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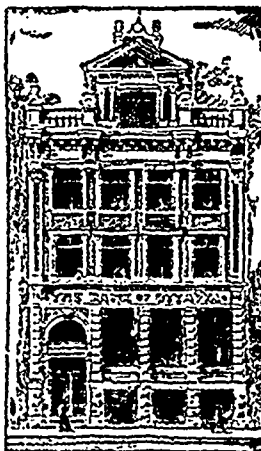
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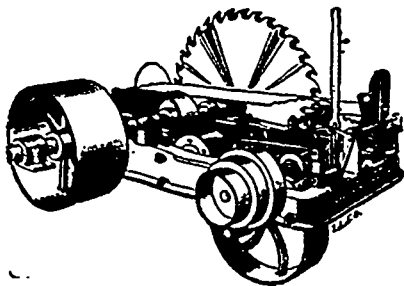
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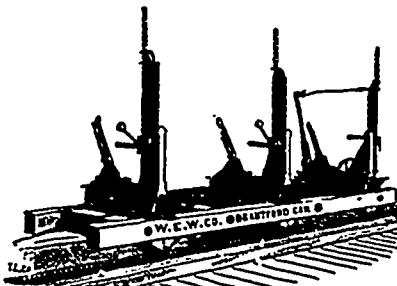
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THE DETESTABLE LIAR.

There are various kinds of liars, no doubt, but it is not our intention to enter into a classification of the liar at present. We have all heard of the cheerful liar, as one class—a comparatively harmless specimen of the genus. It has been said that it is impossible to do business without lying at least occasionally. Even the publisher has been accused at times of lying about his circulation. We do not, however, take the pessimistic view of the case that it is impossible to do business without lying.

Business men in every branch of trade are often caused much trouble by a class of liars whom we shall call the detestable liar. We refer to the liar who deliberately tells the dealer that he can buy an article at so much less from a competitor. Some business men have been ruined financially by this stamp of liar. The merchant is told that John Smith, across the way, is selling exactly the same article or commodity at so much less. The customer is so positive about the matter that the fraud is believed, and a slashing of prices begins. Smith fears of the cuts being made by his competitor. He retaliates and both men are perhaps brought to the verge of ruin. The case is not an overdrawn picture. We have actual results of this nature in view at the present time, which have happened in Manitoba during the past year.

One cause of the difficulty is the proneness of merchants to be suspicious of each other. Another is the desire to control too large a share of the trade. In most cases merchants are too prone to believe reports or charges against a competitor. In discussing this same question on a previous occasion. The Commercial

said that in nine cases out of ten the party who said he could buy so much cheaper from a competitor, either lied deliberately, or labored under a misapprehension. While there is undoubtedly much deliberate lying of this nature, with the object of securing an article at a lower price, we are charitable enough to believe that in most cases the customer is mistaken. It is a very easy matter for the consumer, who is usually not an expert judge of the quality of goods, to be deceived by his belief that the articles at each place of business are the same.

But it is not always in buying goods that the detestable liar gets in his work. Frequently it is the party who has something to sell to the business man, who lies about the price he has been offered by another party. He has been offered one cent per dozen more for his eggs, or two cents more per pound for his butter, and so the price is run up away beyond what the trader could reasonably afford to pay. As a general rule, country merchants pay too high prices for farm produce, the price in the country often being in excess of the value of the commodity in the consuming market. Of course the merchant has a margin on the goods which he barter for butter and eggs, but that is not a good reason why he should be deprived of a fair margin on the produce as well. It is just as unbusinesslike to pay more for produce, such as butter and eggs, than it is worth as to cut and slash prices in selling for cash. It would be interesting to know to what extent the detestable liar is responsible for the losses of merchants in handling produce.

There were two conventions of business men in Winnipeg last week. At each of these the detestable liar was discussed, and from the remarks made it would appear that the operations of this individual are quite widespread. In one case it was reported that last season's trade in lumber at a certain Manitoba point, had been ruined as a result of believing the words of the detestable liar. The merchants, when it was too late, found out that they had been duped into cutting each other's throats, or we might say, throwing away their own profits to meet the alleged cuts of a competitor. "The same old story over again," remarked a business man who was present. The liar had successfully performed his nefarious work.

The business man who is deceived by the detestable liar, is a bigger fool than the liar is a knave. A good motto for business men in every branch of trade would be: Mind your own business. Cease worrying over what your competitor is doing, and conduct your own business on business principles.

Then there would be little chance for the detestable liar to do harm. The individual who simply labors under a misapprehension as to the price or quality of goods offered by another merchant, would also not be such a fruitful source of trouble to the merchant as he now is.

OUR VACANT LANDS.

The periodical efforts in the direction of securing the settlement of the vacant lands around Winnipeg are again to be made. A committee of the Winnipeg board of trade has asked the city council to appropriate a sum to assist in continuing the work done last year in advertising the lands. It is not the wish of The Commercial to criticize the efforts of the gentlemen who have given their time free to devise means to secure the settlement of these lands. The advertising of the lands, in fact, is all right enough as far as it goes. At the same time we would like to point out that it will require something more than advertising to secure the settlement of these lands as rapidly as would be desirable. If advertising alone would do it, we would have many settlers where we now have one, in the districts surrounding the city. There are other features which require looking after, in addition to the advertising of the lands.

It is a popular delusion that the holding of the lands at speculative prices is the cause of the small settlement around Winnipeg. Possibly this may have retarded settlement in the early days, but it is many long years since lands were held at high prices in this district, in comparison with their actual value, market facilities and other features considered, the cheapest lands in Canada to-day are probably contained within the territory immediately tributary to Winnipeg. Lands in the vicinity of some of the small provincial towns, readily sell at about double the price asked for farm lands near Winnipeg.

It will not do to say that the speculative value placed on the property is the cause of so much vacant land around Winnipeg. Neither will it do to say that it is lack of knowledge, concerning these lands, nor lack of consideration of the advantages of residing near a large consuming market, where all kinds of farm produce have a ready sale at a higher price than at country points, owing to the fact that the producer near the consuming market saves the cost of freight and shipping expenses. We should face this matter squarely and try to find the real causes which are retarding settlement. In the opinion of The Commercial there are two main causes. One of these is the abominable condition of the country roads in this district. The other is

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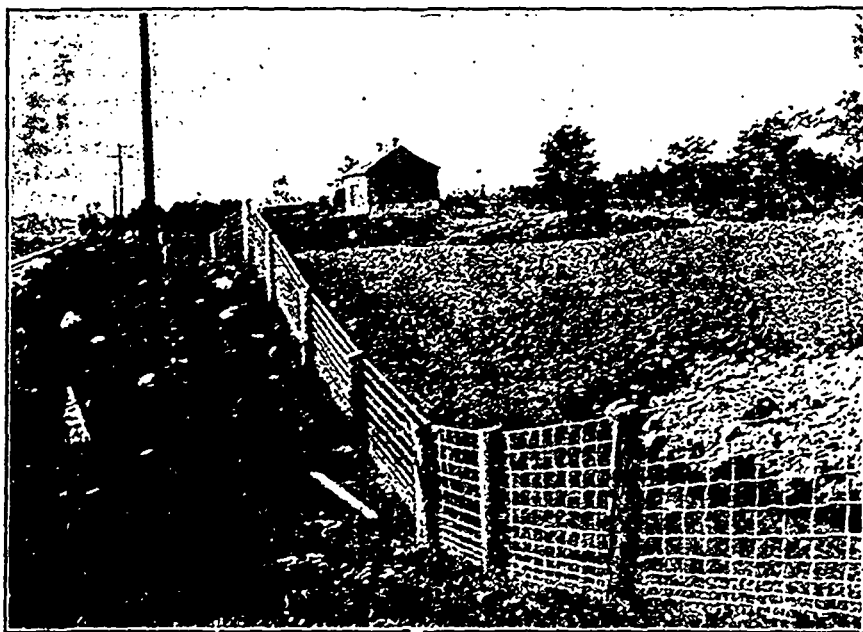
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the almost general prevalence of noxious weeds, and the utter disregard shown by many of the residents towards attempting to keep down the weeds. It is hardly necessary to say anything to emphasize the disadvantage of bad roads. Any one who has ever attempted to drive any distance when the roads are bad, will comprehend the situation. Those who have not, simply cannot grasp the significance of these words at all. A farmer from a district near the city, said to the writer the other day, that he had noticed in the papers that the Winnipeg people were going to spend some money to advertise to get settlers for the district. He added, that if they would turn their efforts toward securing good roads, the settlers would soon come.

The weed question is a so much more of a factor in this matter than many people imagine. Most of the old farms in the district are overrun with weeds. The provincial law regarding noxious weeds has always been a dead letter in this district. Absolutely no effective work has been done to enforce the law. The Commercial has stated these facts over and over again during many years. Farmers who have tried to clean their farms, have become discouraged by the neglect of their neighbors, and some have actually been driven out of the district by the weed nuisance. The writer has learned of a number of parties who have left the district on this account. In the matter of weeds, there is little use in an individual farmer trying to clean his land, while his neighbors allow the weeds to seed and blow all over the surrounding territory.

There is much room for work on the part of those who would seek to secure settlers for the vacant lands of the Winnipeg district, and while they are devising plans with this object in view, they might just take the question of roads and weeds into consideration with a view to bringing pressure in the right quarter to secure improvement of these conditions.

PROHIBITION FOR MANITOBA.

One of the numerous conventions held in Winnipeg last week consisted of a gathering of prohibitionists, a feature of which was the usual delegation, which waited on the provincial government in the interest of the cause. From the standpoint of the prohibitionist, the interview with the new provincial premier was a most satisfactory one. Premier Macdonald promised in the most decisive manner, to carry out the platform of the party now in power, to the fullest extent. It will be remembered that in the recent election campaign, both the parties promised to carry out restrictive or prohibitory legislation to the

fullest extent within the power of the province. In the case of the party of the late government, it seems to be the opinion of some prohibitionists that the government had been playing with them, as during the years which have elapsed since the plebiscite was carried in Manitoba, nothing has been done to put prohibitive measures into effect. However, the temperance people have a new government to deal with now, and from the satisfactory nature of their first interview with the new premier, they seem to have good reason to believe that something will be done in the cause which they advocate. Anti-election pledges, as politics go, are not always, it is true, to be taken literally. In this case, however, the personal pledges of the premier, since the elections, have been so unequivocal that it would seem the new government really does intend to carry out the programme in regard to temperance legislation.

This leads us to consider what the government can do. It is evidently clearly within the power of the provincial government to prohibit the sale of liquors in broken bulk or for consumption on the premises. Regarding the sale of liquors in original packages, the powers of the province are not defined. Eminent authorities differ on this point. The province has the power, however, to restrict, if not to prohibit, the sale of liquors in a wholesale way, by means of the license system, which is within the authority of the provincial government. The province cannot prohibit the manufacture of liquors, nor the sale of liquors by a manufacturer, but, as would appear from the recent test case in Ontario, the province can compel the manufacturer to take out a license.

The action of the government, in view of the pledges just made, will be awaited with keen interest, by a large section of the population. The effect of putting into effect the prohibitory powers of the province, would be to abolish the treating system, providing, of course, that the law is enforced. On the other hand there would probably be an increase in the number of so-called wholesale dealers, unless very restrictive measures were adopted to limit the number of whole sale dealers, by means of the licensing power of the government. There might also be an increase in the number of manufacturers, in the direction of small local breweries. The question of hotels being allowed to supply liquor to guests, is also a matter which would no doubt receive special consideration, in connection with the creation of prohibitive or restrictive laws.

GOVERNMENT TWINE.

When the farmers come to deal with the government, they find that busi-

ness is done on a different basis than is their dealings with the regular trade. The blinder twine question is a sample of this. The Dominion government operates a blinder twine factory at Kingston, Ontario, with the special object, so it has been said, of enabling the farmers to get their requirements of blinder twine supplied at factory prices. But how is this worked? The farmers have the preferred privilege of buying twine for spot cash, up to the first of March, after which date the product of the government factory will probably be sold in bulk to some party, firm or company, to be handled in the regular way. There are two points to be noted in this arrangement. First, the farmer must pay spot cash, which is quite different from the usual long credit plan on which he buys almost everything from the retail dealers. No fault, however, can be found with the government for adopting this plan. It is in fact the only basis on which they could work. Some years ago the government sold twine on credit for one season, direct to the farmers, and we believe a number of their accounts are still unpaid. The second condition, namely; that the twine will only be held until the first of March, is also reasonable from the point of view of the government. The object is to get rid of the twine, and it would be difficult to dispose of the twine in bulk after that date. At the same time, the farmer must pay cash for government twine and take delivery six months before he requires the article. He also in this case runs the risk of having to carry the twine over, in case of his crop turning out a failure. When the farmer comes to pay cash for his twine six months before he wants it, pays cash for freight thereon, figures the cost of interest and insurance, and possibility of crop failure, he will be wise to buy from the local dealer and will probably be money in pocket by so doing. The same rule will apply to most other things which the consumer thinks it an advantage to send away for.

ENCOURAGE THE EXPERIMENTS.

The Commercial has on two or three occasions pointed out the great injury done to Manitoba and the territories by the introduction and enforcement of the laws against the importation of nursery stock from the United States. During the past few years a great desire has been shown on the part of Manitoba farmers and gardeners to experiment with nursery stock, with the object mainly of securing fruits that would stand our severe climate. It is the general opinion of those who have had experience in these matters, that it is a waste of time and money to experiment with Ontario

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nursery stock. On the other hand, nursery stock brought from the States to the south, where the climate is more like our own, has proved quite valuable here. The present law prohibiting the importation of stock from the States, however, has shut out our people from this valuable source of supply. It is greatly to be desired that every facility should be given for the carrying on of experiments of the nature referred to. Our people need more fruit than they have been able to secure in the past, and it is quite certain that if the right kind of stock can be secured, a large measure of success will result from the efforts to grow fruits in Manitoba. It is greatly in the interest of the country at large that these experiments should be encouraged. The lack of sufficient fruit is now one of the drawbacks of the country. The prohibitory law was intended to prevent the introduction of the San Jose scale. The nurseries in the states just south of the boundary are probably as free from this disease as are the nurseries of Ontario.

These being the views of The Commercial, as expressed on previous occasions, it is with pleasure that we note that at the meeting of the horticultural society, held in Winnipeg last week, a resolution was unanimously carried urging the government to admit nursery stock to Manitoba from the adjacent states. It is to be hoped the government will take action on this matter in time to allow of the importation of stock from the states to the south of us in time for planting this spring.

FAILURE STATISTICS.

The Bradstreets Company have issued a compilation of figures relating to failure statistics, in which failures are considered under almost every possible heading. While the little booklet only covers a few pages, it represents an immense amount of labor in collecting and tabulating the figures. Failures in the United States and Canada are classified as to cause, such as incompetence, neglect of business, fraud, etc. From one table it is interesting to learn that in Canada there were 1,306 failures last year, out of a total of 91,859 business concerns, which was a remarkably good record compared with previous years, as in 1896 there were 2,204 failures, out of 82,978 business concerns. Of the total of 10,948 failures in the United States and Canada last year, 7,629 had less than \$5,000 liabilities, and 10,234 had less than \$5,000 capital, showing that the vast proportion of failures are small affairs. In Canada 74.1 per cent of the failures were ascribed to lack of capital, the next largest number being attributed to incompetence, or 9.4 per cent., which is less under this heading than we would suppose, though possibly some of the failures attributed to lack

of capital were due to some extent to incompetence as well.

Opening for Investment.

To the Editor of The Commercial.

