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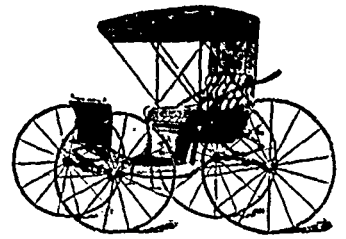
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WINNIPEG, JUNE 7, 1897.

## SHIPPING EGGS.

A city dealer complains about the careless manner in which eggs are sometimes shipped. There is usually a space between the last or top filler and the top of the case, and unless this space is filled up with packing the eggs are liable to considerable shaking about. The filler will work up, and frequently a number of eggs in the top rows will be broken. To avoid this, shippers should fill up the space at the top of the case with paper or some other suitable material.

## DISPLAYING GOODS ON THE STREET.

The Winnipeg city council has consented to the request of a number of merchants to allow the display of goods upon the sidewalks. A by-law was passed a short time ago prohibiting the use of the sidewalk for this purpose, but it only remained in force for a short time, on account of the opposition of some city merchants. Those who wish to make a street display of goods will now be allowed two feet of the street for this purpose.

Though a majority of the merchants appear to be opposed to the by-law, The Commercial is of the opinion that the restriction was a wise one. The street is a public thoroughfare, and not a place for the display of goods. The temptation as well as the opportunity for loitering is greatly increased by the custom of placing goods on the street for display purposes. We believe it in the interest of the good

government of the city that this by-law should have been retained in force.

## EXPORTING STOCKER CATTLE.

Toronto reports state that cattle are being purchased there for shipment to Nebraska and other western states points, for feeding. This refers to stocker or unfinished cattle. Ever since the quarantine was removed, large numbers of stocker cattle have been shipped from Eastern Canada points to Buffalo, where they have been purchased by feeders.

Coming nearer home, we find that the same thing has been going on in Manitoba. The farmers have been selling their lean cattle for shipment to the States, quite a number having been exported lately. It does seem strange that this should be the case. Farmers, indeed, need educating in the matter of handling their live stock to better advantage. Experienced persons claim that there is more money in finishing an animal for the market than there is in raising them. The very fact that feeders are buying our lean cattle is proof that there is good money in the business. In time of drouth and shortage of feed, allowance could be made for the disposal of unfinished animals, but under ordinary circumstances it seems hard to account for this practice.

Canadian farmers may be well up in grain growing, but they are evidently away behind the times in the matter of handling live stock. Perhaps our government agricultural institutions could give more attention to the live stock question, with a view to educating the farmers in the matter of the more profitable handling of stock. Certainly some effort should be made to check this great waste.

## Eight New Elevators.

Mr. R. Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, arrived in the city Monday afternoon, on his annual tour of inspection of the company's property in Manitoba. He is accompanied by Mrs. Meighen, Miss Meighen, Miss Stephens, of London, Eng., and Mr. J. A. Cantle, Jr., and the party are travelling in the private car "Earncliffe," but during their sojourn in the city are guests at the Manitoba hotel. Mr. Meighen will remain in Winnipeg some days, and before returning east will visit western points. A Free Press reporter was accorded an interview in the evening, and in reply to a question as to the company's intention of erecting new elevators this summer, Mr. Meighen said that they would build seven or eight at different points in the province, but the locations had not been decided on, as he desired to consult the local officials in the matter.

"I have faith in the future of the Canadian Northwest," continued Mr. Meighen, discussing the outlook, "and also have faith that the policy of the government will be to build up one of the greatest industries in the Dominion, namely, the milling business. It is a pity that such a large quantity of the wheat produced in this province should be shipped out as raw material. It should be manufactured in the country, then it would find its way to foreign markets through Canadian territory, whereas now a large portion of the wheat is shipped from Fort William, through a foreign country, to Great Britain."

"Are you not afraid that such a policy would increase the milling facilities of the Northwest, and thus affect the company's interest by giving you keener competition?" interrogated the reporter.

"No!" was the emphatic reply, with the smiling addition: "If we are unable to keep in the front row, we intend to be in the procession."

"Were your shipments to Australia a success; and does the trade continue?"

"Yes; and we are still shipping large quantities of flour to the island continent."

"Recent dispatches from the east intimate that your company has been looking to other countries with a view to developing trade?" remarked the reporter.

"We have made the first shipment to South Africa, and I believe it is the first ever forwarded from Canada to that country. The fact is, we intend to do our own business, as we do not believe in the policy of foreigners monopolizing all the trade."

Speaking of the company's property in Winnipeg, Mr. Meighen said it was the intention to make such improvements this season as to enable the handling of wheat from farmers in a more expeditious manner.

## Board of Trade Council on the Crow's Nest Pass R. R.

At the meeting of the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade on Thursday afternoon the following resolution was passed and ordered to be transmitted to Hon. Clifford Sifton, and also to R. W. Jameson, M. P.; R. L. Richardson, M. P.; J. A. MacDonnell, M. P.; and Dr. Rathford, M. P.; with the request that they would further the board's views in the matter referred to:

"Whereas telegraphic advices of the arrangements entered into between the government and the Canadian Pacific railway for the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, report said arrangement includes reductions on through rates from eastern to western points, but expressly state that no reductions from Winnipeg to the west will be made; and whereas such a policy, if carried out, would be ruinous to business interests here and most detrimental to the whole western country; therefore, be it resolved: That this board, on behalf of the business interests of Winnipeg, most strongly protest against any such discrimination, and insist that any reduction in rates, must equally apply between Winnipeg and points west, the same as they do between points in eastern Canada and the west."

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**Banks in Winnipeg.**

The recent appointment of Mr. F. L. Patton to the position of manager of the new branch of the Dominion Bank shortly to be opened there, suggests to the Monetary Times of Toronto, a brief reference to the numerous changes which have taken place among the banks of Winnipeg during recent years. The paper says although some banks and their managers have met with success in Winnipeg, on the other hand the losses sustained since it became a banking town in 1873 have been enormous and the wrecks among the bankers have not been few.

Since the "Boom" in that city five banks have closed their offices and several new ones have opened. During the period no less than twenty-three changes have taken place among the bank managers, and of all the managers who were in Winnipeg during the "Boom" Mr. F. H. Mathewson, the present manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is the only one left.

The pioneer bank of Manitoba was the Merchants Bank of Canada, which opened in Winnipeg in November, 1873, under the charge of Mr. Duncan McArthur. He retired in January, 1883, and was succeeded by Mr. D. Miller, who went to manage the Toronto branch in 1889, being succeeded by Mr. A. Wickson, who is still in charge.

The Ontario Bank opened in the Prairie City in July, 1875, under the management of Mr. Geo. Brown, who retired from the service in the spring of 1882, being succeeded by Mr. Jas. Field. The last-named gentleman left the bank a year or so later, his place being taken by Mr. E. Porter, who remained in charge until 1890, when the branch was closed.

The Bank of Montreal was the next in the Manitoba field. Mr. Campbell Sweeney opened their office in Winnipeg in August, 1878, and remained in charge until 1884, when he was replaced by Mr. Hogg, who removed to London in 1890, his position being taken by the present incumbent, Mr. Angus Kirkland. It is agreeable to notice that Mr. Kirkland has just been appointed to the management of the Toronto branch of this bank, vacant by the death of Mr. Brough.

The Imperial Bank opened in June, 1881, an office in Winnipeg, under the management of Mr. R. H. Hunter, who retired in October, 1882, in favor of Mr. C. S. Hoare, who is still in charge.

The Union Bank of Canada opened in February, 1882, under the management of Mr. C. A. Boxer. About two years later Mr. Boxer, who left the bank, being succeeded by Mr. G. B. Balfour, who went to Montreal in April 1889. He was succeeded by Mr. F. L. Patton, who is now about to sever his connection with that institution, as above noted.

The Bank of Nova Scotia started in April, 1882, under Mr. E. H. Taylor, who retired a year or so after that date, and was succeeded by Mr. Robert Steven. Mr. Steven was about a year in charge when Mr. H. C. McLeod relieved him, and shortly after closed the branch.

In June, 1892, the Federal Bank opened for business in Winnipeg under the management of Mr. Thos. Renwick, who retired about two years later, being succeeded by Mr. F. L. Patton. The business was shortly afterwards wound up by Mr. Patton.

The Bank of Ottawa started business on the same day as the Federal Bank, under the charge of Mr. F. H. Mathewson, who retired to take charge of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in May, 1893, being succeeded by Mr. J. B. Monk, who still looks after the Bank of Ottawa's affairs.

A local institution, the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, was the next to start. It was opened for business in May, 1885, under the management of Mr. Duncan McArthur. A few years later he was appointed president of the board, and Mr. R. T. Pokoby became manager of the Winnipeg business. The bank suspended payment in July, 1893, and has since been wound up.

The Bank of British North America established a branch in Winnipeg, in January, 1887, under the charge of Mr. H. M. Bredon, who removed to Ontario, in July, 1894, being succeeded by Mr. D. Simpson, who is still looking after the interests of the B. N. A.

Mr. W. G. Nicholls, opened a branch of the Molsons bank in January, 1819. He retired three years afterwards in favor of Mr. T. B. Phopoc, the present manager.

La Banque d' Hochelaga established its office in March, 1892, Mr. W. V. Boire being its first manager. He was removed east about a year ago, and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Mr. W. H. Pambrun.

A branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was opened in May, 1893, by the present manager, Mr. F. H. Mathewson, and La Banque Nationale entered the field a few weeks later under the management of Mr. E. Crobassa, who wound up the business a year or two afterwards.

