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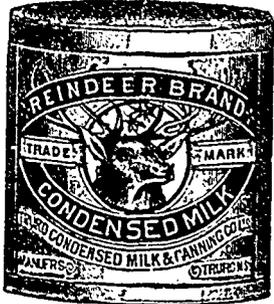
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WINNIPEG, MAY 6, 1895.

## Manitoba.

Tenders for the supply of hardware for Winnipeg city corporation has been awarded to J. H. Ashdown, Miller, Morse & Co., and C. A. Baskerville.

E. W. Day, who for ten years has been connected with the Masser-Harris Co., has been appointed manager of the Globe Savings and Loan Company, at Winnipeg.

W. R. Ross, barrister, of Munson & Allan's law office, has entered into partnership with Frank S. Nugent, Winnipeg. The new firm will be known as Nugent and Ross.

Geo. A. Jenkins, general merchant of Carman, has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors will be held on the 9th of May at Winnipeg.

J. D. McGregor, of the firm of Munn, McGregor & Co., Brandon, left recently for California to bring to Manitoba two carloads of standard-bred fillies from the Del Paso ranch.

Inland revenue returns at Winnipeg for April were. Spirits, \$11,817.97; tobacco, \$12,021.59; malt, \$2,028.13; cigars, \$563.40; petroleum inspection fees, \$67.01; other receipts, \$8; total \$26,036.10.

The transactions of the Dominion government savings bank at Winnipeg, for the month ended 30th April, were as follows: Deposits \$16,956.00, withdrawals \$27,160.39. Withdrawals exceed deposits by \$10,204.39.

Hugh McKellar, chief clerk of the department of agriculture, has returned from Oakville, where on Friday he addressed a meeting of farmers on the question of establishing a creamery or cheese factory in that neighborhood, about thirty farmers being present and much interest was manifested in the address.

There was a large attendance at the last meeting of the Winnipeg Retail association. R. T. Riley and Jas. H. Ashdown, promoters of the new local fire insurance company, were present for the purpose of explaining the nature of the project. Mr. Riley addressed the meeting at length, going fully into details and urged upon the retailers the importance of supporting a home company and assisting in keeping at home a portion of the large sum now annually sent out of the country in premiums. Mr. Ashdown made a few remarks on the subject, and the meeting then endorsed the scheme and gave assur-

ances of hearty support from members of the Retail association. The membership committee reported thirty-five new members enrolled during the past week. The early closing committee reported some infractions of the early closing by-law in the north end, and it was decided to notify the police, and ask them to take action accordingly. The association has now a membership of 200.

## Alberta.

McClelland & Smyth have bought out the interest of Ratcliffe Bros. in the Calgary creamery enterprise.

W. B. Stannett, fur buyer, of Edmonton, has been buying furs along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Golden B. C. He purchased \$935 worth of fur while absent.

The Edmonton Bulletin has the following news from the north: C. Johnston, trader, of Athabasca Landing, is in town. He sold a \$1,400 lot of fur to R. Secord. Ice went out of the Athabasca river on the 15th of April. The Hudson's Bay Co.'s steamer is being prepared for the season's service. The government oil boring party are ready to commence work as soon as manager Fraser arrives.

## Grain and Milling News.

W. W. Ogilvie has been elected a director of the bank of Montreal, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late W. H. Meredith.

Senator Boulton will move for a return in the senate showing the number of bushels of grain delivered to the elevators at Fort William and grade of the same, during 1891, and the number of bushels shipped from the elevators and graded, as well as the nationality of the vessels carrying the grain. Also a copy of the grade of wheat as established by the board of inspectors assembled for the purpose of fixing the grade for the year 1891.

An order of the court has been made on the application of the liquidators of the Commercial bank, giving the liquidators leave to sell the elevator at Virden, Man. It was put up by Robert Adamson, formerly manager of the Virden branch of the Commercial bank, and cost \$11,000. The intention was that farmers around Virden should subscribe to the elevator and take it over to run it themselves; but this scheme fell through and the bank was compelled to complete it.

A report from New York received here recently was to the effect that space on a vessel there had been engaged for 120,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat for the United Kingdom. This is a part of the wheat that was shipped to Buffalo last season and holders made an attempt to re-ship to the Canadian markets, but were prevented by the customs authorities. If the wheat could have been shipped back to Canada it could now be sold at a much higher price than it will bring in any export market.

Martin, member for Winnipeg, is moving in the commons for papers re inspection of wheat at Fort William and Port Arthur. He said it was reported that inspector Gibb's received about \$25,000 a year from fees and other sources, and that by combining the insurance with inspector's duty, he practically commanded all the insurance policies. He contended the fees for inspection should be much lower or that the inspector should be paid a reasonable salary, and only sufficient fees charged to recoup the government for the expense of grading. Comptroller Wood said Martin had been misinformed as to amounts. Gibb's receipts were \$9,000 a year, but he would bring down the papers. He admitted that a re-arrangement of the office and charges were necessary.

## Effects of Higher Oil Prices.

The New York Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter says: "The effects of the advance in price on the petroleum industry have been far-reaching. In the oil regions of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana it has been to stimulate the drillers to a degree of activity never before equalled, except, perhaps along Old Creek in the sixties. Every available plot of ground has been leased on which to locate wells, and most exorbitant prices have been paid for leaseholds, the prices varying according to their supposed probability of insuring remunerative returns.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of April 26 says. Further business has been done in grain freights since our last issue, engagements being reported at 1s 3d to Liverpool, and it is understood this figure in some instances was shaded. Space for London and Glasgow is reported taken at 1s 3d. To Hamburg 2s is the reported rate. In sack flour, engagements were made at 7s 6d London, and 7s Liverpool and Glasgow. To Hamburg the rate is 14s. Cheese has been taken at 20s London and 15s Liverpool, and box meats to Liverpool at 10s. Hay is quoted at 20s to 25s and further space for cattle has been taken for Liverpool at 45s. From Fort William to Montreal 6c is quoted on wheat, and from Kingston to Montreal 2½c wheat and 2½c corn.

## The Increase in Beef Prices.

A Washington dispatch says Dr. Salmon has reported to Secretary Morton of the United States agricultural department that there is an undoubted diminution of the class of cattle from which the beef supply is drawn. Taking the figures of the statistical division, which he believes to be approximately correct, and excluding dairy cows, there were in 1892, 37,651,239 head of cattle in the United States, or 576 to each 1,000 of population. In 1895 there are only 31,364,217 of such cattle, or 493 to each 1,000 of population. This shows a great diminution in the beef cattle of the country, and also that the increased prices of such cattle in the stock yards is legitimate. The price of beef in the eastern cities has gone higher than is justified by the price of live cattle.

## Shoes and Leather.

A report from Chicago says, shoes may go up in price. The cost of leather is skyward bound, and as a consequence footwear, especially the cheaper grades, may rise also. Leather is one of the things in the list of commodities the upward whirl of which has attracted the attention of the commercial world. Prices of certain grades of leather have gone up from six to nine cents a pound—a rise in some instances amounting to over sixty per cent. Lower grades of shoes have advanced in some cases fifteen per cent. Manufacturers' agents in Boston, the great centre of the boot and shoe business, are writing customers declining to duplicate orders at prices recently quoted. Jobbers and manufacturers believe the advance in shoes must, at a moderate estimate, amount to fully twenty-five per cent. before the snow flies. They see no marked indications of a change in the conditions which have mainly brought about the rise. Shortage in the receipts of live cattle and the supply of hides is given as the cause.

A dividend of 5 per cent. has been declared by the Bank of Montreal for the current half year, making a total distribution of 10 per cent. on the paid up capital for the year.

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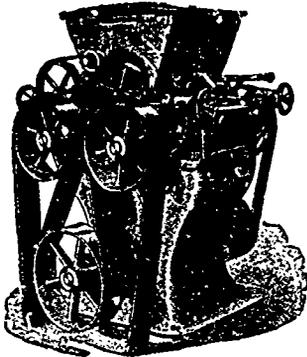
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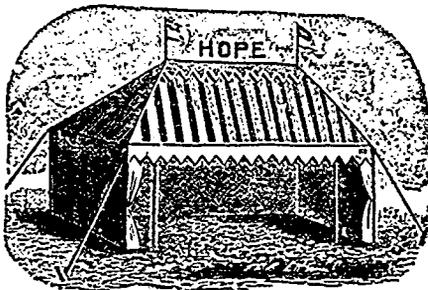


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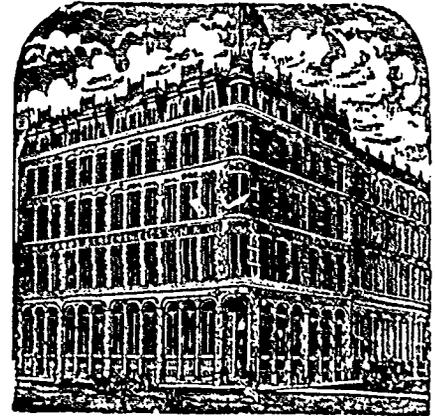


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# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, MAY 6, 1895.

## EXPERIMENTAL FARM REPORTS.

A bulletin has recently been issued by the Dominion agricultural department, prepared by Prof. Saunders, giving results of experiments with early, medium and late sowing, for a series of years. The various experimental farms carried on under the direction of the department have been experimenting for years to decide as to the best time for sowing the various crops, and the bulletin gives the results of these tests. The bulletin has appeared too late to be of much value in Manitoba this year, as the bulk of the grain crops were sown before it was distributed here. However, it will be interesting to glance at the results as shown by the bulletin. In the provinces of Ontario and Quebec very much better results were obtained from early seeding, and each successive seeding, one week apart, showed decreasing yields. In the maritime provinces the results were not so largely in favor of early seeding. The first three sowings gave about the same results, but after that there was a steady falling off, as a rule, in each successive sowing. In Manitoba and the Territories, however, the experience gained has been quite different, the advantage being rather with later seeding up to certain date. In British Columbia the advantage was also in favor of the later sowings.

