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WINNIPEG, MARCH 18, 1889.

JAS. H. LOVE, merchant, Summerburg, Assa., is giving up business.

KEITH & Co. have opened a seed store at 409 Main Street, Winnipeg.

W. J. RICHARDSON, general merchant, Birle, Man., offers to sell out.

MCCULLOCH & Co. have taken over the woolen mills at Rapid City from Head & Christie, who had the property rented.

MCKAY & DENSMORE, now opening business at Regina in boots and shoes, have received their stock and are ready for business.

THE Calgary *Tribune* says. "We understand that Mr. Mathews, formerly of the C. P. R. Hotel, has leased the Sanitarium at Banff, and will take possession on the first of the month.

MESSRS. Ackland who established a carriage factory at Emerson last fall, are fitting up their building with a lot of new machinery, which arrived from the east last week.

MASSEY Manufacturing Company sold implements and thrashing machinery at Deloraine last year to the amount of \$53,000, and is expected that the sales this year will exceed that amount.

A RAPID CITY paper, says: D. A. Hopper has been in Winnipeg for some days seeking to induce the Commercial Bank of Manitoba to open a branch in Rapid City with himself as manager.

H. COLLINS, general merchant, Calgary, left that place last week for Vancouver, where he proposes going into business. He has purchased a stock in the east which has been shipped to Vancouver.

MCCONNELL & BRIDE, Portage la Prairie, have formed a partnership and will start a bakery.

THE Toronto board of trade has condemned the anti-combine bill. The board has also decided to send a deputation to Ottawa to assist the millers in agitating for an increase in the duty on flour.

A MEETING of the shareholders of the Canada Anthracite Coal Co., (Banff mines) was held in St. Paul, Minn., last week, when it was decided to continue the shipment of coal to San Francisco. No effort will be made at present to ship coal eastward.

TRADE papers continue to increase. *Hardware* is the name of a new weekly paper, which will be published at Toronto, by J. B. McLean. *Hardware*, as the name implies, will be the organ of the hardware and metal trade. The first number of the new publication has reached this office, and it is a creditable production.

A London cable says: The Scotch office has reported favorably to the Treasury upon Alexander Begg's proposal for an Imperial advance of \$150,000 to the British Columbia Government for the settlement of Crofters in that province. Mr. Begg believes the Treasury will promptly sanction the advance at a low rate of interest, and hopes to settle fifty families this season to pave the way for much larger emigration in future seasons.

At the last meeting of the Medicine Hat board of trade, M. Porter was chosen as the delegate to go east to induce immigration to the Medicine Hat district. It was moved that a pamphlet descriptive of this section, be printed and placed in the hands of the delegate for distribution. Mr. Tweed moved that a resolution be passed, a copy to be sent to Thomas Mitchell, Jr., stating that the board will give the Medicine Hat Railway & Coal Co., every legitimate assistance in its power, to further the work of the undertaking about to be commenced.

PORT ARTHUR *Sentinel*: The room in the rear of O'Connor's store, in the Cordingley's block, is now fitted up in fine shape as the board of trade quarters, or more properly speaking as the secretary's office. It has been nicely fitted up and furnished and is now very comfortable. Cabinets have been ordered to take up one side of the room, where a mineral collection is to be displayed. It is the intention to keep the office open continuously, so that members and visitors can enter at any time. It is quite fitting that with the growing importance of the board such an office should be provided.

Westminster *Columbian*: From the Atlantic Coast comes the demand for fresh salmon, and in such quantities as will keep the fishermen busy during Lent at least. On Saturday orders were received from three of the largest fish dealers in New York, each ordering a carload of fresh salmon to be shipped immediately; a similar order came from Chicago and smaller orders came from Montreal and Winnipeg. It is quite evident the salmon fishing business will be unusually active this year, and should the run be as good as expected the Fraser will yield a far greater revenue than ever before.

THE Manitoba & Northern Pacific railway company has opened an office in Calgary with G. C. Marsh as agent.

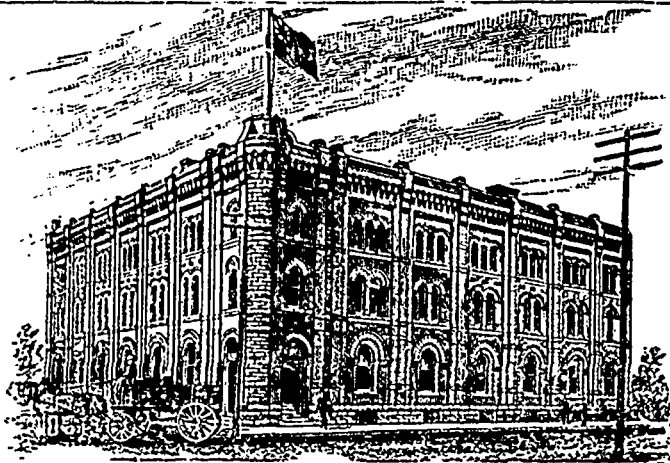
R. S. SMITH, of Fort Qu'Appelle, will go to Eastern Canada, under the auspices of the Qu'Appelle Business Association, to drum up settlers for the district.

VAN VOLKENBURGH & BRO., large wholesale and retail meat dealers, of Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., have purchased a train load of beves from the Northwest Cattle Co., Alberta, which will be shipped to the coast for beef.

THE *Columbian*, of Westminster, B.C., says: From Mr. Higgins, manager of the Ross McLaren Lumber Co., we learn that it has been definitely decided to build the long talked of saw mill in this city, on the site purchased by the company from Senator McLunes. This puts all surmise at an end. Work will be commenced at an early date. Logging camps will be established within a few weeks, so that a large supply of timber will be ready the moment the mills are prepared to cut.

FROM all accounts cattle on the western ranges are in excellent condition, and have come through the winter with practically no losses arising from weather conditions. Stockmen are in good spirits, as this is the second exceptionally fine winter which they have had in succession. A year ago this spring cattle came out rolling fat and in almost better condition than when they went into the winter. The past fall and winter some losses have been experienced from anthrax, or blackleg as it is sometimes called. This disease it is said is caused by the great richness and profusion of the natural prairie grasses. Various remedies have been proposed as preventatives and cures for the disease, but so far it seems that none of these have been entirely effectual.

It has been reported that Hodgson, Sumner & Co., wholesale importers of dry and fancy goods, smallwares, etc., Winnipeg and Montreal, intend closing out their stock at Winnipeg. This announcement is a little premature. The firm have for some time contemplated largely reducing or partially closing out their stock here, but an actual decision on this point has not been arrived at, and the result will depend a good deal upon future prospects. At present new goods are being imported right along. Mr. Holiday, manager for the firm here, states that he has full confidence in the future of the country, and that he has no intention of leaving here himself. Even should the stock be closed out, he will remain to manage the western business of his firm. The house has no intention of relaxing its efforts to push business in the west, and to show that this is the case, it may be stated that the firm has put an additional traveller on the road here this season. The population in this country is yet rather small for such a large and varied stock as is carried at Winnipeg by Hodgson, Sumner & Co., and the idea contemplated is to reduce the stock, and occupy smaller premises. At any rate, a full line of samples will be carried here, and probably a light sorting stock, while large orders will be filled from the Montreal warehouses. As stated, however, the future course which may be taken, has not yet been fully decided upon.

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The real estate market while not what would be termed dull, has not that briskness which has characterised it for the past month or so. The price of property is still rising steadily. A number of transactions are reported in the West end.

A considerable quantity of vegetables, fruit and dairy produce has been received from the other side. In fruits the prices are the same as last week, except in apples which have increased in price, eastern Baldwins being quoted at \$2 25 per box. In fish, Halibut, salmon and sturgeon are coming in freely, the former two being quoted at 15 cents per pound and the latter at 10 cents. Turkeys are quoted at 35c per pound. *Vancouver News.*

Quotations are as follows: Flour Manitoba patents, \$6.75 per bbl.; Manitoba bakers', \$6.35; Oregon family, \$5.60. Oatmeal—Standard, 98 lb. sacks, \$3.00; granulated, \$3.15; rolled, \$4.00. Potatoes—\$13 per ton; cabbage, \$12; carrots, \$20; parsnips, \$29; onions, \$25; beets, \$15; turnips, \$15 to \$20; sweetpotatoes, \$6 per cwt. Feed—bran, \$24 a ton; shorts, \$25; chopped stuff \$30 to \$32; oil cake meal, \$10; cracked corn, \$38; oats, \$26 a ton; wheat, \$35. Dairy, etc. Butter, creamery, 25 to 27c per lb.; dairy, 18 to 22c; eggs, 15 to 20c. Cheese, 12½c per lb. Fruits—Sicily lemons, (strictly fancy) \$6.50 per per case; Oranges, Riverside Navals \$5.50 per case; Riverside Seedlings, \$4.50; California, \$3.37; new Japanese, \$1.25 per box; apples, \$1.75. Fish Cod, Sc; salmon, 10c; Labrador herring, \$14 per brl.; Finnan haddock, 15c per pound; Georgia Bank cod, 12½c per lb.; Yarmouth bloaters, \$3 per box.

Grain and Milling.

A committee was appointed at a public meeting held recently at Killarney, Man., to endeavor to work up a flour mill for that place.

The British Columbia Board of Trade telegraphed the Dominion Government that in its opinion it is not desirable to increase the duty on flour, as requested by the Ontario millers. It is quite natural to suppose that British Columbia would be opposed to increasing the duty

on flour, as it would mean an equivalent increase in the price of flour there, without any corresponding benefit from the duties.

The seeding time is now at hand and there is but an opportunity to give one more caution to farmers regarding the use of frosted wheat for seed. In some cases frosted seed may be used with safety, but as a general rule, like begets like, and the best seed procurable is not too good for sowing. Prof. Saunders reports that about one-third of the samples of frozen wheat sent him for testing, were shown to be unfit for seed. This is a very large percentage of bad grain, and makes it clear that badly damaged frozen grain is exceedingly risky. It would certainly be false economy to take any risk in using poor seed, when the expenditure of a few dollars would render a good crop sure, so far as the quality of the seed is concerned. We hear it reported on good authority that some farmers who have choice wheat, are selling all their grain and purchasing damaged wheat for seed, in order to save as they imagine the difference in the value between the choice and the poor grain, on the quantity which they would use for seed. Farmers who had all their wheat damaged and who are hard up, may be excused for using poor seed, though even under these circumstances they should make an effort to obtain good seed. But the farmer who sells his choice wheat and purchases poor seed, is simply doing a most foolhardy trick. The saving of 20 cents per bushel or thereabouts on the wheat used for seed is no recompense for the risk taken in sowing poor seed. As stated, the very best grain is not too good for seed, and should be used where procurable.

