11 1/2c for strictly fresh, including cases seconds, 8c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 1/2 to 13c fair to good, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 to 18c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 14c; dairy, 13 to 15 1/2c; for choice to fancy; seconds, 12c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 8 3/4c for No. 1; 7 3/4c for No. 2; green salted steers, 8 1/4 and 9 1/4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1/2 to 8c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c each; veal, calf, 9 1/2 to 11c; tallow, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c; seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$5.25 to \$5.75 per barrel.

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

Poultry—Chickens, 9 1/2 to 11 1/2c; hens 7 to 10c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 8 to 11 1/2c; ducks, 6 to 10c; geese, 5 to 9c. Frozen stock, 1c less.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 55 to 60c; mixed, white, 50 to 55c, mixed, red, 40 to 45c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 11 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$7.50 to \$8.00 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight, \$3.60 to \$3.70. Sheep range, \$4 to \$4.75; cattle, stockers, \$2.75 to \$4.60; butchers' steers, \$3.60 to \$4.50; butchers' cows, \$2 to \$3.75; stock cows, \$2.50 to \$3.65.

### Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There were 2,524,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 11. Increase for the week, 98,000 bushels. Receipts for the week were 275,000 bushels, and shipments, 177,000 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 800,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 2,534,000 bushels; three years ago, 3,693,000 bushels; four years ago, 910,000 bushels; five years ago, 2,115,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,775,000 bushels, compared with about 3,700,000 bushels a year ago, and 7,000,000 bushels two years ago.

The big parliament at Ottawa and the little one at Winnipeg both opened on Thursday. The addresses in both cases were purely formal, and nothing new of importance in the way of proposed legislation was foreshadowed.

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Good news has been received from Port Arthur this week to the effect that the accumulation of wet and damp wheat on track there had been cleared up, and the operators of the drying plant there are now prepared to handle grain sent forward for drying as fast as it arrives. A quantity of "tough" or slightly damp wheat was unloaded into Elevator B at Fort William, and this is now being put through the drying process. The tough wheat can be handled much more rapidly than damp or wet wheat, and it will only take a short time to clear up this grain. This news from our lake ports is very satisfactory, as holders of tough, damp or wet wheat were becoming very uneasy. Holders of this class of grain should now lose no time in sending it to the drying plants.

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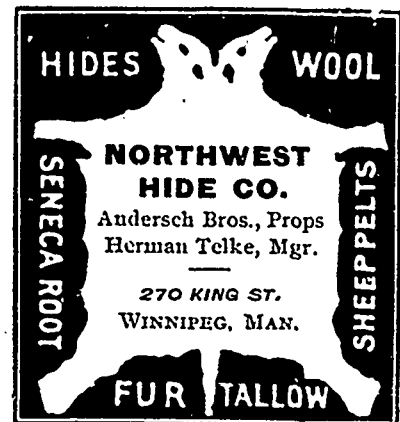
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**WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.**

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

Week ended March 17, 1897.....\$1,507,000  
Corresponding week, 1896.....1,441,260  
1897.....\$85,602

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

	1896.	1897.	1898.
Jan. ....	\$6,317,108	\$5,009,819	\$1,977,200
Feb. ....	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March ....	5,908,000	4,289,000	4,280,000
April ....	6,240,000	4,102,000	4,032,000
May ....	8,083,864	5,014,780	4,246,201
June ....	7,306,000	5,631,000	4,094,000
July ....	6,310,238	5,616,003	4,901,277
Aug. ....	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,640,959
Sept. ....	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ....	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ....	11,558,060	13,550,761	8,895,176
Dec. ....	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945

Year ...\$9,672,798 83,485,121 64,143,935

	1899.
Jan. ....	\$ 7,683,052
Feb. ....	6,209,471

**FINANCIAL NOTES.**

V. H. Pickering & Co., have opened a private bank at Shoal Lake, Man.

The Bank of Ottawa will shortly open a branch at Vankeek Hill, Ont.

A branch of the Equitable Trust and Loan company has been organized at Rosthern, Sask.

G. H. Fisher, of the Union bank staff at Carberry, has been transferred to Moose Jaw, where he will assume the management of that branch.

The Bank of British North America and the Canadian Bank of Commerce have decided to open branches in Adlin. The Merchants bank of Canada has already established itself there.

