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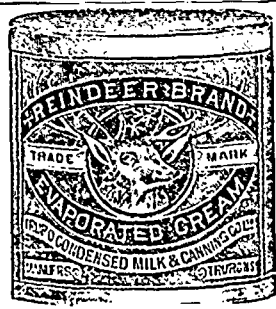
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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 12, 1894.

## Manitoba.

P. McConnell, flour and feed, Melita, moved to Deloraine.

C. Hiebert, general store, Gretna, sold out to Wm. Esau & Co.

Hugh Steele, blacksmith, Minnedota, sold out to Jas. Murphy.

R. Rogers, general store, Clearwater, sold out to Hunter & Moore.

Bradshaw & Burke, livery, Regina, succeeded by Moffat & Bradshaw.

The Winnipeg electric street railway is now carrying passengers at the rate of two cents.

W. H. Atkinson, lumber, Deloraine, admitted Alfred Atkinson; style, W. H. Atkinson & Co.

McInnes & Irwin, general store, Strathclair Station, stock sold at 54½c, book accounts at 12½c.

R. C. Callander, merchant, Hartney, is selling off his stock with a view of going out of business.

C. W. Johns, blacksmith and carriage manufacturer, etc., Roland, is reported to have been succeeded in blacksmithing business by Chas. Stewart.

Wm. Burton, of McGregor, has decided to open a dry goods and grocery business at Portage la Prairie, in the premises lately occupied by Jas. Anderson.

The Ferguson company, of Winnipeg, limited, is seeking incorporation under the Manitoba Joint Stock Companies act, to conduct the business of general stationers and booksellers.

J. T. Gordon of Pilot Mound, has shipped a carload of dressed hogs to Winnipeg. Mr. Gordon has been making one of his trips through the district, and reports that there are lots of butchers' cattle in the country feeding.

E. F. Hutchings, harness, Winnipeg, has purchased the large stock of H. D. Tulloch & Co., wholesale harness dealers, of Winnipeg, and will close the stock out at cost. J. C. Campbell will take charge of the store.

Portage-la Prairie has purchased a new chemical fire engine, at a cost laid down of \$1,720.

Stewart Bros., of Rapid City, have finished their season's log out. About 12,000 pieces have been secured. Axemen and skidders have returned from the bush, but it will take the teams about six weeks to finish hauling.

The annual meeting of the Western R-tail Lumber association will be held in Winnipeg on Monday evening February 12th. The wholesale lumber dealers who are honorary members of the association and many others will be present at the meeting. The association's representatives extend from Rat Portage to Vancouver. At the last annual meeting nearly 100 delegates were present, and this year it is expected that the number will show a large increase. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the meeting.

D. E. Sprague, the Winnipeg lumberman, who is in the woods on the Rosseau river, with a gang of 100 men and 40 teams, writes that the winter's work is progressing favorably. He adds that there is plenty of snow for the long haul. The white and red pine in that section of the province is of a superior quality. Mr. Sprague's cut this winter will exceed two million feet. The logs will be floated down the Rosseau river to the Red river, and thence to the mill at Winnipeg. Mr. Sprague expects also to get a quantity of logs from Minnesota, to be brought down the Red river for his mill.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption with duty collected thereon during the month of January, 1894, at the port of Winnipeg, compared with the same month of 1893:—

Description.	Value 1893.	Value 1894.
Exported .....	\$ 83,799 00	\$110,574 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable ....	132,366 00	142,430 00
Entered for consumption, free .....	29,965 00	33,429 00
Total for consumption	162,331 00	175,859 00
Duty collected.....	42,386 97	48,269 00

The annual general meeting of the Manitoba Assurance Company was held at the head office in Winnipeg, on the 25th January, with R. H. Agur, president, in the chair. The following shareholders were present or represented by proxy:—James Fisher, M.P.P., Rober Hall (Griswold), E. R. Whithead, Estate of Thomas Routledge, C. P. Wilson, T. J. McBride, R. H. Agur, H. H. Beck, Hon. J. N. Kirchhoffer, A. M. Patton, John Russell, Acton Burrows and T. Burnett. W. P. Sweatman acted as secretary. The president presented the annual report which was unanimously adopted. The net premium revenue for the past year was considerably more than that of the previous year, and while the fire losses were somewhat heavy, the company was able to add considerably to its reserve, besides paying a cash dividend of 6 per cent upon the paid up capital. Votes of thanks were unanimously adopted to the director, manager, inspector, agents and staff for their services during the past year. The retiring board of directors was re-elected, namely: R. H. Agur, H. H. Beck, John Russell, Hon. J. H. Kirchhoffer, A. M. Patton, Acton Burrows and Frank Burnett. At a meeting of the board of directors held immediately after the annual meeting, R. H. Agur was elected president, and Hon. J. N. Kirchhoffer vice-president.

## Assiniboia.

A Regina correspondent says: J. D. Sibbald has withdrawn from the Western Milling Co. His intention is to commence business in Revelstoke, British Columbia. Mr. Spring Rice is now acting president and manager of the company.

The Regina town council has finally adopted and passed the single tax system. It taxes all town lots, exempting buildings and improve-

ments; it puts a tax upon the salary of the wage-earner and taxes the turnover or amount of business transacted by each business house or profession. This last clause is the subject of a great deal of unfavorable discussion. The dealers in coal, wheat, flour and coal oil, etc., who necessarily have to make a very narrow margin, pay the same tax on their sales as the druggist and others who make a larger percentage of profit, and who clear, as it is claimed, as much on a \$1,000 turnover as the former class do on a \$1,500 or \$2,000 turnover. Under this system all secret and benefit societies holding meetings and transacting business within a municipality shall be assessed, and pay a license tax not exceeding \$10 annually. The railway, telegraph, telephone and express companies, banks, insurance, mortgage, loan and electric light companies will all be assessed, varying from the half of 1 per cent to 5 per cent on their gross earnings; within the municipality.

Sealed tenders will be received until the 15th of February for the stock in trade of the Estate of G. P. Murray, Indian Head, Assa., consisting of—dry goods and furnishings, \$1,330.28; clothing and fur goods, \$501.37; boots and shoes, \$354.61; hardware, paints and oils, \$567.32; groceries, \$781.11; fixtures, \$372.82; and sundries, amounting to a total of \$4,165.01.

## Alberta.

J. S. Ingram, saloon, Calgary, assigned to I. S. Cowan.

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D. H. Murphy, publisher, is starting business at Red Deer.

H. Hetu, hotel, Edmonton, succeeded by Jackson & Grierson.

Norris & Carey, general store, etc., Edmonton, sold out and retired.

J. Chenier & Co., general store, Canmore, dissolved; S. Laurendeau continues.

J. H. Gariepy, general store, Edmonton, admitted Chenier; style, Gariepy & Chenier.

## Northwest Ontario.

The report of the collector of customs for Port Arthur for the year ending Dec. 31, 1893, shows the arrivals of Canadian vessels to be 574, American 220; total, 794. The registered tonnage of Canadian vessels is 493,442; American, 220,686; total 714,128. The imports aggregate \$680,668; exports, \$4,311,157; duty collected, \$75,891.48.

The dry goods stock of the late C. W. Hamilton, Port Arthur, was sold by tender to Matthews & Fraser for seventy-seven cents on the dollar.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

Western freight men were in session at Chicago on Tuesday considering the advisability of restoring rates on wheat to 25c, and 20c on corn, between Missouri points and Chicago. The Atchison announced that it would not consent to the advance unless guarantees were given that there would be no manipulations of through rates in such a way as to amount to a cut in two of the local rates between Kansas City and Chicago. This proposition occupied the meeting all day.

A Chicago telegram says:—The failure of the Lake Carriers' association to effect the laying up of one fourth of the boats for the season to avoid ruinous rates from competition, has induced vessel men to accept the very low rates to store grain the rest of the season and take it to Buffalo in the spring. The vessel men are underbidding the elevators so seriously that considerable grain is likely to be transferred to the boats. Not a vessel owner in Chicago has signed the agreement, and private advices from Buffalo and Cleveland show the same conditions at those ports.

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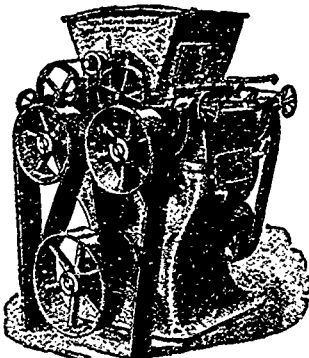
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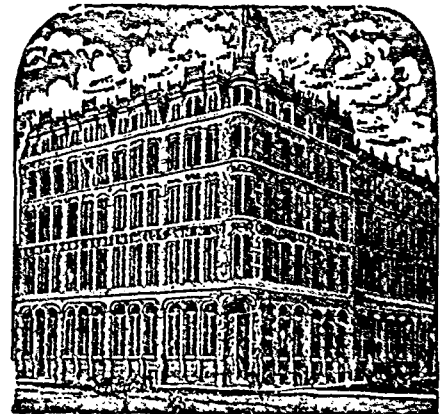
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# The Commercial

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## THE FARMERS DIFFER.

It appears that the farmers of Manitoba are by no means unanimous in their desire to have legislation adopted extending the scope of the exemption act. In fact one farmers' organization has demanded the unconditional repeal of the exemption act as it now stands, instead of increasing the scope of the act. The North Brandon Farmers' Institute, at a recent meeting, passed the following resolution with but one dissenting vote, after we are told a spirited debate:—

Whereas, the exemption act of Manitoba is generally admitted to be a failure for the purpose for which it was enacted; and whereas our reputation as being competent business men is of more value to us at home and abroad than any imaginary benefit that might be gained by means of our exemption; and whereas, the passing of such an act as that proposed by the South Brandon Farmers' Institute would have the effect of raising the price of goods sold on credit; and whereas the farmers are in such a position that they will be in absolute need of further credit for some time to come, the passing of any act that will make such credit more difficult to procure will be a serious hardship: it is therefore resolved by this meeting that the exemption law of Manitoba ought to be repealed.

The proposed act referred to in the resolution above, is no doubt the proposal to further extend the scope of the exemption act. The act, as it now stands, provides that certain property shall be exempt from execution under judgment; but there are other ways by which the exemption can be overcome. A farmer can give a chattel mortgage covering his exempted property, and this has the practical effect of waiving his exemptions or that portion of them covered by the mortgage. The effect of this is that certain creditors of the farmer sometimes succeed in securing an advantage over others. The creditor who can induce the farmer to give a chattel mortgage covering his claim, can come upon property which is exempt by law from ordinary creditors, though, of course, if there were no exemption act at all, the creditor who secured a chattel mortgage would have the same advantage. It has been proposed to pass an act, at the present session of the Legislature, which will have the effect of protecting exempted property from seizure under any claim whatever. That is, the property which is now exempt from seizure under judgment, is to be protected also from chattel mortgages, or in other words, the farmer is to be prevented from giving any legal claim which may have the effect of cancelling his exemptions. This is what the North Brandon farmers protest against.

The question is a knotty one. There has been a demand on the one hand to make exempted property proof against claims of every nature. On the other there is the argument that the farmer has a right to the control of his property, so that he can pledge it in security for a loan, or for the payment of a debt. Farmers sometimes require,

or we may say, desire to borrow money, and perhaps the only security they can give is property which is exempt from seizure under ordinary judgment. To prevent him from using this means of raising money, does seem somewhat arbitrary, though the practical result, we believe, would be on the whole beneficial to the farmer. It would curtail the ability of the farmers to get into debt, and would also, we believe, curtail credit business in some branches, such as implements. We do not believe, however, that the effect would be to curtail credit business with the country stores. In fact, the country merchant would consider the farmer a safer customer, under such circumstances, as with restricted means of getting into debt with loan companies, brokers, horse dealers and implement dealers, he would be less liable to financial entanglements which would make him an undesirable customer for the storekeeper. Country storekeepers lose money sometimes, through the closing out of a customer by other creditors who have secured mortgages. If the exemption act protected the specified amount of property from seizure on any and every ground, as well as under ordinary judgment, the farmer could not be entirely closed out. He would always have sufficient property reserved to enable him to make a fresh start on his farm, and thus there would be more hope for the ultimate payment of the unsecured claim of the country storekeeper.

It has been proposed to pass an act which will leave it to the farmer himself to say whether he will come under it or not. The proposed act will provide for the extension of the scope of the present exemption act, in the manner referred to above, but this extension of the exemption act will only apply to farmers who register under the act. This looks like child's play. It reminds us of the story of the old man and his ass, who tried to please everybody. If the Legislature takes up this question at all, let the members have the courage of their convictions, and either pass an act which will have some practical effect, or else throw it out entirely. The optional measure seems ridiculous, and would be practically useless, while it would create a feeling of uncertainty which would be an injury to the country. Whatever the members of the legislature desire to enact, let it be done in a straightforward way, so that the business interests will know exactly where they stand.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

As an instance of rapid transit in the north, it is stated that Chief Factor McFarlane, of the Hudson's Bay Co., has arrived at Prince Albert by dog train from the northern part of Stanley, making the 350 miles in four days. It is known that wonderful time can be made for days together by dog train, but nearly 90 miles a day seems almost incredible. We have heard of a dog train being pitted against a railway train during early construction days in the West and coming in a winner, and with such time as this reported, it seems not improbable. Dogs have rendered great service in carrying mails and other work in the winter season in the north country, and their days of usefulness are not yet done. In the

settled districts of Manitoba dog trains have been superseded by railway mail cars, in Her Majesty's service, but in the far north and in the more inaccessible districts near the border of settlements, the fleet and hardy canine will continue to find a sphere of peculiar usefulness, in keeping up communication with remote posts.

A PARTY is experimenting in Quebec in compressing peat for fuel purposes. The peat makes good fuel, but its bulky nature is a disadvantage. In its compressed form the peat resembles a block of anthracite coal, and is of about equal weight. If the experiment results successfully it may help to solve the fuel question. It is said that there is plenty of muskeg in the West from which this fuel can be manufactured. We have been shown specimens of this compressed substance obtained from peat secured near St Hyacinthe, Quebec, which had the appearance of ordinary hard coal, and if it can be produced cheaply enough, it would no doubt make good fuel, and is cleaner to handle than coal.

THE range of wheat prices at Chicago last month was very low. The lowest price for cash wheat was reached on January 25, when it sold at 58½c per bushel. The highest price recorded during the month was 64c, on Jan. 9. The month opened at about 60c, and advanced slowly until the 9th, after which the price tended downward, and ranged mostly between 59 and 60c for the balance of the month. Compared with previous years the relative position of price is as follows:—In January of 1893 the range was from 72 to 73½c; in January of 1892, from 84½ to 90c; January of 1891, from 89 to 93½c; January of 1890, from 74½ to 78½c; and in January of 1889, from 93½c to \$1.01 per bushel.

