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Manitoba.

A. G. Hepworth, of St. Laurent, has assigned.

D. Brundrit, lumber, Bldg, is moving to Melita.

A. E. Hopkinson, jewelry, Emerson, has sold out to Neilson.

The ratepayers of Brandon have decided by their vote in favor of a \$35,000 central school.

Geo. Leishman, the Ogilvie Co.'s British Columbia representative, was in Winnipeg last week.

Cavanagh & Hallonquist, general store, Oak Lake, have dissolved partnership. B. Hallonquist continues.

W. & P. Dickson, general merchants, are opening their branch at Alexander, decided upon some time ago.

Young & Moore, general storekeepers, Hartney, have dissolved, Moore retiring. Style now Young & Hopkins.

Another car load of potatoes has been shipped by Mr. McConnell, to go to Ontario, says the Deloraine Times.

Assistant Supt. Murray, of the C. P. R., was in Selkirk recently, looking up the location for the station site there.

Jas. A. Grigor, of Grigor Bros., jewellers, Winnipeg, left for the coast last Thursday on his regular midsummer trip.

J. T. Blowey, of Morden, one of the largest furniture dealers of Manitoba, outside of Winnipeg, has sold out to Stewart Scott and Peter Rutherford.

McKenzie & Powis, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, contemplate the erection of a brick and stone block, on the corner of Princess and McDermott streets.

J. E. Sanders, Deloraine, has been up before a justice on a charge of keeping his store open after the hours fixed by by law and was fined \$5 and costs.

Tenders will be received up to July 6th, for the purchase of \$20,000 drainage debentures of the town of Regina, running thirty years; interest six per cent, half yearly.

F. C. Fahoy, who has been connected with the firm of Carscaden, Peek & Co., Winnipeg, for the past nine years, leaves to accept a lucrative position with a Montreal house.

The partnership existing between W. W. Blackburn and A. R. Dickson, general merchants, Dunmore, has been dissolved by mutual consent. A. R. Dickson will in future carry on the business.

While boring to test for coal at Medicine Hat natural gas was struck at one hundred and seventy feet, which burned freely on a match being applied to it. With coal and gas the Hat may yet become a great manufacturing centre.

New regulations governing fishing in Manitoba and the territories, have been issued. Commercial licenses will be issued to companies or parties fishing as a business, under certain restrictions. Domestic licenses are intended for persons for their own use, etc.

Fire did considerable damage in the upper stories of the Bishop Furniture company's premises, in Winnipeg, last week. Loss to stock about \$3,000, nearly covered by insurance. A number of real estate, insurance, law and other offices in the block, were damaged by water.

Brandon Times: At a full meeting of the council of the Brandon Board of Trade the question of inducing wholesale houses to locate in Brandon was fully discussed and it was decided to take some steps to induce wholesalers to locate in the city. The question of instituting an annual industrial exhibition in Brandon was also discussed. Steps will be taken with a view to establishing such an exhibition next year.

J. McLeod Holiday & Bro., of Winnipeg, have been appointed wholesale agents for the Western Woolen Mills, at St. Boniface, opposite Winnipeg. These mills have gained a splendid reputation for the excellency of their products, which include yarns, flannels, blankets, wool socks, etc. Messrs. Holiday & Bro. have also been appointed agents for the large woolen house of Mark Fisher & Son, of Montreal and Toronto, connected with Fisher & Co., of Huddersfield, England.

In Lynch v. the Northwest Land Company, Gibbons vs. Barber, and South Dufferin vs. Morden—cases recently decided by the Supreme Court—the effect of the judgements is to uphold the legislation passed by the Manitoba legislature, under which, by the act known as the municipal act an additional ten per cent. is charged upon taxes in arrear. The chief ground of the decision being that although this additional charge may be called interest in reality it is an additional tax, and therefore within those provisions of the British North America act which gives to provincial legislatures the control over taxation for provincial

municipal purposes, and not within the provision of that act giving parliament control over the subject of interest.

Alberta.

L. Moret, who recently returned from Switzerland, intends starting a cheese factory at Fort Saskatchewan.

The contract for the erection of the new building of the Calgary Hardware company has been let to Frank Dick.

Limoges & Co., general store, High River, has been succeeded by T. W. Robertson. Robertson is applying for incorporation as "The High River Trading Co."

Maclead Gazette: L. French passed through Macleod on Monday on his way to Lethbridge to arrange for shipping the oil machinery, which has arrived there. Two string teams have gone down to haul it down to the place where boring for oil will be commenced on Fish Creek. The machinery weighs 40,000 lbs, and includes a 20 horse power engine. The machine will bore 2,000 feet deep. Boring operations will be under full way before long, and the result will be eagerly awaited.

North West Ontario.

Rat Portage is shortly to have a second newspaper, to be published by James Weidman, formerly of Qu'Appelle.

The Canadian Pacific steamers have resumed calling at Port Arthur, the Alberta on June 22 being the first. Captain Anderson, of the Manitoba, personally sounded the harbor on Saturday and found, as was predicted, that there was nothing to prevent the company's steamers making their regular connections here.

Assiniboia.

Tenders will be received up to July first, for the stock in trade of Felix Plante, merchant at Moose Jaw.

The Regina council has refused to take action on the proposed Wednesday half holiday, and has resented the board of trade resolution on the matter.

Grain and Milling.

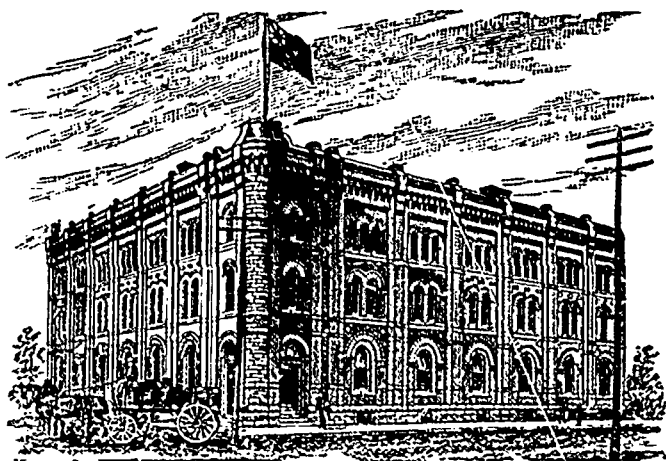
The farmers of Indian Head district, Assa., contemplate the erection of two grain elevators, one here and another at Sinaluta, and are now taking steps in that direction.

G. V. Hastings and W. A. Matheson, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., have been taking a drive over the province on an annual inspection of the crops for the information of the company.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company are making alterations in their elevator at Keewatin so that in place of being able to handle twenty cars daily as at present, they will be able to handle thirty-five cars daily.

The Duluth market report says grain rates have ruled firm the past week at 2 to 2½c for wheat to Buffalo, and very dull and nominally at 3c to Kingston. Ore rates active and unchanged with good demand for capacity at 50c. Coal rates unchanged at 40c for hard and 50c for soft coal. Erie canal rates have ruled irregular at 3½ to 4½c on wheat Buffalo to New York, including Buffalo charges they are quoted at 3½c this morning.

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Grocery Prices at Toronto.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—Syrups quiet. Low grades are more plentiful, and dark is now offered at 50c in half bbls. Molasses firm but not active. Ordinary West Indian are moving at 33 to 42c in bbls. Sugars are: Granulated, 1 to 15 bbls., 6½c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 6¾c; Paris lump, boxes, 7½c; extra ground, bbls., 7½c; do., boxes or less than bbls., 8¼c; powdered, bbls., 7c; do., less than bbls., 7¼c; refined, dark to bright, 5 to 6c.

Teas and Coffees—Japans are arriving and are selling freely at steady prices. Cables report the primary markets firm, especially on low grades; the higher grades are better value. Blacks are dull and without change. Greens are easier, the demand now running on Japans. Coffees are quiet and without change. Rios, 22 to 23c; Jamaica, 22 to 23c; Java, 26 to 35c; Mocha, 29 to 35c; Porto Rico, 25 to 28c.

Rice, Spices, etc.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do, Patna, 6½ to 6¾c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 5 to 5½c; sago, 3½ to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; pepper, black, 22 to 25c; do., white, 25 to 40c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 25 to 40c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 95 to \$1.20; cream tartar, 25 to 50c.

Dried Fruit—The feature of the market is the weakness in prunes owing to the decline in New York and the low offers made from there;

local dealers are mostly liberally stocked with goods which cost them more than they can now get. The small sized in cases are offering at 7½ to 8c, which cost about 8½ here. Casks offer at 7c. Currants are firm, with a fair demand at 6½ to 6¾c in bbls and halves. Valencia raisins are irregular, selling from 5 to 6c for off-stalk, according to quality. Fancy selected layers offer at 7½c. Sultanas are quiet at 15 to 16c. Advices from Europe say that the new crop is generally in an excellent condition. Brokers are soliciting orders for fall delivery, and a few have been placed for well known brands at open prices. Currants, barrels, new, 6½ to 6¾c; half barrels, 6½ to 6¾c; cases, 6½ to 8c; Vostizza, new, cases, 7½ to 9½c. Raisins, Valencias, 5 to 6c; do, selects, 7½ to 8c; do, layers, 8½ to 9c; sultanas, 15 to 18c; London layers, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Prunes, cases, 7½ to 8½c; do, hogheads and bags, 6½ to 7c. Figs, natural bags, 4½ to 5c; Malaga mats, \$1 to \$1.25; Elemes, 10 to 20 lb., 10 to 13c. Dates, Hal owee, 5½ to 6c; old, 4c.

Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 15½ to 17c; Ivica 14 to 15c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenobles, 16 to 17c; Marbots, 12 to 13c; Bordeaux, 12 to 12½c.

Canned goods—Vegetables and fruits are generally firm at last quotations. Fish is more active and firmly held. Salmon is going at \$1.40 to \$1.55; sellers are making slow progr

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on futures, owing to the higher price asked this year; freights are \$1.70, against \$1 a year ago, and higher prices are also asked at the coast, so that good brands would be worth \$1.40 net cash here. Lobsters are going at \$2.10 for good ordinary brands, with clover leaf flat at \$2.75. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.70; do, 1's tall, \$1.35 to \$1.55; lobsters, clover leaf, \$2.75; lobsters, other 1's \$2 to \$2.30; mackerel, \$1.40 to \$1.50; sardines, French, ½'s, 9 to 11c; sardines, French, ¼'s, 14 to 22c; sardines, American, ¼'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Corn, 2's, \$1.10 to \$1.25; corn, cream, 3's, \$1.75 to \$1.80; peas, 2's, \$1.30 to \$1.50; beans, 90c; pumpkins, 75c; strawberries, 2's, \$2.25 to \$2.40; tomatoes, 3's, \$1.50 to \$1.60; apples, 3's, \$1.10 to \$1.15; gallons, \$3 to \$3.20; peaches, 2's, \$2.50 to \$2.75; peaches, 3's, \$3.50 to \$3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.60; 3's, \$2.60; pears, \$2.—Empire.

Lumber Cuttings.

John A. Christie, of the Brandon saw mill, has a large gang of thirty men at work on his drive of logs. The heavy rains will have the effect of driving all the logs down to Brandon this year.

The Canadian Pacific Timber & Lumber company have commenced driving piles for their new mills on Lulu Island, Fraser river, near New Westminster, B. C. The building of the mill will be pushed ahead with all possible despatch.

