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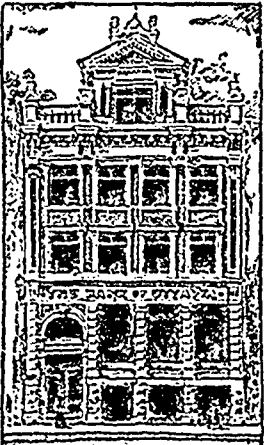
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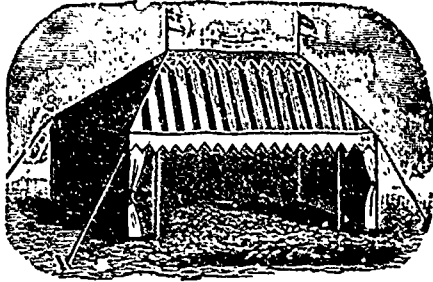
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 2, 1898.

NURSERY STOCK SHUT OUT.

Instructions were received this week by the Winnipeg customs officials to enforce the new act preventing the importation of nursery stock from countries declared to be infected with the San Jose scale. The act has been made to apply to the United States, Australia, Japan and Hawaii. Bulbs, tubers, herbaceous bedding plants and perennials, Conifers and green-house plants are excepted from the operation of the act. The enforcement of the act without any previous warning, will deprive many people of their orders of nursery stock for spring delivery, and will also entail heavy losses upon those who have, at considerable expense, secured these orders. The enforcement of the act will work injury in Manitoba, as it will prevent the importation of nursery stock from the districts south of the border, where stock more suited to our climate than the eastern stock could be secured. This is a matter for regret. Many of our settlers of late have shown a disposition to experiment with nursery stock, with a view to finding varieties suited to our climate, and this work is worthy of every encouragement. There is probably much more smoke than fire in the scare about the San Jose scale, which the eastern nursery-men have so assiduously worked up, perhaps more to secure protection from United States competition, than from fear of San Jose scale.

THE ELEVATOR SITUATION.

The resolution prepared in committee and adopted by the Manitoba legislature, regarding the elevator question may be considered as rather non-committal, considering the elements of which the legislature is composed. The memorial, which is to be transmitted to the Dominion government, simply asks that the railways "shall be compelled to furnish increased facilities to farmers in shipping their produce." It says nothing about loading grain from flat warehouses. The elevator interests will not object strongly to the concession to the farmers of the right to load their grain directly into cars. Such a concession will not materially affect either the elevators or the farmers, as it is well known that loading into cars is impractical except under special circumstances. It is the concession of the right to load cars from flat warehouses that is feared, as this would tend to greatly increase competition in the grain trade.

CITY vs. COUNTRY STORES.

The custom among some country people of sending to the city for goods which they can procure at home, seems peculiar to those who are familiar with trade conditions in this country. A better selection of goods in some lines can be procured in the city than can be had at the smaller country towns, and there are, of course, lines of goods carried in the city which could not be profitably handled at country points. So far as prices are concerned, however, country merchants can sell such goods as they handle at a smaller margin of profit than can be worked upon in the city. It is well known that the expense of doing business, in such items as rent and taxes are enormously higher in Winnipeg than in the smaller towns. Besides these items, the city dealer has expenses which are practically unknown in the country.

The country merchant should be able to hold his own easily with the city merchant, and retain the custom of his district for himself. If he does not do so, it must be considered that there is something wrong somewhere in the way he conducts his business. If The Commercial were asked to point out where the country merchant is at a disadvantage with the city dealer, the only point we could refer to would be the credit system that prevails in many country districts. This is the great drawback to the country trader, though it is a drawback which the trader is himself responsible for to a considerable extent. Where the credit system prevails in its worst form, it would not be surprising if the merchants could not work on smaller, if indeed, on as small margins of profit

as prevail in the city. There is a big expense and an enormous drain of resources constantly going on in doing the kind of credit business that is too often allowed in Manitoba.

The Commercial was only a few days ago given the history of a trader, which may be used to illustrate the point. This merchant went into business, did a liberal credit business and failed, as many had done before him. After his failure, a friend offered to lend him \$2,000 with which to embark in business again, on the condition that he would buy only for cash. The offer was accepted. The merchant has been now three years in business since starting up the second time, and in these three years he has accumulated a considerable surplus. He has now sufficient cash in the bank to put in a spring stock suitable for his requirements, all for spot cash. Besides this his stock is all paid for and he has a few hundred dollars of good accounts on his books. He has made a good living for himself and family in the meantime, and has paid ten per cent on the original \$2,000 loaned him.

Now, it may be said that the secret of this man's success was that he bought for cash. This is part of the secret, but it is the smaller part of it. Being obliged to buy for cash, he was also obliged to curtail his credit business to the smallest possible proportions, and herein lies very much of the secret of his success. Buying for cash compelled him not only to keep his stock down, but also to keep his collections up. With only \$2,000 capital to start with he did a successful cash business from the outset.

Take another case, of a trader who was obliged to ask for an extension of time from his creditors. The latter merchant has a surplus of over \$20,000 in his business, but it is partly in land and store premises, and book debts, as well as in stock. With this large surplus he was not only unable to buy for cash, but he was unable to meet his bills payable, and was in a position that his creditors could have forced him to sacrifice his property to meet his bills. He had made the mistake which many do of putting too much of his capital into store premises and book accounts.

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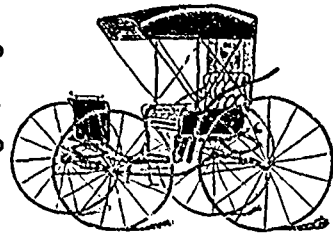
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within short distances from an important commercial centre, it must be, as we have remarked, a cause for wonder that settlement in this district has not been more rapid.

The city directory for 1898 gives Winnipeg a population of 15,000. The city is growing steadily every year, and affords a large home consuming market for every kind of farm produce. In many lines of produce the quantity supplied by farmers in the vicinity is not nearly large enough to meet the requirements of the city, consequently an additional supply has to be brought in by rail from outside points, upon which local freight rates must be paid. Farmers who live near enough to the city to market their produce here, thereby save the freight which would be charged to bring the produce from a country point to the city. It will only be necessary to take one class

tender varieties of vegetable life, the Red River valley has advantages over almost any other part of the country. The altitude is lower and the country is protected by bluffs and more forest growth than is found in most parts of Manitoba. Land can be purchased within a reasonable driving distance of the city from two or three dollars an acre up to \$8 to \$10 per acre for fine river front farms. At these prices a progressive farmer, with moderate means, can pay for the farm from the income thereof in two or three years. In some cases settlers have paid for their farms from the proceeds of the first year's crop. Only last week the commissioner of immigration at Winnipeg received a letter from David Jones, a Welshman, in which he says:

"We left the old country eighteen months ago and bought this farm of 160 acres, situated about twelve miles from Winnipeg, for which we gave \$1,-



MANITOBA FARM HOMES—RESIDENCE OF JAS. BARBOUR, BALMORAL, NORTH OF WINNIPEG.

of Winnipeg, can be purchased at, may be considered almost a cause for wonder. The present value of farm lands in the Winnipeg district, in proportion to their value for agricultural purposes, makes them the cheapest lands in the market to-day, in any part of the civilized world, so far as The Commercial has been able to discover. Take away all the commercial advantages and other desirable features appertaining to lands within driving distance of a busy city, and these lands would still be great value at the prices at present placed upon them. If there were only shipping facilities such as that possessed by any country railway station in Manitoba, these rich black lands of the Red River valley should possess great attractions for settlers at the low values placed upon them. When we consider, however, that these lands are located

of produce to illustrate this feature. There is always a good demand in Winnipeg for oats for home consumption. The farmer who can market his oats in the city, gets the same price that would be paid at outside points, plus the freight from the outside point to Winnipeg. This freight is about five cents per bushel, which means that if oats were worth 25 cents at outside points, the farmers about Winnipeg would be getting 30 cents for them. And so on all the way throughout the list of farm products.

The lands of the Winnipeg district are the same rich black soil which is found in other portions of the Red River valley. For vegetables, cereals and other crops they are equal to the best Manitoba lands, and that is saying a great deal. For experimenting with fruits and the more

100. Last year we had fifty acres under cultivation, and it turned out very successfully. We had a yield of 600 bushels of wheat, 300 bushels of oats, and 450 bushels of barley. This total, together with our dairy, pigs, and other produce, brought an income of about \$1,400. We have felt so encouraged by our first year's success that we have bought an adjoining farm so that now we own 320 acres of land; therefore we expect to have considerably more land under crop next year, and when both farms are broken up we expect to have about 200 acres for grain and cultivation, and about 120 acres for hay and pasture."

This is only one instance of many which could be mentioned, showing what new and comparatively inexperienced settlers have accomplished in a single year.

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cations, it seems likely that this land will not long be in the market at present low values. There are appearances of a renewed tide of settlement setting in this way, and when it does these lands will assume something nearer their real value. One thing is certain, that those who hold Winnipeg district lands will some day discover that they have a very valuable property. Those who secure farms now, are sure to find, a few years hence, that they have greatly increased in value, far beyond the natural increase from the improvements which may have been put upon them.

Apply the Law.

Mr. Richardson has made at least one good move at Ottawa, in which he will be upheld by the business interests. He has introduced a bill to provide that the salaries of civil ser-

Northwestern Ontario Mines.

The Olive Gold Mine company, of Selkirk River, has recently issued a neat prospectus, from which we learn that the capital of the company is \$1,000,000, in \$1 par value shares, non-assessable. The company holds several properties in the Rainy River district, of Ontario, upon which over \$30,000 have been expended in development work and improvements. The Olive is a gold-producing mine, and with a two stamp mill has already turned out some thousands of dollars of bullion. It is proposed to largely increase the capacity of the machinery. With the exception of Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who is president, the directors of the company are all Winnipeggers, and include Wm. Blackwood, Dr. R. M. Simpson, A. T. R. Blackwood and Dr. A. H. Simpson. C. B. Deacon, is secretary of the company. We show a cut herewith of the new buildings of the mine.

ers there, erect shops, roundhouses and other buildings. The council are favorable to the plan, and will submit a by-law to the people to be voted on, embracing the details. Calgary is well supplied with schools, good water and other modern advantages attractive to skilled mechanics, and if given a permanent pay roll by some large company, there is no reason why the place should not become one of the big western centres. In Mr. Whyte's opinion a large flour mill would be a paying concern there; one of not less than 1,000 barrels capacity. The opportunities are good for the disposal of the produce of such a mill to the ranchers in that district. As an instance of such profit, Mr. Whyte stated that stall fed cattle are selling for 4 cents a pound at present in Calgary, and the future offers just as bright a prospect with the great extent of Kootenay to provide for.