The latest bank to start was the Bank of Hamilton, which opened about a year ago under Mr. B. Wilson, and it is now announced that the Dominion Bank will begin business as soon as the premises are ready, which will make eleven banks competing for business in a city of 40,000 people.

Surely it will be admitted that the prairie capital is well supplied with banking facilities.

Name of Bank.	Opened in Winnipeg.
Merchants Bank of Canada.	Nov., 1873
*Ontario Bank	July, 1875
Bank of Montreal	August, 1878
Imperial Bank	June, 1881
Union Bank of Canada	February, 1882
*Bank of Nova Scotia	April, 1882
**Federal Bank	June, 1882
Bank of Ottawa	June, 1882
**Commercial Bank of Manitoba	May, 1885
Bank of British North America	January, 1887
Molsons Bank	January, 1891
Banque D'Hochelaga	March, 1892
Canadian Bank of Commerce	May, 1893
**Bank Nationale	June, 1893
Bank of Hamilton	July, 1896

\*Branch closed.  
\*\*Failed.

**INLAND REVENUE COLLECTIONS.**

The inland revenue collections for the Winnipeg divisions during May were as follows:

Spirit	\$1,720.90
Malt	174.50
Tobacco	2,838.62
Raw Leaf Tobacco	259.70
Cigars	655.05
Methylated spirit	291.59
Petroleum	11.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,951.46</b>

**Bank Dividends.**

Montreal, June 2.—This morning a large percentage of Canadian banking institutions began the payment of the half yearly dividends and as a consequence upwards of \$1,500,000 will be paid out to shareholders. Of this sum the banks with headquarters in Montreal furnish something like \$900,000. The balance being distributed in other commercial centres throughout the Dominion. June 1st is the regular half yearly dividend for fourteen banks out of a total of some twenty-five, which pay dividends regularly. The Bank of Montreal, the premier monetary institution on the continent and third largest in the world, naturally leads the list. Next in point of magnitude are the Merchants bank and Canadian Bank of Commerce. The former pays 4 per cent. on a capital of \$6,000,000 and the latter 3 per cent. on the same amount of paid up capital.

**Manitoba and Northwestern Railway.**

Wednesday at the court house before Mr. Justice Killam an application of some importance was made in the suit of Allan vs. Manitoba & N. W. R. The plaintiffs are judgment creditors of the railway company and have also recovered judgment and execution against the railway company in the courts in the N. W. T. as the company has various townsites in the N. W. T., but the plaintiffs cannot proceed to sell the lands as a receiver was appointed by the court here, without obtaining the leave of the court, they therefore presented a petition to the court for leave to proceed under their executions, notwithstanding the appointment of a receiver. His Lordship granted the leave asked. Mr. Phippen for the applicants.

A further application was also made in the same suit and in the suit of Grey vs. M. & N. W. R., on behalf of Mr. Allan, the receiver, in the first suit, that Mr. Nanton, the receiver in the second suit, pay over to Mr. Allan \$123,529.57, surplus earnings of the road held by Mr. Nanton as receiver of the first 180 miles. The privy council affirmed the decision of the court here that the working expenses of the road must be met in priority to interest or bonds on the first division. The sum mentioned is the surplus accumulated by Mr. Nanton during the time the litigation was pending. There are a number of claims for working expenses, incurred before a receiver was appointed, and under the decision of the privy council the railway should pay these claims before paying the bondholders. The petition asks that the moneys in question be paid to Mr. Allan in order that he may pay the claims referred to. At the request of the parties the matter stands for a week. Mr. Tupper, Q. C., and Mr. Phippen for petitioners; Mr. Ewart, Q. C., for plaintiff in the suit of Grey vs. M. & N. W. R.

The advances in the price of spirits, made necessary by the recent changes in the duties, have gone into full effect here. All imported spirits, including whiskies, brandies, gin, etc., have been advanced 15 cents per gallon in the Winnipeg market. Domestic spirits have been advanced 20 cents per gallon. Wines, ales, etc., are not affected by the tariff changes.

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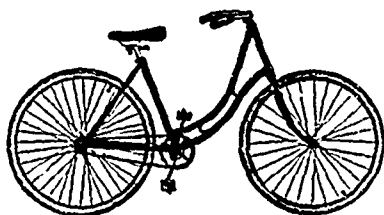
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**Crow's Nest R. R.**

R. L. Richardson, M. P., for Lisgar, sends the following report of the proceedings of the Liberal caucus at Ottawa on Wednesday:

Ottawa, June 2.—The government caucus sat from 11 to 3 o'clock today. Mr. Julius Scriver occupied the chair. There was a very large attendance of members and senators. The principal question discussed was the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

Mr. Blair presented an arrangement which the government had entered into with the C. P. R. for the construction of 330 miles of this road from Lethbridge to the mining region at Rossland. The balance of the road through to Penticton will be given to an independent company. In regard to the arrangement, the C. P. R. company will get a Dominion subsidy of \$11,000 per mile. For this subsidy the Canadian Pacific have arranged to make very important concessions to the government. In the first place they give over control of rates west of Fort William to the government. The railway company also make a cut of 20 per cent. in a specified number of articles supplied to the government. Take wheat for instance, a cut of 1 1-2 cents per bushel is made for this year, and 1 1-2 more next year, or three cents in all. As to the arrangement for the building of the road west from Rossland, it was not discussed at length, the policy of the government evidently being to give a similar subsidy as far as Penticton, and in course of time continue to the Pacific coast. While there were a number of Ontario and western members in the first instance opposed to going on with the building of the road this year, thinking that nothing would be lost by another year's delay, still when they saw the large concessions made by the Canadian Pacific, the arrangement received their support, so that legislation will be proceeded with this session, and the work of construction of the road gone on with at once. The government also takes back 20,000,000 acres of coal land given as a land grant to the B. C. Southern. This coal land will be divided into blocks, and the government will have first choice and the railway company second choice of each block.

It is understood that the agreement between the C. P. R. and the government regarding the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway involves an immediate reduction of 20 per cent on rates on coal oil, 10 per cent on agricultural implements, 33 per cent upon fruits, and a reasonable per cent upon binder twine, wire, boilers, nails, barbed wire, bags, and animals for breeding purposes. All these reductions apply on rough rates from the east. There will be no reductions on local rates, from Winnipeg to Regina or such points. The reductions will average 10 to 33 1-3 per cent. Reduction on wheat rates only apply next year, when it will be 1 1-2 cents a bushel. The following year it will be reduced another 1 1-2 per cent. The government is to have control of the Crow's Nest line, and also be able to give running powers on any other line applying for the

**Globe on the Crow's Nest Deal.**

Toronto, June 3.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent, discussing the Liberal caucus, says the arrangement by which the salary of the controllers remains at \$5,000, while they become cabinet members, will doubtless remain in force until a well considered scheme can be devised for the education of cabinet ministers by the amalgamation of departments. It was also decided not to press the plebiscite, franchise and superannuation bills this session.

The conditions of the Crow's Nest Pass railway construction are summarized as follows by the Globe: "In consideration of the grant of \$11,000 a mile for 330 miles of the road from Lethbridge through Fort Macleod to Nelson, the C. P. R. agrees to the following terms:

1. Running powers over the Crow's Nest Railway are conceded to other railways at a rental to be fixed by the government.

2. The freight rates on the railway are to be under the control of the railway committee of the privy council.

3. Freights from points on the Crow's Nest railway to points on any other part of the Canadian Pacific system and vice versa are to be under the control of the railway committee, or any railway commission to be hereafter appointed.

4. Rates on certain classes of freights on the eastern portion of the C. P. R., that is from Fort William eastward, are to be reduced by from 10 to 33 per cent at the beginning of 1898.

5. Rates on wheat and flour from Manitoba and further west are to be reduced 11-2 cents per hundred, beginning 1898, and an additional 1 1-2 cents per hundred beginning in 1899, making 3 cents in all.

6. Fifty thousand acres of picked coal lands are transferred by the C. P. R. to the government.

7. Coal is to be put on the cars at the mines at not more than \$2 per ton.

8. The sale and price of timber on lands granted to the company are to be the subject of regulation by the governor-general in council.

**SAVING EFFECTED.**

The correspondent says: "Mr. Sifton in conversation said a single item's reduction of three cents per hundred pounds on wheat and flour rates would, when it comes into effect, make a tremendous difference in the freight bill of Manitoba. The province in 1895 shipped out 35,000,000 bushels of wheat and in 1896 over 20,000,000 bushels. Reducing the crop to an average, the farmers of Manitoba will save on the crop of 1899, the first year in which the full reduction of rates will apply, at least half a million dollars. The saving on inward freight rates will, of course, not amount to so much, but probably it is well within the mark to say Manitoba will benefit to the extent of three-quarters of a million by the bargain made."

It is said that there will be included in the railway subsidies to be brought down soon \$6,400 a mile for 165 miles of the Rainy River railway running from Fort William to Fort Frances, also a heavy bonus to the British Columbia and Western, designed to run west from Rossland. It is said this bonus will be equal per mile to that given to the Crow's Nest railway.

**The Rainy River Road.**

Toronto, June 3.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says: "It is understood a bonus of \$6,400 per mile will be granted the Rainy River railway to be built from a point twenty-two miles west of Port Arthur to a point 165 miles distant on Rainy Lake and the railway has already been granted aid by the Ontario legislation as a colonization road and the Dominion bonus will enable the promoters to commence operations at once. The road will run through one of the richest portions of the gold area in New Ontario. In addition to the gold fields, there are huge deposits of iron ore and large tracts of arable land. From the terminus of the railway on Rainy river a water route can be secured to Rat Portage by the completion of the Fort Frances lock, begun by the Mackenzie government and afterwards abandoned, and by the deepening of Rainy river at one or two rapids.