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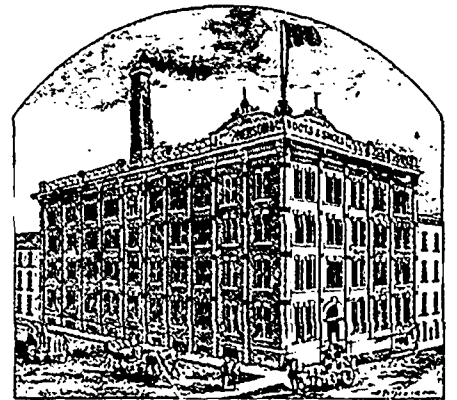
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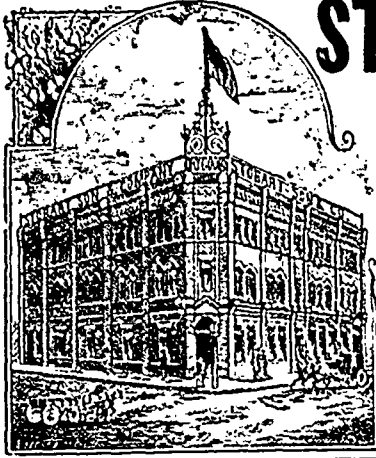
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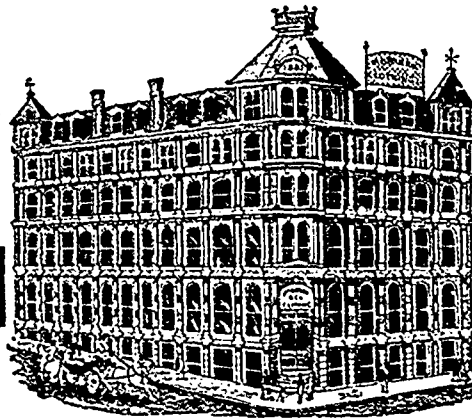
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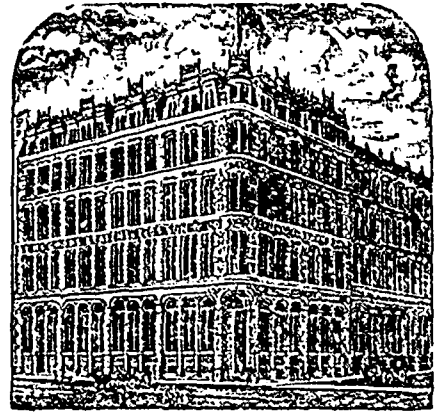
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RED RIVER NAVIGATION.

From recent information from Ottawa, it appears that nothing is to be done this year toward carrying out the improvements necessary to render the Red river navigable between Winnipeg city and Lake Winnipeg. Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, has stated that it will cost \$913,000 to carry out the proposed improvements, and in view of this cost it is not the intention of the Government to prosecute the work.

This will be most discouraging news to Manitoba. For many years this matter has been urged upon the government, and if no specific promises have been made, a good deal of encouragement has been held out to the effect that the work would be undertaken. In fact the matter has been used as a bait in the last two general elections. The government has parleyed over the matter for years, and has been unable to make a specific promise as to when the work would be undertaken when pressed on this point, until further "proliminary surveys and estimates of cost had been secured." This has been the story so long, until at last it became evident that the government was only toying with the question, and this belief has now been confirmed by the official announcement that "it is not the intention of the government to prosecute the work." This information might just as well have been forthcoming long ago, and it would have been more creditable to the department, if such an announcement had been made years ago, instead of creating a measure of encouragement in the belief that there was really some intention of undertaking the work, while delaying the commencement on the ground that further surveys would have to be made.

Manitoba has received very little from the Dominion, and this work might have been undertaken by the government without any question on account of the cost. In view of the vast importance of the work to a large section of country, the highest estimated expenditure is not excessive. Like Winnipeg is a very large body of water, comparable in size with Lakes Erie or Huron. To all the country tributary to the lake, the improvements necessary in the Red river would be most valuable. Without the improvement of the Red river, the value of Lake Winnipeg as a navigable body of water, is largely lost. For the advantageous development of the many valuable resources of the lake region, the improvement of the Red river is necessary. Saskatchewan territory would also receive great benefit from the carrying out of the work, by the connection of Winnipeg with navigation on the Saskatchewan river.

While cash grants have been made by the Dominion very freely for the construction of railways in the east, Manitoba has received practically nothing in the direction of aid to railways, from the Dominion. When it came to a grant in aid of railway construction, the

province has been obliged to cash up. The only thing the Dominion has done, has been to give away our lands to railway corporations, as an inducement to build railways. The giving of these lands in aid of railways, is in no sense a grant from the Dominion, and cannot be taken as an offset to the cash grants given to railways in the east. The lands belonged naturally to the people here, and should have been held for free settlement. Grants of our lands to railways has been an injury to the country, in holding tracts from free settlement. While Manitoba has had to pay her share of cash bonuses to railways in the east, we have received nothing in the way of aid for railways from the Dominion. And now we are refused the carrying out of a very necessary public work, because of its alleged cost. In view of these facts, it is time we might enquire as to the value of representation at Ottawa at all.

As to the cost of the work as stated in the recent utterance of the Minister of Public Works, there is some reason to doubt. At any rate, others who have given the matter study, and who are competent to give an opinion, believe that the navigability of the river could be ensured at a much less cost. The danger of a heavy flow of water, such as experienced in the spring of 1832 and in other years previous to that date, is believed to have been greatly lessened by the extension of settlement and cultivation. There are now ten acres under cultivation in the country surrounding the Red river and its tributaries, where one acre was under cultivation in the flood years of the past. This settlement of the country it is well known, has an important influence upon the flow of the river. On this account it is not believed to be necessary to base estimates as to the cost of the proposed improvements, on flood years, though it is understood the estimate of \$913,000 has been arrived at in this way.

TARIFF CHANGES.

A number of weeks ago THE COMMERCIAL predicted that raw sugars would be placed on the free list, and that the revenue heretofore derived from this source would be made up by a "re-adjustment" of the tax on liquors and tobacco. This has proved to be the case, as announced in Minister Foster's budget speech delivered last week. The minister intimated at the outset that there would be no general revision of the tariff at present, though many changes were pressed upon them, which would be held over, owing to the lateness of the session. Exception would be made, however, in the case of sugar, which would be placed on the free list. The revenue derived from the sugar duties is nearly three and a half million dollars. This will be about half made up by increased tax upon liquors and tobaccos. The duty on malt will be increased one cent per pound, equal to three cents per gallon on beer, which is expected to give an additional revenue of \$300,000. The excise tax on distilled spirits will be increased equal to 20 cents per proof gallon, which will increase the revenue by \$600,000. On tobacco an increase of five cents per pound in the excise tax, and a like increase in the customs duty, will be made, which is expected to raise an additional \$400,000. The balance of loss of

revenue from the placing of sugars on the free list, is not provided for. It is also proposed to reduce the duty on salt to 5 and 7½c per 100 pounds. A temporary bounty is proposed on beet root sugar, to make up for the protection previously afforded in the duty. The full particulars of the tariff changes are not to hand at the time of writing, but they will be published elsewhere in THE COMMERCIAL, this or next week.

BEHRING SEA ARBITRATION.

It has been announced from London, that Sir George Baden Powell, member of parliament for Liverpool, and G. M. Dawson, of the Canadian survey department, have been selected as the arbitrators in behalf of Great Britain in the Behring sea controversy. The board of arbitration will probably meet in October. The British members of the board will meet almost immediately at Ottawa, whence they will proceed to British Columbia with the intention of spending two months on board a man-of-war cruising in the Behring sea, visiting the seal islands and all the principal stations frequented by sealers. At the expiration of their cruise it is expected that they will be sufficiently acquainted with the details of the seal hunting business, and with the needs and interests of the sealers to be able to arbitrate upon the question in a proper manner. We are not aware as to the special qualifications of the Canadian member of the commission. In the case of Sir George Baden-Powell, however, there is good reason to believe that a better selection could not be made. He probably possesses a great deal more knowledge upon the question than any other British politician. He has made a study of the question, and is in sympathy with the Canadians view of the case. There are few if any Canadians who are better posted upon this matter than Sir George Baden Powell, and his appointment should give general satisfaction.

THE WINNIPEG EXHIBITION.

The Rapid City Reporter says: "The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition has every prospect of a successful issue. Now is the time for our farmers, stock raisers and gardeners to begin making preparations. Let them take time by the forelock and have our locality represented." The Reporter is right. It should be a great advantage for the different rural sections of Manitoba, and the territories as well, to be represented to the best possible advantage at this exhibition. It will undoubtedly be visited by a large number of outsiders. Excursions will be run from Eastern Canada and possibly from points in the United States to the south, to give people a chance to visit Manitoba at a low cost, in order to see what kind of an exhibition this country can get up. Districts making a good display, will therefore be giving themselves a valuable advertisement, besides contributing to the success of the show generally, which latter means that they will be assisting to make a good showing for the country as a whole. Prospects are exceedingly hopeful for a good crop, and the country will undoubtedly provide the material for an exhibition which will surprise all visitors. All that is wanted in energy, enterprise, and united

action, to make the show a huge success, and a valuable advertising medium of the great resources of our country.

GRASSHOPPERS.

It is reported from North Dakota that locusts have appeared in that state in one or two districts, in large numbers. Experts have been sent to investigate, with a view to discovering if they are the destructive kind, known as the Rocky Mountain locust, which comes in vast numbers, and has done so much damage in past years. If they should prove to belong to this class, no doubt vigorous efforts will be made to exterminate the pests. In the state of Minnesota a year or two ago, these locusts appeared in vast numbers, in one or two districts, but by the vigorous and prompt action of the state government, they were exterminated on the spot, before they had done much damage. Had this not been done, they would doubtless have appeared in vastly greater numbers the following season, and great destruction of crops would have resulted.

It is reported in one or two districts in Manitoba, that locusts or grasshoppers have appeared in considerable numbers, and in some instances have attacked gardens. No danger is apprehended to general crops this year, the season being well advanced and the number of hoppers not being sufficient to cause any damage. Gardens, however, may suffer some in the affected districts, if the reports are well founded. The government should take prompt action to investigate and apply measures to exterminate the hoppers, if it is found necessary. The insects appear in flocks, and at first generally cover a small section of country, perhaps only a few rods in extent. It is therefore an easy matter to destroy them if taken in time. If they are the destructive kind, it is very urgent that they should be dealt with at once, for though no danger is apparent this year, they would be likely to appear in increased numbers next summer if not destroyed now.

There is really no danger of another visitation of the locusts, such as Manitoba experienced early in the seventies. Then there was only a little fringe of settlement about the Red river, and all the rest of the country was open as a breeding ground for the pests. South of the boundary, in Minnesota and Dakota, there was also little or no settlement over large areas of country. Now the country is dotted with settlers all over, and the appearance of a flock of locusts would at once be observed, and measures could be taken to destroy them, before they had time to spread over the country and increase to such an extent as to be beyond control. Any serious visitation of locusts could only result from carelessness in not destroying them in time. The authorities in the states to the south of us have shown a disposition to destroy the pests whenever and wherever they make their appearance, so that we have nothing to fear from an invasion from that quarter. The government in Manitoba should be prepared to take similar action if rendered necessary at any time, and therefore not a moment's unnecessary delay should be allowed to occur in investigating the present reports as to the existence of grasshoppers in one or two limited districts.

Editorial Notes.

THE second of the new Canadian Pacific steamships on the British Columbia and Asia route, has again reduced the record for time in crossing the Pacific. The *Empress of India*, on her first trip, made the fastest time on record, and now, the *Empress of Japan*, which arrived at Vancouver on June 23, completing her first trip, has eclipsed the record of her sister steamship. The *Empress of Japan* made the trip from Yokohama in ten days and twenty-one hours, beating the *Empress of India* by eighteen hours. This certainly gives the broom to the Canadian line, as the fastest Pacific service, which means the fastest around-the-world service.