The Dominion Bank is opening a branch in the north end of Winnipeg in response to an oft-expressed wish on the part of the business community of that quarter for an institution of the kind.

The presence of the Doukhobors in Manitoba has raised the question of the exchange value of the Russian money which they have brought with them. The banks of Winnipeg have been paying 50-1-2 cents per rouble for Russian gold coin.

The Canada Landed and National Investment Co., the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Co., and the Building and Loan Association, intend applying at the next session of the Dominion legislature for an act to enable them to amalgamate or form a new company.

**GRAIN AND MILLING**

**MIXING WHEAT.**

At a meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange this week the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Whereas the evils resulting from the mixing of Manitoba grain at the Fort William and terminal elevators are most injuriously affecting the reputation of Manitoba grain in the European markets, and whereas the Win-

ipeg grain and produce exchange is most desirous of restoring the reputation of Manitoba grain to its former high standing, be it resolved that this exchange hereby expresses its positive conviction that no mixing of grain should be permitted in terminal elevators, and also that no mixing of grain should be permitted in a cargo shipment unless the inspection certificate issued therefore shall have written across the face a statement defining the various grades entering into its composition. And further be it resolved, that this exchange memorialize the department of inland revenue to secure the enactment of such legislation as may be necessary for the carrying into effect and enforcement of the principle above enunciated."

It may be added to this, by way of explanation, that a great deal of dissatisfaction has long existed among a section of the local grain trade regarding the conditions prevailing at Fort William in connection with the inspection and handling of wheat at the terminal elevators. Some of this dissatisfaction may be founded on wrong notions, but where so much suspicion exists, an investigation would seem desirable. Certain it is, that the value of Manitoba wheat, compared with other standard grades, has been greatly depreciated of late. Manipulation of the grades at Fort William is not of course the only trouble. It began in the agitation among the farmers some years ago to have the standards reduced, the idea seemingly prevailing that if the grades were reduced in quality so that more wheat would go into the No. 1 hard class, the farmers would get more money for their crop. They seemed to think that it was the name No. 1 that would bring the price, and that it was only necessary to lower the grade so as to get more wheat into the No. 1 hard class, to secure more money in the aggregate for the crop. This policy, combined with manipulation of grades, has brought about the inevitable result, and now No. 1 Manitoba hard is considered a decidedly inferior wheat, compared with choice Duluth grades.

Mixing is not allowed in the Fort William elevators, which are controlled by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., but the company have no power to prevent mixing before the grain is taken in, or after it leaves the elevators.

**Winnipeg Wheat Inspection**

Returns for last week report 375 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 62 cars; 2 hard, 7; 3 hard, 2; 1 northern, 98; 2 northern, 15; 3 northern, 7; 1 spring, 13; 1 white type, 1; 1 Ladoga, 2; rejected, 5; no grade, 164 cars.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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Vancouver, March 13.

There has been an unexpected increase in the northern outfitting trade this week. Several tourists' cars filled with Eastern Canadians bound for Klondike, arrived and outfitted in the city. A number of Seattle citizens also outfitted in Vancouver. Shipping circles continue active. Coal shipments were heavy during the week 9,218 tons of British Columbia coal were shipped to San Francisco, over 80

per cent of the coal used in the Pacific coast states is now supplied from British Columbia mines, and it is claimed the mines can deliver at a generous profit. The building trade continues brisk, and there is a boom in real estate. The Canadian Pacific railway reports an enormous demand for lots in Fairview, and the west end of the city. Two years ago the railway lots were among the highest in the market, but by a rapid increase in values this condition of affairs has changed as the company are not putting their prices up to accord with privately owned property, as a consequence the railway reserve land is now the cheapest instead of the dearest and is being eagerly absorbed by private capital at the rate of from 5 to 10 lots a day. Almost all the property is bought for building purposes, so that the building boom, from indications, will continue indefinitely.

The feature of the wholesale market is the cheapness of eggs and the lack of good butter in the market. It is true a consignment of grass butter has arrived from San Francisco, but it does not satisfy the demand. Eggs are very numerous. Potatoes are a luxury. Fruit is rapidly advancing.

