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**WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 17, 1890.**

RAY has opened a general store at Newdale, Man.

THE new hospital at Medicine Hat, Assa., has been opened. It is a credit to the place.

THE Fort Qu'Appelle farmers are arranging to give a bonus for the establishment of a creamery at that place.

W. A. CRISP, jeweller, of Minnedosa, has moved to Portage la Prairie, where he will open in business in his line.

D. J. ROBERTSON, late of J. D. Sibbald & Co., Regina, will open out in the furniture business at Regina in a few weeks.

THERE were 367,389 bushels of Manitoba wheat in store at the Lake Superior elevators at the time the last export was made.

J. & G. BROWN, wagon shop, Qu'Appelle Station, have purchased the blacksmithing business carried on by Frank Marwood, at that place.

THE rural municipality of Portage la Prairie is clear of debt, has \$3,000 in the bank and \$1,000 of back taxes to collect. Its assessment is \$1,800,000.

A GRANT'S old stand at Calgary has been transformed by F. Marriaggi, who has opened a restaurant, which will be called the Restaurant Marriaggi.

THE Winnipeg Free Press says that a letter has been received here from Ottawa stating that the Government has decided to establish a fish hatchery at Selkirk.

THOMPSON & ARMSTRONG have completed their contract for putting up the telegraph line along the completed fifty miles of the Northwest Central railway.

I. COOKMAN, writes to deny the report that he intends opening a general store at Basswood.

He, however, contemplates starting in business as a general merchant, at Minnesota.

SOMERVILLE & McKELVIE, general merchants, Brandon, Man., have made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors will be held at Winnipeg, on Wednesday the 19th inst.

THE Vancouver World devotes quite a space to a description of the business opened there recently by Carscaden, Peck and Co., of Winnipeg. J. D. Carscaden will have charge of the business of the firm at Vancouver.

JAMES CUNNINGHAM, hardware dealer, New Westminster, B. C., recently burned out has decided not to resume, and the goodwill of the business has passed over to the firm of H. M. Cunningham & Co., in the same line of business at the same place.

Snow has enjoyed the reputation of being a good fertilizer, and as there is so much of it this year the farmers will naturally look for a big harvest next autumn. This winter is distancing the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" in the amount of the snow fall.

MESSRS. Mawhinney and Butchart, stoves, tinware, etc., Holland and Glenboro, have, after a long and successful business career together, decided to dissolve partnership. Ed. Mawhinney continues the Holland business and Marsh Butchart the Glenboro store.

REGINA Leader: W. A. Seed has sold at a handsome figure his property on Scarth street, (opposite the old Methodist church building) to D. J. Robertson, who is preparing to open up a general furniture business. Mr. Robertson will commence as soon as possible the erection of a large and commodious building on the property bought of Mr. Seed.

CALGARY Tribune: It is a matter of sincere congratulation to be able to record the satisfactory manner in which stock is wintering in the Territories. A cowboy from Mosquito Creek arrived in town to-day, and says that cattle are doing well, and that he has not seen a dead beast this season on the prairie. A private letter was received by to-day's mail from Dixon Bros., Maple Creek, who stated that this has been a most favorable winter for stock and that there will be little if any loss.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE has a new lumber firm. This will be welcome news to builders if "opposition is the life of trade." S. R. Marlatt, late manager for Dick, Banning & Co., at this point, has formed a partnership with Mr. Housser, late manager of the same company's Winnipeg business, under the firm name of Marlatt & Housser. In their circular announcing their business, they say: "We intend to carry a complete stock of Canadian, American and British Columbia well seasoned lumber which we are sure will be appreciated by those wishing to build."—Portage Review.

THE Portage la Prairie Tribune reports the markets at that place as follows: There is little or no wheat coming in since the big storm of last week. The figure quoted for wheat is 70c. There is a large amount of rough grain such as oats for seed and corn for feeding purposes being imported from the States. Beef, live weight, from 3 to 3½; pork, 5½ to 6c; mutton, 10c; fowls are very scarce, 10c would be paid for chicken; butter, 16 to 18c; eggs, 30c; potatoes, \$1 per bushel; hay, \$10 per ton; wood, poplar, green, \$2.50, dry, \$2.75 to \$3, oak, dry, \$4.

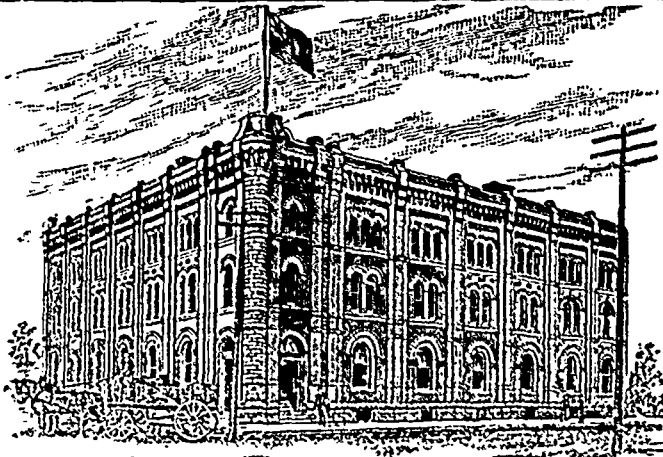
A PARTY of gentlemen, of whom J. A. Mura, J. F. Hume, Wm. Cowan, Jno. Irving, Robt. Sanderson, and F. S. Bernard, are the leading spirits, are applying for a certificate of incorporation for a company to be called the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company, with the object of running passenger, freight and towing steamers on the Columbia and Kootenay rivers and Kootenay Lake in British Columbia. The headquarters of the company will be at Revelstoke, and the capital stock will be \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$100 each.

R. SCOTT, general merchant, of Shoal Lake, Man., has returned from British Columbia, where he went a short time ago with a carload of butter from his creamery at Shoal Lake. He says he had the butter sold to a Vancouver party before he left Manitoba, but the Vancouver dealer backed out of the bargain. He was therefore delayed some time, but he claims that he eventually disposed of the whole lot at about as good a price as he would have realized had the first sale been carried through. He has arranged, he says, for the sale of all the butter he can turn out next season, at good prices.

THE estate of Draper, the absconding Winnipeg dry goods dealer, showed a surplus in goods of ten or twelve thousand dollars over liabilities. Draper was considered an excellent buyer, and he was also very popular as a salesman, so that his chances of success were good. But instead of endeavoring to build up a business, he deliberately throws away his reputation, and beats his creditors out of fifteen or sixteen thousand dollars, in order to get away with a few thousand dollars in cash, not exceeding the amount of surplus in his business. In the light of a business transaction, his escapade seems remarkable, as the surplus stock which he abandoned, should have been worth as much as the money he took with him. Verily, the ways of some men are past comprehension.

THE Vancouver World says: "The mines at Field, B. C., and all the assets belonging to the British Columbia Smelting Company, were sold by Sheriff Redgrave recently and were purchased by the Vancouver syndicate who purchased the smelter a short time ago in this city, and the lands and chattels connected therewith. The mines, etc., at Field, it is said, cost in the vicinity of \$30,000, and were knocked down to our local men for \$7,500. Vancouverites now control the smelter in this city and the valuable mines at Field. No doubt active operations will soon be commenced to develop these valuable mines and operate the smelter. It is the intention of the new company to secure the services of competent and capable men to take the management of the smelter and who will take an interest in the proper working of the concern."

THE Dominion Illustrated for February 8th announces that every subscriber or purchaser of that paper is insured against death by accident for \$500 in the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company. The number is of more than usual interest as to its portraiture, its illustrations of Canadian scenery, and its original artistic features. The Speaker of the House of Commons, Hon. Col. J. A. Ouimet, Q.C., has the place of honor. Other provinces are represented by Senator Grant, Mr. Paterson, M.P. and N. F. Davin, and P. B. Casgrain. Office, 73 St. James street, Montreal; price, \$4 a year.

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*Cincinnati Price Current:* "The past week has been mild, and winter conditions have practically disappeared in this latitude. Concerning the growing crop of wheat there is nothing now to be offered. The conditions for the most part is all that could be desired, the chief ground for apprehension being in the possible effect of late hard freezing upon the plant in an abnormally advanced stage of growth. It is as useless to build sentiment upon these possibilities as it is upon the latter chances of rust or weather injury at harvest time. The area of the winter crop is undoubtedly enlarged somewhat compared with last year, but returns are not yet full enough to form definite comparisons."

#### Smelting Works at Golden.

P. McCarthy, one of the parties interested in the proposed smelting works at Golden, B. C., furnishes the following information regarding the scheme to the *Calgary Herald*:—

"In the spring of 1888, H. B. Alexander, of Alberta, John L. Bowen, James A. Longheed, and I formed a partnership for the purpose of erecting Smelting Works at Field, on the Canadian Pacific railway, in British Columbia, and purchasing two mining locations at Mount Stephen, near that place. In May Mr. Alexander and I went to Chicago and purchased from Messrs. Fraser & Chalmers a 10 ton smelter, an ore breaker, a pair of rolls, iron for reverberatory roasting furnace, and in fact everything requisite for a complete plant, except engine and boiler which we intend purchasing in Canada; all this plant has been paid for and has been ready for shipment for some months. In August last we engaged S. S. Fowler, M.E., of Chicago, to erect and superintend our works, and for this purpose he came on, but after examining our proposed site at Field, and visiting Golden, on the Columbia River, he advised us to locate our works at Golden, 33 miles west of Field, if a proper site could be obtained. The Dominion Government, in order to encourage smelting operations in British Columbia, gave our firm a tract of land near Field, and in order to procure transfer of the grant of land at Golden we were forced to delay the erection of our smelter until that

grant would be obtained, which has now been procured and the Government has granted to us 320 acres of land at Golden on the condition that we erect our smelting plant at that place, which we will so soon as spring opens.

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#### Bargain by Telephone.

An interesting point was decided in Toronto by Justice Falconbridge in a judgment delivered in the action of Cochrane vs. James. The plaintiff is a broker and commission merchant, and defendant a wholesale provision merchant. Plaintiff sues for breach of contract, by means of which he has lost considerable money. The instructions given by defendant to plaintiff as a matter of trial were given over the telephone, and the action was dismissed with costs, chiefly on this ground—the difficulty of proving the ipsissima verba of the interlocutors speaking, it may be, from a distance of many miles to each other.

#### The Fourth.

The fourth of February has passed without the serious financial disturbances which many were looking forward to, the paper at the banks being retired better than was expected, but it will take a few days yet to ascertain how the customers of our wholesale houses met their notes. The manner in which the makers paid up can of course only be learned from our wholesale houses, and we accordingly asked a number of them how they found payments and remittances, and the majority of answers were "very bad." One gentleman stated that remittances were the worst experienced within the past ten years, and that renewals were the order of the day. We came across a principal in the wholesale clothing trade, however, who stated that they were good, and that out of sixty-three notes falling due on the fourth they were all met with the exception of about 8 or 9. Another party in the dry goods trade stated that not more than three-fourths of the amount of his paper maturing was remitted by makers, and the remainder he had to renew.

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#### Kootenay Mines.

A letter was received from Dr. W. A. Hendrix, manager of the Kootenay Mining and Smelting Company, a few days since, stating that his brother, who is a millionaire manufacturer in an eastern state, would be in the Kootenay country in the early spring for the purpose of purchasing the Silver King, Kootenay Bonanza and American Flag mines, the property of the Hall Brothers and others, and located on Toad mountain, near Nelson, B. C.

With ten stamps dropping on the cre of the Poorman mine in Kootenay country, and with a ten stamp mill in operation on the Black Bear and War Eagle, in Okanagan country it is anticipated that one bank in Spokane Falls, whose owners control considerable of the stock, will receive from \$80,000 to \$100,000 in gold from these two excellent properties.

The new camp on the Kootenay river above Bonner's Ferry has been named Madison. A dozen or more miners are wintering there and developing their claims. They anticipate a boom in the spring, as the camp is easy of access.

