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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 1, 1892.

## Manitoba.

Jackson & Co., are opening in drugs at Winnipeg.

Angus McLeod, general storekeeper, Elkhorn is dead.

J. Rougeau, store and hotel, Otterburn, has resigned.

D. McLeod, general storekeeper, Selkirk East, is dead.

J.B. Henderson, of Mills & Co., general dealers, Holland, is dead.

J. W. Sapwell, hardware, Boissevain, has moved to Gamsborough.

M. Hughes & Co, furniture and undertakers, Winnipeg, have assigned.

R.S. Christie, of Christie, Bailey & Co., general dealers, Millwood, is dead.

Baker & Leeson, general storekeepers, Douglas, are reported to be selling out.

Geo. Newton, Winnipeg, has taken the Commercial hotel at Morden, formerly kept by Bell.

The stock of R. Hodgins, cigar manufacturer, Winnipeg, has been sold by the sheriff to H. Wilson.

Andrew Fleming has purchased the bakery of R. Livingstone at Carberry and will open a confectionery store.

Magge & Co., successors to L. R. Arnot, clothing, Winnipeg, have sold out at a rate on the dollar, to H. Ripstein & Co.

A branch of the Canadian Mutual Loan and Investment Company, with head office in Toronto, has been opened at Emerson.

C. V. Anderson & Co., general merchants, Virden, are offering their branch dry goods and clothing business at Melita for sale.

S.C. Matthews, of Matthews, Towers & Co., furnishings, Montreal, was in Winnipeg last week, on his way east from a trip to the coast.

The Brandon Times Publishing company, limited, is seeking incorporation. The proposed capital stock of the company is \$12,000, divided into shares of \$10 each.

During his recent visit to Winnipeg, W. W. Ogilvie, president of the Ogilvie Milling Company, presented \$1,000 toward the erection of the proposed Y.M.C.A. building here.

Banfield and McKeehan, Cheapside dry goods house, Winnipeg, are dissolving partnership. Banfield continues the carpet department, and the dry goods have been sold to a party called Lang.

The Queen's hotel, Winnipeg, received a slight scorching Saturday night, Jan. 23. The fire was confined mainly to the underground portion, and the damage amounted to a few hundred dollars.

Madder's store, near Douglas, was burned last week, and a stock of about \$6,000 worth of goods consumed. The fire originated in the upper part from an overheated stove pipe. The only insurance was \$750 upon the building.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association have fixed upon the week commencing July 25, for the date of the show for 1892. Farmers should keep an exhibit of the finest samples of their crop of 1891, for the exhibition.

The Brandon summer fair opens on July 19. It is suggested that an effort be made to arrange with the railway companies to allow lie-over privileges for exhibitors at Brandon, so that exports from the west could be shown at Brandon, and then be sent on to the Winnipeg Industrial.

Buffalo robes are not entirely an extinct article. Morton, Alexander & Morton, tanners, Winnipeg, have just finished preparing a very handsome buffalo robe for a rancher near Selkirk. The buffalo was a tame one, which was accidentally killed some time ago. The same firm is dressing a number of skins of Highland cattle which will make very fine robes.

W. J. F. Hayward, lately of Toronto, has located in Winnipeg, and has secured premises above Carruthers & Brock, on Main street, which he proposes using for the manufacture of pianos and organs. He is an experienced hand in this line, having held important positions in eastern factories. He has been kept busy since coming here repairing instruments but intends shortly to start on new work. This is a new industry for Winnipeg and indicates the growing importance of our manufactures.

A. C. McRae, carriage top manufacturer, Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with J. G. Harvey, a well known citizen, with the object of extending the business and adding new lines. The carriage top business will be continued, and in addition the new firm will handle other goods as manufacturers' agents, etc. The firm will handle Campbell's carriages and Patterson's wagons, and other lines are being negotiated for. Mr. McRae handled a number of these carriages the past season. The livery stable on the corner of King and James street will be overhauled and made into a warehouse for carriage stock, etc.

A meeting of the directors of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association was held last week. The election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows: Alex. Macdonald, president, (re-elected); D. E. Sprague, vice-president. A committee of five was appointed to name standing committees, the members thereof being W. Martin (convener), A. Strang, Bartlett, Burrows and Drewry, the president to be an ex officio member of all committees. It was decided that all committees should consist of at least three members of the board of directors and that every committee should have a majority of directors as members. It was also decided on motion that the exhibition this year should be held in July, from the 25th to the 30th inclusive. The president and Messrs. Ashdown, Martin, Strang, Nairn, Drewry, Scarth, Sprague and Risk were ap-

pointed a committee to wait on the government with reference to a monetary grant for the exhibition.

## Alberta.

Cattlemen in this district, says the McLeod Gazette of Jan. 21, are feeling jubilant over the very mild weather we have had up to the present. Cattle were never in better fix, and with a continuation of the present weather for a week or so longer, the loss among range cattle this year will be practically nil. Before the last fall of snow came, however, the cattle on the plains suffered somewhat from the want of water, as the rivers and creeks were all frozen over, but there is now plenty of snow piled up in drifts, and the cattle will no longer suffer from that source. In amongst the hills, however, no such trouble was experienced, as there are numerous springs, and consequently plenty of open water to be got at.

## Assiniboia.

J. W. Langman, formerly of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, has opened a general store at Moosomin.

N. A. Adsit and C. Calkins are completing arrangements for opening a butcher shop at Medicine Hat.

Hill & Rowe, drugs, etc., Whitewood, are in the hands of the sheriff.

## Northwest Ontario.

The annual meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade was held on Jan. 26. George T. Marks, A. Aron Squier and J. J. O'Connor were re-elected respectively president, vice-president and secretary. Council: J. A. Fraser, James Meek, W. J. Clark, Col. Roy, D. F. Burk, W. C. Dobie, W. J. Bawlf, T. E. Gibbs, G. W. Brown, Herbert Shear, F. S. Wiley, Fred Jones. The president's report amongst other things strongly condemns the Ontario government's late minority legislation.

## Grain and Milling.

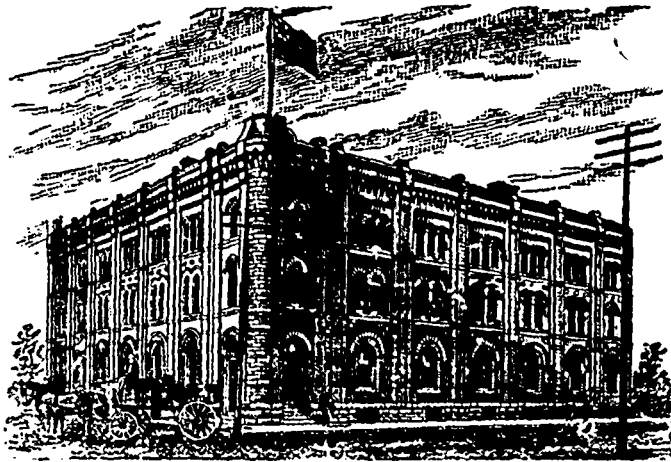
The farmers' elevator at Regina, Assa., opened for business last week and there is every indication of lively times in the wheat market, writes a correspondent, three eastern buyers having come in to compete with the local men, namely, McMillan & Co., Lake of Woods Co., and S. P. Clark & Co.

S. Nairn, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mill, has completed some additions and improvements to his oatmeal mill. Amongst other things he has adopted machinery for making rolled oats by a new process.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange held last week the matter of getting the railway companies to carry seed grain free between points in the province was discussed. Correspondence with this object in view will be opened up with the railway officials.

Tracey D. Hull, a Chicago man, is reported to have sued W. W. Ogilvie, the Canadian flour mill owner, for \$200,000. This sum covers \$132,000 commissions alleged to be due for work in arranging a sale of the defendants' plant and for damages for breach of the contract. Last year Mr. Ogilvie is said to have wished to sell the business and commissioned Hull to arrange a deal with an English syndicate. Mr. Hull says he secured an option on the mills and responsible English capitalists who were willing to pay \$1,750,000 for the business. But he claims defendant refused to sell after the deal was planned. "He gave no good reason for his action," said Attorney David Campbell, representing plaintiff. "He simply refused to sell, and this suit is for commissions secured to Mr. Hull by his contract." Mr. Ogilvie was in Chicago Monday, and the opportunity was taken for suing him there.

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**Montreal Iron and Metal Market.**

To review the week's trade in pig iron is a comparatively easy task, for little or no business has been done and consequently little to note. The movement from stocks here has not commenced yet, but a fair business is expected, because supplies in consumers' hands cannot be large if the movement of trade during the fall and winter is any criterion. Nothing is doing yet in the way of fresh supplies from primary sources, as the easy conditions of the markets in Great Britain, which seem likely to remain so, do not make negotiations in this connection urgent and importers are acting in accordance. Recent advices from Scotland state that the demand for makers' brands continues slow, but that prices hold fairly steady on a basis of 54s f.o.b. Glasgow for Summerlee and equal brands. In the speculative market business is narrow and the market seems still to be controlled by the London syndicate. Conna's stores now contain 502,000 tons Scotch and 155,000 tons Cleveland pig. At present there are 73 Scotch furnaces in blast. Five have gone out for repairs recently. Export movement last month

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was fair, amounting all told to 53,000 tons, against 55,000 tons in December, 1891. Spot values are unchanged on the basis of \$22 for Summerlee and equal brands, and \$20 for Ex-linton and Carnbro.

Bar iron rules quiet as, although enquiry is picking up, those dealers who got in when the price was low and secured a good deal of stock are disposed to wait and see how the cat jumps before urging business. In the meantime it would certainly take \$2.10 to move any stock from jobbers' hands, but this figure is a nominal one.

Aside from the negotiation noted previously by importers in relation to spring supplies, there has been nothing particularly doing in tin plate, but the conditions of primary markets do not appear to furnish any particular reason for urgency. Advices from Wales state that business is quiet because buyers and sellers are apart and neither party manifests any disposition to make concessions. Statistically, the figures are in favor of steadiness. The stocks at shipping points in Great Britain last week were 324,000 boxes, against 422,000 boxes held at the corresponding period last year.

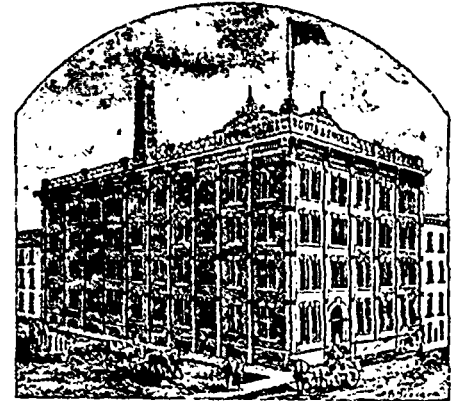
In terms plate the position is purely nominal in the absence of business, but the feeling is easy as the heavy stocks here have not met with any material reduction since new year. It is quite likely, therefore, that the holders would submit to considerable shading if business could be induced by such a course.

There is only an odd jobbing sale in Canada plate from time to time not sufficient to mean any important change. Stocks are not excessive, however, and prices rule steady at the former figures, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

Copper and tin do not furnish anything interesting, both ruling easy. Foreign advices are the same way, and merchant bar copper declined in England last week 15s.

Receipts of scrap iron have been of the ordinary quantity, with a fair business doing at former figures. We quote: \$15 to \$16 for wrought scrap and \$13 to \$17 per ton for cast scrap, according to quality.

In nails there is no change to note as to business, as dealers having stocked up at the low figures, are rather disposed to await developments for a time than to urge business. Now that the first cost is fixed beyond a doubt, however, it is quite likely that jobbers will realize fully on their holdings, so that buyers cannot gain much by holding back. We quote the advanced basis \$2.45. — Gazette.