A BILL has been introduced into the Manitoba legislature which extends slightly the scope of the Noxious Weeds Act. The proposed amendment provides that the officers empowered to destroy noxious weeds, may order the cutting of weeds when growing with crops, or the officers may themselves cut down weeds when growing with crops. This question of the spread of noxious weeds is one of great importance, and though the law was amended last season, it seems that it is almost a dead letter in some districts. Many fields of weeds were allowed to go to seed last year in the Winnipeg district at least. The truth of this statement is apparent to any one who had any driving to do throughout the country last season. Even in some cases where weeds were cut, the work might as well have been left undone, as the weeds were cut after they were ripe, or sufficiently advanced to reach maturity from the vitality of the stock. In some sections hardly any show was made to comply with the Act. THE COMMERCIAL expressed the opinion when the question was under discussion during previous sessions of the Legislature, that the only way to secure efficient enforcement of the act, would be to take the matter out of the hands of the municipal authorities, and vest it in persons directly responsible to the government. This still seems to be the only probable way of securing efficiency in this work.

A BILL to amend the "Exemption Act" has been introduced in the Manitoba legislature by Mr. Graham. It provides for a considerable extension of the amount of farm property which is to be exempt from seizure for the satisfaction of debts. The bill provides that the necessary food of the debtor and his family for eleven months shall be exempt, instead of sixty days, as is provided for in the present act. The bill also provides for a considerable increase in the number of live stock which shall be exempt, naming the following. Three horses or mules or oxen, six cows, ten sheep, ten pigs, fifty fowls and food for the same during eleven months. The present act exempts three horses or mules or oxen, two cows, four sheep, two pigs, twelve fowls and food for the same for sixty days. It is also provided that seed for eighty acres of land, instead of thirty acres as at present, shall be exempt. The present act exempts from seizure and execution under judgment; but the owner can mortgage or by agreement waive his exemptions, and thereby the act becomes void. The new act proposes to go further, and prevent any one from giving a chattel mortgage upon exempted property, or in any other way bargaining to abandon the exemptions. If any mortgages or agreements of this nature are made, they are declared "absolutely void." If this act is passed, it will greatly decrease the ability of the farmers to borrow money or purchase goods upon the security of chattel mortgages. It will greatly reduce credit business, particularly in such lines as implements, cash loans, etc., and may cause hardship in some cases; but the result of decreased credit business will be beneficial to the farmers in the end. If the farmers of Manitoba had been unable in times past to buy implements, horses, vehicles, etc., so freely upon credit, many of them would be better off to-day.

THE new Winnipeg daily paper—*The Northwestern*—promised some time ago, to be published under the editorial management of Mr. Luxton, formerly editor-in-chief of the *Winnipeg Free Press*, made its appearance on February 3. It is being published as an evening paper, though it has been announced that a morning edition will appear later on. The new journal has so far maintained a very creditable appearance. It is an eight page paper, neatly printed from new type, and quite readable. With Mr. Luxton's thorough familiarity with the situation here, it could not be otherwise than interesting in editorial matter. It will no doubt be an advantage to have a little opposition in political matters, local as well as federal, and we may look for the new journal to supply this feature. Since the late change in the management of the *Free Press*, the two Winnipeg dailies have both been tuned to the same key in local and federal affairs, and the situation was becoming just a trifle monotonous to the people. With the advent of the third daily, we may expect that things will be livened up a bit. The field is undoubtedly limited here for three daily papers, from a business point of view, and it is a question if all can be maintained up to their present standard on a paying basis. The field, however, is widening with the growth of the city, which no doubt imparts hope to all interests.

AMONG the proposals made regarding amendments to the law bearing upon the collection of debts, at the present session of the Manitoba Legislature, is one to do away with judgment summonses. By means of this procedure, it is possible to examine a debtor, to ascertain his ability to pay, and if it is shown that the debtor can pay all or a portion of the debt, the judge may order him to pay in instalments, according to his ability. There does not appear to be any hardship to the honest debtor in the judgment summons. If the debtor cannot pay, the judge will take his case into account accordingly, and he will not be ordered to pay. Those who can, but will not pay, are the only ones who have to fear anything from the judgment summons. Beats and those who will never pay for anything till they are obliged to, are the class who are sometimes brought to book by use of the judgment summons. To do away with judgment summonses will be a great act in the interest of dead beats and unscrupulous persons, who deserve no sympathy whatever. It is difficult enough now to get any satisfaction out of this class, and it seems a retrograde movement to propose making the law easier for them.

AN important local event of the week is the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, which was held on February 6. A very full report of the work of the Board for the past year, which was submitted at the annual meeting, will be found in the supplement issued with *THE COMMERCIAL* this week. The report of the Board will be of special interest to the public this year, on account particularly of the representation of the Board to the Dominion Government on the tariff question. It was known outside of Board circles that a memorial had been presented to the Dominion Government upon the tariff question, but up to the present time the contents of the memorial have been kept private. It is now made public property for the first time, and it will be seen that the Board has not taken up a position "on the fence" in the matter of tariff reform. The Board also took very strong ground against trusts and combines, as will be seen from the resolutions forwarded to Ottawa, upon this subject. The question of securing lower freight rates on grain, it will be observed from the report, was followed up vigorously by the Board, but the reduction secured in the rates has not been considered satisfactory, and the question will continue to engage the attention of the Board, until a greater reduction has been secured. Another important matter, which the Board has lost no opportunity of pressing upon the Dominion Government, is the improvement of the navigation of the Red River. Altogether it will be seen that the Board has had a number of important matters in hand during the year, some of which are of vital interest to the country at large, and if more has not been accomplished, it is not because the Board has not constantly pressed its desires upon the proper authorities.

City councils and benevolent societies of Victoria and Vancouver are temporarily providing work for the local unemployed at \$1 per day of 8 hours.

## How Reciprocity in Flour will Work.

The opinion prevails with a considerable and influential section of Canadian millers that reciprocity in flour with the United States would work serious injury to the trade here. Some of the reasons advanced by those who hold to this view were given in the last issue of the *Canadian Miller*. It has been pointed out, also, as another instance, of the altered conditions of milling in Canada, contrasted with the days of a reciprocity treaty, that certain grades of wheat of desirable milling qualities, in which Ontario had practically a monopoly then, and that gave the flour of our millers an advantage over United States flour, have to-day their counterpart across the border, and renders less necessary these those better qualities of Canadian flour.

While Canadian millers, however, are viewing with a measure of fear the possible passage of legislation making flour free between these two countries, we find milling journals of the United States casting upon the trade in that country to secure the preservation of the reciprocity clause in the McKinley tariff; "for it has been a good clause for the millers of the United States." The *Milling World* of Buffalo, says: "With reciprocity wiped out, our millers can count on selling from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 barrels of flour less each year in the markets to the south of us. With the door open for cheap Canadian flour on the north, and the door closed to our exports on the south, our markets for both grain and flour will, under the Wilson tariff, undergo such a glutting as was never even dreamed before." Nor would the competition, in which it is claimed our millers would get the best of the bargain, be confined to flour, for the same journal tells us that a reduced tariff would prove a serious thing for millers and grain growers alike, "for it means the influx of both wheat and flour from Canada. Whatever available surplus of grain Canada may have, the Canadians will find it more profitable to load off on to our markets than to ship it to England. That will burden our market and break values.—*Canadian Miller*."

## Northwest Wheat Movement.

It cannot be said that the prospects for an advance in wheat are very flattering. The visible supply is not going down fast enough. Last week it decreased 371,000 bushels. But during the past two weeks it has decreased 519,000 bushels against 837,000 bushels last year and 554,000 bushels two years ago, but those were years of large crops. The amount of wheat available for Europe, from all countries, is 505,000 bushels more than it was a week ago, while the exports from this country last week were smaller than the previous week. High freight rates are still in force and the flour trade is dull in consequence. European markets are still below a parity with those in this country and fall sown wheat is generally reported to be sufficiently protected by snow and doing well, but present weather will change that. Outside of the strength of cash wheat in the northwest due to light supplies, and the common belief that farm holdings of spring wheat are light, anything pointing to a large improvement in wheat and flour conditions is rather difficult to find. The movement of wheat to spring wheat markets last week shows an increase over that of last year. Last week it was 67 per cent of what it was a year ago, against 61 per cent two weeks ago. The winter wheat movement, however, showed falling off, making the combined spring and winter wheat movement 55 per cent of what it was a year ago, against 77 per cent two weeks ago. Farmers are said to be selling pretty freely this week in the northwest, and the receipts at this point promise to continue full this week, owing to country elevator people having sold freely of wheat, to arrive, that is now just beginning to come in.—*Minneapolis Market Record*, Feb. 6.

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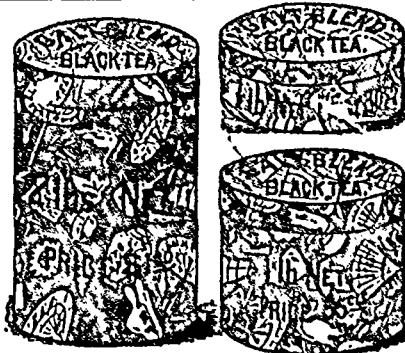
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THE SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 10.

The weather was very mild and pleasant all the week up to Friday afternoon, when a heavy storm set in, which had been reported the previous day as coming this way from the west. The storm continued during Friday night, and until roads are opened up again, business and traffic will be more or less interfered with. British mails to hand this week bring a number of letters with newspaper clippings speaking of hard times in Manitoba, and making inquiries as to the truth of the statements. Really, though we hear some grumbling at home, there seems to be a great deal more talk in England about hard times in Manitoba than there is here. It is another instance of having to go away from home to hear the news about your own locality. The fact is, there has been a strong feeling here against tariff taxation and what are claimed to be exorbitant freight rates, and this feeling has led to the dropping of remarks which are calculated to do the country an injury abroad when they are repeated away from home, usually in a greatly magnified form, where the circumstances connected therewith are not understood. The situation continues uncertain as regards the tariff, and it is not yet known when Parliament will meet. This uncertainty having an injurious effect, as THE COMMERCIAL pointed out some time ago when urging that there was danger in prolonging the uncertainty. One instance of the injury that is being done may be mentioned in the price of hogs, which is lower in Manitoba to day, on account of the uncertainty about the tariff. The government no doubt is in a quandry, hence the fact that the meeting of Parliament is being delayed to a later date than usual, notwithstanding the injury which is resulting therefrom. An important event of next week will be the meeting of the lumbermen here on Monday. The proposed tariff changes on lumber will no doubt be taken into consideration. The 4th of February is an important settling day in dry goods and some other branches of trade. Payments are reported to have been better than was expected, by a number of houses.

In the Manitoba Legislature the week has been taken up discussing the budget. The debate upon the appropriation for immigration was interesting, as showing the general belief among the members that this expenditure should be discontinued, and the money appropriated to local matters, such as encouraging dairying, and similar home development. The estimate allowed for immigration is considerably less than in former years, and indications point to further reductions in the future in expenditure upon immigration.

Bradstreet's reports show improvement in the commercial situation in the United States. Exports of domestic merchandise and products from the United States in the calendar year 1893 fell away 74 per cent. in value from 1892 and 10.7 per cent. from 1891. Imports free and dutiable, decreased 6.5 per cent. in 1893 from 1892, but only 3 per cent. last year as contrasted with 1891. There were 336 business failures in the United States this week, against 340 last week, 223 in the week a year ago. Silver has followed the course of the London market, the price of bars falling to 63c, the lowest figure on record. In Canada while business is quiet throughout Nova Scotia, Halifax telegraphs that the outlook is for a fair spring trade. Toronto reports only a limited volume of business, with iron prices irregular and hog products prices lower. Montreal advises that the volume of business has declined since the first of the year, but claims the province of Quebec is as well situated financially as any other in the Dominion, because remittances from neighboring points to

Montreal are fair, but slower from points in western Ontario. There are fifty six business failures reported from Canada this week, against forty-four last week, forty five in the corresponding week a year ago, and sixty eight two years ago.

Winnipeg Markets.

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

GRAIN.—Sugars are advancing again. On Monday refined sugars advanced one fraction at New York, and European cable reports have been firmer. Valencia raisins are reported very firm in Eastern and United States markets. Best brands of Valencia are held as high as 7c at New York. This is due to light stocks there and abroad, and a general advancing of prices in first hands.

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FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnston's Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-cz. tins, per doz'n, \$2.70; No. 2, 4-cz., \$1.50; No. 3 8-oz., \$7.83; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminol—2 oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4 oz., \$5.10; do, 8-cz., \$7.65; do, 16 oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20-cz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$4.25.

DRIED FRUITS.—Prices are: New golden dates 10c lb. Dried apples, 7 to 7½; evaporated 11 to 11½. Valencia raisins, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per box; currants, 5½ to 6c; prunes, 7½ to 8½; dates, old, 7 to 8c. California fruits—prunes, 11 to 12c; apricots, 16 to 18c; peaches, 24 to 27c. New layer figs at \$1 per box in 6 pound boxes and \$2.20 in 12 pound boxes.

GREEN FRUITS.—New stock of apples could not be brought in here to sell at present prices; but dealers are letting the fruit go, rather than take chances on deterioration in quality from holding. Oranger are rather firmer, good sizes being held at \$1.50 to 5.00 per box, and undesirable sizes from \$4 up. Lemons are firmer. Prices are: Apples, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel. Florida oranges, \$4.00 to \$5.00 per box; lemons, new Messina, \$ .00. Cranberries are quoted at \$7.50 to \$8.00 per barrel. New Malaga grapes at \$8.00 to \$8.50 per keg. Sweet potatoes, \$5.50 \$6.00 per barrel. Honey, strained, 12c per lb.

FISH.—Fresh Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba fish are offering abundantly and tendency lower. Pike, perch, mullet, pickerel, etc., are quoted at 2 to 3c per pound, and sturgeon at 5c lb; Whitefish, 5 to 6c and in large lots can be bought lower at the lakes; Lake Superior trout, 8c per lb, and lake herrings 30c per doz.; B.C. salmon 15c; B. C. herring 12½c; halibut, 14 to 15c; smelts, 10c; haddock, 10c; cod, 7c; tony cod, 5. Smoked finnan haddies are quoted at 9c and smoked salmon at 12½c per lb. Pickled salmon, 9, to 10c lb; salt herrings, \$4.50 per ½ barrel. Oysters, \$1.90 for standards up to \$2.25 for ordinary selects. Shell oysters, \$7 per barrel.

NUTS.—Fresh Ontario chestnuts, held at 14 to 15c per lb. New shelled almonds are also in. Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 17 to 18c, walnuts, 16 to 17c, peanuts, roasted, 14 to 15c, filberts, 12 to 13c, pecans, 16 to 17c, Brazils, 14 to 15c.

LEATHER.—Trade is quiet in this branch as usual at this time of year and there has been no further change in prices. Quotations are:—Spanish sole, best No. 1, per lb, 28 to 30c;

Spanish sole, No. 1, per lb, 26 to 28c; Spanish sole, No. 2, 24c; slaughter sole, heavy, 30c; slaughter sole, light, 27c; harness, heavy, best, 28 to 30c; harness, light, best, 23 to 30c; harness, No. 1, 26 to 28c; upper, heavy, best, 35 to 45c; upper, light, 50; kip skins, French, \$1 to 1 10; kip skins, domestic, 75 to 85c; calf skin; French, premier choice, \$1.25 to 1.50; calf skin, domestic, 75 to 85c; split, senior, 25 to 35c; split, junior, 30; cowhide, 35 to 45c; cordovan, per foot, 17 to 21c; pebble, cov. v. 17 to 21c; bull, 17 to 21c; russets, saddlers, per doz., \$12 50; linings, colored, per foot, 12c.