The recent storms in the west were the severest on record between Medicine Hat and Calgary. Around Maple Creek it did not rage so severely,



STAMP MILLS AT OLIVE MINE.

vants may be attached by the same process as is applied in the case of salaries of persons employed in any private capacity. One section of the bill further provides that "all moneys in the hands of the government of Canada, or under its control or management, and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, shall be liable to the attachment at the suit of any judgment creditor of any person to whom any portion of the said moneys is payable in the same manner and by the same process as moneys in the hands of private persons. Why not? Is there any good reason why moneys in the hands of the government, or salaries coming due to civil servants, should be exempt from attachment? Deadbeats in the public service should not be encouraged to go on in their evil ways.

Events in the West.

Manager Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific railway, returned on Tuesday from his trip to the Pacific coast. To a Free Press representative Mr. Whyte said that his mission to Vancouver was to inspect the new docks in progress of construction there, and to look into other matters affecting the arrangements under way to handle the traffic to Yukon. The docks at Vancouver are being enlarged, for besides the shipments for the Australian, Japan and China boats, there is the new service to Yukon ports. Then the handling of supplies for the new railway to Teslin Lake and for all the people leaving for the north, requires greater dockage room.

Speaking about the new divisional point for the railway in the mountains, Mr. Whyte said the company was much impressed with Calgary, and while west he submitted a proposition to the town council. Under certain conditions the company will establish their headquart-

and this was a strange fact. From Elkhorn to Maple Creek there was not much snow, but from Poplar Point to Elkhorn there was considerable. The weather was also cold and the winds were strong all through the day and night.

The rush to the Klondike was one of the amazing sights that Mr. Whyte witnessed. Every boat bound northward was loaded and on some of the steamers the accommodation was distressing. One company has twelve river boats under construction in Seattle; the C. P. R. has also twelve, but four are being built in Toronto, four in Seattle, and four in Vancouver. These will ply on the Stikine river, Teslin lake and Yukon river. The people are crowding in to Wrangel and up the road now being laid out, to Teslin Lake. Navigation will open on the Stikine about May 1. In Mr. Whyte's estimation the trade that has arisen through the struggle to get to Yukon will amount this year to at least \$100,000,000. The old country

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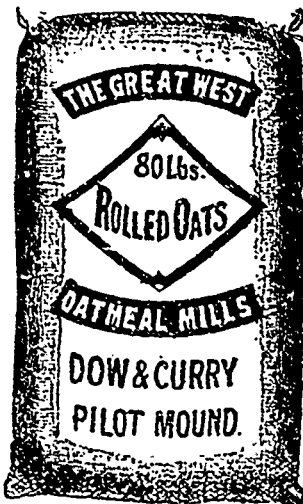
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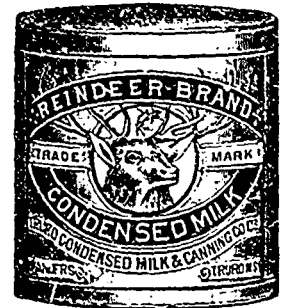
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travel has not started yet, as the C. P. R. advised all parties not to leave for Canada until April. As it is, Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle are crowded with people, mostly from the United States.

The work of excavating the cuts on the Crow's Nest Pass railway had been hindered by the deep snow. The road will be finished this year. Macleod had become a now and flourishing town since work on this line had started.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, March 28.

There is no change in prices this week. A lull is reported in the outfitting trade, but there is no doubt it will start up again and become greater than ever. Some of the wholesalers objected to the estimate of business being done in Vancouver due to the outfitting trade, which appeared two weeks ago in the Vancouver letter. They stated that it was too high. They feared that others would be induced by the story to start up in competition here.

The estimate was carefully made and names could be given, but a request was made in each case that this might not be done. Other proof could be given of the fairness of the estimate. Outfitting merchants, however, are exercising the greatest caution in the size and style of stock carried as overstocking in some lines might bring about serious results. Besides this large numbers of Klondikers are bringing their outfits with them from the east, and the strain is being relieved at Ashcroft and Edmonton routes.

Vancouver Board of Trade.

The membership of this body has grown from 76 to 147 within a year. Between 40 and 50 members were present at the annual meeting, held recently. From the address it appears that Vancouver merchants have subscribed \$7,545 to advertise Vancouver as an outfitting point for the Klondike.

Agriculture in the province, which has for years been depressed, is now, the report says, showing marked signs of improvement, the rush to the Klondike causing brisk demand for horses, cattle, hay and feed. Lumber shipments from the port were less in 1897 than usual, partly because shipping was scarce.

The mining figures for the province show a wonderful development. These illustrate the production of gold, silver, lead and copper: 1892, value, \$139,440; 1893, value, \$237,400; 1894, value, \$781,342; 1895, value, \$2,342,397; 1896, value, \$1,257,179; total, \$7,817,758; while in 1897 the South Kootenay produced alone a total of \$7,613,344. The salmon pack for 1897 has reached the record figure of 1,007,838 cases, made up as follows: Fraser River, cases, 860,803; northern pack, cases, 147,035; total, cases, 1,007,838.

Mr. Godfrey was re-elected president and Mr. Tisdall chosen vice-president. The following were elected members of the council: R. H. Alexander, W. F. Sulisbury, W. Murray, Sol. Oppenheimer, G. I. Wilson, F. Buscombe, J. C. McLagan, H. O. Bell, Irving, W. Skene, W. H. Ker, C. G. Johnson, F. Cockburn, W. Pellew-Harvey, C. Sweeny and F. C. Cotton.



BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Bank of British Columbia, held in London, recently, the chairman referred to the business of the six months ending with December as showing a return of the prosperity which had in former years attended the business of the bank. The preparations making in British Columbia, he said, "in all branches of trade for the reception and equipment of explorers and miners are unprecedented in extent, and must lead to very great, and, I doubt not, lucrative extension of the trade of the country; and I am sanguine that this improvement will permeate throughout the whole country." He referred also to the improvement evident in value of real estate and other securities. The net profits of the bank for the six months showed a profit of £18,351, as compared with £14,382 and £14,291 respectively for the previous two half years. The recommendation of the directors that dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum be declared, and £3,351 carried forward, was adopted.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

The statement for February supplied to the government by the Canadian banks indicates that the movement of business noted last month continues unabated. Circulation has increased \$812,201, compared with January and \$5,414,726 with February, 1897, showing that the trade movement is not only much greater than last year, but that it is also an expanding one. There has been a large increase in current loans of \$4,127,428 compared with January. Compared with a year ago this item shows an increase of \$2,927,375. The inference is that merchants are asking for more accommodation as a result of increased operations. Call loans are \$1,496,254 greater than in January, and \$7,733,121 than in February a year ago. The steady expansion in this item, from month to month is attributable to the increasing volume of stock speculation. The steady accumulation of funds in the banks goes on at the same steady rate of increase. At the close of January deposits on notice and demand were \$26,447,787 greater than in 1897. In the month under review they have increased \$9,233,938, being \$37,705,493 greater than in February, 1897. The foreign balances in favor of Canada are rather less than they were at the close of January, being \$30,326,050, as against \$36,681,520 for that month. The banks are increasing their holdings of municipal and other debentures, having \$2,242,413 more than they had in January, and \$9,776,137 more than in February, 1897.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Union Bank of Canada is opening a branch at Wawanesa, Man. A branch of the Union Bank of Canada will be opened at Manitou, Man. H. Grey, of Simcoe, Ont., will go to Morden, Man., to manage the new branch of the Bank of Hamilton to be opened there.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada, has acquired Alloway & Champion's bank at Portage la Prairie, Man., together with the bank building. The Merchants' bank officials will assume charge on April 1st and open as a regular branch.

The Dominion Government has resolved from July 1st to pay only 2 1/2 per cent interest on deposits in the postoffice savings banks.

M. Dickie, manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax at Truro, N. S., is on his way to British Columbia on an inspection trip of the bank's branches in the Kootenay.

The Winnipeg Securities and Agency company is applying for incorporation. The capital stock is placed at \$9,000. The applicants are: W. J. H. Murison, D. S. Curry, Colin Inks, Jr., Geo. Soames and J. S. Hough.

The Security Loan company, of Winnipeg, with a capital stock of \$100,000, is applying to be incorporated; the applicants being: W. H. Pambrun, S. A. D. Bertrand, R. C. McDonald, Louise Verhoven, and J. A. Greene.

Squire Sowden is having the store lately occupied by Moore & Co., at Souris, Man., remodelled for the Merchants' Bank of Canada, which institution will open a branch at Souris, with H. M. P. Eckhart, of Winnipeg, as manager and George Harrison, of Brandon, as ledger.

Canada.

The following is an extract from a speech, reported in the Western Mail, delivered by R. A. Lister in Wales. Now, about the part of Canada that I know more about than any other—the great Northwestern Territory—I daresay there are many present who know something about Canada, and to them I say without fear of contradiction, that Manitoba of fifteen, or ten, or even five years ago, was very different from what it is to-day. The railways had opened up new markets. There was Winnipeg with its magnificent churches, colleges and institutions for the alleviation of suffering; thirty-five thousand inhabitants, electric trams, banks and everything that modern civilization could demand. Twenty-seven years ago that place did not exist except as a Hudson's Bay fort. It shows a rapid, prosperous development, and what is wanted is an increase of population of the right sort. With regard to the resources of the country, I say they excel those of any other colony which we possess."

The Dominion estimates contain \$10,000 to ascertain the most practicable route for an all-Canadian railway from some point on an existing railway into the Klondike district. This refers to the Prince Albert and Edmonton routes. Also \$35,000 for an exploratory survey and report as to a railway route between the Stikine river and an ocean port in British Columbia.

When the hungry horde of office seekers begin to object that the government is not making place for them and their friends, it may be taken by fair-minded people as a feature very favorable to the government.

The litigation in connection with the Northwest Central railway, of Manitoba, which has dragged its slow length along for the past seven years, has about reached an end. The old claims against the construction are now being adjusted.

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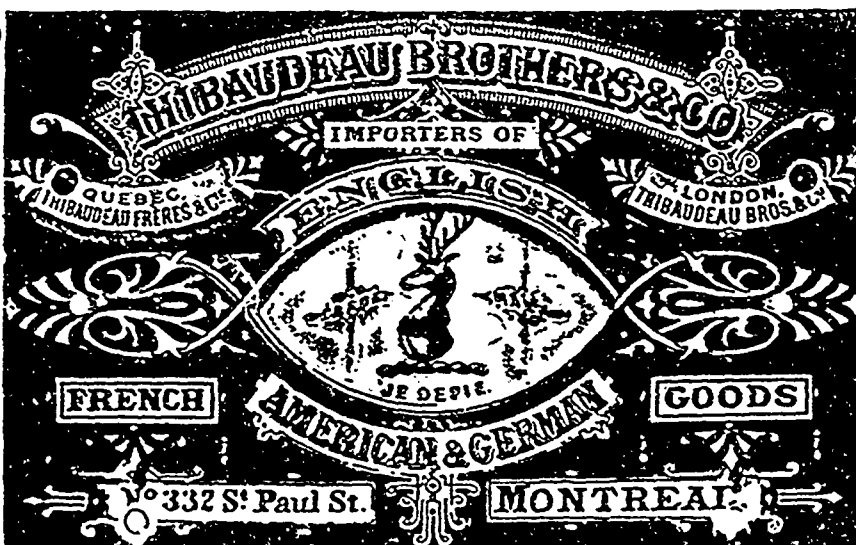
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Manitoba

R. A. Mather, of the Keewatin Lumber Co., was in the city this week.

Mr. Foster contemplates erecting a hotel at Plumias.