Parties from the north who appear to be well posted, claim that the Colville Smelting Company will soon have, if they have not already, sufficient mines from which to draw supplies of all kinds of ore to keep a forty ton smelter in operation. They have lately acquired the Bonanza, a rich lead mine, which will give them plenty of wet ores, and the Silver Lead mine on Clugston creek, which is a hematite of iron ore. Besides these they have made purchases of other mining property.—*Star, Revelstoke, B. C.*

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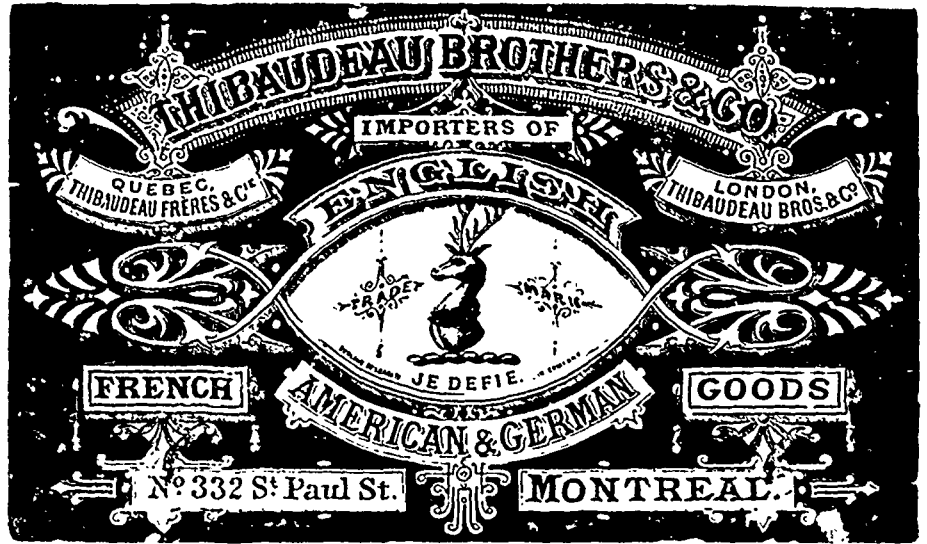
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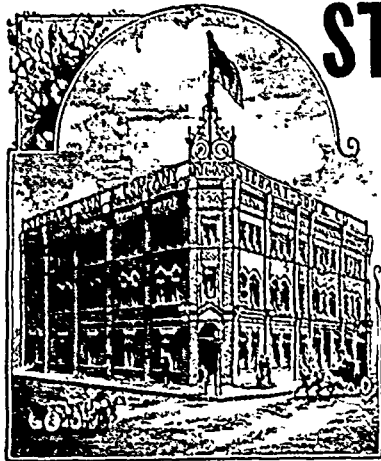
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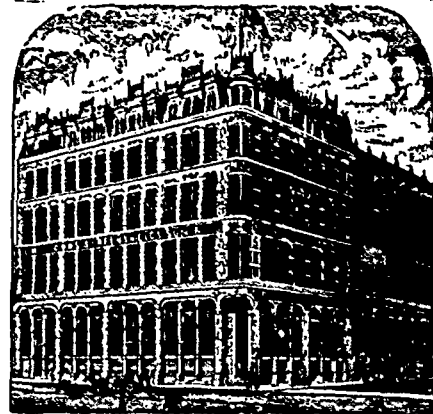
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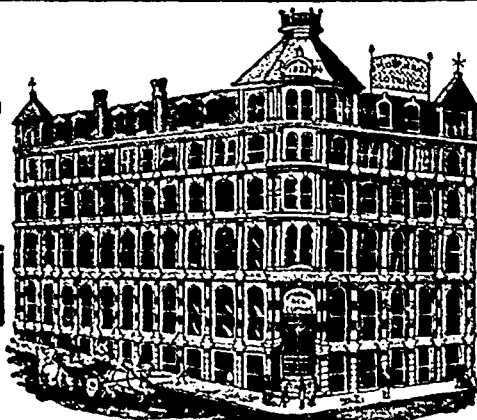
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# The Commercial

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## EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS.

The exemptions allowed by law in Manitoba are a serious drawback to retail merchants, especially in country towns. Household effects to the full average amount usually owned by farmers, are exempt. Agricultural implements and in fact all movable articles about a farm are exempt from execution for debt, up to the full amount usually in the possession of farmers. A number of head of stock are also exempt. His land to the extent of 160 acres, together with all improvements thereon, is also included in the exemption act. In fact, the average Manitoba farmer possesses very little that has not been exempted from seizure for debt. In the territories very much the same exemptions are allowed as in Manitoba. The result is, that the average farmer is exempted to about the full extent of his possessions, and if he decides to refuse to pay his debts, he can snap his fingers in the face of his creditors.

In another way the retail merchant is at a disadvantage. The farmer can buy a carriage, an organ, or some expensive implement, on credit, and for these he gives a note and often other security. Frequently a chattel mortgage is given on his crop a year or two ahead. Thus the storekeeper is shut out on every side. If the farmer has anything which is not exempt from seizure, it is covered by a chattel mortgage or secured in some other way.

One would expect that with such regulations as these in force, there would be no such a thing as credit business in general store merchandise. As the merchant has practically no means of forcing the payment of monies due him, it would naturally be supposed that he would refuse to give credit. Such, however, it is well known, is not the case. Credit in the country towns has been carried to an alarming extent. Country merchants all over the province have allowed their goods to go out on credit, until their stocks have been depleted. Some dealers have accounts on their books for amounts running away up in the thousands of dollars. Under these circumstances, it is no wonder that in a poor crop year like the present, a great many merchants are unable to meet the payments due to wholesale houses. They have sold out their goods on credit, and have received very little cash in return, consequently they are hard up. Of course they can show large assets in book debts, but these are not at all satisfactory. The wholesale dealer, when asked for a renewal of notes, would a good deal rather be shown large assets in the shape of stocks on hand than in book debts. The goods he knows are worth something, and can in time be turned into cash; but outstanding accounts are at best a very uncertain asset.

In selling out his goods on credit, it is seen that the dealer must depend entirely on the honesty of his farmer customer. Our farmers as a rule are certainly honest enough. Happily a dishonest farmer is an exception in this country. But be the farmers ever so honest, it does

not warrant the continuing of the credit system in this country as it has been carried on in the past. Honesty is not a sufficient requisite. The merchant wants something more than honesty. He wants a little hard cash occasionally. The knowledge that his slow pay customers are honest, will not be very consoling when his notes are going to protest, and suits are being entered against him, while he has thousands of dollars on his books which he cannot collect.

The credit system has been carried altogether too far. It has been carried to the brink of ruin for a large number of storekeepers in this country, and it is high time to cry a halt. The farmer may be as honest as the day is long, but he is sometimes improvident. He is very often careless in assuming obligations. He also sometimes shows himself a bad manager in conducting his operations. He frequently assumes heavy obligations on the strength of having a big crop and realizing big prices for what he has to sell. Then he meets with unforeseen misfortunes, and realizes that he is loaded up with indebtedness. When this condition is reached, the storekeeper must suffer. The organ or carriage or perhaps some other expensive article which the farmer could have got along very well without for a time at least, must be paid for. He has given notes for these articles, and will be charged interest if he does not pay up. Perhaps a chattel mortgage covers his crop for the implements which he has purchased, and these must be paid for. The storekeeper, with whom he has a running account, has no direct claim upon him, and therefore he will be left until the last. Thus it comes about, that in a light crop year, the farmer has so many other things to pay for, that he cannot square up his store bills, and the merchants who sold him goods for a year back on credit, are obliged to go without their pay for twelve months longer.

Aside from this aspect of the case, the loose credit system prevailing is often an injury to the farmer. It encourages him to assume heavy liabilities in other directions, and leads him to pay out his ready cash for things which he could perhaps get along very well without. Were it not for this reckless credit system, the farmers would endeavor to pay their way more as they went along, and when a misfortune overtook them, they would not then be so deeply involved. They would endeavor to become established in their new prairie homes, and have something ahead before they went in for many costly articles which they now buy on credit, on future expectations.

The coupon system, previously explained in these columns, is being tried in some sections of Manitoba, as a change from the present credit system. It will no doubt be found to be an improvement upon the running book account system. But where coupons are used, something further should be secured than the bare note of the customer. When the merchant gives out coupons for say \$100, he should receive not only a note, but a secured note. The note should be backed by some security, such as a chattel mortgage, etc., which would render him tolerably safe against loss. If credit is to be continued, it should be done on a basis

which will afford a considerable measure of security to the storekeeper. If this cannot be done, let the trade refuse to give credit at all, and it will be the best thing which has happened the country. What is required is a little more unity and considerably less jealousy among storekeepers, if a reform in the credit system is to be accomplished.

## STEALING CATTLE FROM THE RANGES.

A bill, known as the Hide ordinance, was passed at the recent meeting of the Legislative Assembly for the Territories. This act is designed to protect the western ranchers from thieves who steal animals from the ranges, a diversion which is known in western parlance as "rustling." Rustling is not now what it once was. In fact it never assumed very great proportions on this side of the forty-ninth parallel. In the western states rustling was a very serious matter for the ranchers. The rustlers, who made their living by "driving off" cattle and horses from the ranges, were a numerous body, and it took a good many animals each year to satisfy their rapacity. As the law did not do very much to protect the cowmen, they frequently took the law in their own hands, and woe to the unlucky rustler who fell into the hands of the rancher and his cowboys. The ceremony which followed the capture of one of these prairie outlaws, usually ended with a performance in which a rope and a tree were important requirements, and the earthly remains of the deceased rustler would be left swinging in the wind, with a placard attached as a warning to others of his ilk. The rustler, knowing the fate in store for him if caught, usually died "game." He was always a good shot, and never allowed himself to be taken alive if he could help it, so that the hanging scene often proved more ornamental than useful, as the rustler had usually yielded up to the superior influence of cowboy bullets, before this act in the play was reached.

Happily, on this side of the boundary, rustling has not assumed such proportions as to render such extreme measures necessary. Still there is a little pilfering going on, and the hide ordinance is intended to provide a remedy. Under this act, parties upon whom suspicion may rest as having procured any fresh meat which they may have in their possession in an unlawful manner, may be compelled to produce the hide of the animal or tell where they got the meat. In this way cases of stealing cattle could be traced up, for the brand on the hide would show to whom the animal had belonged. If this act can be fully enforced, it should prove of good service to the rancher.

## STRIKES AND THEIR REMEDY.

In order to avert the injurious features of strikes upon business generally, the Chamber of Commerce of London, England, is considering means whereby labor troubles of this nature may be avoided. The disastrous effect of the great strike of dock laborers in London, is well known. The loss occasioned by this one strike alone has been reckoned up to amount to many millions of dollars. Indeed, it was at one time stated and believed by some that the port of



London would never recover from the injury brought about through this strike, so serious was its effect upon the trade of the great metropolis. This idea was no doubt overdrawn, for it takes powerful influences to draw trade from its long accustomed channels. Still, the almost incalculable disaster wrought by this strike is sufficient to show that were such occurrences repeated frequently, in time the great city would certainly be dethroned from her commercial supremacy as the world's metropolis, if not entirely wrecked. At any rate, some important trade interests which now centro there, would be driven to other ports. This is often one of the peculiar features of strikes, that the strikers, in their efforts to improve their position, often seriously cripple the very interest which gave them employment, and render it less able to support them. Sometimes they even entirely destroy the capital which provided them with work, as in the case of the great strikes of glass workers in Belgium, where works were burned and a vast amount of property destroyed.