COAL.—Prices are not changed, and are quoted at \$10.50 for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9 for western anthracite and \$8.00 per ton for Lethbridge bituminous. These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city. Souris coal sells at \$4.25 retail and \$3.75 on track here for the Estevan mines. Roche Perce mine Souris coal is quoted 25c higher per ton than from the Estevan mines, or \$4.50 to consumers and \$4 on track. At the mines Souris coal is quoted at \$1.50 per ton f.o.b. cars.

WOOD FUEL.—Good tamarac is held at \$4.50 per cord on track here, but really good tamarac is scarce, though there is more pressure to sell other kinds of wood than usual. Tamarac, consisting largely of pine and spruce, can be had at \$4. Oak can be bought at \$3.75. Mixed pine or spruce, with a stick or two of tamarac, about the same price. Poplar has sold at from \$2.25 to \$3.00 on track. Only extra fine wood would bring the top quotation, while that sold at the lower price would be hardly worth hauling. \$2.75 per cord is about the price of fairly good poplar. Mixed ash and elm wood has sold as low as \$3.25 delivered in the city, by the car lot.

RAW FURS.—The New York Fur Trade Review says: "The supplies of skins of every important description offered at the London January sales were exceptionally large, and lower prices were expected and inevitable, particularly as it is regarded as certain that further large shipments will go forward for the March and June sales. Price lists of raw furs are now being considerably changed, with a more or less marked reduction on former quotations for all articles. The utmost caution is advisable, and all the conditions affecting trade should be taken into account."

Following are the dates fixed for future fur sales at London. C. M. Lampson & Co. will hold sales as follows:

- March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.
- June 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
- October 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.

The Hudson's Bay Co.'s next sale will be held on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of March, at which sundry furs will be offered. The following are the importations:—Badger, 3,231 skins; last year, 2,574; bear, black, 7,471 skins; last year, 9,492; bear, brown, 1,021 skins; last year, 1,270; bear, gray, 202 skins; last year, 203; bear, white, 103 skins; last year, 62; fisher, 3,988 skins; last year, 4,765; fox, cross, 2,622, last year, 2,415; fox, kitt, 203 skins; last year 305; fox, red, 16,031 skins, last year, 12,108; fox silver, 611 skins; last year, 611; fox, white, 3,217 skins; last year, 4,711; lynx, 12,775 skins; last year, 8,259; marten, 108,915 skins; last year, 97,692; mink, 49,881 skins; last year, 57,541; musk ox, 1,164 skins; last year, 871; otter, 7,335 skins; last year, 8,411; raccoon, 130 skins; last year, 195; seal, fur, salted, 88 skins; last year, 403; seal, hair, dry, 1,905 skins; last year, 1,369; skunk, 6,834 skins; last year, 9,166; wolf, 2,080 skins; last year, 1,519; wolverine, 874 skins; last year, 949.

DRUGS.—Following prices are for parcels, and will be shaded for full package orders:—Alum, per pound, 3½ to 4½-etc.; alcohol, \$4.75; bleaching powder, per pound, 6 to 8c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 23 to 35c; citric acid, 60 to 75c; copperas, 3½ to 4c; cocaine, per oz, \$8.00; cream tartar,



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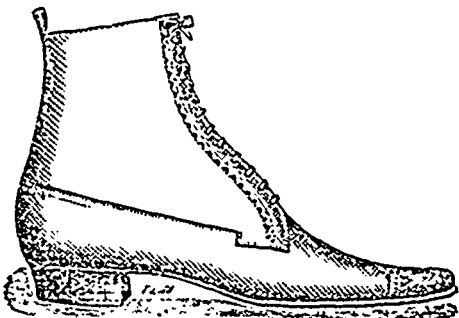
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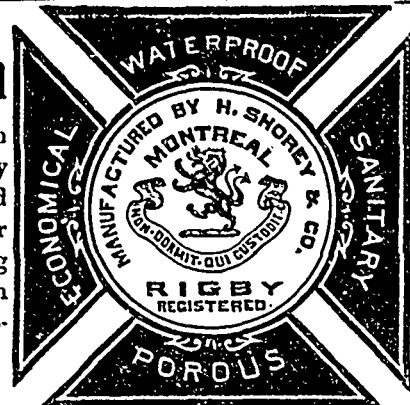
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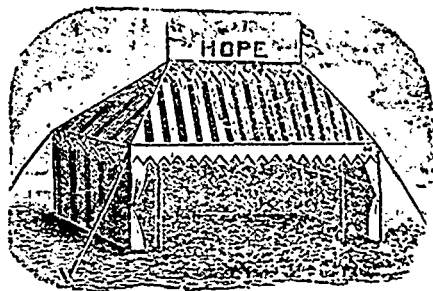
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#### HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business is dull and there is nothing new to report. Prices are:—

Tin, lamb and 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb, 25 to 26c.

Tin plates—Charcoal plates, brand Alloy, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$4.75 to \$5; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$9.50 to 9.75; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$11.50 to 11.75.

Terne plates—I. C., 20 by 28, \$9.50 to 9.75.

Iron and steel—Common iron, per 100 lbs, base price, \$2.90 to \$3; band iron, per 100 lbs, \$3.50 to 3.75; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs, \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast steel, per lb, 13 to 15c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

Sheet iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50 to 3.75; 22 to 28 gauge, \$3.75 to 4.

Canada plates, Garth and Blaina, \$3.50 to 3.75.

Iron pipe—50 to 55 per cent off list.

Galvanized iron—Queen's Head—22 to 24 gauge, per lb, 5½ to 5¾; 26 gauge, per lb, 5¾ to 6c; 28 gauge, per lb, 6 to 6¼c.

Chain—Best proof coil, 3 16 inch, per lb, 7 to 7¼c; ½ inch, per lb, 6¼ to 6¾; 5 16 inch per lb, 6 to 6¼c; ¾ inch, per lb, 5¾ to 6c; 7 16 inch, per lb, 5½ to 5¾c; 1 inch, per lb, 5¼ to 5½c.

Sheet zinc, 6½ to 6¾c.

Lead—Pig, per lb, 4½c.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount, 3½ per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridges, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shell, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft 5½c; shot, Canadian chilled, 6½c.

Axes—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

Axle grease—Per gross, \$10 to 14.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

Rope—Sisal, per lb, 9½ to 10c base; manilla, per lb, 12½ to 13c base; cotton, 3-16 and larger, 20 to 22c per lb.

Nails—Cut per keg, base price, \$3; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.65 per keg; 3 to 4½ inch, 3.90 keg; 2½ inch, \$4.15 keg; 2 inch, \$4.40 keg.

Horse nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No 5, \$7.50 box; No 6, \$6.75 box; No 7, \$8 box; No 8, \$5.75 box; No 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above. List prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

Horse shoes—Per keg, \$4.50 to 4.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$4.75 to 5.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

There is absolutely no business doing, and prices are nominal as follows:—White leads, pure, ground in oil, Association guarantee, \$8 per 100-lb keg; white lead, No. 1, per 100 lbs, \$5.50; white lead, No. 2, \$5.00; assorted, 1 to 5-lb tins, per lb, 10c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.35 to \$1.40; second quality, \$1.10 to \$1.20.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb, 80; red, 70; yellow ochre, 30; golden ochre, 50; Venetian red, French, 3½; Venetian red, English, 3½; English purple oxides, 4½; American oxides, per lb., 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ¾c per lb less when full kegs or barrels are taken. Zanzibar vermilion, kegs, 18c; less than kegs, per lb, 20c; English vermilion, in 30 lb bags, \$1.00 per lb; less than bags, per lb, \$1.10.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; elastic oak, \$2; No. 1, carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; gold size, Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per pound, 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$3.50; benzine, per case, \$3.50 benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, per case, \$3.75; gem axle grease, per case, \$3.20; imperial axle grease, per case, \$2.50. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.25; Michigan plaster, per barrel, \$3.25 to \$3.50; putty, in barrels per pound, 3c, less than barrels 3½; whitening, barrels, per 100 lbs, \$1.25 to 1.35; alabaster, per case, 20 packages, 7; asbestos, per case, of 100 lbs, \$7.

WINDOW GLASS—1st break is nominally quoted at \$1.80, but cut prices are made for sale-sized orders.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, per gal, 65c boiled, per gal, 68c.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gal, 65c; less than barrels, per gal, 70c.

LUBRICATING OILS—Capital cylinder, per gal., 58c; eldorado engine, 33c; Atlantic rail, 31½; extra, 30c; eldorado castor, 34c; golden machinery, 29; black, 25 to 30c; lard, 70c; castor oil, per lb, 11c.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The week opened with lower markets, United States States markets showing a loss of about ½ to 1c. The visible supply showed a decrease of 371,000 bushels, in stocks at principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the mountains. This is a small decrease for this time of year, especially in view of the large stocks in sight. The total visible supply at points covered in the statement amounts to 79,893,000 bushels, as compared with 81,390,000 bushels a year ago and 43,160,000 bushels two years ago. On Tuesday United States markets continued to decline, some markets losing another cent. Cables were dull and lower; Liverpool ½ to ¾d lower. The Eastern European, South American and Australian shipments were reported at 3,440,000 bushels, and these together with India and the American shipments last week aggregated 5,899,000 bushels, against the estimated requirements of 7,200,000 bushels of the importing countries. On Wednesday the markets still continued to decline on both sides of the Atlantic, Liverpool quoting ½ to ¾d lower. On Thursday cables were weak and lower, and United States markets opened weak, but speculative buying strengthened the situation, and prices were not materially changed at the close of the day. On Friday there was a sharp break in United States markets. Chicago declined 2c, but recovered a portion of the loss, under speculative influences. Cables were lower, May wheat reaching the lowest point recorded.

The exports of wheat from India during the past week were 440,000 bushels. The shipments for the corresponding week in 1893 were 50,000 bushels. The total shipments since April 1 were 20,523,000 bushels, of which 12,836,000 bushels were to the United Kingdom and 7,672,000 bushels to the Continent. The total shipments for the corresponding time last year were 27,330,000 bushels.

The aggregate exports of flour and wheat

from the United States during 1893 were equal 182,270,402 bushels against 203,357,649 bushels in 1892.

Exports of wheat from both coasts, United States and Canada, (flour included) amount to 2,078,000 bushels, a moderate gain over last week, when the total was 2,083,000 bushels, but a much smaller total than one year or two years ago, when the aggregate were respectively 3,031,000 and 3,641,000 bushels. During the first five weeks of the calendar year, 1892, the total stock of available wheat in the United States and in Canada, east of the Rockies, declined about 2,700,000 bushels. In a like portion of 1893 they increased net about 1,700,000 bushels, but this year there is a net decrease of more than 600,000 bushels.

The local market has been almost void of business. In Manitoba country markets receipts from farmers have been inclined to increase, and at some points quite a quantity was coming in up to Friday, when the storm put a stop to further marketing for the meantime. The increased country movement seems to indicate that farmers are getting tired of holding for higher prices, and have decided to market before the roads break up. Prices in Manitoba country markets were about the same, ranging from 42 to 44; for No. 1 hard, at most points, though as high as 46c per bushel was quoted at some points. In round lots there was practically nothing doing, and quotations are about nominal. We quote cash No. 1 hard wheat at 59 to 59½ on a basis of delivery on track Fort William, but after the drop in prices on Friday in United States markets, sales could not likely have been made at the nominal quotation given. Indeed, it is doubtful if 53c would have found buyers for any considerable quantity. Local holders are greatly discouraged by the weak tendency in other markets. Stocks of Manitoba wheat now in store west of the lakes have cost a long way above an export basis, and it is therefore not to be wondered at that holders feel considerable alarm as prices continue to sag. There is a limited demand from Ontario millers for car lots, to go forward all rail, but local shippers do not care much for this class of business, and they have been holding very firm. Previous to the drop on Friday, sales were made at 78 and 79c per bushel, delivered in Ontario, according to rate, and up to 80c was asked. Ontario millers are buying their local grown wheats at 58 to 60c, which will show what a big premium is being paid for the Manitoba grain. The western wheat is of course really not worth this difference, but eastern millers are obliged to secure some of it for mixing, in order to hold their trade, and they cannot get it any less. The high price for the Manitoba wheat, as compared with the price of eastern grades, also tends to show how far above an export basis prices are in the West, for it will be borne in mind that prices of eastern grain are claimed to be rather above an export basis.

Flour—The tendency has been easier, some brands of patents and bakers which were held 5c above, having been dropped, making the outside price on any brands 5c lower. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city are as follows: Patents, \$1.65; strong bakers, \$1.45; XXXX, which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 80 to \$1.00 as to quality. Lower grades, 60 to 75c. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

MILLS—Prices hold at \$11 to 12 for bran and \$13 to 14 for shorts. Eastern markets are strong for bran and prices high.

OATMEAL, ETC.—The market is rather firm, and in the east millers are asking higher prices. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.40 in small lots for 50 pound sacks; standard, in 98 pound sacks, \$2.60 and granulated, \$2.60. Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat flour, \$4; and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$5.50 per barrel.

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Gross Cash Income . . . . .	287,340,	(Increase over 1892) . . . . .	45,525
Assets 31st December, 1893 . . .	673,738,	(Increase over 1892) . . . . .	137,671
Surplus on Policyholders' account	164,598,	(Increase over 1892) . . . . .	30,922

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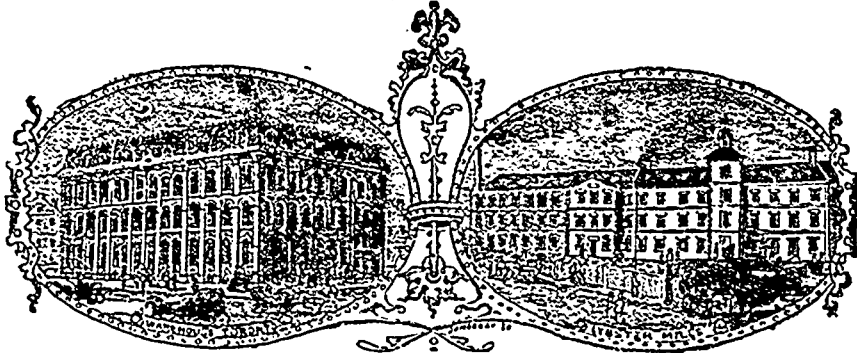
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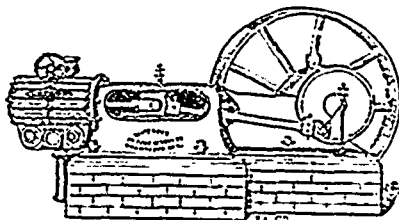
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GENTLEMEN:—I have great pleasure in giving you my opinion of the two grades of flour, Patent and Bakers, you are now manufacturing. It excels all other flours that I have ever used, and makes more bread per barrel, and I give me splendid satisfaction in my business, and I am very glad to express my opinion after a number of years experience in flour. Yours is certainly the best I have ever used. H. LISTER, Baker.

