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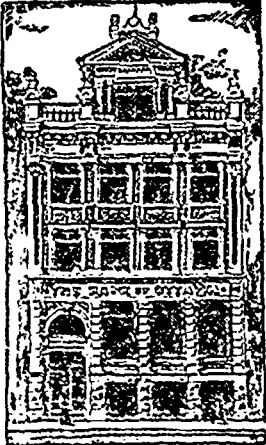
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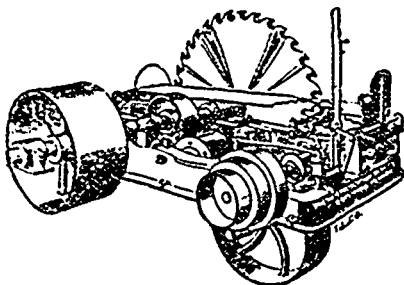
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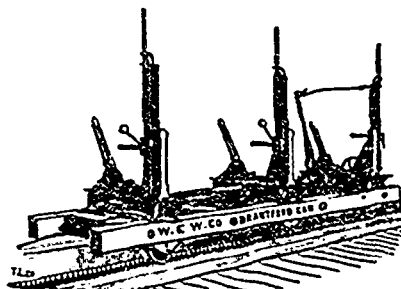
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 15, 1899.

MUNICIPAL MISMANAGEMENT.

We made reference recently to the loose way in which municipal accounts are kept in many rural districts, and the need of government supervision of the same. This is not the only complaint which can be justly made as to the management of many municipalities. In some Manitoba municipalities much of the labor and money expended in so called public improvements is practically wasted. It is only necessary to drive through some of these municipalities to discern this fact, and the drive need not be very far from Winnipeg either. Winnipeg is surrounded by the oldest municipalities in the province, yet practically nothing has been done in these municipalities, or at least in some of them, towards carrying out efficient public improvements. Year after year for a quarter of a century or thereabouts, for instance, the residents of these municipalities have been going along doing a certain amount of work in the form of statute labor on their roads, yet there is not a single mile of passable road in these districts. The main roads leading into the city are practically impassable in wet weather. During prolonged periods of wet weather, such as was experienced last fall, it was simply out of the question to think of moving a load of any ma-

terial over these roads. It was a day's work, and a very disagreeable day's work at that, to travel a few miles with an empty vehicle. The farmers had simply to shut themselves up on their farms for weeks at a time.

The need of good country roads is one of the most important problems in Manitoba to-day. The loss in enforced idleness and in wear and tear of horse-flesh and vehicles, on account of bad roads, must be something enormous. It would appear that the government might also do good work in this direction, by establishing a good roads' department and employing experts in road building, for the benefit of the municipalities. In Ontario something of this nature has been undertaken by the provincial government. More than half the work done on the country roads is wasted through lack of knowledge of the rudiments of road building. The antiquated statute labor system is another hindrance to securing good results in road making. If the legislature would abolish statute labor entirely it would be an excellent start toward establishing more likely conditions for securing good work in the municipalities. The progressive municipalities in Ontario have discontinued the statute labor system. Effective work can never be done under this plan.

If these old Manitoba municipalities had constructed one mile of good road each year, they would by this time have had a considerable mileage of passable roads. As it is, there is nothing to show for the labor and expenditure. In one municipality adjoining the city the people are wasting their money on the vicious principle of giving a bonus to a mill, which is about as much needed as is an extra wheel for the wagons of the farmers, while the residents go wallowing through the mud the same as they did twenty-five years ago. A good road leading into the city through the municipality, would be of more practical value to the residents, and would do more to improve the value of their property than a score of little flour mills, such as the one they are giving their money for.

With lack of business capacity and lack of practical knowledge as the leading characteristics of rural municipal management in too many districts, there seems to be very little to hope for in the way of road or other public improvement in such districts. It would seem worth while considering the advisability of originating some plan whereby the provincial government could take charge to some extent at least of the work of road building in the rural districts. There are probably too many small municipalities in some parts of the province to favor good work in road

building. Many of the roads should continue through two or more municipalities. The question of government action or control of road building in the municipalities is of course a difficult matter to deal with, but it surely seems high time that something were done looking to an improvement of the situation as regards country roads in Manitoba.

TRADING STAMPS.

To the Editor of The Commercial.

I agree with the principle of your article of April 1, regarding stamps. The statement that the benefit from cash business should be divided entirely between the merchant and his customer seems right in principle, but at the same time there is a great convenience in using the trading stamps. A merchant cannot make it convenient to allow a cash discount on every small cash purchase of ten or twenty cents. It would only be a nuisance to the customer and merchant alike to give a cash discount of a cent or so on every small sale. In this way the trading stamps come in as a very convenient way of giving the discount.

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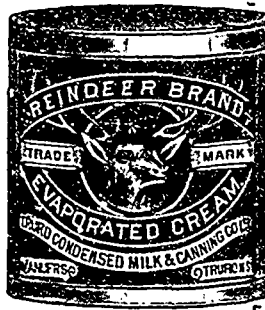
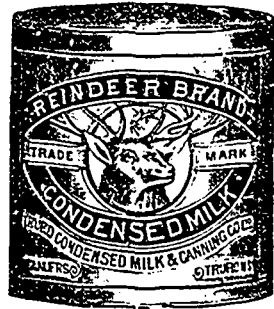
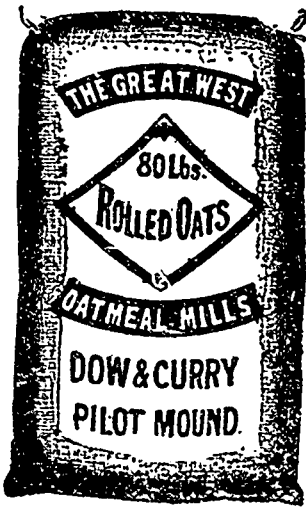
It would be a perfectly legitimate way of doing business, for the merchant to give cash discount checks of his own, to his cash customers, whereas the principle involved in the trading stamp system does not appear to be a very legitimate way of doing business. One objection to the trading stamp business is, that the merchant does not control the rate of discount. Another very objectionable feature is, that a third party comes between the merchant and his customer and

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HOME FRUIT TRADE.

The Dominion department of agriculture has issued a pamphlet giving information in regard to the exportation of Canadian fruits to British markets. Canadian fruit growers should try to supply the home trade before seeking an extensive export business. There is a large and constantly growing demand for fruit in Manitoba and the Territories, which Canadian growers have never yet been able to supply to any considerable extent, except for a few varieties of the firmer fleshed fruits such as apples. The home trade should be more profitable than export business. At present the bulk of the supply of such fruits as peaches, pears and plums, for our western markets comes from the United States. Shipments of the more tender fruits received in the Winnipeg market from Eastern Canada, have usually arrived here in an unsalable condition, owing to the lack of knowledge shown by the growers and packers in handling fruits for distant points.

TRANSFORMING THE PRAIRIE.

The Commercial has for years been a steadfast advocate of tree-planting on our prairie farms. It has been proved by experiments that a great variety of trees and shrubs can be grown to advantage on the open prairie. This week we give a number of illustrations of scenes on the Experimental farm at Indian Head, showing what has been accomplished there within a few years. A commencement was made at Indian Head in 1888. Little could be done

the first year or two beyond erecting buildings and preparing the soil for cultivation. A great transformation however, has already been brought about, and now avenues, groves and shelter belts of vigorous trees, shrubs and ornamentals have transformed this spot of bare, bleak prairie into a place of beauty. The illustrations given herewith were first produced in a handsome special number published by the Indian Head Vidette, to which publication The Commercial owes its compliments for the appearance of the cuts in these columns. The following article from a recent issue of the Farmer's Advocate, gives some interesting information about the farm:

INDIAN HEAD EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

At an altitude of 1,924 feet above the sea level, on a bare, open plain, many miles from timber, is located the 682 acres which compose the Dominion Experimental farm for the Northwest Territories. Indian Head is on the main line of our great trans-continental highway, something over 300 miles westward from Winnipeg. Previous to its acquirement by the government it had all been under cultivation as a portion of the celebrated Bell Farm. Mr. Angus MacKay, who has been superintendent of the farm since its establishment, had previous to his appointment farmed for several years in the neighborhood. As an experimental farm for the wheat-growing sections of the Territories the site was well chosen. Two creeks drain the farm, and from reservoirs formed by dams across one of these the water supply of the farm is obtained. The soil, with the exception of 100 acres of heavy clay, is a very uniform, rich, black sandy loam with clay subsoil. Upon the government taking possession, attention was immediately given to tree-planting, but at first without very marked success. Within the last five or six years, however, the development along this line has been most marked, and where ten years ago not a vestige of a tree could be seen, to-day there are in all some fifty acres of strong, vigorous growing shelter and ornamental trees, distributed in plots of from one to twelve acres on different parts of the farm, and in addition some ten miles of roads lined on both sides with avenue trees or hedges. The success of tree-growing depends, as pointed out by Mr. MacKay, upon summer-fallowing the land previous to planting, and subsequent thorough and frequent surface cultivation in order to keep down weeds and grass and to retain moisture in the soil. For general planting Mr. MacKay recommends: Native maple (box elder), as being most readily obtained and easily started, even where there is no shelter; the native white ash, for purposes of utility; the elm (native), for avenue and permanent planting; cottonwood, for quick growing in avenues or elsewhere; and the native poplar. Of the shrubs and ornamentals, the Caragana and honeysuckle stand at the head of the list, with the Asiatic maple (*Acer glabrum*) the choice for low-growing, ornamental hedges. The list of trees and shrubs that have been found perfectly hardy now numbers upwards of 200 varieties; of course, it should always be borne in mind that most of these are only hardy grown in

the shelter of other more hardy trees.

In addition to demonstrating the possibilities of tree culture on the high, bare prairies of what has been termed the semi-arid districts of the Central West, it has also been shown that by a proper system of cultivation wheat can be grown successfully, almost regardless of the rainfall, in any one season. That system consists of bare summer-fallowing, so performed as to conserve the moisture of two seasons for the growing of the one crop. At first, one deep plowing in the early part of the season, followed by frequent surface cultivation to destroy germinated weed seeds and keep a perfect soil mulch on the surface, gave best results, but as the root store became worn out of the soil this system tended very much to cause soil-drifting. As seedling-down is not yet practical on the large scale on which farming is carried on in the wheat areas of the West, this plan of fallowing is being modified to suit these conditions, and now the first plowing is a shallow one, followed as before by frequent surface cultivation, continued till the season of growth is past; then the land is plowed again deeply, and the subsoil thus brought to the surface does not mellow enough to drift. Of course, weed seeds may thus be brought to the surface to grow with the crop, but these may be held in check by the harrow and weeder after the crop has been sown. Mr. MacKay recommends summer fallowing one-third of the land each year and taking off two wheat crops, the second without plowing, simply burning off the stubble and drilling in the seed.

Red Fife still holds supremacy over the forty varieties of wheat under test from year to year. Wellman's Fife (practically the same thing) ranks well up, as does Redfern and White Fife; while the Dominion Experimental Farm hybrids, Preston and Stanley, keep well up in yield and quality. Out of sixty varieties of oats, none rank higher for general utility than the Banner, which has averaged close up to one hundred bushels per year. The Abundance stands next, perhaps, both being first-class milling oats. Of early varieties suitable for Northern Alberta, the Welcome, Winter Gray, Early Gothland and White Russian will likely be found most suitable. Of six-rowed barley, the Odessa has been the best and most regular in yield; and the Canadian Thorpe, the best all-round two-rowed being still in straw and fairly early; but for general cultivation none excel the Odessa. Peas have been fairly tested, and while they yield largely, are not likely to be generally grown under existing conditions. Some of the Experimental farm hybrids head the list, but of the varieties to be had on the market, Prince Albert and Crown are the best small, with Pride and Mummy about the best large peas. Spring rye has been found a most useful fodder crop, yields two cuttings if sown early, and is absolutely proof against summer frosts. Success has not yet been achieved in growing corn or any of the millets. Grasses however, have been grown with marked success. The introduction of Bromegrass is due in a large measure to the work done on this farm. It is now considered one of the best and most serviceable grasses for the west. Native rye grass—*Agropyrum tenerum*—is also a most useful variety, yielding heavy crops of hay. While several of the clovers have lived through the past two winters, nothing much can

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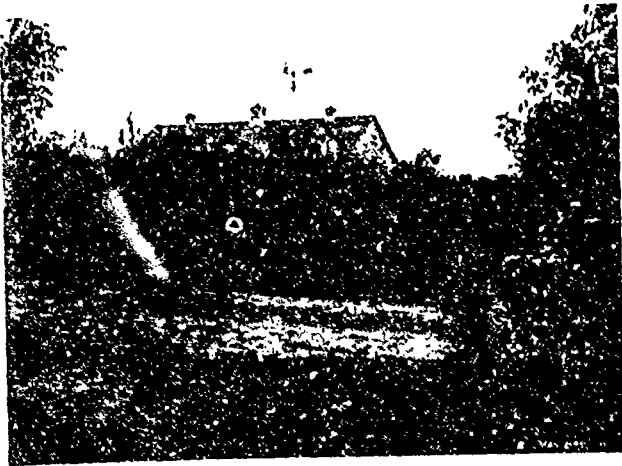
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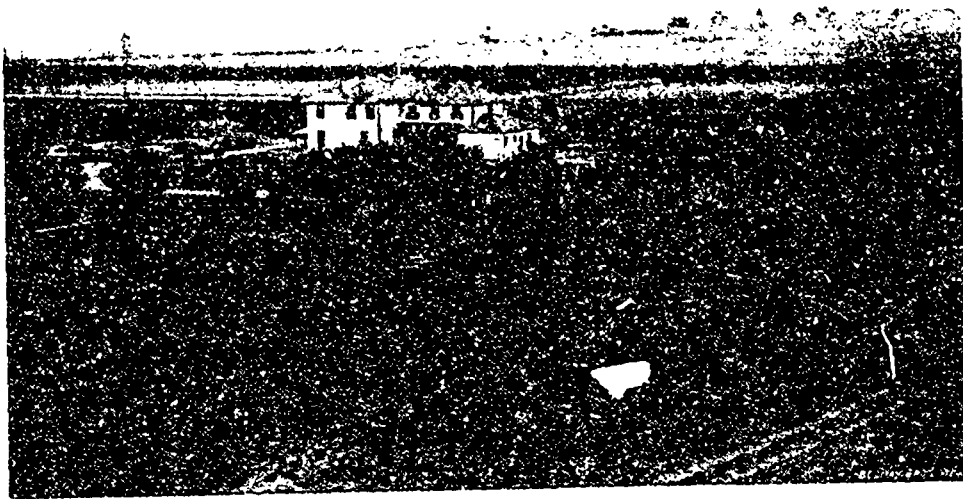
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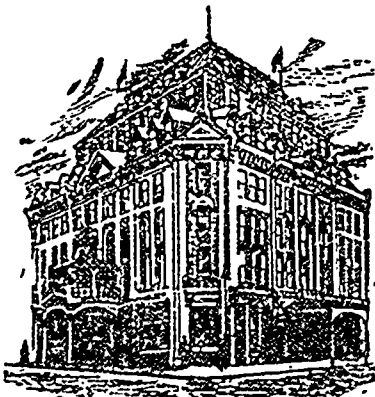
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be said of them as yet. Very little success can be reported from this farm with fruits, except the small fruits. Roots and vegetables do well and receive due attention. In the stock barns are some fair specimens of Shorthorns and Shorthorn grades. Other breeds are represented by an Ayrshire bull and a couple of Holsteins. A few good horses have been raised on the farm, and in the swine pens are some good Tamworths, Berkshires, and Yorkshires. As on the Brandon farm, no sheep are kept. Several breeds of fowls are represented in the poultry house.