To avert the serious consequences arising from strikes the London Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to consider a plan of preventing such labor disturbances. This committee recommends that a permanent committee representing both capital and labor, be appointed to deal with questions arising out of labor disputes in the port of London; that in case of a dispute as to the remuneration or other conditions of labor, the committee should deliberate whether the dispute is of sufficient importance to justify its intervention in the interest of the commerce or manufactures of London; that in case of a decision in the affirmative the committee invite both parties to a friendly conference with each other; or if that should fail, to offer their mediation, in the meantime using their best efforts to prevent the occurrence or continuance of a strike until after all attempts at conciliation have been exhausted. The committee further recommends that councils of conciliation be formed among the various trades of London to be composed of employers and workmen, and that such councils be affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce.

There is no doubt but that many strikes could be averted by a better understanding between employers and employees. In fact, important strikes have been caused by a trifling misunderstanding between these two divisions. Committees representing both employers and workmen should be able to do a great deal in preventing labor troubles, and the plan proposed seems worthy of a trial.

### MILLERS' ASSOCIATION.

There has been some mention occasionally of the formation of a millers' association for Manitoba, but so far any reference to the matter does not seem to provoke much enthusiasm in favor of such a movement. The milling industry of this country is rapidly becoming quite an extensive and diversified business, and there is no reason why a millers' association should prove not only of interest, but of value to millers. Millers' associations have been formed in almost every division of the United States where milling has assumed very considerable

proportions. An association was formed not long ago in the state of North Dakota, and it has already led to good results. One of the objects of the Dakota association was to arrange for the export of their flour. An agent was appointed by the association, to act for the Dakota millers in placing their flour upon the London market. A number of car lots of flour have since been shipped by the association millers, to the London agent, for disposal in that market. The Dakota millers claim superior quality for their flour, and by placing it directly upon British markets, they hope to have its quality acknowledged. The experiment will be watched with interest. There is nothing to prevent Manitoba millers from following the same system, should it appear that there would be any advantage in doing so.

Another advantage from having an association is, that it provides an organization which could take up and endeavor to effect or prevent any legislation required in the interest of, or any proposed legislation, adverse to the interests of the millers. In Dakota there are two bills before the Legislature in which the millers are interested, one of which fixes the toll on grists at one-eighth. This bill meets with the approval of the millers.

In Ontario the millers have their association, and they have adopted a number of regulations which secure uniformity in carrying on their industry. One regulation adopted has reference to the purchasing of wheat according to weight. Sixty pounds is taken as the standard for a bushel of wheat, and for wheat weighing less than sixty pounds per bushel, a reduction in price is made, according to weight. Thus, for wheat weighing fifty-eight pounds per bushel two cents less than the market price for standard weight is paid. For wheat weighing fifty-seven pounds per bushel, five cents is deducted from the market price. In the same way wheat weighing in excess of standard weight, is taken at an advanced price. Thus for wheat weighing sixty-four pounds per bushel, four cents above the market value for standard weight grain is allowed.

There are no doubt many features of this nature which could be discussed and acted upon, through the medium of an association. Uniformity of action in matters of importance to the industry, could also be attained in the same way. It is for the millers themselves, however, to decide whether the objects to be attained are worth the time and trouble necessary to organize and keep up an association.

### FRONTAGE TAX.

The frontage tax proposals of the Winnipeg city council have called forth comments from papers outside the city. The *News-Advertiser*, of Vancouver, B. C., devotes a vigorous article to the frontage tax system, drawn forth by the reference in this journal to the question, in which it vigorously condemns the whole system. The *News-Advertiser* states that a system of frontage tax was tried in Vancouver in the early days, but it was found to be so unfair that it was abandoned. Now, if the frontage tax system was considered unfair in Vancouver, where it was tried at the very birth of that rising city, how much more unfair would it be in Winnipeg? Here, the city is carrying a

heavy debt, for improvements already carried out. These improvements are chargeable against property all over the city, and property owners are now paying for these improvements in the shape of principal and interest upon borrowed money. It would therefore be outrageously unfair to force citizens to pay for improvements on streets upon which they own property, by a system of frontage taxes, while they are paying for improvements previously made on other streets. If there is anything fair in the system, it would be when it is adopted at the beginning of a town, as in the case of Vancouver. Public improvements carried on in a city are as a rule for the benefit of the whole city, and not for a few residents of the place. The article in the Vancouver paper contains so many good points that it will bear reproduction. It is as follows:—

"The Winnipeg city council proposes to impose a frontage tax, whereby the cost of street improvements of every description would be assessed against the property immediately abutting on the thoroughfare where the expenditure might be made. We should have thought that the experience of other cities and the absurdities and injustices which such a tax inevitably brings with it, would be so well known to the civic rulers of every city as to prevent the people of a place like Winnipeg from repeating such an error. This frontage tax scheme was tried in Vancouver in the first year of its existence when money was urgently needed for street improvements which were absolutely necessary in order to make the roadways passable for traffic. What was the result? Simply that lots on certain streets, and especially corner lots having frontages on two important thoroughfares, were assessed so high under the plan, that a continuance of it would practically have amounted to the confiscation of the property for the benefit of other owners who did not happen to own lots so advantageously—or rather disadvantageously—situated. It is impossible in any city to apportion taxes for improvements by such a method without causing great injustice to individuals and causing serious injury to the city at large. The whole system of streets must be regarded as a whole; they are for the benefit of the entire community, and any attempt to localize taxation by means of frontage tax, individual street debentures or similar schemes will result disastrously. It is a more clumsy method than it would be to put up a toll-gate at the end of each street for the purpose of levying a charge on every vehicle that used the roadway or other improvements that had been provided. People would ridicule such a plan, yet it is a more correct and accurate way of proportioning the benefits derived from street improvements than that of imposing a frontage tax. Why should a person owning property on a street down which the main sewer of a town is laid be mulcted ten times as much as another owner who lives on a street under which a local sewer is laid? Municipal finance is no less important a subject to the people generally than national or provincial finance, and a wrong system in one city should be condemned by the people of another, as the introduction of method which if allowed to get a foothold might spread throughout the country. When, therefore, we see the city council of Winnipeg proposing a plan which has been shown to be injurious and inequitable, it is our duty to call the attention of that body to the false principles which they are about to follow, and second the efforts of the press of that city, which has already denounced the proposal. As the family is the unit of the nation, so the towns and municipalities are the important fractions of the state whole, and a faulty or injudicious action by any one of the parts must ultimately have injurious effects on the whole body politic."

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 In a report upon the cultivation of barley, prepared by M. Tisserand, Director of Agriculture in France, it is estimated that the world's annual production of this grain is 825,000,000 bushels, of which three-fourths are grown in Europe, and the remainder in the United States, Canada, Chili, India, Australia, Japan, Tunis and Algeria. The total value is estimated at about \$300,000,000. The countries of largest production are stated as follows: Russia 129,000,000, the United Kingdom 93,000,000, Germany 93,000,000, Austria-Hungary 88,000,000, Spain 77,000,000, France 49,000,000, and Norway and Sweden 22,000,000 bushels; out of Europe, Algeria 80,999,000 and Egypt 27,000,000 bushels. It might be noted that in the United Kingdom the production of barley in late years has been about 70,000,000 bushels, and in European Russia in 1888 (including Poland) it was reported as 152,000,000 bushels, the crop in Poland being over 11,000,000.

F. A. WILCOCKS, auctioneer, Birthe, contemplates locating at Brandon.  
 It is now understood that the low freight rate on seed grain announced by the Northern Pacific railway does not apply to the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway. The rate is for the benefit of the suffering farmers in Dakota who have lost their crops for years in succession, and who are obliged to purchase seed grain, though they have very little wherewith to make such purchases.

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**WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.**

There is little to add to what has previously been said concerning payments on the 4th of the month. Returns since received have not added to any extent in materially improving the record, and the result may still be regarded as very unsatisfactory. A large amount of paper has been renewed, and in some instances other settlements have been made of even a less satisfactory nature. The general disposition seems to be to make an effort to pull matters through with as little crowding as possible, but it is becoming thoroughly recognized that credit business has been carried altogether too far by retail dealers in the outside towns. Some strong effort must be made to curtail this evil, if such features as predominate at present are not to be of periodical occurrence.

**WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.**

The general dullness remains almost unbroken, and all through the various lines of trade the same features prevail. Spring stocks are being shipped out, but for new business there is none. Dealers not directly affected by the 4th of February payments, feel the influence of the day indirectly, and small promiscuous accounts in all branches have not been met as promptly as usual. An active spring trade is not looked for, owing to the general closeness of the situation financially. There is a disposition to economise in buying on the part of consumers and retailers, while business is not being pushed as vigorously as usual by the wholesale trade. More care in selecting customers is evidenced. In the present juncture too much care cannot be exercised, and a conservative disposition shown now in buying and selling will assist in bringing about a more rapid recovery to a condition of greater confidence and prosperity.

**FISH AND OYSTERS.**

The market has not been well supplied with fresh fish, receipts being in small lots and at irregular intervals. Mild weather in the east has interfered with shipments from that quarter. Prices are as follows: Finnen haddies 7 to 7½c; St. John bloaters, \$1.75 per box. Fresh cod, 7c per pound. Oysters: \$2.25 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects, for good stock. Cans are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras. Fresh lake fish are quoted: Whitefish, 5½ to 6c; jackfish, pike, pickerel, etc., 2½ to 3c; per pound. The supply of fresh lake fish has not been good this winter, especially of the cheaper varieties.

**FUEL.**

Coal holds steady at last prices, with if anything an easier tendency, which varies with weather conditions. Hard coal is held at \$9 25 to \$9.50 per ton, and soft coal quoted at \$7 to \$7.50. These prices are retail delivered in the city, or 50c less per ton on track. Wood is easy in price. Choice clear tamarac is quoted at \$5 per cord delivered, with some obtainable at \$4.50 per cord, or 50c per cord less on track.

**GROCERIES.**

A stiffening in refiners views on sugar was reported early last week from the east, which was manifested in a disposition to abstain from the cutting of prices, which has prevailed to some extent recently. Willett & Gray, New York, in their weekly sugar circular, say: "The difficulty of obtaining Muscovado sugar for mixing with beet sugar causes trouble to refiners in supplying the lower grades of refined,

and consumers are tempted to use more granulated by its relative cheapness. The consumption has been large since January 1, meltings of four ports averaging 3,795 tons per day, against 2,782 tons same time last year. Receipts since January 1 have been less than the meltings, and total stocks are now reduced to 15,329 tons, against 80,421 tons at same time last year. While our refiners are going on a safe hand-to-mouth basis Europe is suffering from excessive stocks, caused by an excessive beet crop of 742,000 tons over last season, and their parity prices is ½c per lb. below the United States. Further decline would seem probable both there and here. The lateness and smallness of the Cuba crop (below 600,000 tons), the absence of Brazil crop and delay in West India's crops by wet weather, forced our refiners to Europe for continued supplies during the week. Total stock in all the principal countries on the latest even date of January 1 was 1,323,910 tons, against 996,260 tons on January 1, 1889—say, 327,650 tons excess. The stock at latest uneven dates is 1,340,476 tons, against 1,032,360 tons at same time last year." Prices here are as follows:—Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7½c, as to quality; granulated, 8½c; lumps, 10c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Indox d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunotte Solace, 12s, 45c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 47c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

**GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.**

Market dull and varieties few. Florida oranges are in light supply and season drawing to a close. California oranges are on the way to this market. Quotations are as follows: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6.00; 300 count, \$6.50 per box; Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75; southern apples, \$4.00 to \$4.25, choice eastern Canada apples, \$1.50 per barrel; California pears, \$4.00 per box; Almeria grapes, \$3 to \$3.50 per keg; choice Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.25 to \$10.50 per barrel; Bell & Cherry cranberries, \$10.25 per barrel; onions—Southern, \$3.50 per barrel; Spanish onions, \$1 to \$1.25 crate; comb honey 22c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; coconuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

**HARDWARE.**

The only advance to report in this market is in iron pipe, which shows an increase in price of from 1 to 2c. Nails have not yet followed the sharp advance in eastern markets, and local prices hold unchanged, but this will only be for a short time. An advance in nails here to correspond with prices east is expected very shortly. Prices are very stiff, but trade is so dull that prices do not show an inclination to follow outside markets as rapidly as they

otherwise would. Were business more active prices would move up faster, and when the spring demand sets in sharp advances are looked for. The speculative break in British iron warrants, has not affected manufactured goods, as manufacturers are sold away ahead at firm prices. Speculation, while affecting now business some, cannot have much influence under these conditions, with all works full for months ahead. Prices here are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$4.15 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 11.20c; 1½ inch, 14½c; 1¾ inch, 19½c; 2 inch, 23c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb.; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 8½ to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6½; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

**HIDES.**

Country frozen hides are taken at 2½ to 3c, heavy hides bringing the higher figure. Light hides are proportionately slower sale than heavy, and are very weak in price in eastern markets—in fact are almost unsaleable at any price. Good butchers' hides will bring up to 3½c for heavy. Country frozen hides are taken without inspection as the rule. A lot of green hides from the Kuye farms in the Territories sold recently at Toronto at 4c, but the purchaser afterwards discovered that he had made a bad stroke of business, as he forgot at the time of purchase that western hides are seriously damaged from branding. Sheepskins, 50 to 80c each.