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**GROUND FEED**—There is not much doing in ground feed, and prices range from \$17 to \$19 per ton as to quality.

**OATS**—We quote 23 to 25c for cars on track country points, as to quality and freight rate. At average freight rate points, the quotation is about 23½ to 24c for feed grade. On the Winnipeg street market, 28, 29 and in some cases 30c is paid for feed grade, per bushel of 34 pounds, and up to 31c for milling quality. Eastern markets continue firm.

**BARLEY**—Transactions in barley are few. We quote about 28c on track country points.

**FEED WHEAT**—A good sample of feed wheat will bring 40c per bushel of 69 pounds.

**FLAX SEED AND MEAL**—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

**BUTTER**—Our remarks of last week will still apply to the situation. Really choice dairy is not abundant, as stocks are well picked over, and receipts from the country contain a larger per centage of medium to poor grades, which have to be worked off at lower prices, and this causes an easier tendency generally. It is also now getting toward the season when fresh rolls will command a premium over all but the very choicest dairy, as the latter is depreciating from age, and it is harder to get straight lots of good quality. About the best price is now 20c per lb for either rolls or choice dairy in small lots, and sales are being made at 18 to 20c to the city retail trade. We quote round lots at 16 to 17c average quality.

**EGGS**—Are easy sales having been made freely at 16c per dozen for limed, and sales at 15c are also reported.

**CHEESE**—Selling in a small way at 11 to 12c as to quality.

**CURED MEATS**—Prices are: hams, 11½ to 12½c; breakfast bacon, 13c for backs and 13½c for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear 10c; spiced rolls, 10c; boneless hams, 11c; mess pork, \$18.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 8½c per lb; German, 8½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongue, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pair; pickled hocks, 3c lb.

**LARD**—Pure lard held at at \$2.25 in 20-pound pails, per pair; compound lower, at \$2.00 per pair; compound in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, \$7 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3 and 5 pound tins, quoted at \$7.50 per case of 60 pounds.

**DRESSED MEATS**—The principal feature is the weakness in hogs, owing to the possibility of tariff changes. 5½c seems to be about the price now for dressed hogs, and shippers cannot safely count on more than this figure now. Hogs continue easier in eastern markets. There is any quantity of mutton in the market, and some holders have resorted to peddling around

to hotels and consumers to work off stocks. Beef we quote at 4 to 5c for frozen, and 5 to 6c for fresh killed. Mutton 7c lb.

**POULTRY**—Following prices are quoted:— 11 to 12½c for turkeys, 9 to 10c for geese and ducks and 8 to 9c for chickens.

**HIDES**—The market price on frozen hides continues irregular, and it is reported that buyers have offered about ¾c more in the country than the regular quotation here. Eastern markets continue dull and easy. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides here as follows: No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3c; No. 2 heavy steers 2c; No. 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½ to 1¾c per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. We quote 40 to 50c for new sheep and lamb skins, average lots, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL**—Ordinary long wools nominal at 7 to 8c per pound; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 9 to 9c per pound; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes nominal at 40 to 45c per bushel. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 20 to 25c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnips, 2c per lb; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel; Cabbage, 2c per lb. Celery, 30 to 40c per dozen.

**HAY**—Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton, or \$4 to \$4.50 at country points. Loose hay on the street market about \$3 to 4 per ton.

**LIVE STOCK**—Butchers are offering 2 to 2½c for cattle and the best animals would not bring much higher, possibly 2½, and hardly anything would draw an offer of 3c. It is believed that the number of cattle being fed for the spring market is large.

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was easier on Monday, opening a fraction lower, and declined ½c to 1c more, and closed ¾c lower for May and 1½c lower for July. Corn declined ¾c and oats ¾c. Provisions were about the same as Saturday. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	59½	63½	61½
Corn.....	31½	37½	38½
Oats.....	28	29½	28
Pork.....	12 65	12 75	—
Lard.....	7 47½	7 40	—
Short Ribs.....	6 35	6 47½	—

Prices were weak for wheat on Tuesday, with a dull feeling, prices opening ½c lower and declined ½ to ¾c more, closing 1c lower for May, ¾c lower for July. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	59½	63½	61½
Corn.....	31½	37½	37½
Oats.....	27½	29½	27½
Pork.....	12 15	12 25	—
Lard.....	7 30	7 25	—
Ribs.....	6 12½	6 52	—

On Wednesday the markets were as follows:—

**Flour**—A few bids in from the other side at 14s 6d for bakers' equal to about \$1 70 to 1.75 here, and 19½ 31 on export patents, equal to about \$2.45, which were 15 to 20c below sellers' views.

**Winter Wheat**—Prices about ½c lower for the speculative grade and ½ to 1c lower for the lower grades. No. 2 ranged at 58 to 58½c for regular, and closed at about 58½c. No. 3 red sold at 54½ to 56c. No. 4 red sold at 52. A few cars taken by millers. No. 3 red sold at 55 to 56½c. No. 3 hard sold at 54½c. No. 2 hard sold at 56c.

**Spring Wheat**—Feeling weaker, and prices about ½c lower. No. 2 regular receipts ranged nominally 58 to 58½c; and closed about 58½c. Fresh receipts closed at about 58½c. No. 3 sold at 57c. No. 4 hard variety choice sold at 60c. No. 3 sold at 57c and hard variety at 61 to 62½c.

**Flax**—For No. 1 cash \$1.39 was the nominal quotation, being unchanged. May delivery sold at \$1 41½, being ½c easier. A 5,000 bushel lot was offered at \$1 42 and \$1 40 was bid for that quantity.

**Meats**—Green—Hams, \$8 25 to 6 37½ cash, \$8 25 to 8 37½ February, shoulders, \$5 57½ to 6 00 cash, \$5 87½ to 6 00 February; Bellies, 10 to 12 lbs av. \$8 50 to 9 00. Pickled—hams, \$9 to 9 12½ cash, \$9 to 9 12½ February, shoulders, \$7 00 to 7 12½ cash, \$7 00 to 7 25 February; bellies, 10 to 12 lbs av. \$9 00 to 9 12½. Rubbed in borax—Hams, \$9 00 to 9 12½; picnic hams, \$7 00 to 7 12½; government inspected. Dry salted, boxed—shoulders, \$6.25 to 6.50; long clear sides, \$7.25 to 7.50; short clear sides, \$6.75 to 7.12½ cash, and \$6.75 to 7.12½ February; backs, \$7.50 to 7.75; bellies, \$8 00 to 8.75; Cumberland sides, \$7.50 to 8.00; long cut hams, \$9.00 to 9 50. Loose lots about 20c less than above figures. Smoked—hams, \$9.75 to 10.00; shoulders, \$7.50 to 8.00; short rib sides, \$7.00 to 7.50; short clear sides, \$7.25 to 7 75; breakfast bacon, \$9.00 to 10.00 all packed.

In the option market wheat opened ¼ to ½c lower, declined ¾c more, held steady and closed ½ to ¾c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	63½	62½	63½
Corn.....	34½	37½	38
Oats.....	23	29½	28½
Pork.....	12 30	12 40	—
Lard.....	7 35	7 27½	—
Ribs.....	6 25	6 35	—

On Thursday wheat was weak, and opened ¼ to ¾c lower, but recovered under liberal speculative buying, and closed a fraction higher. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	May.	July.
Wheat....	63½	62½	63½
Corn....	34½	37½	38
Oats....	23½	29½	28½
Pork.....	12 42½	12 52½	—
Lard.....	7 37½	7 27½	—
Ribs.....	6 32½	6 42½	—

On Friday speculative support was withdrawn from the market, and wheat prices declined 2c. May sold down sharply. There was a partial recovery, which left prices at the close 1½ to 1¾ lower than Thursday. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	May	July
Wheat.....	66½	60½	62½
Corn.....	34½	37½	38
Oats.....	23	29½	28
Pork.....	11 07½	12 07½	—
Lard.....	7 32½	7 17½	—
Ribs.....	6 10	6 20	—

On Saturday, Feb. 10, wheat opened at 60¾ for May delivery and closed at 60¾c per bushel. A week ago May wheat closed at 64¾c.

### Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on Thursday, February 8:—

Grade.	Feb.	May.	July	On track
No. 1 Hard.				61½
No. 1 Northern.	68½	59	60½	59½
No. 2 Northern.				57½

Flour—The weakness in wheat makes a duller flour market than it was previously. Millers are not inclined to follow the decline and are still asking same prices. There is talk of a reduction in freight rates. Millers are asking \$3.45 to 3.50 for best known brands in round lots. Red dog is selling at \$1.13 to 1.25 in sacks. Quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.60; for first patents; \$3.00 to 3.30 for second patents; \$1.50 to 1.85 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.15 to 1.25 for low grades in bags, including red dog. Following are millers asking prices in cotton sacks 93 and 49 pounds: kye flour, per barrel, pure, \$2.50; XXX \$2.30, standard, \$2.10; buckwheat flour, \$5.25 to \$6, nominal; graham flour, \$2.80. In wood, 20c extra.

Bran and Shorts—The market continues firm at \$11 for bran and the same price for common shorts, with fine \$1 more, f.o.b. cars in bulk.

Oats—The demand is good with small receipts. No. 3 sold at 27½ to 27¾c.

Barley—Good heavy barley saleable at 42c. Light weight barley at 36c.—*Market Record*, Feb. 8.

### Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, 63½c.
Tuesday—May, 62½c.
Wednesday—May 61c.
Thursday—May 62c.
Friday—May 60½c.
Saturday—May, 60c.

A week ago prices closed at 64½ for May delivery per bushel. A year ago cash wheat closed at 68¾c, and May at 72¾c per bushel.

### New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, wheat closed at 65¾c per bushel for May delivery. A week ago May wheat closed at 69¾c.

### Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat sold on Saturday at 57¾c for cash. May closed and at 56¾c. A week ago cash closed at 62c and May at 61¾c.

### Grain and Milling.

The new flour mill at Glenboro, Man., was started for the first time last week. Mr. Cochran, formerly of Crystal City, is the proprietor.

The new flour mill at Hartney, Man., is now in operation. A long delay has been caused by the belting not coming to hand in time. The proprietors of the mill, Hammond & Leckie, writes a correspondent, have exhibited a good deal of enterprise and push in completing this mill, inasmuch that they have spared no ex-

pense in any line in order to make it first-class. The building is substantial, the machinery is the best and of the latest design that could have been procured. There is no bonus attached, consequently we may look for better satisfaction being given to its patrons.

### Live Stock Markets.

The Liverpool cable of February 5, says the demand for live stock is steady and prices are unchanged from what they were a week ago. Receipts of American cattle have been fair during the week. We quote—Finest steers, 12c; good to choice, 11½c; poor to medium, 10½c; inferior and bulls, 8 to 9½c.

There were about 600 head of butchers' cattle, 50 calves and 200 mutton offered at the East End abattoir Montreal, on Feb. 5. The cattle market was very bad and comparatively few sales where made during the early part of the day, and prices were lower all round, excepting for choice heaves, which seem to keep up their value pretty well. A few prime cattle sold up to 4½c per lb., but there were not many sales made at over 3½c, and from that down to about 2c per lb. seemed to be rates generally paid. It is probable that a large number will not be sold to day. Prime veals are in active demand at high rates, but the "bobs" are not much sought after. About \$12 was paid for the best calf on the market, the others sold at from \$2 to \$7 each. Good lambs sell at from 4c to 4½c per lb., and mixed lots at from 3½c to 3¾c do. Fat hogs continue to sell at from 5c to 5½c per lb.—*Gazette*.

Montreal Stock yard report as follows for the week ended Feb. 3.—The receipts of live stock at these yards for the week ending February 3 were 466 cattle, 499 sheep, 168 lambs and 56 calves; left over from previous week, 56 cattle; total for week, 522 cattle, 499 sheep, 168 lambs and 56 calves; on hand, 42 cattle. Medium receipts of cattle for week at these yards, which met with a fairly good demand, and trade generally brisk, mostly everything cleaned out. Live hog; steady at about 5½c off cars and 5¾c fed and watered. The offerings of sheep, lambs and calves were readily taken at fair prices. We quote the following as being fair values: Good butchers' cattle, 3½ to 4c; medium butchers' cattle, 3 to 3½c; butchers' culls, 2½ to 3c; lambs, 4 to 4½c; hogs, 5½ to 5¾c; calves, \$6 to \$12.

### Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for week ending Feb. 8, were \$1,001,840; balances, \$199,128. For the previous week clearings were \$795,538.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses:

	Clearings.	
	Jan. 25th.	Feb. 1st.
Montreal .....	\$9,777,180	\$8,730,144
Toronto .....	5,462,717	5,858,149
Halifax .....	1,182,117	870,870
Hamilton .....	613,557	612,391
Total .....	\$17,835,779	\$16,867,092

### Late Western Business Items.

A disastrous fire took place at Brandon, Man., Friday morning, when the large imperment warehouse and office of the Sylvester Bros. manufacturing Co. was destroyed. The building contained about \$15,000 worth of agricultural implements, all of which are entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, the contents and building being destroyed. The insurance effected here is as follows: Atlas, \$2,000; Caledonian, \$2,000; Sun, \$11,000. It is not known what, if any, insurance had been written at the head office of the company in Lindsay, Ont. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Robert Rogers has sold out his business at Clearwater, Man., to Hunter & Moore.

Chas. McDonald, formerly of Steele's drug store, intends opening a drug store in Virdon about April 1st.

### Annual Imports.

Trade of the chief grain receiving ports of Europe, showing the aggregate importation of wheat, flour, maize, barley and oats (in tons of 2,240 lbs.) for two years:—

	1893.	1892.
Liverpool* .....	1,751,000	1,846,000
London .....	1,731,000	1,571,000
Antwerp .....	1,480,000	1,332,000
Rotterdam .....	1,193,000	870,000
Hull .....	753,000	733,000
Bristol .....	649,000	561,000
Glasgow .....	501,000	532,000
Leith .....	314,000	325,000
Dublin .....	181,000	233,000

\* Including Liverpool owned cargoes via Fleetwood. *Corn Trade News*, Liverpool and London, Jan. 26, 1894.

Capt. Farrel of James'own, N.D., who died suddenly recently, had about perfected a steam wagon, which he expected to have in operation within a week from the time of his death. The motive power was a gas engine, and the mechanical work on the vehicle was well nigh completed.

A deputation of maltsters waited upon the government recently to ask that the excise duty on malt be reduced to 1 per cent, per 100 pounds. Distillers state that they will demand a reduction of the excise tax upon spirits if the customs duty on foreign wines are reduced as a result of the ratification of the French treaty.