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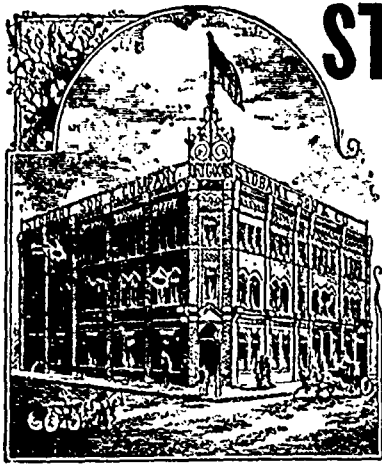
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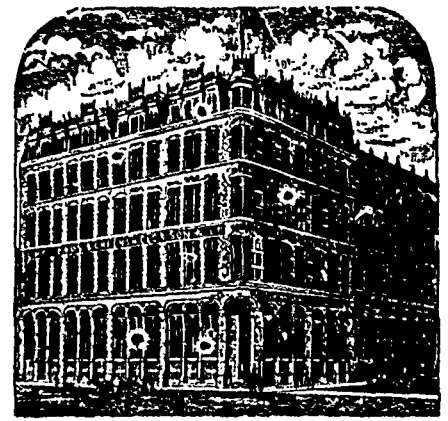
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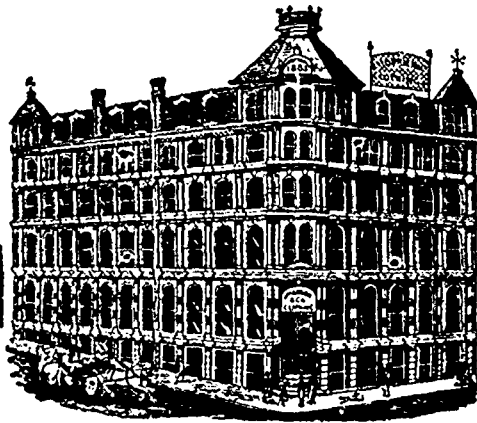
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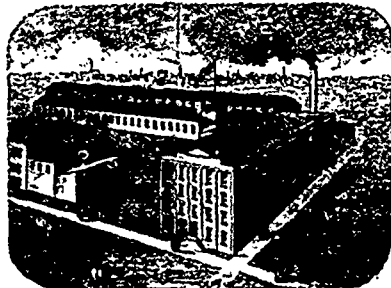
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# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, JANUARY 1, 1892.

LAST week we quoted an item from the *Neopawa Register*, to the effect that the business men of that Manitoba town were offering liberal inducements to their customers to buy for cash. This is a course which THE COMMERCIAL has urged for years. There is no end of grumbling among merchants about the large amount of credit business done with the farmers, but the merchants themselves are largely to blame for this. Not the only way, but at the same time, one of the most reasonable ways to correct this evil, would be to educate the farmers into the advantages of buying for cash. This can be done by making a distinct difference between cash and credit transactions. Encourage your customers to buy for cash, and show that you appreciate cash customers, by allowing a liberal discount. If prices are too low to admit of a liberal discount, then the credit price should be advanced. The cash customer causes no losses from bad debts, and requires no laborious system of book-keeping. It is therefore unfair to tax him for the losses and extra expense of the credit department.

In past years there has been a good deal of discussion in Manitoba relative to the value of frosted or otherwise damaged wheat for seed. Quite a number of writers have held that frosted wheat was all right for seed, and a good many farmers have followed their advice and sown this class of wheat, in years when such wheat was obtainable. We have actually known of instances where farmers who had nothing but choice wheat, sold off all their grain, and purchased frosted stuff at a much lower price, for seed, in order, as they thought, to make the difference in price between the sound and unsound grain. THE COMMERCIAL characterized instances of this nature as extremely foolhardy experiments. Without pretending to have any special knowledge of agriculture, THE COMMERCIAL strongly urged against the tendency to sow damaged seed, on the ground that it was not in accordance with nature nor common sense. This last year or so a deterioration in the quality of our wheat is noticeable, and many attribute it to the custom of sowing inferior seed. Smut especially has been prevalent the last two years. This feature of the crop has been discussed at a meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange, and the opinion of the members was that poor or damaged seed has been the cause of the trouble. The grain men may not know much about farming, but when they decided to urge the farmers to use only the best seed, we think they are on the right track. The man who wishes to become a breeder of choice animals, would not start out by stocking his ranch with scrubs and mongrels. The same mysterious principles of life we believe will apply to the vegetable as well as to the animal kingdom. The farmer who wishes to grow choice grain, should be as particular about his seed as the stock-raiser would be in his particular line. The theory of choice seed for choice crops is in accordance with common sense. Some who may claim a scientific knowledge of farming, may say dif-

ferently, but when it comes to a question of action versus common sense, we will take the latter always.

ONE of the wisest moves which the Dominion government has made in its agricultural department, is the establishment of the experimental farms. The Manitoba experimental farm is, we believe, doing some excellent work, in the way of practical experiments, which is very valuable to this new country. Elsewhere in this issue we publish a paper read by manager Bedford, of the Manitoba farm, at a meeting of farmers held at Brandon recently. This paper shows the results attained in different modes of seeding. The paper speaks for itself, and may be referred to by those interested. While the farm is doing excellent work, we question if the knowledge attained through the experiments made there, are as widely diffused among the farmers as they should be, or as their importance demands. The manager, it is true, loses no opportunity of addressing meetings of farmers, but the majority of the farmers cannot be reached in this way. The annual blue book, giving a summary of the work at all the farms, is too bulky a volume, and it is not circulated widely enough. To secure the most ample benefit from experiments carried on at the farm, we think the results of all important tests should be printed in condensed form, and distributed broadcast over the country, so that it would be placed in the hands of almost every farmer. The farm, it is true, is under the control of the Dominion, but the Manitoba agricultural department might well assist in the distribution of the literature required. While on the subject of experimental farms, we see that the Calgary board of trade wants the government to establish a farm in Alberta. We would like to see one or two experimental farms in Alberta, say one in the southern and one in the northern climates of the territory. Saskatchewan territory should also have a farm. We look upon these farms as institutions of great importance, and believe that their number could be increased to the advantage of the country, while at the same time every effort should be made to widely disseminate information gained as the result of experiments at the farms already established. Every paper in the country, we believe, would publish a condensed report free, if it were furnished them.

WILMOT, who seems to be supreme at Ottawa in the fishery department, is still being roasted by the British Columbia papers for his report on the fisheries of that province. The fishery interests of the Pacific province are of vast importance, and it would take a man of good intelligence a long time to make himself fairly conversant with the subject. We should say that it would take years of study to master the question to such an extent as to enable a person to give a reliable report upon the regulations necessary to govern the fishing industry. Yet this man Wilmot spent a day or two investigating the question, and then submitted a report to the department at Ottawa giving suggestions for the government of the fisheries. The gall which Wilmot has shown in his British Columbia report, is quite equalled by his report upon Manitoba's fisheries. He spent a very brief time here, made one short trip of a few hours' duration on Lake Winnipeg, during

which he visited but a very small portion of the southern end of the lake, where no fishing was being done, interviewed a party of Indians through an interpreter, from whom he seemed to have gathered the bulk of his information, and then made out his report, saying what should and should not be done concerning the fisheries of Manitoba. On the strength of this extremely superficial report, the department has inflicted unjust and unnecessarily severe regulations upon Manitoba. Wilmot is to be sent to British Columbia again, and the people there, who have had a taste of the man, are strongly objecting. The *Victoria Commercial* says, in discussing the matter: "And this is the man, the crank, the lunatic, as he has been fittingly termed, who is sent here to inquire into matters of vital concern to this province, and whose odious presence is imposed on the other members of the commission—men of business, of reputation, of standing and of unimpeached judgment. Is this decent, is this fair or is it just?"

THE Territorial assembly has done wisely in taking up the question of irrigation, and urging it upon the attention of the Dominion government. This is a matter of great importance to large districts of Western Canada, including portions of Assiniboia, Alberta and British Columbia. We think at least a superficial survey should be made, with a view to determining the feasibility of utilizing rivers and streams for purposes of irrigation. Other modes of irrigation, might also be experimented with, to advantage. A great work has been done in some of the states to the south of us, in making arid lands fruitful by means of irrigation. In Montana, for instance, we see by a recent return that about two-thirds of the farms in that state are irrigated. The value of Western Canada would be greatly increased as a whole, were irrigation found to be feasible. Of course there is abundance of unoccupied lands in districts where irrigation is not necessary, but this should not be a reason for inactivity in the matter. The more land there is available for agricultural settlement, the more valuable the country will appear, and the more rapidly will it be developed.

## LADOGA WHEAT.

THE COMMERCIAL has devoted space on many occasions to the discussion of Ladoga wheat. The experiences of Manitoba and territorial farmers in growing this class of wheat have been quoted frequently in these columns, some of these reports proving very favorable. We have, however, always desired a thorough milling test of the wheat before declaring for or against it. Such a test has not been made here, but from the *Northwestern Miller*, published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, we learn that a test of Ladoga and other wheats has been made in that state. Realizing the great importance of the wheat question to Manitoba and other wheat districts of Western Canada, we have decided to reproduce the article from the Minneapolis journal in full. There is this point, however, to be borne in mind before considering the article referred to, that Ladoga wheat grown farther north might make a better showing than that grown in Minnesota. This is simply giving Ladoga the benefit of a doubt. Following is the article from the *Northwestern Miller*:



For a few weeks past there has been considerable discussion in the northwest, both of the United States and Canada, as to the merits of Ladoga wheat, a variety of north Russian origin, as compared to those of Scotch Fyfe, particularly with respect to early-ripening qualities. It has been claimed by the advocates of the Russian variety that its quality was equal to that of Fyfe, while it ripened some days earlier, and, as the danger of frost has been one of the greatest confronting the north-western wheat-grower, much interest has been felt as to the results which should be obtained with the new wheat when put to practical use. Until suitable tests as to quality in milling and baking were made, there has been little disposition to substitute the new variety for the Scotch Fyfe, which is regarded as embodying most of the elements of perfection, despite its late-ripening habit.

Full tests of the two varieties and also of Blue Stem wheat have recently been made by Prof. D. N. Harper, lately of the Minnesota experimental station, and, as the figures given will show, these tests have proved an ample vindication of the merits of Fyfe wheat and also of Blue Stem, as compared with those of Ladoga. In the experiments referred to, 25 bushels of each of the following wheats were milled, the figures at the right showing the test weight as ground:

	Lbs.
Pure Scotch Fyfe .....	63.2
Pure Blue Stem .....	60.0
Pure Ladoga .....	67.0
No. 2 Fyfe .....	61.1
No. 2 Fyfe, slightly bleached .....	30.0
No. 2 Fyfe, slightly frosted .....	63.2
No. 2 Fyfe, badly frosted .....	63.0
No. 3 Fyfe, badly bleached .....	67.1

The pure Scotch Fyfe was starchy, but Al hard wheat; the pure Blue Stem was more glutinous. Both of these had been harvested and threshed without any damage being done them. They were raised upon medium soil in the Red river valley. The rest came from near Hallock, Minn. Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 came from the same farm and were grown from the same seed. Any differences were the effects of bleaching or frost. The Ladoga was the poorest appearing wheat, but chiefly because of its characteristic shrunken condition. It was, as always, somewhat smutty. The slightly frosted wheat would be called in trade bran frosted, and the badly frosted was quite blistered and shrunken, as well as containing some green grains. Otherwise the Ladoga and the Blue Stem were in the best milling condition. The No. 2 Fyfe had been threshed wet and dried upon the granary floor. The pure Scotch Fyfe was too hard, and should have been steamed a little to be put in prime condition.

The mill was a short system one belonging to Russell & Hughes, of Hallock, with a capacity of 50 barrels daily. It uses two reductions on wheat and four smooth roll reductions on middlings. The bolting and purifying system comprises one purifier and aspirator, four scalpings, four inter-elevator round reels, and one bran duster.

The Ladoga milled most easily, the bran cleaned the best and the middlings came out in the best form and purified best. Pure Scotch Fyfe came second as to mechanical ease of milling, then No. 2 Fyfe and Blue Stem. The bleached wheat milled well but did not finish well. The frosted wheat milled badly—the bran was brittle and pulverized easily and could not be cleaned up well. The middlings were correspondingly dark and hard to reduce and purify.

The yields are strictly comparable, as the conditions of milling were kept as nearly uniform as possible. They are as follows:

Varieties.	Pat. ent.	Str't. doz.	Red	Total	Time
Pure Scotch Fyfe .....	100.00	85.66	63.77	97.44	42.31
Pure Blue Stem .....	91.00	100.00	44.39	101.00	50.90
Pure Ladoga .....	94.53	93.33	50.33	95.90	63.40
No. 2 Fyfe .....	85.09	89.57	9.93	88.91	55.77
No. 2 Fyfe, bleached .....	84.59	92.57	25.76	90.42	.....
No. 2 Fyfe, slightly frosted .....	77.94	77.24	40.40	80.51	100.00
No. 2 Fyfe, badly frosted .....	61.80	84.54	100.00	87.07	46.15
No. 3 Fyfe, bleached .....	84.29	83.88	23.95	90.98	.....

The amounts run through were very nearly the same. Without reducing to the same basis the ratios were as above in these cases when time was noted.

The pure Scotch Fyfe flours have the best "feel" and appearance, the Ladoga the worst, and the others range after Scotch Fyfe as follows: Blue Stem, No. 2 Fyfe, badly bleached, slightly bleached and frosted. The last have a weak "feel" and grayish color. The bleached flours are weak and dead white. The Ladoga has a peculiarly dingy appearance—a saffron color.

The amounts of water and gluten stand in following ratios:

	Water.	Gluten.
Pure Scotch Fyfe .....	90.63	83.87
Pure Blue Stem .....	87.2	101.00
Pure Ladoga .....	80.77	82.43
No. 2 Fyfe .....	90.93	83.17
No. 2 Fyfe, bleached .....	100.00	83.17
No. 2 Fyfe, slightly frosted .....	92.21	56.74
No. 2 Fyfe, badly frosted .....	92.53	90.32
No. 3 Fyfe, badly bleached .....	93.73	93.21

The less the amount of water and the greater the amount of gluten the more valuable the flour.