At the experimental farm at Brandon, Manitoba, six sowings were made each year, each sowing one week later than the preceding one. Beginning with oats, in the year 1892, the first sowing was made on April 23, and gave 30 bushels 30 pounds; sown on May 7 gave 33 bushels; sown on May 14 gave 33 bushels; sown on May 21 gave 50 bushels 30 pounds; sown on May 28 gave 55 bushels 30 lbs; sown on June 4 gave 53½ bushels. This was from the prize cluster variety. The banner oat, tested in the same way, gave from 60 to 70 bushels to the acre, the second and third sowing giving the best yields. In 1893 the best yield of oats was from that sown on May 9, namely, 69½ bushels per acre. In 1891 the best yield of oats was from the sowing made on May 8, being 76 bushels per acre. The best results with oats were obtained from sowings made between the 7th and 16th of May.

With the barley experiments at the Brandon farm the results were even more pronounced in favor of late sowing. In 1892 the largest yield of barley was obtained from the last sowing made, on June 4th, the yield being 61½ bushels. In 1893 the sowing made on May 16 gave the best return, and in 1894 the best return was from the sowing made on May 22. For the three years the aggregate result was as follows: First sowing, average yield 41 bushels, second sowing 43, third sow-

ing 45 bushels, fourth sowing 45 bushels, fifth sowing 47 bushels, sixth sowing 46 bushels.

With wheat the best yield in 1892 was obtained from the sowing on May 14, though the plots sown on May 7 were almost as good. In 1893 May 9 gave the best result. In 1891, May 1 gave 33½ bushels, May 8 gave 31 bushels, May 15 gave 33 bushels, May 22 gave 32 bushels, May 29 gave 29½ bushels and June 5 gave 22½ bushels per acre of red fife wheat. The average yield of wheat for the three years was as follows: First sowing 30 bushels, second sowing 31½ bushels, third sowing 29½ bushels, fourth sowing 28½ bushels, fifth sowing 21½ bushels, sixth sowing 21 bushels per acre. The result with wheat indicates that there is no advantage in point of yield in very early sowing, and sometimes a decided loss, but it shows that wheat should be sown by the middle of May, as after that date there is a decided falling off in the yield.

## A PROSPEROUS COMPANY.

Canada has gained an enviable reputation in life insurance for the stability and good management of her life companies, and among these companies the Confederation Life Association takes a leading place. The Confederation Life has had a prosperous career indeed, and for careful management, stability, and the high security which it offers to its policy holders, it is not surpassed in the estimation in which it is held by any other company. The low rate of mortality experienced by the leading Canadian companies, as compared with British and foreign companies, enables the former to give their policy holders the most ample security at the lowest rates. By confining its business to the home field the Confederation Life is enabled to take the full benefit of this advantage which the purely Canadian companies enjoy in the low cost of insurance and thus the benefit is preserved to its policy holders. Of the twenty-five and a half million dollars of insurance in force by the company only about \$100,000 is outside of the Dominion. The Confederation Life has done a prosperous business during the past year, as will be seen by the twenty-third annual report published in another column, notwithstanding the general stringency which prevailed during the year.

In Manitoba and throughout the west generally the Confederation Life Association has long taken a leading position. The Association owns its own building in Winnipeg, and from this central office the business in the west is directed. D. Macdonald, manager here, has under his control the vast region from the Lake of the Woods to the coast. C. E. Kerr, cashier, is in direct charge of the Winnipeg office. These gentlemen have had charge of the Confederation Life business here for years. They are thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of the territory and have placed the Association in a very strong position in the west.

## Confederation Life Association.

The annual meeting of the above association was held at the head office of the company, Young, Richmond and Victoria streets, Toronto, on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 9th inst. There was a large attendance of shareholders, policy-holders and members of the agency staff.

Hon. Sir W. P. Howland, C. B., K.C.M.G., President, was called to the chair, and Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Managing Director, acted as secretary.

The following report and financial statements were submitted:

### REPORT

Your directors beg to submit to the policy-holders and shareholders the twenty third annual report of the association, covering the operations for the year 1894. In doing so it is scarcely necessary to state that the year was one of usual stringency and general depression in all branches of trade. This could scarcely fail to have a marked influence upon the business of life insurance, and in view of that fact, it will be a source of gratification to all persons interested in the association to observe the substantial progress made and the large volume of new business secured. It has not been deemed wise to depart from the policy which has guided your directors in the past, and therefore new business was sought for only at reasonable cost.

Your directors have had before them 2,321 applications for a total insurance of \$3,631,550. Of these 2,213 for \$3,469,550 were approved; 98 for \$152,000 were declined and 5 for various reasons were deferred. Adding the revived policies, which had been written off in previous years, and bonus additions, the new business for the year was 2,248 policies for \$3,523,204 of insurance.

The total insurance in force at the close of the year was \$25,455,312.00 under 16,625 policies on 14,667 lives.

The death claims for the year were light, being 93 deaths under 105 policies, calling for a total insurance of \$164,287.50. Under a re-assurance this amount was reduced by the sum of \$1,991.50, making the net claims \$162,293. This is a striking evidence of the care exercised in the selection and acceptance of new business, and is a high compliment to our field staff.

The financial statements submitted herewith fully exhibit the position of the association on the 31st December last.

The auditors have continued to give close attention to their duties, and have been thorough and prompt in their work. Their report will be found appended hereto.

Your directors are pleased to be able to state that the head office building is filling up very well, considering the effect of the prevailing depression upon all property of the kind. A considerable portion has been rented during the past year and more since the beginning of the present year.

All the directors retire but are eligible for re-election.

W. P. HOWLAND,  
President.

J. K. MACDONALD,  
Managing Director.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	
To premiums .....	\$807,735 06
To interest .....	195,580 26
	\$1,003,315 32
EXPENDITURE.	
By total paid policy-holders...	\$435,251 83
By dividends to stockholders..	15,238 20
By expenses .....	200,405 46
By balance .....	352,419 78
	\$1,003,315 82

## BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.	
Mortgages, debentures and real estate .....	\$3,874,298 20
Loans on stocks, policies, etc. . . . .	575,746 27
Cash in banks and at H.O. . . . .	141,491 56
Not outstanding and deferred premiums .....	152,136 27
Interest and rents due and accrued .....	107,627 10
Sundries .....	16,534 80
	\$1,870,833 76
LIABILITIES.	
Reserve on assurance and annuities .....	\$1,339,215 00
Death claims accrued .....	14,029 51
Policy-holders' declared profits	100,479 89
Stockholders' capital and dividend .....	107,500 00
General expenses .....	7,936 95
Cash surplus .....	301,672 91
	\$1,870,833 86
Cash surplus above all liabilities	\$301,672 91
Capital stock .....	1,000,000 00
	\$1,301,672 91

J. K. MACDONALD,  
Managing Director.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the association for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1891, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify that the financial statements agree with the books and are correct.

The securities represented in the assets (with the exception of those lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to \$81,500, and those deposited with the Government of Newfoundland, amounting to \$25,000), have been examined and compared with the books of the association and are correct and correspond with the schedules and ledgers.

The bank balances and cash are certified as correct.

(Signed) W. R. HARRIS,  
WM. E. WATSON, F.C.A.  
Auditors.

Toronto, March 7th, 1895.

The president, Sir William P. Howland, moved the adoption of the report and financial statements submitted to the meeting, and in doing so, alluded to the commercial stringency which had prevailed during the past year, and whilst these unfavorable conditions had had some effect in limiting the amount of business done by life insurance companies, yet it was gratifying to note that the volume of business on their books had not only been generally maintained, but had shown a satisfactory increase. This association during the past year secured policies representing \$3,528,301.00. The total insurance in force at the end of the year was \$25,415,312.00

This company had maintained a careful and conservative policy, being determined to keep the expenses of obtaining business within a reasonable limit and to use every precaution in the selection of risks which were taken. An evidence of the latter is to be found in the fact that we have had only 93 deaths during the year, the total claims thereunder being \$162,293, only.

The business of the company continued to receive during the year the careful attention of the managing director and staff at the head office, and the favorable results obtained must be attributed to this fact and also to the very efficient organization which the company have throughout the Dominion.

It had always been the view of the managing director and the board that the statement of the affairs of the company should be

placed before you in as clear, concise and simple form as possible. That being the case, and the statements having been in your hands for some time, it will not require any special explanation from me, but if any information is required by any gentleman present in regard thereto, I am sure the managing director will be happy to afford it, if requested.

Mr. W. H. Beatty, in seconding the adoption of the report said.

I think that we have fair reason to congratulate ourselves upon the amount of business which has been secured during the past year, which has been secured in the Dominion of Canada, with the exception of Newfoundland, were we re-established an agency during the year, and which we suppose will very shortly be a part of the Dominion of Canada. The business shows an increase all along the line. The president referred to the depression which has existed in commercial affairs, but when we consider the very large amount of money that is paid for life insurance in the Dominion, aggregating many millions of dollars, we cannot but conclude that it is an evidence of the very substantial financial condition of the country.

Allusion was made to the manner in which the head office building of the company was being rented, which could not fail to prove satisfactory to all interested, it was now beginning to pay fairly well, and there was every reason to expect that within a short time it would prove to be a very good investment. It was not possible to expect a large building such as this, which was not only a credit to the city of Toronto, but to the whole Dominion, to yield a large return from the outset, but there is every reason to hope that within a limited time we shall have a return from it that we cannot get from any other investment affording equally good security. I am perfectly satisfied with the report and I have no doubt our shareholders and policyholders will be also. I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Resolutions were moved thanking the directors, management, and agency staff, for their services during the past year, and carried unanimously. They were severally responded to, numerous references being made to the satisfactory report which had been presented to the meeting.

The retiring board of directors were all re-elected.

After the meeting adjourned a meeting of the new board was held, and Hon. Sir W. P. Howland, C.B., K.C.M.G., was re-elected president, Messrs. E. Hooper and W. H. Beatty, vice-presidents, and J. K. Macdonald, managing director.

## McClary Company's Enamel Works.

London may now lay claim to the honor of possessing the first enamel works successfully operated in Canada. This is in accordance with the intention briefly outlined by John McClary when he appeared before the city council, some time last fall, and received permission to pipe petroleum, to be used as fuel, from the G.T.R. track to the building. Since that time the work has not lagged. In October a permit was taken out for the erection of the necessary building, and workmen began their task. It is a plain, substantial building, almost hidden behind the immense King street wing of the factory, the chimney alone, as it progressed skyward, giving any indication of what was going on. After the fires had been in operation for two weeks, it was concluded that the kilns (or muffles, as they are known to the trade) were about hot enough to commence operations.