Volume No. 1 of the *Canadian Furniture and Upholstery Journal* has been received. The new publication comes from Toronto, and is published by Jas. Acton. The journal will be published monthly at the rate of \$1 per annum. The paper is handsomely printed and generously illustrated with cuts of interest to furniture men.

The annual meeting of the Montreal board of trade was held on Jan. 30, when a resolution was passed instructing the council of the board to press upon the Dominion Government the advisability of freeing St. Lawrence canals from their present tolls and to give assistance to the Montreal harbor works.

A western manufacturer, who called upon the finance minister at Ottawa last week, was informed that members of the cabinet are receiving hundreds of letters daily from supporters in all parts of the country protesting against certain reductions in the tariff, and advocating others, and the requests and representations are so contradictory that the ministers do not know what to do.

THE COMMERCIAL has received the report of the American Humane Educational Society, of 19 Milk street, Boston, with literature bearing upon the work of the society. There is abundant field for the operation of this organization. Those who sympathize with the labor of the society will, by forwarding 25 cents, receive interesting literature from the head office at Boston. Sample copies of *Our Dumb Animals* sent for 5 cents.

Statistics of the hay trade of Great Britain for last year show that Great Britain imported 63,175 tons from Canada, being an increase of 53,000 tons over the previous year. The importations from Holland and Russia are regarded with much apprehension, fear being expressed that they may bring disease, and especially cholera, which has been more or less prevalent in both countries. English consumers express the hope that Canadian and American exporters will in future discard wire binding, as there is danger to animals from swallowing fragments of wire, which are occasionally found in hay thus tied up.

**Montreal Board of Trade.**

The annual meeting of the Montreal Board of Trade was held on Jan. 30 last. At a previous meeting the president, W. W. Ogilvie, the first vice president, James A. Cantlie, and the second vice-president, John Torrance, were elected by acclamation. There was a poll for the treasurership, also for the members of the council and board of arbitration. Edgar Judge was elected treasurer by 361 votes to Mr. Esdaile's 353 votes, a very close but good-natured contest.

The gentlemen elected to the council were:— E. S. Clouston, D. L. Lockerhy, A. A. Thibaudaud, Thos. J. Drummond, F. J. Hart, Wm. Cunneen, John Baird, J. D. Rolland, John McKeigow, C. F. Smith, D. A. McPherson, D. Robertson. All the above were last year's council with the exception of Messrs. Clouston, McPherson and Robertson. Those whose names follow were elected to the board of arbitration: E. B. Greenshields, Robert Archer, J. B. Cleghorn, C. P. Herbert, Robert R. Ford, Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, George Childs, James Slessor, H. Montague Allan, F. W. Henshaw, Chas. H. Gould, H. A. Budden. The new members on the board this year are H. Montague Allan and Chas. H. Gould.

The president's address consisted for the most part of a statement of the financial condition of the board and the state of the new building, which it appears has cost \$600,000, has a bonded debt of \$540,000, and has offices rented and to let representing an annual return of \$52,500. Of these \$38,500 worth has been rented. Mr. Ogilvie congratulated his audience on the fact that the associations in affiliation with the board were increasing in number, that of the bankers being the latest acquisition. There has been, he said, an increase of 52 in the membership of the board, but there has been 13 deaths. Mr. Greenshields made a plea for free canals; he urged, too, that the board should make a strong demand on the Government at Ottawa for assistance to the harbor improvements in Montreal.

**Silver.**

The fact that this week's offerings of India Council bill developed a moderate demand and that 40 lakhs of rupees were allotted on Wednesday at 1s 2½d has had a strengthening effect on the silver market. The London quotation for bars advanced to £30 13s 6d, and the New York price followed its course, rising to 67½¢. The movement was, however, transitory, and prices declined at the close of the week. Silver prices—London, Feb. 2, 30½d; New York, 66½¢.—Bradstreet's.

A cable from London on Feb. 8, says: Bar silver is demoralized. At 2.30 p.m. it was quoted at 293½.

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that the firm of J. Chenier & Co., has this day been dissolved and the business hereafter will be carried on at the same place by S. Laurendeau to whom all accounts due to J. Chenier & Co., must be paid and by whom all liabilities will be settled.

(signed) C. J. HENIER & CO.  
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TRADE MARK.

## Montreal Markets.

**Flour**—The market is still quiet, and prices continue unprofitable to millers. Straight roller flour is offered freely in the west at \$2 70, and some say that figure has been shaded at the mills. In face of that, however, \$2 70 was refused for a round lot of a well-known brand at a point west of Toronto this week, \$2 75 being the lowest figure that would be accepted. The market at best is irregular, and sales are sometimes made on account of millers being in urgent need of funds, so that forced sales do not always indicate real values.

**Oatmeal**—Millers in the west are asking higher prices, and the market here is firmer in consequence. In a jobbing way we quote:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.25 to 4.35; standard, \$3.95 to 4.15. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.10 to 2.15, and standard at \$1.95 to \$2.

**Bran**—The market is steady at about last week's quotation, and we quote \$16.50 to \$17. Shorts, \$17 to \$18, and moultrie, \$20.50 to \$22.

**Wheat**—No 1 hard Manitoba wheat nominally quoted at 76 to 77c, and No 2 74 to 75c. No 2 red winter is held at 70c, but not obtainable. Millers have been buying a few lots of red winter west of Toronto at 57c, and spring at 59 to 60c.

**Oats**—The market rules firm, with sales of No. 2 Ontario at 39½ and 40c, but holders are now firm at 41c; and it is said they could not be laid down at that price from the west.

**Barley**—The sale of a lot of malting barley is reported to arrive at 52c. Feed is still quoted at 42 to 43c.

**Cured Meats**—In view of a possible if not probable change in the tariff, packers are turning out only just sufficient pork to meet the immediate requirements of their trade, and hence the decline in dressed hogs and the reduced prices in pork. Canada short cut pork, mess, per barrel, \$16 00 to 17.00; Canada clear per bbl, \$15.50 to 16.50; hams, per lb, 12 to 13c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 11½ to 12½c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb, 7½ to 8c; bacon, per lb, 11 to 12c; shoulders, per lb, 10 to 10½c.

**Dressed Hogs**—Since our last report a further decline has taken place in this market, car lots having sold at \$6.25 and 6.20, with lower prices ruling to day.

**Butter**—There is still a quiet feeling in the market here, although owing to limited stocks prices are well sustained. Trade is confined chiefly to the local trade which buys from hand to mouth. Jobbing lots of choice creamery have changed hands at 25 to 26c, while western dairy has been taken at 20 to 21c, single packages brought more money. Enquiries have been received from St. John and Halifax for western grades, but we have not heard of any business resulting so far. A lot of western creamery was shipped to British Columbia this week. Creamery, early made, 23 to 23½c; creamery, late made, 24 to 25c, eastern townships, 21 to 23c; western, 19 to 21c. For single tubs of selected 1c per lb may be added to the above. Roll butter—Sales have been made in tubs, half barrels and boxes at 20 to 21c.

**Eggs**—The egg market is demoralized, and prices are fully 1c lower, sales of good western lined having been made at 12c, and Montreal lined at 14c, while held fresh stock has sold at 12 to 15c as to quality.

**Apples**—Are a little easier this week and under a fair demand, there being ample stock in the market at the present high prices, which are as follows: No. 1, \$4 to 5; common stock, \$2.50 to 3.50.

**Hides**—The market during the past week has been quiet, notwithstanding that prices are as low as they were ever before known. Even at present abnormally depressed prices tanners are not anxious buyers, for the reason that leather is such slow sale. The few sales reported have been on the basis of 4c No. 1 to

tanners and 3½c to dealers. Receipts are pretty liberal. We quote prices as follows:—Nos. 1, 2 and 3 light hides to tanners, 1, 3 and 2c, and to dealers, 3½, 2½ and 1½c. Heavy steers, 6 to 6½c. Calfskins, 7c, lambskins, 75c.—*Trade Bulletin*, Feb. 2.

## Hides, Wool, etc.

Jas. McMillan & Co., of Minneapolis, in their last monthly circular say:—

**Sheep Pelts**—The receipts continue large. Sheep pelts average low in price, in fact not over half the value of last year; but the product (wool and skins) are proportionately low, and slow of sale at that, and we have great difficulty in moving our product, which is large.

**Hides**—The market is lower for all classes of green salted hides and skins, except for calfskins which are in active demand. Dry hides and skins are in quiet demand at unchanged prices. While salted hides are ruling so low in prices, we advise our customers west of the Missouri river and west of Nebraska to have green hides dried in proper shape and ship them in that condition, because they will net them more money dried than salted. They must be dried thoroughly, which takes a longer time in cold weather. Caution your butchers in taking off hides not to cut or score them and in this way save you money. In buying get tare for horns, tail-bones and manure, if any, because such have to be removed or deducted for before weighing.

**Tallow and Grease**—The market is easier and prices have declined a little and may go back to where they were before.

**Wool**—Receipts are very light, and while there is a demand for some of the medium and coarse grades which are suitable for combing purposes, for the balance of grades there is no demand or market at any price. This condition of the market is occasioned by the tariff agitation. It is now too late to send petitions to representatives in the House, but one final effort should be made with the senators, and there is a fair chance that the Wilson bill may be killed in the Senate. Do not delay in this matter, but write them immediately personal letters expressing your views. Our present representatives were elected to help the laboring classes. A part of them erroneously call wool a "raw material," and claim that putting it on the free list will help the laboring classes by making clothing cheaper. It is exactly the reverse; wool is not a raw material, because in an average year we think we can truthfully say that from 75 to 85 per cent. of the value of wool is in labor, and this year the cost of the labor is a great deal more than the price wool will sell for. Free wool would not make common clothing any cheaper. Hold on to your sheep and improve your flocks, even if you have sold your wool this year for next to nothing. Next year you will probably get better prices. If the Wilson Bill should be defeated in the Senate it is predicted by every one that wool will advance heavily; but whether the Wilson Bill is defeated or not the people will never elect representatives again to Congress to betray their interests and destroy the value of their property, not only wool, but every other line of goods.

## Cattle Losses in Texas.

Reports received at the general office of the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass, at San Antonio, Texas, show that the losses to stock on the range in Southwest Texas from the recent severe northern were much greater than expected. In the counties south and east of here, where the drouth was severe and the grazing very poor, thousands of weak cattle succumbed to the cold and died on the range. The number of head of stock lost cannot yet be estimated as reports are incomplete.

## Corn Fed Hogs at a Discount.

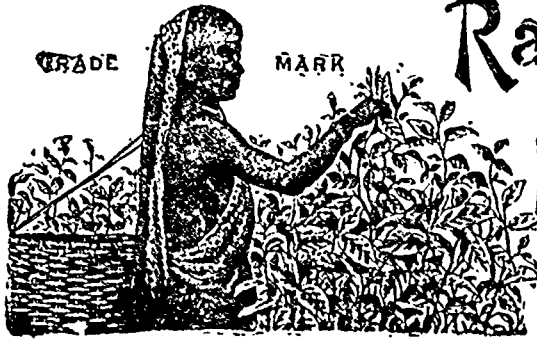
It is a matter worthy of note that the hog products that command the highest prices in the English markets come from countries that are not noted for the production of corn—England, Ireland and Denmark. The quality and consequence of the high price of England, Ireland and Danish bacon is due, first to the feeding of the hog, and second, to the manner of curing. The finest quality of bacon is produced by feeding barley, rye, wheat, peas and boiled potatoes, skim milk, butter milk and whey. The hogs should range in weight from 180 to 220 lbs, and should be long and lean, with well developed hams, straight bellies, and the fat on the back should not exceed one and one-half inches in thickness. The shoulders, sides and hams are cured in one piece. The over fat corn fed hog does not make the finest bacon and does not bring the highest price. By paying attention to these requisites the Danish farmers have increased their sales of bacon in England from 4,000,000 lbs in 1881 to about 200,000,000 lbs in 1892, and the price has steadily increased.

## New Export Grain Port.

St. John, N. B., has bounded into existence as a grain shipping port, and will hereafter be included among the North American cereal exporting points covered by wire by *Bradstreet's* each week in reporting totals of wheat, corn and flour sent abroad from the United States and the Dominion of Canada, both coasts. The Canadian Pacific railway company seems to be responsible for this added glory of the New Brunswick capital. Hitherto the winter grain export business of Canada has been done largely from New York, Boston and Portland. Recently the Canadian Pacific acquired the short line between Montreal and St. John, with a view, as now appears, to use St. John as a winter port. To further the plan the city gave a bonus of \$40,000 for the erection of an elevator, which has been completed. The first consignment from St. John has been made, 16,000 bushels of wheat, and is the commencement of a trade "which is expected to expand enormously." The new elevator has a frontage of 400 feet and a depth of 27 feet and upward at low water, spring tides, and the wharf is therefore capable of accommodating "one steamer of the largest size or two smaller vessels." The elevator on the wharf is modern in construction, and has been pronounced by good judges "the best elevator in Canada," having a storage capacity of 360,000 bushels, and machinery sufficient if its storage capacity should be doubled. It will load an ordinary freight steamer in from four to six hours, and it is estimated "that 4,000,000 bushels of grain can be shipped there monthly, provided there is not too much detention on the railway." It is further explained that the first cargo of wheat to go abroad from St. John under the new order of things is via the City of Lincoln.—*Bradstreet's*

## The Vitality of Wheat.

From field experiments carried on the agricultural experiment station, Purdue University, Indiana, extending over ten years, it appears none of the varieties of wheat tried have any tendency to deteriorate or "run out," providing proper care is exercised. No wheat proves to be "rust proof," but early wheats are generally less injured by rust than later kinds. Eight pecks of seed per acre gave the best returns at the station, the average yield of nine years being 30 35 bushels per acre. The best results came from sowings made not later than Sept. 20. The value of crop rotation in maintaining yields of grain has been strongly emphasized, for a comparison of rotating crops with constant grain cropping for seven years showed average gain of 3.7 bu acre, in favor of the former.



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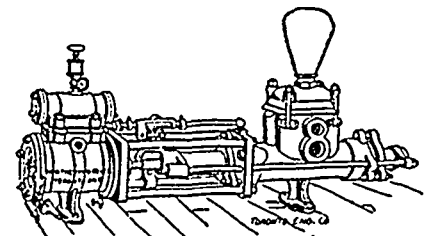
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## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria Review.

February 6, 1894.

Business on Vancouver Island shows little change, and as remarked in a previous letter there is but little to disturb or affect the present condition for some time. The Victoria *Colonist* in its trade report says:—"The general business of the week past has been fair, and the month closed with no report of failures. Trade in some lines has been slack, but in others a slight improvement is noticeable. Produce from the Fraser continues to come in freely, and the market is expected to be well replenished when the steamship *Arawa* arrives next week from Australia with fresh supplies of fruit, dairy produce, etc. Pork is expected to soon take a drop, as there seems to be considerable in stock, some having recently been imported from the east. Game has not been as plentiful as last week, but there is a good supply of other meat in stock. California vegetables are not yet in the market."