**LEATHER AND FINDINGS.**

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoes uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

**PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.**

Glass is very strong, and quotable higher. Glass has advanced at Toronto. The Empire of that place says: "The expected advance has taken place in glass, first break being now quoted at \$1.65, and second break at \$1.75, and it is not unlikely that values may be higher yet." Turpentine here is easier. There is little business doing at present, but orders are being booked for future delivery. Prices are: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 80c per gal; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 72c; boiled 75c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.60 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.25 to 2.30.

**RAW FURS.**

There has been a little more of a basis to prices, since the London sales, at a reduction in quotations of several lines, owing to the de-

cline in values at London as reported last week. The feeling, however, is still unsettled, as further declines in prices are looked for at the coming March sales. These sales will be held on the following dates: The Hudson's Bay Company hold their sales on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of March. C. M. Lamson's & Co's. March sales will be held on the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 31st of March. The March sales are the most important of the year, and they will go further to determine values than the recent January sales. It is believed that some country dealers have paid higher prices than can be realized, but it is not likely there will be anything to gain by holding. The range of prices in this market for all grades is about as follows: Bear, black, \$1 to \$2.3; yearlings, do \$1.50 to \$10; cubs, do, 75c to \$6; bear, grizzly, \$1.50 to \$18; badger, 5c to \$1.25; fisher, 75c to \$7, as to color and grades, the higher figure for fine large, dark skins; pale, not going over, \$5. Fox, silver, \$3 to \$7.5; fox, cross, 75c to \$9; fox, red, 20c to \$1.65; fox, kitt, 5c to 50c; lynx, 75c to \$1; martin, 25c to \$3, as to color, size and quality, dark skins being most saleable, brown next, and pale not worth over \$1 for prime; mink, 10c to \$1.25; pale, do, 10c to 70c; otter, \$1 to \$9; pale, do, \$1 to \$7; do, cubs, 50c to \$2; skunk, cased, black, 10c to \$1; do, short stripe, 10c to 90c; do, long stripe, 10c to 70c, do, white, 5 to 30c; wolf, timber, 75c to \$3; do, prairie, 15c to \$1; muskrat, fall, 9 to 11c; do, winter, 12 to 16c; do kitts, 4 to 5c; beaver, per skin, 50c to \$7.50; do. kitts, 25c to \$1.75; beaver castors, per pound, \$4 to \$5.

#### TEXTILE BRANCHES.

In dry goods and clothing trade there is very little new business doing, and the trade looks forward to rather a dull season, though good prospects for railway construction and outside work is expected to help the clothing branch. The Yorkshire woolen trade is reported as follows: "At Leeds buyers of cloths from London, Glasgow, Dublin, and some few exporters had a good deal of business to do with manufacturers for next winter. Owing to the freedom with which Canadian and United States buyers bargained for early delivery of large parcels, manufacturers were able with comparative ease to get from other parties the prices they demanded. Such very strong firmness in values, and so much spirited business, is not often experienced on almost the very eve of a low series of colonial wool sales. For, one thing, it seems to show that with many influential parties it is a foregone conclusion that neither wool or goods are likely to come down in prices, and unquestionably the general belief is that trade all round will be exceptionally good for a considerable time to come. Against the latter conclusion, Huddersfield reports as follows: There have been several buyers representing London, Irish, country and American wholesale houses in this market lately, but a very moderate business was transacted. So far this year orders have been given and purchases from stock have been made with very great caution, merchants holding strongly to the belief that wools will fall in price at the London sales commencing next Tuesday. This belief is shared in by manufacturers who, consequently, have only bought wools to meet immediate requirements."

#### WINES AND LIQUORS.

Prices in this branch are given as follows:—Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40;

seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Rohin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.50; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$8.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1890; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.10 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$10.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$8.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.50.

## GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### WHEAT

The course of wheat prices in leading markets has been again downward, May wheat selling under 77c on Thursday last at Chicago, which is the lowest price reached on the crop. Where is it going to stop? is the general query. Dulness and weakness prevailed on some days. The new winter wheat crop in the southern states is very far advanced for the season, and the general condition of the winter wheat crop is good. Cold weather, however, would do great damage, owing to the advanced state of the crop. The visible supply statement on Monday showed a decrease of 735,779 bushels. The total quantity now in sight is 30,752,886 bushels against 34,190,128 bushels a year ago, 40,187,128 bushels two years ago, and 61,319,952 bushels in 1887. Beerbohm cabled on Tuesday 40,000 bushels less in the amount of wheat and flour on ocean passage, which would make the total available supply (in sight and on passage) 51,032,886 bushels, against 56,158,128 bushels last year and 52,448,128 bushels two years ago.

Locally the situation has been dull and easy. There has been scarcely any wheat deliveries at country markets since the storm of over a week ago, which has rendered country roads almost impassible for loads. Buyers are being withdrawn and elevators are being closed at some of the less important points. Prices at country markets show further declines, 68c per bushel being the highest figure at some of the principal country markets, and about 70c the average price. These prices, however, are not much better than nominal, owing to the light movement.

#### FLOUR.

Locally the demand is reported to be very light, and millers are wondering how the people can get along with such a limited quantity. There is no change to note in prices. Quotations are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers, \$2.35 second; bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.30; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, 2.35; middlings, \$2.60 per 100 pounds.

#### MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Millstuffs has again taken an up turn. Prices early last week were advanced \$1 per ton on both bran and shorts. Bran is now quoted at \$13 and shorts at \$14 per ton. Ground feed is unchanged at \$20 per ton for corn and oats, at which price small lots are selling, with cars on track at about \$17 per ton.

#### MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Quiet and unchanged. Prices are now quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.30; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.50 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.40. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

#### OATS

Cars on track cannot be laid down quite as low as a short time ago, as prices south have a stronger tendency. Car lots are held at 43 to 44c here, though a sale was made at 42c per bushel for a lot brought in earlier. Dealers say it will cost 42c per bushel to lay oats down here now. Small lots of feed oats are still selling at 45c and choice for seed held at about 50c per bushel.

#### BARLEY.

Scarce and hardly any sales to make prices. Worth from 50 to 60c per bushel.

#### BUTTER.

The butter market at any rate does not improve, and if there is any change in the situation, it is in the opposite direction. Prices if anything are easier and the demand is very slow. There is very little call from the city trade, and 16c per pound is about the best price going. It is now hard to get over this figure for what is called good dairy, while a good deal in the market will not bring this figure, and is selling down to 10c. Really choice butter is not in very large supply, but there is any quantity of the ordinary quality obtainable. Quite a little fresh roll butter has been peddled about the city, and this has made the demand for tub even slower than usual, as dealers will not take old butter when they can get fresh.

#### CHEESE.

Steady and slow at 14c per pound in jobbing lots.

#### EGGS.

Fresh, though sometimes not very choice, sold at 23c per dozen, and lined at about 20c, there was a scarcity toward the close of the week, and 25c was reported to have been realized for some fresh. However, new importations will keep prices down, and with mild weather the tendency will be easier.

#### LARD.

Lard is unchanged and is still held in 20 lb. pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each.

#### CURED MEATS.

Trade quiet. Prices are as follows: Long clear dry salt bacon, 8½ to 9c; spiced rolls, 10 to 10½c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 12½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

There is a firmer tendency in beef, though actual prices do not show much change. Altogether business in meats is very dull. Butchers have experienced an unusually dull season right through, and consequently, though stocks have not been heavy, they have not yet required to purchase much. Butchers are mostly well stocked with frozen beef. Offerings of frozen beef have been light, though some country dealers have been offering lots. On the market very little farmers' beef is offering. A little fresh killed beef is moving and brings 5½ to 6c as to quality, mostly 5½ to 6c. Frozen beef brings 4½ to 5c per pound for good sides, as to quality, with poor or rough stuff proportionately lower. The general belief seems to be that really choice beef will bring a good price later on, but there is not likely to be much change until stocks of frozen beef are used up. It is said that up to 4½c per pound live weight is being paid for cattle for future delivery. This is for choice stall-fed cattle. Some claim, however, that there will be an abundance of fair cattle in the spring, which will prevent fancy prices being realized for choice, even should the latter be scarce. The report from Montreal that the dressed beef shipped from the Kayo farms in the Territories was selling at 3 to 4½c by the quarter in eastern markets, causes some comment among butchers. At these prices a considerable loss will likely be made. Considerable native frozen mutton is offering, which is of better quality than the stuff usually in the market here. It seems, however, to be slow

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of sale, at 7½ to 8c. Dressed hogs are taken at the old price of 5½c by packers, for average lots, but butchers sometimes pay up to 6c for nice hogs suitable for their trade.

**DRESSED POULTRY.**

Receipts of poultry are light, and all good birds bring firm prices. Good fresh turkeys bring 14c, chickens 9 to 10c, and ducks and geese 11 to 12c per pound.

**VEGETABLES.**

Potatoes sold at 80c per bushel to dealers, from store. From cars 70 to 75c is about the range of values, with probably an easier tendency as the weather gets warmer. As soon as the weather is warm enough to permit of shipping without danger of frost, prices will likely be lower, unless in the meantime prices should advance in the States. A few loads on the market brought 75 to 80c. Onions were scarcer and higher last week. Quotations are as follows:—Carrots, \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions 3c per pound, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred pounds; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate; southern red, do, \$3 per 100 pounds.

**HAY.**

The storm of a week or so ago affected the delivery of hay and advanced prices. Cars of baled hay were held at from \$12 to \$14 per ton, though no sales were learned off at the top quotation. Loose hay on the market was also firmer. Several car loads of hay are said to be on the way from the south. It is still believed that there is plenty of hay in the country, and prices are not likely to go any higher, notwithstanding that holders are stiff in their views.

**Important Freight Order.**

The Canadian Pacific has just issued an important order concerning freight traffic. This is to the effect that the mixed carload regulations have been abolished. Some months ago an order was issued which permitted the shipment of car lots of good of different kinds, at straight carload rates. That is a shipper could make up a carload of goods of various kinds, and could ship at the same rate as for straight carloads, provided of course that the goods all

belonged to the same freight classification. This regulation has now been abolished, and in order to take advantage of car load rates, goods will require to be of one line. As the order was enforced without previous notice, it will likely inconvenience some who have cars on the way. Car loads of good, of a mixed nature, will hereafter be charged rates for smaller quantities.

**The Leading Exporters of Wheat.**

A correspondent of the Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller* furnishes the following "comparison of the past three years' exports (of wheat) from the three principal shipping countries:

	1889	BUSHEL	1897.
Russia	92,000,000	140,000,000	63,429,000
U.S.A (wheat & flour)	83,530,000	93,000,000	150,000,000
India	26,800,000	39,400,000	23,400,000

'Many people,' he says, 'will be surprised to find that for two years consecutively Russia has shipped more than the United States.'