Dairy Matters.

The board of directors of the proposed cheese factory at Kinbrae, Assa., are offering a bonus of \$500 to anyone who will erect such an establishment in that district.

W. Wagner, ex-M.P.P., and Hon. A. W. Everest, proprietor of the Ridgemere Stock Farm, in Manitoba, went to St. Paul last week where they will inspect creameries and cheese

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factories with a view of introducing the systems in vogue there into Manitoba.

The following is the committee appointed at a meeting held at Wapella, Assa., to discuss the advisability of establishing a cheese factory: T. F. Low, W. Elliott, W. B. George, W. Logan, J. Marr, D. Black, W. T. Blythe and H. Melklejohn. An effort will be made to form a stock company to establish a factory.

A considerable disposition is shown in Manitoba this season to go more into the manufacture of butter, instead of cheese. The proprietors of a few cheese factories are contemplating changing their factories over to creameries. Several new creameries are also talked of. There has always been a good sale here for all the really choice butter coming into the market, and can be no doubt that it would be very much better if creameries could be established for the manufacture of butter, to take the place of the present promiscuous mode of manufacture. As to the advisability of giving up the manufacture of cheese, in order to make butter, however, there would seem to be room for doubt. A letter on this subject published in last week's issue of THE COMMERCIAL, is timely. The writer is a thoroughly practical man, who has had twenty years' experience in dairying in the great cheese country of Ontario, and his opinion is therefore entitled to consideration. Those who read the article will notice that this Ontario dairyman considers cheese rather the more profitable industry than butter making. The article in question is worthy of a perusal by those who contemplate establishing cheese or butter factories.

Payments in Ontario.

The 4th of March, another big "settling up" day in the dry goods trade, has come and gone, and it now remains to note the result and report whether the day has been a good one or not. *The Empire* has already given pretty exhaustive reviews of the proceedings on that day, and in these Toronto was well covered. A few more words, however, may be added. It has already been said that while payments on the whole

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were quite satisfactory, and up to the expectations of at least some merchants, the paper maturing has hardly been met as promptly as a month ago, although there is almost the same amount due. But there are a few merchants who are not satisfied with their remittances, and one, when questioned, said that payments were "bad, very bad." This, however, is not the view of most of the trade. Heavy fall rains in the Province of Quebec have retarded trade there to some extent, and, as a consequence, payments from that district have not been up to the mark. In the eastern and northern parts of Ontario, paper has not been met very promptly, a good many renewals being asked. More encouraging reports come from the west and southwest. There money appears to have been more plentiful and remittances have been good. From Manitoba fair payments are reported.—Toronto Empire.

General Notes.

J. E. Woodley, boot and shoe manufacturer, Quebec, is in financial difficulty, arising out of the suspension of Brown, the Ottawa jobber.

Hudson's Bay shares have improved in the London market. There are favorable expectations for a dividend excited by the better prices now current for furs.

The liabilities of Wm. Burgess, canner, Mimico, Ont., who disappeared the other day, are estimated at fifty thousand dollars, owing mostly in Hamilton and Toronto.

Archibald Ralston, doing business at Berthier, Que., as a manufacturer and tanner, and in Montreal as Peter Ralston & Son, leather merchants, assigned on demand of the Bank of Montreal. The liabilities are about \$70,000. The failure is the outcome of the suspension of C. W. Phillips & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, of Perthville.



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COMMERCIAL UNION PROPOSALS.

The announcement which came from Washington recently concerning the question of commercial union between this country and the United States, has occasioned quite a surprise to the people of this country. Just what has led to the sudden change of front on this question at Washington, it is of course impossible to determine, without an intimate knowledge of the inward workings of the political machine at the capital of the Republic. Canadians have been told over and over again, through the press and by the public men of the United States, that the alleged advantages of free commercial intercourse with our neighbors could only come through the medium of political union. It is therefore a surprise to learn that a resolution in favor of commercial union has been favorably considered at Washington. The committee on foreign affairs reported unanimously in favor of the commercial union resolutions, and subsequently the resolutions were passed by the House.

After the frequent declarations that political union was the only door to free commercial intercourse between this country and the United States, the sudden change of front would lead to the inference that some secret influence has been at work to cause this change. It has been a popular mistake in the United States for the past quarter of a century almost, to believe that access to the markets of the United States was actually necessary to the existence of Canada. Acting on this belief, our neighbors have imagined that by closing up their markets to our products, they would force this country into a political union with them. But after many years, the prospects that Canada will be forced into the union in this way, do not appear any nearer realization than they were at the time the old reciprocity treaty was abolished. Instead of dwindling away, this country has steadily advanced in wealth and prosperity, quite in keeping with any other part of the continent.

It may be, therefore, that the political leaders in the United States have come to the conclusion that they will be obliged to adopt a new policy in order to bring about a political union between the two coun-

tries. If this is the case, they are certainly on a better track than while pursuing the old policy. If the representative men of the United States have decided that Canada can get along without free trade with their country, they will at once recognize that a policy of exclusiveness would be entirely wrong, so far as the encouragement of political union is concerned. The encouragement of the very fullest measure of commercial and social intercourse would certainly seem to be the correct policy to pursue to improve the prospects of political union. If a friendly amalgamation of the two great English speaking nations of this continent is to come, it will be brought about by the influence of the very freest international intercourse.

There may be another reason for the change in policy at Washington. The people of the United States have always talked as though Canada only would be benefitted by freer trade intercourse between the two countries. Recently, however, trade papers in the United States have been giving some attention to trade returns between their country and Canada, and they have learned that Canada is one of their very best customers. In spite of all the artificial barriers which have been built up on both sides of the boundary, trade between the two countries has steadily and rapidly increased, and the balance has not always been favorable to Canada. On the contrary, the figures of exports to and imports from the United States into this country, show a very large balance in favor of the United States. It may therefore be taken for granted that the United States have quite as much to gain as Canada, from the encouragement of trade intercourse. For the fiscal year ended June last, exports from this country to the United States were valued at \$42,572,000, and imports from the United States, \$53,343,425. The somewhat unexpected declaration at Washington in favor of commercial union may, therefore, have been to some extent brought about by the discovery that the policy would not be a bad one for the United States.

Without at present discussing the supposed advantages of commercial union, or enquiring into the feasibility of the proposals, it is quite probable that the proposals will be favorably received by a great many in Canada. The people of Canada are almost pledged to a liberal trade policy concerning the United States, and if we remember correctly, our own National

Policy was designed to force the United States into free trade with us. The N. P. has been a slow medicine, but these commercial union proposals may indicate that it is now beginning to operate. The Liberals in Canada, who may be said to have already adopted the commercial union platform, will likely find it a very valuable card to hold, should it take more definite form by the time another general election comes around. Heretofore the opponents of commercial union could say that it was useless to make the question an issue in our political contests, as the United States would never accept the scheme. But now the situation is entirely altered, and certainly to the advantage of the Liberals. With commercial union squarley before the country, as it will probably be at the next general election, a very sharp contest may be looked for. Government organs evidently recognize this, for already a bitter opposition to the recent commercial union proposals from Washington has been shown by Conservative papers all over the country, on the line that it is simply annexation in disguise, and an invitation *a la* the spider to the fly.

THE COST OF BONUSING.

In Canada every now and again a regular epidemic of bonus-granting breaks out in some section of the country. In the province of Ontario the bonusing of railways and industries has been carried on at times to a reckless extent, by municipal corporations, and some towns have suffered severely from burdensome taxation, brought about by the bonus system. To such an extent has bonusing been carried on in Ontario, that the Legislature of that province very wisely passed an act some time ago intended to greatly restrict the evil, for such it had certainly become. Among other features this Ontario act provided that no bonus should be granted with the object of inducing the removal of an industry already established, to some other point; certainly a very reasonable proviso.

In Manitoba bonusing has been carried on to quite an extent, and not infrequently with very unsatisfactory results, as we all know very well. There seems, however, to be a fascination about this bonusing business which keeps the system in vogue, in spite of good arguments for its discontinuance. From the lessons received in the past, however, there is not the same dangers now from excessive

bonusing here, that there was a few years ago.

As regards municipal bonusing to railways, we think it is something which should be prohibited altogether. All our railways have received either Dominion or Provincial aid, and where such aid is granted, this should be sufficient reason for prohibiting the granting of municipal bonuses to such corporations. Concerning manufacturing industries, as a general rule, industries which cannot be established without the aid of bonuses, had better be left alone. There may be occasional exceptions to this rule, especially in a new country, which is in need of development, and where capital is usually timid. But very frequently bonusing leads to the establishing of unprofitable industries, or to the erection of mills or factories on a cheap scale, and unsuited to do good and profitable work.

The intention of this article, however, is to deal more with the cost of bonusing, than with the promiscuous evils of the bonus system. Very few people really understand what the granting of a bonus means. From \$10,000 to \$50,000 will not seem a very large sum to some corporations. The people will look at the naked amount offered and conclude that they can pay the same without ever feeling it. It will only amount to a few mills on the assessment roll of the place. Another great mistake which new towns are sure to make in considering the cost of bonusing is, that the future is invariably heavily discounted. "We will spread the payments over a great many years ahead, and with the rapid growth of the town, we will never feel the bonus." This is the way the matter is presented to the electors. But the growth of the town frequently does not materialize in accordance with expectation. Besides, in a new and growing town, a large expenditure is always necessary for public improvements, which usually are required more rapidly than the financial position of the town will allow of their being undertaken. Care should therefore be taken not to burden a new town by granting bonuses, which may operate to prevent the carrying out of needed public improvements, or make it impossible to secure money for such undertakings, except at high rates of interest.

As already noted, the people interested in a bonus scheme, usually look only at the bare amount of money to be paid. The calculation of the interest upon the

money will hardly be thought of. On a small loan, seven per cent. would be about the lowest rate of interest which could be counted upon, and the payments would be spread over from twenty to fifty years. A small bonus of say \$10,000, raised on debentures at 7 per cent, would necessitate an annual payment of interest alone to the amount of \$700. On a straight loan for twenty years, with the debentures purchasable at the end of the term, the interest for the full period would amount up to \$14,000, or \$4,000 in excess of the bonus, and in addition the \$10,000 principal would have to be repaid. A \$10,000 bonus, raised on debentures at seven per cent., principal repayable at the end of the term, would therefore cost the municipality \$24,000. The debentures may be made redeemable yearly, with interest, or a sinking fund may be established to redeem the debentures; but in any case the interest cost of the bonus to the municipality is certain to be in excess of the original amount granted, even for the shorter period of twenty years. If the people would take the trouble to study closely the full cost of bonusing and undertaking unnecessary public expenditures, sums of money for such purposes would not be so readily voted.