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Have no old, dusty-looking signs or placards hanging about the store. These can be changed frequently at a minimum of expense.

It pays to frequently change the location and arrangement of goods. Customers take a new interest in the stock each time they enter a store if this practice is followed.

An application of paint and kalsomine occasionally will help wonderfully to make a store attractive. This is a good time of the year for a general clean-up.

Some of the country stores of Western Canada are almost models of neatness and cleanliness and there are others which might serve as models for all that a store ought not to be. Dirty and untidy is the best description for many of them that can be given. Merchants should take a pride in having their stores clean and well kept. See that there is no accumulation of mud, tobacco quids and cigar stubs on the floors, around the stoves or in the network of the hot air register. Tidy up the shelves and dust them thoroughly every morning—oftener if they require it. Have as few goods as possible on the floors or piled up in front of the counters. These and many points if attended to will yield far richer returns than some of the more expensive methods in vogue for attracting customers.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	19,000
Toronto	30,000
Kingston	5,000
Winnipeg	478,000
Manitoba elevators	5,850,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin	3,440,000

Total, April 1..... 9,852,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on April 1, were 51,238,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 40,901,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on April 1, were 4,321,000 bushels, compared with 3,460,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 3, was 30,431,000 bushels, being an increase of 444,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 30,129,000 bushels, two years ago 37,706,000 bushels, three years ago 59,330,000 bushels, and four years ago 70,487,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. PORTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,908,000
Duluth	10,938,000
Minneapolis	8,320,000
New York	2,335,000
Buffalo and afloat	716,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 11,283,000 bushels, compared with 13,540,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 31,861,000 bushels, compared with 40,100,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on April 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1899	123,659,000
1898	114,207,000
1897	122,376,000
1896	161,978,000
1895	181,442,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	71,070,386	62,791,490
Milwaukee	10,926,906	7,577,292
Duluth	64,426,082	33,208,080
Chicago	29,251,733	29,757,070

Total ... 175,675,607 133,308,932

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	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	11,797,499	10,096,381
St. Louis	13,039,042	10,919,956
Detroit	4,462,850	4,427,678
Kansas City	23,784,043	20,569,366

Total ... 53,083,434 52,013,381

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THE DRY GOODS TRADE

THE CARPET INDUSTRY.

The condition of the carpet manufacturing industry is more encouraging than it has been for many seasons past," says The Boston Commercial Bulletin. "For five or six years before and including 1897 the course of the market was steadily downward. Last year it reached its point of greatest depression, and since that time the turn for the better has occurred. The feature of the current season's business is the increased activity in production. On the whole prices have not shown any material advance, although in some few instances orders have been obtained for spring samples at slightly better rates. The extensive distribution of goods by auction in November of 1897, and again in the early part of 1898, was of material injury to the general situation, since by this means large lines of goods were placed among jobbers and retailers at considerably less than the current cost of production. To this fact is no doubt due, in large measure, the less rapid recovery of values. Judging from a stronger demand for goods, more activity in manufacture and an increase in the importations of foreign carpets, it would appear that home supplies had been unexpectedly depleted or that the consuming capacity of the country was being enlarged."

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Colored satins are 5 per cent higher than last season.

Dyers of velveteens have advanced their prices 1d per yard.

Cashmere hosiery for the fall trade is 12 per cent higher than last season.

Henrietta dress goods of the better class are 5 to 7 per cent higher. Cheaper lines are about the same as last season.

A ten per cent advance has been made in the wages of the hands employed in the cotton mills of the New England States.

The markets for silk both in America and Europe continue to advance. An increase of 10c was recently made at New York and further advances are looked upon as certain.

The great strength in the silk market continues. Raw silk is said to have advanced 15 per cent within a month or so. Artificial silk has advanced enormously.

A letter recently received here from a buyer in the textile district in England gives a great account of the activity with manufacturers there. Trade is said to be remarkably good with the manufacturers in cottons, etc., and manufacturers are sold away ahead, some having all the orders they can fill up to next September. The dyers are also full of business. The letter reports a large demand for the new line of goods called Mercers' cotton. There is also a growing demand for plain dyed dress stuffs and fine black dress stuffs in crepe effects and mohairs. An advance of 20 per cent is mentioned in Henrietta serges.

Toronto Globe: "There is an increasing demand for ready-made garments of women's apparel. A few years ago it was impossible to sell any large quantity of ready-made undershirts. Now a large business is being done by local firms, not only in ready-made undershirts, but in over-

skirts. The retail trade in the country finds it pays well to have these goods in stock. They are generally well made and little difficulty is experienced in the matter of fit. The art of ready-made clothing is reduced to a science now, and it is a real convenience in many cases, where it is difficult to have the work done to order and where dispatch is necessary, to be in a position to get a ready-made garment. A great many blouses are being put out for the coming season. They are made in gingham, zephyr, lawns, etc., and are usually considered good property for retailers."

The recent advances in manufacturers prices for cotton goods found many wholesale concerns in the east none too well supplied with goods notwithstanding that these foreseeing the advance had placed their orders ahead, in some instances as much as several months. So great was the pressure of orders on the mills, however, that they could not possibly supply the demand. Canadian buyers who have visited the New York market to pick up job lots of cottons report that there are practically no such lots to be had this season as the advances in prices there have led to the almost complete cleaning up of the market. In past years this has been found an advantageous way of supplementing stocks, notwithstanding the duty, and New York houses have hitherto encouraged the trade by sending travellers to solicit the orders. This year they have not only not sought orders, but have been unable to meet the unsolicited demands of the trade.

Fur Trade Notes.

C. M. Lampson & Co. will offer silver and cross fox at their June sale in London.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: The strong upward trend of prices in the London March sales evidences extreme confidence in furs, both at home and abroad, and—a gratifying fact—American furs in particular. An advance all along the line and the several extreme advances plainly presage an increased consumption of finer furs during the coming season, a change for the better that has long been desired and which may be accepted as indicative of very generally improved business conditions. The results of the sales clearly set forth the fact that furs, really good furs, have value, and buying and selling during the season will doubtless be conducted with that fact more distinctly appreciated than it has been for some time past.

The quantities of the various skins offered at C. M. Lampson & Co.'s recent London raw fur sales were Silver fox, 1,300; cross fox, 3,900; blue fox, 3,500; sea otter, 750; otter, 3,500; fisher, 2,500; lynx, 19,000; wolf, 150; musk ox, 57; beaver, 3,700; bear, 4,700; raccoon, 120,000; muskrat, 500,000; skunk, 230,000; civet cat, 12,000; opossum, 145,000; mink, 170,000; marten, 16,000; stone marten, 1,200; Russian sable, 23,000; red fox, 38,000; grey fox, 21,000; white fox, 1,000; Japanese fox, 7,400; wildcat, 1,700; wolf, 21,000; squirrel, 6,000; real chinchilla, 6,000; bastard chinchilla, 120,000; Thibet lamb, 53,000; Persian lamb, 10,000; Australian opossum, 400,000; wombat, 90,000; Wallaby, 60,000; kangaroo, 1,300; dry hair seal, 900; grebe, 15,000; ermine, 21,000; dry fur seal, 2,500; dressed

and dyed fur sealskins, 2,500; and the following salted fur sealskins: Copper islands, 9,000; North West coast, 1,000; Cape Horn, 2,200; Australasian, 100.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

The following prices cover the range as to size and color for prime skins, very small and pale skins bring the lowest price, and very large the top range. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.25	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings ...	6.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings ...	3.00	4.00
Bear, grizzly	4.50	20.00
Beaver, large	6.00	7.00
Beaver, medium	3.00	5.00
Beaver, small	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cuts ... ..	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large ...	6.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt ... ..	.25	.75
Fox, red	1.00	2.25
Fox, silver dark	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.50
Lynx, medium	1.00	1.75
Lynx, small ... ..	.50	1.00
Marten, dark	3.00	5.00
Marten, pale or brown ...	2.50	5.00
Marten, light pale	1.00	3.25
Mink, dark ... ..	.75	2.25
Mink, pale ... ..	.75	2.50
Musquash, winter ... ..	.94	.11
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk ... ..	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie ... ..	.40	1.00
Wolverine, dark	3.00	4.00
Wolverine, pale	1.25	2.00

The Anthracite Coal Shortage.

Anthracite coal, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, continues in moderate demand and the shipments to the west and Northwest has been quite steady. The individual amounts called for are small but the steady demand shows conclusively that the country is virtually bare of the domestic sizes of anthracite and that the consumption has greatly exceeded expectations. It can be stated with little fear of contradiction that the amount of coal to be carried over on May 1 at Chicago will not exceed 30,000 to 35,000 tons. Some estimates place the tonnage at less but these figures are believed to be about correct. Not for many years has there been such a small amount of anthracite carried over which when divided among ten large shippers is very insignificant. The closing season of 1898-9 has been a rather remarkable one because the entire western country has been cleaned up. There is little or no anthracite on any of the docks at lake ports west of Lake Erie, so that water coal will be in good demand when navigation opens next month. Probably never before, in recent years at least, has the western market been in so prime a condition for the maintenance of values when the new season opens. Rail receipts of anthracite are about equal to the present consumption and circular prices are steady.—Black Diamond, Chicago.

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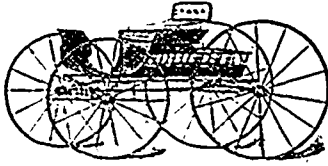
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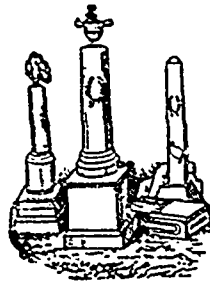
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THE LUMBER TRADE.

BUSINESS LOOKING UP.

Business is beginning to show signs of the spring movement, though cold weather has retarded sales. Building, however, has commenced in the city, and during the last few days big loads of lumber were quite noticeable in the street traffic. Stocks of lumber, though larger than a year ago, are still small, and the mills will be started as early as possible. The cut of logs in the woods the past winter has been large, and a good flow of water is now hoped for, to move the logs to their destination. As all the ponds and sources of water supply were filled by the heavy rains of last fall, it is expected there will be plenty of water this spring for moving logs.

The production of logs during the winter of 1897-98, for the purpose of supplying the lumber requirement of the west was greatly increased in comparison with that of the previous season. Nearly all the mills increased their output during 1898, but at the close of the year the demand had absorbed the bulk of the stock manufactured. Much activity characterized the trade of the spring and summer months, and a slight advance in price was made. Continued rains interfered with the fall trade, which although of a considerable volume, was not as heavy as was anticipated. It is estimated that the total sales of lumber in Manitoba and the Territories last year exceeded those of the previous year by about 30,000,000 feet. The quantity of spruce cut by Manitoba mills last year, in addition to the pine cut at the Lake of the Woods and other mills, is estimated at 15,000,000 feet in excess of 1897. The growth of the trade in imported lumber from the United States has been very great. In 1892, before the duty was taken off, the importation of rough lumber was only a little over a million feet, while that of dressed lumber was very much smaller. In 1897 the importation from the United States amounted to about 16,000,000 feet, and 1898, 35,000,000. This year the United States companies are in the field in increased force, and they will make a big push for a share of the trade. As a large and increased demand for lumber is expected again this year, it is likely that importations will continue large. Prices have started about 50 cents higher than last year.

WANT THE DUTY RESTORED.

A deputation of lumbermen waited on the government at Ottawa recently and urged the imposition of an export duty on logs and also an import duty on lumber equal to the import duty levied by the United States which is \$2 per thousand on lumber, 30 cents on shingles and 25c on tath.

The question of an objection coming from Manitoba against the imposition of the proposed duty, was discussed. To this it was replied that the West could be supplied with lumber by having it carried to Fort William by the lake route; but we doubt very much if lumber could be brought to Manitoba from the East at a reasonable rate. This, however, is not necessary, as we have plenty of timber closer by.

No promises were made by the members of the government, who said they would wait for the other side of the question to be heard.

D. C. Cameron, of Rat Portage, who was present, said Manitoba imports of lumber from the United States last year amounted to 38,000,000 feet. The lumbermen considered that free trade in lumber was an injustice to Canadian lumbermen. Western Ontario contains billions of feet of splendid lumber which needed only the market to be disposed of at profitable rates. The effect of the imposition of a duty would not be to increase prices. With the increased competition afforded by the railways, prices to the buyers would rather be lowered. The C. P. R. will not reduce its rates as matters now stand for the reason that the step would be met by similar lowering of the figures from the American side of the border.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

J. McCutcheon has bought out the lumber yard of A. Clarke at Glenboro, Man.

Robinson & Co. have purchased the lumber stock of Riley & Wells at West Selkirk, Man.

The cut of logs banked during the past winter at Sprague's lumber camp on the Rossau numbers over 75,000 logs.

A planing mill and sash and door factory is being started at Carberry, Man., by White, of Alexander.

The Columbia River Lumber company proposes to erect new and commodious offices at Golden, B. C., where the head office of the company is situated.

The Cariboo Lumber company's saw-mill at 110 Mile House, B. C., was partially destroyed by fire, along with several thousand feet of lumber on April 7. The mill, a portable affair, was owned by Messrs. McIntosh Bros., who will rebuild at once. The loss is estimated at \$1,000.

The mill of the Columbia River Lumber company at Golden, B. C., is undergoing extensive alterations. The boiler capacity is being increased to 160 horse-power and the milling machinery plant is also being considerably enlarged. The Beaver, B. C., mill of this concern is also being overhauled and new machinery added.

The new saw mill being built by Moran Bros. Company, at Seattle, Wash., will, it is said, be the most modern in equipment on the Pacific coast, arrangements having been made to handle large timbers with the ease of small stuff. The capacity will be 75,000 feet daily and the cost about \$35,000.

Among other industries mentioned in the address of retiring President Godfrey, of the Vancouver board of trade, that of lumbering commanded a share of attention and was commented upon as follows: "This trade shows marked signs of improvement though foreign exports have not been as large as usual, partly on account of the burning of the Hastings mill, our largest exporter (this mill is now being rebuilt on a larger scale than before.) The demand is better and higher prices are ruling, while both the local market and that of the Northwest are very good. Railway development in China is causing inquiries for a class of lumber not heretofore in demand in that country, and there is also more activity in the Australian and South African markets."

The Medicine Hat Trading Company contemplates erecting a new store building this summer at Medicine Hat.

WINNIPEG LUMBER PRICES.

These prices are quotations at Winnipeg yards, and are subject to a cash discount of 2 per cent for small orders. For \$1,000 orders or upward, a cash discount of 5 per cent is allowed.