W. G. Wyatt, lumber and hardware, Virden, offers to sell out.

Winnipeg city council is calling for tenders for 200 cords of tamarac wood.

Fred Wright takes over the tea business of Dawson & Toye at Portage la Prairie.

G. R. Russell, cattle dealer, of Prince Albert, paid The Commercial a visit this week.

The Winnipeg Commission company has opened business in specialties, on Princess street.

R. G. Wellwood, general store, Plumias, has sold out to a Mr. Ramsey, of Winnipeg.

J. J. Pearson, of Carnduff, Assa., has purchased W. Nowby's butcher business at Holland.

H. Holloway, butcher, Glenboro, is moving to High Bluff, where he will open in the same line.

The Dauphin Press has published a handsome illustrated edition, giving an extended write up of the Dauphin region.

Dr. J. C. Stoye has sold out his practice in Souris and will leave for the old country. Dr. Henderson, of Cavalier, N. D., is the purchaser.

T. Dunlop, blacksmith, La Riviere, has the lumber on the ground for the erection of an implement warehouse, which he will add to his business.

John Colter has sold his carriage making and repair business at Souris to D. Petty, of Douglas. Colter is leaving for the Peace river region.

Manitoba druggists have requested the legislature to grant them the privilege of selling liquors without a doctor's certificate.

The license of the Exhibition hotel, St. Boniface, has been transferred to Jos. Holland, and the license of the Mondor hotel at the same place, has been transferred to V. Couture.

Transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, for the month ending 31st March were: Deposits, \$24,917; withdrawals, \$21,319.62. Deposits exceeding withdrawals by \$3,097.38.

Thos. Lee, late of Bryan & Lee, cigar manufacturers, Winnipeg, is opening a new cigar factory in Winnipeg, to be known as the Western Cigar factory. He has secured premises at No. 713 Main street, and will begin operations shortly.

The Farmers' Trading company have leased the premises at present occupied by A. D. Bell, at Portage la Prairie, and will open business with a stock of goods, principally implements.

Wm. Esau & Co., general merchants, Gretna, have dissolved. Mr. Esau retiring. J. C. Miller will continue the business in his own name.

If any of the business people of the west are poetically inclined they have a chance to win one of four prizes which the Montreal Witness is offering for the best Canadian patriotic songs, sent in before May 1. The Witness will send full particulars about the competition, on request.

F. C. Fahey, traveller for John W. Peck & Co., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to the Crow's nest pass. He says the principal town on the route at present is Coal Creek, but

several other new towns are springing up. Great activity is expected in that region in mineral, and other development during the present year.

The MacPherson Fruit Co., Winnipeg, will move next week to No. 140 Princess street, in the Henderson block, where they will remain until their new warehouse on Main street is completed. The work of pulling down and removing the old buildings will be started as soon as the premises are vacated, and the new building will be completed about the first of July.

The Wilson-Leslie Furniture company is opening business in Winnipeg. The company is composed of C. H. and R. J. Wilson and T. W. Leslie, all of whom are well known in connection with the furniture business in Winnipeg. Mr. Leslie has been a resident of Detroit, Michigan for some months, but recently returned to Winnipeg. Premises on the corner of Princess and William street have been secured and a large stock is being put in.

The Gurney Foundry Company, limited, of Toronto, contemplates opening a branch in Winnipeg. Mr. Edward Gurney, president of the company, recently spent some time in the city and decided to open a branch here. The Toronto concern is not now connected with the Gurney-Tilden company of Hamilton, which is the parent of the Gurney Stove and Range company, of Winnipeg, though originally the Toronto company was established as a branch of the Hamilton house.

Boyce's Carriage Works, Winnipeg, were crowded this week with wheeled rigs manufactured entirely in Winnipeg, on order, for city and country firms. Now that the snow is going off these rigs will be wanted for service. The rigs include special delivery wagons in considerable variety, for stores, bake shops, breweries, and to suit the requirements of different lines of trade. Among the lot are two strong delivery wagons for the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., and two of the same nature for J. Y. Griffin & Co. Quite a number for outside towns were noticed, including brewery delivery and ice delivery wagons for Rat Portage.

Alberta.

J. O'Neill has opened a restaurant at Medicine Hat.

J. H. Cavanah is opening in dry goods at Medicine Hat.

A butcher shop has been opened at Innisfail by Frank Ross.

Chisholm & Copeland, general merchants, Grenfell, are adding millinery.

James Beatty, of Moosomin, has opened a harness shop at Red Jacket.

Mr. Evans, of Qu'Appelle, has opened in fruit and confectionery at Medicine Hat.

Therburn & Sons, Ltd., general merchants, Broadview, are adding dress-making and millinery.

J. M. Simington, baker, Moose Jaw, has decided to erect a two-story brick store, and will add confectionery.

R. Watson & Co., livery, Medicine Hat, are adding farm implements. An addition will be built to their premises for this purpose.

The Canmore coal mines will be worked in future by the H. W. McNell Co., who have taken over the property from the Coghane company.

The Edmonton board of trade is sending D. McCallum, an expert blaster, and Billy Clark, pilot, to clear the boulders from the Grand Rapids of the Athabasca. The business men and Klondikers subscribe the necessary funds. Calgary and Winnipeg boards of trade will be asked to assist.

The South Edmonton Agricultural society has brought in, through the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., a car of the famous Swedish milling oats, which are supposed to be the finest for milling purposes in the market. The seed cost 75 cents per bushel laid down.

Northwest Ontario.

A. J. Holmes is opening a meat store at Keewatin.

Mr. Stevens, jeweler, of Keewatin, has removed to Norman.

B. W. Shaver, of Port Arthur, has purchased the confectionery business of S. F. Coolidge, of Fort William.

Mr. Kingdom has his new brewery at Rat Portage completed and will begin operations at once. The buildings are on quite an extensive scale.

Plans for the waterworks system to be established at Fort William have been received and tenders are being called for, to be in by April 4th. The town council are thinking seriously of taking the vote of the ratepayers on another by-law for \$45,000, rescinding the present by-law, and making the rate of interest four per cent, instead of five, as at present. This latter idea is actuated by the fact of the electric light debentures, already sold, having realized a considerable bonus.

A Port Arthur deputation have requested the Dominion government that the subsidy of \$6,400 voted last session to the Ontario and Rainy River Railway company for eighty miles of line be extended over the whole line which is ultimately intended to connect Lake Superior and Winnipeg. The Ontario government has given a bonus of \$3,000 a mile for the road from the starting point to Fort Frances, where connection can be made with Rat Portage by water. The deputation also asked that a model farm be established near Fort William.

It is said there are over 100 steamers on the Lake of the Woods, and forty-five of them go up and down the Rainy river, and some fifteen or sixteen vessels ply on Rainy Lake, above the proposed locks at Fort Frances. The contemplated improvements would open up continuous navigation through a chain of lakes with 2,000 miles of coast line. The new town of Mine Centre, situated on the Seine river about forty-five miles east of Fort Frances, has a population of about 600. An appropriation was made last session to build the lock at Fort Frances but the work has not been done yet. The construction of this work would be of great value to all the region tributary thereto.

In the United States cotton fabrics are inclined to be weak, except for those grades which are affected by the New Bedford strike these latter being scarce and firm. Print cloths and goods of that character are weak. Gingham are going well and hold firm, while specialties in printed fabrics also sell well. Dress woollens are quiet and fall orders have not been placed very freely as yet.

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INSURANCE ITEMS.

Robert Young, manager for the Great West Life Assurance company, St. John, N. B., has been appointed superintendent for that company, and his place at St. John is filled by A. J. Keston, formerly inspector of agencies for the Great West Life.

The Clan McDonald appears to have a strong grip upon the life insurance business in Winnipeg. In a recent write-up of the insurance business in the city, there were four McDonalds in a total of thirteen companies mentioned. Three of them were managers and one president of a company.

Improvement in the times may have something to do with the annual increase in the number of the insured. But the favorable showing of the companies in regard to growth can be generally attributed to the increasing favour in which sound and legitimate life insurance is being held by the people.

Hon. Mr. Cameron has introduced a bill in the Manitoba legislature to amend the act respecting life insurance for the benefit of wives and children. He stated that it had arisen out of a construction given to a statute, restricting the power of an insurer to revoke a policy without the beneficiary's consent. He could not see why an insurer should not have such power, when his whole action had been voluntary, and without any consideration or pledge. He gave an instance of a man at Gretna who had insured in favor of his brother. Afterwards the insurer married, and was anxious to procure a loan upon his policy, but was unable to do so, because the brother had gone to South Africa and could not be found.

Grain and Milling News.

A combined flour and oatmeal mill is proposed for Strathclair, Man.

Mr. Rogers has introduced a bill in the Manitoba legislature to give municipalities power to bonus flour mills. Bonusing is now prohibited by law in Manitoba, and a very good law it is. It is to be hoped the spirit of the law will not be departed from.

G. V. Hastings, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., who recently left for Europe, will visit the great milling centres in Hungary during his travels. It was in Hungary that the roller system of milling first attained a great state of perfection, and Hungar-

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ian flour is still noted in Great Britain for its fine quality.

Mr. McFadden's motion in the Manitoba legislature came up for discussion on Wednesday and was rejected, on the advice of the attorney-general that the province had not the power to enforce the act. The bill proposed, among other things, to compel the railways to build platforms to facilitate loading grain directly into cars from farmers' rigs. There is no doubt but that the act would have been vetoed by the federal authorities, if it had been passed, as interfering with matters in the sole control of the Dominion.

Hardware and Paint Trade

Canadian refined petroleum was 1-2 to 1c higher last week in the east.

A Montreal report says: "A feature of the market is the scarcity of certain sizes of sheet zinc, and prices have advanced 1-2c. In cask lots prices are firm at 51-2c. and in smaller quantities, 53-4c."

The Lumber Trade.

Regulations for granting permits to cut timber and erect sawmills in Yukon territory, have been issued.