Fortunately the process was found to be successful from the turning out of the very first vessel. This would not be a matter of comment in an ordinary business, but the

secret process of enameling has been so jealously guarded by the manufacturers that it is very difficult to successfully turn out work even after many trials, let alone the very first.

"Hitherto this ware has all been imported into Canada," said Wm. A. Gunn, secretary of the McClary Company to a reporter; "but we came to the conclusion, although it involved a large expenditure of capital, and was considerable of an experiment, to try it.

"The process has generally been considered a secret, different factories owning different formulas of their own, which they hold very closely. The secret was obtained at a great deal of trouble and expense—not only to get the process, but to get skilled workmen to operate it.

"The work requires very careful and delicate manipulation from start to finish, as any fault in any of the various operations through which the vessels go will render the whole work useless.

"We have done exceptionally well in being able to produce the ware. One firm in the United States are said to have spent \$100,000 and never put a vessel on the market.

"The outlay on building plant has already been large, and further extensions are to be made at once. All the skilled workmen are Germans, and they thoroughly understand their business. We will supply everything in the line of enamel goods known to the trade."

The work takes its start in a machine shop, where, with deafening sound, ponderous machines stamp sheets of steel into the many shapes in which enameled ware is made. Then they are taken to the enameling shop to be annealed, or subjected to an intense heat that causes the steel to become softened and facilitates its being chemically cleaned.

The visitor who follows the process next finds himself in a room full of vapor and steam of a rather peculiar odor. Large cranes stand around, which when filled with the steel vessels sink into chemical baths constructed beneath the floor. After being treated to several baths of this kind, they are handled by men who thoroughly scour them with sand and water. Then comes another chemical bath, and the articles are ready for the first coat of enamel, known as the base.

Men who are known as the "slushers," stand over vats of liquid enamel, dipping the goods. After this process they are put by the "slushers" in peculiarly shaped iron stands, which are then placed on racks to dry. After drying they are ready for the first burning. This coat leaves them nearly black in color, and the vessels look quite cool, but it does not take long to find out that everything black in an enameling shop is not cool. After the first burning they are again dipped in enamel and burned again, and yet once more. The process is repeated three times in all.

The work is carried on day and night in order that the muffles may not be allowed to cool. The fires never die out. The petroleum and air, which composes the fuel, is injected under the muffles with much pressure, and the roar of the column of flame is tremendous. Behind the furnace the boilers are situated, and here the steam is generated for heating and cleaning purposes. Very expensive fire brick is used in the construction of the muffles, and the quantity used in building them was enormous.

The enterprise is an entirely new one in Canada, and a very important addition to the manufactories of the city of London. The entire work of the process from start to finish is done on the McClary premises. The company is deserving of the patronage of Canadian dealers, not only for the reason that it is a home industry, but from the fact that the ware is equal in appearance and quality to that hitherto imported from England, Germany and the United States.—Daily Advertiser, London, Ontario.

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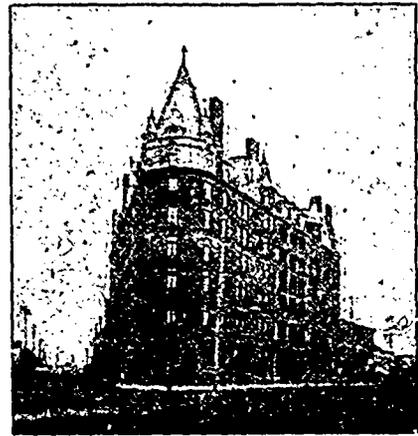
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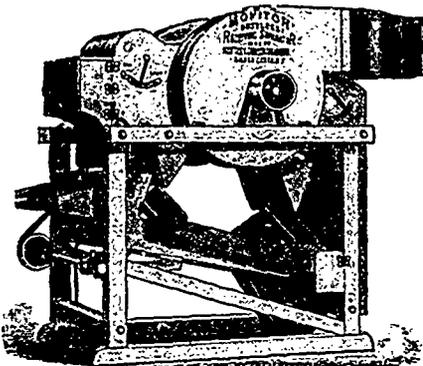
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**THE BUSINESS SITUATION.**

WINNIPEG, Saturday, May 4.

The first of May came in this week with warm, showery weather and green wheat fields, the bulk of the crop having been sown by the 20th of April or earlier and the grain was growing nicely. The warm showers this week have brought on vegetation very fast, and the outlook at the moment is very hopeful for the crops. This is indicated by increasing confidence and a better feeling in business circles. Otherwise the business outlook is much the same as a week ago. It is stated that the contract has been signed for 250 miles of the Hudson Bay railway, and that preliminary work will begin on Monday. If this road goes ahead it will help the business situation very materially.

The improving business situation in the United States is shown in several strikes for higher wages, and in some limited instances concessions have been made to employees.

**WINNIPEG MARKETS.**

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 4.

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

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Considerable interest centres in this branch just now on account of the "boom" in the price of leather. Leather has advanced sharply and it must advance more, as leather prices are still considerably below the price of hides. Boots and shoes are therefore in a very strong position, though manufacturers seem to find difficulty in advancing prices to keep pace with leather. One thing is certain that manufacturers who have not got stocks of leather laid in advance, cannot manufacture for the fall trade at anything like old prices. The great difficulty that faces the shoe trade is the custom of taking orders so far in advance. With the cost of their raw material advancing so rapidly, the shoe manufacturers are placed in an awkward position. The present situation has called attention to the evil of taking orders so far in advance, and this matter has been discussed at recent meetings of Eastern Canada manufacturers, but it is not likely that it will lead to any agreement to change dates for beginning to solicit business. A report from Toronto says that jobbers there have been notified of an advance of 7 to 10 cents per pair on staple goods, and from Quebec an advance of 5 to 10c per pair is also reported. Eastern manufacturers are said to be pushed with business, as stocks were light and there is heavy buying.

**COAL.**—Some low prices have been recorded in the eastern states recently for coal. The Engineering and Mining Journal of New York says it confesses it "considered \$2 a ton f.o.b. at tidewater ports as being a minimum, below which it would be almost impossible to go; nevertheless, this record has recently been lowered. Good steam coals have recently sold f.o.b. Newport News at \$1.80 per ton of 2,240 pounds, and Clearfield coal has been delivered f.o.b. Philadelphia at \$1.75, if not at \$1.70 per ton, the haul being less than 300 miles. With coal delivered in the railroad cars at the mines for from 60c to 70c a ton, and railroad freights at 2½ to 3 mills per ton mile, it would seem as if the very bottom had been reached. There is no change locally. Prices delivered to consumers in Winnipeg are as follows: Imported anthracite, \$9 per ton for egg, stove and nut sizes. Western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton for stove and furnace size, and \$6.50 for small nut;

Lothbridge bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; Souris lignite, \$4.25 delivered or \$3.75 on cars here, and \$1.50 to \$1.75 on cars at the mines.

**GROCERIES.**—Sugars appear to have assumed a stronger position, after a long period of depression, though the former tendency may not be permanent. Canadian refiners were said to be asking a shade better prices this week. The tariff changes will be found in another column, and this will cause another ¼c advance in sugar.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—The features described last week still continue. A few more navel oranges are coming forward. Spanish onions are now out of the market, but Egyptian onions have taken their place. Strawberries are now arriving. They sold at \$7.50 per crate of 24 boxes this week, but are expected to be cheaper next week. Quotations are as follows: California oranges seedlings, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per box; California Navel oranges, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per box; Messina lemons, \$5 per box; apples \$7 to \$7.50 per barrel for anything good; bananas, \$2.25 to \$3.75 per bunch as to size. Pineapples, \$1.50 to \$6 per dozen; strawberries \$7 to \$7.50 per crate of 24 boxes; Egyptian onions, \$5.00 per 100 pounds. Layer figs, 10 lb boxes, 15c per pound. White comb honey, 22c a lb; new dates, 7 to 7½c a lb. Maple sugar, 10c lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per gallon tin.

**LUMBER.**—British Columbia lumber is having quite a sale here now, the quantity brought into Manitoba having steadily increased for the past few years. When British Columbia people first began to offer their goods here, their prices were away up as compared with our pine material. They have been getting their prices steadily reduced, however, and now their lumber is sold in Winnipeg at the same prices as pine of similar grade. British Columbia cedar shingles first gained a foothold here and are now in general use. Their fir lumber is now used for flooring considerably, and cedar is used for siding to some extent. Cedar has been used some for inside finishing, here, but it is not liked, its disadvantage being its very soft texture, which causes it to become easily marked and scratched. Some who have finished houses in cedar have been disappointed on this account. Sash and doors in British Columbia woods, principally cedar, are now sold here at the same price as white pine, though a few years ago the prices of the B. C. woods were almost double. The cedar doors are not liked on account of their extreme softness, though they take a nice finish. Following are the prices as fixed by the Winnipeg lumber association, at the yards here, from which 10 per cent discount is allowed to contractors for cash.

**Dimension and Timber.**

SIZES.	12ft	14ft	16ft	18ft	20ft	22ft	24ft
2x4 to 2x12	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$20	\$21	\$22	\$23
3x6 to 3x12	20	20	20	21	22	23	24
4x4 to 4x12							
6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8							
8x10 to 12x12	21	21	21	22	23	24	15
2x4-10 at \$21.00.							
2x6 to 2x12-10 at \$18.00.							

Dimension, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$24.00. Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$26.00. \$1.00 per M. advance on each inch over 12in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M. less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M.

**BOARDS.**—1st common dressed, \$25.50; 2nd common dressed, \$20.00; 2nd common rough, 19.00; 3rd common dressed, \$18.00; 3rd common rough, 17.00; culls rough, 14.00; spruce dressed, \$18.00; spruce rough, \$17.00; \$2.00 per M. less for 8 to 10 ft. and under; culls No. 2, \$8.00

**SIDING, FLOORING AND CHANGING.**—1st, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$11.00; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$30.00; 1st, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$36.00; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$32.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$28.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white pine, \$23.00; B. C. No. 1 fir, \$36.00; B. C. No. 2 fir, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, \$28.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$25.00; Cedar siding, \$36.00; \$1.00 per M. advance for dressing both sides.