WORD has been received by cable that a heavy loss of cattle has occurred on the steamer *Ripon City*, which left Montreal for Liverpool on June 1. The steamer had about 400 head on board. Insufficient space is said to be the cause of the trouble, but later news may modify this somewhat. At any rate, the result will be to strengthen the Canadian government in its recent regulations governing the shipment of cattle, especially as regards space to be allowed to each animal. The incident will act as a rebuff to the steamship agents, who have petitioned the government to make the space two feet six, instead of two feet, eight inches, as recently ordered.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—The market since our last report has been quite panicky, and millers have found it necessary to reduce the price of city strong bakers another 25c per bbl, making a drop of 50c per bbl in about a week. In winter wheat brands there have been sales of straight rollers at \$5, although some agents here are instructed not to sell a barrel under \$5.15, by western millers. Sales of city strong bakers are reported as low as \$5.35 in car lots to dealers, but \$5.50 is the price delivered to bakers: Patent, winter, \$5.20 to \$5.65; patent, spring, \$5.85 to \$6; straight roller, \$5 to \$5.15; extra, \$4.75 to \$4.95; superfine, \$4.50 to \$4.70; Manitoba bakers \$5.15 to \$5.50; Ontario bags, extra, \$2.20 to \$2.35.

Wheat—No. 2 hard Manitoba is more or less nominal at \$1.12 to \$1.14, and No. 3 do \$1.01 to \$1.03.

Oatmeal—The market is unsettled and prices are very irregular. Owing to the continued firmness in oats, however, holders are not inclined to shade prices. Sales during the week have been made of standard in bbls at \$5.75 to \$5.80 and granulated and rolled oats at \$5.90. In bags we quote \$2.85 to \$2.95.

Oats—The large receipts of the past week seems to have made buyers more cautious, although holders are not inclined to give way on prices, choice white Ontario being quoted at 56c to 57c. Quebec white at 55c and Manitoba mixed at 54c per 34 lbs. Several cars of white Quebec oats were sold at 55 to 55½c per 34 lbs, and a car of white Ontario was placed at 56½c.

Bran—Sales in car lots have been made at \$16 and we quote \$15.50 to \$16 per ton. Shorts are still in limited supply and quoted at \$20.

Barley—Feed barley is quiet at 56 to 58c, and malting grades 65 to 70c.

Seeds—Timothy \$1.00 to \$2; red clover \$8.50 per 100 lbs; Alsike, 15 to 16c per lb., white clover, 14 to 16c per lb.

Eggs—The market is well cleared up and prices remain steady at 11½c. Single cases of candled bringing 12c. Advices by mail from England report sales of Canadian eggs at 7s. per 120, which shows a good profit to shippers.

Potatoes—The market continues firm, car lots being worth \$1.10 per bag for choice qualities.

Butter—There has been a fair demand for creamery for export during the week, and sales have been made of round lots at the factory at 19c. Townships have sold to the grocery trade at 15½c to 17c. A few lots of Western dairy have also been placed for Newfoundland and Lower Ports account at 14c to 15c. One very nice selected lot selling at 15½c. A lot of 23 tubs of old stuff was sold at 7½c.

Cheese—The shipments going out this week are on the basis of 5½ to 9c for finest, although it would be difficult to get over 8½c to-day. The market closes weak at 8½ to 8¾c for finest with lower values expected next week.

Hides—There is no change in this market, dealers still paying 6c and tanners 6½ to 7c for No. 1. We quote 6c, 5c and 4c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively for dealers and 6½ to 7c, 5½ to 6c and 4½ to 5c to tanners. Calfskins are selling fairly well at the decline previously mentioned.

Maple products—Syrup in cans, 55c to 65c. Sugar, 7 to 7½c per lb, and dark Quebec sugar, 6 to 6½c per lb.

Tea—A good enquiry continues for Japan teas further sales being reported of new crop to arrive at 22 to 25c with a few choice lots at 27c. There are still a few common lots of old Japans on the market, the sales being mentioned of two at 13½c and 14c respectively.

Money—Call money remains unchanged at 4½. Commercial paper, 6 to 7—*Trade Bulletin*, June 20th.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Export cattle—There were very few really good export cattle on the market and all that were offered sold at good firm prices and all were wanted, but for the inferior classes the market was dull and buyers indifferent. A few loads were taken at 5½ to 5¾c per lb, with a few choice head at 5¾c, which was the highest price paid. The bulk of what were taken for export were purchased at 4½ to 5c per lb. A great deal of the stock that was offered for the export trade was disposed of to butchers, and as a consequence butchers' cattle were much lower, being chiefly within the range of 4 to 4½c, and going down as low as 3¾c per lb. Butchers had the market all their own way, and purchased when they pleased, and at almost their own prices.—*Empire*, June 20th.

A deputation of steamship agents and owners have interviewed the Government on the cattle space question with a view to having it reduced to two feet six inches. As the new regulations have been enforced it is hardly expected they will succeed in their object. The "Stubenbuk," which was fitted up two feet six inches before the order was passed, was allowed on recommendation of inspector to proceed to day.



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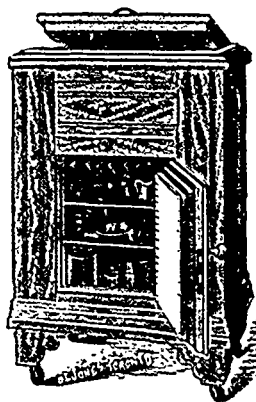
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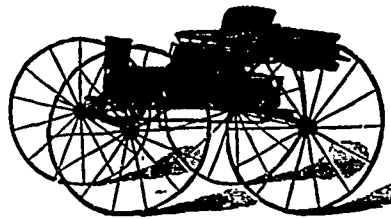
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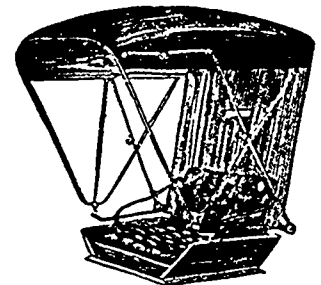
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WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Trade has been steady and fairly brisk, though this is a quiet time of year in a number of branches. Dealers are hopeful over the crop outlook, but there is considerable disposition to hold off for a nearer realization of hopes, before launching out heavily. Fuller particulars of the tariff charges will be found under the heads of groceries, liquors and drugs, which branches are principally affected by these changes.

DRUGS.

The changes in the tariff will affect the drug trade indirectly to a considerable extent. The increase of 20 cents per gallon in the excise tax on distilled spirits, is equal to 33 cents per gallon on alcohol, which is reckoned at 65 over proof. This will increase the cost of all extracts and tinctures from about 3 to 5 cents per pound. Dealers have raised the price of alcohol 35c per gallon. Quinine is easier here, though later advices report the drug stiffening. Camphor remains high. Jobbing prices are:—Howard's quinine, 50 to 55c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65c; English camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 85 to 90c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$4.50; copperas, \$3.75 to \$3.75; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c. Insect powder, pure, 40c; alcohol, \$1.25 per gallon.

DRIED FRUITS.

Valencia raisins are easier, and quoted down 10 to 15c per box. California evaporated fruits are easier and 2 to 5c lower all around, in expectation of a large new crop soon to come on the market. The California crop is reported to be very large, and new fruits will be lower. Nothing is offering yet, but new apricots will be on the market before long. Evaporated apples are very scarce in this market, and correspondingly firm. Prices range lower. Prices are quotable here as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Valencia layers, \$2.70; currants, 7½c; figs, cooking, in bags, 6½c; inboxes, 7c; choice do., 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 20 to 22c; peeled peaches, 23c; pitted plums; 20c; raspberries, 30c; prunes, 9c to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitis, \$5.

FISH.

The market was rather bare of supplies part of the week. Whitefish were 1c higher at 5c per pound. Fresh trout are quoted at 9c, and fresh B. C. salmon at 14c. River fish have been plentiful this season, and sell at \$1.75 per hundred for mixed lots of various kinds.

GREEN FRUITS.

Oranges are in good supply, in California varieties, but mostly of the better qualities. Messina oranges are out. Strawberries were about six last week. Practically none reached this market fit for reshipment, and some lots were hardly saleable at all. A great many orders were in for strawberries, which could not be

filled. Minnesota berries are in very bad shape on account of the excessive rains experienced there. Georgia melons are now coming forward freely in car lots. Pineapples were not in sufficient supply for country shipment. California peaches, plums and apricots are now arriving, and the quotations of these fruits given, will likely be soon reduced. Some early southern apples are in, with the quality as usual for first arrivals. Cherries are now coming from Oregon, Californias being about out of season. Prices are: Oranges, California Mediterranean sweets, \$5 to \$5.50. California paper rind St. Michael oranges, \$6 to \$6.50. Messina, lemons, \$6.50 to \$7. Bananas are quoted \$3.25 to \$4 per bunch. Pineapples, \$3.50 doz. Cherries, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 10 lb box. California soft fruits in 20 lb boxes, peaches, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; plums, \$3.25 to \$4; apricots, \$3.50 to \$3.75. Southern apples, \$1 per box; watermelons, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per dozen. Tomatoes, \$3 per crate of 24 pounds. Comb honey, 23c a pound; maplesugar, new, 10 to 12c per lb; new maple syrup \$1 to \$1.25 per gallon, as to quality.

GROCERIES.

The talk of the week is the tariff changes, though these came just as expected. It has been considered a certainty for some time that raw sugar would go on the free list this session of parliament, and such has now occurred. Sugars will therefore be comparatively 1½ to 2c cheaper, hereafter, in Canada, the greater reduction being on finest grades. The duty on raw sugars was of course purely a revenue tax. Home refiners will still be protected on refined sugars. The supply of sugars in this market is very limited, and not equal to more than consumption for a couple of weeks, and unless supplies come in soon, there will be a famine. Prices will not be lowered here to correspond with the reduced duty, until new stocks arrive in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, granulated will be quoted at 7½c, and yellow, 6 to 6½c. Syrups and molasses will also be cheaper, on account of the tariff changes. The difference will be about 1c per pound on syrup, though full particulars are not to hand. The increase of 5c per pound in both the excise tax and custom's duties on tobaccos will make all tobaccos just that amount dearer. This does not affect cigars, as no change has been made on raw leaf or in the cigar excise tax, so far as can be learned at present. Cigarettes will probably be slightly affected. The change in the duty on salt is too slight to materially affect jobbing prices.

HARDWARE.

Trade is steady and on the quiet side in this branch. Prices are without change, and quoted as follows:—Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.10 wire nails \$4.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch 13½c; 1½ inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; iugot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 23 gauge, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6c per lb.; tar-red felt, \$2.20 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 5½ to 6c net; sisal rope, 12c per pound; manilla rope, 16c per lb.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Leather is still dull and depressed in the United States, and with the downward tend-

ency in hides, prices are unsettled generally. Quotation here are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; France calf, \$1.25 to \$1.50; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z. kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffalo, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pobble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

LIQUORS.

Particulars are not to hand as to the full changes that will be made in the custom duties on liquors. On domestic spirits the excise tax has been increased 20 cents per proof gallon. This is equal to 15c per gallon increase on rye whiskey, which is supposed to be 25 per cent. under proof. The increase on pure alcohol, which is 65 over proof, will therefore be 33c per gallon. All other domestic spirits will be in proportion. Thus 50 over proof would mean an increased cost of 30 cents per gallon. On imported liquors we cannot state the exact difference in the cost until full particulars of the tariff changes come from Ottawa. The duty on malt has been increased 1 cent per pound, which is equal to 3c per gallon on beer. Imported ales, beers and porters will be taxed in the same proportion, namely, an additional 3c per gallon.

NUTS.