T. D. Robinson & Co., have secured the contract to supply half a million feet of lumber for the new abattoir in Winnipeg.

It is not only in British Columbia that lumber is higher. From the United States Pacific coast a report says: West coast shingles and fir are presenting a firmer front than

they did last year, with shingles selling at the top notch and fir valued at three and four dollars per thousand more than in 1897. The shingle mills are filled with orders and have all they can attend to for the next thirty or sixty days.

The Live Stock Trade.

The Manitoba & Northwestern railway will repair and extend the stock yards at Portage la Prairie.

N. Seech, of Fish Creek, has been fined \$5 and costs at Calgary for allowing a lumpy jaw steer to run at large.

J. A. Brewster, member of an English live stock firm, was in Winnipeg this week looking into export live stock matters here.

The Canadian Pacific company is improving a number of its stock cars for the cattle trade. They are being made wider and larger.

In reply to a question Hon. Sydney Fisher said in parliament at Ottawa, that the Imperial government are adverse to increasing the number of open ports for the landing of cattle in Great Britain. In a brief discussion on the cattle embargo, which prevents Canadian cattle being landed alive in Great Britain, Mr. Fisher said that it was quite impossible to hope for a removal of the embargo at present. Mr. Fisher said one of the consequences of the removal of the three months' quarantine by the United States and Canada, had been the sale of 79,000 Canadian cattle in the United States last year.

A big cotton combine is reported from England.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES		Dried Fruits		Tobacco		DRUGS	
Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.		Per pound		Per pound		Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.	
Canned Goods	Per case	Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs.	1 70	T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cuds.	00 76	Alum, lb.	3 1/2
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 25	Lily, 8s, cuds.	00 63	Alcohol, gal.	59 5 7/8
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25	Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	06 6 1/2	Crestant, 8s, cuds.	00 60	Bleaching Powder, lb.	06 07
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 00	Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 7 1/2	T. & B. Black Chewing, Sorbols	00 64	Bluestone, lb.	01 13
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 8 1/2	T. & B. Mahogany Chewing,		Bluestone, barrel lots	01 1/2
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	2 50	London Layers, 20 lb boxes.	1 90	Ss or 16.	00 64	Borax	11 12
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50	Apples, Dried.	07 07	T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00 59	Bromide Potash	65 75
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 10	Evap. Apples, finest quality.	11 12	T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00 61	Camphor	68 75
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 75	California Evaporated Fruits		T. & B. in 1/5 tins.	00 99	Camphor, ounces	80 90
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	Peaches, peeled	18 20	T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 98	Carbolic Acid	40 65
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	Peaches, unpeeled	11 13	T. & B. in 1s tins	00 87	Castor Oil	15 17
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	Pears	11 12	T. & B. in 1 1/2 tins	00 90	Chlorate Potash	25 30
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	Apricots, new	10 11	T. & B. in 2 1/2 tins	00 91	Citric Acid	55 65
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	Pitted Plums	11 12	Orinoco, 1-12 pkg	00 57	Copperas	03 1/2
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2	Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 91	Cocaine, oz.	5 50
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz	5 00	Prunes, 90 to 100	6 6 1/2	Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 86	Cream, Tart, lb.	30 35
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	Prunes, 50 to 60	7 1/2	Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette		Cloves	20 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	Prunes, 70 to 80	7 3/4	1-12	00 57	Epsom Salts	03 1/2
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz	5 00	Prunes, 60 to 70	8 3/4	Brier, 7s, cuds	00 65	Extract Logwood, bulk	14 13
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11	Derby, 7s, cuds	00 68	Extract Logwood, boxes	15 20
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50	Matches		P. & W. Chewing, Cuds.	00 66	German Quinine	35 45
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	Telephone	\$3 60	P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 66	Glycerine, lb.	30 35
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	Telephone	3 40			Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	Tiger	3 25	Wooden Ware	Per doz.	Ginger, African	20 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	3 10			Pails, 2 hoop clear.	1 50	Howard's Quinine, oz.	45 55
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50			Pails, wire hoop.	2 25	Iodine	5 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50			Pails, Star fibre	4 00	Insect Powder	35 40
	Per tin.			Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50	Morphia, sul.	2 10
Sardines, domestic 1/4s.	06 08	Nuts	Per pound	Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50	Opium	4 50
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	09 15	Brazils	12 1/2	Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50	Oil, olive	1 25
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	15 25	Taragona Almonds	13 15	Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50	Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25
Sardines, imp. 1/4s, boneless	20 35	Peanuts, roasted	10 15	Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50	Oil, lemon, super	2 75
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/4s.	10 12	Peanuts, green	10 15			Oil, peppermint	4 00
	Per doz.	Grenoble Walnuts	15 18	Tubs, nests (3)	1 65	Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 50
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s.	1 50	French Walnuts	13 15	Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25	Oxalic Acid	14 16
Imp. Kipperd Herrings, 1s.	2 00	Sicily Filberts	11 15			Potass Iodide	3 75
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 1s.	2 00	Shelled Almonds	25 30	Syrup	Per nest	Paris Green, lb.	15 20
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s.	2 00	Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2	Medium, per lb.	3c	Saltpetre	10 12
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s.	2 00	Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	\$7 00	Molasses, per gal.	35c	Sal Rochelle	30 35
	Per doz.					Shellac	35 40
Canned Meats	Per case.	Sugar		Sugar		Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00	Extra Standard Granulated.	5 1/2	German Granulated.	4 1/2	Sulphur Holl, keg.	3 1/2
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75	Extra Ground	6 c	Extra Ground	6 c	Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs.	3 75
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 50	Powdered	6 c	Powdered	6 c	Sal Soda	2 00
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.	6 25	Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2	Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2	Tartaric Acid, lb.	45 55
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50	Maple Sugar	12 1/2	Maple Sugar	12 1/2	Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	55 1 00
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	6 00						
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75	Salt	Per pound	Lard	Per lb.		
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s	2 doz 1 50	Rock Salt	1 1/2	Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 50		
	Per doz.	Common, fine	1 00	Lard, pure, 50 lb pails	4 40		
Potted Ham, 1/4s.	75	Common, coarse	1 20	Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb.	6 00		
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	75	Dairy, 100-3	3 25	Lard, Trierces, per lb.	5 1/2		
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	75	Dairy, 60-5	3 15	Smoked Meats	per lb.		
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	1 50			Hams	11 11 1/2		
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	1 50			Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 12		
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	1 50			Breakfast bacon, backs	10 1/2		
				Spiced rolls	5 1/2		
				Shoulders	8 1/2		
				Long Clear	9 1/2		
				Dry Salt Meats	Per barrel		
				Long clear bacon	5 1/2		
				Roundless Shoulders	5 1/2		
				Backs	9 1/2		
				Imported Short Clear	5 1/2		
				Barrel Pork	Per barrel		
				Heavy mess	15 50		
				Short Cut	16 50		
				Meat Sundries			
				Fresh pork sausage, lb.	7		
				Bologna sausage, lb.	6 1/2		
				Ham, chicken and tongue, doz	\$1 20		
				Pickled hocks, per lb.	03		
				Pickled tongues	05		
				Pickled pigs feet, pail 15 lbs.	1 40		
				Sausage Casings, lb.	20 25		
				FRESH FISH.			
				OYSTERS			
				Whitefish, lb.	4 1/2		
				Pickrel, lb.	03 1/2		
				Trout, lb.	09		
				Lake Superior Herrings, doz.	20		
				Pike, lb.	12		
				Salmon, lb.	12		
				R.C. halibut, lb.	10		
				Smelts, lb.	09		
				Cod, lb.	08		
				Haddock	08		
				Blainers, per box.	1 25		
				Flindon haddock, lb.	06 07		
				Smoked goldeyes, doz	30		
				Oysters, standard, gal.	1 20		
				Oysters, select, gal.	1 50		
				Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl.	6 50		
				Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl.	7 50		

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

Alum, lb. 3 1/2

Alcohol, gal. 59 5 7/8

Bleaching Powder, lb. 06 07

Bluestone, lb. 01 13

Bluestone, barrel lots 01 1/2

Borax 11 12

Bromide Potash 65 75

Camphor 68 75

Camphor, ounces 80 90

Carbolic Acid 40 65

Castor Oil 15 17

Chlorate Potash 25 30

Citric Acid 55 65

Copperas 03 1/2

Cocaine, oz. 5 50

Cream, Tart, lb. 30 35

Cloves 20 25

Epsom Salts 03 1/2

Extract Logwood, bulk 14 13

Extract Logwood, boxes 15 20

German Quinine 35 45

Glycerine, lb. 30 35

Ginger, Jamaica 30 35

Ginger, African 20 25

Howard's Quinine, oz. 45 55

Iodine 5 00

Insect Powder 35 40

Morphia, sul. 2 10

Opium 4 50

Oil, olive 1 25

Oil, U.S. Salad 1 25

Oil, lemon, super 2 75

Oil, peppermint 4 00

Oil, cod liver, gal. 1 50

Oxalic Acid 14 16

Potass Iodide 3 75

Paris Green, lb. 15 20

Saltpetre 10 12

Sal Rochelle 30 35

Shellac 35 40

Sulphur Flowers 3 1/2

Sulphur Holl, keg. 3 1/2

Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs. 3 75

Sal Soda 2 00

Tartaric Acid, lb. 45 55

Strychnine, pure crystals, oz. 55 1 00

CURED MEATS AND LARD

LEATHER

Per pound

Harness, oak 33

Harness, union oak No. 1 33

Harness, union oak No. 1 R 3 1/2

Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand 33

Harness, hemlock No. 1 B, anchor brand 3 1/2

Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 3 1/2

Do., No. 1 R 3 1/2

Black collar leather 36

Sole, union oak 3 1/2

Listowel, sole 27 30

Penetang, sole 27 30

H. F. French calf 1 25

H. F. French kip 9 1/2

Canada calf 65 80

Canada calf, Horseshoe 90

Horseshoe Brand Kip 80

Karn Kip 85

Wax upper 42 46

Grain upper 42 46

Kangaroo, per foot 25 30

Dolgora, per foot 25 40

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.

Per ton

Pennsylvania anthracite—

Stove, nut or lump 10 00

Pea size 7 50

Western anthracite, stove 9 50

Western anthracite, nut 7 25

Leithbridge bituminous 7 50

Hocking 7 50

Souris lignite 4 50

Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines 1 50

Hosburg smelting 9 50

Cordwood

These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.