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Dried Fruits

Table of dried fruit prices including Raisins, Apples, Peaches, Prunes, Nuts, Syrup, Sugar, Salt, Spices, and Tea, listed with prices per pound or case.

Tobacco

Table of tobacco prices including various brands like T. & B., Lily, Crescent, and others, with prices per pound.

DRUGS

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

Table of drug prices including Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, Borax, Camphor, Castor Oil, Chlorate Potash, Citric Acid, Copperas, Cocaine, Cream Tartar, Cloves, Epsom Salts, Extract Logwood, Glycerine, German Quinine, and many others.

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Table of cured meats and lard prices including Lard (pure, imported), Smoked Meats (Hams, Breakfast bacon), and Barrel Pork.

LEATHER

Table of leather prices including various types of harness, black collar leather, American Oak Sole, and other leather goods.

FUEL

Table of fuel prices including Coal (Winnipeg, Tamarac, Pine, Spruce) and Cordwood, with prices per cord.

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Table of fresh fish and oyster prices including Whitefish, Pickerel, Trout, Salmon, and various oyster types.

**New York Wheat**

New York, March 13.—Flour receipts 26,612 barrels; exports 3,717 barrels. "Heat, receipts, 217,600 bushels; exports 56,045 bushels. Options opened steadier, and were well supported all day by a moderate demand from shorts. The small world's shipments better cables than expected and crop damage news from the west and India stimulated buying. The export demand and seaboard clearances were light; the close was steady at 5-8 to 1c net advance.

New York, March 14.—Wheat—Receipts, 144,800 bushels; exports, 127,791 bushels. Options opened weak on disappointing cable news, but experienced a sharp rally later in the day on bad crop reports, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois sending out numerous complaints. Shorts covered and there was a little outside buying of July. The small increase in the world's stocks also had a bullish effect. The close was strong at 1-2 net advance.

New York, March 15.—Wheat, May opened 74 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 74 1-2c a.

New York, March 16.—Wheat, May opened 74 1-4c, closed 72 7-8c a.

New York, March 17.—Wheat, receipts 52,000 bushels, exports 141,796 bushels. Options opened weak because of bearish cables and renewed liquidation. They rallied at noon, but developed a second heavy break in the last hour through weak Antwerp cables, bearish "Modern Miller" report and a raid by scalpers. Closed weak at 3-4 to 13-8 net decline.

New York, March 18.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 79c; May, 72 5-8c; July, 71 1-4c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

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

Chicago, March 13.—Wheat, May opened 69 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 69 7-8c a. July opened 68 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 68 3-4 to 7-8c b. Corn, May opened 35 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 35 1-8c. July opened 35 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 35 5-8 to 3-4c. Sept. opened 35 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 35 5-8 to 3-4c. Sept. opened 35 3-8c, closed 36 1-4. Oats, May opened 26 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 24 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 24 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.10, closed \$9.12 1-2. July opened \$9.27 1-2, closed \$9.32 1-2 a.

Chicago, March 14.—Wheat, May opened 69 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 70 3-8c b. July opened 68 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 69 1-2c. Corn, May opened 34 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 35 1-4c a. July opened 35 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 35 7-8c a. Sept. closed 35 7-8c a. Oats, May opened 26 1-4c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 24 5-8c, closed 24 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.12 1-2c, closed \$9.17 1-2c. July opened \$9.30, closed \$9.35 a.

Chicago, March 15.—Wheat, May opened 70 to 69 7-8c, closed 69 1-2c. July opened 69 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 68 5-8c. Corn, May opened 35 1-8 to 3-8c, closed 35 1-4c a. Sept. opened 35 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 35 7-8c a. Oats, May opened 26 1-4c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 24 5-8c, closed 24 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.12 1-2c, closed \$9.17 1-2c. July opened \$9.30, closed \$9.35 a.

Chicago, March 16.—Wheat, May opened 69 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 67 1-2 to 5-8c. July opened 68 3-8c, closed 66 1-2 to 5-8c. Corn, May opened 35c, closed 34 to 1-8c b. July opened 35 1-2c, closed 34 5-8 to 3-4c. Sept. closed 35 1-4c. Oats, May opened 26 1-4c, closed 26 3-8c b. July closed 24c. Pork, May op-

ened \$9.17 1-2, closed \$9.17 1-2c. July opened \$9.40, closed \$9.35.