Taragona Almonds, per lb. 18 to 19c; Walnuts, per lb 15 to 18c; Sicily Filberts, per lb 13 to 14c; Peanuts, White Virginias, green, per lb 14 to 15c; Peanuts, do roasted, per lb 16 to 17c; Pecans, large, polished, per lb 19 to 20c; Brazils, 14 to 15c; Cocoanuts, per hundred, \$9.50 to \$10.00.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business continues very good. Quotations are steady as follows: Turpentine, in barrels, 72c per gallon; lused oil in barrels, raw 76c; boiled, 79c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$8 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 per barrel. Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt. White leads—Pure, Association guarantee, \$7; do., No. 1, \$6.50; do., No. 2, \$6; other brands of white leads, \$5 to \$5.50; calcimine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, firstbreak, \$2.

PAPER AND STATIONERY.

Dealers are now busy receiving and opening stocks for fall delivery in fancy goods, toys, cards, books, etc. The leading lines are pretty much the same as last year, plush goods appearing to hold their own in popularity. Travellers will be on the road at once with Christmas cards and some other fancy lines.

The grocery trade, says the *Toronto Empire*, of June 13 has developed considerable activity this week, and it promises to be more active than for some time. Buyers no doubt see that it will be some time before any changes will be made in the tariff that would affect them. Sugars are of course, meeting with the greatest enquiry; low grades are scarce. Future salmon is going slowly. Very few sales have been made. Packers are asking \$1.15 to \$1.20 f.o.b. at the coast, with freights about the same as last year. As only a few of the firms are offering yet buyers are disinclined to place orders until they hear what other sellers have to quote.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The general condition in wheat was again weak, and prices averaged considerably lower for the week, at Duluth, Chicago and other leading markets, than during the previous week. Thursday was the only day which showed much strength, and this was due to reports of damage from rain storms in the central western states. Severe rainstorms were experienced in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and other parts. To what extent damage has been done to the crops is uncertain, but it must be considerable in parts where the winter wheat crop is being harvested. The visible supply decreased 811,000 bu, against a decrease of 479,000 bu a year ago. The total stock now is only 14,657,000 bu, and a year ago was 21,097,000 bu. Wheat on passage decreased 1,520,000 bushels. *Bradstreet's* reported a decrease of 1,616,000 bu east and an increase of 387,000 bu west of the Rocky Mountains. Exports of wheat (and flour as wheat) both coasts of the United States, for 52 weeks, as reported by *Bradstreet's*, equal 98,253,070 bushels.

In Manitoba the weather was very favorable, and may be briefly described as warm and showery. The temperature was equitable, and warm without excessive heat. Local showers, varying from light to brisk rains, were frequent, and occurred in some parts of the country about every day of the week, nearly all sections receiving one or more showers during the week, the rains becoming heavier and more general at the close of the week. Light hail fell in a few localities, touching limited areas, but no damage to speak of has been reported. The outlook is very hopeful, but remembering our experience of last year, when the outlook was splendid up to harvest, but seriously injured by rains during harvest, it will not do to be too sanguine now. There is this advantage over last year, that the crop is very early.

FLOUR.

The flour market may be generally reported as dull and easy, in sympathy with wheat. Local quotations in this market are cut considerably by offerings from outside country mills. These outside flours are placed on this market at 10c per hundred and even more under regular quotations of the large mills. Quotations per one hundred pounds to the local trade are: Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers', \$2.50; Second bakers', \$2 to \$2.10; XXXX, \$1.60; superline, \$1.20.

MILLSTUFFS.

Hold at the decline reported last week. Bran \$9 and shorts \$11 per ton.

GROUND FEED.

Prices hold at \$25 per ton for best quality of feed.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Oatmeal has a firmer tone again here and in the east. Quotations are:— Oil cake, in bags \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26. in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.90; granulated, \$3.00 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$3.00 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$2 to 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$3.00 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.25; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

OATS.

City dealers are selling job lots from store at 45 to 46c. Offerings by farmers in the city are taken at from 40 to 45c per 34 pounds, the higher prices being paid by consumers. Some dealers will not bid over 40c. Nothing doing in car lots here.

BUTTER.

Dull, and quotable at 12 to 14c per pound for average dairy qualities. There is little or no jobbing demand in a small way.

EGGS.

Some talked about prices being firmer, but prices were not higher. Small job lots were held at 13½c, with 14c sometimes asked for one or two case lots. We quote 13 to 14c per dozen.

CURED MEATS.

A good deal of eastern cured stuff is offered, which keeps prices down in competition with home packed goods. Some dealers are selling hams straight at 13c, though others claim to be getting more. Prices are:—Dry salt bacon, 9 to 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c; smoked hams, 13 to 13½c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound.

LARD.

Pure lard was somewhat scarce. Higher prices are being talked on compound lard, but though up to \$2 per pail was quoted for small lots, sales were made as low as \$1.90 per pail.

POULTRY.

Chickens bring about 55 to 65c per pair. Turkeys, dull at 10 per pound live weight, and some were bought at 9c.

HIDES.

Hides are dull and easy at the decline previously reported. We quote No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 1 heavy steer, 5½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheepskins, shearlings, 10 to 15c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

WOOL.

Some buyers have been showing a tendency to higher prices at the close of the season. We quote 10½ to 11c for ordinary unwashed, with 1 to 2c higher for better qualities, such as mixed down wool, of which there is little or nothing offered in this market, though some better qualities are obtainable west. Buyers from the city are out along the railways picking up lots. Washed wool is quoted at 15 to 16½c for ordinary quality.

DRESSED MEATS.

There is something of an easier tendency in dressed meats, though prices have held up well for the season. Mutton is lower at 12½c for city dressed, and a little country dressed has been taken at about 11c per pound. Beef is offering freely, and 7c per pound may be considered the top for best quality. Mostly western grass beef offering of fair to good quality. Medium quality 6 to 6½c, and country dressed, 5 to 6c. Veal is more plentiful and lower, and quoted at 7 to 8c; pork, 7 to 7½c, about 7c being the top for country dressed. Lambs, \$3.50 to \$5 per carcass.

SENACA ROOT.

Considerable root is coming in, and fair to choice dry root brings 25 to 27c per pound. Very little good enough to bring the top price, but a good deal of poor, half dry root is offering, which is not worth the lowest quotation. Dealers say green root will shrink fully 55 to 60 per cent., and green or partly dried root is only worth 10 to 15c per pound.

HAY.

Hay is not offering in a very plentiful way, and is higher. Baled is quoted at \$9 to \$10 per ton, and loose, \$8 to \$10.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle are quotable at 3 to 4c live weight here, 4c being a good figure for a bunch lot, and they would have to be good to bring it. Picked animals might bring up to 4½c, but there are not likely to be any bunch lots offered which would bring this price.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes have been scarcer, the country around the city being apparently pretty well

cleaned up. Lots, however, could be secured at country points for shipment by rail to this market, if required. Offerings here sold at 35 to 45c per bushel, 40c being the general price. New potatoes, from the south, \$2.25 to \$2.35 per bushel. New California onions, 5c lb, Bermuda onions, 8c lb. New cabbage, 5½ to 6c lb, tomatoes, \$3 per crate of 24 lb. Green stuff in bunches is plentiful, at 25 to 30c per dozen bunches for onions, 20 to 25c for radishes, 25 to 30c for lettuce, 20c for rhubarb or pie plant, and 75 to \$1.00 per dozen for asparagus.

A Wheat Blockade on the Coast.

The *American Elevator and Grain Trade Journal*, of Chicago, gives an engraving of the grain blockade on the Pacific coast last winter. The following article is published in connection with the cut:—

"The wheat crop of the Pacific coast states of Oregon and Washington was so surprisingly large last year and producers marketed it so fast that the railroads were unequal to the task of hauling it away as soon as desired, so a wheat blockade occurred at many stations, and scenes like the one given herewith were common along the railway lines. Especially was this the case at stations in eastern and southeastern part of Washington.

The sacked grain was piled up near the buyers' elevator, and in most cases the pile was inclosed with a light frame structure to protect it from storms. Since the last crop was harvested a number of elevators have been erected and the railroad companies have increased their carrying capacity, yet it is predicted (and the prospects are that the prediction will come true) that a greater wheat blockade than ever will occur.

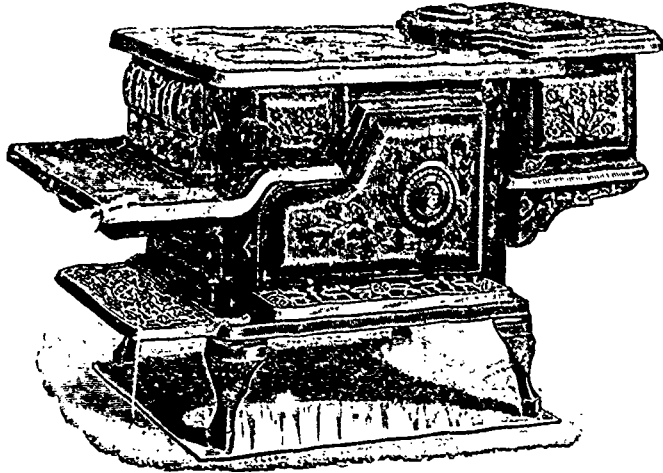
Yields of wheat are obtained in this district, reports of which the eastern farmer will not believe. Farmers frequently have a yield of over 100 bushels to the acre, and 50 to 60 bushels is quite common. Recent reports from one county in the Pelouse country state that prospects are good for a crop of over 15,000,000 bushels in that county alone."

Cost of Irrigation.

Of the information gathered under the recent United States census, not the least interesting, says an exchange, is that regarding the cost of irrigation in the arid regions. In New Mexico there are more than 3,000 farms wholly or in part under irrigation, for which the cost of water is \$5.53 per acre. Where water is purchased of irrigating companies the average cost is \$1.45 per acre per annum. Lands in this territory that have been taken up under the land laws, reclaimed and made productive by irrigation, have cost on an average \$12.95 per acre. In Arizona the average cost of building ditches was \$7.67 per acre; average annual cost of water per acre \$1.55, and average first cost of preparation for cultivation \$3.60. Bulletins on the same subject for Wyoming, Colorado and other states will be issued. It is believed the cost per acre for irrigation in these states will be less than in the districts already mentioned.

In the House of Commons on June 25, Hon. Mr. Dewdney proposed a resolution for a subsidy of eighty thousand dollars per annum for twenty years to the Winnipeg & Hudson Bay railway for the carriage of mails and supplies between Winnipeg and the Saskatchewan river. The resolution was adopted.