Dear Sir:—I notice by a Winnipeg paper of a recent date, that the demand for confectionery has been much greater than usual and you attribute it to the prosperity of our people. This is no doubt true in regard to the Dominion as a whole, but does not quite apply to Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The greater portion of our people are great lovers of good fruit, but unfortunately the fruit of 1899 crop brought into Winnipeg, particularly apples, have been of a very inferior quality (this is no fault of the importers). The season was very dry in Ontario so that the apples did not develop properly and the result is the fruit was very poor. In the absence of the best of fruit the people fell back to confectionery, the demand for which has been steadily increasing for many years until it has now assumed very large proportions. The demand for factory biscuits is quite as great as that for confectionery.

Our local manufacturers cannot produce anything like the quantity required west of the great lakes, and in consequence of that fact we find no less than thirteen firms from eastern Canada, three firms from England and some from the United States doing business in this part of Canada so that an enormous amount of money is sent out of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories each year to support an industry that can be carried on in our midst with very great advantage, both to the city and country. I believe the value of the biscuit and confectionery used in this country exceeds a million of dollars annually. Another good factory would be a great acquisition to the city, and would give employment to a considerable number of people. The time is now ripe for some good enterprising business man or men to move in the matter before other places in the province or Territories cut off the opportunity.

CONFECTIONERY TRAVELLER.

Seeds and Garden Tools.

Most kinds of garden and field seeds are to cost more money this spring. The crop of seed beans is said to have been a failure along with the general shrinkage in bean crops and as a consequence these sell higher now. The retail price for spring orders is to be \$5.50 per bushel as against \$2.75 a year ago. Peas will cost this spring \$1.00 per bushel, as against \$2.75 a year ago. Timothy seed is higher to the extent of about 10 per cent, making the price \$3.00 per bushel for best and purest, with lower grades in proportion. Brome grass is one of the kinds of seed which has become cheaper as it is now produced here. Last year it sold at 20c per pound this year the price is 15c. Buyers can prepare to pay more for onions. Up till last year these were plentiful and cheap, but crop damage and increased demand has affected the price for this year's supply and they are now higher. Set onions are worth from 10 to 20c, and potato onions 20c per pound. Fodder corn will sell about the same as last year, namely, \$1.50 per bushel. Garden tools and utensils have advanced in price for the same reasons that agricultural implements are higher. Seed drills and cultivators are five to

ten per cent dearer than a year ago, and there has been a general advance of about the same amount in all kinds of garden tools and utensils.

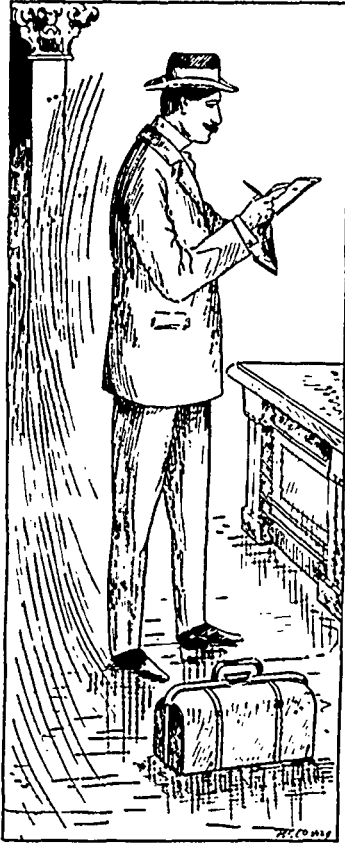
The Horse Situation.

A prominent southern horse dealer and breeder in speaking recently of the horse markets of the west, said:

"It surely needs no argument at this day to persuade our farmers to raise more good draft horses. The market has materially advanced and is still advancing under a steady, active demand for export and home use. The supply of horses in the United States is fully 3,000,000 short of what it was six years ago. These simple facts speak for themselves, and when to these conditions is added the great increase in population, the large and growing export trade and the unmistakable return of prosperity to the country at large, no intelligent man can doubt that draft and coach horses will still increase in value and continue high for many years to come. The Chicago market furnishes an excellent guide to breeders, as they can there see for themselves any day what class of horses brings the most money. Next to the high-stepping coach or carriage horse (frequently the get of Hackney sires) the heavy draft horse, possessing good bone and substance, invariably sells the highest. Bays and browns, with heavy, flat bone, and a reasonable amount of silky hair on legs, are preferred by the majority of foreign buyers, but all colors except light grays, are good sellers, if the animal is only sound and right. Now is the time to get a good stallion into your district and commence breeding. The cattle men neglected breeding for a good many years, and with what result? A shortage in the supply and steers selling at \$6 a hundred and upward to-day. The horse men invariably abandoned breeding from 1893 to 1897 and the inevitable shortage is already sending prices up also. A very few years from now horses will be higher in price relatively than cattle are to-day. Remember this."

A Western Seed House.

Western Canada abounds in examples of industries which have grown from very small beginnings to proportions which enable them to compare favorably with similar industries in almost any other part of America. Most of the well-to-do people in its cities and towns and on its farms had very little to start with when they came here and likewise its leading jobbing and retail business concerns had very small beginnings indeed. This has been exemplified more than once in these columns lately in descriptions which have been given of representative business concerns of Winnipeg. This week our subject is the leading seed house of the west, that of J. M. Perkins, situated on Market street opposite the city hall. The seed from which this business has grown was an investment of five dollars in a stock of flower and garden seeds away back in 1885. That was all the money Mr. Perkins had and he preferred not to use his credit to enlarge the stock. With five dollars' worth he opened in a little place on the south end of Main street and commenced to do business. His venture was a success, and has continued to grow and expand. Besides seeds, Mr. Perkins has been handling flour and feed ever since he had any money to invest in them and has built up a good trade in that line. This,



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however, is only supplementary to the main business of flower, field and garden seeds. Of these a complete stock is carried, besides bird seed and supplies, poultry supplies, garden implements, etc.

The store is 100 feet long and about 22 feet wide, 100 feet deep and about 22 feet wide, ground floor and basement. The retail department occupies half of the ground floor and is fitted up with a complete set of shelving and drawers for storage of seeds. The other half of this floor is mostly devoted to stock of flour and feed. In the basement reserve stocks are stored. At present this is fully occupied with a large stock of Dutch sets, potato onions, shallots, corn and timothy seed, garden drills, cultivators, seeders, scufflers, potato planters, plant boxes, flower pots and various other appliances for gardeners use. These are all ready for the spring trade of this year. The onions are stored in specially made crates which give ample ventilation.

Following the general plan for disposal of small packages of flower and garden seeds Mr. Perkins sends out every season boxes of assorted packages to retail stores in every part of the country. The first year this was tried only five boxes were placed. This year the number is 100 and they are to be found in almost every town and village in Canada between the great lakes and the mountains. A large trade is done with the Mormon colony in Southern Alberta.

The seeds with which this warehouse is stocked come from many different and widely separated countries. For instance England is drawn upon for most of the heavy garden stuff. France for carrots, flowers, etc., Germany for some flower seeds and most of the herbs, California for onions, lettuce and sweet peas, and Nebraska for vine stuff. All seeds are packed here in specially prepared packages which are lithographed to show the finished plant from the seeds they enclose. About \$900 is spent every year in this printed matter. A well executed hanger showing a garden scene is a feature of the advertising this year.

From the beginning mentioned Mr. Perkins business has grown until the stock now carried as enumerated above is worth from \$8,000 to \$10,000 and every year's trade increases its proportions.

The Ontario Hog Crop.

The receipts of dressed hogs have fallen off very much the past few weeks, and the great bulk of the crop has been marketed, says the Toronto Globe. Prices are now over \$6 to \$6.25 here, which shows that there is a very considerable margin of profit in hogs at that price. Prices have had a sharp advance this month, live hogs having gone up half a cent since Feb. 1. Although the demand for hog product has been moderate here prices are much stronger, in sympathy with the advance in hogs. The abundance of imported corn has greatly contributed to the growth of the hog-raising industry in Canada, and for two reasons it may be fairly assumed that the feeding of corn to Canadian hogs has not depreciated the value of the product. In the first place there is only a very small difference in the prices offered by feeding packers in this market between corn and pea fed hogs, and in the second Canadian hog product in the old country markets is as popular as ever, and the export trade continues to flourish and grow.

Geo. F. Tuckett.

The late Geo. E. Tuckett, a photo-engraving of whom is presented herewith, has been for many years one of the prominent figures in the Canadian business world. While Hamilton was his home, and for the most part the scene of his business industry, Mr. Tuckett has been known for many years from end to end of Canada and has had business connections in every part of the Dominion. He was head of the firm of Geo. E. Tuckett & Sons, tobacco manufacturers, Hamilton. An Englishman by birth, he came to Canada when very young, and was educated here. In 1866 he entered business with A. C. Quimby (since

canals, \$48,255 for customs; \$83,000 for lighthouse and coast service; \$23,016 for steamship subventions and \$50,000 for post office.

The decreases are. Public works, \$1,219,613, militia, \$54,338; miscellaneous, \$69,123 ocean and river service, \$38,000, and Yukon Territory, \$21,870.

The amount for capital account required is placed at \$6,195,402, a decrease of \$1,652,332 over the amount for the current year, so that there is \$2,048,000 less required between ordinary and capital expenditure than for the current year, but it is more than likely that the supplementaries to be asked for yet will cover this amount.



Late Geo. E. Tuckett.

dead) and shortly afterwards with John Billings in the tobacco business. Later Mr. Billings retired and the present partnership was formed. He has always taken a deep interest in municipal affairs and served one term as mayor of Hamilton. Mr. Tuckett became 64 years old in December last.

Dominion Estimates.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, were presented to parliament this evening by Mr. Fielding, minister of finance. The amount asked for on account of the consolidated fund is \$42,872,989, as compared with \$41,528,299, being the main estimate for the current year, or \$43,239,140, including supplementaries. The main estimate, therefore, for the coming fiscal year is \$366,150 less than the latter.

The amount of the principal increases in the different branches of the service are \$142,000 for Northwest government; \$447,000 for railways and

There is an item of \$150,000 for the taking of the census, and an additional \$50,000 for the Paris exposition. In immigration there is an increase of \$34,500, making a total of \$395,000. In the militia items chargeable to income there is an increase of \$28,198 for pay allowances, \$30,000 for salaries, \$75,000 for warlike and other necessaries, \$16,000 for Esquimaux defence, and \$5,000 for general service medals. For the annual drill of the militia the estimate is increased from \$300,000 to \$425,000.

Northwest items in the estimates are. Court house, lock-up and police accommodation, \$4,000, Dominion public buildings, \$1,400; Medicine Hat court house, \$13,000; Regina land titles offices, lieutenant-governor's residence, improvements, greenhouse and sidewalks, \$7,000. There is also \$5,000 for harbor and river improvements. In connection with the grant for schools for the Territories there is an increase of \$50,000, and \$92,000 to enable the government to restore public works recently destroyed by floods.

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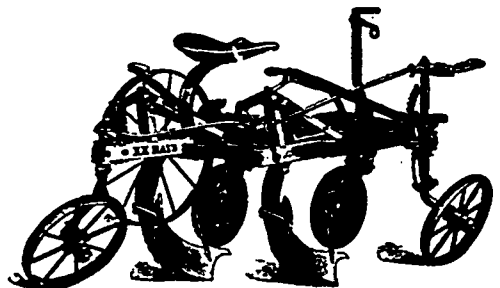
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PAPER AND BAGS ADVANCE.

On Saturday last, as announced in The Commercial of that date, a telegram was received announcing the withdrawal of prices on paper and paper bags. The new lists have since been received, and show sharp advances, as was expected. Following shows the new prices on bags, compared with the old list:

Under 20,000 bags, 20 per cent. list count old list 27 per cent. From 20,000 to 50,000 bags, 22 1-2 per cent; old list 30 per cent. From 50,000 to 150,000 bags, 25 per cent, old list 33 1-2 per cent. From 150,000 to 500,000 bags, 30 per cent; old list 35 per cent. 500,000 bags and upward, 35 per cent, old list 35 and 5 per cent. These are prices at factories.

The new prices on paper are as follows: News print, \$3.35 per 100 lbs., in less than two ton lots; 1-4c per lb. off for two tons and upwards, and 1-2c off for twelve tons and upward.

Book papers—No. 3 book, \$4.75 per 100 lbs., No. 2 book, \$5.75; No. 1 book, \$6.75. These prices are for less than two ton lots, with the same reduction as in the case of news prints, for two tons and twelve tons lots. These prices for both news and book papers are delivered for the Ontario and Quebec trade. For the western trade, an allowance of 25 cents is made for freight to points west of Sudbury.

Wrapping papers—An advance of 1-4c has been made on brown, No. 1 manilla and half moon manilla.

On other lines, such as writing papers, cover papers, etc., the new list had not been fixed, but prices will be higher in proportion, no doubt. Such lines as pads, pass books, scribbling books and paper sundries will no doubt be advanced in sympathy. The Canadian paper manufacturers have formed an association and are working in unison, so that firm prices may be looked for, for some time.

PAPER COMBINE.

The paper manufacturers of the Dominion formed an association last week for the control of prices. In common with other manufacturers, they felt the general increase in prices of articles entering into the cost of production, but they were unable to advance their own prices heretofore owing to the absence of union. This difficulty has now been overcome. Eighteen out of the twenty-two paper manufacturers of the Dominion were represented at the meeting, and they agreed upon the basis of an association. The four firms unrepresented, it is expected, will also join. The first step of the new association was to order an increase of 25 per cent on all lines, newspaper, wrapping, note and every other kind of paper, in order to provide against the cutting of prices or other evasion of the agreement. The firm of Jenkins & Hardy, Toronto, were appointed secretary and treasurer. Any disputes will be referred to them, and they will have the power to impose a fine upon any member of the association breaking the agreement. It is expected that the papermakers' combine will be of the ironclad variety.

PAPER TRADE NOTES.

Winnipeg prices on paper bags, wrapping papers, etc., are comparatively lower than factory prices, since the recent sharp advances at the factories, as jobbers here have not put

the full advance into effect on stocks which they had bought before the advance at the factories.

The paper bag manufacturers some time ago stopped making up car lots for shipment to the trade. Every order is now sent out as a separate shipment, so that retailers cannot now buy to advantage from manufacturers but can buy to best advantage from the nearest jobber, so far as freights are concerned. The freight to western points on small shipments renders it unprofitable to order direct from manufacturers.

BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

FELT GOODS.

The position of felt footwear is very strong, as recently reported. The factories have advanced prices, but the advance has not been put into effect to the retail trade yet, though it may be enforced any time, after April 1 next. On the other hand the advance may not go into full effect until toward the beginning of the sorting season next fall. Arthur Congdon, agent for the Dolge felts, reports that these goods have been advanced at the factory about 10 per cent., but he was uncertain as to the date the advance would be put into effect here. In the meantime orders for fall trade are being booked on the basis of opening prices for the season.

BOOT AND SHOE TRADE NOTES.

Eastern manufacturers are already preparing their fall samples of boots and shoes. Some factories will start their travellers out in March, but the movement will not be general until April. Spring deliveries are now being rushed.

A new rubber shoe factory has been established at Berlin, Ontario, but the new company, we understand, will not operate in the west this year. This makes six rubber shoe factories in Canada, all of which are doing business in the west except the new Berlin factory.

Nothing further has been announced yet in regard to rubber footwear, for the season which opens April 1 next, but there is an impression that there will be a further slight advance in prices, especially since the recent advance in mechanical rubber goods, as announced a couple of weeks ago.

Rubber heels are a novelty which have apparently come to stay. Improved methods of manufacture have made them a very desirable safeguard against the dangers from slippery sidewalks, etc. They look neat and are more springy than leather. Another good quality is that they wear well.