**FIRE AT CARBERRY.**

Carberry, May 31.—About three o'clock this morning fire destroyed George Roger's mill and elevator; also the Carberry Electric Light plant. The elevator contained about twenty thousand bushels of wheat and ten thousand of oats. The mill contained four hundred sacks of flour. The building was insured for about twelve thousand dollars. The contents were partly covered by insurance. The electric plant was valued at about twelve thousand dollars, not insured.

The mill and elevator belonged to the Bank of British North America and the electric plant belonged to the Sanford company. They were completely burned at 3 o'clock this morning. The loss is about \$30,000. I am unable to ascertain the insurance on building and electric plant. The contents as far as can be ascertained, are insured in the Quaker for \$1,500; Atlas, \$4,000; Guardian, \$2,200; Canadian \$1,500.

The tenant was George Rogers, M. P. P., whose loss is mostly covered by insurance as stated. A number of farmers had wheat stored and not insured.

**MAY DUTIES.**

The following statement shows the value of goods exported and entered for consumption at the port of Winnipeg, with duty collected thereon, during the month of May, 1897, compared with the same month of 1896.

Description.	Value, 1896.	Value, 1897.
Exported .. .. .	\$ 15,528	\$ 99,302
Entered for consumption, dutiable .. .. .	130,611	148,786
Entered for consumption, free .. .. .	44,612	70,383
<b>Total for consumption .. .. .</b>	<b>\$175,223</b>	<b>\$219,125</b>
Duty collected .. .. .	\$39,140.01	\$43,386.28

**CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.**

The following are the returns for week ending June 3rd, 1897.

	Clearings	Balances
Total for week ending June 3, 1897	\$ 1,151,252	\$162,135
Total for week ending June 3, 1896	967,667	169,179
Total for week ending June 3, 1895	831,968	161,25
Month ending May, 1897	5,014,786	
Corresponding month, 1896	4,246,201	
Corresponding month, 1895	4,159,282	



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**DOMINION BANK.**

Proceedings of Twenty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders, Held at the Banking House of the Institution, in Toronto, Wednesday, May 28, 1897.

The annual general meeting of the Dominion Bank was held in the banking house of the institution, Toronto, on Wednesday, May 28th, 1897.

Among those present were noticed Sir Frank Smith, Col. Mason, Messrs. S. Alcorn, William Ince, John Scott, William Ramsay, J. Lorne Campbell, W. R. Brock, S. Nordheimer, James Robertson, E. Leadlay, M. Boulton, E. B. Osler, Wm. Hendrie, Dr. Smith, John Stewart, Walter S. Lee, W. D. Matthews, Charles Cockshutt, H. M. Pellatt, William Ross, A. W. Austin, George W. Lewis, W. G. Cassels, Thomas Walmesley, J. K. Niven, J. D. Montgomery, E. B. Freeland, George Robinson, R. D. Gamble and others.

It was moved by Mr. E. B. Osler, seconded by Mr. E. Leadlay, that Sir Frank Smith do take the chair.

Mr. W. D. Matthews moved, seconded by Mr. W. R. Brock, and resolved, that Mr. R. D. Gamble do act as secretary.

Messrs. W. G. Cassels and Walter S. Lee were appointed scrutineers.

The secretary read the report of the directors to the shareholders, and submitted the annual statement of the affairs of the bank, which is as follows:

**To the Shareholders:**

The Directors beg to present the following statement of the results of the business of the bank for the year ending 30th April, 1897:

Balance of profit and loss account, 30th April, 1896	\$ 25,752.43
Profit for the year ending 30th April, 1897, after deducting charges of management, etc., and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	184,173.32
	<b>\$209,925.75</b>
Dividend 3 per cent., paid Aug. 1, 1896	45,000.00
Dividend 3 per cent., paid Nov. 1, 1896	45,000.00
Dividend 3 per cent., paid Feb. 1, 1897	45,000.00
Dividend 3 per cent., payable May 1, 1897	45,000.00
	<b>\$180,000.00</b>
Balance of profit and loss carried forward	\$ 29,925.75

It has been decided to extend the operations of the bank to the province of Manitoba, and your directors have made arrangements to open a branch in the city of Winnipeg at an early date.

It is with deep regret your Directors beg to record the death which occurred in February last, of Mr. James Smith, who had so honorably filled the position of President of the Bank since its organization in 1871. The Sir Frank Smith was appointed

President, and Mr. E. B. Osler, Vice-President. Mr. A. W. Austin, was appointed a Director, to fill the vacancy on the Board.

FRANK SMITH, President.

Sir Frank Smith moved, seconded by Mr. E. B. Osler, and resolved: That the report be adopted.

It was moved by Mr. S. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. John Stewart, and resolved: That the thanks of this meeting be given to the President, Vice-President, and Directors for their services during the past year.

It was moved by Mr. William Hendrie, seconded by Mr. George Robinson and resolved: That the thanks of this meeting be given to the General Manager, Managers and Agents, Inspectors, and other Officers of the Bank for the efficient performance of their respective duties.

It was moved by Mr. George W. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. W. Austin, and resolved: That the poll be now opened for the election of seven Directors, and that the same be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon, or as soon before that hour as five minutes shall elapse without any vote being polled, and that the scrutineers, on the close of the poll, do hand to the Chairman a certificate of the result of the poll.

Mr. John Scott moved, seconded by Mr. William Ross, and resolved: That the thanks of this meeting be given to Sir Frank Smith for his able conduct in the chair.

The Scrutineers declared the following gentlemen duly elected Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. A. W. Austin, W. R. Brock, William Ince, E. Leadlay, Wilmont D. Matthews, E. B. Osler, and Sir Frank Smith.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Sir Frank Smith was elected President and Mr. E. B. Osler Vice-President for the ensuing term.

**GENERAL STATEMENT.**

<b>Liabilities.</b>	
Capital stock paid up	\$ 1,500,000.00
Reserve fund	1,500,000.00
Balance of profits carried forward	29,925.75
Dividend No. 58, payable May 1	45,000.00
Former dividends unclaimed	431.07
Reserved for interest and exchange	105,006.92
Rebate on bills discounted	26,638.45
	<b>\$1,707,002.19</b>
Notes in circulation	\$3,207,002.19
Deposits not bearing interest	955,595.00
Deposits bearing interest	1,577,236.27
	<b>9,141,681.79</b>
Balance due to London agents	\$10,718,918.03
	<b>129,503.27</b>
	<b>\$11,804,016.33</b>
<b>Assets.</b>	
Specie	\$ 466,277.97
Dominion Government demand notes	817,636.00
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation	75,000.00
Notes and cheques of other banks	242,270.34
Balances due from other banks in Canada	230,685.59
Balances due from other banks in United States	385,842.92
Provincial Government securities	222,378.63
Municipal and other debentures	2,418,031.87
	<b>\$4,868,128.32</b>

Bills discounted and current (including advances on call)	9,781,679.70
Overdue debts (estimated loss provided for)	58,092.41
Real estate	32,212.50
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank	10,000.00
Bank premises	263,203.64
Other assets not included under foregoing heads	7,706.95
	<b>\$10,152,895.20</b>
	<b>\$15,011,018.52</b>

R. D. GAMBLE,

General Manager.

Dominion Bank, Toronto, 30th April, 1897.

**HIDES, WOOL, ETC.**

Hides are steady at Toronto at 7 1-2c for green. For wool 21c has been paid for washed and 12 to 13c for unwashed.

Bradstreet's reports United States markets as follows: Trade in domestic wool is very dull and the trade is weaker. The speculative spirit caused by the tariff expectation has died out, and many manufacturers find themselves heavily stocked with the raw material. Large receipts of foreign wools continue, much of which was sold previous to arrival and is reported in the sales as delivered. The London sale closed very strong, with 12,000 bales purchased for America. Arrivals of foreign wools at Boston since January 1 foot up \$81,456 bales. Foreign scoured wools on the market are being offered at lower prices by weaker holders. The large deliveries of South American cross-bred wools have materially weakened the market for domestic 1-4 and 3-8 blood wools.

Owing to large stocks, call skins have declined 1c at Montreal to 8c for No. 1 and 6c for No. 2. Hides were unchanged at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2. Sheepskins, 90c to \$1 for full wool skins.

**TORONTO PROVISION PRICES.**

The market is firm and all lines of hog products are in good demand. In many lines stocks are nearly exhausted. Prices are:

Barrel pork—Heavy mess, \$12 50 to \$13; short cut, \$14; clear shoulder mess, \$11 to \$12.

Dry salted meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7 1-4c, ton lots 7 1-4c, case lots 7 1-2c to 7 3-4c, backs 8c. Shoulders 6c.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 10c; medium, 11 1-2c; light, 12c; breakfast bacon, 11c; backs, 11 1-2c; picnic hams, 7 1-2c; rolls, 8c; green hams out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

**MANITOBA WHEAT MOVEMENT.**

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ended May 29, aggregated 355,520 bushels, the shipments 480,860 bushels, and the quantity in store was 1,874,784 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 404,650 bushels, and shipments 388,970 bushels. Two years ago the receipts were 119,458 bushels and shipments 293,143 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 1,925,638 bushels; two years ago 1,294,299 bushels.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company report the following receipts at the elevators along their lines: From the first of May to the 20th, 210,160 bushels of wheat were received, while the total quantity on this crop to date reached 9,645,405.

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gists glassware, etc. About twenty-five persons are employed altogether, including the laboratory staff.

Altogether the new premises of the Martin, Bole & Wynne Co. are admirably adapted to the requirements of the business, and it may safely be said that they have one of the finest and most conveniently arranged drug warehouse in Canada.