**BEVEL SIDING.**—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00, No. 2 red and white pine, \$23.00.

**SHIPLAP.**—6 inch, \$19.00; 8 and 10 inch, \$21.00; Spruce, 8 inch x 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 6 inch, \$19.00.

**SHINGLES.**—B. C. cedar, per M. \$3.25; No. 1 pine, per M. \$2.75; No. 2 pine, per M. \$2.25; No. 3 pine, per M. \$2.00.

**LATH.**—Pine lath, per M. \$3.00.

**COMMON STOCK BOARDS.**—1st, 8 to 10 and 12 inch, \$26.50; 2nd, 12 inch, \$21.00; 2nd, 8 to 10 inch, \$20.00.

**FINISHINGS.**—1½ inch, 1¼ inch and 2 inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd, clear, \$65.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$55.00; white pine, select, \$45; white pine, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00; red pine, select, \$30.00; B. C. cedar clear, \$55.00; B. C. fir clear, \$40.00. \$5.00 per M. advance on 2½ inch and thicker.

One inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$48.00; white pine, select, \$38.00; red pine clear, \$40.00; red pine, select, \$30.00; B. C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

**OAK, RED AND WHITE.**—1st and 2nd, \$50.00 to \$60.00; Common, \$35.00.

**MOULDING AND BASE.**—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal 60c; lattice, ½ by 1½, 100 feet lineal, 76c; window and door stop, 1½ inch lineal, \$1.25; window and door stop, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; ¼ round and ⅓ cove, 75c; 1½ round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2½ round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3½ round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4½ round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, 1½, \$1.50; 6 round window stool, 1½, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$4.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; hand rail, 2 x 4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2½ inch, \$2.35; wainscot cap, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from 1½ stock add 25 per cent; 1½ add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or moulding to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

**GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**

**WHEAT.**—Wheat on Monday of this week touched a high-water mark, and again on Wednesday, prices made a sharp advance at Chicago, reaching a figure about 9c per bushel above the lowest closing price during April, which was 54½c for May wheat. The large reduction in the visible supply, which is now well on to a million bushels under a year ago, helped the advance on Monday, and strong European markets was a factor on Wednesday, with the inevitable crop damage reports from south-western states. Rains in the west on Thursday depressed the markets.

Exports of wheat—flour included as wheat—from both coasts of the United States amount to 2,555,660 bushels this week, against 2,431,000 bushels last week, 2,773,000 bushels one year ago, 2,776,000 bushels two years ago, 3,951,000 bushels three years ago and 2,319,000 bushels in the first week in May 1891. The April decrease in European, American, Canadian and afloat stocks of available wheat was only 7,524,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report, as Europe has been taking from Russia and the Argentine of late with more free-

dom than from any other country since last summer. In 1891 the April decrease in the world's available supply of wheat was 5,260,000 bushels and in 1893, 6,200,000 bushels, but in 1892 it was 17,700,000.

**WHEAT LOCALLY.**—The local situation has been very strong, owing to the very limited quantity of wheat held and the demand from millers. Prices for Manitoba wheat in Ontario have continued to advance sharply. The idea of values here appears to be about 40 higher than a week ago, though there is not enough business doing to confirm close prices. May wheat is quoted at about 77 to 77½c, at Fort William, for No. 1 hard, delivery latter part of May or June. The weather has been favorable for the growing Manitoba crop, good rains having been experienced throughout the country.

**FLOUR.**—Another hoist was given to flour yesterday. Prices were advanced locally 5c per 100 pounds, by millers, and in Eastern Canada markets there have been further advances of about 10c per barrel. This second advance was expected as there has been a heavy demand at very firm prices. Minneapolis millers advanced prices 20c this week. Sales by millers here are made at \$2.00 for patents and \$1.80 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs., delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash in 30 days. A further advance is expected early next week.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—The quotation to the local trade is \$12 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices are steady, and range from \$17 to \$19 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

**OATMEAL.**—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades.

**OATS.**—There is no change in local quotations. We quote 30 to 32c for cars on track here. Holders ask 31 to 32c for cars here usually.

**BARLEY.**—No business doing. We quote about 40c per bushel for feed grade.

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

**BUTTER.**—The local market is much the same. Advices from Eastern Canada speak of large receipts and increasing depression in prices. Another car of held Manitoba dairy is going forward to Montreal. We quote 10 to 12c for new dairy in the Winnipeg market.

**EGGS.**—Prices hold the same as a week ago. Dealers are selling in case lots at 7½c, and paying 7 to 7½c net for receipts from the country.

**CURED MEATS.**—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12; do backs, 11c; picnic hams, 9½c; short spiced rolls, 8c long rolls, 8½c; shoulders, 9c; smoked long clear, 9½c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 8½c per lb.; shoulders, 7½c; backs, 9½c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ¾c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$17.00 clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$17.50; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; Bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**LARD.**—We quote: Pure, \$1.85 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.60 for 60-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

**POULTRY.**—Held, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices.

Chickens 8c, turkeys 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c. About 1 to 2c per pound higher would be paid for nice fresh birds, or 65 to 70c per pair for live chickens.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—The price of beef held this week at 6c for good city dressed, but wholesale butchers talk of advancing to 6½c, and there is a probability of an advance the first of next week. In fact, one butcher said he would not sell any more choice beef at 6c. Good fresh mutton holds at 10c. Wholesale butchers get 6c for dressed hogs and say they will advance prices to 6½c at once. Veal is worth 5 to 6c.

**HIDES.**—The hide market continues very firm everywhere, especially for light hides which continue very scarce. Buff hides have sold as high as 8c at Montreal to tanners. As there is an actual scarcity of supplies and tanner are active buyers, the outlook appears favorable for high prices for some time to come. We reported last week, on the strength of a telegram, that hides had advanced 2c in the United States within ten days. This appears to have been a mistake, as trade papers to hand show only a shade higher prices on some classes, Chicago light hides being still quoted at 8 to 8½c for No. 1. At New York, however, there was a sharp advance in imported dry hides. We quote: Hides Winnipeg inspection, green, 4½c for No. 1 cows, 3½c for No. 2, and 2½c for No. 3, and 5½c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 4½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Cured, hides 5 to 5½c. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6c per lb. Kips 4 to 5c. Sheep skins, 35 to 60c each, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL.**—We quote 9 to 10c for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

**SENECA ROOT.**—Indications continue for low prices on the new crop, and 20c is looked upon as likely to be the outside price this season.

**VEGETABLES.**—Prices are: Potatoes, 30 to 40c per bushel for farmers loads; cabbage, 5c per lb for good to 2c for poor stock; carrots, 60 to 75c per bushel; beets, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.; rhubarb, \$2 to \$2.25 per box of about 45 pounds. Egyptian onions, \$5 per 100 pounds.

**HAY.**—Still very dull. Prairie baled is quoted at \$4 per ton on track here.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—About 300 head of cattle were received at the stock yard here this week. The principal business transacted was the lot of cattle shipped in by Mullins & Wilson on Saturday and Sunday last, consisting of about 240 head. This entire lot was bought by Gordon & Ironside and 214 head of them were shipped eastward on Monday for export, while a few stockers among them were sent to the country to feed up. One car of cattle received by Gordon & Ironside this week came from the Lake Dauphin country. The 214 head noted above were the only cattle sent east, the balance being local butchers' and stocker animals. Gordon & Ironside will have a big shipment about the 10th of this month. They are figuring on about three train loads for that date. Wallace & Motheral, of Southern Manitoba, are expected in with a trainload of export cattle tomorrow. They are loading at Cartwright, Clearwater and vicinity. The range of prices here appears to be from, 3½ to 4c according to quality, for butchers' and export cattle.

**HOGS.**—About 300 hogs were handled at the yards here this week. Of these 350 were brought in by Mullins & Wilson, and were sold to Gordon & Ironside, who re-sold them mostly to J. Y. Griffin & Co. for their packing house here. Local butchers got the balance of the lot. One car of hogs came in

from Indian Head, and other odd lots from other points. Three cars of hogs were shipped on Sunday from here by Christie & Fares for Vancouver, B. C., for a packer there. There were no eastern shipments. One hog received weighed 630 pounds. We quote hogs, off cars here, at 4½c for good average lots to 4½c for selected packers.

**SHEEP.**—One car of sheep only came in this week for Mr. Bond, for the local market, bought at Emerson from Christie & Fares. This is the only load of sheep in for about three weeks. We quote sheep at 4½ to 5c off cars here.

At the half weekly market at Toronto on April 30, cattle were slightly firmer. Choice butchers' were selling at from 4 to 4½c per lb, one or two lots going at a fraction above the highest figure. Medium to good butchers' sold at from 3½ to 3¾c per lb., common cattle, 2½ to 3c per lb. Buying for export was quiet for the lack of cattle on sale and prices were 4½ to 5½c per lb. Hogs were weaker, being off about ½c per lb. Choice long lean hogs sold for 5 to 5½c per lb, weighed off the cars. Sheep and lambs were firmer. Good grain fed yearlings fetch 5½ to 5¾c per lb. Spring lambs sell at from \$3 to \$4 each.

#### New Fire Insurance Co.

A meeting of the promoters of the new local fire insurance was held Wednesday afternoon in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, when the sub-committee appointed to canvass the city to ascertain what support such a company would be likely to receive from the mercantile community, presented their report. The report was to the effect that the time was ripe for the establishment of a strong company in which the public would have confidence and recommended that the charter of the Canadian Fire and Live Stock Insurance Company be secured at once and stock books opened. The report was adopted and a committee was appointed to negotiate with the directors of the C. F. and L. S. Insurance company for the acquirement of the charter of that concern. It was announced that stock to the amount of \$190,000 had already been subscribed and that there would be no difficulty in securing \$200,000 in the city. The stock books were opened and nearly all the gentlemen present inscribed their names on the list, some of them for very considerable sums. It is the intention of the promoters to invite merchants and others in Portage la Prairie and Brandon, and other provincial towns to become stockholders in order to make the company as representative as possible. After some legal details connected with the acquirement of the charter have been settled, a board of directors and officers will be elected. At the outset the operations of the company will be confined to Manitoba, but later, business will be extended throughout the territory, extending from Port Arthur to the Pacific coast.