Canvas slippers for wearing inside of rubber boots are being offered by some manufacturers. They are said to keep the feet warm and dry and to make the boot conform more to the shape of the foot. The slippers are made very light and cheap and add practically no extra weight.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The Fall River (New York) committee has advanced the price of regular 61 square print cloths 1-8c and narrow odds in keeping therewith.

One of the fashionable things in straw hats this coming season is to be a turban with a large roll rim of felt made of fancy brack and having a projection at one side made to face with silk, apparently to take the place of a feather.

Certain lines of gingham, cottonades and other colored goods were advanced 1-2c at New York last week to the jobbing trade, with an upward tendency.

Canadian homespun cloths are to be held in high favor this year for both ladies and gentlemen's wear. Mills have been turning out some lines which are exceedingly attractive. They are, however, so well filled up with orders already that it is doubtful if any further increase in orders could be received.

Khaki cloth is to be fashionable this year for both ladies and gentlemen's wear. It will be used mainly for outdoor purpose, such as wheeling, golfing, boating, etc. The cloth is said to be very durable and does not show dust or soiling. English manufacturers are already stocked up heavily with orders.

Canadian cotton goods have stiffened considerably in price since the recent advance in raw cottons. Last week we noted an advance of 1-4c on certain lines of cottons, such as linings, linonettes, and silerias. In addition to this grey and white cotton is very firm and mills have not yet given out their prices on printed goods. British makers are very strong on all these lines.

Implement Trade Notes.

It is alleged that some sales of implements for the spring work are being made to consumers at country points, at last year's prices. This is probably an error, or a case of lying on the part of the consumers who report that they can buy implements at last year's prices. Possibly some dealers who have spring lines carried over from last year are selling them at last year's prices. If so, they are very foolish not to take the advance within their reach. It is hardly possible that new goods are being offered at last year's prices.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 69 1-2 to 70c, February delivery.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.95; best bakers', \$1.75.

Oatmeal—\$1.95 per 80 pound sack.

Milkstuffs—Bran, \$9 per ton; shorts, \$11 delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, 29 to 32c.

Flaxseed—Per bushel, retail, 70 to 80c.

Barley—26 to 28c per bushel for feed grades in carlots on track. Malting barley, 28 to 30c per bushel.

Corn—In carlots, 40 to 43c per bushel of 56 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers offer 12 1-2 to 17c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.

Cheese—9 1-2 to 10c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Buyers offer 20c for Manitoba, fresh, lined, 15 to 16c.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c; frozen stock, 6 1-2c per lb.

Wool—8 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleeces. Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on cars. Loose, worth \$6 to \$7.50 ton.

Potatoes—40c per bushel on the street.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 10 to 12c; ducks, 10c; geese, 9c.

Gains—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each; pigeons, 20c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 6 to 6 1-2c; country frozen beef, 5 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; hogs, 5 3-4 to 6c; veal, 6 to 7 1-2c.

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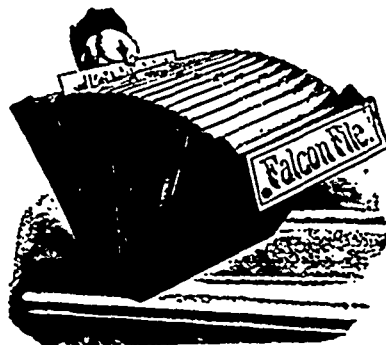
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SUGAR MARKET.

Montreal Gazette: "Early last week the foreign raw sugar market was steady for beet at 10s February and March, but later on Licht increased his estimate of the European beet crop 55,000 tons, which news, no doubt had a depressing effect, and values during the past three days declined 3d, with February and March now quoted at 9s 9d. On the other hand, cane sugar has been maintained at the advance noted a week ago, Java being quoted at 12s, and fair refined at 11s. The New York market for the raw article has also ruled easier, which is probably due to the above decline in beet, and prices for centrifugals are 1-16c lower for the week at 4 3-8c to 4 7-16c. In spite of the above however, the local market for the refined article has ruled steady and prices show no change. The demand at present is limited, and business is quiet at \$4.50 for granulated and \$3.70 to \$4.35 for yellows as to quality, at the factory."

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

New season's pack canned lobsters are offering in eastern markets at prices about 15 to 20c per dozen over those of a year ago.

Ontario fruit and vegetable packers will announce their prices on this season's pack of canned goods for future delivery on March 15.

Canned beans have been in good demand in Montreal and orders for carlots have had in some cases to go un-filled, 55c per case was paid for some.

The Minnesota retail grocers held their annual convention at Winona last week. The attendance was large and the affair in every way a great success.

The combined stock of currants in London and Liverpool on February 1st, is given as 15,803 tons, against 15,519 tons at the same date last year.

Nine beet-sugar factories of Michigan turned out 7,431,108 pounds of sugar and received 35,396 tons of beets in January. The total output of the season to February 1, 1900, was 30,106 1/2 pounds of sugar, and the number of tons of beets received was 210,371.

The Barbadoes molasses market opened on Feb. 16th, the first quotation being 19 3-4c f.o.b. including packages, a figure equal to 32c laid down Montreal. Another quotation given was 16 and \$4 for punchon, first cost, and not including charges. These prices are 3 to 4c per gallon higher than the opening of last year, when 12c was the quotation. It seems to be the feeling though that prices will be on a lower level when business begins in earnest.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

TURPENTINE PRICES HIGH.

"Not for twelve years has turpentine brought so high a price, and present conditions would seem to indicate even higher values before the 'British' feature of the market has reached a climax," says the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter. "In fact, the general consensus of opinion among dealers here is that the local market will advance to fully 60 cents—some of the optimists predicting still higher quotations, in January, 1883, the price of spirits turpentine at Savan-

nah went to 52 cents; prior to that, in 1878 or 1879, further back than the records of the Savannah Board of Trade, spirits sold at 64 cents. The present high prices have been caused to a large degree by the scarcity of turpentine on spot—the light arrivals having prevented any accumulation, and the strong export demand, which has been a marked factor in the position of the market for some time. Labor, too, has figured to some degree in the cost of production, as it has been and is very hard to procure laborers, owing to the increased demand from the phosphate mines, the saw mill, the railroads and the farms, all of which tends to withdraw labor from the turpentine farms. There are many other commodities which have a strong influence on the market price of turpentine that have advanced, among which are iron, coal supplies for men and stock and lumber."

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Brass is easier in the east and the discount on roll and sheet has been increased 15 per cent.

The market for tinplate in eastern Canada and Great Britain is very firm. Odd sizes and 20x28s, the latter being the size chiefly used in Canada are extremely scarce in England.

The Pittsburg Plate Glass Company has announced a general advance of 5 per cent in plate glass prices, due to the fact that foreign makers advanced prices about 15 per cent a short time ago.

United States manufacturers have advanced their prices of galvanized iron 5 per cent. It was expected that the beginning of March would bring an advance of 25c per case on the leading Canadian makes.

The independent glass makers of the United States are engaged in a vigorous war with the glass trust for the control of prices. The independents are on the right side of the market at present with large stocks of glass.

Canadian stove and furnace makers are revising their price lists to correspond with each other. It has been found that prices for practically the same stoves at different factories were considerably different, and the object is to equalize these. In some other cases standard grades of stoves have been selling below market value, and these will be marked up to the necessary extent. Others again have been selling too high and will be brought down. The net result of all this will make the lists very little if anything, either higher or lower.

The Frost Wire Fence Co., of Wellin', Ont., in their last report on wire, say: "A great many jobbers and retailers have practically no stock of wire or rails and this fact may advance prices on or about the 1st of April. In spite of the high prices orders for immediate shipment are as large or larger than they have been in any previous year. During the rush in April and May, we fear that obtaining goods will be more a question of getting them at all, than of price. The market does not justify the placing of large orders, but those who neglect to order at least a part of their spring requirements, will probably have cause to regret this later."

Lumber Trade Notes.

The season's cut of logs in some parts of the white pine states to the south will be from 15 to 25 per cent less than was anticipated.

Sash and door prices continue to advance in the Northwestern States to jobbers, and it is fully expected that these will be obliged to make their prices to the retail trade higher by April 1.

A number of lumber mills in the Ottawa valley have already sold most of their prospective output of this year. Mills in other parts of Ontario have also sold ahead largely. The latest deal reported is the sale of the entire 1900 output of McLaughlin's mill at Arnprior, which it is estimated will amount to about 65,000,000 feet of white pine. This deal involves about \$1,000,000. The lumber is sold for export to Great Britain and the United States.

Some Winnipeg yards are handling a line of bass-wood ceiling this year which is expected to give great satisfaction. It comes from Michigan and is a very desirable looking line. The pieces have all been sand-papered on the exposed side, giving almost a furniture finish, and are tied together in bundles of six for convenience in handling. Another popular line of United States manufacture is a fir flooring from Seattle which is almost perfect as regards grain and finish. Every board shows a double groove or corrugation on the rough side for the purpose of taking up any swelling which may occur.

Dairy Trade Notes.

Stocks of colored cheese in eastern Canada are said to be cornered by two concerns. This is expected to have the effect of putting prices up to 70s in England.

The cheese season of 1899-1900 is drawing to a close, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, with good profits for the middlemen as well as farmers, and factory men are already turning their attention to the coming season, hoping it may prove as satisfactory as that now drawing to a close. A few fodder goods have already been turned out west of Toronto, which are said to be absorbed by the home trade. On March 1st, however, quite a few factories will commence on foddery in the Belleville district, although not in any large quantities, as the flow of milk will, of course be limited. * * * Regarding old cheese, the outlook is for a complete clearance at high prices, and good profits to holders. The new season promises to open with values on a higher level, which will render the handling of goods somewhat risky.

Mr. J. E. Morehous, who has for more than a year been manager of the wholesale business of E. F. Hutelings, harness and saddlery merchant, Winnipeg, now merged into the Great West Saddlery Company, severed his connection with that concern this week and returned to his former home in the south. Mr. Morehous made many friends during his stay in Winnipeg who regret his leaving the city again so soon.

A new typewriter, called the Oliver, has been placed on the market here. F. A. Drummond, of Winnipeg, having been appointed agent for Manitoba and the Territories. A few of the machines have been placed in the city, and they are highly spoken of by those who have used them. The Oliver is a Canadian machine, and the price is very reasonable for a high grade article, being \$25 to \$30 less than other standard machines.

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Good Roads in Ontario.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Premier Ross made an important announcement this afternoon to a "good roads" deputation, that the government were prepared to grant \$100,000 a year for a period of ten years towards improving the roads of Ontario, providing a satisfactory system is found.

The gentlemen to whom the statement was made comprised a committee appointed for the purpose of interviewing the government, at the recent county convention called by the York county council. The delegates informed the government they wanted legislation favoring the county systems of main roads touching the principal parts of each county, and towards which a grant should be given by the government. The premier asked the members of the deputation a number of pertinent questions. One of the great difficulties he feared was jealousy on the part of townships who might not be satisfied with the apportionment of the roads. The delegation agreed with this, but thought a vote by all the people of the county would settle the matter even though the township council's be not satisfied. Premier Ross suggested the statute labor due on lands fronting main roads could be devoted to improving back roads.

Finally the premier announced that the province was prepared to grant \$1,000,000 for improving the roads, distributing it over a period of ten years, provided an equitable system could be devised. The province could afford to do it and they thought by so doing, they could make it much better to the farmer. They could get to market much more easily and quickly and the comforts of rural life would be greatly increased. Large grants had been made to the railways but the railways were of little use to the farmer if he could not get to the station. The government were working on the bill and would be glad to receive any suggestions.

Cotton Company's Strike.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The strike at the Montreal Cotton company's works at Valleyfield is still going on. It is now nine days since the mills closed. The bleaching, dye works and finishing departments, have, however, been working since Friday morning. A report was circulated around town yesterday that the company had purchased several carloads of grey cotton, with the intention of keeping the bleaching department going and supplying their customers. The strikers, numbering 1,800, on hearing this held a meeting yesterday, and this morning they met on the cotton mill bridge in large numbers, and refused to allow any one to enter the mill. At one time there seemed a likelihood of a general riot taking place, but happily affairs did not reach that stage. There does not seem any great hope of an early settlement of the strike, which is playing havoc with things in general. Every day the mills are closed means a loss to the town of over \$2,000 in wages.

Duties on Petroleum.

Ottawa, March 1.—A batch of petitions will be presented to the house of commons to-day asking for the abolition of the customs duties on petroleum and the products thereof, so that the combination, now said to exist, may be broken up and that purchasers can purchase at reasonable prices. The petitioners say that petroleum is not now a home industry because it is con-

trolled and manipulated by the Standard Oil company of New York and persons affiliated with it. The petition goes on to show how the C. P. R. and G. T. R. are discriminating in their rates in favor of the Standard company as against independent importers and shippers. In this connection it is shown that 25 cents per hundred is charged from Sarnia to Montreal and 35 cents per hundred from Suspension Bridge to Montreal, 77 miles shorter in distance.

Flour Trust Collapses.

Milwaukee, Feb. 26.—The United States Milling company, generally known as the flour trust, collapsed Saturday afternoon, but the fact did not become known until to-day, when Judge Jenkins, in proceedings ancillary to the United States court of New Jersey, appointed three receivers for the company, two of whom are now in charge of the property. The receivers are Daniel Thomas, of New York; Charles E. Kimball, of Summit, N. J.; and Albert C. Loring, of Minneapolis. The collapse of the company was due, it is said, to its inability to float its securities on the open market. The United States Milling company was formed with a capital stock of \$25,000,000 April 22, 1899, having secured control of important flour mills. They included the Syracuse mills, the Billingsville mills and the Urban mill at Buffalo.

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H. McKinnon is opening a butcher shop at Cartwright.

W. H. Deacon has opened a tailor shop at Swan River.

Horne Bros. have opened out a harness shop at Letellier.

John Greenaway, of Newdale, is opening a butcher shop at Oak River.

McCormick & Brady, butchers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

S. J. Adah, watchmaker and jeweller, Arden, is moving to Swan River.

J. W. Lannin is taking over the baking business of C. Christie, at Oak River.

R. Ross, general merchant, Killarney, has taken in S. McCullough as a partner.

Budd & Wilson have bought out the Leland hotel at Glenboro from A. Denison.

W. Bertrand & Co., confectioners and tobacconists, Brandon, are moving to Winnipeg.

J. A. Stirling and J. Tanner have bought out the implement business of A. E. Cook at Souris.

It is reported that the firm of Cross & McQueen, general merchants, Killarney, have dissolved partnership.

D. F. Reid & Co., general merchants, Dauphin, have disposed of their business to R. S. Fisher, of Selkirk.

The Manitoba Cream Separator Company, headquarters, Winnipeg, capital \$75,000, is seeking incorporation.

Winnipeg boarding house keepers have formed a union for the purpose of dealing with the ubiquitous dead beat.

T. Finklestein bought both the general merchandise stocks of Ballantine & Sons, Neepawa, at an average rate of 65-78c on the dollar.

The general store and residence of A. E. Chandler, at Plumias, was destroyed by fire on Feb. 22. A. McGill's harness shop was also destroyed. Some insurance.

H. Braun, of the Queen's hotel, Greta, writes The Commercial denying the report that he had sold out. The item was first published in a provincial exchange.

Navigators on Lake Winnipegosis claim that a lighthouse is badly needed at the mouth of the Mossy River. The number of boats in commission on the lake is rapidly increasing.

McLeod & Elvies, furniture dealers, Souris, have dissolved partnership. Mrs. V. J. McLeod will carry on the business. Elvies has bought McIlvride's interest in the dray business of McIlvride & Lane, Brandon.