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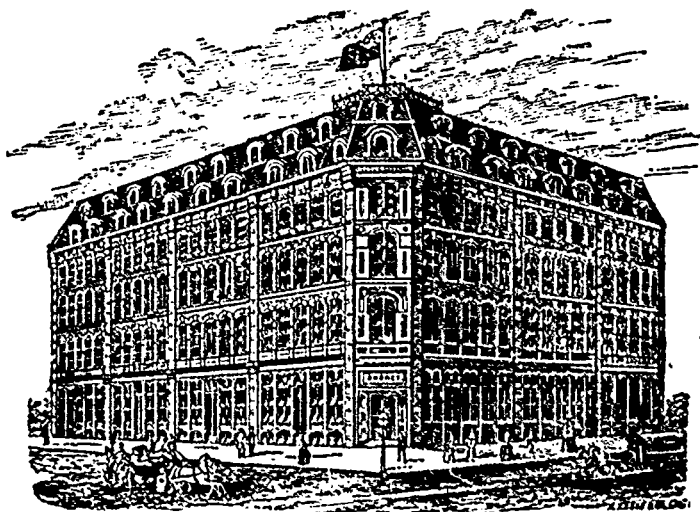
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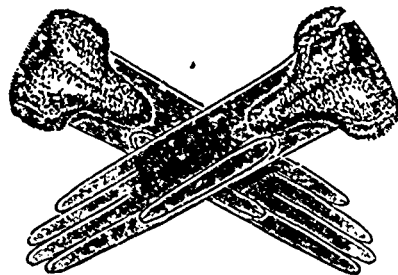
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, June 22, the market was unsettled, nervous, and active, and wheat closed slightly lower than Saturday:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	---
Corn	57 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	---
Oats	35 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	---
Pork	---	10.20	10.15	---
Lard	---	0.15	0.10	---
Short Ribs .. .	---	6.12 1/2	6.16	---

Wheat averaged lower on Tuesday, under considerable realizing of "long" wheat, lower cables, and good crop weather. Closing prices were:—

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	95 1/2	93 1/2	87 1/2	---
Corn	57	54 1/2	52	---
Oats	35 1/2	31	31 1/2	---
Pork	---	10.05	---	10.32 1/2
Lard	---	0.10	---	0.35
Short Ribs .. .	---	6.85	---	0.67 1/2

Wheat was again lower on Wednesday, under the influence of fine weather, and prospective early and large movement of new winter wheat. Liverpool cabled 1/2 lower. Closing prices were:—

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	94 1/2	92 1/2	87 1/2	---
Corn	56 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2	---
Oats	35	30	29 1/2	---
Lard	---	10.00	---	10.27 1/2
Pork	---	0.10	---	0.32 1/2
Short Ribs .. .	---	6.32 1/2	---	0.67 1/2

On Thursday wheat was stronger on reports of damage by rain storms in the west, and by extreme heat in Russia. Closing prices were from 1/2 to 1 1/2 cents higher. Closing prices:—

	June	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	---	93	88 1/2	88 1/2
Corn	57	54	51 1/2	50 1/2
Oats	---	35 1/2	31 1/2	29 1/2
Pork	9.75	9.87 1/2	---	10.07 1/2
Lard	5.97 1/2	6.02 1/2	---	6.25
Short Ribs .. .	5.60	5.67 1/2	---	5.95

On Friday wheat was weak on easier cables, and good weather in Europe. Closing prices:—

	June	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	---	91 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2
Corn	55 1/2	52 1/2	50 1/2	49
Oats	---	34	29 1/2	28 1/2
Pork	9.77 1/2	9.82 1/2	---	10.10
Lard	6.00	6.05	---	6.30
Short Ribs .. .	5.67 1/2	5.72 1/2	---	5.97 1/2

Duluth Wheat Market.

Wheat at Duluth tended steadily lower nearly all the week. On Monday, June 22, July wheat closed at \$1.00 1/2, which was the highest closing price of the week, and the same as at the close on Saturday previous. On Friday, July dropped to 97c at the close, and on Saturday, June 27, there was a further drop of 2c to 95, but this was partially recovered, No. 1 hard July option, standing at 95 1/2c at noon on Saturday. A week ago July stood at \$1.00 1/2.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis on Saturday, June 27, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 95 1/2c for July, and 84c for September.

The Cattle Markets.

A Liverpool cable to the Montreal Gazette, on June 22, says: There is no change to note in the position of our market to-day. The receipts of Canadian cattle were fair and the general supply light, which, coupled with a good, brisk demand, had the effect of sustaining prices, the range being the same as a week ago.

Finest steers, 13 1/2c; good to choice, 13c; poor to medium, 12c; inferior and bulls, 9c.

At Montreal on Monday, some few sales were reported at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c, but no more than 10 beasts brought these figures. One shipper picked up about one load, paying 4 1/2 to 5c, which was about the idea for the best of the general run. Medium cattle sold at 4 to 4 1/2c, and culls as low as 3c per pound, quite a number of the inferior cattle being left over. About 200 sheep were taken by shippers at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c per pound, the remainder being sold to butchers at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$6. Lambs sold well at \$2.50 to \$4 each and calves at from \$1.50 to \$2.

Montreal Hardware and Paint Prices.

Pig Iron—There is little or no stock here, although enquiries are frequent. There is no Carnbroe except one lot on the wharf, for which \$20 is asked, while the supply of Summerlee is limited also, and \$22 ex-yard and \$21 ex-wharf represent holders' idea on it. Some 100 tons of Eglinton are offering, but the best price on it is \$20 ex-wharf, which is considered altogether too high. It is understood that a hitch has occurred in the negotiations re supplying the Grand Trunk with iron owing to the action of a tardy tenderer, and that new tenders will be called for.

Tin and Terne Plates—Values remain firm. For forward delivery some startling figures in tin plates have been given to be laid down not later than the 15th of July. No one puts stock in the price, however, although it is admitted that figures will ease off later on; in fact, brokers are talking of \$3.60 cokes in August, but they are strong at \$1.65 now, and cannot be had under that. Canada plates remain on the same basis as formerly.

There is no abatement to the firmness noted in copper, and now the outside figure is 13 1/2c for spot business, which is 1/2c higher than a week ago. Lead continues stiff on the other side, but there is no change locally and business is rather quiet.

Pig Iron—Coltess, \$0; Calder, \$21.50 to \$22; Summerlee, \$21.50 to \$22; Gartsherrie, \$21.50 Eglinton, \$20; Carnbroe, \$20.00 to \$20.50.

Bar Iron, per 100 lbs—Ord, Crown, \$2.10; Best refined, \$2.35; Siemens, \$2.25; Swedes, \$3.75 to \$4; Lowmoor, \$5.25 to \$5.50; hoops and bands, \$2.50; sheet iron, \$2.40 to \$2.60.

Copper, per lb.—Ingot, 13 1/2 to 15c; sheets, 20 1/2 to 24c; Canada plates, good brands, Terne plates—charcoal—IC 20x25 Orion Crown, per box, \$8.25 to \$8.50; IC 20x28, lower grade, per box, \$8 to \$8.25.

Tin Plate—Coke, \$1.65; charcoal, \$5 to \$6; ingot tin, 22 1/2 to 23c.

Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheets, \$4.75; shot, \$5.75; lead pipe, \$5.50 to \$5.75; wrought iron, scrap, \$18 to \$18.50; zinc, sheets, \$6.25 to \$6.50; Spelter, \$6 to \$6.25; remelted, \$4.75; Russian sheet iron, per lb., 10c; galvanized iron, according to brand, basis No. 28, per lb., 5 to 7c; iron pipe, discount, 62 1/2 to 65c.

Nails.—There is little to say regarding nails, except that the makers are working on the \$2.15 to \$2.20 basis, business being rather on the quiet side. In fact, during the heat of the war of cuts it is natural that buyers provided themselves well ahead.

Leads—There is little change in leads with only a quiet business to note in mixed paints. We quote: Choice, 6c; No. 1, \$3.50; No. 2,

\$4.50; No. 3 \$3.25; dry white, 6c; red ditto, 4 1/2c.

Oils—There is little change in oils to note, prices ruling unchanged. Some business in round lots of seal ex-wharf has been done at 44 1/2 to 45 1/2c, whilst we quote 47 1/2 to 50c in a jobbing way. Linseed is unchanged with a quiet business, 64c for raw and 66 for boiled in large lots, smaller quantities higher. Cod, Newfoundland, 40c; seal, steam refined, 47 1/2 to 50c; linsed, raw, 64 to 66c; do, boiled, 68 to 69c; castor oil, 9 1/2 to 10c; cod liver oil, Norway, 95 to \$1.15.

Glass—The glass market remains about the same as noted last week, and although cutting is denied, it is unlikely that any order for a round quantity would be refused. In fact an order is certain to be booked, although some talk may ensue. At any rate there has been business in round lots ex wharf at \$1.35, and we quote \$1.40 to \$1.50 as a basis—*Gazette*.

Cheap Sugar.

Granulated sugar is so cheap in the United States, since the abolition of the duty on raws, that scarcely any want the low grades of soft sugar, a small quantity of which has to be turned out, but prove most difficult of sale. The result was expected from the new tariff, but the demand for soft refined is even less than was anticipated. In this connection Willett & Grey, of New York, say: "In our opinion, 4c will mark the lowest point of this season for granulated. The time is now too short during which the coming large demand can be delayed. While some orders, or parts of orders, may be taken by refiners at 4c, we doubt if everybody gets all the sugar they want at this price. The average price of 95 centrifugals since April 1 is 3.48c per pound net cash. Granulated at 4c, less the usual 2 per cent., is 3.92 net. Unless refiners propose to carry forward their large stocks of raw to a season of higher prices of refined, and give the country 4c, granulated made from new and large purchases of raws at current rates, of which we see no sign, the present price of refined are a perfect "give away" on the part of refiners. Of course, they have made so much money they can afford to do as they like during the present dullness of trade, but this condition will not always last. A profit will no doubt be realized sometime in their present stocks of raws. Granulated at 4 1/2-16c is good property.

Crops in Russia.

The crop prospects in Russia are decidedly less encouraging; even the semi-official St. Petersburg journals now acknowledge that in the South the hot and dry weather is causing injury to the crops, and that the rain was especially wanted for the spring sown wheat. In the Eastern and Northwestern Governments, however, the weather had been more favorable. It is now considered within the bounds of probability that the next Russian crop will not reach 39,000,000 quarters—210,000,000 bushels—and that the surplus next season, considering the great reduction in the reserve stocks—necessitated by the two short crops of 1899 and 1890—will not exceed 10,000,000 quarters. According to last telegraphic advices from Odesa, continued hot and dry weather had led to more firmness in the wheat market, although the reports from abroad were not very encouraging.—*Beerbohm*, May 29.]

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This town, about which so much has been said within the past six months, is situated on the Kaministiquia river a few hundred yards from where it empties into Thunder bay. It is on the main line of the C. P. R., and is the point at which the great lake boats connect with the trains from the west. It may be said to be a production of the present year, as until the opening months of this year, very little importance was attached to it. But the action of the C. P. R. in making it the terminal point for their line of steamships and in establishing their roundhouses and shops in the town was the signal for a general rush to it of merchants, tradesmen and real estate dealers, until it may now be classed among the great lake ports of Canada.

Its harborage is really good, the Kaministiquia being wide enough and deep enough to afford the largest of the lake vessels a safe passage to the docks. For several years it has occupied a leading position as a grain shipping point, the C. P. R. having erected two large elevators here some years ago, each of which has a capacity of over a million bushels. A large proportion of the wheat crop of Manitoba and the territories, passes through these elevators every year on its way to the eastern ports.

Since Fort William was made the terminal point for the lake steamship lines, it has of course been the point at which freight is transferred from water to rail and *vice versa*. This gives employment to a large number of men and adds not a little to the importance of the town. A very large iron sheeted freight shed has been erected, fitted with the best facilities for the quick moving of freight, and with the number of men employed it is possible to unload the largest vessels in a very few hours. Then there are the coal docks, equipped with immense machines for lifting coal from the holds of vessels and carrying it to the coal piles. This also gives employment to a large number of men. As before stated the roundhouse is situated here and has accommodation for 16 or 18 engines. An over-head bridge is now being constructed for the convenience of passengers to and from the boats and trains.

One of the most important additions to the buildings of the town is the new C. P. R. hotel which has just been completed. This is situated at the east end of the town, and although it is somewhat distant from the business portion, is very convenient to the station and steamboat landings.

Judging from what has already been said in this article, the reader might be led to the conclusion that the town is entirely composed of the C. P. R. and its employees. That, however, is not the case, as independent of that company altogether there are a large number of enterprising people settled here who have opened in different lines in business and are fast developing the trade interests of the town.

The site has been surveyed, and is now being cleared for a considerable distance back from the river, which will leave plenty of room for newcomers.