Dimensions and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14, and 16 ft, \$19, 18 ft \$20, 20 ft \$21, 22 ft \$22; 24 ft \$23, 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x8, 6x6 to 6x8, 12, 14, and 16 ft \$20.50, 18 ft \$21.50, 20 ft \$22.50, 22 ft \$23.50, 24 ft \$24.50; 8x8, 1x12 to 6x12, 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft \$22.50; 18 ft \$23.50, 20 ft \$24.50, 22 ft \$25.50, 24 ft \$26.50; 2x4, 10 ft \$21; 2x8, 10 ft \$19; 2x8 to 2x12, \$20. No. 2 dimensions \$2 less than No. 1. Dimensions 20, 28 and 30 ft \$20. Timber, 20, 28 and 30 ft \$28. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches in depth and width. Tamarac dimensions same price as pine. Spruce dimensions at \$2 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths, at \$13 per M. B. O. fir dimensions up to \$2 ft at \$28 per M, 33 to 40 ft \$30, 41 to 60 ft \$36. \$1 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25, 2nd common, red and white pine, \$18.50, 3rd common, red and white pine \$16.50; No. 1 cull, pine or spruce, \$14, No. 2 cull \$9; spruce boards, \$16.50. \$1.50 per M extra for stock boards. \$2 per M less for 6 to 8 feet and under. No. 1 box, 14 inch and up, \$30, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$22. Extra dressing \$2 per M.

Siding, flooring and ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$31; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch red and white, \$21; cull siding, red and white, \$16; B. O. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$35. B. O. No. 3 flat and edge mixed, 4 and 6 inches, \$26; B. O. No. 1 and 2 flat grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inches, \$26; 11-4, 11-2 and 2 inch, \$1 per M more than 1 inch. B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$30; B. O. No. 3 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$26; B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 5-8 inch, \$25; B. O. No. 3 fir ceiling, 5-8 inch, \$21; B. O. No. 1 and 2 fir siding, 6 inch, \$30; No. 3 fir siding, 6 inch, \$26; B. O. spruce No. 1 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$30. B. O. spruce No. 2 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$30; B. O. cedar siding, No. 1 10 to 16 ft \$39; B. O. cedar siding, No. 1, 6 to 9 ft, \$34; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 10 to 16 ft, \$42; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 6 to 9 ft \$35; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 5-8 in. 10 to 16 ft, \$33; B. O. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 1-2 inch, 10 to 16 ft, \$30; 4 5 and 6 inch native spruce, \$21; cull spruce, \$16. \$2 per M advance for dressing on both sides.

Bevel siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26; No. 2 red and white, \$23.

Ship-lap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.50, 8 and 10 inch, \$20; spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19, 6 inch, \$18; pine and spruce cull ship-lap 8 and 10 inch, \$17; do., 6 inch, \$14.

Shingles—B. O. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B. O. cedar dimension shingles, \$4; B. O. cedar dimension hand sawed, \$5.

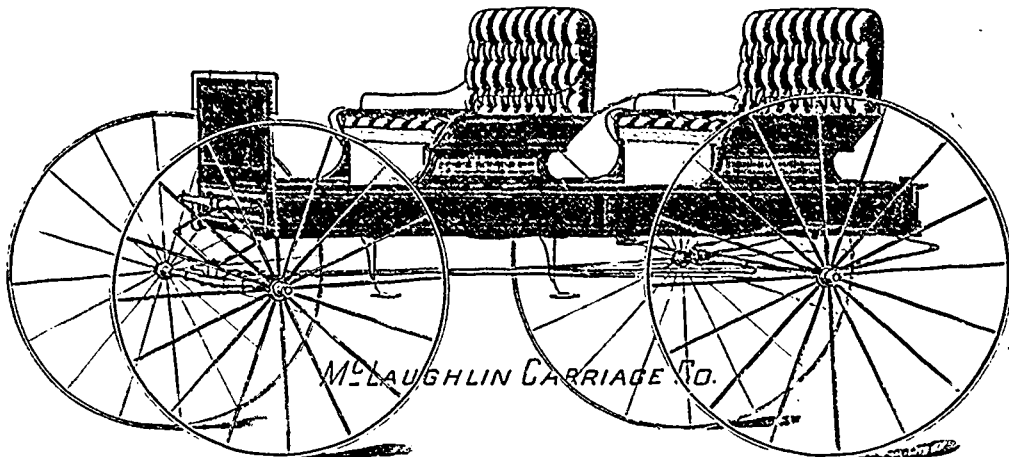
Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.40.

Finishings—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60, 3rd clear, \$55, select, \$42, shops, \$34, red pine, clear, \$40, select, \$32. B. O. cedar clears, up to 12 inches, \$48; do., over 12 inches, \$53; B. O. fir edge grain No. 1 stop-lap, \$48; No. 2, \$42; B. O. fir flat grain, No. 1 \$42; No. 2 do. \$36; B. O. fir finishing up to 12 inch, \$48. Do. over 12 inch, \$44; \$5 per M advance on 2 1-4 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$56, 3rd clear, \$45, select, B \$35, select O \$30, red pine clear \$40, select \$30; B. O. cedar clear \$46. B. C. fir finishing, up to 12 inches \$38, do. over 12 inches \$44.

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Terne Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$8.50.
Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.15 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$6.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@ \$2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50
Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.10 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 16 guage, \$4.00; 18 to 22 guage, \$4.25; 24 guage, \$4.50; 26 guage, \$4.75, 28 guage, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: ½ inch, \$3.00; ¾ inch, \$3.25; 1 inch, \$4.00; 1 ¼ inch, \$4.50; 1 ½ inch, \$6.25; 1 ¾ inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$10.25; 2 ½ inch, \$14.00.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4½ to 5c.
Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$8.00 lb., broken lots \$3.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 18@19c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 37½@40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 7c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; ½ kegs, 4½ lbs, \$3, Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12½ lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12½ lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12½ lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$9.00, 12½ lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12½ lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17. Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12½ lbs, \$22.00, 6½ lbs, \$11.25, 3½ lbs, \$5.75, ½ canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain twist, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; staples, \$3.75.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.45 for 30 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4½@6 inch, \$3.10 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horse shoes—Iron 0 and 1, \$4.25; 2 and larger, \$4.00; Steel, 0 and 1, \$4.55; 2 and larger, \$4.30; extra light steel shoes all sizes, \$5.00.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 10½c base; manilla, lb., 11½c base; cotton, ½ to ½ inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity.

White Lead—Pure, \$6.75 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.75.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6½c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2½c, less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½c; less quantities 4c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12½c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2½c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2½c, do., less than barrels, lb. 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass.—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 59c; boiled, gal., 62c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 75c; less than barrels, gallon, 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

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D. P. Williams is opening a butcher shop at Austin.

C. Carter is opening a butcher shop at Ochre River.

M. D. Irvine is opening a drug store at Dominion City.

W. R. Robinson, hotel, Emerson, Man., has sold out.

T. E. Bailey, confectioner, Belmont, Man., is reported sold out.

J. H. Ruddell, harness, Morden, Man., has sold out to A. & H. J. Jickling.

Wm. and John Stewart are opening a hardware at Plum Coulee, Man.

R. C. Robertson, blacksmith, Pilot Mound, Man., is reported sold out.

T. H. Logan has purchased Rogers Bros.' flour and feed store at Carberry.

T. A. Blackwell has purchased the general store business of W. F. Blyth & Co. at Melita.

Evoy & Milne, Queen's Hotel, Rapid City, have dissolved; Evoy continues the business.

J. J. McConnell has leased his blacksmith shop at Orange Ridge, to T. Humphrey.

Jerrard & Lewis, printers, Winnipeg, have dissolved; J. Jerrard continues the business.

LeLoux & Burgoyne have opened a general store at McCreary station on the Dauphin railway.

A meeting of the creditors of J. C. Anderson, general merchant of Sols-guth, was held this week.

Allaire & Co., Somerset, Man., have dissolved; J. A. Decosse has bought J. P. O. Allaire's interest.

W. L. Capell has purchased the Clifton House, Winnipeg, from W. W. Carter. The price was \$3,000.

The contract for the erection of the Union bank building in Neopawa has been awarded to Spencer Bros., of Winnipeg.

E. Guibault is converting his tin box factory business at Winnipeg into a joint stock company with a capital of \$50,000.

The provincial government has issued a proclamation proclaiming Friday, May 5th, Arbor Day for the province of Manitoba.

The first seeding reported this year is at Rosenfeldt, where Johann Klansen is said to have had 20 acres of wheat sown on April 10.

J. J. Manly, harness and boots and shoes, Dauphin, has assigned to H. P. Nicholson. His liabilities are \$2,586, and assets \$5,441.

Mr. Kennedy's bill for the collection of small debts now before the legislature, provides for the collection of debts under before a magistrate.

Legislation is being asked for at the present session of the Manitoba legislature, to permit towns to install and operate electric light and telephone systems for commercial purposes.

Watts & Albert, manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, have moved to 268 McDermott avenue, where they are showing a large line of safes, computing scales, etc.

Residents of the municipality of Minota held a meeting recently to take action with a view to securing a railway to settlements of Penrit's, Arrow River, Parkissimo, Blaris and Beulah. Resolutions expressing the views of the residents were passed

and ordered to be forwarded to the Manitoba and Dominion governments.

J. Bousfield & Co. will instal a creamery plant at Portage la Prairie and commence operations early in May. It will be known as the Portage Central Creamery.

The by-law to raise \$60,000 for public lighting in Winnipeg, was carried on Thursday last, though some doubt remains as to whether or not a sufficient vote was polled to legalize the by-law.

A deputation from Rapid City waited on the provincial government this week to urge the construction of a railway to that town, the residents of the district not being satisfied with the present service.

The following circular has been issued by Superintendent Hanna: "The name of the company, heretofore known as 'The Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Co.' has been changed and the official title is now 'The Canadian Northern Railway Co.'"

Temple & Boston, general merchants, Napawa, whose assignment was mentioned last week have settled with their creditors and will resume business. They have agreed to pay 75 cents on the dollar now and the balance of their indebtedness in two payments at three and six months.

The opening of the new new Isomster school at Winnipeg has taken place. Almost before it was ready for occupation 300 pupils were enrolled. At the present time there are nearly 6,000 pupils enrolled in the public schools of Winnipeg. The school population is officially certified to be 6,158.

L. Nicholson, commission merchant, Winnipeg, intends erecting a fine building on Bannatyne street east, for the accommodation of his large trade. The building will be of brick and stone, 60x85, three storeys in height, with basement. Tenders are to be called for as soon as the specifications are complete.

A handsome memorial column will be erected by public subscription to the memory of the late Dr. Alex. Fleming, of Brandon. The contract for the work has been let to Somerville & Co., of the Brandon Marble works. The monument will be over twenty-five feet in height, and will be built of native Manitoba granite.

McAmster & Watts is the name of a new firm which will shortly open business in Winnipeg in wholesale stationery. The new firm is composed of John L. McAlister and Thomas A. Watts, both of whom are well known in connection with the stationery trade here. Premises have been secured in the Turner, McKeand building on Bannatyne street east.

The committee of the Winnipeg city council have recommended the following tenders for acceptance: For the supply of sewer pipe—The tender of J. H. Ashdown, at \$1,625.50. For supply of dump wagons—The tender of D. S. Watson, at \$1,519. The California Asphaltum company, for Ventura brand asphalt for paving, at \$13,332. Waterworks supplies—The National Meter Co., for Empire meters at contract price, for straight reading dials, at \$36,855. The Babcock & Wilcox Co., of Montreal, for the supply of four boilers at \$14,952. John McDougall for Worthington pumping engine, at \$89,080. Jas. Robertson Co., for supply of pig lead, at \$80.80 per ton. The Hudson's Bay Co., for the supply of summer clothing for the fire department at \$574.60.

Alberta.

B. F. Boyce, of Wotaakwin, has purchased the Spencer House at Leduc, and will conduct it in future with a livery business in connection.

Parker, Miller & Gardner, grocers and liquors, Macleod, have dissolved partnership. E. C. Miller retires and the business will be continued by Barker & Gardner.

The Alberta Irrigation Company has commenced work on a telephone line along its sixty miles of canal, now in process of construction in the Carleton district.

The Calgary city council has decided to submit a by-law to the rate-payers to borrow \$90,000 on thirty year debentures, carrying four per cent, payable yearly, wherewith to instal a waterworks system.

The new abattoir, which P. Burns & Co., intend erecting at Calgary, will be a thoroughly modern building in every respect. It is intended to include a large cold storage plant for holding reserve stocks of meat intended for the Kootenay trade, of which this firm now controls a liberal share.

Assinibola.

Taylor & Metheral are opening up a general store at Weyburn, Assa.

The Regina board of trade has issued a neat leaflet descriptive of Regina and the surrounding district.

Saunders & Parker are reported as having purchased the livery and feed business of C. Featherstonhaugh, at Fort Qu'Appelle.

J. P. Beauchamp, general merchant, Qu'Appelle Station, has taken in J. A. Longpre as a partner under the style of J. P. Beauchamp & Co.

Northwest Ontario.

Mrs. Nelson Armstrong has sold out her boot and shoe business at Fort William and is moving to Treherne, Man.

Soundings are being taken for the proposed Rainy Lake bridge, which is to be built in connection with the Ontario and Rainy River Railway.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, \$1.03 to \$1.03 1-2.

Flour—Local prices per sack: Patent \$2.50 and \$2.60; bakers \$2.30 and \$2.40.

Milstuffs—Bran, \$12 per ton; shorts, \$14, in large lots.

Oatmeal—Dealers selling to trade at \$2 per sack of rolled.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 40 to 42c.

Corn—Cars on track, Winnipeg, 40 to 42c per bushel.

Barley—40c for feed.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices 17 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1-2c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 to 10 1-2c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 15c for fresh, Hides—No. 1 green hides 6 1-2c.

Wool—8 to 10c for unwashed fleeces.

Hay—Baled, on track, at country points, advanced to \$3 to \$3.50 per ton.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 9c per lb.; turkeys 11c; live chickens, 6c to 75c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef city dressed, 6 to 6 1-2c; mutton 7 to 8c for frozen; 10c for fresh; hogs, 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c; veal, 7 to 9c.

Live stock—Cattle, butchers', 3 to 3 3-4c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, 4 to 4 1-2c.

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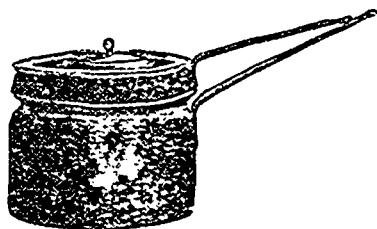
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MINING NOTES

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

War Eagle shares are quoted at \$3.55 bid and \$3.70 asked.

The Payne Mining Company, Limited, has just purchased the Telephone claim. This claim adjoins the Two Jacks of the Payne group in Kootenay and is looked upon as a valuable piece of ground.

A dispatch from Rossland says ore shipments are beginning to show up in much better form. The War Eagle has re-commenced shipping. The workings have been filled with debris accumulated during the past three months, the mine not having shipped anything during that period. From now on shipments under the new contract with the Trail smelter, whereby the mines contracted to deliver at least 300,000 tons within the twenty-four months, will be pushed without waiting for the completion of either the new plant or the railway siding.