The Souris Coal Mining company, at the annual meeting, elected Messrs. D. C. Cameron, Rat Portage; Isaac Cockburn and D. E. Adams, directors. The company operates the Hassard mine at Roche Percee, and have just ordered a large and complete outfit of mining machinery, which will be shipped west in a few days. The new plant will enable the company to handle from five to six hundred tons of coal daily, over twice the present capacity. This will be of great advantage to Roche Percee.

space in the forests. Rain is needed just now. There has been a long period of dry weather. A much larger area than ever before is under crop.

**British Columbia Notes.**

The latest addition to British Columbia's publications is a neat little pocket book bearing the title of "Kootenay Guide." It contains a vast amount of information of use and value to business men, miners, prospectors, and travellers interested in the Kootenay country.

John A. Muir, painter, has started business at Golden.

Baillie & Bennet, of Kamloops, have issued a very handsomely printed publication dealing with the Kamloops mining camps. The publication is freely illustrated with handsome half-tone engravings, and several maps are also given.

**Questions in Parliament.**

Mr. Jameson asked: 1. Is the government aware that the C. P. R. is imposing a discriminatory rate of 10 cents per 100 pounds on freight arriving at Fort William by other than C. P. R. and Beatty line steamers? 2. Is such discrimination being exercised with the sanction of the government? 3. Does the government intend to take steps to prevent railways from discriminating against individuals or localities in the manner above mentioned?

Hon. L. H. Blair replied that no such information was furnished to the government, but if the facts were to the purport of the above it would be his duty to look into the matter.

**Mark Lane Express Reviews.**

London, May 31 - The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the crop situation, says: "We are unable to share the view that wheat is making reasonable progress. It is not thick, and the ground growth since Easter has been extremely slow, but at summer's growth still in the ground and the autumn stores of moisture beneath the soil should protect us from absolute disaster. Thus the outlook is for a mediocre yield of 27 to 28 bushels. A short dry June may improve the plant, but we don't believe the full average can now be obtained even under the most favorable circumstances.

In France the weather has not been favorable. Even the minister of agriculture's good report of wheat output argues a yield of thirty-seven million quarters leaving six million quarters to be imported.

"The Prussian and Polish wheat is promising, but cold rains in Austria have reduced fine crop prospects.

Russian reports are mostly encouraging."

**FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ITEMS.**

The Union Bank of Canada has donated to the Winnipeg Industrial the sum of \$100 as first prize for the best twenty-five bushels of Red Fyfe wheat grown in Manitoba or the Territories.

During the month of May the deposits at the local Dominion Savings bank aggregated \$16,563, and the withdrawals \$16,550.93.

A cargo of Bird's nest mola ses which was held at Montreal at 22 1/2c. has sold at 21c, a decline of 1 1/2c.



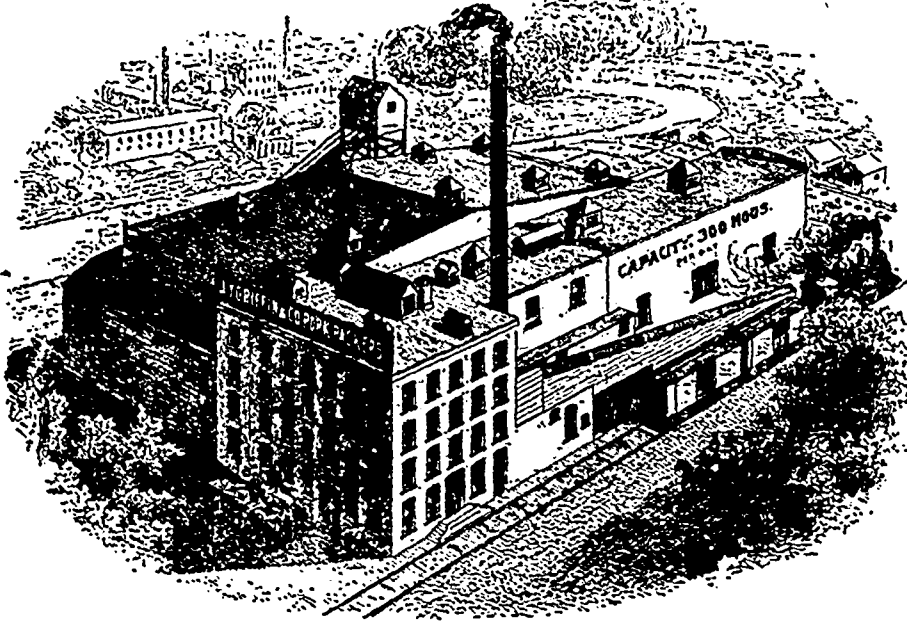
The front portion of the ground floor is one division of the block has been handsomely fitted up for the public and private offices of the company. In the rear is the shipping room which is connected with the main room by a parcel hoist. The ground floor in the other division is used for general storage, and the basement is used for the storage of heavy goods. The second story contains in one division the sundries room and the other part of the block on that floor has been fitted up for the laboratory. In the latter department eleven hands are busy at work. This is one of the principal features of the business. The company manufacture very extensive, and their new laboratory gives excellent facilities for turning out their large line of proprietary and other goods which are prepared on premises. The third story is used for drug storage in one division and the other division is filled with drug-

**British Columbia Business Review.**

Vancouver, B. C., June 1.--There are few changes in the market this week. Dairy products remain the same. Oregon eggs are out of the market and Manitoba eggs are in demand at 15 1/2c. Fruit has advanced with the exception of cherries which are falling off from the first fancy price. Hay and oats are firm but there is no immediate signs of advance. Sheep have declined in price and another week promises an advance in beef cattle.

The agricultural outlook on the whole is hopeful. It might be safely said that the danger of serious floods is about over. With the exception of the district of Matsqui, where considerable growing crops were destroyed, the high water has done little damage. Many farmers have left the plough for the mining camps, but they were very small producers, most of them only having a little cleared

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## Dairy Trade Items.

Eleven hundred pounds of butter were shipped from the Manitou creamery recently for Vancouver. The output of the factory at present is about 200 pounds daily but this amount will be increased.

The Liverpool cheese cable on May 26 quoted finest white cheese 1s. lower at 53s.; do., colored, 53s.; ordinary new cheese 48s.

At Woodstock, Ont., on May 26, 2,674 boxes of cheese were offered and all sold at from 85-16 to 81-2c for white. The same week last year 1,250 boxes were offered with bids ranging from 61-2c to 65-8c.

At the Brockville weekly cheese market on May 27 prices were lower. About 6,000 boxes were put on sale. The grass in this section is now at its best and it is expected that the make in June, if the weather is at all warm, will fall off considerably. The buyers seemed anxious to get cheese at 81-2c to 89-16. The salesmen refused to accept these offers, but after adjustment nearly all sold at board prices with 89-16c ruling. A few choice lots brought 85-8c.

The cable on old cheese was unchanged on May 27 at 53s., but the price on new declined 1s., from 48s to 47s.

A dealer complains that there is no means of shipping butter in less than car lots from Manitoba points to Montreal or other eastern points. Between Port Arthur and the Pacific coast a good refrigerator car service is given by the Canadian Pacific railway for broken quantities, but for points in eastern Canada only car lot rates will be quoted. While some dealers do not complain of this rule, others claim that it is a detriment to small shippers. The Canadian Pacific railway people say no complaint has been made to them about the matter, and they intimate their willingness to establish the service if the business offered will warrant it.

## The Lumber Trade.

The Assiniboine Lumber Company of Brandon, Man., has been enlarging its mill by an addition of ten feet to the building; the engine has been overhauled and considerable new small machinery has been put in; and the mill and boiler house has been covered with iron. The drive of logs which is now in the Assiniboine is the largest to arrive early in June, when the mill will commence operations and night and day.

A. W. Gillingham, saw mill, Pincher Creek, Alberta, has assigned.

The British Columbia Mills, Timber Trading company, one of the large Pacific coast lumber concerns, with head office at Vancouver, and mills at Hazelton and New Westminster, has opened a branch office and lumber yard in Winnipeg. The yard is located at the corner of Princess street and Forster avenue, and is in charge of T. H. Sisson, who has been with the company in British Columbia for a number of years. F. Robinson, who acted as salesman for the company before the opening of the branch office, will continue in the same capacity. A full stock of British Columbia lumber, shingles, laths, etc., will be carried in Winnipeg, and in cheaper grades of rough lumber, which cannot be profitably brought to Winnipeg by railway haul, a stock of Man-

itoba spruce and pine will be carried. The company will therefore be in a position to do a general trade from their Winnipeg yards in every class of lumber, and it is their intention to do both a jobbing and retail trade here.

## Grocery Trade Notes.

A Montreal report says of sugars: There has been no important change in the situation of the sugar market except that cable advices on the raw article have been somewhat firmer in tone, and note a slight advance in prices. The local market for the refined article continues exceedingly quiet and without any new feature. The demand is very slow, and refiners do not anticipate any improvement until the jobbers work off present supplies. Granulated is nominally quoted at 41-3c to 41-4c, and yellows at 33-8c to 37-8c as to quality, at the factory.

The Montreal Gazette says of teas: Advices have been received that some lots of new crop Japans would arrive here in a few days and are offering at 24c to 32c. Two car loads of old crop Japan tea were shipped this week to the States, one went to New York and the other to Burlington. The stock of teas held here is light, especially of desirable grades, and its consequence of which business is checked considerably.

A New York report says: Some little speculative interest is shown in prunes and several relatively important sales have been reported, including a lot of 1,500 25-lb boxes of 40s to 50s for export at 63-4c to 7c. The demand is chiefly for the large sizes, which are reported to be scarce.