Per cord

Tamarac, good, last winter's cut. 4 25

Pine, green cut, dry 3 75

Pine, dead cut 3 50

Spruce 2 75

Poplar, green cut dry 3 00

Poplar, dead cut 2 25

Oak, green cut dry body 4 50

Oak, dead cut. 4 80

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Whitefish, lb. 4 1/2

Pickrel, lb. 03 1/2

Trout, lb. 09

Lake Superior Herrings, doz. 20

Pike, lb. 12

Salmon, lb. 12

R.C. halibut, lb. 10

Smelts, lb. 09

Cod, lb. 08

Haddock 08

Blainers, per box. 1 25

Flindon haddock, lb. 06 07

Smoked goldeyes, doz 30

Oysters, standard, gal. 1 20

Oysters, select, gal. 1 50

Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl. 6 50

Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl. 7 50



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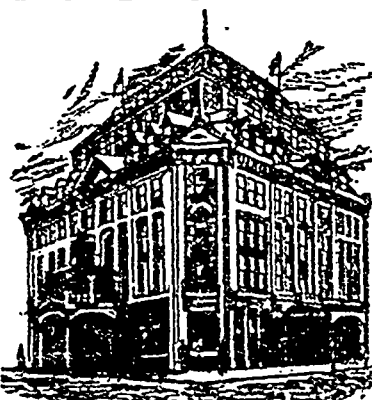
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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

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

Montreal	94,000
Toronto	27,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	315,000
Manitoba elevators	2,210,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	851,000

Total March 19 3,497,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on March 19, were 42,570,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 58,239,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 4,424,000 bushels, compared with 1,857,000 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 March 26, was 30,061,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,356,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 39,023,000 bushels, two years ago 61,048,000 bushels, three years ago 74,308,000 bushels, four years ago 71,458,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	6,650,000 bushels
Duluth	3,293,000 "
Minneapolis	11,270,000 "
New York	1,391,000 "
Buffalo	585,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 12,854,000 bushels, compared with 13,528,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 43,388,000 bushels, compared with 26,077,000 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 February 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: February 1, 1898, 129,123,000; February 1, 1897, 123,629,000; February 1, 1896, 160,425,000; February 1, 1895, 181,419,000; February 1, 1894, 183,927,000; February 1, 1893, 178,038,000; February 1, 1892, 155,308,000; February 8, 1891, 105,087,000; February 1, 1890, 105,533,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	60,950,950	47,084,050
Milwaukee	7,352,462	6,096,195
Duluth	34,425,340	35,143,029
Chicago	28,680,676	14,373,141

Total 131,408,568 102,696,415

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, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	9,924,930	6,397,735
St. Louis	10,775,956	10,451,341
Detroit	4,381,275	2,973,276
Kansas City	26,187,566	6,346,200
Total	51,269,727	26,168,552

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" fall . . . . .	.04	.07
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, 70@71c.
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05@2.10; Bakers, \$1.35@1.90.
- Bran—Per ton, \$6.
- Shorts—Per ton, \$8.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 18@24c.
- Barley—Feed, 20 @ 23c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.
- Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 45@50c per bushel.
- Butter—Dairy, dealers' price, 16@18c.
- Cheese—Dealers selling at 9@10c.
- Eggs—Fresh selling at 16@17c.
- Beef—City dressed, fresh, 5 1/2 @ 6c; country beef, 3@4 1/2c.
- Mutton—Frozen 7@8c.
- Hogs—Dressed, 4 1/2 @ 5c in round lots.
- Cattle—3@4c as to quality.
- Hogs—Live, off cars, 4 1/2c for best bacon.
- Sheep—3 1/2 @ 4c off cars here.
- Hides—Green frozen, 6 1/2 @ 7c.
- Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.
- Poultry—Chickens, 6@7c per pound; turkeys, 9@10c per lb.
- Potatoes—30@35c per bushel.
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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, April, 2, 1898.

Australian butter is out, eggs 1c higher, oranges and lemons 2c lower, poultry 5c higher; fresh meats 1/2@1c higher.

Butter—California creamery, 24 1/2c; Oregon, 27c.

Eggs—Local, 20c; California and Oregon, 20c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11 1/2@12 1/2c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12 1/2@13c; long clear 10c; short rolls 10 1/2c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; frozen salmon 6c lb; whitening 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 9c; kippered herring 8c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 7c; frozen white fish, 10c lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes 13@15 per ton ashcroft \$19.50; local onions, 3 1/2c; California onions 5c lb; cabbage 2 1/2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$2.75 box; apples, 1@1.75 box; Navel oranges, \$3.00; seedling oranges, \$2.00

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 1/2 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 1/2 pound sacks \$3.00; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.00; strong bakers \$5.70; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, \$28.00 per ton; wheat \$25@26 per ton; barley, \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$18 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8 @ 9c; mutton 11@12c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 8@8 1/2; veal 9@10c; Pemmanican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, 4.00 @ \$4.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, 5.50@5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 @ 6.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.50@3.75 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, 15@16c lb; ducks, 15@16c lb; turkeys, 20c lb.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 7 1/2@9c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnut, 13c lb.

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

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, April, 1.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$1.60 basis per, refined, \$1.90; Swedes inch and over, \$3.25 @ \$4.25; Lowmoor, 5 1/2c@6c; hoops, coopers, \$2.25 basis; boiler rivets, best, \$4.50; sheet 10 and 12 gauge, \$2.20 and 2.50; 22 to 24 do, 2 1/2c @ 2 3/4c. 26 do, 2 1/2c; 28 do, \$2.75; Russian sheet, per lb 10c @12c.

Iron Pipe—1/2 to 3/4 inch, 65 per cent. off; 1/2 to 2 inch, 67 1/2c @ 70 1/2c and 10 off.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 28 to 56 lb. in-gots, 16 1/2c per lb.

Copper—Ingot, 12 1/2c; sheet, 17c @ 28c. Lead—Bar, 4 1/2c @ 5c; pig, 4 1/2c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75 @ 5.25; shot, can., dis., 12 1/2 per cent.

Steel—Cast, 12c@14c; boiler plate, 1/2-inch, \$1.90; 5-16 do, 3/4 do, sleigh shoe, \$2.15.

Canada Plates—Half bright, \$2.50; all bright, \$3.

Tin Plate—IC coke, \$3.10; IC charcoal, \$3.75@4; I 1/2 charcoal, \$4.75 @ 5; IXX charcoal, \$5.75@6; DC charcoal, \$3.75@4.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 1/2c@5 1/4c; zinc, spelter, 4 1/2c; domestic, imported, 5 1/2c; solder, hf. and hf., 13c@14c.

Brass—Sheet, 21c@28c.

Galvanized Iron—18 to 21 gauge, 4 1/2c; 26 do. 4 1/2c; 28 do. 25c.

Horseshoes—Per keg \$3.25.

Wire—Barb Wire—2c 30 days, or 2 per cent Toronto f.o.b.; galvanized fence, 30 per cent 4 months or 3 per cent; annealed 35 per cent.

Coiled chain—1/2-inch, \$4.65; 3/4-inch, \$3.25; 1-inch, \$3.10; 1 1/4-inch, \$2.80; 1 1/2-inch, \$2.75.

Horse Nails—Canadian dis., 50 per cent. Canadian Horse Nail Co., "C" brand, f. o. b., Montreal, 50 p. c. "M" brand, 50 p. c.

Nails—Cut nails (iron) basis, 50 to 60 dy., \$1.80 f. o. b., Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, London. Cut nails (steel), add 10c to the prices in list for iron nails.

Wire nails, \$1.95 per keg, Toronto; for places outside factory points \$1.90 f.o.b., Montreal. Carload lots, 5c per keg less than above figures. Brads and finishing nails, special sizes, 80 p. c. from new list.

Rope—Manilla, 7 1/2c basis; sisal, 6 1/2c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$6@11.

Glass—1st break, \$1.45 per 50 feet; \$2.75 per 100 feet.

Binder Twine—Pure sisal, 5c@5 1/2c; mixed, 5 1/2c@6 1/2c.

Paints and Oils—Turpentine, 55c delivered at western Ontario points. Linsced oil, raw 49c, boiled 52c delivered.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, April, 1.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 1/2c; No. 2 granulated, 4 5-16c; Dutch granulated, 4 3-8c; yellows, 3 1/2c @ 4 1/2c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 32c@38c; special bright, 40c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, bris, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 28c@30; for medium and 35c@50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c; fines, 30@35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oolongs, 25c@65c; Ceylons, 17@45c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 1/2@12 1/2c; Mocha, 26c@30c; Java, 28c@32c.

Caused goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.30; peas, 95@1; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20;

corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 75@80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@1; sock-eyes, \$1.17 1/2@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4 1/2c@5c; fine, off-stalk, 5 1/2c@5 1/4c; selected, 6c@6 1/2c; layers, 6 1/2c@7c; Provincial, currants, 6 1/2c; Filiatras, 6 1/2c@7c; Patras, 7c@7 1/2c; Vostizzas, 8c@8 1/2c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 10c@11c; 50's to 60's, 8c@8 1/2c; 60's to 70's, 7 1/2c@8c; 70's to 80's, 7c@7 1/2c; 80's to 90's, 6 1/2c@7c; 90's to 100's, 6@6 1/2c. Bosnia prunes, 5 1/2@6 1/2c; Sultanas, 10c@12 1/2c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallowee dates, 5 1/2@6 1/2c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.50@1.65 per box; black baskets, \$2.25; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.50; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3 1/2@4c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7 1/2c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12 1/2c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4 1/2c, 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Nuts—Marbols, 10@11c; filberts, Sicily, 9@11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 1/2@4c; do Patna, 5 1/2 @5 1/2c; do Japan, 5 1/2@6 1/2c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochin, 15@20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@18c; Ambboy, 15@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@1; cream tartar, pure, 28c, 22 @25c for compound.

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Mess Pork—\$16 for Canada mess; short cut, \$16.50@17.00; clear mess, \$14.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7 1/2@8c, ton and case lots, 8c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 12c hams, large 10c and 10 1/2c to 11c for small; picnic hams, 8 1/2c to 9c; rolls, 8 1/2 to 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 2.

This week for the first time in a number of months bank clearings at Winnipeg show a decline as compared with the corresponding week of last year, but they show considerably larger than two years ago. Business has been rather quieter this week, due partially to the rough weather which has been cold for the season. An early spring is now out of the question. New settlers are arriving freely from the east and south and railway traffic is heavy for the season. Land sales are large. The building season is starting in, though delayed by the rough weather.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 2

DRY GOODS.

Business has been rather quieter in this branch. Spring shipments are now nearly all out, and sorting trade has not opened yet.

FISH.

Spring salmon is now arriving and is quoted higher at 15c. Other lines unchanged. See quotations on another page.

GREEN FRUITS.