We have been requested by the Stovel Company to give an expression of opinion regarding their pocket directory, a publication issued by them monthly, the May number of which is now before us; otherwise we should scarcely have taken notice of "the directory." The publishers are certainly to be commended for the faithful manner in which they have copied "Waghorn's Guide," another monthly publication, which has become indispensable to the business public. Had they attempted anything original, we might not be able to give even this commendation, but they certainly have made an unnecessary duplication of a very useful periodical, upon which they have not made any improvement. If "Waghorn's Guide" should cease publication, "the directory" might prove a passable substitute, but until that takes place, its usefulness is known only to its publishers.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Wheat made a very bullish move on Monday. Prices advanced 2c. July wheat opened at about 63½c and advanced to 65½c. The top price was not held. Prices were:

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	63½	63½	64½
Corn.....	47½	47½	48½
Oats.....	—	28½	28½
Mess Pork...	—	12 17½	12 67½
Lard.....	—	6 80	6 95
Short Ribs...	—	6 20	6 40

Wheat opened weak on Tuesday with a feeling in favor of reaction. Large exports from all countries to Europe, of 9,000,000 bushels for last week, helped the decline when the report came in. July ranged between 63 and 64½. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61½	62	63½-1
Corn.....	47½	47½	47½-18
Oats.....	—	27½	28½
Pork.....	—	11 87½	12 20
Lard.....	—	6 67½	6 85
Short Ribs..	—	6 10	6 27

On Wednesday wheat had a sharp advance again, gaining 1½ to 2c, due to crop damage reports and stronger European markets. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat ....	64	64½-65	64½-65
Corn .....	49	47½	50½
Oats .....	29	28½-29	—
Mess Pork ..	12 00	12 20	12 45
Lard .....	7 10	6 85	7 00
Short Ribs .	6 10	6 27½	6 40

On Thursday wheat was fairly strong part of the day, July option advancing to 65½c, but declined and closed lower. Closing prices were:

	May	July.	Sept.
Wheat ....	63½	64½	64½
Corn .....	48½-1	49	49½
Oats .....	28½-3	—	28½
Mess Pork ..	12 15	12 40	12 60
Lard .....	6 52½	6 90	7 05
Short Ribs .	6 17½	6 35	6 47½

There was not much change in wheat Prices closed as follows.

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat .....	63½	64½	64½
Corn .....	48	49½-3	50½
Oats .....	28½-3	28½	—
Mess Pork ..	12 00	12 20	12 40
Lard .....	6 60	6 70	7 92½
Short Ribs..	6 05	6 20	6 35

On Saturday prices opened higher at 64½c for July wheat but the tendency was lower and prices closed near the bottom. Closing prices were:

	May	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	63	64½	64½
Corn.....	49½	49½	50½
Oats.....	28½	28½	—
Mess Pork...	11 80	11 90	12 15
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs...	—	—	—

A week ago July wheat closed at 64½c.  
A year ago July wheat closed at 59½c.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—May 68½; July, 69; Sept. 67½.  
Tuesday—May 68½; July 67½; Sept. 65½.  
Wednesday—May, 67½; July, 69½; Sept. 67½.  
Thursday—May, 67½; July, 68½; Sept. 66½.  
Friday—May, — July, 68½; Sept. 66½.  
Saturday—May, 67c; July, 67½c; Sept. 66c.

A week ago prices closed at 67½c for April and 67c for May. A year ago May wheat closed at 61c, and two years ago at 70c. No. 1 hard is quoted at about 1c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern 3½c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 65½c for May delivery, July closed at 66c and September at 63½c. A week ago May wheat closed at 66c, and July at 66½.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, May 4th, July wheat closed at 68½c and September delivery at 69½c. A week ago wheat closed at 67½c for May and 68c for July.

**The Hudson Bay Railway.**

Considerable flurry has been caused this week by the arrival in Winnipeg of the president of this road, and a number of contractors, and it is rumor that work will begin on Monday (to-day). The contractors drove over about 100 miles of the proposed route. It is said the contract covers 250 miles of road, half of which is to be built this year. The papers relating to the enterprise were laid before parliament at Ottawa on Friday. From this it appears that the aid promised by order-in-council is in the nature of a loan, not to exceed \$10,000 per mile nor \$2,500,000 in the aggregate. The government propose to take the land grant of the company and the subsidy of \$30,000 per year for twenty years, previously voted, as security for the repayment of the loan. The loan is also to form a first charge upon the railway. The agreement is subject to ratification by Parliament.

This order-in-council was passed on the strength of an agreement between the company on the one part, and Ross, Mann, Holt and MacKenzie, contractors, of the second part, the latter agreeing to build the road on certain conditions. It appears that since then the company has had a misunderstanding with the contractors and has made a contract with a new syndicate of contractors, composed of Donald Grant, Timothy Foley and James Isbister. These are the men now in Winnipeg. The government, it appears, has refused to recognize the new contractors, and accordingly there is something in the nature of a hitch in the arrangements.

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for the week ending May 2 were \$778,907, balances, \$207,771. For the previous week clearings were \$711,381. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$632,077. For the month ending April 30, clearings were \$3,093,079, as compared with \$2,958,886 for April of last year.

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

	Clearings.	
	April 18.	April 25.
Montreal..	\$8,813,534	\$10,111,937
Toronto...	5,214,834	5,561,292
Halifax...	894,294	977,608
Winnipeg..	681,065	711,381
Hamilton .	579,648	578,540
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,193,370</b>	<b>\$17,935,761</b>

**Tariff Changes.**

The finance minister made his budget speech in parliament at Ottawa on Friday. The principal tariff change announced is a ½c per pound added to raw sugars for revenue purposes, and to balance the situation for the home refiners, the duty was increased on refined sugars to the same amount. The excise and customs duties on spirits are also increased. The customs duty on alcoholic liquors has been placed at \$2.25 per gallon. Other changes are: condensed milk, 3½c per lb; condensed coffee, milk foods and similar

preparations, 35 per cent ad valorem; biscuits, not sweetened, 25 per cent; biscuits, sweetened, 27½ per cent; canned fruits, 2½c per lb, to include wright of cans; jellies, jams, etc., 3½c per lb; paints and colors, ground in spirits, etc., \$1.12½ per gallon; syrups and molasses, 4c per lb.

**British Grain Trade.**

The Mark Lane Express, of April 29, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: Flour has risen 1s for both English and American makes, the highest London price being 25s for English wheats. To-day wheats are 1s dearer, even damaged wheat bringing 20s, good red wheats 21s and the finest whites 25s. California wheats are up 9d and No. 2 red winter 1s.

**Late Western Business Items.**

The Elkhorn Milling Co., Elkhorn Man., has been incorporated.

King, Leakey & Co., general store, Calgary Alta. have assigned to Geo. C. King.

William Ferguson, of Rat Portage, watchmaker and jeweler has opened business at Fort Francis.

W. Bateman, formerly of the Queen's hotel, Winnipeg has bought the Grand Central hotel at Virde'n, Man.

The steamer Dixon was the first steamer to arrive at Port Arthur this season on April 29. She came from Duluth.

Kingdon & Doige, of Selkirk, Man., have examined the clays about Moose Jaw, Assa. and contemplate establishing a pottery there.

D. G. Stewart & Co., lumber dealers, Grenfell, Assa., have sold out to C. J. Rosborough & Co. who will continue the business.

The Algonquin loaded grain at Fort William on Wednesday and left for Midland with the cargo, being the first boat out with grain this season.

A large force of men are at work at Math-er's saw mill at Keewatin preparing for the season's run. The mill will start shortly with a full force.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. is said to have contracted for 1,500,000 feet of lumber for elevators to be built by the company this year in Manitoba.

Greene & Sons Co., of Montreal, who have done a large trade in the west for years, are now soliciting business in furnishings, hats, furs, etc. for the fall of 1895. Their announcement reached us too late for this week, but will appear in the next issue of The Commercial.

The following statement showing the value of goods exported, entered for consumption and duty collected thereon during the month of April, for the port of Winnipeg, compared with the same month of 1894:

Description.	Value	Value
	1894.	1895.
Exported .....	34,348 00	47,426 00
Entered for Consump- tion, Dutiable...	110,522 00	122,692 00
Entered for consump- tion free .....	68,811 00	59,493 00

Total for consump-  
tion.....179,363 00 182,185 00  
Duty collected..... 32,672 32 35,454 93

The Banque d'Hochelaga has declared a dividend of 3½ per cent. for the current half year.

Notice is given by the Imperial bank that a dividend of 4 per cent. and a bonus of 1 per cent. upon the capital stock of this bank has been declared for the current half year.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, April 30, 1895.

The wholesale trade report that retailers still require a considerable amount of nursing. It is not a case of slack business, but, who to do business with, and to what extent the nursing process is to be continued. Leaving out of the question those who have got behind in their accounts and are experiencing some difficulty in catching up, business is certainly very much improved, money easier and prospects bright. The cash trade is improving daily and is considerably larger than at this time last year, but the volume of business is about offset by the general decrease in prices.

## British Columbia Markets.

Vancouver, April 30, 1895.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 8 to 12c; Manitoba creamery, 16 to 18c; Canadian cheese, 11½ to 13; Manitoba cheese 12 to 13c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; backs, 12½c; long clear, 9½c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides, 11c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 3c; smelt, 4½c; sea bass, 4; black cod, 5c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 6c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 12½c; steel head salmon, 5c; spring salmon, 6c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; finnan haddie, 9c; trout 12c; oolachans, 3c lb, 25c bucket; salt salmon, \$6 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$8 to \$10 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$10 to \$15; onions, silver skins, 2½c; cabbage, 2½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 16 to 20c; eastern, 12 to 15c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$3.25 to \$3.50; California oranges, naval, \$3 to \$3.50; seedlings, 2.25 to \$2.50; California apples, \$1.85; bananas, \$1.00 to \$1.50 a bunch, single; rhubarb 3c lb; Australian apples, \$2.50.

Nuts.—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 13c; walnuts, 15c.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Kee-watin Milling Co quote in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver. Patent, per bbl., \$1.40; strong bakers, \$1.20, Oregon, \$3.75; Oak Lake patent, \$1.40, strong bakers, \$1.20.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb, sacks, \$2.15, Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.90.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31.00; Edmonton district oats, \$29.00; Washington State wheat, \$22.50; do, oats \$28.00, f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$21.70 ton; ground wheat, \$23.00 ton; ground barley, \$23.00 ton, shorts, \$17.50 ton; bran \$15.50 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 8½c; mutton, 8½ to 9c; pork, 6 to 9c; veal, 10c.