Weather has continued favorable for several weeks, and some street work has been done to employ those out of work, of whom there are a number. When the large public works, for which contracts have been let, are under way, they will afford employment to numbers now idle, and times will improve all around.

Vancouver Business Review.

February 6, 1894.

Business quiet. Collections very unsatisfactory. Hard times causing considerable depression in trade circles. The most important business failure of the week was the assignment of A. Hinde Yates & Co., Water street, commission merchants, dealers in provisions, feed and fruit. Wholesale firms say: Those who are able to tide over the next two months will be all right. Another important assignment is that of Godfrey & Co., hardware merchants, Cordova street, due entirely to the prevailing depression. The firm is said to have a good record, and will no doubt be dealt leniently with by their creditors. In New Westminster the failure is announced of Ogle, Campbell & Freeman. Local newspapers make the trifling comment: "Assigned an account of the hard times."

There is nothing doing whatever in the lumber trade, though it is rumored that the Moodyville Mill, shut up for so long, will soon commence operations again. Orders have been given for several new blocks, and building operations will be brisk in the spring. Lumber

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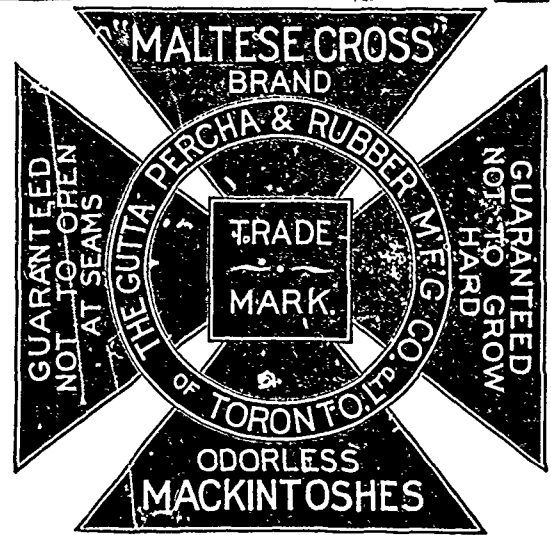
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and coal merchants are very hopeful over the passage of the Wilson bill. The poultry market is getting slack again. Stocks are running out, and there is a present upward tendency. To insure top prices shippers should arrange to have their consignments placed in cold storage. The butter market is still very firm. "But," say the wholesale houses, "if there is any advance it will only be fractional, as the majority of consumers would buy inferior qualities or go without, if there was a material increase in the price. Large shipments of Australian butter is counted upon. Eggs are rather more plentiful, and show a decline in price. In conversation with a prominent buyer, the impression was made that Manitoba shippers packed their eggs as a rule very carelessly and affected the reputation of Manitoba eggs when, if great care was used in shipping none but fresh eggs, Manitoba would have an exclusive market in British Columbia.

The receipt of a large shipment of Chinese sugar has compelled the British Columbia sugar refinery to reduce quotations  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a cent all around.

Fish—Market is a little scaley at present prices. Cod is coming in in shoals and prices must decline. Winnipeg Lake whitefish are considered a great delicacy at Vernon. Live stock—Beef will soon be stiffening up in price. Sheep will also be higher next week.

The fruit market is weakening. Telegrams have been received from California that the reports relating to frozen fruit are greatly exaggerated. California oranges are expected to be much cheaper than at present. There are abundance of potatoes in Chilliwack, B. C., but farmers dare not cart them 10 miles to the station during the frosty weather.

### B. C. Market Quotations.

SUGARS—Powdered or icing, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Paris lump, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; granulated 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; extra C, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; fancy yellow, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; golden C, 4c. Discount 2 per cent cash.

LOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patent, per bbl., \$4.00, strong bakers, \$3.80. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$4.50; XXX, \$4.00; strong bakers, or XX, \$3.80; superfine, \$3.56. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.25; strong bakers, \$4.00; ladies choice, \$4.50; prairie lily, \$4.25; Oregon, \$4.50. Enderby mills—three star, \$4.30; two star, \$3.90; oatmeal eastern \$3.00; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.25; National mills, Victoria, \$3.00; rolled oats eastern \$3.00 to \$3.25; California, \$4.00; National mills \$3.00 per sack; Westminster Mills, 4c per lb., cornmeal \$2.75;

split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; best China rice, do., \$100; China rice, do., \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$30 per ton; bran, \$23; shorts \$24; Man. oats, \$34.00; wheat \$28; oil cake, \$40; hay, \$16. Feed wheat, \$26 to 28 per ton; oats \$31; chop barley, \$30. California malting barley, \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to \$33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$4.25; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$3.95. Shorts, \$23; bran, \$21; barley chop, \$26; Brandon Mills, Hungarian, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.40.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$22 to \$25 per ton; onions, 3c; cabbage, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; carrots, turnips and beets, 3c.

DAIRY.—Eastern creamery is quoted at 30c; eastern dairy, 23 to 26c; cheese, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 14c; California, 23 to 30c.

EGGS—Eastern case eggs, 20 to 21c; fresh, 25c.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 15c; geese, 14c; chickens, 13c.

CURED MEATS—Hams 14c; breakfast bacon, 15c; backs 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; short rolls, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; long clear, 11c. Lard in pails, and tubs, 13c. Lard in tins, 14c.

DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.—Live steers are 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; cows 3c; beef, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; —sheep, 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; mutton, 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; hogs, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; pork, 9 to 10c.

FISH—Prices are—salmon 10c; flounders, 4c; smelt, 5c; seabass, 5c; cod, 8c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered herring, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c.

FRUITS—Lemons, Cal., \$4.00; B.C. apples, 90c to \$1.00; Oregon apples, \$1.10 to 1.50; Japanese oranges, 50c; navals, \$3 to 3.25.

### Brief Business Notes.

A. W. Harding, drugs, Kamloops, assigned. Godfrey & Co., hardware, Vancouver, assigned.

W. D. Mearns has resigned his position as foreman of the Hastings mill after a service of a number of years.

Statements having been made of a war of rates in sugar, a Vancouver newspaper says: The management of the B. C. Sugar Refinery deny that the price of sugar is down to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound as the result of a sugar war between R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., and themselves. The correct prices of British Columbia sugar are as follows: Powdered and icing, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound; Paris lumps, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound; granulated, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  cents per pound; extra C, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound; fancy yellow, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound; yellow, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound; Golden C, 4 cents per pound.

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## Fur Trade Notes.

Following were the quantities of furs offered at C. M. Lampson & Co.'s recent sale at London:—Raccoon, 220,000; muskrat, 1,500,000; skunk, 200,000; red fox, 10,000; mink, 175,000; gray fox, 5,300; Japan fox, 16,500; bear, 6,000; Russian sable, 1,000; wolf, 3,400; house cat, 7,000; dry hair seal, 2,800; wallaby, 50,000; wombat, 20,000; Thibet lamb, 3,500; opossum, 105,000; white fox, 5 000; beaver, 14,000; marten, 36,000; lynx, 5,000; wild cat, 1,600; badger, 1,100; Australian opossum, 550,000; kangaroo, 5,000; nutria, 32,000; Thibet lamb carcase, 100.

Following were prices in shillings and pence realized at the recent London sale of Hudson's Bay Company: Beaver—Yorkfort, No. 1, from 18.6 to 36.6; No. 2, from 14 to 30; No. 3, from 8 to 23. M.K.R., No. 1, from 14.6 to 31.6; No. 2, from 11.9 to 26.6; No. 3, from 7.9 to 20.6. M.R. and E.M., No. 1, from 21 to 44.6; No. 2, from 18.9 to 36.6; No. 3, from 11.9 to 23.6. F.G., No. 1, from 23.6 to 52; No. 2, from 21.6 to 46. Canada, No. 1, from 21.6 to 40; No. 2, from 17 to 33.6; No. 3, from 9.3 to 23. N.W., No. 1, from 13.3 to 35.6; No. 2, from 11.6 to 26; No. 3, from 9 to 22 shillings. Musquash—Yorkfort firsts, 6½ to 9½; kits, 3½ to 4½; M.K.R. firsts, 4½ to 5½; kits, 3; E.M. firsts, 8½ to 12; kits, 4½; M.R. firsts, 8 to 9½; kits, 4½ to 4½; N.W. Canada firsts, 7 to 10; kits, 5; Canada firsts, 7 to 10; kits, 4½ to 4½ pence.

Prices obtained for sealskins at the London sales were as follows:—

Northwest Coast—Middlings, 48 to 62; middlings and smalls, 47 to 64; smalls, 47 to 60; large pups, 47 to 60; middling pups, 51 to 60; small pups, 43 to 55; extra small pups, 32 to 39; extra extra small pups, 22 to 28; middling and smalls, cut, 45 to 55; smalls, cut, 42 to 49; large pups, cut, 38 to 46; middling pups, cut, 39 to 44; small pups, cut, 31 to 35; extra small pups, cut, 21 to 23; extra extra small pups, cut, 15 to 18; gray pups, 10 to 12; gray pups, inferior, 7 shillings. Lobos Island Seals, middlings and smalls 46. large pups 42, middling pups 37, small pups 27, ex small pups 18 shillings.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin quotes the following prices "as being the best obtainable in the present depressed state of the market. We quote as follows:—Beaver, per lb, \$3 to 3.50; bear, per skin, large, \$10 to \$15; bear cub, \$2 to \$4; fisher, \$3 to \$5; red fox, \$1 to \$1.25; lynx, \$1 to \$2; marten, 80c to \$1; mink, \$1 to \$1.50; muskrat, 10 to 12c; otter, \$8 to \$12; raccoon, 50 to 75c; skunk, 50 to 75c."

Culverwell, Brooks & Co., of London, in their price current, January 11, give the following quotations for American furs:—Beaver Firsts, large, 30 to 57.6; seconds, do. 28 to 46; thirds, do. 16 to 25; small and cub, 3.6 to 12 shillings per skin. Otters—Firsts and small,

30 to 90; seconds and small, 20 to 45; thirds and small, 3 to 25 shillings per skin. Marten—Selected, 20 to 45; firsts, 10 to 22; seconds and pale, 6 to 18; thirds and small pale, 2 to 10 shillings per skin. Mink—Firsts, 10 to 20; seconds, 5 to 12; thirds and fourths, 1 to 2.6 shillings per skin. Silver fox—Firsts, 13 to 130; seconds, 5 to 35; thirds, 2 to 8.10 pounds; fourths, 5 shillings to 1 pound 10 shillings. Cross fox—Firsts, 35 to 75; seconds and pale, 30 to 55; thirds, 17.6 to 25 25 shillings per skin. Red Fox—Firsts, 7 to 15; seconds, 5.6 to 12.6; thirds, 4 to 6; fourths, 2 to 4 shillings per skin. Black bear—Firsts, 30 to 200; second, 50 to 95; thirds, 20 to 60; fourths, 2 to 8 shillings per skin. Raccoon—Firsts, 2.6 to 12; seconds, 2 to 8; third, 1.2 to 2.4 shillings; fourths, 8 pence to 1.4 shillings per skin. Skunks—Firsts, 3 to 10; seconds, 1.5 to 6.6; thirds, 1.3 to 3 shillings; fourths, 7 pence to 1.3 shillings per skin. Wolf—Firsts, 5 to 16; seconds and thirds, 3 to 7.6; first extra large blue, 14 to 25 shillings per skin. Sea Otter—Large, 26 to 215; middling, 24 to 62; small, 10 to 32; cubs, 1 to 10 pounds per skin.

## The Growing Crops in Europe.

In spite of the recent cold spell, the crops in Germany look generally well, the young plant being strong enough to withstand the inclemencies of winter. The weather in Austria-Hungary, although not quite so severe as a week ago, has still maintained a wintry character. Slight snow falls are reported in most parts of the monarchy. The condition of the crops, with very few exceptions, remains satisfactory. The rigorously cold weather of the past week in Belgium suddenly softened, and the snow has since wholly disappeared. Up to the present no complaints are heard of the effects of the late frosts, and the growing crops do not appear to have been injured. In the north and central provinces of the Italian peninsula, the weather has continued quite wintry, but milder and rainy in the south. The wheat fields are developing well generally, and all the autumn sown crops are protected against the frost by a good snow cover. In the Spanish provinces of Andalucia and the two Castilles, the wheat is growing well and looks in splendid condition. Confirming what has already appeared in *Dornbusch*, the London Times correspondent in Calcutta, telegraphing the first report on the Poojab wheat crop, states that the prospects are unusually good, and that the area under wheat is estimated at about 6 per cent over that of last year. Postal advices from New South Wales mention that the crops in some districts are not up to expectations. It is anticipated that although a large area was under cultivation, the yield will only approximate that of last year. —*Dornbusch*, Jan. 16.

## President's Address, Toronto Board of Trade.

Mr. D. R. Wilkie, retiring president, said during his address:—"I shall not venture to report upon the course of the trade industries during the past year. Each member of the board should be familiar with the ups and downs of his own line of business, but I may be allowed to state that in my opinion the misfortunes which have overtaken many during the past year are traceable not so much to dullness in trade as they are due to too extended efforts and to outside investments. The business man who has been content to confine his operations within legitimate bounds should have no difficulty in overcoming the effects of a temporary depression, but if to the effects of commercial depression are added the losses incidental to the collapse of a 'land boom,' or of the stock market, it is not the condition of trade that is answerable for his misfortunes.

"We are apt, in Canada, to be carried away in our ambitions by the mad rush and excitement which are to be witnessed in two or three of the largest cities of the American Union, and by the immense fortunes which are realized from time to time by reckless speculation; but we must not forget the absconding official, the disgraced director, or the bankrupt merchant. If we could only bring home to ourselves an appreciation of the misery and wretchedness entailed upon thousands as the result of what is commonly known as 'dealings in margin,' I am certain there would be fewer complaints, fewer failures, and many more happy homes."

## Toronto Dry Goods Trade.

Numerous orders for spring goods in rather smaller quantities than is usual at this season of the year continue to come to hand. The aggregate of sales up to date is fair, but somewhat under that of last season. The shrewdest retailers are not inclined to buy with a free hand, but they are nevertheless buying. Stocks in the hands of wholesale houses are already being drawn on to a fairly satisfactory extent. The goods shown this season are very saleable. The fabrics in cottons and woollens are of fine quality and the designs are really artistic. The patterns in prints this year reflect great genuinity on the part of the designers and colorings that are marvels of beauty. Cottons, with delaine effects, are an attractive novelty. So far the principal movement has been in prints, but during the week a fair business has been done in imported woollens, hosiery, small-wares, gents' furnishings, spring suitings and overcoatings, dress goods and silks. Pongee and Japan silks are having quite a run, and the usual quantity of laces is being ordered. Payments are reported rather slow again. The counting houses give the preparation of retailers to meet 4th of the month paper as a reason for present light remittances.

**Toronto Grocery Market.**

**Sugars, Syrups and Molasses.**—Sugars—Granulated, 4½c; Paris lumps, boxes, 5½ to 57c; extra ground, bbls, 5½c; powdered, bbls, 5 to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 37c; and brights, 3½ to 4½c. Syrups, per imperial gal. of 14 lbs.—Dark, 22 to 26c; medium, 28 to 32c; bright, 32 to 35c; extra bright, 36 to 39c; extra, very bright, 40 to 43c; special brights, 45 to 50c. Molasses—West India, bbls, 23 to 35c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 23 to 28c per gallon.