Business has improved somewhat in this branch. There is a firmer tendency for oranges and lemons, but prices are the same. It is said that though the recent frosts in California covered a large area of country, the oranges and lemons escaped. A light crop of prunes, plums, apricots, etc., is expected, however, as a result of the frost. Prices are: Mexican oranges, \$3 to \$3.50; navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4.00 California seedling oranges, \$3.25; bitter oranges, \$6 per case, bananas, per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3.50; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per box; apples, Ontario stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for good to choice; southern apples \$4 per bbl.; off quality, \$2.00 to \$3.50 per bbl. as to condition; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8.50 to \$9 a barrel; frozen stock, \$4 to \$7 per barrel, as to quality, which varies widely; sweet potatoes, \$5.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes \$7 to \$10 per keg; Ontario black walnuts, 8c lb.; coconuts, \$1 per doz.; Stilly Gilberts, large 11 to 12c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, fancy clemes, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 10 lb. box, 30 lb. boxes, 16c; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; dates, 7c per lb.; shelled walnuts, 25 to 27c per lb.; imported celery, 60 to 75c per doz.; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

There is still a liberal movement of hardware, and local houses have had a large season's trade. Binder twine has sold freely for later delivery. A great many orders for twine have now been placed. Prices are steady. Refined petroleum is 1-2 to 1c higher east, but locally there is no change. Lubricating oils have been reduced 4 to 6c per gallon.

LUMBER.

The new Winnipeg list has not been issued yet, but it will be out early next week. The changes in prices, as previously mentioned, will be main-

ly to correspond with the recent advances in British Columbia lumber and shingles.

RAW FURS.

See reports of London fur sales in another column, and Winnipeg quotations on another page.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat prices have been somewhat irregular, but values are not much changed from a week ago. Argentine has been shipping heavily recently, that country sending out 2,400,000 bushels last week. On the other hand Argentine advices said the surplus would be less than earlier estimates. From California it was reported that the crop was so poor on account of the drouth, that only a half crop was counted upon. American exports last week were 3,900,000 bushels.

Locally the situation has been very dull. In the country the delivery season is now over and the elevators are being closed up until after seeding is finished. Business was also very dull in this market. Holders seem inclined to hang on, and buyers are not anxious for the grain. Prices here ranged from 95 1-2 to 97c during the week, for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. Yesterday 96 to 96 1-2c was the quotation for spot and 97 1-2c for May delivery. About 83c was paid in the country markets, to farmers.

FLOUR—The market is steady and prices unchanged. We quote: Patent, \$2.50; best bakers \$2.30; second bakers \$1.90; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 98 lbs, with discount of 5c net.

MILLEED—Prices are firm, the demand is very large, and the supply scarce. The mills are shipping westward to country points. We quote bran at \$12 and shorts \$14 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is higher and now quoted at \$17 to \$18 per ton. Oil cake \$22 per ton.

OATMEAL—The market is firm. The Manitoba mills have very little to offer. Dealers are selling to the trade at \$2 for sacks of rolled.

BARLEY—Nominal in the absence of business, at about 40c for feed and 45 to 50c for seed samples.

OATS—Prices are very firm. Feed oats are held stiff at 39 to 40c and seed at 41 to 43c per bushel for car lots on track, Winnipeg, equal to 35 to 36c in the country for good samples.

CORN—We quote 40c per bush. of 56 lbs. for cars on track here.

BUTTER, creamery—A little fall creamery is still held, which is selling at 23 to 23 1-2c.

BUTTER—Dairy—Good butter is very scarce, as for choice there is practically none. What is called good is nothing extra. Stocks of held goods have been culled over and over until what remains is pretty poor stuff. But even poor stuff called cooking butter is bringing 13 to 15c per lb. and so-called good 16 to 18, which are high prices in comparison with the quality of the goods. For really good fresh butter, 19 to 20c can be had in small way, but of course there is very little which will come up to the mark.

CHEESE—Dealers are selling at 10 to 10 1-2c. Stocks limited.

EGGS—Prices have been somewhat firmer this week, owing to cold weather, but the market is irregular and

very unsettled. Prices opened at 12 1/2-2c on Monday, but later in the week advanced to 13c, and then to 14c and yesterday commission dealers were selling at 13 to 14c, from which freight and commission would be deducted. Some retail stores in the city, however, were selling at 12 1-2c all the week, evidently from supplies sent them from the country. The immediate future is unsettled, though prices may hold up until after Easter.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is scarce and prices firm. Good chickens will bring 9c dressed, or 60 to 75c per pair live, and turkeys 11c per lb. live weight.

DRESSED MEATS—The season is well over for handling dressed hogs in quantities, though packers are still buying. Fresh beef is mostly selling at 6c. No fresh mutton has been offered yet. Veal is scarce. We quote hogs 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c, and a few fancy may bring 7c in a small way. Beef 6 to 6 1-2c for city dressed. Some frozen beef is still selling at 4 to 5c, for good to choice. Mutton 6 1-2 to 7c, and generally held at 7c. Veal 7 to 9c, as to quality.

CURED MEATS and LARD—Prices are firm. See quotations on another page.

HIDES—Our telegraphic reports a week ago to-day reported hides 1-2c lower at three different markets, which with previous declines, would make a total reduction of 1 to 1 1-2c within a short time at different points. This shows that the decline in hides is general, and it is a usual thing at this season of the year for hides to decline, mainly owing to the inferior quality of spring hides where they are affected with grubs. A few frozen hides are still coming in. Any holders of frozen stock should ship at once, as we are liable to have a few warm days any time now, which would damage hides long in transit, and they are always liable to delay in transit. The local market is weak. Some buyers are not offering above 6c for frozen stock. We quote green frozen hides 6 1-2c flat, 5 lbs. tares; kip, 6 to 7c; calf, 7 to 9c per lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts nominal at 75c each for fresh skins; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleeces.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 16c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes were easier. Carrots are very scarce. Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots, \$1 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb; imported, 3c; celery, 80 to 75c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beans, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 11-2 to 2c.

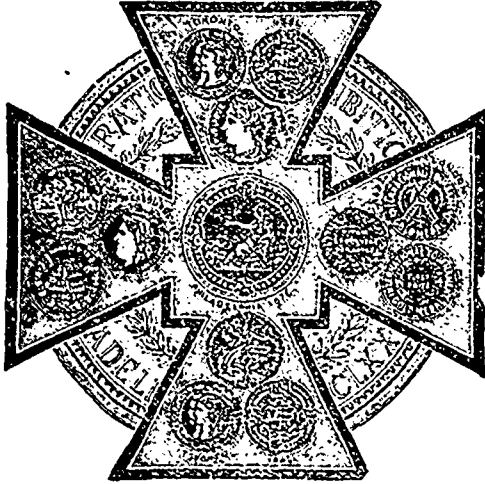
HAY—A considerable demand has set in for hay, car lots being wanted to ship to some country points where the supply is short. Baled is now held at \$7 to \$8 per ton on track at point of shipment, or \$9 to \$10 on cars here. It is risky now to ship hay, as much of the hay baled in the winter has snow mixed, which will soon thaw out and mow on the hay, causing it to spoil.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Cable reports on cattle were better this week. There is still brisk buying of stockers to ship to the United States. Even more calves are being plucked up. One car sent out

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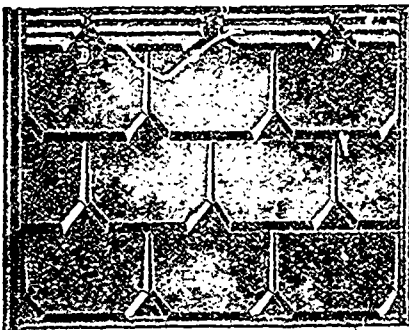
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are in the country and bidding 4c."

SHEEP—No sales made here yet this season. Spring lambs, \$4 each.

HOGS—The market is steady at 50 for best bacon hogs. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$8.25 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

HORSES—A good many horses are being brought in from Ontario and the States, to supply the usual spring demand. The usual range is \$225 to \$250 for fair to good farm teams.

K. Gillies, has opened a jewelry store at Douglas, Man.

H. A. Nelson & Sons, wholesale fancy goods, etc., Montreal and Toronto, have issued an illustrated catalogue showing a great variety of summer sporting goods, fishing tackle, toys, etc.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 28.—Wheat — Receipts 91,575 bush.; exports 89,931 bush. Options opened firmer on stronger cable news and excited wave west, after developing weakness in new months, owing to liquidations; prices had a general afternoon rally on strength on Wall street, and reported peace negotiations at Washington; March closed 2c lower; May unchanged, and late months 1c to 1 1/4 net higher. No. 2 red March opened 99c, closed 99c; May opened 98 to 99 3-8, closed 99; July opened 85 9-16 to 87 1-8, closed 87; Sept. opened 79 5-8 to 81 3-8, closed 81 3-8; December opened 80 3-4 to 82 1-4, closed 82 1-4.

New York, March 29.—Wheat — Receipts 48,100 bushels; exports 24,083 bushels; sales 3,565,000 bushels futures; 24,000 bushels spot. Spot weak; No. 2 red \$1.00 5-8 f.o.b. afloat spot; No. 1 Northern Duluth \$1.07 3-8 f.o.b. afloat to arrive; No. 2 hard Manitoba \$1.08 1-8; Options opened weak, and continued so all day, except for a brief midday rally on a liberal decrease in Bradstreet's visible supply. The bearish influences were disappointing cables, disquieting Washington news and heavy liquidation, especially near the close; final prices were 7-8 to 17-8c net lower. No. 2 red March opened 98 1-8 to 98 5-8, closed 98 1-8; May opened 93 to 3-4, closed 98 1-8; July opened 84 7-8 to 86 3-16, closed 85 1-8; Sept. opened 79 3-8 to 80 3-8, closed 80; Dec. opened 80 3-4 to 81 1-4, closed 81.

New York, March 30.—Wheat: Receipts 64,750 bushels; exports 79,968 bushels. Options opened firmer on better cables than expected and was governed all day by Washington news. Activity among shorts kept prices well sustained until just before the close, when realizing set in and established a sharp break, final prices being 3-8 cent off on late positions. No. 2 red March closed 98 1-2; May 98 1-8 to 99, closed 98 1-2; July 85 1-8 to 86; closed 85 1-4; Sept. 79 3-4 to 80 1-2, closed 79 3-4; Dec. closed 80 3-4.

New York, March 31.—Wheat—Receipts 108,000, exports 22,000, sales 2,255,000 futures, 24,000 spot. Spot steady. No. 2 red \$1.00 3-4, No. 1 northern New York \$1.04 3-4, No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.09 1-4, No. 1 northern Duluth \$1.08, No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.00 1-2. Options opened a shade easier on account of scattered selling but rallied at once on cables and small northwestern receipts. Prices were sustained by traders all day in absence of unsettling war news or other disturbing influences and closed 1-8c to 1-1c net higher. No. 2 red May 98 3-8c to 99c, closed 98 3-4c; July 84 7-8c to 85 3-8c, closed 85 1-8c; Sept 79 7-8c to 80c, closed 79 7-8c; Dec. 81c to 81 1-8c, closed 81c.