Chicago, March 17.—Wheat, May opened 67 1-8 to 3-8c, closed 66 1-2 to 5-8c a. July opened 66 1-4 to 1-2c, closed 65 5-8c. Corn, May opened 33 7-8 to 5-8c, closed 33 7-8c. July opened 34 3-8c, closed 34 5-8c a. Sept. closed 35 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 25 1-8 to 2-8c, closed 25 1-2 to 5-8c. July opened 23 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 24c. Pork, May opened \$9.07 1-2 to \$9.12, closed \$8.97 1-2c. July closed \$9.12 1-2.

Chicago, March 18.—Wheat opened at about 67 1-2 for May, and ranged from 67 3-8 to 67 7-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—67 1-2c, July 66 5-8c.  
Corn—May 34 1-4c, July 34 7-8c.  
Oats—May 25 3-4c, July 24 1-8c.  
Pork—May \$9.00; July \$9.15.  
Lard—May \$5.30; July \$5.40.  
Ribe—\$4.67 1-2c, July \$4.80.  
A week ago May option closed at 69 1-4c, a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.03; two years ago at 74 1-2c; three years ago at 62 1-2c; four years ago at 55 1-4c.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, March 18.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.22 for cash and May \$1.20 1-4.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, March 17.—Wheat, spot dull. No. 1 red northern spring 5s 10 1-2d. Liverpool, March 18.—Wheat closed 1-1d higher.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—May, 69 1-8c; July, 69 7-8c.  
Tuesday—May 69 3-8c; July 70 3-8c.  
Wednesday—May, 69c; July, 69 3-4c.  
Thursday—May, 67 1-8c; July, 67 5-8c.  
Friday—Cash, 64 1-2c; May, 66 1-4c; July 66 7-8c.

Saturday—May, 67 3-8c; July, 68 1-8c. Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 67 5-8c; and cash No. 1 northern at 65 5-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 68 5-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 98 1-2c; two years ago May option closed at 74 3-4c; three years ago at 60 7-8c; four years ago at 60 3-8c; and five years ago at 59 5-8c.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

The market closed to-day (Saturday) dull and practically nominal at 67c spot, 1 hard, in store Fort William. May was offered at 68 1-2c.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Saturday, March 18.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 66 1-4c for March, and the same for May; cash No. 1 northern, 66c cash No. 2 northern, 64 1-4c.

**WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.**

P. Burns & Co. will erect a large abattoir at Calgary.

A. H. Brown, butcher, Fort William, Ont., has assigned to C. W. Jarvis.

McIntyre Bros., wholesale liquors, Rosthern, Sask., have sold out to William Ritz.

Geo. D. Wood & Co., will erect a heavy goods warehouse near the C. P. R. yards, Winnipeg. The building will be frame, 150 feet long by 50 feet wide.

Robt. Rollins, who recently sold out his hardware business at Crystal City, has purchased the general mercantile business of A. E. Fremlin at Killarney, Man. He will take possession August 1st.

**London Fur Sales.**

**SHARI' ADVANCES ON MANY FURS.**

The Commercial has received the following special cable report of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s fur sales held in London this week:

London, March 17.  
Prices compared with March, 1893  
Pisaur, 10 per cent lower.  
Fox, silver, 85 per cent higher.  
Fox, blue, 250 percent higher.  
Fox, cross, 30 per cent higher.  
Fox, red, 65 per cent higher.  
Fox, white, 75 per cent higher.  
Lynx, 40 per cent higher.  
Mink, 60 per cent higher.  
Martin, 60 per cent higher.  
Skunk, 60 per cent higher.  
Wold, 45 per cent higher.  
Wolverine, 100 per cent higher.  
Land otter, 5 per cent lower.  
Bear, black, 10 per cent lower.  
Bear, brown, 15 per cent lower.  
Badger, 30 per cent lower.  
Bear, grey, 15 per cent higher.  
Musk ox, 15 per cent higher.  
Recoon, 15 per cent higher.  
Hair seal, 25 per cent higher.  
Beaver, 5 per cent lower than January last.

**British Columbia Items.**

The Brooklyn Drug Co. is reported giving up business.