A great many loaves of each of the patents and straights were baked and all results averaged. The individual results were quite concordant among themselves and with the averages.

The baking tests were made to obtain comparative results, as follows:

1. The amount of flour necessary to make the best bread with a definite quantity of yeast liquid.
2. The strength of the flour, as determined by the dimension of the loaves made from the same amount of yeast liquid and flour.
3. The absorption and retentive capacity of the flour, as determined by the weight of bread made under same conditions as under the second class.
4. The quality of the bread as determined by texture and color of the same.

First, then, the weight of flour needed was in the following ratio:

	Order
Pure Scotch Fyfe .....	2
Pure Blue Stem .....	4
Ladoga .....	8
No. 2 Fyfe .....	3
No. 2 Fyfe, bleached .....	7
No. 2 Fyfe, slightly frosted .....	1
No. 2 Fyfe, badly frosted .....	5
No. 3 Fyfe, badly bleached .....	6

The less flour needed to make the same amount of bread, the more economical the flour and, therefore, the more valuable it is. The second column gives the order of economy.

The strength ratios are as follows:

	Patios	Order
Pure Scotch Fyfe .....	92.74	6
Pure Blue Stem .....	95.78	1
Pure Ladoga .....	88.16	8
No. 2 Fyfe .....	93.71	5
No. 2 Fyfe, bleached .....	90.45	7
No. 2 Fyfe, slightly frosted .....	96.77	2
No. 2 Fyfe, badly frosted .....	95.85	4
No. 3 Fyfe, badly bleached .....	95.89	3

The larger the loaf that a given weight of flour will make, the better the flour and the more economical its use. The weight of bread and color are shown in the following table, the first two columns being weight and the second two being color:

	Ratio	Order	Ratio	Order
Pure Scotch Fyfe .....	99.27	1	100	1
Pure Blue Stem .....	92.55	5	97	4
Pure Ladoga .....	93.32	3	60	8
No. 2 Fyfe .....	92.72	4	93	3
No. 2 Fyfe, bleached .....	91.05	2	95	6
No. 2 Fyfe, slightly frosted .....	92.09	8	93	6
No. 2 Fyfe, badly frosted .....	92.21	7	91	7
No. 3 Fyfe, badly bleached .....	92.31	6	99	2

The greater the amount of moisture a definite quantity of flour will absorb and retain, the more economical its use. The better the color the readier its sale. The color of bread is a matter of fashion, adopted, presumably, on the supposition that the color shows its purity. The color and texture are a matter of individual judgment, and one's judgment is liable to err. To eliminate this error as much as possible and leave no bias, Prof. Harper had his assistant number the samples of flour for each test indiscriminately, so that from the number the name could not be derived. In every case the judgment was in the order given above.

The pure Scotch Fyfe bread was bright, rich and creamy, white and of very even texture. The pure Blue Stem bread was rich, but of a slightly greenish or bluish tinge, not particularly noticeable in the bread made from patent flour, but quite noticeable in the straight flour bread. The Ladoga bread had the dingy saffron color of the flour, but much intensified. It was of quite a disagreeable appearance. The No. 2 Fyfe bread was of a rich creamy appearance, but slightly dark. The bleached wheats made bread of a dead white color and lacking in richness. The bread from the frosted wheat flours was of a grayish tinge, particularly noticeable in that from straight flours. The worst of the frosted wheat bread was, however, vastly better than the Ladoga bread.

Prof. Harper's conclusions are as follows. "In point of general excellence the bread from pure Scotch Fyfe stands first, with the others in the following order: Blue Stem, No. 2 Fyfe, No. 2 Fyfe slightly frosted and the badly bleached, No. 3 bleached, No. 2 badly frosted, and Ladoga last. In this connection the results obtained from the wheat sent out through the generosity of Hon. C. A. Pillsbury show conclusively that pure Scotch Fyfe is for all reasons, the best wheat for our conditions, and that the only necessity is for farmers to carefully select, cultivate it and handle it. Hunting for a better wheat while we have this Fyfe is seeking after strange gods. The best wheat I have ever received has come from this seed I sent out in the spring."

### TARIFF WAR.

A week or two ago THE COMMERCIAL compared tariff warfare to the actual clash of arms. The following, from the Chamber of Commerce Journal, of London, England, will be interesting in this connection:—

A tariff war, if pur sued with vindictiveness, can be productive of more evil than an actual clash of arms. In the one case, if several nations of industrial importance think fit to indulge in economic eccentricities, the effects upon production may be so widespread as to bring about disaster both at home and abroad as disastrous as the waste of blood and treasure, resulting from actual hostilities, and the hurling of brute force against brute force. A mysterious influence has been at work, however, and, when the danger seemed greatest, has produced from the noisy contentions of nations a work auguring well for future international commerce, and for the adoption of better and purer economic ideas. \* \* \* To sum up in a few words. The commercial policies of different countries, taken as a whole, do not warrant a lapse into a state of despair. It is quite evident to British producers—or at any rate a majority of them—that the government interference with the trade of their competitors under the guise of so-called protection is not an unmitigated good, and it will require more than the fantastic bluster of the French nationalists, or the cuteness of a McKinley, to bring about the participation of the English people in the unseemly struggle of government and diplomatists over maximum, minimum, or any other system of tariffs and bounties.

### Montreal Drug Prices.

There is nothing new in drugs; business being still very quiet and confined to a small sort of up movement as is usual at this season of the year. Prices show no material change: Quinine, Howards, 40 to 45c; Quinine, German 35 to 40c; opium, \$1.50; morphia, \$1.65 to \$1.75; iodide potas, \$3.75 to \$4.00; oil of peppermint, \$4.50 to \$5.00; bromide potassium, 50 to 55c; camphor, English, 70 to 75c; glycyrine, 20c; gum arabic 45c to \$1.25; carbolic acid, 45 to 55c; insect powder, 30 to 40c; salic acid, \$3.00 to \$3.50; tartaric acid, 45 to 50c; cream tartar, 26 to 28c.—Gazette.

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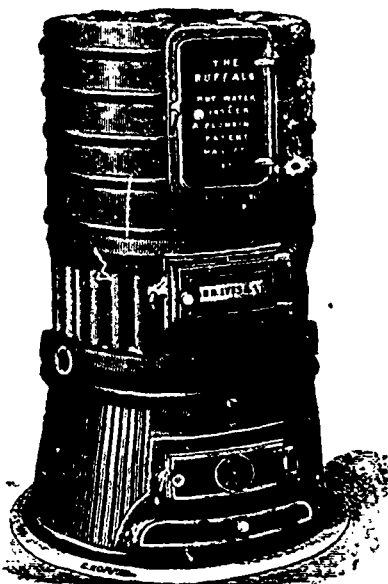
The Chicago Trade Bulletin of January 25 says: The demand for cars during the week was fair and shippers were able to secure them more readily, but at the same time the railroads are still quite crowded with business and delays frequently occur in making shipments. All rail rates to the seaboard were notably firm on the basis of 25c flour and grain and 30c provisions to New York. A little demand prevailed for freights through to European markets, and moderate quantities of property was accepted. Through rates to Liverpool were steady, and ranged at 41 to 47½c flour, 39½c wheat, and corn, and 52½ to 55½c provisions according to route. A fair inquiry prevailed for vessels to load and store grain and flax seed until spring, and vessel agents 5½c wheat and flax seed to Buffalo. Shippers slow to make shipments.

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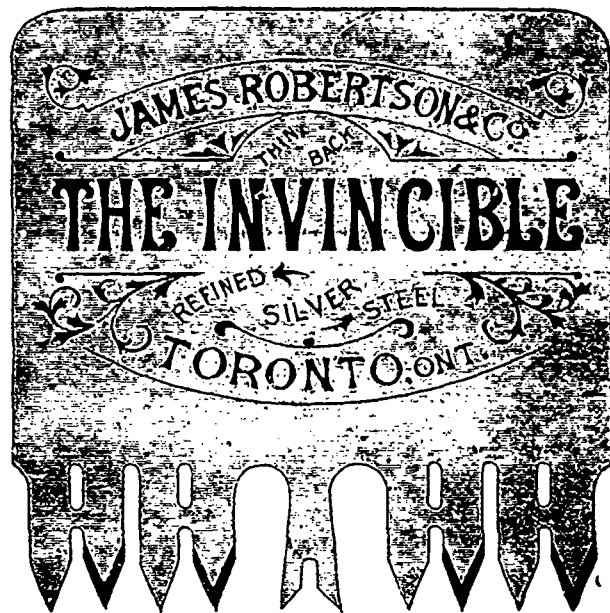
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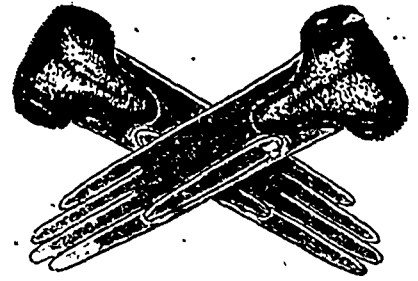
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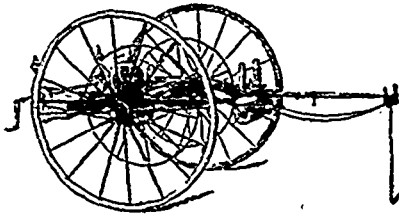
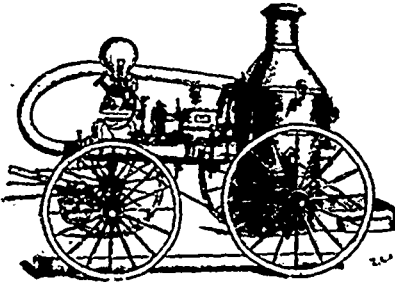
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## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Jan. 30.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale, for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions for large quantities, and to cash discounts. See additional quotations on inside back cover.]

The financial situation has not improved as much as was expected. The call for funds upon the banks is moderate, at the usual discount rates. Mercantile collections are still hard, due to the small portion of the crop yet marketed, and to the quantity of wheat still held in farmers' hands, either threshed or unthreshed. Traders in dry goods are on the road with spring samples. Travellers for clothing and boot and shoe houses are winding up their spring orders. The grocery trade is unchanged. The London fur sales have been unsatisfactory in point of prices, some heavy declines being reported. The grain situation locally, both for wheat and coarse grain, is very unsatisfactory, on account of the continued weakness in wheat abroad, and the low shipping values of barley and oats. The grain situation is the least encouraging feature of the outlook.

FEEL.—The weather was very mild all the week, which rendered the demand for fuel for heating purposes much less urgent. Combined with this, offerings on track were more liberal, and dealers were able to supply their customers, though there are still no stocks ahead in the city. There was also a good deal of wood offered on the street market, hauled in to the city from the surrounding country, which lessened the demand upon dealers. On track prices were easier, and dealers were able to buy at inside prices again. See quotations on inside back cover. Anthracite coal has been advanced 25c per ton in first hands in the United States.

FURS.—As expected, there was a heavy decline at the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale of beaver and musquash, at London. The cable reports a decline of 45 per cent on musquash, and 20 per cent on beaver. The latter is equal to a reduction of \$1.50 to \$1.75 per skin on Winnipeg prices of good beaver. Quotations on inside back cover have been marked down to present values. Our British Columbia editor reports that the decline in seal skins has caused a serious feeling in the sealing interest there, as undoubtedly it would, as the decline was not expected, while in the case of beaver and mink, it was expected. It was thought that the Behring sea case would maintain values in seal. Our British Columbia report speaks of a decline of 50 per cent at the recent London sales of seal skins, but this is probably a mistake, as our cable, from a very reliable source, only gave a decline of 25 per cent, which by the way was bad enough for holders.

FISH.—The market continues well supplied. Prices are lower on white cod, haddock, etc. Fresh water fish are quoted per lb: Whitefish 5c, pickerel 6c, sturgeon 6c, pike 2c, trout 9c. Lake Superior herring 35c per dozen; brook trout 25c per lb. Fresh salt water fish: Salmon 14c; smelts 12c; halibut 14c; cod 10c; haddock 10c; smoked haddies 8c; boneless cod 7 to 7c. Oysters are quoted at \$2 1/2 for standards and \$2 3/4 for selects per gallon, for Providence river stock, with Baltimores at \$2 to \$2.20.

GRAIN FRUITS.—Apples are firmer, and good fruit is held at \$3.25 per barrel. The first car of California oranges of the season, came to hand, and sold well, quality being very good for early arrivals. The market is likely to have a good supply of this fruit forward. Prices are:—California fruits—Winter pears, 40 lb boxes, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Naval oranges \$1.30 to \$5.00 per box; Riverside seedlings, \$4.00 per box; Ontario barrel apples, \$3.00 to

\$3.25. Lemons—New Messina, \$0.75 to \$7.00 per box; bananas, \$4 00 to \$5.00 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$4 50 to \$5.00 per box. Cranberries, \$10.00 per barrel. Malaga grapes, \$7.50 to \$10 per keg, as to size of keg.