Live Stock.—Calves, 6 to 7c; steers, 4½c; sheep, 4c; hogs, 6 to 6½c; lamb, per head, \$3.75.

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

Syrups—50 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

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

## British Columbia Business Notes.

W. J. Meakin, hotel, Vernon, is dead.

Colin McCalman, plumber, Vancouver, has assigned.

Hart & Jeffers, hotel, Silverton, have dissolved.

C. J. Robson, fruits, New Westminster has assigned.

John Hilbert, undertaker, Nanaimo, has assigned.

W. D. Pratt, publisher, Three Forks, is out of business.

McEachren & Co., hotel, Kaslo, advertise their business for sale.

Nanaimo Electric Light Power and Heating Co. have been incorporated.

G. H. Williams, drugs, Three Forks, has removed to Nakusp.

A. E. Howse, general store and hotel, Nicola Lake, has had his hotel burned.

Tierney & Co., hotel, Three Forks, have dissolved; T. Tierney and T. Devlin continue.

Carbutt & Musket, men's furnishings, Vancouver, have dissolved; J. F. Carbutt continues.

A liquidator has been appointed for the British Columbia Pottery and Terra Cotta Co., Victoria.

The Trades and Labor Council are organizing a co-operative society. The society will start several stores in the city, if their first venture, a general store, is a success. The rules governing the organization are most elaborate and numerous. The society will be a joint stock company. The stock will be divided into shares of \$5 each.

The shipping trade is very brisk just now. The Brunette and Royal city mills, Westminster, and the Cassidy, Hastings, and Moodyville, Vancouver are all running full time to supply the demand for lumber abroad. The large lumber fleet in Vancouver reminds one of old times when the lumber business was booming in B.C.

An attempt will be made to stop an evil which has crept into the trade in Vancouver. Several instances have been noticed by wholesalers, where hard up, and unprincipled retailers have bought from jobbing houses on credit, goods that they sold for cash to customers, the same day, for less than they could be bought for by the jobbers, for the purpose of raising money quickly to settle some pressing obligation. Such instances certainly have been very few, but some means should be devised to stop the practice at once before it becomes a menace to trade.

Wise men whose opinions go for a good deal predict a great revival in mining this year, and something like a repetition of the golden days of Cariboo. At present miners are scattered all over the interior of British Columbia. And the gravel along the rivers and streams of British Columbia is being rock ed by a roving army of several hundred men. Nothing can be stated accurately about results until reports begin to come in, but it is pretty safe to say that the output of gold for 1895 will be larger than for many years. There is great excitement just now at Rossland, the new boom town of B.C. Harry Baldwin made a discovery of mineral a few miles from Rossland which assayed \$22 to the ton, and the whole town went wild with excitement for a few hours, no other discoveries in that section of any importance have been made, and the Trail Creek country, with its mining town of Rossland is a very good place to keep away from. The country is overrun with desparately poor adventurers, and expenses are extremely high.

The spring salmon catch is gradually improving, the fine weather bringing out a large number of fishermen. Several shipments of spring salmon have gone east, but the large shipments from Columbia river have affected the prices, and the British Columbia shippers are not ambitious to ship in large quantities just now. The oolchan run is phenomenal. It is more profitable than gold mining while it lasts. All the fishermen fishing for oolachan are making money. One catch will be recorded among the famous fish lore of British Columbia. A fisherman in a single haul captured ten thousand oolachans. A photographer was sent for, and the fish were counted, so it is a fact. The oolachans filled 70 buckets which sold at 25 cents a bucket (market price). So that the fisherman made in one haul \$17.50 profit. The last time the oolachans ran in such abundance was in 1869, thirty years ago. The oolachans are a small fish, very oily, and will not keep any length of time. They are however being frozen by the ton at the cold storage establishments and will be shipped east as an experiment. The Indians call them "candle fish," for when dried in the sun and a match touched to them they will burn to a white ash making a brilliant red flame. Splendid oil can be made from them. They are the natural food of the salmon and sturgeon. If the salmon and sturgeon are being thinned out, those remaining will not require so many and the big oolachan catch is therefore not viewed with alarm.

## Live Stock Markets.

Cables on Monday from Liverpool and London report the demand for cattle brisk and the market was active. The tone was firm and values show no change from a week ago. In sheep the feeling was strong and values show an advance of 1c per lb since last Monday, best being quoted at 14c. Argentines were also strong and prices have advanced 2c per lb.

	Liverpool.	London.
	c.	c.
Finest steers .....	60 to 12½	12½ to 60
Good to choice .....	00 to 12	12 to 00
Poor to medium .....	00 to 11	11 to 00
Inferior and bulls .....	8½ to 10	8½ to 10
Best sheep .....	14 to 00	14 to 00
Secondary .....	12 to 13	12 to 13
Meinooes .....	11½ to 12½	11½ to 12½
Inferior and rams .....	9 to 10½	9 to 10½

The export cattle season of 1895 at Montreal was opened by the sailing of the steamship Mariposa, of the Dominion line on Thursday, May 2. She is chartered by Messrs Gordon & Ironsides to carry 240 head of Manitoba and Ontario cattle. The demand for ocean freight from Montreal has been good and the bulk of the space, it is said, has been taken at the following rates.—Liverpool, 45s to 47s 6d, Bristol, 42s 6d, and London and Glasgow, 40s.—Gazette.

At the Montreal stock yards at Point St Charles, on April 29, a stronger feeling prevailed in cattle and prices show an advance of ¾c per lb. There were only about two cars of export stock on the market, which met with a ready sale at 5½c per lb. live weight, and the prospects are that values will go still higher in the near future. The demand from local buyers was good and holders had no difficulty in disposing of their stock. Good beeves sold at 4 to 4½c, fair to good at 3 to 3½c. The market for live hogs was also very strong and prices advanced 40c per 100 lbs. during the past week on account of the small receipts of late. The demand to-day was good and sales were made freely at 5½c per lb. fed and at 5½c off cars.

It is stated that some of the largest United States manufacturers in hardware lines are selling direct to retail dealers in Canada, and have had agents through canvassing the retail trade, notwithstanding that their goods are handled largely by wholesale houses in this country.

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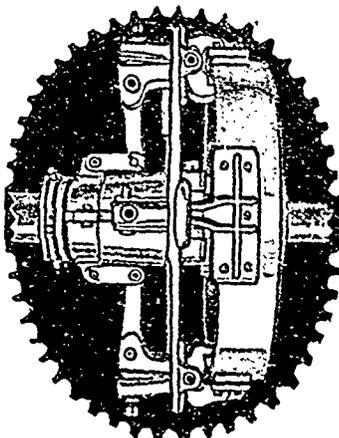
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## Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York on April 26 and a year ago.

	April 26, 1895.	April 27, 1894.
Flour, straight spring	\$2.85 to \$3.60	\$3.00 to \$3.60
Flour, straight wint.	\$2.70 to \$3.00	\$2.50 to \$3.00
Wheat, No. 2 red	66, to 64 3/4c	61 3/4c
Corn, No. 2 mixed	44c	44c
Oats, No. 2	32 3/4c	41c
Rye, No. 2, Western	.....	.....
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	69 to 62c	.....
Cotton, mid. upld.	6 15-16c	7 1/2c
Print cloths, 61x64	2 3/4c	2 3/4c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X	15 to 15 1/2c	20 to 21c
Wool, No. 1 combg.	19 to 20c	23 to 25c
Pork, mess, new	\$13.50 to 14.00	\$14.00 to 14.25
Lard, westn., stum.	7 1/10c	8 00c
Butter, creamery	19 1/2c	21c
Chesse, ch. east ft	8c	11 1/2 to 11 3/4c
Sugar, centrif., 98	3c	2 3/4c
Sugar, granulated	3 15-16c	4 1-10c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	10 1/2c	17 1/2c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	2 05 c	85 1-5c
Petroleum, rfd. gal.	11c	6 15c
Iron, No. 1 anth.	\$12.00	\$12.50 to 13.50
*Iron, Besse, yg.	\$10.75	.....
*Steel billets, ton	\$15.75	\$15.75
Ocea Steam Freights—	.....	.....
Grain, Liverpool	2d	2d
Cotton	7-6 1/4d	7-6 1/4d
	* Pittsburgh.	.....

## Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

**Wheat**—The offerings are less and holders are all firmer and are asking 80c for red, white and spring wheat. Manitoba wheat is firmer at 90c asked for No. 1 hard grinding in transit Sarnia. For round lots afloat Fort William, May, probably 75c would be bid today.

**Flour**—Is firmer and millers are asking \$3.60 for cars of straight roller, Toronto freights. Manitoba flour is very firm at \$1.25 for patents and \$3.95 for strong bakers.

**Millfeed**—Is unchanged. Cars of shorts are quoted at \$16.50 to \$17, and bran at \$15 to \$15.50, Toronto freights.

**Barley**—Is nominal at 48c for No. 1 and 46c for No. 2 east, and cars of feed are quoted outside at 44c.

**Oats**—Are easy. Cars of white sold west to-day at 32c and 32 3/4c. Cars on the track here are quoted at 36c.

**Meats**—Barrel pork—heavy mess \$15.75; shoulder \$13.50, clear shoulder mess \$13.75 to \$14.25; short cut \$16 to \$16.25. Dry salted meats—Long clear bacon, cars, 7 3/4c; ton and case lots 8 to 8 3/4c; backs 9 to 9 1/4c. Smoked meats—Hams 10 to 10 1/2c for large; 10 1/2c for medium; and 11c for small; breakfast bacon 10 1/2 to 11c; backs 10 1/2c and rolls 9c; picnic hams 7 3/4c. Lard, tierces, 9c; tubs 9 1/2c; pails 9 1/2c.

**Butter**—The offerings are large, the demand is slow and the market is dull and weak. The best dairy tub is quoted at 10c, and the best dairy low grade at 1 1/2 to 5c. Large rolls are steady this week at 10 to 12 1/2c. Creamery is also easier at 20c for rolls and 19c for tubs.