EARLY CLOSING OF STORES.

Agitations in favor of the early closing of stores and such places of business were common in Manitoba some time ago. In Winnipeg there was almost a constant agitation with the object of securing the early closing of stores. These agitations were usually started by the clerks, and were joined in by labor and other organizations. Even the clergy discussed the question from the pulpit, and public meetings were held to advance the movement. The agitation in Winnipeg was reflected to some extent in other provincial towns. Finally the Legislature was induced to take up the matter, and about a year ago an act was passed providing for the compulsory closing of stores, under certain conditions.

Since the passage of the act the early closing agitation appears to have died out, and very little has lately been heard upon the question. The leaders in the agitation have apparently been satisfied with the passage of the act through the Legislature, for since the act became law to the present time, little or no effort has been made to bring the measure, which is a sort of local option arrangement, into force. A movement has at last been made at Portage la

Prairie, however, to enforce the measure. As the season is now at hand when outside amusements are more enjoyable, and long hours indoors are more irksome, those interested in early closing should make a move to test the value of this early closing act for the purposes for which it was intended.

In the province of Ontario an act for the early closing of shops has been in force for a short time, and this act served as a model for the Manitoba act. The act does not appear to have been largely tested yet in Ontario. At the present session of the Ontario Legislature, some amendments are being made to the measure, with the object of rendering it more effective. One proposed amendment provides for the enforcement of the act by township councils, in unincorporated villages. It is also suggested that where the act has been put in force, its repeal should not be allowed within six or twelve months, and then only upon a vote of one-half of those interested, instead of one-third, as at present.

FREEDOM FROM STORMS.

The freedom which Western Canada enjoys from storms is amply exemplified in the regularity of railway traffic during the winter season. During the winter which is now just at a close, there has been practically no delays to speak of to railway traffic. Trains on the main line of the C.F.R. have arrived at Winnipeg with great regularity throughout the entire winter. Considering the great length of the line—say 3,000 miles from east to west—the regularity with which trains have arrived here is simply wonderful. On a very few days the train from the east has been late, but the delay has invariably occurred at the eastern or Montreal end of the road. On the western portion of the road, there have been practically no delays from storms or unfavorable weather conditions. Trains arriving from the south have been occasionally delayed by storms, but the delays have always occurred outside the boundaries of this country. So far as Manitoba is concerned, there has not been an hour's delay to trains on either the local branch roads or the through lines, during all the past winter, and the same may be said of the Territories to the west of Manitoba. Previous to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it was claimed by some persons (who it is needless to say knew nothing about this country) that it would be impossible to operate the railways in this country in the winter. How absurd these predictions were, time has demonstrated. On the contrary experience has shown that Manitoba is practically exempt from winter blockades of railway traffic, and the country has never yet suffered from those disastrous blockades which are so common during the winter in the Eastern and Middle States and sometimes in Eastern Canada.

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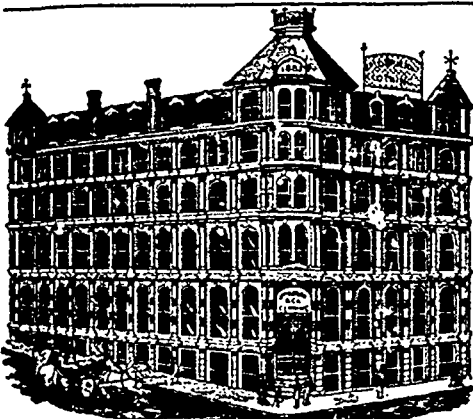
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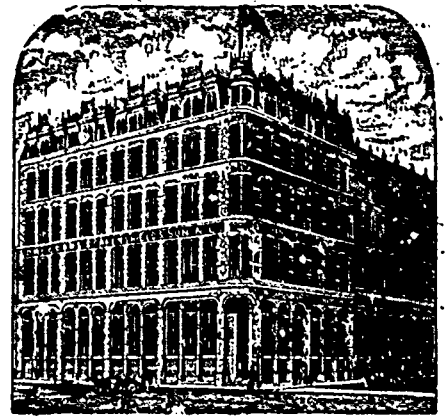
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Last week was of course much less interesting in a monetary way than the preceding week. There was still a good deal of talk as to the nature of payments on the 4th of the month, and later returns have not materially improved the situation. Collections in wholesale branches continue rather close, and occasion considerable grumbling on the part of dealers. In the city the financial stringency is probably more marked than in the country. The grain movement is now practically over, at least until after seeding, and a freer circulation can hardly be looked for in the immediate future, though the prospect of a liberal immigration, if realised, may have some influence in improving matters. One of the features of the last few days is the commencement of a more active move in real property than has been experienced for some time, especially in farm lands, and this will influence business in real estate loans to some extent in time. Discount rates hold steady at 7 to 8 per cent., with real estate loans at about the same figures, though mostly at 8 per cent. in the latter business.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The weather was decidedly more wintery last week than during the two previous weeks, and this had some effect upon wholesale trade, generally in the direction of reducing the movement of commodities. Business will now be mostly in spring goods, and of course winter weather will retard the demand. In some respects, however, the colder weather was desired, as considerable stocks of frozen meats, fish, etc., are held in the city, and holders of such goods are wishing for anything but warm weather at present. Trade in country towns through the province was reported as slow last week, country roads being poor, and grain trade very light. In the city retail trade was poor in some lines to fair in other branches, but all around quieter than during the milder weather of the previous week. Immigrants commenced to come in freely last week, arrivals of new settlers being large for the season on some days. Several large parties are now on the road, and during the next few weeks a regular throng of newcomers is expected. Prospects are thought to be favorable for the largest immigration since 1882, and if these prospects are realized, the consuming population of the country will be considerably increased within the next few weeks, which of course will be felt in trade circles.

DRUGS.

Business continues steady in this branch. The only change in prices to note is a reduction in tartaric acid of 5 to 10c. Quotations are: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 55 to 60c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 30 to 35c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 8 to 10c.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Local trade in textile lines remains about the same as last report. Outside advices continue to report strong values. Advices from the Old Country go to show that manufacturers are busy with orders, and they take new orders at advances ranging from 5 to 10 per cent. The *Toronto Empire*, in its dry goods report says: There is a heavy demand for grey cottons at present, and all the recent advances are firmly maintained. There has been a further increase in the price of dyed goods, said advance averaging $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c per yard, and manufacturers speak of being fairly well engaged in their looms. Seersuckers have further increased $\frac{1}{2}$ c a yard, and are in active demand. A line at which the beginning of the season sold at 7c is now bringing 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. These, of course, are mill prices.

FISH.

The improvement in the weather, at least as concerns the trade in frozen fish, was received with favor by dealers in this branch. Prices kept pretty steady, and were reported as follows: Lake Winnipeg white irregular in price, owing to mild weather, and may be quoted from 5 to 7c. Pickerel are worth about 3 to 5c; pike, 2 to 3c; Lake Superior trout are quoted at 8c. Fresh salt water, fish are offered as follows. Cod, 8c; haddock, 8c; tommy cods, 5c; smelts, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c, per pound, the latter price for choice fish; herrings, \$2.00 per 100 fish. Cured fish are quoted:—Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb; Labrador herrings, No. 1, \$9.50 per barrel; No. 2, \$8.50; No. 1, \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked finnan haddies, 8 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; St. John bloters, \$1.50. Oysters unchanged in price and quoted in bulk at \$2.00 a gallon for Standard and \$2.20 for Select. Cans are held at 50c to 60c for the same brands.

FRUITS—DRIED.

No changes to note in the following quotations:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valencias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, $\frac{1}{4}$ boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; evaporated apples, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; peeled peaches, 22 to 23c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c. Eleme figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; Fancy Tunis dates on stem, 20c per pound; fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Cocoanuts, \$10 per 100.

FRUITS—GREEN.

Apples were firm for choice fruit. Choice Ben Davis apples were held at \$4 per barrel, and stocks cannot be replaced at these prices it is said. They are now well exhausted for this variety. Ontario apples are coming in in car lots, and the future of prices will depend upon the quantity coming in. Oranges were in good supply, stocks of California having been received. Some Florida oranges are still held, but stocks are getting low. Some poor lemons are being sold under quotations which are damaged by frost or otherwise injured. Dam-

aged cranberries are selling as low as \$3 per barrel. These are stocks which have been frozen and therefore will not keep with warmer weather. Prices are: Fancy Ben Davis, apples firm at \$4.00 per barrel; other choice varieties in good condition, \$3.50 per barrel. Messina lemons are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box. Florida oranges, \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box. Messina oranges, \$5 to \$5.50 per box. California fancy Riverside seedless oranges, \$5 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$3 to \$6.50 per box. Bananas, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bunch. Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$6 to \$11 as to size of keg; Cranberries are quoted: \$8 to \$9 per barrel for sound fresh fruit; frozen cranberries, \$3 to \$6 per barrel. Southern red onions, \$1.25 per crate of 50 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels 35c per gallon.

GROCERIES.

In sugars the statistical situation is strong. Domestic refiners prices were strong, particularly for yellows, and low grades here advanced in price. Syrups were firm at slight advances. Teas continue firm, and prices tend upward in outside and eastern markets. Outside advances are also reported on Rio and Java coffees. Prices here are: Sugars, yellows 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c; granulated 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; lumps 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; 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 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

There is very little movement, and it is thought country butchers are probably holding and salting down their stocks. Prices are as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 3, 2c. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are classed at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

The general situation in wheat at outside centres was weak last week. At Chicago prices ranged considerably under \$1 for May option, which of course is the highest option. The visible supply showed a very small decrease, and very favorable reports were received of the growing winter wheat crop—all of which were weakening features.

In sympathy with the great weakness outside, prices in Manitoba markets were lower. Prices paid to farmers at provincial points were dropped about 5c during the week, and now average about 95c per bushel for No. 1 hard, against an average of \$1 last week, in the different provincial markets. Deliveries were

very light, and business in wheat at primary points is thought to be about over until after seeding. Opinions of course differ widely as to the quantity of wheat being held for summer marketing, but it is thought to be even lighter than usual.

FLOUR.

Flour holds firm at the late advance, and there is no immediate prospect of any reduction in value unless the wheat situation changes further. If stocks of wheat in the province are as light as generally supposed, there is not much prospect of lower flour prices. Quotations to the local trade are: Patents, \$3.20; strong bakers, \$3.00; XXXX, \$2.40; superfine, \$1.80 to \$1.85; Graham flour, \$3.00; middlings, \$3.20.

MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold unchanged at \$10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts, with \$1 per ton advance asked for small lots.

OATS.