HARDWARE.—The changes in the cut and wire nail lists, as a result of the agreement among manufacturers, is about the only important feature of the trade. Jobbing prices in eastern markets are being advanced to correspond with the new lists, and so far as manufacturers and jobbers are concerned, cutting in nail prices is no doubt at an end, as the agreement to maintain values is a cast-iron one, and involves a heavy penalty for a breach of its provisions. The local price on cut nails has been advanced from a \$3 base on 3-inch to \$3.10 on 5-inch, and as this does not cover the full advance, the tendency is strong. The local price on wire nails has not been changed, but this is not likely to remain long so. Tacks, etc., have been advanced as a result of an agreement among manufacturers. See quotations on inside back cover.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.—The course of the wheat markets has been disappointing to holders. On Monday United States markets were dull and easy, and most points showed a decline. Cables were irregular. The Chicago visible supply statement on Monday showed a decrease of 375,000 bushels, which was less than was expected, making the total supply at leading points in the United States and Canada, east of the mountains, 43,715,011 bushels, as compared with 24,032,215 bushels a year ago. Receipts at Duluth on Monday were 165 cars, and Minneapolis 433 cars. United States markets continued dull and lower on Tuesday, though good exports were reported. Duluth and Minneapolis receipts were 284 cars, as compared with 218 cars the same day a year ago. United States markets were again lower on Wednesday, and dull, with cables mostly weaker. The Kansas state crop report, placing the wheat crop for 1891 at 53,970,000 bushels, or 4,000,000 bushels more than the Washington department report, was issued and caused weakness. Bradstreet's report on Wednesday, made a decrease in stocks of 403,000 bushels east and 633,000 bushels west of the Rockies. Minneapolis and Duluth received 292 cars, as compared with 245 cars the same day a year ago. The subsiding of the Chili war scare was one feature of weakness. On Thursday United States markets were mostly weak and irregular, though Chicago and some other points advanced just before the close. Cables were rather against holders. On Friday there was considerable dulness in United States markets, with an irregular, easy feeling. Ontario farmers are holding their wheat on account of the low prices offered. Exports of wheat, including flour as wheat, both coasts, as reported to Bradstreet's, amount to 3,557,000 bushels for the week. Last week's total was 4,532,000 bushels, and the week before it was about 4,300,000 bushels. The cable to the Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin dated Liverpool, January 25, says: "Shipments of flour and wheat to Europe during the past week were as follows: To United Kingdom, equal 4,460,000 bushels; to Continent, 2,260,000 bushels; total, 6,720,000 bushels. Shipments during the previous week, 6,740,000 bushels. Requirements, 7,650,000 bushels. India crop advices report condition of wheat good on 5,000,000 acres, discouraging on 14,000,000 acres, and no returns from 10,000,000 acres." The clearances of flour and wheat to Europe since August 1—twenty-five weeks—as cable the Daily Trade Bulletin, have been as follows: To United Kingdom, 102,710,000 bushels; to Continent, 111,650,000 bushels; total, 223,760,000 bushels. Requirements for the same period, 192,000,000 bushels.

LOCAL WHEAT.—The wheat situation locally has been very discouraging to both growers and shippers. The continued weakness in foreign markets, has made the trade dull and dragging,

and unprofitable to holders who bought at long values, while the farmers are dissatisfied with the prices offered in country markets, and are inclined to hold, though the light deliveries in country markets are attributed to the large quantity of wheat still unthreshed, as well as to a disposition to hold. Farmers' deliveries of wheat since the first of the year have been very much less than was expected. This was attributed to bad weather, but the last week has been very mild and generally favorable for delivering wheat, but still deliveries have kept light. Quite a number of buyers have been taken off country markets, as deliveries were so light that it did not pay to keep men out. No doubt some farmers who have threshed are holding for higher prices, but dealers think that deliveries will not be large again until threshing becomes general. This brings us again to the condition of grain in stack. Undoubtedly the bulk of the grain in stack is not in condition to thresh, on account of snow and ice in sheaves. Of the wheat coming in at country points, a considerable quantity is damp, from threshing in this condition. Damp grain of course cannot be handled at any price, and buyers are obliged to refuse it. It is just difficult to say what should be done with wheat in stack. By exercising great care, and removing the outer row of sheaves to be threshed separately, the rest of the stack might be threshed in a marketable condition. If the wheat cannot be turned out in a dry state, it would be better to allow it to remain in stack even until summer, as damp grain would be worse than useless to dealers. Shippers are having a great deal of trouble with smut, which is very prevalent. Smutty grain, when threshed a little damp, is in very bad shape, as the smut balls are broken in threshing, whereas if dry a good deal would be blown out. Shippers find it increasingly difficult to dispose of low grade stuff, on account of smut and other defects peculiar to this crop. Receivers in foreign markets, where quantities of low grade stuff are held, are doing a good deal of grumbling, and the outlook for low grade and damaged qualities is for slower sale at lower prices. Unless there is a strong upward movement in wheat values generally, of which there are no indications at present, the outlook for our low grade stuff is not encouraging. This is unfortunate, as it is desirable to get this stuff out of the country early. The railway situation remains unchanged. Reports from the States are to the effect that the eastern railroads are over-crowded with grain business, and shippers complain about their inability to get grain despatched in time to fill orders. Lines that were given orders to ship corn from store the first of the month have been unable to handle it, and in a few instances the orders have been cancelled. Only a few local shippers are trying to get wheat through to the seaboard, which can be done in 8,000 bushel lots. Others are doing a limited business in car lots with eastern millers, but the demand from the latter quarter is light. Stocks at Fort William are creeping upward. At the last weekly report the stock in store at Fort William, was 1,166,317 bushels as compared with 1,097,914 last week, showing an increase of 68,403 bushels.

There was little trading on the Winnipeg exchange. On Friday No. 2 hard, in store Fort William, was offered at 85c, and 92 at Fort William, May delivery. No. 1 regular offered 54c country point, on a 2c rate, with 52c bid. No. 2 regular offered at 42c country point; 40c bid. No. 3 regular offered at 33c, country point; 30c bid. Feed wheat offered at 27c.

On change to-day (Saturday) at the call board No. 1 hard was offered at 87c Fort William; 86c bid. No. 2 hard offered 93c North Bay; 97c bid. No. 3 hard offered at 90c and 91c North Bay; two cars sold at 90c North Bay. No. 2 northern offered at 75c in store Fort William. No. 1 regular offered at 31c North Bay; 80c bid. No. 2 regular offered at 40c Manitoba point, 22c freight to Fort William; 41c bid on Northern Pacific, Manitoba point. No. 3 regular offered at 30c, country point; 28c bid.

**FLOUR**—Prices hold at about last quotations. There is very little movement in low grades, on account of cheapness of best qualities. Wholesale quotations to the local trade in broken lots are as follows per 100 lbs: Patents, \$2.35; strong bakers', \$2.15; second \$1.70 to \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.20 to \$1.30; superfine, \$1.10 to \$1.15. These prices are for well known brands. There is considerable irregularity in the price of low grades. The product of outside mills is selling at the lower quotations.

**MILLSTUFFS**—Good prices are still being obtained, in comparison with other products, though there is some irregularity in values. We quote bran in broken lots at \$10 to \$11 and shorts at \$12 to \$13 per ton.

**FEED**—Not much demand. Barley is being largely used for crushing for feed, on account of its comparatively very low price, being worth little more than oats per bushel, while the weight per bushel is considerably more. We quote ground feed at \$13 to \$14 per ton, as to quality.

**OATS**—There is a continued weakness in oats, and prices tend downward, in sympathy with outside markets. In fact the situation in this grain is very discouraging for holders, who have bought from farmers in country markets for more than they could sell for now on track. On change on Friday, 16½c per bushel was the highest bid on track country points, with sellers at 17½c. Offers on other days were at 18 to 19c, country points, with 17 to 17½c bid. Street offerings in the city sold at 19 to 20c for feed qualities. There is a wide difference between feed and good milling oats, the latter selling at a wide premium over feed qualities. Milling oats sold at 22c per bushel on track, country point, equal to about 27c on track Winnipeg on the local freight rate.

**BARLEY**—The barley market, like oats, is in a very unsatisfactory condition, prices having

slowly receded. On change on Friday, 20c per bushel of 48 lbs, was the highest bid, on track, country points, with sellers at 21c. Earlier in the week sellers held about 22c, with 21c bid. On the Winnipeg farmers' market, loads of light quality sold as low as 20c per bushel, though most sales were above this price. There is very little local demand for malting samples, brewers being well supplied.

**MEALS**—Oatmeal is quoted at \$2.45 per 100 lbs for standard, and granulated at \$2.50. Rolled oats, per sack, \$2.50. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23 per ton, these prices for fine ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Split peas, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$1.80 to \$2 per bushel.

**DRESSED POULTRY**—Stocks light. Dealers are selling in small jobbing lots as follows: Turkeys, 14 to 15c per lb; chickens, 11 to 12½c; geese, 11c; ducks, 12c.

**DRESSED MEATS**—There is very little dressed beef offering, but with a slow demand prices held at about 5 to 5½c for good to choice for city dressed. Pork is firmer, and quoted at 6 to 7c as to quality, though 6½ cents is about all packers would pay. Mutton easy. Eastern dressed mutton is offering in the market at 9 cents.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes were easier, owing to warmer weather. Following are prices at which city dealers buy on the market. Potatoes 35 to 40c, mostly at 40c per bushel. Carrots, 40 to 50c per bushel; beets, 40c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 1¾c lb; turnips, 20 to 25c bushel; cabbage, 45 to 75c per dozen; celery, 30 to 50c dozen; onions, 2 to 2½c per lb; horseradish, 8c lb. Dealers are selling sweet potatoes, \$6 per barrel, and Spanish onions at \$1.35 per crate.

**BUTTER**—We continue to quote ordinary good dairy at 20c, with 1 to 2c more obtained for selections. Stocks of choice are not large.

**CHEESE**—Very quiet at 10½ to 11c.

**EGGS**—Eastern limed of good quality, have sold irregularly at 22 to 24c. Local stocks of limed are about exhausted. A few cases of fresh were reported offered about 27c, but of doubtful quality.

**CURED MEATS**—The local tendency in prices has been lower, notwithstanding the advance east in dressed hogs. Prices below are reduced ½ to ¾c all round. Dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 12c; smoked hams, 12½c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb; Bologna sausage, 8c per lb; German sausage, 9c per lb. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½lb. package.

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**HIDES AND TALLOW**—Eastern markets have a very weak and lower tendency, on account of the numerous failures in the hide and leather trade. Here a little higher has been paid owing to local competition. Frozen hides quoted here at 3 to 3½c. No. 1 cows, 3½c. No. 1 steers, 4½c. Sheep and lambskins, 40 to 65c each. Tallow, 4½c rendered and 2½c for rough.

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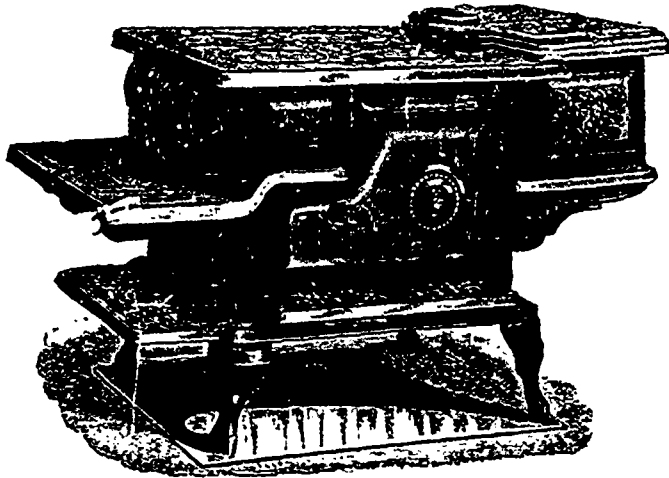
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**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

(Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.)