The most prominent financial institution of the town is the Commercial Bank of Manitoba branch. This is under the management of Mr. A. H. Dickens. A fine brick block was erected some time ago in which the business of the bank

is transacted. A branch of Ray, Street & Co., bank at Port Arthur has also been opened here with Mr. Jarvis in charge.

The golden prospects of the town have induced a large number of storekeepers to open here in different lines of business. Among the most prominent of these is John King, who opened a general store some four years ago. He is also an extensive dealer in liquors. The general store of Miller & Morton is a large and well appointed establishment. It has been in existence for several years and has grown from a very small beginning to its present size. In fancy goods, the Bazaar, of which Miss E. J. McCallum is proprietress, takes the leading place. She was formerly in business at West Fort William. A. D. Sutherland & Co., have been doing business here in the groceries and crockery since last summer. There are two firms doing business in clothing, tailoring and gents' furnishings, namely; Vivian & Alford, and Rutledge & Hammond. J. C. Vivian, of the former firm, was in business in Port Arthur for a number of years previous to his opening this store. Garland & Elliott, also of Port Arthur, opened a branch of their Port Arthur clothing store in this place about three weeks ago. Piper Bros., and George Mooring are as yet the only firms in the furniture line; they are doing a fair trade. R. Wood is just opening a watch making and jewellery store, and Dr. Smilie, formerly of Birtle, a drug store, both are in the Commercial Bank block. Madill & Snelgrove are doing a bakery business. A recent addition to the list of hotels is that of S. Adams, known as the Club Chambers. This was opened last January and as Mr. Adams is an old commercial traveller himself, having travelled for an eastern liquor firm for a number of years he is specially qualified to look after the comfort and convenience of that class of the travelling public. *The Journal* is so far, the only newspaper established, but under the proprietorship of Messrs. McLaren & Rutledge it is fully able to keep the people of the town and surrounding district posted as to what is going on in the outside world. The saw and planing mill of Graham & Horno is situated on the Kaministiquia, a short distance up that river and is at present very busily engaged in sawing lumber for the different new buildings going up in the town. The mill gives employment to about sixty men. This is by no means a complete list of the businesses of the town, but it may be accepted as a representative one.

It will be noticed in reading the above that the word West is sometimes added to Fort William. This is not as might be supposed, merely the western portion of the town, but is the name of another town situated two or three miles farther up the river. Until very recently it was customary to use the words east and west to designate which was meant, but the East town has grown so much lately, partly at the expense of the west, that it is not necessary to add the word east to indicate that it is meant, the word west is retained, however, in speaking of the other town.

Before any of these stores mentioned could be opened, it was, of course, necessary that suitable buildings should be erected and that his furnished mechanics and laborers of all kinds, with employment. These buildings, though not all as costly as the Commercial Bank block, are still in nearly every case of a very

substantial kind. Dwelling houses were also required and a number of very nice ones have been erected, and more are in course of erection. The visitor is struck as soon as he leaves the train, with the brand new appearance of the town.

The Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway, which is now in course of construction, has at the time of writing, reached a point about one mile from the proposed site of its Fort William station. This is on the opposite side of the town from the C. P. R. The agreement between the town and the railway company provides that unless the line was completed to the town before the first of July no grant would be made by the town to them. But, by prompt and energetic work which shows the mettle of those in charge of the construction, the line is now almost completed and will be so some days before the date agreed upon. There is no doubt but that this line will be a great boon to Fort William, and it will exercise a very great influence over the future of the town.

The residents of Fort William have unbounded faith in its future and judging from the progress it has made since the closing months of 1890, when it first began to attract attention we should judge that they are in a fair way to have their hopes realized.

A Novelty in Foot Wear.

Morton, Alexander & Morton, tanners and manufacturers of boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have introduced a novelty in foot wear, in the line of dog skin boots. The skin of the dog when properly prepared, makes a most valuable article of leather for fine boots and shoes. The firm prepare the skins at their own tannery here, by a secret process, and herein lies the great value of the leather. A number of samples of dog skin leather were examined, and they appeared to be of excellent quality. The leather has a splendid appearance, is fine in the grain, takes a high polish, and is light, soft and flexible, readily adjusting itself to the foot. It is claimed that it is also very durable, and retains a fresh appearance longer than other fine leathers. It resembles Dongola goat in appearance, but is finer in texture. The manufacturers claim that it is superior to the famous kangaroo leather. Fino haired dogs, such as retrievers, spaniels, etc., make the best leather, while that from coarse, straight haired dogs is thicker, stiffer and coarser in appearance. A bulldog hide shown, was as heavy as kip. A number of pairs of boots and shoes made from dog skin were examined, and they appeared equal to anything offered.

The firm buys all the desirable dog skins offered, and they require all they can get for use in their shoe manufacturing department. There are a good many useless curs about the city, which would be of considerable service if turned into shoe leather by Morton, Alexander & Morton's process of tanning.

MONTREAL *Trade Bulletin*—One of our leading merchants remarked to an eminent financier a few days ago "the long credit given to dry goods men was, in many instances, an encouragement to fraud and dishonesty." The financier admitted that such was undoubtedly too frequently the case where nine months credit and renewals obtain. Severe as such statements sound, there may be more truth than poetry in them.

British Columbia.

The schooner *Sea Cull* has been wrecked.

Haines & Smith, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

A. Kipp, harness, Chilliwack, is offering to dispose of his business.

Stevens & Gordon, liquors, Vancouver, have assigned to B. Springer.

James M. Carrol, general store, Rogers Pass, has assigned to J. C. Pitt's.

Stevens & Gordon, wholesale liquors, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

B. V. Winch, grocer and fruits, Vancouver, has opened a branch at New Westminster.

A company is being formed in Victoria to embark in fruit raising and preserving in North Saanich.

Ellard, James & Co., dry goods &c., New Westminster. Business advertised for sale by trustees.

Lawrence & McCulloch, confectionery, &c., Victoria, have dissolved; G. A. McCulloch continuing.

H. W. Suckling and L. W. Todd have started in business at Vancouver, as engineers, architects and surveyors.

J. Haskin, jr., furniture dealer of Nanaimo, has sold his stock in trade and business to Mr. Gagnon, late of Vancouver.

Vancouver proposes to adopt regulations to license and govern plumbing, and appoint an inspector of plumbing work.

The contract for the proposed new hotel at Nanaimo has been awarded to Roberts & Grant, at a sum in the vicinity of \$30,000.

The Columbia & Kootenay Navigation Company's new steamer was launched at Nelson recently. She will be called *Nelson*.

The by-law authorizing a grant of \$25,000 to the British Columbia Agricultural Society of Victoria has been sanctioned by a vote of the Victoria ratepayers.

The New Vancouver Coal Co., of Nanaimo, have discovered a fine new seam of coal of the best quality, which will vastly increase the value of their property.

The *Nelson Miner* says that "Those who took stock in the Nelson Smelting & Mining Companies, Limited, are requested to tender receipts to Harold Selons, who will refund the amount subscribed."

The dates of sailing of the steamers from Vancouver, B. C., for China and Japan have been changed, and are now as follows: *Empress of Japan*, 1st July; *Empress of India*, 29th July; *Empress of Japan*, 26th August.

R. L. Cawston, manager of the B. C. Cattle Company, has returned from Oregon, where he purchased about 8,000 sheep for breeding purposes. These will be placed on the company's ranches in the Okanagan district.

The steamer *Batavia*, the second steamer of the new line between Victoria and the Orient, has left Kobe and is due here towards the end of the month. The *Sussex*, also of the new line, will sail from Hong Kong June 20th.

A special meeting of the council of the Victoria board of trade, a resolution was passed in favor of the building of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway. The board also approved of the site on Bastion street for the proposed board of trade building.

The annual report of the Vancouver board of trade for 1890 has been printed and is being distributed. It is a very interesting and useful volume, containing a vast amount of statistical and other information about the province, a considerable portion of which has already appeared in this journal.

Victoria Times: F. Elworthy, secretary of the B. C. board of trade, Victoria, has just had circulars printed for distribution among the business men of the city, calling their attention to many benefits to be derived by a community having a large board of trade. He invites them all to co-operate with the board by becoming members, and also calls their attention to the work done by the board during the past year. Those sending in their applications for membership before the annual meeting to be held on the 3rd of July will only have to pay an entrance fee of \$20, but after that the fee will be raised to \$30. He also requests those who intend to bring business up to send in their notices in good time so that the board will know what business is coming up.

Victoria Times: The Victoria City Council, recently held a special meeting to listen to the arguments of the promoters of the Victoria, Saanich & New Westminster Railway for additional aid. The City of Victoria has already guaranteed the bonds of the company to the extent of \$500,000, which now asks a cash bonus of the same amount in addition to the guarantee of the bonds. The intention is to build the road from Victoria to Saanich, from which there will be a ferry transfer to Point Roberts, and from there to New Westminster by rail. The ferry transfer across the Straits is about thirty miles, and it is the intention to carry freight cars across by boat. The time from Victoria to New Westminster would be reduced by the new route to two and a half hours.

Hon. John Robson, Premier of British Columbia, went east recently to Ottawa. Mr. Robson is going to the capital to discuss with the Federal Government several questions affecting the Pacific province. At Winnipeg Mr. Robson stated to a reporter that the last letter the late Sir John A. Macdonald wrote was to him. In this letter Sir John asked Mr. Robson to visit Ottawa to discuss with the Government the questions at issue. Mr. Robson would have gone sooner had not Sir John been taken ill. Last Saturday he received a telegram advising him that it will be well to visit the capital immediately. One question he proposes to discuss is that of sealing and the manner in which British Columbia interests will be affected under the new British sealing law. To interfere with the sealers this year would, Mr. Robson holds, be ruinous. Some of the schooners owned in Victoria are already in Behring Sea, others are on their way thither, and all have been fitted out at great expense, which will be utterly lost were they interfered with in the way proposed this season. Another important subject is the settlement of the Alaskan boundary and the disposition of a long strip of territory by the sea shore, in regard to which the Dominion, if not the province, should have something to say. The delineation of the boundaries of the railway belt on the mainland is still unsettled, and it is necessary to have it finally determined. Then there are fishery matters that must be discussed at Ottawa, besides other things that press for consideration.

Paint Manufacturing.

An industry which has been built up in Winnipeg to large proportions is that of preparing mixed paints. G. F. Stephens & Co., the house engaged in this branch of trade, have been wonderfully successful, and their goods, prepared in Winnipeg, can now be procured in almost every town or village between here and the coast. In fact they receive orders from very remote northern points in British Columbia. This department of their business is in charge of an expert, who has had many years experience preparing, mixing and blending colors. The industry was undertaken with the resolve that the firm name would be placed upon pure goods only, and though prices are necessarily higher for this class of goods, than for the many adulterations in the market, yet the result has shown that they were right in operating on this line, in the success which has attended them.

The lines manufactured are the ordinary lead paints, coach paints, oxide paints, stains of all kinds, and enamels. These are put up in the most approved class of cans, so that a portion of the contents can be taken out without injuring the can. In this way the contents can be kept air tight and fresh for any length of time. A great advantage in preparing these paints is the home supply of linseed oil, manufactured in Winnipeg. This oil is the very best procurable anywhere, and is absolutely pure, whereas it is impossible to obtain a pure imported oil, rosin and other substances being used as adulterants.