New York, April 1.—Wheat: Receipts 57,350 bushels; exports 104,059 bushels; sales 1,325,000 bushels; futures 424,000 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red \$1.01 1-4 fob afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.09 3-4 fob afloat spot; No. 1 northern Duluth \$1.08 1-2 fob afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.09 fob afloat to arrive. Options opened firmer on small northwest receipts and general covering, subsequently further advances were based on active short sales, the closing being very firm and 3-8c to 3-4c net higher. Speculation, however, was restricted all day by sensational war rumors. No. 2 red May 99 1-4 to 99 3-4, closed 99 1-4; July 85 1-4 to

86, closed 85 7-8; Sept. 79 7-8 to 80 3-8, closed 80 1-4; Dec. closed 81 3-8.

On Saturday, April 2, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.00 3-8 for May option, and 37 3-4c July, and 81 3-4c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 99c.

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 for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, March 29.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Dec. 78 1-4; Sept. 77 7-8; May \$1.05 1-4; July 84.

Corn—No. 2 May 29 1-8; July 30 1-2; Sept. 31 1-2.

Oats—No. 2 May 25 1-4; July 23 1-8; Mess pork — May \$9.50; July \$9.57 1-2.

Lard—May \$4.95; July \$5.02 1-2. Ribs—May \$5.02 1-2, July \$5.07 1-2.

Chicago, March 29.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.04 1-4; July 81 7-8 to 82; Sept. 76 1-8; Dec. 76 3-4.

Corn—May 28 3-4 to 7-8; July 80 1-8; Sept. 31 1-4.

Oats—May 24 7-8; July 22 3-4 to 22 7-8.

Mess pork — May \$9.40; July \$9.47 1-2.

Lard—May \$4.97 1-2; July \$5.05. Short ribs—May \$5; July \$5.05.

Chicago, March 30.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.03 3-4; July 82 to 82 1-8; Sept. 76 1-4; Dec. 76 3-4.

Corn—May 28 1-8; June 30 1-8 to 30 1-4; Sept. 31 1-4 to 31 3-8.

Oats—May 25; July 23.

Mess pork — May \$9.40; July \$9.47 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.00; July \$5.07 1-2. Short ribs—May \$5.02 1-2; July \$5.07 1-2.

Chicago, March 31.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—March \$1.01, May \$1.03 1-4, July 83 1-8c to 83 1-4c, Sept 76 1-8c, Dec 76 3-4c.

Corn—May 29c, July 30 1-4c to 30 3-8c, Sept. 31 3-8c to 31 1-2c.

Oats—May 25c, July 22 7-8c.

Mess pork—May \$9.60, July \$9.47 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.10, July \$5.17 1-2. Short ribs—May \$5.10, July \$5.17 1-2.

Chicago, April 1.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May \$1.03 3-4, July 82 7-8c to 83c, Sept. 76 3-4c, Dec 77 1-8c.

Corn—Sept. 31 3-8c to 31 1-2c, May 29c, July 30 1-4c to 30 3-8c.

Oats—May 25 1-8c, July 22 7-8c to 23c.

Mess pork—May \$9.52 1-2, July \$9.62 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.07 1-2, July \$5.15. Short ribs—May \$5.05, July \$5.12 1-2.

On Saturday, April 2, July wheat opened at 83 5-8c and ranged upward to 85. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May \$1.05, July 84 1-4c, Sept. 77 7-8c.

Corn—May 29 3-8c, July 30 3-4c. Oats—May 25 1-4c, July 23 1-8c.

Pork—May \$9.65, July \$9.77 1-2. Lard—May \$5.20, July \$5.25.

Ribs—May \$5.12 1-2, July \$5.22 1-2. Flax seed—Cash \$1.19 1-2, July \$1.19 3-4.

A week ago May option closed at \$1.04. A year ago May wheat closed at 70 3-8c, two years ago at 64 3-4c, three years ago at 55 1-4c, and four years ago at 64 3-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat is firm to-day, and quoted at 97 to 97 1-2c spot and 98 1-2 to 99c May, Fort William.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 93 1-4c; July 92 3-4c.

Tuesday—May 97 3-4c; July 92 3-4c.

Wednesday—May 97 7-8c; July 93 1-2c.

Thursday—May 97 1-2c; July 93 1-2c.

Friday—May 98; July 93 3-4.

Saturday—May 98 3-4c, July 94 3-4, Sept. 77 1-2c.

Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 99 1-4c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 98 1-4c.

Last week May options closed at 97 3-4c.

A year ago May option closed at 71c, and two years ago at 62 7-8c; three years ago May option closed at 60 7-8c, four years ago at 63c, and five years ago at 63 1-2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, April 2, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 95 1-4c for May option, 94 1-4c for July, and 76 1-4c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 94c.

British Columbia Items.

C. E. Hanson, jeweler, has opened business at Revelstoke.

D. Jenkins, has opened in boots and shoes at Revelstoke.

Chapple & Clinton, pork dealers, Trail, have sold out.

The following business items are reported from Vancouver: Tomlinson & MacNabb, flour and feed, have lost about \$300 by fire; Hobson & Ingram, grocers, have dissolved.

W. J. Armstrong, hardware, Vernon, has assigned.

F. E. Archer hardware, Kaslo, has sold out to Dill & Hamilton.

Reid & Coly, Wardner, will open a drug and fancy goods and furnishing business at Moyie City. The business will be in charge of W. F. Reid, druggist.

E. Johnston, hotel, Ashcroft, reported succeeded by Gas. Bettman.

E. Beattie is opening in drugs at Cranbrook.

Drew & Hayes, hotel, Fort Steele, have dissolved.

Johnston & Barber, bakers, Kamloops, have dissolved; W. Johnston retiring.

Johnston & Collister are opening in groceries at New Westminster.

The firm of Christie & Annable, brokers Nelson, has been dissolved. Mr. Annable has accepted the general agency of the Ontario Mutual Life Insurance company. Mr. Christie will continue the business.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, April 1.—Money on call firm; 2 to 6 per cent. Last loan 4 per cent; prime mercantile paper 5 to 9 1-2 per cent; sterling exchange weak at \$1.83 1-2 to \$1.84 for demand and at \$4.80 3-4 to \$4.81 for sixty days. Posted rates \$1.81 1-2 to \$1.82 and \$1.84 1-2 to \$1.84; commercial bills \$4.80; silver certificates 55 1-4; bar silver 55 1-2; Mexican dollars 45. Government bonds weak. Stocks closed dull and weak.

The senate has rejected the Yukon railway bill by a majority of thirty-eight.

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HYSLOP BROS.

Western Business Items.

A. McMillan, V. S., of Virden, has moved to Brandon.

Davis & Padgham, Winnipeg, tailors, have dissolved.

J. McDonald, hotel, Winnipeg, has sold out to Daniel Mooney.

W. J. Christie, undertaker, is opening business at Yorkton, Assa.

W. M. Gibson has opened business in house furnishings at 574 Main street, Winnipeg.

B. Rose, from Ontario, will open a bakery and confectionery shop, at Douglas, Man.

Tenders are called for the work and materials for a system of waterworks for Rat Portage.

The stock of S. Graham, general store keeper, of Baldur, Man., has been sold to one Bell.

Harris & Co., clothing, Morden, have opened a branch business at Curman, Man., in charge of F. Harris.

Mr. Brooks, of Douglas, is erecting a blacksmith shop, at Forrest, Man., where he will start business.

A. J. Baskin has sold out his general blacksmithing business at Minnedosa, Man., to Hugh Steele.

E. Nicholson, Winnipeg, had in a car of Dow & Curry's rolled oats this week, which sold quickly.

C. B. Scantlebury, wall paper and stationery, Belleville, Ont., is opening a branch business in Winnipeg.

A. Wilson of Winnipeg, has started a carriage shop in connection with Street's blacksmith's shop at Portage in Prairie, Man.

D. Naismith was in Winnipeg this week. He goes to Vancouver to take charge of the new branch which J. Y. Griffin & Co. are opening there.

E. F. Hutchings, wholesale saddler, etc., Winnipeg, has returned from a western trip, during which he visited his branches at Edmonton and other points.

The purchase of the lumber business of W. J. Mathers, at Neepawa, Man., by John Law, was noted last week. Mr. Law is now said to have made the purchase for R. C. Ennis.

The estate of the Whitelaw Trading Co., Brandon, is offered for sale by tender. It consists of groceries, fixtures and chattels to the amount of \$3,000.

It is rumored that Mackenzie and Mann are endeavoring to arrange to extend the Manitoba Northwestern railway. This brings to remembrance the fact that the identity of the recent purchaser of the road, or the first mortgage bonds of the road are not known.

Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin: Traffic east and west is about the largest ever known. Rates eastbound are unsettled at 12 to 15c per 100 pounds on flour and grain from Chicago to New York and 17 to 20c on provisions. Ocean rates are stronger. The through rates from Chicago to Liverpool on flour is 28 1/4 to 29c per 100 pounds, grain 16 3/8 to 16 1/2c and provisions 33 7/8 to 38c. Lake rates steady with a fair business at 11-2c on corn to Buffalo, and 33-4c for wheat and 3 1/4-1 1/2 for corn to Kings-ton.

London Fur Sales**LAMPSON'S FUR SALES.**

Last week we gave the result of the cable report of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s March sales at London, England. Following is the cable report of C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sales which closed a week later, compared with prices in March, 1897:

Sea otter, 20 per cent higher.
 Fox, silver, 25 per cent higher.
 Fox, blue, 15 per cent higher.
 Fox, cross, 20 per cent higher.
 Fox, red, 20 per cent higher.
 Fox, grey, 10 per cent lower.
 Fox, white, 25 per cent higher.
 Fisher, 12 1-2 per cent lower.
 Wolverine, 10 per cent lower.
 Mink, western, 20 per cent higher.
 Mink, northern, 30 per cent higher.
 Marten, 17 1-2 per cent higher.
 Russian sable, 20 per cent higher.
 Otter, 10 per cent higher.
 Bear, black 20 per cent higher.
 Bear, brown 15 per cent lower.
 Bear, grizzly, same as March.
 Bear, white, same as March.
 Lynx, 10 per cent higher.
 Wild cat 10 per cent higher.
 House cat 10 per cent higher.
 The following furs are compared with last January sales:
 Wombat 10 1-2 per cent higher.
 Beaver, same as January last.
 Chinchilla, red, same as January last
 Chinchilla, bastard, 20 per cent higher,
 Rat, spring, same as January.
 Rat, winter, same as January.
 Rat, fall, 10 per cent lower.
 Rat, black, 10 per cent higher.
 Dry fur seal, same as March, 1896.
 Salted fur sealskins sold as follows:
 Copper Island 25 per cent higher than Dec., 1896.
 N. W. Coast 10 per cent lower than Dec., 1897.
 Cape Horn 10 per cent higher than Dec., 1897.
 Lobos, same as December, 1897.