Prices hold firm in this grain. Farmers' deliveries in this market are light, and prices range from 30 to 33c paid for loads on the market. Good milling oats bring from 32 to 33c, and ordinary, 30 to 32c. Prices are higher at outside provincial points, some markets ranging up to 30c per bushel. Car lots cannot therefore be laid down here from the country at under top local quotations for loads on the market.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Oatmeal advanced 10c per hundred, in sympathy with the advance in oats. Rolled oats were not changed in price. Quotations are \$2.60 for standard oatmeal and \$2.75 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, \$0 per hundred. Cornmeal was held at \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

BARLEY.

Barley continues dull. There is little movement, and that is mostly in feed qualities, which are worth only about the same as ordinary feed oats. About 25c per bushel is the usual figure in outside markets. In the city good malting barley will bring from 35 to 40c for local use.

CHEESE.

This commodity appears to be somewhat of a drag, though now when the season is about at hand when it can be shipped without danger of frost, it should move more freely. Quite a quantity is held in the city, in comparison with the local demand, but should any outside demand arise, the quantity held here would soon be disposed of. Some cheese of very fine quality is held. Prices are quoted at 10 to 11c, but in the city 10c is usually accepted for cash bids, or short time.

BUTTER.

Stocks of really choice butter appear light, and by the time new butter commences to move freely, the quantity of such will not be very great. The amount of old butter to be carried over will be less in all probability than for the past two years. Still, the demand is very light, and the western territorial trade, which formerly took a good deal of butter from this market, is now being supplied largely by local producers in the respective districts. It is therefore becoming apparent that the surplus of butter in Manitoba will have to look for a market eastward to a greater extent than heretofore. The western territorial trade promises to be entirely cut off in a short time. Districts in the western part of the Territories which formerly imported butter from Manitoba will not only soon supply their own local markets with butter made at home, but they will also in time commence to ship butter into the mountain districts of British Columbia, etc. Prices here hold at about 20c per pound for best dairy, with some sales reported at 21c.

EGGS.

Imports from the south were lighter last week, and on one or two days the market was

bare of supplies. Prices, however, held steady at 20c per dozen, in case lots, for fresh, which are the only quality in the market. Country eggs are not coming in very freely yet.

LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago at \$2.35.

CURED MEATS.

The lower prices in the following quotations are for cash or very short time sales, mostly to the city trade. Prices are:—Mess pork, \$19 per barrel; long clear dry salt bacon, 10 to 10½c per lb; smoked breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

As noted last week, dressed hogs were a shade firmer, and this firmness has led to an advance of ½c per pound in the range of quotations, which may now be given at 7 to 7½c. Sales were heard of at 7c per pound, but all good will now bring 7½ to 7¾c. Receipts were light, and it is thought few hogs will be received between now and the commencement of the summer movement. Fresh beef holds at 6 to 6½c, for good to choice, with frozen beef still offering and slow at 3 to 5c. Mutton, 9 to 10c. Veal, 8 to 9c.

POULTRY.

Fresh chickens bring 12 to 12½c readily; turkeys and geese, old stock, 10 to 11c, with no fresh stocks offering to speak of.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are easier, and were bringing 25c per bushel, in quantities, this being the price paid on the market for loads. There is some movement in car lots to western provincial and territorial points, where the crop was a failure last year. It is difficult to say how prices may be a few weeks hence, though some look for higher figures, on a alleged reason that there is a shortage. Other vegetables are generally higher as follows:—Onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50; carrots, 60c; turnips, 2½c; parsnips, \$1.20; beets, 50 to 60c, all per bushel. Cabbage average \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen for good.

A LARGE party of Scotch Crofters are on their way to Canada. They will settle near Wolseley, Assa., where land has been reserved.

W. E. BROWN, boot and shoe merchant, Ottawa, Ont., has been arrested charged with unlawfully conveying stock to the value of \$20,000 with intent to defraud his creditors. He assigned this morning, and it is thought his liabilities will reach \$150,000.

J. E. MCGARVIN, of J. E. McGarvin & Co., trunk and valise manuf. ers, Berlin, Ont., is on a business trip to western Canada. Mr. A. W. E. Thompson, manufacturers' agent, etc., Winnipeg, has been appointed to represent this firm throughout the west.

ONTARIO is to have a railway to Hudson's Bay. The Ontario Legislature has voted a cash subsidy of \$3,000 per mile for the first 50 miles of the road: \$3,000 per mile for 50 miles has also been voted to a road from Port Arthur to Fort William and thence westerly in the direction of Sand Lake.

THE Monarch mine at Field, B. C., which has been working with a force of about 40 men, was closed last week. The company which operates this mine, also owns the new smelter at Vancouver, B. C., and it is said it will be two months before the smelter will be ready for work, some alterations having to be made. This is thought to be the reason for closing the mine, as the ore is shipped to Vancouver for smelting.

Wheat Statistics.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The following shows the stocks in bushels, of wheat at the principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains; also, in transit by lake and rail, on the dates named, according to the Chicago statement:—

	1889	1888	1887
February 10.....	31,435,081	39,505,687	59,880,370
February 23.....	32,739,834	38,402,924	57,629,368
March 2.....	32,000,075	37,516,274	55,781,594
March 9.....	31,774,353	30,060,000	54,200,178

Decrease for the week ended March 9, 225,600 bushels.

WHEAT IN STORE.

The following shows the wheat in store, in bushels, at the points mentioned, on March 9:—

Chicago.....	4,651,110
Minneapolis.....	6,439,950
Duluth.....	1,791,443
Montreal.....	438,882
Toronto.....	131,000

BREADSTUFFS ON PASSAGE.

The following shows the quantity of wheat and flour equivalent to wheat, expressed in quarters, (8 bushels to the quarter) on passage to Great Britain and Europe, on the dates named:—

	March 9, 1889.	Mar 2 1889.	March 10 1888.
To Great Britain.....	1,950,000	2,078,000	1,840,000
To Europe.....	292,000	454,000	290,000

WHEAT AT PRIMARY MARKETS.

The following table shows the receipts of spring wheat at the markets mentioned from June 30, 1888, to March 9, 1889, compared with two previous years:—

POINTS.	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87
Chicago.....	10,703,600	10,732,000	15,456,000
Milwaukee.....	4,200,000	7,116,000	6,630,000
Minneapolis.....	30,577,000	35,173,000	27,945,000
Duluth.....	4,850,000	13,864,000	18,811,000

Total bu..... 51,183,000 66,885,000 68,922,000
The total receipts of winter wheat at the markets mentioned from July 30, 1888, to March 9, 1889, compared with two previous years, were as follows:—

POINTS.	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87
St. Louis.....	11,031,000	11,150,000	10,733,000
Toledo.....	7,038,000	8,216,000	11,814,000
Detroit.....	6,365,000	5,714,000	8,457,000
Kansas City.....	1,784,000	1,837,000	2,508,000
Cincinnati.....	1,501,000	1,265,000	2,602,000

Total bu..... 27,719,000 27,622,000 36,419,000

EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The exports of wheat and flour (expressed in bushels) for the first seven months of the fiscal year ending January 31, last, were as follows:—

	1888-89	1887-88
Atlantic ports, bu.....	32,272,286	64,267,293
Pacific ports.....	24,891,178	15,287,102
Total.....	57,164,464	79,554,395

The exports for the month of January were:—

	1889.	1888.
Atlantic ports, bu.....	2,555,913	5,358,717
Pacific ports, bu.....	3,661,281	2,162,148
Total.....	6,217,194	7,520,865

Exports from principal Atlantic ports for the weeks ending Mar. 9, and the corresponding week last year were:—

	1889.	1888.
Flour, brls.....	52,200	188,200
Wheat, bu.....	49,320	331,600

WHEAT IN FARMERS' HANDS.

The official report for the United States, issued at Washington on March 11, estimates the amount of wheat remaining on hand March 1, at 112,000,000 bushels—the amount of corn at 757,000,000 bushels, against 122,000,000 and 508,000,000 bushels respectively, a year ago. This government report is not usually considered as very reliable, in grain circles, as it is considered impossible to even approximately estimate the amount of grain held in first hands.

THE stock of B. D. Deering, boots and shoes. Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff last Wednesday. It brought 42c in the dollar.

Hardware.

The first concern to manufacture pig iron in Canada will probably be the New York and Nova Scotia Iron and Railway Company, which proposes to erect two furnaces at New Glasgow, N. S., one for Bessemer and one for foundry pig iron, one of which will have a capacity of 25,000 tons per annum, employing several hundred men in mining the required 50,000 tons of ore, 50,000 tons of coal and 25,000 tons of limestone. Tunnelling will be commenced this month to analyze and ascertain the extent of the deposits but the outcrop gives good indications. A staff of ten engineers have been surveying railro routes from the mines to New Glasgow and the Intercolonial railway since December 22, and the citizens have offered 100 acres within the town limits to any company working the mines. Bessemer pig iron is made from non phosphoric ore, of which there are several vein along the East river.

Wool and Woolens.

There has been more activity in the wool market this week. Manufacturers have been in the city and cleared out all the desirable lots of super and extra at an advance of 1/4c per lb. for some lot.

There seems to be more confidence in the future, backed up by good orders at an advance on last year's prices for most classes of knitted and hosiery goods.

The wholesale dry goods houses are giving orders more freely, and readily give the advance asked by the mill men. The success of

this trade depends upon the manufacturers themselves, if they will only have backbone and not break the prices. There will be a demand for all the goods they can make, providing they do not run their mills overtime. This overtime policy, if pursued, will throw more goods on the market than are needed, and cause a fall in prices.

The blanket trade is looking up. There have been more enquiries about this class of wool, which has advanced fully 1c a pound. Some very good lots have been cleared out of the market. The price of blankets manufactured from all-Canadian wool is too low, but higher prices are looked for.

Etoffes and low-priced tweeds are in good demand, but manufacturers are complaining that the price offered by the wholesale trade and ready-made clothing men is too low, and look for a substantial advance. *Empire.*

Leather and Boots and Shoes

The boot and shoe trade seems to be passing through a crisis, which is proving disastrous to tanners and leather dealers. Failures in this line are occurring daily in the Province of Quebec and some in Ontario.

The centralization of the boot and shoe trade in Montreal and Quebec is the result of cheap labor, which is driving trade away from Toronto. Hamilton and other places for the cheap class of stock; and many of our first-class boot and shoe manufacturers are now driven into the jobbing trade, to sort up and to compete with the eastern houses in this line of goods.