The plant for preparing the paints is continually being increased, and it is even possible that a plant may be added for the manufacture of cans here, as Messrs. Stephens & Co. have been obliged to bring most of their cans from the east. No native paints are used, but it is hoped that discoveries of suitable paint beds may be found near enough to this market to make it profitable to grind them here. Oxide paint deposits are said to exist on Lake Winnipeg, and were the proposed Red river improvements carried out, so that connection by water could be made between Winnipeg and the lake, it might be found profitable to bring the material here for manufacture. G. F. Stephens & Co. occupy a large brick building on market street east, near Main street, 30 feet frontage, by 100 deep, three stories and basement. They also have one of the largest storage warehouses in the city, located on the C. P. R. track, Point Douglas avenue.

Canada, the new magazine published by Matthew R. Knight, at Benton, New Brunswick, is meeting with deserved success. With the June number it is enlarged to sixteen pages and cover, neatly printed, of a superior quality of paper. Beginning with the July number the subscription price will be one dollar per year. *Canada* aims to supply high class, patriotic Canadian literature.

For the past three years E. B. Biggar, of Montreal, has been gathering anecdotes and facts relating to Sir John Macdonald, and the result is an anecdotal life of Sir John, which will be issued in a short time. Before going to press Mr. Biggar will be glad to receive any authentic anecdotes or reminiscences on the subject that have not yet appeared in print. Mr. Biggar's address is the Fraser building, Montreal.

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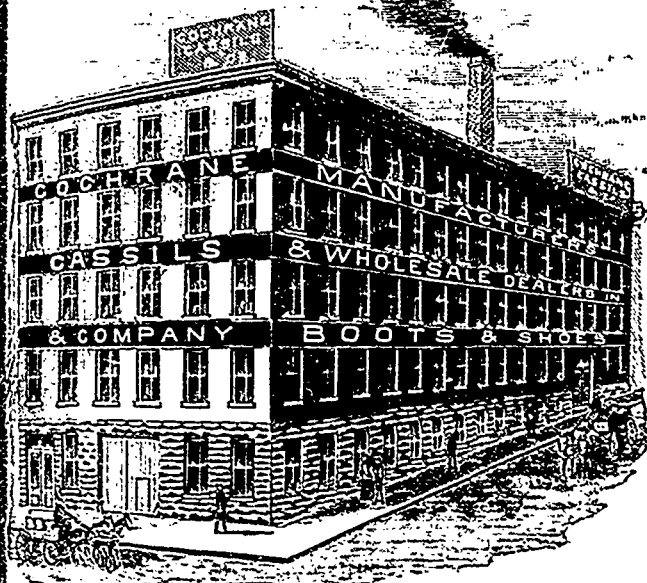
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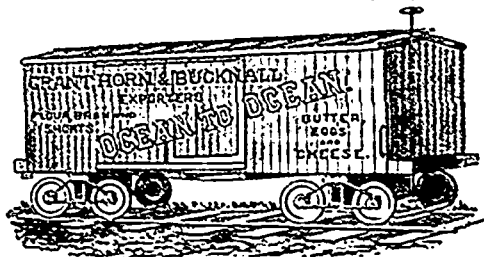
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John Mero, hotel, Aylmer, has sold out.
 John Lee, miller, St. Thomas, has assigned.
 G. E. Oakes, grocer, Trenton, has assigned.
 David Minns, harness, Omemece, has assigned.
 Banting Bros., grocers, Cookston, have sold out.
 Fred Holt, grocer, Hamilton, was burned out.
 Wm. Garrett, foundry, Tweed, was burned out.
 David McConnell, marble, Walkerton, is dead.
 Can. Pat. Brush Co., Windsor, are compromising.
 A. A. Alexander, hatter, Toronto, has assigned.
 H. Arnold & Son, shoes, Toronto, have assigned.
 W. Wallis & Co., shoes, Hamilton, have assigned.
 G. A. Allan, architect, Brockville, has assigned.
 R. A. Barber, dry goods, Trenton, has assigned.
 H. Rowland, publisher, Ingersoll, has assigned.
 T. S. Kenedy, general store, Kintail, has assigned.
 Chas. Landreville, merchant, Ottawa, has assigned.
 John O'Leary, plumber Toronto, has assigned.
 G. C. Robertson, variety store, Goderich, has sold out.
 Welch & Blachford, jewelers, Toronto, have assigned.
 Thos. Crawford, blacksmith, Simcoe, was burned out.
 John McCarthy, hotel, Tamesford, was burned out.
 Casselman Lumber Company, Casselman, mill burned.
 D. G. Roblin, gents' furnishings, Toronto, has assigned.
 W. M. McMullen, gents' furnishings, Toronto, has assigned.
 W. J. Thompson, furniture, Simcoe, workshop burned.
 Hess Bros., furniture, Toronto; the sheriff is in possession.
 Peters & Hymmen, gents' furnishings, Berlin, have assigned.
 Ross & Wilkins, grocers, &c., Tilsonburg, have dissolved.
 A. L. McKechnie, general store, Mount Forest, has assigned.
 Henry Ingham, shoes, Middlemiss, has moved to St. Thomas.
 W. G. Collins, general store, Blenheim, has moved to Watford.
 W. B. Fotheringham, saw mill, Rainey River, has assigned.
 Jno. Williamson, grocer, Watford, has sold out to M. C. Collins.
 The Empire Oil Co., Toronto, have sold out to McColl Bros. & Co.
 W. B. Clarke, dry goods, Sarnia, styled now W. B. Clarke & Sons.
 Harvey & Crawford, furniture, Brampton, loss by fire about \$500.
 Montgomery, Woods & Co., engine supplies, etc., Toronto, have assigned.

Hewlett Manufacturing Co., house furnishings, Toronto, have assigned.
 A. L. McLeshnie, general store, Mount Forest, has offered to compromise.
 Waddell Bros., grocers, Dreaden, have admitted H. Waddell as a partner.
 Malcolm & Souter, furniture, Hamilton, factory and contents damaged by fire; insured.
 Hillman & Co., tins, etc.; Miller Bros., groceries, fruits, etc., Bracebridge, were burned out.
 Wm. Gilroy, general store, Blenheim, is retiring from business; stock sold to G. F. Spackman.
 Burns & Thomas, manufacturers of saws, Toronto, have dissolved. W. H. Thomas retires.
 Gardiner, Ferrier & Co., spices, London, have dissolved. Style now Jenkins and Ferrier.
 G. F. Spackman, general storekeeper, Windsor, has bought the stock of W. Gilroy, of Blenheim.
 G. T. Smith, Middlings Purifier Co., Stratford, now the North American Mill Building Co. of Can., Ltd.
 Clarry & Co., commission, wholesale dealers and manufactures of woolen carpets, Toronto; style now The Toronto Carpet Manufacturing Company (Limited.)

QUEBEC.

W. Sicotte, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.
 F. X. Cuiat, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.
 Rapid Manufacturing Co., Bedford, burned out.
 W. P. McGuirk, dry goods, Montreal, is dead.
 Joseph Usherwood, painter, Montreal, is dead.
 Zoel Decoteau, general store, Ripon, has assigned.
 C. C. Cairns, fancy goods, Montreal, has assigned.
 Luceien Jourdenais, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.
 Joseph Daigneau, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 Jean Deveaux, merchant, River Beaudette, is dead.
 James Millar, general store, East Angus, has assigned.
 Mrs. M. Skelly, general store, Rawdon, has assigned.
 Thos. O'Hare & Co., grocers, Montreal, has assigned.
 H. B. Lafleur, general store, St. Adele, has assigned.
 Hormisdas Barriere, carriages, Montreal, has assigned.
 Oswald Chamberland, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.
 T. A. Duval & Co., hardware, Montreal, have assigned.
 E. W. Tobin, general store, Brompton Falls, has assigned.
 Joseph Julien, general store, Pont Rouge, has assigned.
 M. Laing & Sons, whol. prod., &c., Montreal, have assigned.
 J. Julien, general store, Pont Rouge, offering to compromise.
 L. A. Mongenais, general store, Rigaud; asking an extension.
 Desbein Bernardin, general store, Herbertville, has assigned.
 J. S. Wilson, merchant and trader, Ditchfield, has assigned.

J. B. Chenevert, shoe manufacturer, Montreal, has assigned.
 Wm. Dow & Co., brewers, Montreal, G. Scott of this firm is dead.
 John Macclean, wholesale millinery, Montreal, has suspended.
 Adelari (ravel, furniture, &c., St. Louis de Mile End, has assigned.
 Mazuret & Fils, spring bed manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Schwab Bros., importers watches & diamonds Montreal, have dissolved.
 Oswald Cumberland, shoes, Montreal, demand of assignment made.
 C. Lamoureux & Co., manufacturers furniture, Coaticook, has assigned.
 Morison & Earle, jobbers and commission agents, Montreal, have dissolved.
 J. B. Chenevert, manufacturer shoes, Montreal, demand of assignment made.
 Jas. Linton & Co., manufacturers boots and shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Cowansville Electric Light Company, Cowansville, have appointed a liquidator.
 Radford Bros. & Co., wholesale gents' furnishings, Montreal, demand of assignment made.
 Granger Freres, stationers, Montreal, A. A. Granger was admitted as a partner under same style.
 Gebhardt Berthiaume Lithograph and Printing Company, Montreal, are offering a compromise.
 J. B. Picken & Co., bankers and brokers, Montreal. F. G. Payne admitted partner under same style.
 C. G. Watt & Co., produce and commission, Montreal, have admitted Richard Reany as a partner under same style.
 J. C. Watson, manufacturer wall paper, Montreal, have admitted H. Watson and F. S. Faster into partnership; style now J. C. Watson & Co.
 W. Lesperance & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have admitted Mrs. Robert M. Liddell as special partner for \$21,000 to June 2nd, 1896.
 C. Dion, general store; — Fournier, liquors; E. Leblanc, general store; Miss Lamitre, hotel; — Michand, general store; Roberge & Frere, general store; P. A. Villancourt, general store, Black Lake, all were burned out.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Geo. Fultz, liquors, Halifax, is dead.
 J. R. McNamara, grocer, Parrsboro, has sold out.
 R. D. Beals, general store, Nictaux, has assigned.
 H. H. Dimock, carriages, Halifax, has assigned.
 Arthur Proudfoot, general store, Lorne, has sold out.
 Chipman Bros., wholesale hardware, Halifax, are dissolving.
 Hartling & Dimock, mens' furnishings, Halifax, have dissolved.
 T. M. H. Riggles & Co., grocery and crockery, Halifax, have dissolved.
 T. A. Mosher, general store and shipbuilder, Avondale, has assigned.
 Moir, Son & Co, bakers and confectioners, Halifax, were burned out.
 J. A. Balcom, general store, Margaretville; style now Balcom & Kerr.
 Robt. Cox, general store, Kingsport, offering to compromise at 50 per cent.
 J. H. Miller, general store, Hanley Mountain, has moved to New Germany.

Angus Collins & Co., general store, Margaree, Angus Collins registered as sole partner.

Jesse Jeffers, lumber, Newville; registered consent for his wife to carry on business.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Robt. L. Blake, Hillsboro, has sold out.

G. G. Corbett, teas, St. John, has assigned.

D. G. Scott, grocer, Moncton, has assigned.

John Sullivan, general store, Chatham, is dead.

W. H. Hall, hotel, St. Stephen, has assigned.

Wm. Murray, shingle mill, Head Tide, was burned out.

Robt. J. Morton, hotel, Kent Junction, was burned out.

O'Neil & Fitzgerald, undertakers, St. John, have dissolved.

R. F. Clarke, hardware, St. George, has moved to St. John.

James Frier, general store, Shediac, is closing up his business.

Hubert Phillip, grocer and butcher, St. George, out of business.

John McDonald, general store, Acadieville, was burned out; insured for \$1,000.

Thos Furlong, wholesale and retail merchant, St. John, estate re conveyed to him.

James Brown, general store, Weldford, is offering to compromise at 50c on the dollar.