HUDSON'S BAY CO. FUR SALES.

J. W. Peck & Co., Winnipeg, have received the following report from Phillips, Foltzer & Co., London, Eng., regarding the Hudson's Bay Co.'s March fur sale: Notwithstanding the general dullness of trade during the past year, the fur market all round presents decidedly more favorable prospects. The recent spell of colder weather has stimulated a late trade throughout Europe, and the demand caused by the great depletion of stocks in America, where quite a revival of business has set in at the very end of the season, have together resulted in animating competition in all the European markets. In addition to this, the smallness of the collection in the present series of sales has, of necessity, tended to establish the higher level of prices now ruling all round.

Otter—Firsts and seconds advanced from 5 to 10 per cent., the best marks improving somewhat less than that, while thirds show very little change in values. The entire collection passed into the hands of German dealers.

Fisher—Are from 5 to per cent. lower.

Fox, Silver—The dark skins which last March realized very low figures, have now considerably improved. Medium color and pale skins have also done better, the result being an advance of 25 per cent. on the average of last year's prices.

Fox, Cross—Beyond YF firsts, which

advanced 10 per cent., the changes in value are but slight.

Marten—Seem firmly established in public favor, and the stocks carried over being light. Firsts are from 10 to 15 per cent, and seconds from 2 1-2 to 5 per cent. higher, while thirds remain unaltered. The competition for good pale skins and all good colored skins of the best grades was particularly keen, the latter realising 20 per cent. more than last spring. The bulk of the collection was secured for the home trade, but continental buyers, particularly French, participated to some extent.

Fox, Red—Advanced from 10 to 15 per cent.

Fox, White—For which a trade is expected both in England and America show a very considerable advance compared with last March prices. Firsts, which then had already realized high figures, again improved from 10 to 15 per cent., and seconds and thirds advanced 30 per cent. Most of these go to Germany and some to the United States.

Mink—It is said will be largely used in Europe as well as in America during the coming season, and the great advance generally anticipated was fully realized. Firsts and seconds were 30 to 35 per cent. higher, and thirds show an improvement of 5 to 10 per cent.

Lynx—Continue to be neglected, while stocks on hand are large, but even this article is benefitted by the all round advance, and prices are from 2 1-2 to 5 per cent. higher than last March, this being the first turn for the better they have experienced for some years past. A few were bought for America, but the bulk was secured by German buyers.

Wolf—Firsts are 10 per cent. higher. Seconds somewhat lower.

Wolverine—Greatly neglected, and firsts are 20 per cent. lower, while seconds remain about the same as last year's figures.

Skunk—The low range of prices last spring brought about a more extensive use of this article, and present values show an improvement of 20 to per cent.

Raccoon—15 per cent. higher.

Bear, black—Prices last March were extremely cheap, but, contrary to expectation, the article proved to be in fair demand, particularly late in the season, so that a moderate advance was regarded as probable. The actual result, however, of an advance of 75 per cent to 100 per cent on army bears, and 30 per cent to 35 per cent on furriers' goods, was one of the most surprising features of the present sales.

Bear, brown—Declined about 10 per cent, with the exception of the best lots, which sold 15 per cent higher than last year.

Bear, grey—Averaged rather less than last year.

Bear, white—Unaltered.

Musk ox—A small and poor collection, averaged about the same values as last year, the quality being much inferior.

Hair seal—Large skins were 10 per cent higher, middling and small sizes 5 per cent lower.

A second party has left Owen Sound, Ontario, for the Klondike, and will go via Prince Albert and Green Lake as far as Fort Simpson, where they will take the Liard and Pelly rivers into the gold fields.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 2.

Dry goods—Assorting business is better, the early spring helping to expand the movement. Values are firm. Some travellers are already out with fall samples.

Groceries—This branch is active. Coffee and sugar are firmer in sympathy, with better outside markets. Molasses prices have been fixed to meet Montreal competition. Black pepper half cent dearer.

Hardware—Trade in this branch is active. The chief demand heretofore has been for Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, but now eastern trade is improving. All values steady. Metals active, with upward tendency.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 2.

Grain markets are firmer. Considerable sales of oats were made at 28c but at the close prices are 1c higher.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40; bakers, \$4.90, Ontario straight roller, \$3.90.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, 84c; No. 1 hard, Owen Sound, \$1.06.

Oats—White, 29c for cars white at country points.

Barley—Quiet at 40c for No. 2; 37 for No. 3 extra, and 30 to 32c feed.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$16.00 per ton; bran, \$15.00 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.65 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—9 1-2c.

Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 18c; creamery, tubs, 20c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 5c; cured, 8 1-2c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.30 for fresh killed; tallow, 23-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 4c to 4 1-2c; evaporated, 9 1-2c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—70 to 30c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$5.80 to \$6 per 100 lbs.

Wool—Fleece 20 1-2. Pined supers, 22 to 23c; extras, 19 1-2 to 21 1-2c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.20 per bushel; red clover, \$3.30 to \$3.90.

Maple syrup—90c per gallon.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 29.

Offerings to-day were 70 carloads. These include 260 sheep and lambs, 2,600 hogs.

Export cattle—Were in demand for shipment by St. John at 4c to 4 1-2c. Shipping bulls sold at 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c.

Butchers cattle—Firm and all sold. Good to choice 3 3-4c to 4 1-2c, medium to good 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c, common to fair, 3c to 3 1-2c.

Stockers and feeders—Demand for feeding bulls at 23-4c to 3c. Steers wanted, for which distillery men will pay \$3.60 to \$3.75. Light stockers for Buffalo firmer at \$3.25 to \$3.60.

Sheep and lambs—3c to 3 1-2c for both butchers' and export sheep and 3c for bucks. Lambs were firm at 5 1-2c to 5 3-4c. Everything in demand.

Hogs—The offerings were heavy and the market was weaker. Best bacon \$4.85 to \$4.90, weighed of cars; thick fat, \$4.50; light, \$4.62 1-2; sows, \$3 to \$3.25, and stags, \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, April 1.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 128 carloads, including 7,000

hogs. Export cattle were 1-4c lower at 4 to 4 1-4c. Good demand for choice butchers for the Easter market, for which 4 1-4c was paid for the best. The ordinary run of butchers' cattle were 1-4 to 1-2c lower at 23-4 to 4c. Hogs 15c per 100 lbs lower at \$4.70 to \$4.75 for best bacon.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 2.

Flour steady. Millfeed 50c lower on the outside range. Oats 1-2c lower for May delivery. Spot unchanged.

Eggs 1c lower. Creamery butter 1-2c higher. Dressed meats are all higher. Further sales of Manitoba flour for export are reported.

Oats—33 1-2 to 3 1-4c per bushel for No. 2 white spot, and 3 1-4 to 3 1-2 for May delivery.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90; Manitoba patents, \$5.30.

Millfeed—Bran, \$15 per ton; shorts, \$17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.90 to \$1.95 per bag.

Hides—9c for No. 1.

Eggs—Fresh, 10c per dozen.

Butter—Dairy, 17 1-2 to 18 1-2.

Butter—Creamery, 20 1-2 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—7 1-4 to 7 3-4c.

Dressed hogs—\$6.00 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c, hinds, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 11c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

Maple syrup—Tins, 45 to 50c; in wood, 4 1-2 to 5c lb. Sugar, 6 1-2c to 7c, old sugar, 3c to 4c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 29.

Receipts at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 300 cattle and 60 sheep and lambs. The quality of the stock offered was good, being for the Easter market, but holders did not get the prices expected, 100 cattle were left over unsold. The top price paid was \$4.60 per 100 lbs. for one load. Choice calves sold at 4 1-2c; good, at 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c, and fair at 3 1-2c to 3 1-2c per lb. Sheep ruled firm, at 4c to 4 1-2c per lb., and yearlings sold readily at 5c to 5 1-4c.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards the receipts were 300 cattle; 200 calves, and 300 hogs. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c, and good at 3 1-2 to 4c per lb., live weight. Hogs were weaker, and prices again declined 1-4c to 1-3-4 to 5c.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 1.

At yesterday's market prices were Cattle—Choice 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; good 3 1-2 to 4c.

Sheep—1 to 5c, the top for yearlings Spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$6 each.

Hogs—\$4.75 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 2.

Business is active and prices steady this week.

Quotations are Granulated sugar, standard, 43-5c at the refineries; Canadian-Gorman granulated, 4 1-16; yellows, 3 1-2 to 3 7-8c. Molasses 28 to 29c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 5 1-2c. Valencia buyers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 85 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 2.

Turpentine has declined 3c to 52c. Refined petroleum has made a further advance of 1c. Business is improving.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c, No. 1, \$5, dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 43-4c; linseed oil raw, 46 to 47c; boiled, 49 to 50c, turpentine, 52c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 1 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.30; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour 5c lower. Millfeed 25c lower. Oats shade lower. Eggs shade higher. Butter 1-2c higher. Potatoes 5c lower. Chickens and turkeys 1c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$4.95 to \$5.05; second patents, \$4.75 to \$4.85.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$3.25 to \$3.50; bran in bulk, \$4.25 to \$8.50; corn feed, \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 27 1-4c for No. 3.

Oats—Held at 25c for No. 3 white. Barley—Feed quoted at 31 to 32c.

Flax seed—\$1.14 3-4 per bushel.

Eggs—7 3-4 to 3c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 5c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 9 1-2c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 to 18c; seconds, 13 to 15c; dairy, 13 to 16 1-2c for good to choice.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 8 1-2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1-4c; for heavy and 4 3-4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 32 to 33c choice named varieties, 40 to 50c.

Poultry—Chicken, 7 to 10c; old fowls, 4 to 9c; turkeys, 8 to 12; ducks, 9 to 9 1-2c; geese, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Hides—Green, frozen hides, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1-2 to 6 3-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 15 to 22c.

Cattle—Sales, 3 helpers, av. 424 lbs., \$3.25, 7 cows, av. 822 lbs., \$2.90; 5 cows, av. 981 lbs., \$3.20; 2 stockers, av. 762, \$3.65; 2 stockers, av. 663, \$4.25; 1 cow, 1,026, \$3.25.

Hogs—Sales ranged mostly at \$3.65 to \$3.75.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, March 28.—There was a firmer trade in cattle, the market was stronger, prices for cattle showing an advance of 1-4c to 1-2c since this day week. Choice States cattle sold at 11c, choice Canadians at 10 1-2c; Argentines at 9 1-4c. The market for sheep was strong and prices advanced 1c, choice Argentines selling at 11c.

Liverpool, March 28.—A firmer feeling prevailed, but prices were unchanged, choice American and Canadian cattle selling at 10 to 10 1-2c.

The Hudson's Bay company have established an agency in the Monahanock building, Chicago, for the purpose of conducting their Klondike business, which is assuming very large proportions.