Wheat was rather dull and slightly easier on Monday. Prices sold down 1c, but recovered and closed slightly inside of Saturday's close. Corn and oats were easier. Provisions advanced sharply. Wheat receipts were 89 cars. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat .....	87 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Corn .....	37 1/2	39	40 1/2
Oats .....	28	—	30 1/2
Pork .....	11.92 1/2	—	12.22 1/2
Lard .....	6.50	—	6.75
Short Ribs .....	5.87 1/2	—	6.12 1/2

Trading was decidedly dull on Tuesday. Prices weak and opened 3/4c lower, declining 3/4c more, recovered 1/2 to 3/4c and closed about 3/4c lower than Monday. Receipts were 171 cars. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat .....	87 1/2	—	91 1/2
Corn .....	37 1/2	38 1/2	40
Oats .....	28	—	30 1/2
Pork .....	11.75	—	12.07 1/2
Lard .....	6.42 1/2	—	6.72 1/2
Short Ribs .....	5.77 1/2	—	6.02 1/2

On Wednesday the market continued quiet and prices lower. Prices opened about the same as Tuesday's close, declined 1/4c, advanced 3/4c, declined 1c, and closed 1/2 to 3/4c lower than Tuesday. Receipts were 93 cars. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat .....	86 1/2	—	91
Corn .....	37 1/2	38	40 1/2
Oats .....	28	—	30 1/2
Pork .....	11.52 1/2	—	11.82 1/2
Lard .....	6.37 1/2	—	6.65
Short Ribs .....	5.67 1/2	—	5.92 1/2

On Thursday wheat was weak and lower until the last hour, when a good cash inquiry and export demand set in, and the market went up sharply. Closing prices were 1 cent up from the low point, and 1/2 cent higher than Wednesday. Receipts, 148 cars. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat .....	87 1/2	87 1/2	91 1/2
Corn .....	39	39 1/2	41 1/2
Oats .....	—	—	31 1/2
Pork .....	11.50	—	12.10
Lard .....	6.45	—	6.75
Short Ribs .....	5.80	—	6.07 1/2

On Friday wheat was depressed by weak cables and the increasing receipts in the Northwest, induced by more favorable weather. Closing prices were 3/4c lower. Receipts, 153 cars. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat .....	83 1/2	80 1/2	85 1/2
Corn .....	38 1/2	39	41
Oats .....	28 1/2	—	30 1/2
Pork .....	11.70	—	12.00
Lard .....	6.45	—	6.72 1/2
Short Ribs .....	5.75	—	6.02 1/2

On Saturday, May wheat opened at 90 1/2c and declined to 90c, where it stood at noon. Demand slow, cables weak.

**Montreal Stock Market.**

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, January 30, 1892:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyer.
Bank of Montreal .....	224	221
Ontario .....	113	112
Molson's .....	104	100
Toronto .....	250	222
Merchants .....	152	148 1/2
Union .....	—	89
Commerce .....	131	133 1/2
Commercial cable .....	162	150 1/2
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal T. I. .....	131 1/2	129
Rich. & Ont. Nav .....	57	56 1/2
City Pass Ry .....	190	183
Montreal Gas .....	205	204
Can. N. W. Land .....	82	79 1/2
C. P. R. (Montreal) .....	90 1/2	90 1/2
C. P. R. (London) .....	93 1/2	—
Money—Time .....	5	—
— On Call .....	4	—
Sterling 60 days, N. Y. Posted rate .....	455	—
Demand .....	457	—
60 days Montreal rate between banks .....	0	—
Demand Montreal rate between banks .....	0-3-5	—
New York Exchange Montreal rate between Banks W. ....	1-32	—

**Duluth Wheat Market**

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

Monday—Cash, —; January, 8 1/2c; May, 90 1/2c.
Tuesday—Cash, —; January, 8c; May, 90c.
Wednesday—Cash, —; January, 8 1/2c; May, 89 1/2c.
Thursday—Cash, —; January, 8 1/2c; May, 90c.
Friday—Cash, —; January, 8 1/2c; May, 89 1/2c.
Saturday—Cash, —; January, 8 1/2c; May, 89 1/2c.

A week ago January closed at 85 1/2c and May at 90 1/2c.

**Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.**

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, January 30, wheat prices stood as follows, at noon, for No. 1 northern: Cash, 84 1/2c; Jan., 83 1/2c; May, 86 1/2c. A week ago January closed at 84 1/2c and May at 87 1/2c.

**Montreal Markets.**

Flour—It is understood there have been sales at below current rates, but the flour was forced upon the market. Straight rollers are still a drug on the market, and when sales of round lots transpire they are invariably at a cut figure. It is stated that a lot of straight rollers was sold a few days ago at \$4.47 1/2. A flour dealer stated yesterday that strong bakers' flour could be bought at a wide range of prices according to quality the range being from \$4.50 to \$5.

Oatmeal, etc.—One or two round lots of oatmeal were placed at below inside quotations. Granulated and rolled oats \$4.45 to \$4.55 per barrel, and \$2.20 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal \$4.35 to \$4.45 per barrel, and bags, \$2.15 to \$2.17 1/2. Pot barley \$4. Pearl barley, No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel.

Millfeed.—There is a scarcity of bran in this market and prices are quoted at \$16 to \$17 per ton in car loads. Shorts \$18 to \$19.

Wheat—In this market Manitoba No. 2 hard, is said to be worth not over 90c or \$1 in store. Standard red winter wheat is lower in Ontario, where actual sales have been made at 86 to 88c at points west of Toronto, but exporters say they cannot afford to pay over 85c.

Oats—White oats are quoted at 35 to 36c for white and 31c for Manitoba mixed. Oats are low in the west and very slow sale.

Barley—There have been sales to brewers here at price ranging from 55 to 60c per bushel as to quality; feed barley is quoted at 47 to 50c.

Dressed hogs—The market is decidedly firmer and higher with sales of car lots of nice bright stock at \$6.15 which is 20c per 100 lbs better than last week's sales.

Butter.—The chief feature in this market is the good export demand for both dairy and creamery. The sales are reported of 200 packages of creamery at 23 1/2c, and another round lot at 23 1/2c. A car lot of creamery has also been sold for British Columbia at about 23 1/2c, and a very fancy lot brought 24c. In dairy butter there have been sales of good Eastern Townships at 18 to 18 1/2c, and fall goods have brought 19 to 19 1/2. A lot of summer dairies was sold at 16c. In western dairy there have been sales at 17 to 17 1/2c for fine goods, and as high as 18c was paid for a lot closely selected. A lot of medium western sold at 15c. Sales of western rolls are reported at 16 to 17c.

Cheese—The market keeps very firm with prices steadily creeping up on both sides of the Atlantic. The Liverpool public cable is now 56 1/2 to 61 with private cables 1s to 1s 6 1/2 higher. Here there have been sales of finest western at 11 1/2c and we quote 11 1/2 to 11 3/4c with other kinds quoted at 10 1/2 to 11 1/2c.

Eggs—Quite a few lots of held fresh have been received during the past few days, and if quality is suitable for boiling 20 to 22c can be obtained. There is some fall stock arriving that has been packed in salt, which only brings from 14 to 16c. Lined are selling at 15 to 16c.

Hides—At a meeting of the trade on Monday it was decided to pay at the rate of 5c for No. 1 during the present week, but to drop to

4 1/2c next Monday. Tanners will pay 1/2c more during the week and 1c more next week, Lumbskins are higher. We quote: No. 1, 5c (for this week, afterwards 4 1/2); No. 2, 4 1/2; No. 3, 3c; tanners are paying 1/2c more; Lumbskins, 80 to 90c; calf skins, 5c.—Trade Bulletin, Jan. 22.

**British Grain Trade.**

Mark Lane Express of January 25, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "English wheats at a further decline of 1s induced increased buying. The demand, however, was not vigorous. Foreign wheats ruled 6d lower, a slight diminution in the supplies checking a greater fall in prices. California was neglected at 40s 6d; red winter at 38s 4d. Foreign flour lost 6d per sack, and American sold at 31s. New crop corn on passage sold at 22s, and round on passage at 27s. Oats were firmer; American sold at 18s 3d. At to-day's market the tone was weak. English wheat dropped another 6d without enlivening sales. English and American flours were in slightly better demand at the last reduction.

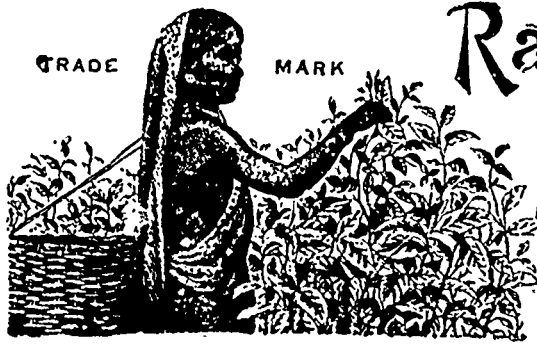
**Manitoba Dairy Association.**

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association was held in Winnipeg last week, opening on Wednesday afternoon. After the reading and adoption of the secretary's report the election of officers took place, the following gentlemen being chosen by unanimous vote: Representative on the Industrial Exhibition board—Acton Burrows. President—Professor Barrie. First vice president—W. M. Champion. Second vice president—J. Hettle, M. P. P., Boissevain. Secretary-treasurer—R. Waugh (re-elected). Board of Directors—J. L. Bucknall, Winnipeg; R. Jackson, Bird's Hill; E. A. Struthers, Russell; J. E. Thompson, Emerson; W. H. Farmer, Headingly; S. A. Bedford, Brandon; Senator Boulton, Russell; Jas. Glenzie, Portage la Prairie; Wm. Thompson, Winnipeg. Senator Boulton and J. L. Bucknall were accredited delegates to the general commercial conference which is to be held in London, Eng., during the coming summer, with a view of their being able to promote the interests of Manitoba and the Northwest by discussing questions regarding the agricultural condition and prospects of the country. Papers by R. Jackson, on "feeding;" by Wm. Thompson on "Evolution of a Dairy Cow;" by W. M. Champion on "Dairy Products at the Fair," etc., were read and discussed. On motion of Mr. Farmer, seconded by Senator Boulton, it was resolved that in the opinion of this association it is absolutely necessary that a special building for dairy products should be erected by the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association; and that the representative of the Dairy association be requested to urge this on the exhibition board.

The meeting was continued on Thursday, when an interesting paper from Prof. Barrie was read. Previous to adjournment it was resolved to invite Prof. Robertson to hold a lecture in Winnipeg on his next visit to the province, which will be about the beginning of March. A special vote of thanks was also adopted thanking the Dominion Minister of Agriculture for the services of Prof. Robertson and his assistants last year; and it was decided to ask that a similar programme be carried out this year, the instruction given being of great advantage to those engaged in dairying. The association also agreed to do something towards supporting Prof. Saunders in having the dairying interests of Manitoba properly represented at the World's Fair in Chicago. It was further decided that the suggestions of dairymen should be obtained regarding the prize list for the industrial exhibition, and to hold a dairy convention in Winnipeg in July during the week of the exhibition.

The village of McGregor, 77 miles west of Winnipeg, has a population of 250. This represents two years' growth.





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## Interior Development.

At the present time the prospects for mining activity in the southern interior of British Columbia are better than they have ever been since the days of placer diggings were in full swing. The feeling is general in that direction and old miners and others largely interested in that, share it largely. In the Kootenay considerable American capital has been invested, and the people of the province themselves are taking a great interest in the matter. The contributing cause of all this has been the advent of the railway and improved navigation facilities, while the projected railways, including branch lines of the C. P. R., and the proximity of the Northern and Great Northern, are lending a degree of speculation unwonted up there.

There is this danger, however, to be guarded against, and that is the extreme of speculation which is sure to follow. There will be a rush of people, and the inevitable platting of town-sites, each of which will be guaranteed to be the Denver of British Columbia. During next summer, at least, trade will not have sufficiently developed and mining operations, necessarily slow, will not be on so large a scale to furnish employment for any very large population. Over-crowding and over-speculation will have its usual re-active effects by attracting too many people who are no use to the country, thus producing depression at the outset. The people who are wanted are experienced mining men, men with capital having knowledge of that class of investments and traders who are used to the conditions that will be found there. Innocent moneyed men and tenderfeet are very apt to be fleeced if they are over-confident in themselves or their neighbors. Care should be exercised by all who have interests in the interior that the dangerous tendencies are minimized as much as possible. A premature rush will give the portion of the country upon the development of which so much depends, a bad black eye.

## BRIEF BUSINESS NOTES.

The *Colonist* building, Victoria, is being enlarged.

Fripp & Wills is the name of a new firm in Westminster.

Steamer North Star has been sunk near Williams' head.

The plumbing for the new Driad hotel will cost \$50,000.

Alex. Begg, of Crofter fame, is back from a business trip east.

Two more schooners have been added to the Victoria sealing fleet.

Dr. McAlpine is going to send out his sealing schooner *Hesperus* again.

Brownlee has issued a preliminary map of the provinces under authority.

Nanaimo Building Society is \$4,000 short on account of its missing secretary.

The Chilean barque *India* is loading lumber at Hastings mills for Valparaiso.

Peter T. McCallum, White valley, Okanagan, is going extensively into bee culture.

The annual meeting of Provincial Land Surveyors was held in Victoria last week.

Applewhaite, Allan & Co. will do a real estate and financial business in Nelson.

Regular train service has been instituted over the Shuswap & Okanagan railway.

The American tug *Rip Van Winkle* has been purchased by a Victoria company.