The list of failures within the last ten days is very serious, and there are more to follow. This is owing in a measure to the ease with which credit can be got; many going into the business who do not know the cost of producing the goods, and sell at whatever they can get until they come to a dead stop. To lessen this evil, a wholesale merchant says: "We want a general Bankrupt Act for the whole Dominion, having for its best object economical and speedy liquidation of the assets of bankrupt estates, that will protect the interests of the creditors and the debtor, to punish fraud and prevent preference being shown to one creditor over another. The banks should have no preference over any other creditor, but allowed to rank on the paper when due, if not paid the same as other creditors. Credit should be shortened, and a correct system of bookkeeping should be insisted upon." *Toronto Empire.*

The bill to incorporate the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway passed at Ottawa last week. The bills of the Ontario, Manitoba & Western railway company, and the Saskatchewan Railway and Mining company, were also passed.

The statement of all lines of dry goods imported into Toronto during the month of February shows marked decreases over the same month last year. In cotton the decrease last month amounts to \$62,737, and in silk and manufactures of to \$12,355. Woollen manufactures show a decrease of \$46,305, and fancy goods of \$9,751. The value of the carpets imported last month is \$12,901 less than in February, 1888.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, March 11, May wheat opened ½c lower than Saturday's close at, 98½c, and ranged during the day from 97½c to 99½c, July wheat ranged from 86c to 87½c. After the big tumble on Saturday, the market was decidedly nervous. A light decrease in the visible supply and news very favorable to the growing winter crop, further depressed values. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June	July
Wheat	96½	98½	93½	87
Corn	34½	35½	35½	36
Oats	24½	25½	26	25½
Pork	—	11.97½	12.05	12.12½
Lard	6.50	6.90	6.95	7.00
Short Ribs	—	6.25	6.39	6.35

On Tuesday, May wheat ranged from 94½c to 98½c. July, ranged from 86½c to 87½c. May wheat broke ½c, under free selling by large traders. Transactions in May option were large. The weakness was largely caused by the publication of the Government report, showing stocks held in farmers at 112,000,000 bushels. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	98½	95½	92½	86½
Corn	34½	35½	35½	36½
Oats	24½	25½	25½	26
Pork	—	12.40	12.45	12.50
Lard	6.95	7.05	7.07½	7.12½
Short Ribs	—	6.37½	6.42½	6.50

Wheat was fairly active on Wednesday. Prices were steady and a shade stronger. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	95	97½	94½	87½
Corn	34½	35½	35½	—
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	12.25½	12.32½	12.37½
Lard	—	7.02½	7.07½	7.17½
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Wheat was quiet and easy on Thursday. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	—	97	93	87½
Corn	—	35½	35½	36½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	12.25	12.30	12.37½
Lard	—	7.06	7.05	7.10
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Good local trading in wheat was experienced Friday, but outside business dull, and no important features to note. May ranged from 94½c to 96½c. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	93½	95½	91½	86½
Corn	—	35½	35½	36½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	12.30	12.25	12.32½
Lard	—	6.95	7.00	7.05
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Closing prices on Saturday for wheat were: March, 94½c; April, 95½c; May, 97½c; June, 95c; July, 86½c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Closing quotations on Change on Thursday for wheat were from 3 to 6c lower than a week ago, as follows:

	Mar. h.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard	1.00	1.11	1.10
No. 1 northern	97	98½	98
No. 2 ..	88	90	90

Quotations for flour ranged from 10 to 15c lower than a week ago, as follows: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.10 to \$6.20. patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$5.50 to \$6.00; in barrels, \$6.10 to \$6.15. Delivered at New Eng-

land points, \$6.80 to \$7.00; bakers, here, \$4.00 \$4.75; superfine, \$2.00 to \$3.50; red dog, sacks, \$1.35 to \$1.50; red dog, barrels, \$1.69 to \$1.70. Bran and Shorts - Sales of bran were at \$8.50 to \$9 and some even asked \$9.25. Shorts \$8.25 to \$9 for common.

Barley - A few badly stained lots had bids of 30 to 35c and brighter samples 37 to 42c, with nice light samples carrying bids of 47 to 50c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

The market had a wide range of prices on some days. Closing prices on Change for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash.	Mar.	May	June.
Monday	1.00	1.09	1.13½	1.13
Tuesday	1.00½	1.07½	1.11½	1.11
Wednesday	1.00	1.09½	1.13½	—
Thursday	1.09	1.09½	1.13½	—
Friday	1.10	1.08½	1.12½	1.11½

Wheat closed on Saturday as follows: Cash, \$1.08½; May \$1.12½; June, \$1.12½; July, \$1.11½.

Canadian Securities in England.

The *Canadian Gazette* of Feb. 15, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
Canada 3½ per cents..	105	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents, 1885	112	—	—
Ditto 3 per cents.....	94½	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.	112	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents	114	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents, 1874 and 1876. . .	113	—	—
Ditto 4½ per cents.	107	—	—
Ditto 5 per cents, 1883	114	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents.....	104	—	—
Montreal 3 per cents.	83	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents	104	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents	111	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register)	53½	—	½
Ditto shares (London register)	53	—	½
Ditto first mortgage bonds.....	—	—	—
Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds	97	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock.....	12½	1	—
Ditto first preference.....	74	2½	—
Manitoba and Northwestern bonds ..	—	—	—
Manitoba Southwestern bonds.....	—	—	—
Bank of British Columbia.....	37	—	—
Bank of E. N. A.	78	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, 25 paid. . .	51	—	—
Ditto 25 paid.....	3	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage.....	—	—	—
British American Land	25	—	—
Canada North-West Land.....	3½	½	—
Hudson's Bay	19½	—	—
Land Corporation of Canada	1	—	—
Vancouver Coal.....	71	—	—

Chicago Barley Market.

Offerings were chiefly mediums to poor in quality, and for such there was really no regular demand, with sales slow at a former low range of prices. Buyers wanted a few cars of good to choice, and barley answering that description was scarce and relatively steadier. Very poor to fair samples were salable at 26 to 45c, and good to fancy at 50 to 65c.

Millinery Openings.

The *Montreal Journal of Commerce* says: It is matter for regret that the wholesale millinery houses of Montreal and Toronto have got into the practice of fixing their openings or show days at such early dates before their stocks are really complete and long before they are able to fill their customer's orders taken before the

season. It would be greatly to the interests of both wholesale and retail merchants if these millinery openings could by mutual agreement be arranged for a fixed date a week or two later than at present. This would enable the wholesale houses to fill the orders of their customers before these visited their openings, and also enable the retail merchant to receive most of these orders before they are forced to visit these show days and make new purchases. The present want of system has become a positive nuisance to both the wholesale and retail trade, besides being actually detrimental to the interests of the former, who are forced to supply their customers with fresh stock before they even know whether they are going to be paid for last season's purchases. So far as the opening this year are concerned, the few fortunate wholesale houses who had really anything to show have been doing a rushing business, but fewer buyers have visited the market this season on account of the very early date.

English and Mulhouse Prints.

With regard to the home goods trade, the *Drapers' Trade Journal* says: "Some textile printers are now making such rapid progress in their art that we hope we shall soon hear no more of the superiority of the Mulhouse printing, which, if the truth be told, is more striking on account of the piquancy of its style than for absolutely excelling in merit. Novelty, indeed, is the 'order of the day,' as it is called, and goods with a distinctly fresh aspect will invariably excite attention on the part of buyers. At first the French art muslin curtains held possession of the market, but they were ultimately supplanted by Manchester goods that were successfully produced at nearly half the price of the others, and which will probably be made a leading feature of during the present season, for their extreme cheapness must naturally bring them to the front, and cause them to be in brisk demand."

ANOTHER dividend of 20 cents on the dollar is to be paid to the Central Bank depositors June 1. The total dividends to them thus far amounts to 86½ per cent.

BRANDON *Times*:—The city of Brandon has reason to be proud of its board of trade. It is evidently composed of wide awake business men and is therefore certain to wield a large influence in developing the best interests of the city. The members of the board are to be congratulated upon the splendid success of their first annual dinner. The dinner and the speeches that followed were in every way fully up to the mark. If such gatherings and speeches were of more frequent occurrence a world of good would be accomplished in the interests of Brandon and its vicinity. The ring of loyalty in the speeches was especially pleasing and the unbounded confidence expressed in the future of Manitoba and especially in the Brandon district was sufficient to inspire fresh courage in the minds of all who were so fortunate as to hear the speeches. The citizens have been quite liberal in their support of the board of trade in the past, but since more has been learned of the good work they are doing they will be entitled to even a larger amount of sympathy and support from the citizens in the future. If we stand together the future of Brandon is bound to be even brighter than the most sanguine now dreams of.

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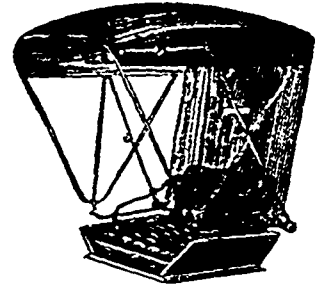
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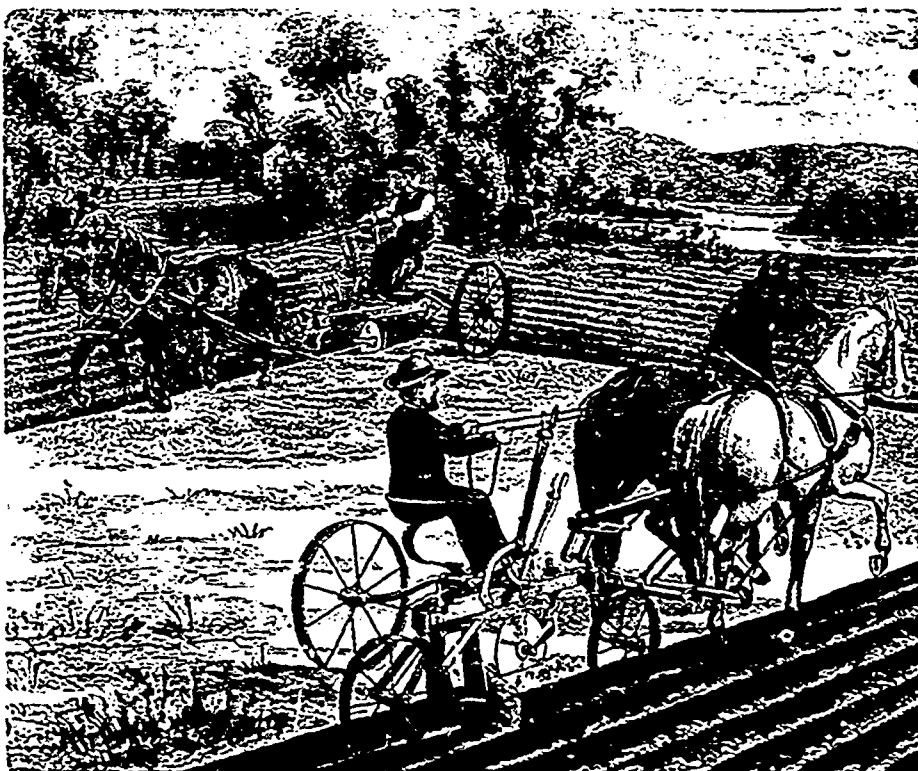