Appleton & Morr's have been awarded the contract for the printing required by the Manitoba government this year. The figures are reported to be lower than those of last year. T. W. Taylor gets the contract for book binding.

J. Hooper, manager of the Winnipeg Daily Telegram, has been appointed Queen's Printer for the provincial government. Mr. Hooper is one of the oldest Manitoba journalists, and is well known in several provincial districts as well as in Winnipeg.

Kenneth Campbell, secretary of the Brandon board of trade, has returned from Montreal, where he went to interview Canadian Pacific railway officials on the subject of freight rates. Mr. Nation, vice-president of the board,

accompanied Mr. Campbell. The interview with the railway officials was satisfactory. Among other things the Brandon fair was promised the same liberal treatment by the railway company as is given the Winnipeg Industrial.

Assinibola.

G. K. Smith, hardware merchant, Moose Jaw, has bought a building into which he will move his business.

Alberta.

E. C. Pelt has opened in farm produce at Strathcona.

N. D. Mills, barrister, has opened a law office at Edmonton.

McLaren & Hipperson, tinsmiths, Lethbridge, have disposed of their business to Kirkham.

The Alberta hotel, Red Deer, has been leased by Geo. Bently and Thos. Brindle, of that place.

The Gallagher-Hull Meat & Packing Co., Ltd., Edmonton, are about opening a branch at Strathcona.

Wm. Brunelle is selling out his stock of general merchandise preparatory to going out of business at Edmonton.

D. Evans, inspector of coal mines, made a tour of inspection of mines in the vicinity of Edmonton and Strathcona recently and as a result some will be shut down, not having conformed to the law in the matter of safety.

It is stated that work will be commenced this year on the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway. The charter for this road provides for its construction from Strathcona across the Saskatchewan to Edmonton and thence to Yellow Head Pass in the Rockies.

Northwest Ontario.

Tenders are being secured by the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort William for the construction of a new store at Dinorwic.

Tracklaying was expected to recommence on the Ontario & Rainy River railway on Tuesday last. It is expected by the company that no further delays will occur.

A movement is on foot to secure settlers for the districts in Northwest Ontario suitable for farming. An association called the New Ontario Colonization association has been formed for this purpose, and a delegation has interviewed the provincial and Dominion governments, asking for aid in the work.

It is provided that the new international bridge to be built over Rainy River, at Fort Frances, for the Ontario & Rainy River road, shall be open to all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge. They shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of trains or cars over the same, and the rates charged for the use of the bridge shall be the same for all companies. This bridge is being built by a separate company organized for the purpose and having privileges from both the province of Ontario and the state of Minnesota.

Tenders.

The Winnipeg city council has accepted the tender of T. D. Robinson for supply of 1,000 cords of cedar paving wood at \$10.25 per cord.

Tender for the supply of 39 suits of summer clothing for the members of the Winnipeg fire brigade, addressed

to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, will be received up to March 5th.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the finance committee, Winnipeg, for repairs to civil offices, will be received up to March 9.

Tenders are wanted for breaking and bucksetting 200 acres near Osborn Station, Man., by Campbell & Crawford of Winnipeg.

Tenders will be received by Wm. Grayson, Moose Jaw, Assn., till 10th day of March for the erection of a brick church in the town of Moose Jaw.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, for the supply of from 500 to 1,000 cords of firewood will be received up to March 5.

Tenders will be received by Geo. Browne, architect, until 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, for the erection and completion of a brick residence, Assiniboine avenue, Winnipeg.

Tenders will be received by the trustees of Parkland school district until March 9, for the erection of a school house, etc., on N. W. 1-1 Sec. 21, Tp. 15, Range 29. Address F. J. Collyar, Welwyn P. O.

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The Medicine Hat News says: "Horsemen in the district are quite well satisfied with the sale of horses for Strathcona's Horse. Dr. McEachren was here on Monday, and in the purchase of thirty-two horses, picked up an outfit of sound, sturdy ponies at prices which satisfied the sellers. The dealings all round are spoken of by the ranchers as satisfactory, and on the other hand we think the purchaser got what he was after. The horses will not, as has been claimed, represent the best output of the ranges in the horse line—far from it—but are the class of horses which will beat the world for toughness, energy, and in the propensity of rustling a living where a finer bred horse would starve. We fancy that these horses are something like the horses used by the Boers, and will no doubt be as much at home on the South African plains as on the Canadian prairies. Good prices were paid. Six years ago the same lot of horses could have been bought for one-third the sum paid for this outfit, but that was in the days when the horse market was ridiculously low, away under the values of the animals themselves. Within the past year or two the horse market has toned up, and the prices now are nearer horse values. Monday was one of the best days ever known in the horse business at Medicine Hat."

Canada is coming to the front as a producer of paper. English capital is now turning its attention to this promising industry and we learn every little while of some deal involving an addition to the paper producing plants of the Dominion. The latest is a sale of part of a concession from the Ontario government held by the Imperial Paper Company at Sturgeon Falls for three-quarters of a million dollars to the London Daily Chronicle owners. This means that a mill will be erected in the near future under the terms of agreement with the Ontario government for the manufacture of newspaper. Other leading English dailies contemplate moves of the same sort.

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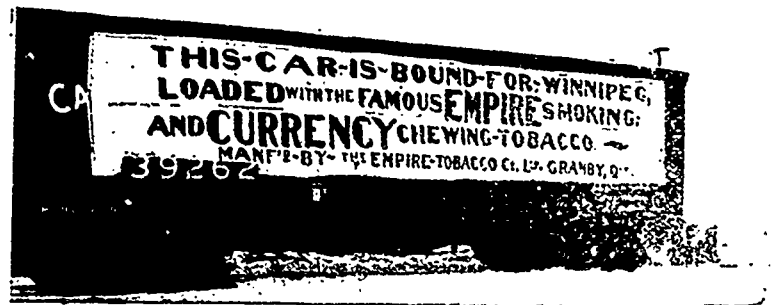
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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	54,000
Toronto	49,000
Kingston	30,000
Coteau, Que.	119,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	407,000
Winnipeg	285,000
Manitoba elevators	4,600,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,676,000

Total Feb. 17 ... 9,250,000
Total a year ago ... 8,739,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's February 17, were 85,750,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 52,244,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Feb. 1 were 8,923,000 bushels, compared with 5,923,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Feb. 24, was 53,415,000 bushels, being an increase of 225,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 29,920,000 bushels, two years ago 34,088,000 bushels, three years ago 33,797,000 bushels, and four years ago 61,089,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,755,000 bushels, compared with 8,076,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 16,334,000 bushels, compared with 31,820,000 bushels, a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

Bushels.	
1900	162,590,000
1899	118,476,000
1898	127,473,000
1897	148,597,000
1896	177,281,000
1895	204,335,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

This crop.		Last crop.	
Minneapolis	57,319,440	61,932,386	
Milwaukee	7,334,692	9,892,385	
Duluth	36,292,632	59,331,294	
Chicago	18,718,867	27,475,433	

Total ... 119,665,831 169,232,099

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

This crop.		Last crop.	
Toledo	10,304,242	11,373,156	
St. Louis	7,618,889	12,807,621	
Detroit	3,104,552	4,102,364	
Kansas City	11,673,390	22,345,793	

Total ... 32,785,073 50,428,334

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Grain and Milling Notes.

Russia raises more flax than any other country. The United States comes second and India third.

The visible supply of flax seed at Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago on Feb. 21, was 1,571,000 bushels.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has received orders for 20,000 sacks equal to 50 carloads of flour, to be shipped immediately to South Africa, besides a considerable quantity of the best patent for a Durban firm.

It is considered remarkable that paper flour sacks are not used in the west. Eastern millers use paper sacks quite largely. They are made in sizes from three and a half pounds to quarter barrels. It is not on account of strength that the paper sacks are not used, as paper sacks are now used for such commodities as cement, charcoal, etc., which get rough handling. These paper sacks are very tough and strong.

Grain Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin—The rates on grain to the seaboard are unsettled at 12 to 13c per 100 lbs from Chicago to New York. The Illinois Central has made the maximum rate on corn from Illinois points to New Orleans is 12c. Ocean room in good demand, firm. Rates are 3 1-2d per bushel from New York and 3/4 from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 15 3-8 to 18 8/10c per bushel, all rail, via New York, and 20c via Boston, flour is 36 7-8 to 37c per 100 via New York; or Boston; provisions 46.00 to 52.50c. Charters to load and hold corn for shipment to Buffalo in the spring were made at 23-4c and clipped oats at 2c.

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New Insurance for 1899	-	-	\$4,751,000
Total Insurance in Force	-	-	26,945,441
Net Gain in Insurance in Force,			3,241,462
Total Assets	-	-	4,663,553

	1898	1899	INCREASE
PREMIUM INCOME (Net)	\$726,293.10	\$808,254.98	\$81,961.88
INTEREST and RENT	188,766.28	197,515.54	8,749.26
ANNUITY CONSIDERATIONS	8,881.75	45,632.15	36,750.40
TOTAL	\$923,941.13	\$1,051,402.67	\$127,461.54
DEATH CLAIMS, ENDOWMENTS and ANNUITIES	\$226,465.42	\$227,595.86	\$1,130.44
DIVIDENDS PAID TO POLICYHOLDERS	75,030.70	76,850.28	1,829.58
TOTAL	\$301,496.12	\$304,446.14	\$2,960.02
ASSETS	\$4,136,129.49	\$4,663,553.45	\$527,423.97
RESERVE (4 per cent.)	3,838,814.94	4,324,080.64	485,265.70
SURPLUS (4 per cent. basis) COMPANY'S STANDARD	271,196.88	302,855.28	31,658.40
SURPLUS (4½ per cent. basis) GOVERN- MENT STANDARD	440,000.00	491,394.00	51,394.00
NEW ASSURANCE ISSUED	\$3,750,354.00	\$4,751,026.00	\$1,000,672.00

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns from the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending March 1, shows as follows:

Week ending Mar. 1, 1900 ... \$1,538,313
 Corresponding week, 1899 1,508,418
 Corresponding week, 1898 1,506,141

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,347,168
February	6,209,471	5,617,340
March	6,756,094	5,968,000
April	6,916,451	6,240,000
May	7,472,855	8,683,364
June	8,211,716	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,238
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,159	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,692
November	14,445,219	11,553,689
December	12,966,905	10,708,731

Totals \$107,786,814 \$90,674,325
 1900.

January \$9,906,607
 February 6,702,646

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the month of February show an increase over 1899 of \$493,175 being \$6,702,646.

G. F. R. Harris, manager of the Canada Permanent Loan Company, has received notice of his transfer to Toronto.

Dominion savings' bank returns for the month of February at Winnipeg are as follows: Deposits \$19,694, withdrawals \$20,861.27.

The Bank of British North America has declared a dividend for the current half year at the rate of 6 per cent. an increase of 1.2 of 1 per cent over the previous half year.

B. H. Joy, formerly accountant in the Portage la Prairie branch of the Merchants bank has been appointed manager of the newly opened Carberry branch, H. R. Bell, of the Winnipeg staff, takes his place at the Portage.

According to the monthly statement of the Canadian banks for January, which has just been published, shows a falling off in note circulation from December of \$1,600,000, but an increase over the same month last year of \$1,400,000. Public deposits with the banks was also smaller than in December. Balances due from the United Kingdom and foreign countries were smaller, owing, it is said, to heavy buying of merchandise for Canadian account in those places. Mercantile loans increased \$1,500,000 over December and were \$89,000,000 greater than a year ago.

The immense packing and manufacturing business of Armour & Co., Chicago, is to be converted into a joint stock concern.

Steamship passenger rates for the great lakes for 1900 have been fixed by the agents of the various companies. They remain practically the same as last year, with a few slight advances.

The trade returns published in last week's Canada Gazette show the exports for January to have been \$10,076,999, and imports \$14,125,218, an increase over January last year of \$2,369,747 in the exports, and \$3,639,132 in imports.

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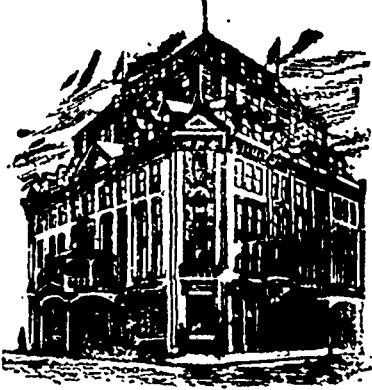
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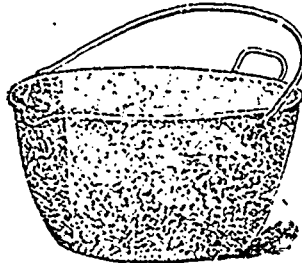
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Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 20	3 5
Black or Lawton berries, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	3 50
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 10
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 10
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	1 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 85	1 00
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 50
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 50
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 75
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	6 25	6 50
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	2 75	3 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 35	2 60
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5 25	6 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	7 50	8 00
Per tin.		
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	0 1 1/2	0 5
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	0 0 1/2	1 5
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	1 8	2 5
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless.	2 0	3 3
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	1 0	1 2
Per doz.		
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s.	1 10	1 50
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 1s.	1 75	1 85
Imp. Herring, Tom. Smead 1s.	1 50	1 60
Imp. Anch. Smead 1s.	1 50	1 60
Imp. Shrimp Smead 1s.	2 00	2 00
Canned Meats		
Per case.		
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 20	3 25
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50	3 00
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 90	3 40
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 00	6 25
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz.	6 75	7 00
Lunch Tongue, Can. 2s, 1 doz.	6 00	6 00
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Pigs Feet, 1s, 2 doz.	2 50	2 90
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50	3 00
Per doz.		
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 20	2 50	3 00
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	65	70
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	65	70
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	65	70
Port. Ham, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Coffee		
Per pound.		
Green Rio	1 1/2	1 2
Inferior grades	1 1	1 1 1/2
Cereals		
Per sack.		
Split Peas, sack 9s.	2 50	3 00
Barley, sack 9s.	3 30	4 10
Pea Barley, sack 9s.	3 75	4 00
Roasted Oatmeal, sack 8s.	1 70	2 00
Stimulated Oatmeal, sack 9s.	2 25	2 50
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s.	2 25	2 50
Beans (per bushel)	2 10	2 15
Commical, sack 9s.	1 20	1 20
Commical, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	0 65	0 65
Per pound.		
Rice, B.	1 1/2	1 30
Patna	5 1/2	5 1/2
Rice, Japan	5 1/2	5 1/2
Sago	1 1/2	1 50
Lapoca	5 1/2	5 1/2
Cigarettes		
Per M.		
Old Judge	7 50	8 00
Athlete	5 50	6 00
Sweet Caporal	5 50	6 00
Sweet Sixteen	5 50	6 00
Darby	6 75	7 00
1 1/2 B.	5 20	5 50
Cured Fish		
Per lb.		
Boneless Mackerel, per lb.	0 5	0 5 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 50	6 50
Calish, Pure per lb.	7 1/2	7 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels.	4 00	4 00
Digby chicks	1 10	1 10
Dried Fruits		
Per pound.		
Currents, new, Prov'l Bbls.	0 5 1/2	1 1/2
Currents, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l 1/4 Barrels.	0 5 1/2	1 1/2
Currents, Filatrin, bbls.	0 5 1/2	1 1/2
Currents, Filatrin, cases	0 5 1/2	1 1/2
Currents, cleaned, cases	0 7 1/2	0 8
Dates, Cases	0 7 1/2	0 8
Figs, Klème, about 10 lb box.	2 0	2 2
Figs, Glove Box, per doz.	1 8	2 00
Figs, Cooking, 5 1/2	0 6 1/2	0 7
Figs, boxes	0 7 1/2	0 8
Figs, Tappet	0 5 1/2	0 5 1/2
Figs, Portuguese, 10 lbs.	0 6 1/2	0 7
Sultana Raisins	1 0 1/2	1 1