Messrs. Crano, McGregor and Boggs, Victoria, are laying out a tow-site at Alberin.

The Victoria Milling Co. has shipped 150 tons of wheat out of Okanagan this winter.

D. Clinton, of Union, has been appointed U. S. commercial agent for Union and Comox.

The Nelson-Slocan Steam Navigation is the latest corporation organized in the lake country.

J. B. Reid, of the firm of Hooper & Reid, architects, Nanaimo, has disappeared from that city.

The *Westminster Columbian* says there is a proposition on foot to build a 3,000 ton ship there.

Mr. Sinclair has retired from the firm of Loucber, Harris, Sinclair & Co., New Westminster.

The bridge across Vedder Creek which was washed away is to be rebuilt, with a span of 140 feet.

Fishermen are doing well in Plumper's Pass catching spring salmon. Cod and herring are also plentiful.

R. B. Oxley succeeds Henry Chew as agent in Vancouver and district for the Sun Life Assurance Co.

One hundred tons of Manitoba wheat has arrived in Victoria for shipment by sailing vessel to England.

There is likely to be a large number of tenders for the contract of extending the Vancouver water works.

Articles of incorporation of the Alexandra Hospital, for women and children, Vancouver, have been filed.

A resolution passed by the Victoria board of trade favored a fortnightly mail service to northern points.

Work on the channel improvements at the mouth of the Fraser River progresses. Twenty men are at work.

The claim at Canal Flat, owned by Capt. Armstrong and Tim Jones, has been sold to a Winnipeg syndicate.

The Norwegian barque *Agnes* is reported as being chartered to load lumber at the Chemanius mill for Valparaiso.

Maloney has just completed a model of the new steamer to be run next season by Lequime Bros. on Okanagan Lake.

W. K. Leighton, Nanaimo, has been appointed agent for the New York Life Co., in the place of E. W. Whiffin.

Thomas Catterall, Victoria, has been awarded \$15,000 contract to build a hotel on Gline street, Victoria, for Mrs. Astrico.

J. W. McFarland, secretary of the water works, is opening a real estate and insurance office in the Whetnam block.

Strange as it may appear, the steamer *Yosemite*, on its last trip, brought down 793 sacks of wheat from Beaver cannery.

Hasterman's resolution in the council of the Victoria board of trade favoring reciprocity, was withdrawn at the last meeting.

The *Westminster Ledger* complains of the ineffectual ferry service with which that city is blessed and for which it paid \$20,000.

The ship *Kaltoinka* from La Platta and the Norwegian barque *Czar* have arrived in Barrard Inlet to load lumber at the Hastings mills.

The *Batavia* of the Upton line has sailed from Victoria for the Orient. Her cargo consists of 1,550 tons, principally flour from Portland.

The Hudson's Bay Co. has had two models made for two twenty-ton schooners, one for Rabine Lake and the other for Stuart's Lake.

B. Green, of Vancouver, has purchased J. Morrison's ranch at Creighton Valley, Okana-

gan, and will run it as a dairy and poultry ranch.

A report condemning the captain and pilot for gross negligence has been made as a result of the enquiry into the wrecking of the *Sau Pedro*.

A new company has been formed, the principals of which are D. Green and P. Watelot, to work the property on Jumbo Island.

The British Columbia Tanning Company, of Nanaimo, are about to again increase their capital to enable them to develop their growing business.

Geo. S. Matthews, agent for cured meats, has taken temporary quarters in McMillan & Hamilton's warehouse on Water street, Vancouver.

Allan Cameron, the C. P. R. agent at Victoria, has moved his office to the Hue Sisters' block and has had them fitted up in first-class style.

A warrant has been granted for the arrest of P. F. Ryan, who recently disposed of the Cyclone Laundry, Vancouver, and left town with debts unpaid.

The board of underwriters, Vancouver, have refused to grant a general reduction on insurance risks where buildings are rooted with metallic shingles.

H. J. Painter, in calling for tenders for the purchase of the leasehold buildings, machinery, plant, etc., of the Vancouver Manufacturing and Trading Company.

J. Cohen has severed his connection with the Goldstream hotel, Vernon, and has left for Denver, Col. A. McGillivray, formerly of the Victoria, succeeds him.

Mr. Pewel, of Linsdowne, has sold his 320-acre ranch on Deep Creek, Okanagan, for \$5,000. The purchasers were Shields and Ford, lately out from Ontario.

Vancouver's assessment is as follows: Ward 1, \$4,420,945; ward 2, \$6,920,050; ward 3, \$3,700,810; ward 4, \$3,040,879; ward 5, \$3,261,088; total, \$21,343,769.

The C. P. R. steamship *Empress of Japan* left Yokohama on the 14th and is due on the 26th. She has 125 Chinese passengers and 250 tons of freight for this port.

The British Columbia Iron Works is building an engine for Capt. Cooper's new steamboat, now under way at Sapperton, intended for the Fraser River trade.

Capt. T. D. Shorts, of Okanagan, has been to the coast to make arrangements for shipping ore from Okanagan to Tacoma to be smelted. He reports prospects good there.

A lager brewery, the first in British Columbia, is to be erected in Vancouver next spring by Doering and Marstrand. It will have a capacity of 25,000 barrels a year.

The Board of Management of the British Columbia Agricultural Society, Victoria, held its first meeting last week and appointed the various committees for the year.

Capt. William Clark, one of the Crofted Commissioners, is expected to be here about the end of this week, to look after legislation affecting the proposed Crofter scheme.

A couple of claims in the Okanagan country just east of Kettle River and a few miles north of the boundary, are claimed to be exceptionally rich, assaying as high as \$600 to the ton.

The fire underwriters in Victoria ask the city council of Victoria to enforce rigidly the by-law regulating the storage of coal oil and to pass a by-law providing for an inspector of electric wires.

From present appearances sealing promises well this season. The scaler *Sea Lion* returned the other day to Victoria to obtain a cook and reported having caught 70 seals in a week's cruise.

A sleigh road of five miles has been cut from the new Government wagon road at Quesselle Forks to the lake, so that machinery may be

taken in to the mines while the snow is on the ground.

A meeting of the Kaslo-Kootenay Land Co. was held last week in Victoria. The report showed \$15,000 spent in improvements and 200 lots sold. The government will be asked to build a good wagon road.

D. E. Brown, district freight and passenger agent C. P. R., has received a letter of thanks from the officers of H. M. S. Champion, for his kindness to them on their trip across the continent from Vancouver to Halifax.

S. Trotter, of the firm of McKeeugh & Trotter, Chatham, Ont., has arrived in Vancouver with a view to amalgamating his firm with the Vancouver Foundry and Machine works, he to take the management.

The C. P. R. are experimenting with Portland cement and Frazar river sand, six parts of the latter to one of the former, with a view to utilizing it for the piers of a new dock along their water front, in place of the wooden ones now used.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Fire Insurance Co., was held in Victoria the other day. The cash assets and investments show an increase of 33 1/2 per cent. The number of policies in force is 374, and property is insured to the value of \$462,900.

A change has been made in the old and well known banking house of Garesche, Green & Co., Victoria, by the admission of F. W. Worlock as partner, the title changing to Green, Worlock & Co., the Garesche interest being purchased, and the management remaining the same.

Roderick Fialayson, the very earliest pioneer of British Columbia in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, died the other day, aged 74 years, forty-four of which he was a trader on the Pacific coast. His estate is valued at between one and a half and two millions.

A new morning paper, the *Victoria News*, is promised to appear on Feb. 7th. It will be a supporter of both governments, Provincial and Dominion. The wise acres say it is the organ of Attorney-General Davie, who wishes to fight the *Colonist*, which is at odds with that gentleman.

It was learned on good authority, says the *Victoria Times*, that the directorate of the Albion Iron Works Company had secured option on that piece of land known as Shoal Point near the outer wharf, and that it is their intention to purchase it and build large iron works there.

The Vancouver Stone Quarrying, Mining and Transportation Company held its annual meeting last week. The old board of directors were re-elected, as follows: J. Wulffsohn, Dr. J. T. Carroll, John A. Green and J. W. Vaughan. The board of directors afterwards re-elected Mr. Wulffsohn president and Major Vaughan, manager.

The Hastings mills, Vancouver, are now loading seven cars with timbers for the Montreal Harbor Commissioners of which the following are the dimensions: 3 pieces, 36x36, 60 feet; 1 piece, 36x36, 68 feet; 2 pieces, 21x21, 68 feet; 1 piece, 24x24, 60 feet; 3 pieces, 21x21, 62 feet; 3 pieces, 21x21, 60 feet; 3 pieces, 21x21, 64 feet; 5 pieces, 14x16, 80 feet.

Things are lively at Ainsworth. A rich and extensive body of ore has been struck in the Skyline mine, assaying, it is said, about \$650 to the ton. The Krao is in a vein 18 feet thick, carrying about 60 to 70 ounces of silver to the ton and about 40 per cent. of lead. The Niosho has a vein of 12 feet, with 4 feet carrying 160 ounces of silver. About 100 men are employed this winter in developing these mines.

J. R. Bell, the Glasgow chemical analyst and mining expert, is in the province, and as soon as navigation opens will visit the principal mining districts and report on a number of claims. He says greater efforts should be put forth to develop the mines and to afford infor-

mation regarding the mineral deposits. British capitalists have a very hazy idea of the nature of the mines and many of them have an idea that they are all played out.

Last week the British Columbia Fruit Canning Company held its annual meeting in Vancouver. The report of Manager Walter Taylor showed a successful year. It was decided to push the coffee and spice business and to commence arranging at once for next season's fruit. The old officers were re-elected as follows: President, E. Lindsay Phillips; secretary, Walter Taylor; directors, E. E. Rand, H. P. McCraney and I. Oppenheimer.

The Great Northern Express Company will open a line of offices or agencies between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts through Seattle and Westminster to the cities of Vancouver and Victoria via C.P.N., C.P.R., U.P.R., G.N.R., and the W. and V. E. tramway lines, about the 1st of February. The Western, or Pacific Coast Division to be under the management of J. S. List, of Seattle.

In the *British Columbia Gazette* appears the application for the incorporation of the Cunningham Hardware Company of Limited Liability. The hardware business now carried on by Cunningham Bros. will be merged into the new concern, the capital stock of which will be \$75,000 in 750 shares of \$100 each. The trustees are James Alex. Cunningham, Henry M. Cunningham, Thos. M. Cunningham, E. A. Curtis, W. L. Newsome, A. E. White and Thomas Curry.

The *Victoria Times* says: A proposal is being discussed in monied circles for the construction of a railroad to the new Alberni city. The idea is to tap the Esquimalt & Nanaimo road at Duncan's run across to Cowichan lake, along the shore to within about twenty-five miles of the new city, when a straight line will be made. This would shorten the journey of the China steamers, by two days at least, and would open up a splendid tract of country.

A very important meeting of the British Columbia Fruitgrowers' Association was held recently. During the meeting the commercial aspect of fruit growing was discussed at some length. The appointment of a government commission was favored for the purpose of investigating the conditions which exist in the Pacific coast states. There are three things, which it is necessary for the British Columbia fruit grower and farmer to know and act upon before fruit growing becomes a success: First, what varieties of fruit are best adapted to the province for market and canning purposes; second, the best methods of cultivation, and third, how to market the fruit when grown. California and Oregon possessing very similar conditions, have largely solved these problems and what will succeed best there has a strong probability in its favor of doing well in British Columbia. It is, therefore, to the south we must look for practical data. A commission composed of practical men if sent as far south as California would do a world of good, by ascertaining every detail of the industry and reporting in concise form for general and gratuitous distributions the result of the investigations. British Columbia is lamentably behind in methods of fruit growing, and until it is put on a purely commercial and scientific basis, fruit growing will never pay or prosper.

From all appearances it is going to be a busy summer next in the southern interior, and especially in Kootenay. Mining development may not be extensive until the following year, but the speculative and business activity which antecedes actual work is sure to be considerable. Besides that, the country is full of prospectors and railway engineers. When such business men as R. P. Rithet, W. P. Sayward, Capt. Irving and others are investing largely in interior properties there is good reason to believe that they have what in real estate circles is best understood as "a good thing." The latest enterprise in which some of these gentlemen are interested in, is the Galea Trading Co., which will have its headquarters on the

east side of Kootenay Lake, where a townsite is being located and a smelter erected. It is expected that while a good deal of capital will be diverted from the coast at present, the Kootenay and general interior trade if properly handled will ultimately be of great benefit to the coast cities. It is generally understood now that the C. P. R. is bound to take advantage of its opportunities by securing ample railway facilities and the richness of the mines is attracting not only it but the Great Northern and Northern Pacific both of which railways seek an entrance.