The Vancouver board of trade in its annual report thus commented on the mining situation in British Columbia: The mining returns for 1898 are not yet to hand, but it is expected will show handsome increases over 1897. The advent of the Crow's Nest Pass railway will give a great impetus to the smelting business, through supplying coke, etc., at a reasonable price, and will also allow of the East Kootenay mines being developed more rapidly. The C. P. R. extension from Robson to Greenwood will open up the promising Boundary country, and smelter people have been investigating the country around Cascade and Greenwood. The up-coast mines which will be a great benefit to Vancouver are snowing up well. The Dorothy Morton, operated by a South African company, has sent down six cyanide bricks. This is one of the first cyanide propositions to be successfully worked in British Columbia. There has also been important development going on at Texada Island, and a 50-ton smelter is being built there. Several propositions on Vancouver Island, especially the west coast, are looking well. There are also a number of companies formed for dredging the Fraser river and various tributaries in the Cariboo, with good promise of success. This will be largely tributary to this city, and judging from results in New Zealand where it is very largely carried on should be of great benefit. The output from the Yukon estimated at about \$8,000,000, is regarded as very satisfactory, and Vancouver has reaped quite a benefit both in trade from there and also in some of the successful miners coming here and buying real estate, on which they are about to erect substantial blocks. The Atlin goldfields which came under notice last fall, give good promise and being shallow diggings should give a good return within a short time.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

One of the best evidences of the work of this country as a gold bearing one says the Rat Portage Miner, is had in the fact that 2,000 assays made by the Rat Portage Metallurgical works averaging \$1.11 to the ton of ore. This is believed to be higher than any other district, as the samples were taken from gold bearing searing surface rock, not quartz.

which showed only a trace to the highest assays of pure quartz.

Some interest is being taken by speculators in Montreal, Toronto and leading United States centres in the copper mines of the Michipicoton district. A group of five claims, lying to the south of Lake Wawa, between the Mackie and Jubilee mines, has recently been purchased by a Montreal and Toronto syndicate, and another location near Hawk Lake has been bought by a Boston syndicate. The deposits in all these claims are said to be sufficiently rich to ensure a profit from their working.

A Rat Portage correspondent says mining affairs are quiet as regards new developments and are likely to remain so until the opening of navigation at least.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Manitoba Boundary Mining Co.

The mineral production of Canada last year is given by the geological survey as \$37,757,000. That represents an increase of 100 per cent. on the record of 1891, and of 200 per cent. on that of 1888.

It is predicted that after the crude method now adopted by miners in the Klondike region have exhausted the workable properties the real business of mining will begin with improved machinery and latest appliances, for removing the last particle of "dirt."

Tenders

The time for receiving the C. P. R. tenders for bridge work, etc., recently noticed in The Commercial has been extended to April 25th.

The Hudson's Bay Company will shortly call for tenders for the extension and improvement of its stores at Winnipeg.

The chairman of the finance committee, Winnipeg, city council, is calling for tenders for printing, stationery, bookbinding, lithographing and advertising, to be in by April 21.

Tenders, addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of 250 cords of firewood, 200 cords to be delivered at the city quarry and the balance in Winnipeg, will be received up to Wednesday, April 19. The wood must be green cut, dry and sound, and the best of its kind.

Tenders will be received up to the 20th inst., for the removal of frame buildings on the west half of the Mather estate, corner of Princess and McDermott streets, Winnipeg, to the east half of the same property, cornering on King and McDermott. Estimate of removal to include also putting each house in repair for future tenancy. Apply to Wm. Harvey.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, will be received up to Wednesday, April 19, for the construction of the following works, viz.: Macadam pavement—On River avenue, from Main street to Osborne street. On Osborne and Pembina streets, from Osborne street bridge to Corydon avenue. Boulevards—On both sides of River avenue, from Main street south to Pembina street.

Navigation opened in the St. Lawrence as far as Quebec last week.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

RETAIL PRICES FOR RUBBERS.

A week ago The Commercial gave a synopsis of the new list of prices for rubber footwear issued April 1 by Canadian manufacturers. Prices for all leading lines were shown to have advanced, some as much as 20 per cent, although the average was about 10 per cent. These advances are now in force in the retail trade in Winnipeg. Best grades of men's rubbers, which have been selling at 85c are now worth 90c, while second grades have advanced from 60c to 70c per pair. Women's bests are quoted at 55c and 60c for low and high cuts; seconds, 40c to 45c. Misses rubbers are now quoted at 35 and 40c, and children's at 30 and 35c. These prices practically amount to a 5c advance all around, with the exception of men's seconds, which show 10c advance. In heavy rubber footwear the advance is more marked still. The line of lumbermen's boots, known as Hurons, are now sold at \$1.50 per pair, which is an advance of 15c, while Perfections have advanced 20c per pair to \$1.85. On long boots the advance is more apparent still being about 50c per pair. Where \$3.00 used to be charged for these \$3.50 is now obtained.

Movements of Business Men

G. Olafson, flour and feed merchant, Winnipeg, left this week on a trip to Chicago.

John W. Peck, of John W. Peck & Co., wholesale clothiers, is in Winnipeg on a visit.

G. W. Murray, wood work manufacturer, Winnipeg, who has been visiting Scotland, has returned.

D. S. Johnston, manager of the Canadian Rubber Co at Winnipeg, left for a trip to British Columbia this week.

Neil Keith, of the Manitoba South-eastern railway construction department, arrived in Winnipeg this week. He says it is the intention of the company to push construction at the earliest moment, and already locating parties are out along the survey line.

The Commercial Men.

Chas. Shorey, Jr., representing H. Shorey & Co., Montreal, arrived from the east last week, and is now on the road doing Manitoba towns.

W. C. Bell, of the Copp Clark Publishing company, Toronto, is on his regular western trip.

It is reported that the frosts which recently cut the orange groves of a portion of Florida, were so serious that it will be three or four years before these groves will recover.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that application will be made to the parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of the promoting and stimulating of trade between the merchant and the consumer or dealer with him, for the perfecting of plans and systems for such purposes, the procuring of copyrights thereof, of buying and selling the same, and of doing a general advertising and canvassing business and other business as is necessary or convenient for the attainment of the said objects.

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended April 13, 1899	.....	\$1,654,717
Corresponding week, 1898	.....	1,257,159
" " 1897	.....	954,497

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for four years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,250,000
April	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May	8,083,864	6,014,786	4,216,201
June	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,338	5,610,003	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept.	5,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,708
Oct.	9,347,092	12,291,879	7,565,472
Nov.	11,533,649	13,650,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945
Year	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,143,935

	1899.
Jan.	\$7,383,052
Feb.	6,209,471
March	6,756,094

FINANCIAL NOTES.

A new financial concern, the Standard Loan Co., was organized at Toronto this week, with a capital of \$3,000,000. J. P. Whitney is the chairman.

A. P. Moffatt, who was for some time attached to the staff of the Bank of Commerce branch at Winnipeg, and later at Toronto, has been sent to assist in opening the bank's new connection at Athol.

Ecuador has joined the nations of the world which have adopted the gold standard as the basis for their monetary systems. This step is the result of a depreciated silver currency and its attendant evils.

The Winnipeg public schools board is offering \$25,000 of debentures for sale being balance of \$100,000 issue. The bonds run for 49 years and will bear interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum, payable half-yearly. Offers for the bonds must be in by May 6th.

The total Canadian bank clearings for March were \$127,364,829, as against \$122,568,344 in the same month last year. The clearings for the three months ending March 31st were \$373,008,231, as against \$348,829,976 in 1898.

The bill to ratify an arrangement between the town of Morris and its creditors was read the second time in the Manitoba legislature. The town has assumed a burden of \$132,000 by way of railway bonuses. This had been reduced to \$20,000, and the house was asked to ratify the terms of the agreement.

In the Manitoba legislature Mr. Jonasson moved the second reading of a bill to enable the town of Selkirk to issue \$62,000 debentures to consolidate old liabilities and meet others, by issuing new debentures. As to the vote of the people not being required, the committee would have to be satisfied that there was nothing new, if the bill included more than the old debts the sanction of the ratepayers would be necessary. The motion was carried.

INSURANCE

ASSESSMENT INSURANCE.

The rapid decline in the popularity of assessment insurance in Canada is shown by the report of the assessment companies for last year. The following shows the business written by the assessment companies for a series of years:

Written in Year	Amount.
1893	\$10,526,225
1894	9,184,750
1895	8,035,875
1896	6,142,500
1897	2,951,800
1898	1,896,455

But this is not all. The business that has been written seems to have been lost as fast almost as it was secured. The assessment companies had in force in 1892 insurance to the amount of \$33,347,075. During the next six years to the end of 1898 the aggregate of new business written amounted to \$39,037,605, making a total of new and old business of \$72,384,680. Yet at the end of last year we find that these companies only held \$35,513,604 of insurance in force. This shows the termination of over half their new and old business within six years. Of course it may be taken for granted that the poorest risks have remained with the assessment companies, especially those who would not be able to obtain new insurance elsewhere.

INSURANCE ITEMS

It is understood that the negotiations going on for some time for a change in the management of the Winnipeg office of the Equitable Life Insurance society, have been completed. Thos. A. Bell, of the Winnipeg Daily Telegram, will shortly become manager for the company. A. H. Correll, the present manager, will take another position with the company, not yet announced.

In reply to a question in parliament at Ottawa this week, the premier said he could not make an immediate statement regarding the proposed friendly society legislation, but asked that the question should be repeated in a few days. This looks as though this important matter is to be left to drift in the past. It is certainly high time that legislation concerning friendly society insurance should be adopted. The question is of such vital importance to thousands of citizens that it should be dealt with at once.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society has obtained an expression of opinion from a number of leading financial men regarding the probable rate of interest obtainable for the next twenty years. The opinions have been embodied in a little book published by the society. The rate of interest which can be earned on investments is a most important matter for insurance concerns and policy holders. The opinions presented ranged mostly between 3 and 3 1/2 per cent. Many of the letters published in the little book would prove very entertaining reading to those interested in investments.

"When a house is on fire and its destruction appears inevitable, is not the question asked by every prudent man 'Is it insured?'" When a ship with a valuable cargo is lost at sea,

is not the same question asked? And why, upon the death of a father whose family was dependent upon him, should not the inquiry be made, has he provided for them by insurance up in his own life? There is a greater necessity for insurance upon life than for fire or marine insurance. In these the damages are only incidental, and may never fall upon the property, or if they do, the energies of the owner may repair the disaster; but death, sooner or later, is an issue from which there is no escape, and the energies of the man sleep with him in the grave."

Tree Planting.

The importance of the planting of trees in Manitoba and the Territories was discussed recently in a series of articles in these columns, and we hope that the Ottawa government will find time to devote special attention to some plan to encourage tree planting. We did not dwell so much on the ornamental aspect of the question and even trees planted with the object of improving the appearance of a farm house or a street cannot be hindered from exerting that beneficial influence on air and soil of which they are possessed. The following paragraph is from the last issue of the Yorkton Enterprise and the advice it contains applies to more than Yorkton: "Considering the easiness of procuring shade trees and the rapidity of their growth it is astonishing especially in the west where the scenery is so undiversified, that there are not more shade trees planted in prairie towns. What an improvement it would make to have each side of the residential streets decorated by a fine row of ornamental trees. It would look as though we had confidence in our own town and had settled here 'for keeps' and were determined to make our homes as attractive as possible. In no way can the same improvement to town property be procured so economically as a judicious planting of trees. There are several varieties of trees that have proven a success in other western towns and if planted on streets with ordinary care in planting and guarding would soon add greatly to the appearances thereof."

A timely article in the Alberta Plaindealer deals with the same subject, but in a different manner. It says: "A petition to parliament has been largely signed in this district during the last few days praying that fire rangers be appointed to protect the forests to the north and west of Edmonton. We sincerely hope that the government will look with favor upon the request and grant it. The subject of forestry is a great big one, much bigger than the unthinking ever imagine. Not only does it cover the question of building timber but also that of climate, rainfall and the utilization of waste lands. Naturally its relation to the lumber trade is the feature that demands our attention first since it directly touches us in that tender spot, the pocket book; still those who have made a study of the matter have found that the preservation or destruction of our forests has a great deal to do with the climate and irrigation of the country, hence with the comfort and prosperity of the community."—Free Press.

The number of failures in Canada during the week ending April 6th was 17, as compared with 32 during the corresponding period of last year. Two of these were credited to Manitoba.

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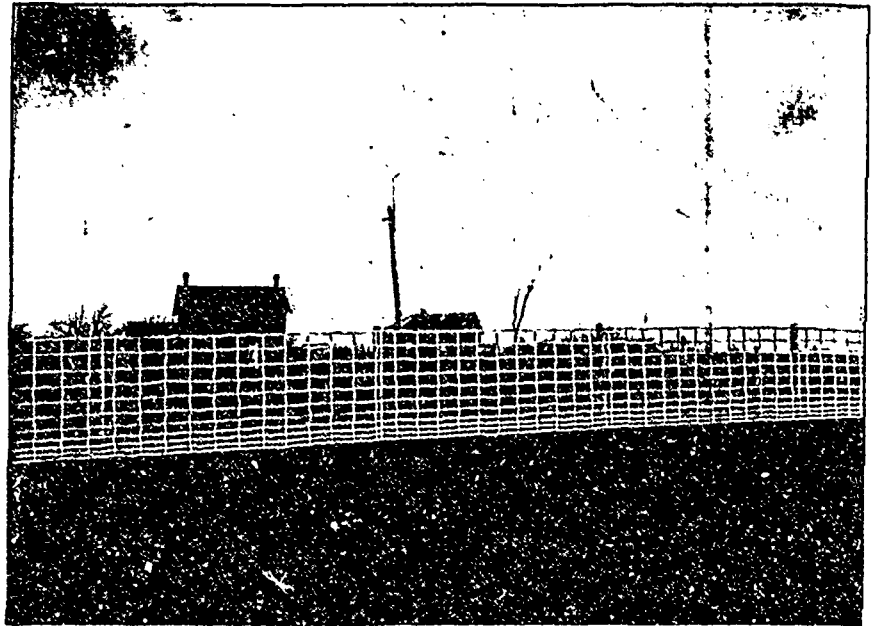
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Corn, 2 doz. 2 30 2 50
Cherries, red, pitted 2 1/2 doz. 4 00 4 25
Pears, Bartlett, 2 1/2 doz. 3 25 3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2 doz. 4 00 4 25

Plums, 2 1/2 doz. 2 75 3 00
Pumpkins, 3 1/2 doz. 2 00 2 25
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Strawberries, 2 1/2 doz, new 3 10 3 25
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Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz. 2 60 3 00
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz. 6 00 6 50
Lunch Tongue, U.S., 25, 1 doz. 6 00 6 25

Potted Duck or Turkey, 15 25 2 35
Potted Ham, 1/2 75
Devilled Ham, 1/2 75
Potted Tongue, 1/2 50

Green Rio 9 1/2 10
Inferior grades 8 1/2 9

Split Peas, sack 98 2 50
Pearl Barley, sack 98 2 55 2 65
Pot Barley, sack 98 4 00 4 25
Rolled Oatmeal, sack 80 1 90 2 00