N. PORTMAN, grocer, Victoria, B. C., has sold out.

HAMPSON & TERRY dry goods, Victoria, B. C., have dissolved.

BARRER & Co., grocers, Brandon, reported dissolution incorrect.

R. B. FISHER, hardware and groceries, Greta, is offering to dispose of his business.

W. HANCOCK, furniture and harness, Stonewall, has disposed of his business.

J. YORSE, furniture, Plum Creek, has sold out furniture and opened out in hardware.

D. PETERS & Co., general store, Greta, giving up business and contemplate moving to Oregon.

DR. A. M. EATON, from Ontario, has arrived at McGregor, Man., with the intention of starting a drug store and practicing his profession.

G. H. MORRISON & Co, estate of, general store, Wapella, has been sold for 45c on the liabilities.

SILVESTER BROS. implements, Lindsay, Ont., have opened an agency at Brandon, with J. J. Clegg in charge.

STROME & LAUGHTON, dry goods, Brandon, have dissolved partnership; Laughton continues the business alone.

CHADDOCK & GRIGG, butchers, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership; Grigg continues the business alone.

THE Urban Mutual Fire Insurance company, of Portage la Prairie, Man., has commenced to do business in Winnipeg.

A CHEESE factory is talked of at McGregor, Man., and steps are being taken to bring the matter properly before the farmers.

GOOD coal is said to have been discovered 85 miles northwest of Ignace station, which is 150 miles west from Port Arthur.

A TELEGRAM says: The creditors of Tait, Burch & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, who failed recently, have decided to sell the stock. The liabilities are \$190,000; assets nominal, and will pay 15 cents on the dollar.

IT was announced a short time ago that the Federal Bank had paid off all its liabilities, amounting to over four million dollars, and it is now announced that the first payment of \$125,000 will be made to the shareholders tomorrow and another dividend to the shareholders is officially promised within sixty days.

At a meeting at Cypress River, Man., it was decided to make application for incorporation of a dairy company, the requisite amount of stock having been subscribed. The name of the corporation will be "The Cypress River Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Association." The erection of suitable buildings will be undertaken as soon as the company is organized.



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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened a shade lower on Monday February 10, and the tendency was easier. May option started at 78½c, and ranged from 78½ to 78½c. July opened at 77½c, and ranged from 76½ to 77½c, closing at ½c above the lowest price. Provisions were a shade easier. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	June.
Wheat.....	—	78	78½	78½
Corn.....	23½	23½	30½	30½
Oats.....	20½	21	21½	21½
Pork.....	9.70	9.75	10.05	10.10
Lard.....	5.82½	5.85	6.07½	6.05
Short Ribs.....	4.77½	4.77½	4.87½	4.95

On Tuesday May wheat ranged from 78½ to 78½c, and July from 76½ to 77c, closing at the bottom. There were no reported transactions in spring wheat to go to store. The market was weaker and the nominal closing value of No. 2 in store was about 75½c. Spring wheat by sample was in moderate request for choice samples and prices ruled steady. Ordinary lots slow sale. Free on board and switched lots sold as follows: No. 3 at 68 to 70c for fair to good, 7½ for choice hard. No. 3 white at 66½ to 68c for good, 69 to 70c for choice. No. 4 at 50c for ordinary, 55 to 58c for good, 60 to 62c for choice, 64c for fancy. No. 4 white at 64c. Closing prices for futures were:

	Feb.	March.	May	June
Wheat.....	—	75½	73½	78½
Corn.....	23½	28½	30½	30½
Oats.....	20½	20½	22	21½
Pork.....	9.72½	9.77½	10.05	10.10
Lard.....	5.80	5.82½	5.95	6.02½
Short Ribs.....	4.77½	4.77½	4.87½	4.95

Wheat opened steady on Wednesday, but did not go above opening prices, and had a very narrow range, closing ¼ to ½c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	March	May.	June.
Wheat.....	—	—	77½	77½
Corn.....	25½	25½	30½	30½
Oats.....	20½	20½	21½	21½
Pork.....	9.65	9.70	9.92½	10.10
Lard.....	5.77½	5.80	5.95	6.00
Short Ribs.....	4.75	4.75	4.85	4.90

On Thursday there was an advance for May early on export reports, but bearish cables on fine weather encouraged selling that broke prices. May closed ½c higher than the lowest price reached. Provisions were dull, but steady, and without important change or new feature. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	March	May.	June
Wheat.....	—	—	77½	77½
Corn.....	23	23½	30½	30½
Oats.....	20½	20½	21½	20½
Pork.....	9.70	9.75	10.00	10.00-10.50
Lard.....	5.80	5.85	5.95	6.00
Short Ribs.....	4.72½-75	4.72½-75	4.85	4.90-92½

On Friday the market was active and stronger, closing about ½c higher than yesterday. Opening prices were lower, but later prices advanced and the close was steady at the top figures of the session. Wheat, February, 75c; March, 75½c; May, 77½c; June, 77½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Wheat closed on Feb. 14 as follows: Feb. 76½c, May, 80½c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on Wednesday, Feb. 12:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	On track
No. 1 hard.....	70½	77	78½	77½
No. 1 northern.....	75	75½	76½	76
No. 2 ".....	72½	72½	74	72-74

FLOUR.

Patents, sacks, to local dealers.....	\$1 75 to \$1 80
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots.....	4 15 to 4 50
In barrels.....	4 30 to 4 60
Delivered at New England points.....	6 15 to 6 40
New York points.....	5 05 to 5 30
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore.....	5 00 to 5 25
Bakers here.....	3 00 to 3 40
Superfine.....	1 70 to 2 25
Red dog, sacks.....	1 00 to 1 20
Red dog, barrels.....	1 25 to 1 50

Bran and shorts—The market was steady with quite a good demand at about \$7.50 to \$9, with shorts at about \$3.25 to \$8.75.

Corn—Holders asked about 25½ to 26c on track, but could not sell much at that. The outlook seemed easier.

Oats—Prices were rather firm at about 20 to 22 for samples on track.

Barley—Dull and nominal at 22 to 35 for poor to fair samples.

Feed—Quoted at \$10 to \$10.50 on track, \$10.50 to \$11 f.o.b and switched.

Hay—This market was dull and considerable poor hay offered with sales at about \$3.50 to 6.50 for fair to good wild.

Dressed Hogs—Light choice 4 to 4½c, fair to good 3½ to 4c.

Eggs—Tendency easier. Fresh laid, 17c, second quality fresh 15 to 16c. Cold storage very slow at any price.

Potatoes—The supply of ordinary and common potatoes is quite large with prices about steady. Quotations are firm for choice fancy stock which is held in small supply. Quoted: 28 to 30c; car lots nominal at 25 to 30c per bushel.

Hides—Hides, green, per lb., 3½ to 4c; green, salted, per lb., 3½ to 6½c; sheep, pelts, per lb., 25 to \$1.

Montreal Stock Market.

Quotations for stocks on Feb. 14 were as follows:

	Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.
Bank of Montreal.....	231½	230	
Ontario.....	126	123½	
Molson's.....	162½	157	
Toronto.....	—	—	
Merchants.....	145	143	
Union.....	97½	97½	
Commerce.....	124½	124	
Miscellaneous.			
Montreal Tel.....	97½	96	
Rich. & Ont. Nav.....	61½	58	
City Pass. Ry.....	199	195	
Montreal Gas.....	209½	209½	
Canada N. W. Land Co.....	82½	80	
C. P. R. (Montreal).....	75½	75	
C. P. R. (London).....	—	77	
Money—Time.....	7	—	
Money—On call.....	6	—	

North of the Prairie.

The prairies of Manitoba and the Territories have hitherto been considered by far the most valuable portion of the Canadian Northwest, but it is by no means certain that they are. With all the acknowledged beauty and fertility of the great plains the discovery is slowly being made that the illimitable extent of river valley, wooded country, grazing lands and immense hay meadows north of the great prairies contain undeveloped sources of wealth, and that in a few years, when the wheat fields are all occupied by a rural population, a rich inheritance will be found along the rivers that flow into Hudson's Bay and the Arctic Ocean.

About fifty rivers flow into Hudson's Bay these are nearly all large streams and receive

thousands of other rivers that, in their turn, are fed by many crooks draining one of the largest and best cattle countries in the world, richly supplied with grass, hay, wood and water, and having a climate no colder, but calmer and more free from storms than the country further south where the winds range over plains. The same birds and beasts that inhabit this part of the province are found many hundred miles further north; the same trees, plants and flowers are in existence, and the same kinds of fish are in the rivers; with abundance of hay and pasture and water.

But leaving the plains one need not go to the northern country on the watershed of Hudson's Bay. Lying between them is a tract of country presenting all the advantages possessed by either the northern or the southern districts for raising grain or cattle. The Saskatchewan Valley has both timbered and plain country, and a climate equally as pleasant and reliable as any other section of the Territories. Tributary to it is Battle River, with nearly a thousand miles of water front, and many other streams and rivers affording other hundreds of miles of frontage on living water. All these are being made available by the construction of railways, and will present wide ranges for cattle and rich fields for grain-growing within easy access of markets, and leave for gradual development the varied surfaces of the northern country.—*Battleford Herald.*

Shipbuilding in 1889.

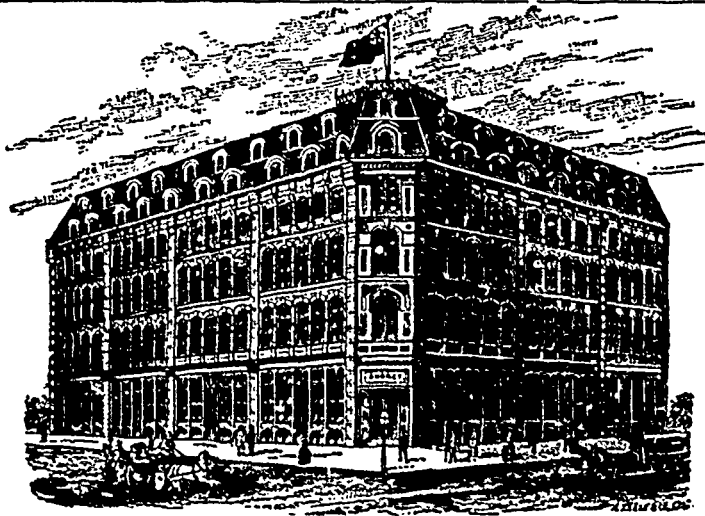
We launched last year 690 vessels, of 1,209,361 tons, excluding warships, and we began the year with 521 vessels, of 372,957 tons, under construction, or 8 per cent. more than at the end of 1888. An increase is also shown in the vessels for the construction of which preparations are being made. We continue to build largely for abroad, almost every country having ordered one or more of those now being built, including even Roumania, Japan and Mexico. Germany has given large orders, twenty vessels of 53,288 tons being for that country, and ten vessels of 19,850 tons for France. A good deal of building is also going on at foreign ports. Germany has 52 vessels of 71,604 tons; Italy, 34 of 32,940 tons; Holland, 24 of 23,013 tons; France, 13 of 17,615 tons; Norway, 23 of 13,321 tons; Denmark, 12 of 9,714 tons; Sweden, 17 of 9,836 tons; the United States, 25 of 32,320 tons; and a few more in other maritime countries. It will be seen that all over the world there is great shipbuilding activity. Of the vessels under construction in the United Kingdom, nearly 90 per cent. are being built under the supervision of the surveyors of Lloyd's Register, with a view to classification by that society.—*British Trade Journal.*

THE Total amount of grain received at Carberry elevators this season is about 310,000 bushels.

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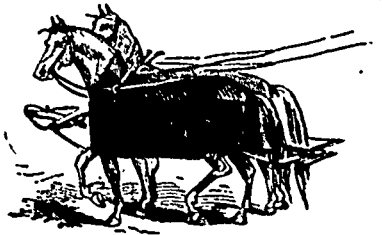
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## Eastern Business Changes.