The largest shipment of timber ever sent from British Columbia now stands on the track awaiting movement to Montreal. It is loaded on three double cars, six cars in all, and consists of the following pieces:

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	{ One piece, 24 in x 24 in., 60 ft long.	
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These pieces of timber which are faultless for their full length are intended for heavy dredge work, the largest being spuds and the smaller for cranes, etc. This practically opens up a new field for our British Columbia timber, in as much as the possibility of shipment affords an opportunity for its utilization in many ways in connection with large public works and other such enterprises. To add to the significance of the shipment is the fact that the C. P. R. Co. has undertaken to ship it through to Montreal in twelve days, a most remarkable feat considering the weight and length of the timbers. The contract was filled by the Hastings branch of the British Columbia Timber and Trading Company.

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The most important event of the past week was the arrival in Vancouver of the steamer *Eliza Edwards* with fifteen tons of halibut aboard. This marks a most important stage in the fishing industry, viz., the discovery of the winter feeding grounds of the halibut. This matter has been several times referred to in *THE COMMERCIAL* and its importance fully recognized. The *Eliza Edwards* was built last year as a sealing schooner and was one of the unfortunate many that had to return empty handed from the north on account of the joint proclamation prohibiting sealing in Behring sea. This year the owners decided to utilize her in another way and make an attempt to solve the halibut problem. Her commander, Capt. McKenzie, is an experienced man in that line and on his first trip, although obliged to return before fully satisfying himself, ascertained sufficient to convince him that he was on the right track. So he made straight back fully equipped to secure success if possible, and he was successful even beyond his anticipations. As our readers are already aware several previous attempts on a similar scale had been made with disappointing results and financial loss to the promoters. Two things, however, were learned that were important: first, that a strong seaworthy steamer was necessary for the work, so as to make quick trips to and fro; and, second, that it was necessary to ascertain definitely the winter feeding grounds of the halibut. As results show Capt. McKenzie evidently combined both factors in his venture. The exact location of the halibut grounds has not been

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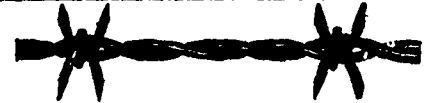
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known, but, of course, cannot be kept a secret long. It is north of Queen Charlotte Islands presumably where the warm, nutritive waters of the Japan currents strike the coast in several hundred fathoms of sea. In seven days, fishing four hours a day, the entire catch was made and Capt. McKenzie says that in four hours fishing enough fish was caught to occupy the remainder of the time in storing them away. The sea for miles was literally alive with halibut. Upon arrival back the news was hailed with joy by all. The fish, too, were of the finest quality. Some anxiety was felt about marketing so large a consignment, but the wires were set at work and the following day the whole lot was sold in Boston and to that point a carload has been forwarded by express. The C. P. R. made a rate equivalent to between three and four cents a pound, and the price in Boston is such as to allow a good margin on the transaction. Mr. Macgowan, who has had considerable experience in the fish trade, says there is a market in the eastern states for all that British Columbia can ship. As has been stated in a previous issue, while there is a combine existing in the Fulton market, which discourages the importation of British Columbia fresh fish, there would be nevertheless a strong demand for our halibut, which is admittedly a superior article, and it is only necessary to create a regular supply to establish a trade. The Eliza Edwards returns north immediately and if successful again there will remain little doubt about the future of halibut fishing, and as a matter of course others will follow suit and an industry established to rival sealing in importance. While on his way down Capt. McKenzie discovered another fish of commercial value resembling black cod, but superior in flavor, which is said by the Indians to be plentiful.

Apupos of fishing, the cable news announcing a drop in the price of seal skins equal to about 50 per cent of a decline has occasioned a good deal of anxiety among sealers. It was thought some time ago that the opposite would be the consequence of the interruption of sealing last year, but it seems that for some cause not quite understood as yet the prospects for a prosperous season are anything but bright. Some heavy losses are already reported. An unusually mild winter and the quietness in the commercial circles have been assigned as causes affecting the London market. This is peculiarly unfortunate at this time, as the expected appreciation of values and demand brought about a demand for hunters, who are this year engaged at higher rates than formerly. It is to be hoped that the sudden break in the market is only a temporary one, as otherwise it will seriously affect the sealing industry for the coming season and result in heavy losses.

The money market at present is tight and collections slow throughout the province. The most favorable reports in that respect have been received from Vancouver, where capital investments have not been so heavy as in some of the other cities during the past year. Nanaimo has had dull mining spell, but prospects are quite bright now. Westminster and Victoria complain more of the money market than usual but both are confident of a very bright year ahead of them. The critical stage of the financial year, however, has not been reached, but no anxiety is felt.

A rather important meeting of the Vancouver board of trade was held on Friday evening. The matter of bonussing the shipping industry was first discussed and the impression was general that the conditions were very favorable and Capt. Dexter, who is sort of father of the scheme, said a shipyard here would be able to compete with any in the world. The president reported that he had interviewed a number of influential men on the subject, including members of the government and presidents of the boards of trade and the general disposition was favorable. A resolution was unanimously pas-

sed asking the government to grant a bonus of \$5 a ton register to the building of any seagoing vessel of not less than 600 tons. The suggestion made by THE COMMERCIAL some weeks ago about commissioning a steamer and appointing a commission to explore the fisheries of the Pacific coast seems to have been seed falling in fruitful ground, because a recommendation to that effect was received from the Victoria board of trade and unanimously endorsed. Halibut fishing and the British Columbia exhibits in the C. P. R. travelling car in England were both discussed. It was also pointed out that reports had been received to the effect that American fishermen were poaching within the three-mile limit of Canada. No action was advised until further and more definite information could be obtained. The communications from the Halifax and St. John boards of trade, soliciting support of the rival schemes of making St. John and Halifax each the winter terminus of the fast Atlantic service, were considered, but it was considered wiser to take no part in the fight. A resolution, however, was passed to the effect that no large subsidy should be granted for the establishment of any trans-Atlantic service, the commencement or termination of which is not in a Canadian port.

The editorial remarks of THE COMMERCIAL on the Manitoba fishing regulations are thoroughly appreciated in British Columbia by the fishery and cannery men, who have an idea rightly or wrongly that the Dominion superintendent of fisheries, Mr. Wilnot is not the man for the west, however good his knowledge of conditions in the east may be. His appointment to the British Columbia fishery commission does not meet with much favor here. Hon. D. W. Higgins and Sheriff Armstrong are both old-timers, with wide experience of general business and good common sense, and ought to make two good commissioners. Mr. Wilnot, however, by a necessarily protracted stay in the province and an enforced investigation into all the particulars of the fishing industry on the coast may gain sufficient local experience to alter some of his apparently very set opinions about fishing in general.

In business generally there is nothing new to report. Trade is generally very quiet. Navigation on the Fraser has ceased for the time being. During the past week five lumber ships have been towed into Burrard Inlet to load lumber. The Empress of India and Batavia have both sailed for the Orient and the Empress of Japan is due inwards to day. Five ships are reported chartered to load lumber at Westminster and one at Chemainus, and Mayor Haslam, of Nanaimo has decided to build a mill for export trade on the water front. Several large shipments of salmon have been made from the Fraser to England. It is reported that negotiations are in progress for the establishment of two new industries in Westminster. In Victoria the National Mills Co. has started to work and is now placing on the market a good quality of rolled oats and pearl barley. Reference has previously been made to the new brewery prospects both in Victoria and Vancouver. Mr. Trotter of McKeough & Trotter, Chatham, Ont., has concluded arrangements whereby his firm will amalgamate with the Vancouver Foundry and Machine Works Co., and assume the management, operations to begin within 30 days. This was anticipated in THE COMMERCIAL several weeks ago.

Fish is scarce, and very little is expected. Wholesale quotations are: Black cod, 6c; halibut, 7 to 9c; herring, 5c; salt salmon, \$3 a hbl; but few in the market; smoked halibut, 10 to 12c.

All creamery is firm and in demand at 29 to 30c, some sales being made at the latter price, and dealers are holding for a rise. Dairy is plentiful at from 20 to 25 cents, according to grade; Eastern townships, 25c, Ontario, 23 to 24c; western, 20 to 23c, some lots offering as low as 20c. Eggs, limered, 20 to 23c; fresh eastern 23 to 25c; British Columbia fresh, 45c. Cheese steady at 13½ and 13.

The market is full of meats. Notwithstanding that, some of the dealers have advanced the

prices from ¼ to 1c above quotations given here. Heavy hams, medium and breakfast bacon, 12½c; backs, 12c; long clear 11½c; rolls, 11c; green hams, 10 less. Lard in 56 pound pails, 12c; 20 pound pails, 12½c; 10, 5 and pound tins, 13c.

Vancouver quotations are Steers (not offering) 4½ to 5c; cows, 1c less; no live mutton. Wholesale quotations are for dressed meats: mutton, 13½c; beef, 8c; pork, just now plentiful, 10 to 11c. The price of beef next month will rise at least a cent a pound. We note here the dissolution of partnership of Hayes & McIntosh, Vancouver, among the largest butchers on the coast, Hayes retiring and McIntosh continuing the business.

There is little change in the fruit market except that oranges are declining. California oranges Riversides, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; Navels, \$1.50 to \$1.75; lemons, Sicilies, \$8; California, \$5.25. Apples, Ontario, \$4 to \$5.50 per barrel. Oregon and British Columbia varieties are unchanged. Dried fruits, nuts, etc., remain unaltered.

Potatoes are selling all the way from from \$15 to \$24 a ton, according to locality grown. For hay farmers have been receiving \$12.50 to \$14 on the wharves. Following quotations are from the Delta:—

Bright oats are scarce, and are quoted at \$32.50 per ton; barley (bright), \$32 per ton; second grade, \$27.50 per ton. In car lots, bulk oats are \$25 and in sacks, \$26.50; wheat, in bulk, \$23, in sacks, \$30; barley chop, \$27. There is no change in flour and feed. Jobbing sales are: Ogilvie's and Keewatin Hungarian is still quoted at \$5.35; strong hakers', \$5.50; Oregon, \$6 to \$6.25; Spokane, \$5.75; Enderby, \$5.75 three star, \$5.35 two star. Hay, \$15 to \$16. California oatmeal, \$4.25, Canadian, \$3.50; California rolled oats, \$3.90, Canadian, \$3.50; California cornmeal, \$3.85; chop feed, \$34; bran, \$24; shorts, \$25; oats, \$23 to \$30; wheat, \$33 to \$33; oil cake, \$40. Vegetables generally are stiffening in price and demand.

Sugar is still held at the same quotations which are as follows: Paris lumps, 6½c per pound; granulated, 5½c; yellow, 4½c; fancy do., 4½c; extra C., 5c. Barboides molasses, 65c; Redpath's in 2 lb. and 8 lb. tins, 15 and 50c; maple syrup, \$1.10 to \$1.15; honey unchanged.

The current quotations for hides are as follows, bull, fresh, 2c per lb; ditto, salted, 3c; cow, fresh, 3c; ditto, salted, 4c; steer, fresh, 4c; ditto salted, 5c. No. 1 heavy standard steer, 60 lbs or over, 6c per lb; dry, No. 1, 5 to 7c per lb.

The shipping now in British Columbia ports is: Vancouver, 5, tonnage, 5,250; Victoria, 2, tonnage, 1,623; Nanaimo, 3, tonnage, 3,025.

## Toronto Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the board was held recently and was numerously attended. John I. Davidson, the retiring president, delivered a voluminous address, after which H. N. Baird, the new president, took the chair. Both Mr. Baird and Mr. Hugh Blain, the first vice-president, thanked the board for the honor of their election. The report of the council and that of the treasurer were adopted. The result of the voting for other officers than those mentioned was made known at a late hour last night. The following are the new officers: President, H. N. Baird; first vice-president, Hugh Blain; second vice-president, S. F. McKinnon; Council—William Christie, D. R. Wilkie, W. R. Brock, W. D. Matthews, Waring Kennedy, A. A. Allan, Geo. H. Bertram, G. M. Bosworth, A. B. Lee, B. Cumberland, John Donogh, W. B. Hamilton, R. W. Elliott, S. Caldecott, John Eirls; Box 1 of arbitration—George A. Chapman, J. H. G. Hagarty, W. Galbraith, Jos. Oliver, J. D. Laidlaw, R. J. Stark, R. S. Baird, T. Flynn, Chas. Pearson, Thomas McLaughlin, S. Grae, Wm. Spink; Harbor commission—J. T. Matthews and A. M. Smith; Industrial exhibition—James Caruthers, W. B. Hamilton, W. C. Matthews.

## Eastern Business Changes.

### ONTARIO.

Miss E. L. Bell, grocer, Wlarton, has assigned.

E. G. Smith teas, etc., Stratford, has assigned.

Wm. Wakeling, general store, Cairngorm, is dead.

Thos. Myles & Son, coal, Hamilton; T. Myles dead;

J. M. Penwarden, physician, St. Thomas, is dead.

Currie & Mitchell, clothiers, Sarnia. Currie retires.

A. T. Martin, jeweller, Cookstown, has assigned.

Cryeler & Co, general store, Delhi, have assigned.