Advices from Porto Rico to-day state that there is very little molasses there in first hands, and that the price is likely to advance considerably.

## The Hardware Trade.

The Montreal Gazette says: In the paint and oil trade business continues active. The feeling in glass is about steady at the recent decline. White and red lead is firm with stocks of the latter light. Linseed oil is steady in sympathy with the firm advices from abroad, late cables quoting 15s. Some short sales of new seal oil to arrive have been made at 37 1-2c, but actual transactions within the last few days of 100 barrel lots were made at 39c to arrive. The feeling in Gaspe cod oil has been weak, and prices declined 1c to 2c per gallon with recent sales of fair sized lots at 30c to 31c, to arrive, while on spot in a jobbing way 32 1-2 is now the outside. A sharp decline in prices has also taken place in cod liver oil, which is due to the over-production and large offerings. Norwegian cod liver can be laid down here at 70c, and some sales of small lots of Newfoundland are reported at 80c. We quote: Choice brands white lead, government standard, \$5.; No. 1, \$4.62 1-2; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$3.87 1-2; dry white lead 41-2c; red lead, pure, \$7.25; glass, \$1.25; first break; \$1.35 second break per 50 feet; \$2.80 for third break, per 100 feet; linseed oil round lots, raw, 42c to 43c; boiled 45c to 46c; cod oil, 30c to 32 1-2c; seal oil, 47c to 48c; castor oil, 9c to 9 1-2c; putty, in bulk, \$1.70; Paris green in barrels, 13 1-2c; drums, 14c; small lots, 15c.

## Dry Goods Trade.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The volume of business transacted clearly indicates a change for the better, and despite the fact that individual sales as a rule are smaller than in past seasons, yet they are far more numerous. Travellers are now out with full lines of fall samples, and considering the season are meeting with fair success. The recent amendments to the tariff has caused considerable uneasiness and a deputation of some of our leading merchants proceed to Ottawa this morning to state their grievances before the minister of customs.

Bradstreet's says of the dry goods situation in the United States: Cotton fabrics sell hard and at low prices compared with the actual cost of manufacture, and it looks as though further curtailment in production would have to be made in order to bring the market on a profitable basis. The demand is very slow, and to sell in any lines but prices have to be accepted. Raw cotton holds quite firm, but this does not appear to affect the manufactured goods. The mills are quite well employed on previous orders taken at opening low prices, but at the present advance asked buyers are not disposed to operate.

A Manchester, England, report says: The general situation here continues very bad, with every little doing, and prices ruinous in all directions. Machinery will be stopped universally during the Whitsuntide holidays, which will be protracted as much as possible. It is hoped that eastern business will revive soon, in consequence of the exhaustion of stock on hand, but there is nothing cheerful to report in any branch of the industries which centre here.

## Live Stock Items.

Lawrence & McNaughton, of Killarney, Man., shipped a consignment of fat cattle east recently.

The Stewart Rancho Co., of Southern Alberta, have sold out their entire herd of cattle and horses to P. Burn. It is supposed that the company have in the neighborhood of 2,000 head of cattle.

The Montreal Cattle Exporter and Butchers' Advocate says. The Winnipeg Commercial in an issue recently to hand, states that stockers are being bought freely in and around Winnipeg and Southern Manitoba for shipment to the United States. This something like shipping coals to Newcastle. To think of the vast grass plains of the Territories lying right at hand in readiness for countless lots of stock, and then shipping this same stock out to another country for other feeders to profit by seems almost too fanciful to believe, and it may well be asked—what are Canadian farmers and feeders thinking about?

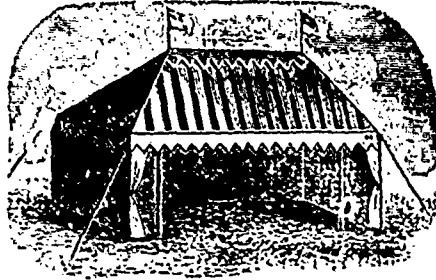
## ASSINIBOIA.

A party named Palmer, from Ontario, is erecting a store at Walsh station, with the intention of opening a general store business there.

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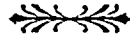
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### Rain is Now Needed.

The Northern Pacific crop report issued on Friday, shows a general need of rain in the central portion of the province. Except for this the general crop conditions are good. Below is the report in full:

**Brandon**—The weather is cool and dry. Crops are needing rain. There has been considerable frost during last week, and it is reported some of the grain has been cut by it. There has been very little growth for a week.

**Rounthwaite**—Crops are still looking well in spite of the heavy frost on Saturday and Sunday nights. There are some dark spots on the fields but the harm is not extensive or much damage done to the wheat. The growth would be helped greatly by a few showers of rain. There has been no rain since last report and only one shower since the crop was in the ground. Vegetable gardens suffered very serious injury by the frost, nearly everything being frozen off to the ground.

**Wawanesa**—Weather during the past week has been very unfavorable for the growing crop. Cool and cloudy with high winds. The crop has advanced very little and unless we have rain soon there will be a heavy loss in this year's yield.

**Milton**—Several severe frosts since last report have cut back the grain considerably and as rain is badly needed the outlook is rather blue just now. Considering the drawbacks grain is not as forward as it should be, but should rain come in a day or so a good crop would be assured.

**Blount**—The past week has been very unfavorable for the growing crop. Weather has been mostly cold, with light frosts, which will set crop back some especially oats and barley. Rain and warm weather is greatly in demand.

**Bader**—The new crop is beginning to show the need of rain. Weather very dry with chiefly high winds. Several hard frosts. No rain since last report.

**Somerset**—The weather for the past week has been cool and cloudy and light frosts reported two nights during the week, but not much damage done to the crop. The land is very dry and rain and warm weather is required to start it up.

**Miami**—The weather has not been very favorable to the growing crops during the past week. There has been heavy frosts and high winds during the week. Crops are looking fine and would be improved by a good warm rain.

**Rosebank**—The crops last week have made little progress on account of the dry weather, and in the fore part of the week windy. Some of the grain on the light land has been damaged by sand storms. The season is still two or three weeks in advance of last year.

**Boand**—Weather since last report dry with high winds. All grain looking well. A good soaking rain would be most beneficial now although as yet the crops are not suffering any. Have not heard of any damage by the recent light frosts.

**Morris**—Seeding all done and crops looking splendid. Little frost since last report, but no account of any damage done by same. The last few days have been favorable for the growing crop. A good rain is badly needed, ground getting dry.

**St. Jean**—Cloudy and moderately cool during the past week, no rain, three light frosts, moderately windy, grain growing nicely, everybody in good spirits in expectation of a good crop. Farmers say the light frosts did not hurt the grain any.

**Letteller**—The growing crop is in excellent condition. We had a little frost this week but no damage done to the grain. All the coarse grains are now in. The weather during the past week has been mostly cool and dry with no rain. A few good showers of rain would help the grain along a great deal but as it is at present everything indicates a bountiful harvest.

**Emerson**—Weather continues favorable and crop growing nicely. Light frost Sunday night, no damage reported.

**Portage la Prairie**—Since last report the growing crops have made very fair progress although the weather has been cool and windy; no harm has been done. The very late sown wheat will be the better of rain. Prospects are still very bright.

### Review of Trade.

Toronto, June 3.—R. G. Duan & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: Reports from all parts of the Montreal district, as well as from the province of Quebec, generally, indicate a continuance of cold, backward weather conditions. The roads in some sections are reported well along impassable for any heavy traffic, owing to the continued rains of the past several weeks, from the same cause little spring work has been accomplished on low lying lands, and in the case of potatoes a good deal of replanting will probably be necessary. In some districts a good deal of grass has been winter-killed, owing to the light snow-fall of last winter, but on the whole, indications at present are favorable for an average crop of hay. It can readily be imagined that the above somewhat discouraging conditions have their effect on country demand for merchandise, and the general trade movement has not undergone any material improvement during the past week. The dry goods trade naturally suffers most from the unseasonable weather, and the effects are seen in a lessened demand and some falling off in collections. General payments are characterized by more or less slowness, but failures very few, considering, showing that wholesalers evidently recognize and appreciate the general conditions, and are disposed to accommodate their customers as much as possible. The money market is unmarked by any new features, the rate for call loans and discounts being the same as for some weeks past.

There is a better feeling in wholesale circles in Toronto, but as yet there is no perceptible increase in the volume of business. Grain crops are said to be looking well, and the damage to fruit trees by the late frost is not of any moment. The outlook on the whole is favorable, and on the adjournment of parliament increased activity is expected. Money is cheap. Over a million and a half dollars were paid to shareholders by banks this week, the profits of the past six months, and a good share of this sum will be reinvested. The large increase in bank clearings for May is a favorable feature, as indicating an extension in trade. The clearings aggregated \$29,059,000 for the month, being the largest for July other month this year, excepting January, while the total in May last year was \$27,798,000, and in the same month of 1895 it was only \$25,698,000.

Dealers in dry goods and hardware report a very good trade this week, there is some improvement in groceries. Prices are steady as a rule. The grain market has been very dull of late, with the lowest price for wheat for some

months. Peas are weaker, the quotations being the lowest on record, and oats have had a set-back. Wool is 1 to 2 cents lower.

Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent and call loans are quoted at 4-1-2 per cent, on choice stock. Owing to increased demand for bank, cable and assurance stocks, prices are higher. Cable has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1-3-4 per cent, payable July 1st. The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged at 2 per cent and the open market is 1 per cent. Failures for the week are 32, as against 29 for the same week of last year.

### Grain and Milling News.

Rolled oatmeal advanced 10c at Montreal on May 26, to \$2.90 per barrel or \$1.40 per bag.