Dried Fruits

	Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	1 15
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	2 30
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 25
Clusters, 3 Crown	2 45
" " " "	2 75
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	8 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	9
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	9 1/2
London Layer, 20 lb boxes	1 00
Apples, Dried	0 7 1/2
Royal Apples, finest quality	0 8 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	1 7
Peaches, unpeeled	1 11
Pears	1 2 1/2
Apricots	1 7 1/2
Pitted Plums	1 11 1/2
Nectarines	1 2 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 3/4
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 1/2
Matches	
Telephone	4 15
Telephone	4 00
Tiger	3 00
Parlor Matches, Eagle	1 75
Nuts	
Per pound.	
Brazils	1 1 1/2
Paragona Almonds	1 5
Peanuts, roasted	1 1 1/2
Peanuts, green	9
Grenoble Walnuts	1 1/2
French Walnuts	1 3
Stiehl Filberts	1 5
Shell Almonds	30
Syrup	
Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2
Medium, per lb.	2 1/2
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	7 50
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	3 1/2
" Porto Rico	4 0
" Barbadoes	4 50
Sugar	
Extra Standard Gran.	5 20
German Granulated	5 10
Extra Ground	7 0
Powdered	6 1/2
Lumps	6 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 10
American	4 1/2
Maple Sugar	1 3/4
Salt	
Per pound.	
Rock Salt	1 1/2
Per barrel.	
Common, fine	2 00
Common, coarse	2 00
Dairy, 100	3 25
Dairy, 60-5	3 15
Per Sack.	
Dairy, white duck sack	0 43
Common, fine into sack	0 43
Spices	
Per doz.	
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	7 50
Per pound.	
Allspice, whole	1 5
Allspice, pure ground	1 5
Allspice, compound	1 8
Cassa, whole	1 5
Cassa, pure ground	2 0
Cassa, compound	1 3
Cloves, whole	1 7
Cloves, pure ground	2 3
Cloves, compound	1 8
Pepper, black, whole	1 6
Pepper, black, pure ground	1 8
Pepper, black, compound	1 0
Pepper, white, whole	2 3
Pepper, white, pure ground	2 3
Pepper, white, compound	1 8
Pepper, Cayenne	2 5
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	2 5
Ginger, whole, Cochin	2 0
Ginger, pure ground	2 3
Ginger, compound	1 5
Nutmegs, (per pound)	5 50
Mace (per pound)	7 50
Teas	
Per pound.	
China Blacks—	
Choice	3 5
Medium	2 5
Common	1 3
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	3 2
Medium	2 5
Common	1 6
Young Hysons—	
Choice	3 5
Medium	2 8
Common	2 2
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	3 5
Choice	3 0
Fine	2 5
Good Medium	2 0
Common	1 5

Tobacco

	Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 3s, and 9s Cads.	0 70
Lily, 3s, cads.	0 61
Creckett, 3s, cads.	0 58
T. & B. Black Chewing, 3s or 16s	0 0 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 3s or 16	0 0 1/2
T. & B., 1-12 pkg, cut	0 0 55
T. & B., 1-5 pkg, cut	0 0 55
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	0 0 55
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	0 0 56
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	0 0 56
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	0 0 56
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg	0 0 51
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	0 0 50
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	0 0 56
Tucketts Cherub Cigarette	
1-12	0 0 55
Brier, 3s, cads	0 0 61
Derby, 3s and 4s, cads	0 0 65
Derby, 3s, cads	0 0 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	0 0 65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	0 0 65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	0 0 60
Tonka, 1-12 pkg	0 0 55
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	31
Lower grades	12 1/2
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.	
BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.	
Pomery, 3 1/2 s.	72
Smirax, 1/2 lb Bars	6 2
Holly, 3 s.	5 5
Holly, 3 s.	5 5
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.	
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb Bars	4 0
Black Bass, Navy, 4 s	4 1
Black Bass, Navy, 8 s	4 2
Black Bass, Navy, 12 s	4 2
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.	
Virgin Gold, 4 s.	7 1/2
Marigold, 3 s.	5 5
Monarch, 3 1/2 s	5 9
Clover, Double Thick, 3 s.	5 1
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List.	
SMOKING.	
Empire, 3s @ 4 1/2	3 7
Golden Plug, 3s	5 1
Royal Oak, 3s	5 1
Something Good, 7s	5 1
CHEWING.	
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2 s.	4 0
Currency, 6s	4 0
Free Trade, 3s	4 5
Snowshoe, Bars, 12s	4 5
Wooden Ware	
Per doz.	
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 95
Pails, wire hoop	2 20
Pails, Star fibre	3 50
Tubs, No. 0 common	11 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	10 00
Tubs, No. 2 common	8 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 75
Per nest.	
Tubs, nests (3)	1 90
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25
Per doz.	
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	11 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Per nest.	
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	5 7
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	9 0
Washboards, Globe, per doz.	2 00
Perfection, per doz.	2 20
CURED MEATS, ETC.	
Per lb.	
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	1 75
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 75
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	7 1/2
Lard, colb tins	5 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	35 1 40
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs.	4 50
Smoked Meats	
per lb.	
Ham	1 12
Breakfast bacon, bellies	1 12
Breakfast bacon, backs	1 0
Spiced rolls	1 0
Shoulders	9
Pic-nic Ham	9
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	5 1/2
Shoulders	8
Short Clear	5 1/2
Backs	9
Barrel Pork	
Heavy mess	16 00
Short cut	16 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	5
Hologna sausage, lb	5
Pickled pigs feet, kits	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	30

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for unbroken packages.	
Alum, lb	3 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 25
Bleaching Powder, lb	5 50
Bluestone, lb	0 5
Borax	0 9
Bromide Potash	0 75
Camphor	0 70
Camphor, ounces	70
Carbolic Acid	75
Castor Oil	55
Chlorate Potash	13
Citric Acid	18
Copperas	60
Cocaine, oz	0 3
Cream Tartar, lb	7 30
Cloves	28
Epsom Salts	20
Extract Logwood, bulk	0 3
Extract Logwood, boxes	12
German Quinine	17
Glycerine, lb	50
Ginger, Jamaica	12
Ginger, African	30
Howard's Quinine, oz	15
Iodine	60
Insect Powder	4 75
Morphia, sul.	30
Opium	4 50
Oil, olive, Pure	4 20
Oil, U.S. Salad	2 10
Oil, lemon, super	1 60
Oil, peppermint	1 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	25
Oxalic Acid	14
Potash Iodide	3 75
Pure Green, lb	48
Saltre	38
Sul Rochelle	08
Shellac	25
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2
Sulphur Roll, keg	3 1/2
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	2 75
Sal Soda	2 00
Tartaric Acid, lb	40
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz	35
LEATHER	
Per pound.	
Harness, oak	45
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	36
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	25
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	36
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	35
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R	34
Russet collar leather, per foot	26
American Oak Sole	40
Sole, union oak	40
Listowell, sole	25
Penetang, sole	28
Acton Sole	28
B. F. French calf	25
B. F. French kip	25
Canada calf	62
Canada Calf, Niagara	80
Niagara Brand Kip	65
Wax upper	42
Grain upper per foot	46
Karacora, per foot	30
Dolgon, per foot	25
Dolgon, bright	30
Bag sheepskins, per doz.	8 00
FUEL	
Coal	
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	
Per ton.	
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	10 00
Pea size	8 00
Canadian anthracite, stove	9 50
Canadian anthracite, nut	7 50
Leithbridge bituminous	8 10
Crow's Nest bituminous	8 25
U. S. bituminous	7 50
Souris Lignite	4 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Massburg Smithing	9 50
Cortwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track	
Per cord.	
Tamarac	4 25
Pine	3 50
Spruce	3 00
Poplar, green or dead, cut	2 75
Manitoba Oak	4 25
Birch	4 75
Minnesota Hard Maple	4 50
Minnesota Oak	3 80
Slabs	3 00

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, March 3.

Business in the city is good for the season, and this month is expected to bring its usual increase in volume. Wholesale houses are fairly busy as a rule. Spring shipments are going out regularly and the volume of these has increased largely over previous years, in some branches of trade. Many leading houses are shipping from new and much more commodious and convenient warehouses built last year and they find themselves able to handle a greatly enlarged trade with, in most cases, the same amount of labor. Retail merchants find business good for the season. Lumber and all kinds of building material are in good demand for spring. Collections are still the subject of much complaint, but this difficulty is regarded as largely temporary and is expected to disappear in time. Trade in the country is better than earlier in the year, but bad roads still retard it to a considerable extent. Bank clearings for the week were very little larger than a year ago, but the month of February as a whole showed an increase of nearly half a million. Money rates are firm and there is a good demand for funds. Lenders are not encouraging anything but gilt-edged business. Bank rates range from 6 to 8 per cent for ordinary mercantile loans, although some money is out at 5 per cent. Mortgage loans range from 6 to 8 per cent—6 to 7 on city property and 8 on farm.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, March 3.

(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.)

DRY GOODS.

Shipment of spring goods is the regular thing now and local houses are busy with this and also receiving additions to their stocks. All repeat orders are subject to higher prices at factories whether in America or Europe and the whole trend of the market is upward. Every week brings a batch of advices regarding advances in cottons, woollens and other lines. The millinery opening of D. McGill & Co. is fixed for Tuesday next and it is expected that there will be a large attendance of milliners from outside points.

FISH.

The Lenten trade has now commenced and dealers enter the season with ample supplies of fish and every prospect of a good demand. Winter caught fish are offering in considerable quantities on the street. Prices remain unchanged as follows: Whitefish, frozen, per pound, 6 to 5 1/2c; pickerel, 3 1/2c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12 1/2c; salmon, round cuts, 10c; halibut, 11c; salt whitefish, in half barrels, \$6.50; haddles, 7c; salt cod, 7c; mackerel, fresh, 15c; fresh herring, 20c; Labrador herring, in

half barrels, \$1.00, oysters, standards, in bulk, \$2.00; selects, \$2.25.

FUEL.

The fuel situation has very much improved with the advent of better sleighing and stocks of cordwood are quite ample for all present requirements. The tendency is naturally towards easier prices, but there has been no actual change in values this week. Considerable quantities of wood are coming in from the Dauphin country and shows excellent quality. Coal is plentiful for all purposes at unchanged prices. For quotations see page 827.

GREEN FRUIT.

Business is improving in California fruits and active spring trade is looked for. Apples remain firm as quoted. California navel oranges, \$1.00 per case for regular sizes; California seedlings, \$2.50, California lemons per box, \$5.00, Messina lemons, \$5.00, California grape fruit, \$5.00 per case, apples, winter, \$3.50 to \$5.00 per barrel, Cape Cod cranberries per barrel \$7.50; coconuts per dozen, 80c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragon almonds, 15c; Almonds, 12c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 11 to 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb, maple sugar, per lb, 11c; apple cider, 55c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c, figs, in boxes, 7c lb; new California layer figs in 10-pound boxes, \$1.30; new Smyrnas in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10-lb. boxes, \$1.75 per box, and 30-pound boxes, \$6.00; dates 7c per lb. in 1-lb. cartons 9c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; American red onions, 3c per lb; jam, in 7 lb. pails, per dozen, \$6.50, in jars, 4 1/2 per dozen; in barrels, per dozen, \$2.25.

GROCERIES.

The grocery market has been rather quiet this week. Canned tomatoes are hardening in price here and cannot be bought in the regular way for less than \$2.35 and as high as \$2.40 is asked. Coffee has advanced another 1/2c for both grown Rio and inferior grades. Dried fruits are firm. Teas are moving slowly and show no special features. Spices are mostly firm and there is a tendency to advance peppers in sympathy with other wholesale markets. Quotations for all leading staples are given on page 827.

CURED MEATS.

There is a good demand for all hog products considering the season and prices are firm. Some packers and dealers are selling under our prices as given on page 827 in this issue to the city trade, but for all country orders these quotations are correct.

HARDWARE.

Spring orders are numerous and prospects for further business are good. It is expected that this will be an unusually good building year in the country and there will be a correspondingly large demand for building hardware, paper, etc. Building paper is higher this week. Plain paper is worth 10c more than a week ago at 75c for Anchor, Jubilee and Cyclone brands and Jubilee tarred has advanced 5c per roll. Anchor tarred is unchanged at 65c. Hitting discounts have been changed a little. The new figures will be in our price list next week. Linseed oil is up another 2c per gallon making the price now 74c for raw and 77c for boiled. Other prices are unchanged.

LUMBER.

Country dealers have been placing large orders with mills lately and

there is every prospect of a large movement of lumber to country yards in the spring. Travellers report that the impression is general among country dealers that this will be a big building year on the farms and that already many farmers have had large orders booked for them in several sections of the country. Southern Manitoba reports a particularly large number of these orders. Prices of white pine timber and dimension are now 50c per thousand higher than on list issued in January and third common boards are also 50c higher. Cull boards have advanced \$1 since January. As regards hardwood lumber the situation is very firm. Prices l.o.b. cars Winnipeg to-day show white and red oak to be worth about \$12 per thousand more than at this time last year. Maple plank is about \$1.50 higher than a year ago and is likely to advance again. Maple flooring is \$5.00 per thousand higher. Birch is \$12 above figures of a year ago. Wage tongues in the white have advanced 10c each. Collections have been a little slow with the lumber trade, but are beginning to pick up again. Country dealers in some sections expect to have last year's accounts mostly cleaned up by May 1.

SCRAP.

Copper and brass scrap are beginning to firm up again and prices at consuming centres are about 1-2c higher. Rubber has declined a little from the top at points of consumption, but is unchanged here. There is a good demand for all kinds of old material in the city at fair prices. Following are prices delivered at Winnipeg: No. 1 cast iron from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton; No. 2, \$7.00 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 per ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound, red brass 8 to 8 1/2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2c per pound, zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

RAW FURS.

Furs are coming in freely and there is a ready sale for everything that offers. Prices are as follows:

Badgers, primo	\$.25	\$.50
Bears, black, yearlings	5.00	8.00
Bears, black, small	5.00	12.00
Bears, black, medium	10.00	15.00
Bears, black, large	15.00	25.00
Bears, brown, yearlings	4.00	6.00
Bears, brown, small	5.00	10.00
Bears, brown, medium	10.00	15.00
Bears, brown, large	15.00	22.00
Beaver, small	1.50	3.00
Beaver, medium	3.00	5.00
Beaver, large	5.00	7.00
Fishers, dark	6.00	9.00
Fishers, pale	3.00	6.00
Fox, silver dark, large	50.00	200.00
Fox, cross	5.00	15.00
Fox, red	1.00	3.00
Lynx, large	1.50	4.00
Lynx, middling	1.00	3.00
Lynx, small50	1.50
Marten, large, dark	4.00	12.00
Marten, large, pale or brown	3.50	8.00
Marten, large, light pale	2.50	5.00
Mink, large, dark	1.50	3.00
Mink, small, dark	1.00	1.50
Musquash, winter02	.10
Otter, large, dark	6.00	12.00
Otter, large, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk, large50	1.00
Wolf, timber, large	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie40	1.00
Wolverine, large, dark	3.00	5.00
Wolverine, large, pale	1.25	2.00

STONE AND LIME.