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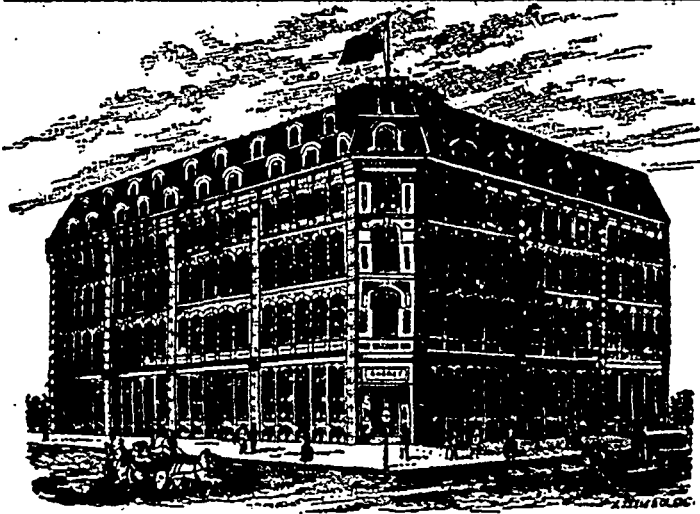
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Personal.

Mr. Cornell, of Moore & Co., wholesale
crochery, etc., Winnipeg, went east on a bus-
iness trip last week.

J. Burrige, manager at Winnipeg for E. &
C. Gurney & Co., returned last week from a
visit to Hamilton, Ont.

E. F. Hutchings, wholesale harness, saddler,
etc. Winnipeg, returned from an extended
eastern trip last week. In Eastern Canada he
found a great many preparing to move to
Manitoba.

Insurance Briefs.

The Urban Mutual Fire Insurance Company,
of Portage la Prairie, Man., held its first annual
meeting recently. The report submitted showed
that notwithstanding the fact that the company
has only been fully organized and in a position
to accept business about three months, applica-
tions for \$100,000 have been received. The
company is purely a local institution. The fol-
lowing board of directors were elected:—Judge
Ryan, Hon. Joseph Martin, Mayor Garland,
Alex. McLean, R. H. Pratt, M. Blake and J. J.
McRobie.

Ross & Yerex, Vancouver, have obtained the
agency for the Province of British Columbia for
the New York Life Insurance Co.

A PARTY of 150 Belgians leave Montreal for
Manitoba this week. They are going to settle
at St. Alphonse, in Lorne county, where they
will form a colony.

CHARLES MILLER, Henry Reifel and Jacob
Reifel, heretofore carrying on business as brew-
ers, at Vancouver, B.C., under the style of
San Francisco Brewery Company, have assigned
for the benefit of their creditors.

THE first number of the *Pilot Mound Sentinel*
came to hand last week, thus adding another to
the local papers of Southern Manitoba. The
Sentinel will be published weekly by Murdock
& Murdock, late publishers of the *Birtle Observer*.
Messrs. Murdock have moved their
printing plant from Birtle to Pilot Mound, and
hence the *Observer* is now no more, the *Sentinel*
taking its place. The *Observer* was one of the
best local papers in Manitoba, and it may be
expected that the publishers will not lose any
of their ability and enterprise by their move to
a new field.

**Business East.
ONTARIO.**

A. Angus, grocer, Clinton, is selling out.
 A. Michner, merchant, Berlin, has assigned.
 H. G. Read, grocer, Chatham, has sold out.
 Michner Bros., grocers, Berlin, have assigned.
 A. W. Francis, printer, Woodstock, is dead.
 L. H. Swan, physician, Woodstock, is dead.
 S. Martin, shoedealer, Petrolia, has assigned.
 James Wright, grocer, Woodbridge, is dead.
 Ann Irwin, milliner, Alvinston, has assigned.
 W. R. Smith, hotel keeper, Clinton has sold out.
 Geo Swartz, hotelkeeper, Clinton, has sold out.
 Crawford, hardware, Wheatley, was burned out.
 E. J. Furnivall, tailor, Hamilton, has sold out.
 J. G. Johnson, hotelkeeper, Petrolia, burned out.
 John Davidson, grocer, Stewart, has sold out.
 John N. Rowe, harness maker, Orono, is away.
 Joseph Potts, hardware, Belmont, has assigned.
 F. M. Boyded, fruit, London, is giving up business.
 Evan Macdonald, dry goods, Guelph, has assigned.
 J. W. Upper, harness maker, Ingersoll, has assigned.
 Charles D. Porter, carriages, Peterboro, has assigned.
 Alex. Matheson, publisher, Stratford, has assigned.
 Orange Clarke, crockery, etc., Toronto, has assigned.
 W. C. Burgess, shoedealer, Wallaceburg, has assigned.
 Deeks, Ludlow & Co., tailors, Toronto, have dissolved.
 Brown & Burns, hardware, Parkdale, have dissolved.
 George Telford, stoves and tins, Arthur, has sold out.
 Alf. Dawson, general store, Baillieboro, has sold out.
 Jacques Rocheleau, clothier, Windsor, has sold out.
 Thomas Snook & Son, grocers, Chatham, are burned out.
 J. McCormack, harnessmaker, Windsor, was burned out.
 T. J. Holliday, general storekeeper, Brooklin, is dead.
 Thomas Horton, blacksmith, Merrickville, has assigned.
 E. R. Johnston, gents' furnishings, Toronto, has assigned.
 Thos. Bouslaugh, implement agent, Delhi, has assigned.
 John Orchard, manufacturers' agent, Toronto, has assigned.
 F. W. Sims, stoves and tins, Little Current, has assigned.
 J. A. Dale, general storekeeper, Newmarket, has sold out.
 A. C. McLean, stationery, etc., Carleton Place, has sold out.
 Schneider & Lünz, general storekeepers, Drayton, have dissolved.

Daniel McMinn, hotel keeper, Burk's Falls, has assigned.
 Leubsdorf & Co., fancy goods, St. Catharines, have assigned.
 H. K. Nazar & Co., pickles, etc., Toronto, have suspended.
 Launder Bros., brass finishers, Toronto, Robt. Launder is dead.
 James Dickson, hardware, etc., Carleton Place, has sold out.
 Geo. Webster, general storekeeper, Lion's Head, has assigned.
 A. Smith, dry goods, London, is selling off and leaving the city.
 Thos. Chittles, second-hand furniture, Windsor, has been sold out.
 Peter Knechtel, manufacturer felt boots, etc., Hanover, has assigned.
 Bryant Bros., grocers, Toronto, advertising stock for sale by auction.
 A. F. Parker, tailor and gents' furnishings, Woodstock, has assigned.
 Veitch & Neal, general store and drugs, Plattsville, have dissolved.
 Mrs. J. G. Dean, hotelkeeper, Alton, was burned out, partially insured.
 McWaters, Old & Co., wholesale paints and oils, Toronto, have dissolved.
 Jacob Graff, merchant and manufacturer, New Hamburg, has assigned.
 Jacob Morris, clothing etc., Toronto, stock advertised for sale by auction.
 Husband & Co., dry goods, Toronto, stock sold by auction at 65c in the \$.
 W. H. Bleasdel & Co., wholesale fancy goods, Toronto, have dissolved.
 J. M. Patterson, books, Hamilton, has removed to West Toronto Junction.
 L. D. Sawyer & Co., agricultural implement manufacturers, Hamilton, have dissolved.
 Christie, Kerr & Co., wholesale lumber, Toronto, have called a meeting of creditors.
 D. H. McMahon, general storekeeper, Cookstown, has effected a settlement at 75 cents in the dollar.
 G. F. Bull, grocer; S. Cummings, shoes; P. W. Lemon, butcher; J. A. McClelland, general storekeeper, and W. White, harness, Alton, all damaged by fire.

QUEBEC.

John Birtch, trader, Masham, has assigned.
 J. A. Demers, dry goods, Levis, has assigned.
 Kelly Bros., saw mill, Jolietre, have assigned.
 David Rea, leather dealer, Montreal, has suspended.
 N. Dion & Co., shoes, Quebec, have suspended.
 Patrick O'Connor, trader, Little Plains, has assigned.
 Alfred E. Boisseau, dry goods, Quebec, has assigned.
 Adolphe R. Laprairie, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 G. Granger & Co., butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 C. Mongeon & Co., dry goods Sorel, has compromised.
 G. A. Drouin, shoe dealer, Drummondville, has assigned.
 D. Campbell, wholesale woollens, Montreal, D. Campbell is admitted partner under style of D. Campbell & Son.

McDonald & Murphy, furniture, Montreal, have dissolved.
 McKerley & Casselman, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 A. Piche & Co., dry goods, Montreal, Ambroise Piche is dead.
 Lewis, Rohr & Co., wholesale wines, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Abraham Scott, shoe dealer, Montreal, bailiff's sale advertised.
 Mrs. P. Lahaie, general storekeeper, St. Eustache, has assigned.
 David Guimond, general storekeeper, St. Madeline, has assigned.
 O. Lebreque, tailor, Montreal, stock advertised for sale by auction.
 Joseph A. Therien, general storekeeper, St. Genevieve, has assigned.
 Heney & Lacroix, wholesale saddlery hardware, Montreal, have assigned.
 F. F. Ferland, furniture manufacturer and builder, Montreal, has assigned.
 Mongenais, Boivin & Co., importers, have admitted J. M. Wilson under same style.
 C. W. Phillips & Co., manufacturers boots and shoes, Berthierville, have assigned.
 Toussant Crevier, founders, tins, etc., Montreal, has admitted S. F. Crevier, under style, of T. Crevier & Fils.
 E. C. Landon, manufacturer dry plates, Montreal, has admitted S. R. Martin, under the style of The Landon Dry Plate Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

G. Fraser, clothing, Truro, is dead.
 B. H. Landis, laundry, Halifax, has assigned.
 H. W. Lydiard, dry goods Kentville, is dead.
 W. Meadows & Co., clothing Halifax, have dissolved.
 Shaffner & Fisher, general storekeeper, Berwick, stock advertised for sale by tender.
NEW BRUNSWICK.
 W. Crandall, general storekeeper, Salisbury, is dead.
 C. B. Champion saw mill, Campbellton, was burned out.
 D. L. Pitt, general storekeeper, Florenceville, has sold out.