Oats declined 1-4c to 1-2c at Montreal on May 27 to 26 1-4 to 26 1-2c in store.

The flour mill of the Western Milling Co., Regina, Assa., is advertised for sale on June 12.

Brackman & Ker have let the contract for the construction of an elevator at South Edmonton.

Thompson, Sons & Co., grain merchants, of Brandon, have moved to Fort William, where they propose doing a general grain commission business, such as receiving, selling, forwarding or in other ways looking after the interests of those who may consign to them.

### NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

W. A. Shaw has opened his new hotel at Rat Portage.

W. G. Johnston, of Winnipeg, is opening a tin-smithing shop at Rat Portage in connection with Fyfe's hardware store.

Blackwood Bros., of Winnipeg, are establishing soda water works and a bottling factory at Rat Portage.

J. W. Wooster & Co., grocers, etc., Rat Portage, are in difficulties through the granting of a chattel mortgage to a Winnipeg jobber.

### Cold Storage Buildings.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, arrived in the city on Friday from the west, where he has been inspecting the creameries in the Territories. He was accompanied by Prof. Shutt, chief chemist of the experimental farms. While in the west Prof. Robertson inspected the cold storage buildings in course of erection at Calgary and Revelstoke, which premises are being provided for the storage of products and with a view of developing trade between the Territories and the Kootenay country.

Chicago, June 1.—Heavy frosts have occurred for the past two mornings over the greater part of the north-west. Snow and freezing weather are reported from Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, with much damage to vegetables and small fruits. The Wisconsin strawberry crop may be a total loss. Tobacco in Southern Wisconsin is reported slightly injured, and Northern Illinois is badly damaged. The corn of Northern and North Central Illinois is reported to be cut down by the frost. Ice was formed at many points in this section. Potatoes were killed at some points and must be re-planted. Iowa reports indicate considerable damage to corn, potatoes and fruits. Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana also report much injury by the frost.





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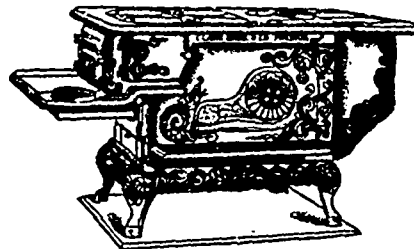
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(By wire to the Commercial.)

Vancouver, June 5, 1897.

The most important change this week is a drop of 2c on Manitoba dairy butter and 2c on California dairy Potatoes have tumbled \$3 to \$4 per ton.

Butter—California dairy, 20c; California creamery 23c; Manitoba dairy 16c; Manitoba creamery, 21c; Manitoba cheese 12 1-2c; California cheese 12c per lb.

Cured meats.—Hams, 13 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 13c; backs, 9 1-2c; long, clear, 9 1-2c; short rolls 9 1-2 to 10c, smoked sides 10 1-2c. Lard is held at the following figures. Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9 1-2c lb.

Fish—Prices are: Flounders 3c, smelts 5c, sea bass 4c; black cod, 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring, 4c; spring salmon, 7c; whitling 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon 6c, smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie, 10c; kippered herring, 12c; Columbia river coho salmon, 7c.

Vegetables—Local potatoes \$20 to \$21 per ton, onions 3c; cabbage, 13-16 lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs—Manitoba eggs, 15c to 15 1-2c.

Fruits—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise noted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with a depth of eleven inches, inside measurement and contains from 250 to 300 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 navel oranges. California lemons, \$2.75; California oranges, seedling, \$2 to \$2.25; navel oranges, \$4.25; Australian apples, \$2.50; bananas, \$2.75 per bunch; cherries, 8lb box, \$1.50; St. Michael oranges, \$4.50; Mediterranean oranges, \$3; asparagus, 20 lb. box, \$1.50; cucumbers, doz., \$90; peas, 30 lb. crate, \$1.70.

**THE CROP.**

Some anxiety has been expressed recently lest the continued dry weather and unusually cold weather had injured the wheat crop. S. A. McGaw, of Winnipeg, who is about as competent a person to form an opinion regarding the crops as any man in Manitoba, returned on Thursday from an extended trip through the province. Mr McGaw says the crops look healthy but they are standing still. The wheat has a good root and covers the ground well, and has not been damaged by the recent frosts, but there has not been much growth. Oats have been cut down by the frost, but as nearly all grain is now put in deep, with a press drill, the root will not be killed, and the grain will shoot up again. Mr. McGaw does not think any permanent damage has been done to any kind of crop, and with the usual June rains and warm weather, he still looks for an early harvest. He confirms previous reports of an excellent seed time, and says that in the districts which he visited the wheat area is estimated at from 10 to 30 per cent greater than last year, according to district.

**The Live Stock Trade.**

At London on May 31, trade was slow, and as supplies were in excess of requirements a weaker feeling prevailed, and prices show a decline of 1-4c to 1-2c on cattle. Choice States sold at 11 1-4c, Canadian at 10 1-2c, Argentines at 10c. Sheep were weaker and prices were 1-2c lower at 11c. States lambs sold at 13c, and Argentine at 12c.

A Liverpool cable on May 31 reported supplies heavy, but prices unchanged, choice Canadians being quoted at 10 1-2 to 11c, and midlings at 9 1-2c to 10c.

A cable from Glasgow reports the market completely glutted with cattle, and quotes choice Canadian at 9c, which is a decline of 3c per lb.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on May 31, choice steers and heifers sold at 4 1-2c, good at 4c to 4 1-2c, fair at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c, common at 3c to 3 1-4c, and inferior at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c per lb. The demand for sheep for export account was good and prices were firmer at 4c to 4 1-4c per lb. live weight. At the Point St. Charles market on the same day receipts of hogs were fair, there being 400 offered, for which the demand was good, the market ruled strong at an advance of 10c to 25c per 100 lbs. Sales being made at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

At Toronto on June 1, export cattle were lower at 4 to 4 1-2c. Butchers' cattle sold at from 27-8 to 4c. One load of fancy cattle brought 4c. The general run sold about 3 1-2c. Stockers slow at 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c. Sheep dull at 3 to 3 1-2c; yearlings 5 to 5 3-4c. For hogs the market was firmer under good demand and choice selections advanced 10c per cwt, selling at \$5.35 for the best, light hogs 5c, thick fat \$4.75 to \$4.85 per cwt, sows \$3 to \$3.50, and stags \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt, all weighed off cars. All sorts were wanted.

**Manitoba.**

Birley & Agur, general storekeepers, Alexander, have assigned to R. H. Cihmil.

Callow & McDonagh, wagon-makers, Russell, have sold out to Muller & Etal.

J. C. Sproule, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to Cameron Bros.

A. Gordon, shoemaker, Winnipeg, has assigned.

J. L. Hoeggood, has opened business in liquors at Dauphin. At the same place, Wm. Whitmore has opened an hotel.

J. Carmichael, blacksmith, Emerson, is out of business, and David Wright, of the same place, contractor, has also retired from business.

Geo. Edwards, blacksmith, has opened business at Rathwell.

J. Brown, of Brown & Smallie, of Russell and Binscarth, general merchant, has purchased the general store business of the Davidson Co., of Neepawa. The Russell and Binscarth businesses will be continued by Mr. Smellie.

Jas. Young, hardware dealer, Hartney, has sold out to W. Fairall and Edgar W. Pack.

Richard & Co., liquors, Calgary, have sold out to S. Laurendeau, of Canmore, and the business will be continued under the style of the Calgary Wine and Spirit Co. with J.R. Wlyuncion as manager. Richard & Co., are concentrating their business at Winnipeg.

Peters, & Winkler are starting a flour mill at Carman.

J. Griffin, of St. Thomas, Ont., manager of the large packing house of F. M. Griffin, was in Winnipeg last week, and with his brother, J. Y. Griffin, of this city, left on Saturday for British Columbia, to make an extended trip through that province.

Higgins & Webster, of Rolland, have bought the general store stock of Richardson & Loree, of the same place.

Jesse Grummett, of Morden, is opening a harness shop at Crystal City.

**WINNIPEG NOTES.**

The firm of McKenzie & Bowes, butchers, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Bowes continues the business and Mr. McKenzie, it is understood, departs next week for the Yukon.

Dr. R. C. Howden, of Winnipeg, is dead.

C. H. Newton, of Newton & Davidson, accountants, etc., has been appointed agent of the Reliance Loan & Savings Co., of Ontario.

A large party of Winnipeggers started recently for the distant Yukon gold fields.

Mr. Rublee, wholesale fruits, has returned from a trip south.

Winnipeg has a factory for the manufacture of vermicelli and macaroni, for the manufacture of which Manitoba wheat is said to be admirably adopted.

J. Adams & Co., have opened business as dealers in second-hand furniture and repairing.

Wm. Halpenny & Co. have opened business at Nos. 153 and 155 Lombard street, in grain, feed, produce, etc. They have large premises, 50 by 100 feet, two storeys, a portion of which they will use as a public storage warehouse.

**MONEY RATES.**

New York, June 4.—Money on call easy at 1 to 1 1-2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 3 1-2 to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.86 7-8 to \$4.87 for demand, and \$4.85 3-4 to \$4.86 for 60 days; posted rates \$4.86 1-2 to \$4.87, and \$4.83 to 1-2; commercial bills \$4.85; government bonds strong.

**PRICE OF SILVER.**

New York, June 4.—Bar silver 60; Mexican dollars 47 1-4; silver certificates 60 1-8 to 1-2.

**WHISKEY POOL.**

New York, June 4.—Great financial interests here are in deep cogitation over the proposition to corner two-thirds of the whiskey in the United States in order to control the output, raise the prices, and make millions breed other millions. Dealers are contemplating the formation of a pool of \$50,000,000 to buy up 80,000,000 gallons of whiskey now in bond in the state of Kentucky.