Prices for these articles of building material will remain the same this year as last. Stonewall rubble stone is quoted for spring delivery at \$3.50 per cord; Stonewall footings at \$3.50, Stony Mountain rubble at \$4.00; white lime at 20c per bushel, and grey lime, Stony Mountain and Tyndall at 16c per bushel.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Since the break in wheat values reported in last week's review, the markets have acted heavy and dragging, with a tendency to further decline which has lost wheat 1 to 1.2c per bushel on the week. Demand for wheat and flour actual or speculative continues at a low ebb. The latest developments in the wheat situation consisting as they do of largely increased world's shipments and an absence of unfavorable crop reports are not calculated to infuse strength into the markets. For three months the world's shipments from exporting to importing countries have averaged around 5,500,000 bushels per week compared to estimated weekly requirements of fully 7,000,000 bushels, but last week the shipments increased to 7,786,500 bushels and the shipments for current week are not likely to be much under that. The demand from Europe has been light in face of these small weekly shipments, and it is not likely to increase under the heavier quantities. The other influence which at the present time would strengthen values is reports of serious crop damage, but although some crop damage reports were going the round recently there has been an absence of these reports during the past week, and in place of them moderately favorable reports have appeared concerning at least the winter wheat crop in the States, and reports on crops in other countries have not been circulating. It is too early yet to have definitely reliable information as to crop damage. The immediate future is a trying time on the young winter wheat, and the growing weather of April will determine the extent of the damage. In the meantime, while demand for wheat is light there is at same time a disposition among American farmers at least, not to hurry the marketing of the wheat they still hold, and the country movement is extremely moderate in extent. Statistics for the week are as follows, viz., the American visible supply increased 225,000 bushels compared to a decrease previous week of 302,000 bushels. The world's shipments as mentioned above were 7,786,000 bushels as against 6,482,000 bushels previous week, and 7,600,000 bushels same week last year. The world's visible supply as compiled by Bradstreet's increased 243,000 bushels compared to decrease previous week of 758,000 bushels and an increase a year ago of 291,000 bushels. The Argentine shipments this week are 2,400,000 bushels, last week 2,320,000 bushels.

The local market has for the most part been quite lifeless, and very little business has been done. The lack of demand and the difficulty of figuring out any profit prevents shippers and exporters coming into the market. Holders on the other hand are not disposed to sell at present values, preferring to hold in hope of better prices later. In the forepart of the week 1 hard spot Fort William sold at 65c, but in the latter part 64 1/2 to 64 3/4c has been the outside value with buyers very

scarce. May delivery is worth 21-2c over spot. Two hard and 1 northern are 21-2c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—Prices now quoted as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.75; Glenora, \$1.65; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.40; XXX, \$1.40; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.85; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Medora, \$1.40; XXX, \$1.20 per sack of 56 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLED—The situation remains practically the same as a week ago. Offerings are very light and prices firm. Ogilvie's mill will be closed down next week for installation of new engine and this will still further affect supply. We quote: Ogilvie's bran and shorts, \$13.50; Lake of the Woods bran, \$11.50 per ton, shorts \$13.50.

GRAIN FEED—Oatmeal has advanced \$1 per ton. Otherwise prices are unchanged. Oat chop is worth \$22 per ton; barley chop, \$17, and mixed feed of barley and oats \$20 per ton. Corn chop, \$15; oatmeal, \$27.

OATS—Receipts have increased a little and there is a slightly easier feeling, although prices remain the same as last week. There has been some demand for oats for seed purposes, but as the Manitoba crop of last year showed much better quality than the previous one the regular No. 2 grade is good enough for seed. This quality is obtainable in most districts so that there will not be much demand for seed from outside points. Carlots of oats at country points are worth from 27 to 26c. On track Winnipeg prices are No. 2 white, 32 to 33c; and No. 2 mixed, 31 to 32c.

BARLEY—Deliveries are light and there is a good demand for both malting and feed at from 30 to 35c in carlots on track.

CORN—Enquiry for corn is increasing. We quote carlots on track worth 41 to 41 1/2c per bushel.

WHEAT—Deliveries at country points are improving. Prices are 3c lower at 52c per bushel to farmers' 15c freight rate points, 1c at 16c to 17c points and 5c at others.

FLAXSEED—Farmers' loads are worth \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel at country points.

GRAIN MEAL—Best Manitoba meal is selling to the retail trade at \$1.65 per sack of 50 pounds. The Ogilvie company are not now operating their mill here, as at present high prices of oats it does not pay. There is some complaint over the fact that under the present Canadian customs tariff Manitoba mills cannot pay a good price for oats to the farmers, and compete with their finished product against the cheap meal which is continually offering from the United States. Millers claim that the duty is only sufficient to shut out foreign competition when oats are relatively low in price.

HAY—The hay market is practically dead. No business worth mentioning has been done this week. Fresh baled is still nominally quoted at \$5 to \$5.50 per ton, loose hay on the street \$3 to \$4 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—There is nothing doing yet in creamery, and quotations given are only nominal. Indications of a busy season at factories when they open are plentiful and these will be further additions to the number of creameries this year. We quote choice worth 24c at Winnipeg.

BUTTER—Dairy—Demand steady and supplies are increasing. Finest dairy in rolls and prints worth

from 18 to 20c per pound here, less freight and commission. Tubs are worth 18c for finest. Second grade butter is worth from 14 to 17c.

CHEESE—Good cheese is scarce and the market firm. Small cheese 14c per pound, large 13 1/2c.

EGGS—Receipts have fallen off again and prices are up in consequence. Dealers will pay 22c for fresh case eggs less expressage. Lined eggs are worth 16c per dozen and strictly fresh local eggs 30 to 35c.

VEGETABLES—We quote: Potatoes, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 25 to 30c; carrots, 50c; beets, 35 to 40c; parsnips, 11-2c per pound; dry onions, \$1.25 per bushel, cabbage, 2c per pound; celery, 75c per dozen bunches, lettuce and parsley, 10c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—Receipts of hogs have become quite liberal and have filled up the market so as to take the place of eastern hogs, which cannot be brought in at present high prices there. Other kinds of meat are plentiful. We quote: Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per pound; country dressed, 5 to 6c; mutton, 8 to 9c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 8 to 9c; hogs, 6c to 6 1/4c for best weights.

POLTRY—Prices are: Turkeys, 11c per pound; ducks, 10c; geese, 9c; chickens, 11c.

GAME—Very little in the market. Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons 20c per pair.

HIDES—The market is easier owing to further declines at Chicago and elsewhere. Frozen are worth 61-2 to 63-1 per pound, five pounds fat, No. 1 inspected hides, 71-4c, No. 2, 61-4c; No. 3, 51-4c; Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3, kip, 7c; calf, 8 to \$1-2c. Calf skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

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

SENECA ROOT—37c per lb
TALLOW—Dealers are paying 31-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 21-2c.

LIVE STOCK

CATTLE—There has been a little more activity in cattle this week. Buyers are now out after stockers and have bought freely so far at fair prices. For yearling steers from \$12 to \$16 is being paid according to weight and quality, with the price most ranging around \$12 to \$13. Yearling heifers are worth \$10 to \$12. These are prices at point of shipment. Two year olds are worth \$22 to \$23. Fat cattle are in good demand at from \$3 to \$4 per cwt.

SHEEP—No movement. We quote 3c per pound for choice grades of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Hogs are coming in quite freely and the market holds firm at 4 3/4c for choice weights off cars here. Second grades are worth 4 1/2c.

MILCH COWS—Very few offering. Quotations range from \$30 to \$40 each.

HORSES—The spring trade is now opening and several shipments of work horses have been brought in and disposed of for farm and road purposes. Liberal purchases have been made by local dealers in both Ontario and the south for future shipment. Good work horses weighing about 1,500 lbs are worth from \$150 to \$175 each; roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each, and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of light weight run from \$100 to \$140 each, when halter broken,

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Feb. 26.

Business is reported dull by wholesale and retail merchants in British Columbia and money tight. In the dairy market butter is reported extremely scarce, the demand greatly exceeding the supply. This week for the first time this season it was impossible to supply creamery to all who asked for it. In the place of creamery, Manitoba tub butter was being sold at the creamery price of 35 cents retail.

One firm received a consignment of California butter this week which sold readily enough at about 27 cents. It has always been considered risky to purchase the first California butter that comes into the market. It is said San Francisco shippers judging that the name alone—California creamery—will enable the dealer to dispose of the butter quickly at high prices, increases the bulk of his shipment by mixing bad with good and painting the whole consignment off as fresh made butter. A little later in the season, however, if quickly consumed California butter is a choice article. It certainly does not stay sweet as long as butter made in Manitoba, Ontario or British Columbia. It is said, owing to the inferior salt used in the manufacture. Local creamery is quoted at 31c. Australian butter 30c. Ontario creamery 31c. Eggs are still very plentiful. Three different houses became overstocked to such an extent that they threw their stocks on the market thus causing a glut. Eastern eggs are quoted 17 to 20c, and a good buyer can often secure them at 20c retail. Local eggs, however, are becoming scarce, being quoted at 30c.

Cured meats are very much stronger. The British Columbia market is supposed to be in sympathy with the Chicago market, but for some time the Chicago market has been much higher than here, owing to local competition and other causes. This week, however the market is buoyant. Hams are quoted from 14 to 14 1/2 per lb., other meats being strong at present price. Potatoes are being offered more freely, with the result that Fraser river potatoes are quoted \$1 lower at 16 to 18c and Ashcroft's at 20c.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, March 3.

Ontario and Manitoba creamery butter practically out of the market, as the only one offering. California creamery, however, is now offering freely at lower prices than the eastern creamery was held for. Some Australian butter is also offering, but not in large quantities. Cured meats are firm. Hams and bacon are 1-2c higher. Eggs easy.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 31c. Australian fresh grass butter, 29 to 30c. California is selling at 28 to 29c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c; eastern case eggs, 17 to 20c, as to quality.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$2.75

to \$3.00; seedlings, \$2.00; California lemons, \$3.50 to \$4; bananas, \$2.85.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1/2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.80; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

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

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14, 1-2 to 15c, breakfast bacon, 1; 1-2 to 11c; backs, 12 1-2c; long clear, 10c; short rolls 12 to 12 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c.

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

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c; bloater, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 70c; pintail, 40c; teal, 25c; wildgeon, 40c per pair.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock, 10 to 15c per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 per ton; cabbage, 2 1-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1 1-2c per lb.; silverskins 2 1-2c.

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

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

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

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.75 to \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.60 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

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

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1-2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

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

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins \$5.25 case of 20.

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

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Balled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

By wire to the Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., March 3.

Creamery butter is very scarce at present and is quoted 2c higher this week. Choice dairy would sell well just now. Eggs are offering more freely and are 2c lower.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 30c; choice dairy, 22c per pound.

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

Eggs—Fresh Washington eggs, 22c; pickled, 16c per dozen.

Oats—Per ton, \$27.

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

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.80.

Hay—Per ton, \$27.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$22.

British Columbia Notes.

S. W. Cameron has sold out his interest in the hardware business of Chambliss & Co., Vernon, to F. S.

Reynolds. J. Stodders still retains his share.

B. Creel is opening at Sandon in the fruit and confectionery business.

J. S. Melrod & J. Coote, dry goods merchants, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

Geo. W. Powis, tobacconist, of Vancouver and Margis & Hughes, of Cranbrook and Moyie, have assigned.

J. Thompson has leased the Thistle hotel at Silverton from T. Clair, and will open for business early in March.

A contract for the erection of a new block for the Hudson's Bay Co. on Granville street, Vancouver, has been let.

R. Tapping has bought out the lumber yard of the Kootenay Lumber Co. at Revelstoke, and will continue the business. He has heretofore been manager for the company.

The retail merchants of Rossland have advised their customers of all classes that in the event of further trouble between the mines and miners in that camp they would be obliged to discontinue giving credit.

The following new companies have been incorporated: Vancouver Granite Co., of Vancouver; capital, \$25,000. Princess Royal Canning Co., of Vancouver; capital, \$25,000. Texada Kirk Lake and Mines, of Vancouver Island and adjacent islands, capital, \$600,000. New Thunder Hill Mining Co., of Victoria; capital, \$50,000. The following extra provincial companies have been registered: Golden River Questura Ltd., of England; capital, \$350,000, head local office at Vancouver. Aibern Copper Co., of Portland, Ore., local office, Victoria; capital, \$100,000.

Fruit and Produce Exchange.

The expected announcement to the trade from the newly formed fruit and produce exchange of Winnipeg is only now being made. It was hoped the plans would have been perfected some weeks ago and we stated when the association was first seriously talked of that circulars embodying the new rules and regulations would be sent out then, but they have been delayed. We hope to give full information next week, but in the meantime one point may be specially referred to, namely, the matter of exchange on country drafts and cheques. This is dealt with in the new rules and we understand that it is hereafter to be the practice that country merchants are to pay all such charges. The jobbers' firm that this has been a heavy item of expense in the past and there is no reason for its continuance. Often it has been the case that on bills of only a few dollars there has been exchange amounting to as much as 40c to pay. This could be avoided by the use of money orders or registered letter. The amount expended in exchange may seem small to the individual dealer, but it is decidedly large when the yearly aggregate is made up in the books of the wholesale house. As a matter of fact this expense has to be added at some time and in some way to the price which the retailer pays for his goods. The new exchange has taken the matter up, not from any feeling that they have been badly treated in the past or of fault finding with the retail merchants, but solely in the interests of the business at large.

Horace Gruner has taken over the lumber business of the Deering Implement Company at Edmonton, Alb.

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Manitoba Dairy Association.

(Continued from Last Week.)

The evening session began at 8 o'clock, the first speaker being Mr. C. A. Murray, dairy superintendent for Manitoba. He spoke on "The Best Method for Construction of Ice Houses and Cold Storage Rooms for Creameries." Mr. Murray said that so far as his experience with buildings in Manitoba went, he found them very poor and in many cases built of cheap lumber and devoid of paint. He also thought it a mistake to build creameries on posts. Raised floors were also objectionable. Mr. Murray advised against having the engine in the same room as the butter was made in as it was impossible to control the temperature. He offered to give every assistance in the erection of new buildings and gave many details as to the building of ice houses. The time had not yet come for the use of mechanical made ice in Manitoba, as the cost of ice in the province for many years to come would always be cheap enough to compete with the machine made article.

Mr. Joseph Yuill, of Carleton Place, next spoke. His first point was the necessity of having the cows come in in the fall, say September, October and November. As soon as nights were at all cold they should be put in the stable and let out during the day. With the first storm they should be put in the stable until the following spring. He did not believe in allowing cows to run out in winter. He knew some people said cows needed exercise, but his cows had been kept in the stable for 14 years, and he had not heard them complain yet. The cows should be kept in box stalls from

two to three weeks before calving. His plan was to have a small partition across one corner of the stall. When the calf came it was lifted behind it. The partition was just high enough to prevent the cow licking the calf, but the calf could not suck the cow. The question was asked, "Do you approve of milking cows previous to calving?" Mr. Yuill said he had done it occasionally when there was danger of milk fever, but he did not approve of it, where it was possible to avoid it, as it lessened the flow of milk afterwards. The question was asked as to when milk fever was most likely to occur. Mr. Yuill replied, the third and fourth year, just when a cow is in her prime. Mr. Yuill went on to say that they gave the cow all of her milk she would take until it was fit for use. When asked as to reason for doing this, he said the cows usually craved it, especially the first and second milkings, and as it was very laxative, he thought it was nature's remedy for them at that time. The milk was usually fit for use after the eighth or ninth milking. Mr. Yuill spoke highly of cream separators as labor savers, although he thought it more difficult to rear good calves on separator milk than the deep setting system.

Asked if calves sickened or died on separator milk, Mr. Yuill said he had no experience of this kind. It was then stated that many calves in this country died from the effects of foamy milk from separators. Mr. Yuill thought they would be likely to die if they got nothing but foam. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Luttley, of the government dairy school, said foam on separator milk might to a great extent be avoided by

placing the vessel into which it ran more nearly on a level with the spout of the separator. Further discussion showed that milk warm from the cow was more likely to foam than milk allowed to cool and then heated for separating.