**Teas and Coffees.**—The movement in teas continues satisfactory. Sales are equal to those at this season last year and promise to keep up the balance of the season. Some excellent values are being shown in medium and low grade Japs, Indias and Ceylons. Quite a quantity has come to hand during the week. Coffees are quiet and unchanged. Green Rio continues scarce and firm. Local prices are: Green Rios, 22 to 23c. Roasted coffees—Rio, pure, 25c; choice, 26; fancy, 20½c; extras, 27c; Maricaoibos, 60c; Jamaicas, 28c; Javas 31½c for imperial; Java, old Government, 32½ to 34½c; private growth standard Java, 36c; Mochas, pure, 33c; genuine Arabian Mochas, 36c.

**Dried Fruits.** Interest has centered in Valencia raisins. The higher prices abroad during the week served as a hint to retailers to lay in stocks, and a considerably enlarged movement followed. The crop this season has been fair, but low prices, which have ruled, have caused a largely increased consumption, and as a result stocks now held in London, Denia and New York are relatively light. Other lines are steady and unchanged. Quotations are:—Raisins—Valencia, 4½ to 4¾c for off stalk; 4¾ to 5½c for fine off stalk; 5½ to 5¾c for selected; layers, new crop, 5½c to 6 Sultanas, old, 4½ to 5½c; new 6 to 8½c; London layers, old \$1.25 per 22-lb box, and new, \$2.25 per 22 lb box; black baskets, new, \$3.25 to 3 40; blue baskets, new, \$4 00 a box; extra desserts, \$4 per box; quarter flats, \$1.25 per box; extra dessert quarter flats, \$1.50; prunes, fine new Bordeaux, 5 to 6c. Figs—Natural, in 55 lb bags, 4½ to 6c; Elemes figs 12-lb boxes, 9 to 14c; fiberts, 9 to 10c. Shelled Jordan almonds, 45 to 50c per pound; shelled Valencia almonds 25 to 28c per pound; Tarragona almonds, 13 to 14c per pound walnuts, 11 to 14c. Peel—Orange, 16½ to 18c per pound; citron 20 to 24c; and lemon, 13 to 16c. Marbot walnuts, 11 to 12c; Bordeaux walnuts 8 to 9c; Hallowee dates 5½ to 5¾c; evaporated California nectarines, 13c; peaches, 13½c; apricots, 17c and pears, 13c. Panarita currants, 9c.

**Canned Goods.**—There is no special feature in canned goods. The movement of fruit, fish and vegetables continues moderate, with value steady. Quotations are: Fish—Salmon, 1's tall, \$1.20 to 1.40; and flats, horseshoe, \$1.50; lobster, imperial crown flats, \$2 50; mackorel, \$1; sinned haddie, \$1.35 to 1.50; sardines, French ½'s, 9½ to 13c; sardines, French ¼'s, 16 to 23c; sardines, American ½'s, 5½ to 8c; sardines, American ¼'s, 9 to 12c. Fruit and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85 to 90c; corn, 3's, 80 to 90c; peas, 2's, 85c to \$1.45; beans 85 to 95c; pumpkins, 80 to 95c; strawberries and raspberries 2's, \$1.75 to 2 10; apples, gals., \$2.25; 3's 95c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.80 to 2; peaches, 3's, \$2.90 to 3; plums, 2's, \$1.65 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.85; pears, 2's, \$1.45 to 1.80; 3's, \$2 60 to 2.75.

**Rice and Spices.**—Rice—Bags, 3½ to 37c; do., off grades, \$3.15 to 3 25; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½c; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5½c; whole pepper, black, 1½ to 16c; do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 28c; cochen, 20 to 23c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 80c to \$1.10; cream of tartar, 28 to 35c; domestic vermicelli and macaroni, 7½ to 9c; French 10 to 12½c, and Italian, 13 to 15c.—*Empire*, Feb. 2.

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**British Columbia Brief Business Notes.**

O'Rourke & Jarvis, liquors, Vancouver, dissolved.

H. E. Keat, grocer, Vancouver, selling out by auction.

Lillio Izen, cigars, fruit, etc., Nanaimo, stock sold by sheriff

W. J. Meakin, hotel, Vancouver, sold out to John Jarvis.

Wm. O'Dell, contractor, Nanaimo, assigned to George Hay.

MacKinnon, Macfarlane & Co., real estate agents, Vancouver, dissolved.

George W. Reid, blacksmith, Victoria, successor to John McLean, deceased.

C. Z. Perry, manager of the Sun Life Insurance company at Vancouver, is dead.

Ogle, Campbell & Freeman, dry goods, New Westminster, assigned to Wm. Skeene.

Dempster & McLaughlin, blacksmiths, Victoria, dissolved; P. W. Dempster continues.

The first shipment of the Prescott Sturgeon Co. has gone forward to Chicago. It was a ton on consignment.

The Nelson and Fort Shepherd railway shipped during January 1,214 tons of ore, valued at \$156,030.

The Kamloops Cattle Co. have sold out their two places of business in Vancouver to their late employees, J. Hall and Jas. McGregor.

A. Leishman, senior member of the lumber firm of Leishman, Maundrell & Co., Woodstock, Galt, Stratford, Preston and Orillia, Ont., left yesterday for Calgary. Mr. Leishman spoke highly of B. C. shingles, pronouncing them highly thought of by astern-builders.

W. H. Cunningham succeeded J. C. Allerdyce as manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. six weeks ago. W. H. Cunningham has already defaulted for some \$300 and left the city hurriedly.

The customs returns for January, Westminster, show imports, \$83,118; revenue collected, \$14,894; exports, \$33,110.

Major and Eldridge have purchased a large consignment of butter from the government dairy at Ottawa.

A. McCracker, owner of the Temple woollen mills, Kildare, Ireland, proposes to establish woollen mills at Mission City. He has been offered a grant of land and liberal inducements.

The Norwegian ship Beaconsfield has finished loading her cargo of lumber at the Hastings Mill, and cleared for England. She takes a cargo of 1,055,411 feet rough lumber, at \$13,491.

J. A. Macfarlane, partner in the firm of MacKinnon, Macfarlane & Co., Vancouver, is returning to Mexico to manage the smelting works of Boles & Co. at Santa Rosalia.

A limited liability company has been formed in England to acquire the Hon. Col. Baker's estate at Cranbrook, East Kootenay, a property containing about 18,000 acres, with 120 under cultivation as a stock farm. Part of the area is to be developed as a townsite. The capital is fixed at £65,350.

The Vancouver city council is prosecuting civic retrenchment on an extensive scale, and are cutting down both salaries and staff.

Word has been received of the total destruction of the tug boat Estelle by explosion, and the loss of the entire crew, numbering eight persons. The explosion occurred last Sunday near Campbell river, at the northern part of Vancouver island. The Estelle was owned in Nanaimo and valued at \$25,000.

The Vancouver News Advertiser of January 31st had the following: "To-morrow there will be inaugurated a new railway service between Vancouver and Seattle, Canadian Pacific trains running right through to that city over the Great Northern coast lines. The trains will be "solid," running through to Seattle and

vice versa without a change. Not only will Canadian Pacific cars run through to Seattle, but the first-class train of the Great Northern will run through to and from Vancouver, taking the place of the present tramway connection at New Westminster for this city.

The British ship British General has arrived at Vancouver 98 days from Java with a cargo of 2,500 tons of raw sugar for the refinery. She had good weather and nothing of note occurred on the trip. Her arrival relieved the refinery merchants of considerable anxiety as two vessels sailing with sugar before her, the Morayshire and Blair Athol, both disappeared and nothing has since been heard of them.

R. Balfour, representing a company of eastern capitalists, has offered to build an iron and steel bridge across the Fraser for railway and general traffic, first class in every respect, the company to collect tolls not higher than the present ferry charges, and the city to guarantee interest and sinking fund on the bonds to be issued by the company to the face value of \$250,000. On completion of the work the city is to hand over to the company city bonds of the face value of \$250,000, on which the interest and sinking fund are guaranteed, the city to have the first lien on all the tolls collected to secure payment of the interest and sinking fund on the bonds of the company guaranteed by the city. The work will, it is said, be started as soon as the contract is signed and all necessary legal formalities have been completed. The council has the proposition under consideration.

The Nanaimo customs returns for January are as follows:—

Duty collected ..... \$1,829 45

The customs returns at Victoria, for January were as follows:—

Exports—Products of Canada... \$ 20,172 00  
 " Not products of Canada... 73,344 00

Total ..... \$ 93,516 00

Imports—Dutiable..... \$168,195 00  
 " Free ..... 26,515 00

Total ..... \$194,710 00

Total revenues ..... \$56,818 17

The Vancouver customs returns for the month of January, were as follows: Total revenue, \$20,742 98; total imports, \$80,916; total exports, \$26,446.

During the corresponding month in 1893, the collections were \$24,631.90, the decrease being thus, \$3,908 94.

The following were the January inland revenue collections for the Vancouver division:—

Spirits ..... \$3,782 76

Tobacco ..... 1,894 51

Malt ..... 546 16

Cigars ..... 350 70

Petroleum inspected ..... 62 00

Total ..... \$6 666 13

**Toronto Markets.**

Wheat—Holders were taking a few cars, but exporters were out of the market, except at such figures as holders were unwilling to accept. A sale of 10 cars of white wheat, middle freights west, was reported at 59c, and a sale of 6 cars of spring, west, at 60c, both to millers. Red and white, north and west, sold at 57c, also to millers. Spring on the Midland was wanted at 61c. Manitoba holders are dull and unchanged. Winnipeg holders were asking 80c for milling in transit No. 1 hard, but millers refused to touch it at that figure.

Flour—Very dull, with values heavy. Straight roller, Toronto freights, is quoted at \$2.65 to 2.70.

Oats—Car lots of mixed changed hands west at 32c and white at 32½c, and cars on track were held at 33½c. A lot of 10,000 bushels, C. P. R. and C. T. R. west, was offered, however, at 32c, but not taken. The demand is exclus-

ively local, prices being above an export basis. Barley—No. 1 offered outside at 43c. Feed stuff is easy. Old barley is quoted west at 36c and 1893 crop at 36½c. Car lots east offered to-day at 37½c.

Eggs—The market flooded. Fresh have dropped about 1c. Quotations are: 11 to 11½ for pickled; 12½ to 13c for choice limed; 12½ to 13c for "hold"; 15½ to 16c for fresh gathered.

Apples—Selected apples are quoted at \$3 75 to \$4, and cooking apples at \$2.50 to \$3.00. Dried stock quiet, but firm, and is quoted at 5½ to 6c, and evaporated are held at 10 to 10½c.

Beans—Quiet at \$1.25 to 1.50 per bushel. Jobbers are paying \$1.25 and are selling at \$1.50 for white, and 5 to 5½ for Limas.

Onions—Demand fair and prices easy. Commission houses are getting 1 to 1½ per lb for yellow Danvers and silver skins.

Honey—Receipts are moderate and prices are steady at 7½ to 8c for extracted, and \$1.50 to 1.75 per dozen for sections.

Poultry—Quotations for strictly fresh killed stock are as follows, with "snowed" 1 to 1½ lb lower:—Turkeys, 9 to 10½c; geese, 5½ to 7c; chickens, 25 to 45c; and ducks 50 to 80c.

Dressed Meats.—Quotations are: Beef fore, 4½ to 6c; hinds, 6½ to 8c; carcass lamb 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c; and veal, 7 to 8c; pork, \$6 25 to 6.50.

Cured Meats—Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$15.75 to \$16 00; short cut, \$16 75 to \$17.00; shoulder, mess, \$14 to 14.50; bacon, long clear, case lots \$3; lard, Canadian tierces, 9½c; tubs, 10c; pork, 10½ to 10¾c; and compounds in pails and tubs, 8 to 8½c; smoked hams, 11½ to 11¾c; bellies, 12 to 12½c; rolls, 9 to 9½c, and backs, 11 to 11½c. Packing salt is quoted at 60c per sack for coarse, and 62c for fine.

Butter—Offerings continue large, but demand is better at the decline, and a good deal of the stuff is being worked off. Creamery is in poor demand owing to the quality of fine dairy pressing for sale. Choice dairy tubs sell at 19 to 20c, with an odd lot of extra fine at 20½c. Rolls sell at 16 to 18c. Bakers' butter is quoted at 14 to 16c. Creamery pounds sell at 24 to 25c, and creamery tubs at 23 to 24c.

Cheese—The local jobbing trade is fair and prices steady. Full cream, September and October, sell at 11½ to 11¾c.

Wool—Super is easy at 19 to 20c, and extras at 23 to 24c. Fleece wool is entirely nominal at 17c for merchantable.

Hides—Prices easy at 3½c for No. 1 green, and 4c for steer hides, 60 lbs. and over. Cured is dull at 4c for No. 1. Skins—Demand here is dull and prices unchanged at 75 to 80c for sheepskins and 5 to 6c for No. calf. Cured calf is quoted at 7 to 8c, but there is no movement. Tallow—Easy at 5½ to 5¾c. Dealers are jobbing at 6c.

**Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.**

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the weeks ending on the dates given, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding week a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horno to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 27.	Feb 5
Extra Manitoba					
hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	48	29	38	27	21
No. 2 hard	34	13	11	7	15
No. 3 hard	4	2	1	0	0
No. 4 hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern	6	7	1	2	0
No. 2 Northern	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 White type	2	1	0	1	4
No. 2 White type	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 Spring	1	2	1	0	1
Rejected	5	4	0	8	3
No Grade	2	0	0	0	0
Total	103	68	68	45	49
Same week last year	225	153	173	153	96

\*Wheat inspected at Emerson, going out via the Northern Pacific, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

## Immigration and Inhumanity.

At the annual meeting of the National Board of Trade of the United States held last week at Washington we listened to much of discussion with reference to the regulation of immigration, and were impressed with the striking selfishness with which intelligent men can plead for limitations and restrictions concerning the landing on our shores of persons who may be unfortunate with reference to possessions or of qualifications giving assurance of ability to be earners of a livelihood. The humanitarian sentiment was set aside, even by men who would esteem it an offence to be spoken of as in any degree lacking in the elements of Christianity. As hard, and in some respects irrational, as our immigration laws are, some of these men would have them more severe, less merciful. And such a feeling, to our national disgrace, is apparently quite prevalent among the people of our country.