General Trade Notes.

William Burgess, wholesale fruit canner, Mimico, Ontario, has disappeared. He failed to meet notes to the value of ten thousand dollars which fell due on Monday. Assets light; other liabilities unknown.
 The wholesale saddlery firm of Henri & Lacroix, Montreal, have made an assignment in trust. The direct liabilities are said to be \$110,000 and the indirect will bring the total to about \$200,000. The principal creditors are in England and the States.
 The announcement is made in London, England, of the formation of the Kootenay and British Columbia Smelting and Trading Company, with a registered capital of £40,000, for the purpose erecting smelting works and acquiring mines in the Kootenay district.
 A Toronto telegram says: The results of the fourth of March are worse than was anticipated. This morning the business community was flooded with reports of embarrassments of small concerns from all parts of Ontario, which will hamper the business of larger houses.

Grinding Wheat in Bond.

Mr. McLung in, of McLaughlin & Moore, millers, Toronto, writes the editor of this journal as follows:

I was pleased to read your article on the "Flour Duties," and to know that your conclusion is that the millers have "made out a good case." The case of the millers is one of unequalled hardship, through our own tariff of customs actually giving their competitors—the American millers—a protection of at least 25 per cent per barrel against the Canadian millers, in competition for Canadian trade, at all times when American wheat or flour comes in. I send you a copy of "The Millers Appeal," which has acquainted many members of Parliament, at Ottawa, who had not before given any thought to the wheat and flour duties, with the iniquitous state of the customs tariff on the raw material, and the manufactured article of the millers.

In your article on "Grinding Wheat in Bond," you make an important mistake. The Canadian millers are bound to export the product of imported wheat, or pay the duty. Manitoba and the Northwest are vitally interested in getting the error of duty set right, and I hope you will continue to aid in having it done, by drawing the attention of your members and the farmers to the effect of the tariff as it is.

Yours truly,
M. McLAUGHLIN.

Toronto, March 6.

A Suggestion to Loan Companies.

P. F. Golling, merchant, of the Ebenezer Colony—a German settlement north of the York Colony, Assiniboia—writes THE COMMERCIAL as follows:—

EDITOR THE COMMERCIAL: Dear Sir,—I wish to draw the attention of the different Loan Companies to the great Northwest, where much could be done by those companies to the improvements of the country in giving to really good settlers a loan of about \$200 to \$300, taking a mortgage on their homesteads, the stock and implements. In parts of the country where an industrious farmer is sure to prosper, there could be no risk at all, and it would lay a solid foundation financially, to many who would be good farmers. I think if in this country a farmer has once a good footing, no drawbacks—if such should once or twice happen—will entirely prevent his ultimate success. Whereas, people coming in here without any means, and not finding a helping hand to help them along, will have for the first two years, a hard struggle to farm right and become independent: those who would receive a little capital to start with, could by that time have their mortgage mostly cleared off, and have their farms well equipped with all the necessary machinery. This would also help to improve the country generally, as more products would be produced, consequently more could be exported.

When the three first settlers came into the Ebenezer Colony, the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company granted them each a loan of \$200, to buy them a yoke of oxen, wagon, plow and other implements and tools which were absolutely necessary for them to have to make

a start with. It is marvellous how they have since progressed in their farming. They have now their own teams, wagons, plows, etc.; from five to six head of cattle—besides their oxen—pigs and poultry, and 30 to 50 acres of land under good cultivation, so that they are able to raise something more than their own living from their lands.

When it is taken into consideration, that these people had nothing of their own to start with, and that part of the money they borrowed was used to pay passage for their families from Germany, and that they are only a little over a year here, every one must admit that they have striven well to get ahead, and that their efforts have been crowned with success.

Since then, quite a number of families have come into this colony; but as they are mostly without enough means to start farming, they ought to receive some help. There is no danger of a man's not getting ahead, as the country here is well adapted for farming, and gives many advantages to settlers. Whoever is willing to take hold and work, must get ahead, and the Germans do this and are not afraid of hard work. Even the women know how to handle the plow and till the soil, hence, in cases of sickness, or, where the man is not able to work, the work goes on. We are sure to have a fine settlement here, and if some loan company would open a business here, it would do much to assist the colony, and the company would have their investments well secured. The Germans do not as a general thing shift about, but will stay where they once make their abode.

Besides cultivating their homesteads, the men will go out to work for the older settlers with their teams, and therewith earn quite a little money to buy furniture for their houses and make improvements. I know one settler who earned with his team plowing, besides doing his own work, last season, \$150. This is quite a sum, and, at this rate, a man will not be very long in paying off a mortgage on his team.

Yours, etc.,
P. F. GOLLING.

A Few Facts About Tea.

By means of a diagram which they have recently published, Messrs. Gow, Wilson & Stanton, illustrate the various degrees in the consumption of tea in different countries, and from these carefully prepared statistics deduce the opinion that, in spite of the increase in its use, the production of tea has run ahead of consumption, and is likely to still further increase. It thus becomes clear that nothing can check the downward course of prices save the speedy opening up of new markets.

To form some idea of what the increase in the consumption has been in the United Kingdom, it is stated that more tea is used here than in any other country in the world, having rapidly increased in favor with the reduction in price. In 1836, for instance, when the average price of all tea was about 1s. 6d. the consumption was only 107,000,000 lbs.; but in 1888, with an average price of about 10d. the total consumption had augmented to over 185,000,000 lbs. Next in importance comes the United States, which consumes tea at the rate of 90,000,000 lbs. per annum, followed by Russia, with 75,000,000 lbs. and the Australian colonies

and Canada with 21,000,000 lbs. and 18,000,000 lbs. respectively. France, Germany and Holland can scarcely be called consumers of tea—merely tasters, so to speak—as only a few million pounds find their way into those places, and in other parts of the globe the article is practically unknown, being hardly ever used.

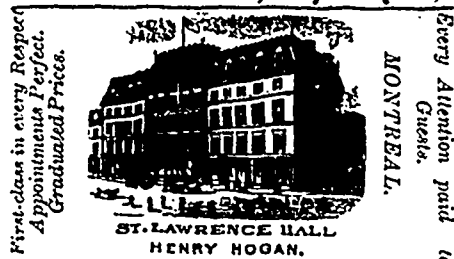
In Great Britain 2 per cent. more Indian tea was used than in 1837, and 4 per cent. more Ceylon, the consumption of China tea falling off 6 per cent. The relative proportion of tea consumed during the twelve months were: Indian 47 per cent., Ceylon 10 per cent., and China 43 per cent. As the demand has become stronger so the importations from India and Ceylon have been constantly expanding, till prices have been forced down to an unprecedentedly low level, and tea is now so cheap as to be an article of daily use in almost every household in the kingdom.

The Sugar Situation.

The New York *Shipping List*, referring to the sugar market, says:—The phenomenally strong statistical position of the world's available supply has further stimulated the demand, and refiners in this and neighboring cities have been anxiously seeking to replenish their stocks, but, although a pretty active business has been in progress, part of which has been made public and part has not yet transpired, purchases have evidently been restricted by the meagre offerings and high pretensions of sellers. Under these circumstances it would seem as though the tardy recognition by refiners of the exceptional position of the world's available supply at present in sight has placed them in rather an embarrassed situation, and they are now anxiously seeking to make up for the short-sighted policy heretofore pursued, but with eleventh hour results, and it is not now so much a matter of price as of securing adequate supplies. The strong features of the position have already been frequently enumerated of late in these columns, and more recent advices only go to confirm the views hitherto expressed. According to the latest mail dates received from Europe the visible supply of the world on the 23rd of February was 1,130,047 tons, against 1,306,064 tons at the same date last year, while the stocks in London and all the continental markets show a heavy falling off in comparison with last year. Then again at this date last year there was afloat for Europe 104,319 tons cane sugar, while this year there is only 58,603 tons, with the Brazil crop virtually exhausted, Cuba reporting a large shortage in the yield and the other West Indies having very little available at present. In view of the fact that refiners in this country are not very well provided for their future requirements, this condition of affairs is calculated at least to cause anxiety and stimulate the demand. The sales reported since our last issue show that a further advance has occurred, and buyers were freely bidding on the basis of these prices for everything that was offering, more or less business being consummated, the particulars of which have not transpired.

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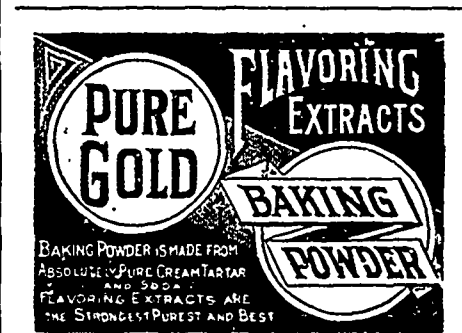
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Lumber Cuttings.

The Alberta Lumber Co. will hold its annual
meeting at the head office, Winnipeg, on
March 27.

Brown and Rutherford, planing mill, Winni-
peg, which has been shut down during the
winter, was put in operation on Monday.

J. O'Donohue has sent a millwright out to
Bad Throat River, Lake Winnipeg, to put the
machinery in his mill in repair for next season's
work.

It is rumored that the Royal City Mills,
Westminster, B.C., will establish a branch mill
at some convenient point on the north coast, to
avoid hauling logs so great a distance.

W. H. Fraser has definitely decided to
operate his saw mill at Emerson, Man., this
spring. A supply of pine logs will be brought
down the river from Minnesota, as soon as the
river opens.

It is reported that McCauley & Co., the new
owners of the Chemainus saw mills, B.C., have
purchased the mill site at the head of Esqui-
malt harbor, near Victoria, and intend to erect
a large mill thereon.

No export shipments of lumber were made
from British Columbia coast mills during Feb-
ruary. Five ships were chartered, however,
during the month, four to load at Barrard Is-
let, and one at New Westminster.

The *Columbian*, Westminster, B.C., says:
Every logging camp in the country is being re-
inforced by both men and animals, in order to
largely increase the cut of logs. Good loggers
are in demand at high wages. A number of

now camp will be opened this spring along the northern coast.

The *Port Arthur Sentinel* says: The lumbermen of the district would have been better pleased and better suited had the snow remained for some time. Unless another snow-fall occurs they will be considerably inconvenienced.

The Royal City Mills, Westminster, are cutting a ample order of 25,000 feet of whitewood for the C.P.R. carshops at Vancouver. It will be used for car finishing purposes, as an experiment; and if satisfactory a large quantity of it will be manufactured.