At Rat Portage John Norman is opening business in provisions and John Woods is opening in drugs. At the same place Jordan & Allan, painters, have dissolved partnership and are succeeded by Watson & Allan.

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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J. B. Saunders, livery, Medicine Hat, has been burned out.

McMurtrie & Hauloy, luthers, Alameda, are succeeded by J. B. Gibson.

Frank Malonek, feed and livery, Whitewood, is out of business and succeeded by a party named Grass.

E. Popper & Co., livery, Alameda, is out of business. McEwen & Surill, implementers, of the same place, have changed style to McEwen & Drinnan.

Hopper Bros., livery, Alameda, are now doing business as Hopper & Torrance.

#### ALBERTA

A party of oil borers from Petrolia, Ontario, have gone to northern Alberta to bore test wells for petroleum.

J. W. Wooster & Co., general store keepers, Rat Portage, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, June 5

## BINDER TWINE.

Lower prices on twine for this season, as compared with last year, are confirmed. The average price is said to be fully 1c lower than last year for similar grades of staple grades of domestic twine. The movement is slow yet. Implement dealers are quoting direct to farmers at 8, 31-2 and 91-4, according to quality, at country points, with some variation according to freights. These are time prices, and for cash 1c lower, with 1-2c discount for prompt payment on time price. In round lots cut prices of 1-2c to 1c have been offered on some brands, presumably the syndicate twine referred to in a previous number.

## DRUGS.

Cream tartar has advanced 2c. 6d. to 3s abroad. This is the only new feature to note. Prices are the same as last quoted.

## FISH.

Some shipments of Manitoba fresh fish are being made. The fishing companies are now operating on the lakes but prices east and in the States are very low and it is difficult to make sales at a fair profit. The markets do not seem to have recovered from the depression of last winter. Winnipeg jobbing prices for fresh fish are as follows: White 6c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, haddock 8c, salmon 12-1-2 to 15c lb. A few shad and mackerel are offered at 12-1-2c. Oysters are quoted at 70c for selects in cans.

## GROCERIES.

Some German sugars have come in, but several other orders placed here by brokers could not be filled, owing to fluctuations and advances in prices, as prices had changed before orders could be got in. The additional changes in the duty on tobaccos do not affect the price. The changes merely alter the plan of assessing the duty from a combined specific and ad valorem duty to a straight ad valorem duty. The actual amount of the duty is about the same as in the first draft of the new tariff.

## GREEN FRUITS.

The apples now in the market are cold storage stock and they are not fit to ship as they will not keep any length of time out of cold storage. Oranges are very firm and a sharp advance is looked for at any time. Californias are about cleared up and very few more can be obtained to bring to the Narrows are practically done. Prices are Apples, \$4 to \$5 per barrel. California oranges, navels, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per box; California seedling oranges \$3.50 to \$4.00 per box; Messina lemons \$4.50 per box; California lemons, \$4.25 box; bananas, \$2 to \$2.75 per bush; pineapples \$2.00 to \$3.25 per dozen; pie plant, 2-1-2c to 3c per pound; strawberries, \$3.50 to \$4. a case of 24 baskets; tomatoes, \$3.25 to \$3.75 per crate of 6 baskets; California cherries, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bush; Egyptian onions 50 lb; California onions \$4 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs; cabbage, \$5 per 100 lbs. Dates, \$2 to 7c lb larger figs, 12-1-2 to 1c lb asparagus, local, \$1 per doz.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

The only change this week is in lead wire, which has declined 15c to \$1.75. Plain wire and

staples, which formerly sold at the same rate as barb, are now held at \$2.75 to \$2.85 per 100 pounds, a decline of only 5c. This is owing to the new tariff which places a lower duty on barb than on the plain wire, being 15 per cent on barb and 30 per cent on plain wire and staples. Nails are unsettled yet. Local dealers have not bought heavily. The situation is still very uncertain regarding the tariff, as further changes may yet be made before the matter is definitely disposed of. The second draft of the tariff advanced several lines notably nails and goods brought in since the first draft was announced will be assessed to the full extent of the advance. That is the custom followed in changing the tariff. Importers are obliged to give a bond to pay whatever duty may be finally agreed upon, so that the first reduction announced in the duty will not be available to importers after all, and as a consequence, some losses may be made by sales based on the new tariff as first announced. This shows the great disadvantage under which importers labor until the new tariff bill is finally passed. It is still doubtful if the advances made in the second draft of the tariff will be sufficient to hold this market for Eastern Canada manufacturers. Prices are the same as quoted last week, except in the case of wire as noted.

## LUMBER.

The mills report a good trade. Business is quiet in the city, but the country has been taking considerable lumber. Elevator building promises to be brisk again this season. Quite a number of new elevators have already been announced, and the formation of a couple of large grain companies is expected to lead to the erection of a considerable number of new elevators this season, which will be quite an item in the lumber trade. The establishment of a yard in the city by one of the large British Columbia lumber companies is looked upon as a possible disturbing factor in the trade, and may lead to sharper competition between the pine lumber trade and British Columbia lumber. British Columbia lumber has been handicapped here some in the past, owing to a higher margin of profit having been charged by dealers here on some lines of British Columbia stuff than was charged on pine lumber of similar grade. If the British Columbia lumber should be reduced to the same margin of profit as pine, it may lead to some sharp competition in the trade.

## REFINED PETROLEUM.

These long June days there is but a small consumption of illuminating oils. There have been some declines in prices here, aggregating 1c in all. Prices are now quoted as follows in barrels, with 1c reductions in car lots. Silver Star 18-1-2c, Crescent 22-1-2c, Oleophene 23-1-2c, Eccene 27c, Sunlight 24c.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat has been quiet this week. About the top price in this market was 71c for No. 1 hard, afloat basis, on Wednesday. On Monday it sold at 69-1-2c, and again yesterday at 69-1-2c. No. 2 hard 3c under No. 1. No. 3 hard, 3-1-2c to 4c below No. 2. In Manitoba country markets farmers are delivering a fair quantity of wheat for the season, and are receiving 58c to 56c for No. 1 hard at average freight rate points. Rain here to-day, which is needed for the crops, with indications of more.

Flour—Prices in the local market have declined 10c per 98 pound sack. The market is quiet. Prices are as follows: Patent, \$2; bakers', \$1.80; second bakers', \$1.40; XXXX, 90c per sack of 98 pounds, to the local trade, delivered in the city.

Milled—Prices hold firm at the advances noted last week, with a good demand. Millers are now quoting \$6 for bran and \$8 for shorts, in small lots, with large lots shaded about 50c.

Barley—There is still some demand for seed barley, and farmers have been buying from city brewers, owing to the scarcity. There appears to be none offering anywhere in the country. The crop seems about exhausted. Feed barley would bring about 24c to 25c, and 27c to 28c for maiting samples, per bushel of 48 pounds.

Oats—Prices for local consumption have been a little higher. There continues to be a wide range in prices obtained for car lots here, and 20 to 23c has been obtained for good feed oats, including No. 2 white, and quotations are made all the way from 19 to 24c, as to grade, which shows a wide range in prices. In the country car lots are quoted at 18c to 15c, as to grade, Manitoba points for shipment.

Prepared cereals—Prices are as follows: Rolled oatmeal, 80 lb. sacks, \$1.40 per sack, granulated, 98 lbs. \$1.80; standard, 98 lbs. \$1.80. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs. \$1.60 sack; pot barley, 98 lbs. \$1.60; pearl barley, 98 lbs. \$2.75 sack.

Ground feed—Rolled oats are held at \$15 per ton, ordinary chop, \$12 to \$13 per ton, and mixed mill feed, \$11 per ton.

Butter—Creamery—The factories are all operating and prices are declining toward a shipping basis. Up to date prices have been governed by the local and western demand, but now that the make is becoming large, prices will have to go to a basis to permit of shipping east. One round lot was reported bought at 15-1-2c, which shows a decline of 1-2 to 1-1-2c over former prices. There has not been much net buying yet, most butter having been handled on commission. Factories are asking 17c to 18c in some cases, which is too high to ship, as finest creamery is quoted at 16-1-4c this morning at Montreal and United States markets are much below Montreal, 15c being a fancy price at New York or Chicago and 14c at Minneapolis. These are outside figures for fancy grades worth considerable more than the ordinary good creamery grade. The British Columbia markets are also off some, creamery being offered at Vancouver by brokers at 19c, or equal to about 15c to factories here, allowing for freight and commission. Lower prices are indicated for next week unless a sharp advance occurs at Montreal.

Butter—Dairy—Considerable dairy is now coming forward, and dealers begin to find it difficult to keep stocks down, though there has been no accumulation yet of good qualities. However the market is decidedly slower, prices are lower and sales hard to make. Until the last few days dealers were able to job at 15c for choice but the indications are that 13c to 14c will be the top for next week. Indeed it is reported that fair dairy was offered at 12-1-2 to 13c this week in a jobbing way. Coun-

try buyers should reduce prices on dairy to at least 10c to be safe, as they cannot count safely on over 11 to 12c net here.

**Cheese**—Some purchases have been made at 8c, and small lots are jobbing at 10c but the tendency is lower. Prices have so far been sustained by the light supply, which has been wanted for the local and western trade. The make is expected to be light this year, as more attention is being given to butter than to cheese in Manitoba the last two years.

**Eggs**—The jobbing price is held at 11c with sales at 10 1/2-2c sometimes made. The tendency is easy, as hereafter dealers will have to begin to cancel receipts, and they will want a larger margin to work on. We quote 9c net or 10 1/2-2c to 11c jobbing as likely to rule next week.