**Eggs**—The offerings are liberal, the demand is good and the market is steady at 10c.

**Maple Syrup**—Is quiet at 65 to 75c per wine gallon, in tins, and 80 to 85c per Imperial gallon, in tins.

**Dried Apples**—Dull at 5 1/2c for job lots here and 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c for larger lots. Exported

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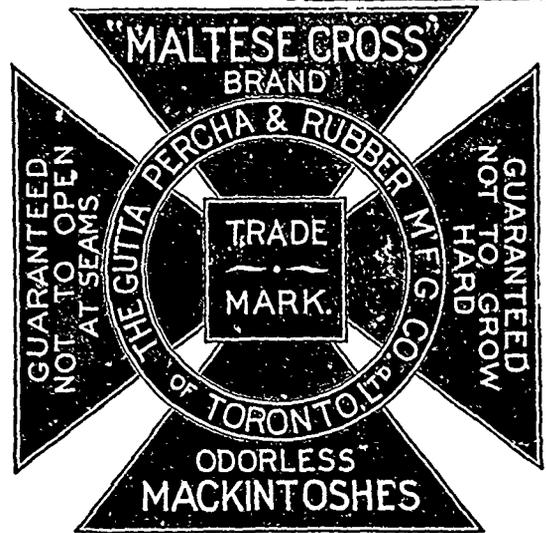
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are quoted at 7 to 7 1/2c for job lots here. Round lots outside are quoted at 6 to 6 1/2c.

**Wool**—Fleece—There have been some small lots of fleece received here lately for which 19c has been paid. Clothing is quoted at 21 to 22c. Pulled wools—Supers 20 to 21c; extras 22 to 23c.

**Hides**—Are scarce, there is an active demand for them and the market is firm at the recent advance. Local dealers quote cured at 7c and green at 6c. Sheepskins—Are in good demand and steady at 85 to 90c and country skins are quoted at 50 to 75c. Calfskins—Are firmer at 7c for No. 1 and 5c for No. 2. Tallow is quiet. Local dealers are paying 5 to 5 1/2c and asking 5 3/4c.—Globe, April 29.

## Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

**Wheat**—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William May, 6 1/4c.

**Flour**—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.65; Bakers, \$1.55.

**Bran**—Per ton, \$12 to \$13.

**Shorts**—Per ton, \$14 to \$15.

**Oats**—Per bushel, 31 to 33c.

**Barley**—Per bushel, 40 to 45c.

**Butter**—Held dairy, good jobbing, 14 to 20c.

New rolls, 20 to 24c.

**Eggs**—Fresh, easier at 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c.

**Beef**—Fresh, per lb., 6 to 7c.

**Mutton**—Fresh, 11c.

**Hogs**—Dressed, 5 1/2 to 6c.

**Cattle**—Ordinary butchers, 3 1/2c; choice 3 3/4 to 4c.

**Chickens**—Dressed, 10c.

**Hides**—No. 1 cows, 2 1/2c.

**Potatoes**—10 to 15c per bushel.

**Hay**—\$5 to \$5.00 per ton, car lots.

A year ago this week the first steamer cleared with grain from Fort William, navigation having opened. The steamer had the load in store over winter. Seeding in western Manitoba was about finished, but in the eastern sections seeding was delayed by wet soil. Oats advanced 1c. Chico new butter was very firm and sold as high as 24 to 25c. Mutton declined 1c.

## Silver.

The London market has been steady this week at the advance in quotations. Activity in silver as well as in silver securities has, however, been on a more restricted scale than for some time. The uncertainty about the payment of the Chinese war indemnity continues. China has arranged a small loan of £1,000,000 in London. The market for silver in New York has been quiet and firm, with a slight reaction from the best prices. Silver prices on April 26 were: London 30 1/2d, New York 66 1/2c.

## Wheat Stocks

The visible supply of wheat in the the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 27, 1895, shows a decrease of 2,850,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,821,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 1,218,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

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

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan 2	88,581,000	80,225,000	81,285,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,330,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4	78,705,000	75,600,000	79,085,000	41,056,000
April 1	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,654,000	41,030,000
" 8	72,703,000	70,702,000	77,294,000	41,177,000
" 15	70,187,000	69,217,000	76,080,000	42,055,000
" 22	68,628,000	68,425,000	74,369,000	39,140,000
" 29	65,776,000	66,583,000	75,027,000	37,930,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on April 20 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal	400,000
Toronto	23,000
Kingston	5,000
Winnipeg	221,000
Manitoba elevators	1,516,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keowatin	1,152,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on April 18, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains	83,896,000
Pacific coast stocks	10,085,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	.....

	bushels.
East of the Mountains	81,465,000
Pacific coast	9,487,000

Stocks of wheat in Europe and afloat for Europe on April 1, 1895, were 60,752,000 bushels, which added to American stocks above, make a grand total for Europe and America and afloat of 162,501,000 bushels as compared with 175,959,000 bushels a year ago.

The Banque Jacques Cartier has declared a dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. for the current half year.

The increased activity in stocks has had very little effect upon the New York loan market. There is still a limited demand and a generous supply in time money, which is quoted at 3 to 4 per cent. Commercial paper is also limited in respect to offerings, while the buying demand has increased. Best names and indorsed bills receivable go on the basis of 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 per cent. Call money is 1 1/2 to 2 per cent.

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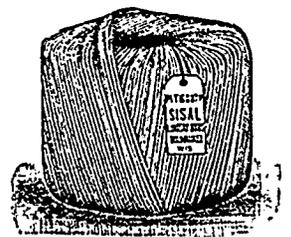
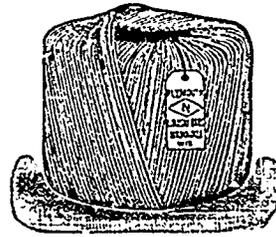
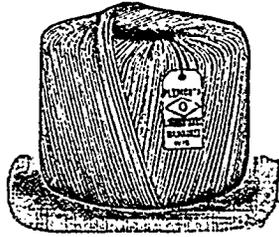
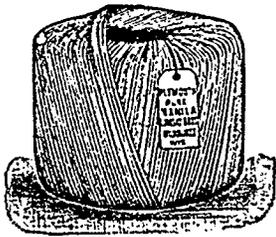
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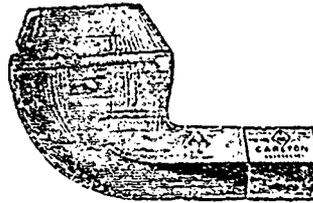
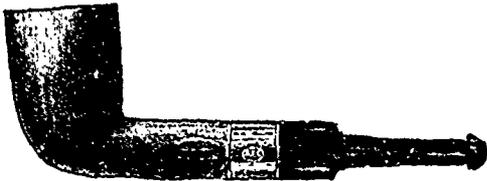
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### Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

**Flour.**—A large business has been transacted in strong bakers flour during the week, as buyers fearing a further advance in prices have been anxious purchasers. It is expected that prices will be advanced to \$1 for strong bakers and \$1.15 for spring patents. Regarding straight roller flour, sales are reported of car lots in the west at \$3.20, \$3.25, \$3.30 and \$1.32, or equal to \$3.50 to \$3.62 laid down here. Still, it is hard work to wring the advance out of buyers, although, if the price of wheat is maintained it must come to it. We advance our prices all round, and quote nominally as follows: Patent, spring, \$3.90; Winter Patent, \$3.85 to \$1.00; Straight roller, \$3.65 to \$3.85, Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.35; Superfine, \$2.80 to \$2.90; City Strong Bakers, \$3.75; Manitoba Bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.70 to \$1.75.

**Oatmeal.**—Prices are as follows: Rolled and granulated \$1.05 to \$1.15; standard \$1.00 to \$1.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.02½ to \$2.05 and standard at \$1.95 to \$2. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

**Bran etc.**—The demand for bran is lessening materially, and prices are down to \$17.00 for car lots, and we quote \$17.00 to \$17.50. Some buyers say they will not pay over \$16.50. Shorts are quoted at \$18.00 to \$19.00, and moullie \$21.00 to \$23.00 as to grade.

**Wheat.**—The local market is very strong, with higher prices asked in sympathy with the advance in Ontario, where sales of about 40,000 bushels of red and white winter wheat are reported at 75c. We quote No. 2 red winter in this market at 72c to 73c. No. 1 Manitoba hard 81c to 82c.

**Oats.**—There is no particular change since our last report, sales of No. 2 white having been made at 40c to 40½c, but buyers say they will not pay over 39½c now.

**Barley.**—In the absence of business to any extent, prices are more or less nominal at 55c to 59c for malting and 50c to 51c for feed.

**Fork, Lard, etc.**—Lard is firmer and higher, \$1.15 being now the lowest figure for round lots of compound. We quote: Canadashort cut pork, per bbl \$17.00 to \$18.00; Canada thin mess, per bbl \$16.00 to \$16.50; Extra plate beef per bbl \$10.50 to \$11; hams, per lb 10 to 11c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb. 9 to 9½c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb. 7 to 7½c; bacon, per lb. 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb. 8½ to 9c.

**Butter.**—Dealers are asking where all the butter that keeps arriving daily is coming from. During the past week no less than 3,280 packages came to hand, against 1,671 packages for the corresponding week of last year. That the market is in a demoralized state for the bulk of holdings which comprise stock that is almost unmerchandise, goes without saying, and sellers are more at a loss than ever to know how they are going to dispose of the poorer grades. During the past few days sales have been reported to us of about 750 tubs of low grade Manitoba and western at prices ranging from 5½c to 8c, one small lot being reported as low as 5c. The chief demand runs on fresh Eastern Townships dairy and creamery at within our quotations. Creamery 19 to 20c, Townships 16 to 18c; Morrisburg 15 to 17c, Western 15 to 16c. Old butter—creamery 10 to 13c; Townships 10 to 12c, Western 6 to 10c.

**Cheese.**—At the moment everything points to an unsatisfactory wind up, parties just returned from the other side stating that stocks of Canadian cheese are large in Liverpool, London and Bristol, that the English make was larger than expected, and that lower prices are looked for. Further sales have transpired of odder cheese in the Brockville section at 8c and it is reported that one lot was placed at 8c. The Liverpool public cable is down to 18s for white and 49s for colored.

**Eggs.**—Prices have declined 1c to 1½c. further sales of round lots having transpired at 11c, and since we hear of 10½c being accepted.