T. E. Mahaffey, general store, Cascade City, advertises closing out this business.

Nobie & Pritchard, butchers, Kamloops, have sold out to J. N. Moore.

S. J. Mighton, wholesale tobacco, Nelson, has assigned.

J. Reeves is opening in men's furnishings at Robson.

Shaw & Shaw, produce, Robson, are reported moving to Rossland.

E. M. Shupe, clothing, Robson, is moving to Siccan City.

E. F. Gerster, cigars, Vancouver; mortgages in possession.

S. Petersky, fruits, Vancouver and Steveston, has sold out Vancouver business to D. Baer.

J. Hutcheson & Co., dry goods, Victoria, have been incorporated under style of The Hutcheson Co. Ltd.

W. A. Lawson has purchased the stock of teas, coffees, crockery and glassware of W. A. Clark at Vancouver.

J. N. Moore has bought out the Thompson Valley Meat Market company's business at Kamloops.

Mr. McInnes, butcher, of South Kootenay, is about to start a butcher's chop at Windermere.

W. C. Haywood, hotel, is opening at Columbia.

McTavish Bros. have succeeded Mark R. Tagleson in the Hat Creek hotel.

J. L. Gates, hotel, Kimberley, is applying for a license.

Martin O'Riley, dry goods, Nelson, contemplates opening.

The MacLaren-Ross Lumber Co., Ltd., New Westminster, are advertising for tenders for sale of saw mill, limit, etc, to be received up to May 20th, 1899.

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### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 18.  
Dry goods—Active in spring lines, Canadian goods are very firm, with upward tendency. Deliveries of bleached and white sheeting and pillow cottons by mills are backward. Brass pins are ten per cent higher. Low grades linen thread are fifteen per cent dearer. Cashmere hosiery fine grades are thirty to sixty cents higher. Cashmere gloves are dearer. Prices of class goods have been withdrawn and will be higher.

Hardware—Increased activity reported in this branch. Cut nails are ten cents higher again, at \$1.85. Barb wire and staples have also been advanced 25c per 100 pounds. Smooth wire is fifteen cents per 100 pounds dearer. English tower bolts 5 cents dearer. Turpentine varnishes are 20 to 25 cents per gallon dearer. Stove manufacturers have advanced prices ten per cent, which is the second advance within a short time. Whiting is 5 cents dearer. Canadian manufacturers have advanced the prices of woodenware 50 cents a dozen on tubs, 15 cents on confectionery pails, and 10 cents on ordinary pails. It is likely that tinware manufacturers will advance prices soon, as their material is costing higher. Wrought and galvanized iron pipe is excited and some makers have withdrawn prices. Others are asking an advance of 20 cents per 100 feet.

Groceries—More activity in this branch reported. More sugars are selling, and less United States sugar is offering. Teas are very active and firmer. To repeat recent orders private cable this week quoted 1c advance. Round lots of tomatoes are selling at 85c. Corn is strong at 90c bid and 85c asked. Coffee is firmer.

### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 18.

Wheat deliveries have been light this week, owing partly to lower prices. Flour has advanced 15c per barrel. Oats are 1c lower. Green hides 1-4c lower. Dressed hogs 5c per 100 lbs. higher. Millfeed is 5c per ton lower. Barley 2c lower. Eggs 2 1-2c lower. Cheese 1-2c higher. Feces wool 1c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$1.10 to \$1.20, Manitoba bakers, \$3.75 to \$4; Ontario straight roller, \$3 to \$3.15 per bbl. Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 67 to 68c for cars at country points. No 1 hard 77 1-2c, Midland, 80 to 80 1-2c, North Bay.

Oats—White, 28 to 29c, for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 45 to 46c, and 42c for No. 2 at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14.00 to \$16.00 per ton; bran \$13.00 to \$14.00 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.60 in bags per barrel, and \$3.70 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 31 to 32 1-2c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—Choice 11c.

Hides—Cows, green, \$1-1c; green steers, 53-1c, cured hides, 9c; sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 70c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 4 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14c; unwashed 1c.