## ONTARIO.

K. P. Shea, tailor, Toronto, has assigned.  
 W. J. Dyas, drugs, Petrolia, has sold out.  
 W. H. Davis, shoes, Toronto, has assigned.  
 W. G. Young, jeweler, Ottawa, has assigned.  
 Jas. Beattie, grocer, St. Marys, has assigned.  
 G. A. Ostrander, grocer, Picton, has assigned.  
 Weller & Fridd, potters, Albion, have assigned.  
 Peter Miller, merchant, Chatham, has assigned.  
 Hoidge Bros., publishers, Stouffville, have old out.  
 Mrs. Burkholder, grocer, &c., Toronto, has sold out.  
 Frank O'Neil, boots and shoes, Hensall, has assigned.  
 Hoffman Bros., dry goods, Stratford, have assigned.  
 E. P. Kesse, tobacco and cigars, Toronto, has assigned.  
 J. W. Archer, merchant, Collingwood, has assigned.  
 Margaret Walker, jeweler, Comber, has assigned.  
 David Robertson, merchant, Kincardine, has assigned.  
 Hugh McCallum, shoes, Lucknow, has assigned.  
 J. T. Kirby, harness maker, Moorefield, has assigned.  
 E. S. Pratt, furnisher, Parry Sound, has assigned.  
 W. G. Cumming, merchant, Ridgetown, has assigned.  
 Wm. Clow, hotel keeper, Toronto, has assigned.  
 F. H. Rhoderous, shoemaker, Wingham, has assigned.  
 Courad Schuur, grocer, &c., Walketon, has assigned.  
 A. E. White, dry goods store, Welland, has assigned.  
 I. A. Whatmough, tinsmith, &c., Toronto, has assigned.  
 Queen Industrial Publishing Co., Toronto, has assigned.  
 Bixel & Son, brewers, Strathroy, M. Bixel, the sr., dead.  
 W. S. Armstrong, hats, &c., St. Catherines, have assigned.  
 Nolin & Dupuis, dry goods, Ottawa, are asking an extension.  
 P. E. Herres, general storekeeper, Wilmot Tp., has assigned.  
 J. G. Honey, general storekeeper, Garden Hill, has sold out.  
 W. H. Thompson, general storekeeper, Cayuga, has assigned.  
 Chas. Varin, general store keeper, Nosbousing, has assigned.  
 R. R. Goulding, hardware, Stratford, is now offering compromise.  
 Annie D. Wallace, dealer in fancy goods, Dresden, has assigned.  
 J. Bull, general storekeeper, Warton, meeting of creditors called.  
 Mrs. Eleanor Cochrane, dealer in fancy goods, Woodstock, has assigned.  
 Wm. Beatty & Son, carpets, Toronto, Wm. Beatty of this firm, dead.

Jno. Sampson, hardware and tinsmith, Streetsville, has assigned.  
 G. D. Hawkins & Co., suspender factory, Hamilton, have sold out.  
 J. B. Dearborn, fruit and confectionery, Toronto, sold out at auction.  
 W. H. Smith, hardware, London, has sold out to Wheeler & McLean.  
 A. D. Meyers & Co., general storekeepers, Parry Sound, has assigned.  
 Roche Danford & Co., dry goods, Barrie and Newmarket, have assigned.  
 R. H. Lindsay, implement agent, Springfield, —style now Lindsay & Connor.  
 J. Stapleton, boots and shoes, Brantford, has called a meeting of his creditors.  
 Robert F. King-mill, dry goods, London, has closed and gone into liquidation.  
 H. H. Penny, dry goods, London, is offering compromise of 50c. in the dollar.  
 King & Scarsbrook, grocers, Petrolia, have dissolved. Scarsbrook continues.  
 W. H. Masterson & Sons, plumber, Brantford, have assigned to G. H. Wilkes.  
 W. G. Begg & Co., general storekeepers, Collingwood, meeting of creditors called.  
 F. C. Rogers, general storekeeper, Brussels, has sold his stock at 59½ cents on the dollar.  
 Cameron, Murdoch & Co., general storekeepers, Lucknow and Lochalsh, have sold out Lochalsh business.

## QUEBEC.

H. J. Dreyfus, jeweler, Montreal, compromised.  
 G. H. Henshaw, lumber, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Isaie Rivet, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Hormisdas Gariopy, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Joseph Dagenais, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Giguere & Co., dry goods, Quebec, demand of assignment.  
 J. W. Hannah & Co., furniture, Montreal, has assigned.  
 G. D. Sevigny, steamfitter, &c., Montreal, has assigned.  
 Currie & Rice, feed and lumber, Bedford, have dissolved.  
 Baird, Browning & Co., commission, Montreal, dissolved.  
 Joseph Baggenais, dry goods, Montreal, deed of assignment.  
 Francis Giroux, manufacturers agent, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Chas. Thibaudeau & Co., shoe manufacturers, Montreal, dissolved.  
 Jas. Leduc & Co., dry goods, Montreal, are offering compromise.  
 Alphonse Valiquette, dry goods, Montreal, is offering compromise.  
 A. Paradis & Co., wholesale confectioners, Quebec, has assigned.  
 Frere & Labonte, general storekeepers, St. Therese, have assigned.  
 Albert Durandau, general storekeeper, St. Alphonse, has assigned.  
 Robert Legget, hay and grain merchant, Montreal, has assigned.  
 A. J. Hoexter & Co., commission merchants, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 C. Dubuc & Co., manufacturers of prepared flour, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 F. A. Giroux, general storekeeper, West Farham, offering compromise.

Leger & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, changed style to shirt factory.  
 Zoel Turcotte, general storekeeper, St. Thomas de Pierreville, has assigned.  
 Jas. Lockhart, com. dry goods, Montreal, admitted R. R. Lockhart under style, J. Lockhart, Son & Co.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

John Morse, Amherst, has assigned.  
 S. Pettigrew, Halfway River, has assigned.  
 Gray & Muirhead, grocers, Halifax—W. Muirhead is dead.  
 Symonds & Co., stoves, etc., Lockeport—W. S. Symonds is dead.  
 F. H. Chambers, general storekeeper, Newport Station, has assigned.  
 A. Windgood, general storekeeper, Amherst, advertises giving up business.  
 Blackadar & Muir, sailmakers and ship chandlery, Halifax, have dissolved.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

H. W. Barker, drugs, St. John, has sold out.  
 A. Y. Patterson, jeweler, St. John, has assigned.  
 G. H. Waring, machinist, St. John, burned out; insured.  
 Frank McCullough & Co., clothiers, St. John, have assigned.  
 Lynd & Bacon, general storekeepers, Hopewell, have dissolved.  
 Gilbert Hayward, general storekeeper, Fredericton Junction, is dead.  
 S. H. McManus, general storekeeper, Buc-touche, was burned out; insured.

## The State of Trade.

A review of the past week does not reveal any new development to the situation, and quietness is still the predominant characteristic with the jobbing trade generally. The anxiously awaited 4th of February and the returns it brought is now a thing of the past, the report being on the whole favorable, for although renewals had to be granted in a number of instances, still the redemption of paper was far better than most people expected, and now that merchants have a better idea of how they stand more disposition toward filling orders already booked may be looked for. But as we have already noted, caution is a prominent feature, and although we know of instances where order books are by no means blank there are no indiscriminate operations, but a careful selection is made and everything that is not really gilt edge has to wait over until the prospective course is made perfectly clear. In fact, both on the part of buyers and sellers trade is slow in opening out, and when this conservativeness about filling orders is considered, with the unsatisfactory conditions that have prevailed during the fall, the expectation of a smaller general turnover does not seem far out. This more especially applies to dry goods and textiles, however, than other lines of trade. Woollen manufacturers disclaim any idea of stocking up with raw material and are only buying for immediate requirements, while agents for foreign manufactured fabrics do not speak of too many orders; that is of the right sort. Taken on the whole, therefore, although some lines may equal their average, such is not the expectation for business in general.—Montreal Gazette.

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#### Smelting Kootenay Ores.

The miners of Kootenay District are not likely to be in want of a place to smelt their ores. In addition to the smelter now nearly completed at Revelstoke, and the one to be built next summer at Golden, East and West Kootenay, especially the Northern portions, will be well provided for and as soon as the Columbia and Kootenay Railway is finished, the ores of Kootenay Lake can come north to Revelstoke. The owners of the Blue Bell mine talk of establishing a smelter on their property at the Lake. There is now a 40 ton smelter at Colville, and a larger one is projected at Spokane Falls. Great reduction works are in operation at Helena and Anaconda and the Boston and Montana Co., are erecting an immense plant at Great Falls, Montana, which will draw on the ore supplies of Kootenay Lake as soon as the Manitoba road reaches Bonner's Ferry. Besides, both Tacoma and Portland are reported to be building extensive smelters.

The ore buyers of Denver are already bidding for the ores of Northern Idaho, which they are able to do because the Union Pacific has reached there with its road, and offers low freight rates in competition with the Northern Pacific, and the very favorable terms on which smelting is done at Denver is an additional inducement for shipping there. The Union Pacific expects to get business from Kootenay Lake over the Spokane & Northern. It now has a line to Spokane Falls.

A bill just introduced into Congress at Washington provides that copper, lead and nickel may be imported in ores for refining, free of duty, provided that an amount of copper, lead or nickel, equivalent to that imported shall be exported within six months in a refined state.

If this measure becomes a law it will be equivalent to a repeal of the American tariff on Canadian ores, so far as smelting is concerned, and where the ores will then go for reduction will be solely a question of freight rates and reducing charges, and it is quite sure that neither ores nor bullion will be shipped to Swansea from this part of the Dominion.—*Star*, Revelstoke, B.C.

PARROTT—"Can anything beat this? Here's a house advertises twenty five dollars' worth of clothing for ten dollars!"

WIGGINS—"Why, yes; you can get a ten dollar Confederate bill for five cents."

#### The Retailers' Convention

Arrangements are now being made to hold the proposed retailers' convention during the first week in March. Merchants will therefore hold themselves in readiness to attend about that time. The exact date will be announced shortly. The sentiment of the trade has been so unanimously and enthusiastically in favor of the convention, that it would not now do to let the matter drop. As there is no organization to take the initiative in making necessary arrangements and formally calling the convention, that work has devolved upon THE COMMERCIAL, and in view of the benefit which is likely to accrue to the trade, it will be cheerfully performed. Efforts are now being made to secure a low rate from the railways for those wishing to attend the convention, with good prospects of success. A hall is being selected and other necessary arrangements will be made. Judging from the many letters received, a large attendance is certain, and the success of the convention is now beyond doubt.

#### Ceylon Tea.

In the year 1885-86 a little over seven million lbs. of tea were exported from Ceylon, but in 1888-89 the quantity sent abroad amounted to more than thirty-two and a half million lbs. One gratifying feature of this development is that it has been steady and regular in its progress. Markets for Ceylon tea have been established in the large centres of the United States of America, Canada, and Australia. Russia, too, is now taking the more flavory kinds, and South Africa and South America appear likely to become consumers of the excellent tea grown in Ceylon. Rotterdam and Amsterdam received a first consignment in 1886, and in the following year Havre imported a small quantity. In all these instances the trade has since grown, and that with other continental ports is also flourishing.—*British Trade Journal*.

*Milling World*. Although wheat is "statistically stronger than it has been for years," according to the dictum of the guessers and gamblers, the price continues to sag below the lowest notch ever recorded, according to the frigid facts and figures of the market reports. Everything seems to be going by contraries this year. Probably when the discouraged guessers really begin to think that wheat is really weak, it will bound upward like a rocket.