**Maple Products.**—Sales of syrup in kegs at 5c to 5½c, one lot of dark colored selling at 4½c per lb. Tins sold at 55c to 65c, one lot of two dozen tins being placed at 55c, but the syrup was not choice. Sugar has been disposed of at 6c to 6½c for new and at 5c to 5½c for old.

**Beans.**—The market remains firm at \$1.60 to \$1.75 for good, hand picked mediums. Poorer kinds are quoted from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

**Hides.**—The advance in light hides is well maintained and all offerings find ready sale to dealers at 7c for No. 1, sales to tanners having taken place in car lots at 8c. It was thought that the last rise in prices would have choked off the demand from tanners; but although they demurred at first, they have since paid 8c freely in this market. Calfskins are firm at 7c, dealers paying that figure freely for all skins offering. Lambskins have sold at 10c and sheepskins at 75c. We quote prices as follows:

Light hides, 7c for No. 1, 6c for No. 2, and 5c for No. 3; to tanners 8c for No. 1. Heavy hides 7c to 7½c; calfskins 7c; lambskins 10c; sheepskins 75c.

**Leather.**—The leather market continues strong, with an upward tendency in values, and a further rise is anticipated in sole leather, in fact 19c is looked upon as the coming figure for No. 2. This is the leather that moved up ½c last week to 18c. We quote prices here as follows: No. 1 manufacturers' sole 19½ to 20½c; No. 3, do, 18 to 18½c; inferior 15½ to 16½c; Jobbers' sole 2) to 22c; slaughter sole 20 to 22c; waxed upper 25 to 30c; grin 11 to 13c; buffs 11 to 13c; splits 15 to 20c for Ontario, and 12 to 11c for Quebec; pebble 10c to 12c; glove 10c to 11c.—Trade Bulletin, April 26.

The Delineator for May contains the following articles: Dance of the Nymphs, Equestrian Costumes, Artistic House-furnishing, Commencement Costumes, Fashionable Skirt-decorations, Fashionable Millinery, Stylish Lingerie, Ladies' Fashions, Misses' and Girls' Fashions, Little Folks' Fashions, Boys' Fashions, Illustrated Miscellany, Fancy Stitches and Embroideries, Fashionable Dress Goods, Novelties in Wash Fabrics, Fashionable Garnitures, Stylish Millinery, Tatting Illustrated, Crocheting illustrated, The Art of Knitting illustrated, Around the Tea-table, Crepe and Tissue papers, Oberlin (college series), Myers and May Canes, The Voice, Modern Lace-making, Venetian Iron Work, The Home, Seasonable Cookery, Experiences of a Training School, Life No. III, The Social Code No. III, How to be well, Burnt Work Part III, Government Clerkships, Kindergarten Papers No. IX, Preservation and Renovation No. III, The Dressmaker and Milliner, Answers to Correspondents.

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## THE INSOLVENCY BILL.

In the senate on Monday, Sir Mackenzie Bowell introduced the insolvency bill which he said was so fully discussed last session that it should not take up much time this. The bill was re-introduced this session in consequence of a distinct promise given by the late premier in the house of commons in last session. There were a few changes or alterations made in the bill as now introduced and none affecting the principles of the measure. Conflicting clauses and clerical errors comprised the only changes from the bill as amended last session. The bill was read for the first time.

## Grain and Milling Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin tells the following little yarn: "Last fall, when Manitoba No. 1 hard could have been bought in this market at 60c per bushel, certain grain merchants in this city proposed to a banker here to rush in and make a scoop of all the Manitoba wheat they could lay hold of at around that unprecedently diminutive figure, as they felt sure there was a little bonanza in buying No. 1 Manitoba hard at 60c, or in that vicinity, and so there was, as that same wheat is now worth 78c to 80c in this market, a nice little advance of 18c to 20c per bushel. The banker, however, thought that the price of No. 1 hard in this market might drop to 50c, and consequently he refused to advance the money, and thus a splendid chance for both banker and customer slipped by. The former thought there was more money in loaning on Canadian Pacific stock at a pretty steep figure; but there wasn't, and he now finds out his mistake.

The Whitwood Milling Co., Whitewood, Assa., has sold out to Charles Saunders.

The total exports of flour from the United States, during the month of March were, 1,100,816 barrels against 1,302,913 barrels during the same month a year ago. The export value a year ago footed up \$5,326,568, this year \$3,558,013. This shows a decline in the export value of flour of 85c per barrel during the year. During the same time the export value of wheat declined only 6½c per bushel or reduced to flour, about 27½c per barrel.

The farmers' elevator at Neepawa, Man., was sold recently, R. C. Ennis, miller, being the purchaser. The price paid was between nine and ten thousand dollars, or \$1,000 over liabilities. The elevator cost in the neighborhood of 22,000, so that the stockholders have lost heavily.

The Virden Milling Company, Virden, Man., have rented their mill to Grant & Mainwright.

The two mills of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., at Keewatin and Portage la Prairie, were both closed down part of last week. The Keewatin mill resumed grinding Thursday after a shut down of two weeks. A large force of 30 or 40 men were at work giving the machinery an overhauling and some new machinery was put in, in order to keep the mill fully abreast of the times. A new machine shop is being built at the mill and machinery for grinding and corrugating rolls is being put in, thus saving any delays hereafter in sending rolls away to be ground. This will be the only mill in Canada having machinery in connection for corrugating rolls. The Portage mill was closed down for about a week. The two mills have been kept going pretty steadily all winter and shipmen have been constantly going east. Heavy orders are now in to go forward by the first boats.

The monster chimney for the Ogilvie Winnipeg mill is now being built.

## Grocery and Produce Trade Notes.

Referring to European beet root crops Willett & Gray, of New Pork, report as follows: "What the reduction in sowings will amount to is yet difficult to say. Austria is disposed to make quite a decrease, provided the beet raisers can be assured that the reduction made will not be taken advantage of by Germany to make a corresponding increase. Five to 7½ per cent general decrease seems now to be the nearest 'guess' that can be made. This would reduce the crops 250,000 tons to 500,000 tons under average season's weather and be quite sufficient to cause an improvement in the situation."

The Parsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, have arranged with Mr. Scott for the exclusive control this season of the output of his creamery at Shoal Lake. This is the largest and one of the most successful creameries in Manitoba, and it has been operated every season for a number of years. This year the output is expected to reach 15,000 pounds of butter per month. A considerable portion of this butter will be put up in five and ten pound tins. The Parsons Produce Co. have also received an order this week for Manitoba creamery butter from Yokohama, Japan. They shipped 23,000 dozen of eggs from Winnipeg to British Columbia for the week ended April 20.

Winnipeg commission merchants sometimes have trouble about egg cases. They send out egg cases to be filled and returned, but sometimes the cases are not returned to the original owners, but are sent to other parties. This means a loss to the owners, as egg cases cost money. When parties who do not return the cases are billed for them, they sometimes neglect to remit, or object to pay for them. Some of the city commission houses now charge 50c each for all egg cases when they are sent out. This is undoubtedly the proper way to do, and it will prevent many losses from cases not returned. When the cases are returned, credit is given for them.

## Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the weeks of ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Mar. 23	Mar. 31	April 6	April 13	April 20
Extra Manitoba hard .....	1	1	0	0	0
No. 1 hard .....	75	105	109	68	60
No. 2 hard .....	0	1	0	5	7
No. 1 Northern .....	6	10	9	7	28
No. 2 Northern .....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fye .....	1	3	2	4	0
No. 2 white fye .....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring ... ..	2	0	4	0	0
No. 1 Rejected .....	8	4	6	7	6
No. 2 Rejected .....	7	7	7	4	1
No Grade .....	0	0	0	0	0
Total .....	100	131	137	55	100
Same week last year.	63	46	25	15	9

\*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

## Lumber Trade News.

The demand for lumber for elevator building in Manitoba promises to be quite an item in the lumber trade this year. Both the Ogilvie and the Lake of the Woods Company will build extensively this year, besides the elevators projected by several grain firms and dealers.

A report from Duluth says: "A lumber company for the purpose of manufacturing

logs from the United States side at some point on the Lake of the Woods is being organized at Duluth with a capital of \$1,000,000. The organizers are William Deary, of the firm of Kehl & Deary, Duluth; George A. Baird, Gttawa; Timothy Crowell, Boston; H. Howard, Montreal; and M. A. Ferguson, Duluth. They expect to have everything in shape to commence business August 1. There are at present only two lumber companies doing business at the Lake of the Woods and as they own extensive timber limits on the Canadian side they have quit buying logs in Minnesota and a move in this direction has been found necessary. Edward Buckley, president of the Manistee & North-eastern railroad, and other Michigan parties are interested and will aid materially towards making the new enterprise a success." The statement in the above telegram that the Canadian companies have stopped buying logs cut on the United States side of the boundary in the country tributary to the Lake of the Woods is not exactly correct. No logs were purchased this season because they were not required, large stocks being on hand or contracted for in previous years.

The Winnipeg city council has received tenders for the supply and delivery of from 400,000 to 1,000,000 feet of lumber, and has accepted the tender of Wm. Robinson, of Winnipeg, at \$14.20 per thousand feet. The contract price last year was \$13.90.

## Financial and Insurance Notes.

The Phoenix Assurance Co., of London, had \$420,817,085 of insurance in force in the London metropolitan district in 1893, thus leading the list of about 65 companies.

The estimates were presented in Parliament at Ottawa on Monday. The estimated expenditure for the year ending June 30, 1896 is \$11,243,417, as compared with \$10,038,392 the previous year, being an increase of \$1,205,025. The supplementary estimates yet to come down may largely increase the amount. The expenditure in the Northwest for Indians, roads, and Northwest police maintenance is reduced by \$211,325. Militia is reduced, \$243,000, there being no camps of instruction this year. There is an additional \$3,600 to complete the Brandon Industrial school; \$10,000 for Portage la Prairie postoffice; \$12,000 for Moosomin court house. addition, \$5,000 for a court house at Prince Albert and \$6,500 for a wharf on Lake Winnipeg, of which \$2,500 is a re-vote. There is \$8,000 for dredging in Manitoba against \$10,000 last year, and a re-vote of \$25,000 for a bridge across the Saskatchewan at Edmonton.

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