**Poultry**—Chickens, live, 50c pair, or 10c lb dressed. Turkeys, 9c lb, live weight ducks, 50 to 60c pair.

**Lard**—Prices are: Pure \$1.70 to \$1.75 for 20 lb, pails, and \$4.25 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.00 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8 to 8 1/4-4c.

**Cured meats**—Prices are firm. Prices are Hams, assorted sizes, 10 1/2-2 to 11c breakfast bacon, bellies, 10 1/2-2c to 11c, do., backs, 9 1/2-2 to 10c; short spiced rolls, 7 1/2-2 to 8c; shoulders 8 to 6 1/2-2; smoked long clear 8 1/2-2 to 9c; fancy clear, 8 to 8 1/2-2c, dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 to 7 1/2-2c per lb; shoulders, 5 1/4-4 to 5 3/4-4c; boneless shoulders, 6 1/2-2c to 7c; backs, 7 3/4-4 to 8 1/4-4c, barrel pork, clear mess, \$13.00 to \$13.50, short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$13 to \$13.50; per barrel Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7 1/2-2c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c, sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb.

**Dressed meats**—Beef keeps very firm, as the supply of cattle is scarce, but other lines are easier. City dressed beef is held at 6 to 6 1/2-2c. Mutton, halibut at 8 to 10c as to quality, with an easier tendency. Pork country dressed 5 1/2-2c. Veal 5c and plentiful.

**Hides**—Dealers are paying 6 1/2-2c for No 1 hides and this now seems to be the established price though it is claimed that in special cases higher has been paid, but on the present basis of other markets 6 1/2-2c is a good price here. One dealer has offered 9c for calf skins, an advance of 1c, but this is beyond market value. We quote 6 1/2-2c for No. 1, and 5 1/2-2c for No. 2, calf 8 to 15c lb, skins 6 to 8c per lb; deskins 10 to 20c each. Kips, 5 to 7c; sheepskins range from 75c each to 90c according to quality; clips, 10c, horsides 75c to \$1.25.

**Seneca root**—Scarcely any offered yet and owing to the low prices, it is not expected very much root will be gathered this season. The price generally quoted is 15c per lb, but it is alleged a shade higher has been paid.

**Wool**—About 9c has been paid for unwashed fleece so far marketed and some has been taken at 9 1/2-2c. An effort is being made to get hold of a portion of the clip to ship to the United States before the new tariff goes into effect there and on this account higher prices have been paid at the opening of the season than would otherwise have been offered. The market has evidently opened at the top this season, and as soon as the new United States tariff goes into ef-

fect prices will probably show a lower tendency. This will depend, however, on how long the tariff bill hangs fire in the United States congress.

**Vegetables**—The market has been well supplied with potatoes and prices are lower. They are quoted on the street at 37 to 40c per bushel, and cel. from cars at 35 cents. Other prices are: Parsnips 1c lb, turnips, 20c bushel; carrots and beets, 30c bushel; lettuce, 25c dozen; green onions, 15c dozen; asparagus, 60c dozen bunches. Rhubarb 20c to 25c per dozen bunches.

**Hay**—The demand is very limited. We quote \$4 to \$5 per ton on track here as to quality.

**Wood**—Tamarac, \$4.50 to \$4.75, pine, \$4 poplar, \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord. Prices about nominal in the absence of business.

**Cattle**—The supply available for local use is limited and good prices are obtained readily. We quote butchers' cattle at 3c to 3 3/4-4c as to quality. Nothing fairly good can be had under 3 1/2-2c and up to 4c to 4 1/4-4c has been paid for choice animals of an export class. An export train went forward this week, and some stockers are being bought for the western ranges.

**Cows**—There is a good demand for good dairy cows at about \$85 per head, but they must be good milkers. The ordinary run of cows sell at from \$15 to \$30 as to quality.

**Sheep**—The market is easier, as range sheep are offering to ship in a couple of weeks quite freely. We quote sheep at 4 1/2-2c to 4 3/4-4c off cars here, for arrivals in the past, but purchases of range sheep are now being made at equal to about 4c off cars here. Range sheep are reported to be doing well this spring. Lambs, \$3.50 to \$3.75 each.

**Hogs**—Prices are quoted at 4 1/2-2c off cars here for good bacon hogs, and there is a good demand at this figure with fairly liberal offerings.

### Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No 2 wheat, No 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

**Chicago, June 1**—The leading futures closed as follows

Wheat No. 2 July 67 to 67 1/8, Sept 64 1/8, Dec. 66 3/8.

Corn—No. 2 June 23 3/8; July 23 7/8; Sept. 25 1/8.

Oats—No. 2 July 17 3/4; Sept. 17 7/8. Mess pork—July \$7.90; Sept. \$7.92 1/2.

Lard—July \$3.60. Sept. \$3.70.

Short ribs—July \$4.32 1/2. Sept. \$4.35.

**Chicago, June 2**—Wheat, June closed 68 1/4-4c. July opened 67 1/4-4c, closed 67 3/4-4c. Sept. opened 64 3/8-8c, closed 64 3/4-4c. Dec. opened 66 1/2-2c, closed 66 1/2-2c. Corn, June closed 23 3/8-8c. July opened 23 3/4-4c, closed 23 7/8-8c. Sept. opened 24 7/8-8c, closed 25c. Oats, June closed 17 1/2-2c. July opened 17 5/8-8c, closed 17 7/8-8c. Sept. opened 17 3/4-4c, closed 17 7/8-8c. Pork, July opened \$7.85, closed \$7.80. Sept. opened \$7.87, closed \$7.82. Lard, July opened \$3.57, closed \$3.57. Sept. opened \$3.67, closed \$3.65.

**Chicago, June 3**—Wheat, June closed 68 1/2-2c. July opened 68c, closed 68 1/8-8c. Sept. opened 65 1/8-8c, closed 64 5/8-8c. Dec. opened 67 1/2-2c, closed 67 1/8-8c. Corn, June closed 24c. July opened 23 7/8-8c, closed 24 1/2-2c. Sept. opened 25 1/8-8c, closed 25 3/4-4c. Oats, June closed 17 3/4-4c. July opened 18 1/8-8c, closed 18 1/4-4c. Sept. opened 18 1/8-8c, closed 18

1/8-8c. Pork, July opened \$7.80, closed \$7.85. Sept. opened \$7.85, closed \$7.90. Lard, July opened \$3.55, closed \$3.57. Sept. opened \$3.67, closed \$3.67.

**Chicago, June 4**—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, July, 67 1/8-8, Sept, 64 1/8-8, now, 66 3/8-8.

Corn, June, 23 3/8-8 to 23 1/2-2 July, 23 7/8-8 to 24, Sept., 25 1/2-2.

Oats, July, 17 7/8-8 to 18, Sept., 17 3/4-4 to 17 7/8-8.

Mess Pork, July, \$7.70; Sept., \$7.75.

Lard, July, \$3.52 1/2-2. Sept. \$3.62 1/2-2.

Short Ribs, July, \$4.22 1/2-2. Sept., \$4.25.

On Saturday, June 5, July wheat opened at 67 1/8-8c to 67 5/8-8c, and ranged from the opening down to 66 5/8-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—June 67 1/4-4c, July 66 7/8-8c, Sept. 63 3/8-8c.

Corn—June 23 1/4-4c, July 24c.

Oats—June 17 1/2-2c, July 18c.

Pork—July \$7.70, Sept. \$7.75.

Lard—July \$3.52 1/2-2.

Ribs—July \$4.22 1/2-2.

Flax seed—Cash 76 3/8c, July and Sept 76 1/2-2c.

Last week July delivered closed at 68 3/8-8c. A year ago July wheat closed at 61 7/8-8c. Two years ago at 51 3/4-4c, and three years ago at 60 5/8-8c.

### MONTREAL BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Hodson Bros., Montreal, wire the Commercial this morning, June 5, as follows: **Cheese**—Finest Ontario, colored, 85-8c, finest, white, 81-2c. Finest Quebec, 8c to 8 1/2-2c. Butter—Finest creamery, 16 1/4-4 dairy, scarce, and wanted, at 13c to 15c. Market closes firm for both.

### DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Holiday.

Tuesday—July 70 1/4-4c, Sept. 64c.

Wednesday—July 70 3/8-8c, Sept. 64 3/4-4c.

Thursday—July 70 3/4-4c, Sept. 64 3/4-4c.

Friday—July 69 7/8-8c, Sept. 64c.

Saturday—July 69 1/4-4c, Sept. 63 1/2-2c.

On Saturday, June 7, cash No 1 hard closed at 71c, and cash No 1 Northern at 70 1/4-4c.

Last week July deliveries closed at 71 1/4-4c. A year ago July closed at 62c; two years ago at 52 5/8-8c; three years ago at 60 3/4-4c, and four years ago at 63c.

### NEW YORK WHEAT.

On Saturday, June 5, May option closed at—, July at 72 5/8-8c, and September at 69c. A week ago July option closed at 74 1/2-2c, and two weeks ago at 77 3/8-8c.

### MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, June 5, No 1 Northern wheat closed at— for May option, 67 3/4-4 for July, and 61 1/8-8c for September. A week ago July wheat closed at 69 1/2-2c.

Winnipeg closing wheat—Wheat class weak with buyers offering 69c for No. 1 hard, about basis, but firmer on expected railway construction demand.

Montreal June 4—Butter, Creamery very dull, 16 to 16 1/2-2 hardly an export demand yet.

Cheese: Finest Quebec, 8 to 8 1/2-2c, Ontario, 8 to 8 1/2-2c, market dull.