Mr. Yuill laid great emphasis on the necessity of milking at the same hour and in the same order every day in the year, that milking was done. He thought too much stress could scarcely be laid upon this point. There were many other points of interest too long to quote. Here some very valuable advice was given as to a balanced ration for cows, the use of ensilage, etc. The address was so interesting that it was difficult to close the discussion.

Professor Henry spoke briefly on the best kind of water, troughs and fastenings for cows.

Mr. C. Marker, dairy inspector Calgary, was the last speaker. He dealt with a most important subject, viz: "The manufacture of butter for immediate market and cold storage." Mr. Marker dealt with his subject at some length, giving illustrations of the three general types of butter on our markets. He had with him a sample of butter from the Manitoba government school, which he pronounced to be just right, according to acknowledged standards.

Owing to lack of time this address could not be discussed.

On motion of Mr. Champion, a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to all who had assisted with papers, addresses or reports.

A company is being organized to erect and operate a creamery at Glenboro, Man., this season.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL.

On another page of this issue appears a brief summary of the 30th annual statement of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company of Waterloo, Ontario. A study of this statement will make gratifying reading to the 18,000 policy-holders of this Mutual Life Insurance Company—a company which is practically owned by the policy-holders. The gains shown in every department are very marked. The income from premiums and interest showed the large increase for the year of \$127,461, bringing the annual income to considerably over the million mark. The business written during 1898 was over a million dollars more than that written the previous year and an increase of three and a quarter millions in insurance in force is a year's record that the company may well be proud of. The growth in assets and reserve kept pace with that of income and insurance in force.

Five years ago the Ontario Mutual voluntarily adopted the very severe test of valuing its liabilities on the 4 per cent actuaries table of mortality. On this stringent basis they now show the large surplus of over \$300,000, after paying participating policy-holders the usual handsome annual and quinquennial dividends. Last year this payment amounted to over \$76,000. On the government standard the company shows a surplus of more than \$491,000.

P. D. McKinnon has been manager of the Manitoba and North Western Ontario branch of the company's business for some years, with headquarters in Winnipeg, and is assisted in the field by a capable and energetic staff of general agents who contributed their full share to the company's business.

INSURANCE NOTES.

Robert G. McDonald, late of the Manufacturers' Life, Winnipeg, has been appointed to the position of chief clerk in the provincial attorney-general's department.

The Merchants' Life Assurance of Canada, head office, Toronto, after an existence of four or five years is to be wound up. Hon. John Dryden is president and Emerson Coatsworth, Jr., vice-president. The association has been running on a friendly society basis, and the directors consider the field too limited.

The preliminary statement of the Royal Victoria Life has been received, showing a good business for last year, which was the second full year in the history of this company, the company having begun business late in 1897. The premiums received show an increase over 1898 of 148 per cent; total income an increase of 130 per cent; new business an increase of 43 per cent; insurance in force an increase of 85 per cent. New business done last year amounted to \$1,108,458, compared with \$770,577 in 1898. The Royal Victoria began business in the west in July, 1898, with Adam Reid, a well known city insurance man as manager, and under his charge the company has already worked up a good connection here.

The council of the Montreal board of trade has again taken up the question of insolvency legislation, and has adopted a resolution urging the Dominion house of commons to pass a law providing for the equitable distribution of the assets of insolvent debtors during the present session.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS OF AMERICA.

Winnipeg Council, No. 154, held a regular meeting Saturday night, the 24th Feb., in the Oddfellows Hall, McIntyre block, Past Councilor O. M. Hatcher presiding.

The following new members were initiated, viz.:

R. D. McPhail, with National Cycle & Automobile Co., Toronto.

Geo. J. Stockland, with Amos Holden Co., Montreal.

W. C. Cooper, with McGlashan & Waldon, Winnipeg.

C. C. McGlashan, with McGlashan & Waldon, Winnipeg.

Jas. W. Norton, with Deering Harvester Co., Winnipeg.

Geo. E. Mandley, with Deering Harvester Co., Winnipeg.

E. J. MacKay, with J. Rattray & Co., Montreal.

A. C. McLaughlan, with Hodgson Sumner & Co., Montreal.

W. J. Papst, with the Fairchild Co., Ltd., Winnipeg.

The Grand Council of Minnesota Dakotas, to which the Winnipeg Council is attached, holds its meeting in Duluth in June next, and the representation allowed Winnipeg is based on the number of active members on the books the 4th Saturday in March. To increase the membership leaders were chosen who choose from the members of the council, and the side securing the least number of new members forfeits a supper to the winning side. The leaders and members chosen are as follows:

F. J. C. Fox, captain; O. M. Hatcher, A. E. Wayte, M. J. Armington, Mayor Horace Wilson, W. L. Lawler, J. C. Graham, W. L. Henry, A. C. Foster, W. J. Papst, C. C. McGlashan, Geo. J. Stockland, Jas. W. Norton, J. R. Fox, Geo. E. Handley, Geo. McKee, Jam's Prater, Thos. Wilkinson, H. P. Cox, J. J. Regan, W. E. Judd, H. L. McVicar, J. H. Fairchild, R. M. MacGowan H. A. White.

W. A. Cavanagh, captain; R. J. Sablary, L. S. Robson, T. R. Case, A. E. Finlay, K. J. MacKay, W. F. Harris, W. C. Cooper, John Tucker, J. L. Schempf, S. H. Roe, M. Healey, W. J. Hunter, R. D. McPhail, A. C. McLaughlan, J. J. Bryan, Wm. Hargreaves, E. A. Mott, Geo. A. Metcalfe, H. J. Westbrook, Geo. Wilson, W. E. Lawler, W. H. Tyson, J. E. Raby, Geo. Milton.

Applauds as fast as taken are to be forwarded to the respective captains.

Speeches were listened to from the newly initiated candidates, visiting Bros. A. A. from Grand Forks council, and Asselman, from Fargo council, also from Bro. Mayor Horace Wilson.

A telegram of condolence was sent State Councilor Hargreaves, who is now laid up by a small-pox quarantine in the Kootenay.

Supper was served in the hall after which the meeting sang "America" and "God Save the Queen," and adjourned to meet Saturday night, March 16 at 8 p. m.

MOVEMENTS OF TRAVELLERS.

R. H. Clark has decided to take a well earned holiday, and will spend a month rustication in California.

Among the commercial men at their sample rooms in the McIntyre block this week were: S. M. James, Jos. Arncliffe, E. H. Taffie, T. Whitehead, A. C. McLaughlan and W. B. Dalton.

Thos. Clearline, wholesale glove manufacturer, of Brockville, Ont., was in the city this week, on his way homeward from a western trip. Mr. Clearline has been making the rounds of the western trade periodically for many years, and he still seems to have a liking for this field, as since going into business for himself he keeps up making his trips in this territory.

Sidney Sykes, of the Guelph Carpet Mills Co., is in the city this week returning from a western trip. Mr. Sykes intends opening permanent sample rooms in Winnipeg. The Guelph factory is the oldest carpet factory in Canada. Last year the plant at this factory was increased to the extent of \$50,000, including machinery for the manufacture of Brussels carpets, which hies have heretofore been mostly imported.

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Brandon's Finances.

Brandon, March 1.—Mayor McElharmid returned a few days ago from Montreal where he went as the head of a delegation from the Brandon city council to interview the bondholders of the city with a view of arranging if possible some settlement of the city's financial affairs. The other members of the delegation were Alderman Nation and Kenneth Campbell, secretary of the Brandon board of trade. At the regular meeting of the Brandon council held on Monday evening last the matter was discussed, the mayor having made a report of his conference with the bondholders to a private meeting of the council held in the afternoon. Last year the council after considerable trouble succeeded in getting an assessment which they considered to represent the real assessable value of city property. On the basis of this council made a proposition to the bondholders to settle the indebtedness of the city, paying an increasing rate of interest on the bonds year after year. The bargain would, however, result in a considerable reduction in the rate of interest which the bonds bear. After this plan had been submitted to bondholders, they, through their solicitors, Messrs. Archibald, Macray and Sharpe, of Winnipeg, appointed Mr. Geo. H. Halse to go carefully into the city's affairs and report thereon. This was done. Mr. Halse's report was not favorable to any proposed settlement, since he pointed out that by reducing the expenditures on schools, by raising the water rates and making the waterworks self supporting, disposing of property held by the city for taxes and by sundry economies the city should be able to pay its debtenture interest. The taxation would be 22 mills on the dollar on the old assessment of \$2,300,000. In the face of such a report as this it is not surprising that the bondholders refused point blank to consider any such settlement as proposed by the council, and stated that as a matter of precedent, they would put in a receiver, were such a course to result in the loss of even one per cent on the bonds. The only proposal they would entertain would be one that the city should issue new bonds for any balance of interest the city was unable to pay. The council has to accept one or two alternatives: To state their inability to pay the interest on their bonds and allow the affairs of the city to go into the hands of a receiver or to go on and by managing the affairs of the city as economically as possible, pay as much of interest on the bonds as they are able, issuing new bonds for the balance of the interest each year. The latter course seemed to be favored by the majority of the aldermen at Monday night's meeting. It was held by some of the aldermen that bonds for interest would possibly not have to be issued after a couple of years, since by that time the city would be able to settle all. Definite action in the matter is likely to be taken at the next meeting of the council.

Lumber Prospects.

D. C. Cameron, president and manager of the Rat Portage Lumber Co., spent some time this week at the company's Winnipeg branch office. Mr. Cameron said to The Commercial that they now have enough snow in the woods to enable them to work to

fairly good advantage, but the season was far advanced before they had snow sufficient to work to advantage in the woods, very little having been done until after Feb. 1. It was intended to increase the cut of logs this winter considerably, but owing to the delay on account of the lack of snow they did not now expect to exceed last winter's cut. Regarding the supplies of sawn lumber on hand, Mr. Cameron said stocks were not materially greater than a year ago, when they were very limited, taking the mills in his territory generally. They have, however, a supply of logs on hand with which to begin sawing early in the spring, so that it will not be necessary to wait until logs can be got out to start the mills. The demand for lumber for the spring trade so far has been in excess even of last year. Their sash and door factory at Rat Portage has been kept running full time all winter and this branch of the business, Mr. Cameron says, has proved very successful, the demand being fully equal to the capacity of the factory.

Business Brisk.

Geo. W. Erb, manager of the Waterloo Engine Works Co., Winnipeg, reports that they are unusually busy at present. Following are some of the larger orders taken within a few days: Car load of machinery for the Glass Reef Gold Mining Co., of Wabigoon, including engine, boiler, pumps, etc. Saw mill outfit for J. D. McArthur, for a mill to be set up on the new Lac du Bonnet railway line, now under construction east of Winnipeg. Engine, boiler, etc., for the loading outfit at Vermillion Bay, for D. L. Mather. Also 2½ horse power engine and boiler for Lalonde & Milford, Winnipeg, for their new wood-working factory. Many smaller orders for saw mill, mining and threshing outfits have also been handled recently.

Live Stock News.

Cattle and horses are in fine shape all over the range country, reports the Macleod Gazette.

The number of distillery cattle feeding in Ontario this season is estimated at 5,000 head, which if correct shows a decrease of 2,500 head as compared with 1899. It is also reported that the bulk of the stall fed stock in Ontario has been bought up by jobbers, at about 5c per lb., and the balance are held for 5 1-4c to 5 1-2c per lb., up to the present, there has been very little contracting done by shippers, and it is stated that only a few have been taken by American shippers.—Montreal Gazette.

Western Business Items.

T. Loo has sold his harness business at Grenfell, Assa.

J. B. Ross has been appointed agent of the Deering Harvester company at Minnota, Man.

R. A. Rogers, of the Parsons Produce Co., is making one of his occasional extended visits to British Columbia.

The Bank of Hamilton will erect a building at Hamilton, Man., for the accommodation of its branch there.

C. M. Weiss has been appointed manager of the Daily Telegram, Winnipeg, succeeding Jas. Hooper, who has assumed the duties of provincial Queen's printer.

Inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for the month of February were as follows: Spirits, \$20,119.95; malt,

\$1,090.46; tobacco and cigars, \$14,208.06, licenses and fines, \$17; total collections, \$35,435.47.

The Ogilvie mill at Winnipeg is closing down to-day for the installation of the new engine and other machinery which recently arrived from the east.

The statement that H. Wilson had bought out the interest of W. L. Wilkin in the firm of Wilkin & Richards, general merchants, Edmonton, Alberta is incorrect.

J. M. Perkins, seed merchant, Winnipeg, is distributing a catalogue of seeds and garden stuffs for 1900 trade. This catalogue embraces everything useful in this line.

Jas. J. Buchanman has bought the building formerly occupied by Robert Jackson as a butcher shop at Franklin, Man., and will open a flour and feed business therein.

Hill & Mallory have bought out the general store of Jas. Bruce at Carman, Man., and also that of Richardson & Miller. They will combine businesses in one store.

Winnipeg clerks interested in the early closing movement are requested to attend the regular meeting of the Retail Clerks' union, in Friendship hall, McIntyre block, on Monday at 8 p. m.

E. J. Mackay, western representative of J. Rattray & Co., tobacco and cigar manufacturers, Montreal, was at his sample room in the McIntyre block this week, after returning from a four months' trip throughout the west.

G. V. Hastings, manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, at Winnipeg, returned on Monday from Montreal. Mr. Hastings had the misfortune to injure his ankle severely by a fall before leaving Montreal, which will confine him to his house for a week or two.

C. P. H. land sales for the month of February totalled 19,293 acres, for which \$61,599 was realized. The Southwestern sales for the same month were 4,320 acres, which brought \$14,172. In February, 1899, the company's sales were \$11,441 acres, bringing in \$35,569. The increase over the same month in last year is therefore 7,849 acres and the receipts are larger by \$26,390.

A building boom will shortly be on in Minnota, Man., according to the correspondent of the Hamilton Hustler. The Grand View house is rapidly nearing completion, and Mrs. MacPherson expects to take possession about the 15th of March. Taylor, Breen & Fraser, intend erecting another general store in the spring, and H. Turner, of the Minnota house, has just received the plans of a large two story building which he will commence erecting immediately. Several other buildings of more or less importance will also be erected.

Mr. K. Campbell, secretary, Brandon board of trade, has returned from Montreal, where he had an interview with President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., on the subject of freight rates. Alderman Nation, vice-president of the board, accompanied Mr. Campbell, as well as the Hon. Clifford Sifton, who though fully occupied by his work in the house, made a special effort, and lent his influence to the delegation. The interview with the railway officials was satisfactory. Among other things the Brandon fair was promised the same liberal treatment by the railway company as is given the Winnipeg Industrial.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 3.
Dry Goods—Trade is very active and a good many buyers are here to attend the millinery openings this and next week. Values are firm. Carpet wares are 2 1/2 per cent higher. One or two numbers of grey cotton are 5 per cent dearer. It is expected that payments on 4th March paper will be good.