Rice, B 4 1/2 4 25
Pina 5 1/2 5 35
Rice, Japan 5 1/2 5 35
Sago 4 1/2 4 50

Old Judge 83 90
Athlete 8 90
Sweet Caporal 8 90
Sweet Sixteen 5 70
Derby 6 60

Honeless Hake, per lb 05 05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs. 6 00
Codfish, Pure per lb 07 07 1/2

Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls 05 1/2 6
Currants, Prov'l Cases 03 1/2 6 1/4
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels 03 1/2 6 1/4
Currants, Finest, bbls 03 1/2 6 1/4

Dried Fruits Per pound

Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk 1 40 1 50
Raisins, Selected, off stalk 1 70 1 80
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box 1 75 1 80

Peaches, peeled 17 18
Peaches, unpeeled 13 13 1/2
Pears 12 1/2 13
Apricots 17 18

Telegraph 3 45
Telephone 3 25
Tiger 3 10

Brazils 11 12 1/2
Paragona Almonds 14 15
Peanuts, roasted 11 12

Extra Bright, per lb 3 1/2 3 50
Medium, per lb 2 1/2 3 00
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins 60 65

Extra Standard Gran. 5 00
German Granulated 4 90
Extra Ground 7 50
Powdered 6 1/2 6 50

Rock Salt 1/2 c 1 1/2
Common, fine 1 00 2 00
Common, coarse 1 00 2 00

Allspice, whole 18 20
Allspice, pure ground 18 22
Allspice, compound 15 18

China Blacks—
Choice 35 40
Medium 25 35

Young Hysons—
Choice 35 45
Medium 25 35
Common 22 30

Tobacco Per pound

T. & B., 3 1/2, 4 1/2, and 5 1/2 Cuds 00 70
Lily, 8 1/2, cuds 00 61
Crescent, 8 1/2, cuds 00 58

Pails, a hoop clear 1 60 1 75
Pails, wire hoop 2 00 2 10
Pails, Star fibre 4 00

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend. 1 80
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend. 1 65
Lard, imported, 20 lbs 1 60

Hams 10 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies 11
Breakfast bacon, backs 10 1/2

Long Clear 9 1/2
Shoulders 3 1/2
Short Clear 5

Heavy mess 16 00 17 00
Short cut 16 50 17 50

Fresh pork sausage, lb 8
Bologna sausage, lb 7
Pickled pigs feet, kits 1 40

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Whitefish, lb, nominal 07
Pickered, lb 04
Trout, lb 04

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Alum, lb 3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal 5 25 5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb 05 07
Bluestone, lb 08 10

LEATHER

Harness, oak 39
Harness, union oak No. 1 32
Harness, union oak No. 2 31

FUEL

These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.

Stove, nut or lump 9 00
Pea size 7 00
Canadian anthracite, stove 5 50

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, April 3, 1899.

Travel to the Atlin gold fields is growing very heavy. The exodus from British Columbia being very large. In fact all those who can conveniently get away without interfering with business, are going, for the purpose of spying out the situation. Many of them will no doubt remain.

Wholesalers report business brisk owing to Atlin outfitting, and the demand for mining camp supplies. Spring has opened up warm, sunny and very encouraging to loggers and miners, and the demand for produce has correspondingly increased. The lumber trade is very brisk and it is expected that the healthy demand for this product will encourage owners of the idle mills in British Columbia to start up again soon, among them the Ross-McLaren and Chemamus mills. In the salmon canning world the government is still keeping canners in a state of exasperating doubt, as the unfavorable regulations have not yet been modified. The building boom is still on and there does not seem to be a sufficient number of business premises to go around, while in spite of the houses being rushed up in all parts of the city, agents report that there is not a desirable residence to rent. This would indicate a rapid increase in the population of Vancouver. Owing to the scarcity of business and residential premises rents are very high. There are, however, a large number of blocks and homes in process of erection or already planned, so that in another twelve months there will no doubt be room for all comers, and high rents will be a thing of the past.

Vancouver, April 10, 1899.

Is Vancouver being overbuilt? This query has been frequently advanced of late and not without cause. Westminster felt the depressing affects of over-building for seven years before the fire remedied the evil. Now brick blocks are being erected in that city, at about half, or one-third, the cost of the former blocks, which will no doubt be paying investments. In Vancouver, besides scores of stone and brick blocks from 3 to 5 stories high built recently, or in process of erection, great spaces in the outskirts bare for years far in the east and west ends have been filled in by handsome residences, until the whole topography of the city has been changed, all this in 12 months. The building boom has reached to the limits of the city on all sides, far out to English Bay on one side and far out to Fairview on the other.

Business is very brisk in the cities, and the Atlin trade, although it has not reached the large dimensions of last year's Klondike rush, has stimulated business very much. During this week shipping circles have been busy. Two Oriental steamships, the Tartar and Empress of Japan have arrived in port. The royal mail steamship has sailed for Australia, two San Francisco liners have loaded at this port, and five Klondike steamers have gone out with a full complement of passengers, and loaded with freight. All the coast steamers to British Columbia northern mining camps have also been well patronized. This is an extremely busy season for the Oriental trade, although the C. P. R.

have five steamships now on this route, they cannot handle the freight offered, and were this week obliged to refuse applications.

In the local market there is an active demand for hay and grain. Oats have stiffened up suddenly again owing to the limited supply. A large shipment of California butter is to hand and has a ready sale. Eggs are scarce, supplies from Ontario being exhausted. They are, however, coming in freely from British Columbia ranches, but scarcely fast enough to supply the demand.

B. C. BUSINESS NOTES.

Brown & Gulse, hotel, are opening at Columbia.

R. Wray, tailor, contemplates opening at Nelson.

A. W. Swallow, grocer, Creston, is out of business.

Jay & Co., seeds, Victoria, George Jay, Sr., is dead.

H. Rinemar, hotel, Fort Steele, has sold out to R. G. Shier.

Johnson & Saito, general store, are opening at Kimberley.

Geo. F. Curtis, drugs, Revelstoke, mortgagees foreclosed.

Ruebsamen & Goodsell, drugs, are opening at Greenwood.

C. Reid & Co., drugs, Revelstoke, have sold out to Field & Bows.

Allen & Co., Fit Reform Wardrobe, are opening at Victoria.

R. Charters, general store, Qulchena, is succeeded by D. S. Selby.

Hartman & Co., flour and feed, Victoria, closing out stock by auction.

Linton Bros., books, stationery, etc., Slooan City, are moving to Rossland.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch at Atlin, B. C. W. Hickey & Co., cannery, Vancouver, have sold out to an English syndicate.

Kaake & Williams, Tailors, bought ball interest in the Fort Steele Brewing Co.

Thomas & Grieger, wholesale liquors, Greenwood, are opening a branch at Rossland.

Manitoba Produce and Commission Co., Winnipeg, has established a branch at Vancouver.

J. F. Stanton, blacksmith, Ladner, has sold out, and is succeeded by Boyce & Dennis.

Wm. Turpel, shipbuilder, Victoria, has admitted sons into partnership; style now Wm. Turpel & Sons.

The estate of W. E. Grace, Vancouver, wholesale liquors, etc., stock advertised for sale by tender till April 5th.

A book and stationery store is being opened at Rossland by Linton Bros. as a branch of their Calgary business.

Vessels bound north from Vancouver are loaded to their utmost capacity with freight and passengers for the Atlin country, and other northern points.

F. Cockburn, formerly local manager for R. G. Dun & Co., Vancouver, has secured an interest in the firm of W. T. Stein & Co., chartered accountants of that city.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Fernie, B. C., are open to negotiate with a brick manufacturer to locate at Fernie. There is a good bed of clay and cheap fuel.

A. W. Johnston, of S. Greenshields, Son & Co., Montreal, has gone to Van-

couver, where he will take charge of the branch house of this firm. It is intended to increase the stock at Vancouver.

Preparations for the canning season are active at the coast. The run of salmon in the north has been very large, which encourages canners to believe that the Fraser river run will be larger than last year.

C. A. Godson, commission merchant, Victoria, is moving to Vancouver, where he will take charge of the agency for the James Robertson company, of Montreal and Toronto, wholesale plumbing supplies. He will also retain his commission business.

A board of trade has been organized at Fernie with the following officers. H. Bently, president; J. W. Nay, vice-president; G. G. Henderson, secretary; Geo. Levasseur, G. Coty II. J. Johnson, A. Joyce, A. B. Trites and W. W. Tuttle, executive committee.

The Canadian Packing company of London, England, has purchased the cannery of Wm. Hickey on the North Arm of the Fraser River, for the sum of \$10,000. This company is reported to be negotiating for several other canneries and already owns the Star cannery, also on the Fraser, in addition to the one mentioned.

The new officers of the Vancouver board of trade, elected at the recent annual meeting are: President, C. E. Tisdall; vice-president, F. Busecombe, secretary, W. T. Stein; council—W. H. H. Malkin, Wm. Godfrey, Walter Ker, J. C. McLagan, H. Bell-Irving, Campbell Sweeney, F. Cockburn, William Skene, G. I. Wilson, C. Gardiner Johnson, W. F. Salisbury, Adolphus Williams, and F. Burns; board of arbitration, Messrs. Godfrey, Ker, Skene, Bell-Irving, Alexander, Pellet-Harvey, Williams, Wilson, Salisbury, Cockburn, Malkin and Johnson.

"Rossland is rapidly assuming the proportions and characteristics of a very substantial city," says a B. C. writer. "The mines in the vicinity of the camp employ very nearly 1,000 men at good wages. By June, the narrow gauge railway between Rossland and Trail will be standardized, and before the summer is over the Canadian Pacific will be running cars over the new line from Trail to the Boundary district. A feature of the construction work on this road is a tunnel more than 3,000 feet long through solid rock, now under construction."

The annual meeting of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company was held recently in Montreal, at which authority was obtained to increase the capital by the sum of \$500,000, making it now \$2,000,000. The following directors were also elected: Hon. Senator Cox, Robert Jaffray, Elias Rogers, H. M. Pellatt, Thomas Wainwright, J. W. Flavell, of Toronto, J. A. Gemmel, Q. C., Ottawa; David Morrice, Wm. Hanson, S. Finlay, Montreal; Wm. Fernie, of British Columbia, and J. D. Chipman, of New Brunswick. The head office of the company is to be transferred from Montreal to Toronto.

The Commercial has received a volume from the Dominion company, Chicago, giving a new history of the Philippines, which will be sold as a subscription book. As there is a great demand for information about the Philippines, the book should prove a valuable one for agents.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKETS

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial Vancouver, April 15.

California creamery butter is held at 25c. Dairy butter has declined sharply this week and is now quoted at 12 to 16c. Eastern case eggs are out of the market. Fresh Washington state eggs are quoted at 23c.

Butter—California creamery, 23c; Manitoba dairy 12 to 16c.

Eggs—Fresh local, 22 to 23c; Washington eggs, 23c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c per lb., jobbers' price.

Cured Meats—Hams, 11 1-2 to 12c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1-2c; backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 11 to 12 1-2c; Lard, tins 9 to 9 1-2c per lb., in pails and tubs 9c.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c, fresh halibut 6c, salmon 8c, bladders 7c; cod 6c per lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$28 per ton, California silver skin onions, 1 1-2c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton; lettuce, \$2.25; Asparagus, \$2.25 per 100 bunches.

Green fruit—California lemons \$3.25 to \$3.50 box; apples, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 50 lb. box; navel oranges \$3.50 to \$3.75 box; seedlings \$2.50 to \$2.75 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.80; 2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 4 1/2 1-2 pound sacks \$3.10; 10 1/2 lb. sacks \$2.50; oatmeal 10 1/2's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.70; strong bakers \$4.30; Oregon \$4.50 barrel.

Grain—Oats, \$23 to \$25 per ton; wheat \$24 to \$25 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meat—Beef 8 to 9 1-2c; mutton 13c; pork 8 to 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.

Live Stock—Steers \$3 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs. cows \$4 to \$4.50; sheep \$5.75 per 100 lbs. hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

Poultry—Turkeys 1 1/2 to 1 4c lb; geese and ducks 12 1-2 to 13c; chickens 12 to 13c per lb.

Evaporated fruits—Apricots 10 1-2c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 6 to 7 1-2c; loose muscatel raisins 6c. London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

Nut—Almonds 13c; Hilberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 1-2c. Paris lump 6 1-8c; granulated 5 cts; extra C. 4 3-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-4 cts; yellow 4 1-8c lb.

Syrups—50 gallon barrels, 21-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 23-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo, Fair 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 21c. Ceylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 35c lb.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., April 15.

The first car of fresh Ontario eggs for the season has arrived and sold at 24c per dozen, but the market is again bare of eggs. Held creamery and dairy butter are not wanted at all. California creamery bricks are offering at 25c per pound. Held creamery is 1c lower, and fresh 1-2c lower. Fresh eggs are 1c lower and pickles 3c lower on the week. Potatoes \$2 per ton higher.

Following are jobbers prices here:

Creamery held—20 to 23c.
 Creamery, fresh eastern—25 1-2c.
 California bricks—25c.
 Dairy, selected—17c.
 Cheese, large—11c.
 Cheese, small—12 to 12 1-2c.
 Eggs—fresh—22c.
 Eggs, pickled—10c.
 Oats—Per ton, \$30.
 Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.85.
 Potatoes—Per ton, \$37.

Fire at Carman.

Carman, Man., April 14.—Fire destroyed the Roblin block and the Massey-Harris implement warehouse here this morning. The Dufferin hall, Heminway & Lawson's store, the Bank of Hamilton, Whitehead's offices, and D. W. Mills' grain and implement warehouse occupied the block. The Massey people saved the contents of their warehouse as did also the families residing over the Roblin block.

The T. A. Gariand Company of Portage la Prairie, will erect a new business block at that place this year in a more central location than their present premises.

W. J. Craig & Co., dealers in hardware and second hand goods, Winnipeg, have sold out. G. M. Gordon, late with Geo. D. Wood & Co., takes the hardware business, and Albert Boyd, who has been with W. J. Craig & Co. will continue the second-hand business.

A deputation, composed of members of the grain standards board and the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, went east this week for the purpose of interviewing the department at Ottawa regarding the proposed changes in the inspection and handling of grain.

The employees of the Winnipeg retail stores are signing a petition asking that the stores be closed at 6 o'clock every night, except Saturday, and at 9 o'clock on Saturdays. The stores might just as well be closed at six as at seven o'clock, to the great advantage of clerks and proprietors, and without inconvenience to the public.

The Canadian Chemical Works is a new concern which has opened in Winnipeg for the purpose of manufacturing washing powder, shoe and stove polishes, writing fluids, ointments, patent medicines, etc. T. S. Yell, formerly of Minneapolis, is the proprietor and manager of the business, which is carried on at present at 381 Notre Dame street, but will be changed to more suitable premises as soon as such can be obtained.

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WINNIPEG MARKETS

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BINDER TWINE.

There has been no further change in the price of binder twine here since the 1-1c advance on March 20. The market continues very firm. Some of the large United States manufacturers are said to be sold out, and Canadian factories are also well sold up. It is difficult to say just how the retail trade here has fared. While fairly liberal orders have been placed, still in the event of a heavy crop considerable more twine would likely be required.

DRUGS.