Mrs. Annie O'Connor, hats, Toronto, has assigned.

Connolly & Bro., foundry, Yarker, have dissolved.

Francis Smith, hardware, etc., Toronto, has assigned.

J. T. King, lumber, etc., Tp. McKenzie, has assigned.

J. P. Graves, general store, Mount Elgin, has assigned.

Edward Ferguson, grocer, Owen Sound, has assigned.

D. Ross & Son, general store, Morriston, has sold out.

A. Grossman & Co., scrapiron, etc, Toronto, are away.

J. C. Watson, grocer, Simcoe, was burned out—insured.

C. J. Gilroy, dry goods, Clinton; burned out—insured.

Mrs. Henderson, millinery, Winchester, was burned out.

Mrs. Ellen Keane, tobacco, etc., Stratford, has assigned.

C. B. McKinnon & Co., dry goods, Windsor, have assigned.

W. N. McEachern & Co., lumber, Toronto, have sold out.

John Moule, grocer, etc., London; burned out—insured.

C. M. Webb, general store, Ganton, has sold out to J. Park

John Cunningham, grocer, etc., Clinton, was damaged by fire.

D. W. Mason, grocer, Windsor; burnt out—partially insured.

Smith Bros., carriages, Toronto, F. W. Smith of this firm is dead.

J. R. Monro, crockery and teas, St. Catharines, has assigned.

J. W. Grant, grocer and baker, Meaford, was burned out—insured.

R. Holstrop, sr., furniture, Meaford, was burned out—insured.

M. M. Casselman, shoes and clothier, Morrisburg, bailiff in possession.

Palniter, Empey & Co, saw swages, Galt, have moved to Windsor.

Eugenie Balmer, (Mrs. John,) general store, Gravenhurst, has assigned.

J. B. Rumball & Co., jewellers, Clinton, was damaged by fire—insured.

Smith & Sovereign, fancy goods, Toronto; W. Smith of this firm is dead.

Armbrust, Oberholtzer & Co., manufacturers of shoes and slippers, Berlin; style now G. V. Oberholtzer.

Bangs & Co., D. Murphy & Co., J. Williamson, J. Woods & Co., forwarders, Ottawa, are amalgamating under style of Ottawa Transportation Co.

### QUEBEC.

Cyrille Poirier, saddler, Montreal, is dead.

L. Bardeau, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

Ferdinand Beland, tobacco, etc., Quebec, is dead.

J. A. Blouin, grocer, Lévis, stock damaged by fire.

Hubboll & Brown, leather, Montreal, has assigned.

Johu Price, hides, etc., Montreal, has assigned.

T. L. Rolland, provisions, Montreal, has assigned.

Mrs. A. S. Vinot, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.

Julien & Guay, curriers, Quebec, have compromised.

Angus, Mooney & Co., leather, Quebec, have dissolved.

L. M. Church, grocer, Cowansville, has sold out to M. Rinter.

F. Moore, paints and artists materials, Montreal, is dead.

D. Quay, tanners and shoes, Quebec, is offering to compromise.

Talardeau & Paquet, tanners and curriers, Quebec, have assigned.

J. E. Deslaurier, hats and furs, Montreal, is offering to compromise.

Poupart, Derousselle & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

D. Gagnon & Co., dry goods, Montreal, damaged by fire and water.

Felix Gourdeau, tanner and leather, Quebec, is offering to compromise.

J. E. M. Whitney & Co., leather, Montreal, is offering to compromise.

Kert Ray, clothing and dry goods, Three Rivers, stock damaged by fire.

Siméon Beauchamp, teas and crockery, Montreal, is offering to compromise.

Brayley, Sons & Co., wholesale patent medicines, Montreal; J. W. Brayley of this firm dead.

Jas. Brown & Son, wholesale dry goods, Montreal; curator advertises stock for sale by auction on the 26th inst.

D. A. McCaskill & Co., manufacturers of varnish, Montreal; J. S. N. Dougall admitted partner, under style of McCaskill, Dougall & Co.

The stock of the following were partly damaged by smoke and water at Three Rivers: L. Bideau, dry goods; Lajoie & Frère, dry goods; J. A. Sauvagean, dry goods.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

F. W. Fullerton, victualler, Amherst, has assigned.

Spinney & Mack, lumber, Bridgport, have assigned.

Porter Bros., lumber, River Herbert, have assigned.

Peter Campbell, general store, fish, etc, Ari chat, offering compromise.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

Wm. Murray, dry goods, Chatham, has assigned.

Thos. Kinread, planing mill, Moncton, has assigned.

J. H. Murphy, lumber and mill, Perry's Point, has assigned.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Denis Murphy, general store, Souris, has assigned.

Wm. Reid, general store, Summerside, has assigned.

John McQueen, general store, Victoria Cross, Montague, has assigned.

### Liverpool Grain Prices.

Wheat—Per 100 lbs No. 1 Cali 8s 5½d to 8s 6½d; Oregon, 9s 1d to 9s 1½d; No. 2 red winter new, 8s to 8s 1d; Kansas winter, 7s 4½d to 8s 1d; No. 2 spring new, 8s 3½d to 8s 3½d; No. 1 Northern Duluth, now, 8s 3½d to 8s 4½d; No. 2 Northern Duluth, now 8s 1d to 8s 1½d; No. 1 hard Duluth now, 8s 6d to 8s 7d; choice Bombay, 8s 1d to 8s 2½d; No. 1 Bombay, 8s to 8s 1d; white K'rachee, f. a. g., 7s 7½d to 7s 8d; red K'rachee, 7s 5d to 7s 6d; No. 1 Calcutta, 7s 9d to 7s 10d; No. 2 Calcutta, 7s 5d to 7s 6d; white Delhi, 7s 8d to 7s 8½d; White J'hulpore, 7s 10d to 7s 11d; fair to good Azima, 7s 10d to 8s 2d; fair Ghirka, 7s 2d to 8s ½d.

Oats, per 45 lbs—English, choice, 3s 6d; English, black, 3s 4d; English, now white, 3s to 3s 4½d; English, now yellow, 2s 9d to 3s; Sligo and W. Ireland, now, 2s 10d to 3s 1d.

Flour,—Per 280 lbs—English patents, 31s 6d to 33s 6d; English bakers, 28s 6d to 29s 6d; best Milwaukee patents, 32s 6d; best Milwaukee bakers, 28s; best St. Louis patents, 32, 6d; best St. Louis fancy, 31s 6d; best Minnesota patents, 34s; best Minnesota bakers, 28s 6d to 30s; low grades, 22 to 25s; red dog, 20s; Starr's XXXXX, none; Arcadias, 33s 6d; Cascadias, 33s; Victoria, none; best Hungarian, 42s.—*Corn Trade News, Jan. 13.*

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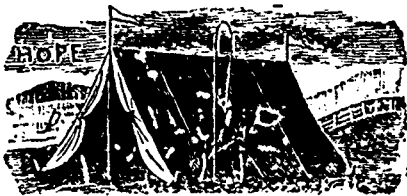
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**Toronto Grocery Market.**

Sugars, syrups and molasses—For a few days last week there was a sign of more activity in the sugar market in anticipation of an advance in prices, but later foreign advices have been weak and buyers have become indifferent again. Refiners are maintaining old prices however and show no disposition to make concessions. Continued cutting in yellows is reported; while 3½c is nominally the inside price, frequent sales at ¼c less are reported. Syrups are dull and easier. Refiners sell at fully ¼c less. On the street there was a sale at 2c for a car. Retail lots are quoted at 2½c up. Sugars—Granulated, 1 to 15 bbls, 5c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; grocers' A., 1 to 15 bbls, 4½c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½ to 5¾c; extra ground bbls, 5½c; do, boxes or less than bbls, 5½c; powdered bbls 5½c; do, less than bbls, 5½ to 5¾c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Trinidad, raw, 3½ to 4c; Demerara, 4½ to 4¾c. Syrups—D. 2½ to 2¾c; M., 2½ to 2¾c; B., 2½ to 2¾c; V. B., 2½ to 2¾c; E.V B., 2½ to 3c; ex-super, 3 to 3½c; N.N., 3½c to 3¾c; XXX and special, 3½ to 3¾c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls 30 to 45c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals, 30 to 40c; low grades, 23 to 25c.

Currants—Barrels, new, 5½ to 6½c; half barrels, 5½ to 6½c; cases, 6½ to 6¾c; Vostizza, new, cases, 7 to 10c; Patras, bbls, 7 to 7½c; half bbls, 7½ to 7¾c; cases, 7½ to 7¾c; Raisins—Valencias 5 to 5½c; do., selected, 7 to 7½c; layers, 8 to 8½c; Sultanas, 9 to 13c; London layers, \$2.25 to 2.50; black baskets, \$3.50 to \$3.75; do ¼ boxes, \$1.20; blue baskets \$4 to \$4.50; finest Dehesas, \$4.75 \$5; do ½ boxes, \$2; muscatel, 2 cr, \$2.25; do 3 cr, \$3. Figs—elemes, 10 lbs and up, 11 to 16c. Malaga 56 lb bags, 5 to 5½c; natural bags, 4½ to 5½c; Dates—Hallowee, 5 to 6½c. Prunes—New cases, 7 to 8½c; old, do., 5½ to 6c. Nuts—Almond, Tarragona, new, 13½c to 15c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; Walnuts, Grenoble, 14 to 15c.

Canned goods—Lobster easier; Clover Leaf brand has been reduced 20c, to \$2.75; ordinary brands rule from \$2 to \$2.25. Mackerel dull at \$1 to \$1.25. Fish—Salmon 1½, flat, \$1.60 to \$1.79; salmon, 1½ tall, \$1.35 to \$1.45; lobster, Clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1½, \$2.10 to \$2.30; mackerel, \$1.00 to \$1.10; sardines: French, ½s, 40c; sardines, French, ¾s, 17c, American ¾s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American ¾s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3rd \$1.05 to \$1.10; corn, 2s, \$1 to \$1.05; cor., 3s, \$1.50 to \$1.60; peas, 2s, \$1.10 to \$1.25; beans, \$1; pumpkins, 85 to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2s, \$2.25 to \$2.40; peaches, 2s, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3s, \$2.75 to \$3.50; plums, 2s, \$1.45 to \$1.65; 3s, \$2.00; pears, 2s, \$1.90 to \$2.00; 3s, \$2.90 to \$3.00.

Rice and spices—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do., off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do., Patna, 6½ to 6¾c; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 8 to 8½c; sago, 3½ to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; pepper, black, 12 to 18c; do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 90 to \$1.10; cream tartar, 25 to 35c.

Peels—Demand dull, but values are firm at 16 to 18c for lemon, 16½ to 18c for orange and 25 to 28c for citron. Coffee prices are—Rios, 16 to 19c; Jan-aca, 18½ to 20c; Java, 27 to 32c; Mocha, 29 to 33c; Porto Rico, 25 to 28c.—*Empire*, Jan. 22.

**English Wheat Crop.**

Says the London, England, *Millers' Gazette*: The British Agricultural Department has issued its estimate of the wheat crop of Great Britain for this year, and makes the yield per acre rather larger than last year, 31.26 bushels, or about 2½ bushels above the normal average, against 30.74 bushels per acre last year. The acreage sown being about 90,000 acres less than last year, the total yield is estimated at 72,126,263 bushels, against 73,354,484 bushels last year. It is a pity that the Board of Agriculture does not, like the Agricultural Departments of

all other countries, give also the weight per bushel, because the fact that a large proportion of this year's crop is defective in condition and weight means that there is really a smaller crop in comparison with previous years than is here shown. It is worthy of note that, according to the returns of the Board of Agriculture the wheat crop in the last five years has not varied more than 2,500,000 bushels, the best crop being reaped in 1887, when it was 74,322,000 bushels, and the worst in 1888 when it was 71,940,000 bushels.

**Maize.**

During 1891 the imports into United Kingdom have amounted to almost exactly 6,250,000 qrs., or an average of 120,000 qrs. per week. Of this quantity only one-third came from North America, or an average of 40,000 qrs. per week. This seems a very small weekly supply, and half of it came to Liverpool. It accentuates the theory that North America fixes the price of maize, and we in England, or even Europe, have very little to do with it. About four million qrs. came from the Black Sea, and this source of supply may be expected in 1892 to send a reduced quantity in view of partial prohibition. We therefore may expect the larger part of our wants to be filled by North America. At the present range of prices our consumption should be nearly 200,000 qrs. per week, and for the first six months of the year we may certainly expect to receive 75 per cent. of this quantity from the Atlantic coast. It is too early yet to forecast the amount of South American exports, but up to the time of writing there is no reason to anticipate such a failure of the crop as took place last year. In 1891 Egypt exported about 400,000 qrs. of maize, and the grain seems to be shipped in a cleaner condition than used to be the case.—*Liverpool Corn Trade News*.

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