Under the heading, "Worse than a Tragedy," the Boston Herald relates an instance of the hardships imposed by our immigration laws as they are now enforced. That paper says:—

A family of Russian immigrants, consisting of seven members, brought into this port among their number a girl of 15 years of age, who was deaf, dumb and feeble minded. The law did not allow of her admission. The family had only enough money to pay their fare to Kansas, their destination, where they expected to meet a relative. They could not return with the girl, and they were not permitted to take her with them. There was no alternative but separation, and the throwing of the poor creature, unprotected and friendless, upon the charity of strangers at home. The parting is represented to have been a bitter one, the family appearing to be much attached to the deserted child. They left for the west, and she remained on the steamer. The child, mercifully, did not appear to realize what was transpiring, but of all the sorrows of real life it would be difficult to imagine one more heart-rending. Here was an opportunity for a philanthropist to interpose, had any been at hand; but there was none, and the unfortunate child was compelled to be left to her fate by the half-distracted relatives. The family, who were poor and ill-informed people, were probably ignorant of the necessity of separation when they left home, and there seems to have been no one there to warn them.

Laws that make it possible for the infliction of such an outrage upon fellow beings as is here related, and which is but an instance of the many cases of horrible distress for which they are responsible, are unworthy a people claiming the highest degree of enlightenment. They are simply damnable.—Cincinnati Price Current.

## Irrigation Enterprises.

The Northwest Magazine, of St. Paul, referring to irrigation in the northwestern states, says: The history of northwestern development during the year just begun is going to be very largely a record of irrigation enterprises and of settlement on irrigated lands. We present in this issue a very clear and comprehensive account of the various canals now in progress of construction in the Yakima Valley, in the new State of Washington and of the remarkable successes in raising fruits, hops, grains and forage crops already achieved by farmers in that sunny region. A second article on this subject will appear in our next number. We also give in this number a sketch of the career of a prominent Montana promoter of irrigation and a brief description of a project in the northern part of that State with which he is associated. Our Washington exchanges bring us accounts of a large scheme still in embryo which contemplates a canal a hundred miles long in the valley of the Okanogan river. The Okanogan is a considerable stream, which rises in British Columbia and flowing nearly due south joins the Columbia on the northern

side of the big bend of that river. At the international boundary it is fed by a large lake called Ocoyos. This lake it is proposed to use as a reservoir. The valley is from one to eight miles wide and is rimmed with high mountains. A canal, estimated to cost \$500,000, would irrigate about 60,000 acres of highly fertile land which is now too dry for any use except grazing. The Okanogan Valley contains a number of producing mines of gold and silver which support small towns. Besides the miners the population consists of a few hundred cattle men. The climate is mild and healthful and both soil and climate are adapted to what is called extensive farming, the only lack being a sufficient rain fall. When this is remedied by an irrigation system the valley will support a large population and will be a good field for railway enterprise. At present the means of communication with the railway systems of the State are by boat from the mouth of the river to the point where the Great Northern crosses the Columbia, and by stage to Coules City, the terminus of the Central Washington branch of the Northern Pacific.

## Montana Cattle.

Last year's run of cattle from Montana was 170,000. The prediction was made at the opening of this season that the run of cattle would not exceed 150,000 head. That figure has been passed, and no doubt with what has been shipped from Montana over the Burlington Road, the figure will reach up toward the 200,000 mark. In almost all respects the season of 1893 has been one of disappointment to cattle owners in Montana. The winter was severe, the spring long and cold, the summer drouthy, the water scarce, the grass short, and most aggravating of all, the financial panic caused the average prices of beef for the season to be about \$1.00 per 100 lbs less than last year. Light cattle and light prices have prevailed all summer, but the necessity of having some money forced the shipment of cattle to market against the better judgment of the owners, and kept up the run when otherwise it would have dropped below the market for the previous year.—Stock Growers' Journal.

## Montreal Corn Exchange.

The annual meeting of the Corn Exchange Association was held recently. D. A. McPherson, in moving the adoption of the annual report, stated that the attempt to establish a call board had proved a failure. This was to be regretted, as it was thought it would have increased business. The question of grain shortages had been taken up by the committee of management, and the railway companies had been communicated with to try and get the matter into such a shape as would be satisfactory to both shipper and receiver. In conclusion, he referred to the increased shipment of grain from Montreal, notwithstanding the increased harbor charges, and said that it went to show that if the Government only treated this port as it should be treated, a much larger trade would follow.

The election of officers resulted as under:—President, David G. Thompson; treasurer, Wm. Stewart. Committee of Management—Jos. Robillard, W. A. Hastings, A. G. Thompson, R. Peddie, James Allan, R. M. Esdaile and E. F. Craig. Board of Review—G. M. Kinghorn, chairman; F. A. Crane, John Dillon, C. H. Gould, J. O. Lafreuiere and Stewart Munn.

A meeting of iron men of Ontario and Quebec was held in Montreal recently, when there was a general expression of opinion, to the effect that the present duty on wrought scrap iron should remain as it is, namely, at \$2 per ton. It was held that if the duty was so altered as to compel bar iron manufacturers to buy Canadian puddled bars, the Nova Scotia concern could not supply the wants of the trade, which would necessitate the bringing in of English puddled bars, and manufacturers would have to do business at a loss.

## An Iron Monopoly.

A New York paper says: John D. Rockefeller has obtained absolute control of the most important iron mines of the United States. By a deal that was closed on Friday he absorbed all the Lake Superior iron mines and all the big ones in Cuba. This places him in the same position toward the iron producing business as he has long held toward that of oil. There is not a single mine in the Lake Superior region or in Cuba that he does not control to-day. To do this has only cost him between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000. He was able to accomplish this because of the recent financial crisis. The owners of these mines had been developing them at such a rapid rate that they had not enough cash to carry them through the hard times. Mr. Rockefeller seized the opportunity to buy everything in sight. On the 1 o'clock train for the west yesterday wore Mr. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's confidential man, and a party of trusted employees, together with several members of the Merritt family. They are on their way to Duluth to take charge of the mines, docks and railroad in the name of John D. Rockefeller.

## Toronto Leather Prices.

Prices are rather easy owing to the decline in hides. Sole, slaughtered, medium heavy per lb, 23 to 25c; Spanish No 1, per lb 20 to 25c; Spanish, No 2, per lb, 22 to 24c; Spanish, No 3, per lb, 18 to 20c; calfskin, Canadian, light, 65 to 75c; calfskin, Canadian, medium, 70 to 73c; calfskin, Canadian heavy, 65 to 70; calfskin; French, \$1.05 to 1.30, upper, light, medium, 30 to 32c; split, 15 to 23c; harness, prime, per lb, 24 to 26c; harness, light, per lb, 22 to 24c; buff, 14 to 16c; pebble, 14 to 15c; oak harness, American, 45 to 50c; oak harness, English, 70 to 80c; cordovan vamps, No 1, \$3.50 to \$6; cordovan vamps, No 2, \$5 to 5.50; cordovan golo-shes, 11 to 12c; cordovan sides, No 1, 16c; cordovan sides, No 2, 13c; cordovan sides, No 3, 11 to 12c; oak cup soles, \$4.50 to \$8; hemlock taps, \$3 to 3.75; cod oil, per gal, 40 to 45; degreas, per lb, 3 1/2 to 4c; hemlock extract, 3 1/2c; lampblack, 20 to 25c; sumac, per ton, 75c; roundings, white oak, 18c; roundings, black, 18c; roundings, hemlock, 15c.

## The British Grain Trade.

The London cable review, for the week ended Feb. 3, says:—The weather has been fair for wheat, which has been green and promising, and farm work is progressing. The wheat market has been dull and rather dependent, though a fair business has been done. La Plata wheat and a few cargoes of white wheat have been sold; otherwise the week has been without feature. United Kingdom stocks have been reduced, and exports have been lighter, but this has had no effect upon the market. France has ceased to buy, and prices are unchanged. The parcel trade has been moderate. Spot business has been quiet and steady. California prompt was quoted at 26 1/2 3d; red winter parcel, February and March, 24 1/2 61. Flour was dull and slow at 3d lower.

## Harvesting all the Year.

Every one knows who knows anything about wheat, that it is harvested every month in the year. Australia, Argentine Republic and Chili harvest in January; India and upper Egypt harvest in February and March; lower Egypt, Syria, Cyprus, Persia, Asia Minor and Mexico in April; Algeria, Central Asia, China, Japan, Morocco and Texas in May; and Turkey, Italy, Spain, Greece, Portugal, south of France, California, Oregon, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri in June.



**What the Hog has Done.**

It is well, when we contemplate with pride and satisfaction the developments of western civilization, to give honor to whom honor is due. In point of fact, much of the splendor of our achievements is due to that most despised of all farm animals in the popular estimation—the hog.

Kansas city, Omaha, St. Louis and Chicago boast of their marvellous growth during the past two or three decades. They attribute it to their natural advantages, to their admirable facilities of transportation, and to the intelligence and enterprise of their people. In point of fact, much of it is due to the hog. The establishment of the pork packing industry in any city of the west is universally regarded as a pledge of prosperity, present and future. Wherever the hog has gone, to market in large numbers, packing establishments have sprung up as by magic. Deposits increased in the banks, stores of the great merchants were filled with customers, and the laboring man's home swelled the population and largely increased the wealth of these cities. Were the pork packing establishments removed from any of these cities there would be, for the time being, industrial paralysis, bankruptcies and failures. Few men realize how much of the comfort and prosperity which they enjoy in these cities depends upon the hog.

Again, for all these years the hog has been feeding a hungry world. In the peasant homes of Europe, on the cotton plantations of the south, in the mining camps of the west, and wherever great armies move, pork products are to be found as one of the staple foods of man. The toothsome ham is as grateful to the palate of the millionaire as it is to the palate of the soldier, or miner, or peasant. Tender, sweet and toothsome, it is as grateful alike to the palate of the child, of the laborer and of the old man who looks back over his long years of good feeding and remembers with pleasure the hog.—*Wisconsin Farmer.*

**Canal Tolls.**

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Marine Association, held at Toronto recently, D. G. Thomson, of Montreal, speaking on the question of free canals in Canada, showed that in all cases during the past year the western farmer had paid the tolls on grain, and that it was not in the interest of the farmer and grain dealer that tolls should be imposed, being not only unjust to the western farmer, but also tended to throw the bulk of the business via the Erie canal and New York.

Resolutions were passed urging the government to reduce the high tariff now charged vessels for docking at the Kingston dry dock; also for the abolition of duty upon repairs made upon Canadian vessels in American ports; also in view of the prospects of free admission of Canadian coal to the United States through the operation of the Wilson bill the association urges the Dominion government to admit United States coal free; also to urge upon the government the necessity for immediate action with regard to granting a site for a public elevator at Kingston, a large part of the export trade last year being diverted for want of this elevator; and finally for a reduction of the high price charged for discharging grain at Kingston.

W. A. Geddes, of Toronto, was elected president, and Thomas Marks, of Port Arthur, first vice-president.

A strong deputation was appointed to wait upon the Dominion government to bring the above resolutions and other matters affecting marine interests before the minister's attention.



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North Bound				South Bound			
Freight No. 163. Daily.	St. Paul Ex. Press No. 107 Daily.	Miles from Winnipeg.	STATIONS.	St. Paul Ex. Press No. 108 Daily.	Freight No. 164 Daily.	Miles from Winnipeg.	STATIONS.
1.20p	4.00p	0	Winnipeg	12.15p	5.30	0	Winnipeg
1.05p	3.49p	5	Portage Junction	12.27p	5.47A	5	Portage Junction
12.36p	3.34p	9	St. Norbert	12.41p	6.07A	9	St. Norbert
12.10p	3.19p	15	Cartier	12.53p	6.26A	15	Cartier
11.37A	3.00p	23	St. Agathe	1.12p	6.51A	23	St. Agathe
11.22A	2.51p	27	Union Point	1.20p	7.02A	27	Union Point
10.00A	2.55p	32	Silver Plains	1.32p	7.19A	32	Silver Plains
10.27A	2.20p	40	Morris	1.50p	7.45A	40	Morris
10.01A	2.05p	46	St. Jean	2.05p	8.25A	46	St. Jean
9.23A	1.45p	50	Letellier	2.27p	9.18A	50	Letellier
8.00A	1.20p	55	Emerson	2.50p	10.15A	55	Emerson
7.00A	1.10p	63	Pembina	3.00p	11.15A	63	Pembina
11.05p	9.15A	168	Grand Forks	6.40p	8.25p	168	Grand Forks
1.30p	5.25A	223	Winnipeg Junction	10.50p	1.25p	223	Winnipeg Junction
	3.45p	443	Duluth	7.55A		443	Duluth
	8.30p	470	Minneapolis	7.05A		470	Minneapolis
	8.00p	491	St. Paul	7.35A		491	St. Paul
	10.30p	833	Chicago	9.35p		833	Chicago

**MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.**

East Bound.			West Bound.		
Ex. No. 130 Mon., Wed. & Fri.	Ex. No. 128 Tues. & Sat.	Miles from Morris.	STATIONS.	Ex. No. 127 Mon., Wed. & Fri.	Ex. No. 120 Tues. & Sat.
1.20p	4.00p	0	Winnipeg	12.15p	5.30p
7.50p	1.45p	0	Morris	2.25p	8.00A
6.53p	1.22p	10	Low Farm	2.49p	8.42A
6.49p	12.57p	21	Myrtle	3.17p	9.27A
5.23p	12.40p	25	Roland	3.23p	9.45A
4.59p	12.29p	33	Rosebank	3.47p	10.16A
3.58p	11.55A	39	Miami	4.03p	10.40A
3.14p	11.33A	49	Deerwood	4.26p	11.28A
2.51p	11.20A	54	Altamont	4.39p	15.02p
2.15p	11.02A	62	Somerset	4.58p	12.45p
1.47p	10.47A	68	Swan Lake	5.15p	1.17p
1.19p	10.33A	74	Indian Springs	5.30p	1.50p
12.51p	10.24A	79	Maricopolis	5.42p	2.15p
12.27p	10.07A	86	Greenway	5.58p	2.50p
11.57A	9.52A	92	Balder	6.15p	3.22p
11.12A	9.31A	102	Belmont	7.00p	4.13p
10.37A	9.14A	109	Hilton	7.18p	4.53p
10.13A	8.57A	117	Ashdown	7.35p	5.23p
9.49A	8.50A	120	Wawanesa	7.44p	5.47p
9.32A	8.41A	123	Elliotts	7.55p	6.04p
9.05A	8.28A	129	Rounthwaite	8.08p	6.37p
8.38A	8.0A	137	Martinville	8.27p	7.18p
7.50A	7.50A	145	Brandon	8.45p	8.00p

Number 127 stops at Balder for meals.

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.**

East Bound.		STATIONS.		W. End Read Down Mixed No. 141. Daily.	
Read up Mixed No. 144. Daily.	Miles from Winnipeg.				
12.45 p.m.	0	Winnipeg	4.15 p.m.		
12.20 p.m.	3.0	Portage Junction	4.30 p.m.		
11.51 a.m.	11.6	St. Charles	4.50 p.m.		
11.42 a.m.	13.5	Readingly	5.07 p.m.		
11.21 a.m.	21.0	White Plains	5.34 p.m.		
10.19 a.m.	35.2	Eustace	6.28 p.m.		
9.44 a.m.	42.1	Oakville	6.50 p.m.		
8.53 a.m.	65.5	Portage la Prairie	7.40 p.m.		

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