Blue-stone in a small way is selling at 10c per pound, but there is no stock to speak of in the city. Citric acid has advanced 5 to 10c. Quinine is off a little in price owing to easier feeling. German is now quoted at 5 to 55c which is 5c less than last week, and Howard's at 55 to 60c, while is 7 to 10c less than last week. African ginger has been reduced 5c per pound, and shellac 7 to 8c. For quotations see market page.

GREEN FRUITS.

The market remains very much as it was a week ago. Navel oranges are in fair supply at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$4.50. Seedlings are offering at \$3.25 for fancy. A few No. 1 spy apples are yet obtainable at \$5.50 to \$6.00. Blood oranges are offering at \$2.50 in half boxes any size. Bananas will be arriving in carlots now which means lower prices. One car arrived this week. It is said that there is a combine on among southern shippers of bananas which may have the effect of keeping up prices. New maple sugars and syrups are yet to arrive. We quote prices as follows: Navel oranges, \$3.50 to \$4.50; seedlings, \$3 to \$3.50, as to quality, per box; bananas per bunch, \$2.25 to \$3, as to size and quality. Messina lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00, California lemons, \$4 a box grape fruit, per case, \$1.50; apples, spiced, \$5.50 to \$6 bl.; Washington box apples, \$2 box of 50 pounds; strawberries, quarts, per dozen boxes, \$3.50; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8 per per barrel, sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5.50, coconuts, \$1 a dozen. Sicily filberts, large, 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; new shelled walnuts, 25c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 12c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c per lb.; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections; strained honey, \$1-2c to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in cans of 1-2 gallon, 60c; in gallon cans, \$1; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider, put up in 10, 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$1.90 per box; in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.40 per dozen; dates 7c per pound; imported lettuce per dozen, 50c; California cabbage, 7c per lb.; California pieplant, 9c per lb.; onions, 31-2 to 4c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Sugars are up in this market in sympathy with the late eastern advance reported by our wires last week. Extra standard granulated has been advanced from \$4.90 per hundred to \$5 and German granulated from 47-8c per pound to \$4.30 per hundred.

Bright yellow is also higher. Canned peaches are getting very scarce, and prices have been advanced 25c per case here on Canadians. It is said that the crop of peaches in Western Ontario particularly in Essex county, will be practically ruined owing to the heavy frosts. To this fact also is attributed the present advance, as the loss of a crop means an off season for the canned goods trade in this line. Raisins are a little easier and we quote a reduction of 5c in Valentias. Butter tubs have been advanced 10 per cent in price by manufacturers although local quotations remain unchanged as yet. Wire hoop pails have been reduced 15 to 20c here. California dried fruits are very firm. Owing to large sales in California for Chicago and other points, stocks there have been greatly reduced and are said to be unusually light. Peaches and apricots have advanced sharply in the California market within the last week or two, and prunes are also higher, though the advance in these has been more moderate. Stocks of California fruits in the local market are rather light, and prices will have to be advanced here when new supplies are brought in. Dried and evaporated apples are higher in the east. Tapioca, sago and Japan rice are firm, and the former two are costing higher to import. Canned meats are firm. Lard is firmer. One broker was instructed to withdraw quotations on United States lard this week. Currants are firm abroad.

HARDWARE.

Further advances have been made in the local market quotations this week on iron pipe, cut and wire nails, horse shoes, and wood screws. The advance on iron pipe amounts to 25c on all sizes up to 3-4 inch, to 50c on 1 inch, 75c on 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch and to \$1.50 on 2 inch pipe. On cut nails the advance amounts to 5c in the base price: 30d to 60d and on wire nails 10c, in common sizes of from 4 1/2 to 6 inches. Iron horse shoes, 0 and 1, have advanced 25c, and steel shoes, 0 and 1, 5c per keg. Screws are now quoted here as follows: Flat head, bright, discount 80 and 5, round head, bright, 7c and 10; flat head brass, 70 and 10, round head, brass, 65 per cent. An active trade is promised local building houses for this year judging by present appearances, as the volume of business is already considerably in excess of previous similar periods. Our Toronto wire to-day, on another page, reports quite a list of important advances.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The only change to note this week is a reduction of 3c per gallon in the price for turpentine. Other lines are unchanged and business remains fairly active.

SCRAP MARKET.

The demand for all kinds of scrap goods continues and almost any amount would find a ready sale here. Orders have been received this week from Montreal for large quantities of wrought iron scrap. We quote prices l.o.b. Winnipeg as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton, No. 2, do., \$4 per ton, wrought iron scrap, \$4 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$4 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire 9c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1/2c per pound, lead pipe or tea lead, 21-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt., rubber, boots and shoes free

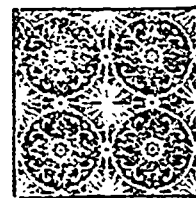
from arctics and rivets, 21-2 to 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have this week exhibited increased activity in a speculative way, on account of the continued reiteration of reports of damage to the winter wheat crop in the States. It is now being acknowledged by some of the more competent and conservative authorities that a good deal of damage has occurred. The United States government report, giving the condition of the winter wheat crop up to the first April, was issued on the 10th inst., and gives the standing of the crop as 77.9, against 86.7 at same date last year. This percentage of condition on the acreage of 29,950,000 acres points to a yield of about 370,000,000 bushels, as against 380,000,000 bushels actually harvested last year. It is noted, however, that the returns which make up the government report do not cover a later date than probably the 25th of March, and that since then a fuller revelation of the damage is seen, which may materially lower the above percentage of condition. The weather continues backward all over this continent, and it is probable that the extent of damage cannot yet be estimated with much exactness, and it may be observed that while much damage has occurred, favorable weather later on may repair it to a considerable extent. The fluctuations recorded in the speculative markets have almost every day been wide in range, and erratic in movement, showing the nervous and uncertain nature of the situation. The net result on prices for the week is an advance of 11-12c per bushel. The world's shipments for last week were over 7,000,000 bushels. The American visible supply increased 1,400,000 bushels, and is for the first time this season 30,000 bushels over last year's figures. The world's visible supply of breadstuffs

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on April 1st was equal to 144,928,000 bushels, compared with 132,037,000 bushels on April 1st, 1898. Argentine shipments are large this week, about 2,000,000 bushels. Primary receipts in the States show a lessening of supply, and the daily export clearances from the Atlantic coast are this week very small. Growing crops in Europe are all doing well. The crop of India, where harvest is just being completed, is estimated at about 20,000,000 bushels less than last year's.

The wheat market still retains a quiet air, etc. There is no shipping demand, and there is not likely to be any increase in business before the opening of the navigation. The date of opening at Fort William this season will be late, probably between May 10 to 20, according to the weather. Prices for Manitoba wheat in this market follow the fluctuations in the Chicago market. The going price at the end of last week was 99 1-2c for No. 1 hard, spot Fort William. There was no change in prices on Monday or Tuesday, but on Wednesday, when high American markets, the price advanced a cent per bushel, buyers offering 70 1-2c and sellers asking 71c. On Thursday with further strength in outside markets, 1 hard spot Fort William sold at 71 1-2c in the early part of the day, and later at 72c. Yesterday morning following the advance in the American markets, 1 hard raised their asking prices to 73c for spot 1 hard, and some small sales were made at that figure. Later, after other markets closed lower, spot 1 hard was ordered freely at 71 1-2c, with buyers at 71c. For May delivery 1 hard reaches about 1c over spot price. 2 hard and 1 northern remain at 6c under 1 hard, and 3 hard, 2 northern, and 1 spring about 6 1-2c under 1 hard. Tough wheat is not in request, but an odd ear of tough 2 hard, has been sold recently at from 60c to 62c in store Fort William. Dried wheat is slow. On Thursday a sale of a round lot of dried 2 northern was made at 64c in store Fort William. Yesterday dried 2 hard was quoted at 64c, and dried 2 northern at 63c.

FLOUR—The local situation is without special feature. We quote leading brands as follows: Patents, \$1.70; strong bakers, \$1.60; second bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, 90c to \$1 per sack of 95 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to dealers.

MILLED—Bran and shorts are very scarce, only a limited supply being obtainable here. We quote bran \$11 shorts \$13, with \$1 oil for large lots.

GROUND FEED—Best corn feed this week is worth \$20 per ton inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$21 for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$18 to \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$11 per ton. Oatcake, \$24 per ton.

OATS—The movement of oats in this market is at present very light and no stress of any account are held by dealers. The opinion prevails that oats have not the keeping quality this season that would justify the accumulation of any quantity in dealers' hands. Lots which have been in store in the city and which have had the greatest care are showing signs of heating and must be turned and handled promptly to prevent damage. Oats in first hands will stand a poor show when the warm weather comes if they are not carefully looked after. Prices continue firm at 39c for No.

1 white, 37c for No. 2 white, 36c for No. 2 mixed on track Winnipeg. Street oats are worth 35 to 37c. Seed oats are selling in a retail way at 40 to 43c. A few ears of oats were brought here from Edmonton a short time ago, but none have come recently, as they are held too high to stand the high freight rate for such a long haul, and the quantity was not quite good enough to meet requirements for seed purposes.

BARLEY—Good barley fit for seed is very scarce. Quoted at about 37 to 40c. Common seed barley is worth 30 to 35c on track here.

CORN—City dealers are paying 41 to 43c per bushel for car lots as to grade.

FLAX—Flax seed for seed purposes will be supplied by mills on contract to farmers at 80c per bushel. For small lots \$1 per bushel is asked, for clean 1 seed for seed purposes.

WHEAT—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 52 to 55c for best grades of wheat.

OATMEAL—Rolled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.90 in 20 pound sacks to the retail trade. Cur lots of imported meal are quoted at \$1.70, cost on track here to importers, freight and duty paid.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality. Stocks are very light.

BUTTER—Dairy—The demand for fine, fresh made dairy butter is active and prices range from 15 to 16c for such stock. Held butter is present yet in large quantities and finds very little sale. It is understood that a recent shipment to eastern markets netted a loss of 5 to 8c per pound. From 10 to 14c is the ruling quotation for second grades and held stocks.

CHEESE—We quote 10 to 10 1-2c per pound according to size, with some lots offering at lower figures.

EGGS—The continued cool weather has had the effect of retarding receipts of eggs materially and the customary "after Easter" slump in prices has not yet materialized. Stocks in the city have been very much reduced this week and at times hardly any were obtainable. 16c is freely paid for choice fresh stock.

POTATOES—Potatoes are becoming scarce in the city, owing to the small deliveries from the country due to the bad state of the roads. It is thought that a good many potatoes have been frozen, which will have the effect of strengthening prices very much. One large lot owned by a city dealer were carted out to the nuisance ground this week as unfit for use. The city price has advanced to 50c and this figure is freely paid by dealers for all offerings. In a retail way 70c is being realized. We quote: Potatoes, choice white, 50c per bushel, red, 50c; turnips, 25c per bushel, parsnips, 11-2c per pound; carrots, 40 to 45c, beets 40c per bushel; onions, 31-2c per pound; rhubarb, imported, 8c per pound, radish, parsley and lettuce 40c per dozen bunches, onions, 25c per dozen bunches.

SENECA ROOT—One or two small lots were bought this week at 17c. The root season will open in a few weeks now and the true market value will then become manifest. Meanwhile 17c is the quotation.

HIDES—Frozen hides are no longer offering. Such hides as are offering are in bad shape, being very dirty. We quote:

Frozen hides, 6 to 6 1-2c, less 5 lbs. tare. Inspected hides, No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3, 4, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c, as to length of wool, horsehides 50 to 75c each.

HAY—The market value of hay remains unchanged, although some lots of winter baled are being sold at \$5.50 to \$6 on track here. This is said to be poor stuff and not worth any more. Fresh baled hay is worth from \$6.50 to \$7.50 with most lots ranging around \$7.

POLTRY—All kinds of poultry are scarce. Turkeys are practically not obtainable in a wholesale way as the holders can easily realize retail prices for all they have. We quote prices as follows: Live chickens 70 to 80c per pair, dressed chickens 10 to 12c per pound, turkeys 15c; geese 10c.

DRESSED MEATS—Bad country roads are having their natural effect upon the situation in dressed meats as well as every other line of produce. Country trade is dull. Supplies are altogether on this account. Very little fresh venison or mutton received. Prices are: Beef extra choice 8c per pound, good to choice 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c, fresh killed mutton 9 to 10c, frozen, 7 to 8c; veal, 6 1-2 to 7c; pork, 6 to 6 1-2c per pound; the top price for city dressed; spring lamb, \$3.50 to \$5 each, as to size and quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—A good many buyers are out after fat cattle and competition in buying is keen. There seems to have been a scare among butchers for fear that they would not be able to secure supplies and very high prices were paid for some lots of cattle, reaching as high as 5c in the country. It seems quite likely that cattle will continue scarce until grass animals are fit for the market, though possibly there may not be any actual shortage. The alarm has been partly owing to the idea that a corner might be obtained on the supply of stall fed cattle, and this led to a hustle to buy up lots offered. The high price paid for cattle leaves very little in the business for butchers, both wholesale and retail, and higher prices to the consumer seem probable. We quote: Choice fat cattle, 4 1-2 to 5c, as to quality; stockers, yearlings, from \$14 to \$16; two year olds, \$22 to \$24.

HOGS—We quote 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c for best bacon hogs.

SHEEP—Sheep have not commenced to move yet to any extent. It is expected that two or three weeks will elapse before any number are brought in. Some of the sheep being fed at Emerson will be the first large lots to appear. Choice animals are worth about 4 1-2 to 5c per pound.

MILCH COWS—From \$35 to \$40 is the ruling price for good dairy cows.

HORSES—Horses are coming in pretty freely in response to an active demand. Several carloads per week of southern horses are disposed of at prices ranging from \$200 to \$350 per team. Western range horses are also offering in considerable numbers.

The Victoria hotel, Virden, Man., was damaged by fire last week to the extent of about \$1,000.

The leading markets for wool display a more hopeful tone at present, and inquiry is developing gradually. Prices are not changing to any extent.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago millfeed was 25c lower, oats 3 4c higher, corn 1c higher, flax seed 2c higher, butter 1c lower, cheese 1-2c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.50 to \$3.60; second patents, \$3.30 to \$3.40.

Milfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.50 to \$10, bran in bulk, \$10 to \$10.25; corn feed, \$12.25 to \$15.25 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 28c.

Corn—Quoted at 31 1-4c for No. 3 yellow, 31c for No. 3, and 29 to 30 1-2c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.15 1-4c per bushel

Eggs—11c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 8c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 11c to 14c; fair to good, 9 to 10c.

Butter—Creamery, 17 to 19c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 15c; dairy, 14 to 17c for choice to fancy, seconds, 12 to 13c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 81-1c for No. 1; 71-1c for No. 2; green salted steers; 73-1 and 83-4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c each; veal, calf, 9 1-4 to 10 3-4c; tallow, 3 to 4c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Apples—No. 1 stock, \$5.30 to \$6 per barrel, boxes, \$2 to \$2.25.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 7 1-2c; lamb, 5 to 8 1-2c; veal, 6 to 9c; hogs, light, 4 1-2c, medium, 4 1-2c; heavy, 4 to 4 1-4c.