#### Russian Wheat Crops in Recent Years.

The *Liverpool Corn Trade News* reports that "between good crops in Russia and bad crops there is a difference of about 80,000,000 and 120,000,000 bushels wheat alone, irrespective of rye, which this year promises about 120,000,000 bushels less food for home consumption in Russia. The crops of wheat have been:

CROPS.	BUSHEL.
1884 .....	272,000,000
1885 .....	171,648,000
1886 .....	155,600,000
1887 .....	268,992,000
1888 .....	216,210,000
1889 (estimated) .....	176,000,000

After 1888 Russia was swept of wheat, there having been two short crops in succession."

#### A Great Yield.

One of British Columbia's mammoth Douglas firs was cut down and made into cordwood last week by two of W. R. Austin's workmen. The tree was not very thick, only measuring seven feet in diameter, but it was very high and clear of limbs almost to the top. Only the clear wood was used, and when the tree had been sawed, split and piled, the result was found to be 33½ cords of prime wood, and not a limb in the pile. The time occupied in reducing this tree to cordwood was four days. A tree of this size in the eastern provinces would be looked on as something marvellous, but in this part of the Dominion it is only worthy of a passing note.—*Westminster Columbian*.

BOORN BROS., fruits, Brandon, have resumed business.

THE merchants of Gladstone have unitedly endorsed the proposed retailers' convention, and they promise to attend and do anything in their power to help on the movement.

THE Brandon *Times* quotes the market at that place as follows:—"There is a fair supply of everything except eggs. Prices to farmers are: Wheat, 68c; oats (teed), 40 to 45c; oats (seed), 45 to 50c; barley, 50c; flour, \$2 to \$2.75; bran, per ton, \$14 to \$15; shorts, per ton, \$14 to \$17; chop, per ton, \$22 to \$30; flax, per bushel, \$2.25 to \$2.50; potatoes, per bushel, 65c to 70c; hay (bulk), per ton, \$9 to \$10; hay (baled), per ton, \$12; beef (dressed), dull, 3 to 4c; pork, 4½ to 5c; mutton carcass, 7 to 8c; chickens, 6 to 8c; turkeys, 10 to 12c; geese, 10 to 11c; ducks, 10 to 11c; butter, 14 to 16c; lard, 10 to 11c; cordwood, \$3.50 to \$4.50.

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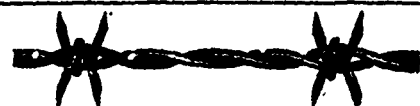
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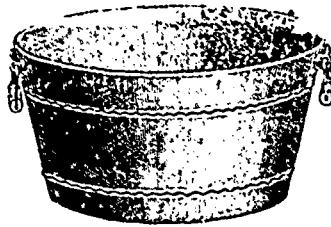
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**Toronto Groceries Trade.**

**SUGARS, SYRUPS AND MOLASSES**

There has been no change in the sugar market since Saturday. Demand has been light, but the feeling is somewhat steadier. Yellows rule from 5½ to 6½ as a rule, but sales have been made at 5c for some dark sugars. Syrups are a shade easier. Molasses are selling at 35c for hogsheads and 38c for barrels for Trinidads, and at 37c for puncheons and 49c for barrels of St. Vincent.

Granulated .....	\$0 07 to \$0 07½
Paris lump.....	0 07½ 0 07½
Extra ground.....	0 08 0 08½
Grocers' A.....	0 06½ 0 07
Powdered.....	0 07½ 0 07½
Refined, dark to bright.....	0 05½ 0 06½

**TEAS AND COFFEES.**

Teas are more active. Low grade Japans continue scarce and firm, and there is also a firmer feeling in desirable greens. Blacks are dull and easy. Coffees show no change. There is a fair demand for Rios and Javas. Fine Rios are very scarce. Javas are firmly held. Other mild grades steady.

Rio.....	\$0 19 to \$0 22
Mocha.....	0 25 0 28
Java.....	0 22 0 28
Porto Rico.....	0 20 0 22

**RICE AND SPICES.**

Rice, bags.....	0 03½ 0 04
Rice, Patina.....	0 05½ 0 05½
Rice, Carolina.....	0 08½ 0 09
Sago.....	0 05½ 0 06
Tapioca.....	0 06½ 0 07
Pepper, black.....	0 22 0 25
Pepper, white.....	0 35 0 40
Ginger, Jamaica.....	0 25 0 30
Cloves.....	0 25 0 40
Allspice.....	0 12 0 15
Nutmegs.....	0 75 1 20
Cream tartar.....	0 25 0 30

**CANNED GOODS.**

A better demand is reported for strawberries, raspberries, peaches and other fine fruits. Vegetables have also been moving more freely. Prices of all kinds continue firm and well maintained. Fish show no change; salmon is moving quietly at \$1.50 to \$1.70 for pink as to brand. Mackerel and lobsters are very firm, the latter being held at \$1.80 for tall tins.

Fish—		
Salmon, 1's.....	\$1 40 to \$1 70	
Lobster, clover leaf.....	2 25 0 00	
Lobster, other 1's.....	1 75 2 00	
Sardines, French ½'s.....	0 09 0 11	
Sardines, French ¾'s.....	0 14 0 22	
Sardines, American ½'s.....	0 06 0 08	
Sardines, American ¾'s.....	0 09 0 11	
Fruits and vegetables—		
Apples, 3's.....	0 90 1 00	
Apples, gals.....	2 00 2 25	
Corn, 2's.....	1 10 1 25	
Corn, cream 3's.....	1 75 1 90	
Peaches, 3's.....	2 20 2 40	
Peaches, pie.....	1 35 1 60	
Peas, 2's.....	1 10 1 30	
Plums, greengages, 2's.....	2 40 2 55	
Plums, blue, 2's.....	2 25 2 40	
Strawberries, 2's.....	2 35 2 45	
Tomatoes, 3's.....	1 10 1 25	

**DRIED FRUIT.**

Valencia raisins are not receiving as much attention, but holders are steady, having every confidence in the future; off-grades of off-stock

can be bought at 6½ to 7c, but for prime goods 7½ to 7½c is asked. Prunes are more active and firmer, and in some instances sellers are getting an advance. Figs are held firmer, owing to lighter stocks on spot; naturals are especially scarce.

Currants—		Raisins—	
Bbls and ½'s, 5½ to 5½c		Valencias.. 6½ to 7½c	
Patras..... 6½ to 7½		" layers 8 to 9½	
Vostizza..... 8½ to 9½		Sultan..... 9 to 11½	
Figs—		London lay.	
Natural..... 4½ to 5c		ers..... \$3.00 \$3.25	
14-oz..... 8 to 10		Prunes—	
Flomcs..... 11 to 20		Boenia, cks. 6 to 8½c	
Dates..... 5½ to 6½		" hds ½ to 4½	
		" kgs. 3½ to 5½	

—Empire.

**Toronto Dry Goods Trade.**

Settling up day has received almost the entire attention of merchants, both wholesale and retail, this week, so that business generally is practically dead. No customers are in the market, and only a few parcels on spring orders are going out. It is hoped that a more cheerful tone will prevail when spring appears, but at the present time business is very stagnant.

The results of settling up day, as far as it was possible to arrive at the information, have already been reported in these columns, and it only remains to be added that further returns from the country corroborate the statements made that paper has been met in a manner exceeding general expectations. For a few days yet dilatory debtors will continue to remit, but those who were in a position to pay have mostly done so now. By some it is claimed that about fifty per cent. of the paper maturing on the 4th has been taken up, but probably the total amount will hardly average this, and in the opinion of other merchants there might have been a better showing. The amount paid was not so large as last year, but considering the exceptional circumstances, there is no great reason for complaint.—Empire.

**Montreal Fur Prices.**

The past week has chronicled the state of the European market and the reports are not reassuring. Every line that was offered at the usual January sales, has suffered decline, and our local market already dull, has become further depressed. We are forced to lower prices of beaver, mink, muskrats, and we fear that traders will find it difficult to realize the figures that have been paid in some districts. The following prices are for average, prime skins. Extra size or quality are worth more; damaged or unprime skins proportionately lower:—

Beaver, per lb.....	\$ 3 50 to 4 00
Bear large, per skin.....	12 00 15 00
Bear cubs, per skin.....	5 00 6 00
Fisher.....	4 00 6 00
Fox, red.....	1 20 1 40
Fox, cross.....	2 00 4 00
Lynx.....	3 00 4 00
Marten.....	80 1 00
Mink.....	75 1 00
Muskrat.....	0 13 0 15
Otter.....	8 00 10 00
Raccoon.....	0 50 0 60
Skunk.....	average 0 40 0 50

Trade Bulletin.

**Montreal Hide Market.**

The market for hides has shown no signs of improvement during the past week, business

having continued dull; in fact, we do not hear of a single sale being made of western hides. Tanners are holding off, and will no doubt remain so until stocks of leather are decreased considerably, as they state there is no money in manufacturing leather at present prices. The feeling is steady and prices are nominally unchanged. We quote prices here as follows: No. 1 Toronto at 5½ to 5½c, No. 2 at 4½ to 4½c, Western buff and upper No. 5½ to 6c, No. 2 do 4½ to 5c, heavy steers at 9 to 10c, and Northwest dry hides at 9 to 10c. A moderate amount of business has been transacted in local green hides at former prices. We quote 4c 3c and 2c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, tanners paying 1c more. Lambskins 90c to \$1 each, calfskins 5c to dealers and 6c to tanners.—Trade Bulletin.

**Business in British Columbia.**

There is little now or important to report this week in regard to the business situation, except that it has materially improved in tone if not in magnitude. The prospects of greatly increased activity at the opening of Spring in building, the various railways projected to this city, the largely extended shipping interests, and the almost certainty of several more important industries being established, have had the effect of strengthening real estate operations, and creating a feeling of strong confidence as to the coming year. Since the beginning of the year a good many of the merchants have inaugurated a better system, whereby credit is less extensive. Although as a consequence the volume of business has been reduced somewhat, that transacted is of a much more satisfactory nature, and it is confidently expected that the result will be the falling in line of the business men generally when they see the benefits to be derived by systematic adherence to an organized arrangement of this kind.

Trade in the wholesale line for the past month has been good. The outlook for the spring trade is promising and collections are good. The changes in the markets are few, the merchants, being pretty well stocked for the winter, their purchases are not heavy.

Sugar is declining slowly but surely, and the bottom may be expected to be reached early in March. Granulated is quoted at 8½ and yellow at 6½.

The butter market is overstocked and weak. There is a surplus east and dealers there are rather inclined to force the market. The tendency is downward. Creamery is 23 cents and dairy from 15 to 20 cents. Potatoes are weakening and down again to \$40 per ton. Onions are not to be had. Eggs are still scarce but the market is not so bare as it was, small shipments having been received. A carload of Nebraska eggs have been snowbound on the Union Pacific. Case eggs are quoted at 35 cents. Apples are going slow with little demand, at prices of from \$1.75 to \$2 per box. California oranges have been received in some quantities and sold as follows: Los Angeles, \$3; Riversides, \$3.75; Naval, \$4.75.

Flour and feed are steady, although the flour market is depressed and prices are tending down in the east. Quotations are: Manitoba Patents, \$5.65; Manitoba Bakers, 5.35; Oregon flour, \$5 to \$5.15; Spokane Falls, \$5; Hungarian, \$5.75. Oatmeal holds as follows: Standard, \$3.15; granulated, \$3.25; rolled, \$3.50. Chopped feed, \$30; bran, \$24; shorts, \$28; oil cake, \$38; cornmeal, \$2.85 per sack; wheat, \$38; oats, \$35 per ton.

### British Columbia.

The Nanaimo custom collections for the month of January were \$3,403.62.

Roderick McNish, of the lodging department of the Oriental Hotel, Nanaimo, is dead.

Large importations of mutton are being made by the Victoria butchers from San Francisco.

Blackett & White, general merchants, Langley, have sold out to the Hudson's Bay Company.

The *Colonist* says Victoria will erect two million dollars worth of new buildings this year.