G. F. Slater, of Vancouver, B.C., who makes a speciality of manufacturing shingles, is shipping considerable quantities of British Columbia clear cedar shingles to dealers in Manitoba and the Territories. He has lately added a new shingle mill to his plant, and now has a capacity of 110,000 shingles per day. These cedar shingles are coming into general favor in Manitoba.

David Ross, proprietor of the sawmill at Whitemouth, Man., writes the *Lumberman* as follows: The present winter in this part of Manitoba has been one of great activity with lumbermen, and operators look forward to a fair legitimate trade the coming season. Stocks on hand, as a rule, are light. Payments, so far, have been well met, and upon the whole the present season opens up with the best outlook since the time of the great collapse. The snow has been late in coming, but we have now the best hauling weather I have seen for twelve years. Teams are able to take from 1,000 to 2,500 feet on fairly good roads. The Whitemouth mills have been re-built from the ground up, and are now second to none in this part of the province.

British Columbia.

David Green, clothier, Victoria, has assigned.

R. Frank & Co., have opened a new bakery at Vancouver.

Corbett & Kennedy have commenced business at Westminster as tinsmiths.

Campbell & Brash, hotelkeepers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

Redgrave & Ella, confectionery, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.

The Nanaimo *Courier* has passed into the hands of a joint stock company.

J. C. Steen & Co., general store and hotel Donald, have dissolved partnership.

Peter Milne, who operated an oatmeal mill at Victoria in partnership with a brother, is dead.

Carlin & Lake, general merchants, Rogers Pass, advertise selling out at cost and giving up business.

Thos. Pierre has purchased the Victoria tailoring and dyeing establishment, formerly carried on by his father.

Capt. C. D. Grant, of Westminster, will establish an ice house at some point on the coast, and prepare for packing and shipping fresh halibut and other fish to the eastern markets extensively this season.

T. W. Pierre & Son, tailors, etc., Victoria, have dissolved partnership; J. W. Pierre will confine the business.

F. G. Strickland & Co., dealers in machinery, Westminster, have admitted John C. Whyte into partnership in the firm.

A. Toller, real estate and general agent, Victoria, has admitted into partnership H. C. Robinson. H. C. Robinson has handled real estate in the Old Country.

The Westminster city council will consider the advisability of asking for authority to issue \$200,000 worth of debentures for the purpose of establishing a system of waterworks.

Leet, Gore & Co. have opened an office at Victoria, in the capacity of real estate, financial and general agents, surveyors, conveyancers, notaries and collectors. Mr. Leet, the senior member of the firm, is editor and proprietor of the *Monthly and Mining Review*, a new journal lately started at Victoria.

The interest of Mrs. W. J. Jeffree in the British Columbia soap works, owned by Pendray & Co., has been purchased by W. J. Pendray, who now becomes sole proprietor of this well known establishment. It is the intention of the proprietor, to add to the plant, and increase the output of the establishment.

Two of the largest mercantile establishments in Westminster, in dry goods and clothing, have been amalgamated, by the purchase of the stock and business of D. Drysdale & Co., by Ogle, Campbell & Co. Ralph Freeman, an old employee of the firm, has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Ogle, Campbell & Co., and the style will henceforth be Ogle, Campbell & Freeman.

At the recent meeting of the Bank of British Columbia, in London, England, the chairman said:—I congratulate you upon the very successful result of our work for the past half year. You will remember that about this time last year I stated that the profits represented the largest amount we had, up to that time, ever received. The profits which we present to you to-day, are in excess of that amount, over £10,000. And there is this peculiar gratification in reviewing the matter, that all our branches and sub-branches have contributed to the result. They have all been earning something towards the amount. I think that that, together with the fact that we have again conducted our business for the half-year without loss and without bad debts, testifies to very careful attention and vigilant regard for our interests on the part of our officers, from the general manager down to the lowest member of the staff." The financial statement is very satisfactory. The gross profits show a large increase, being £48,419 last half-year; £36,999 in June, 1888; and £39,856 in December, 1887. £11,452 will be appropriated to pay a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent., absorbing £15,000, a bonus of 3 per cent, which is £15,000, to add £5,000 to the reserve fund, and to carry forward to profit and loss, £6,452.

Canned Goods.

There appears to be a general slaughter of canned goods in the West, retailers selling corn, peas and tomatoes at the rate of four tins for

25 cents. What the wholesale price must have been to enable retailers to sell thus cheaply can be conjectured. In this market there have been sales of 600 cases of corn at 90c, 500 cases do at 80c, and 600 cases at 80c. There have also been several large sales of next season's pack, among which we hear of 2,500 cases of Hoegg's corn, 1889 pick, being placed at \$1.20. Sales of next season's lobsters have also been made at \$6 per cases. The reason alleged for the early buying ahead of the coming season's goods, is that the present glut will be followed by great a scarcity, as many of the small mushroom concerns which sprang up last year have been completely wiped out. In fact, the large canners attribute the whole trouble at present to these small country packers, who were the first to break prices and compel others to follow suit. The latest trouble complained of in the market here, is that western packers have gone past the wholesale houses and loaded up retailers, so that there is by no means as healthy a feeling as it was hoped a short time since had set in.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.

The Massey Agricultural Implement Company will erect a large warehouse at the new town of Salcoats, western terminus of the Manitoba Northwestern Railway.

It is reported from Ottawa that a hitch has occurred in connection with the proposed transfer of the Regina & Long Lake railway to the C. P. R., which may prevent the construction of the road this year.

The first annual banquet of the Vancouver board of trade was a great success, and was largely attended by representative men from all parts of the province. Of the banquet the *Vancouver News* says: The banquet last night abundantly sustained the reputation for hospitality of the Empire City. Indeed it is not unreasonable to suppose that there were some among the guests, who, when they heard the President's statement that the organization was only fifteen months old and looked around them, felt inclined to ask, "upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed that he has grown so great?" Yet, while this would be a most natural thought for those who are unacquainted with what this youthful offspring of the youngest city in the Dominion has to support it, to the members of the board of trade itself as to all our citizens the brilliant gathering of last night, while yet an ample recognition of past efforts, was but an earnest of the success which our merchants and people hope to achieve in the future. The youngest of the trinity of the present organizations of the kind in the province, it may, perhaps, have seemed to its sisters as savoring rather of presumption that it should take the lead in following the example of its cotemporaries in Toronto and Montreal and in gathering round its hospitable board the brains, wealth and enterprise of British Columbia before an example had been set to it by its elders in the Capital and Royal cities. But the truth that those "who gently daring oft-times carry 'way the prize'" was exemplified last night, and their guests joined in heartiest congratulations to those who had organized the banquet and expressed the hope that it was indeed *only* the "first annual banquet of the Vancouver board of trade."

GEO. STINSON has opened a flour and feed store at Portage la Prairie.

It is reported that agents of the C. P. R. milling concern are objecting seriously to the prices being paid for wheat in Manitoba. The prices, they say, are altogether too high. This seems peculiar, when it was understood this combination was formed purely for the benefit of the Manitoba farmers, rather than as a money-making scheme for the projector.

It is a singular fact that the cheapness of an article should even temporarily retard its sale, and yet that was the experience of Messrs. Tuckett & Son in the introduction of their now celebrated "Myrtle Navy" tobacco. People who had been in the habit of smoking the finest Virginia tobacco, could not for a time be made to believe that they were offered the same article at about one half the old price, and it was only by slow degrees that they were induced to put the question to the test of an actual trial. When they did adopt that test, however, it never failed to satisfy them.

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6 15 p.m.	Wainipeg	9 10 a.m.	
6 05 "	Portage Junction	9 20 "	
6 45 "	St. Norbert	9 40 "	
5 27 "	St. Agathe	10 20 "	
4 42 "	Silver Plains	10 47 "	
4 20 "	Morris	11 10 "	
4 04 "	St. Jean	11 28 "	
3 43 "	Catharic	11 55 a.m.	
3 20 "	West Lynn	12 20 p.m.	
3 05 p.m.	Pembina	12 35 "	
0 25 a.m.	Winnipeg Junction	8 50 "	
8 35 p.m.	Minneapolis	0 25 a.m.	
8 00 "	St. Paul	7 05 "	
6 40 "	Helena	4 00 p.m.	
3 40 "	Garrison	0 15 "	
1 05 a.m.	Spokane	9 45 a.m.	
8 00 p.m.	Portland	0 30 "	
7 40 "	Tacoma	3 50 "	
4 30 "	"in Cascade"	6 10 "	

P.	A.M.	STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	V.M.
2 30	3:00	St. Paul	7:30	3:00	7:35
P.M.	A.M.	Chicago	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
10 30	7 00	Chicago	9 00	3 10	8 10
P.M.	P.M.	Detroit	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.
6 45	10 15	Detroit	7 15	10 15	6 10
A.M.	P.M.	Toronto	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
9 10	9 05	Toronto	0 10		9 05
A.M.	P.M.	New York	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
7 00	7 50	New York	7 30	8 50	8 50
A.M.	P.M.	Boston	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
3 30	3 00	Boston	9 35	10 50	10 50
A.M.	P.M.	Montreal	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
1 00	8 30	Montreal	5 15		8 15

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

Meals. E. T. GALT, Manager, Lethbridge. J. BAILEY, Supt., Lethbridge.

Manitoba and Northwestern Ry.

CHANGE OF TIME.

Taking Effect November 21st, 1883.

PASS	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS
Tuesday			Monday
Thursday			Wednesday
and			and
Saturday			Friday
LEAVE			ARRIVE
10 00		Portage la Prairie	13 30
17 45	35	Gladstone	12 05
18 45	61	Neepawa	10 55
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 55
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Shoal Lake	8 00
22 30	133	Birtle	7 00
23 30	155	*Bismarck	5 55
24 10	166	*Russell	5 15
24 40	180	*Langenburg	7 15
1 15	200	*Saltcoats	3 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

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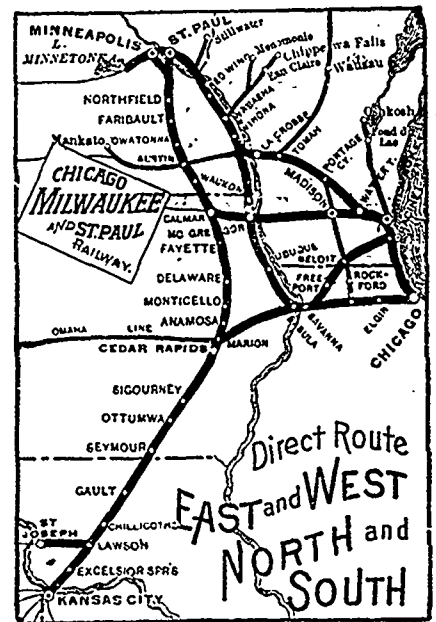
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