Poultry—Chickens, 9 1-2 to 11 1-2c; hens, 7 to 10c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 9 to 12c; ducks, 6 to 11c, geese, 5 to 10c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 45 to 65c; mixed, white, 43 to 48c; mixed, red, 38 to 48c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$7.50 to \$8.00 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$4.50 to \$5.

British Cattle Markets.

London, April 10.—Trade in cattle was fair but the tone of the market was weak. Prices since this day two weeks show a decline of 1c to 1 1-4c. The best States sold at 12c, Canadians at 11c and Argentines at 10 3-4c. The market for sheep was also weak and prices since this day two weeks are 1 1-2c lower at 11c.

Montreal, April 11.—A private cable received from Liverpool quoted Canadian cattle at 11c to 11 1-4c.

A Chicago authority predicts a fish famine this month owing to the great thickness of the ice on the lakes, due to the severe cold weather of the past three months.

"Easter in the Church," picturing some churches most artistically decorated for Easter, appropriately opens the April Ladies' Home Journal. "Easter Morn in a Colored Convent," and Easter Monday's "Egg Rolling in the President's Big Yard," though differing widely, are also timely and interesting. A notable special feature recounts the eccentric and dazzling career of "The Magnificent Madam Rush," the most famous social leader of her day, and another portrays "The Life of a Japanese Girl." Three articles of peculiar interest are entitled "How to be Pretty Though Plain," "About Men," emphasizing the evils of flirting, and "What It Means to be a Housewife," showing the demands and requirements of the vocation. Many other features of interest and value are contained in this number.

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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

THE TWINE MARKET.

A repetition of last week's report of the conditions prevailing in the twine market would correctly describe the present situation. Hemp is higher but the price of twine has undergone no change since March 20. Some of the leading concerns, all of whose advances are being closely followed by the smaller ones, are desirous of setting a higher figure but others of the large sellers are still opposed to it at this time. If unanimous consent of the leading factors in the trade could have been secured, an advance of 1-2 cent would undoubtedly have been made this week. But the opposition of certain sellers to any advance whatever leaves the price schedule at the figures given last week.

As stated last week, this condition will not continue long. Sisal hemp is now 11-2 cents higher than it was last fall, while the price of sisal twine is only 1-2 cent higher than the opening rate. The only reason the price of twine is not higher is, that considerable fiber was purchased before the heaviest advances, and some manufacturers are still using hemp purchased last fall. Those who are buying now cannot sell at present prices and make a profit and those who have cheaper stocks see them daily decreasing while the price of hemp is continually advancing will not long oppose an advance in twine.

The prices quoted below are the current rates l.o.b. Chicago, but from the present outlook an advance of at least 1-4 cent, possibly 1-2 cent) may be expected within a few days.

Sisal	9 1-2
Standard	9 1-2
Manilla (600-foot).....	10 1-2
Pure manilla.....	11

Car loads, 1-4 cent less. Five-ton lots, 1-5 cent less. Fall terms.—Chicago Farm Implement News.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

There has been an increased demand for hay presses in Manitoba this spring which is likely to continue throughout the season.

\$374,633 worth of blinding twine was imported into Canada in 1898, as against \$180,190 in 1897. Five months of the 1898 imports were duty free.

With the grass twine industry firmly established, says an implement exchange the manufacturers of hard fiber twines must look to their laurels or their trade will go to grass, or rather to makers of grass twine.

Manilla and sisal hemp advanced 1-8 at New York on April 3. Stocks on hand were reported so light that any inquiry for a considerable amount of hemp would result in an immediate advance in quotations.

In 1898 27,400 low priced bicycles were imported to Canada from the United States the average valuation of each was \$21.45. One make of which quite a number were imported were valued at \$9.50 without tires.

Farm Implement News says. Prices of materials have been so greedily and greatly advanced by the trusts and combinations controlling them that manufacturers are beginning to restrict their output and turn down second orders and their export trade is also being cut down, because materials have got so high that goods, particularly of iron and steel, cannot

be manufactured so that they can be profitably sold in competition with the British and German. Greed is evidently overreaching itself and a reaction in prices may ensue.

The Minneapolis, co. respondent of Farm Implement News says. The market here is very firm, prices being quoted at 9 1-2, 10 1-2 and 11 cents f o b, car lots. The last house to reach the 11-cent figure on pure manilla made this price on Saturday. Further advances are expected shortly. The trade is in a most uncommon condition in that sales have been made in such large quantities by several manufacturers represented here that their capacity is exhausted and little more can be done by them for the remainder of the season. Three weeks ago one of the leading houses was reported as practically out of the market for the remainder of the year. Now another is within a dozen cars of the end of its string. Taking the market as a whole, the business of the year in twine is nearly done. Retail places order uncommonly early this year, owing to the lesson they learned last year, and to the safety assured by the guaranteeing clauses in twine contracts. As matters now look the late buyers will be as badly off as they were last season.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

THE IRON AND STEEL SITUATION.

In reviewing the situation for metal goods in the United States, Iron and Steel speaks thus of the present expansion of business and high prices for iron and steel products:

The momentum of the present iron and steel movement is so great that, while there are some signs of a reaction later on, there seems little prospect that the change will come soon, possibly not until the year has almost become history. The one persistent fact is that mills are sold so far ahead that for the present they are indifferent to new business. They are unable to supply the current needs and can sell any surplus product they can piece on the market at about whatever price they ask. The extreme scarcity of material is the salient feature of trade, and early relief is not in sight.

But two conditions are working, which, sooner or later will bring about a more normal state of affairs. One of these is that the export trade in iron and steel is rapidly falling off. Prices are becoming too high for the conservative foreign buyers. If the foreign markets rise to the existing levels, and they seem to move more slowly across the water than on this side, then the export movement may be resumed, even at the existing range but the course of the European markets is indeterminate as seen from this distance. The absorption at home of the production, which has been going abroad, will tend to ease the situation very materially. The other condition referred to above is the reduced consumption at home in consequence of the higher prices. Thus the manufacturer of windmills is now asking about \$110 for a windmill which last season he sold for \$75. The chief material entering into its construction is iron and steel, and the advance in the value of the latter has amounted to about fifty per cent. But when the manufacturer approaches the farmer, the latter informs him that he will wait until next year before buying. The advance staggers him. The representa-

tive of a large windmill manufacturer remarks that his company will scarcely market this year more than fifty per cent of the product sold last year, judging from present indications. Their season has opened, but not with a rush. There are many industries that are similarly held back by the higher values. Consequently while the mills are crowded with work there is less new business coming in than an indefinite continuation of the present activity would require.

The combinations are to a certain degree responsible for the strong prices, but to what extent cannot be measured. The relationship between the prices of the crude product and the values of industrial securities are necessarily close. The gains in the values of bars this week are attributed largely to the supposed probabilities that the combination of the mills will be successful.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

The visible supply of tin on March 31 was 20,642 tons, against 28,058 tons on the same date in 1898.

Linseed oil advanced 10s in England last week, and eastern Canadian dealers are looking for a similar advance in their quotations.

It is likely that the Hamilton Blast Furnace and the Ontario Rolling Mills companies will be amalgamated. It is intended to add a steel plant.

The British American Paint Co., has been organized at Victoria, B. C. for the purpose of manufacturing paints and varnishes. W. J. Pendray and W. T. Andrews are the partners.

Advances were noted last week in the list of cast iron hardware in Canada. In addition to the lines then mentioned prices for clothesline reels and Morrell's saw set were raised 10 per cent.

English hardware dealers have adopted and are highly pleased with the practice of having special sales of seasonable goods, as a means of disposing of stocks which have sale only at certain periods of the year.

Prices for firebricks at Montreal have advanced from \$1 to \$3 per thousand, spot values now being \$19 to \$26 per thousand as to brand. English and Scotch makers have advanced their price three to five shillings.

Although the manufacturers of steel tanks have no association, says the Farm Implement News of Chicago, it is understood that there will be a uniform advance in prices in the near future. The cost of galvanized steel has been advanced 25 per cent, and a corresponding advance in the price of tanks will only leave the manufacturers the same rate of profit now enjoyed.

A Toronto paper dated Monday last says: Gas stoves are 10 per cent dearer. English galvanized iron is 10s dearer. Quotations on silver-plated ware have been withdrawn. The discount on both rivets and burrs has been reduced. Lane's barn-door hangers have been advanced 10 per cent. English and German cement have advanced 10c and Belgian cement 20c.

The market for cement is opening about 10c per barrel higher than last year for Belgian and German makes, but English brands remain about the same. The demand for cement from all parts of the world is good, consequently old country manufacturers are indifferent to the business of any

one part, and are firm in their views. Belgian brands are quoted at \$1.90 to \$2.10, Montreal, English \$2.35 to \$2.45, and German \$2.50 to \$2.65 per cask, ex store.

A short time ago the National Association of Iron Pump Manufacturers advanced prices from 15 to 20 per cent. Now a further advance has been made as follows. An advance of 50 cents on the net wholesale price of all wind mill pumps. Discount on pitcher spout pumps changed from 80 per cent to 75 and 10; discount on iron cylinders changed from 80 and 10 per cent to 80; discount on brass cylinders changed from 75 and 10 per cent to 75. Wood pump manufacturers in the United States have also advanced prices.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Sicily and Bari almonds are stronger in price owing to the reports of the loss of the crop of Southern France by frost.

Prunes are tending upward because of enlarged demand and the close continuation of stocks at New York and in California.

An eastern trade paper says: 'There is lots of new maple sugar selling in the cities, but very little, from all accounts, being made in the country.'

The maple sugar orchards of Vermont were stripped of leaves last summer by caterpillars and as a result the sugar makers have been unable to draw any sap this spring. The harvest is said to be a dead failure.

Figures issued by the Indian Tea Association show that the total output of the Indian crop for the season of 1898 was 152,900,233 lbs., an increase of 4,647,825 lbs. as compared with 1897, when the output was 148,252,408.

This year's rice crop in Louisiana promises to be the largest on record as a result of the increased acreage due to the destruction of the sugar crop by a February blizzard. The land left cropless by the frost has been sown to rice.

It is stated that new pack tomatoes for future delivery are being offered in Toronto at 75c. From 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per dozen is being asked for present stocks in first hands and wholesalers are quoting in some instances 90c.

A strong feature in the raw sugar situation at present is the fact that the Cuba crop is turning out much smaller than was expected, it now being estimated at 300,000 tons. The general expectation was for a crop of 400,000 tons.

A letter from Patras, Greece, dated March 21, says that the market on currants, without apparent cause, had been rapidly advancing during the preceding several days. At the date of the letter provincials had advanced to 10s to 10s 3d, and Amalass to 10s 6d to 10s 9d.

Mali advices from Liverpool state that in a quiet way, a fair amount of business is being done there in currants at 13s for provincial; 14s 6d to 15s 6d for Zante, and 17s to 20s for Vostizza. On March 15th the estimated stock of currants in bond in Liverpool was 4,040 tons, against 4,216 tons, at the same date last year.

Present prices for refined sugar at Toronto are as follows: Paris lumps,

50's, \$5.73; Paris lumps, 100's, \$5.63, extra standard granulated (Recpath's), \$4.53; extra standard granulated (St. Lawrence), \$4.53; extra standard granulated (Acadia), \$4.48, cream and Phoenix, \$4.33; extra bright coffee, \$4.23; bright coffee, \$4.13, bright yellow, \$4.13; No. 3 yellow, \$4.03, No. 2 yellow, \$3.93.

Canada imported coffee last year from twenty different countries to the total value of \$113,873, \$166,020 of this came from Brazil, \$90,772 from Venezuela, \$2,556 from Great Britain, \$30,130 from the East Indies, \$30,237 from the West Indies, \$31,281 from Arabia and Turkey, \$96,525 from Mexico, and Central America, Ecuador, Honkong, Hawaii, Japan and Australasia supplied the remainder. Coffee is admitted to Canada free of duty.

Montreal Gazette: 'The feature of the molasses market this week was the weaker cable advices received from Barbadoes, early in the week, which noted a decline of 1c per gallon, first cost, being 11c, and yesterday cables noted a still further decline, but owing to very unfavorable reports of the crop, and the outturn being much smaller than was anticipated, a sharp reaction took place today and cables received reported the market strong and higher, and quoted prices, first cost, equivalent to 29 to 29 1/2c and down here. On spot, business has been dull and prices for round lots are nominally quoted at 28 1/2c to 29c.'

The Montreal Gazette commenting on the sugar advance of a week ago says: 'Cable advices on the raw article were again very strong, and noted a further advance in prices of 1 1/2c on all grades. Cane was firm and rather dearer. Java being quoted at 12s 11 1/2d; and fair refining at 10s 10 1/2d. Beet was firmer, and decidedly dearer at 10s 5 1/4d April, and 10s 6d May. In New York refiners advanced prices for all grades of refined sugar 1 1/2c per lb. with the exception of one or two lines of yellow. Granulated is now quoted at \$1.96 per 100 pounds net, and the demand is good. In sympathy with the above strong news refiners here did not take long to act, and prices for all grades were advanced 10c per 100 pounds. This fact stirred buyers up some, and a fairly active business was done all day, at the higher range of prices.'

GRAIN AND MILLING

WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week reported 257 cars of wheat inspected - compared with 252 cars the previous week - which graded as follows: Extra Manitoba hard 3 cars, 1 hard, 82 cars; 2 hard, 6; 3 hard, 1; 1 northern, 61; 2 northern, 9; 3 northern, 2, 1 spring, 4; 1 White Fyfe, 1; 1 frosted, 1; rejected, 4, no grade, 100 cars. There was an increase again this week in the quantity of damp wheat, compared with other grades, there having been 87 cars of no grade or damp wheat the previous week in a total of 252 cars, compared with 100 damp cars this week in a total of 257.

MANITOBA WHEAT STOCKS.

There were 3,332,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 10. Receipts were 350,000 bushels, and shipments 64,000 bushels. Increase for the week 286,000 bushels. A year ago receipts were 37,000 bushels, and shipments 10,000 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort Wil-

liam were 787,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,514,000 bushels, three years ago 3,893,000 bushels, four years ago, 930,000,000 bushels, and 2,338,000 five years ago.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Fort Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 9,600,000 bushels, compared with about 3,173,000 bushels a year ago, 6,000,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago and 3,000,000 bushels four years ago.

GRAIN AND MILLING NOTES.

The Fort William board of trade has entered a strong protest against the proposal to have the grain going to store at that place inspected in Winnipeg.

Owing to the unprecedented spell of wet weather in Manitoba last fall, it was feared that much of the grain would be unfit for seed owing to its damp condition. A large number of samples have been tested at the experimental farms, and it has been found that quite a large percentage are unfit for seed. Of 465 samples of wheat thirty-one samples were unfit for seed. Of oats, out of 250 samples 50 were bad. Of barley, out of 119 samples 3 were not fit for seed. The oats, it will be seen, make the poorest showing. Farmers should test their seed before sowing. This may be done by planting 100 average kernels in a box of moist earth about an inch below the surface, keeping earth damp and the box in a warm room, for a few days until the grain has sprouted.

Land Sales.