Hardware—Glass is in fair demand. Wire, green ware cloth, harvest tools, poultry netting, and sporting goods are moving more freely. Values are firm for L. S. goods. Building paper has advanced to 65c per roll. Hemp is declining. Window glass is 5 to 7 per cent dearer. Lined oil 2c dearer. Castor oil 1-4c higher. An advance in "Queen's Head" galvanized iron of 25 per cent has been made. The market for boiler tubes, which are difficult to get, is unsettled. Range boilers are unsettled owing to the price cutting. Groceries—Quiet. Sugars dull at 5c decline earlier in week. Coffees are in good demand and steady. Tea firm. A private cable says currants are firm and have upward tendency. Canned goods dull. Corn \$1.00 to \$1.10. Tomatoes, 95c; peas, 75c up.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 3.
Grain deliveries have been small. Ontario wheat weaker at 64-1/2 to 65c. Manitoba wheat is 1-2 to 1c lower. Ontario flour is 5c lower. Barley, dairy, is very scarce and up to 22c. New laid eggs are more plentiful. Evaporated apples 1-4c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$3.75 to \$3.80; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; car lots. Ontario roller, \$2.60 per barrel for car lots at country mills. Wheat—Carlotto winter wheat, 64-1/2 to 65c for carlots at country points. Ontario spring, 64-1/2 to 65c; No. 1 hard, 77-1/2 to 78c North Bay. Oats—26 to 27-1/2c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freight. Barley—No. 2, 41 to 42c. Country points.

Milked—Shorts, \$16 to \$17 per ton; bran, \$15 per ton for cars at country mills. Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for carlots. Toronto. Eggs—New laid, 16 to 16 1/2c; lined, 11 to 11c, laid fresh, 12 to 13c. Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 22c; medium, 15 to 17c; large dairy rolls, 20 to 21c; creamery, tubs, and boxes, 22c.

The so-12 1/2 to 13c for job lots to the local trade. Hides—9c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1/2c; cured hides, 9 1/2 to 10c. Sheepskins and lambskins, \$1 to \$1.25; calfskins, 11c for No. 1, and 10c for No. 2; tallow, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 20c; unwashed, 11 to 12c. Beans—\$1.75 to \$1.80 per bushel for hand picked. Dried Apples—5 1-2 to 6c for round lots; evaporated, 7 1/4 to 7 3/4c. Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, 40 to 75c per pair; turkeys, 9 to 11c per pound; geese, 7 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 80c per pair. Potatoes—Steady at 38 to 40c per bag for car lots. Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$6.25 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds for carlots, selected weights; heavy hogs, \$5.75, freight paid to Toronto.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bushel; red clover, \$5 to \$8; alsike, \$4.00 to \$6.00.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 28.
Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 400 cattle, 125 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 hogs.

Export Cattle—Offerings light. Demand dull. Prices weak. Heavy exporters sold at \$4.00 to \$4.85 per cwt and light at \$4.25 to \$4.10 per cwt.

Butchers Cattle—Choice heifers and steers sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Good cattle sold at \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt, medium at \$3.50; common cows at \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Stockers—A few stockers sold at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs—Demand good at \$4.50 to \$5.25 per cwt for lambs and \$5.25 to \$5.60 for picked ewes and wethers. Export ewes \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt and butchers' sheep 50c dearer at 6c to \$4 each.

Hogs—Advanced 12 1/2c per cwt all round to \$5.37 1/2 per cwt for selections of 160 to 200 lbs natural weight and \$4.75 per cwt for thick and light fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, March 3.
At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 600 cattle, and 700 hogs.

The market for cattle remained unchanged from Tuesday. Lambs were 25c dearer at \$5 to \$5.25. Export ewes were weaker at \$3 to \$3.50. Hogs unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 3.
Oats are quiet and steady. Flour slow and firm. Feed strong with bran selling at \$16. Meal steady. Butter is very firm. Cheese steady and quiet. Beans slow sale at higher prices. Potatoes firm. Poultry and dressed meats unchanged.

Oats—3 1/2 to 4c above May. Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.65; Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00.

Milked—Bran, \$16 per ton, shorts, \$17 including sacks. Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.35 to \$3.40 per barrel on track and \$1.62 1/2 to \$1.65 per sack. Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c. No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 10 1/2 to 11c. No. 2, 8 1/2c; lambskins, 90 to 95c; tallow, 4 to 4 1/2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 20 to 21c; candled, 15 to 16c; second grade, 12 to 13c. Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 22 to 22 1/2c. Butter—Choice creamery, 23 to 24c. Cheese—White, 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c; colored, 13c. Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.80 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—45c per bag on track. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c; chickens, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c; ducks, 7 to 8c, geese, 6 to 7c. Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 1/2 to 5c per pound, hind quarters, 5 to 7c; lamb, 6 to 6 1/4c, mutton, 4 1/2 to 5c; hogs, light, \$6 to \$6.25; heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per cwt.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 27.
Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were

350 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

The supply of cattle was ample to fill all requirements as the attendance of buyers was small on account of the stormy and exceedingly cold weather prevailing. Trade was slow, and prices show no change, as compared with last Thursday. Choice steers sold at 4 1/2 to 5c, good at 4 to 4 1/4c; fair, 3 1/4 to 3 3/4c; and lower grades at 2 1/2 to 3c per lb. The market for sheep was stronger and prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2c per lb, due chiefly to continued small receipts. Sales were made at 3 1/2 to 4c per lb. Lambs were scarce at 4 3/4 to 5c per lb. At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles trade in hogs was good, and the market strong with an upward tendency. The offerings were only fair, and sales were made at 5c to 5 1/4c per lb, weighed off the cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, March 2.
At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle, and 75 sheep and lambs.

Stormy weather and the Lenten season has affected the cattle market adversely and prices have dropped about 1-4c all around. Sheep sold at 3 1/4 to 3 1/2c, and lambs at 4 1/2 to 5c. Hogs sold at 5 to 5 1/4c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 3.
The grocery market remains steady and fairly active. In sympathy with the recent decline in raw sugar and shading of 5c per 100 lbs on the part of American refiners a weaker feeling has developed in the local market for all grades of refined, and prices are reduced 5c per 100 lbs. granulated now being quoted at \$4.45, and yellows at \$3.65 to \$4.30 per 100 lbs., as to quality, at the factory.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 3.
The hardware market is steady and firm. Paints, oils and glass are strong. Turpentine is now quoted at \$2 to \$2c. Raw linseed oil at 65 to 66c, boiled 67 to 68c.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 2.
The cattle market is steady at 11 3/4 to 12 3/4c per pound, estimated dressed weights, Liverpool sheep, 11 3/4 to 12 1/4c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

London, March 2.
Sugar started the week with a decline of 3-8d, in the distant position of best sugar, which was quoted at 9s 9 1/4d, while February was unchanged at 9s. 3d. Closed to-day at 9s 8d for March and 9s 9d for April.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 2.
Cheese unchanged at 60s for white and 62s for colored.

COTTON MILL STRIKE OVER.

Valleyfield, Que., March 2.—The strike at the Montreal Cotton Company's mill here is ended, the hands getting an increase of 5 per cent. in wages. Two thousand operatives, who have been out for three weeks, will return to work Monday.

New York Wheat.

New York, Feb. 26.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-2c, closed 72c b. July opened 72 1-8c, closed 72c b.

New York, Feb. 27.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-8c, closed 72 3-8c b. July opened 72 1-4c, closed 72 1-2c n.

New York, Feb. 28.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-8c, closed 71 5-8c a. July opened 72 3-8c, closed 71 5-8c.

New York, March 1.—Wheat, May opened 71 3-4c, closed 71 3-4c a. July opened 71 3-4c, closed 71 3-4c b.

New York, March 2.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-4c, closed 71 5-8c b. July opened 71 3-8c, closed 71 3-4c a.

New York, March 3.—Wheat, closed at 72 1-4c for May option, and 72 3-8c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-2c, closed 65 5-8c. July opened 65 5-8c, closed 66 1-2c a. Corn, May opened 35 1-8c, closed 35c b. July opened 35 1-4c, closed 35c b. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 3-8c. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$10.62 1-2, closed \$10.62 1-2. July opened \$10.70, closed \$10.65. Lard, May opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.77 1-2. July opened \$5.90, closed \$5.85. Ribs, May opened \$5.80, closed \$5.77 1-2. July opened \$5.80, closed \$5.77 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58 b. Sept. \$1.13. Oct. \$1.10.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Wheat, May opened 65 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 66 1-8c b. July opened 66 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 67c. Corn, May opened 35 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 35c b. Oats, July opened 35 1-4c, closed 35c b. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 3-8c. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 3-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.65, closed \$10.70. July opened \$10.67 1-2, closed \$10.72 1-2 b. Lard, May opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.85 1-2. July opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.82 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.80. July opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.82 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.13 a. Oct. \$1.10 b.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Wheat, May opened 65 7-8c, closed 65 1-8c a. July opened 66 3-4c, closed 66 1-4c a. Corn, May opened 35c, closed 34 7-8c b. July opened 35c, closed 35c b. Sept. opened 35 1-2c, 35c, closed 35c b. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 3-8c a. July opened 22 3-8c, closed 22 1-4c. Pork, May opened at \$10.70, closed \$10.85. July opened at \$10.72 1-2, closed \$10.57 1-2. Lard, May opened \$5.85, closed \$5.80. July opened \$5.92 1-2, closed \$5.90 b. Ribs, May opened \$5.80, closed \$5.77. July opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.77 1-2 b. Flax, cash \$1.60. Sept. \$1.12 1-2 b. Oct. \$1.10 1-4 a.

Chicago, March 1.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-4c, closed 65 1-4c a. July opened 66 1-8c, closed 66 1-4c a. Corn, May opened 35c, closed 34 3-4c b. July opened 35 1-8c, closed 34 7-8c a. Sept. opened 35 3-8c, closed 35 3-8c. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 3-8c. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-4c b. Pork, May opened \$10.55, closed \$10.55. July opened \$10.57 1-2, closed \$10.55. Lard, May opened \$5.80, closed \$5.85. July opened \$5.90, closed \$5.92 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.80. July opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.82 1-2 a. Flax, cash \$1.60 b. May \$1.58 a. Sept. \$1.11 1-2 a. Oct. 1.08 1-2 a.

Chicago, March 2.—Wheat, May opened 65 5-8c, closed 65 3-8c a. July opened 65 5-8c, closed 66 1-4c. Corn, May opened 34 5-8c, closed 34 3-4c a. July opened 34 7-8c, closed 34 3-4c a. Oats, May opened 23 1-4c, closed 23 7-8c. July opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$10.17 1-2, closed \$10.60. July opened \$10.52 1-2, closed \$10.65. Lard, May opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.87 1-2. July opened \$5.92 1-2, closed \$5.95. Ribs, May opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.82 1-2. July opened \$5.80, closed \$5.87. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.11. Oct. \$1.09 a.

Chicago, March 3. May wheat opened at 65 1-2c, and ranged from 65 3-8c to 66 1-8c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—March 64 7-8c, May, 65 7-8c; July, 66 7-8c.
Corn—May, 34 5-8c July, 34 5-8c.
Oats—March, 22c; May, 23 3-8c.
Pork—March, \$10.56.
Lard—March, \$5.77 1-2.
Ribs—March, \$5.85.

A week ago May option closed at 66c. A year ago May wheat closed at 72 5-8c, two years ago at \$1.05 3-4. Three years ago at 76 1-8c; four years ago at 65 1-4c; five years ago at 55c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, March 3.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.60 for cash and \$1.58 for May; Sept. \$1.11.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 65 1-2c; July, 66 3-8c.
Tuesday—May, 66c; July, 67 1-8c.
Wednesday—May, 65 1-8c; July, 66 1-8c.
Thursday—May, 65 1-4c; July, 66 1-4c.
Friday—May, 65 1-8c; July, 66 1-4c.
Saturday—May 66 5-8c; July, 67 7-8c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 66 1-8c, and cash 1 northern at 64 5-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 67 3-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 5-8c, two years ago at 77 1-4c, three years ago at 76 1-8c; four years ago at 66c, five years ago at 60 7-8c and six years ago at 61 1-2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, March 3.—Wheat closed at 62 3-4c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 66c, and cash No. 1 northern at 64c.

LIVERPOOL PRIORS.

Liverpool March 2.—Wheat, spot No. 2 western winter steady at 6s; No. 1 northern spring firm at 7s 11d. Futures steady March, May and July 5s 8 1-8d.
Liverpool, March 3.—Wheat closed 1-4d higher.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Feb. 26 there were 192 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 90; 2 hard, 23; 1 northern, 4. 3 northern, 1; 3 hard, 17; 1 frost-d; 2 frost-d, 2; 1 rejected, 4; 2 rejected, 2; no grade, 5; 1 white, 1; 3 northern, 2 cars.
Oats—2 white, 5; mixed, 4; rejected, 2 cars.

For the month of February there were 840 cars, equal to 697,200 bushels of wheat inspected, besides 64 cars of oats, 8 cars of barley and 1 car of flax seed.

British Live Stock Market.

London Feb. 26.—The course of the market for prices of cattle has been somewhat irregular since this day week, and trade to-day was slow. States cattle show a decline of 1-4c. States cattle shows a decline of 1-4c an advance of 1c to 12 1-2c. The market for sheep was stronger, and prices are 1-2c higher, at 12 1-2c for Argentinians.

Liverpool, Feb. 26.—The feeling was was stronger in cattle, and prices advanced 1-2c with Canadians selling at 12c, but sheep were 1-2c lower at 11c.

The Great West Saddlery Co., Winnipeg, are having trouble with their hands, the manager objecting to his employees forming a union, consequently the factory is closed down.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market dull but nominally higher, in sympathy with the advance to-day in other markets. No. 1 hard is quoted at 65 1-4 to 65 1-2c, but scarcely any business is doing, both buyers and sellers being inclined to wait.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 3,300,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Feb. 26, compared with 2,344,000 bushels a year ago. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 8,700,000 bushels, compared with about 8,600,000 bushels a year ago, and 1,600,000 bushels two years ago.

Important Announcement.

It was announced from Toronto this week that the amalgamation of four leading Canadian loan companies, the Canada Permanent, Western Canada, London and Ontario, and Freehold Loan has been completed and that W. M. Fisher is to be manager of the united companies at Winnipeg. Mr. Fisher was formerly manager of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company here. Other local managers will also receive important appointments from the new concern.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Ore shipments from the Payne, New Denver, last week amounted to 225 tons.

War Eagle stock continues to sag in the eastern stock markets, with occasional rallying periods. In Montreal it has sold as low as 120.

Fourteen carloads of ore from the B. C. mine at Summit camp were shipped to the Trail smelter during the week ending Feb. 19.

The output of Rossland camp for the week ending Feb. 27 was merely nominal. The Le Roi sent out some 250 tons and the Iron Mask 63. None of the other mines shipped a ton.

A contract has been let in Phoenix for the hauling of 100 tons of ore daily from the City of Paris mine in White's camp to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. This will be the first Boundary mine to ship to the Granby smelter.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London March 2.—4 p.m. closing: Consols for money 100 1-2, do. for the account 100 5-4, Canadian Pacific 100 7-8, Erie 13 1-8, Erie firsts preferred 38 7-8, Illinois Central 116 1-2; Union Pacific 76 1-2, St. Paul common 125 3-4; N. Y. C. 136 3-4; Pennsylvania 69, Reading 9 3-8; N. P. preferred 76 3-4; Atchafalpa 27 1-4, Louisville 84 1-4; Bar silver 27 1-2d per ounce, steady. Money 3 1-2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 1-2 to 3-4 per cent, do. for three months bills 3 1-16 to 3-4 per cent. Rand mines 37 1-8; G. T. R. 81-2; Anaconda 91-8.

LENTEN NOTICE.

W. J. Guert, wholesale fish dealer, Winnipeg, has been making big preparations for the Lenten season, and he now has a large stock of about everything procurable in the fish line, including both fresh and salt water fresh and cured fish. His list of fresh sea fish alone includes smelts, cod, haddock, mackerel, shad, sea bass, bluefish, cel, tommy cods, herrings, flounders, sole, oysters, shrimps, lobsters, crabs and several other varieties. Try an assorted box, 25 pounds and upward.