Property across the river from Westminster, which sold for \$40 per acre last year, is now valued at \$200 per acre.

Hampson & Terry, general store, Victoria, have dissolved partnership. C. L. Terry continuing business alone.

Diplock & Osborne, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. The business will in future be carried on by Arthur B. Diplock.

J. J. Tiernay and A. O. Sutherland, lately of the Hastings mill, at Vancouver, have formed a partnership for the conduct of business as express, truck and draymen.

Vancouver *News*: It is understood that Talley, who recently acquired the Vancouver Lumber Mill, has sold it to Edmonds & Webster, of New Westminster, who will conduct it in future.

The McLaren-Ross Lumber Company expects to have a circular saw running within a month in its new mill at Westminster, but the whole establishment will not be ready for active operations until May.

The assessment of Vancouver for 1890 will show the assessed valuation for this year to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. The large increase has taken place in the properties on the principal business streets.

The partnership existing between John C. Hayes and A. B. H. Cochrane, general commission merchants, Golden, has been dissolved by mutual consent. A. B. H. Cochrane assumes the business of the firm of Hayes & Cochrane.

At a special meeting of the Victoria city council a by law was ordered to be prepared to grant the sum of \$20,000 as a bonus to the Victoria Lumber Manufacturing Company as an inducement to build the new mill at or near Victoria.

The Kamloops *Sentinel* says: "A Portage la Prairie merchant did a thriving trade in butter at Kamloops this week. He sold choice butter by the firkin at 22 cents a pound, and a number of housekeepers took advantage of the opportunity to butter up. He left for the coast Wednesday."

The first consignment of Australian wool ever brought to British Columbia for manufacturing purposes, has arrived for the Westminster woolen mills. This is only a sample order, but if it proves satisfactory, and produces the required quality of goods, a larger quantity will be imported.

Application is made by D. Cartmel, E. H. Heaps, H. A. Jones, as trustees, for incorporation of "The Vancouver Manufacturing and Trading Company, limited," to acquire and carry on and extend the furniture factory now owned by E. H. Heaps. Capital stock is \$100,000, in \$100 shares,

The *Victoria Times* says: "It has been stated that the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company intend to establish a large saw mill with an output of some 200,000 feet per day, at some point up the coast. A mill of this capacity means the employment of 250 to 300 hands, besides the loading and dispatch of saw at least 60 ships per annum."

The following are the shipments of coal from the mines for January:—

New Vancouver Coal Company	10,687
R. Dansmuir & Sons	12,853
East Wellington Coal Company	3,200
Union Colliery Company	4,200
Total	40,030

The directory for 1890, shows a very gratifying increase in the population of the British Columbia cities. Last year the population of Victoria was set down at 16,693. This year it is estimated to be 20,193. The number of names taken in the city was 5,566 which multiplied by three, the multiplier used every where in this kind of calculation, gives the above results.

The *Victoria Colonist* says: The snow on the line of the Island railway has reached the unprecedented depth of five feet on the level, and eight feet in the hills. Although the fight has been a hard one, trains have been kept running regularly right along, much to the credit of the able management of the road. Yesterday a thaw set in and the snow commenced to disappear in the neighborhood of Chemainus.

Westminster *Truth*: M. Manson, Nanaimo, is in the city negotiating for the building of a fine freight and passenger steamer, to be put on the coast trade of the province immediately upon its completion. The specifications call for a very substantial vessel, 105 feet in length, 26 feet beam and 9½ feet in the hold. The freight capacity will be about 250 tons, with cabins for 30 passengers. The contract has been let to Wescott & Huntley, and the Albion Iron Works will put in the engines.

In the last *British Columbia Gazette* a notice for the incorporation of the "British Columbia Fruit Canning and Coffee Co.," with headquarters at Vancouver. The capital stock is \$20,000. The trustees named are Walter Taylor, E. L. Phillips and Ellen Jane England. The objects of the company include preserving and evaporating of fruits, making extracts and cordials and manufacturing vinegar and pickles, and the roasting and grinding of coffee and spices.

*Victoria Colonist*. The fact that the Victoria Lumbering and Trading Company are commencing to manufacture at their mill at Chemainus the material for their new mill, should make the powers that be in Victoria move in the matter of inducing the company to locate near this city. The mill will have a capacity of sixty million feet annually, all of which is intended for the export trade. The industry named would employ 200 men, and would bring at least sixty ships per year to port. The trade that would directly and indirectly be created by the location of this industry on Esquimalt harbor would be very large and the benefit to Victoria incalculable.

The Westminster *Columbian* says: The demand throughout the eastern provinces for fresh Fraser river salmon bids fair to be far greater

this year than over in the past. Already orders are being received from dealers in all the largest cities in the east. The orders are generally for a ton to a ton and a half of fresh salmon per week, to be shipped in small lots daily throughout the season, and the orders now on hand although the fishing has not commenced, are full as those filed during the busiest portion of last year. The fishermen are naturally anxious to obtain their licenses so as to be able to get to work early. A prosperous season is ahead of them and they want to make the most of it.

Following are the customs returns for Victoria, for the months of January.

Imports—

Free Goods	\$ 50,124
Dutiable Goods	140,163

Total imports	\$ 190,287
Total collection	\$46,632.81

Exports.

Produce of Canada	\$ 47,000
Not " "	4,693
Total exports	\$ 52,693
Inland Revenue	\$8,784.89

The Vancouver custom returns for the month of January 1890, were:

Duty collected	\$ 8,752.55
Other revenue	3,552.77

### General Notes.

The *Northwestern Miller* says: "The extracts from the Jackson, Michigan, papers which we publish elsewhere indicate that the affairs of the George T. Smith Middlings Purifier Company, are in very bad shape and could hardly be worse. The more the matter is investigated the poorer the chances of the creditors appear to be and deeper depths of deceit and double-dealing characterizing the management of the concern are revealed daily. The assets of the company, originally said to be \$1,433,461.03, and estimated by the assignee at \$305,059.37, are finally found by the appraisers to be worth \$292,712.96. The accounts receivable from \$965,000 nominal value are discovered actually to amount to about \$85,000."

There were 8,732 mercantile failures in the United Kingdom in 1889, according to Richard Seyd, against 9,217 in 1888, a decline of 435, or 5½ per cent. Of the 1889 failures, 5,272, or 60 per cent., are classed as bankruptcies, and the remainder, 3,460, are classed as deeds of arrangement. The tenancy toward a decreased number of failures shown was shared in by both the wholesale and retail trades.

It is reported that T. Leese will start a cheese factory at Foxwarren.

M. C. SWALLOW, tailor, Carberry, Man., has sold out to S. Windsor, from Brandon.

*MACLEOD Gazette*. It is proposed to form a joint stock company, to be called the "Alberta Petroleum and Prospecting Company." Share capital, \$5,000, divided into 250 shares of \$20 each, 50 per cent. of which is to be paid down, 25 per cent. in three months, and the remaining 25 per cent. in six months from the date of allotment, for the purpose of developing the oil territory in the Crow's Nest pass, west of here,

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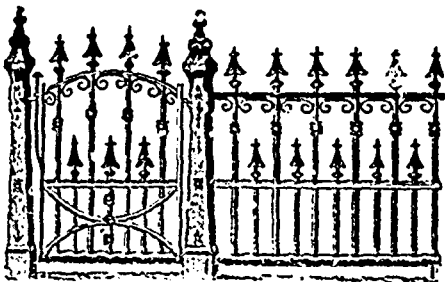
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Time Table taking effect Sept. 1, 1899.

North Bound		STATIONS.	South Bound	
Daily except Sunday.	Daily Passenger		Passenger	Freight
No. 53	No. 55	Central Standard Time.	No. 54	No. 56
1.30p	4.15p	Winnipeg	10.50a	4.30p
1.25p	4.11p	Kennedy Avenue	10.53a	4.35p
1.15p	4.07p	Portage Junction	10.57a	4.45p
12.4p	3.54p	St. Norbert	11.11a	5.09p
12.20p	3.42p	Cartier	11.24a	5.35p
11.32a	3.24p	St. Agathe	11.42a	6.05p
11.12a	3.16p	Union Point	11.50a	6.20p
10.47a	3.03p	Silver Plains	12.02p	6.4p
10.11a	2.48p	Morris	12.20p	7.09p
9.42a	2.33p	St. Jean	12.40p	7.35p
8.58a	2.13p	Lettellier	12.55p	8.12p
8.15a	1.53p	W. Lynne	1.15p	8.50p
7.15a	1.48p	Pembina	1.17p	
7.00a	1.40p	Grand Forks	1.25p	9.05p
10.10a	2.63p	Winnipeg Junction	9.50p	
5.25a		Minneapolis	6.35a	
8.35a		St. Paul	7.05a	
8.00p				
Westward.			Eastward.	
10.20a		Bismarck	12.55a	
10.11p		Miles City	11.06a	
2.50p		Helena	7.20p	
10.50a		Spokane Falls	12.40a	
5.40p		Pasco Junction	6.10p	
6.40a		Portland	7.00a	
6.45a		(via R. O. & N.)		
3.15p		Tacoma	6.45a	
		Via Cascade div.		
		Portland	10.00p	
		(via Cascade div.)		

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Daily ex Su	STATIONS.	Daily ex Su
11.10a	Winnipeg	4.20p
	Kennedy Avenue	4.32p
10.57a	Portage Junction	5.00p
10.24a	Headling	5.20p
10.00a	Borse Plains	5.55p
9.35a	Gravel Pit Spur	6.17p
9.15a	Quataste	6.35p
8.52a	Oak Hill	7.05p
8.25a	Assiniboine Bridge	7.20p
8.10a	Portage la Prairie	

MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.

Mixed Monday Thru.	Miles from Morris.	STATIONS.	Mixed Tuesday Friday
2.30p	0	Morris	2.30p
3.03p	10.0	Low's	1.52p
3.30p	21.2	Myrtle	1.13p
4.20p	25.9	Roland	12.55p
5.00p	33.5	Rosebank	12.28p
5.20p		Miami	12.05p
5.53p	39.0	Deerwood	11.10a
6.19p	49.0	Alta	10.52a
6.44p	(54.1)	Somerset	10.25a
7.30p	62.1	Swan Lake	10.02a
	68.4	Indian Springs	9.41a
	74.0	Maricapolis	9.24a
	80.1	Greenway	9.00a
	92.3	Balder	
	102.0	Belmont	8.04a
	106.7	Hilton	7.36a
	120.0	Wawanesa	7.00a

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Read Down GOING EAST.	STATIONS.	Read Up GOING WEST.
No. 1 Daily.		No. 2 Daily.
14 00 Do	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
15 55	Woodpecker	23 35
16 50	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 Do	Cherry Coulee	20 55
18 50	Winnifred	20 00
20 00	Seren Persons	19 55
20 55	Dunmore	18 45
22 10 Ar		Do 17 30

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CHANGE OF TIME.

PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Friday
LEAVE			ARRIVE
16 15		Portage la Prairie	14 15
+ 18 00	35	Gladstone	+ 12 50
19 00	61	Necpawa	11 23
20 00	79	Minnedosa	10 40
21 00	94	Rapid City	9 15
21 40	115	Shoal Lake	8 45
+ 23 00	138	Hirtle	+ 7 45
23 33	155	*Binscarth	6 47
24 15	168	*Russell	6 10
24 45	180	*Langenburg	5 40
1 45	206	*Saltcoats	4 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

\*Trains for Binscarth leave Hirtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 23.00, returning leave Binscarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 6.4. For Russell leave Hirtle Tuesdays only at 23.00, returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 6.10. For Langenburg and Saltcoats leave Hirtle Saturdays only at 23.00, returning leave Saltcoats Mondays only at 4.40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20.10, returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.15. Above trains connect at Portage la Prairie with trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway to and from Winnipeg. For information as to Freight or Passenger Rates apply to A. Macdonald, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Portage la Prairie, or to W. R. BAKER, General Superintendent.

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