There is no better evidence of prosperity and advancement than is shown in the increasing sale of farm lands which has been going on during the past year or two. Sales this year are showing a further increase. The sale of Hudson's Bay Co. lands this spring, it is said, has been larger than any previous year, the number of acres sold since new year being nearly double that for the same time last year. The Canada Northwest Land company's sales for the past month amounted to 7,500 acres and for the quarter 13,000 acres, which is better by \$20,000 than the corresponding sales for last year.

The first chapters of Count Tolstoy's great novel appear in the April Cosmopolitan. Publication is taking place simultaneously in the United States, England, France, Germany, Austria and Russia. The novel has been carefully edited for the Cosmopolitan. No part of the story has been lost, though, perhaps, the reader is deprived of some of the picturesque which appeared in the original Russian.

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New York Wheat

New York, April 10.—Wheat, receipts 13,875 bushels, exports 57,040 bushels. Options opened weak and continued to decline all the morning under bearish weather west, general unloading, easy cables and large visible supply increase. The crowd oversold, however, and subsequently, when confronted with export rumors, covered freely, establishing a sharp rally. closed firm at 1-8c advance over Saturday's final curb price.

New York, April 11.—Wheat, May opened 76 1-4c a, closed 76 5-8c.

New York, April 12.—Wheat — Receipts 25,675 bushels; exports, 39,915 bushels. Options opened firm on cables and crop news. Speculation was very light, however, and although crop reports became sensationally bad later in the day, the prices responded slowly, affected chiefly by moderate coverings. The export trade and clearances were disappointing. The close was firm on crop news at 1c net advance.

New York, April 13.—Wheat, May opened 77 1-8c b, closed 78 1-4c.

New York, April 14.—Wheat, May opened 80c, closed 78 1-8c.

New York, April 15.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: May, 78 1-8; July, 78 1-4c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, April 10.—Wheat, May opened 70 3-4 to 1-2c, closed 71 1-8c. July opened 71 to 70 5-8c, closed 71 1-4c b. Corn, May 34 to 33 7-8c, closed 34 1-4c. July 34 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 35c. Oats, May opened 26 to 25 7-8c, closed 26 1-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.20 1-2c, closed \$9.20. July opened \$9.30, closed 9.32 1-2c.

Chicago, April 11.—Wheat, opened 71 1-8c, closed 70 7-8c, closed 71 1-4c a. July opened 71 1-4c to 71c, closed 71 7-8c. Corn, May opened 34 1-4c b, closed 34 1-4c b. July opened 34 7-8c, closed 35 a. Sept. opened 35 3-4c, closed 35 5-8c. Oats, May opened 26 1-8c to 1-4c, closed 26 1-4c. July opened 25 1-8, closed 24 7-8c. Sept. opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 5-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.17, closed \$9.05. July opened \$9.30, closed \$9.15.

Chicago, April 12.—Wheat, May opened 71 7-8 to 5-8c, closed 72 1-4 to 3-8c. July opened 71 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 72 3-8 to 1-2c. Corn, May opened 34 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 34 3-4c b. July opened 35 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 35 1-2c a. Oats, May opened 26 3-8c, closed 26 1-2c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 25c, closed 23 1-8c. Sept. opened 23 3-4c, closed 23 5-8c. Pork, May opened \$9, closed \$8.92 1-2c. July opened \$9.10, closed \$9.05.

Chicago, April 13.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 74 3-8c. July opened 72 5-8 to 73c, closed 74 5-8 to 3-4c. Corn, May opened 35 to 1-8c, closed 35 1-4c. July opened 35 3-4c, closed 35 7-8c. Sept. opened 36 1-4c, closed 36 1-2c. Oats, May opened 26 3-4c, closed 26 7-8c. July opened 25 1-4c, closed 25 1-4c a. Sept. opened 23 3-4c, closed 23 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$8.87 1-2c, closed \$9.02 1-2c, July opened \$9.02 1-2c, closed \$9.15 b.

Chicago, April 14.—Wheat, May 75 to 74 3-4c, closed 73 1-8c. July opened 75 1-4 to 75c, closed 73 3-4c. Corn, May opened 35 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 34 5-8c b. July opened 35 7-8c, closed 35 3-8c b. Sept. opened 36 1-2c, closed 35 7-8c. Oats, May opened 27c, closed 26 5-8c. July opened 25 3-8c, closed 24 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.05, closed \$9.05. July \$9.25 b, closed \$9.20. Lard, May op-

oned \$5.20, closed \$5.17 1-2c. July opened \$5.30, closed \$5.32. Ribs, May opened \$4.65, closed \$4.70. July opened \$4.85, closed \$4.82 1-2.

Chicago, April 15.—Wheat opened at 73 1-8c for May, and ranged from 72 1-2 to 73 3-4c. Closing prices were: Wheat—May, 72 5-8c; July, 73 1-2c. Corn—May, 34 3-4c; July, 35 3-8c. Oats—May, 26 5-8c; July, 24 3-4c. Pork—May, \$9 12 1-2; July, \$9 27 1-2. Lard—May, \$5 22 1-2; July, \$5 35 1-2. Ribs—May, \$4.70; July, \$4.85.

A week ago May option closed at 71c, a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.09, two years ago at 73 3-4c, three years ago at 65 7-8c, four years ago at 59 7-8c, and five years ago at 62c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 70 3-8c, July 71 3-4c.
Tuesday—May 70 3-8c, July 71 3-4c.
Wednesday—May 71 1-8c, July 72 3-8c.

Thursday—May 73c; July, 74 1-4c.
Friday—May 72 1-8c; July 73 1-4c.
Saturday—May, 71 3-4c; July, 72 7-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 73 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 70 3-4c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 70 1-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at \$1.03 1-2; two years ago May option closed at 74 5-8c; three years ago at 64 5-8c; four years ago at 64 3-4c; five years ago at 62c, and six years ago at 62 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

London, April 15.—Wheat closed 1-2d lower.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, April 15.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70 5-8c for May, and 71 3-4c for July; cash, No. 1 northern, 71 3-8c; cash No. 2 northern, 69 7-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, April 15.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.24 1-2 for cash and May \$1.21.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat was dull to-day, owing to the weaker market at Chicago. For spot No. 1 hard, 71 1-2c represent about the top of the market, though some holders asked more; but offers above 71 1-2c were not entertained. At the close 71c was nearer the idea of buyers.

Western Business Items.

A. J. O'Neil, tailor, Morden, Man., has sold out.

Garton & Farquhar, are opening in groceries in Winnipeg.

R. G. Alexander, flour and feed, has given up business at Winnipeg.

W. W. Carier, Winnipeg, until recently proprietor of the Clifton house, is dead.

The stock of A. A. Hunt, dry goods, Brandon, Man., is advertised for sale April 25.

Cowan & Co., bankers, Brandon, Man., are discontinuing business at that place and moving to Prince Albert.

Montreal and Toronto boards of trade will send deputations to Ottawa to discuss the proposed changes in the inspection and handling of Manitoba wheat.

M. A. Schwig, tailor, Cascade City, B. C., is moving to Rossland.

R. Williams, of Woodstock, is opening a harness shop at Roland, Man.

Fletcher & Goodhue, are starting a saw mill near Greenwood, B. C.

S. A. Mighton, cigars, Sandon, B. C., is reported to have moved to Greenwood.

Higgins & Webster, of Roland, Man., intend opening a branch store at Myrte.

Trach-laying on the Canadian Pacific Pipestone branch extension will be resumed at once.

J. Friesen, furniture, Winkler, Man., has taken J. P. Isaac in as partner under the name of Friesen & Isaac.

The Winnipeg Tribune asserts that it has authentic information from Ottawa to the effect that there will be no change in the lumber tariff.

The stock in trade, etc., of the estate of A. A. Hunt, dry goods merchant, Brandon, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Tuesday, the 25th inst., by Bertrand, Newton & Davidson. This stock consists of general dry goods, \$4,162.78; clothing, furnishings, etc., \$4,734.64; fixtures, \$118.15; book accounts, \$44.84. Total \$9,060.41. Terms, cash or quarter cash; balance 2, 4, 6 months, with interest at six per cent.

Live Stock News.

Gorton & Ironsides contemplate the erection of a large abattoir at Montreal.

D. R. Mills, a large cattle dealer of Carman, Man., was in the city this week.

D. Macdonald & Co., cattle dealers, Rapid City, have purchased the butcher business of Geo. Risen at that place.

In response to an inquiry in the British House of Commons it was stated recently that out of a total shipment of 140,710 head of cattle from North and South America during the four months ending February 28th to the British Isles 2,073 were lost in the course of transit. This shows the effects of the severe winter gales upon the cattle trade.

According to private cable advices received from Glasgow this week, trade was slightly better for really choice Canadian stock and some sales of such were reported at prices which showed a small profit for the shippers, but on the other hand sales of good stock were made at prices showing a loss of \$1 per head. A cable from Bristol was received reporting a sale of a bunch of American cattle at prices which just let the shipper out even. In this market there has been nothing of a startling nature to note. Business in export circles continues quiet and will likely remain so until close on to the opening of navigation. In regard to ocean freight for May a bid of 30s was made for some space to Liverpool, but steamship agents ideas are 32s 6d, consequently no business was done.—Montreal Gazette.

Mrs. Darling—Mercy, Charles, what have you been drinking?

Mr Darling—I don't know. It is what they call "the same." Quite a fashionable drink, I should say.

Mrs. Darling—Oh, was that all? I am so glad it was not some kind of liquor.—Boston Transcript.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 15.

Dry Goods—Trade in staple goods and millinery is booming. Business for April so far, is ahead of last year. March was also better than last year. Remittances are satisfactory, and prospects for the largest sorting trade excellent.

Hardware—Trade is more active, and price continue to advance. Sm. q. h. wire is 5c dearer. Cut nails have advanced 20c to \$2.05 per keg here. The discount on spades, shovels and scoops have been reduced to 10 and 5 p. c. Scrap lead is 1-4c lower. Pig iron 10c dearer. Horse shoes have advanced 10 to 25c. Bolts and nuts have also advanced, the discount being 5 to 15 less. Rivets are dearer. Canadian and United States loaded shells are up 20 per cent. Flour barrel nails have advanced, the discount now being 35 per cent. The discount on Cooper's nails is reduced to 45 p. c. Manila rope is 1-2c dearer. Coppered goods, galvanized buckets, coal hods and nickel plated goods are dearer this week.

Groceries—More active. Sugars are firm at recent advance, and as stocks in the country are small, an increased demand is expected soon. There is a good demand for canned vegetables, and fruits are firm. Teas are strong. Cable to-day says the lowest price for Ceylon at London is 81-4 to 81-2c. Rio coffee is in good demand at from 71-2c up. Laundry starch was reduced 1-4c yesterday.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 11.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 53 carloads, including 285 sheep and lambs, and 375 hogs.

Cattle were slow and 1-8 to 1-4c lower all around.

Export cattle—Heavy exporters, which were in liberal supply, at \$4.50 to \$5 per 100 lbs. Light, \$4.50 to \$4.70. Export bulls, \$3.75 to \$3.90.

Butchers' cattle—Prices were easier, especially for choice grades, at \$4.25 to \$4.35 for the latter. Medium and common grades, \$3 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers and feeders—Choice heavy stockers, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Feeders quiet at \$4 to \$4.25.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep, export and butchers', \$3.50; grain feed yearlings, \$5 to \$5.10; common yearlings, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Spring lambs, \$2 to \$5 each. Bucks, \$2.75 to \$3.

Hogs—Prices steady. Choice selections were quoted at \$4.37 1-2. Light \$4; thick fat, \$3.75. Sows \$3; stags, \$2 per 100 lbs.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 14.

Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day were 42 carloads of all kinds, including 400 hogs.

Export and butchers' cattle were 5 to 15c lower than on Tuesday. Feeders were also lower at \$3.90. Other lines unchanged at Tuesday's prices.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 15.

The grain market is now quite dull. Wheat is 2c dearer on the week and oats 1c higher. Flour and meal unchanged. Eggs have tumbled 5c per dozen. Barley is 4c lower per bushel. Barrel pork is higher. Short cut quoted at \$15 per barrel.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.10, Manitoba bakers, \$3.90; Manitoba

dried wheat patents offering at \$3.80; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per barrel, Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 70c for cars at country points, No. 1 hard, 85c grinding in transit, and 83c North Bay.

Oats—White, 31 to 32c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 41 to 42c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton, bran, \$12 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.60 in bags per barrel, and \$3.70 in wood for car lots. Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 12c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13c creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—Choice 11c.

Hides—Green, 81-1c for No. 1, and 71-4c for No. 2. Cured hides, 83-4c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 41-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 18 to 15c; unwashed, 9c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5.15 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs. for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 6c for round lots evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6c in bulk; tins, 6 to 7c; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 11 to 12c; chickens, 49 to 70c a pair; geese, 6 to 7 1-2c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$2.75 to \$3; alsike, \$1 to \$4; timothy, \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 11.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 700 cattle, 75 sheep and lambs.

Cattle were weaker owing to the excessive supply. Prices were 1-4c lower, and some were held over. Choice cattle sold at 43-4c to 5c, good at 4c to 41-2c; fair at 31-4 to 33-4, and common at 2 to 3c. Yearling sheep sold at 41-2c to 5c, and at 31-2 to 4c for sheep, lambs \$3 to 4.50 each. Hogs in good demand at 41-4c to 41-2c per lb., weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 14.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 600 head.

The cattle market continued slow, owing to the light demand compared with the offerings. The best cattle were lower at 41-2c. Sheep and lambs were in fair supply and unchanged. Hogs were 1-4c higher at 41-2 to 43-4c off cars.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 15.

Oats have been active. Some good sales reported afloat May. Flour quiet. Millfeed is strong and \$1 higher. Oatmeal quiet. Hides steady and unchanged. Eggs have declined 3c, and will go lower soon. The butter market is weak. Dairy butter has declined 1 to 1 1-2c and creamery is 1c lower. Cheese firm and unchanged. Stocks light.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35 1-2 to 36c afloat May.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong makers, \$3.70 to \$3.85; Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$15.50 to \$16.50 per ton, shorts, \$17 to \$18, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2, 71-2c; No. 3, 61-2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 90c; lambskins, 10c, tallow, 31-4 to 33-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 18 to 18 1-2c per dozen.

Butter—Cholde, fresh dairy, 18c; rolls, 18c.

Butter—Creamery—Tubs and boxes, 17 to 17 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice western, 11 1-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 70c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, frozen, 9 to 10c, unfrozen, 10 to 11c; ducks, 6 to 8c, geese, 8 to 4c; chickens, 6 to 8c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 15.

Business is quiet owing to the breaking up of country roads.

Granulated sugar quoted at \$1.44 per 100 pounds at refineries yellow, \$1.85 to \$1.25; molasses, 31c in car lots syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c as to quality Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; Roca Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c standard B., 83-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 15.

The market is very firm, but without important changes this week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 14.—Market dull and unchanged. Canadian cattle 11 to 12c per pound, estimated dressed weight. Sheep 1-2c higher at 131-2c to 141-2c.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, April 14.—Beet firmer and improving April option 10s 81-4d; May 10s 9d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 14.—Cheese is quoted at 52s 6d for both white and colored.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 14.—12.30 p. m. —Wheat—Spot firm, No. 1 California, no stock. No. 1 red northern Duluth 6s 3d. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 1 red northern Duluth 6s 3d.

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