British Columbia Trade Letter

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, June 22.—The weather has been dull and heavy for a week and so unfavorable to growth and the harvesting of the strawberry crop. The principal event in real estate during that time was the sale of Steveston townsite lots which was very successful, some \$16,000 worth being disposed of at reasonable prices. As I promised to say something about this section of the province in a future issue, a reference may be made now. Steveston is named after the proprietor of the townsite and has made astonishing progress during the past few months. Dykes have been built, wharves constructed, streets graded and sidewalked, and houses and stores built, all in a surprising short space of time. It even possesses a very commendable and sprightly newspaper, known as the *Enterprise*. Steveston is on the head of Lulu Island, near the mouth of the Fraser river, and is the centre of the salmon business, which now boasts of 25 canneries. Seven of these belong to Steveston. There are 35,000 acres of prairie, rich alluvial deposit, at the back of the new city. The soil is wonderfully fertile and the root crops are prodigious. Wheat thoroughly under drained and dyked, Lulu Island will be every inch a garden. Farm lands range now from \$100 to \$200 and \$250 an acre. Dan. McGillvray, our king contractor, the other day sold 10 acres for \$10,000 for a millsite. There are a number of fine farms on this island, but the improvement will be henceforth. There is also a disposition for owners to divide up and sell. What has attracted attention to it particularly of late is the fact that natural gas has been discovered right in the centre of Steveston. Bubbles were noticed rising in the water of the ditches which proved to be gas. An empty barrel bottom up was placed in the ditch as a reservoir, a hole bored in the bottom and a gas pipe and burner inserted. The result was a beautiful and continuous flame day and night. Quite a few ex-

periments were made in the vicinity with similar success. Tests will be made by boring the machinery for which is on the ground and it is thought that either coal or oil may exist as well or both.

Another event effecting real estate in Vancouver was the definite location of the line of the electric tramway to Westminster into this city. Park street in 264 A, east end, has been selected for the route and property in 264 A is experiencing a boom as the result. Steps are also being taken to erect all the lands between Point Gray and the mouth and south of the Fraser into a municipality to be called South Vancouver.

Public sentiment has been somewhat affected by the *modus vivendi* in regard to the Behring sea. There is no curing indignation expressed and opinion is pretty equally divided on the question, but it is generally felt that more or rather due notice should have been given of the intention of the two governments, because all the sealers are north fitted out at large expense, and if prohibited from sealing or have their catch confiscated great loss will ensue. Certainly it will be a serious question for the Imperial and Canadian governments to consider, viz., compensation, and without any doubt heavy claims will be filed. If these are not considered, the authorities may make up their minds that there will be trouble. British Columbians don't kick often, but they kick very hard when they do. As to the *modus vivendi* itself as a means to settlement under other circumstances, no one can question its wisdom as being practical and statesmanlike, notwithstanding the harmless war cries of some of our newspapers. The question is one for which not one of the three governments mainly interested is responsible for having on its hands. It must be settled, however, before long, and all parties should desire equity, regardless of local interest involved, as the basis of settlement. It would be extremely ridiculous, if not so calamitous, for two great nations to go to war about 21,000 seals, last year's Behring sea catch, valued at less than a quarter of a million dollars, unless it were purely a matter of denied right and justice that was the issue. What British Columbia is mainly interested in just now is that its sealers shall not be taken unawares on the high seas. Victoria has a large number of sealers out, and Vancouver has fitted up and sent north five this spring. Without any intimation of the *modus vivendi* their surprise by being ordered off by British war ships will be very great. How the position of the sealing industry would be improved, though, by Canada becoming independent, as one or two of our newspapers suggest, is hard to understand, because the United States would not likely be less exacting or more scrupulous in dealing with Canada alone than with both Great Britain and Canada.

Business has continued good. Foreign shipments of lumber are unusually heavy and local shipping is brisk. The B. C. sugar refinery is carrying the war into Africa vigorously and sending large consignments as far as Portland. The Empress of Japan, the second of the new China steamers to arrive, is just in port with a full passenger and freight list. Eggs and butter are coming in freely from the east, while a larger supply of B. C. ranch butter than ever is on the market. Imported fruits are plentiful and of good quality and reasonable in price—cherries, apricots and peaches principally.

British Columbia strawberries are considerably reduced in price, although the rain of last week has been against them. Vegetables are very plentiful and cheap. The supply of fish of all kinds is better and the canneries are all ready for operation. Wholesale prices are:—

Flour and Grain—Manitoba patents, \$6.50; Manitoba bakers', \$6.00; Oregon, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Cornmeal and oatmeal, \$4; rolled oats, \$5.25; Oil cake, \$40 per ton. Shorts, 26 per ton; bran, \$24 to \$26; wheat, \$36 to \$42; oats, \$40 to \$45.

Meats—Dry salt, 12c; roll bacon, 12c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13½c; ham, 15c; mess pork, 22½c; pickled pork bellies, 15½; lard, in tubs, 12c; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13c; lard compound, 12c.

Eggs—17 and 18c.

Butter—Creamery, 26 to 28c; dairy, 20 to 25c per lb. California roll, 27c.

Sugar—British Columbia refined. Granulated, 7½c per lb; yellow, 6½ to 6¾c; cube, 8c. Syrup is quoted at 3½c.

Fruit—Oranges, \$3 to \$5.25; per box. Sicilian lemons \$6.50 to \$7; California lemons, \$3 to \$4. Cherries, \$1.25 per box. Bananas, \$3.50 to \$4 per bunch. Peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box. Pears and apples, \$1.25 per box.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$16 to \$20 per ton; New potatoes, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs.

Winnipeg Orange Market.

A great quantity of California oranges has been handled in Winnipeg this year, considering the size of this market. Rublee, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits, have handled 25 cars alone, and probably about 40 cars in all have been handled in the city. The oranges are brought direct from California in car lots. Winnipeg gets a low rate of freight on California fruits, when shipped direct through in bulk, the rate being \$1.25 per 100 pounds. Winnipeg gets the same rate of freight from California as Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the only increased cost to lay down here, over the markets named, is the duty of 25 cents per box. The large sale of California oranges is accounted for to a considerable extent by the low prices at which they can be sold here, on account of the favorable freight rate. California oranges also have the largest sale in this market, over other varieties, because they are in season during the time of year when the weather is warm in Manitoba, and the demand largest. Earlier in the year, when Florida oranges are in season, there is not so much demand here for fruit of any kind, though this year there was a considerable quantity of Floridas handled. Chicago is the market for Florida oranges, where they are sent on consignment by the growers. They can generally be bought cheaper in Chicago than direct from the growers. Messina and other eastern oranges are brought in usually via Montreal, and they have a considerable sale at certain seasons. Oranges from some quarter of the globe, can be had nearly all the year around, for as the season closes in one region, supplies can be had from some other quarter.

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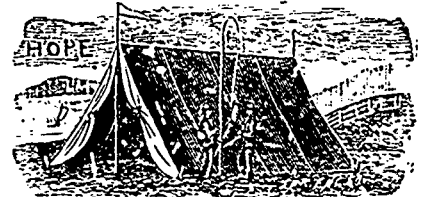
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The June report of the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, dated June 10 makes the area in winter wheat as compared with the breadth harvested last year, 111.5; spring wheat, 103.4; barley, 197.1; rye, 101.5; oats, 97.9.

Condition: Winter wheat, 96.6; spring wheat, 92.6; barley, 90.3; rye, 95.4; oats 85.

In comparison with 1899 the increase in wheat acreage is quite moderate. The reduction last year of more than 2,000,000 acres suggests the reason for most of the present increase. This advancement is therefore both replacement and development, the former notably Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and California, the latter in less degree in Washington, Oregon, the Dakotas and in several Territories. These violent fluctuations make the investigation difficult, and in some districts will require necessary supplementary work. To this extent present estimates may be considered preliminary.

The extension of acreage, according to our correspondents, depends on the price of wheat and not on available land. A large increase in wheat breadth is reported in Washington, a large amount of land is being broken for next year's crop, and the local opinion is expressed that not more than one-fifth of the wheat land of that new State is under cultivation.

The winter wheat crop is encroaching upon the southern and eastern borders of the spring wheat district, notably in Iowa, and Wisconsin, under protection of crop diversification and new methods of cultivation, while spring wheat extension responds moderately to the stimulus of higher prices.

The condition of winter wheat has declined only 1 per cent. The average of New York is 96, Pennsylvania, 97; Georgia, 98, Texas, 98, Ohio, 99; Michigan, 99; Indiana, 99; Illinois, 98, Missouri, 99; Kansas, 95; California, 97. The first monthly statement of averages of spring wheat makes Wisconsin, 77; Minnesota, 89; Iowa, 95; Nebraska, 97; the Dakotas, 96.

Early sown wheat was injured by frost in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Germination was arrested by drouth in the same region. In South Dakota drouth has retarded growth. Conditions have been more favorable generally in North Dakota. Recent rains in Nebraska and Iowa have greatly benefited wheat and encouraged the growers.

Drouth in May has greatly injured oats on the entire Atlantic Coast. Winter oats in the Southern State are far better than the spring crop, which has been partially destroyed by drouth and insects. Not only was the acreage reduced in the Ohio Valley, but condition is low in consequence of dry weather. In Minnesota the injuries by drouth were supplemented by those of cut worms. Condition is highest on the Northern Atlantic Coast and on the Pacific, where areas are very limited.

The increase in the acreage of barley is general in almost every section where it is grown, and especially marked in the States of the Ohio Valley, in Wisconsin and California. Condition is uniformly higher except in portions of the Northwest, where it has been lowered by drouth and cool weather.

The acreage in cotton is 97.7 per cent. of the area of 1890, and the average condition is 85.7. The reduction of the area is attributed in some districts to concerted contraction on account of low prices, but it is evident that it is mainly due to unfavorable conditions for planting and germination. The record for planting in the May report is quite accurately a history of the crop to the present time. Planting delayed by early rains, drouth in the latter half of April, followed by a continued drouth in May, germination arrested, re-planting active, defective stands corrected, are features of the record frequently and almost universally reported. These conditions were less general and controlling in Texas than in any other State.

Flour.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of June 20 says: "The price of flour has declined 50 to 75c per barrel from the highest point reached about two or three months ago, and some dealers think that the bed rock has not yet been struck. City strong bakers' which sold as high as \$6 is now offered freely at \$5.50, and straight rollers which realized as high as \$5.75 and \$5.85 can be bought at \$5. The export demand for the fine spring and winter brands has subsided, the principle shipments consisting of the lower grades. Lower prices, however, will no doubt act as a stimulus for a renewal of business, and enquiries received by cable lead to the belief that operators on the other side will soon be in the market again. In fact, during the past few days western mills have made sales of low grade flour over the cable at concessions in price. A large transaction has also been made for Newfoundland at fully 25c per bbl below last week's prices."

While on the flour question, the same paper says: "Manitoba millers will have to stop mixing their best wheat with sprouted and frosted qualities if they expect to establish a regular market for their flour. The reason flour ground by Manitoba millers seldom fetches as much as that turned out in this city, is because the former as a rule is ground from mixed wheat, while the latter is the product of No. 2 hard. An instance has just come to our knowledge in which a lot of 2 cars of Manitoba strong flour was shipped to this city on the strength of a certain brand, the quantity apparently being up to the sample in color, etc., but when it got into bakers hands its inferiority was detected in sponging, and the result was that the flour was returned upon the sellers hands here. The millers have since acknowledged that they had a lot of poor wheat which they had worked off by mixing with good wheat, but in so doing they have spoiled the sale of their brand for a time, which had become well known here. This no doubt accounts for much irregularity experienced in brands of flour ground in Manitoba, and the sooner the millers there stop mixing, the better will it be for their interests in this and other markets."

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