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

Dressed hogs—\$1.95 to \$5.05 per 100 lbs. for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—6c for round lots, evaporated, 9c to 9 1-2c.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6c in bulk; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Poultry—Turkeys, 12 to 13c; chickens, 40 to 75c a pair; geese, 7 to 8c. Seeds—Red clover, \$3.25 to \$3.75; alsike, \$3.50 to \$4.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 14.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 50 carloads, including 550 sheep and lambs, and 1,800 hogs.

Cattle and sheep were steady and unchanged. Hogs firmer. Prices were: Export cattle, \$1.80 to \$5.10, light exporters, \$1.50 to \$4.75. Choice butchers, \$1 to \$4.25. Common butchers in excess of demand and dull at \$1 for poor to \$3.50 to \$3.75 for medium. Stockers easy at \$3.50 to \$3.80. Feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.

Sheep—Lambs 10c higher at \$4.50 to \$4.90. Sheep, \$3 to \$3.50.

Hogs—Good demand. Best bacon 12 1-2c higher at \$4.50, light fat 12 1-2c higher at \$1.12 1-2; thick fat unchanged at \$1.75. Sows, \$3, stags, \$2.

### FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 17.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 68 carloads of all kinds including 300 sheep and lambs and 1,500 hogs.

Butchers' choice cattle were 25c per 100 pounds dearer at \$1 to \$4.50. All other lines were sold at Tuesday's prices.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 14.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 350 head, and 75 sheep and lambs.

Trade was active. Choice cattle sold at 7 to 5 1-2c; good at 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; fair at 3 1-2 to 4c; and poor at 2 1-2 to 3 1-4c. Sheep sold at 3 1-2c to 3 1-2c, and lambs at 4 1-2 to 5c. Receipts of hogs were fair at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c per pound, weighed off cars.

### THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 17.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 500 head, sheep and lambs light.

On Thursday the cattle market was easier. Best cattle ruled at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c, fair to good 3 to 4c, other grades 2 1-2 to 3c; sheep, 3 to 3 1-2c; yearling lambs, 4 to 4 1-2c pound; spring lambs, \$2 to \$4 each; hogs, \$4.40 to \$4.70.

### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 18.

Oats are easier at a 1 1-2c decline. Flour is unchanged and the demand only local. Feed is quiet. Oatmeal has declined 5c. Eggs are arriving freely and the price has declined 1 1-2 to 2 1-2c on choice fresh. Dairy butter has advanced 1 1-2c on the top price for fresh dairy white rolls have gained 1c on the inside quotations. Creamery butter in boxes and tubs has advanced 1 1-2 to 3-1c per lb. Cheese is stronger at 1-1c advance. Potatoes are firmer at 55c straight. Poultry is dull and meats quiet. Country dressed hogs have advanced 1-1c, and abattoir stock has made a like advance. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 33 to 33 1-2 in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong makers, \$3.70 to \$3.90, Manitoba patents, \$1 to \$1.15.

Millfeed—Bran \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.90 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8 to 10c, sheepskins 60 to 70c; lambskins, 70 to 75c, tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 12 to 12 1-2c per dozen.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 to 15c; rolls 15 to 16c; held stock 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 1-2 to 21c; tubs, 20c.

Cheese—Choice western, 10 1-2 to 10 3-4c.

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

Potatoes—In car lots, 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10c; ducks, 6 to 8c; geese, 3 to 4c; chickens 6 to 8c.

Dressed meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 8c; fores, 3 to 5c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$5.75 to \$6; country dressed, \$5.20 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs. to retail dealers. Mutton 5 to 6 1-2c; lambs 7 to 8c.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 18.

The grocery market is steady and trade satisfactory. Granulated sugar has advanced 5c, which makes the price \$4.35 at refineries. Other lines unchanged. Prices are:

Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.35 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$3.75 to \$4.15 molasses, 31c in car lots; syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c as to quality; Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-3 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal, Japan, 51-3 to 53-4c; standard B, 33-4 to 4c.

### MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 18.—The market is very strong and advances are being looked for in many lines.

### LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 17.—Cheese is quoted at 51s 6d for both white and colored, an advance of 6d this week.

### LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 17.—Cattle firmer. Quoted at 11 1-2 to 12c, estimated dressed weight. Sheep, 12 1-2 to 13 1-2c.

### SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, March 17.—Spot beet firmer; March option, 9s 11 1-4d; April, 9s 11 1-4d.

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